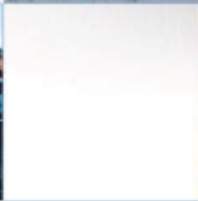


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Summary

AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by Glencairn Properties to undertake an archaeological evaluation at 22 Craigmount Avenue, Corstorphine, Edinburgh (NT 19194 73477).

The Evaluation consisted of the excavation of four liner trenches comprising 125 m², which equates to approximately 10% of the development area.

No significant archaeological remains were noted during the course of the works.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

1.1.1 An archaeological evaluation was required by Glencairn Properties at a housing development at 22 Craigmount Avenue, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. The work was required as a condition of planning consent on the development (Ref:15/01119/FUL). The need for, and scope of the archaeological works was determined by the City of Edinburgh Council, who are advised on archaeological matters by Mr John Lawson of City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS). The works were conducted according to the terms of a Written Scheme of Investigation (AOC 2015) approved by CECAS and in accordance with the principles set out in Scottish Planning Policy (Scottish Government 2010) and PAN 2/2011 Planning and Archaeology (Scottish Government 2011).

1.2 Site Location

1.2.1 The development lies to the north of the built up area of Corstorphine, a residential suburb on the western side of Edinburgh. The development area measures 1323 m² in size and was previously occupied by a single storey office building. The site is centred on NT 19194 73477.

1.3 Archaeological background

1.3.1 First edition map evidence indicates that until the mid 20th century the site formed the northwestern corner of the historic farm of Corstorphine Bank (NT17 SE. 97). The Farm however appears to be the same as Corstorphine Rigg, recorded in this location on Roy's 1750's map, which is recorded in the RMS OF 1654 as Whitehouse.

2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the evaluation were:

- i) to determine the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any archaeological remains encountered during the evaluation;
- ii) to undertake the immediate recording of isolated finds of moderately significant value and to prevent the destruction of significant archaeological features prior to their recording;
- iii) to prepare a mitigation strategy compliant with *Scottish Planning Policy (2014)* and *Planning and Archaeology 2/2011 (2011)*, in the event of highly significant value remains being encountered;

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 The archaeological works were carried out on 8th January 2016. Weather conditions were generally good, and good archaeological visibility was maintained throughout the evaluation. All trenching was carried out using 360° tracked, mechanical excavator using a 2m wide, smooth bladed, ditching bucket.

3.2 All trenching was directed by an experienced field archaeologist and all recording was carried out according to AOC Archaeology Group's standard practices.

- 3.3 Trench record sheets were completed for each trench; these noted the overburden type and depth, as well as a description of the natural subsoil (Appendix 1). A digital photographic record was also maintained during the course of the evaluation (Appendix 2).

4 RESULTS

- 4.1 Four trenches, representing a total of 125 m² were excavated during the course of the evaluation. This represents approximately 10% of the non-truncated area of the development.
- 4.2 Overburden over the development area consisted of made ground, consisting of redeposited demolition material, clean stone and topsoil. The redeposited demolition material was noted at the locations of Trenches 1 and 3, where the two storey building had formerly stood. Clean stone was noted at the location of Trench 3, formerly the location of a car parking area. Topsoil was noted at the location of Trench 4, a previously undeveloped area at the southern end of the development.
- 4.3 Natural subsoil was described as a very light brow to mid brown clayey/sands/sandy clays.
- 4.4 Sub surface features recorded during the evaluation included a single stone filled drain, aligned e-w, which was noted in Trenches 1 and 2, and a BT cable, encased in a ceramic conduit which was noted towards the south end of Trench 2.
- 4.5 No significant archaeological remains were encountered during the course of the works. There was no evidence associated with the earlier use of the site, and it seems likely that the farm did not occupy this specific land parcel.

