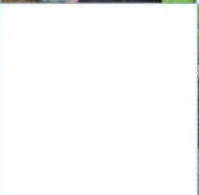


# Land at Gateside Road, Haddington Archaeological Evaluation Report

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## Summary

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*This report presents the results of an archaeological evaluation undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group on behalf of Persimmon Homes, prior to development of a plot of land at Gateside Road, Haddington. The works were required as a condition of the planning consent for the development.*

*The evaluation consisted of the machine trenching of 11 trenches totalling an area of 1,600m<sup>2</sup> or 800 linear metres.*

*Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were encountered.*

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Site Background

- 1.1.1 AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by Persimmon Homes to carry out a programme of archaeological works prior to the construction of a new housing development at Gateside Road, Haddington (Planning Ref. No.13/00800/PPM). The proposed development lies within the administrative area of the East Lothian Council, which is advised on archaeological matters by the East Lothian Council Archaeology Service (ELCAS). The archaeological works were conducted in accordance with the principals set out in *Scottish Planning Policy* (2014) and *Planning & Archaeology* (2011) and in accordance with East Lothian Council requirements as advised by ELCAS.
- 1.1.2 The objective of the archaeological works was to determine the existence of any buried archaeological remains within the development area by means of a programme of trial trenching. A Written Scheme of Investigation (AOC 2015) outlining the entire programme of archaeological works was agreed with ELCAS in advance of the evaluation being undertaken.
- 1.1.3 The site has no statutory designations and lies outwith the Haddington Conservation Area.

### 1.2 Site Location

- 1.2.1 The proposed development area comprises a plot of land to the west of Gateside Road, Haddington, East Lothian and is centered on NGR NT 49800 73833 (Figure 1). The site is bounded by Gateside Road to the east and the B6741 to the south.

### 1.3 Archaeological background

- 1.3.1 The Scheduled Monument of Spottiswoode lies to the south-east of the development area (Historic Scotland Ref: 6394), and consists of an enclosed settlement represented by cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. It likely dates to the 1<sup>st</sup> millennium BC – 1<sup>st</sup> millennium AD. It is a sub-square enclosure with annexes to the north and west and measuring 35m x 35m with an entrance to the west.
- 1.3.2 After prehistory, the land is likely to have been open land, possibly later used for agriculture. There has been a farmstead at Gateside (to the immediate west of the development area) since at least the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, as it first appears on John Adair's 1736 map (Figure 2). The farm then emerges throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century as a courtyard steading, eventually being replaced by Commerce Park to the west of the development area.

