

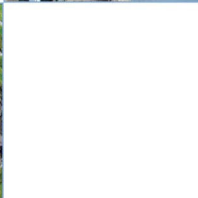
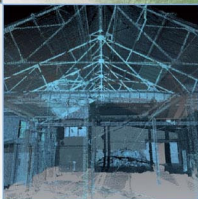
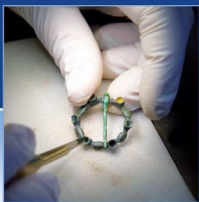
# 16 Southeast Cumberland Street Lane, Edinburgh

## Watching Brief: Data Structure Report

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## Data Structure Report

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## Summary

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AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by Mr & Mrs James Flucker to monitor all groundbreaking works associated with a residential development at 18 South East Cumberland Street Lane, Edinburgh.

The area was stripped to a depth of 0.35m prior to laying of a concrete foundation slab. No archaeological remains were observed.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Project Background

1.1.1 A programme of archaeological works was required by Mr & Mrs James Flucker during the construction of a small residential development at 18 Southeast Cumberland Street Lane, Edinburgh. The archaeological works consisted of a watching brief on all ground-breaking works associated with the residential development. The need for, and scope of, the archaeological works has been determined by City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) who are advised on archaeological matters by the City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS).

1.1.2 The programme of archaeological works is in keeping with the policies outlined in *Scottish Planning Policy* (2014) and *PAN 2/2011 Planning and Archaeology* (2011) in order to record the extent and significance of any archaeological remains which may be present within the development area and was further detailed in the *Written Scheme of Investigation* (2019).

### 1.2 Site location

1.2.1 The development area previously served as a car park located in Edinburgh's New Town. The site is bounded by residences to the northeast, southwest, southeast and by Southeast Cumberland Street Lane to the northwest. The site location is shown on Figure 1 and is centred on NGR NT 25252 74587

### 1.3 Archaeological background

1.3.1 Early cartographic sources show that the site was previously open agricultural land as late as the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century prior to the creation of Edinburgh's New Town (Roy 1752-55) (Figure 2).

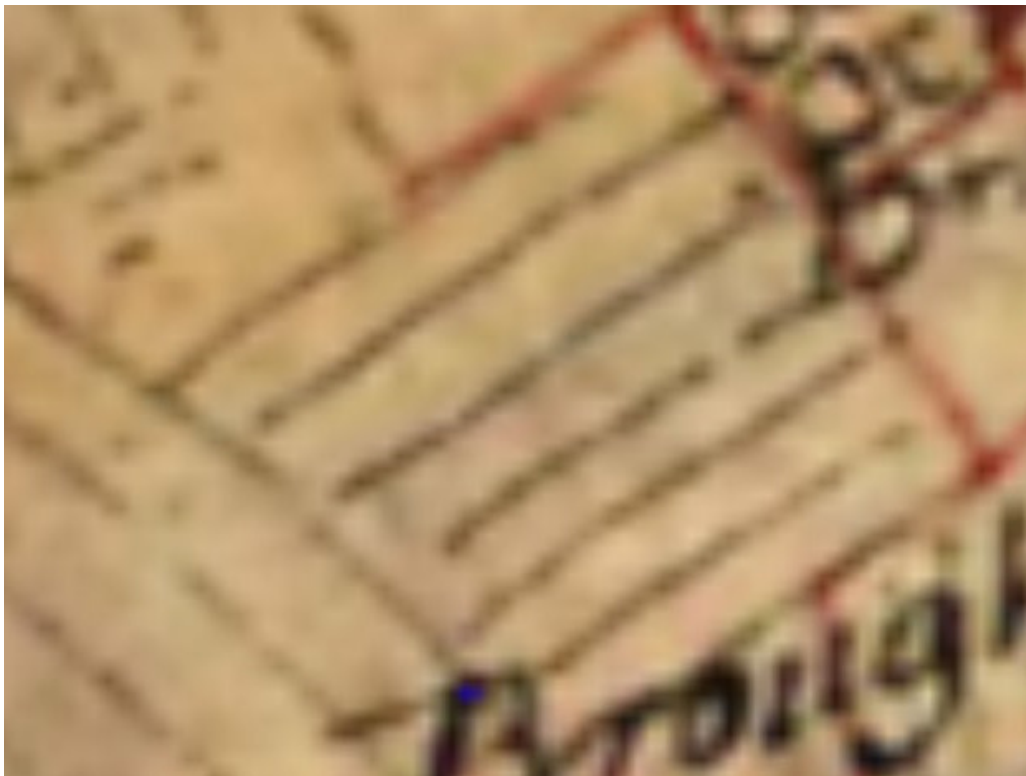


Figure 2: Extract from Roy Map, Lowlands 1752-1755

1.3.2 By the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century (Figure 3) the area has been fully developed with the layout changing very little up till modern times (Figure 4). Canmore identifies the structures adjacent to the development area as having served as a ‘Mews’ which are described as a “series of stables grouped around an open yard or alley often with rooms above”. The plot itself appears to have been gardens.

