

REPORT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL
WATCHING BRIEF AT CONTLAW
MAINS, MILLTIMBER, ABERDEEN



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SUMMARY

500m of soil strip for a new track was observed by Alison Cameron on 14th and 15th September 2010. Two field drains consisting of cut trenches filled with stones were recorded but no other features were encountered. 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 Aberdeen City Council.

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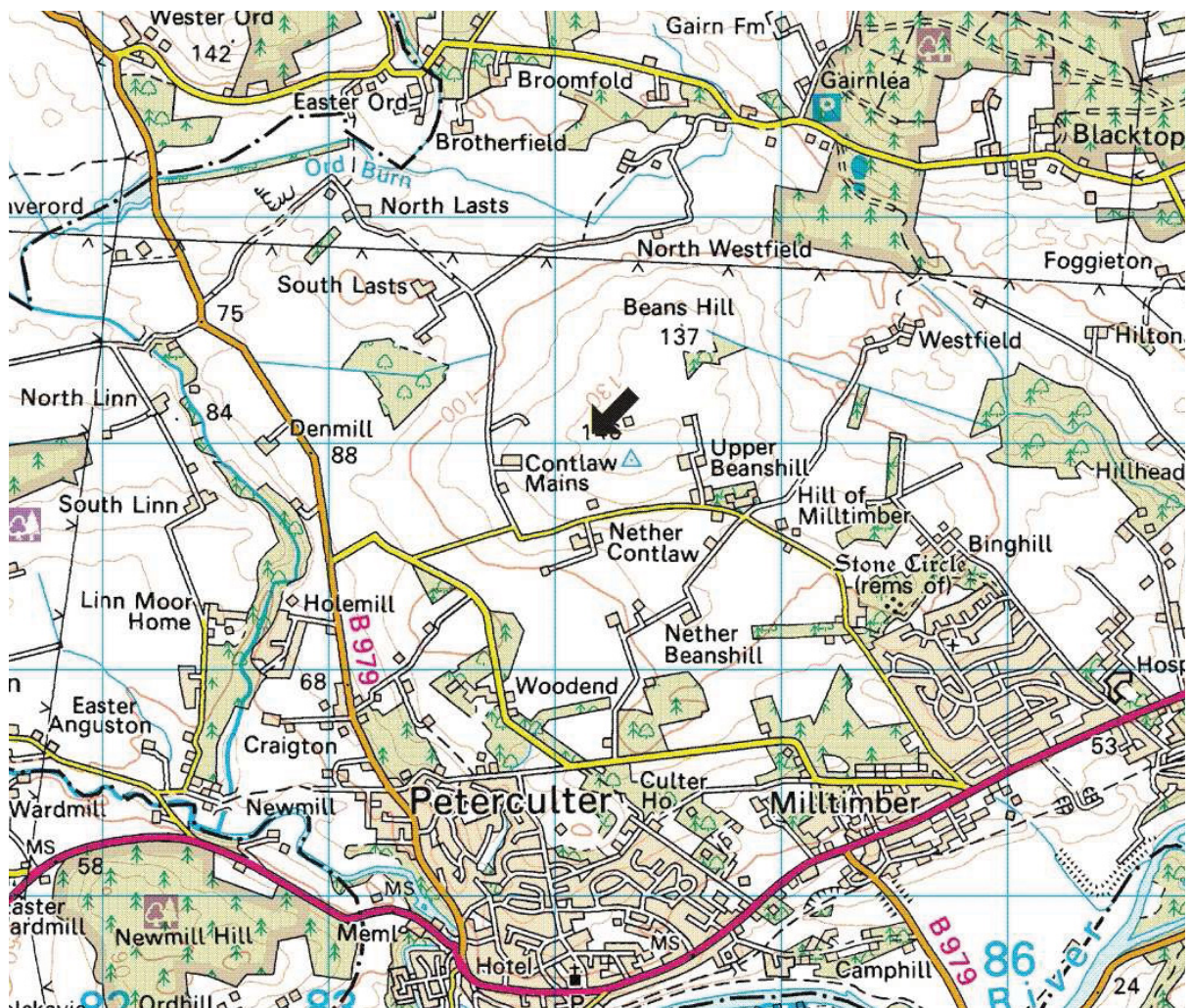
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1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This report is for an archaeological watching brief of excavation for a new track north-east of Contlaw Mains, Milltimber, Aberdeen, AB13 0EX. The work was commissioned by Ashleigh Kinch, Factor, Kinch Enterprises (Farms). The site is in the Parish of Peterculter is 135-140m OD above sea level and centred on NJ 84111 03382.
- 2.1 1.2 A rapid walkover of the area of the proposed trackway indicates that the track is being located in arable fields which have previously been ploughed. No archaeological features were recorded on the line of the proposed track during the walkover.

