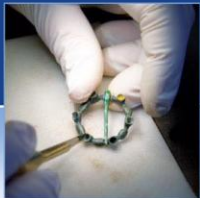


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Abstract

This report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group on the site of a proposed all weather pitch at Whittinghame Drive, Haddington.

The archaeological watching brief monitored the excavation of site investigation pits. Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were encountered.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

1.1.1 AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by East Lothian Council to undertake a watching brief during construction works associated with the construction of a new all weather pitch at Whittinghame Drive, Haddington, East Lothian (Planning Reference No. 10/00954/PCL). The development lies within the administrative area of the East Lothian Council, which is advised on archaeological matters by East Lothian Council Archaeology Service (ELCAS). The archaeological works were conducted in accordance with the principles set out in *Scottish Planning Policy* (2010) and *PAN 2/2011 Planning & Archaeology* (2011) and in accordance with requirements of East Lothian Council as advised by ELCAS.

1.1.2 The objective of the archaeological works was to determine the existence of any buried archaeological remains within the development area by means of a watching brief during ground breaking works. A Written Scheme of Investigation was agreed with ELCAS in advance of the watching brief being undertaken.

1.2 Location

1.2.1 The site is located to the eastern side of the town, (centred on NGR: NT 5200 7414), with access north-east off Whittinghame Drive (Figure 1). The western site boundary is defined by St. Martin's Cemetery whilst a belt of mature woodland marks the eastern edge of the site. To the north lies the River Tyne. The ground is presently in use as football fields and was previously agricultural land.

1.3 Archaeological background

1.3.1 The Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, RCAHMS and the local East Lothian Council Sites and Monuments Records show that the development area does not contain any known archaeological sites. However, a little over 100 m to the south-west of the development area lies the Scheduled Ancient Monument of St. Martins' Church (SAM No.90159). The SAM consists of an area some 40 m by 30 m in which the upstanding remains of the 12th Century Church are situated.

1.3.2 Haddington itself is an Anglican name and had a thanage from the 11th century, a Royal Burgh from the 12th century and had an established Franciscan Friary by 1242. The town has long history with milling, textiles and brewing all leading to the growth and success of the town (Smith 1999, 454-455).

2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were:

- i) to safeguard the archaeological resource from any adverse impacts created by the site Investigation works associated with the development;
- ii) to liaise with ELCAS and the client in the event of significant archaeological features and/or small finds being unearthed as to the most appropriate response

- in safeguarding these features either by preservation *in situ*, if at all feasible, or by archaeological recording;
- iii) to report on the results of the watching brief and monitored topsoil strip.

3 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The site investigation test-pits were machine excavated and monitored by an experienced field archaeologist (Watching Brief Officer). The archaeological works comprises the archaeological monitoring of site investigation pits. All excavation was undertaken with a view to avoiding damage to any archaeological features or deposits which appear to be worthy of preservation *in situ*.
- 3.2 A proposed subsequent monitored 'strip and record' was not undertaken as the topsoil was only partially removed (as approved by Mr Andrew Roberston of ELCAS).
- 3.3 All monitoring was undertaken according to AOC Archaeology Group's standard operating procedures (Appendix 21). The palaeoenvironmental sampling strategy is detailed in Appendix 7, Section 7.11.

4 RESULTS

- 4.1 The various data gathered from the evaluation is presented as a series of appendices
- i) Appendix 1 contains the photographic register
 - ii) Appendix 2 reproduces the *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* entry
- 4.2 The archaeological watching brief was undertaken over two days between 14th February and 27th May 2011. Overall the weather conditions were overcast, with slight showers. Good archaeological visibility was present throughout the watching brief.
- 4.3 The excavation of three test-pits was monitored (Figure 2). The test-pits measured approximately 2.0 m by 0.50 m wide by up to 2.0 m in depth. In general the test-pits were excavated through between 0.10 m and 0.20 m of topsoil, containing 19th and 20th century glass and ceramic. The natural subsoil comprised an orange sand. Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were identified.



