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- Archaeological Watching Brief -

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1. Background

1.1 A planning application for the erection of a new dwelling house on land NW of Logie, Whiteford, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, was granted planning permission (Planning Ref: APP/2012/4108) subject to conditions. Condition 6 required that an archaeological watching brief be carried out prior to the soil strip over the footprint of the house and access track.

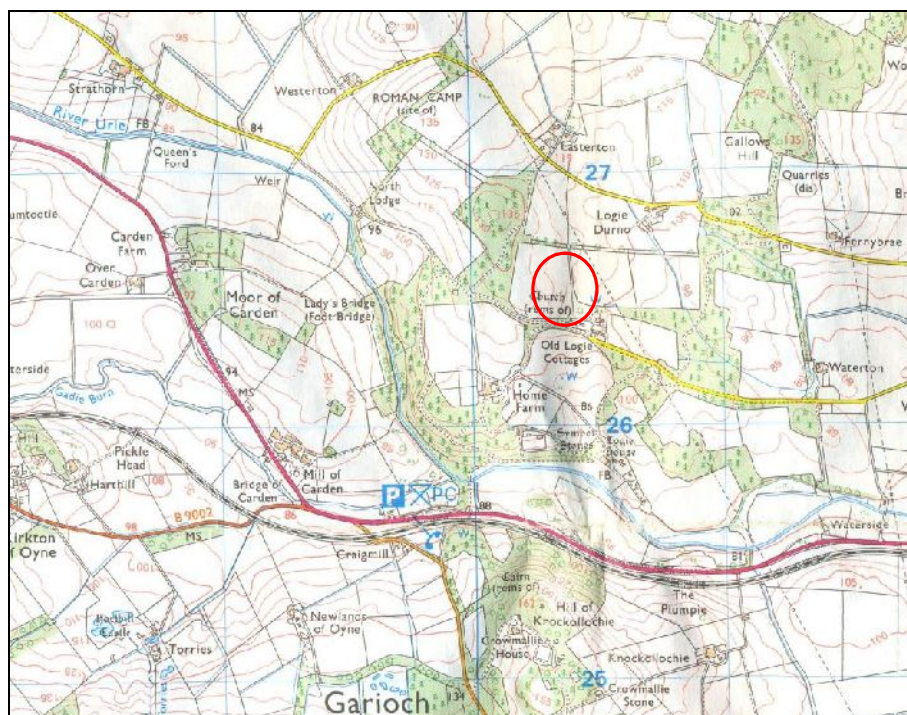
1.2 The Conditions were applied in the context of PAN (Planning Advise Note) 2/2011, SPP and SHEP.

1.3 Murray Archaeological Services Ltd was commissioned by Neil Murray (Housebuilders) Ltd, to undertake the work which was carried out 12th February 2014.

2. THE SITE

2.1 The site is located a short distance to the W of the village of Whiteford on the N side of the A96 (Illus.1). The building plot lies on the N side of Logie Durno Old parish Churchyard [NGR: NJ 7040 2639; NMRS No: NJ72NW

6.01; Parish: Chapel of Garioch] and Logie Durno Old Parish Church [NMRS No: NJ72NW 6], a late medieval foundation.



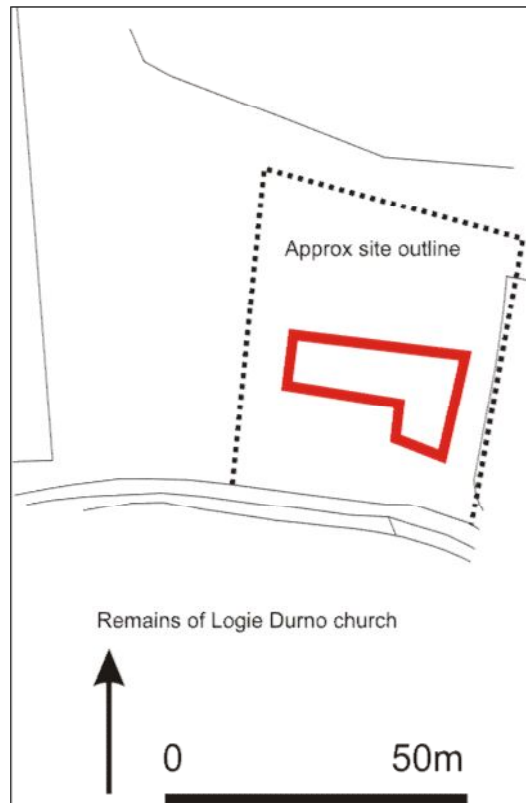
Illus 1: Map, showing location of site in red. © Crown Copyright. All rights reserved License No.100049810

2.2 Evidence of prehistoric activity in the vicinity is attested by 19th century finds of stone axeheads to the NE at Logie Durno Farm [NMRS Nos: NJ72NW 50 and 153], and a cinerary urn to the SW [NJ72NW 65]. A Roman Temporary Camp is located to the NW [NJ62NE 31]

3. The Watching Brief

3.1 The soil strip was carried out using a full-slew mechanical digger with a toothless ditching bucket. The area observed was confined to the footprint of the new house and the access route at the E end of the plot.

3.2 The area of the footprint of the house measured c.28m (E-W) x 10.5m (N-S). Most of the area was covered by large boulders and dump material. Trees on the N and W side of the site were removed.



Illus 2: Plan with site outlined in red

- 3.3 The soil and rubble removed varied between 100mm at the E end of the site to nearer 300mm at the W end. The natural was a mixture of dense stone and fairly friable rock outcrop in a beige sandy matrix.



Illus 3: Soil strip of site, looking W



Illus 4: View of Site, looking SW



Illus 5: View of site, looking E

4. Results

4.1 No archaeological features or finds were evident.

Catalogue of Digital Photographs (Supplied to Archive)

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| 1 | General view, looking N |
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| 2-7 | Work in progress, looking W and NW |
| 9-11 | Soil strip over footprint of house, looking W |
| 12 | As above, looking SW |
| 13-14 | View across site, looking E |