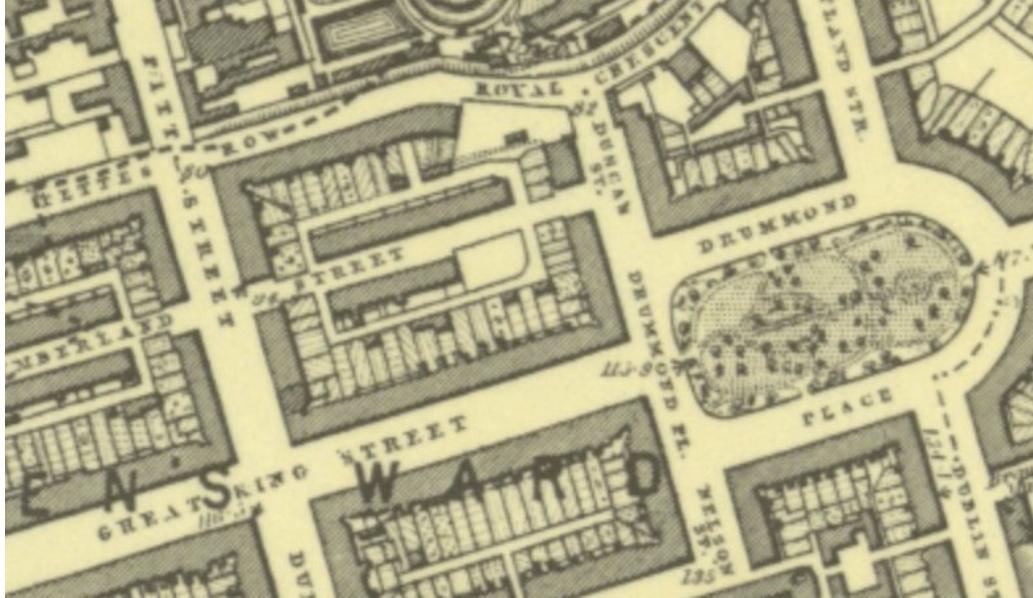


Figure 3: OS Six Inch, 1843-1882



Figure 4: OS 25 Inch, 1892-1905

## 2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were:

- i) to safeguard the archaeological resource from any adverse impacts created by groundworks associated with the residential development at 16 Southeast Cumberland Street Lane;
- ii) to liaise with CECAS and the client in the event of significant archaeological features and/or small finds being unearthed as to the most appropriate response in safeguarding these features either by preservation *in situ*, if at all feasible, or by archaeological recording;
- iii) to report on the results of the watching brief.

## 3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 The Watching Brief Officer observed the contractor strip the site to a depth of 0.35m across the site, using an eight tonne rubber-tracked excavator fitted with a 1m smooth-bladed ditching bucket. The Watching Brief was undertaken according to AOC Archaeology Group's standard operating procedures as detailed with the *Written Scheme of Investigation* (AOC 2017).

## 4 RESULTS

4.1 The various detailed data gathered from the watching brief is presented as a series of appendices:

- Appendix 1 Photographic Register;
- Appendix 2 Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Entry

4.2 The watching brief was conducted on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February in overcast conditions with archaeological visibility remaining favourable.

4.3 The site had previously been utilised as a carpark. The western half of site reflected this use, the full depth of excavation was through built-up gravel/tar with a drain lying to the north west of the plot. The eastern half of site consisted of garden soil and sand. The excavation revealed a yellowish-brown sand with rounded gravel inclusions, brought in to level the site for carparking. The works did not exceed the depth of this layer.

4.4 Finds were limited to a few sherds of blue and white china and some modern glass. Nothing of archaeological significance was noted.





Plate 1 The site under excavation



Plate 2 Exposed modern drain

## **5 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The archaeological watching brief undertaken on groundworks at 18 Southeast Cumberland Street Lane revealed nothing of significant archaeological interest.

## **6 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 No further archaeological works are considered necessary. This recommendation will require confirmation by CECAS.

