

**Meikle Endovie, Alford, AB33 8EE**  
**Report on Level 1 Standing Building Survey**



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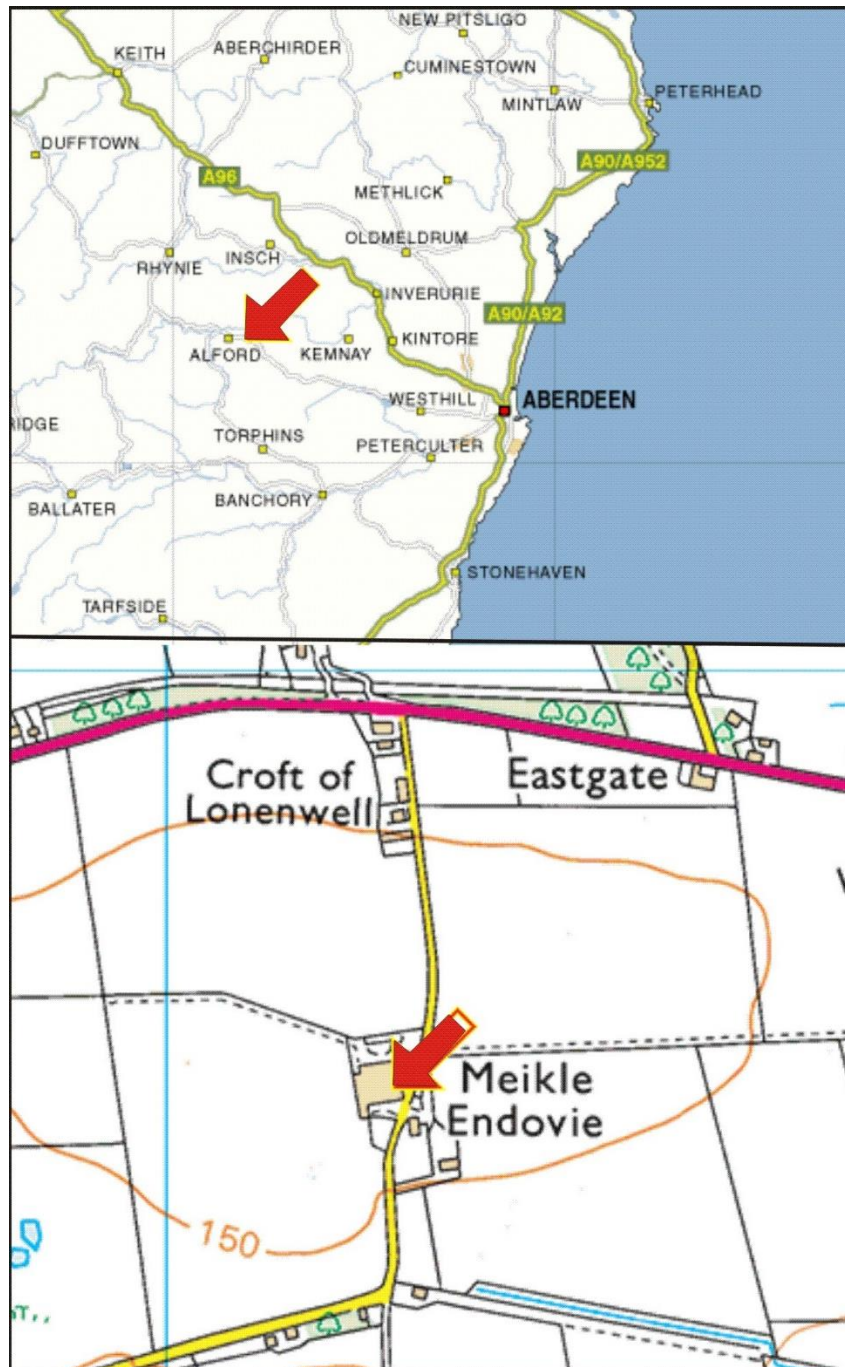
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## SUMMARY

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 25 May 2015; the weather was clear and bright. All exterior walls were recorded photographically and architects plans were annotated and measurements taken and main elevations drawn. Some of the roofs were in poor condition and so there was limited access to the interior of the steading buildings. It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during this current development.

# 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The site (Illus 1) is located on the south side of the A944 Aberdeen - Alford road east of Alford. It is centred on NGR NJ 5926 1551, at 150-155m OD (Illus 1) and in the parish of Alford.
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by Martin Forbes, Scotia Homes. A planning application will be submitted to Aberdeenshire Council for a redevelopment for housing and Aberdeenshire Archaeology require a Level 1 standing building survey.
- 1.3 All the archaeological work was 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.

