

**Site at Hillhead of Lethenty, Inverurie,  
Aberdeenshire, AB51 0HT**

**Report on Level 1 Standing Building Survey**



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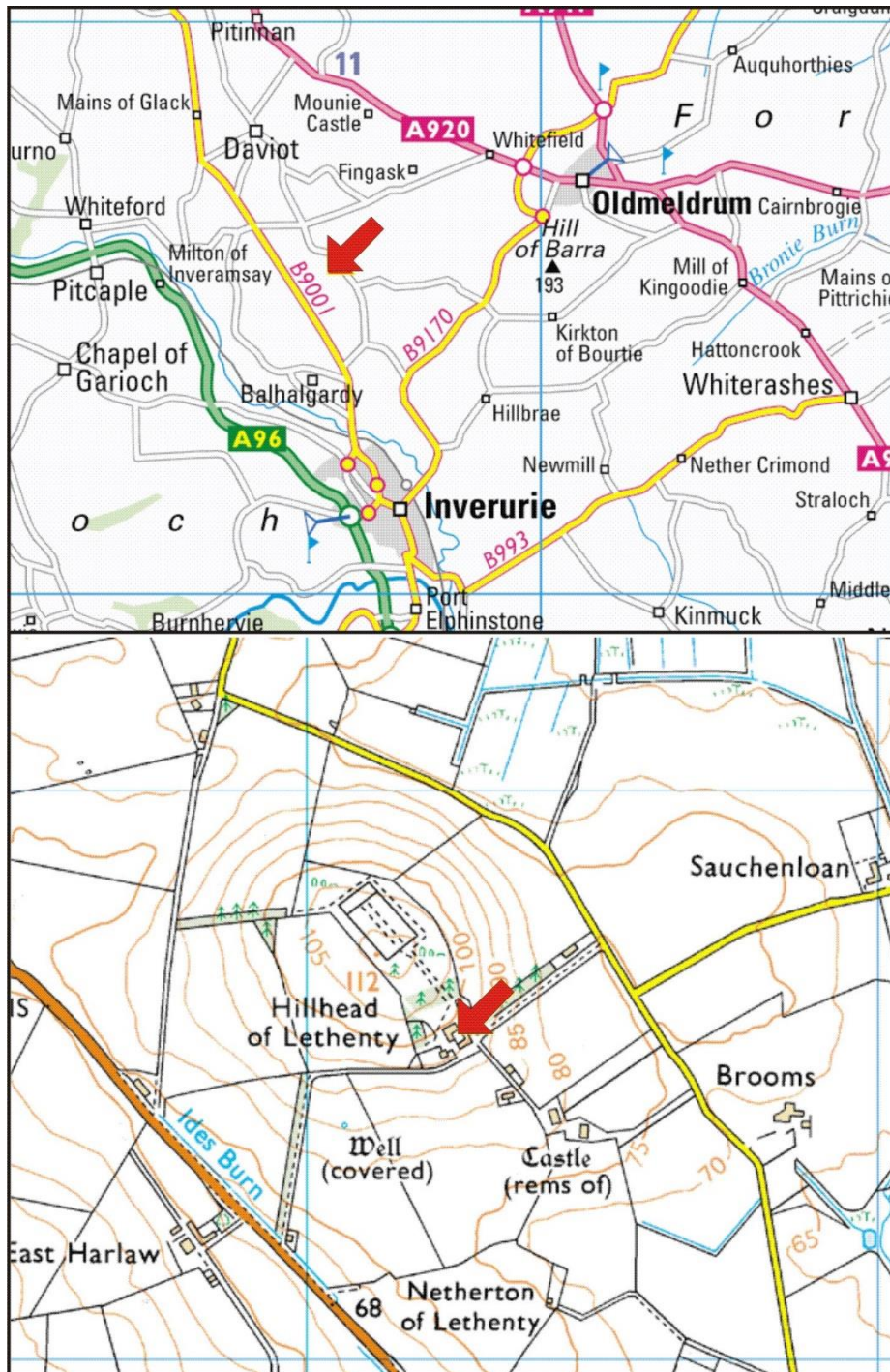
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## SUMMARY

