# 4 Westbank Holdings, Longforgan, Perth & Kinross: Archaeological Mitigation

Data Structure Report



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#### Introduction

- 1. This Data Structure Report has been prepared for Kerry Smith Architects, on behalf of their client Mr Brian Strachan in support of the erection of a new house on land 60m to the southeast of 4 Westbank Holdings, Longforgan, Perth & Kinross (NGR: NO 3103 2975) (Planning app: 14/02007/IPL).
- 2. The proposed area for development is situated on the southwest outskirts of Longforgan and considered to have archaeological potential. It is situated nearby the centre of Longforgan, an historic settlement dating back at least to the Pictish period and possibly earlier, as evidenced by finds of a Pictish symbol stone and prehistoric souterrains.
- 3. These archaeological works are designed to determine the nature, form and extent of any archaeological remains within the development area so as to inform the mitigation of any adverse impact. The archaeological works have been structured to meet the requirements of Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust who in advising that archaeological issues should be addressed have asked for an initial evaluation at a 6% sample level.
- 4. The archaeological evaluation would aim to provide sufficient information to either evidence an absence of significant archaeology (hence seeking to purge any issue) or to define more closely the archaeological response necessary to deal with significant archaeology within the area.
- 5. Rathmell Archaeology Limited has been appointed by Kerry Smith Architects on behalf of their client Mr Brain Strachan to undertake the development and implementation of archaeological works prior to the development of the site.

## Archaeological and Historical Background

- 6. Situated on the southwest outskirts of Longforgan the site covers an irregular shaped parcel of land with an area of 0.2ha. The area is currently an arable field and has an even surface, inclined on a gentle gradient. The proposed area for development is considered to have archaeological potential.
- 7. The site is also located near to the centre of Longforgan, an historic settlement, dating back at least to the Pictish period and possibly earlier, as evidenced by finds of a Pictish symbol stone (MPK:5099, Canmore ID: 31715) and a number of prehistoric souterrains (MPK: 5103, Canmore ID: 31719, Scheduled Index: 6524 & MPK: 5094, Canmore ID: 31710 & MPK: 5108, Canmore ID: 31724).
- 8. Both the Old and New Statistical Accounts (Unknown author 1791-99 & Walker 1834-45) provide a possible origin for the name 'Longforgan'. *Forgan* is suggested to be a derivation of 'Forgund' with records illustrating a grant of lands and barony to 'Longforgund' under Sir Andrew Gray of Broxmouth by King Robert Bruce in 1315.
- 9. The origin of the village is also suggested to have originated by the retainers and dependents of the Baron of Castle Huntly who worked and provided services, such as working the land (Unknown author 1791-99: 471).

#### Historic Mapping

- 10. Early mapping depicts and labels Longforgan but show little detail regarding the village itself or the proposed development area. Roy's *Military Survey of Scotland* (Highlands 1747-52) (Figure 1a) is the earliest map to provide a detailed depiction of the settlement at Longforgan and the area of the proposed development area is most likely to be located to the south, which is depicted as open unenclosed fields and cultivated land. The eastwest course of the 'Perth to Dundee' road is depicted by Roy and corresponds with the present A90.
- 11. James Stobie's *The Counties of Perth & Clackmannan* (1783, 1805) (not shown) and John Thompson's *Atlas of Scotland: Perthshire with Clackmannan* (1827) (not shown) both depict Longforgan and 'Main Street'. The farmstead of 'West Bank' is depicted to the south of the village as a 'U-shaped' structure on Stobie's (1783, 1805) depiction with just the area labelled 'West Bank' on Thomson's (1827) depiction. However, on both maps

there is no detail as to the layout of the surrounding fields.

