

**Whitemoss Golf Course, Auchterarder**  
**Archaeological Evaluation**  
*Data Structure Report*

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## 1 NON TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report presents the results of an archaeological evaluation undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group at Whitemoss Golf Course, Auchterarder, Perthshire (centred NGR: NN 98430 15106). The work was commissioned by Yeoman McAllister Architects on behalf of Langvale Homes, with respect to a proposed housing development. The archaeological works were designed to satisfy the requirements of the local planning authority, as advised by Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT) and are in accordance with the principles inherent in NPPG 5 (SOEnd 1994) and PAN 42 (SOEnd 1994a).
- 1.2 The objective of the archaeological works was to evaluate the archaeological potential of the development area. The work was carried out during November 2007 and was conducted according to the terms of a *Written Scheme of Investigation* (AOC 2007) which was agreed by Ms Sarah Winlow of PKHT, and approved by the planning authority. The evaluation consisted of fourteen trenches totalling 764 m<sup>2</sup>.
- 1.3 The evaluation revealed neither features nor artefacts of archaeological significance. No further works are recommended.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 Location

- 2.1.1 Before its current function as part of a golf course, the development area was long under agricultural use and appears to have undergone little previous development. Generally flat, the development area had gentle slopes to the south and north. The subsoil comprised light pink and mid orange sands, clays, sandy silts and banding of orangey pink gravels. The location and extent of the site is shown in Figures 1 and 2.

### 2.2 Archaeological background

- 2.2.1 Aerial photography of the development area and its close environs had previously highlighted the existence of potential archaeological sites. To the north-east of the site is a proposed later prehistoric settlement (NMRS NN91SE 33) consisting of a circular enclosure, a ring ditch and a burial. Also in close proximity is a further proposed enclosure defined by pits (NMRS NN91SE 36; PKHT 2007). Nineteenth century sources reported the nearby discovery of a burial barrow, a cist and a cinerary urn (NMRS NN91SE 9) during field ploughing - the monument was ploughed out - located south-west of the development area (PKHT 2007).

- 2.3.2 Whilst no sites were previously known within the development area, the density of sites within the immediate area illustrated the potential for significant archaeological sites, as yet unknown in the cartographic, historical or aerial photographic record, to lie within the application area.

### **3 OBJECTIVES**

- 3.1 The objectives of the archaeological evaluation were:
- i)* to determine the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any archaeological remains within the defined subject area;
  - ii)* should significant archaeological deposits be discovered, to prepare a mitigation strategy compliant with NPPG 5 and PAN 42.

### **4 METHODOLOGY**

- 4.1 Fourteen trenches (Figure 1) of varying orientation were excavated covering a basal area of 764 m<sup>2</sup>. The trenches were of varying lengths and set on varying orientations (Figure 1). Weather and visibility conditions during the evaluation, 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2007, were very favourable to the identification of archaeological remains.
- 4.2 Stripping of the overburden was by means of a JCB 3CX equipped with a toothless ditching bucket approximately 2.0 m wide. Excavation was undertaken in shallow units/spits until the first significant archaeological horizon or natural subsoil was reached. All machine excavation was supervised by an experienced field archaeologist.
- 4.3 All trial trenching was undertaken according to AOC Archaeology Group's standard operating procedures. The trenches were backfilled on completion of the evaluation.

### **5 RESULTS**

- 5.1 The following should be read in conjunction with the data presented in Appendix 1 and Figure 2.
- 5.2 The topsoil comprised smooth, soft, mid brown silty sand generally 0.30 - 0.40 m deep, with rare rounded pebbles. The natural subsoil consisted of light pink orange silty sand, pink clays and pinkish orange loose gravels.

- 5.3 The evaluation trenching identified neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts.
- 5.4 While a 5% sample evaluation strategy had been proposed for the development area, Ms Sarah Winslow of PKHT expressed the opinion that sufficient trenching had been undertaken prior to her site visit in determining that the significant balance of probability was such that the development area was archaeologically sterile. This cessation of trenching enabled the preservation of the present fairway and 13<sup>th</sup> Green

## 6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 No features or artefacts of archaeological significance were identified by the evaluation. No further works are recommended.

## 7 REFERENCES:

AOC 2007 *Whitemoss Golf Club: Written Scheme of Investigation*. AOC Archaeology Group unpublished client document.

PKHT 2007 *Erection of 22 houses, Whitemoss Golf Club, Dunning*  
Terms of Reference for an Archaeological Evaluation

SOEnD 1994 *National Planning Policy Guideline 5: Archaeology and Planning*.  
The Scottish Office Environment Department.

