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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

This report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) on 14th March 2011 at Wedderlie Farm, Westruther, Scottish Borders (NGR: NT 6429 5194) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Wind Prospect Ltd *per* North British Windpower.

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) dated 10 December 2010 for this programme of works was produced by CFA on behalf of Wind Prospect Ltd. The WSI was designed to meet the requirements of the Scottish Borders Council Archaeology Officer.

1.2 Background

Planning consent (Ref No. 09/01435/FUL) has been granted for the construction of a new Cattle Shed; the planning consent was subject to a condition requiring a programme of archaeological works.

The council archaeologist identified that there was a risk that archaeology associated with medieval and later settlement at Wedderlie could be encountered during development and requested the watching brief to mitigate this.

No previous invasive archaeological fieldwork is known to have taken place within the proposed development site prior to the archaeological watching brief.

1.3 Objectives

The objectives of the programme of archaeological works were

- To conduct an appropriate programme of archaeological investigation (Watching Brief) to monitor all ground breaking works within the development area.
- to mitigate the effects of construction on any archaeological deposits or features identified through excavation and recording and produce a report on them.

2. WORKING METHODS

2.1 General

CFA Archaeology Ltd follows the Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidance.

2.2 Watching Brief

A watching brief was conducted during the removal of topsoil down to clean undisturbed natural from the footprint of the development area that required stripping.

All groundbreaking work was carried out under constant archaeological supervision.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

The area of the development was stripped of topsoil down to natural clean subsoil. No archaeological features or deposits were uncovered.

4. CONCLUSIONS

An archaeological watching brief was carried out at Wedderlie Farm, Westruther during topsoiling works associated with the erection of a new cattle shed.

No further groundbreaking or topsoil stripping is required outside of the area stripped.

No archaeological features or deposits were uncovered and no further works are recommended.

The project archive, comprising all CFA record sheets, maps and reports will be deposited with the National Monuments Record of Scotland (NMRS) and copies of reports will be lodged with the Scottish Borders Council.