- 12. Neither Stobie's (1783, 1805) nor Thompson's (1827) surveys provide any detail on the proposed development area. It's not until the 6-inch 1st edition Ordnance Survey (1867) (Figure 1b) that the layout of the field, for the proposed development, is depicted.
- 13. The 6-inch 1st edition Ordnance Survey (1867) (Figure 1b) depicts 'West Bank' as a substantial rectilinear area with two attached 'U-shaped' ranges with their courtyards facing to the south and surrounded by three enclosed fields. Each of the enclosed fields would appear to have individual structures associated with them. The western field, in which the proposed development is located to the northern area of the field, has a structure located in its southeast corner and surrounded by a garden area.
- 14. By the time of the 6-inch 2nd edition Ordnance Survey (1902) (not shown) both the 'U-shaped' ranges have grown substantially to form two square structures which are still joined. The field in which the proposed development is located has disappeared and has been replaced by a square field extending to the south from the associated structure, which is still present and sited in the norththeast corner. There has been no change regarding the other field and associated structures depicted in the 6-inch 1st edition Ordnance Survey (1867).

#### Known Archaeological Sites

- 15. Within the proposed development area aerial photography shows a curvilinear arc of what may be an enclosure ditch to the north of the house plot (MPK5109, Canmore ID: 31725). Further, an amorphous rectangular cropmark within this enclosure adds weight to its interpretation as archaeological in nature. If the line of the enclosure ditch is projected, it encloses the northern part of the development site. There have been no previous investigations.
- 16. In the field to the west of the proposed development two findspots (Canmore ID: 80102 & 80101) of medieval to modern pottery were recovered from the ploughsoil. One findspot comprised of 16 body, base and rim sherds with one partially green glazed and assigned a medieval to modern date (Canmore ID: 80102) and a group of 6 reddish-buff unglazed sherds and provisionally dated to the Mid-Late Medieval period Canmore ID: 80101).
- 17. Within the wider landscape to the east of the proposed development area are the sites of East Bank (MPK: 5098, Canmore ID: 31718, Scheduled Index: 6534) and West Pilmore Ring Ditch (MPK: 5098, Canmore ID: 31714) and West Pilmore Ring Dich and Enclosure (MPK: 5103, Canmore ID: 31719, Scheduled Index: 6524).
- 18. East Bank (MPK: 5098, Canmore ID: 31718, Scheduled Index: 6534) comprises the remains of an unenclosed settlement of later prehistoric date represented by cropmarks visible on oblique aerial photographs. Located in arable farmland it comprises an enclosure and several souterrains. The enclosure is roughly oval, measuring some 90m NE-SW by about 40m NW-SE (the NW arc is not visible), and is formed by a narrow ditch approximately 1-2m wide.
- 19. Immediately to the north of the enclosure is a souterrain complex, the largest element being approximately 35m long and up to about 4-5m wide, apparently adjoining a circular structure represented by a dense, dark cropmark. Immediately to the NE of the enclosure is a second souterrain complex, aligned NE-SW, the largest again being some 35m long and up to about 4m wide. Around the souterrain are a number of pits and a dense, dark cropmark some 25m by about 8m.
- 20. West Pilmore Ring Ditch (MPK: 5098, Canmore ID: 31714) possibly represents the remains of former timber roundhouse of the later prehistoric period. West Pilmore Ring Dich and Enclosure (MPK: 5103, Canmore ID: 31719, Scheduled Index: 6524) comprises the remains of ring ditch house and enclosure of later prehistoric date represented by cropmarks visible on oblique aerial photographs.

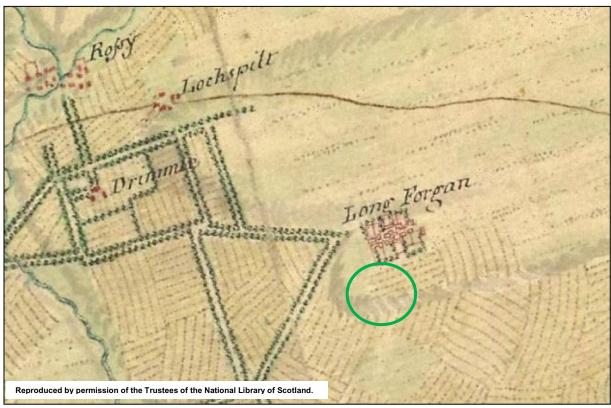


Figure 1a: Roy's Military Survey of Scotland (Highlands 1747-52)

