

**Land adjacent to 3 Whitemyres Holdings, Lang  
Stracht, Aberdeen, AB15 6NB**



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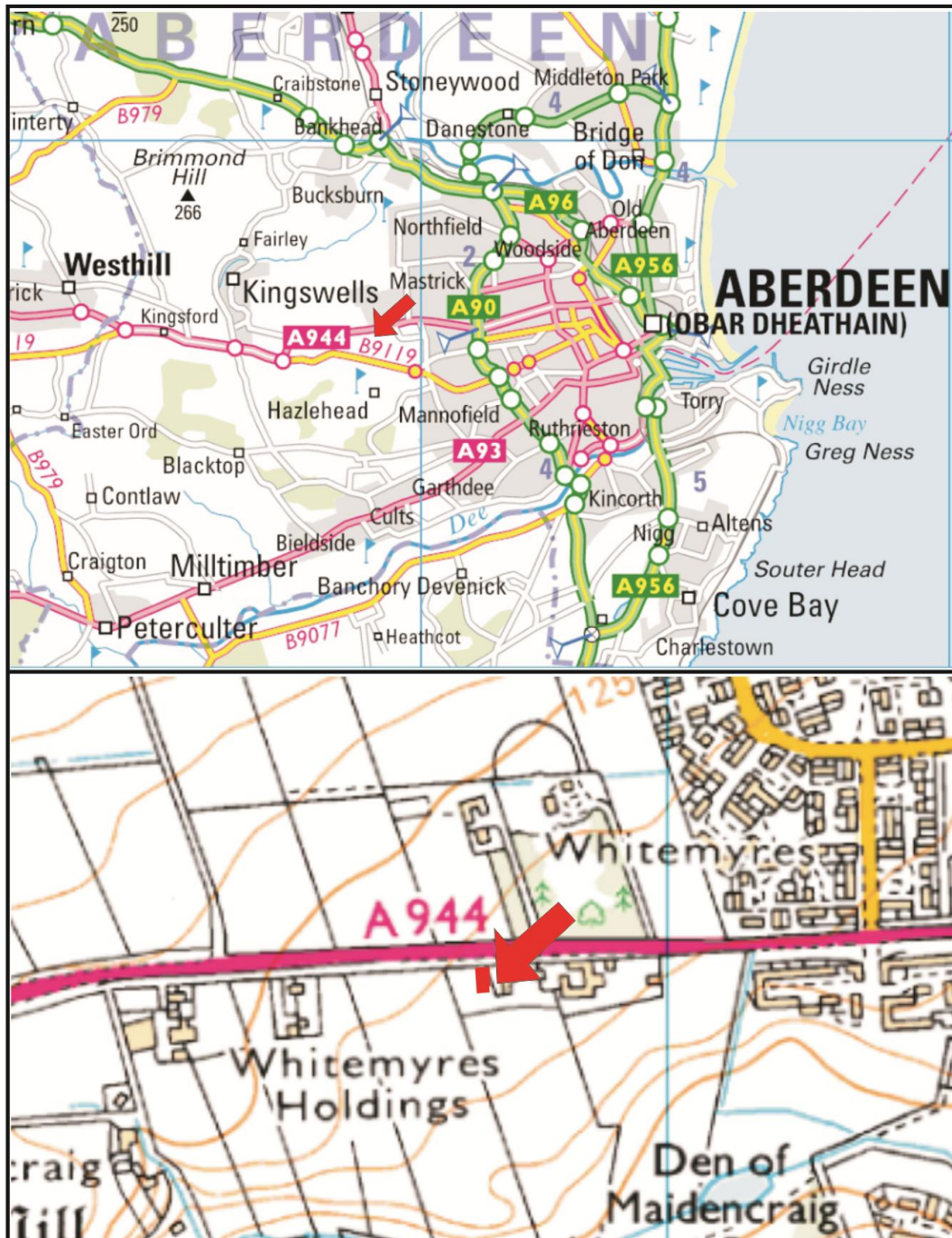
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## SUMMARY

A 7% archaeological evaluation was carried out at this site on 3 January 2013. No significant archaeological remains were uncovered and it is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during this current development.

