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## Summary

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An archaeological watching brief was required by Greenspan Agency Ltd, on behalf of their client during groundbreaking works associated with the installation of a hydro scheme. The watching brief works were carried out as a condition of the planning consent for the development.

The watching brief was carried out on the part of the groundbreaking works that lay adjacent to the remains of a probable 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> century township of Cashlie.

No significant archaeological remains were encountered during the course of the watching brief.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Project Background

1.1.1 An archaeological watching brief was required by Greenspan Agency on behalf of their client during ground breaking works associated with the installation of a small hydro scheme. The watching brief was required in response to a planning condition set by Perth and Kinross Council, (Ref: 14/02161/FLL) who are advised on archaeological matters by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT). The works were conducted according to the terms of a *Written Scheme of Investigation* (AOC 2015) approved by PKHT and in accordance with the principles set out in *Scottish Planning Policy* (Scottish Government 2014) and PAN 2/2011 Planning and Archaeology (Scottish Government 2011), in order to safeguard the adjacent archaeological remains and to determine the nature of any additional archaeological remains revealed during the groundbreaking works.

### 1.2 Site Location

1.2.1 The development area comprises open grazing land on the northern side of an unclassified road that runs along Glen Lyon from Fortingall, at Cashlie (NGR NN 41847 48990). The works then extend northwards upslope for c 700 m (Figure 1).

### 1.3 Archaeological Background

1.3.1 The Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland shows that the site lies in an area of relatively dense settlement. Firstly, the development works pass through the probable 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> century township of Cashlie (NMRS No. NN44SE 19 & SMR No. MPK9375) which is depicted on the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey map as comprising six unroofed structures, an enclosure, sheepfold and limekiln. Lying within a few hundred metres are two other sites possibly associated with the township. To the immediate west lies a burial ground (NMRS No. NN44SE 14) with a little further to the south of a field system (NMRS No. NN44SE 23). Also of note is the close proximity of a Scheduled ring fort, (SAM No. 2377, NMRS No. NN44SE 9) which lies between the township and the field system.

## 2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the watching brief were:

- i) To ensure that the vulnerable elements of the Cashlie Township and the sheepfold complex are not accidentally impacted on by the constructional activities, through the erection of high visibility fencing;

- ii) To safeguard the archaeological resource that may be disturbed by any groundbreaking works associated with the Hydro Scheme, specifically between points marked WB1 and WB2 through a watching brief;
- iii) To liaise with PKHT 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.

### 3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 The groundbreaking works were carried out 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015. Weather conditions were excellent, and good archaeological visibility was maintained throughout. The data gathered from the watching brief is presented as a series of appendices.

- i) Appendix 1 contains the Photographic Register
- ii) Appendix 2 contains the '*Discovery and Excavation in Scotland*' (DES) report

3.2 Prior to any groundbreaking works being carried out the vulnerable elements of the Cashlie Township adjacent to the watching brief area were fenced off using high visibility fencing. This fencing will be maintained and remain in place during the remaining constructional works.



**Plate 1 – Fencing off of the archaeological remains**

- 3.3 The access track measures between 3.0 m to 3.5 m. Additionally, an area towards the northern end of the track 9.0 m x 15.0 m, orientated N-S, was excavated on the west side to accommodate a Power House.
- 3.4 The ground breaking works were carried out by means of a 360° mechanical excavator equipped with 0.5 m to 0.6 m wide toothed, ditching buckets. Excavation was carried out in shallow units/spits which stopped, in the absence of any archaeological remains, at natural. The nature of the subsoil and overlying soils were recorded. All machine excavation was monitored by an experienced field archaeologist.
- 3.5 A digital photographic record was maintained during the evaluation (see Appendix 2).

## 4 RESULTS

- 4.1 No significant archaeological remains were noted during the course of the works. The natural subsoil was recorded as a mixture of light brown sands and large stones, grey clay and stones and outcropping bedrock. Topsoil was recorded as brown, and dark brown peaty soils between 0.20 m – 0.60 m deep. Vegetation was a mixture of short grass and rushes.



**Plate 2 – Access track adjacent to the archaeological remains**



- 4.2 The watching brief area as described in the 'Written Scheme of Investigation' was stripped of topsoil across c.90% of the required watching brief area. After consultation with PKHT it was agreed that the watching brief could be curtailed and a small portion of track, at the northern edge of the area could be excluded. The topography was not conducive to the presence of archaeological remains and therefore had a very low potential compared with that already monitored.