SOEnD 1994a *Planning Advice Note 42. Archaeology – the Planning Process and Scheduled Ancient Monument Procedures*. The Scottish Office Environment Department.

APPENDIX 1: TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS

**Trench 1**

<i>Dimensions</i>	25 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	50 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Orientation</i>	NW/SE
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.41 m
<i>Depth of excavation</i>	0.45 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Pinkish brown sand with some gravels
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 2**

<i>Dimensions</i>	30 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	60 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Orientation</i>	NW/SE
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.36 m
<i>Depth of excavation</i>	0.45 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown sand with grey sandy patches
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 3**

<i>Dimensions</i>	30 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	60 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Orientation</i>	NW/SE
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.36 m
<i>Depth of excavation</i>	0.45 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Reddish orange brown sand with gravel patches and rounded stones patches
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 4**

<i>Dimensions</i>	30 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	60 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Orientation</i>	N/S
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.41 m
<i>Depth of excavation</i>	0.47 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown sand with grey sandy patches
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 5**

<i>Dimensions</i>	25 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	50 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Orientation</i>	NW/SE
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.35 m
<i>Depth of excavation</i>	0.40 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Pink sandy silt
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 6**

<i>Dimensions</i>	30 m by 2 m
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<i>Total Area</i>	60 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Orientation</i>	N/S
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.37 m
<i>Depth of excavation</i>	0.45 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Pink Clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

### **Trench 7**

<i>Dimensions</i>	30 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	60 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Orientation</i>	N/S
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.33 m
<i>Depth of excavation</i>	0.38 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Pink Clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

### **Trench 8**

<i>Dimensions</i>	30 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	60 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Orientation</i>	NW/SE
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.32 m
<i>Depth of excavation</i>	0.47 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Pinky orange brown gravely sand
<i>Finds</i>	None

### **Trench 9**

<i>Dimensions</i>	30 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	60 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Orientation</i>	E/W
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.35 m
<i>Depth of excavation</i>	0.42 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Pink sand
<i>Finds</i>	None

### **Trench 10**

<i>Dimensions</i>	30 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	60 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Orientation</i>	E/W
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.34 m
<i>Depth of excavation</i>	0.46 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Pinkish orange sand
<i>Finds</i>	None

### **Trench 11**

<i>Dimensions</i>	20 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	40 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Orientation</i>	N/S
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.34 m
<i>Depth of excavation</i>	0.45 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown sand with grey sandy patches

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*Finds* None

### **Trench 12**

*Dimensions* 26 m by 2 m  
*Total Area* 52 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Orientation* N/S  
*Depth of Topsoil* 0.32 m  
*Depth of excavation* 0.39 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Subsoil* Reddish brown sand with grey sandy patches  
*Finds* None

### **Trench 13**

*Dimensions* 30 m by 2 m  
*Total Area* 60 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Orientation* N/S  
*Depth of Topsoil* 0.36 m  
*Depth of excavation* 0.40 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Subsoil* Orange gravel and silty sand  
*Finds* None

### **Trench 14**

*Dimensions* 10 m by 2 m  
*Total Area* 20 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Orientation* N/S  
*Depth of Topsoil* 0.34 m  
*Depth of excavation* 0.43 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Subsoil* Reddish brown sand with grey sandy patches  
*Finds* None

## APPENDIX 2: PHOTOGRAPHIC REGISTER

<b>Shot No</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>From</b>
1	Registration	
2-4	Trench 1 - from South end	S
5	Trench 2 - from North end	N
6	Trench 4 - from East end	E
7	Trench 3 - from South end	S
8	Trench 13- from East end	E
9	Trench 12 - from West end	W
10	Trench 5 - from North end	N
11	Trench 10 - from East end	E
12	Trench 6 - from East end	E
13	Trench 7 - from East end	E
14	Trench 9 - from South East	SE
15	Trench 14- from North East	NE



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### APPENDIX 3: DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND REPORT

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	Perth and Kinross
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME</b>	Whitemoss Golf Club
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	AOC 20780
<b>PARISH:</b>	Dunning
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Sarah Lynchehaun
<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>	AOC Archaeology Group
<b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>	Archaeological Evaluation
<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	None
<b>NGR</b> (2 letters, 6 figures)	NN 9843 1510
<b>START DATE</b> (this season)	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
<b>END DATE</b> (this season)	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
<b>PREVIOUS WORK</b> (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)	None
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b> (May include information from other fields)	An archaeological evaluation was undertaken at Whitemoss Golf Course, Auchterarder, Perthshire prior to a proposed housing development. The evaluation consisted of fourteen trenches totalling 764 m <sup>2</sup> . Neither features nor artefacts of archaeological significance were identified.
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	None
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<b>ARCHIVE LOCATION</b> (intended/deposited)	Archive to be deposited in NMRS