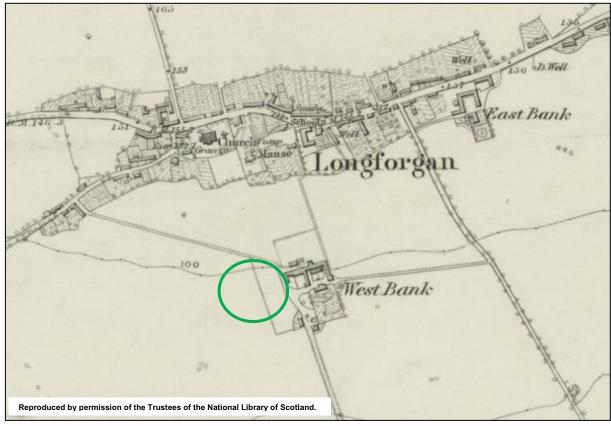


Figure 1b: 6-inch 1st edition Ordnance Survey (1866)

- 21. It comprises a ring ditch some 12-15m in diameter, the ditch being some 1-2m wide. The ring ditch has a well-defined East-facing entrance and darker patches in its interior suggesting the remains of former internal structures.
- 22. A length of ditch runs NNE-SSW, passing some 6-8m from the ring ditch, for about 35m before turning E-W for approximately 40m; the ditch measures 1-2m in width and may represent part of an enclosure around the ring ditch or an associated land division. A small ring ditch some 2-3m in diameter overlaps this enclosure ditch close to the larger ring ditch.
- 23. These groups of features demonstrate and represent the high potential for later prehistoric settlement to exist within the area and that the possible archaeological features (MPK5109, Canmore ID: 31725) present within the proposed development area may reflect similar later prehistoric settlement or later settlement activity associated with the Pictish period and demonstrating a continuity of settlement within the area.

## **Project Works**

- 24. An archaeological evaluation was undertaken over one day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015, and was carried out in keeping with the methods outlined in the Written Scheme of Investigation (Klemen 2015). This evaluation consisted of the excavation of a series of intrusive trenches to expose a 6% sample of the development area, which was approximately 0.2 ha, and therefore a minimum of 120m² was to be archaeologically examined (75 linear metres using a 1.6m bucket).
- 25. A CASE Series 2 (590 Super R) wheeled excavator with a smooth 600mm bucket was used to remove the topsoil down to the level of the uppermost archaeological horizon or the subsoil (Figure 3a). The width of the bucket although 600mm was used to excavate trenches to a width of 1.8m. In total 82.1 linear metres of trenching was excavated which equated to 147.78m², slightly exceeding the required 6% sample. The position of the trenches is shown on the site plan (Figure 2).
- 26. The proposed development site is an open field, falling to the S and had been left fallow (Figure 3b). The topography to the S and W are open flat fields currently ploughed. There are houses to the N and E with the village of Longforgan to the NE.
- 27. All works were conducted in accordance with Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust's Terms of Reference, the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' Standards and Policy Statements and Code of Conduct and Historic Scotland Policy Statements.

# Findings

- 28. Three evaluation trenches were excavated across the proposed locations of the dwellinghouse and garage, using a CASE Series 2 (590 Super R) wheeled excavator wheeled excavator with a toothless 600mm bucket (Figure 3a). The details of the trenches can be found in Appendix 1 within this report.
- 29. Topsoil/ploughsoil (001) covered all the trenches and consisted of a moderately compacted mid grey clay and sand loam with frequent roots and rootlets and some modern ceramic and glass inclusions. Ranging in depth from a maximum of 400mm to a minimum of 300mm.
- 30. Across the three trenches there was a uniform underlying natural subsoil (002). Context (002) was formed by a moderately compacted dark red sandy silt with very frequent angular and sub-angular stones formed of sandstone and ranging in size from 50mm to 100mm (Figure 4a & 4b).
- 31. In trenches 2 and 3 context [003] was a NNE-SSW aligned linear feature running across the width of the trench with gently sloping sides and a rounded base, 800mm in width and 120mm in depth. The fill (004) of [003] was a moderately compacted mid grey sandy clay loam with frequent angular and sub-angular stones which was similar/same as (001) (Figure 5a).