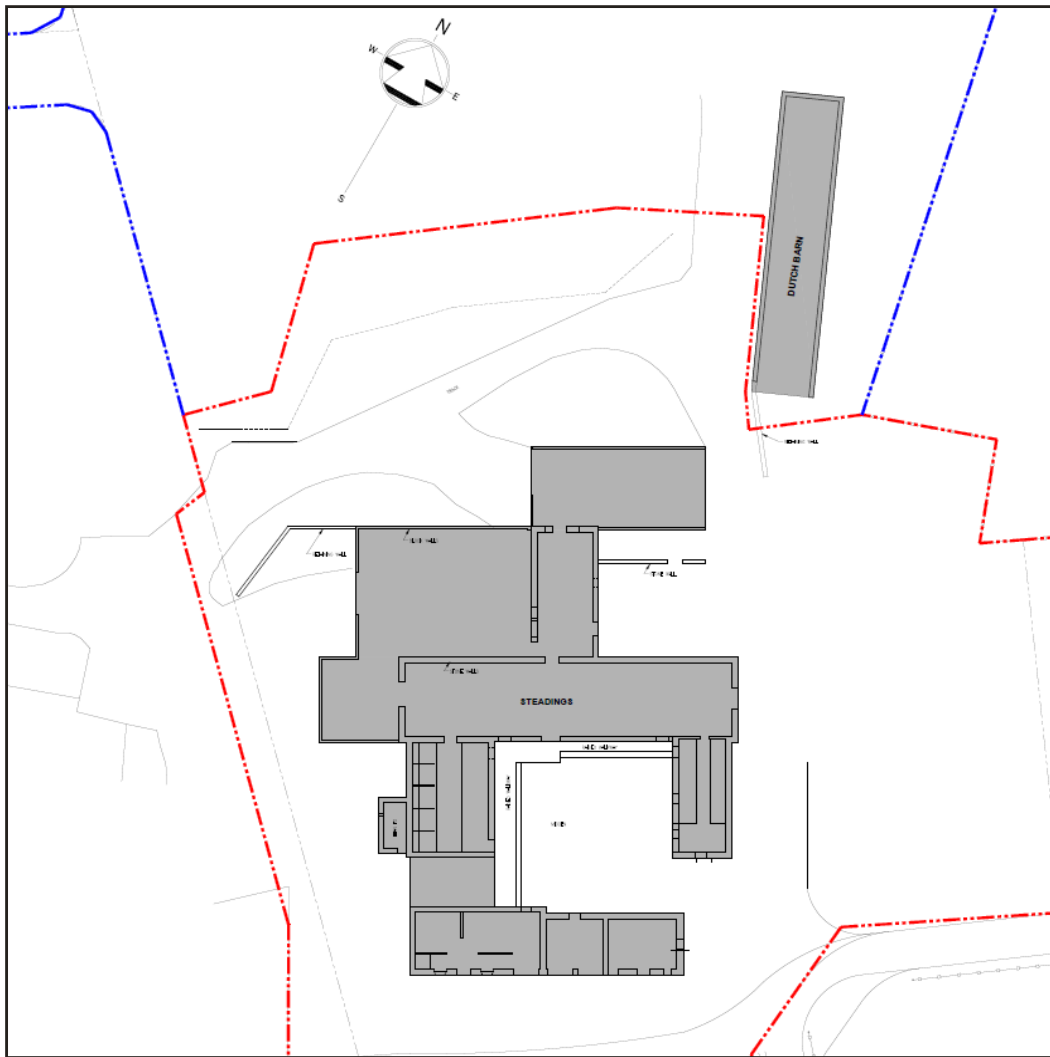
A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 11 September 2014. Several phases of buildings have been identified. It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during the current planning application.