## 5 REFERENCES

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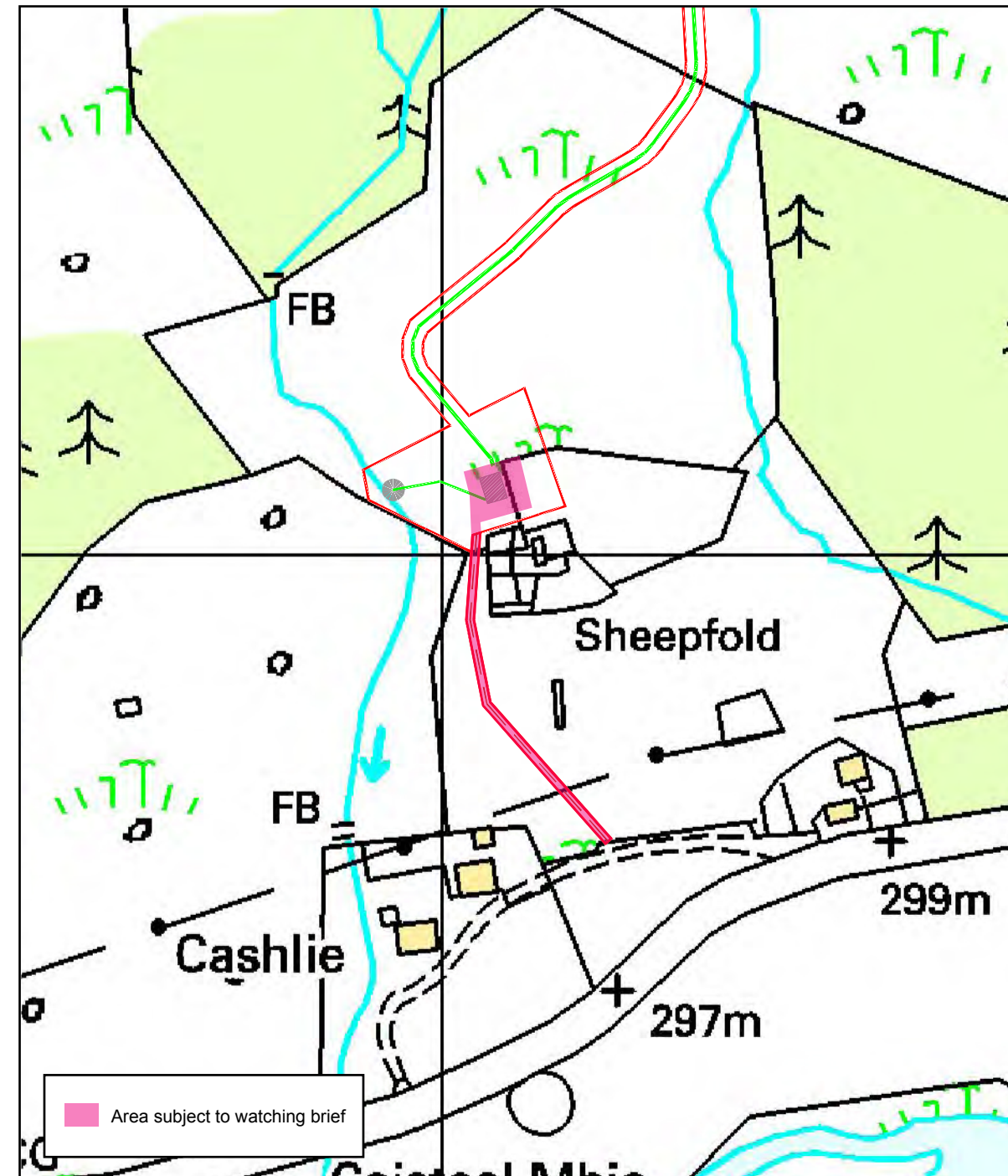
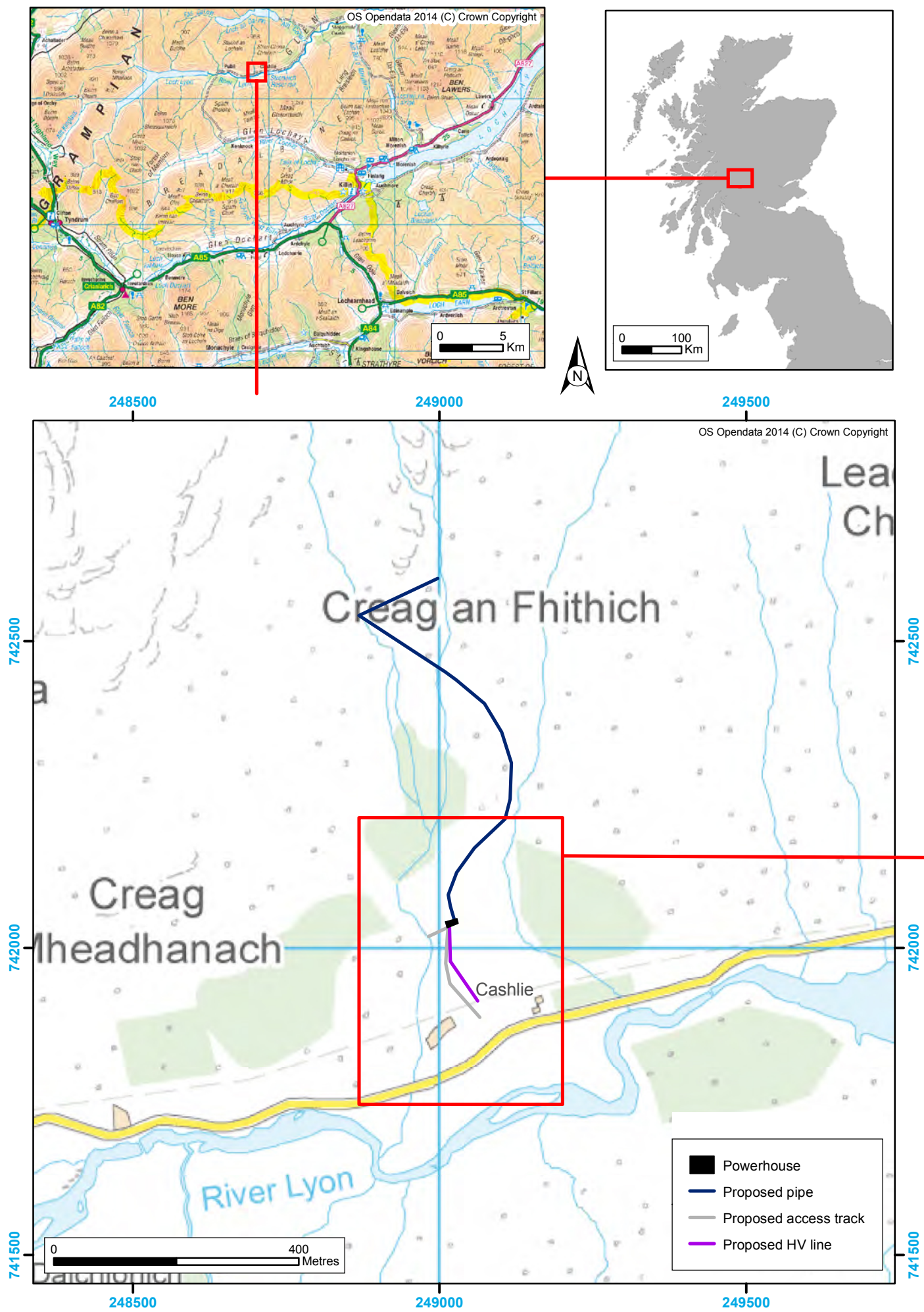


Figure 1: Site location plan and site plan showing the area subject to watching brief

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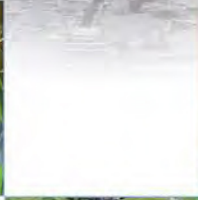
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## APPENDIX 1: Photographic Record

Frame	Description	From
1-6	Archaeological features fenced off	Various
7-8	Drain trench – south end of track	E
9-10	Excavating the access track – south end	S
11-12	Lime Kiln to south of watching brief area	S
13-14	Peaty topsoil, west facing section	W
15-18	Caislidh Township – general view	N
19-20	Target practice	S
21-22	Access track along south west part of archaeological features	S
23-26	Access track and area for power house at north west corner of archaeological remains	N
27-28	Stripped area adjacent to section of ruinous wall	E
29-30	General view of area to north of where digging has stopped for now	S

## APPENDIX 2: 'Discovery and Excavation in Scotland' Report

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