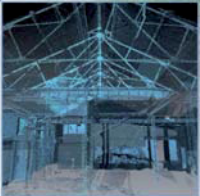
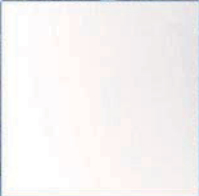


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## Abstract

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A programme of archaeological works was required by R & D Construction Group in respect to a proposed housing development at Newbridge, Dumfries. The proposed development consists of a greenfield site covering c 12.044 ha. The proposed development lies within the administrative area of Dumfries and Galloway Council, which is advised on archaeological matters by Ms. Jane Brann. A programme of archaeological works was required in keeping with the policies outlined in SPP23 (2008) and PAN42 (1994), in order to record the extent and significance of any archaeological remains which may be present within the development area.

An 8% sample of the development area equated to trenching totalling 9,635 m<sup>2</sup>. In total 65 trenches totalling 9635 m<sup>2</sup> were excavated. The majority of the trenches contained no archaeological features and only a few artefacts were identified from the topsoil. However, archaeological features were identified in four trenches, a previously known enclosure and associated internal features, and two isolated features.

## 0 Non Technical Summary

- 0.1 A programme of archaeological works was required by R & D Construction Group in respect to a proposed housing development at Irongray Road, Newbridge, Dumfries. The proposed development consisted of a greenfield site covering c 12.044 ha. The proposed development lies within the administrative area of Dumfries and Galloway Council, which is advised on archaeological matters by Ms. Jane Brann. A programme of archaeological works was required in keeping with the policies outlined in SPP23 (2008) and PAN42 (1994), in order to record the extent and significance of any archaeological remains which may be present within the development area.

## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Site Location

- 1.1.1 The proposed development area is presently a greenfield site centred on NGR: NX 9502 7872. It is bounded to the south-west by Irongray Road and to the north-east by Glasgow Road. The surrounding landscape is a mix of open fields, domestic housing development and a technology park (Figure 1).

### 1.2 Development proposal

- 1.2.1 The development involves the creation of a phased housing development together with associated access roads and landscaping.

### 1.3 Archaeological background

- 1.3.1 A prehistoric enclosure site appears inside the development area as a cropmark site (*NMRS NX97NW49*; Plate 1) lying to the immediate south-east of existing buildings situated along the south-western boundary of the development area as formed by Irongray Road. The enclosure lies at NGR: NX 9494 7866 and is described in the National Monument Record as a cropmark revealed by aerial photographs taken by the Irish Gas Board in 1991 as part of work in advance of the gas pipeline from Scotland to Ireland (visible on air photograph Bord Gais Eireann AF/91/Col/ 50, run 4, 3029; 8 May 1991). The cropmark is also visible on RAF air photographs of 1946 (seen on RAF air photographs 106G/Scot/UK145 3320-1 1946). The site was allegedly visible as a slight earthwork in the early 1990s.
- 1.3.2 There have also been reports of linear features lying within the development area that are only visible in low sun conditions (Andrew Nicholson pers com).
- 1.3.3 The enclosure site (*NMRS NX97NW49*) will not be impacted upon by groundworks associated with the development proposals as it is being left as open ground. However there remains the possibility of associated archaeological material surviving as sub-surface features invisible to non-intrusive archaeological investigation. In addition, as the development area has remained relatively free of modern development, there persisted the enhanced possibility of encountering entirely disassociated

archaeological material that is unknown in the historic, cartographic, aerial photographic or archaeological records.



**Plate 1: Cropmark enclosure (NMRS NX97NW49)**

#### **1.4 Curatorial control**

- 1.4.1 National planning policies and planning guidance, SPP23 (2008) and PAN42 (SOEnD 1994a), as well as the local plan policies, require a mitigation response that is designed to investigate the potential for archaeological sites within the development area and thence allow the preservation or recording of any significant remains.
- 1.4.2 The site is located within the Local Authority administrative area of Dumfries and Galloway Council. The Council is advised on archaeological matters by Ms. Jane Brann. A programme of evaluation works that fully met the advice rendered by Ms. Jane Brann was undertaken.

## 2 Objectives

2.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were:

- i) to determine the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any buried archaeological remains within the development area through a 8% field evaluation;
- ii) whilst the over-riding aim of the development was to provide information allowing preservation *in situ* of specifically identified archaeological sites, the evaluation was also designed to inform a mitigation scheme involving an appropriate form of mitigation, such as excavation, post-excavation analyses and publication, should further, less significant archaeological remains be encountered.