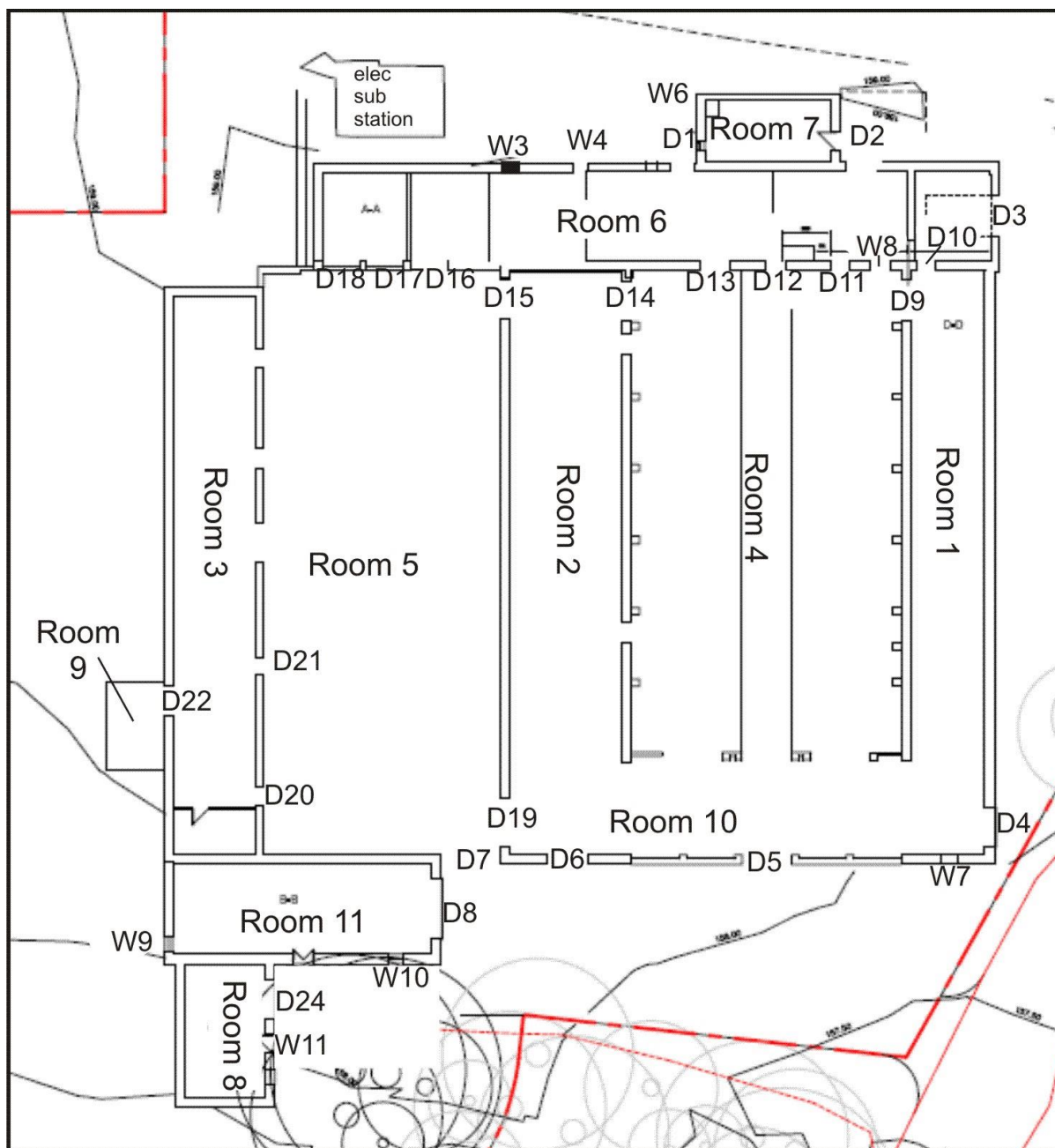


Illus 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2015)

