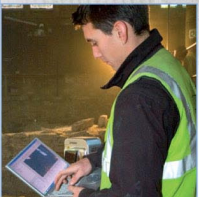
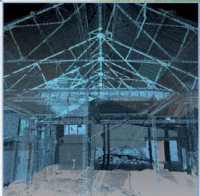
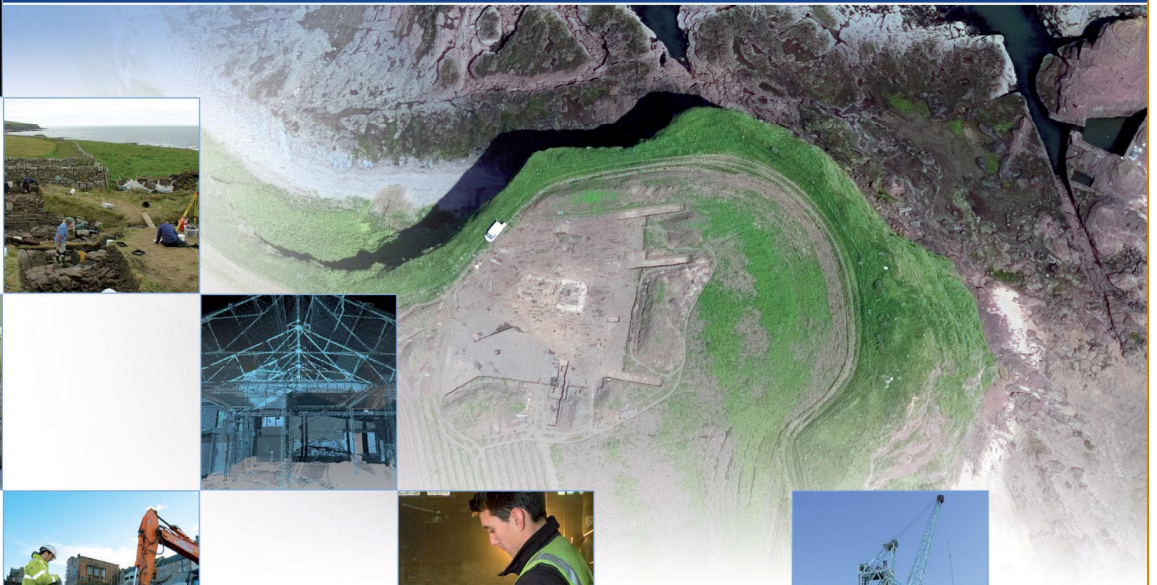
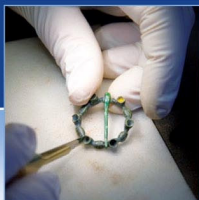


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Summary

This report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group at Old Philpstoun Paddock, prior to the proposed development of two house plots and associated infrastructure at Old Philipstoun Paddock, Bridge House, Philipstoun, West Lothian (Planning Application No. 0131/FUL/15) centred on NGR: NT 059 772.

During the works a series of archaeological features comprising two pits, a stone feature and the remains of a wall were encountered, investigated and recorded. These are believed to date from the post medieval period and to be associated with the extant dwellings surrounding the development area.

No further archaeological works are recommended. This will need verification by the West of Scotland Archaeology Service (WoSAS), who advise West Lothian Council on archaeological matters.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 AOC Archaeology Group were commissioned by Mr Andrew Dodds to undertake a programme of phased archaeological works prior to the proposed development of two house plots and associated infrastructure at Old Philipstoun Paddock, Bridge House, Philipstoun, West Lothian (Planning Application No. 0131/FUL/15) centred NGR: NT 059 772.
- 1.2 The archaeological works were conducted in accordance with the principles set out in Scottish Planning Policy (Scottish Government 2010) and PAN 2 (2011) and protocols set out in the West of Scotland Archaeology Service's 'Standard Conditions for archaeological fieldwork' (Appendix 28).

