

Conservation Report

Site: context: accession number:
XSM10 [8326] <2800>

Site name:
Crossrail Broadgate

Period:
Roman

Materials:
Copper alloy, glass

X-Ray Numbers:
X11298

Simple Name:
Mount

Photo Numbers:
Not found

Sampled (indicate location): None

This mount has cloisonné style decoration with glass inlay separated by decoratively shaped copper alloy cells on a bordered copper alloy strip. (See below with 1:1 preliminary drawing of the design).

The bordered strip is finished at one end but has a diagonal break edge at the other. The decayed glass inlay is mostly translucent green in colour with patches of opaque yellow. Some areas of the green glass have traces of yellow opacity around the edges which suggests that the opaque yellow areas are more-degraded areas of the green glass rather than a variation in colour intended at manufacture. In addition the glass inlay could have taken up green copper corrosion from its surrounding metal as it degraded and so discoloured green. Therefore the glass colours present may not be an indication of those originally intended.



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