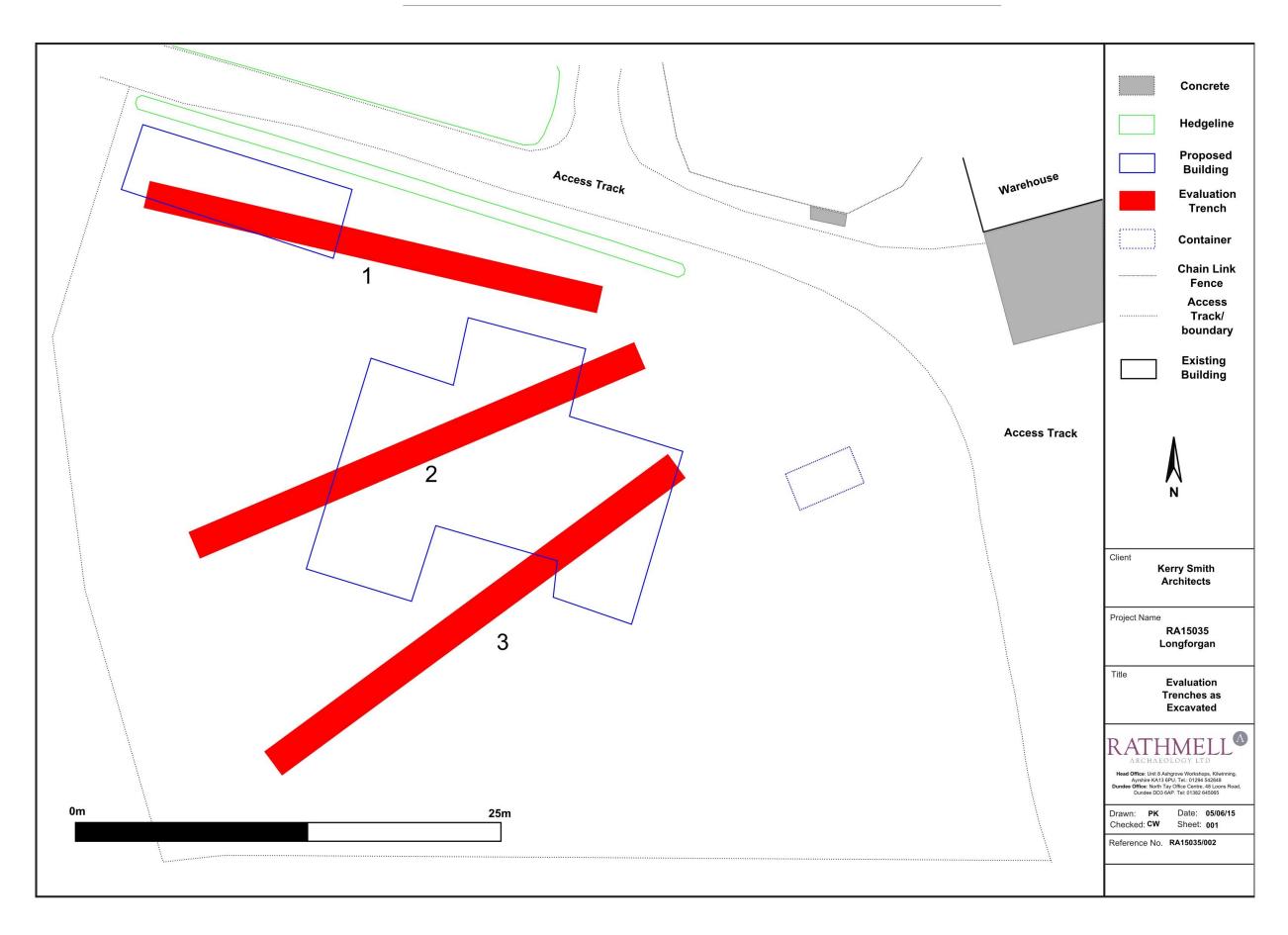


Figure 2: Plan of trenches as excavated



Figure 3a: CASE Series 2 (Super 590 R) excavating trench



Figure 3b: Demonstrating topography of the proposed development site



Figure 4a: Context (002) in Trench 1



Figure 4b: Context (002) in Trench 2

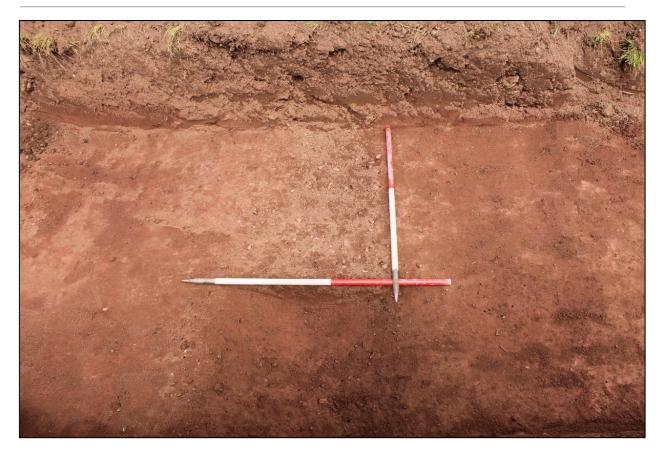


Figure 5a: Linear feature [003] Trench 2



Figure 5b: Linear feature [005] Trench 3

32. In one trench (Tr 3) at the SW end a linear feature [005] aligned N-S running the width of the trench was recorded. On excavation [005] was 330mm in width and 130mm in depth with steep sides and a rounded base. The fill (006) was a moderately compacted mid grey sandy clay loam with no inclusions which was similar/same as (001) (Figure 5b).

#### Discussion

- 33. The three trenches revealed natural subsoil which was a uniformed sandy clay silt with frequent stone inclusions. No evidence of significant archaeological remains or artefacts were found during the course of the evaluation works within the development area. Three linear features were found to be cut into the upper surface.
- 34. The linear feature [003] was recorded in two trenches (Tr 2 & 3) and in both trenches was on the same orientation. Due to their close proximity it was reasonable to conclude that they formed part of one single feature. The width, depth and fact that the fill (004) was the same as the topsoil (001) would suggest that [003] represents an agricultural furrow resulting from a former ploughing regime.
- 35. The linear feature [005] was only recorded in trench 3. The dimensions are consistent with the insertion of field drains. As such, [005] most likely represents where a field drain has been inserted and then removed with (006) forming the infill.
- 36. The lack on any significant activity within the proposed development area, as demonstrated by the historic mapping on the 6-inch 1st edition Ordnance Survey (1866) (Figure 1b) and the presence of a possible enclosure ditch (MPK5109, Canmore ID: 31725) surrounding the proposed development area highlighted the potential for significant archaeological remains to be recorded.
- 37. There has been no intensive modern activity within the proposed development area. There is evidence for the area having been the focus of some agricultural activity, disturbed by the insertion of a field drain and possibly agricultural furrow. Only a small traces of agricultural activity were recorded, however, it is possible that more are within the surrounding area. It is possible that modern agricultural activity has removed any significant archaeological features.
- 38. It is also possible that the N-S slope was not conducive to past occupation and therefore significant archaeological features may be located in less exposed and flat locations within the area of the possible enclosure ditch (MPK5109, Canmore ID: 31725).

