

Archaeological Walkover Survey
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GS02



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Illustration 1: Site location plan
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ABSTRACT

An area of open hillside adjacent to existing housing was surveyed prior to the construction of a new dwelling house. The site lay close to a pre-Improvement field system. No archaeological remains were noted. The survey was conducted on 19th February, 2021.

1 Background

1.1 Introduction

Débora Gomes Barbosa commissioned Alder Archaeology to undertake an archaeological walkover survey on the site of a planned new build dwelling house at Ar Dachaidh, Easter Binzean, Glenshee. The proposed development area is an open field immediately S of an existing house and garden at Ar Dachaidh, centred on NGR NO 12111 69066. The work (site code GS02) was undertaken on 19th February, 2021 in wet weather conditions. A previous attempt to conduct the survey was abandoned due to thick lying snow. The requirement was to walk over the entire development area, including the proposed route of a water pipe and site of the associated tank.

The work was designed to satisfy the archaeological condition on development application reference 19/02110/FLL.

1.2 Aims and Objectives

The main aim of this investigation was to establish the presence/absence, date, character and quality of any archaeological remains surviving within the development area.

1.3 Reporting

The present document has been prepared as the final report on this survey. Copies will be sent to the client, The National Record of the Historic Environment at Historic Environment Scotland, and Perth & Kinross Historic Environment Record.

1.4 Planning and Curatorial Issues

This survey constitutes archaeological work designed to satisfy the outstanding archaeological condition on the planning consent for this development.

1.5 Acknowledgements

We wish to thank Débora Gomes Barbosa for her assistance and guidance throughout this project and for funding this survey.

2 Details of Work

2.1 The Site (Illus 1)

The development area covered 0.27 ha (0.66 acres), much of which was accounted for by a sub-rectangle of undulating rough pasture immediately S of the house and garden of Ar Dachaidh, itself just N of the farmstead of Easter Binzean, on the S side of the A93 Blairgowrie - Braemar road in Glenshee. The village of Spittal of Glenshee lay 1.40km to the NW. S and SW of the site, the ground rose steeply onto the slopes of Creag Bhinnein, a NE spur of Meall Uaine. A corridor extended to the W, comprising the route of a water pipe, with the tank to be sited at NO 119 691.

2.2 Archaeological Potential

In 2018, a Desk-Based Assessment and walkover survey by Alder Archaeology (Fyles, 2018, GS01) identified several sites in the area adjacent to the proposed development which in total demonstrated the presence of “a pre-Improvement landscape of considerable extent” (NO16NW 15). These included field systems, clearance cairns, building remains and boundaries; although the present site lay outwith the study, it was possible that some of these features extended into the area of development.

2.3 Archaeological Method

An archaeologist walked across the entire site, equipped with a digital camera and handheld gps device with which to record any features of interest.

2.4 Results of Investigations

No archaeological features were present within the development area. A cluster of boulders in the approximate centre of the site was a natural accumulation on an outcrop of bedrock, similar to many others in the vicinity. The site boundary line to the S, crossed by the pipe route, although possibly originally marked by a stone dyke, was a wire and post fence at the time of the survey.

A grassed-over dyke (01), composed of large boulders and following a curvilinear route towards Wester Binzean, between NO 12000 69115 and NO 11915 69152, lay outwith the development area and, at its closest, 30m distant from the W end of the pipeline corridor. It will not be impacted by the proposed works.

3 Conclusions and Recommendations

Alder Archaeology consider the survey to have been conducted correctly and do not recommend further work in connection with the present development. However, the final decision ultimately rests with Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust.