2 PROJECT BACKGROUND

2.1 Site Location

- 2.1.1 The proposed development lies within Old Philipstoun Paddock, Bridge House, Philipstoun, South Lanarkshire. The development is centred on NGR: NT 059 772 (Figure 1). The site is bounded to the south by Station Road and to the north and east by existing properties. An existing service road bounds the site to the west.

2.2 Archaeological Background

- 2.2.1 The proposed development lies in close proximity to the small-scale industrial complex associated with Philipstoun House. The buildings of this complex lie at the northern end of the village, and several appear to occupy the same footprint as those shown on the 1st edition. However, none of these structures are likely to be directly affected by the proposed erection of the new structures. Comparison with historic map sources suggests that work in this area has the potential to encounter and disturb buried material relating to the early development of the village. Old Philipstoun was depicted on Roy's Military Survey of Scotland, conducted in the period 1747-55, where it was annotated as 'Philipstown'. The built-up area shown by Roy appears to extend further west than the present settlement, and Roy also depicted buildings lying to the north and south of the Linlithgow Road. Indeed, the mid-18th century settlement appears to have been aligned east-west along this road, rather than following the predominantly north-south axis of the current village.
- 1.3.2 Some remnant of this layout can be seen on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of the mid 19th century. Bridge House was depicted on this map, occupying the same position as on current maps, but two other structures were also shown on the Linlithgow Road frontage in the field to the west, one long building and a small structure that may represent a shed or outhouse. Neither of these structures appears on modern OS maps of the area, though they were shown on the 2nd and 3rd editions, indicating that they survived into at least the early part of the 20th century. The location of these structures would fall within the area proposed for development under the current application. It is likely that material associated with them would survive below ground level, and that this would be damaged or destroyed as a result of ground disturbance associated with construction activities. Although these buildings were present in the 20th century, their original date of foundation is not known, and it is possible that they may have been present from the mid 18th century or earlier. In addition to remains of the buildings themselves, there is also the possibility that associated features such as rubbish or cess-pits may also survive below ground level.

2 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were:
- i. to determine and assess the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any sub-surface archaeological remains within the proposed development area.
 - ii. should significant archaeological deposits be discovered, to liaise with the client and WoSAS in preparing an appropriate form of mitigation compliant with *Scottish Planning Policy* (2014) and *Planning and Archaeology 2/2011* (2011).

3 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 Archaeological monitoring was to be undertaken during all ground-breaking works associated with the development. This involved the excavation of foundations for two residential buildings. One located on the current street frontage, and one situated to the rear of the development (see figure 2). All work was carried out with a small mechanical tracked excavator equipped with a toothless ditching bucket.

4 RESULTS

- 4.1 During the works four archaeological features were located within the foundations of Plot 1 (see figure 2). These comprised two pits, a stone feature and a possible wall foundation.
- 4.2 Pit [003] had visible dimensions of 1.1m x 0.6m and was a maximum depth of 0.2m. The pit was filled with a deposit (004) of light grey brown with patches of orange/red possible burning and flecks of charcoal and burnt bone.
- 4.3 Pit [005] was a large sub circular pit measuring 1m in diameter. Unfortunately the trenches were already 1m deep so this impeded the excavation of this feature, making the limit of excavation only 0.2m and the base was not encountered. It was filled with a mix of loosely compacted mid brown/grey sandy silt and patches of clay/shale/coal/gravel with occasional large stones.
- 4.4 The stone feature [007], was comprised of an arrangement of loosely set sub rounded and sub angular stones measuring 1.2m x 0.7m. The stones were set within a deposit of light grey brown sandy clay with occasional charcoal flecks. [008]. A single fragment of animal bone (SF 002) was recovered from the deposit.
- 4.5 The wall feature [009] consisted of an arrangement of un-bonded sub rounded stones aligned roughly N-S possibly forming a wall. The feature was 0.5m wide and was a single course in height.
- 4.6 No archaeological features were encountered during the monitoring of Plot 2 house foundations. A high degree of modern disturbance was also evident in this area.