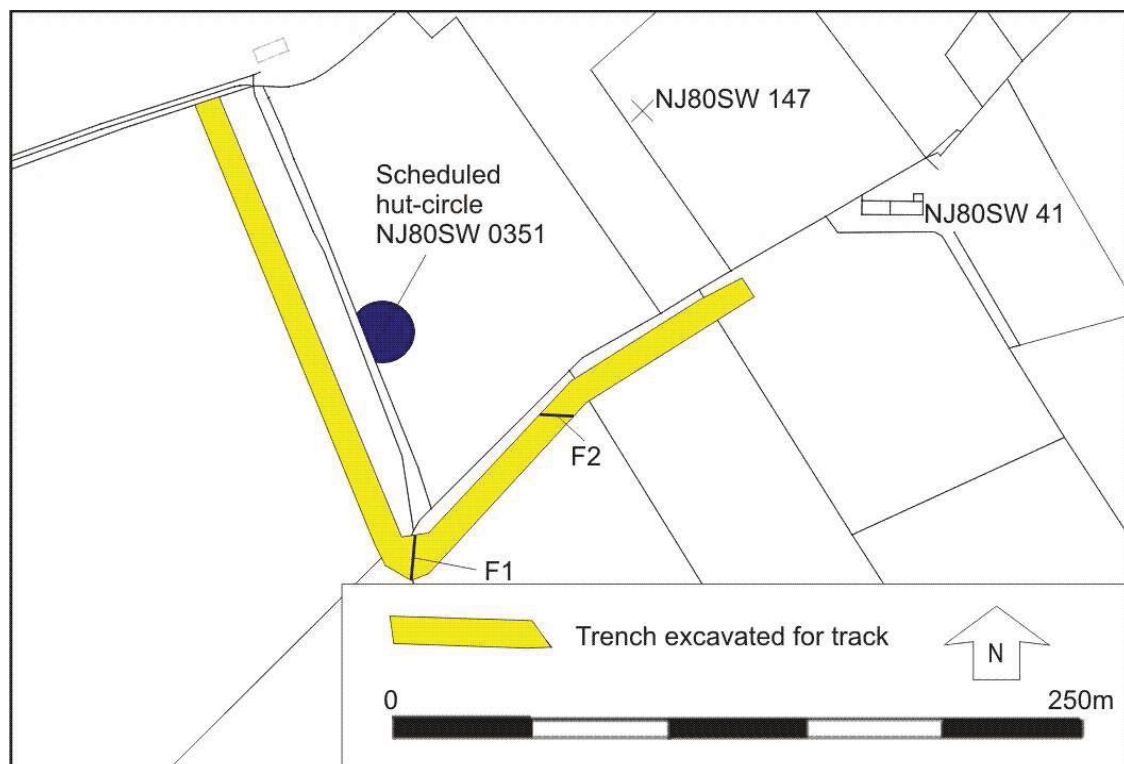


III 1 Location plan of proposed track

- 2.2 A Scheduled Ancient Monument is located close to the proposed track. It is a hut circle of late Bronze-Age or Iron-Age date and was scheduled on 4 March 2009. In the field to the SW where the track crosses close to the hut-circle, Historic Scotland has suggested a 5m exclusion zone between the proposed track and the Scheduled Ancient Monument area (Brann pers comm).
- 2.3 There are abundant archaeological features known in the area and Kinch Enterprises (Farms) have already commissioned two surveys (Peters 2009, Peters 2010).

2 THE WATCHING BRIEF

- 2.1 500m of soil strip for a new track (Ill 2) was observed by Alison Cameron on 14th and 15th September 2010. The topsoil was between 25-30cm deep and was well-drained.
- 2.2 In Field 1 the track was positioned 5m from the field boundary adjacent to the Scheduled Ancient Monument as agreed with Historic Scotland (M Brann pers comm).
- 2.3 Two field drains consisting of cut trenches filled with stones (F1, F2; Ill 2) were recorded but no other features were encountered.



Ill 2 Plan showing proposed track and Scheduled Ancient Monument hut-circle

3 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 Aberdeen City Council.

4 ARCHIVE

Copies of the fieldwork report will be sent to the applicant, the Local Authority archaeologist and Historic Scotland. An OASIS report will be completed for this site within 4 weeks of the end of fieldwork. The site archive will be lodged with RCAHMS.

5 REFERENCES

Peters, C 2009 'Report on an Archaeological Watching Brief at Bean's Hill, Westfield, Milltimber, Aberdeen'. Grey literature OASIS report no Aberdeen3-59554

Peters, C 2010 'Report on an Archaeological Landscape Survey at Bean's Hill, Westfield, Milltimber, Aberdeen'. Grey literature OASIS report no Aberdeen3-70664

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APPENDIX 1 FEATURES

Feature number	Field	Description
F1	1/2	Cut trench filled with loose stones, stone drain; 30cm wide
F2	2	Cut trench filled with loose stones, stone drain; 20cm wide



III 3 Feature F1, facing NE

III 4 Feature 2 facing N



APPENDIX 2 PHOTOGRAPHS



