

**Land at Chapelpark, Oldmeldrum, AB51 0PQ  
Report on Archaeological evaluation**



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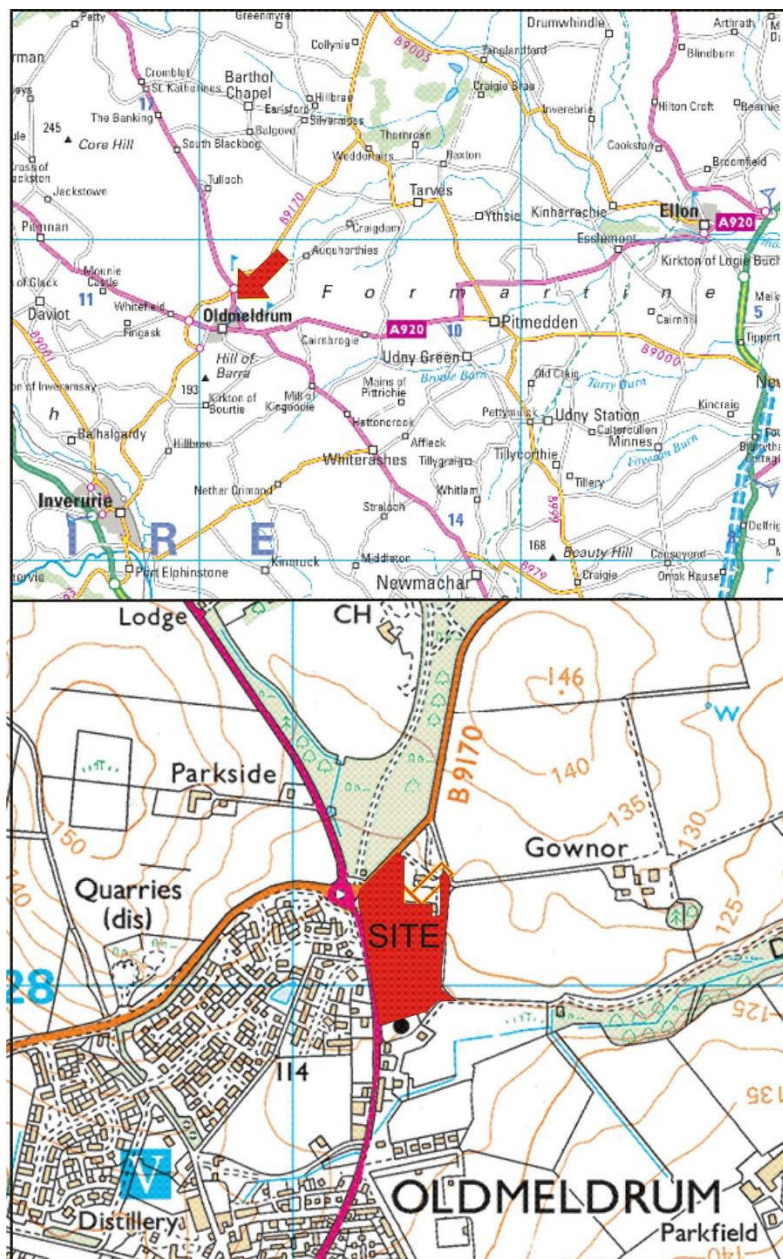
## SUMMARY

The archaeological evaluation was carried out on 11-12 September 2015 and eight trenches were excavated. The field has been pasture for many years but has been intensively cultivated in the past. No significant archaeological remains were uncovered and 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 N side of Oldmeldrum, on the E side of the A947, the SE side of the B9170 south of Chapel Park House. The area is an agricultural field. It is centred on NGR NJ 81187 28096, at 120-130m OD (Illus 1) and in the parish of Meldrum.
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by David Dalton, William Lippe Architects on behalf of Mr and Mrs Paterson. A planning application enquiry ENQ/2015/0299 for Residential Development, Transport Interchange and Road Widening (B9170) would require a 5-7% archaeological evaluation.
- 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 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 There are no Scheduled Ancient Monuments within 1km of the proposed development and no known archaeological sites within the boundary.
- 2.2 There are 92 sites of archaeological and historic significance within 1km of the proposed development. Immediately north of the B9170 is Meldrum House (NJ82NW 13; now a hotel) a 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century baronial mansion (Shepherd 2006, 176-77). There is rig and furrow in the south area of Meldrum House grounds (NJ82NW 131, 133) and the house's South Lodge (NJ82NW 13.5).
- 2.3 Immediately south of the proposed development site is St Matthew's Episcopal Church (NJ82NW 61) built 1863 and still in use (Shepherd 2006, 178).
- 2.4 The proposed development site has been fields since the First Edition OS maps (Illus 3-5). Earlier maps reveal no further information about this site and no features can be detected on readily accessible aerial photographs (Illus 6).

