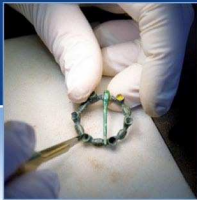


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Abstract

This report represents the results of an archaeological watching brief undertaken for Edinburgh Letting Solutions Ltd, on a development at Marshall's Court, Edinburgh.

The watching brief was undertaken on all ground breaking works, which included the excavation of a service track, and foundations trenches for the proposed development.

The excavation as undertaken using a 15 tonne 360° excavator, using a 0.6m bladed ditching bucket. No finds or archaeologically significant deposits were recovered.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

1.1.1 A programme of Archaeological Works was required by the Edinburgh Letting Solutions on ground-breaking works associated with the construction of a domestic unit at the Marshall's Court Edinburgh. The need for and scope of the archaeological works was determined by the City of Edinburgh Council, who are advised on archaeological matters by City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS).

1.1.2 The programme of archaeological works specified by CECAS is in keeping with the policies outlined in *Scottish Planning Policy* (Scottish Government 2010) and *PAN 2/2011 Planning and Archaeology* (Scottish Government 2011) in order to record the extent and significance of any archaeological remains which may be present within the development area.

1.2 Location

1.2.1 The proposed development site (NT 2616 7438 centred) is located immediately to the West of Calton Hill, below and at the rear of tenements which front onto Baxter's Place, Leith Walk.

1.3 Archaeological Background

1.3.1 The site lies at the north-western foot of Calton Hill within the designated UNESCO World Heritage site. The frontage buildings are A-listed Georgian townhouses built circa 1798 as part of the expansion of the New Town. The development area is located immediately north of Edinburgh's medieval town along the main thoroughfare to the port of Leith. The proposed development area is also situated on or near the late medieval Carmelite Friary at Greenside (NMRS HT27SE 36). The friary was established between 1518 and 1526 on the site of the earlier Rude Chapel, founded in 1456 by James II. In 1591 the chapel was converted into a Leper Hospital which was apparently demolished sometime before the 18th century.

1.3.2 It is considered that the development has the potential to impact on possible sub-surface remains associated with 15th to 16th century ecclesiastical establishments and/or human burials either related to these foundations or derived from the later Leper Hospital.

2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the archaeological works are:

- i) to safeguard the archaeological resource from any adverse impacts created by groundworks associated with the development;
- ii) to liaise with CECAS 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 strip.

3 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The watching brief was undertaken on the 30th of January and the 2nd of July 2013 in fair weather conditions yielding good archaeological visibility. The ground works involved the excavation of a service trench running across the plot from the NW corner towards the SE corner.
- 3.2 Excavations in July involved the removal of a collapsed wall, which had fallen into the plot, and the subsequent excavation of a series of foundation trenches.



Figure 1 Excavation of Foundation Trenches

4 RESULTS

- 4.1 The first phase of works revealed a deposit of Type 1 hardcore, up to 0.45m deep covering the entire plot. This was separated from the natural clay by a sheet of geotextile. Plastic drainage pipes had been dug into the clay, and covered by the geotextile; in all likelihood this combination of Type 1 hardcore and drainage is likely to relate to the use of the plot as a private car park. A concrete raft was recorded at the southern end of the site, possibly the remains of a previous modern development.
- 4.2 The second phase of works revealed the same make up of ground across the remainder of the site.