# 1 INTRODUCTION

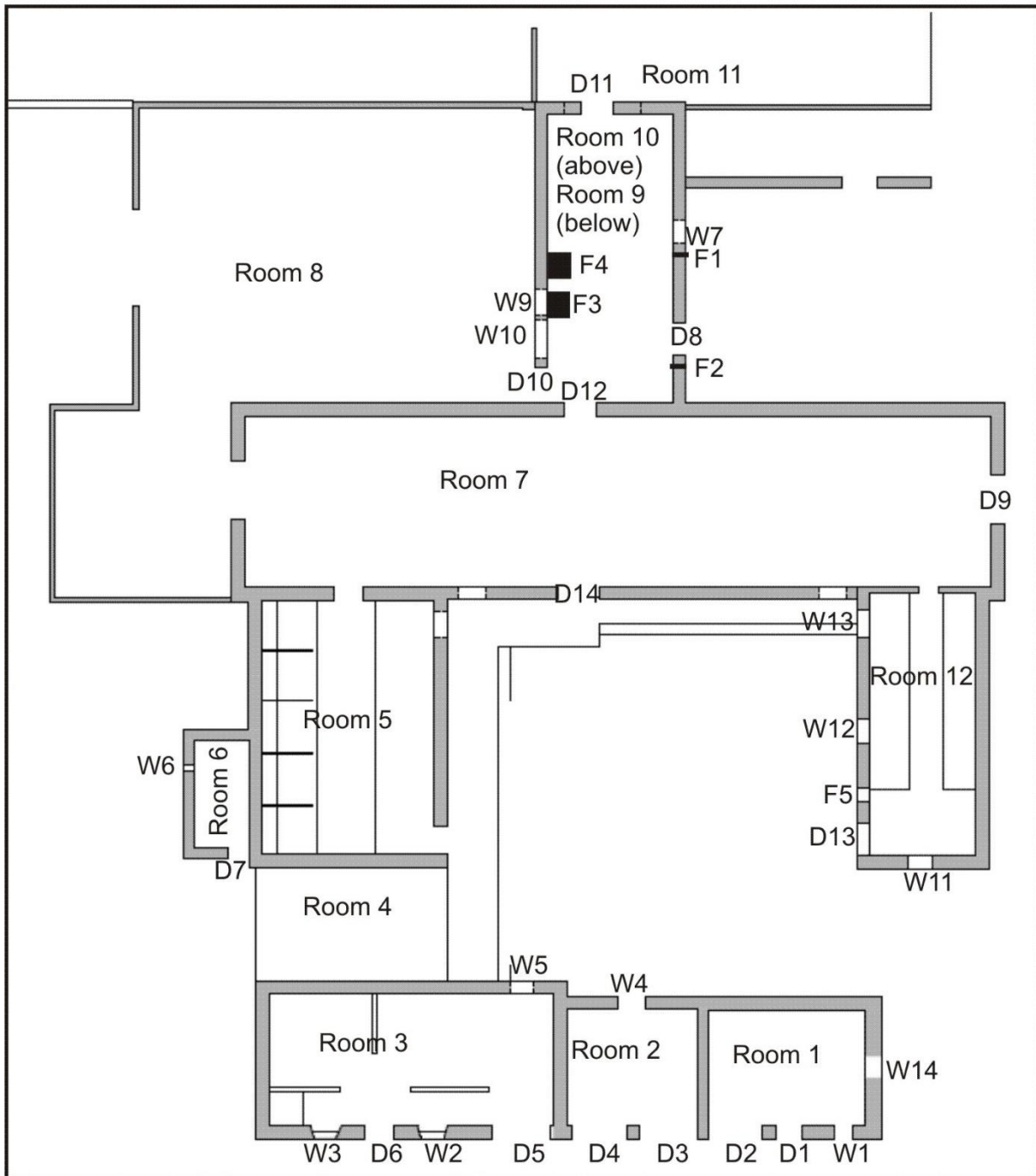
- 1.1 The site (Illus 1) is located on the NE side of the B9001 between Inverurie and Daviot. It is centred on NGR NJ 7625 2555, at 90-100 m OD.
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by Ian Duncan, Ian Duncan Architects for CR and KD Marshall. Aberdeenshire Council planning application 2013/1009 for conversion of the steading to form six dwellinghouses (Illus 2) was passed on 17.12.13 with archaeology condition (condition 3) for Level 1 standing building survey.
- 1.3 All the archaeological work will be carried out in the context of Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) Planning Advice Note (PAN 2/2011) and Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP), which state that archaeological remains should be regarded as part of the environment to be protected and managed.



Illus 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2014)



Illus 2 Site plan showing development site in red (*copyright Ian Duncan Architects*)



Illus 3 Plan showing features recorded in this survey (*copyright Ian Duncan Architects*)

## 2 THE LEVEL 1 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

The standing building survey was carried out on 11 September 2014; the weather was bright and sunny. A photographic record was made of the buildings and the plans and elevations supplied by Ian Duncan Architects were annotated. The stone buildings are all constructed of large granite fieldstones with granite quoins, sills and lintels. Hillhead of Lethenty (NJ72NE 174) is a 19<sup>th</sup>-century farmstead.

### Rooms 1 and 2

Rooms 1 and 2 are in poor condition with limited access to the interior. They are 13.6m long and 5.7m wide. They formed a separate building on the First Edition OS map (Illus 14).

They have two large cart doors 2.3m wide and 2.2m high (Doors D3 and D4). Room 1 was probably a bothy for the 19<sup>th</sup>-century farm and Room 2 the cartshed.