#### Recommendations

- 39. All of the trenches revealed natural subsoil which was a uniformed sandy clay silt with frequent stone inclusions. No evidence of significant archaeological remains or artefacts were found during the course of the evaluation works within the development area. Three linear features were found to be cut into the upper surface [003] and [005]. The linear feature [003] recorded in trenches 2 and 3 is suggested to form one single feature.
- 40. Given the lack of significant archaeological remains recovered during the course of the evaluation works, Rathmell Archaeology Ltd recommends no further archaeological work be carried out within the proposed development area, relating to this planning application (14/02007/IPL).
- 41. The appropriateness and acceptability of our recommendations rest with Perth & Kinross Council and their advisors, Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust.

#### Conclusion

42. A programme of archaeological works was required by Kerry Smith Architects, on behalf of their Mr Brian Strachan in support of the erection of a new house on land 60m to the southeast of 4 Westbank Holdings, Longforgan, Perth & Kinross (NGR: NO 3103 2975) (Planning ref: 14/02007/IPL).

- 43. The archaeological investigative works consisted of an intrusive evaluation which was designed to assess a 6% sample of the proposed development area. In total 82.1 linear metres of trenching was excavated, slightly exceeding the required 6% sample.
- 44. Aerial photography shows a curvilinear arc of what may be an enclosure ditch to the north of the house plot (MPK5109, Canmore ID: 31725) and the presence of an amorphous rectangular cropmark within this enclosure feature. With the lack of any intensive modern development within the proposed development area there was the potential that any evidence associated with this possible later prehistoric to early medieval feature could have been recovered.
- 45. All of the trenches revealed natural subsoil which was a uniformed sandy clay silt with frequent stone inclusions. No evidence of significant archaeological remains or artefacts were found during the course of the evaluation works within the development area. Three linear features were found to be cut into the upper surface [003] and [005]. The linear feature [003] recorded in trenches 2 and 3 is suggested to form one single feature.
- 46. Although there has been no intensive modern activity within the proposed development area, there was evidence for the area having been the focus of some agricultural activity and disturbed by the insertion of a field drain and a possible agricultural furrow. Although only a small number of modern agricultural features were recorded it is possible that more exist within the surrounding area. It is possible that such modern activity has removed any significant archaeological features associated.
- 47. It is also possible that the N-S slope was not conducive to past occupation and therefore such significant archaeological evidence may be located in less exposed and flat locations within the area of the possible enclosure ditch (MPK5109, Canmore ID: 31725).

## Acknowledgements

48. The author would like to thank Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust for their guidance on the structure of these archaeological works. We are grateful to Kerry Smith Architects, who acting on behalf of Mr Brian Strachan provided us the opportunity to carry out these works and for ensuring that the on-site works ran smoothly. Excavation of the trenches was undertaken by Edgar Plant of Dundee.

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Documentary		
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Ordnance Survey	1866	6-inch 1 <sup>st</sup> edition Ordnance Survey Perth & Clackmannan Sheet LXXXVIII
Ordnance Survey	1901-02	6-inch 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey Perth &

# Appendix 1: Trench Details

Within this appendix a standardised set of data pertaining to the evaluation trenches is presented.

All measurement distances quoted along the trench measure based on the quoted orientation of the trench.

Trench	Orientation	Size	Topsoil Depth	Subsoil Character	Modern Features	Significant Features	Artefacts
1	E-W	26.9 by 1.8m 48.42m²	370mm to 300mm	Moderately compacted dark red sandy loam with clay. Very frequent angular and sub-angular stones (Sandstone) ranging in size from 50mm to 100mm for the whole length (001).		None.	None.
2	ENE-WSW	27.5m by 1.8m 49.5m <sup>2</sup>	380mm to 400mm	Moderately compacted dark red sandy loam with clay. Very frequent angular and sub-angular stones (Sandstone) ranging in size from 50mm to 100mm for the whole length (001). Natural sandstone deposit at +25m.	furrow at +14.5m	None.	None.
3	NE-SW	27.7m by 1.8m 49.86m <sup>2</sup>	380mm to380mm	Moderately compacted dark red sandy loam with clay. Very frequent angular and sub-angular stones (Sandstone) ranging in size from 50mm to 100mm for the whole length (001).	furrow at +10.9m and possible removed field	None.	None.

