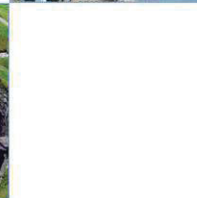
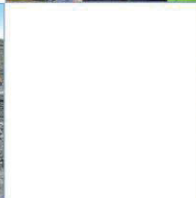
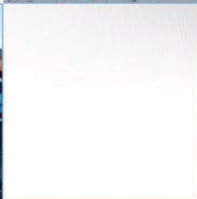
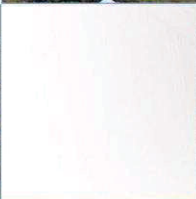
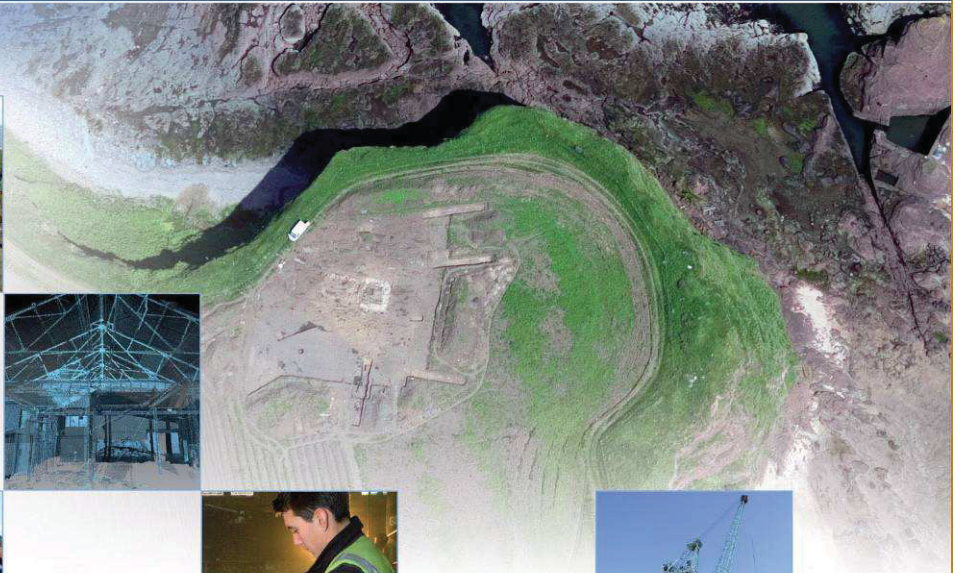


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Abstract

AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by Mr. R. Drysdale to undertake an archaeological evaluation on a private housing development at Old Cambus Village (NT 8055 6946) near Cockburnspath in the Scottish Borders. The development area consists of 500 square metres of agricultural land overlooking the North Sea. In total 1 trench totalling 50 m² was excavated. Despite the proximity of the Medieval settlement at Old Cambus no significant archaeological remains or artefacts were uncovered.

No further works are considered necessary.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

1.1.1 AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by Mr R Drysdale to undertake an archaeological evaluation on a private housing development at Old Cambus, near Cockburnspath (Planning Ref: 06/02363/FUL.). The proposed development lies within the administrative area of the Scottish Borders Council, and the remit of Scottish Borders Council Archaeology Officer, Dr. Christopher Bowles. A programme of archaeological works had been specified by SBC in keeping with the policies outlined in Scottish Planning Policy (2010) and PAN 2/2011 Planning And Archaeology (2011) in order to record the extent and significance of any archaeological remains which may be present within the development area.

1.2 Site Location

1.2.1 The proposed development area covers c.500 square metres of agricultural land overlooking the North Sea and the hamlet of Old Cambus.

1.3 Archaeological background

1.3.1 There are no archaeological sites within the proposed development. However, there are two known sites, recorded in the local historic Environmental Record, to the immediate west of the proposed development. The former settlement of Old Cambus (SBC HER: 1052008) is located in and around the site, while unstratified artefacts have been recovered from the area (SBC HER: 1051050).

1.4 Objectives

1.4.1 The objectives of the archaeological works are:

- i)* to determine and assess the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any buried archaeological remains within the proposed development area through evaluation trenching;
- ii)* to advise and implement an appropriate form of mitigation, such excavation, post-excavation analyses and publication, given the infeasibility of preserving the archaeological material in situ, should significant archaeological remains be encountered.

3 METHOD

3.1 The Written Scheme of Investigation (AOC 2012) proposed a trenching scheme to investigate the impact of the housing development on any underlying archaeology which might be present.

