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Introduction

1. This Data Structure Report has been prepared for Ogilvie Homes Ltd in respect to the consented development at Annick Road, Irvine, North Ayrshire (15/006344/PPPM).
2. The archaeological works were 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 were structured to meet the requirements of the West of Scotland Archaeology Service who, in advising that archaeological issues should be addressed, advised an initial evaluation at an 8% sample level.
3. Rathmell Archaeology Limited was appointed by Ogilvie Homes Ltd to undertake the development of the archaeological evaluation. The project works were detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (Klemen 2017), which was agreed with the West of Scotland Archaeology Service.

Archaeological and Historical Background

The growth of Irvine

4. Irvine became a royal burgh in 1372: prior to this date, it was a baronial burgh dependent on the Stewarts (Pryde 1965, 57) with the earliest reference being in 1184, and a more robust written reference dating from 1205 (supported by other documents from 1222 and 1230). It is most likely that the burgh was formally laid out by William de Morville in the early to mid-13th century.
5. Irvine was an important port during the 14th and 15th centuries with the staple exports being wool and hides, although the rise in the herring trade in the 15th century saw the burgh becoming a principal dealer on the west coast. During the mid- to late 15th century the strength of the herring trade was such that custom returns from Irvine eclipsed those of Ayr.
6. This ended by the late 17th century. With returns falling and the harbour in disrepair (Simpson & Stevenson 1980, 3), ravaging fires further contributed to its decline in 1599 and 1649. By the mid-17th century during the Commonwealth, Irvine is described as a small burgh with a small port clogged with sand.
7. From the mid-16th century coal was being exported: though lucrative, this remained a small trade until the 17th century. By the early 18th century, however, the coal trade led to the revival of both the burgh and the port, once again leading to Irvine outperforming Ayr. By 1760 Irvine ranked third in Scotland in the number of vessels belonging to her, behind only Leith and Port Glasgow.

Site location

8. Roy's *Military Survey of Scotland* (1752-55) (Figure 1a) depicts the course of Annick Water and its distinct bend that is located to the north of the development area. The current route of the B7081 running roughly northwest-southeast from the centre of Irvine is also depicted. There are a number of small farmsteads within the surrounding landscape and their associated cultivated areas. Allowing for inaccuracies in the original survey it appears reasonable to recognise that the farmstead of 'Steep ends' impinges on the southwest extreme of the development area. The balance of the development area being under arable farmlands.
9. The *6-inch 1st edition Ordnance Survey* (1860) (Figure 1b) depicts an enclosed landscape along with the course of Annick Water and the present B7081. The area in which the development area is predominantly located in a rectangular field with no features recorded. On the southwest corner of the field there is a farmstead called 'Rossholm' which correlates well with the earlier 'Steep ends'. The location of this farmstead is overlain by the modern access road and coach car park. There is no change in the 2nd (1897) or 3rd (1911) edition surveys.

10. The development site is located to the east of the central urban core of Irvine with the A78 running north-south and borders the development area to the east. Annick water, running southwest-northeast, lies to the north. There is currently a working hotel; The Hallmark Hotel, Irvine, which is located on the west side of the development site (Figure 2). The development area itself sits within ground which has been turned into a 9-hole golf course for the use of the hotel (Figure 3a), with the exception of the southeastern corner which had been left to become overgrown.
11. There are no known historical or archaeological sites beyond the 18th to 20th century farmstead of Rossholm within the development area. However, it is situated in an area of archaeological potential on the Ayrshire coastal plain. The size of the development area and having been previously undisturbed ground provides the potential for significant unrecorded sub-surface archaeological deposits.

Project Works

12. An archaeological evaluation was undertaken between the 6th and 10th February 2017. This consisted of the excavation of a series of intrusive trenches for the purposes of exposing an 8% sample of the previously undeveloped portions of the development area (roughly 2.8ha), as well as an additional 180m² of trenching within the retained open ground to the north, to be archaeologically examined.
13. The trenches were placed in accordance with the terms of the Written Scheme of Investigation (Klemen 2017). Some of the trenches had to be moved due to the presence of groups of upstanding trees on sections of the site, but these changes were kept to a minimum. In total 2524.2m² were excavated, which exceeded the 2420m² required for the purposes of this investigation. The position of the trenches is depicted in the site plan below (Figure 2).
14. All works were conducted in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' Standards and Policy Statements and Code of Conduct and Historic Environment Scotland Policy Statements.

