# Inchgarth House Steading and Lodge, AB15 9NX Report on Level 1 Standing Building Survey





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# **SUMMARY**

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 12 May 2017. The Steading and Lodge have been substantially modernized in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the older parts of the building were recorded. 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 east side of Inchgarth House on the S side of Inchgarth Road. It is centred on NGR NJ 90584 03057, at 25-30m OD (Illus 1) and in the parish of Peterculter.
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by Aaron Macaskill, Kirkwood Homes. An application is to be submitted to Aberdeen City Council.
- 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 Scotland's Policy Statement (HESPS), which state that archaeological remains should be regarded as part of the environment to be protected and managed.



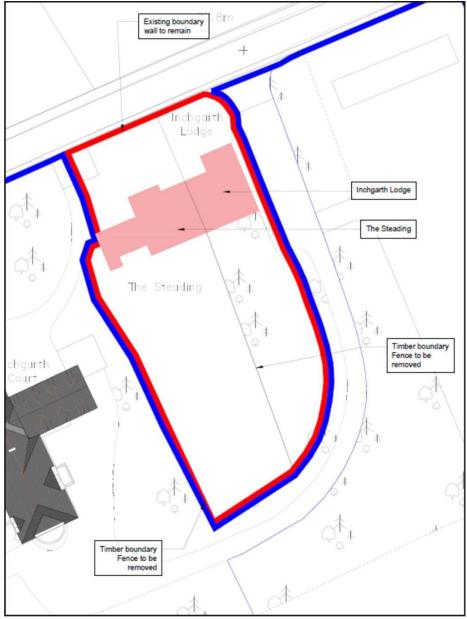
Illus 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2017)

#### 2 BACKGROUND

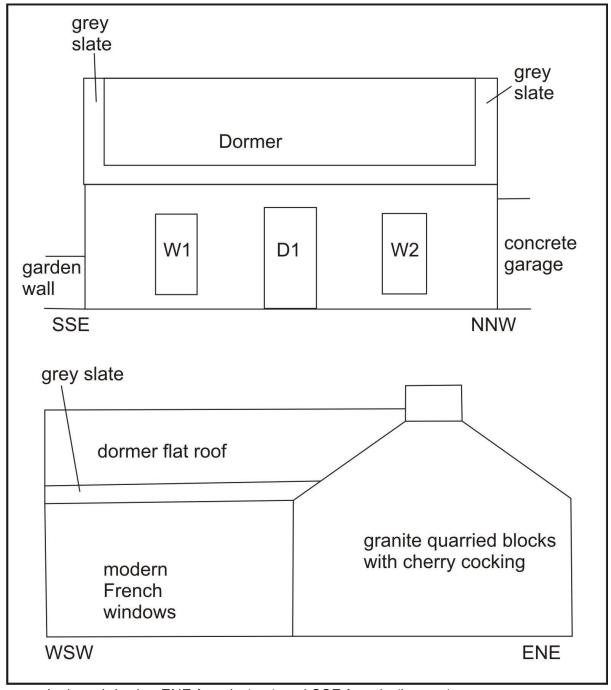
Inchgarth House (Illus 1) appears on the First Edition OS map (Illus 2) as an L-plan house with bay window on SSE and extensions to the east. The house was redesigned by A Marshall Mackenzie in 1897 (Brogden 1986, 138). A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out of Inchgarth House in 2015 prior to modernisation (Cameron 2015, 10). Canmore records these buildings as 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>-century greenhouses (HES NJ90SW 286) but there is now no sign of any glasshouses.

# 3 THE LEVEL 1 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

A level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 12 May 2017. The weather was bright. Inchgarth Lodge is unoccupied and full access was possible. Inchgarth Steading was occupied but full access was allowed by the current owner. There are no old internal fittings except a possible fireplace (Illus 7) in the ground floor room on the SSE wall, although this is probably heavily rebuilt during renovations in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Elevations were drawn of the Lodge ENE and SSE facade (Illus 3).