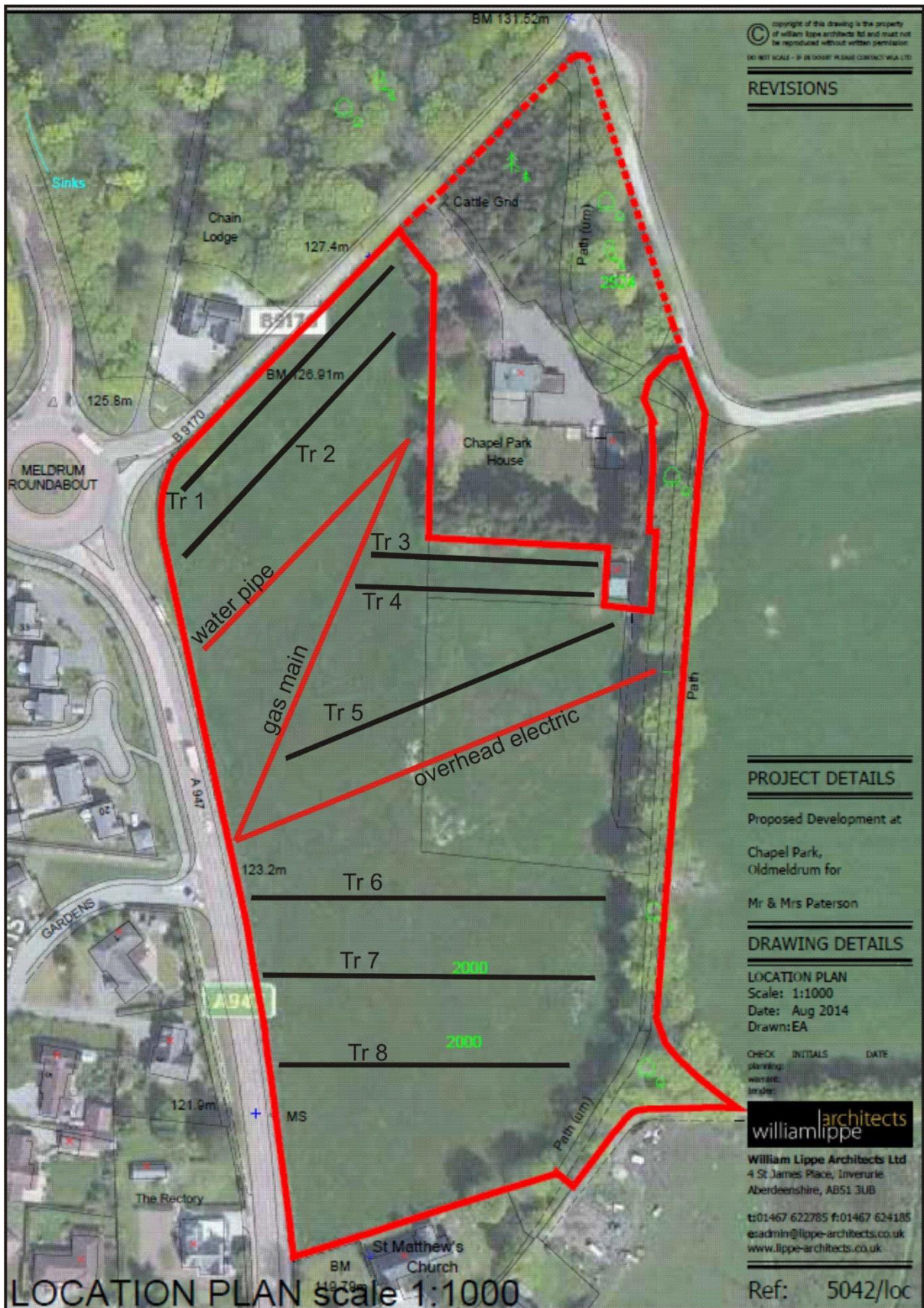
## **3 THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION**

The archaeological evaluation was carried out on 11-12 September 2015 and eight trenches were excavated totalling 5% of the 3.2 hectare site (Illus 2) with a 22 ton tracked machine with 2.2m ditching bucket.