5 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 This collection of features encountered during the works at Philpstoun Old Paddock most likely represent the remains of post medieval of activity associated with the still extant buildings surrounding the development. Wall [009] is likely to represent a boundary wall feature associated with the house that is no longer present along the street frontage adjacent to Bridge House.
- 5.2 No further archaeological works are recommended. This will need verification by the West of Scotland Archaeology Service (WoSAS), who advise on archaeological matters.



Plate 1: Overview of Feature



Plate 2: Wall [009]

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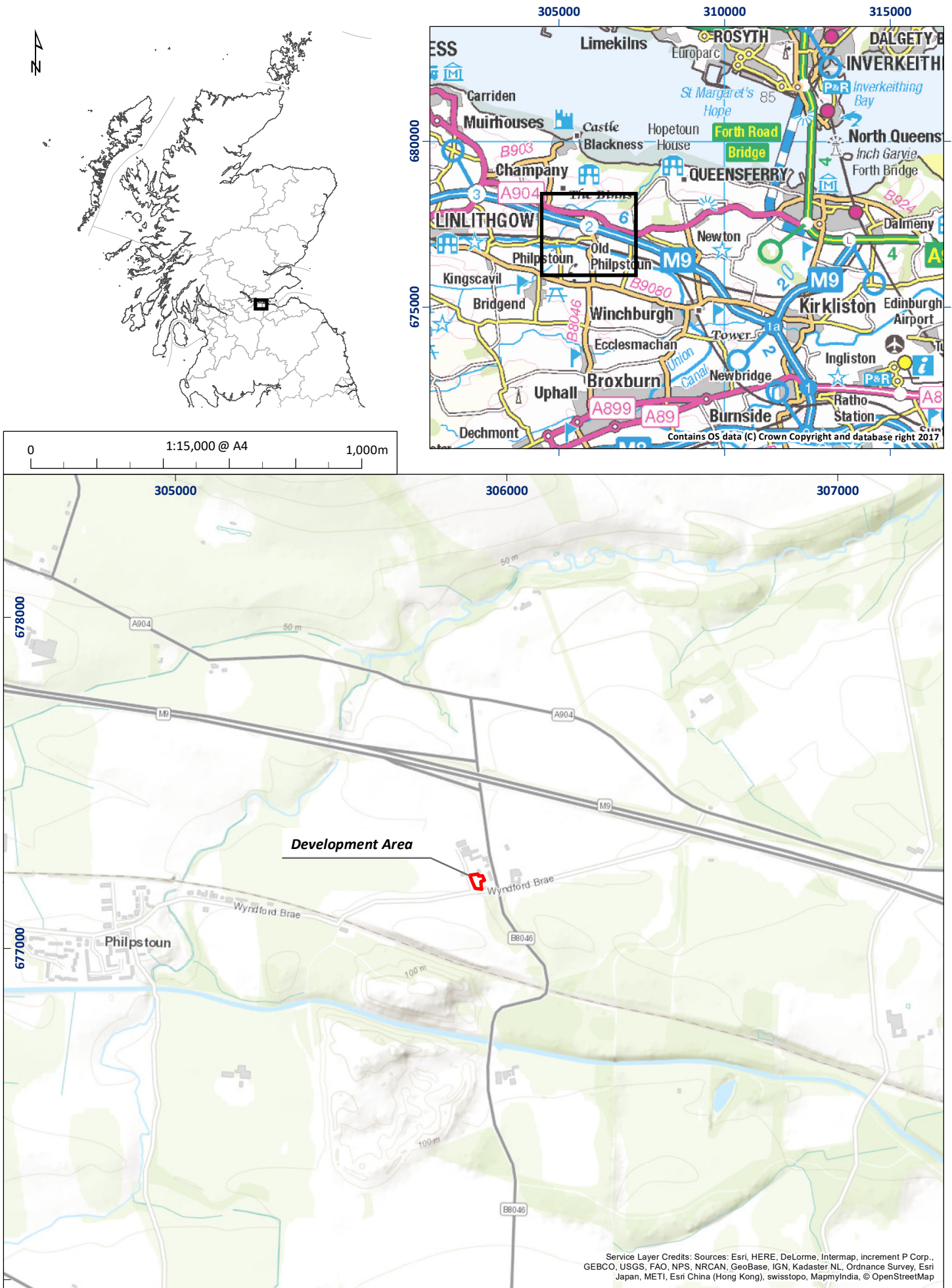