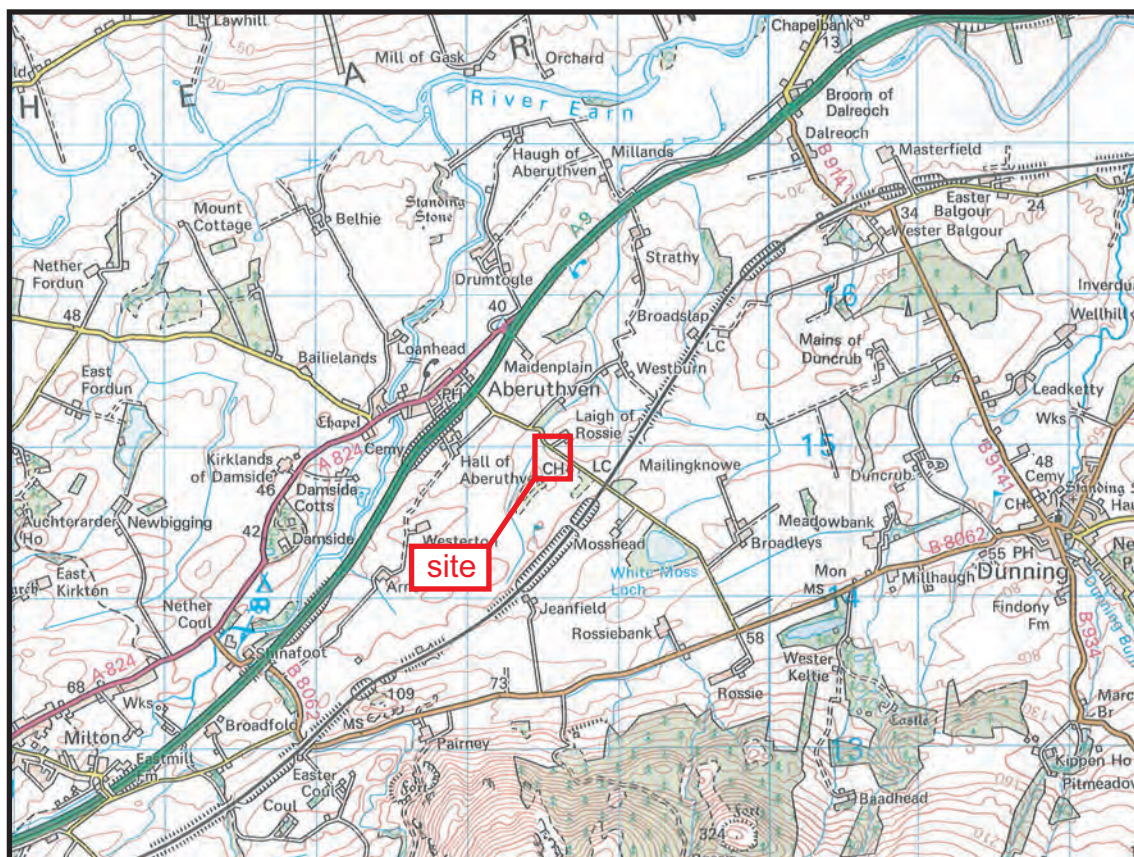
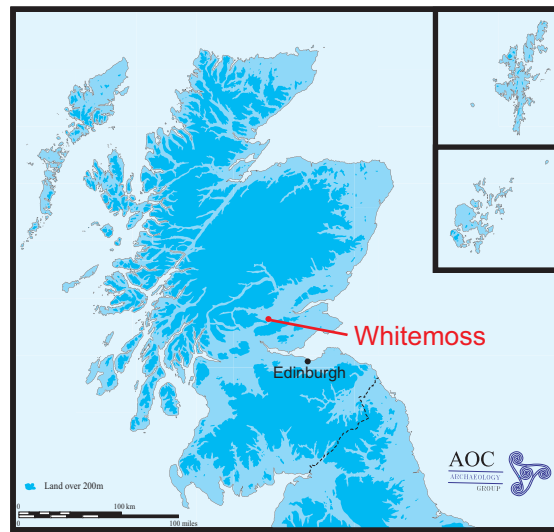


Figure 1: Site location