## 3 Method

3.1 The Written Scheme of Investigation (Dunbar 2009) proposed the excavation of trenches equating to an 8% sample of the development area. The site covered approximately c 12.044 ha resulting in evaluation trenching with a total basal area of 9635 m<sup>2</sup> (Figure 2). The 64 trenches excavated correspond to a little over the 8% sample specified in the Written Scheme of Investigation (Dunbar 2009).

3.2 All trenches were excavated with a 13 tonne tracked excavator using a 2.0 m wide ditching bucket. The trench details are summarised in Appendix 1. Machine excavation was conducted in shallow units/spits through topsoil/overburden to the upper surface of the underlying geological deposits. The evaluation trial trenching was undertaken according to AOC Archaeology Group's standard operating procedures as detailed with the Method Statement (Dunbar 2009).

## 4 Results

### 4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The works were conducted between 3<sup>rd</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> August 2009. The weather conditions during the evaluation were mixed, dry and sunny in parts with heavy showers. Overall archaeological visibility was good. In total 64 trenches were opened totalling 9635 m<sup>2</sup> (Figure 2).

4.1.2 The various data gathered from the excavation are presented as a series of appendices:

Appendix 1 contains trench summaries;

Appendix 2 contains the photographic register;

Appendix 3 contains the sample register;



Appendix 4 contains the drawing register;

Appendix 5 reproduces the *Discovery & Excavation in Scotland* entry.

## 4.2 Overview

- 4.2.1 The proposed development was covered in a layer of dark brown silty topsoil, which varied in depth from 0.20 m to 0.41 m in depth according to the topography of the land. The deeper areas of topsoil tended to occur in the low points of the field, particularly in north-east of Field 2. The deep areas of topsoil were downslope and can be viewed as accumulated hillwash. The topsoil varied across the site between a loose sand and gravel to a more compact silty clay material. Unusually, there was no evidence of plough scarring on the surface of the subsoil, perhaps indicating that the field had not been subject to modern ploughing techniques. No evidence for drainage, either modern or historic was identified in the form of field drains.
- 4.2.2 Outwith the palisade enclosure and associated features (NMRS NX97NW49; Plate 1), the remainder of the site appears to be relatively archaeologically sterile, although isolated features were identified within Trenches 22 and 29.

## 4.3 Enclosure (Figure 2)

- 4.3.1 Trenches 32 and 33 were excavated across the known location of a prehistoric enclosure (NMRS NX97NW49; Plate 1). While the original mitigation proposed a single trench was excavated across the site (Dunbar 2009), a secondary trench was added to help confirm its presence.



**Plate 2: Detail of enclosure palisade [107] (NMRS NX97NW49)**

4.3.2 The enclosure was identified in three places ([107], [109], [111]; Figure 3 and Plate 2), and comprised a single, slot measuring 0.30-0.40 m in width and up to 0.24 m in depth. The cut of the feature contained steep sides running in to a rounded base. The feature was filled by a single fill ([108], [110] and [112]) comprising a dark brown sandy matrix with frequent inclusions of angular and rounded stones. No artefactual material was recovered from the feature. In total, the enclosure would have measured approximately 27 m by 27 m (Figure 2). Analogy with known, excavated examples suggests the enclosure constituted a palisade slot, made of timber posts, held tight with a deposit of packing stones (Cook 2006).



**Plate 3: Detail of ring-groove [103]**

4.3.3 Two probable ring-grooves (103) and [113]) were identified within the boundaries of the enclosure, and although not stratigraphically linked, it seems likely they are associated and contemporary. Ring-groove [103] was identified in Trench 33 only, and comprised a curvilinear slot, 10 m in length by 0.35-0.45 m in width by 0.10 m in depth. The cut was filled by a single fill [104], a dark sandy matrix with frequent inclusions of rounded and angular stones. The size of the identified slot suggests that

the ring-groove would have measured up to 12-14 m in diameter. Towards the upper size limit of this class of feature. No artefactual material was recovered from the feature.

- 4.3.4 Ring-groove [113] was identified within Trench 33 and comprised only a 2 m section. The feature measured 0.18-0.24 m in width by up to 0.11 m in depth and was filled by a single deposit [114] of a dark brown compact sandy silt. No artefactual material was recovered from the feature.

#### 4.4 Isolated Features (Figure 2)

- 4.4.1 Two isolated features ([101] and [105]) were identified and excavated in Trenches 22 and 29. Both features were fully excavated and recorded during the evaluation.
- 4.4.2 Pit [101] was identified at the southern end of Trench 29 (Plate 3). On identification a 6 m by 4 m box was opened around the pit in an attempt to define its full plan and to confirm the presence or absence of any associated features. No other features were identified. The pit was sub-rounded in plan with steep sides running in to a rounded base and measured 0.90 m by 0.80 m by up to 0.40 m in depth. The single fill [102] comprised a loose sandy silt with a large amount of rounded and angular stone inclusions, charcoal and possibly a few flecks of burnt bone. No artefactual material was recovered from the feature and no associated features were observed in the immediate area.
- 4.4.3 Feature [105] comprised a north to south aligned linear cut identified in Trench 22. The cut measured 1.1 m in width by up to 0.40 m in depth and contained a single fill [106] of dark brown sandy matrix with numerous gravel inclusions. No artefactual material was recovered from the feature.



