

**Turnhouse Road, Edinburgh:**  
**Watching Brief Data Structure Report**

**On behalf of:**

Murphy Pipelines Ltd  
J. Murphy & Sons Ltd,  
Rotherham Road,  
Dinnington,  
Sheffield,  
S25 3RD

**National Grid Reference (NGR):**

NT 165 740

**AOC Archaeology Project No:**

20740

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**Timing:**

Fieldwork – November 2007 – January 2008  
Report – January 2008

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1 NON TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report presents the results of a watching brief undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group in connection to gas pipeline renewal works at Turnhouse Road, Edinburgh. The watching brief was commissioned on behalf of Murphy Pipeline Ltd. These works were designed to satisfy the requirements of the local planning authority, as advised by City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS) and are in accordance with the principles inherent in NPPG 5 (SOEnd 1994) and PAN 42 (SOEnd 1994a).
- 1.2 Prior to the commencement of the archaeological works a *Written Scheme of Investigation* (AOC 2007) was approved by Mr John Lawson of CECAS. The work was completed between November 2007 and January 2008.
- 1.3 Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were identified.

2. INTRODUCTION

**2.1 Background**

- 2.1.1 An archaeological watching brief was undertaken on behalf of Murphy Pipelines Ltd. during the ground breaking works associated with gas pipeline renewal works at Turnhouse Road, Edinburgh.
- 2.1.2 The proposed development area lies within the administrative area of Edinburgh City Council, which is advised on archaeological matters by Mr John Lawson of CECAS. The work required was in accordance with NPPG 5 (SOEnD 1994) and PAN 42 (SOEnD 1994a), in determining the nature, extent, condition, date and significance of any archaeological remains within the proposed development area.
- 2.1.3 The proposed development area comprises 3740 m<sup>2</sup> of ground adjacent to Turnhouse Road.

**2.2 Archaeological Background**

- 2.2.1 While the proposed development area contains no known archaeological sites it does lie within the immediate vicinity of known archaeological sites.

**2.3 Site location**

- 2.3.1 The proposed development site is located adjacent to Turnhouse Road, Edinburgh (NGR: NT 165 740); Fig. 1).

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were to:

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- i)* determine the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any as yet undiscovered archaeological remains within the proposed development area;
- ii)* should significant archaeological deposits be discovered, to prepare a mitigation strategy compliant with NPPG 5 and PAN 42.

4. METHOD

4.1 The details of the archaeological watching brief, laid out below, were designed to fully meet the requirements of the planning authority as advised by Mr Lawson. All ground breaking works were carried out by means of a 360° tracked excavator equipped with a toothless ditching bucket. All machine excavation was carried out under the direct supervision of an experienced field archaeologist.

5. RESULTS

5.1 The various data gathered from the evaluation are presented as a series of appendices:

- i)* Appendix 1: The Photographic Register
- ii)* Appendix 2: Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Report

5.2 The watching briefs were undertaken between the 20<sup>th</sup> of November and the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2008. The weather conditions varied from dry and sunny to wet and overcast during this period.

5.3 The entire site was covered by between 30 and 45 cm of topsoil overlying yellowish brown natural sandy gravel. No features or artefacts of archaeological significance were uncovered.

6 CONCLUSION

6.1 No significant archaeological remains or artefacts were identified during the works. No further archaeological works are considered necessary.

7 REFERENCES

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

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SOEnd 1994a National Planning Policy Guideline NPPG 5. Archaeology and Planning. January 1994. The Scottish Office Environment Department.

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**APPENDIX 1: PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD**

Black and White / Colour Slide Photographs

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                 | <b>From</b> |
|------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1          | Registration shot                  |             |
| 2-3        | General view of area to south      | NE          |
| 4-5        | General view of area to north east | SW          |
| 6-7        | General view of area to north      | S           |
| 8-9        | General view of area to east       | SW          |
| 10-11      | General view of area to west       | E           |
| 12-13      | General view of area to south      | N           |

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APPENDIX 2: DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND REPORT