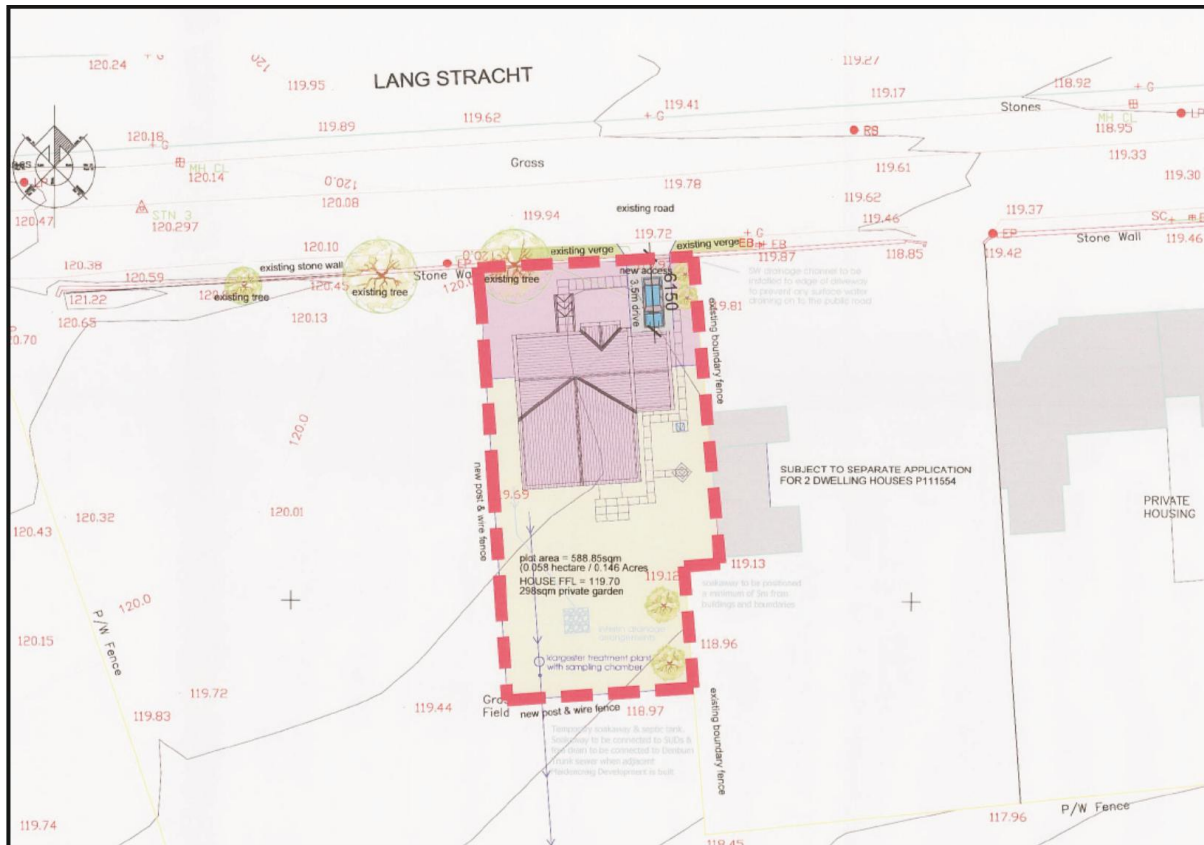
## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The site is located on the south side of Lang Stracht west of 3 Whitemyres Holdings, Aberdeen. The site is at AB15 6NB, NJ 88815 06660, at 115-120m OD and in the parish of Aberdeen (Illus 1).
- 1.2 Aberdeen City Council planning application P120026 for the proposed erection of a single house (Illus 2) was passed by Aberdeen City Council on 14.12.12 with a standard archaeology condition (condition 1). The client is Harry McNab at Bancon, Banchory Business Centre, Burn O'Bennie Road, Banchory. There is a requirement for a 7% archaeological evaluation prior to construction and this work took place on 3 January 2013.



