

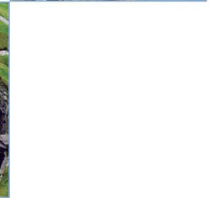
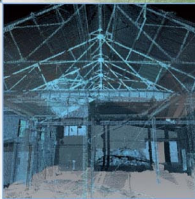
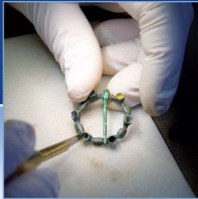
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## Summary

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This report presents the results of an Archaeological Watching Brief undertaken as a condition of planning consent (18/09551/FUL) during the conversion of an existing garage at 119 Glasgow Road, Newbridge, Edinburgh.

The watching brief consisted of the excavation of a foundation trench 0.8 m wide in a rectangular box shape, 8 m N-S and 5 m E-W. Excavation revealed a dark greyish brown silty loam garden soil (0.25 m in depth) over natural orange sands and gravels. The natural had been truncated/disturbed at the northern extent, likely when the previous garage was constructed.

No archaeological features or finds were uncovered.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Project Background

- 1.1.1 An archaeological watching brief was required by Revere Contracts on behalf of their client as a condition of planning consent (18/09551/FUL) during the conversion of an existing garage at 119 Glasgow Road, Newbridge, Edinburgh. The development will consist of the conversion of the garage into a two-bedroom dwelling. An archaeological watching brief was required on all ground-breaking works associated with the 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 was 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.

### 1.2 Site location

- 1.2.1 The site is located to the rear of 119 Glasgow Road, Ratho Station. The site is bounded to the east and west by residential properties and to the north by agricultural land. The site is centred at (NGR: NT 13307 72666).

## 2 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The aims of the archaeological works are:
- i) to safeguard the archaeological resource from any adverse impacts created by groundworks associated with the development;
  - 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 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The proposed development area lies to the east of the fragmented remains of a prehistoric landscape centred on Huly Hill (NMRS NT17SW 8) an upstanding prehistoric barrow and stone circle and a Scheduled Ancient Monument which lies a few hundred metres due north. This landscape includes a number of prehistoric features including cists, ring-ditch roundhouse, pits and the location of Scotland's first chariot burial (NMRS NT17SW 90).
- 3.2 An archaeological watching brief was maintained during topsoil stripping in advance of the construction of the present Newbridge industrial estate to the west of the site. A number of features were identified ranging in date from Neolithic to modern. The prehistoric features included pits, post-holes, a human cremation, a group of ring-ditches and an Iron Age cart burial. The cart burial is of exceptional interest; it is the first example recorded in Scotland and the closest parallels are in NE France and Belgium where burials of complete carts are quite common. The Newbridge find contrasts with the only other known area of cart burials in the UK, in Yorkshire. Here, almost all burials are of dismantled carts.
- 3.3 Between 2003-2014 excavations carried out within part of a proposed development site at 2A Kirkliston Road, Newbridge, Edinburgh, recorded a variety of archaeological features dispersed across the development area. In the northern part of the site there were numerous ditches and pits which appeared to form part of a medieval field system with two associated corn drying kilns. In the centre of the site several prehistoric roundhouses dating to the Bronze and Iron Ages were excavated. Situated between several of the potential roundhouses was the remains of a Roman Road heading to a crossing point on or close to the current road bridge. This road is a probable westward extension of Dere Street. Given the known location of the road it is possible that it passes close to the site.
- 3.4 An archaeological watching brief was undertaken between 30 January – 6 February 2014, prior to the development of a plot of land at Plot 7a, Newbridge. The work recorded the remains of a medieval field system, including a linear ditch feature and pits, one of which included the in situ remains of a buried ceramic vessel. Further fragments of pottery were recovered from the ditch feature, as well as during general cleaning of the excavation area adjacent to the recorded archaeological features.

