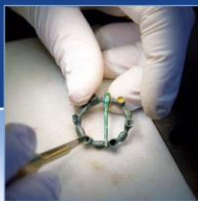


2 Queen Anne Street, Dunfermline, Fife: Archaeological Evaluation Data Structure Report

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Summary

AOC Archaeology was commissioned by Gateside Design Ltd. to undertake an archaeological evaluation ahead of the redevelopment of a land parcel at 2 Queen Anne Street, Dunfermline, Fife. The archaeological evaluation was carried out on the 21st September 2018.

A total of 15 linear metres was excavated within the land plot revealing a deposit of made ground 0.10m to 0.60m in depth. The made ground immediately overlaid a sloping natural boulder clay.

The evaluation revealed the brick and concrete foundations of a 19th-20th century building that formerly occupied the land plot. A small, disturbed, fragment of cobbled surface was also recorded abutting the foundations.

No significant archaeological features or material was observed.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Project Background

- 1.1.1. A programme of archaeological works consisting of an archaeological evaluation was required by Gateside Design Ltd on behalf of their client. The archaeological works were required ahead of a proposed residential development on a land parcel at 2 Queen Anne Street, Dunfermline, Fife. The proposed development area lies within the administrative area of Fife Council which is advised on archaeological matters by Mr. Douglas Speirs of the Fife Council Archaeology Unit (FCAU). The development was subject to Planning Condition 17/03070/FULL.
- 1.1.2. The programme of archaeological works was required in keeping with best practice requirements outlined in current planning guidelines *Scottish Planning Policy* (2014) & *Planning and Archaeology 2/2011* (2011) in order to record the extent and significance of any archaeological remains which may be present within the development area. A *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) (AOC Archaeology 2018) detailed how the requirements were to be met.

1.2. Site Location (Figure 1)

- 1.2.1. The development area (600m²) is centred on NT 08983 87538 (Figure 1 & 2) and presently consists of an empty plot lying to the rear of 34 Bruce Street. The southern end of the site fronts onto Queen Anne Street with the eastern boundary formed by public stairs leading to Queen Street and the bus station. The remaining boundary to the north is formed by the rear garden of 36 Bruce Street.
- 1.2.2. The site appeared to have been cut into the natural slope between Bruce Street and Queen Anne Street resulting in two level terraces at 95m above Ordnance Datum (aOD).

1.3. Archaeological Background

- 1.3.1. The development site forms part of the historic town of Dunfermline and has various listed buildings surrounding the site. To the immediate west and fronting onto Bruce Street are a series of early 19th century, C-listed cottages (HES No. NO08NE 262, Listed Building No. 26069). Bruce Street itself is listed as a site (HES No NO08NE 347).



Figure 3: Extract from 1st Edition Ordnance Survey showing site boundary

- 1.3.2. The 1st Edition map shows Bruce Street and the C-Listed with Queen Anne Street continuing uninterrupted heading east from Bruce Street (Figure 3). The development area can be seen as occupied by various buildings covering the entire development footprint.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were to determine and assess the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any buried archaeological remains within the proposed development area through evaluation trenching totaling c.10-15% of the development land-take. Another objective was to advise and implement an appropriate form of mitigation, formulated with the approval of FCAU, such as excavation (Stage 2), post-excavation analyses and publication (Stage 3), given the infeasibility of preserving archaeological material *in situ*, should significant archaeological remains be encountered.

3. METHODOLOGY

- 3.1.1. The archaeological evaluation, as laid out here, was designed to meet the requirements of Fife Council as advised by Mr Douglas Spiers (FCAU).
- 3.1.2. The archaeological works consisted of the excavation of 15 linear metres carried out with a JCB excavator equipped with a 1.8m wide flat bladed ditching bucket. Excavation was undertaken in units/spits until the first significant archaeological horizon or natural subsoil was reached. The trenching was undertaken within the central portion of the site, and a 2m buffer was established around the perimeter of the site so as not to undermine any standing walls.

- 3.1.3. All machine excavation was supervised by an experienced field archaeologist and according to AOC Archaeology Group's standard operating procedures, and as per the methodology within the Written Scheme of Investigation (AOC 2018). All features were fully recorded before being backfilled.

4. RESULTS

4.1. Introduction

- 4.1.1. Two trenches were excavated totalling an area of approximately 35m². The evaluation revealed a made ground 0.10m to 0.60m in depth. This deposit was composed of a mix of building material, topsoil and redeposited natural and was interpreted as having being backfilled and compacted following the demolition of the former 19th-20th buildings. The made ground directly overlaid a natural of grey boulder clay, which sloped from north-east to south-west. The natural slope had been heavily truncated by the 19th century buildings that formerly occupied the site. This truncation had created two flat terraces.
- 4.1.2. Evidence of the former 19th-20th century buildings was revealed in the form of a single brick and concrete foundation running along the western edge of Trench 1. A small surviving patch of cobbled surface approximately 1.5m in diameter abutted the foundation to the east.



Plate 1: Pre-excavation shot of site from north



Plate 2: Pre-excitation shot of site east showing ground floor beam slots of former building



Plate 3: Fragmentary cobbled surface abutting brick and concrete foundation



Plate 4: Trench 1 showing boulder clay and overlying made ground

5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1. Conclusions

- 5.1.1. An archaeological evaluation was undertaken at No. 2 Queen Anne Street Dunfermline. The site was a vacant brownfield plot approximately 600 m². The site was deemed to have archaeological potential due to its location within the centre of Historic Dunfermline. The evaluation revealed a fragment of 19th-20th century wall foundation and a small area of cobbled surface possibly relating to a small yard.

