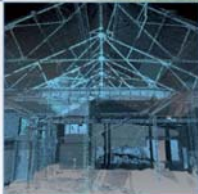


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Abstract

A programme of Archaeological Works was required by East Lothian Council during ground-breaking works associated with the construction of a new primary school, Haddington Joint Campus, East Lothian (Planning Reference No. 11/00163/ECL & PCL). The requirement for archaeological works was in accordance with SPP23 (Scottish Government 2008) and PAN 2/2011 (Scottish Government 2011).

Haddington Joint Campus is located to the southern side of the town (centred on NGR: NT 5119 7356) on the site of the now demolished St. Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School (NMRS No. NT57SW 509).

Although no archaeological remains were previously known on the application site it is located within an area of archaeological interest, either on or close to the line of the town defences associated with the siege of Haddington of 1548.

No trace was found of either siege works or other features relating to the 1548 siege of Haddington.

No significant archaeological features nor artefacts were identified and no further works are considered necessary.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

- 1.1.1 A programme of Archaeological Works was required by East Lothian Council during ground-breaking works associated with the construction of a new primary school, Haddington Joint Campus, East Lothian (Planning Reference No. 11/00163/ECL & PCL). The need for, and scope of the archaeological works was determined by the East Lothian Council, who are advised on archaeological matters by East Lothian Council Archaeology Service (ELCAS).
- 1.1.2 The archaeological works required with are in accord with Scottish Planning Policy (Scottish Government 2010) PAN 2/2011 (Scottish Government 2011).

1.2 Archaeological Background

- 1.2.1 The development area is located to the southern side of the town (centred on NGR: NT 5119 7356). Buildings lie to the north and south, while to the east and west lie playing fields and open recreational area. The site was previously occupied by St. Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School, which was demolished as part of the works. Dating from either the late 1960's or early 1970's former School buildings are recorded on a 2009 aerial photograph held by the National Monuments Record Scotland (NMRS) (NMRS No. NT57SW 509).
- 1.2.2 No archaeological remains are recorded on the site either by the NMRS or the East Lothian Council Sites and Monuments Record.
- 1.2.3 The location of the proposed development is within an area of considerable archaeological interest particularly as the location is thought to be on or close by the town defences associated with the siege of Haddington (East Lothian Council Scottish Sites and Monuments Records MEL9773). In the summer of 1548, English troops built fortifications around Haddington, to use as a military base close to Edinburgh during the '*Rough Wooing*'. The Scottish forces, with their French allies, laid siege to Haddington for 19 months. The English were eventually forced to leave because of starvation and plague. The fortifications were pulled down following the lifting of the siege. A brief map regression shows that the area of the school was undeveloped until the 1960s, leading to suggestions that, if assumptions in regard to location of the fortifications are correct then some of their remains may have survived on the site (Robertson, A. pers comm).
- 1.2.4 A horticultural nursery is shown on the development site on the First Edition 6 inch to the mile Haddingtonshire Ordnance Survey of 1855 which was surveyed in 1853. This map shows the development area divided into rectangular plots with a small rectangular enclosure or roofless structure in the southeast corner marked 'Hot Beds'. The subdivisions within the development site remain the same on the 1895 Ordnance Survey 25 inch to the mile of 1895 (revised 1893) although the Hot Beds had been removed by that point and the site is no longer recorded as a nursery. The site is shown undeveloped on both the 1908 (revised 1906) and 1945 (revised 1938) Ordnance Surveys.

2 AIMS

2.1 A monitored topsoil strip was undertaken during the construction of a new primary school, the Haddington Joint Campus. The aims of the archaeological works were:

- i) to safeguard the archaeological resource from any adverse impacts created by groundworks 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 monitored topsoil strip.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 The monitored topsoil strip was undertaken in stages between the 18th of August 2011 and the 11th of June 2012. Groundworks were monitored in three areas;

Area 1 The southeast corner of the site where ground was stripped from a former lawn area during August 2011

Area 2 The area immediately north of the former nursery school (a large temporary class room block) was stripped during September 2011

Area 3 Groundworks for service trenches and manholes in the northeast corner of the site were undertaken during May and June 2012

3.1.2 East Lothian Council's Archaeological Officer agreed that there would be no benefit in monitoring groundworks within those areas where foundations and terracing associated with the previous school buildings on the site had resulted in the truncation of deposits to beneath the level of the natural strata (Andrew Robertson *Pers Comm*).

3.2 Area 1

3.2.1 Topsoil within this former grassed area was stripped to a depth of 0.48 m exposing the natural sands. A series of modern features, comprising linear furrows were identified all containing modern 19th century ceramic. The features represent the remnants of the nursery that formerly occupied the site.

