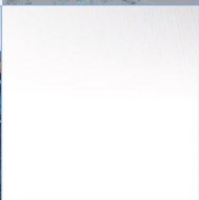
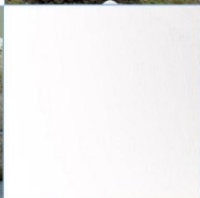


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## Archaeological Watching Brief:

### Data Structure Report

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## Abstract

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This report presents the results of an archaeologically watching brief undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group on behalf of Robertson Partnership Homes at 36-38 Canal Street, Perth.

The monitoring of the removal of foundations revealed a rubble layer overlying a dark organic clay, which in turn overlay a pale natural clay. Both clay layers were observed to be sterile.

No significant archaeological finds or features were uncovered.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

1.1.1 A programme of archaeological works comprising a watching brief was required by Robertson Partnership Homes during works associated with the construction of new residential property at 36-38 Canal Street, Perth (NGR: NO 11860 23349; Planning Ref: 16/00091/CON). The scope of the works has been determined by Perth and Kinross Council as advised on archaeological matters by the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT). The archaeological works will be conducted in accordance with the principles as set out in Scottish Planning Policy (2014) and Planning and Archaeology 2/2011 (2011) and consist of an archaeological watching brief.

### 1.2 Site Location

1.2.1 The site is located at 36-38 Canal Street, Perth (NGR: NO 11860 23349).

### 1.3 Archaeological background

1.3.1 The proposed development site lies within an area that is considered to be archaeologically sensitive, as it sits on the line of the defences of the medieval burgh and part of the Jacobite defences.

1.3.2 Previous development in Perth indicates the potential for very well-preserved organic deposits of up to 5m in depth. These deposits include the remains of medieval occupation from the 12th century onwards and the town's defences (Perry D, Murray H, James T and Bogdan N 2010).

1.3.3 The developer had indicated that the foundations of the buildings to be demolished will be removed. The character of the foundations are currently unknown however significant archaeological deposits can survive at a shallow depth – for example, ongoing archaeological work in advance of the redevelopment of the Red Rooms at Perth Theatre (19 Mill Street) have revealed the remains of a stone-built, medieval building surviving directly beneath a 19th century building, 0.5m below the present ground surface.

## 2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives are:

- i)* to supervise any ground breaking works associated with the development;
- ii)* to identify, excavate, sample and record all significant archaeological features identified during the watching brief
- iii)* to report on the findings and to conduct post excavation analysis.

## 3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 The watching brief consisted of the monitoring a 360 tracked excavator removing the foundations of the previous building on the site. This occurred between the 30<sup>th</sup> May and the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 with generally favourable conditions for archaeological observation.

## 4 RESULTS

- 4.1 The initial removal of foundation and material occurred in the areas of No's 42-48 Canal Street. This revealed there to be c.0.70 to 0.75 m of rubble material, including brick and crushed sandstone. In turn this overlay very organic dark clay, which overlay a paler natural clay. Both clay layers appeared sterile.



Plate 1 Natural clay layer

- 4.2 No significant archaeological finds or features were uncovered during the watching brief.

## 5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The watching brief successfully monitored the removal of foundations at Canal Street, Perth at No's 42-48. This revealed mainly a built up rubble layer which overlay sterile clay deposits. No significant archaeological finds or features were uncovered. Archaeological monitoring of works associated with development is still required at No's 35-38.

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## **Section 2: Appendices**

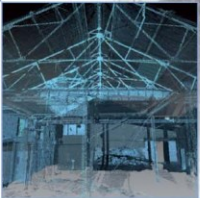
## APPENDIX 1: PHOTOGRAPHIC REGISTER

### Digital Photographs

Frame	Description	From
1	Registration	-
2-4	Pre-excavation site shots	NW-NE
5-6	Working shots of clearance to cellar floor level	N
7	Removal of cellar floor	N
8	S-facing section showing rubble infill and sterile natural	S
9-10	Showing natural clay	S
11-12	Southern wall showing 19 <sup>th</sup> C drain cut	N
13-14	Sandstone foundation E-W	W
15-16	Working shots	N

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

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