The topsoil was 0.2m at the E of the site up to 0.5m at the W and the subsoil was sand and gravels on the E side and clays on the W. The field slopes down to the W and has been pasture for many years. At the W of the site deep plough scores were recorded on the natural subsoil and two rigs in Trench 5 ran WNW-ESE and two in Trench 4 ran NE-SW.

There was a concrete foundation at the E end of Trench 4 where there were numerous brick, tile and concrete fragments in the topsoil. No finds were recovered at the W end of the field.





Illus 2 Plan showing trenches excavated (copyright William Lippe Architects)

## **4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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## **5 REFERENCES**

**Shepherd, I A G.** (2006) *Aberdeenshire, Donside and Strathbogie: an illustrated architectural guide*, in Charles McKean. Edinburgh.

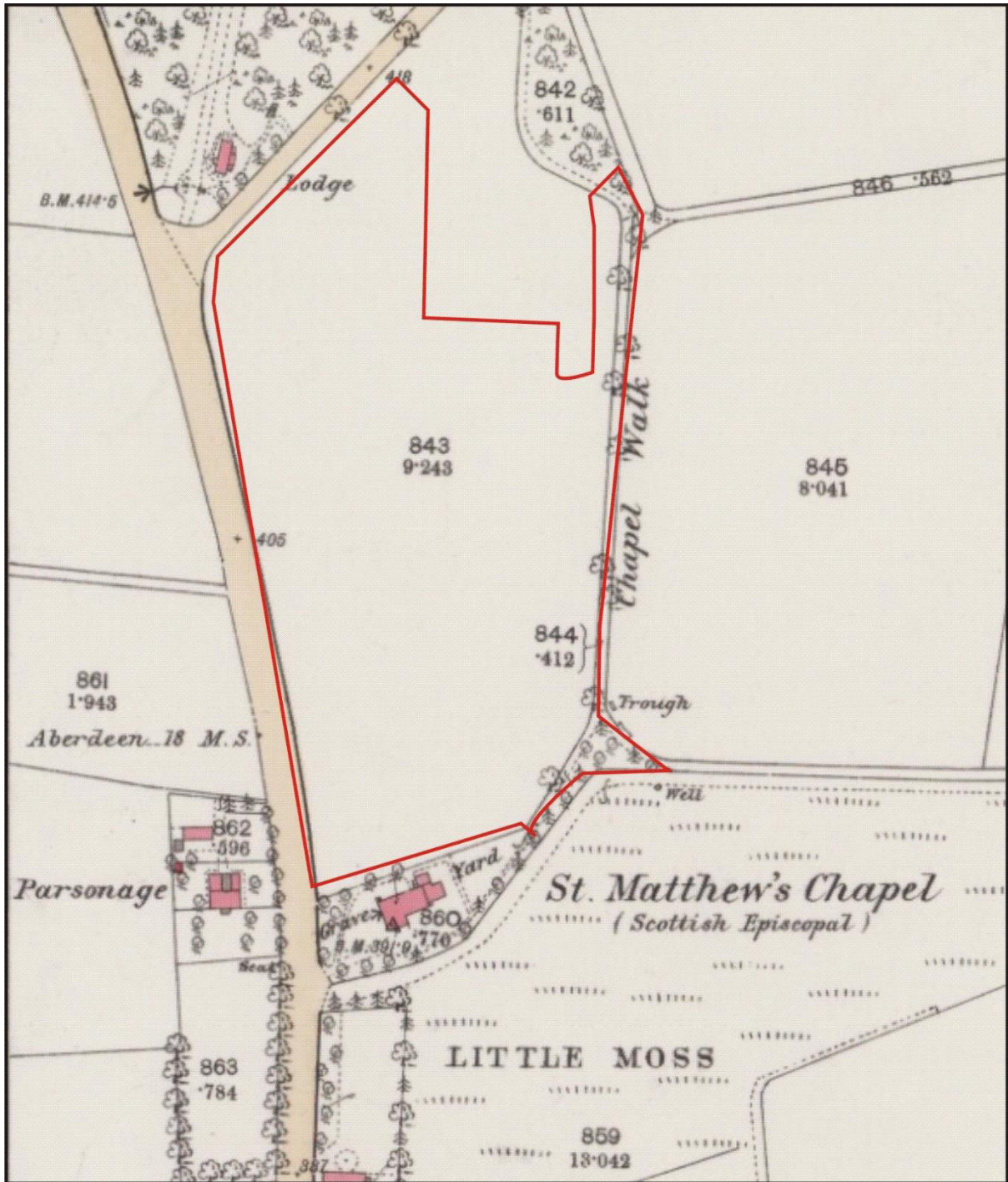
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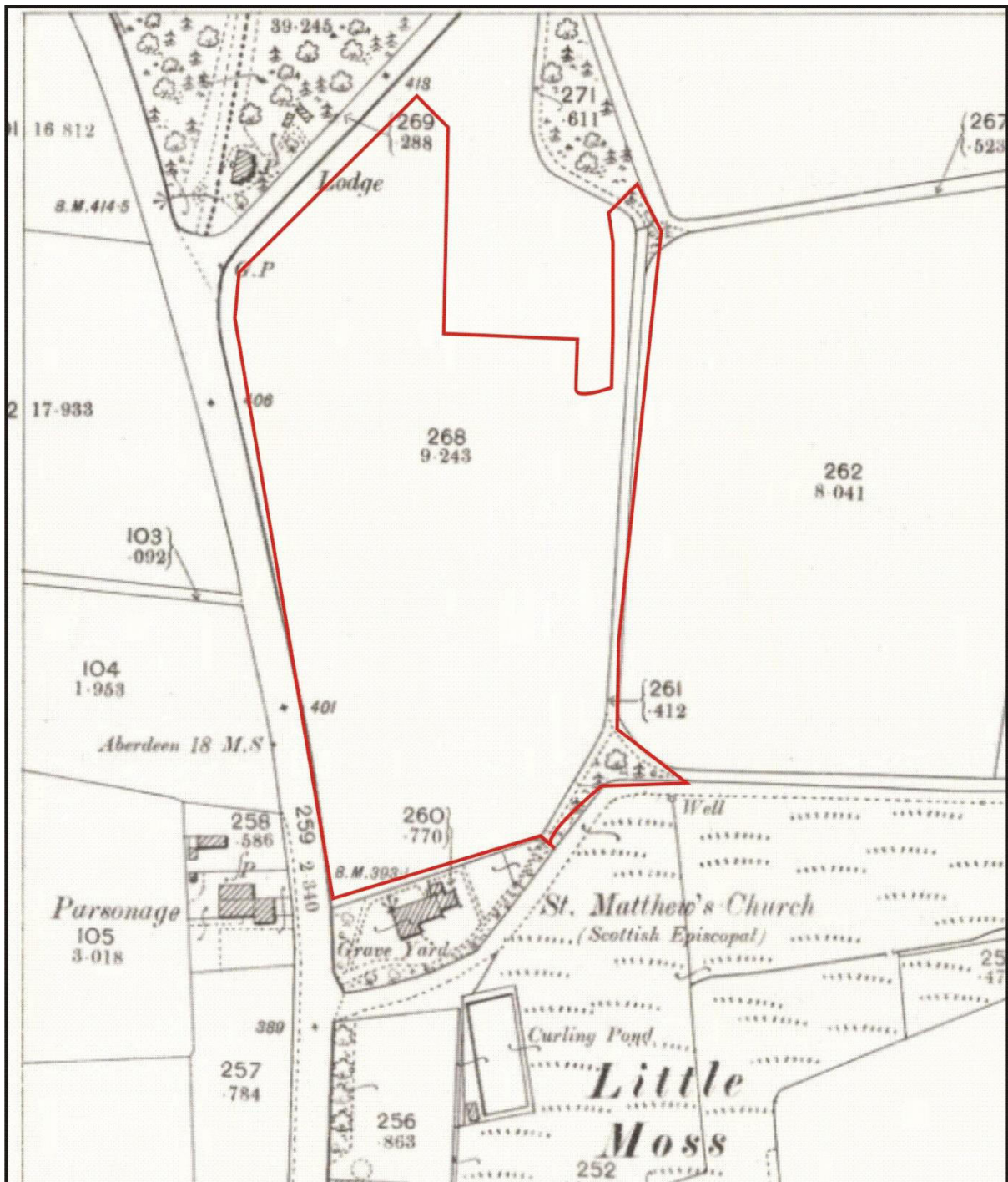


