

**PIPER SEAFOODS, SOUTH ESPLANADE WEST, TORRY,  
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## SUMMARY

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 15 January 2015. A photographic survey was carried out and architects plans and sections were utilised. The earliest building on the site is a 1950s fish house and it is therefore recommended that no further work is required during the current development.



# 1 INTRODUCTION

The site is at NJ 94599 05258 in the parish of Aberdeen and at 10-15m OD. Aberdeen City Council Planning application P140762 for demolition of two existing commercial properties and erection of new extension has an archaeology condition (condition 2) requiring that a Level 1 standing building survey is carried out prior to demolition. The work was commissioned by Lynne Webster, Hurd Rolland Partnership on behalf of client Piper Seafoods.



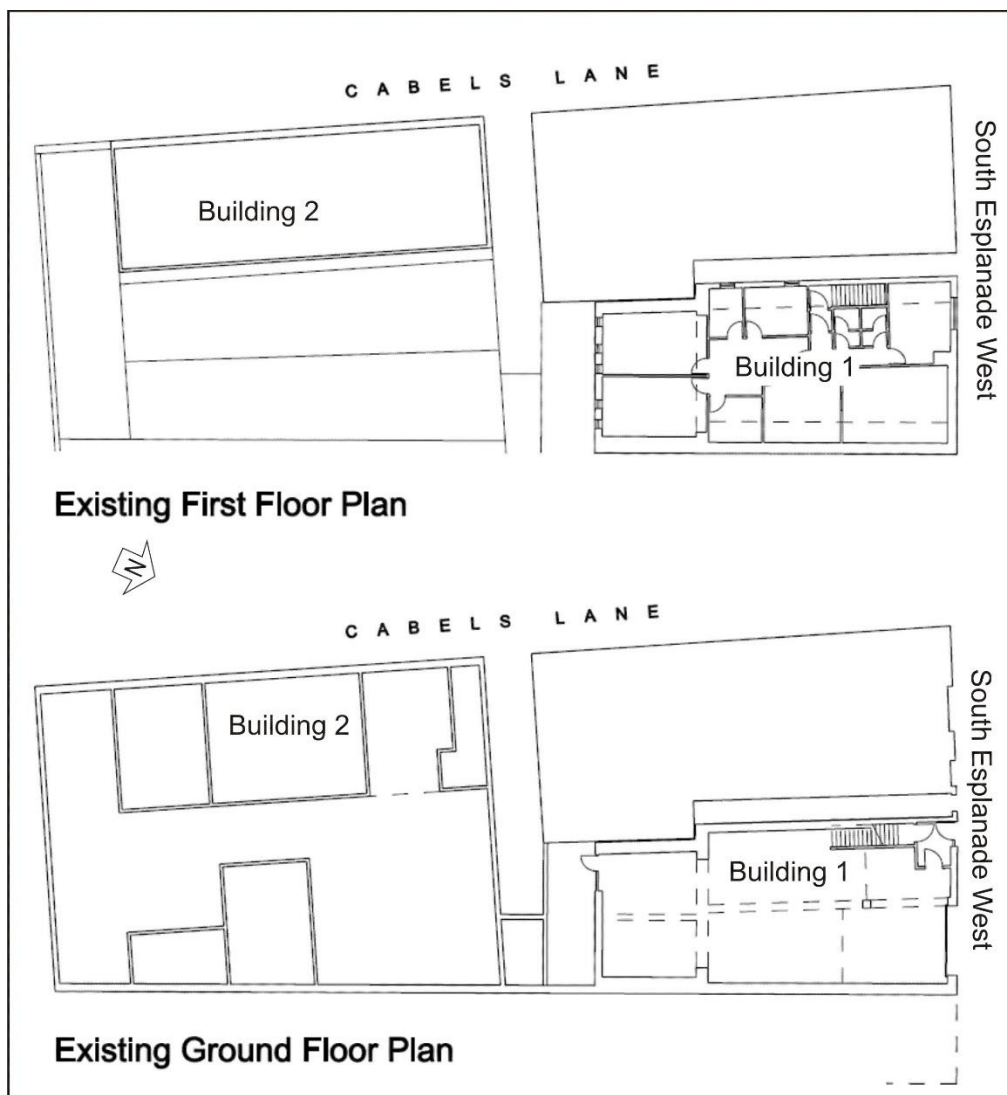
Illus 1 Site location (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2015).

## 2 BACKGROUND

The site was adjacent to a Granite Works on the Second edition OS map and is part of Torry Foundry (Iron) on the Third Edition OS map (Illus 7). The current building appears to originally date to the 1950s when a concrete blockwork fish house was constructed. It was converted to a joinery business in the 1980s and is now vacant. Buildings 1 and 2 are to be demolished and new buildings constructed for Piper Seafoods.