Plate 1: Working shot of a site investigation pit under excavation

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Despite the presence of significant archaeological remains within the immediate vicinity of the development area neither significant features nor unstratified artefacts were encountered by the watching brief.

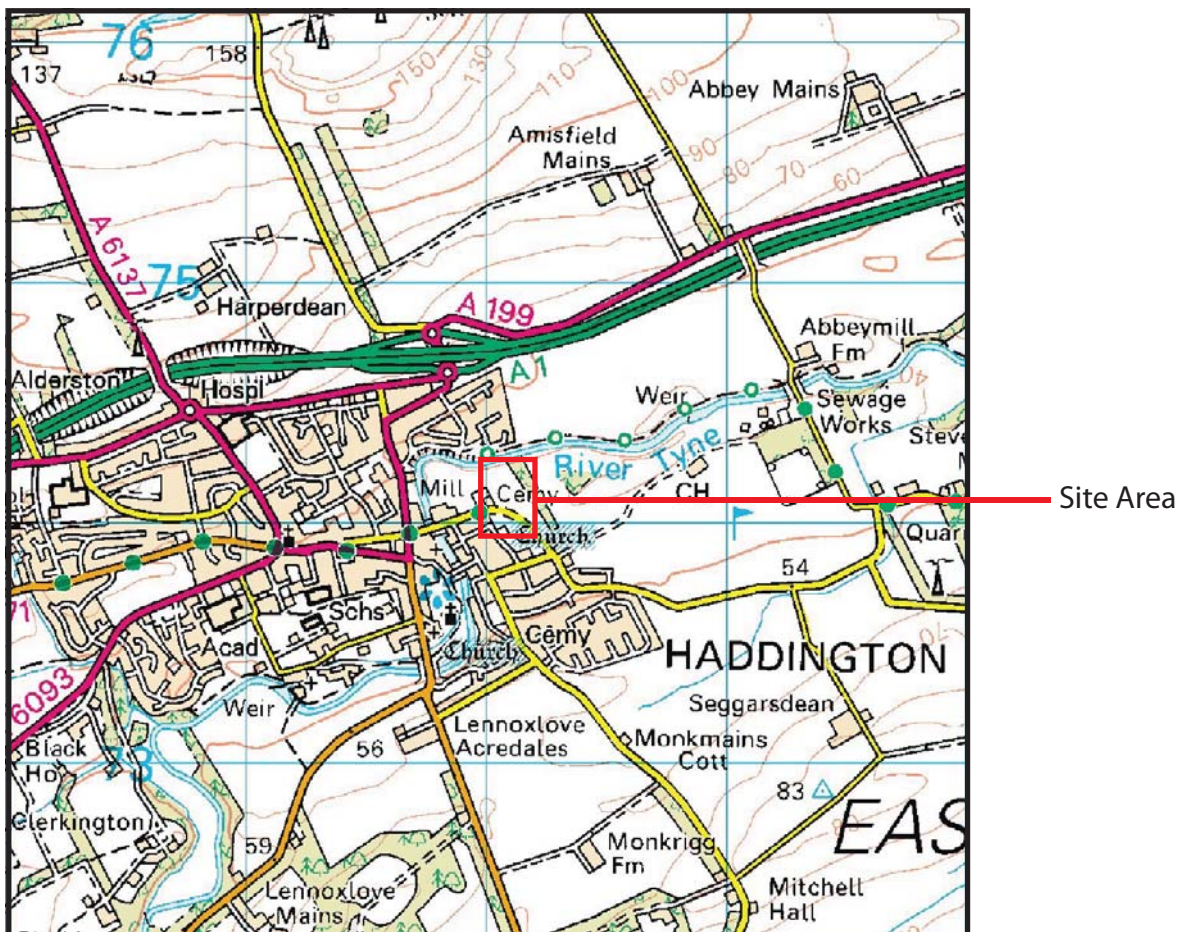
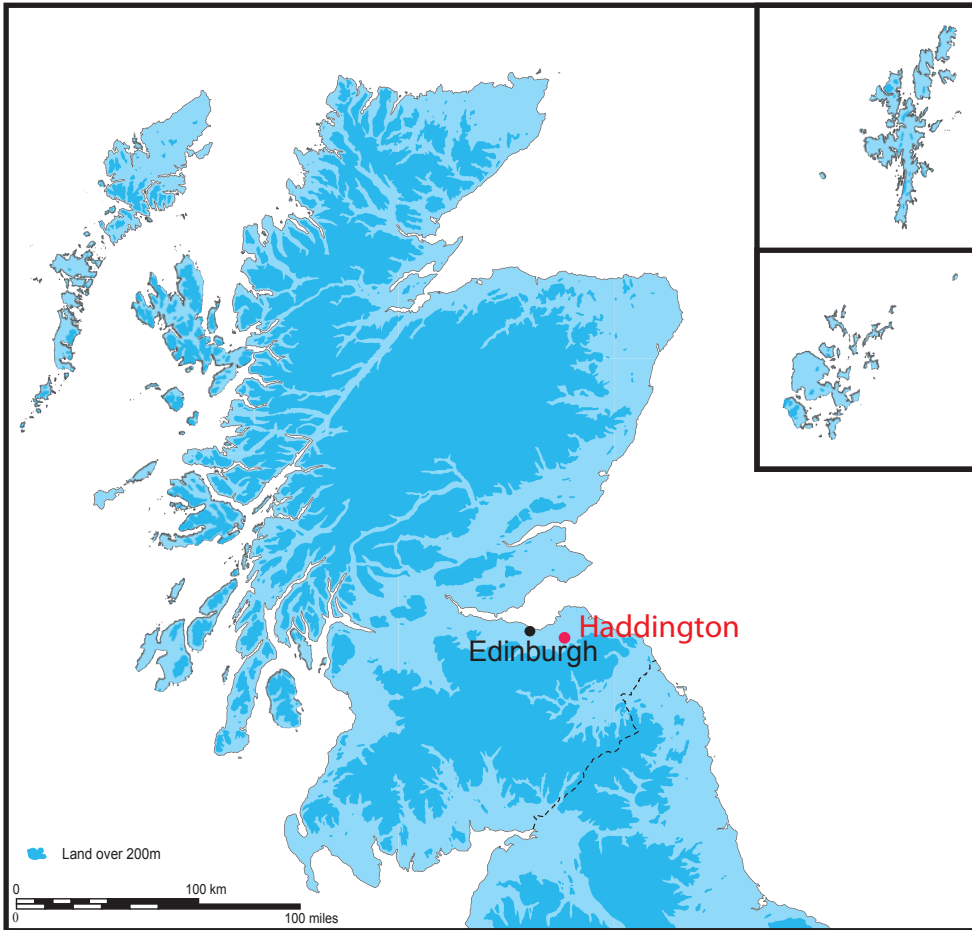
6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 No further archaeological works are considered necessary. This recommendation will require confirmation by ELCAS on behalf of the East Lothian Council.