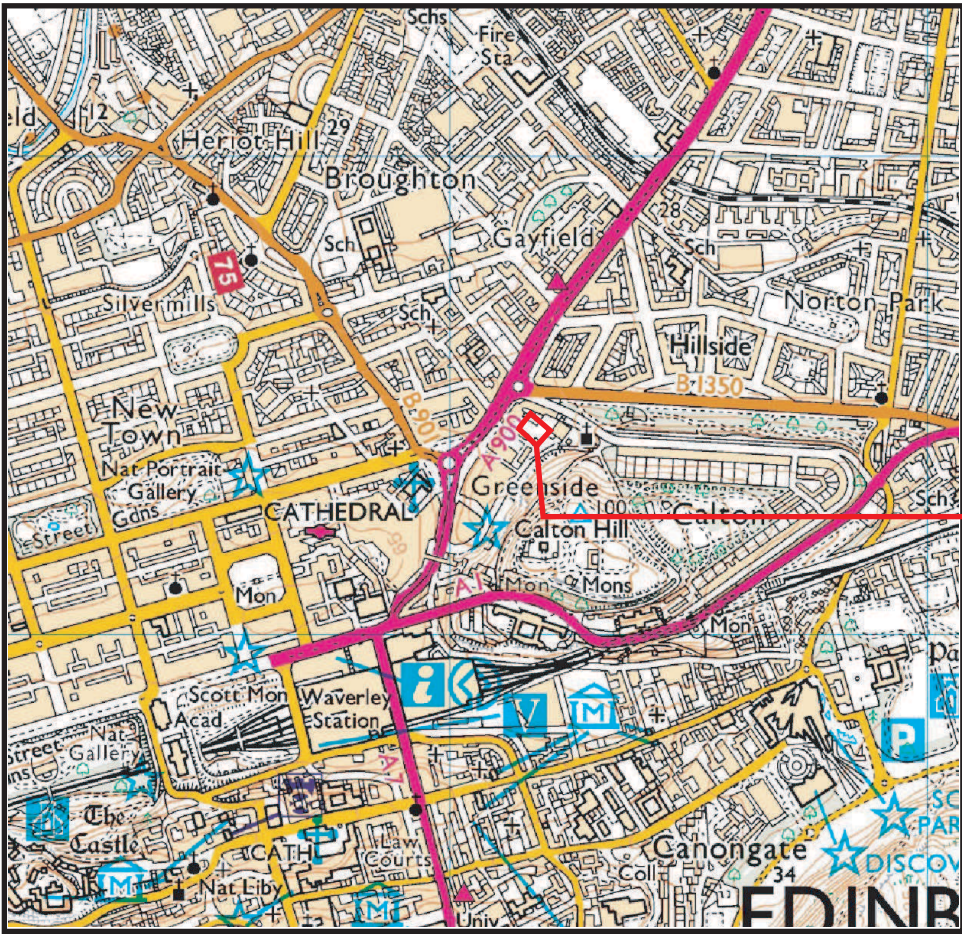
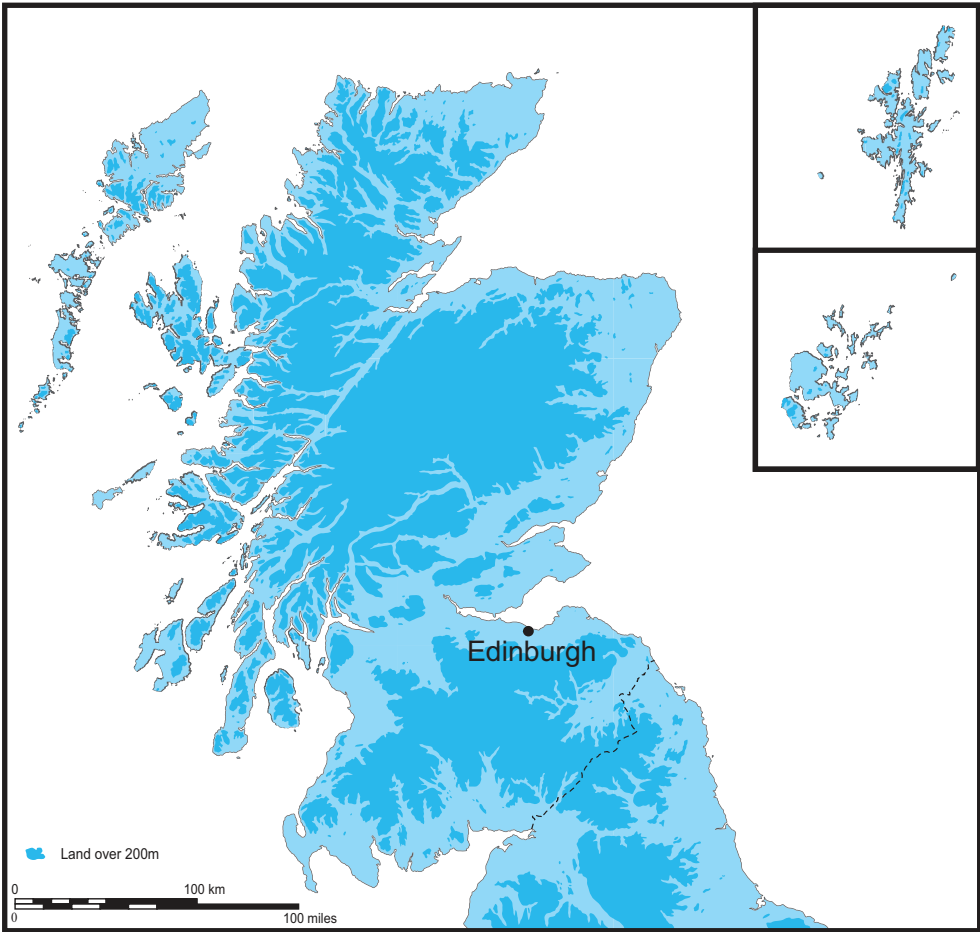
5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Neither archaeological features nor significant remains were encountered during the works. The entire plot is thought to have been scarped and drainage inserted prior to its use as a car park.

