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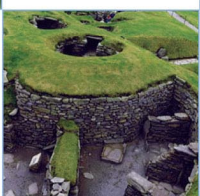
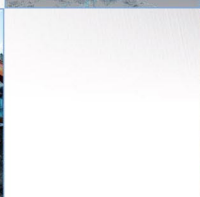
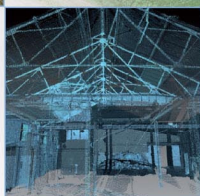
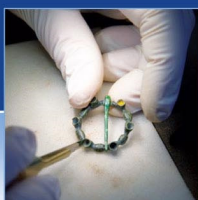
Archaeological Watching Brief:

Data Structure Report

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Abstract

This report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group on behalf of Oliver & Rob Architects LLP on ground breaking works at 97 St. Margaret Street, Dunfermline, Fife (NGR: NT 0907 8715).

The removal of substantial deposits of demolition material and made ground revealed 19th century foundations associated with the existing Stephen's Bakery. The foundations were cut through deposits of natural clay. No significant archaeological material was observed.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 An archaeological watching brief was required by Oliver & Robb Architects LLP on behalf of their client Wm. Stephen (Bakery) Ltd on all ground-breaking works associated with the demolition and redevelopment of buildings associated with the existing Stephen's Bakery at 97 St. Margaret Street, Dunfermline, Fife (NGR: NT 0907 8715).
- 1.1.2 The work was undertaken in response to a planning condition (Ref: 07/00798/FULL) set by Fife Council, who are advised on archaeological matters by Mr Douglas Speirs of the Fife Council Archaeology Service (FCAU). The work was undertaken in accordance with *Scottish Planning Policy* (Scottish Government 2010) and *PAN 2/2011 Planning & Archaeology* (Scottish Government 2011). Fife Council, as recommended by FCAU, recommended that a Watching Brief be undertaken on all groundworks associated with the development to safeguard the archaeological resource from any adverse physical impacts deriving from associated construction activities.
- 1.1.2 The watching brief revealed foundations relating to 19/20th century buildings associated with the existing Stephen's Bakery. The foundations were cut through deposits of natural clay. No archaeologically significant material was observed.

1.2 Site Location

- 1.2.1 The development area lies on the western side of Dunfermline to the east of Dunfermline Abbey (NGR NT 0907 8715). It occupies the western side of St. Margaret Street, at the corner with Monastery Street. The southern and western extents of the site are defined by existing buildings. The 0.3 acre site is presently occupied by numerous buildings associated with 'Stephens Bakery'

1.3 Archaeological background

- 1.3.1 The Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments shows that the site lies in close proximity to Dunfermline Abbey (NMRS No. NT08NE 1) which lies to the northwest of the site. Dunfermline Abbey is a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM No. 90116) and the development area is less than 50 m from the edge of the SAM area. A similar distance to the south of the development area there is another smaller SAM associated with the Abbey, (SAM No 90339).
- 1.3.2 In 2000 a series of watching briefs were conducted during ground breaking works needed for an extension at 'Stephen's Bakery'. This work was undertaken in conjunction with a desk-based survey of existing data. A stone-built culvert was discovered during the course of the watching brief however no artefacts of archaeological interest were retrieved (Speed 2000,).
- 1.3.3 To the northeast on the other side of St Margaret Street evaluation trenches excavated in 2000/01 revealed remains of what was interpreted as the Abbey precinct wall (NMRS NT08NE 377). Only the foundation course of the wall survived and was north to south aligned, over 1.0 m thick with on either

side faced sandstone and clay mortar bonding. A sherd of white gritty, 13th -14th century was recovered from the wall foundation cut.

- 1.3.4 To the south of the site there lies the 'Old Kirk House', formerly a manse to the Abbey Church (NMRS No. NT08NE 423). The building, gateway and boundary wall are all B-Listed (Listed Building Ref 26028).

2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the archaeological watching brief were:

- i) to supervise all ground-breaking works associated with the development at 97 St. Margaret Street;
- ii) to determine the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any sub-surface archaeological remains within the development area
- iii) should significant archaeological deposits be discovered, to prepare a mitigation strategy compliant with *Scottish Planning Policy* (2014) and *Planning and Archaeology 2/2011* (2011).

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 The watching brief consisted of the monitoring of ground-breaking works associated with the development at 97 St. Margaret Street, Dunfermline. All ground reduction was undertaken by a tracked excavator under constant archaeological supervision. Machine excavation was in shallow units/spits and ceased at formation level. Spoil was scanned for artefacts.



Figure 2 Excerpt from 1st ed OS Map 1853

4 RESULTS

- 4.1 The site area measured 1,148 m² and included an area of contaminated ground associated with the removal of an existing diesel tank situated in the north-west corner of the development area. The southern half of the area had been previously excavated in 2000 for the previous basement extension of the bakery and consisted of redeposited demolition material up to 3m in depth.
- 4.2 Ground reduction continued to the north with the foundations of the development excavated to a depth 1.5m. The excavations revealed that the site had been built up with substantial deposits of made ground. several foundations of sandstone and red brick were exposed during ground reduction. These belonged to the previously standing 19th century buildings which were cut into a natural of pale grey boulder clay.