**Plate 4: Detail of pit [101]**

## 5 DISCUSSION

- 5.1 The evaluation trenching at Newbridge, Dumfries has confirmed the presence of the enclosure previously identified from aerial photography. Although clearly truncated and of a less robust character than suggested by the aerial photography, the remnants of the enclosure were identified in three places. Perhaps more importantly, the evaluation recorded two internal ring-grooves. The presence of the ring-grooves suggests that the site contained at least two individual roundhouses, demonstrating a probable residential function for the site. Although no artefactual material was recovered the remains can be provisionally identified as a later prehistoric (later Bronze Age or Iron Age) palisaded enclosure and associated ring groove roundhouses. The enclosure would appear to have been compromised by the modern buildings to the west.
- 5.2 Other than the enclosure and associated ring grooves the development area proved archaeologically sterile apart from two features (a pit and linear) both isolated, absent of artefacts and functionally undiagnostic.

## 6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The evaluation has revealed that the overwhelming majority of the development area is free from any significant archaeological features; however around the central/southern edge of the development there is a discrete but important suite of prehistoric features. This zone of archaeological sensitivity is illustrated as Figure 5.
- 6.2 In line with current planning policy the preservation *in situ* of the archaeological material is the preferred option. However if the preservation of the archaeology *in situ* proves infeasible a further programme of archaeological mitigation works (*preservation by record*) comprising excavation fieldwork and any necessary post-excavation works will be required. Thus it is recommended that a mitigation strategy be prepared compliant with SPP 23 and PAN 42.
- 6.3 SPP 23 states that

*'archaeological resources shall be preserved in situ wherever feasible. The planning authority will weigh the significance of the archaeological resources and of any impacts upon them and their settings against other merits of the development proposals in the determination of planning application'*

- 6.4 Ideally the development proposals should be amended to avoid impacting on the on the archaeologically sensitive area as identified by the evaluation. Indeed the greater part of this area is already included as *Active Open Space* within the development proposals (Figure 5) as a result of the previously known presence of the archaeological site, if not the site's full character and form. The enclosure is wholly located within this *Active Open Space*, where there are no significant ground impacts deriving from the development proposals, and thus will be preserved *in situ* in its entirety.

- 6.5 In the archaeologically sensitive area immediately outwith the enclosure, the development proposals entail access road construction, house building and the laying of ground to gardens. Given the possibility of the nearby survival of archaeological material associated with the enclosure, we would advise that an appropriate form of mitigation would be the undertaking of an archaeological watching brief on the ground-works contractor's topsoil stripping works in the peripheral zone of the archaeologically sensitive area.
- 6.6 These recommendations must be view as being provisional. Ultimately, the scope and scale of the any further archaeological works would be defined by Dumfries and Galloway Council; with the detailed methodology for their undertaking set out in a further Written Scheme of Investigation.

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## APPENDIX 1: TRENCH SUMMARIES

### Trench 1

Dimensions	137 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NE - SW
Depth of Topsoil	0.27 m to 0.34 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Pink sandy soil, with large stone inclusions
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 2

Dimensions	136 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	N - S
Depth of Topsoil	0.27 m to 0.36 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 3

Dimensions	134 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.28 m to 0.42 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 4

Dimensions	110 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	N - S
Depth of Topsoil	0.28 m to 0.34 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravels and sands
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil.

### Trench 5

Dimensions	100 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NW - SE
Depth of Topsoil	0.26 m to 0.29 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Sandy matrix
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 6

Dimensions	76 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.26 m to 0.29 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Sandy matrix
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 7**

Dimensions	152 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NE - SW
Depth of Topsoil	0.27 m to 0.28 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 8**

Dimensions	101 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NE - SW
Depth of Topsoil	0.36 m to 0.41 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravels and sands
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil.