5.2. Recommendations

- 5.2.1. The archaeological evaluation revealed that the site had undergone intensive truncation due to 19th-20th century construction and their subsequent demolition. No significant archaeological material was observed. It is therefore recommended that no further archaeological works be undertaken. This recommendation will need confirmation by Mr Spiers of FCAU.

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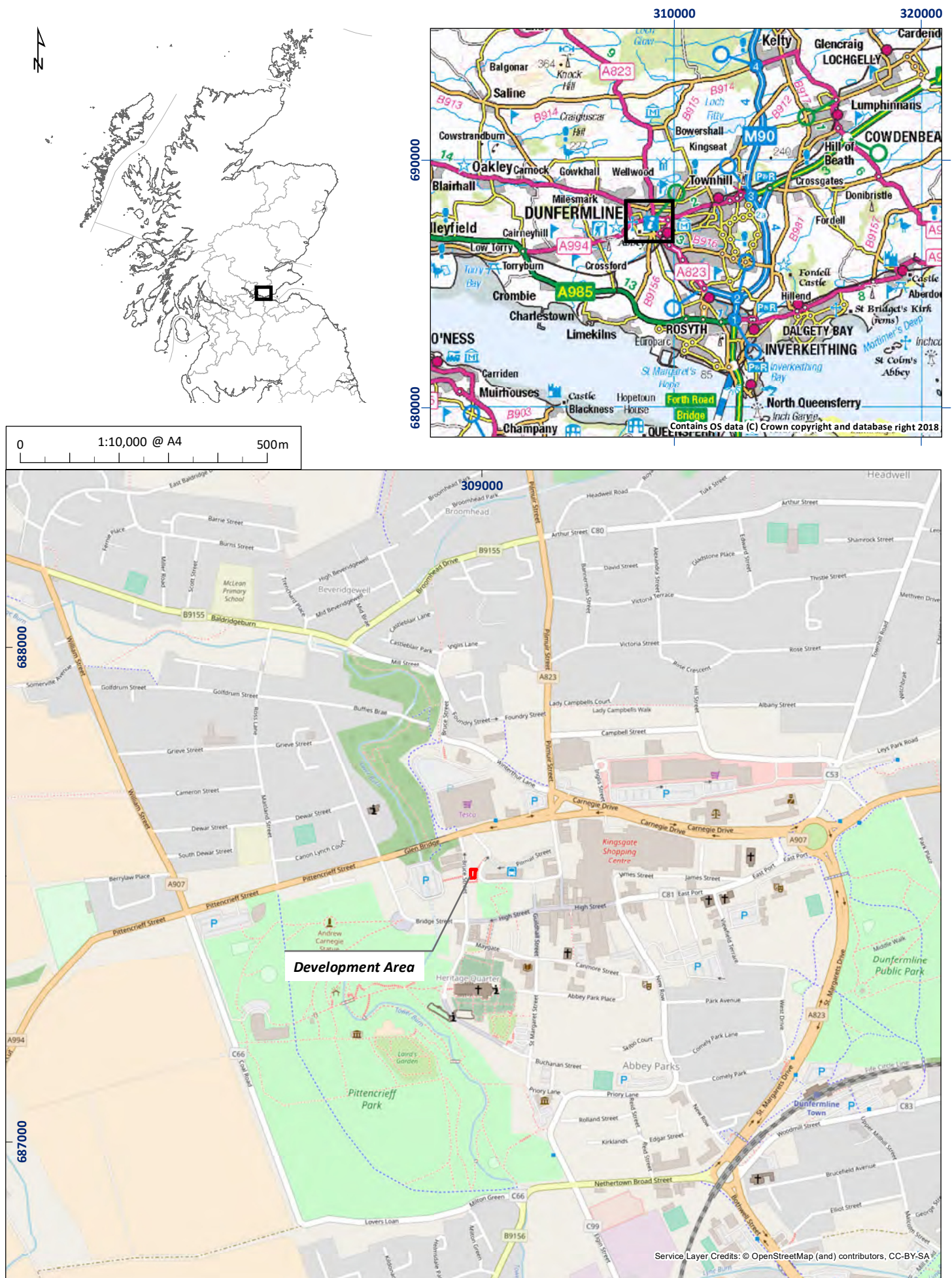


Figure 1: Site location plan

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Figure 2: Trench location plan

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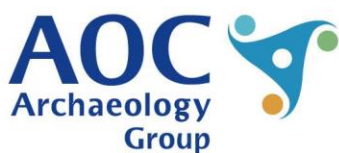
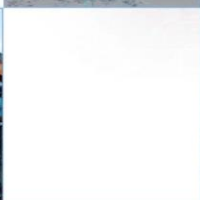
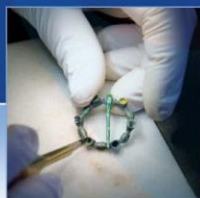
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4	Trench 1 post excavation	S
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Appendix 2 'Discovery and Excavation' (DES) Form

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PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	2 Queen Anne Street, Dunfermline
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PARISH:	Dunfermline
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SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	None
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