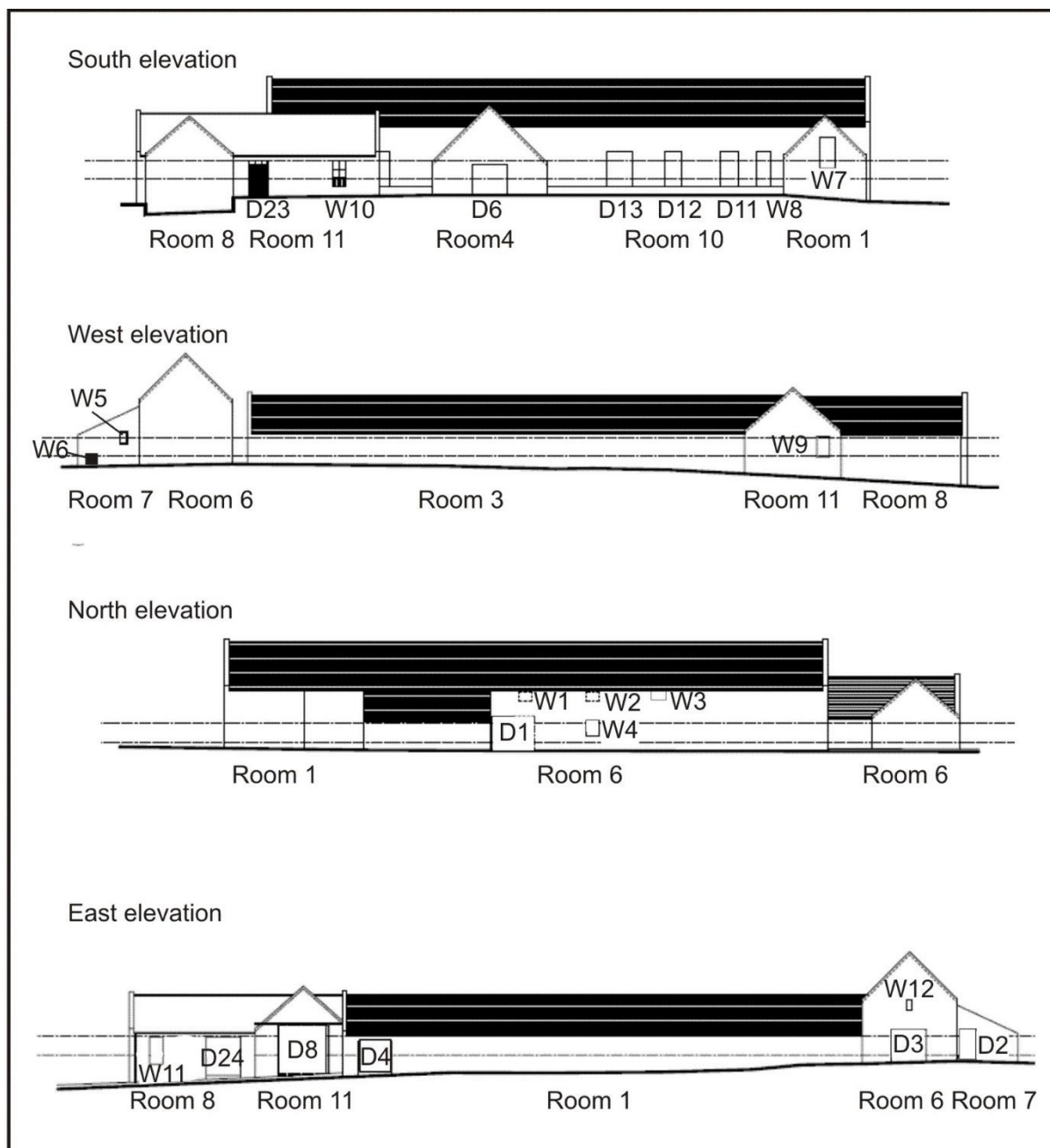


## 2 THE LEVEL 1 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

A level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 25 May 2015. Meikle Endowie/Endowie (NMRS NJ51NE 109) is a 19<sup>th</sup>-century farmstead. All exterior and interior walls were photographed and client plans and elevations were annotated (Illus 2 and 3). The original farm buildings comprise a C-shaped steading (Rooms 1, 2 and 6) around a central courtyard with a parallel steading to the west (Room 3). The First Edition OS map (Illus 9) shows a horse mill adjacent to the north wall of Room 6 but there is now a lean-to granite shed in this location (Room 7) which had replaced the horse mill by the Second Edition OS (Illus 10). By the Second Edition there are buildings attached to the east of the steading but these were demolished and in a later period the courtyard was enclosed and converted into a cattle court and the west building was joined with the main building.



Illus 2 Plan of buildings surveyed with numbers used in this survey (from copyright Scotia Homes)



Illus 3 Main elevations annotated with numbers used in this survey (copyright Scotia Homes)

### Room 1

Room 1 forms the east wall of the C-shaped steading (Illus 4); it is 5.7m wide and has a first floor window in the south gable and door on the south end of the east wall.

### Room 2

Room 2 formed the west side of the C-shaped steading and was later enclosed in cattle courts on the west and east. It is 8.2m wide and constructed of granite rubble.

### Room 3

Room 3 on the west of the complex is 6m wide and is constructed of granite rubble with granite quoins. There are small first floor gable windows (Illus 5).





Illus 4 Room 1 from SE; facing NW



Illus 5 Room 3 from NW; facing SE





Illus 6 S wall of Room 6 forming N wall of cattle court Room 4; facing N



Illus 7 Room 6 N wall with lean-to Room 7; facing SE





Illus 8 Room 6 E gable; facing SW

#### **Room 4**

Room 4 is a modern cattle court created within the 19<sup>th</sup>-century C-shaped steading.