## **7 REFERENCES**

AOC 2019 18 Southeast Cumberland Street Lane: *Archaeological Watching Brief Written Scheme of Investigation*, Unpublished Client Report

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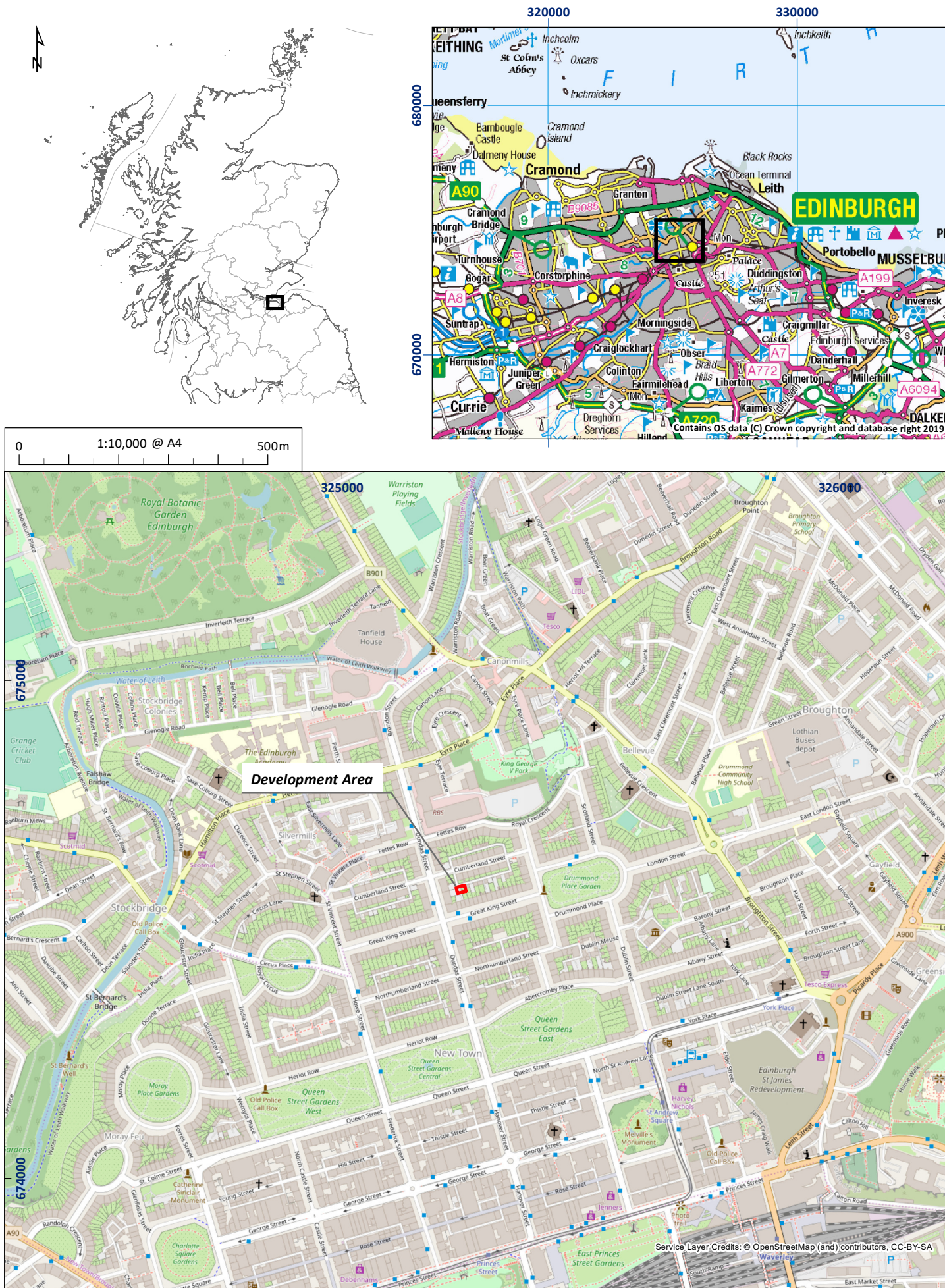


Figure 1: Site location plan

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## **Section 2: Appendices**

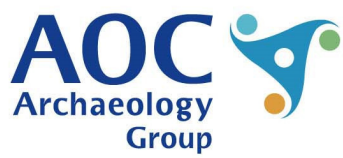
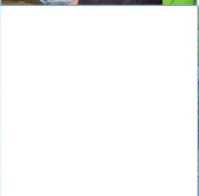
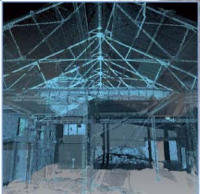
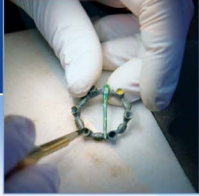
## APPENDIX 1: PHOTOGRAPHIC REGISTER

### Digital

Frame	Description
1-6	General shots of site and works.

**APPENDIX 2: 'DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND' (DES) REPORT**

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	City of Edinburgh Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	18 Southeast Cumberland Street Lane, Edinburgh
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	24738
<b>PARISH:</b>	Edinburgh
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Victoria Huggett
<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>	AOC Archaeology Group
<b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>	Watching Brief
<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	Category B listed
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	N/A
<b>NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)</b>	NT 25252 74587
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