

**LAND ADJACENT TO NORTH DEESIDE ROAD,  
PITTENGULLIES BRAE, AB14 0QS**



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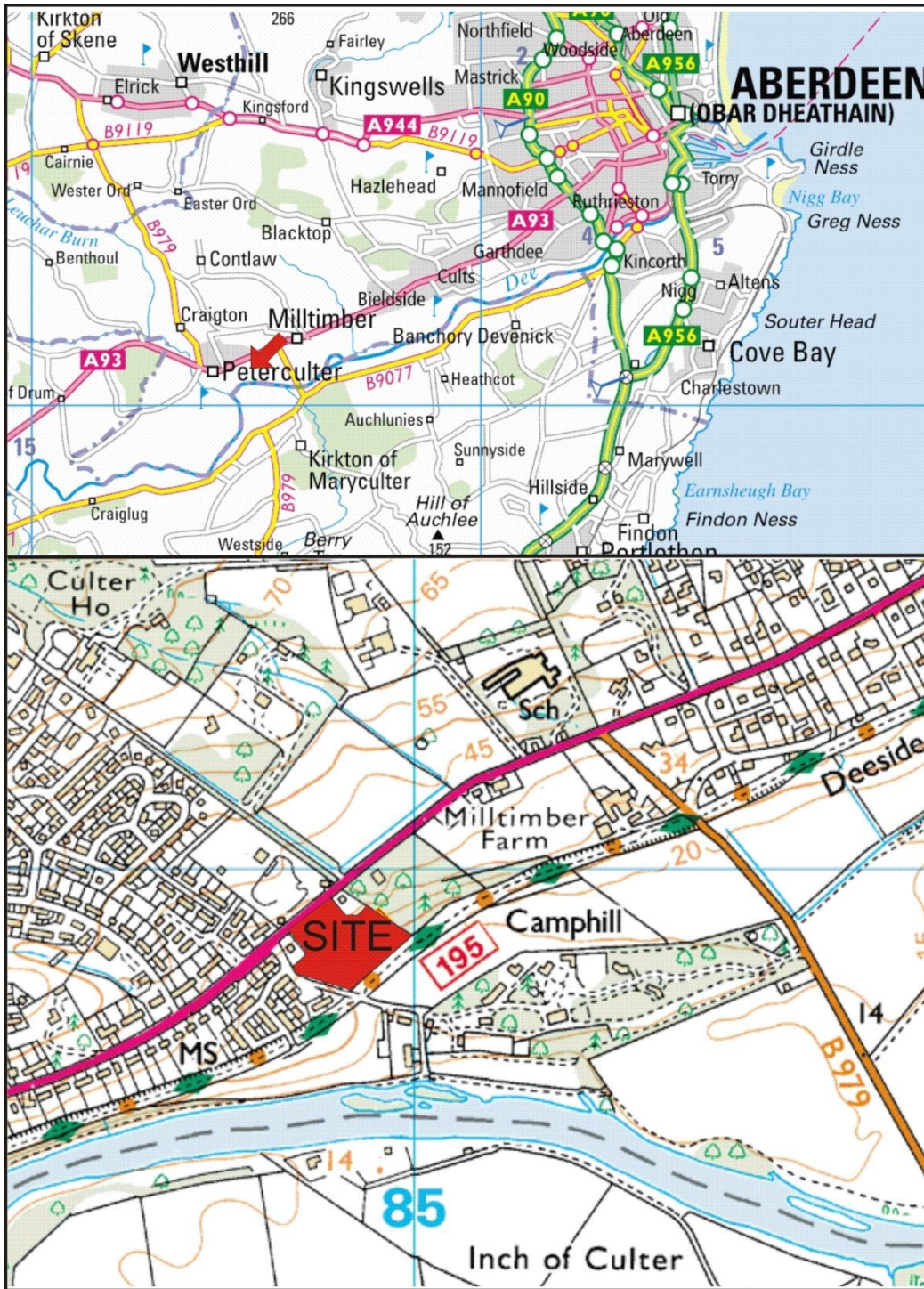
## SUMMARY

A 10% archaeological evaluation was carried out on 18-19 September. No archaeological finds or features were recorded and it is recommended that no further work is required during this development.