**Trench 9**

Dimensions	178 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NE - SW
Depth of Topsoil	0.32 m to 0.41 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Sandy gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 10**

Dimensions	125 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NW - SE
Depth of Topsoil	0.21 m to 0.33 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 11**

Dimensions	50 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NW - SE
Depth of Topsoil	0.26 m to 0.27 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 12**

Dimensions	157 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	N - S
Depth of Topsoil	0.29 m to 0.32 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange sands and gravels
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 13**

Dimensions	61 m by 2.0 m
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Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.30 m to 0.31 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 14

Dimensions	156 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	N - S
Depth of Topsoil	0.31 m to 0.33 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 15

Dimensions	48 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.28 m to 0.31 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravels and sands
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 16

Dimensions	36 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.32 m to 0.41 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 17

Dimensions	156 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NW - SE
Depth of Topsoil	0.26 m to 0.29 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 18

Dimensions	55 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NW - SE
Depth of Topsoil	0.29 m to 0.30 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 19

Dimensions	92 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NW - SE
Depth of Topsoil	0.32 m to 0.41 m



Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 20

Dimensions	81 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.31 m to 0.33 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 21

Dimensions	92 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NW - SE
Depth of Topsoil	0.26 m to 0.29 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 22

Dimensions	33 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NW - SE
Depth of Topsoil	0.32 m to 0.41 m
Features	Pit [105]
Subsoil	Orange gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil
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#### Trench 23

Dimensions	38 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.31 m to 0.33 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Sands and gravels
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 24

Dimensions	20 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NE - SW
Depth of Topsoil	0.32 m to 0.41 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravels and sands
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 25

Dimensions	26 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NE - SW
Depth of Topsoil	0.32 m to 0.34 m
Features	None

Subsoil Gravels  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 26

Dimensions 18 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation NE - SW  
Depth of Topsoil 0.34 m to 0.35 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Orange gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 27

Dimensions 46 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation E - W  
Depth of Topsoil 0.37 m to 0.39 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Orange gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil.

#### Trench 28

Dimensions 65 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation NE - SW  
Depth of Topsoil 0.34 m to 0.35 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Gravels  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 29

Dimensions 96 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation NE - SW  
Depth of Topsoil 0.32 m to 0.41 m  
Features Large pit, [101]  
Subsoil Orange/grey gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 30

Dimensions 50 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation NE - SW  
Depth of Topsoil 0.32 m to 0.41 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil  
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#### Trench 31

Dimensions 77 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation E - W  
Depth of Topsoil 0.32 m to 0.41 m  
Features None

Subsoil Gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 32

Dimensions 71 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation N - S  
Depth of Topsoil 0.34 m to 0.35 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Orange gravel and sand  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 33

Dimensions 70 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation NE - SW  
Depth of Topsoil 0.20 m to 0.25 m  
Features Ring-groove [103] plus enclosure  
Subsoil Gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 34

Dimensions 50 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation NW - SE  
Depth of Topsoil 0.32 m to 0.33 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Orange gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 35

Dimensions 90 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation E - W  
Depth of Topsoil 0.20 m to 0.30 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Orange gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 36

Dimensions 85 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation E - W  
Depth of Topsoil 0.28 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 37

Dimensions 140 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation N - S  
Depth of Topsoil 0.28 m to 0.30 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 38**

Dimensions	50 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.20 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 39**

Dimensions	50 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.30 m to 0.32 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 40**

Dimensions	50 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 41**

Dimensions	50 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 42**

Dimensions	50 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Red silt and sand
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 43**

Dimensions	50 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.253 m to 0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 44**

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Dimensions	60 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NE - SW
Depth of Topsoil	0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Red silt
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 45**

Dimensions	109 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	N - S
Depth of Topsoil	0.20 m to 0.23 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Red silt
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 46**

Dimensions	70 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 47**

Dimensions	60 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.25 m to 0.28 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 48**

Dimensions	115 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	N - S
Depth of Topsoil	0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 49**

Dimensions	65 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.22 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

**Trench 50**

Dimensions	45 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W

Depth of Topsoil	0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 51

Dimensions	50 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NE - SW
Depth of Topsoil	0.23 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 52

Dimensions	70 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NE - SW
Depth of Topsoil	0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 53

Dimensions	65 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NE - SW
Depth of Topsoil	0.22 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 54

Dimensions	65 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NE - SW
Depth of Topsoil	0.23 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 55

Dimensions	65 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	NE - SW
Depth of Topsoil	0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 56

Dimensions	65 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.23 m to 0.25 m
Features	None

Subsoil Gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 56a

Dimensions 125 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation N - S  
Depth of Topsoil 0.20 m to 0.22 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 57

Dimensions 70 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation E - W  
Depth of Topsoil 0.21 m to 0.22 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 58

Dimensions 100 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation N - S  
Depth of Topsoil 0.22 m to 0.25 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 59

Dimensions 70 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation E - W  
Depth of Topsoil 0.23 m to 0.25 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 60

Dimensions 70 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation E - W  
Depth of Topsoil 0.21 m to 0.25 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

