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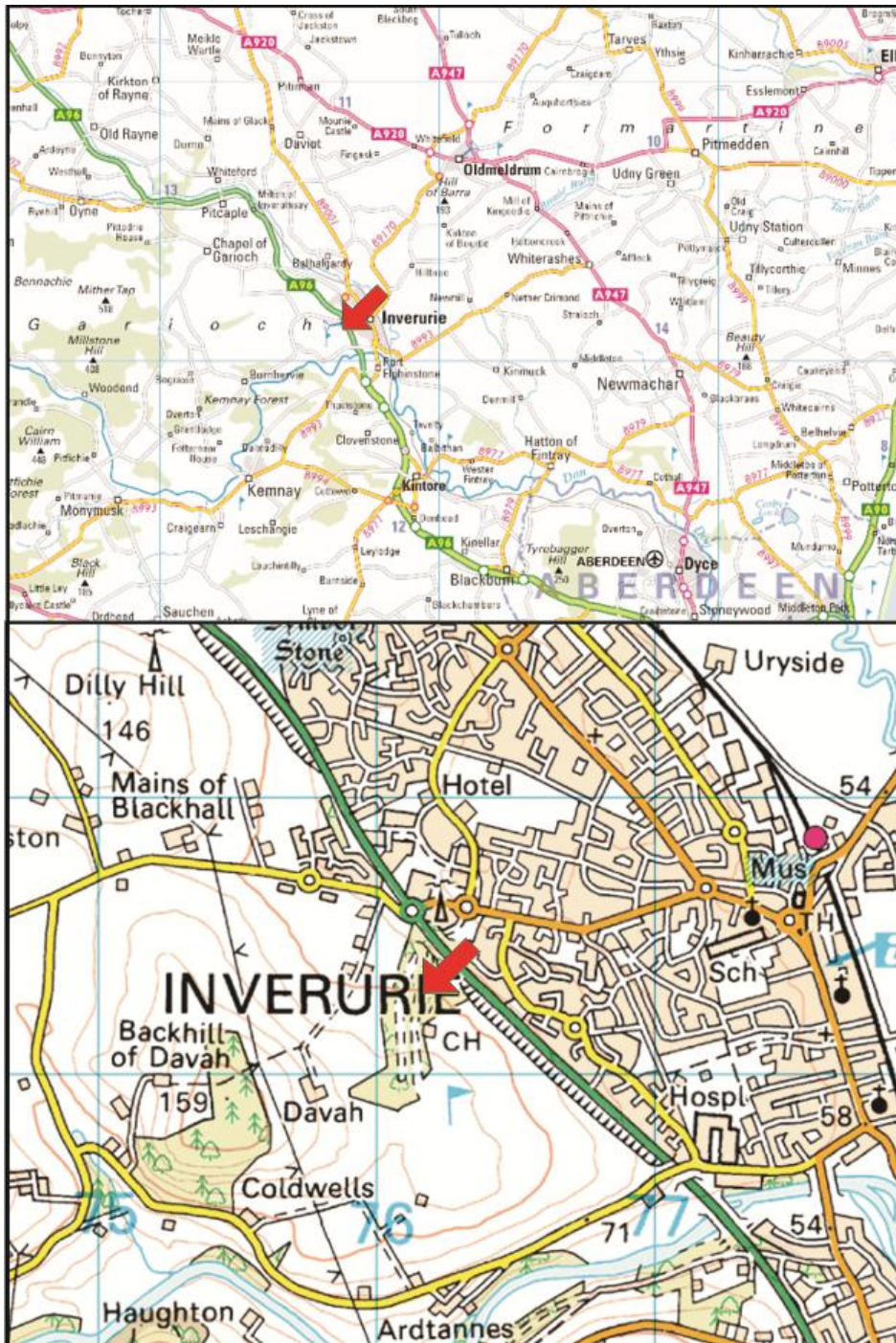
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### **SUMMARY**

Three trenches totaling 7% of the c 1 hectare site were evaluated on 19 March 2012. All features recorded were modern, dating to the late 20th century and were probably associated with the preparation of the ground for the golf course or practice area. It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during the current development and this has been agreed by Aberdeenshire Archaeology Service.