# Appendix 2: Registers

Within this appendix are all registers pertaining to works on-site during the evaluation.

# Context Register

Context No.	Area/ Trench	Туре	Description	Interpretation
001	All trenches	Deposit	Moderately compacted mid grey clay & sand loam with frequent roots and rootlets and modern glass and plastic.	Topsoil/ploughsoil
002	All trenches	Deposit	Moderately compacted dark red sandy loam with clay. Very frequent angular and sub-angular stones (Sandstone) ranging in size from 50mm to 100mm	Natural subsoil
003	Trenches 2 & 3	Cut	Linear feature aligned NNE-SSW with gently sloping sides and a rounded base, 800mm wide and 120mm in depth	Possibly agricultural furrow
004	Trenches 2 & 3	Fill	Moderately compacted mid grey clay & sand loam with frequent angular and sub-angular stones (Sandstone), ranging in size from 20mm-50mm.	Topsoil fill
005	Trench 3	Cut	Linear feature aligned N-S, 300mm in width and 130mm in depth with steep sides and rounded base.	Possible removed field drain
006	Trench 3	Fill	Moderately compacted mid grey clay & sand loam, no inclusions	Topsoil fill

# Photographic Register

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010	-	-	-	-	010	Post-ex Tr1	W	02/06/15
011	-	-	-	-	011	Post-ex Tr2	WSW	02/06/15
012	-	-	-	-	012	Post-ex Tr2	ENE	02/06/15
013	-	-	-	-	013	Post-ex Tr3	NE	02/06/15
014	-	-	-	-	014	Post-ex Tr3	SW	02/06/15
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020	-	-	-	-	020	Natural sandstone deposit pre-ex	S	02/06/15
021	-	-	-	-	021	Natural sandstone deposit post-ex	S	02/06/15
022	-	-	-	-	022	Linear feature [003] Tr3	S	02/06/15
023	-	-	-	-	023	Linear feature [005] Tr3	S	02/06/15
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# Drawing Register

Drawing No.	Sheet No.	Area/ Trench	Drawing Type	Scale	Description	Drawer	Date
1	1	1	Plan	1:100	Post-excavation Trench 1	PK	02/06/15
2	1	2	Plan	1:100	Post-excavation Trench 2	PK	02/06/15
3	1	3	Plan	1:100	Post-excavation Trench 3	PK	02/06/15

# Appendix 3: Discovery & Excavation in Scotland

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Perth & Kinross
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	4 Westbank Holdings, Longforgan, Perth & Kinross
PROJECT CODE:	RA15035
PARISH:	Longforgan
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Peter Klemen
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	Rathmell Archaeology Limited
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Evaluation
NMRS NO(S):	MPK5109, Canmore ID: 31725
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	Enclosure Ditch (?)
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 8 or 10 figures)	NO 1666 1599
START DATE (this season)	02 <sup>nd</sup> June 2015
END DATE (this season)	02 <sup>nd</sup> June 2015
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (may include information from other fields)	A programme of archaeological works was required by Kerry Smith Architects Consulting, on behalf of their client Mr Brian Strachan in support of the erection of a new house on land 60m to the southeast of 4 Westbank Holdings, Longforgan, Perth & Kinross (NGR: NO 3103 2975) (Planning app: 14/02007/IPL).
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	All of the trenches revealed natural subsoil which was a uniformed sandy clay silt with frequent stone inclusions. No evidence of significant archaeological remains or artefacts were found during the course of the evaluation works within the development area.
	Although there has been no modern intensive activity within the proposed development area, there was evidence for the area having been the focus of some agricultural activity and disturbed by the insertion of a field drain and possibly agricultural furrow.
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