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Figure 1- Location of the site at Marshall's Court

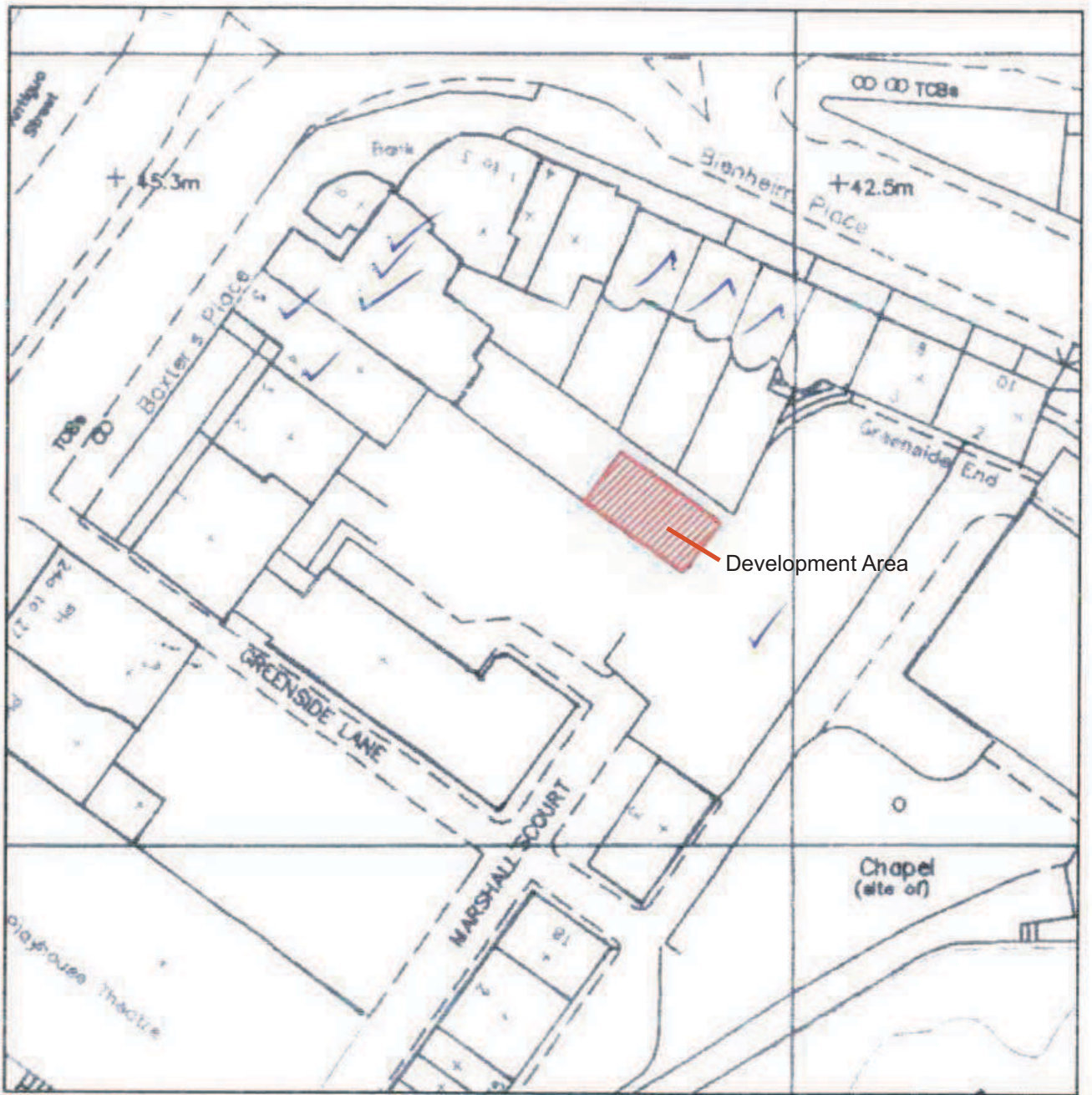


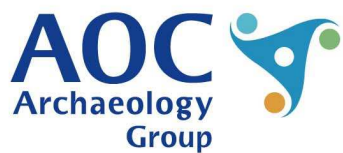
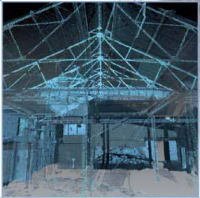
Figure 2 - Site Plan

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'Discovery & Excavation in Scotland' Entry

APPENDIX 1: *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Report*

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