### 4 METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The details of the archaeological works, laid out below, were designed to meet the requirements of City of Edinburgh Council as advised by City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS), and agreed through the submission of a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (AOC 2019).

- 4.2 The Watching Brief involved the monitoring of the foundation trench for the new dwelling under the previous garage. Excavation was in shallow units/spits with a mini digger equipped with a bladed bucket. All machine excavation was supervised by an experienced field archaeologist.

## 5 RESULTS

- 5.1 The watching brief consisted of the excavation of a foundation trench 0.8 m wide in a rectangular box shape, 8 m N-S and 5 m E-W (see Plate 1). Excavation revealed a dark greyish brown silty loam garden soil (0.25 m in depth) over natural orange sands and gravels. The natural had been truncated/disturbed at the northern extent, likely when the previous garage was constructed.
- 5.2 No archaeological features or finds were uncovered.



**Plate 1: General shot of excavated foundation trench**





Plate 2: W facing section of eastern extent showing disturbed ground

## 6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 No further archaeological works are considered necessary within the development area. This will need to be confirmed by City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS) on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council.

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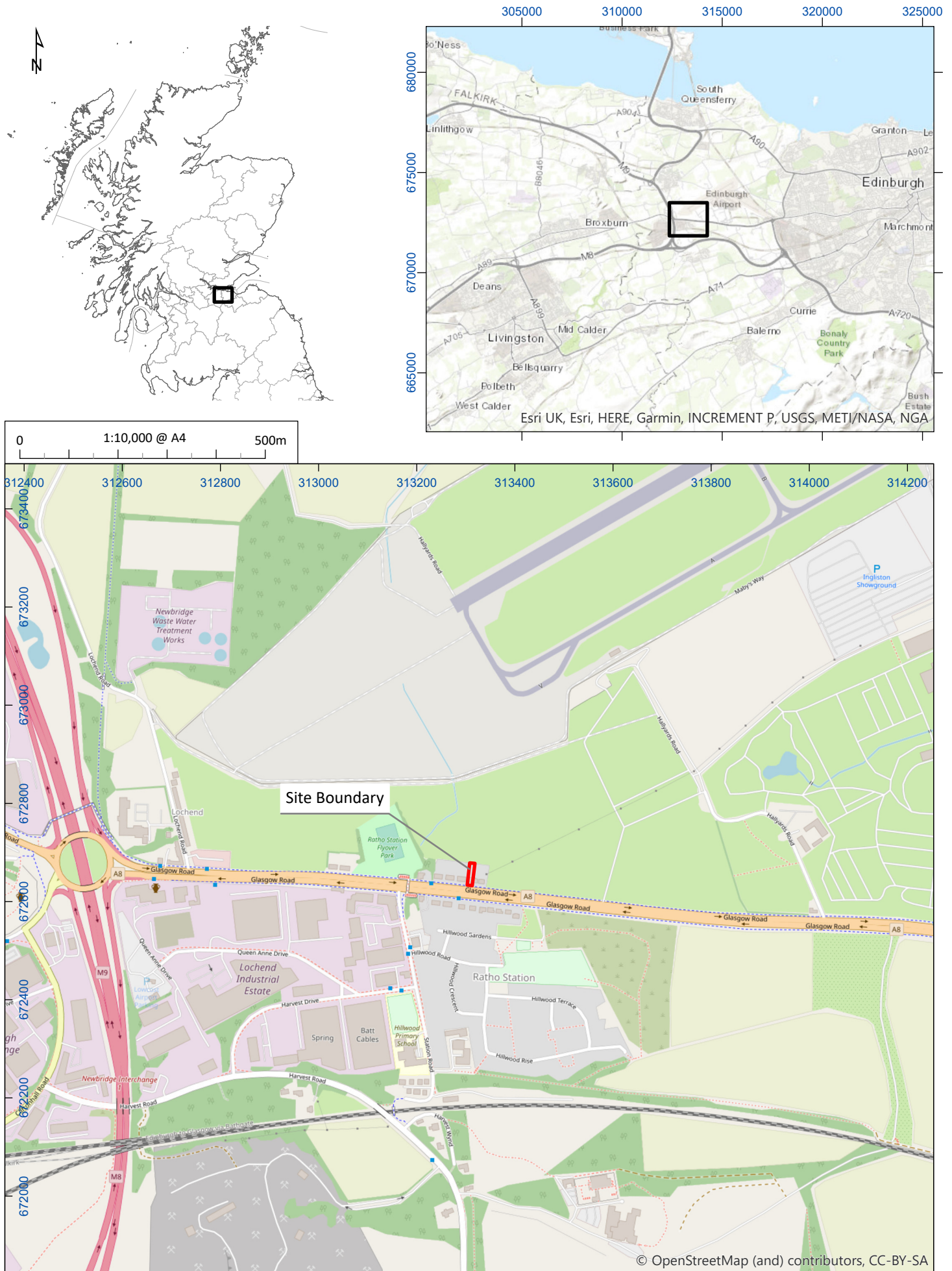


