within the insula reflect the income and interests of the owners and occupiers of the individual properties. Although the construction of these buildings was contemporary with that of the first phase of the basilica and forum complex, the form and modest status of most of these brickearth buildings seem somewhat inappropriate for what could be seen as a prime urban location in the insula adjacent to the basilica itself. It is perhaps not surprising that these strip buildings were destined to be so unceremoniously cleared when preparations were made for an even more prestigious civic centre in AD 100. What seems certain is that Londinium's growth was controlled by major development plans, designed by an authority with extensive powers and considerable resources: such at least is the evidence from the excavations considered here.

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Fig. 10: Building 6:  $2\times 10$ mm scale rests in one of the rooms defined by slots in which decayed traces of squared timber baseplates were recorded.

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