Illus 2 Plan of Inchgarth Lodge and Inchgarth Steading (copyright Kirkwood Homes)



Illus 3 Inchgarth Lodge ENE façade (top) and SSE façade (bottom)

Inchgarth Lodge is 10m NNW-SSE and has a door (D1) and windows (W1 and W2) on the ENE façade (see cover). These probably date to the late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The NNW and SSE gables are visible (Illus 4-6) but the ground and first floor have been heavily restored with dormer windows added to the first floor on the NNW, ENE and SSE facades and an extension on the ground floor NNW wall. French windows have been added onto the SSE façade (Illus 6).

Inchgarth Steading has been modernized internally and there are no original fittings. Dormer windows have been added to the first floors (Illus 8) and the ground floor wall appears to have been rebuilt. Modern extensions have been added to the NNW and WSW facades. The modernization took place prior to the current owner who has been in the house since 1983 (Mrs McDonald pers comm).



Illus 4 Inchgarth Lodge showing granite structure; facing NW



Illus 5 NNW façade of Lodge showing granite gable within heavily modernized exterior



Illus 6 SSE façade of Lodge showing granite gable; facing NNW



Illus 7 Fireplace in ground floor room, probably heavily restored; facing SSE



Illus 8 Inchgarth Steading NNW façade showing fragment of granite walling with modernized first floor and extension; facing SSE



Illus 9 Wall with gatepost between Lodge and Inchgarth Road being retained; facing N

#### 4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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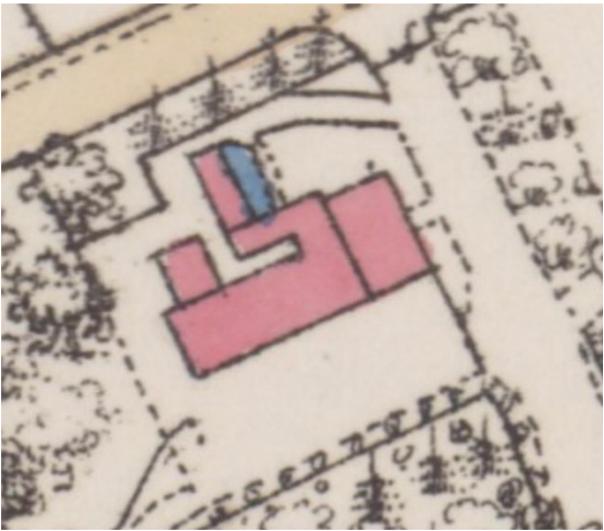
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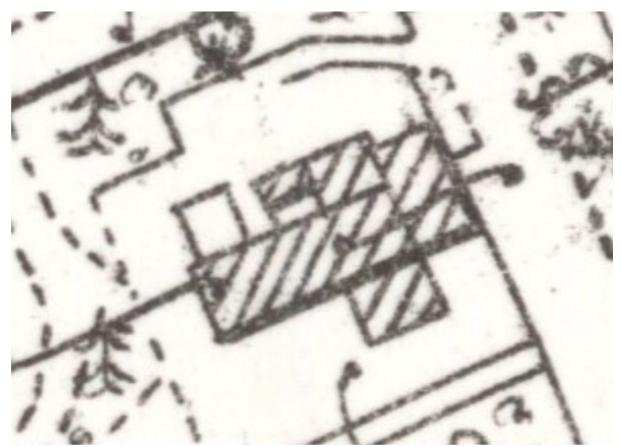
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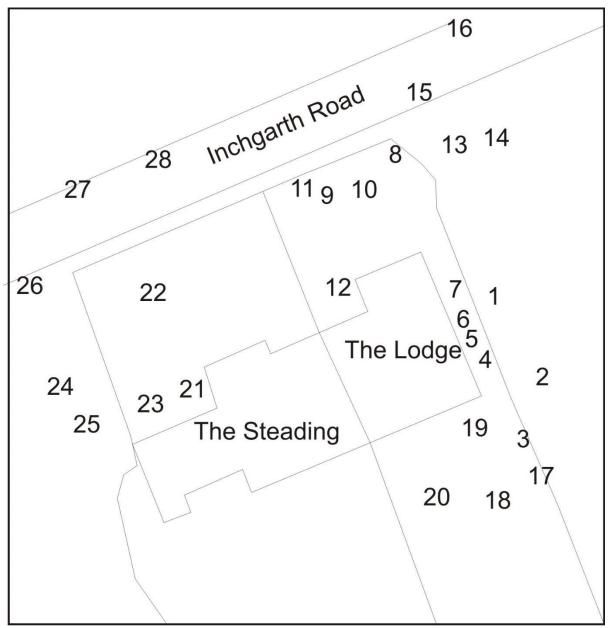