## 2 OBJECTIVES

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

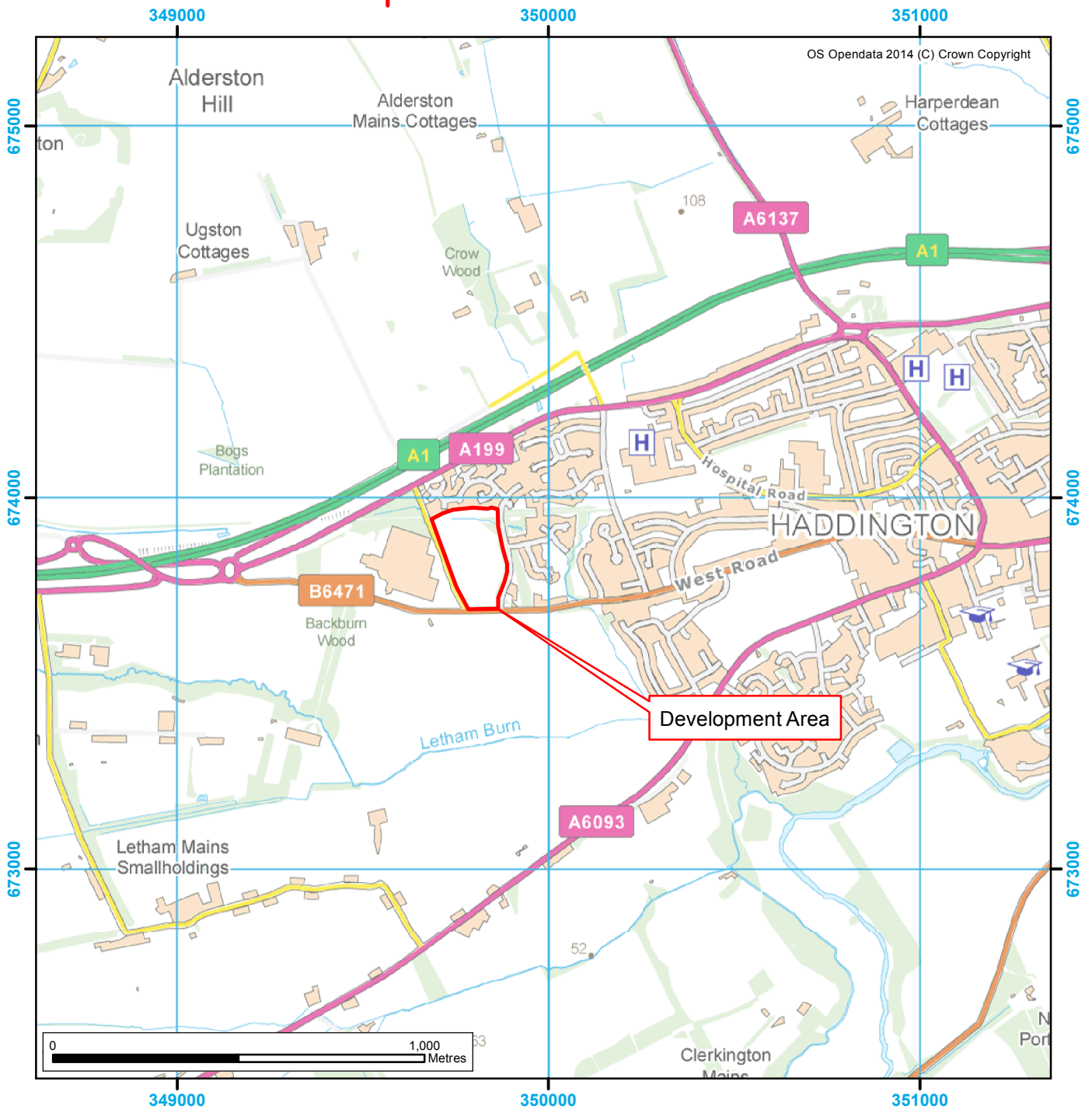
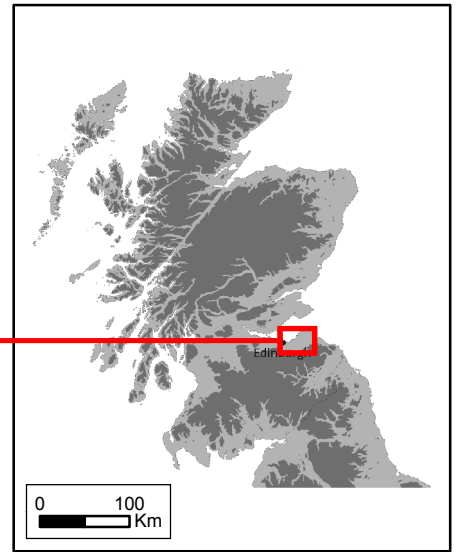
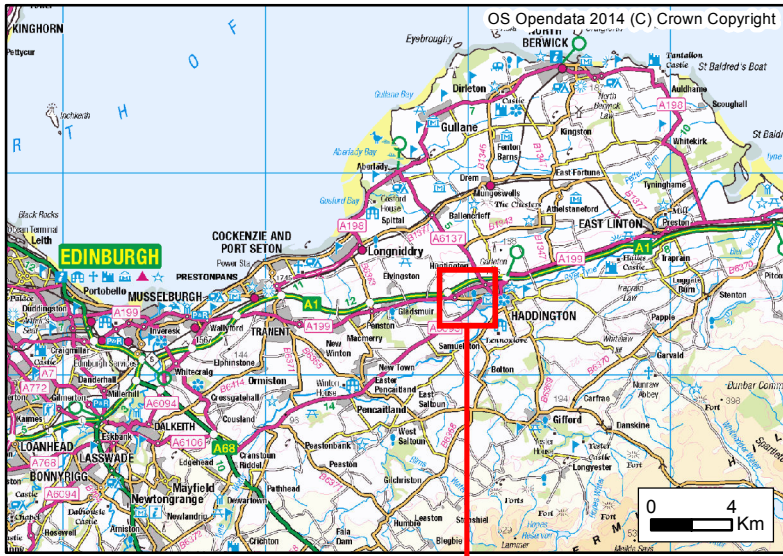