Illus 4 Room 1 (right) and Room 2 (left) with cart doors; facing NW



Illus 5 Stone alcove in NE wall Room 2

### Room 3

The cottage (Room 3) is 12m long and 6.4m wide and constructed of large granite blocks with cherry cocking. It has been rebuilt since the Second Ordnance Survey maps when a small building was located at the SW corner of the farm, not attached to the adjacent cartshed.



Illus 6 The cottage (Room 3); facing NE

### Room 4

This is a modern wooden shed

### Room 5

This forms the SW side of the open courtyard and is in a poor state of preservation. A horse mill was sited on the SW side of this building on the First Edition OS map and there is now no trace of this mill.

### Room 6

Room 6 is a stone lean-to shed 5m long and 2.6m wide on the SW side of R8. It was built on the site of a larger building which itself had been built on the location of the horse mill.

### Room 7

Room 7 is a long steading which has been converted for animal use and is overgrown and in poor condition. The gable is 7.8m wide and there are doors in each gable and access to the courtyard in the south wall and access to the mill Room 9 through the north wall.

### Room 8

Room 8 is a modern building.



Illus 7 Lean-to shed Room 6; facing SE

### Rooms 9 and 10 The Mill

Room 9 (ground floor) and Room 10 (upper floor) formed the mill of the farmer farm complex on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition OS map when a horse mill was sited on the NE side of the building. The upper floor is inaccessible due to the poor condition of the wooden floor. The ground floor room has a metal grain chute (F3) and a wooden chute (F4). The NE wall has a concrete and wood grain chute (F2), 0.18 x 0.18m in size and a fitting (F1) which consists of a section of concreted stone wall with two square concrete apertures 0.2 x 0.2m in size.



Illus 8 Mill building rooms 9 and 10; NE wall facing SW





Illus 9 Metal grain chute F3; facing SW



Illus 10 Grain chute F2; facing SW

### **Room 11**

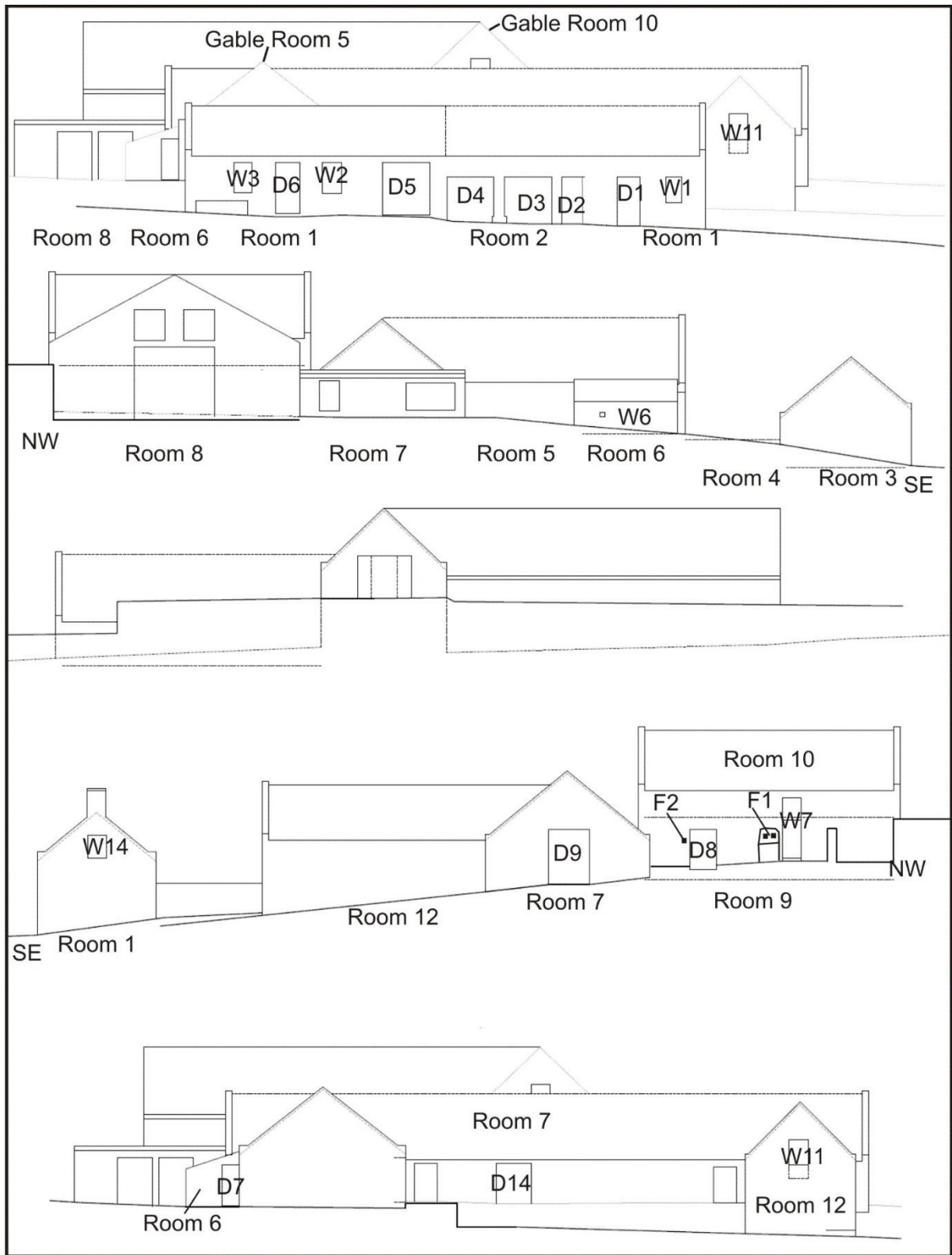
This is a modern concrete shed at the north of the complex.