Illus 1 Location plan of site (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2012)

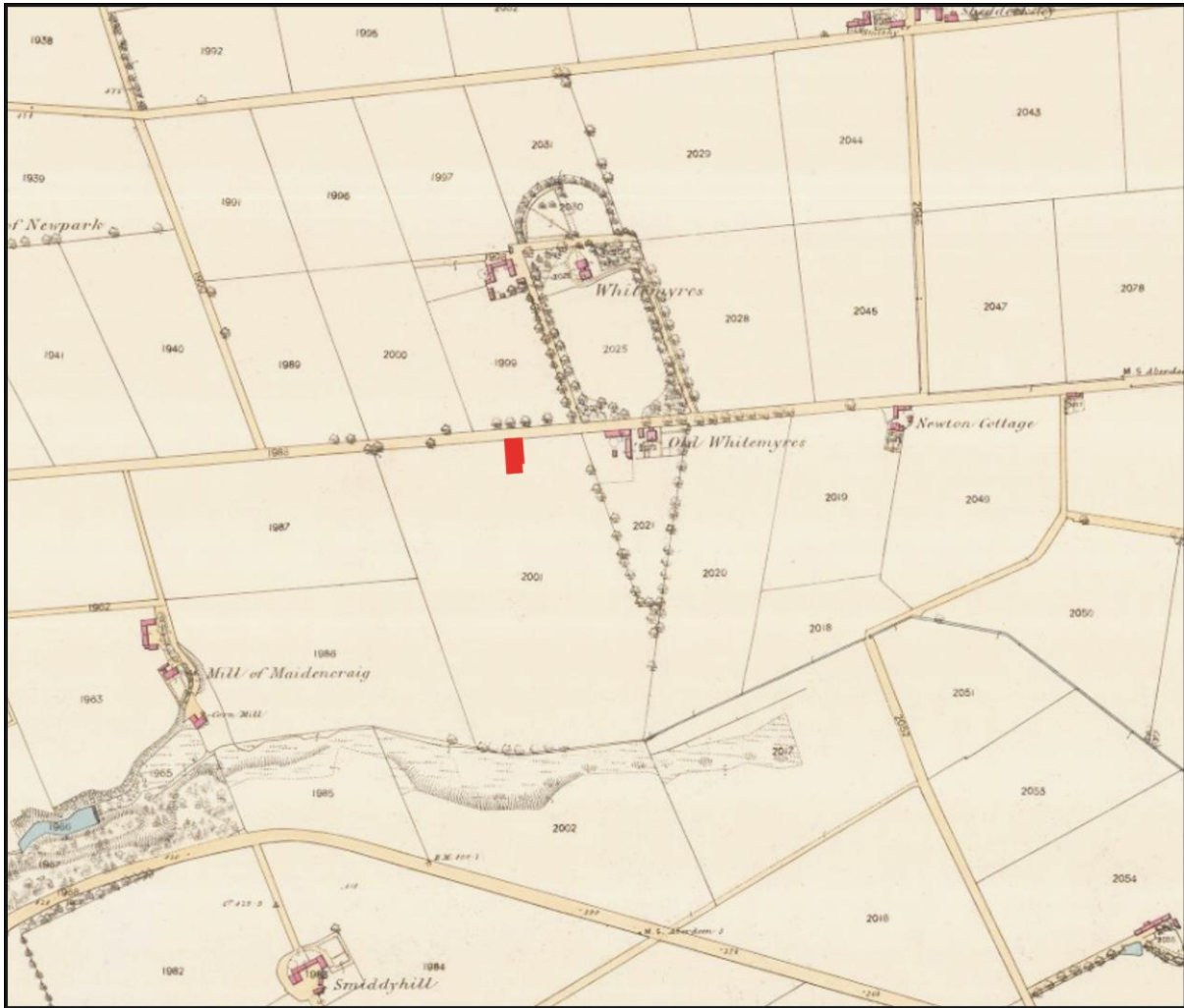




Illus 2 Proposed single dwellinghouse (copyright William Lippe Architects)