Findings

15. In all, 27 evaluation trenches were excavated using a 13 tonne 360° tracked excavator with a smooth 2m ditching bucket; details of the trenches may be found in Appendix 1 of this document. Included below is a synthesis of the findings and interpretation from these trenches.
16. The trenches were excavated through turf and topsoil (001) which comprised a friable mid- greyish-brown slightly silty sand with frequent roots, occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions, occasional 19th-20th century ceramic fragments, occasional golf balls, and infrequent burnt flint fragments.
17. Natural subsoil was encountered at depths of between 220 to 540mm below the ground surface level. The subsoil consisted predominantly of firmly compacted light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) (Figure 3b). Across the southern end of the development area and at points across the central and northwestern portions, subsoil (002) was present which consisted of a loose light yellowish-orange mottled grey sand with infrequent roots (Figure 4a).
18. The majority of the trenches revealed modern disturbance in the form of drains [003] (Figure 4b). These consisted of a series of linear features measuring 0.3m wide and up to 400mm deep, with vertical sides and a flat base. They were filled by loose pea gravel and contained a perforated yellow plastic pipe which measured 0.1m in diameter. They were present across the entirety of the development area running in various directions.



Figure 1a: Extract from Roy's *Military Survey of Scotland: Lowlands* (1752-55)