# 1 INTRODUCTION

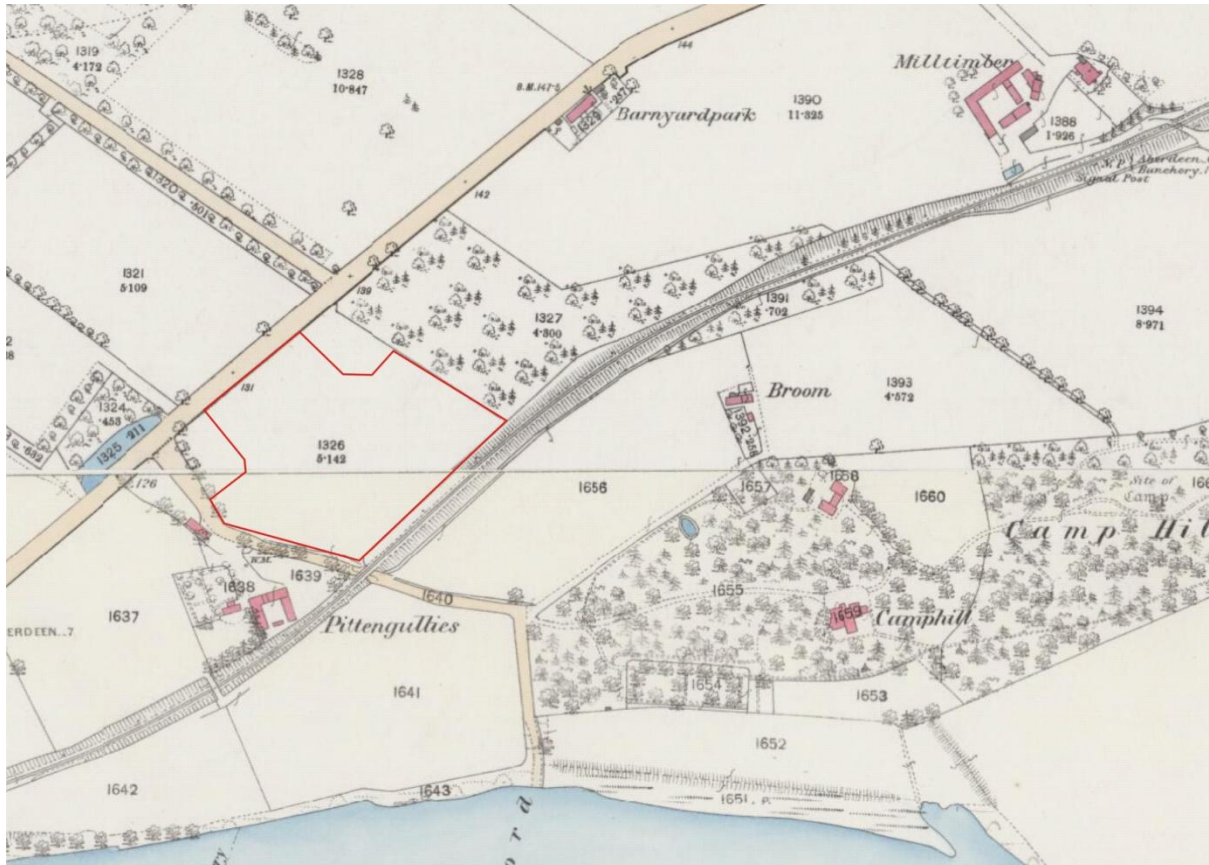
An application for 32 residential units (P130230) was lodged with Aberdeen City Council by Bancon Developments Limited and was passed on 29.8.13. The site is at NJ 84888 00872 (centred), in the parish of Peterculter and at 21-38m OD and on the south side of the North Deeside Road between Pittengullies Brae on the west and the Old Deeside Railway line on the south side.



Illus 1 Site location (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2013).

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The field is currently in agricultural use and appears to have been in agricultural use in the late 19th and early 20th centuries (Illus 2). The site is on a gently sloping south-facing location.



Illus 2 First Edition OS map showing site outlined in red. Aberdeen Sheet LXXXV.11/LXXXV.7 (Combined) Survey date: 1865 Publication date: 1869