3.2.2 The remains of six rectangular hot beds were recorded arranged east in a row. The features match the position of the hot beds depicted on the 1855 Ordnance Survey and therefore probably represent the same feature.



Plate 1 East facing view of Hot Bed

3.3 Area 2

- 3.3.1 Ground in this area was found to have been severely disturbed by services which all clearly related to either the sites recent use as a school, or its earlier horticultural usage.

3.4 Area 3

- 3.4.1 The excavation of two manholes and a separate service trench were monitored by AOC staff. Only deposits of topsoil, subsoil, rubble and made ground were encountered during the groundworks. No archaeological remains or artefacts were found.

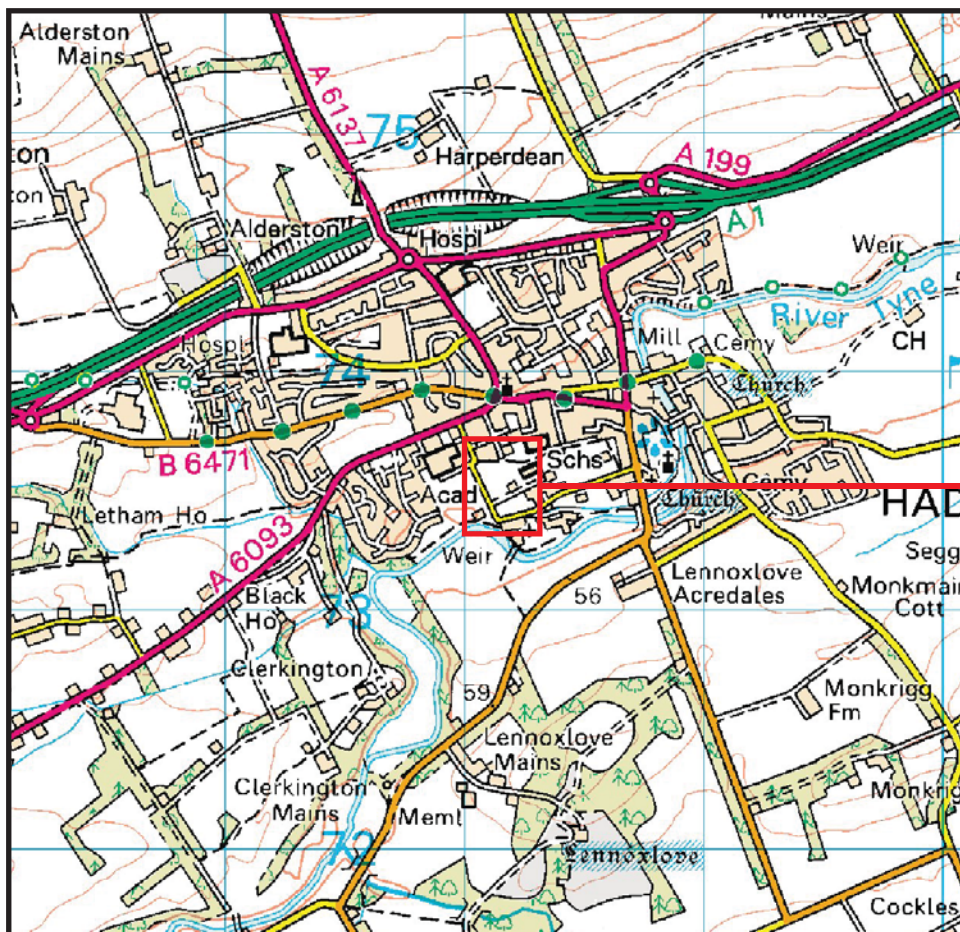
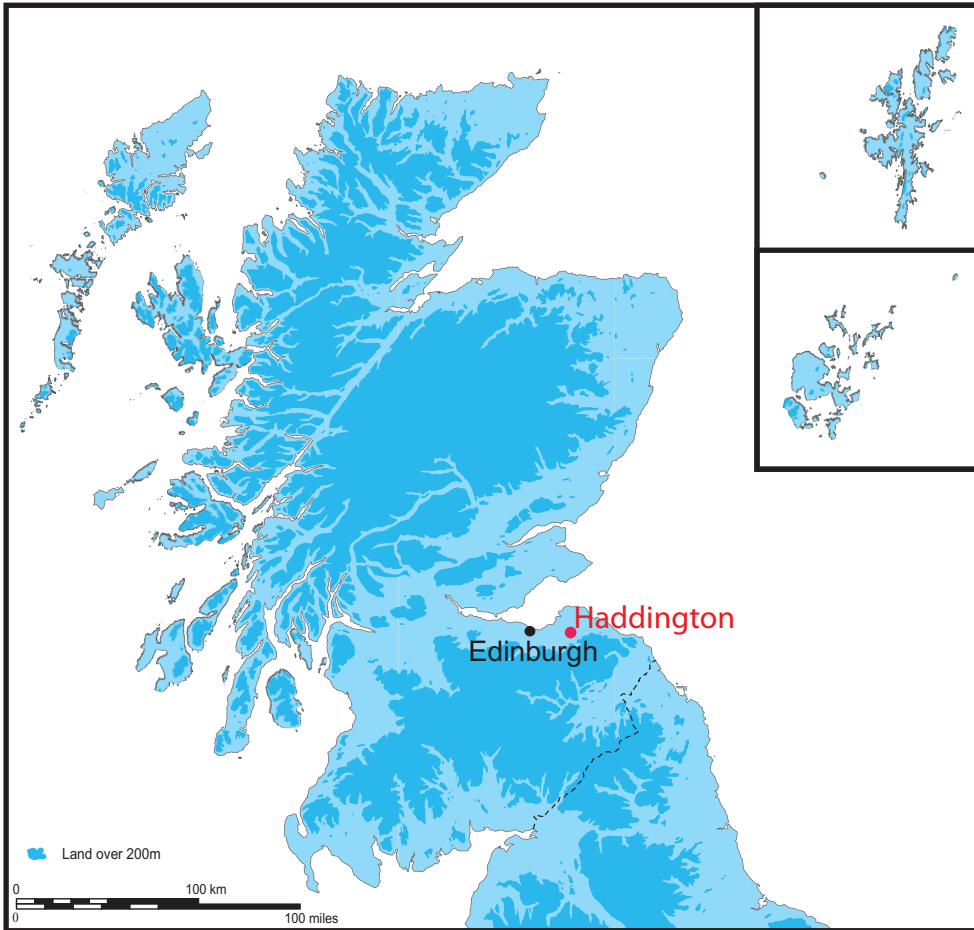
4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The six hot beds found on the site clearly relate to the hot beds shown on the 1855 Ordnance Survey and are of mid-19th century date. The hot beds are omitted from the 1895 Ordnance Survey suggesting that they had been removed by that date. All the features identified within Area 1, are on similar alignments to the divisions shown within the nursery on the 1855 Ordnance Survey and are therefore of horticultural origin.
- 4.2 No trace was found of either siege works or other features relating to either the '*Rough Wooing*' of 1548 or the plague and famine which took hold during the siege.
- 4.3 Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were identified during the works. It is recommended that no further works are necessary. This recommendation will have to be approved by Mr. Andrew Robertson of the East Lothian Council Archaeology Service.