# APPENDIX 1 MAPS



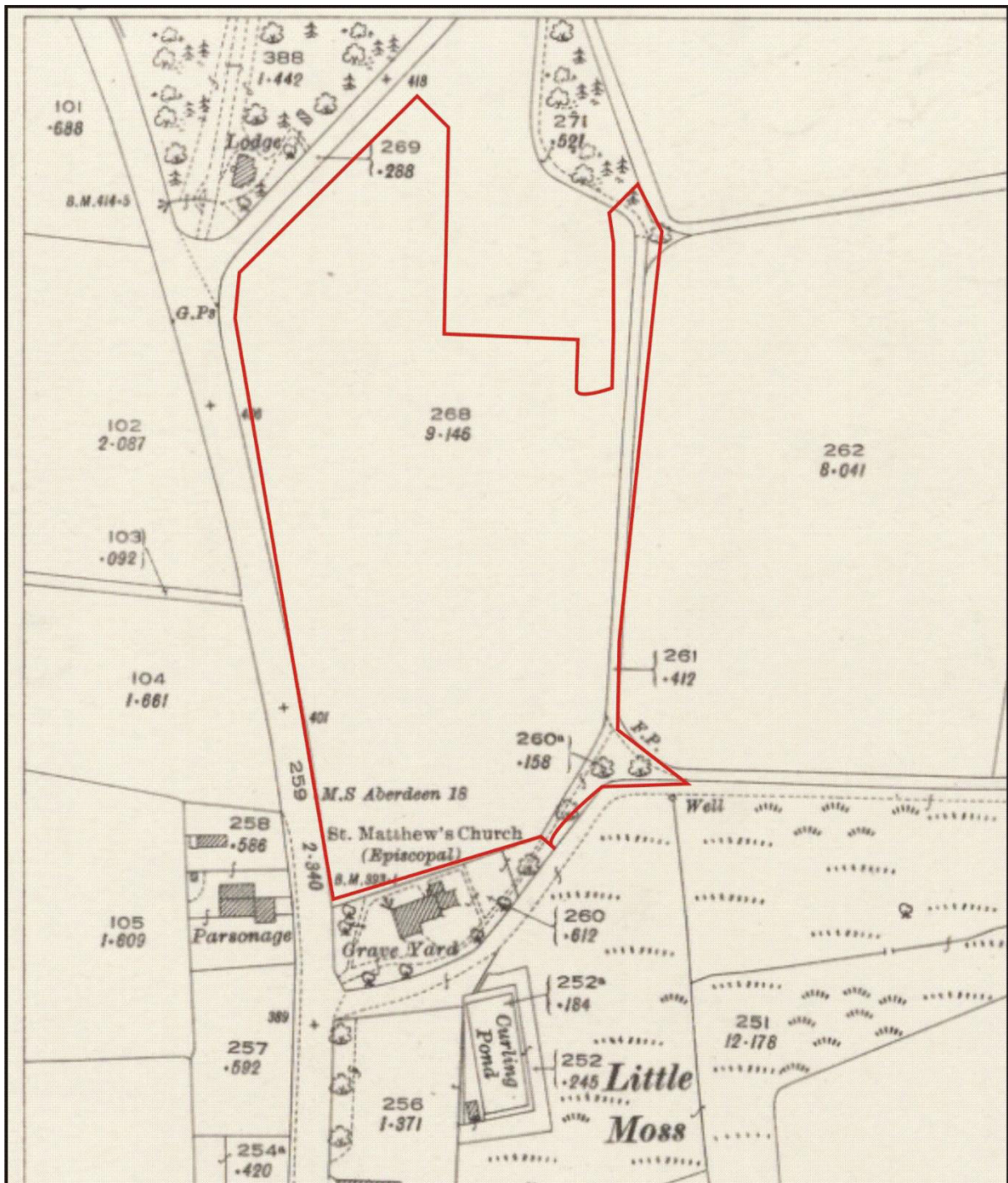
Illus 3 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Ordnance map. Aberdeen Sheet XLVI.6 (Combined)  
Survey date: 1867 Publication date: 1870 (copyright National Library of Scotland)





Illus 4 Second Edition OS map Aberdeenshire 046.06 (includes: Meldrum)  
 Publication date: 1900 Revised: 1899 (copyright National Library of Scotland)





Illus 5 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey map. Aberdeenshire 046.06 (includes: Meldrum)  
 Publication date: 1926 Revised: 1924 Levelled: 1899 (copyright National Library of Scotland)





Illus 6 1988 aerial photograph of the proposed development area, UNI: NCAP-000-000-146-557 (copyright NCAP)



