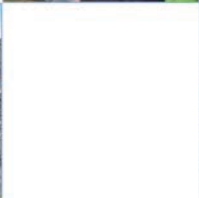
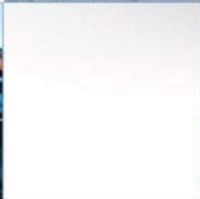
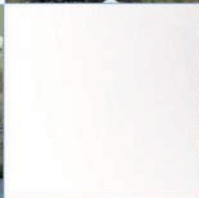


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## Abstract

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This report represents the results of an archaeological evaluation commissioned by Mr Jonathan Treffry on a single parcel of land situated predominantly to the north-west of South-west Fullarton Farm, Meigle, Perthshire (NGR; NO 2943 4380). The entire development area covered approximately 6,500 m<sup>2</sup> and contained the footprint of a proposed dwelling house and garage (approx 700 m<sup>2</sup>). The scope of the works was determined by Perth and Kinross Council who are advised on archaeological matters by the Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust.

The evaluation revealed no significant archaeological features or material.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Development Background

1.1.1 An archaeological evaluation was required by Mr Jonathan Treffry ahead of the erection of a dwelling house and garage to the north-west of South-west Fullarton Farm, Meigle, Perthshire. The need for, and scope of the archaeological works was determined by Pert & Kinross Council who are advised on archaeological matters by the Perthshire & Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT). The work required was in accord with current planning guidelines as set out in SPP23 (2008) and PAN42 (1994), and was attached as a condition of planning consent (07/02413/FUL).

### 1.2 Site Location

1.2.1 The proposed development area consisted of a single parcel of land lying predominantly to the north-west of South-west Fullarton Farm (NGR; NO 2943 4380) (Figure 1). The entire development area covered approximately 6,500 m<sup>2</sup> with a total of approximately 700 m<sup>2</sup> directly impacted by the footprint of the proposed dwelling house and garage.

### 1.3 Archaeological Background

1.3.1 Fullarton Castle lies approximately 300 m from the development area. This was reputed to be constructed in 1497 (PKHT 2008) and is depicted on a variety of historical maps including Roy (1747). Maps from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries have the castle shown as a large structure and by the time of the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition OS map (1863) it had been replaced by South-west Fullarton Farm and steadings. Within the farm buildings can be seen individual architectural pieces and carved stones incorporated from the castle (Strong 1985)

1.3.2 The Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) archives contain aerial photographs that reveal a number of cropmarks and linear anomalies presumed to relate to the structures and policies of Fullarton Castle. Excavations ahead of a pipeline undertaken in the 1980's recovered a sherd of Roman pottery and glass fragments relating to the latter stages of use of Fullarton Castle (Strong 1985).

## 2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the archaeological evaluation were:

- i) to determine 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 archaeological mitigation, such as excavation, post-excavation analyses and publication should significant archaeological remains be encountered that cannot be preserved *in situ*.
- iii) if necessary to develop a strategy for the analysis of the materials and information recovered to inform on the archaeological past of the development area.

### **3 METHOD**

- 3.1 The land parcel was evaluated by means of an archaeologically controlled topsoil strip. This was undertaken on the ground to be impacted directly by the imprint of the development (c.700 m<sup>2</sup>) (Figure 1). Ground levels were reduced by a JCB excavator equipped with a 1.5 m wide ditching bucket in shallow units until natural subsoil or the first archaeological horizon was met. All machine excavation was supervised by a field archaeologist.
- 3.2 All hand excavation was undertaken according to AOC Archaeology Group's standard operating procedures (Appendix 9). All significant archaeological features were cleaned, fully defined and recorded by drawn, written and photographic record.

## **4 RESULTS (Figure 1 & Plates 1 & 2)**

### **4.1 Introduction**

- 4.1.1 The excavation was conducted over the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The weather conditions during the excavation were fine; overall archaeological visibility was good. The top-soil strip revealed no archaeologically significant features.

### **4.2 Results**

- 4.2.1 The top-soil strip revealed a friable sandy top-soil 0.40 m in depth with occasional small to medium sub-rounded and sub-angular stones. This in turn overlay a natural sub-soil of yellow grey silty sand. This included considerable quantities of degraded red sandstone. A natural variation occurred in the sub-soil with occasional patches of firm, sandy clay.
- 4.2.2 Numerous field drains were observed cutting the natural sub-soil. A variety of types of drain were uncovered which included rubble, ceramic and plastic types. A much wider linear feature was investigated running east-west, this in turn was identified as the main plastic field drain, with others leading off it in a herring bone pattern. Finds observed during the strip included Victorian ceramics, glass and post-medieval brick.



Plate 1 West Facing Section Through Large Field Drain



Plate 2 Area Shot Showing Field Drains



## 5 CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 These works are considered an appropriate archive of the archaeology present within this land parcel and no further archaeological works are considered necessary. This recommendation will require the approval of PKHT.