#### Trench 61

Dimensions 70 m by 2.0 m  
Orientation E - W  
Depth of Topsoil 0.23 m to 0.25 m  
Features None  
Subsoil Gravel  
Finds Unstratified 20<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 62

Dimensions	70 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.23 m to 0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 63

Dimensions	15 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.23 m to 0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil

### Trench 64

Dimensions	65 m by 2.0 m
Orientation	E - W
Depth of Topsoil	0.23 m to 0.25 m
Features	None
Subsoil	Gravel
Finds	Unstratified 20 <sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery noted within topsoil



## APPENDIX 2: PHOTOGRAPHIC REGISTER

### Black & White Print & Colour Slide Film 1

Frame	Area	Detail	From
1-2	-	Registration	
3-4	Tr.29	West-facing section through pit [101]	W
5-6	Tr.32	Detail of ring-groove [103]	NE
7-8	Tr.32	Detail of ring-groove [103]	SW
9-10		Detail of linear cut [105]	N
11-13		General view of Field A	SW
14-15	Tr.33	Detail of palisade [107]	W
16-17	Tr.32	Detail of possible palisade [109]	N
18-19	Tr.32	Detail of possible palisade [111]	N
20-23	Tr.32	Detail of ring-groove [113]	N
24-25	Tr.32	Detail of ring-groove [103]	E
26-27	Tr.32	Detail of ring-groove [103]	SE
28-29	Tr.32	Detail of ring-groove [103]	NW
30		General view of trenches	SW
31		General view of trenches	W
32		General view of trenches	NW

### Digital Record

Frame	Area	Detail	From
1	-	Registration	
2	Tr.29	West facing section through pit [101]	W
3	Tr.32	Detail of ring-groove [103]	NE
4	Tr.32	Detail of ring-groove [103]	SW
4		Detail of linear cut [105]	N
6		General view of Field A	SW
7	Tr.33	Detail of palisade [107]	W
8	Tr.32	Detail of possible palisade [109]	N
9	Tr.32	Detail of possible palisade [111]	N
10	Tr.32	Detail of ring-groove [113]	N
11	Tr.32	Detail of ring-groove [103]	E
12	Tr.32	Detail of ring-groove [103]	SE
13	Tr.32	Detail of ring-groove [103]	NW
14		General view of trenches	SW
15		General view of trenches	W
16		General view of trenches	NW

## APPENDIX 3: CONTEXT REGISTER

Context No.	Area	Description
[101]	Tr.29	Cut of isolated pit, sub-rounded in plan, with steep sides running in to a rounded base. Measuring 0.90 m by 0.80 m by 0.40 m in depth. Single fill [102].
[102]	Tr.29	Fill of pit [101], with loose sandy silt and a large amount of stone inclusions of up to 0.30 m by 0.30 m in size and charcoal.
[103]	Tr.33	Cut of ring-groove of roundhouse, approximately 12-14 m in diameter. The slot measures 0.35-0.45 m in width by at least 0.10 m in depth. Unexcavated. Filled by [104]
[104]	Tr.33	Fill of ring-groove comprising dark brown matrix with lots of rounded and angular stones with some charcoal flecks. Unexcavated.
[105]	Tr.22	Cut of linear feature, aligned NE-SW across the trench, comprising straight sides running in to a rounded base. Measuring 1.1 m by up to 0.40 m in depth. Filled by [106].
[106]	Tr.22	Fill of ditch cut [105], comprising a dark brown sandy matrix with numerous gravel inclusions.
[107]	Tr.33	Cut of circular palisade slot, measuring 0.40 m by 0.35 m and up to 0.24 m in depth. Filled by [108]
[108]	Tr.33	Fill of [107] comprising a dark brown sandy matrix with lots of stone inclusions.
[109]	Tr.32	Cut of palisade slot, measuring 0.30-0.40 m in width. Same as [107] and [111]. Unexcavated.
[110]	Tr.32	Fill of [110], same as [108].
[111]	Tr.32	Cut of palisade slot, measuring 0.30-0.40 m in width. Same as [107] and [109]. Unexcavated.
[112]	Tr.32	Fill of [111], same as [108] and [110].
[113]	Tr.32	Possible cut of ring-groove, measuring 0.18-0.24 m in width and up to 0.11 m in depth. Filled by [114].
[114]	Tr.32	Fill of [113], comprising dark brown compact sandy silt.