#### **Room 5**

Room 5 is a modern cattle court created between the 19<sup>th</sup>-century C-shaped steading and Room 3.

#### **Room 6**

Room 6 is the north wing of the C-shaped steading. It is constructed of granite rubble and has a cart door in the centre of the north wall (D1). It is 6.65m wide (Illus 6,7, 8).

#### **Room 7**

Room 7 is a granite rubble lean-to (Illus 7) on the north wall of Room 6 replacing the horse mill between the dates of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> OS maps.

#### **Room 8**

Room 8 is a granite rubble bothy at the south end of the west wing built between the dates of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> OS maps. It is 8.5m long and 6.05m wide.

#### **Room 9**

Room 9 is a modern shed on the west side of Room 3.



### **Room 10**

Room 10 is the remains of a small structure on the south side of the courtyard of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century C-shaped steading which was later extended and formed the south wall of the cattle courts Rooms 4 and 5.

### **Room 11**

Room 11 is a W-E granite rubble building on the south end of Room 3 visible on the First Edition OS map. It is 6.6m wide with a main door in the east gable.

## **3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 25 May 2015 and it is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during the current planning application.

## **4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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## APPENDIX 1 FEATURES RECORDED IN THIS SURVEY

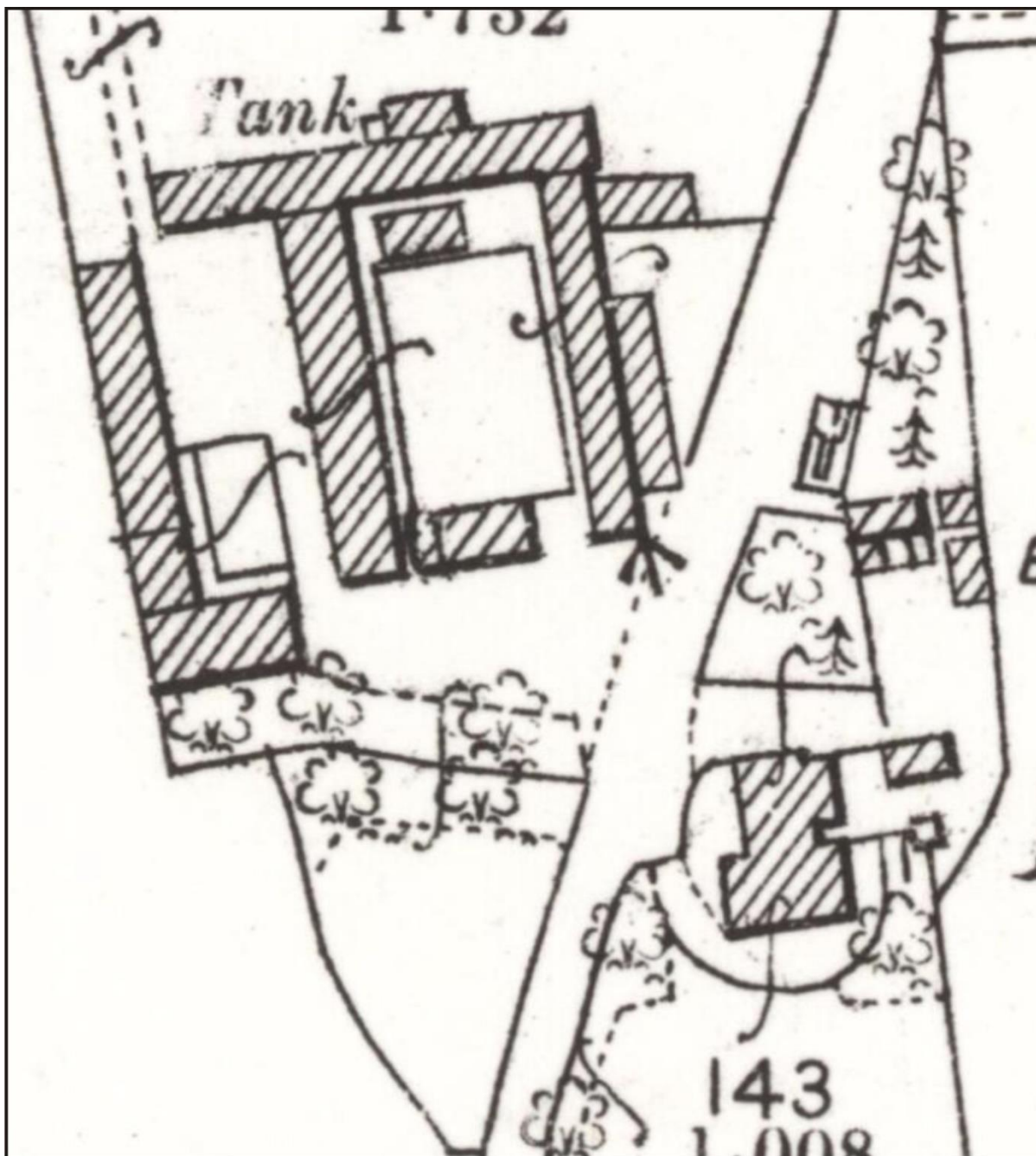
| Feature no | Description                         | Size                                 |
|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| D1         | Door on N wall Room 6               | 3m wide, 2.3m high, lintel 0.4m high |
| D2         | E gable Room 7                      | 1.2m wide, 2.05m high                |
| D3         | E gable Room 6                      | Modern aperture                      |
| D4         | S end E wall Room 1                 | 2.1m high, c2m wide                  |
| D5         | S entrance Room 10                  | Modern aperture                      |
| D6         | S gable Room 2                      | 2.5m wide, 2.5m high                 |
| D7         | S entrance Room 5                   | Modern aperture                      |
| D8         | E gable Room 11                     | 2.45m wide                           |