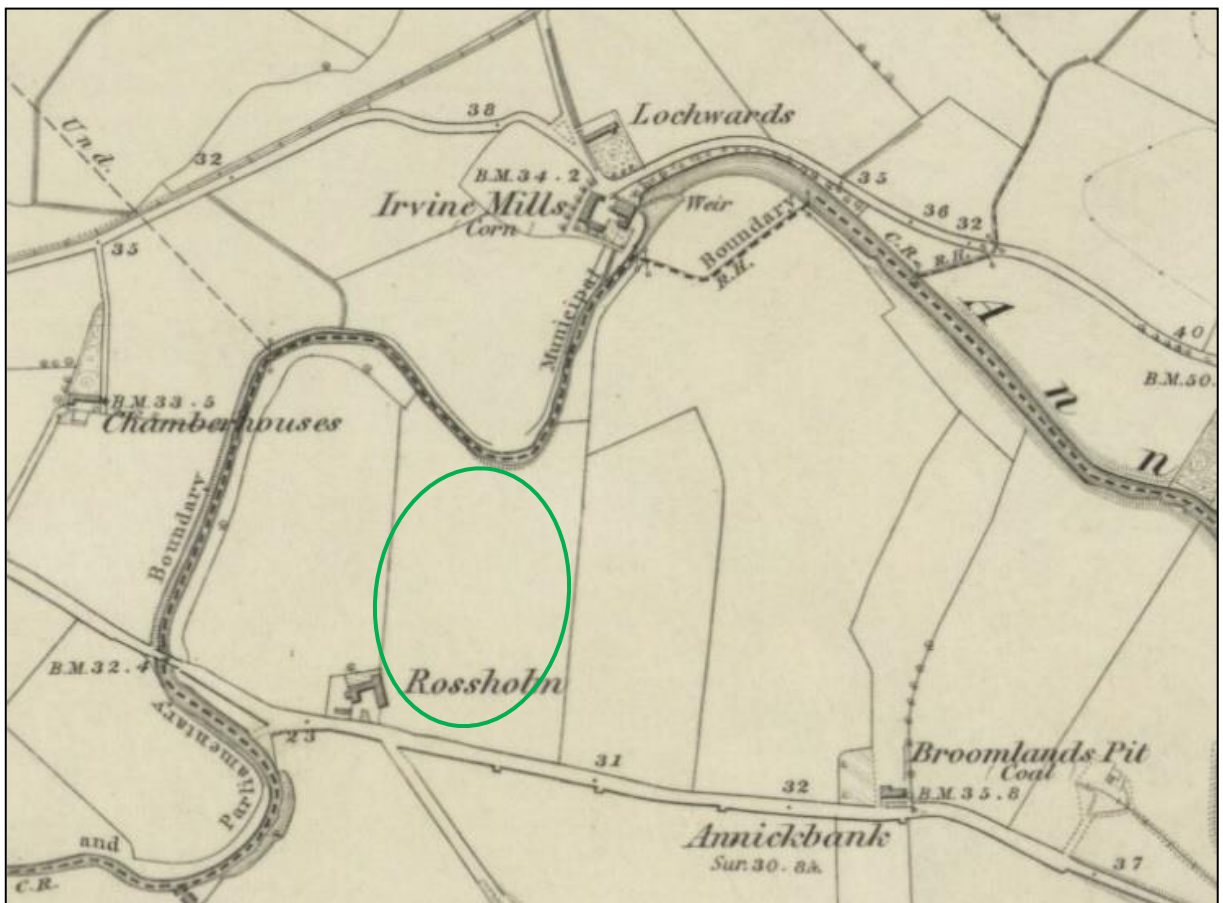


Figure 1b: Extract from the *Ordnance Survey 6-inch Ayrshire, Sheet XVII* (includes: Dreghorn; Irvine; Kilmaurs; Kilwinning; Stewarton) (1860)



Figure 2: Layout of trenches as machined

19. Drains [005] and [007] were also present, although not as frequent. [005] consisted of linear features measuring 0.25m wide and 300mm deep, with vertical sides and a flat base. They ran in various directions and were filled by a mixture of topsoil and redeposited subsoil. These were mainly found within the southern end of the development area, although also appeared within a few of the trenches towards the northern end as well.
20. [007] consisted of linear shaped features measuring 0.25m wide and 250mm deep with vertical sides and a flat base. They were filled by a greyish-brown silty clay and contained circular ceramic pipe drains measuring 0.1m in diameter. These were very infrequent, only appearing in six trenches scattered across the site running in varied directions.
21. The only other feature recorded during the works was linear feature [006] present in Trench 21 (Figure 5a). This was orientated west-southwest to east-northeast, and measured 1m wide by 250mm deep. It had gradual sloping sides with a fairly flat base. It contained a topsoil fill which contained occasional fragments of broken ceramic drain.
22. The only artefacts noted were the occasional 19th and 20th century finds throughout topsoil (001). Although one sherd of Scottish post-medieval oxidised ware (Figure 5b), likely to be of c.16th century date, was also recovered from the topsoil (001) at Trench 21.

Discussion

23. No significant archaeological features were uncovered during the course of the archaeological works, with the features uncovered related to the use of the area during recent periods.
24. The most common features present were drains [003] which contained yellow plastic perforated pipes surrounded by pea gravel. These drains were spread across the entirety of the site running in varying directions. Due to their frequency and very modern character, they were likely inserted for the purpose of maintaining the golf course during the late 20th to early 21st century. Indeed, the predominantly clay character of the underlying subsoil meant that even with the presence of [003], the ground was still prone to waterlogging in places.
25. Earlier drains in the form of [005] and [007] were also present across the site, although much less frequently, dispersed at various locations. These features appear to represent an earlier phase of improvement to the drainage of the ground. Cartographic evidence has already shown that the ground was used as agricultural land from at least the 18th century through to the early 20th century, and it is very likely that these drains are remnants which have survived from this period. The linear feature [006] which contained broken ceramic drain fragments would very likely also relate to this period or later.
26. No structural evidence relating to the farmstead at 'Steep ends'/'Rossholm', or anything earlier, was discovered to suggest settlement within the limits of the evaluated area. While most of the artefacts spotted within the topsoil were of 19th to 20th century in date, one sherd of post-medieval oxidised ware, recovered from the topsoil at the southern end of the site, has been identified as being of likely 16th century date. While it does not show evidence for settlement directly within the development area, it indicates a presence in the surrounding landscape at this time, when sherds of broken pottery were often scattered across the surrounding fields along with other midden material. This would predate the date of the available mapping for the adjacent farmstead, suggesting that the farmstead may have origins dating back to the 16th century.