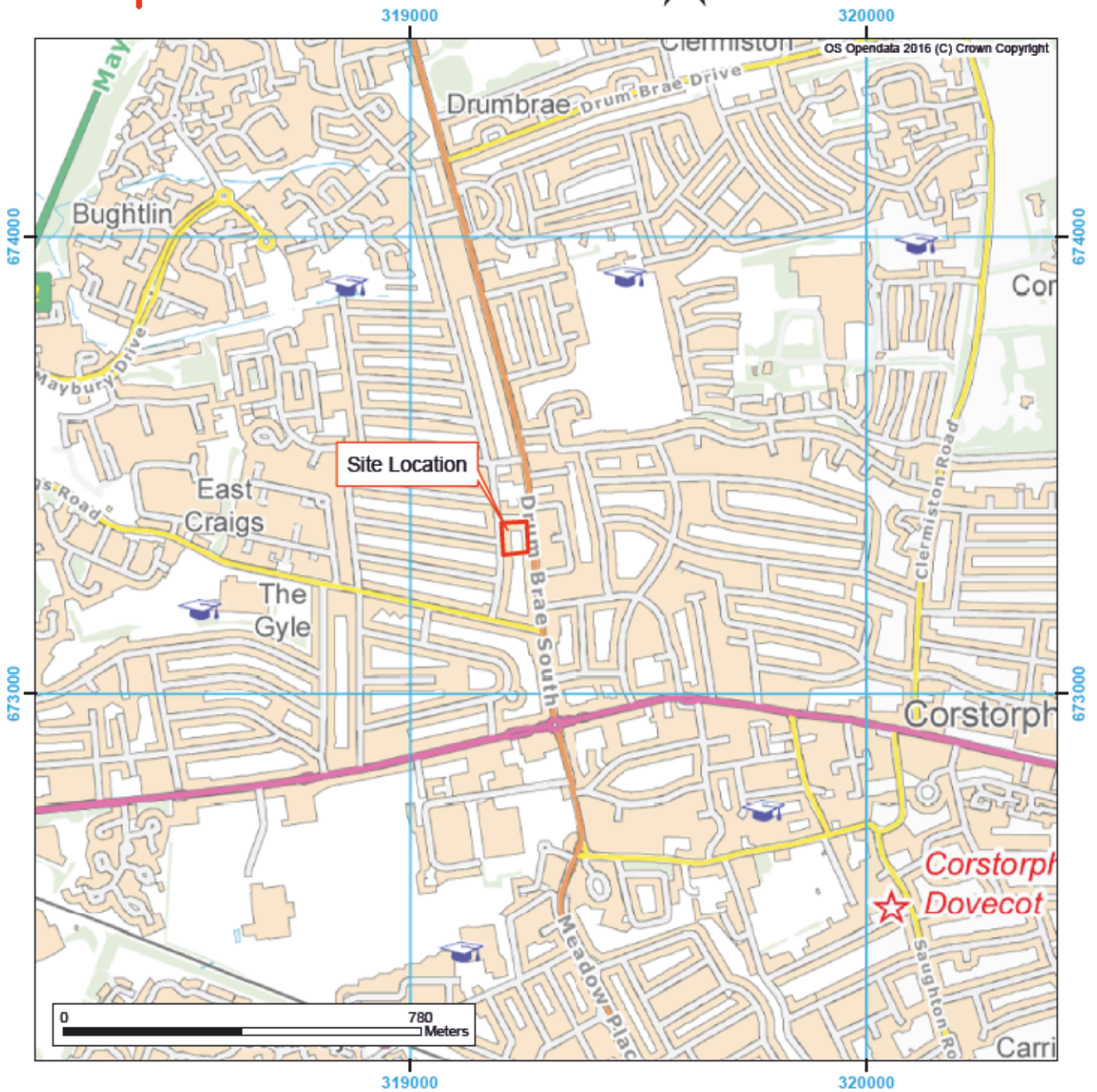
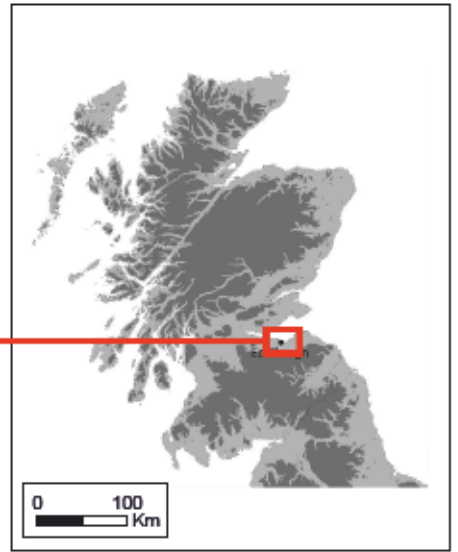
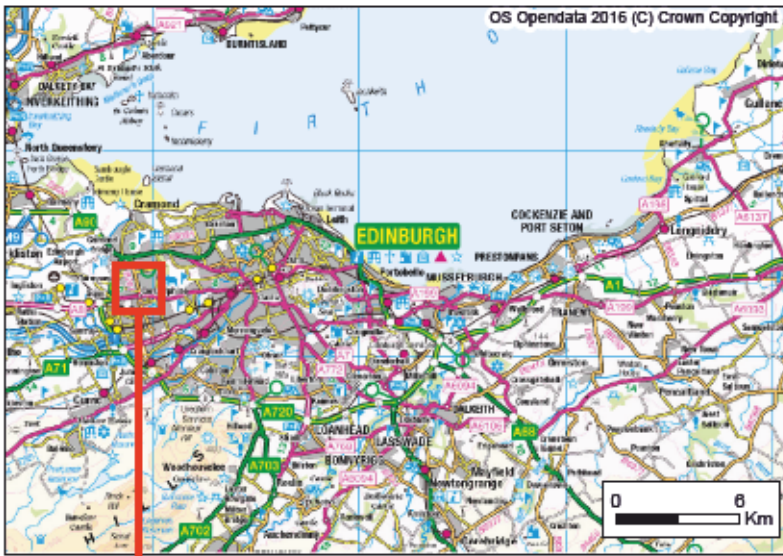