Figure 1: Site Location Plan



Figure 2: Extract from Adair's map, 1736

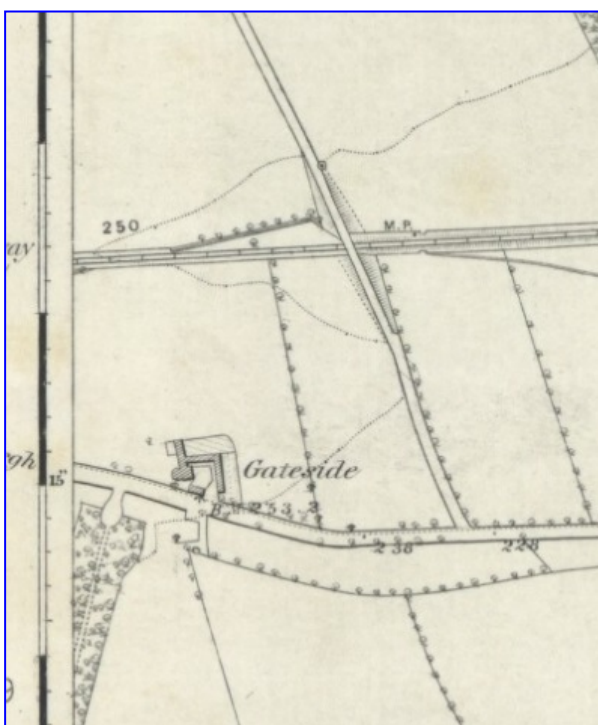


Figure 3: Extract from Ordnance Survey map, 1855

### 3 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The archaeological evaluation was undertaken on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 using an excavator fitted with a 2.0m wide toothless ditching bucket. It consisted of the excavation of 11 evaluation trenches with a complete basal area of 1,600m<sup>2</sup>, or 800 linear metres based on each trench being 2m in width (see Figure 2). The evaluation was undertaken in dry, clear conditions with good archaeological visibility. Trenches were recorded and subsequently backfilled and tracked-over by the machine.

## 4 RESULTS

- 4.1 All 11 trenches had a topsoil of between 0.30m - 0.40m in depth going down on to a natural subsoil of brownish orange boulder clay containing some sand and gravel lenses and yellow and white fragmented sandstone (Plate 1). Both ceramic and rubble field drains were encountered in some of the trenches, the former being located approximately 5m apart.
- 4.2 No archaeological features or finds were discovered.