Figure 1: Site location plan

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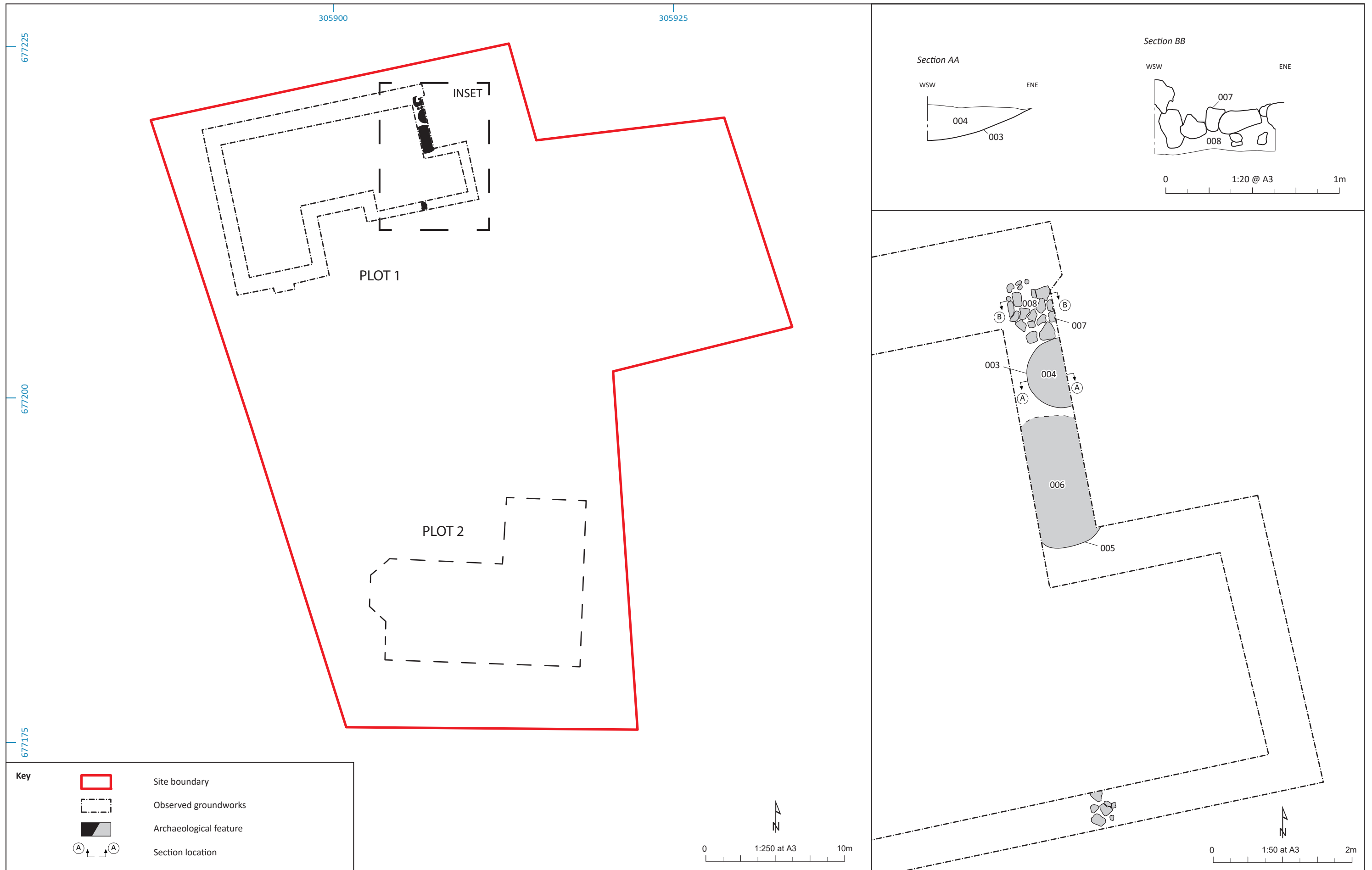