# 1 INTRODUCTION

A 7% archaeological evaluation was carried out at Inverurie Golf Course practice range, AB51 5JB on 19 March 2012. The site lies west of the A96 south of the Blackhall roundabout on a gentle NE facing slope overlooking Inverurie. It is in Inverurie parish, the NGR for the site is NJ 76185 21315 and it lies at 90-110m OD. The work was commissioned by Allan Rae of Kirkwood Homes and the application for 18 homes has not yet been submitted to Aberdeenshire Council. Part of the current site is under grass and part trees which will be removed prior to the development.



Illus 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2010).

## 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

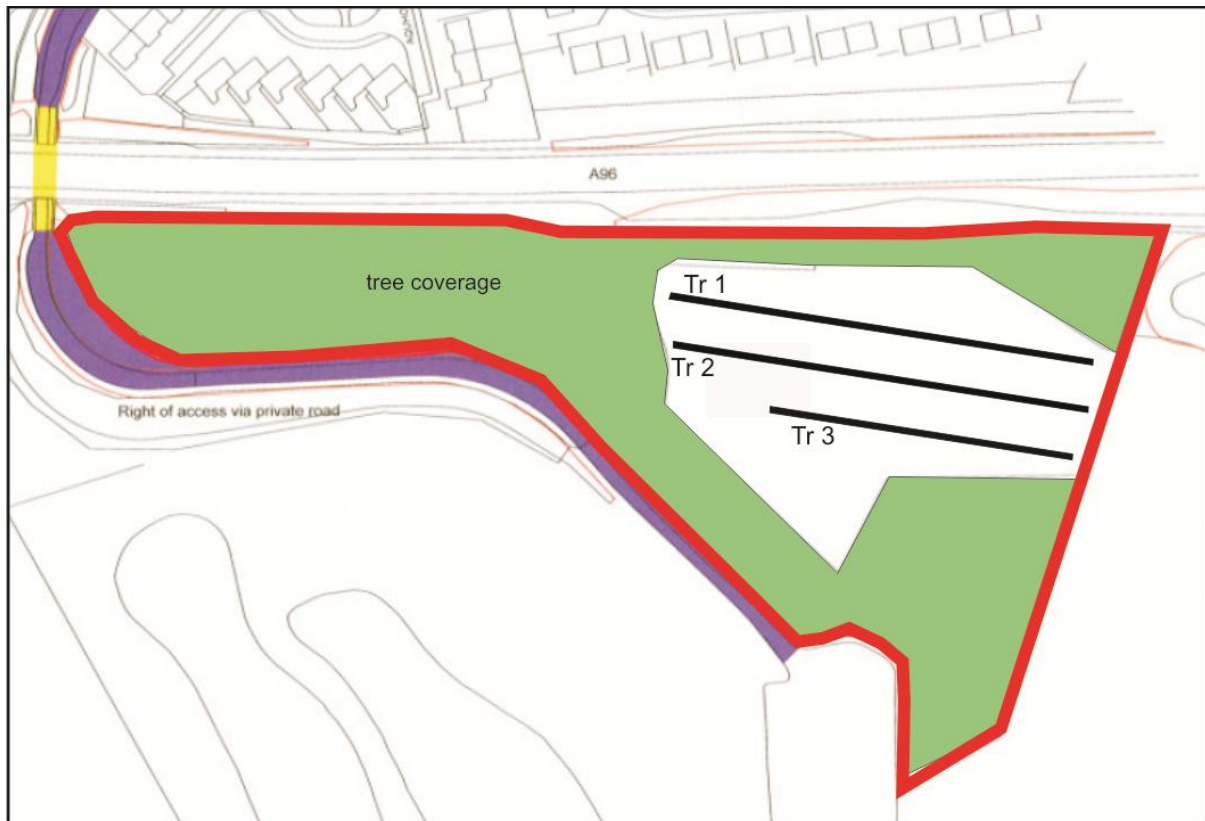
No archaeological or historical sites are known within the area of the proposed development. Scheduled Ancient Monument (NJ72SE 12) the Brandsbutt stone circle lies c 1km north of the current site. Another stone circle at Ardtannes (NJ72SE 24). Immediately west of the current site is an area of cropmarks seen on aerial photographs which appear as possible circular enclosures (Fairholme SMR NJ72SE0137). A cairnfield at Corsman Hill (NJ72SE 25) and a cairn at Blackhill of Davah (NJ72SE 26). Many finds have been recovered from the area surrounding the current site including polished axehead (Blackhall Road; NJ72SE 28), stone axehead (Paradise Cottage; NJ72SE 74), spindle whorl (Blackhall Road; NJ72SE 79). Several cottages and farmsteadings survive in the surrounding area including Davah to the SW and Fairholme to the NW.