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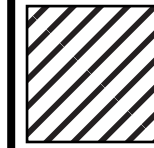
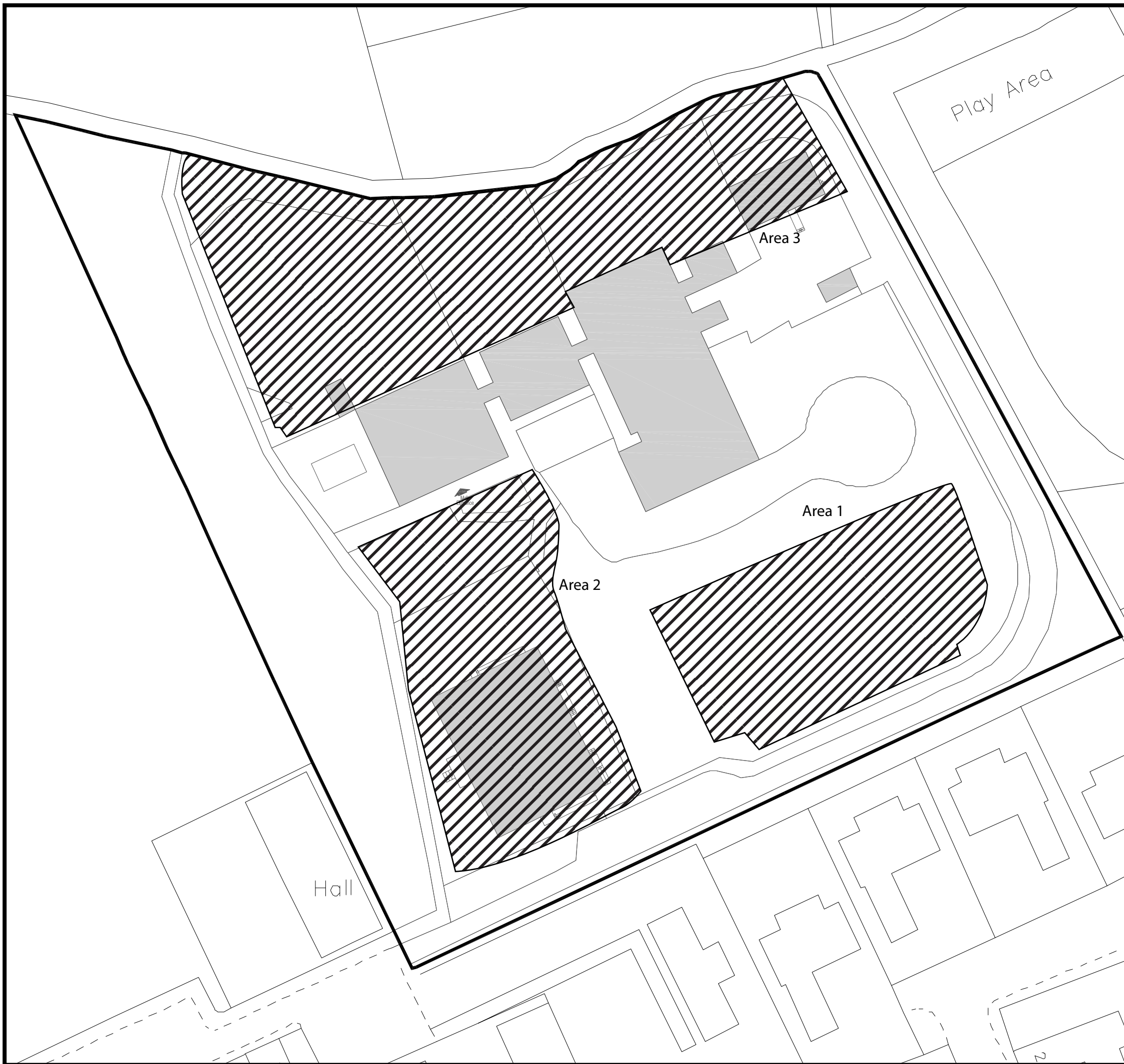
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Figure 1: Location of the site at Haddington Joint Campus