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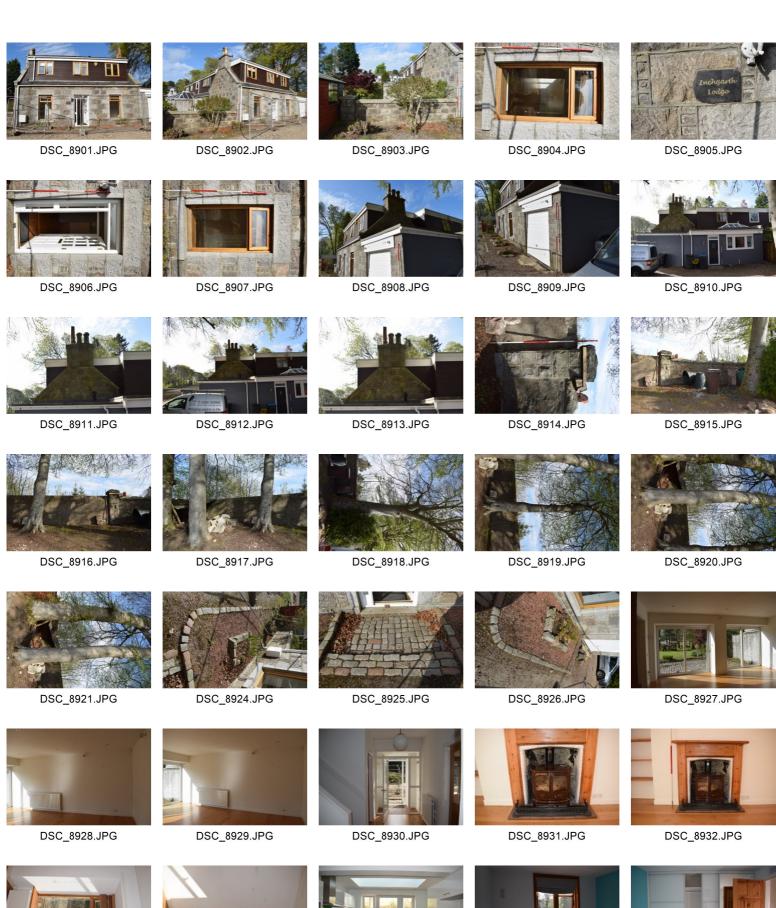
# **APPENDIX 2 PHOTOGRAPHS**



Illus 12 Camera points used in this survey

Photo no	Details	Facing	Camera point
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DSC_8901	Lodge ENE façade W1, D1, W2	WSW	1
DSC_8902	Lodge ENE façade W1, D1, W2 (right)	NW	2
DSC_8903	Garden wall	WSW	3
DSC_8904	W1	WSW	4
DSC_8905	Name plaque	WSW	5
DSC_8906	D1	WSW	6
DSC_8907	W2	WSW	7
DSC_8908-9	Lodge NE corner with modern concrete garage	SW	8
DSC_8910	Lodge NNW façade showing granite gable (left) with modern extensions	SSE	9

