

7. GREATER LONDON

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BEXLEY

(1) *74 Crayford Road, Crayford, DA1 4AU* (TQ 51815 74560): excavation recorded a late Roman rubbish pit in the south of the site. In the north of the site a V-shaped ditch, devoid of finds and running parallel to Crayford Road (former Roman Watling Street), may date to the Roman period.¹

CITY OF LONDON (*Londinium*)

(1) *St Paul's Cathedral School, New Change, EC4* (TQ 32159 81153): a series of boreholes and test pits were monitored in the southern part of the site revealing layers containing oyster shell and a sherd of Roman pottery while possible Roman 'dark earth' deposits were observed in two of the test pits.²

(2) *24-30 West Smithfield, EC1* (TQ 3178 8154): natural gravel, representing the upper eastern slope of the Fleet Valley, was cut by two pits and three deep features which could be wells of Roman date. No *in situ* evidence was found for the Western Cemetery of Roman London although a small quantity of redeposited disarticulated human bone may be associated with it.³

TOWER HAMLETS

(1) *Beagle House, Braham Street* (TQ 33890 81245): the site lies c. 80 m south of the projected line of the Roman road aligned along the present Aldgate High Street and Whitechapel Road, and within the conjectured extent of the Eastern Cemetery of Roman London. The evaluation revealed extensive truncation from medieval and later activity and no Roman burials or disarticulated bone were observed.⁴

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