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Figure 1: Location of the site at Whittinghame Drive, Haddington

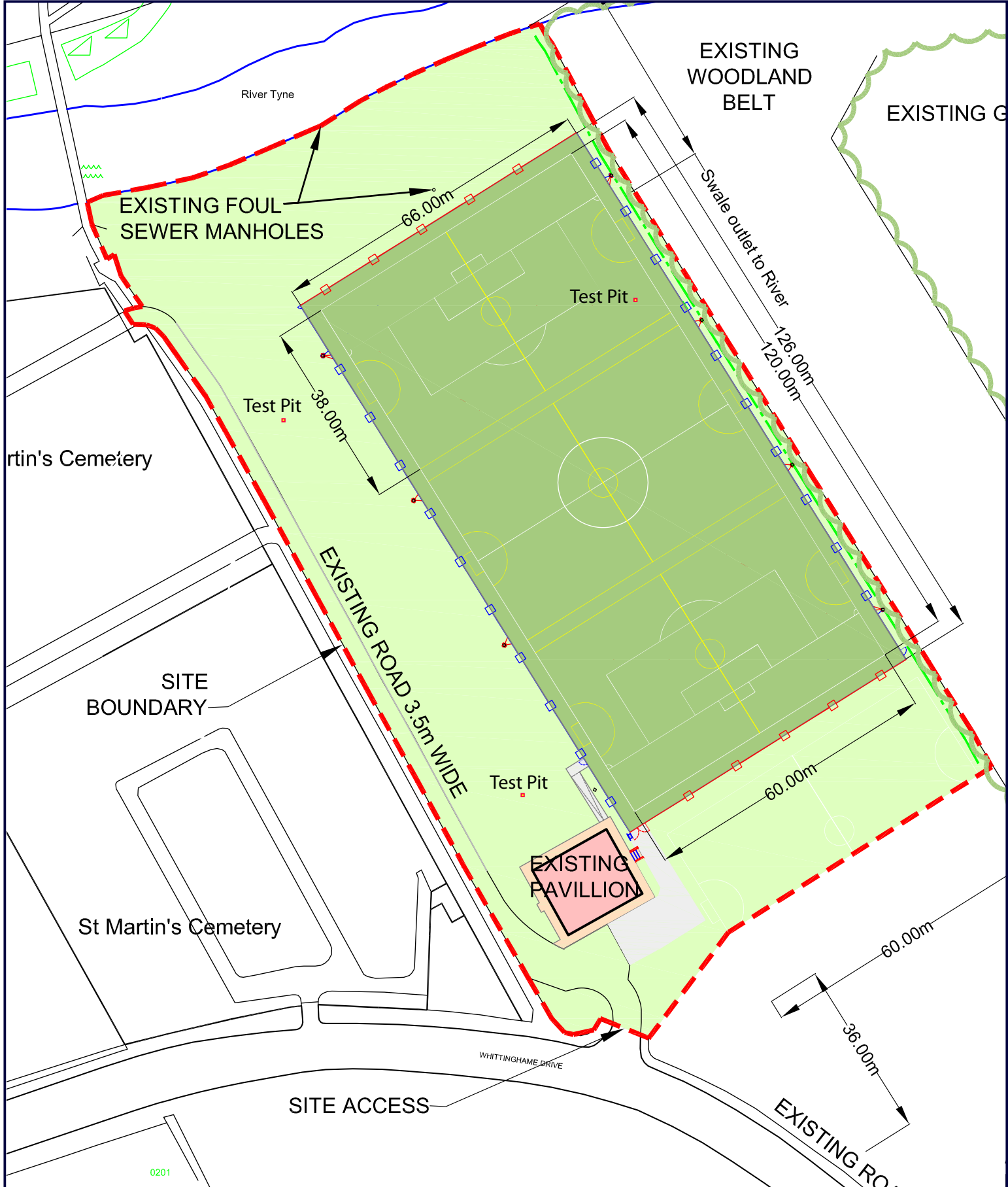


Figure 2: Location of monitored SI test pits at Whittinghame Drive, Haddington

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Section 2: Appendices

APPENDIX 1: Photographic Record

Digital Film 1

Frame	Description	From
1	Working shot of Test-pit 1	SW
2	Working shot of Test-pit 1	SE
3	Working shot of Test-pit 2	NW
4	Working shot of Test-pit 2	NW
5	Working shot of site	NE
6	Working shot of site	NE

APPENDIX 2: 'Discovery and Excavation in Scotland' Report

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	East Lothian Council
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME	Whittinghame Drive, Haddington
PROJECT CODE:	21829
PARISH:	Haddington
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Cook, M and Paton, K
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	AOC Archaeology Group
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Watching brief
NMRS NO(S)	None
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	None
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NT 5200 7414
START DATE (this season)	14 th February 2011
END DATE (this season)	27 th May 2011
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	A watching brief was undertaken during the excavation of site investigation test-pits associated with the construction of a new all weather pitch at Whittinghame Drive, Haddington. Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were identified.
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