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1 INTRODUCTION

This report relates to an archaeological evaluation carried out at Jesmond Drive, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen (National Grid Reference NJ 925117). The work was commissioned by Scott Pettitt, Barratt East Scotland and relates to Aberdeen City Council planning application reference P100030. The site is situated on the east side of Jesmond Drive east of Jesmond Grange and consent was granted for 82 dwellings on 18th March 2010.

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

This greenfield site is 1.47 hectares and is open ground; there are no buildings on the site at present but some dumping of stone and soil has taken place at the west of the site. The fields were ploughed in 1946 (see aerial photograph; Ill 2). Two watching briefs were carried out in the vicinity of this site. Immediately to the west of the current development, on the north side of Jesmond Grange, a watching brief revealed remains of a 19th century stone wall (Murray 2006; NMRS NJ91SW 191). South of this to the south of Jesmond Grange, rig and furrow cultivation and land drains were probably the remains of 19th-century agricultural improvements (Murray 2007; NJ91SW 192). There are no known archaeological sites within the development area. A number of sites of historical interest are known outwith the area including the find spot of a prehistoric axehead (NJ91SW 16) and flint (NJ91SW 16), and a possible henge site identified from aerial photographs (NJ91SW 3). Several farmsteads and areas of rig and furrow cultivation marks are the remains of medieval or later farming.

3 THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION

A 7% archaeological evaluation was carried out at the site using a 7 ton excavator with a ditching bucket. Eight trenches were excavated across the length of the site (Ill 1).

A number of field drains consisting of cut trenches filled with stones and rubble were uncovered and are recorded in archive



Ill 1 Plan showing area of development (in red) and archaeological trenches.

4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

No archaeological features or finds were recorded at this site.

It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required at this site during the current development. The final decision on the archaeological requirements at this site remains with Judith Stones, Aberdeen City Council.

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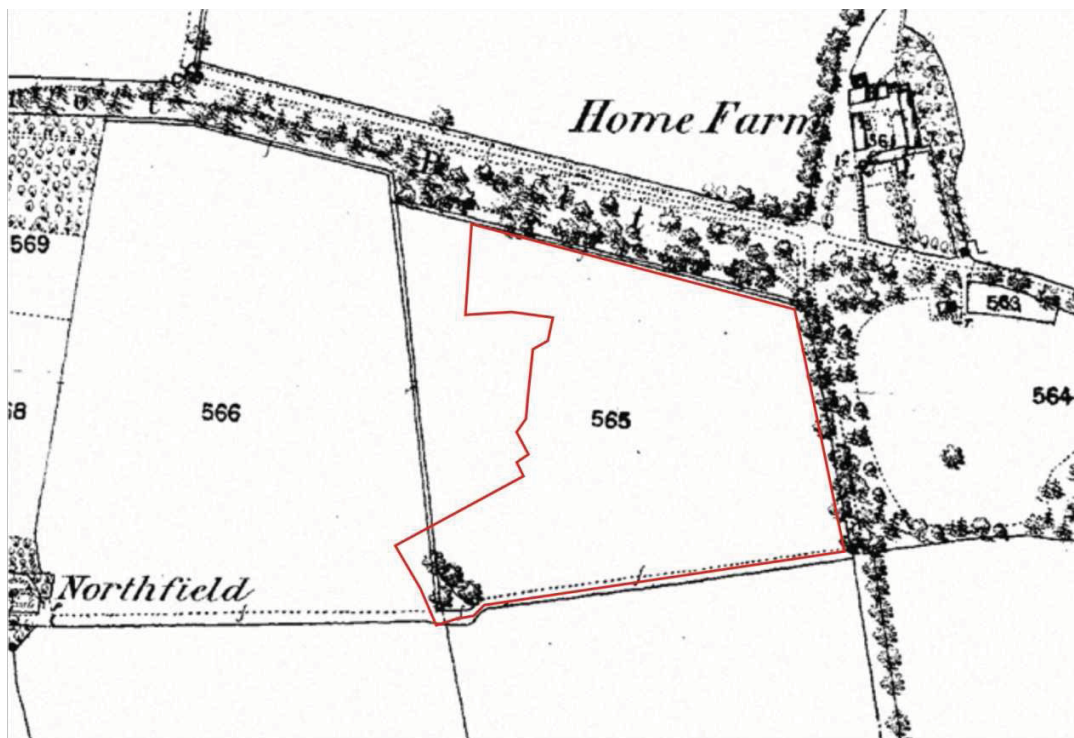
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III 2 1946 Aerial photograph showing site outline