## APPENDIX 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES WITHIN 1KM OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

| Dataset | Dataset UID | Name  | Classification   |
|---------|-------------|---|--|
| HERABER | NJ82NW0012  | MELDRUM HOUSE STABLES   | Regionally Significant   |
| HERABER | NJ72NE0004  | BATTLE OF BARRA   | Regionally Significant   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0042  | OLD BREWERY, URQUHART ROAD  | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0044  | GLENGARIOCH DISTILLERY  | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0045  | MORRIS'S HOTEL,OLDMELDRUM   | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0047  | OLDMELDRUM  | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0054  | MELDRUM HOUSE   | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0056  | PARISH CHURCH, OLDMELDRUM   | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0076  | COUTENS   | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0074  | ST MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHUR...  | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0075  | OLDMELDRUM  | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0090  | MELDRUM HOUSE   | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0105  | GLENGARIOCH, OLDMELDRUM   | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0040  | OLDMELDRUM SQUARE   | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0061  | MELDRUM HOUSE   | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0082  | OLDMELDRUM WAR MEMORIAL   | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0081  | WESTLEA   | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0069  | GAS STREET, OLDMELDRUM  | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0113  | OLDMELDRUM  | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0112  | 4 KING STREET, OLDMELDRUM   | Standard   |
| HERABER | NJ82NW0110  | GOWNER  | Standard   |
| RCAHMS  | 19675       | OLDMELDRUM, GAS STREET,<br>GASWORKS                                   | GAS WORKS. ALTNAME =<br>OLD MELDRUM  |
| RCAHMS  | 19638       | MELDRUM HOUSE   | HOTEL. ALTNAME =<br>MELDRUM HOUSE HOTEL  |
| RCAHMS  | 19639       | MELDRUM HOUSE, STABLES AND<br>DOVECOT                                 | COACH HOUSE, DOVECOT,<br>GATE(S), STABLE(S).<br>ALTNAME = MELDRUM<br>HOUSE, OUTER GATES AND<br>STABLE AND COACH-HOUSE<br>BLOCK, MELDRUM HOUSE<br>HOTEL |
| RCAHMS  | 19671       | OLDMELDRUM, TOWN SQUARE   | WATER PIPE. ALTNAME =<br>OLD MELDRUM   |
| RCAHMS  | 19647       | NEWBARNES   | AXEHEAD (FLINT)  |
| RCAHMS  | 76864       | OLDMELDRUM, MARKET SQUARE,<br>TOWN HALL                               | TOLBOOTH, TOWN HALL.<br>ALTNAME = OLDMELDRUM<br>TOLBOOTH, OLD MELDRUM  |
| RCAHMS  | 87549       | OLD MELDRUM, DISTILLERY ROAD,<br>GLENGARIOCH DISTILLERY               | DISTILLERY. ALTNAME =<br>OLD MELDRUM DISTILLERY,<br>KING STREET  |
| RCAHMS  | 112857      | OLD MELDRUM, KIRK BRAE,<br>MELDRUM PARISH CHURCH AND<br>BURIAL-GROUND | BURIAL GROUND, CHURCH.<br>ALTNAME = KIRKHILL, OLD<br>MELDRUM   |