A 10% sample was demanded by SBC, and, accordingly, a 25m trench was excavated using a 2m ditching bucket, giving a sample of 50m².

3.2 All trenches were excavated with a JCB excavator using a 2.0 m wide ditching bucket. The trench details are summarised in Appendix 1. Machine excavation was conducted in shallow units/spits through topsoil/overburden to the upper surface of the underlying geological deposits. The evaluation trial trenching was undertaken according to AOC Archaeology Group's standard operating procedures as detailed with the Written Scheme of Investigation (AOC 2012).

4 Results

4.1 The various data gathered from the evaluation is presented as a series of appendices

- i) Appendix 1 contains the trench summaries
- ii) Appendix 2 contains the photographic register
- iii) Appendix 3 reproduces the 'Discovery and Excavation in Scotland' entry

4.2 Trial trenching was undertaken on the 23rd of January 2013 in overcast and snowy conditions. Archaeological visibility was, however, good throughout the operation.



Figure 1 View of Trench 1 Under Excavation

- 4.3 Neither archaeological material nor artefacts were recovered during archaeological works. The Southern end of the trench revealed the course of a rubble drain, the top layers of which contained coal and brick fragments, some of which were frogged, and a large amount of broken rock.



Figure 2 View of Trench 1

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Despite the presence of archaeological activity, and the vicinity of the medieval village of Old Cambus, neither significant archaeological features nor unstratified artefacts were encountered during the evaluation.
- 5.2 The significant balance of probability is that the development area is archaeologically sterile.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