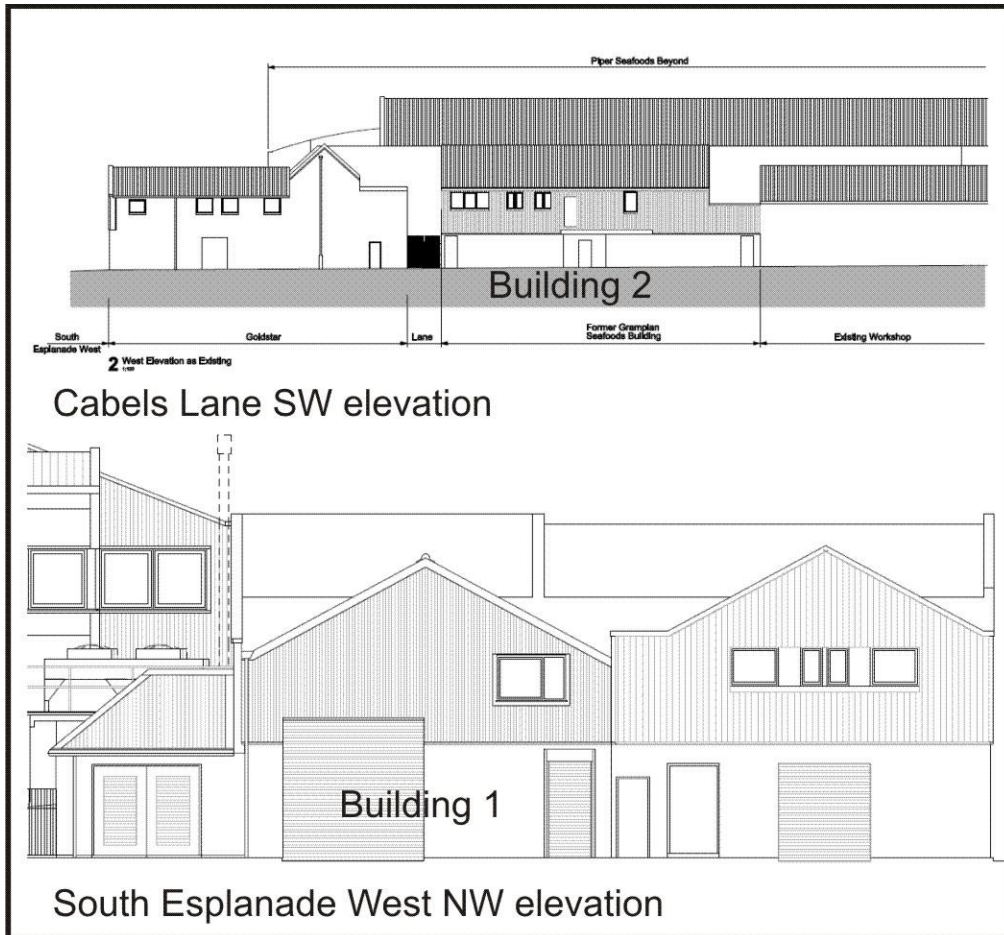
## 3 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 15 January 2015. A photographic survey was carried out and architects plan and elevations checked. Building 1 was accessible on the exterior and interior but Building 2 was just accessible on the exterior. Building 1 has a concrete blockwork foundation (Illus 4) and all the structure dates to the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century or later. There were granite buildings on the site on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition OS maps (Illus 7) but there is now no trace of these earlier structures and it is assumed that they were completely demolished in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.



Illus 2 Plan of proposed development showing area to be demolished (copyright Hurd Rolland).





Illus 3 Elevations of Cabels Lane and South Esplanade West facades (*copyright Hurd Rolland*).



Illus 4 Building 1 NE wall interior showing older (1950s?) concrete blockwork (bottom); facing NNE



Illus 5 Cabels Lane elevation with Building 2 (right)