## APPENDIX 4: SAMPLE REGISTER

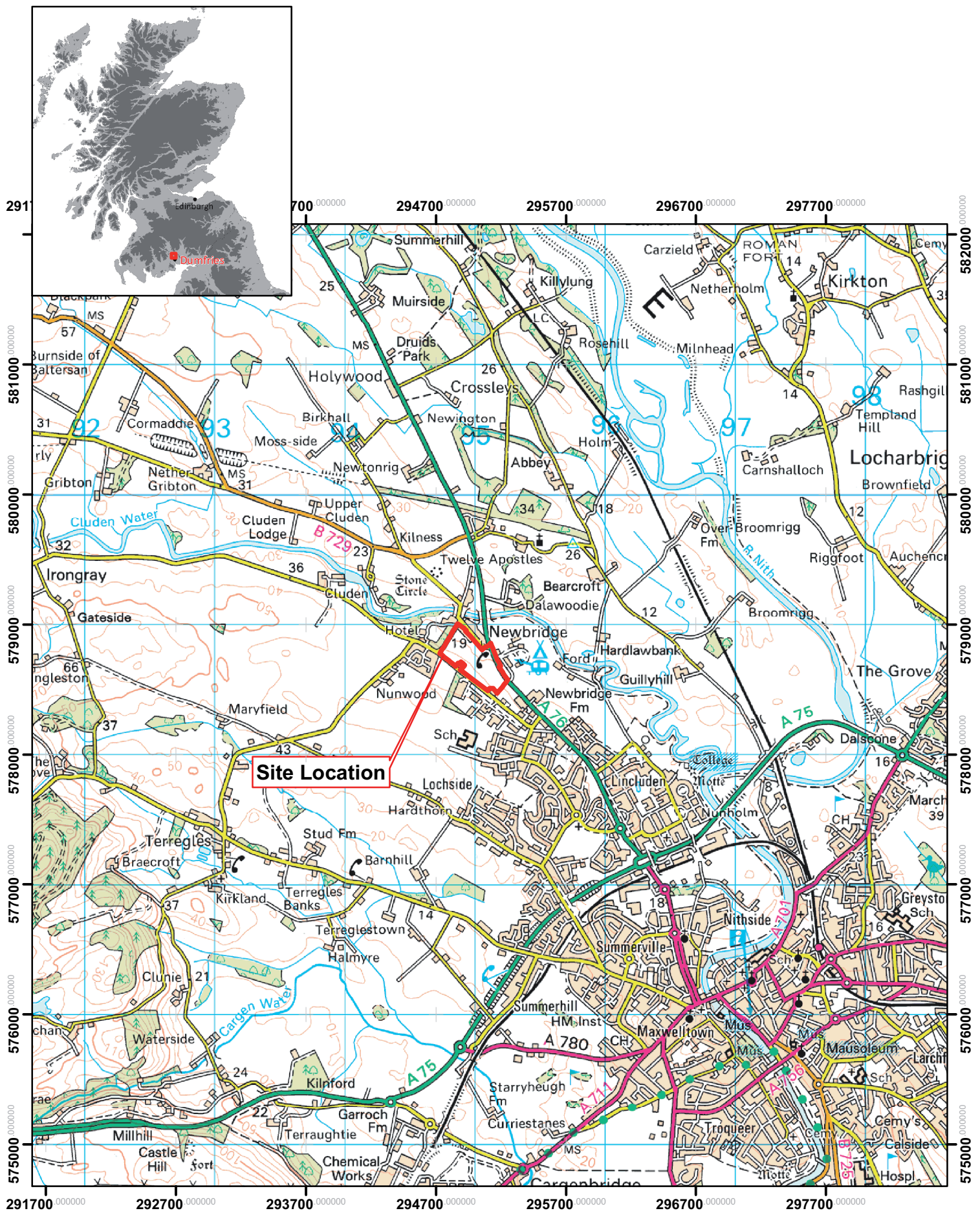
Trench Context	Quantity
Tr. 29	[102] 1 Bucket

## APPENDIX 5: DRAWING REGISTER

Drawing No	Description	Scale
1	West-facing section through pit [101]	1:20
2	Plan of pit [101]	1:20
3	North-facing section through pit [105]	1:20
4	Plan of ring-groove [103]	1:20
5	Plan of palisade [111]	1:20
6	NW-facing section through ring-groove [113]	1:20
7	Plan of palisade [109]	1:20
8	South-facing section through palisade [107]	1:20