Figure 2: Site location plan and sections of 003 and 007

APPENDIX 1: Context Register

Context No.	Description and Interpretation
000	Orange/light brown orange clayey sand with gravel and occasional stones. Natural
001	Dark grey silt with frequent modern detritus. Made ground
002	Mid brown/ orange brown slightly silty sandy clay with occasional stones and occasional post med glass and ceramic fragments Post med ploughsoil/topsoil deposit
003	Sub oval in plan, obscured by trench edge. 1.1m x 0.6m x 0.2m deep. Shallow with gradually sloping sides. Cut of pit
004	Mid to light grey brown with patches of orange/red (burning?) friable sandy silt, frequent charcoal fleck inclusions and burnt bone flecks Fill of [003]
005	Sub circular in plan, 1m diameter, depth unknown. Trench too deep to excavate over 0.2m of depth. Vertical sides. Cut of pit
006	Mix of loosely compacted mid brown/grey sandy silt and patches of clay/shale/coal/gravel with occasional large stones. Backfill deposit of [005]
007	Arrangement of loosely set sub rounded and sub angular stones. 1.2m x 0.7m exposed. Unbonded, one course, set within (008) Stone feature
008	Mid to light grey brown sandy clay with occasional charcoal flecks. Friable. Surrounds/contains [007] Likely post med soil associated with [007]
009	Arrangement of sub rounded stones aligned roughly N-S possibly forming a wall. 0.5m wide, length unknown as runs out of trench. One course only surviving. Post med wall founds

APPENDIX 2: Photographic Register

Digital Images

Frame	Description	Date
1-4	Pre ex site photos	12/4/17
5-9	Working shots	12/4/17
10-11	Pre ex [003] and [007]	12/4/17
12-13	Pre ex [005]	12/4/17
14	Overview of features	12/4/17
15	Overview of [007]	12/4/17
16	SSE facing section of [005]	12/4/17
17	Post ex [005]	12/4/17
18	Post ex [007]	12/4/17
19	Post ex [003]	12/4/17
20	NNW facing section [003]	12/4/17
21	Post ex [007]	12/4/17
22	NNW Facing section [007]	12/4/17
23-26	Wall [009]	12/4/17
28-35	Working shots house 2 found trenches	24/4/17

APPENDIX 3: Find Register

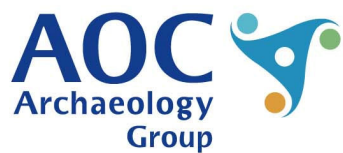
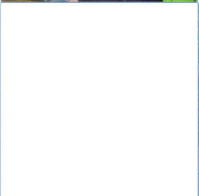
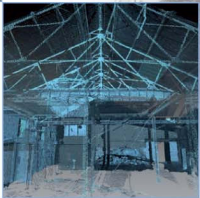
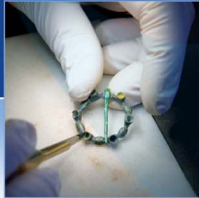
Find No	Context	Description
001	004	Fragments of burnt bone
002	008	Animal Bone

APPENDIX 4: Samples Register

Context No.	Quantity
004	10 litres
008	10 litres

APPENDIX 5: *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* Report

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	West Lothian
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PROJECT CODE:	23059
PARISH:	Linlithgow
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Jessica Lumb
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	AOC Archaeology Group
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Archaeological
NMRS NO(S)	N/A
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	N/A
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
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END DATE (this season)	24/4/17
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	None
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