### **Room 12**

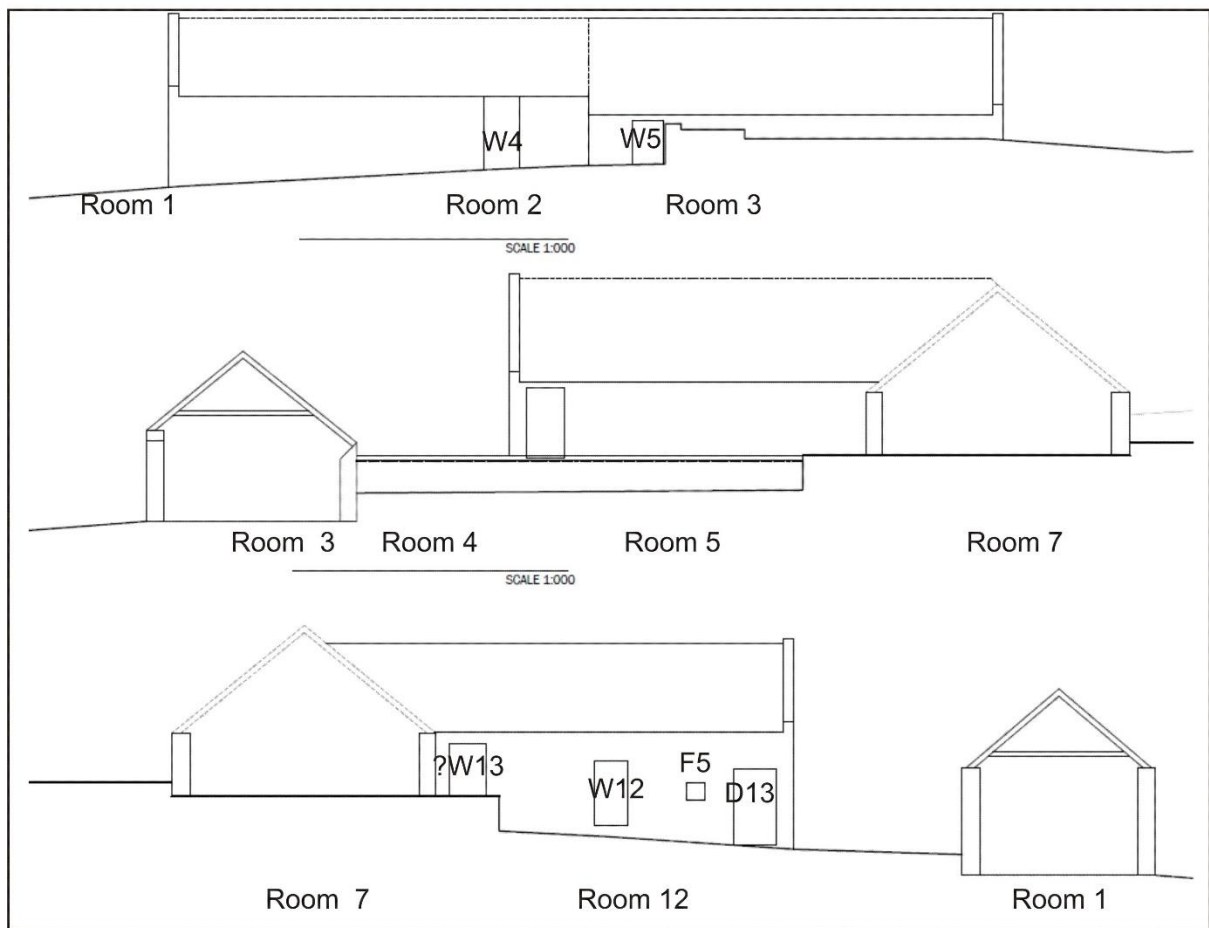
Room 12 is in poor condition and forms the NE arm of the C-shaped steading dating to before the First edition OS map and forms the NE side of the open courtyard. It is 10.8m long and 5.3m wide and constructed of large granite fieldstones the granite lintels and quoins. Window 11 in the SE gable has been converted from an upper door using a granite lintel and as a result there is a large crack down this wall. There are large stone foundation stones exposed at the SE corner of this building (Illus 11).



