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## **Summary**

An archaeological watching brief was carried out on Claymires Farm, Rothiemay, Huntly, Moray AB54 7PH.

No archaeological finds or features were recorded.

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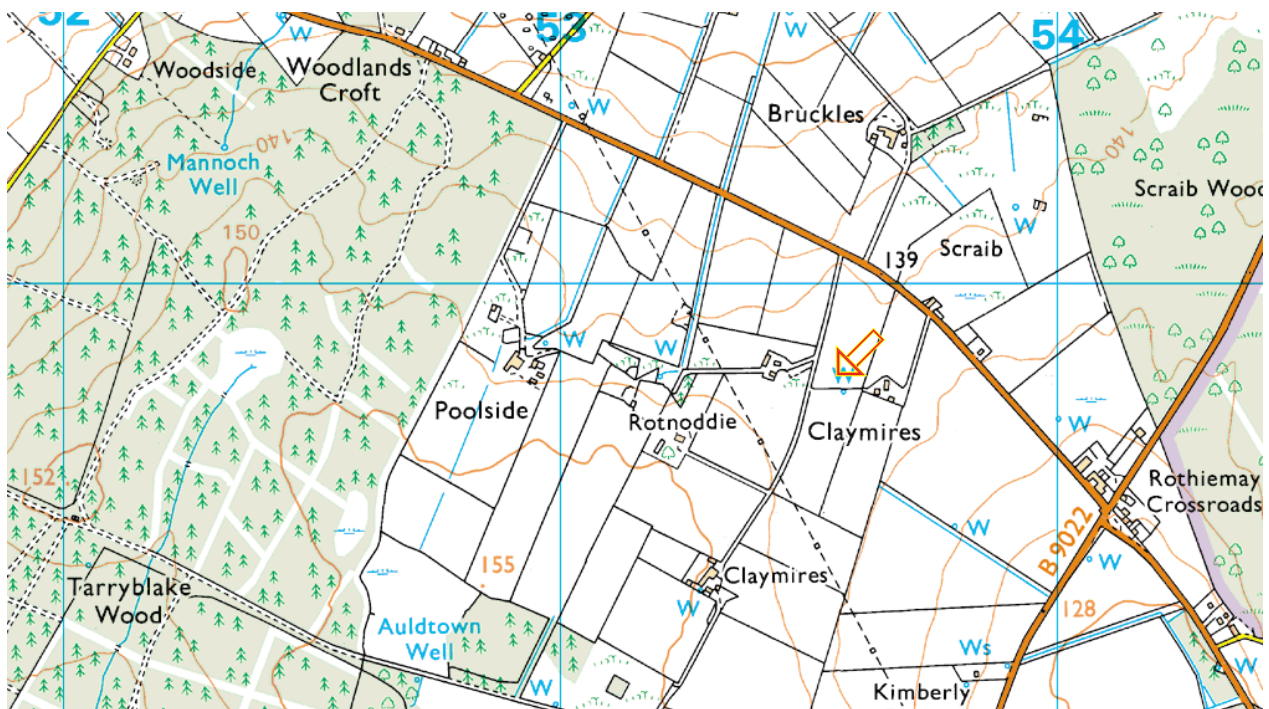
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report relates to a Moray Council Planning Application Ref No 08/01741/FUL. Conditional Planning Permission with Archaeological Condition (1) to erect a new dwellinghouse was received on 1 October 2009.
- 1.2 The site (Ill 1) lies in the parish of Rothimay c 500m NW of the Rothimay crossroads and just to the south of the B9117. The watching brief was carried out in an area of 35 x 20m just to the west of Claymires Croft, Rothimay, AB54 7PH (NJ 53664 49794) at a height of 130-140m OD.
- 1.3 The work was commissioned by Colin T Keir, Plans Plus Architectural Design Consultants, Main Street, Urquhart By Elgin, IV30 8LG.



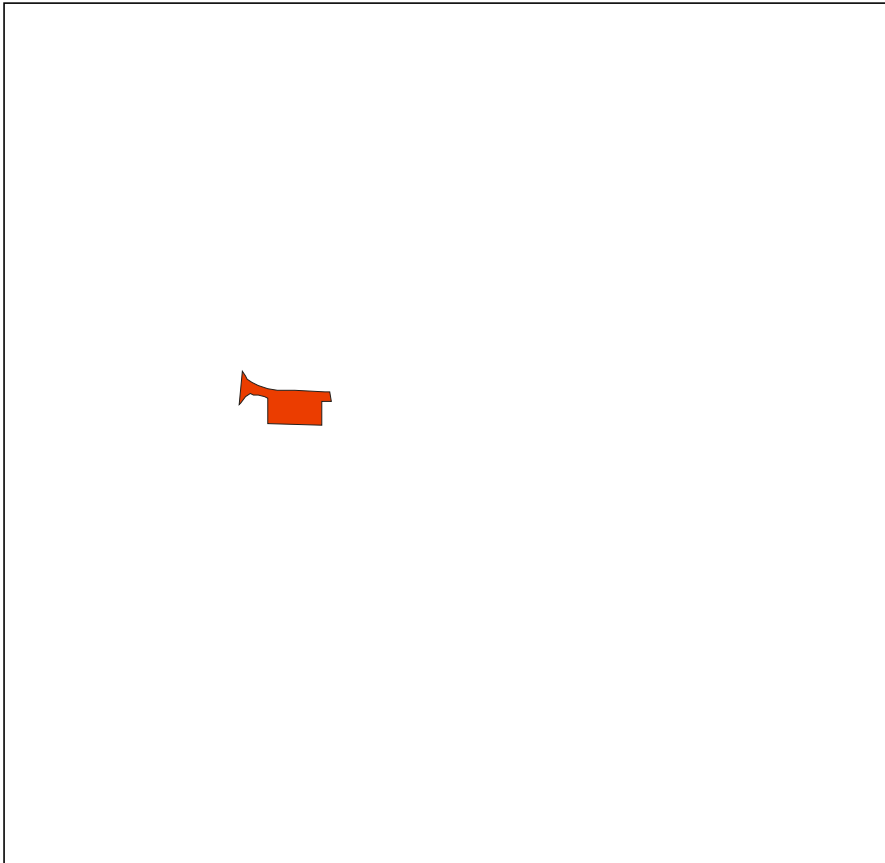
Ill 1: Site location (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2010).

## 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Claymires Croft is the site of a now destroyed farmstead (NJ54NW 0071) that is depicted on both the 1867 1st edition and the 1888 2nd edition OS maps. These maps show an L-shaped building with a triangular enclosure and an associated well.

## 3 THE WATCHING BRIEF

- 3.1 A watching brief (CA012-2010) was carried out on 11th and 16th August 2010. Topsoil stripping was observed and the excavation of shallow trenches for wall foundations observed. The weather was torrential rain on 11th August and as a result the work was called off that day. Weather was clear on the 16th August.
- 3.2 Stone adjacent to the site included granite blocks presumably from the removal of the buildings seen on the 1867 Ordnance Survey. The area had also been used for dumping stones from the fields (Neil Smith pers comm).



Ill 2: Plan of watching brief areal in red (copyright: *Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2010*).

- 3.3 The shallow topsoil in this area is poorly drained as the subsoil is compact clay. Several clay drainage pipes were recorded where they ran through the area of the new house. These had been laid by the father of the current owner (Neil Smith pers comm).
- 3.4 No archaeological features were recorded during the work and no finds recovered.

## **4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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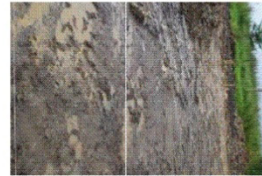
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