Plate 1: Area of removed diesel tank



Plate 2: Flooded foundation trench showing made ground

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

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The watching brief revealed that there was no significant archaeology present within the development area. The area has until recently been occupied by numerous buildings dating to the 19th century which have been subject to numerous alterations in recent years.
- 5.2 Given the absence of any archaeologically significant material, no further works are considered necessary. This recommendation will need to be confirmed by Mr Douglas Speirs of Fife Council Archaeology Service (FCAU) on behalf of Fife Council.

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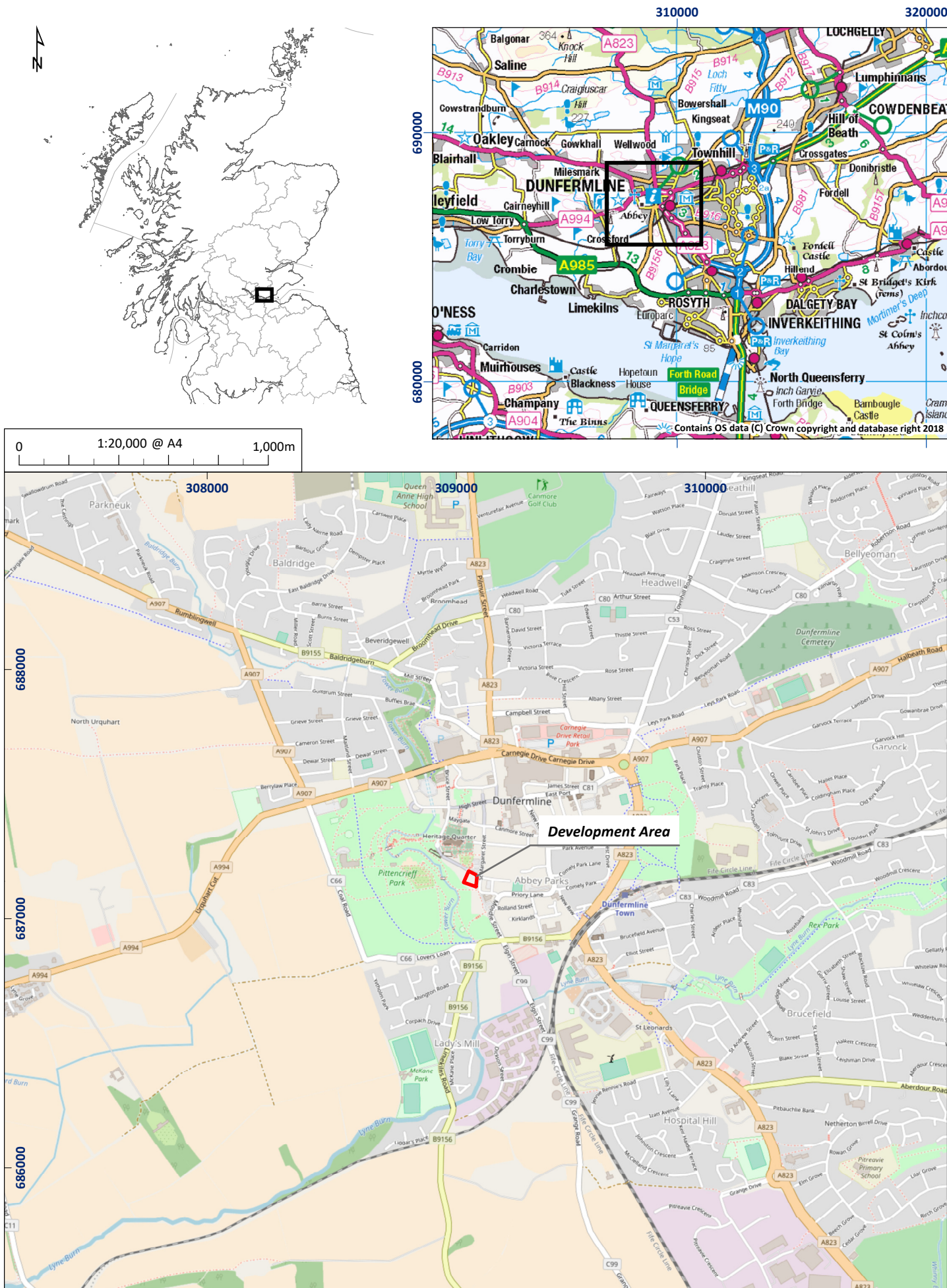


Figure 1: Site location plan

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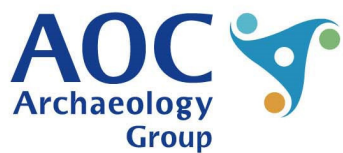
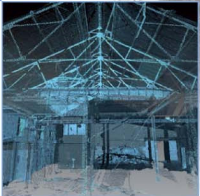
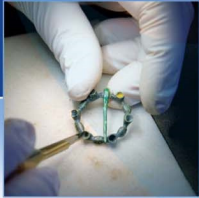
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2-3	Area of removed diesel tank	E
4-10	General site shots	Var
11-13	Remains of recently demolished buildings	Var
14	Remains of Bakery Floor	S
15	Contaminated ground	E
16-20	Excavation of foundation trench in the SW of the site	Var
21	Flooded trench	W
22	Excavated found at the south-eastern part of the area	NE
23	Excavated found at the south-eastern part of the area	N

APPENDIX 2: 'Discovery and Excavation in Scotland' Report

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