## APPENDIX 6: DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND REPORT

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Dumfries and Galloway Council
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Newbridge, Dumfries Archaeological Evaluation
PROJECT CODE:	AOC 21422
PARISH:	Terregles
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Martin Cook
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	AOC Archaeology Group
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Archaeological Evaluation
NMRS NO(S):	NMRS NX97NW49
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	None
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NX 9501 7822
START DATE (this season)	3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2009
END DATE (this season)	12 <sup>th</sup> August 2009
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	None
MAIN DESCRIPTION: (NARRATIVE) (May include information from other fields)	<p>An evaluation was undertaken prior to a proposed housing development at Irongray Road, Newbridge, Dumfries. The proposed development consisted of a greenfield site covering c. 12.044 ha.</p> <p>An 8% sample of the development area equated to 64 trenches totalling 9635 m<sup>2</sup>. The majority of the trenches contained no archaeological features and only a few artefacts were identified from the topsoil.</p> <p>A known prehistoric enclosure (NMRS NX97NW49) was identified and recorded in two trenches in the southern part of the development area. The enclosure was confirmed to comprise a circular palisade slot, with previously unrecorded ring-grooves in the interior. The features were left unexcavated, but their size and nature would suggest a later prehistoric origin. Two isolated features were also recorded and excavated in the northern and central parts of the development area; these comprised a linear cut and a pit. No artefacts were recovered.</p>
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:	n/a
SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:	R & D Construction Group
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Figure 1: Site Location



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Figure 2: Trench Layout

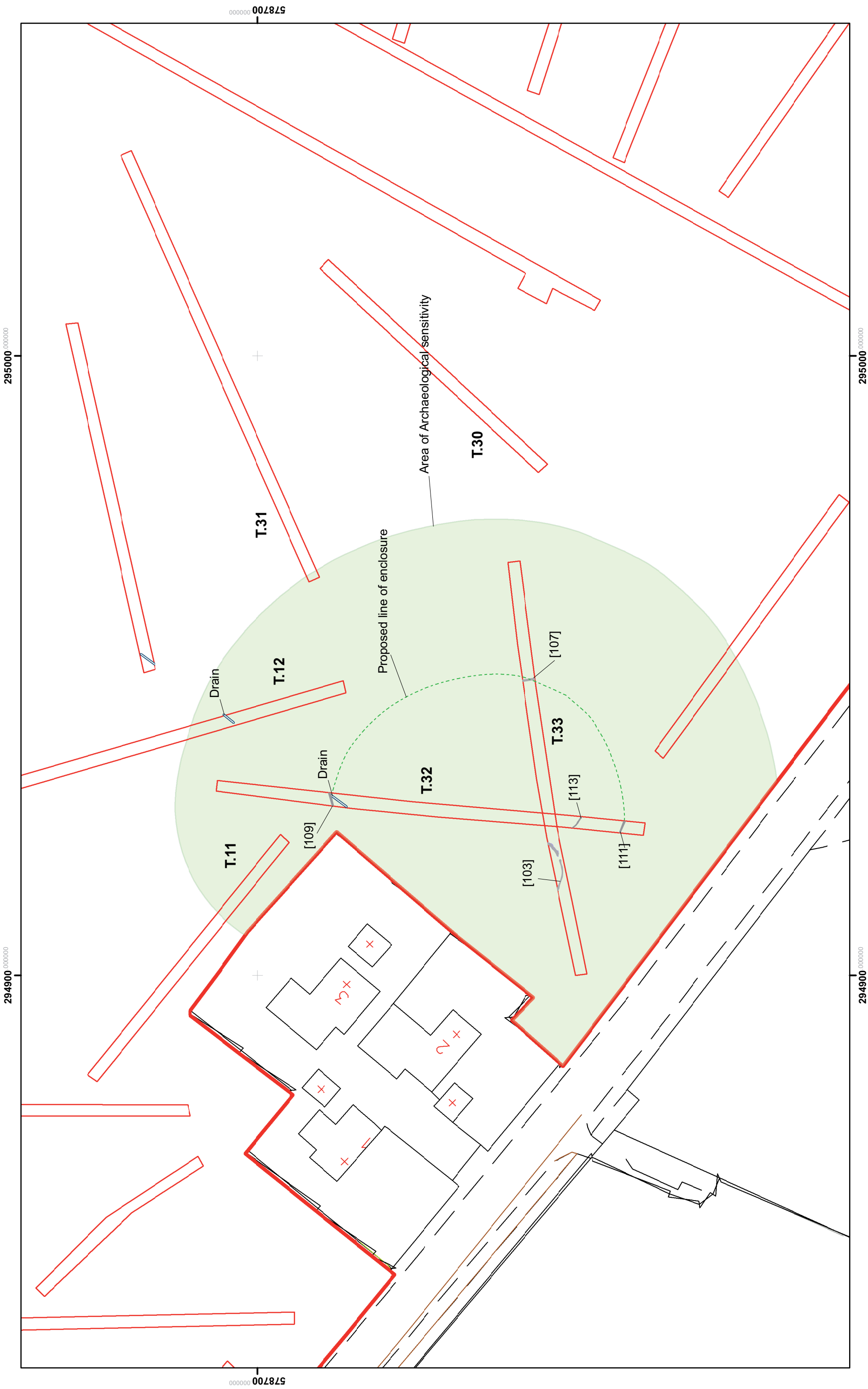
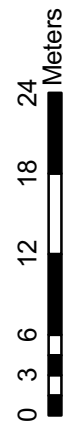