Illus 11 Room 12; facing NW



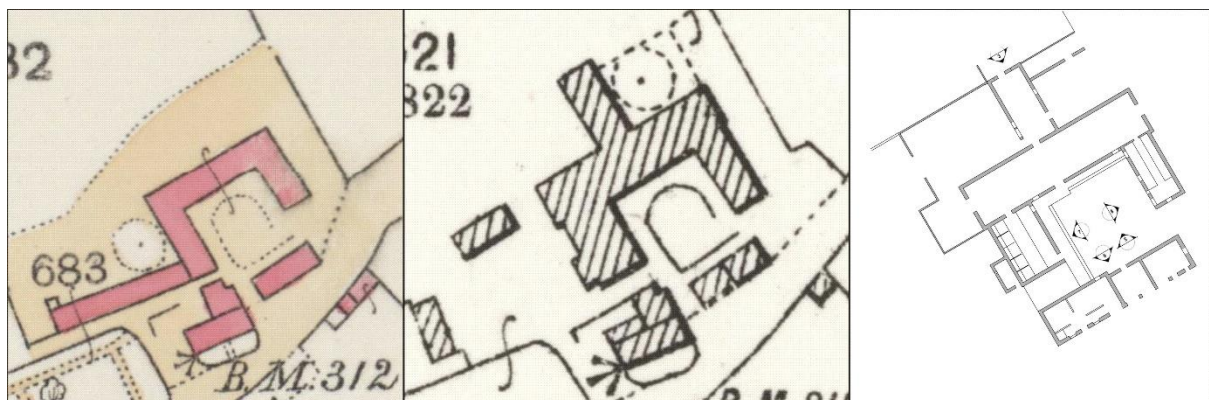
Illus 12 Annotated elevations (copyright Ian Duncan Architects)



Illus 13 Annotated elevations (copyright Ian Duncan Architects)

### 3 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 11 September 2014. Several phases of buildings have been identified. In Phase 1 there is a C-shaped steading with a horse mill on the SW side; several buildings seen on the First Edition OS map including the horse mill have been demolished. In the second phase mill building (Rooms 9 and 10) were built on the north of the C-shaped steading and a horse mill constructed on the NE side of this building. It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during this planning application.



Illus 14 Phase plan showing First and Second Edition OS maps (copyright National Library of Scotland) and 2014 plan (copyright Ian Duncan Architects)

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## APPENDIX 1 FEATURES RECORDED IN THIS SURVEY

Feature	Description	Phase
D1	Door in SE façade Room 1	
D2	Door in SE façade Room 1	
D3	Large cart door in SE façade Room 2	
D4	Large cart door in SE façade Room 2	
D5	Cart Door in SE façade Room 3	
D6	Door in SE façade Room 3	
D7	Small door in SE wall lean-to shed Room 6	
D8	Door in NE wall Room 9	
D9	Door in NE gable Room 7	
D10	Door in SW wall Room 9 between R9 and Room 8	
D11	Room in upper floor Room 10 NW gable	
D12	Room in lower floor Room 9 SE gable	
D13	Door in SW wall Room 12	
D14	Door in centre of SE wall Room 7	
W1	Window in SE façade Room 1	
W2	Window in SE façade Room 3	
W3	Window in SE façade Room 3	
W4	Window in NW wall Room 2	
W5	Window in NW wall Room 3	
W6	Small window in SW wall lean-to shed Room 6	
W7	Window in NE wall Room 9	
W8	Upper window SE gable Room 10	
W9	Aperture probably former window blocked in SW wall Room 9	
W10	Aperture probably former window blocked in SW wall Room 9	
W11	Upper window gable SE end Room 12	
W12	Window in SW wall Room 12	
W13	Window in SW wall Room 12; partially obscured but probably was a window	
W14	Upper window NE gable Room 1	
F1	Two square sockets set within stone plinth; associated with mill? 0.2 x 0.2m in NW wall Room 9	
F2	0.18 x 0.18m concrete setting with wooden chute in NW wall Room 9	
F3	Metal grain chute Room R9	
F4	Wooden slatted grain chute Room R9	
F5	Small square aperture in SW wall Room R12	