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| RCAHMS | 112858 | OLDMELDRUM, ST MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH      | BURIAL GROUND, CHURCH. ALTNAME = NEWBARNES, OLD MELDRUM |
| RCAHMS | 112859 | OLDMELDRUM, EPISCOPAL RECTORY                  | RECTORY. ALTNAME = NEWBARNES, OLD MELDRUM               |
| RCAHMS | 274351 | OLDMELDRUM, URQUHART ROAD, FREE CHURCH         | CHURCH. ALTNAME = OLD MELDRUM                           |
| RCAHMS | 144320 | MELDRUM HOUSE, WEST LODGE                      | LODGE. ALTNAME = MELDRUM HOUSE HOTEL                    |
| RCAHMS | 144321 | MELDRUM HOUSE, SOUTH LODGE                     | LODGE. ALTNAME = MELDRUM HOUSE HOTEL                    |
| RCAHMS | 144331 | OLD MELDRUM, URQUHART ROAD, BREWERY            | BREWERY. ALTNAME = OLDMELDRUM, BREWERY                  |
| RCAHMS | 144264 | GOWNOR   | BUILDING(S)   |
| RCAHMS | 144265 | GOWNOR   | FARMHOUSE, FARMSTEAD                                    |
| RCAHMS | 144269 | KATHRUN COTTAGE, QUARRIES                      | QUARRY(S)   |
| RCAHMS | 169111 | MELDRUM HOUSE POLICIES                         | RIG AND FURROW  |
| RCAHMS | 169112 | MELDRUM HOUSE POLICIES                         | RIG AND FURROW  |
| RCAHMS | 169113 | MELDRUM HOUSE POLICIES                         | RIG AND FURROW  |
| RCAHMS | 169114 | MELDRUM HOUSE POLICIES                         | RIG AND FURROW  |
| RCAHMS | 174592 | OLDMELDRUM, ALBERT TERRACE, CORLIC             | HOUSE (20TH CENTURY)                                    |
| RCAHMS | 174594 | OLDMELDRUM, BAKER STREET, PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | BUILDING (POSSIBLE)                                     |
| RCAHMS | 185559 | OLDMELDRUM, ALBERT TERRACE, HOUSING            | HOUSING ESTATE. ALTNAME = URQUHART ROAD, PARK CRESCENT  |
| RCAHMS | 191823 | PARKFIELD                                      | FARMHOUSE, FARMSTEAD                                    |
| RCAHMS | 191825 | PARKFIELD, FAIRWAY COTTAGE                     | COTTAGE   |
| RCAHMS | 191827 | PARKSIDE                                       | FARMHOUSE, FARMSTEAD                                    |
| RCAHMS | 188903 | OLD MELDRUM, KIRKHILL DRIVE, KIRKHILL HOUSE    | HOUSE (19TH CENTURY)                                    |
| RCAHMS | 191797 | KATHRUN COTTAGE                                | COTTAGE   |
| RCAHMS | 191666 | OLDMELDRUM, 8 BAKER STREET                     | HOUSE   |
| RCAHMS | 191669 | OLDMELDRUM, 1 JAMES STREET                     | TERM PENDING  |
| RCAHMS | 191671 | OLDMELDRUM, 18 KING STREET, MATLOCK            | HOUSE (18TH CENTURY)                                    |
| RCAHMS | 191673 | OLDMELDRUM, KIRK STREET, GENERAL               | GENERAL VIEW  |
| RCAHMS | 191674 | OLDMELDRUM, 27 KIRK STREET                     | TERM PENDING  |
| RCAHMS | 191675 | OLDMELDRUM, 1 MAJOR LANE                       | HOUSE (18TH CENTURY)                                    |
| RCAHMS | 191677 | OLDMELDRUM, ALBERT ROAD, THE BEECHES           | MANSE. ALTNAME = PARISH MANSE                           |
| RCAHMS | 191678 | OLDMELDRUM, SOUTH ROAD, MELDRUM ARMS HOTEL     | HOTEL. ALTNAME = MARKET SQUARE                          |



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| RCAHMS | 191681 | OLD MELDRUM, URQUHART ROAD, INN               | INN, SHOP. ALTNAME = H PAULINE AND FRASER'S GARAGE PROPERTY, 6 MAJOR LANE             |
| RCAHMS | 191682 | OLDMELDRUM, WAR MEMORIAL                      | WAR MEMORIAL (20TH CENTURY)   |
| RCAHMS | 191683 | OLDMELDRUM, 4 SOUTH ROAD, FINTRY              | HOUSE (19TH CENTURY). ALTNAME = KIRK STREET, WILSON                                   |
| RCAHMS | 191661 | OLD MELDRUM, 9 DISTILLERY ROAD                | HOUSE   |
| RCAHMS | 191663 | OLDMELDRUM, 14 MARKET SQUARE, CLYDESDALE BANK | BANK (FINANCIAL). ALTNAME = CLYDESDALE AND NORTH BANK                                 |
| RCAHMS | 191664 | OLDMELDRUM, 3 BAKER STREET, FERNLEA           | HOUSE (19TH CENTURY)  |
| RCAHMS | 230449 | OLDMELDRUM, 8 KIRK STREET                     | BAKERY (19TH CENTURY)   |
| RCAHMS | 230451 | OLDMELDRUM, 11 KIRK STREET                    | HOUSE (19TH CENTURY)  |
| RCAHMS | 230452 | OLDMELDRUM, 13 KIRK STREET                    | HOUSE (19TH CENTURY)  |
| RCAHMS | 230453 | OLDMELDRUM, 15 KIRK STREET                    | HOUSE (19TH CENTURY)  |
| RCAHMS | 230328 | OLD MELDRUM, 16 JAMES STREET, BROOMBANK       | HOUSE (18TH CENTURY)  |
| RCAHMS | 230182 | OLD MELDRUM, 1 KING STREET                    | HOUSE (18TH CENTURY)  |
| RCAHMS | 230238 | OLD MELDRUM, 5 KING STREET                    | COTTAGE (19TH CENTURY), SHELTERED HOUSING (20TH CENTURY). ALTNAME = 1, 2 SMIDDY COURT |
| RCAHMS | 230279 | OLD MELDRUM, 4 MARKET SQUARE                  | MANSE. ALTNAME = FREE CHURCH MANSE  |
| RCAHMS | 230286 | OLD MELDRUM, 3 MARKET SQUARE, MELDRUM MOTORS  | GARAGE  |
| RCAHMS | 230304 | OLD MELDRUM, 3 SOUTH ROAD                     | HOUSE (18TH CENTURY). ALTNAME = 4 KIRK STREET   |
| RCAHMS | 230165 | OLD MELDRUM, 10 KIRK STREET                   | HOUSE (18TH CENTURY)  |
| RCAHMS | 233784 | OLD MELDRUM, MARKET SQUARE, J. S. MILNE       | HOUSE (18TH CENTURY), SHOP (19TH CENTURY). ALTNAME = COMMERCIAL ROAD                  |
| RCAHMS | 233760 | OLD MELDRUM, 7 KIRK STREET                    | HOUSE (18TH CENTURY). ALTNAME = SOUTH ROAD, THE LILACS, MANDERLEA                     |
| RCAHMS | 233766 | OLD MELDRUM, 5 KIRK STREET                    | HOUSE (18TH CENTURY). ALTNAME = NORTH SIDE  |
| RCAHMS | 233767 | OLD MELDRUM, 3 KIRK STREET                    | HOUSE (19TH CENTURY). ALTNAME = DAVIDSON  |
| RCAHMS | 233769 | OLD MELDRUM, 8 KING STREET                    | COTTAGE (19TH CENTURY)  |
| RCAHMS | 243523 | MELDRUM HOUSE, NORTH GARDEN HOUSE             | GARDEN HOUSE. ALTNAME = MELDRUM HOUSE HOTEL   |