Figure 3a: Pre-excitation shot across the centre of the development area from the south



Figure 3b: Trench 9 from the south-southwest showing clay subsoil (004)



Figure 4a: Trench 23 from the southwest showing sand subsoil (002)



Figure 4b: Drain [003] in Trench 23 from the northeast



Figure 5a: Linear feature [006] in Trench 21 from the east



Figure 5b: Sherd of Scottish post-medieval oxidised ware recovered from topsoil (001), Find No. 1

Recommendations

27. No significant archaeological remains were located within the development area and the only archaeological features observed related to modern use of the site.
28. On balance, given the lack of significant archaeological material recovered during the course of the evaluation works, Rathmell Archaeology Ltd recommends that no further archaeological work be carried out within this development area.
29. The appropriateness and acceptability of our recommendations rest with North Ayrshire Council and their advisors, the West of Scotland Archaeology Service.

Conclusion

30. A programme of archaeological works was required by Ogilvie Homes Ltd in respect to the consented development at Annick Road, Irvine, North Ayrshire (15/006344/PPPM). The archaeological works were designed to mitigate the impact on the archaeological remains within the development area.
31. No significant archaeological remains were uncovered. The features identified related to attempts to improve the drainage of the ground during its use as agricultural land during the 18th to 20th centuries, and, in more recent times, during its use as a golf course for the adjacent hotel. The presence of one sherd of Scottish post-medieval oxidised ware recovered from the topsoil suggests that the agricultural use of the land may have origins that date back to the 16th century.

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Documentary

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Cartographic

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Ordnance Survey	1860	Six-inch 1 st Edition, Ayrshire, Sheet XVII
Ordnance Survey	1897	Six-inch 2 nd Edition, Ayrshire, Sheet XVII.SW
Ordnance Survey	1911	Six-inch 3 rd Edition, Ayrshire, Sheet XVII.SW

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 Summary

Trench	Orientation	Size	Topsoil Depth	Subsoil Character	Modern/ Agricultural Features	Significant Features	Artefacts
1	NW-SE	2m by 34.2m 68.4 m ²	220-310mm	Loose light yellowish-range mottled grey sand with infrequent roots (002) present for the full length of the trench.	Ceramic field drains [007] present at +0.5m and +11.5m running N-S and E-W respectively.	None	None
2	E-W	2m by 32.4m 64.8m ²	250-280mm	Loose light yellowish-orange mottled grey sand with infrequent roots (002) present until +11m, changing to firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) for the remainder of the trench. No discernible features.	None	None	None
3	SE-NW	2m by 30.8m 61.6m ²	280-320mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench. No discernible features.	None	None	None
4	SE-NW	2m by 31m 62m ²	300-310mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drain [003] present at +24.5m running NE-SW.	None	None
5	SE-NW	2m by 31.6m 63.2m ²	350-430mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004).	Modern drains [003] present at +4m, +21.5m, and +30m, running SE-NW, NE-SW, and E-W respectively.	None	None

Trench	Orientation	Size	Topsoil Depth	Subsoil Character	Modern/ Agricultural Features	Significant Features	Artefacts
6	E-W	2m by 51.8m 103.6m ²	300mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +15m and +32.5m both running N-S.	None	None
7	SE-NW	2m by 31.2m 62.4m ²	250-300mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +2m, +10m, and +21m, running E-W, N-S, and N-S respectively. Ceramic field drain [007] is present at +28m running E-W.	None	None
8	NW-SE	2m by 50.4m 100.8m ²	300mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present until +12m, changing to loose light yellowish-orange mottled grey sand with infrequent roots (002) until +20.5m. before changing back to (004) for the remainder of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +1m, +10m, and +31.5m, running N-S, N-S, and SW-NE respectively. Drain [005] present at +10m running N-S.	None	None
9	SW-NE	2m by 52m 104m ²	300-350mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +10m and +20.5m, both running NW-SE.	None	None
10	N-S	2m by 52.7m 105.4m ²	240-350mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +8m, +16.5m, +24m, +33m, and +43m, all running WNW-ESE. Drain [005] present at 0m running NW-SE. Ceramic field drain [007] present at +8.5m running NW-SE.	None	None