Figure 1: Site Location Plan

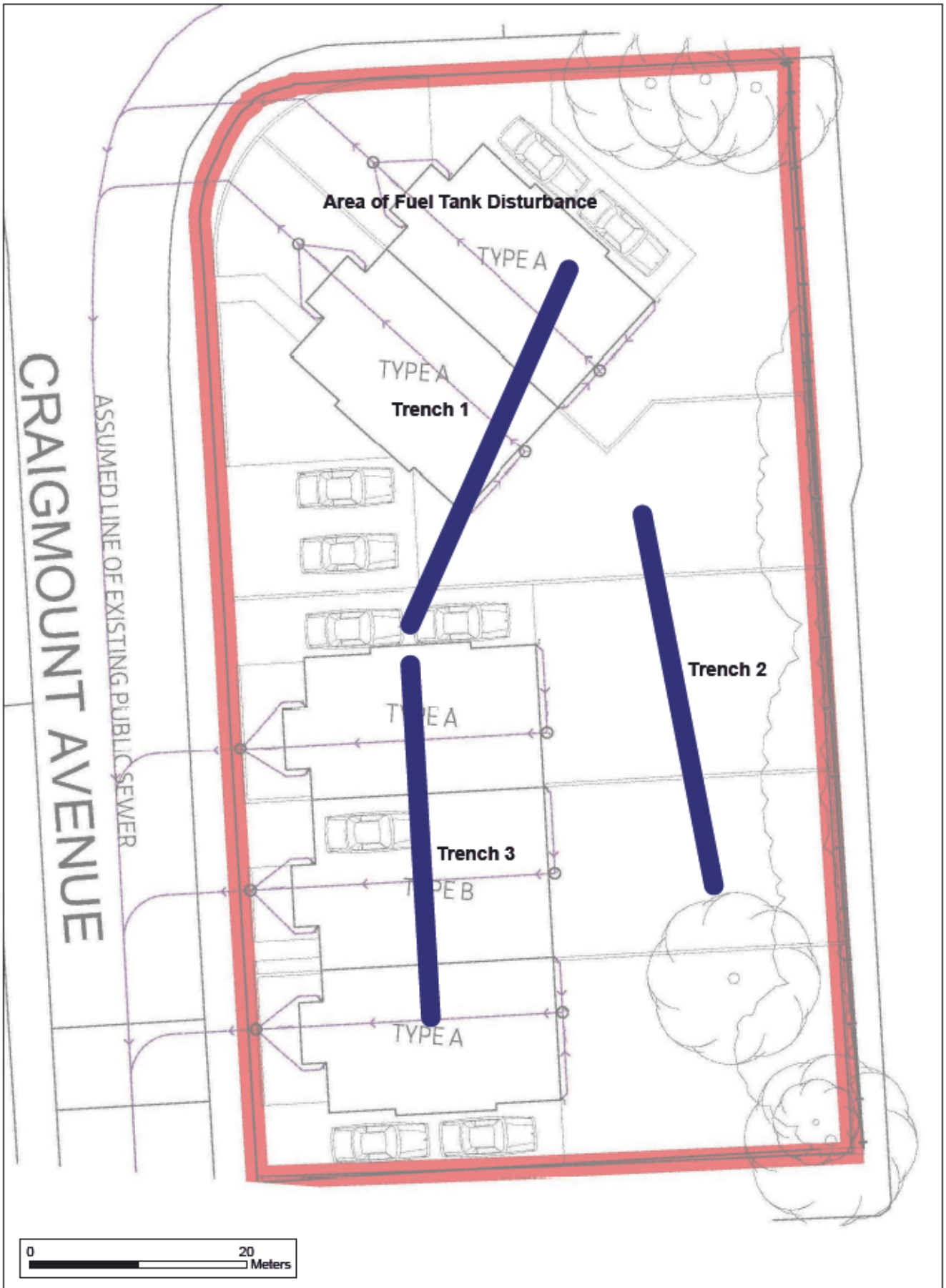


Figure 2: Trench Location Plan



Plate 1: Trench 1: Post excavation



Plate 2: Trench 4: Post excavation

5 CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 No significant archaeological features or artefacts were revealed during the groundbreaking works. The recorded stone filled drain, while undated, is not considered significant. Therefore no further archaeological works are considered necessary. This recommendation will need to be approved by the City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service.

6 REFERENCES

AOC 2015 22 Craigmount Avenue, Edinburgh. Archaeological Works: Written Scheme of Investigation – Unpublished Client Report.

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Section 2: Appendices

APPENDIX 1: Trench Records

Trench 1:

Dimensions: 15m x 2m
Orientation: NE/SW
Overburden type: Made ground
Overburden depth: 0.35m to 0.44m
Subsoil description: Very light brown sandy clay
Significant features: None
Other feature: Stone filled drain

Trench 2:

Dimensions: 17m x 2m
Orientation: N/S
Overburden type: Clean stone
Overburden depth: 0.15m to 0.30m
Subsoil description: Mid brown clayey sand
Significant features: None
Other feature: Stone filled drain

Trench 3:

Dimensions: 11m x 2m
Orientation: N/S
Overburden type: Made ground
Overburden depth: 0.40m to 0.50m
Subsoil description: Light brown sandy clay
Significant features: None
Other feature: BT cable

Trench 4:

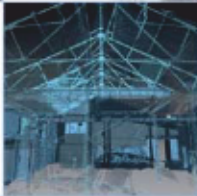
Dimensions: 14m x 2m
Orientation: E-W
Overburden type: Topsoil
Overburden depth: 0.25m to 0.30m