| D10        | S wall Room 6                       | 1.15m wide, 2.10m high               |
| D11        | S wall Room 6                       | 1.25m wide, 2.05m high               |
| D12        | S wall Room 6                       | 1.2m wide, 2.05m high                |
| D13        | S wall Room 6                       | 1.85m wide, 2.1m high                |
| D14        | N Door between Rooms 2 and 4        | Modern aperture                      |
| D15        | N Door between Rooms 2 and 5        | Modern aperture                      |
| D16        | Cartdoor W end S wall Room 6        | 2.3m wide, 2.3m high                 |
| D17        | Cartdoor W end S wall Room 6        | 2.3m wide, 2.3m high                 |
| D18        | Cartdoor W end S wall Room 6        | 2.3m wide, 2.3m high                 |
| D19        | S end wall between Rooms 2 and 5    | Modern aperture                      |
| D20        | S end wall between Rooms 3 and 5    | Modern aperture                      |
| D21        | Door between Rooms 3 and 5          | -                                    |
| D22        | Door W wall Room 3 access to Room 9 | Modern aperture                      |
| D23        | S wall Room 11                      | 1.3m wide, 2.5m high                 |
| D24        | E wall Room 8                       | 2.45m wide, 2.5m high                |
| W1         | N wall Room 6                       | 0.9m wide, 1.05m high                |
| W2         | N wall Room 6                       | 0.9m wide, 1.05m high                |
| W3         | N wall Room 6                       | 0.9m wide, 1.05m high                |
| W4         | N wall Room 6                       | 0.9m wide, 1.05m high                |
| W5         | W gable Room 7                      | 0.65m wide, 0.9m high                |
| W6         | W gable Room 7                      | 0.75m high, 0.6m wide                |
| W7         | First floor S gable Room 1          | -                                    |
| W8         | S wall Room 6                       | 1m wide, 1.1m high                   |
| W9         | W gable Room 11                     | 1.5m high, 0.9m wide                 |
| W10        | S wall Room 11                      | 0.95m wide, 2.5m high                |
| W11        | E wall Room 8                       | 0.95m wide, 1.95m high               |
| W12        | First floor window E gable Room 6   | -                                    |
| W13        | S wall Room 6                       | 1m wide, 1.1m high                   |