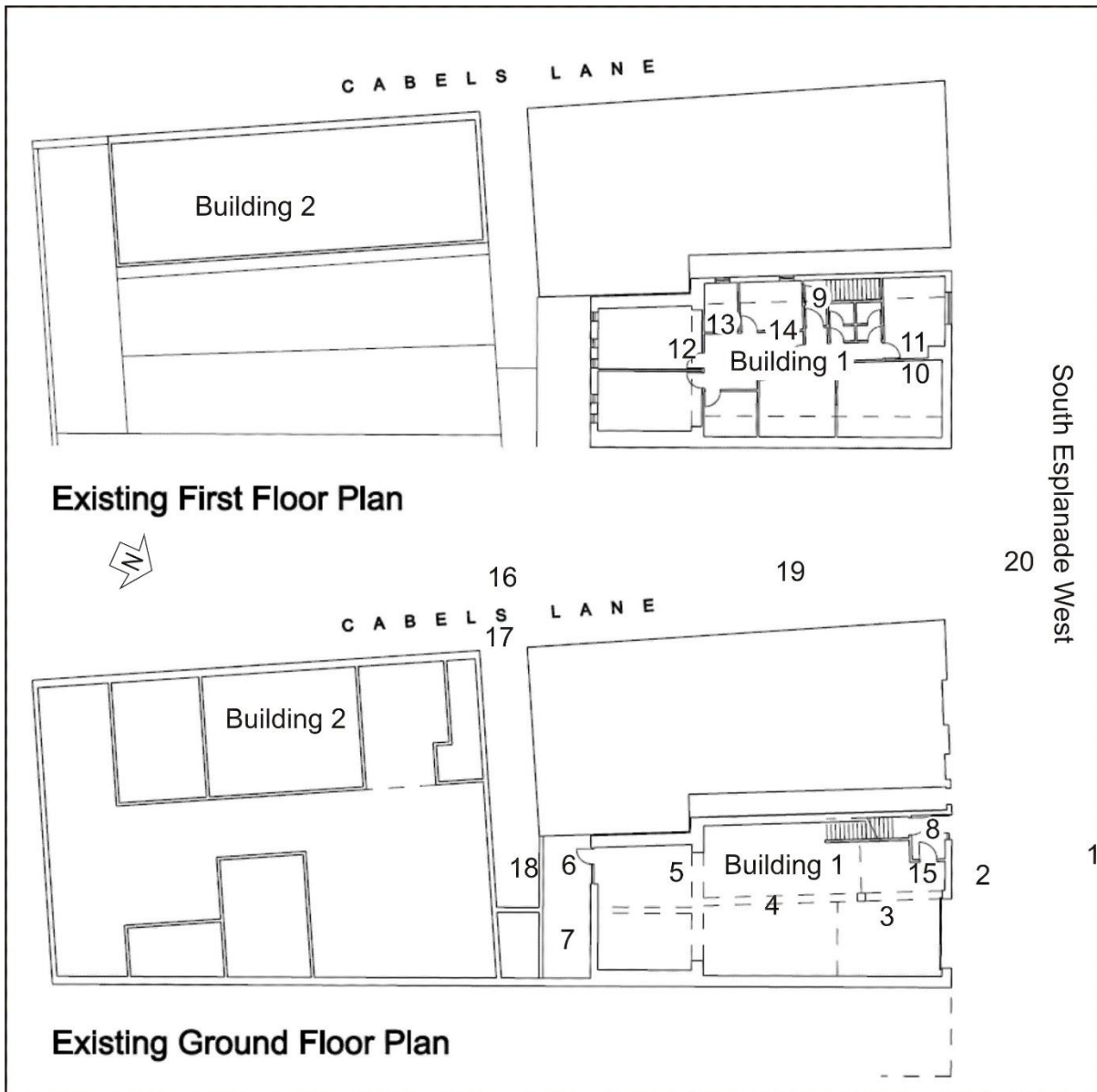
#### **4 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during the current development.

#### **5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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**APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS**



Illus 6 Camera points used on this survey

<b>Photo no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Facing</b>	<b>Camera point</b>
DSC_0181-2	South Esplanade West elevation with Building 1 (centre)	S/SSE	1
DSC_0183	South Esplanade West elevation with Building 1 (centre)	S/SSE	2
DSC_0184-5	Building 1 NE wall with concrete blockwork (bottom)	NE	3
DSC_0186-7	Building 1	SE	3
DSC_0188	Building 1	SE	4
DSC_0189-91	Building 1 NE wall with concrete blockwork (bottom)	NE	4
DSC_0192-3	Building 1	SE	5
DSC_0194-6	Building 1	NE	6
DSC_0197-98	Building 1	SW	7
DSC_0199	Building 1 roof	SW	7
DSC_0200	Building 1	NNW	8
DSC_0201-205	Building 1 SW wall	SW/W	4/5
DSC_0206-10	Building 1 SW wall	W/WNW	4/3
DSC_0211-12	Door to first floor	WSW	3
DSC_0213	stairs to first floor	SSE	8
DSC_0214-22	Building 1 first floor		
DSC_0226-27	Building 1 NNW wall	NNW/N	3
DSC_0228-30	Lane at rear Building 1	NE	17
DSC_0231-34	Cabels Lane façade	NE/NNE	16
DSC_0235-41	Building 1 exterior SE wall	NNW	18
DSC_0242-55	South Esplanade West (left) Cabels Lane and Building 2 (right)	SE	20
DSC_0256-259	South Esplanade West façade	SSE	1
DSC_0260-267	Building 1 from Piper Seafoods offices	SW	
DSC_0268-276	Building 2 Cabels Lane facade	N/E	