## 6 REFERENCES

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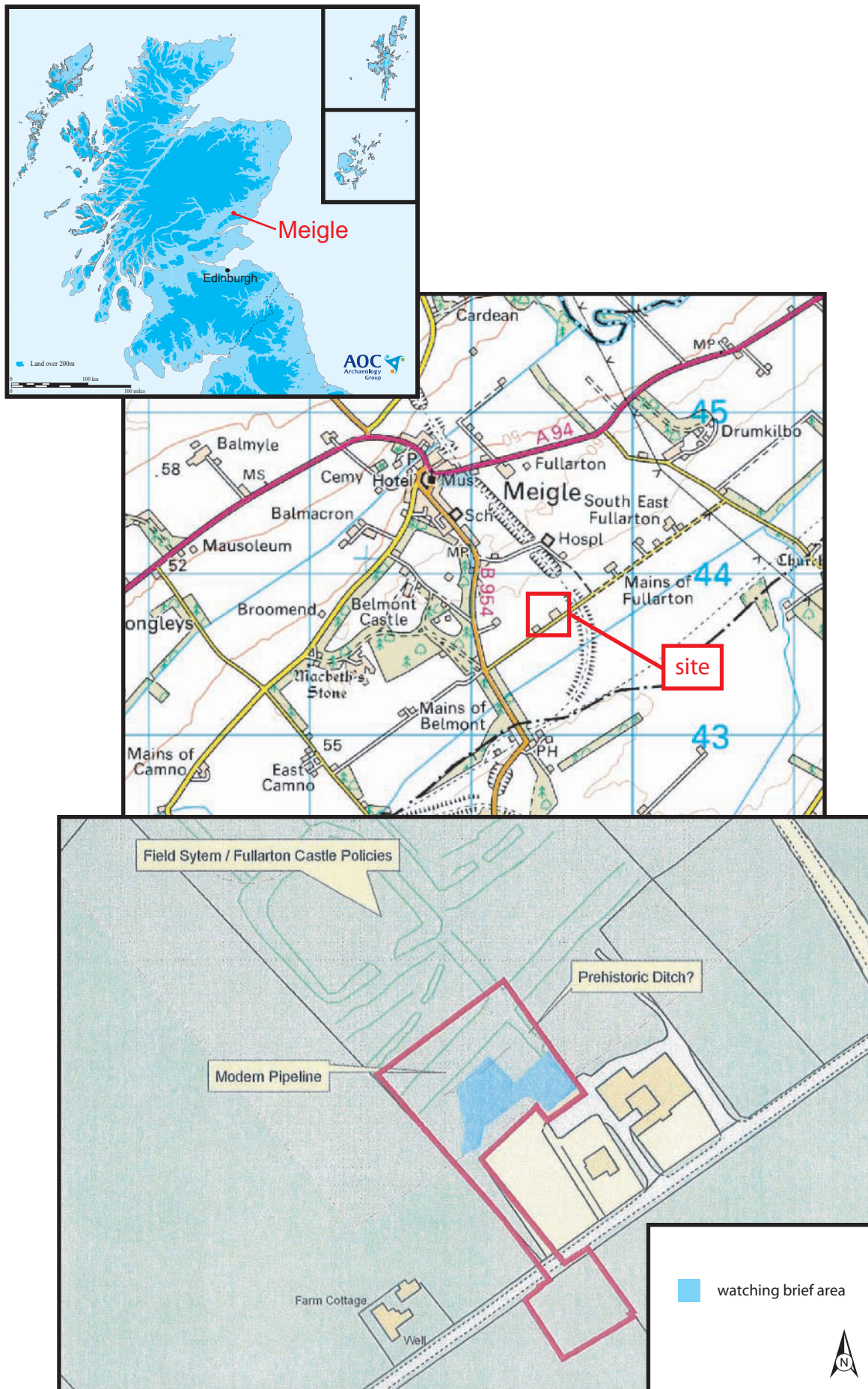


Figure 1: Site location and location of watching brief area

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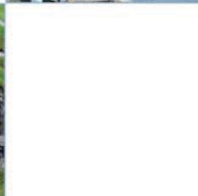
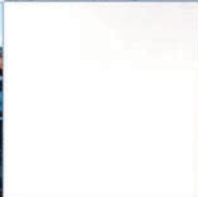
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Frame	Description	From
1-2	Registration shot	
3-4	West facing section of field drain	W
5-6	North facing section of main field drain	N
7-8	Rubble field drain NW/SE	NW
9-10	Rubble field drain east facing section	E
11-12	Ceramic field drain	SW
13-14	Plough scars	NE
15-16	General shot of site	NE
17-18	General shot of site	NE
19-24	General shot of site	N

**APPENDIX 2: DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND REPORT**

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