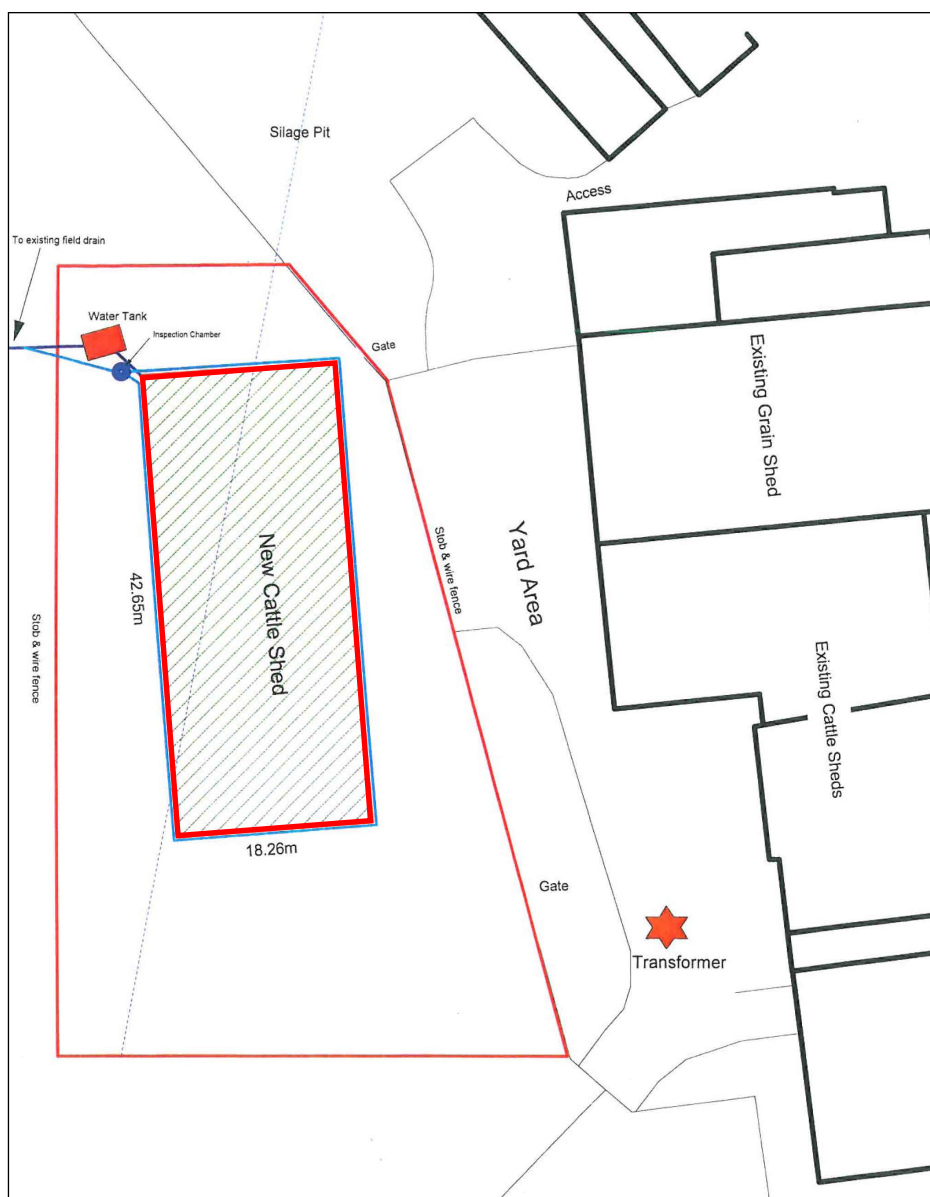
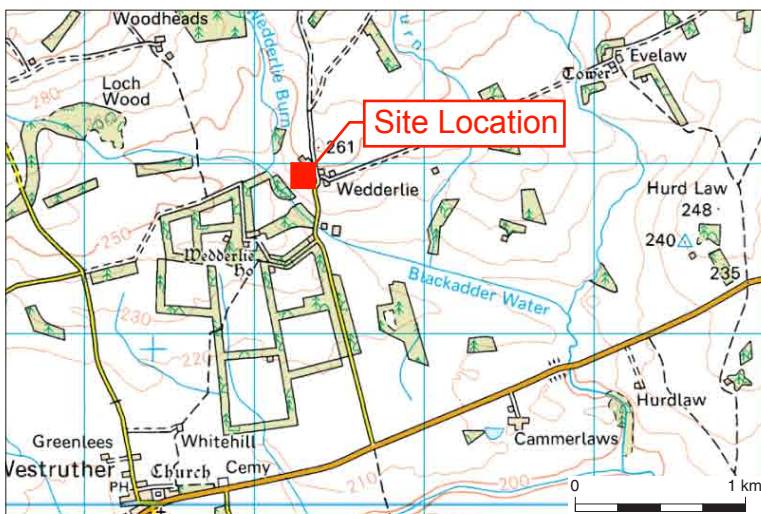
A summary statement of the results of this evaluation will be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* (Appendix 2).

APPENDIX 1: Photographic Register

| Shot | Description |
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| 1 | General view of stripped area |
| 2 | General view of stripped area |

APPENDIX 2: Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

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| LOCAL AUTHORITY: | Scottish Borders |
| PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME: | Erection of Cattle Shed, Wedderlie Farm, Westruther |
| PROJECT CODE: | WEDD |
| PARISH: | Westruther |
| NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR: | Bruce Glendinning |
| NAME OF ORGANISATION: | CFA Archaeology Ltd |
| TYPE(S) OF PROJECT: | Watching Brief |
| NMRS NO(S): | None |
| SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S): | N/A |
| SIGNIFICANT FINDS: | N/A |
| NGR (2 letters, 10 figures) | NT 6429 5194 |
| START DATE (this season) | 14/03/2011 |
| END DATE (this season) | 14/03/2011 |
| PREVIOUS WORK (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.) | None |
| MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields) | An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during ground breaking works for the erection of a Cattle Shed at Wedderlie Farm, Westruther. No artefacts, deposits or features of archaeological significance were encountered. |
| PROPOSED FUTURE WORK: | N/A |
| CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS: | N/A |
| SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY: | North British Windpower |
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| ARCHIVE LOCATION (intended/deposited) | National Monuments Record of Scotland Scottish Borders Council Sites and Monuments Record |



Key:
 Study Area



Fig. No: 1 Revision: A Client: North British Windpower
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Fig. 2: General view of stripped area



Fig. 3: General view of stripped area

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