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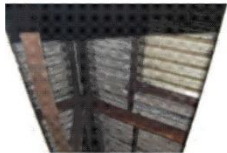


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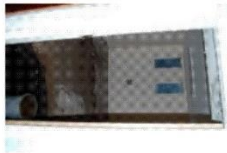




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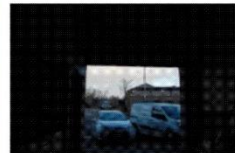
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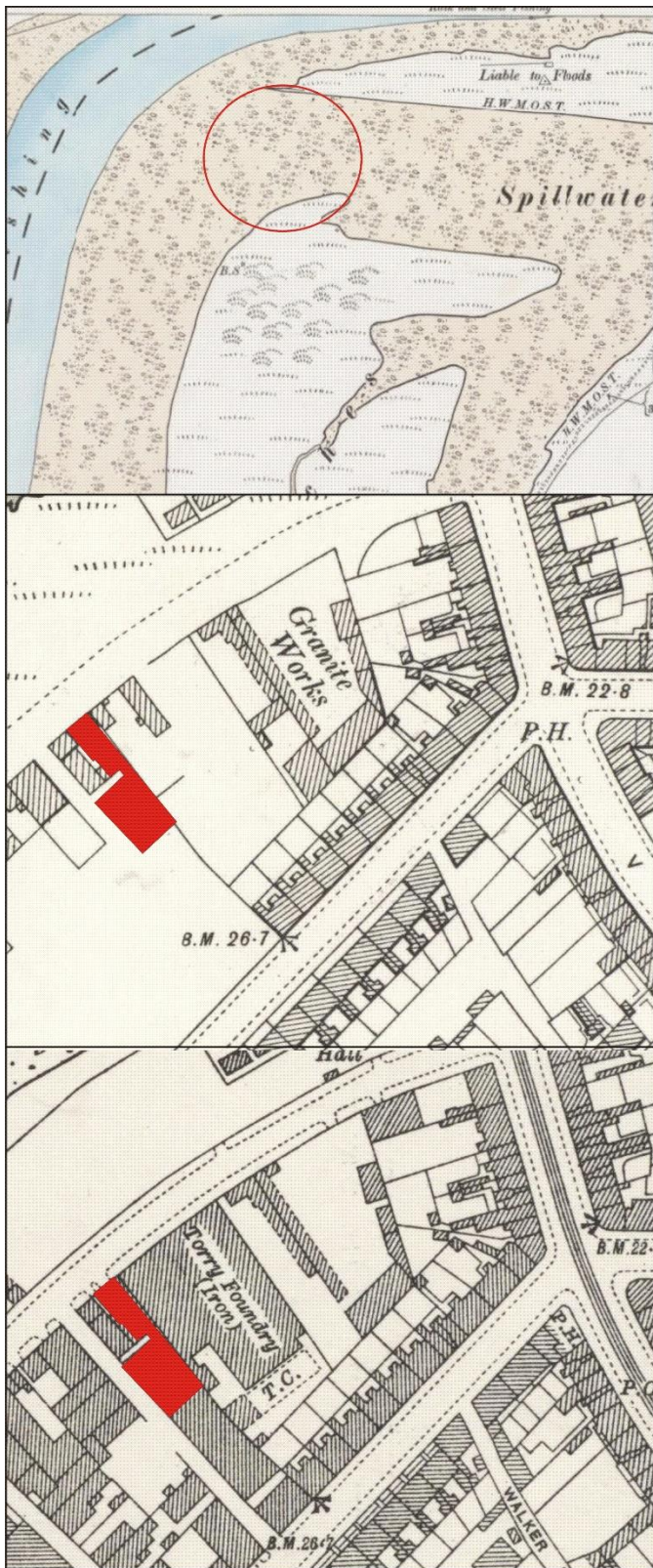
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## APPENDIX 2 MAPS



Illus 7 Ordnance survey maps of the site with site in red (top) First Edition Kincardine Sheet IV.7 (Combined) Survey date: 1865 Publication date: 1868 Kincardine Sheet IV.2 (Combined) Survey date: 1865 Publication date: 1868 (middle) Second Edition Aberdeenshire, Sheet 075.15 Publication date: 1901 Revised: ca. 1899/1900 (bottom) Third Edition Aberdeenshire, Sheet 075.15 Publication date: 1926 Revised: ca. 1923 Levelled: 1899/1900 (copyright National Library of Scotland).