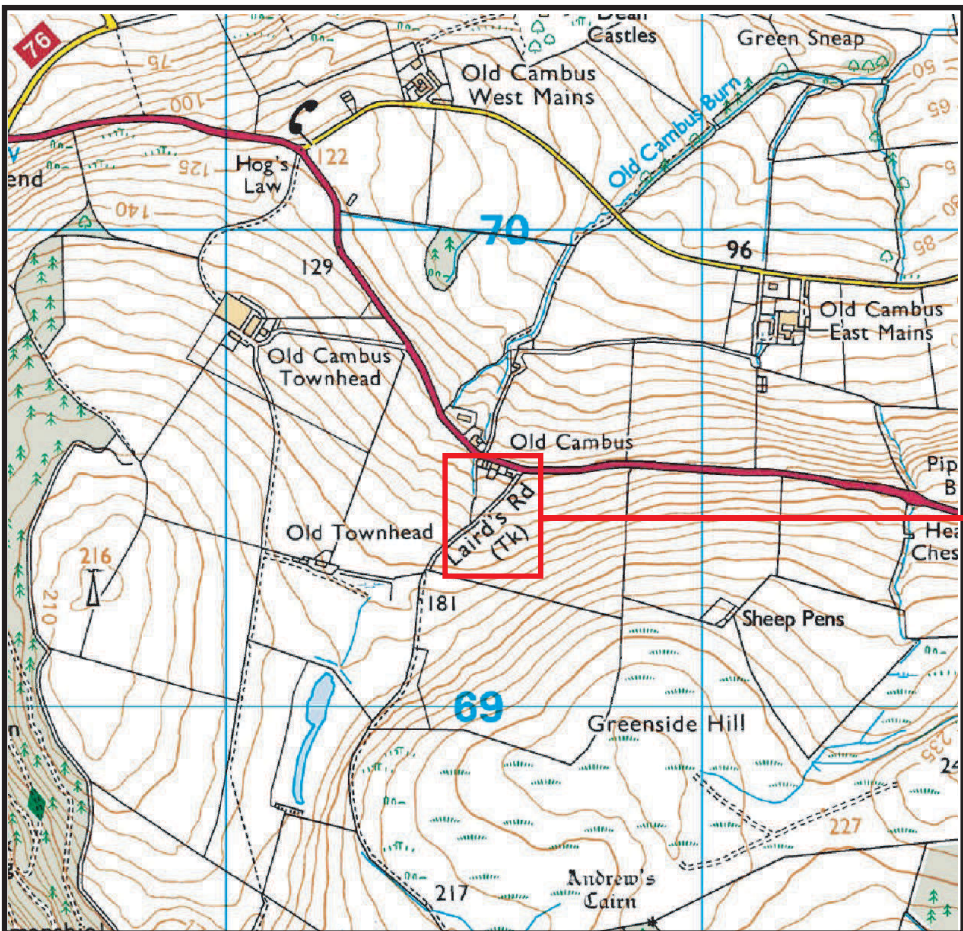
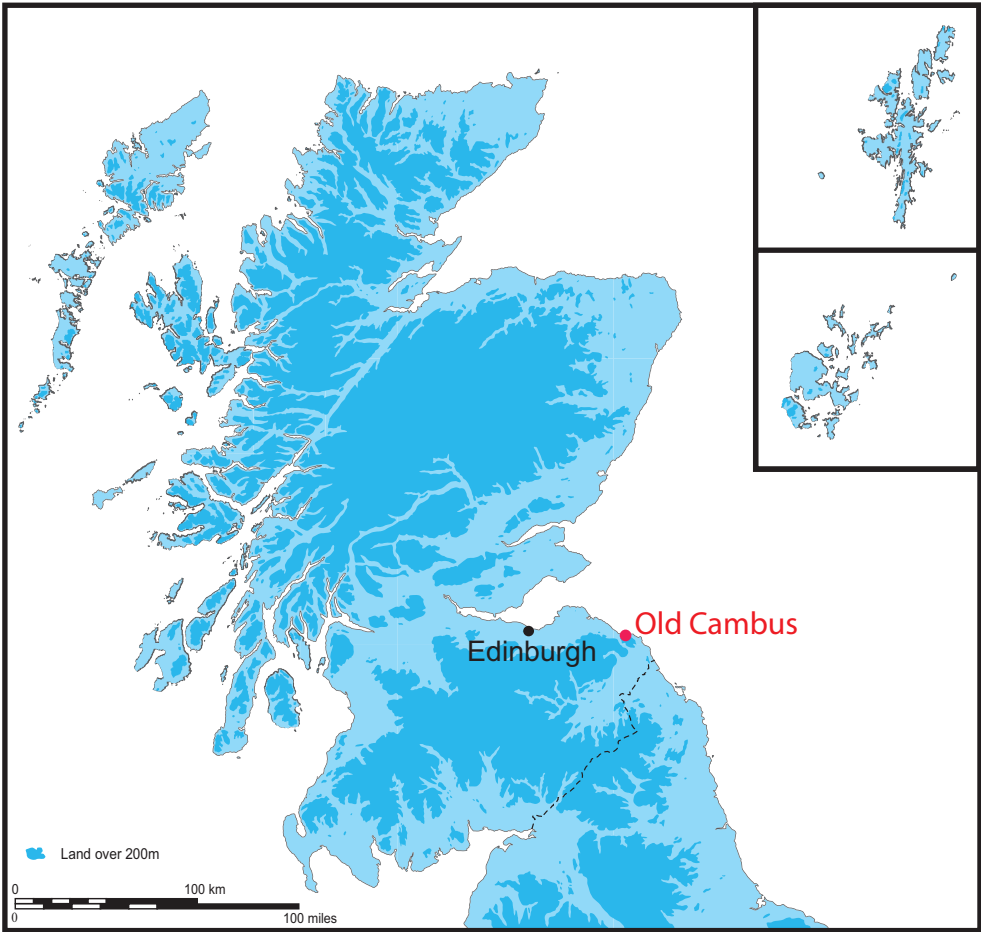
- 6.1 No further archaeological works are considered necessary. The recommendation will require confirmation by Dr. Christopher Bowles, Borders Council.