## APPENDIX 2 PHOTOGRAPHS

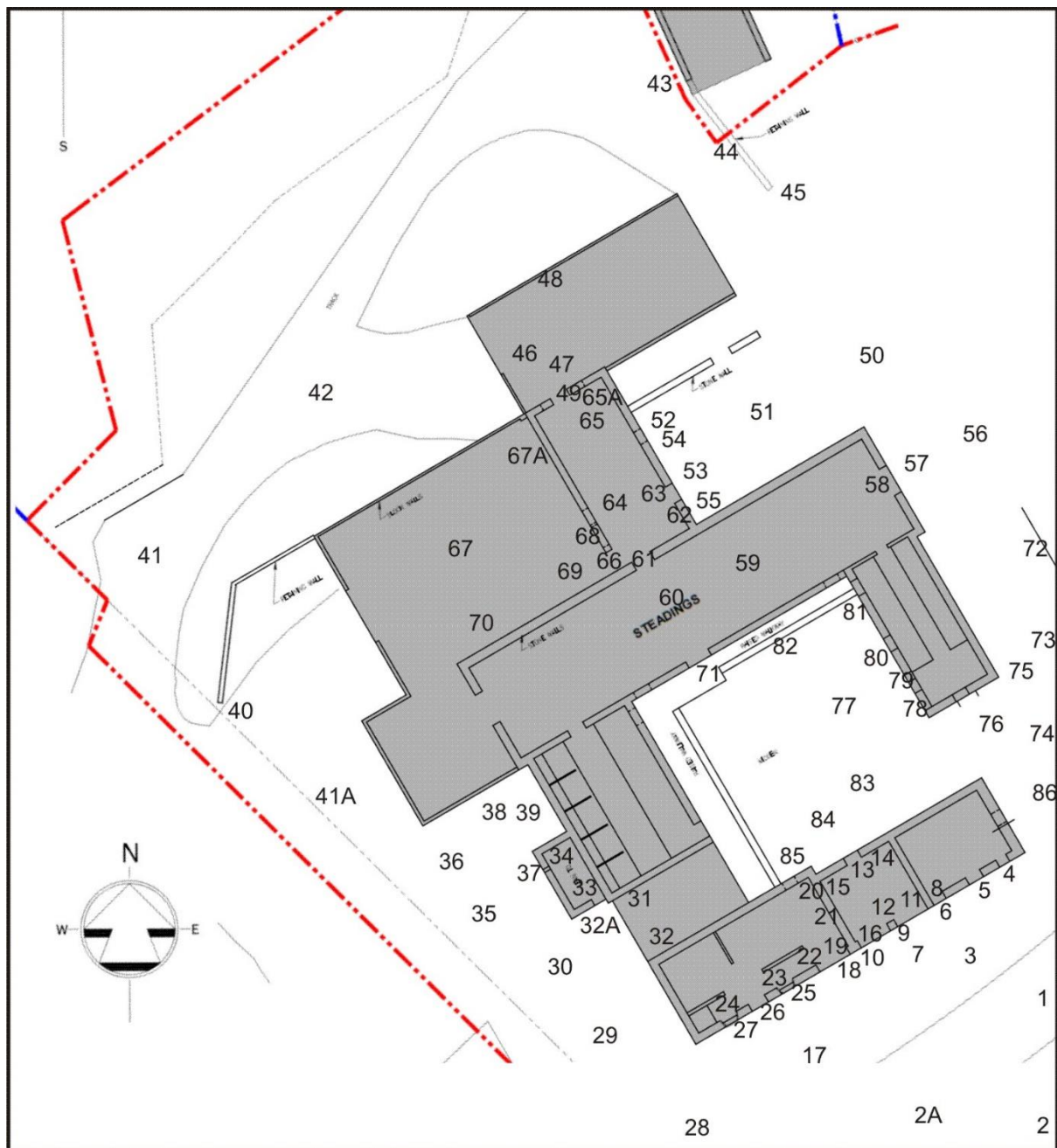


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DSC0329-333	South façade	NW	2a
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DSC0339-343	South façade SE corner with W1	NW	4
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DSC0346-348	South façade D1	NW	5
DSC0349-352	South façade D3 (left) D2 (right)	NW	6
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DSC0361-362	Room R1 interior overgrown	NNW	8
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DSC0394-399	Room 2 east wall detail of small window/cupboard	NE	11