Plate 1: Trench 2, general post-excitation shot from the south



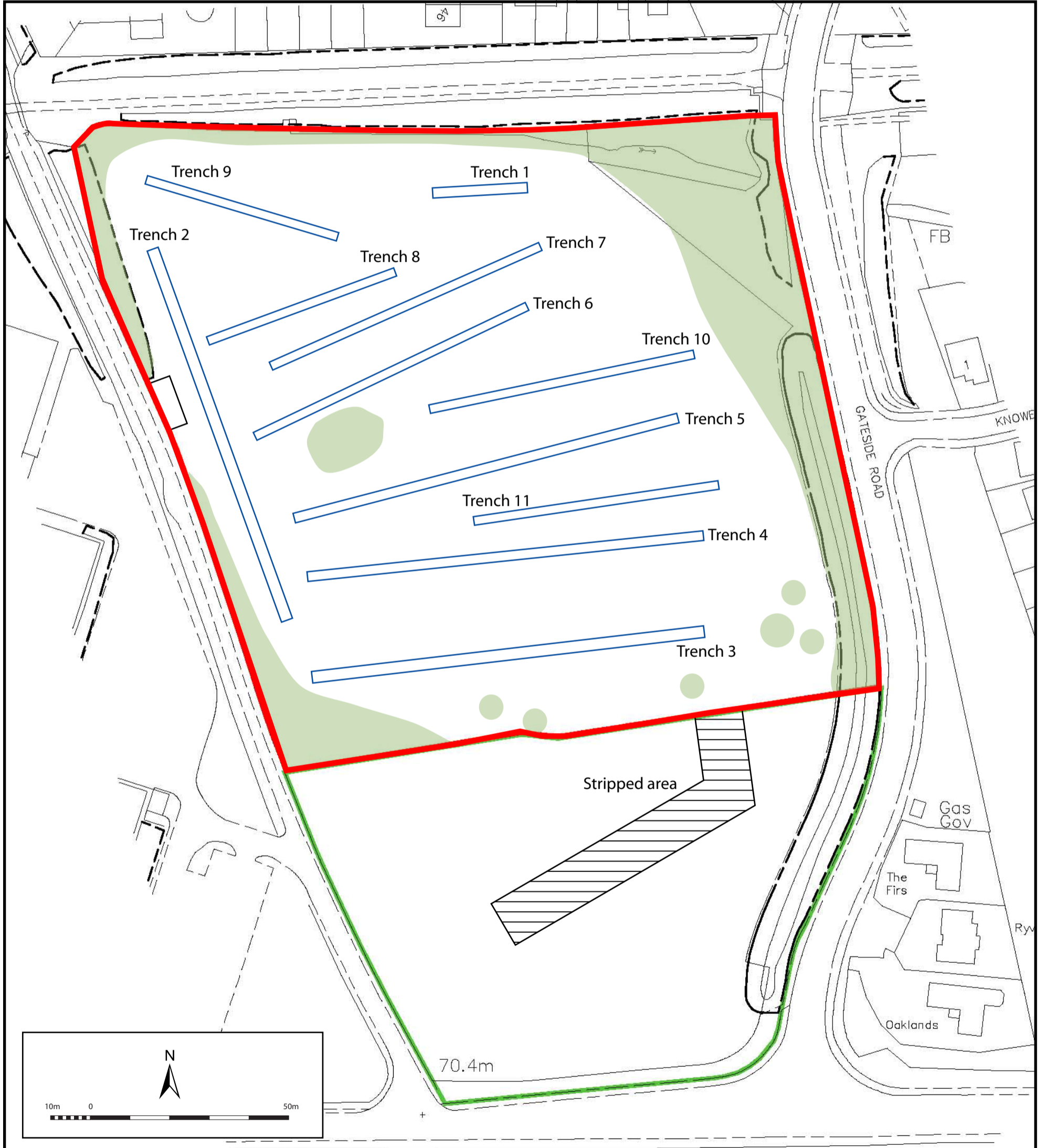


Figure 2: Site plan showing location of evaluation trenches

## 5 CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 No significant archaeological finds or features were encountered and the area appears archaeologically sterile.
- 5.2 No further archaeological works are considered necessary. This recommendation will require confirmation by ELCAS on behalf of East Lothian Council.

## 6 REFERENCES

### 6.1 Bibliographical references

AOC Archaeology 2015 *Gateside Road, Haddington: Archaeological Evaluation Written Scheme of Investigation*. Unpublished client method statement.

Scottish Government 2014 *Scottish Planning Policy*.

Scottish Government 2011 *PAN 2/2011 Planning and Archaeology*.

### 6.2 Cartographic references

1736	John Adair	<i>A Map of East Lothian</i>
ca. 1747 - 1755	William Roy	<i>Military Map of Scotland</i>
1799	William Forrest	<i>Map of Haddingtonshire</i>
1855	Ordnance Survey	<i>Haddingtonshire, Sheet 10</i>
1895	Ordnance Survey	<i>Haddingtonshire Sheet X.NW</i>
1948	Ordnance Survey	<i>Haddingtonshire Sheet X.NW</i>

## APPENDIX 1: Trench Descriptions

### Trench 1

<i>Dimensions</i>	25m x 2m
<i>Orientation</i>	E/W
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.30m
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	1.2m – 1.7m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic drains approximately every 5m orientated N/S
<i>Subsoil</i>	pale brown/orange sandy clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 2