Figure 3: Location of palisade and ring groove in Trenches 32 and 33



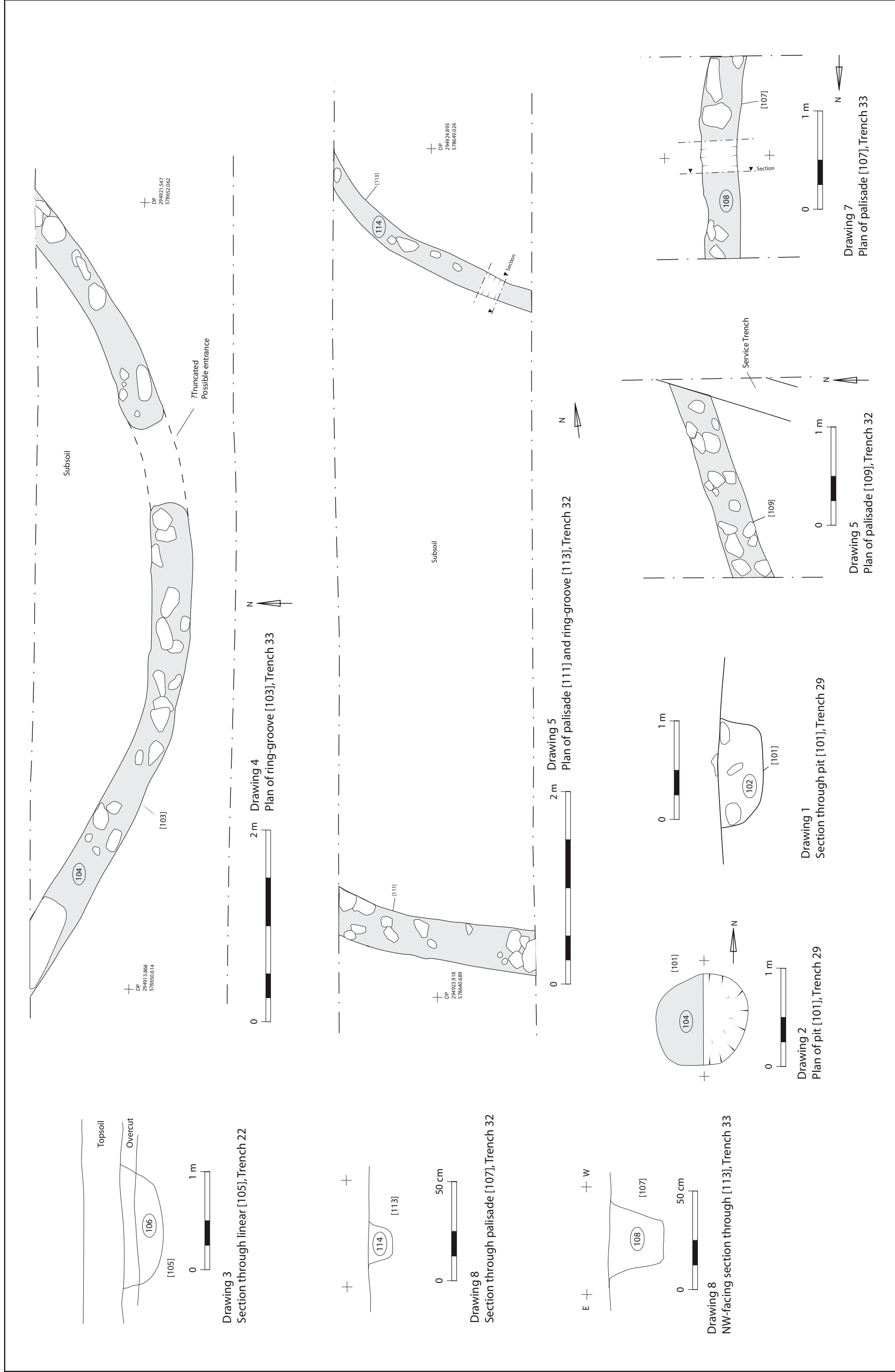


Figure 4: Plan and sections of excavated features

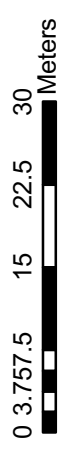
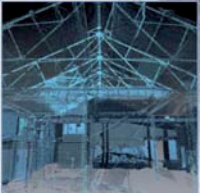


Figure 5: Zone of Archaeological Sensitivity superimposed on Development Plan





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