## 2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

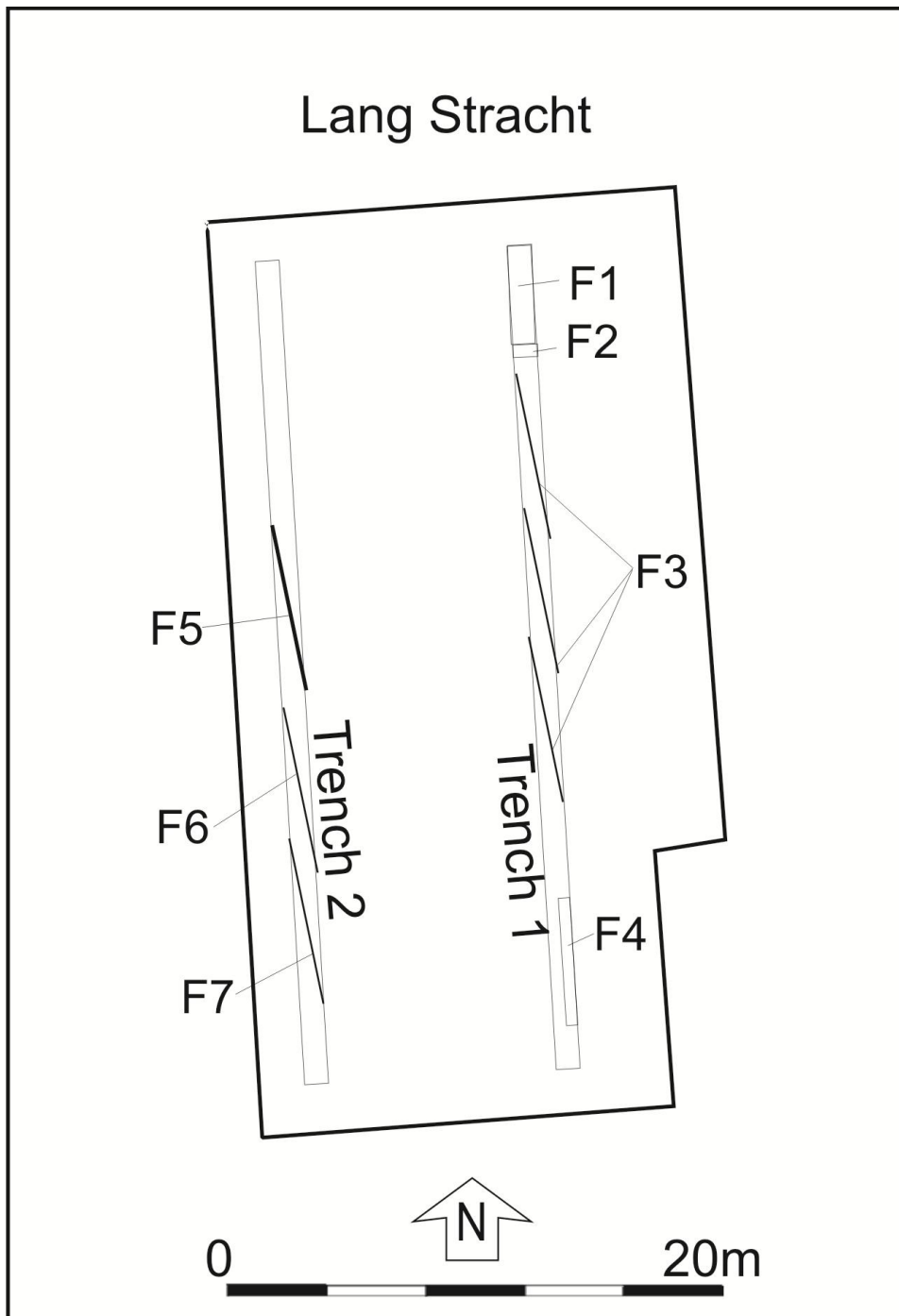
- 2.1 The site is in a cultivated field and there is evidence of dumping in the margins of this field. There are no known archaeological sites within the development area and no Scheduled Ancient Monuments in the vicinity. The site was occupied by cultivated fields on the First, Second and Third Edition Ordnance Survey maps (Illus 3).
- 2.2 The adjacent Old Whitemyres (NJ80NE 41.01) is dated 1704 and the steadings date to the mid 18th century (PASTMAP). There is no evidence that buildings continued west into the current development area.
- 2.3 The medieval Mill of Maidenraig is 300m WSW from the current site. The meal-mill at Maidenraig was built by the Town of Aberdeen in 1616 and known as the Newmill. It was burned down towards the end of the 19th century (Cruickshank 1959, 22).
- 2.4 The cottages on the south side of the Lang Stracht including Whitemyres Holdings were allegedly constructed for troops returning from WWI and the grandfather of one of the current residents moved to the house, which came with 4 acres, in 1923.