<i>Dimensions</i>	100m x 2m
<i>Orientation</i>	N/S
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.30m – 0.40m
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.40m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Two rubble field drains orientated N/S running for the length of the trench spaced approximately 5m apart
<i>Subsoil</i>	Mottled pale brown sandy clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 3

<i>Dimensions</i>	100m x 2m
<i>Orientation</i>	E/W
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.40m
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.40m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic drains approximately every 5m orientated N/S
<i>Subsoil</i>	brownish orange boulder clay containing some sand and gravel lenses and yellow and white fragmented sandstone
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 4

<i>Dimensions</i>	100m x 2m
<i>Orientation</i>	E/W
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.40m
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.40m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	brownish orange boulder clay containing some sand and gravel lenses and yellow and white fragmented sandstone
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 5

<i>Dimensions</i>	100m x 2m
<i>Orientation</i>	E/W
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.40m
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.40m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	brownish orange boulder clay containing some sand and gravel lenses and yellow and white fragmented sandstone
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 6**

<i>Dimensions</i>	75m x 2m
<i>Orientation</i>	E/W
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.30m
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.30m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	brownish orange boulder clay containing some sand and gravel lenses and yellow and white fragmented sandstone
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 7**

<i>Dimensions</i>	75m x 2m
<i>Orientation</i>	E/W
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.30m
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.30m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Far more solid natural subsoil here consisting of greyish brown boulder clay and rocks
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 8**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50m x 2m
<i>Orientation</i>	E/W
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.30m
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.30m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Far more solid natural subsoil here consisting of greyish brown boulder clay and rocks
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 9**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50m x 2m
<i>Orientation</i>	E/W
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.30m
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.30m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Far more solid natural subsoil here consisting of greyish brown boulder clay and rocks
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 10**

<i>Dimensions</i>	65m x 2m
<i>Orientation</i>	E/W
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.25m - 0.30m
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.30m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Far more solid natural subsoil here consisting of greyish brown boulder clay and rocks
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 11**

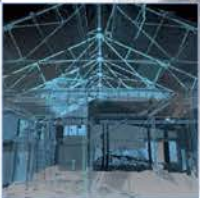
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<i>Orientation</i>	E/W
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.40m
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.40m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Far more solid natural subsoil here consisting of greyish brown boulder clay and rocks
<i>Finds</i>	None

**APPENDIX 2: Photographic Record**

Frame	Trench/Feature	Description	From	Date
1	-	Registration	-	21/05/2015
2 – 6	-	General pre-excavation shots	-	21/05/2015
7 - 9	1	General post-excavation shot	N	21/05/2015
10	1	General post-excavation shot	E	21/05/2015
11	2	General post-excavation shot	S	21/05/2015
12	3	General post-excavation shot	E	21/05/2015
13	4	General post-excavation shot	E	21/05/2015
14	5	General post-excavation shot	W	21/05/2015
15	6	General post-excavation shot	E	21/05/2015
16	7	General post-excavation shot	W	21/05/2015
17	8	General post-excavation shot	E	21/05/2015
18	9	General post-excavation shot	W	21/05/2015
19	10	General post-excavation shot	W	21/05/2015
20	11	General post-excavation shot	W	21/05/2015
21	-	General shot of depth of deposits and bedrock	-	21/05/2015

**APPENDIX 3: Discovery and Excavation in Scotland (DES) Report**

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	East Lothian Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME</b>	Land at Gateside Road, Haddington
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	AOC 23113
<b>PARISH:</b>	Haddington
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Diana Sproat
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<b>NMRS NO(S)</b>	None
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	None
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	None
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NT 49800 73833
<b>START DATE</b> (this season)	21/05/2015
<b>END DATE</b> (this season)	22/05/2015
<b>PREVIOUS WORK</b> (incl. DES ref.)	None
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b> (May include information from other fields)	An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group on behalf of Persimmon Homes, prior to development of a plot of land at Gateside Road, Haddington. The works were required as a condition of the planning consent for the development. The evaluation consisted of the machine trenching of 11 trenches totalling an area of 1,600m <sup>2</sup> or 800 linear metres. Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were encountered.
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	None
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