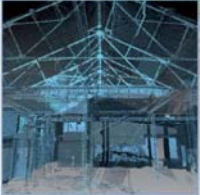
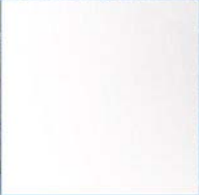


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Abstract

This report represents the results of an archaeological watching brief undertaken for Mouchel, on behalf of Scottish and Southern Energy. The work was undertaken to monitor the extraction and stripping of a site compound, used by Murphy Group, which had been laid over demolished, but previously Listed Buildings at Glengoulandie Farm, Dull, Perth and Kinross.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by Mouchel, on behalf of Scottish and Southern Energy to undertake an archaeological watching brief during the removal of the Murphy Group site compound at Glengoulandie, Dull, Perth and Kinross.
- 1.1.2 Prior to the arrival of AOC Archaeology Group on site, the grounds works contractors Murphys had erected their site compound over an area which had been previously cleared by the site landowner.
- 1.1.3 The site lies within the administrative area of Perth & Kinross Council, which is advised on archaeological matters by the Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT). As the stripped area had been subject to a previous planning condition (Sarah Malone, pers comm) and on the request of the Perth and Kinross Planning Enforcement Officer, PKHT required a programme of archaeological works in accordance with *Scottish Planning Policy* (Scottish Government February 2010) and *PAN 2/2011 Planning & Archaeology* (Scottish Government 2011) in determining the nature, extent, condition, date and significance of any archaeological remains within the proposed development area.

1.2 Location

- 1.2.1 The proposed development site is located immediately to the west of the B846 between Tummel Bridge and Keltneyburn, Perth & Kinross (centred NGR: NO 7652 5250). The site lies by the route taken by General Wade's military road, on a plateau of agricultural land; situated above the Keltney Burn and below the high land dominated by Schehallion and Meall Tairneachan.

1.3 Archaeological background

- 1.3.1 The farmhouse at Glengoulandie was a category C Listed Building (HB 5470) dating from the early nineteenth century (NMRS: NN75SE 15), comprising a two storey harled rubble farmhouse. Two ancillary buildings in the farmyard were extant during the 1870's, and had been recently demolished. The area had been leased to the Murphy Group to provide a site compound for the White Bridge project.

2 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The objectives of the archaeological watching brief were:
- i) To determine and assess the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any buried archaeological remains, and record the remains of the farm cottages, within the area currently taken up by the Murphys compound.

- ii)* To advise and implement an appropriate form of mitigation, such as excavation, post-excavation analyses and publication, given the damage already sustained to the archaeological record, should significant archaeological remains continue to exist.

3 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The compound was stripped of the overlying slate hard core by means of a 360° excavator equipped with a 2 m wide toothed ditching bucket. Excavation was undertaken in shallow units/spits until the first significant archaeological horizon or natural subsoil was reached. All machine excavation was supervised by an experienced field archaeologist.
- 3.2 Due to the presence of a large electric cable through the middle of the compound, the site was stripped to the previous ground level only.



Plate 1: Compound area prior to stripping

4 RESULTS

- 4.1 Stripping of the compound revealed that the site had been levelled, and built up, using rubble from demolished buildings. Demolition rubble consisted of large ashlar blocks, including the remains of quoins, lintels and window frames, while more roughly shaped stone accounted for rubble walls. A sealed turf layer was visible under the demolition rubble, but no foundations were encountered. Archaeological visibility was limited on site due to the use of a toothed machine bucket and, subsequently, the cessation of work due to the proximity of a buried electricity cable, before the area could be scraped clean with a ditching bucket.



Plate 2: Compound area after stripping

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were identified underlying the existing compound, although evidence for the now demolished farm steading was observed in the demolition layer, in the form of architectural fragments.
- 5.2 The failure to identify and archaeological features below the existing ground level reflects the limits of the excavation. Clearly, if the area was further reduced, the potential exists for evidence for the foundation levels of the farmhouse to be identified.