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DSC0642-648	NE wall gable Room 7	SW	56
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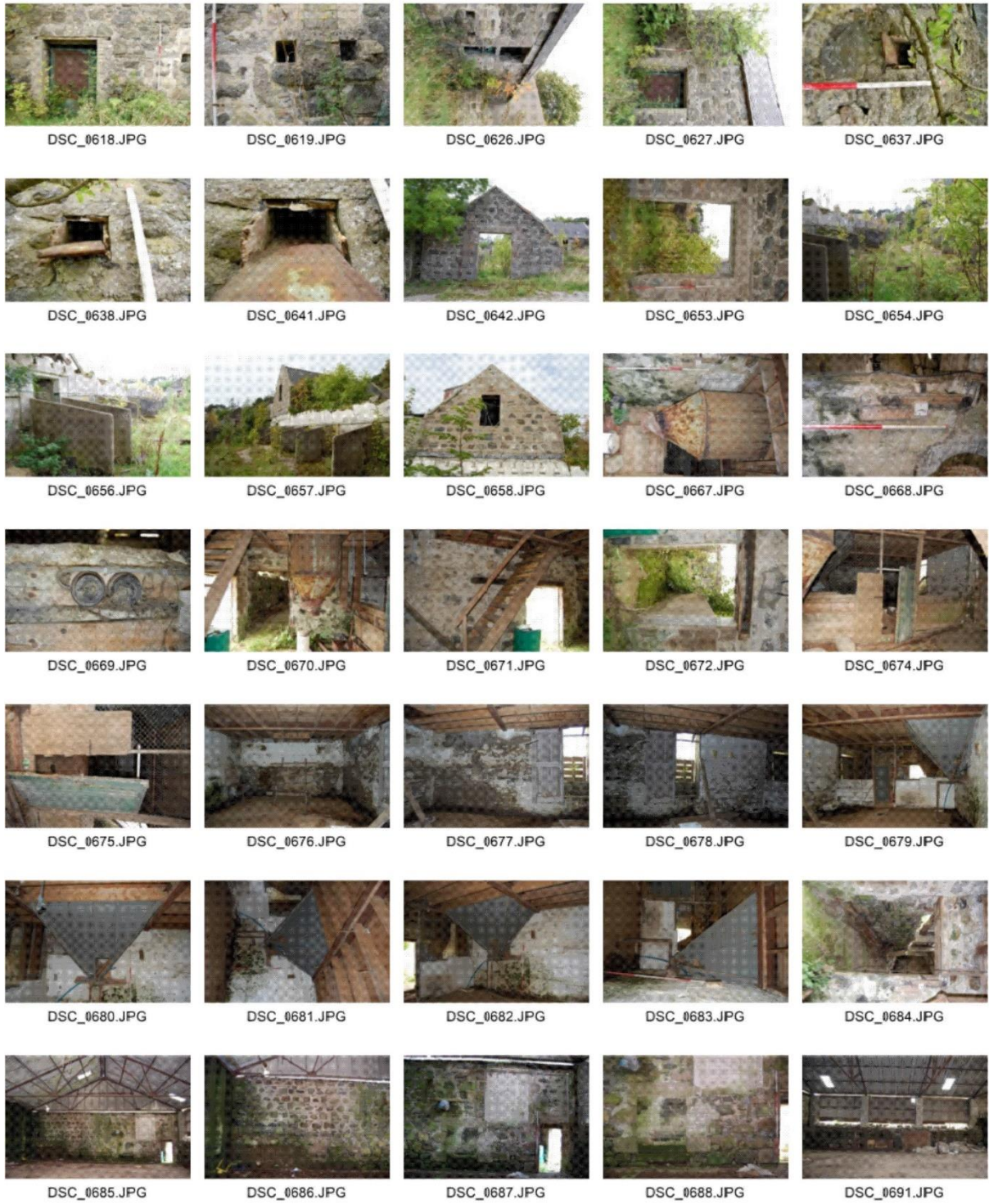
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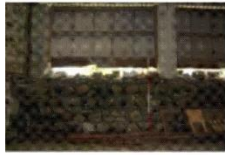


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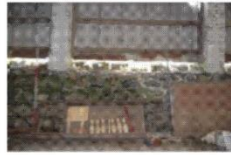


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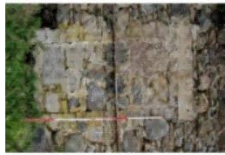
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