III 3 1867 OS map showing site outline

APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS



General location (1)



General location (2)



General location (3)



General location (4)



General location (5)



General location (6)



General location (7)



General location (8)



General location (9)



Tr 1 (1)



Tr 1 (2)



Tr 1 (3)



Tr 1 (4)



Tr 1 (6)



Tr 1 (7)



Tr 1 (8)



Tr 1 (9)



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Tr 1 (11) F1 F2



Tr 1 (12)



Tr 1 (13)



Tr 1 (14)



Tr 1 (15)



Tr 1 (16)



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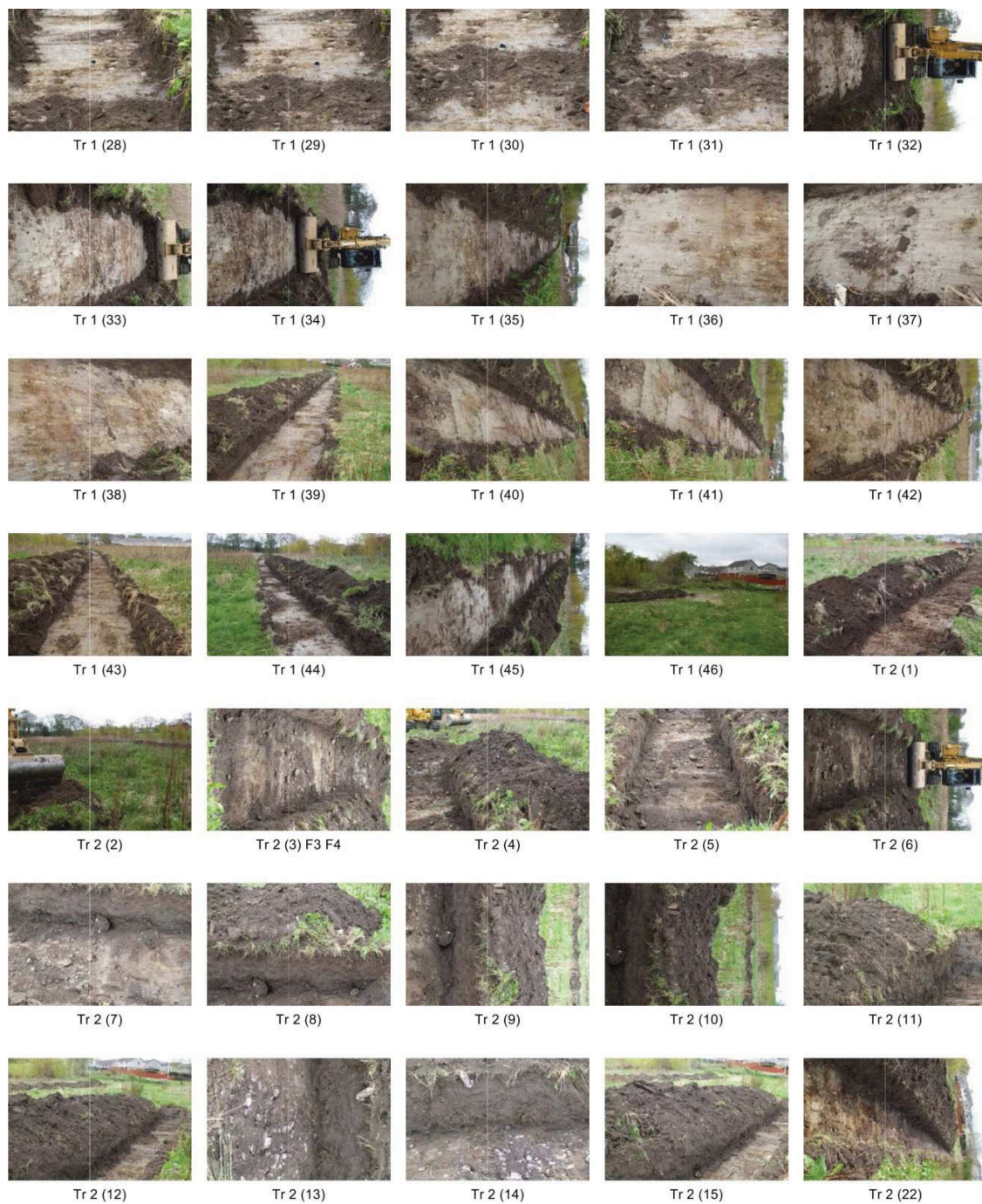