Trench	Orientation	Size	Topsoil Depth	Subsoil Character	Modern/ Agricultural Features	Significant Features	Artefacts
11	NE-SW	2m by 48.2m 96.4m ²	290-350mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +9.5m, +18m, +27m, +36.5m, and +43.5m, running NW-SE, NW-SE, NW-SE, NW-SE, and E-W respectively.	None	None
12	NE-SW	2m by 33.5m 67m ²	300-380mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +8m and +20.5m, both running E-W. At +6.5m is a disused 2" plastic water main running N-S.	None	None
13	NW-SE	2m by 54.2m 108.4m ²	310-340mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present until +24m, changing to loose light yellowish-orange mottled grey sand with infrequent roots (002) for the remainder of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +7.5m, +20.5m, +31.5m, +43m, +49.5m, and +52m, running E-W, E-W, E-W, E-W, N-S, and E-W respectively. Drain [005] present at +47m running N-S.	None	None
14	SE-NW	2m by 52.7m 105.4m ²	300-350mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +13m and +37m running WNW-ESE and E-W respectively.	None	None
15	NW-SE	2m by 48.8m 97.6m ²	300mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +5.5m, +8m, and +22m, running E-W, SE-NW, and E-W respectively.	None	None

Trench	Orientation	Size	Topsoil Depth	Subsoil Character	Modern/ Agricultural Features	Significant Features	Artefacts
16	E-W	2m by 52.5m 105m ²	320-380mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drain [003] present at +38m running N-S with a branch running NE-SW on the W side. A disused 2" plastic water main is present at +10m running N-S.	None	None
17	E-W	2m by 52.2m 104.4m ²	320-350mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +4m, +10.5m, and +46.5m running NW-SE, N-S, and NE-SW respectively. Ceramic field drain [007] is present at +50m running SE-NW.	None	None
18	SW-NE	2m by 53.8m 107.6m ²	360-440mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +12m, +23m, +33m, and +47m, all running E-W. Drain [005] is present at +10m running N-S.	None	None
19	NE-SW	2m by 52.2m 104.4m ²	300-390mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +2.5m, +13m, +23m, +31m, +40.5m, and +49m, all running NW-SE.	None	None
20	E-W	2m by 52m 104m ²	480-530mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Ceramic field drain [007] present at +44.5m running SE-NW.	None	None

Trench	Orientation	Size	Topsoil Depth	Subsoil Character	Modern/ Agricultural Features	Significant Features	Artefacts
21	N-S	2m by 50.4m 100.8m ²	440-540mm	Loose light yellowish-orange mottled grey sand with infrequent roots (002) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drain [003] present at +0.5m running WSW-ENE. Relict drainage cuts [005] present at +14m, +31m, +32, +40m, and +41m, running WNW-ESE, WNW-ESE, WSW-ENE, WNW-ESE, and WSW-ESE respectively. Linear agricultural feature [006] present at +27m running WSW-ENE.	None	Ceramic rim sherd <001>
22	SW-NE	2m by 52m 104m ²	310-530mm	Loose light yellowish-orange mottled grey sand with infrequent roots (002) present until +46m, changing to firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) for the remainder of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +33m and +42.5m both running NW-SE. Drains [005] present at +4m, +10m and +21m, running E-W, E-W, and N-S respectively.	None	None
23	NE-SW	2m by 52.7m 105.4m ²	300-370mm	Loose light yellowish-orange mottled grey sand with infrequent roots (002) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +4.5m, +14.5m, +24m, +35m, +43.5m, +44m, and +48m, running NW-SE, NW-SE, NW-SE, NW-SE, E-W, and N-S respectively.	None	None

