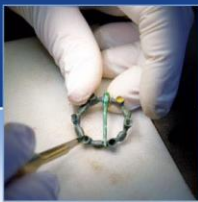


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Summary

This report presents the results of an archaeological evaluation undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group on behalf Alison Architects.

The evaluation consisted of the machine trenching of 125 linear metres from 5% of the available development area. Due to the presence of existing banded material, previously stripped areas, and services this was reduced to 40 linear metres.

The area consisted of minimal made ground overlying a mid orange-yellow clay mottled pink with sandstone inclusions.

No significant archaeological finds or features were recorded. No further works are considered necessary in regard to this development.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 A programme of archaeological trial trenching was required by Allison Architects for a residential development (NS 70860 61210 centred). The proposed development lies within the administrative area of North Lanarkshire Council, which is advised on archaeological matters by the Stirling Council Archaeologist, Dr Murray Cook. A programme of archaeological works was required as part of a planning condition (planning reference: 18/01811/FUL) and with best practice, outlined in current planning guidelines Scottish Planning Policy (2014) & Planning and Archaeology 2/2011 (2011) and The South Lanarkshire Local Plan (2015).

1.2 The *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) (AOC 2020) detailed how the requirements of the archaeological works were met. The works consisted of a 5% evaluation by means of trial trenching on available areas to be impacted within the proposed development area.

1.2 Site Location

1.2.1 The proposed development area lies to the southwest of Old Edinburgh Road and is bounded by Dalry Road to the northwest, Bute Terrace to the south and Bairds Avenue to the northeast (Figure 1). The site is a combination of vacant land following the demolition of an old police station to the east and undeveloped open park/grassland area to the west of the site. The northeast corner of the site has been partially built up and may limit excavation in that area. The site is centred on NGR NS 70860 61210 (centred).

1.3 Archaeological Background

1.3.1 There are no recorded archaeological features within the development area. However, there is potential for previously unknown sub-surface archaeological remains to be present within the development area and there are several sites that lie close to the development area.

1.3.2 The site is approximately 75m to the north-east of a documented Roman road running north-west-north from Bothwellhaugh (CANMORE ID 72180). Traces of the Roman road have been uncovered immediately to northwest of Bothwell Cemetery (NS 717 604). An excavation was undertaken in 1952 at Fallside House and revealed 'a rough cobbled road was encountered about 14 ft wide. The surface was very uneven and no large kerbstones or paving slabs were disclosed. The ground covering the roadway was very hard and it was evident that it had not been disturbed for a very long period.' (J M Davidson, 1952). It suggested that little way north of the cemetery it changed course to the west-north-west converging gradually with that of the Old Edinburgh Road (B7001) (WoSAS 2007). The mid 19th century 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map show the possible trajectory of the Roman road to the northeast of the development site towards Thorniewood approx. 500m away.

- 1.3.3 A funerary urn was uncovered to the south of the development site towards Viewpark (NGR NS 70887 60743). Little information is given other than it contained calcined remains. However, the 1st and later Edition Ordnance Survey maps detail the location of the urn (Figure 3 and 4).



Figure 3: Six-inch 1st edition, 1843-1882



Figure 4: Six-inch 2nd and later editions, 1910



Figure 5: Six-inch 2nd and later editions, 1947

2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the archaeological works are:

- i) to determine and assess the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any buried archaeological remains within the proposed development area.
- ii) to advise and implement an appropriate form of mitigation, such as excavation, post-excavation analyses and publication, given the infeasibility of preserving the archaeological material in situ, should significant archaeological remains be encountered.

3 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The archaeological evaluation of the area was undertaken on 28th February 202 using a JCB 3CX equipped with a toothless ditching bucket to the natural or first archaeological horizon. The evaluation was to consist of a 5% sample of the available area. This would have equated to a total evaluation area of 125 linear metres.
- 3.2 Due to restrictive soil bunds, areas already subject to stripping and piling foundations currently put in as well as services, the evaluation was restricted to a small area to the northwest.



Plate 1 Pre-excitation view of available area

4 RESULTS

- 4.1 The evaluation took place in general favourable conditions with archaeological visibility remaining good. The data gathered is presented as a series of Appendices:
- Appendix 1: Trench Record
 - Appendix 2: Photographic Record
 - Appendix 3: *'Discovery and Excavation in Scotland'* Entry
- 4.2 A total of 3 trenches were excavated across the available development area totalling 40 linear metres (Figure 2). Coverage was achieved as best possible given restrictions.
- 4.3 The area available for trenching had been stripped of turf, itself only 0.15m in depth where left, exposing a made ground deposit of mixed red blaise and dark brown clay, measuring 0.05-0.15m in depth. This overlay a mixed yellow-orange clay with pink mottling and occasional sandstone inclusions.



Plate 2 Post-excitation views of trenches

- 4.4 No archaeological significant finds or features were recorded during the evaluation.

5 CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The evaluation was more limited than initially planned due to extensive limitations across the development area. Trenching was achieved across the available area as best possible. Given the nature of the soil matrix, it is likely the area had been subject to stripping before with archaeological remains unlikely to be present.
- 5.2 No significant archaeological finds or features were uncovered during the works. Given the extent of some of the previous disturbance, and lack of any significant finds, no further works are considered necessary. This shall need to be confirmed by Dr. Murray Cook on behalf of North Lanarkshire council.

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Appendices

APPENDIX 1: Trench Descriptions

Trench 1

<i>Dimensions</i>	25 m by 1.6 m
<i>Orientation</i>	SE-NW
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.05-0.15m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None.
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid yellow orange clay, mottled pink
<i>Finds</i>	None

Trench 2

<i>Dimensions</i>	10 m by 1.6 m
<i>Orientation</i>	SW-NE
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.05-0.15m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None.
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid yellow orange clay, mottled pink
<i>Finds</i>	None

Trench 3

<i>Dimensions</i>	5 m by 1.6 m
<i>Orientation</i>	N-S
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.05-0.15m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None.
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid yellow orange clay, mottled pink
<i>Finds</i>	None

APPENDIX 2: Photographic Record

Camera 1

Frame	Description	From
1	Registration	-
2-10	Pre-excavation views showing restrictions	Various
11	Post-excavation view of Trench 1	NW
12	Post-excavation view of Trench 2	NE
13	Post-excavation view of Trench 3	N
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APPENDIX 3: 'Discovery and Excavation in Scotland' Report

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NGR	NS 70860 61210
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END DATE	February 2020
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