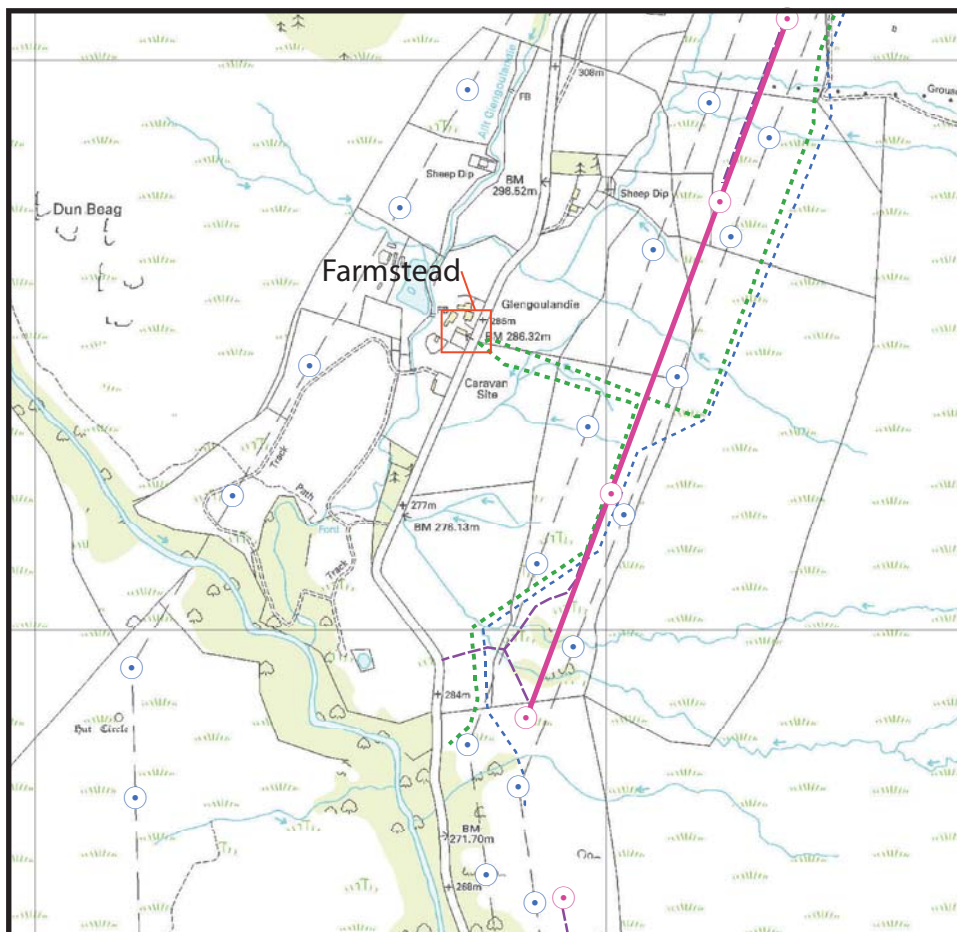
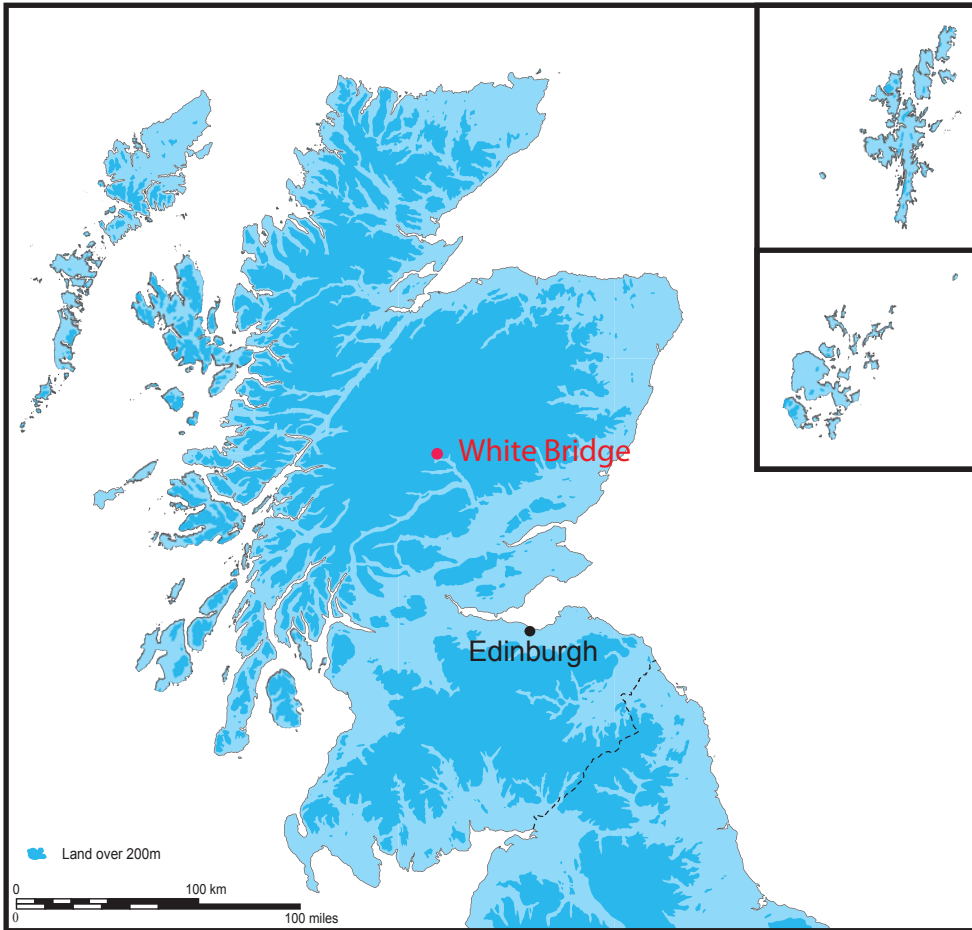
6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Prior to AOC Archaeology Group arriving on site, the farm outbuilding had been completely destroyed. The potential remains for underground features to be identified. However, as there is no proposal to excavate in to the underlying ground, the remaining archaeological features are under no further threat.
- 6.2 No further works are therefore considered necessary, although this will have to be approved by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust.

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Site Area

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Figure 1: Location of the sites at Glengoulandie

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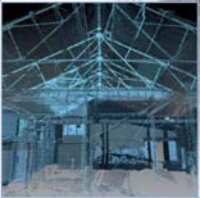
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4-5	Portacabins and demolition rubble	S
6-7	Portacabins and demolition rubble	E
8-9	Compound after removal of buildings	NE

APPENDIX 2: *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Report*

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Perth and Kinross
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME	White Bridge Rationalisation Scheme
PROJECT CODE:	22005
PARISH:	Dull
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Jake Streatfeild-James
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	AOC Archaeology Group
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Watching Brief
NMRS NO(S)	NN75SE 15
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	Farm Building
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NN 7652 5250
START DATE (this season)	04/11/11
END DATE (this season)	11/11/11
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	Walkover survey by Mouchel
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	Archaeological monitoring was undertaken at Glengoulandie, during the removal of a temporary compound and hard-standing, which had affected the footprint of a category 'C' Listed farm building. No significant archaeological features were recorded.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
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