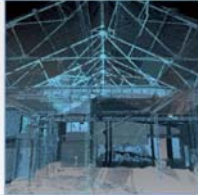


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Abstract

This report presents the results of an archaeological evaluation on the site of Kirkliston Primary School, Carmel Road, Kirkliston. Trenching was focussed on the southern development (phase 1) as phases 2 & 3 would have involved disturbing tarmac surfaces and soft landscaping due to be used by school pupils during the coming school term.

A total of 115 m of trenching was excavated revealing that the area had been previously stripped and dumped on during the initial school construction. No significant archaeological features or artefacts were revealed.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

1.1.1 An archaeological evaluation was required as a condition of planning consent prior to the development of Kirkliston Primary School, Carmel Road, Kirkliston. The site lies within the administrative area of the City of Edinburgh Council, which is advised on archaeological matters by the City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS). The archaeological works were conducted in accordance with the principles set out in *Scottish Planning Policy* (2014) and *Planning and Archaeology 2/2011* (2011).

1.2 Location

1.2.1 The proposed development area lies to the west of Kirkliston town centre and is immediately south of Stirling Road at the western end of a 20th century housing estate (Figure 1; centred on NT12036 74546). Pentland View Road forms the eastern boundary, a new housing development bounds the wester edge and a park and playing fields are to the immediate south.

1.3 Archaeological Background

1.3.1 The development area shows no signs of previous development until the construction of the Kirkliston Primary School in 1974, as can be seen in the 1856 and 1951 Ordnance Survey maps (Figures 2 & 3). These maps indicate the area was previously open agricultural land. However, the site is situated immediately to the west of the medieval and post-medieval extent of Kirkliston and recent excavations in advance of new developments to the north of Kirkliston have unearthed prehistoric archaeology (John Lawson, CECAS, pers comm).

2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objective of the archaeological works were:

- i. to determine the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any sub-surface archaeological remains within the development area.
- ii. should significant archaeological deposits be discovered, to liaise with the client and CECAS in preparing a mitigation strategy compliant with *Scottish Planning Policy* (2010) and *Planning and Archaeology 2/2011* (2011).

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 The evaluation was undertaken by a 13 tonne excavator with a 2 m wide bladed 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 and according to AOC Archaeology Group's standard operating procedures, and as per the methodology within the *Written Scheme of Investigation* (AOC 2014). The trenches were backfilled on completion of the evaluation.

4 RESULTS

- 4.1 The weather during the evaluation was fair allowing for good archaeological visibility. In total 115 linear metres of trenching was excavated, placed throughout the southern part of the development area (Phase 1). Trenches were targeted over the proposed building footprint where possible, with the remainder targeting areas of proposed car parking and the new playing field area.
- 4.2 Topsoil within the development area consisted of 0.05 m of imported sandy loam overlying very compact made ground up to 0.65 m in depth. The natural subsoil was orangey brown sandy clay with abundant small sandstone inclusions (Plate 1).
- 4.2 Excavations in Trench 2 through the existing playing field revealed modern drainage channels approximately 4 m apart aligned NW-SE throughout. The remaining two trenches in this area were aligned between these channels and revealed the occasional rubble drain and ceramic tile drain related to earlier use of the site as open agricultural land.

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 No significant archaeological features were encountered in the development area. The presence of compact made ground overlying the natural subsoil suggests that the entire area had been previously stripped during the initial school construction before being overlain by re-deposited subsoil and rubble in order to level the area. The balance of probability suggests that this would have been the case for the northern half of the site also.
- 5.2 No further archaeological works are considered necessary. This recommendation will require confirmation by the City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS) on behalf of Edinburgh City Council.

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Plate 1 - General view of Trench 1



Plate 2 - General view of Trench 2



Plate 3 - General view of Trench 3



Plate 4 - General view of Trench 4



Plate 5 - General view of Trench 5

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APPENDIX 1: Trench Descriptions

Trench 1

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| <i>Dimensions</i> | 15 m by 2 m |
| <i>Total Area</i> | 630 m ² |
| <i>Excavated Orientation</i> | NW to SE |
| <i>Soil Make-up</i> | Made ground – Sandy loam topsoil (0.05 m) onto re-deposited subsoil mixed with soil and rubble – max depth 0.74 m |
| <i>Depth of Excavation</i> | 1.15 m |
| <i>Significant Features</i> | None |
| <i>Other Features</i> | Ce tile drain 0 m to 2.2 m (N-S); Ce tile drain 9.2 m to 10.9 m (N-S) |
| <i>Natural Subsoil</i> | Orangey brown clay |
| <i>Finds</i> | None |