Trench	Orientation	Size	Topsoil Depth	Subsoil Character	Modern/ Agricultural Features	Significant Features	Artefacts
24	E-W	2m by 53.2m 106.4m ²	450-500mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +18.5m and +29.5m both running NNW-SSE. Ceramic field drain [007] present at +6.5m running N-S.	None	None
25	SW-NE	2m by 50.2m 100.4m ²	300-400mm	Loose light yellowish-orange mottled grey sand with infrequent roots (002) present for the full length of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +22.5m and +32.5m running N-S and NW-SE respectively. Drains [005] present at +17.5m, +35m, and +44m all running N-S.	None	None
26	NE-SW	2m by 54.4m 108.8m ²	360-470mm	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) present until +13.5m before changing to loose light yellowish-orange mottled grey sand with infrequent roots (002) for the remainder of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +8.5m, +15.5m, and +33m, running NW-SE, E-W and N-S respectively. Drains [005] present at +29.5m, +39.5m, and +50m, all running N-S.	None	None
27	SW-NE	2m by 51m 102m ²	280-310mm	Loose light yellowish-orange mottled grey sand with infrequent roots (002) present until +32.5m before changing to firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions (004) for the remainder of the trench.	Modern drains [003] present at +30m, +39m, and +47.5m all running in an NW-SE direction.	None	None

Appendix 2: Registers

Context Register

Context No.	Area/Trench	Type	Description	Interpretation
001	All	Deposit	Friable mid greyish-brown slightly silty sand with frequent roots, occasional 19 th -20 th century ceramic fragments, occasional golf balls, infrequent burnt flint fragments, and occasional small sub-round stone inclusions.	Topsoil.
002	1, 2, 8, 13, 20-23, 25-27	Deposit	Loose light yellowish-orange mottled grey sand with infrequent roots.	Natural subsoil.
003	4-19, 21-27	Structure	Linear shaped cut measuring 0.3m wide and 400mm deep. Vertical sides and flat base. Filled with pea gravel and 100mm diameter perforated yellow plastic pipe.	Modern drains, probably serving to drain the hotel golf course.
004	2-20, 22, 24, 26, 27	Deposit	Firm light pinkish-orange clay with occasional manganese flecks and small sub-angular stone inclusions.	Natural subsoil.
005	8, 10, 13, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26	Cut	Linear shaped cut measuring 250mm wide and 300mm deep, with vertical sides and a flat base. Filled by a 4:1 mix of topsoil and redeposited subsoil.	Field drains.
006	21	Cut	Linear feature running WSW-NE, measuring 1m wide and 250mm deep. Gradual sloping sides and flattish base. Filled with topsoil containing occasional ceramic drain fragments.	Linear ditch relating to agricultural activity, probably 19 th to 20 th century in date.
007	1, 7, 10, 17, 20, 24	Fill	Linear shaped cut measuring 0.25m wide and 250mm deep. Vertical sides and flat base. Filled with greyish-brown silty clay and circular ceramic pipe drain segments.	Circular ceramic pipe field drain, probably late 19 th century in date.

Photographic Register

Image No.	Digital	Description	From	Date
001	7693	Trench 27 post-ex	SW	6/2/17
002	7694	Trench 26 post-ex	SW	6/2/17

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003	7695	Trench 25 post-ex	SW	6/2/17
004	7696	Trench 23 post-ex	SW	6/2/17
005	7697	Trench 23, modern drain [003]	NE	6/2/17
006	7698	General shot, pre-ex of area	S	6/2/17
007	7699	General shot, pre-ex of area	W	6/2/17
008	7700	Slot through [006], post-ex	E	6/2/17
009	7701	E-facing section [006]	E	6/2/17
010	7702	E-facing section [006]	E	6/2/17
011	7703	Trench 22 post-ex	SW	6/2/17
012	7704	Trench 21 post-ex	SW	6/2/17
013	7705	Trench 5 post-ex	NW	7/2/17
014	7706	Trench 4 post-ex	NW	7/2/17
015	7707	Trench 3 post-ex	NW	7/2/17
016	7708	Trench 10 post-ex	N	7/2/17
017	7709	Trench 2 post-ex	E	7/2/17
018	7710	Trench 1 post-ex	SE	7/2/17
019	7711	Trenches 1 and 2 backfilled	SE	7/2/17
020	7712	Trenches 3-5 backfilled	SW	7/2/17
021	7713	Trench 9 post-ex	SSW	8/2/17
022	7714	Trench 8 post-ex	SE	8/2/17
023	7715	Working shot, Trench 7	SW	8/2/17
024	7718	Trench 7 post-ex	SE	8/2/17
025	7719	Trench 6 post-ex	E	8/2/17