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|---|---|
| <b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>   | Edinburgh City Council  |
| <b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>   | Turnhouse Road, Edinburgh : Watching Brief  |
| <b>PROJECT CODE:</b>  | AOC 20740   |
| <b>PARISH:</b>  | Edinburgh (Edinburgh, City Of)  |
| <b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>   | Melanie Morrison  |
| <b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>  | AOC Archaeology Group   |
| <b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>  | Watching Brief  |
| <b>NMRS NO(S):</b>  | None  |
| <b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>   | None  |
| <b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>   | None  |
| <b>NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)</b>   | NT 165 740  |
| <b>START DATE (this season)</b>   | 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2007  |
| <b>END DATE (this season)</b>   | 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2008   |
| <b>PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)</b>   | None  |
| <b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b><br>(May include information from other fields) | An archaeological watching brief was completed on all ground breaking works associated with gas pipeline renewal works at Turnhouse Road, Edinburgh. Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were identified. |
| <b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>  | None  |
| <b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:</b>   | n/a   |
| <b>SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:</b>   | Murphy Pipelines Ltd  |
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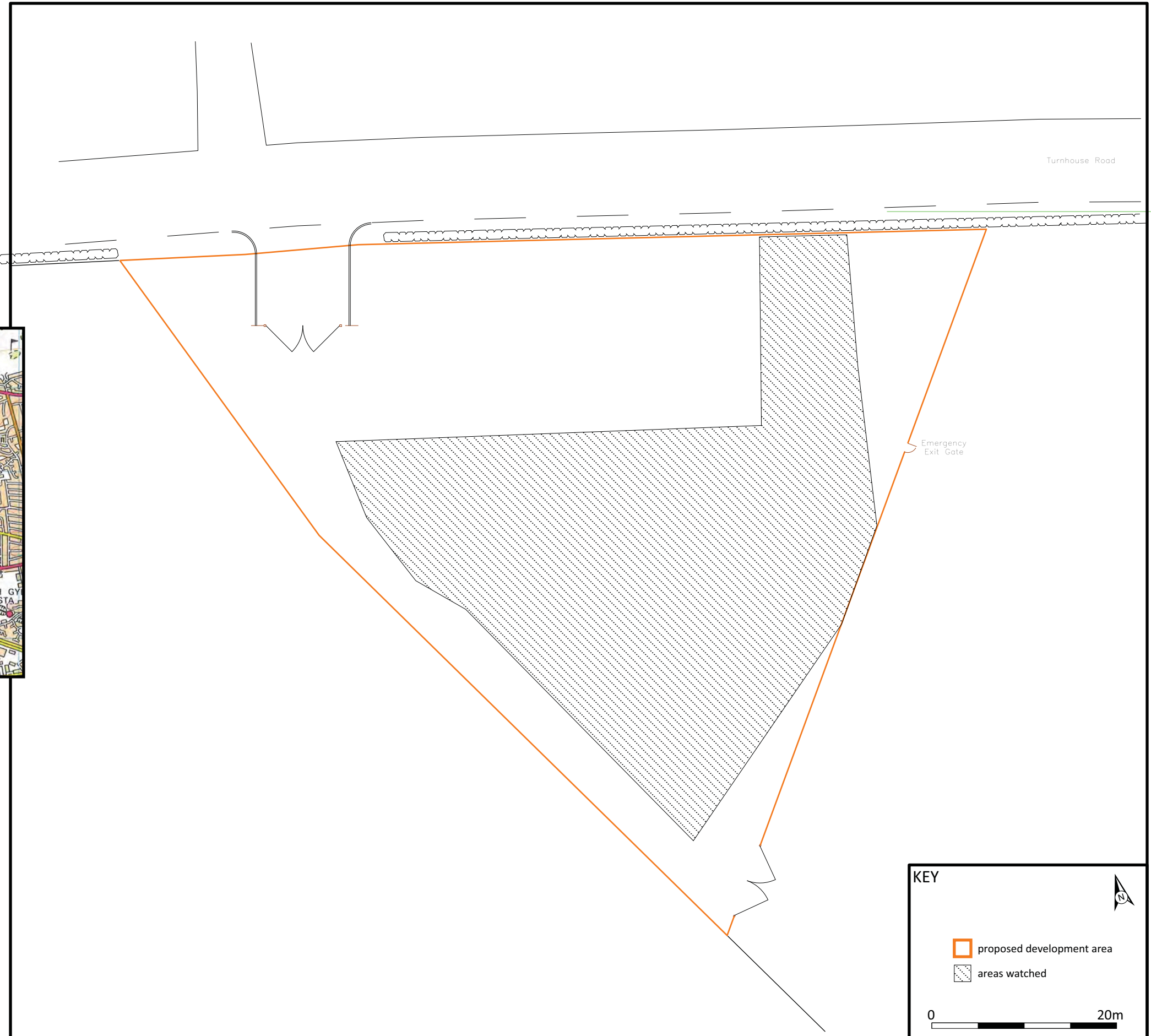
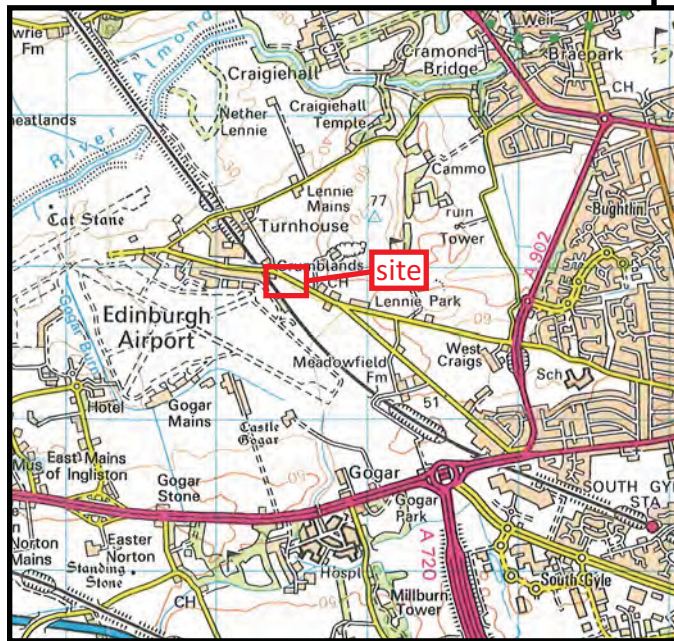
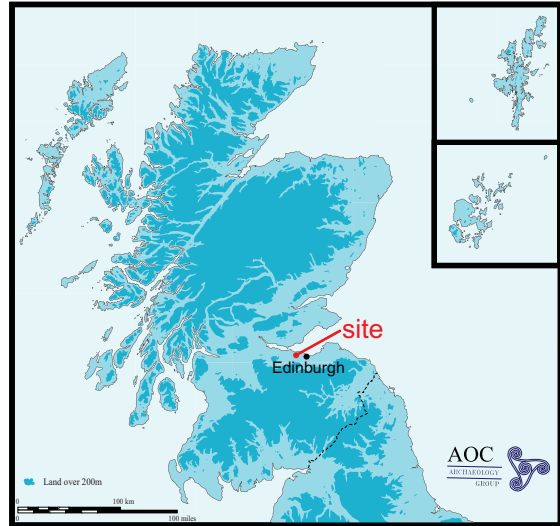


Figure 1: Site location and location of watching brief areas