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| RCAHMS | 252799 | MELDRUM HOUSE, SOUTH GARDEN HOUSE           | GARDEN HOUSE. ALTNAME = MELDRUM HOUSE HOTEL  |
| RCAHMS | 252810 | MELDRUM HOUSE, SOUTH GATEWAY                | GATE(S), GATE PIER(S). ALTNAME = MELDRUM HOUSE HOTEL                                       |
| RCAHMS | 257093 | OLD MELDRUM, 9 KIRK STREET                  | TERM PENDING   |
| RCAHMS | 266091 | OLD MELDRUM, URQUHART ROAD, INN, NORTH PART | HOUSE(S), INN. ALTNAME = H PAULINE AND FRASER'S GARAGE PROPERTY, 7 MAJOR LANE              |
| RCAHMS | 266092 | OLD MELDRUM, URQUHART ROAD, INN, NE WING    | GARAGE, STABLE(S). ALTNAME = 7 MAJOR LANE, STABLES, H PAULINE AND FRASER'S GARAGE PROPERTY |
| RCAHMS | 274352 | OLDMELDRUM, 18 MARKET SQUARE                | HOUSE (18TH CENTURY), SHOP (18TH CENTURY). ALTNAME = OLD MELDRUM                           |
| RCAHMS | 275114 | OLDMELDRUM, GENERAL                         | TOWN   |
| RCAHMS | 281399 | OLDMELDRUM, GLENGARIOCH                     | RING DITCH(S), SETTLEMENT  |
| RCAHMS | 316691 | OLDMELDRUM, 30-30A KING STREET              | HOUSE(S)   |
| RCAHMS | 331393 | OLDMELDRUM, 4 KING STREET, DRILL HALL       | DRILL HALL (FIRST WORLD WAR)   |

### APPENDIX 3 PHOTOGRAPHS

| Photo no   | Description      | Facing |
|------------|------------------|--------|
| DSC0667-8  | Trenches 1 and 2 | W/N    |
| DSC0669-70 | Trench 1         | SW     |
| DSC0671    | Trench 1 and 2   | SSW    |
| DSC0672-3  | Trench 2         | SW     |
| DSC0674-5  | Trench 3         | W      |
| DSC0676-7  | Trench 4         | W      |
| DSC0678    | Trench 5         | SW     |
| DSC0679-80 | Trench 6         | E      |
| DSC0681    | Trenches 7 and 8 | S      |
| DSC0682    | Trench 6         | W      |
| DSC0683    | Trenches 1-5     | N      |
| DSC0684-5  | Trench 7         | E      |
| DSC0686-7  | Trench 8         | E      |
| DSC0689    | Trenches 1-7     | NNE    |
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