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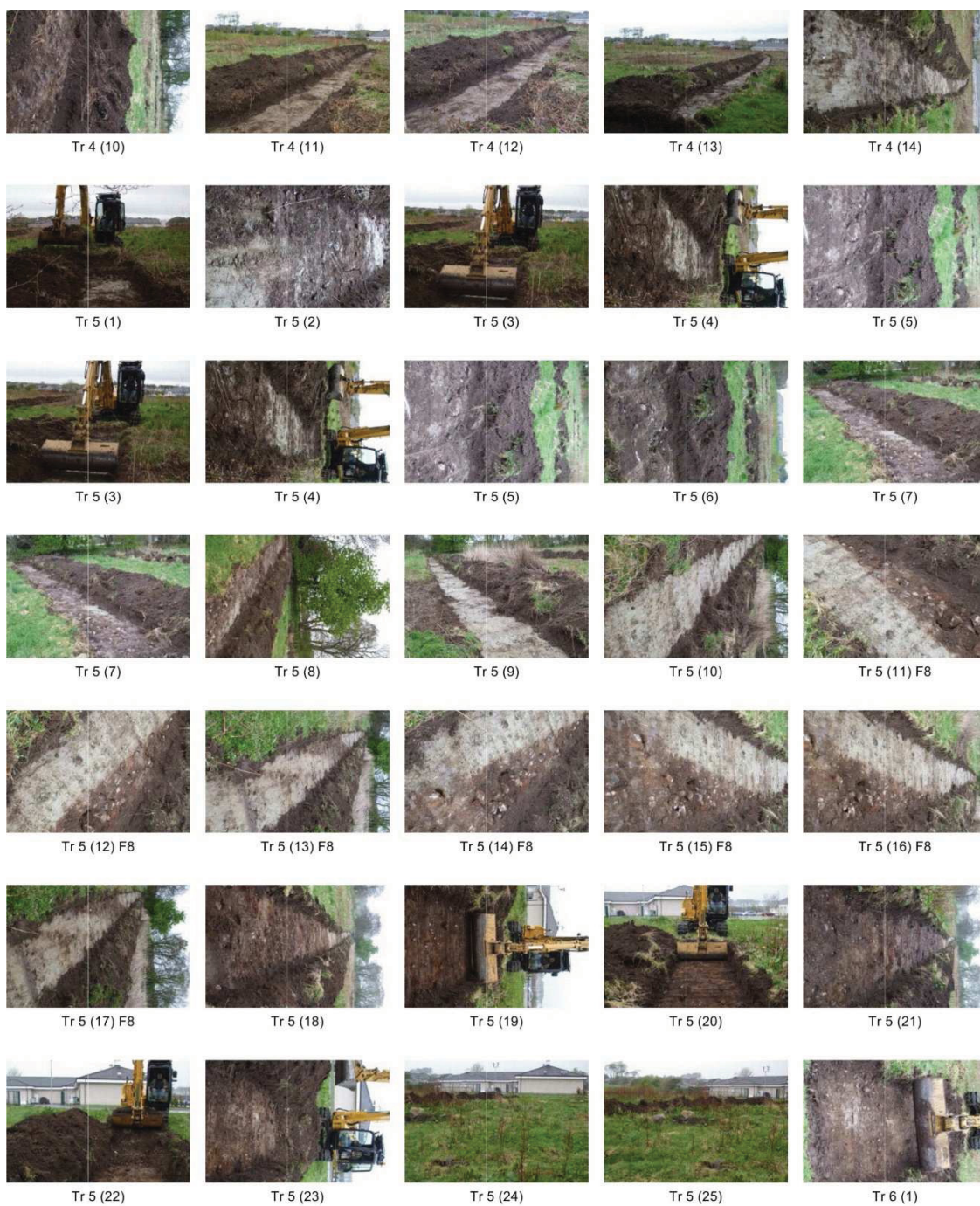
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Tr 6 (7) F10



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Tr 6 (9) F10



Tr 6 (10) F10



Tr 6 (11)



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Tr 6 (16)



Tr 7 (1)



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Tr 7 (15)



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Tr 7 (14)



Tr 7 (15)



Tr 7 (16)



Tr 7 (17)



Tr 7 (18)



Tr 7 (19)



Tr 7 (20)



Tr 7 (21)



Tr 7 (left) Tr 6 (right)



Tr 7 foreground facing S (1)



Tr 7 foreground facing S (2)



Tr 7 foreground facing S (3)



Tr8 (1)



Tr8 (2)