Figure 1: Site location plan

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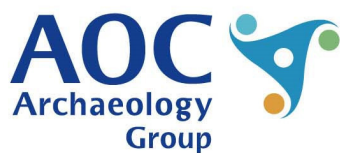
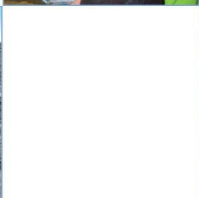
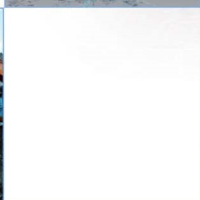
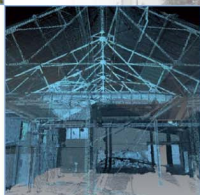
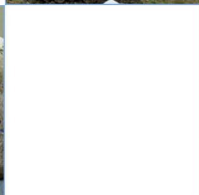
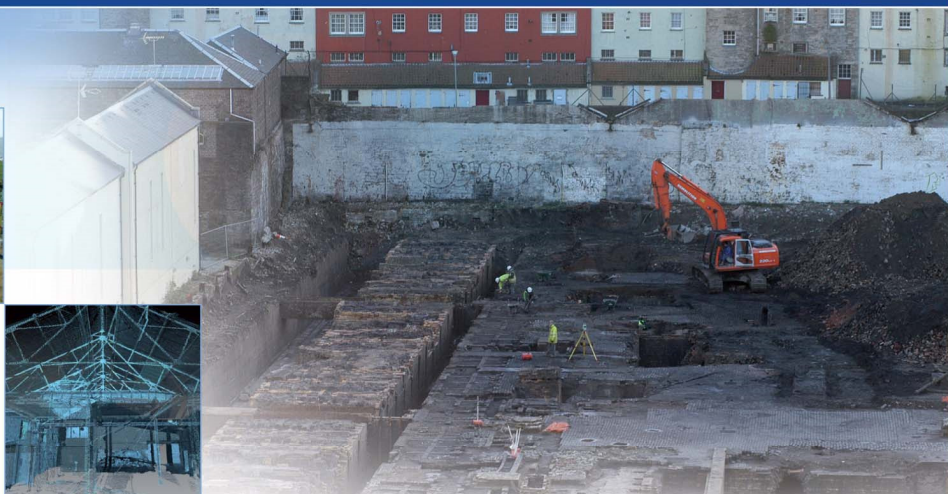
## APPENDIX 1: Context Register

### Digital Photographs

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02-03	W facing section of eastern extent showing disturbed ground	W
04	N facing section of southern extent	N
05	General shot of western extent	S
06	General shot of northern extent	SW
07	General shot of eastern extent	NNW
08	General shot of excavated foundation trench	NE
09	S facing section of southern extent showing disturbance	S
10	E facing section of eastern extent showing disturbance	SE

**APPENDIX 2: 'Discovery and Excavation in Scotland' Report**

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