## APPENDIX 2 MAPS



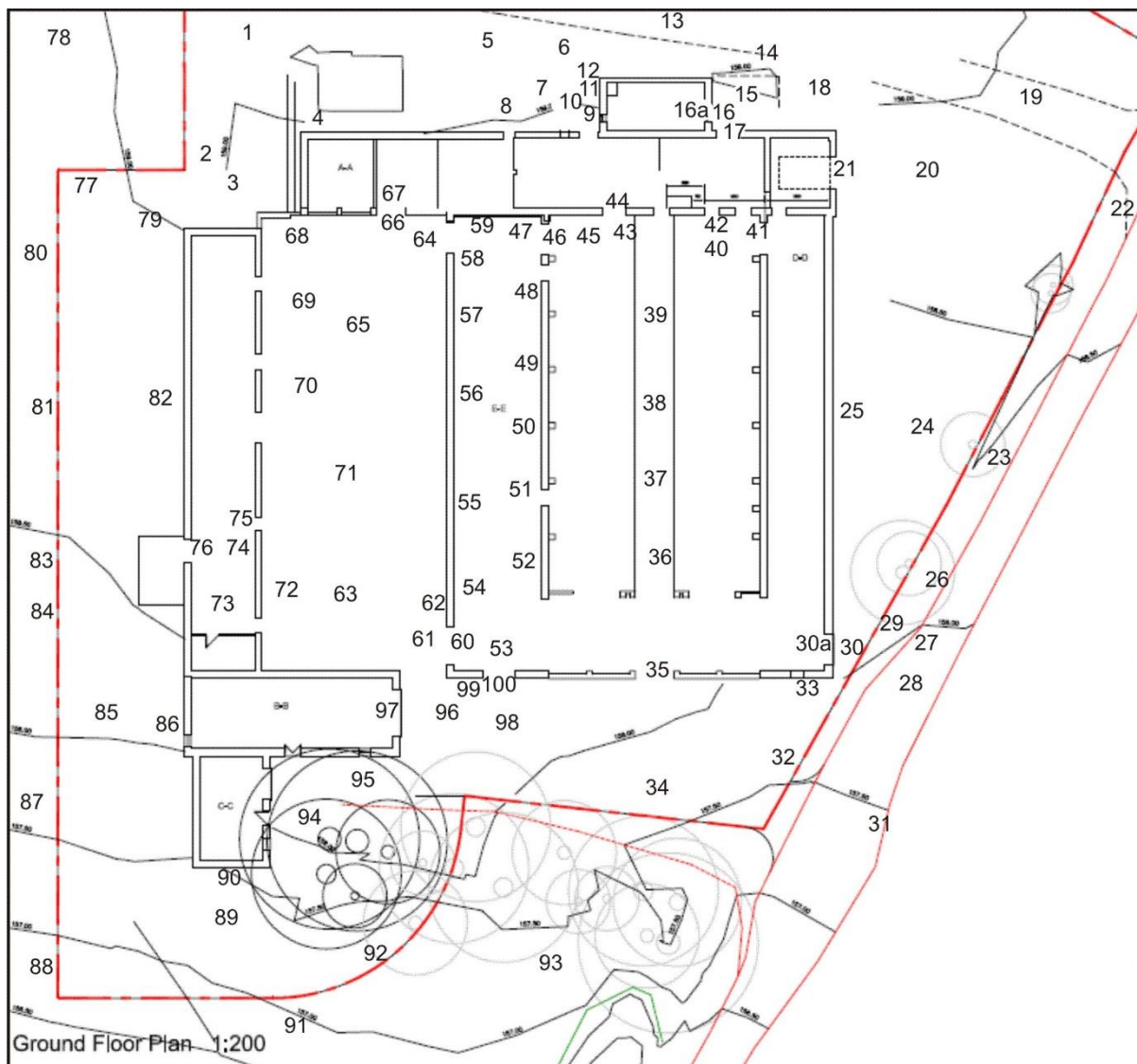
Illus 9 First Edition OS map Aberdeen Sheet LXIII.5 (Alford) Survey date: 1865 Publication date: 1869 (copyright National Library of Scotland)



Illus 10 Second Edition OS map Aberdeenshire 063.05 (includes: Alford; Keig; Tough)  
 Publication date: 1900 Revised: ca. 1899 (copyright National Library of Scotland)



## APPENDIX 3 PHOTOGRAPHS



Illus 11 Camera points used in this survey (from copyright Scotia Homes)

| Photo no            | Description  | Facing | came<br>ra<br>point |
|---------------------|--|--------|---------------------|
| DSC_0475-6          | Buildings from NW                                  | SE     | 1                   |
| DSC_0477-9,<br>81   | N gable Room 3                                     | SE     | 2                   |
| DSC_0480, 82-<br>84 | W gable Room 6                                     | E      | 3                   |
| DSC_0485            | N wall Room 6 (right) with fallen slates           | E      | 4                   |
| DSC_0486            | N wall Room 6 with electricity sub station (right) | SW     | 5                   |
| DSC_0487            | N wall Room 6 W3 (right) W2, W4 (left)             | S      | 5                   |
| DSC_0488, 91        | Room 7   | SE     | 5                   |
| DSC_0489            | N wall Room 6 W3 (right) W2, W4 (left)             | S      | 5                   |
| DSC_0490            | N wall Room 6 D1 (left) W1, blocked W2 and W4      | S      | 6                   |
| DSC_0492-5          | N wall Room 6 W4 (below) W2 (top)                  | S      | 8                   |
| DSC_0496-98         | N wall Room 6 Door D1 and W1 (above)               | S      | 10                  |