Trench 2

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|------------------------------|---|
| <i>Dimensions</i> | 35 m by 2 m |
| <i>Total Area</i> | 70 m ² |
| <i>Excavated Orientation</i> | NNW to SSE |
| <i>Soil Make-up</i> | Made ground – Sandy loam topsoil (0.05 m) onto re-deposited subsoil mixed with soil and rubble – max depth 0.67 m |
| <i>Depth of Excavation</i> | 0.7 m |
| <i>Significant Features</i> | None |
| <i>Other Features</i> | Modern drains aligned ESE-WNW at 5.6 m to 6.2 m; 13.8 m to 17.7 m; 27.7 m to 32 m |
| <i>Natural Subsoil</i> | Orangey brown sandy clay |
| <i>Finds</i> | None |

Trench 3

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| <i>Dimensions</i> | 15 m by 2 m |
| <i>Total Area</i> | 30 m ² |
| <i>Excavated Orientation</i> | NW to SE |
| <i>Soil Make-up</i> | Made ground – Sandy loam topsoil (0.05 m) onto re-deposited subsoil mixed with soil and rubble – max depth 0.7 m |
| <i>Depth of Excavation</i> | 0.7 m |
| <i>Significant Features</i> | None |
| <i>Other Features</i> | None |
| <i>Natural Subsoil</i> | Orangey brown sandy clay |
| <i>Finds</i> | None |

Trench 4

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| <i>Dimensions</i> | 30 m by 2 m |
| <i>Total Area</i> | 60 m ² |
| <i>Excavated Orientation</i> | NW to SE |
| <i>Soil Make-up</i> | Made ground – Sandy loam topsoil (0.05 m) onto re-deposited subsoil mixed with soil and rubble – max depth 0.7 m |
| <i>Depth of Excavation</i> | 0.7 m |
| <i>Significant Features</i> | None |
| <i>Other Features</i> | Rubble drain aligned E-W at 2 m to 2.8 m; Ce tile drain aligned N-S at 15 m to 16.9 m; Rubble drain aligned N-S at 21 m to 24.7 m; Rubble drain aligned E-W at 24 m to 25 m. |
| <i>Natural Subsoil</i> | Orangey brown sandy clay |
| <i>Finds</i> | None |

Trench 5

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Dimensions</i> | 20 m by 2 m |
| <i>Total Area</i> | 40 m ² |

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|------------------------------|--|
| <i>Excavated Orientation</i> | NW to SE |
| <i>Soil Make-up</i> | Made ground – Sandy loam topsoil (0.05 m) onto re-deposited subsoil mixed with soil and rubble – max depth 0.4 m |
| <i>Depth of Excavation</i> | 0.45 m |
| <i>Significant Features</i> | None |
| <i>Other Features</i> | None |
| <i>Natural Subsoil</i> | Orangey brown sandy clay |
| <i>Finds</i> | None |

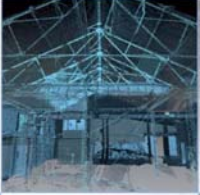
APPENDIX 2: Photographic Register

Digital Images

| Frame | Description | From | Date |
|-------|----------------------------------|------|---------|
| 1 | Registration shot | - | 31/7/14 |
| 2 | T1 Post-ex | SE | 31/7/14 |
| 3 | T2 – modern service with type 1 | W | 31/7/14 |
| 4 | T2 –another service with type 1 | NW | 31/7/14 |
| 5 | T2 – another service with type 1 | NW | 31/7/14 |
| 6 | T2 Post-ex | SSE | 31/7/14 |
| 7-13 | View of phase 2 and 3 areas | Var | 31/7/14 |
| 14 | T1 backfilled | N | 31/7/14 |
| 15 | T3 Post-ex | SSE | 31/7/14 |
| 16 | T4 Post-ex | SE | 31/7/14 |
| 17 | T5 Post-ex | SE | 31/7/14 |
| 18 | T5 backfilled | NW | 31/7/14 |
| 19 | T4 backfilled | NW | 31/7/14 |
| 20 | T2 backfilled | NW | 31/7/14 |
| 21 | T3 backfilled | NW | 31/7/14 |
| 22-23 | General view of area backfilled | N | 31/7/14 |

APPENDIX 3: *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Report*

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| LOCAL AUTHORITY: | City of Edinburgh |
| PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME | Kirkliston Primary School |
| PROJECT CODE: | 22839 |
| PARISH: | Kirkliston |
| NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR: | Kevin Paton |
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