Figure 2: Location of monitored works



Areas of monitored topsoil strip



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Based on a drawing supplied by the client

Haddington Joint Campus

Section 2: Appendices

APPENDIX 1: PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD

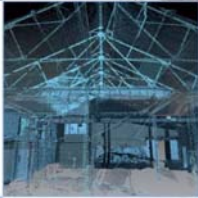
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Frame	Description	From
1	Test Shot	-
2	Test Shot	-
3	Panorama of Area 1 prior to groundwork	E
4	Panorama of Area 1 prior to groundwork	SE
5	Panorama of Area 1 prior to groundwork	S
6	Panorama of Area 1 prior to groundwork	SW
7	Panorama of Area 1 prior to groundwork	W
8	Panorama of Area 1 prior to groundwork	W
9	Panorama of Area 1 prior to groundwork	N
10	Panorama of Area 1 prior to groundwork	N
11	Panorama of Area 1 prior to groundwork	NW
12	School dedication inscription (possibly moved from a previous school)	-
13	East facing view topsoil strip Area 1	W
14	Context [001]	N
15	Context [001]	E
16	West facing view commenced topsoil/ subsoil strip	E
17	As above	-
18	Recent linear [002], as exposed	E
19	Detail [002]	W
20	Stripping in progress with [002] in the foreground	W
21	NE facing view of groundworks	SW
22	Context [004]	W
23	Context [006]	N
24	East facing view groundworks	W
25	West facing view groundworks	E
26	East facing view hot bed [010]	W
27	North facing view possible furrow	S
28	As above	-
29	East facing view hot beds [011], [010], [013]	W
30	South facing view hot beds [011], [010], [013]	N
31	As above	-
32	North facing view hot beds [010], [011], [013]	N
33	Northeast facing view hot beds [010], [011], [013]	SW
34	As above	
35	Southeast facing view groundworks	NE
36	Not taken	
37	North facing view furrow in southwest corner of Area 1	S

38	South facing view of above	N
39	South facing view plough furrow southwest corner of Area 1	N
40	West facing view hot beds [019] and [021]	E
41	North facing view hot beds [019] and [021]	S
42	West facing view hot beds [019] and [021]	E
43	East facing view hot beds [019] and [021]	W
44	Northeast corner of Area 1	E
45	Area 2: Post-excavation shot	Varies
46	Area 2: Post-excavation shot	Varies
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51	Area 2: Post-excavation shot	Varies
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53	Area 3: Pipe trench along northern site boundary. West end of trench.	N
54	Area 3: Pipe trench along northern site boundary. West end of trench.	N
55	Area 3: Pipe trench along northern site boundary. Post-excavation south facing section.	N
56	Working shot Area 3	n
57	Working shot Area 3	n

APPENDIX 2: 'DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND' REPORT

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	East Lothian Council
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NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Thomas Bradley-Lovekin
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	AOC Archaeology Group
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SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	None
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
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