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|-------------|--|-----|-----|
| DSC_0499    | D1   | SE  | 9   |
| DSC_0500-1  | Room 7 W gable   | E   | 10  |
| DSC_0502    | Room 7 W gable W5  | E   | 9   |
| DSC_0503-4  | Room 7 W gable blocked aperture W6   | E   | 11  |
| DSC_0505    | Room 7   | SE  | 6   |
| DSC_0506    | Room 7 W gable foundation  | S   | 12  |
| DSC_0507-8  | Room 7 N wall  | S   | 13  |
| DSC_0509    | Room 7   | SE  | 6   |
| DSC_0510    | Building 6 N wall E end  | SE  | 14  |
| DSC_0511    | Building 6 demolished section with unstable roof and rubble                          | S   | 14  |
| DSC_0512    | Room 7 E gable with door D2  | SW  | 14  |
| DSC_0513    | Room 7 E gable with door D2  | W   | 15  |
| DSC_0514    | D2   | W   | 16  |
| DSC_0515-17 | Room 7 interior  | W   | 16A |
| DSC_0518    | D2   | W   | 16  |
| DSC_0519    | Building 6 demolished section with unstable roof and rubble                          | SW  | 17  |
| DSC_0520-21 | Room 6 N wall with D2 (right)  | W   | 17  |
| DSC_0522    | Building 6 demolished section with unstable roof and rubble                          | SW  | 17  |
| DSC_0523    | Building 6 interior S wall demolished section with unstable roof and rubble          | S   | 17  |
| DSC_0524-5  | Building 6 demolished section with unstable roof and rubble                          | E   | 17  |
| DSC_0526-7  | Room 6 N wall E end  | S   | 18  |
| DSC_0528-9  | Room 6 N wall E end  | SW  | 19  |
| DSC_0530    | Room 6 E gable end with Door D3  | W   | 20  |
| DSC_0531-3  | D3   | W   | 21  |
| DSC_0534-5  | Room 6 E end interior through Heras fence showing concrete tank                      | W   | 21A |
| DSC_0536-7  | E wall Room 1 showing overgrown vegetation, rubble allowing poor access to this area | SSW | 20  |
| DSC_0538-9  | E wall Room 1 showing overgrown vegetation, rubble allowing poor access to this area | W   | 22  |
| DSC_0540    | Concrete gate posts in E boundary wall with Room 1 (background)                      | W   | 23  |
| DSC_0541    | Concrete gate posts in E boundary wall with Room 1 (background)                      | SW  | 23  |
| DSC_0542    | Room 1 E wall  | NW  | 24  |
| DSC_0543-4  | Room 1 E wall  | W   | 25  |
| DSC_0545    | Room 1 E wall  | SW  | 24  |
| DSC_0546    | Room 1 E wall with D4  | W   | 26  |
| DSC_0547    | Room 1 with drystone boundary wall   | NW  | 26  |
| DSC_0548    | Room 1 with drystone boundary wall   | NNW | 26  |
| DSC_0549    | E boundary drystone wall detail  | W   | 27  |



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| DSC_0550-52  | Room 1 E wall  | WSW, W, WNW | 27  |
| DSC_0553     | E boundary drystone wall section   | N           | 28  |
| DSC_0554     | Room 1 E wall  | NW          | 28  |
| DSC_0555     | Room 1 E wall with D4  | W           | 29  |
| DSC_0556     | D4   | W           | 30  |
| DSC_0557-63  | Room 1 S end interior  | W           | 30A |
| DSC_0564     | Room 1 S gable   | NW          | 31  |
| DSC_0565     | South façade with D4 (left)  | WNW         | 31  |
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| DSC_0570     | Blocked window W7  | N           | 33  |
| DSC_0571     | S wall Room 10 with Door D5  | N           | 34  |
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| DSC_0573     | Rooms 8 and 11 showing poor condition of buildings and undergrowth               | NW          | 34  |
| DSC_0574     | Interior door D4   | E           | 35  |
| DSC_0575     | Interior S end Room 1  | NE          | 35  |
| DSC_0576     | Exterior W wall Room 1 (forming E wall Room 4)                                   | NE          | 35  |
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| DSC_0578     | Room 4 showing conversion to cattle court  | N           | 35  |
| DSC_0579     | Room 4 showing flooded pit   | NNE         | 36  |
| DSC_0580     | Exterior W wall Room 1 (forming E wall Room 4)                                   | E           | 36  |
| DSC_0581     | Exterior W wall Room 1 (forming E wall Room 4)                                   | E           | 37  |
| DSC_0582     | Exterior W wall Room 1 (forming E wall Room 4)                                   | E           | 38  |
| DSC_0583     | Exterior W wall Room 1 (forming E wall Room 4)                                   | E           | 39  |
| DSC_0584     | Exterior W wall Room 1 (forming E wall Room 4) N end modern Door D9              | E           | 40  |
| DSC_0585-7   | Room 4 showing flooded pit   | SSE/S/SW    | 40  |
| DSC_0588     | D9   | E           | 41  |
| DSC_0589     | Room 4 showing flooded pit   | S           | 41  |
| DSC_0590     | Blocked window W8  | N           | 41  |
| DSC_0591     | Door D11   | N           | 42  |
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| DSC_0612     | Room 2 interior  | S           | 47  |

