

Birch Lea, Tullich, Ballater, AB35 5SB

Report on Archaeological Watching Brief



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SUMMARY

The archaeological watching brief was carried out on 26 August 2015. Two areas were stripped of topsoil for new services and a turning area. The topsoil was shallow with numerous roots from the trees on the steep bank on the N and E sides of the new house.

No archaeological finds or features were identified and it is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during the current development.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The site (Illus 1) is located on the N edge of Tullich. It is centred on NGR NO3886 9771, at c 215m OD (Illus 1) and in the parish of Glenmuick, Tullich and Glengairn.
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by Alex Innes. A planning application 2014/0031 has been approved for demolition of existing dwellinghouse and outbuildings and the erection of replacement dwellinghouse and workshop/store and installation of air source heat pump and there is a requirement for a watching brief (Herbert 2015).
- 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.



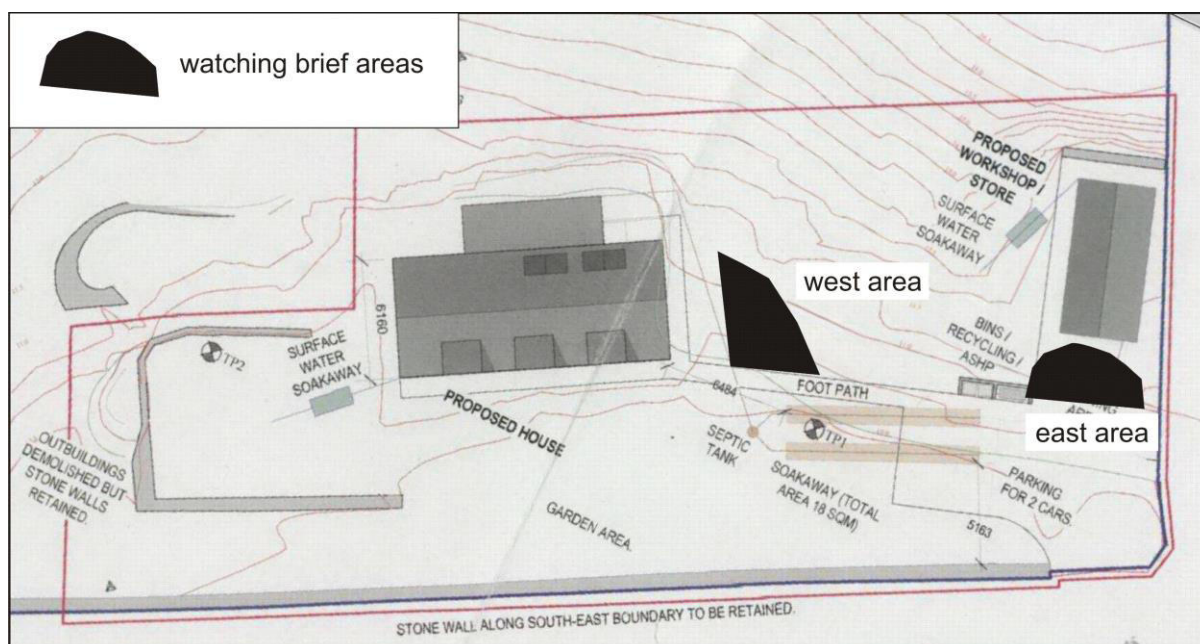
Illus 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2015)

2 BACKGROUND

The proposed development lies within the archaeological site NO39NE0024 the remains of the late medieval village of Tullich. A short distance to the N a longhouse has been recorded (NO39NE0112) with other buildings having been recorded to the E (Herbert 2015).

3 THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

The archaeological watching brief was carried out on 26 August 2015. Two areas were stripped of topsoil for new services (west area) and a turning area (east area) (Illus 2). The topsoil was shallow with numerous roots from the trees which had been on the steep bank on the N and E sides of the new house. No archaeological features or finds were identified.



Illus 2 Plan showing watching brief areas

4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

No archaeological finds or features were identified and it is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during the current development.

5 REFERENCES

Herbert, C 2015 Scope and Framework for an archaeological watching brief at Birch Lea, Tullich

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0084-97 West watching brief area for new services
0098-101 East watching brief area for car turning area



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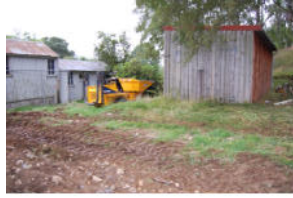
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