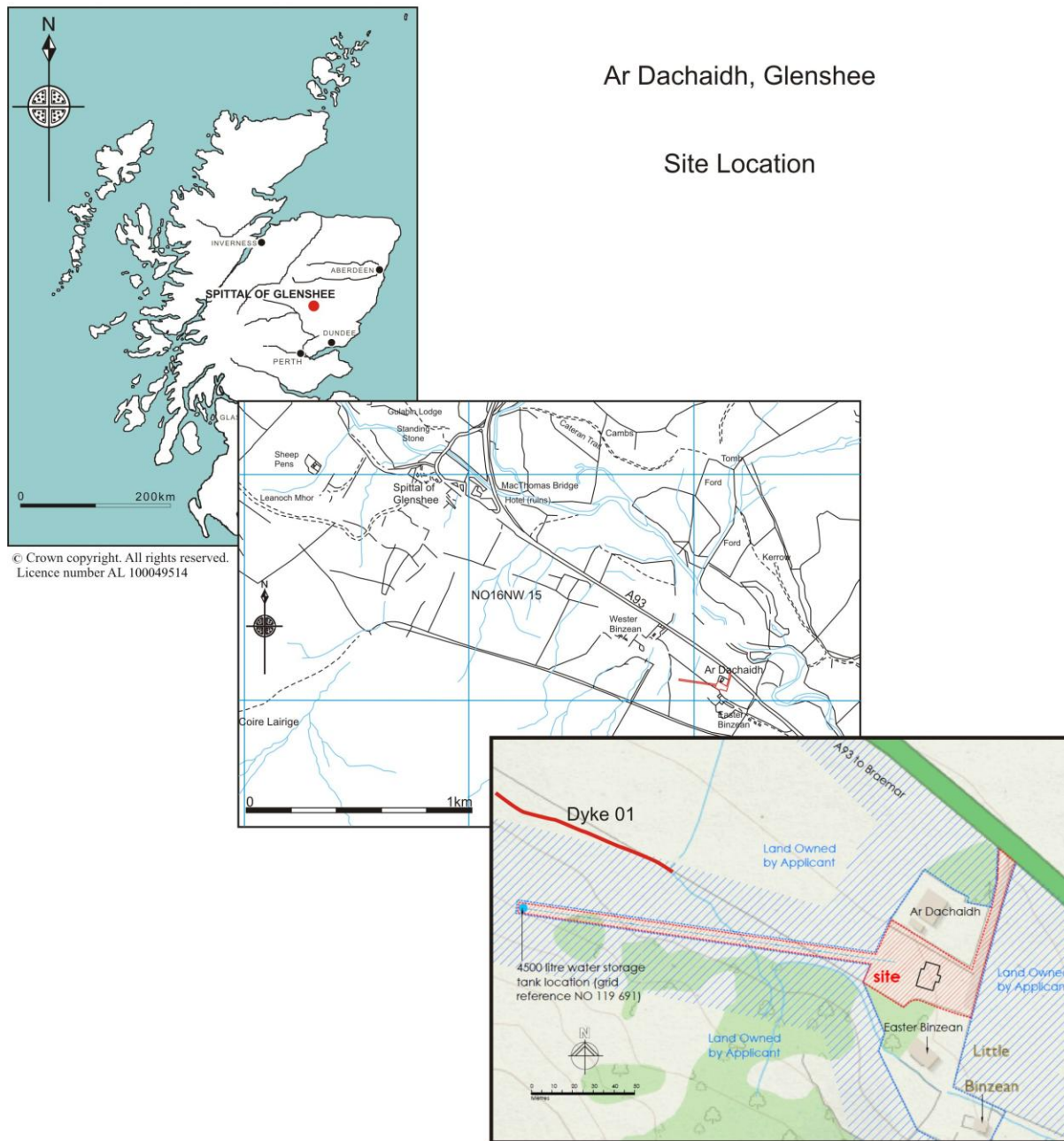
Appendix 1 Photographic Register

<i>Image No</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>View</i>
1-4	Location shots, site from E boundary	W, SW
5	Location shot, Easter Binzean from E boundary of site	S
6-8	Access track to site	N
9-11	Location shots, Glenshee to E of site	NE, E, SE
12	General overview of boulder cluster from E boundary	W
13-15	N end of access track, Easter Binzean	S
16-23	Boulder cluster, centre of site	E, W
24-27	Wire fence, S site boundary	E, W
28	General view, Ar Dachaidh from SW	NE
29-30	Ar Dachaidh and boulder cluster	E
31	General view, Ar Dachaidh from SW	NE
32	Ar Dachaidh and boulder cluster	E
33-35	General location of W end of pipeline corridor/water tank	S, SW
36-38	General overview, site from W	E
39-42	W end of dyke 01	E, W

Appendix 2 Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Perth & Kinross
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Ar Dachaidh
PROJECT CODE:	GS02
PARISH:	Kirkmichael
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	C Fyles
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	Alder Archaeology Ltd
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Walkover survey
NMRS NO(S):	NO16NW 15
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	Field system
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 8 or 10 figures)	NGR NO 12111 69066
START DATE (this season)	19 th February 2021
END DATE (this season)	19 th February 2021
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	Walkover survey, <i>DES New vol.19 (2018)</i>
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	An area of open hillside adjacent to existing housing was surveyed prior to the construction of a new dwelling house. The site lay close to a pre-Improvement field system. No archaeological remains were noted.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
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ARCHIVE LOCATION (intended/deposited)	HES (intended)

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Site from E boundary



Boulder cluster, centre of site



Wire fence, S site boundary



Ar Dachaidh and boulder cluster



W end of pipeline corridor



Dyke 01