## 3 THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION

Three trenches totalling 7% of the c 1 hectare site was carried out using tracked machine with 2m wide ditching bucket on 19 March 2012. The subsoil was a medium brown clayey sand. The topsoil had been truncated in most areas probably during the landscaping for the golf practice area, but original topsoil survived over most of the site. The original topsoil was up to 0.3m deep and the complete depth up to 0.6m. All features recorded dated to the late 20th century and were probably associated with the golf practice range. Several 0.2m wide trenches filled with pea gravel contained plastic drainage pipes: details of all features appear in archive.



Illus 2 Trench 1: Pea gravel filled trench (F1, right) and tree boll (F2, left)



Illus 3 Plan showing location of archaeological trenches

#### 4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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## APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo no	Description	Facing
DSC_0161-165	Trench 1 from SE end	NW
DSC_0166-171	Trench 1 (right) Trench 2 (left)	W
DSC_0172-176	Trench 1 F1 (right) F2 (left)	NE
DSC_0177-181	Trench 1 F3	NE
DSC_0182-186	Trench 1 F5	NW
DSC_0187-192	Trench 1 (foreground) Tr2, Tr 3	SW
DSC_0193-197	Trench 1 (foreground) Tr2, Tr 3	W
DSC_0198-202	Trench 1 (foreground) Tr2, Tr 3	NW
DSC_0203-207	Trench 1 from NW end	SE
DSC_0208-213	Trench 2 from NW end	SE
DSC_0214-217	Trench 3 from NW end	SE
DSC_0218-222	Trench 3 F10 (foreground)	SE
DSC_0223-227	Trench 3 F12	NW
DSC_0228-232	Trench 3 from SE end	NW
DSC_0233-237	Trench 2 from SE end	NW
DSC_0238-255	Trench 3 (left) Tr 2, Tr 1 (right)	NW



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DSC\_0171



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## APPENDIX 2 FEATURES

Feature no	Trench	Description
1	1	0.2m wide trench with plastic drainage pipe filled with pea gravel
2	1	Tree boll
3	1	Tree boll
4	1	Tree boll
5	1, 2	0.2m wide trench with plastic drainage pipe filled with pea gravel; may = F12
6	1	0.2m wide trench with plastic drainage pipe filled with pea gravel
7	1, 2	0.2m wide trench with plastic drainage pipe filled with pea gravel
8	2, 3	0.2m wide trench with plastic drainage pipe filled with pea gravel
9	2, 3	Layer of broken stones in soil; natural
10	3	0.2m wide trench with plastic drainage pipe filled with pea gravel
11	3	0.2m wide trench with plastic drainage pipe filled with pea gravel
12	3	0.2m wide trench with plastic drainage pipe filled with pea gravel; may = F5