Subsoil description: Mid/light brown sandy clay
Significant features: None
Other feature: None.

APPENDIX 2: Digital Photographic Register

Frame	Description	From
1-3	General site views- Pre excavation	NW
4-5	Trench 1 – General view - Post excavation	SW
6-7	Trench 1 – Stone drain	W
8-9	Trench 2 – General view – Post excavation	N
10-11	Trench 3 – General view – Post excavation	N
12-13	Trench 3 – BT Cable	W
14-15	Trench 4 – General view – Post excavation	W

APPENDIX 3: DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND (DES) REPORT

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	City of Edinburgh Council
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME	22 Craigmount Avenue, Corstorphine, Edinburgh
PROJECT CODE:	23316
PARISH:	Edinburgh
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Alan Duffy
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 19194 73477
START DATE [this season]	8 th January 2014
END DATE [this season]	8 th January 2014
PREVIOUS WORK [incl. DES ref.]	None
MAIN [NARRATIVE] DESCRIPTION: [May include information from other fields]	<p>Due to the site occupying the proposed location of the historic Corstorphine Farm, AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by Glencairn Properties to undertake an archaeological evaluation at 22 Craigmount Avenue, Corstorphine, Edinburgh (NT 19194 73477).</p> <p>The Evaluation consisted of the excavation of four liner trenches comprising 125 m², which equates to approximately 10% of the development area.</p> <p>No significant archaeological remains were noted during the course of the works.</p>
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