

**Cranna, Rothienorman  
Inverurie, AB51 5XD  
Report on archaeological watching brief**



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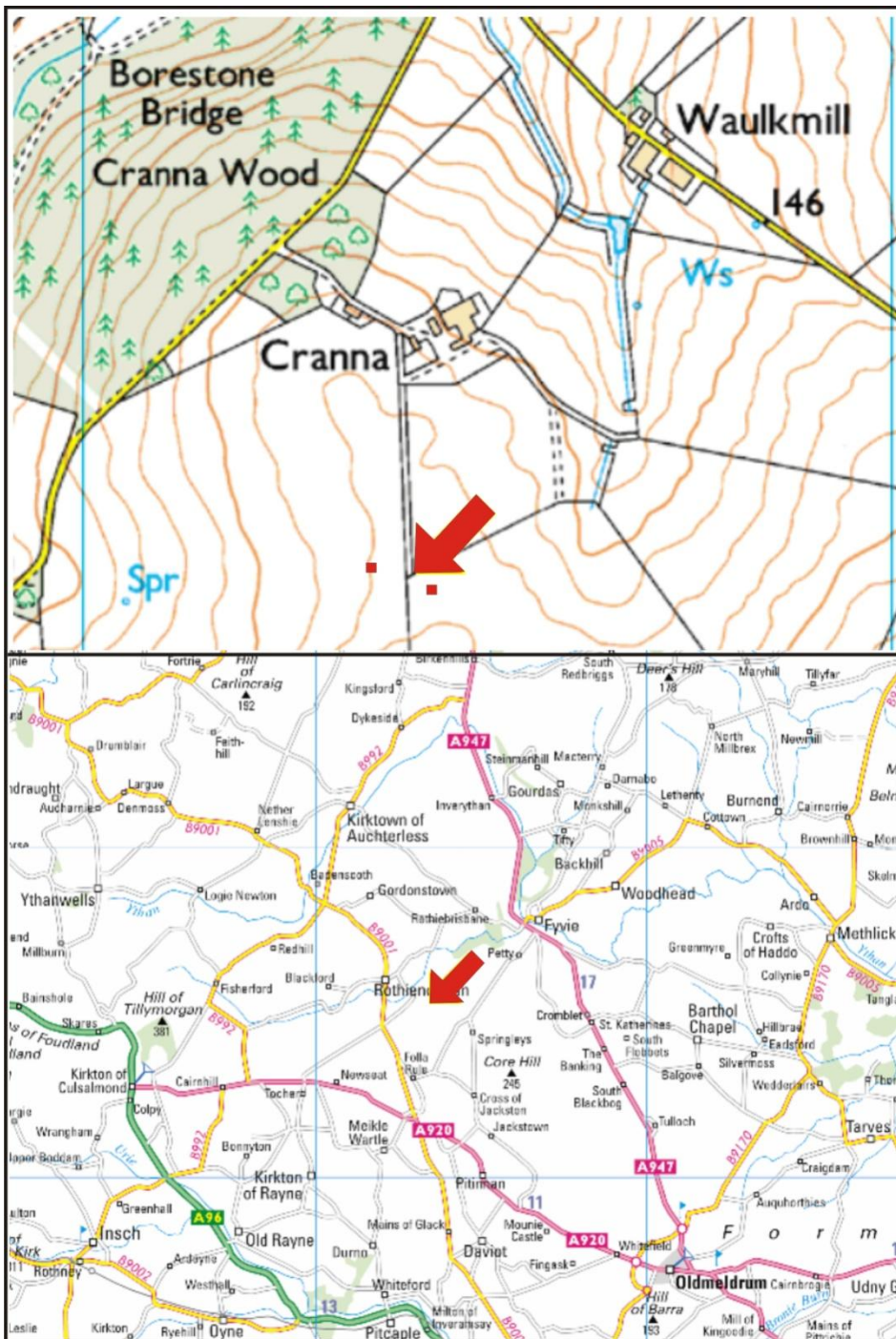
### SUMMARY

The soil strip was monitored during the digging of trenches for two wind turbine bases. No archaeological features or finds were recorded and it is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during the current development.



# 1 INTRODUCTION

A watching brief was carried out at Cranna, Rothienorman, Inverurie, AB51 5XD (Illus 1) on 2 October 2012. The site lies immediately south of Cranna Farm in Fyvie parish, the NGR for the site is NJ 73327, 35262 and it lies at 155-160m OD. The work was commissioned by Mr Stanley McDonald of Cranna Farm and the application for two wind turbines APP/2011/3492 was passed by Aberdeenshire Council on 23.8.12; condition 8 requires an archaeological watching brief during ground disturbance for the development and advice from Aberdeenshire Archaeology Service that the requirement is for a watching brief for the turbine base trenches only.