DSC_8911, 13	Lodge NNW façade showing granite gable (left) with modern extensions	SSE	10		
DSC_8912	Lodge NNW façade showing granite gable (left) with modern extensions	SSE	11		
DSC_8914	Gate post Inchgarth Road, being retained	NNW	12		
DSC_8915-21	Wall and gate post Inchgarth Road, being retained	N/NNE/NNW	12		
DSC_8924	Granite setts outside Lodge ENE façade	SSE	7		
DSC_8925	Granite setts outside Lodge D1	WSW	6		
DSC_8926	Granite setts outside Lodge ENE façade	NNW	4		
DSC_8927-47	Lodge interior vies showing modernisation throughout. Fireplace ground floor SSE wall may be original but heavily restored				
DSC_8928-54	Gatepost Inchgarth Rd being retained				
DSC_8955	Lodge from NE	S	14		
DSC_8956-7	Gatepost into Lodge garden	NW	17		
DSC_8958	Gatepost into Lodge garden	NE	18		
DSC_8959	Lodge SSE façade gable	NNW	19		
DSC_8960	Lodge SSE façade	NNW	20		
DSC_8961	Lodge (right) Steading (left)	NW	20		
DSC_8962-76	Steading interior, all modernised				
DSC_8977	Steading NNW façade door	SSE	21		
DSC_8978-9	Steading NNW façade	SE	22		
DSC_8980	Steading NNW façade	SSE	23		
DSC_8981-2	Garden and front wall onto Inchgarth Rd	NNW/N	21		
DSC_8983	Steading NNW façade	SE	26		
DSC_8984	Steading NNW façade	SSE	26		
DSC_8985	Modern garage	S	26		
DSC_8986-8	Inchgarth House and gardens	SW	26		
DSC_8989	Steading NNW façade gate pillars and modern garage	SSE	27		
DSC_8990	Inchgarth House and gardens	SW	27		
DSC_8991-3	Steading NNW façade	E/SE	26		
DSC_8994-6	Steading NNW façade and garden wall from inchgarth Rd	SSE/SE	27		
DSC_8997-9009	Lodge garden wall being retained and gateposts	SE/SE	28		
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DSC 9011-13	Lodge from SE	NW	29		



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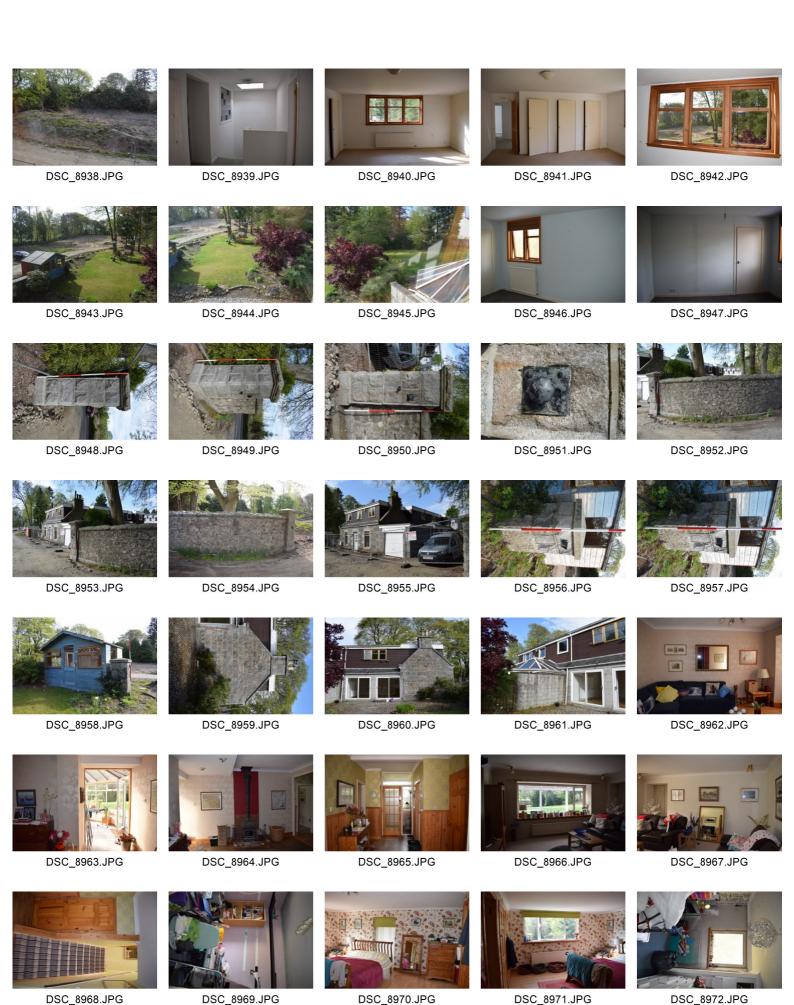
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