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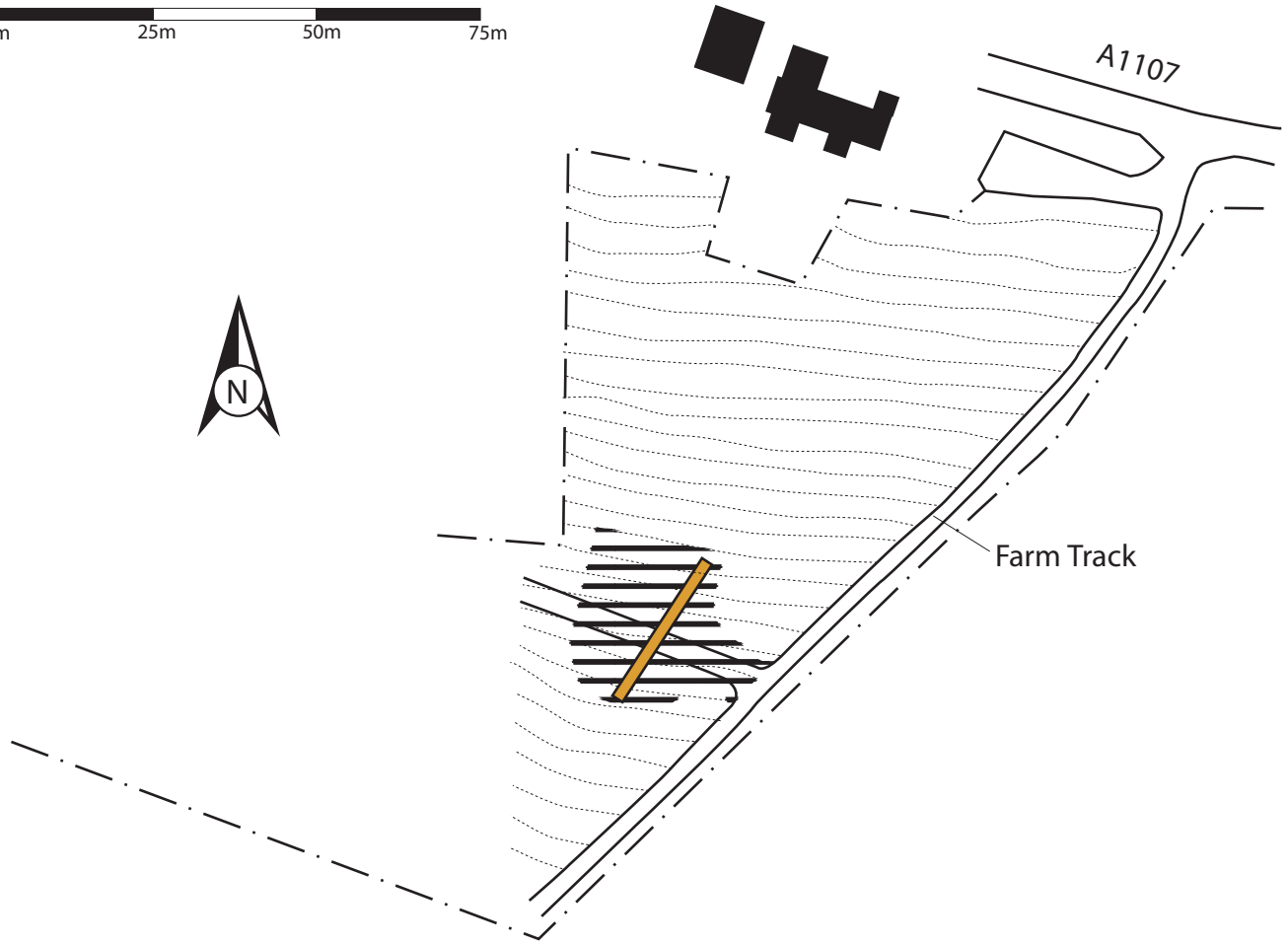
Figure 1: Location of the site at Old Cambus

0m 25m 50m 75m



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Farm Track



Trial Trench



Development Plot



Upstanding Buildings

Figure 2: Trial Trench location plan; based on a drawing supplied by the client

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Section 2: Appendices

APPENDIX 1: TRENCH SUMMARIES

Trench 1

Dimensions	27 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	SW-NE
Depth of Topsoil	0.30 m to 0.35 m
Features	None
Drains	Large field drain, backfilled with broken stone.
Subsoil	Orange Sandy Clay
Finds	None

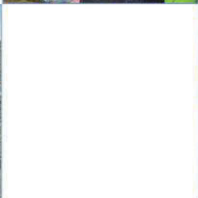
APPENDIX 2: PHOTOGRAPHIC REGISTER

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Frame	Trench	Description	From
1	1	Trench under excavation	NE
2	1	Trench 1 post ex	NE
3	1	Trench 1 post ex	SW
4	1	Trench 1 post ex	NE

APPENDIX 3: 'DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND' REPORT

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Scottish Borders Council
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Old Cambus
PROJECT CODE:	AOC 22342
PARISH:	Coldingham
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Jake Streatfeild-James
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	AOC Archaeology Group
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Archaeological Evaluation
NMRS NO(S):	None
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	None
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NT 806 695
START DATE (this season)	23 rd January 2013
END DATE (this season)	23 rd January 2013
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	An archaeological evaluation was carried out to assess the impact of a private housing development on the archaeological record. A 10% sample of the site was demanded by Scottish Borders Council, requiring a trench 25m by 2m. The archaeological works recovered no significant archaeological material or features. The significant balance of probability is that the site is archaeologically sterile.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
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