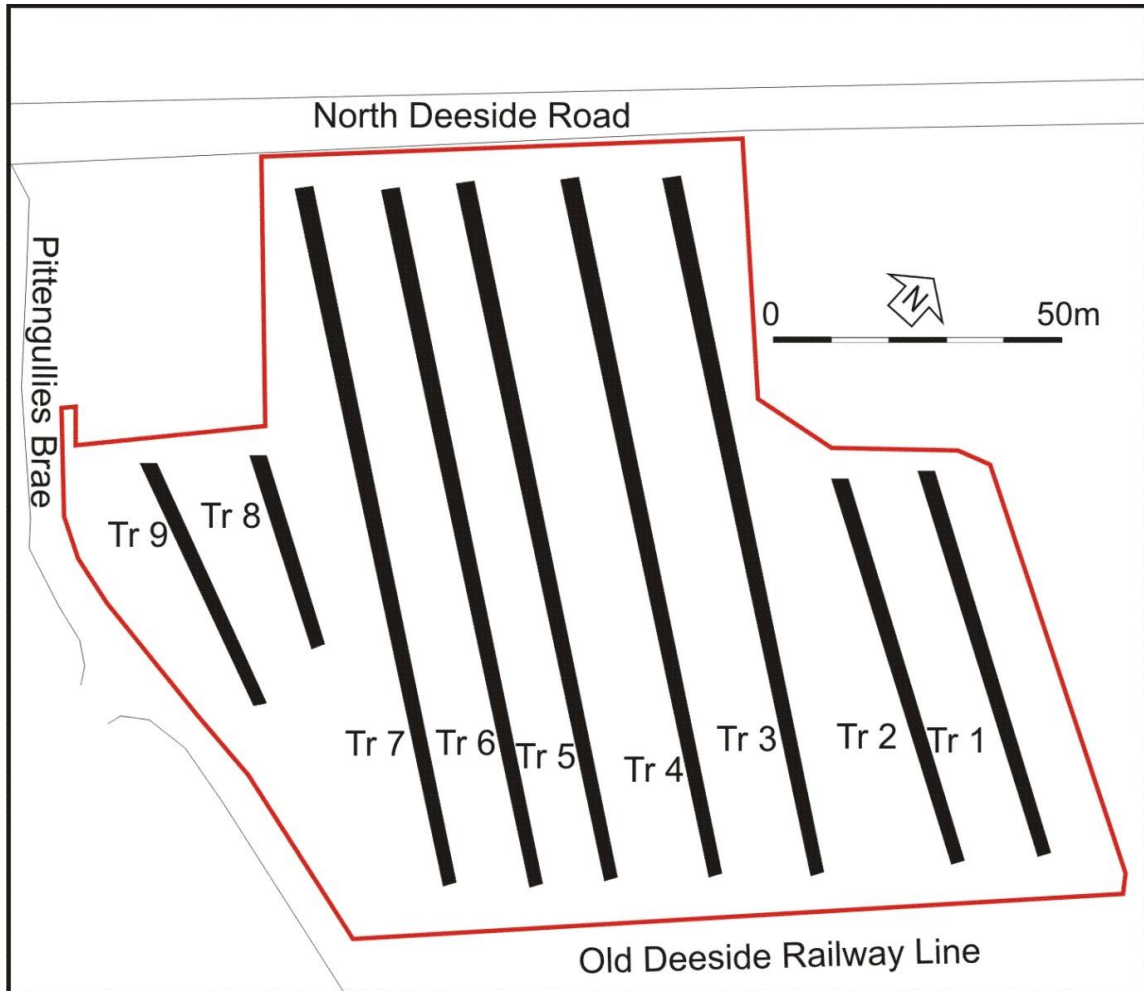
## 3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 3.1 There are no archaeological sites within the current development area and no Scheduled Ancient Monuments within 1km of the site.
- 3.2 A standing stone (NJ80SE 10) thought to be part of a stone circle was reported as visible at Milltimber Farm (300m east of the current site) in the late 19th century but the location of this stone is unknown (Jervise 1875-9, 19).
- 3.3 A barbed and tanged arrowhead was found in a garden in Milltimber (NJ80NE 54; Greig 1991, 24).
- 3.4 A possible motte was identified at Camphill 200m east of the current site (yeoman 1988, 130). No trace has been found of this motte and no archaeological work has taken place at the site.



#### 4 THE EVALUATION

A 10% archaeological evaluation was carried out on 18-19 September 2013 using a tracked JCB and 2m flat-edged ditching bucket. Nine trenches were excavated. The topsoil was well drained and between 0.3-1.3m deep; the subsoil was sand and gravel. The site is on a steep south-facing slope of the river Dee and no archaeological features or finds were recorded and it is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during the current development.



Illus 3 Plan of trenches

## 5 REFERENCES

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## APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo no	Trench	Description	Facing
DSC7308-7313	1	Trench 1 completed	SE
DSC7314-7316	1	Trench 1 completed	NW
DSC7317-7319	1, 2	Trench 1 and 2	W
DSC7320-7329	2	Trench 2 completed	NW
DSC7330-7332	3	Trench completed	SE
DSC7333-7337	4	Trench completed	SE
DSC7338-7340	5	Trench completed	SE
DSC7341-7345	3, 4, 5		S
DSC7346-7347	5	Trench completed	NW
DSC7348-7350	4	Trench completed	NW
DSC7351-7355		all trenches from south gate	N/NNE
DSC7356-7361	6	Trench completed	SE
DSC7362-7367	7	Trench completed	SE
DSC7368-7373	8	Trench completed	SE
DSC7371-7373	9	Trench completed	SE
DSC7374-7376		all trenches from south gate	N/NNE



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