Illus 3 First Edition OS map Aberdeen Sheet LXXV.9 (Newhills) Survey date: 1867 (*copyright National Library of Scotland*) with site in red and showing Mill of Maidencraig (bottom left).

### 3.0 THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION

A 7% archaeological evaluation was carried out on 3 January 2013 with a wheeled excavator and 1.5m ditching bucket. Two trenches were excavated (Illus 4) and a series of modern plough marks and stone drains were uncovered. A trench filled with concrete (F4) may have been the capping for a drain or the base for a shed. The cottages on the south side of the road were built after WWI as housing for wounded veterans (local resident pers comm) and the scarping at the north end of Trench 1 and the concrete feature in Trench 1 may be associated with these buildings.



Illus 4 Plan showing site outline, trenches and features (*copyright William Lippe Architects*)





Illus 5 Trench 1 trench filled with concrete (F4, right) facing north



Illus 6 Trench 2 modern plough mark (F7) facing north

## 4.0 REFERENCES

Cruickshank, J 1959 'Kingswells valley', *The Deeside Field*, 2nd, vol.3, 22.

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## APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo no	Description	Trench	Facing
DSC_0620-625	Site with digger at south end of trench 2	1	E
DSC_0626-637	Trench 1 showing F1 (foreground) and F2	1	S
DSC_0638-643	Trench 1 showing F1 (background) and F2 (foreground)	1	N
DSC_0644-649	Trench 1 showing F2 (foreground) and F3 plough marks (top)	1	S
DSC_0650-662	F3 plough marks	1	S
DSC_0663-670	F4 concrete in trench	1	S
DSC_0671-681	F4 concrete in trench	1	E
DSC_0682-687	F4 concrete in trench	1	N
DSC_0688-693	F4 concrete in trench	1	NNE
DSC_0694-708	Plough mark F7	2	N
DSC_0709-714	Plough marks F6 and F7 (foreground)	2	N
DSC_0715-719	Plough marks F6 and F7	2	N
DSC_0720-724	Ceramic drain F5	2	N
DSC_0725-734	Ceramic drain F5	2	N
DSC_0735-740	Trench 2	2	S
DSC_0741	Trench 2 (foreground)	2	E
DSC_0742-749	Trench 2 (right) Trench 1 (left)	2	S
DSC_0750-756	Site from south side of Lang Stracht		ESE
DSC_0757-763	Site from north side of Lang Stracht		SE



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## APPENDIX 2 FEATURES

Feature no	Description	Trench
F1	4m long flattened area with deep topsoil (60cm) at north end Trench 1	1
F2	30cm wide stone drain in cut trench	1
F3	Deep plough marks	1
F4	Concrete in trench; drain cap?	1
F5	Ceramic drain 8cm wide in trench 20cm wide; owner of new house put these in with grant from government, ?date	2
F6	Deep plough marks	2
F7	Deep plough marks	2

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	Aberdeen City Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	Land adjacent to 3 Whitemyres Holdings, Lang Stracht, Aberdeen
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	CA116-2012
<b>PARISH:</b>	Aberdeen
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Alison Cameron
<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>	Cameron Archaeology
<b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>	fieldwork
<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	none
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S) AND AGE (IF KNOWN):</b>	none
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	none
<b>NGR (2 letters, 8 or 10 figures)</b>	NJ 88815 06660
<b>START DATE (this season)</b>	3.1.13
<b>END DATE (this season)</b>	3.1.13
<b>PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)</b>	none
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b> (May include information from other fields)	A 7% archaeological evaluation was carried out at this 0.5 hectare single dwelling site on 3 January 2013. No significant archaeological remains were uncovered and the site had been disturbed by ploughing, neighbouring buildings and dumping.
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	yes
<b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:</b>	none
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