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| DSC_0616    | D15   | W       | 59 |
| DSC_0617-18 | E wall Room 2                                       | SE      | 59 |
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| DSC_0624    | Room 2 interior                                     | N       | 53 |
| DSC_0625    | E wall Room 2                                       | E       | 52 |
| DSC_0626    | E wall Room 2                                       | E       | 51 |
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| DSC_0628    | E wall Room 2                                       | E       | 49 |
| DSC_0629    | E wall Room 2                                       | E       | 48 |
| DSC_0630    | Room 2 interior                                     | S       | 59 |
| DSC_0631    | Room 10 towards Room 1 Door D4                      | E       | 53 |
| DSC_0632    | D6 interior   | S       | 52 |
| DSC_0633    | D6 interior   | S       | 53 |
| DSC_0634    | D19 modern door                                     | W       | 60 |
| DSC_0635    | Room 5  | NNW     | 61 |
| DSC_0636    | Room 5  | W       | 61 |
| DSC_0637    | Door D19  | E       | 61 |
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| DSC_0640    | Door D15  | E       | 64 |
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| DSC_0646    | Room 5  | SSE     | 66 |
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| DSC_0649-50 | Room 3 E wall (forming W wall Room 5) N end         | E       | 69 |
| DSC_0651    | Room 3 E wall (forming W wall Room 5)               | E       | 70 |
| DSC_0652-3  | Room 3 E wall (forming W wall Room 5)               | E       | 71 |
| DSC_0654    | D20 modern door                                     | SW      | 72 |
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| DSC_0657-8  | Room 3 E wall                                       | NE      | 73 |
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| DSC_0663-4  | Room 3 E wall D21 showing cobbled floor             | NE      | 74 |
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| DSC_0666    | Room 6 W gable (with electricity sub station (left) | E       | 77 |

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| DSC_0667     | Room 3 from NW   | SE       | 78  |
| DSC_0668-9   | Room 3 N gable   | SE       | 79  |
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| DSC_0672-3   | Room 3 W wall N end  | ENE      | 81  |
| DSC_0674     | Room 3 W wall blocked aperture?                              | E        | 82  |
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| DSC_0678     | Modern door D22 W wall Room 3                                | NE       | 84  |
| DSC_0679     | Room 3 W wall  | E        | 84  |
| DSC_0680     | W gable room 11  | E        | 85  |
| DSC_0681     | W gable room 11, W wall Room 8 (right)                       | SE       | 85  |
| DSC_0682-4   | W gable room 11  | E        | 85  |
| DSC_0685     | Window W9  | E        | 86  |
| DSC_0686     | Room 8 (right), Room 11, Room 3 (left)                       | NE       | 88  |
| DSC_0687     | W wall Room 8  | E        | 87  |
| DSC_0688-9   | Room 8 (right), Room 11, Room 3 (left)                       | NE       | 88  |
| DSC_0690-1   | S gable room 8   | N        | 89  |
| DSC_0692-3   | S gable room 8   | N        | 90  |
| DSC_0694     | S gable room 8 (left) Room 11 (right) showing overgrown area | N        | 91  |
| DSC_0695     | S gable room 8 (left) Room 11 (right) showing overgrown area | NW       | 92  |
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| DSC_0697-700 | Room 10 S wall   | N/NNE/NE | 93  |
| DSC_0701     | Room 8 E wall with W11 (left) D24 (centre) D23 (right)       | W        | 94  |
| DSC_0702-3   | Room 8 E wall with D24 (left) S wall Room 11 D23 (right)     | NW       | 94  |
| DSC_0704     | S wall Room 11 D23 (left) W10 (right)                        | NNW      | 94  |
| DSC_0705-8   | S wall Room 11 W10   | N        | 94  |
| DSC_0709-10  | Room 10 S wall with undergrowth                              | NE       | 94  |
| DSC_0711-2   | E gable Room 11 D8   | W        | 96  |
| DSC_0713-20  | Room 11 interior through D24                                 | W        | 97  |
| DSC_0721     | Room 2 south gable D6  | N        | 98  |
| DSC_0722     | Room 2 south gable D6 (right) E gable Room 11 (left)         | NNW      | 98  |
| DSC_0723-4   | E gable Room 11 (right) E wall Room 8 (left)                 | WSW      | 98  |
| DSC_0725     | SW corner Room 2   | N        | 99  |
| DSC_0726-29  | D6   | N        | 100 |
| DSC_0730-1   | S gable Room 2 with D6                                       | N        | 98  |
| IMG_9826     | Steadings from NW  | SE       | 1   |
| IMG_9827     | Steadings from NE  | SW       | 19  |
| IMG_9828     | Steadings from NE  | SW       | 19  |
| IMG_9830     | Steadings from NE  | SW       | 19  |
| IMG_9843     | Room 4 from D5   | N        | 35  |
| IMG_9844     | Room 4   | N        | 36  |