Image No.	Digital	Description	From	Date
026	7720	Trench 15 post-ex	NW	8/2/17
027	7721	Trench 14 post-ex	NW	8/2/17
028	7722	Trench 13 post-ex	SE	9/2/17
029	7723	Trench 12 post-ex	SW	9/2/17
030	7724	Trench 11 post-ex	SE	9/2/17
031	7725	Trench 16 post-ex	W	9/2/17
032	7726	Trench 17 post-ex	W	9/2/17
033	7727	Trench 19 post-ex	SW	10/2/17
034	7728	Trench 18 post-ex	N	10/2/17
035	7729	Trench 24 post-ex	W	10/2/17
036	7730	Trench 20 post-ex	SW	10/2/17
037	7731	General shot, area backfilled	SW	10/2/17
038	7732	General shot, area backfilled	SE	10/2/17
039	7733	General shot, area backfilled	NE	10/2/17

Drawing Register

Drawing No.	Sheet No.	Area/ Trench	Drawing Type	Scale	Description	Drawn by	Date
001	1	27	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 27	JAD	6/2/17
002	1	26	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 26	JAD	6/2/17
003	1	25	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 25	JAD	6/2/17
004	1	23	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 23	JAD	6/2/17
005	1	22	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 22	JAD	6/2/17

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006	1	21	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 21	JAD	6/2/17
007	1	21	Section	1:10	SE-facing section through [006]	JAD	6/2/17
008	1	10	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 10	JAD	7/2/17
009	1	5	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 5	JAD	7/2/17
010	1	4	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 4	JAD	7/2/17
011	1	2	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 2	JAD	7/2/17
012	2	1	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 1	JAD	7/2/17
013	2	9	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 9	CW	8/2/17
014	2	8	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 8	CW	8/2/17
015	2	7	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 7	CW	8/2/17
016	2	6	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 6	CW	8/2/17
017	2	15	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 15	CW	8/2/17
018	2	14	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 14	CW	8/2/17
019	3	13	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 13	JAD	9/2/17
020	3	12	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 12	JAD	9/2/17
021	3	11	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 11	JAD	9/2/17
022	3	16	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 16	JAD	9/2/17
023	3	17	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 17	JAD	9/2/17
024	3	19	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 19	LMcK	10/2/17
025	3	18	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 18	LMcK	10/2/17
026	3	24	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 24	LMcK	10/2/17
027	3	20	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 20	LMcK	10/2/17
028	1	3	Plan	1:100	Post-ex plan of Trench 3	JAD	7/2/17

Finds Register

Find No.	Area Trench	Context no.	Material Type	Description	Excavator	Date
001	21	001	Ceramic	Rim sherd from jug, post-medieval oxidised ware, likely c.16 th century	CW	6/2/17

Appendix 3: Discovery & Excavation in Scotland

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	North Ayrshire
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Annick Road, Irvine
PROJECT CODE:	RA17006
PARISH:	Irvine
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Claire Williamson & Joss Durnan
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	Rathmell Archaeology Limited
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Evaluation
NMRS NO(S):	None
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	None
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR	NS 33352 38525 (centred on)
START DATE (this season)	6 th February 2017
END DATE (this season)	10 th February 2017
PREVIOUS WORK	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (may include information from other fields)	A programme of archaeological works was required by Ogilvie Homes Ltd in respect to the consented development at Annick Road, Irvine, North Ayrshire (15/006344/PPPM). The archaeological works were designed to mitigate the impact on the archaeological remains within the development area. No significant archaeological remains were uncovered. The features identified related to attempts to improve the drainage of the ground during its use as agricultural land during the 18 th to 20 th centuries, and, in more recent times, during its use as a golf course for the adjacent hotel. The presence of one sherd of Scottish post-medieval oxidised ware recovered from the topsoil suggests that the agricultural use of the land may have origins that date back to the 16 th century.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:	None
SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:	Ogilvie Homes Ltd
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ARCHIVE LOCATION (intended/deposited)	Report to West of Scotland Archaeology Service and archive to the National Record of the Historical Environment

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