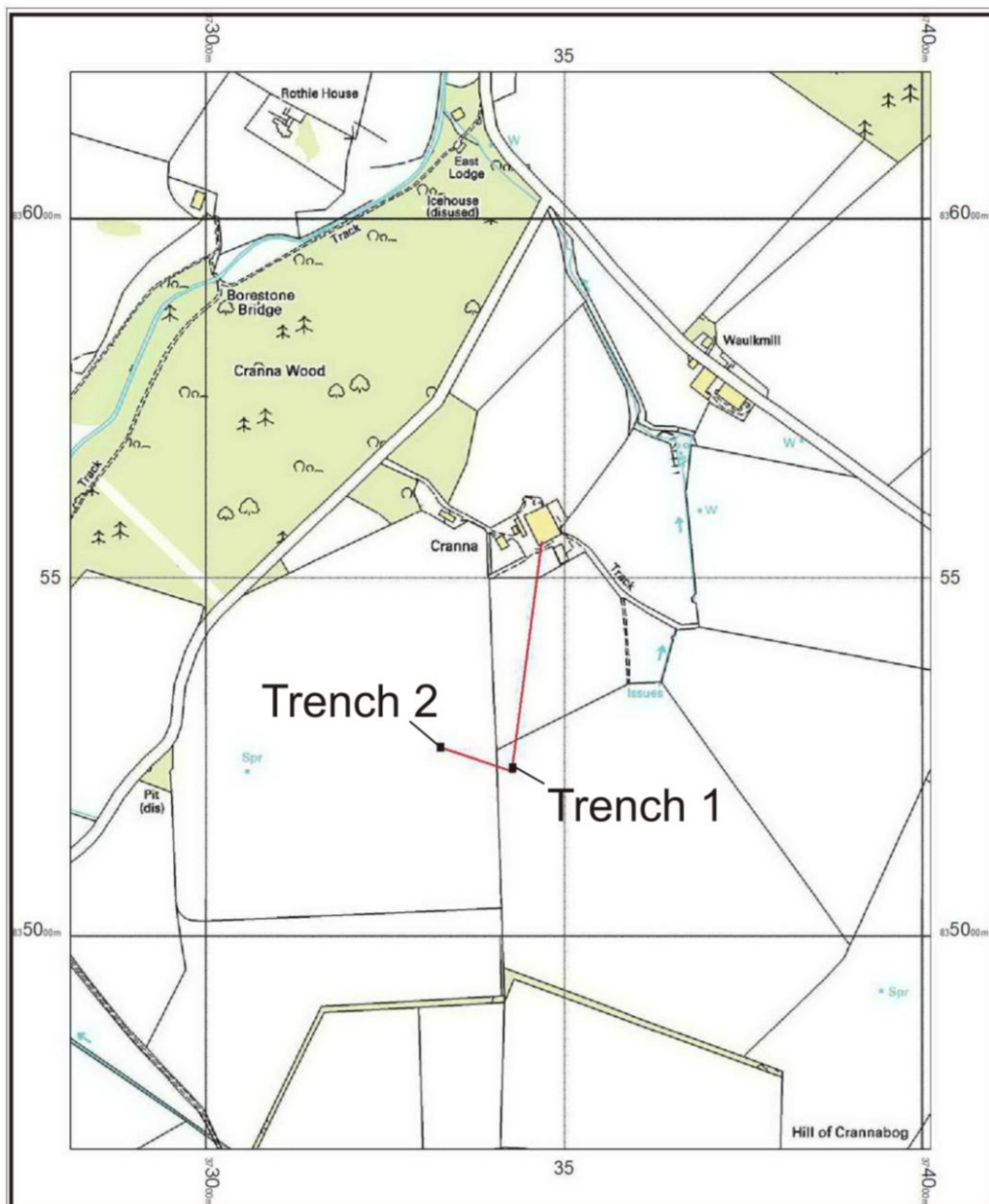
Illus 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2010).

## 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

A number of archaeological sites in the area include the possible find-spot of a polished stone axe (NJ73NW14) said to be found near 'Getharty' or 'Gathenty Moss', possibly Lethenty. South of the current site at Crannabog areas of rig and furrow (NJ73SW29) were seen on an aerial photograph and north of the site an ice-house survives in Cranna Wood (NJ73NW25) south-east of Rothie House.

## 3 THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

The excavation of two trenches for the bases of wind turbines were observed by an archaeologist on 2 October 2012 (Illus 2). The trenches were 5.5 x 5.5m in size; the depth of topsoil in Trench 1 was 0.25m and in Trench 2 was 0.3-0.35m. Subsoil was heavy clay and small stones. No archaeological features or finds were found during this work.



Illus 2 Plan showing location of archaeological trenches (copyright Blackwell's Mapping Crown Copyright License No 100041040)





Illus 3 Trench 1 facing NE

#### **4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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## APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo no	Description	Facing
DSC 0373-378	Trench 1	E
DSC 0379-384	Trench 1	W
DSC 0385-389	Trench 1	NW
DSC 0390-397	Trench 1	N
DSC 0398-403	Trench 1	NE
DSC 0404-409	Trench 1	SE
DSC 0410-415	Trench 2	E
DSC 0416-420	Trench 2	SE
DSC 0421-425	Trench 2	SW
DSC 0426-430	Trench 2	SW
DSC 0431-437	Trench 2	W
DSC 0438-443	Trench 2	W
DSC 0444-448	Trench 2	NW