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**Archaeological Watching Brief**

**Report No. 1914**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 General**

- 1.1.1 This report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in June 2011 at 4 Liberton Tower Lane, Liberton, City of Edinburgh (NGR: NT 26551 69682) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Mr Frank Pritchard.
- 1.1.2 A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) dated November 2009 was produced by CFA on behalf of the client. The WSI was designed to fulfil the requirements of the City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS).

### **1.2 Background**

- 1.2.1 Mr Frank Prichard received planning permission (Ref 09/01614/FUL) to construct a new extension to House B, 4 Liberton Tower Lane. The planning permission was subject to a condition requiring an archaeological watching brief during all ground breaking operations.
- 1.2.2 The site is adjacent to the 15<sup>th</sup> century Liberton Tower (A-Listed and in residential use), an early 18<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse (C-Listed) and a late 18<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse (B-Listed) with associated buildings. An early cross shaft, found built into a wall adjoining the tower, was removed and presented to the National Museum of Antiquities in 1863.

### **1.3 Objectives**

- 1.3.1 The objectives of the project were:
- To conduct an appropriate programme of archaeological investigation (watching brief) during the excavation of all groundbreaking works associated with the construction of the extension and report on its findings.
  - To mitigate the effects of construction on any archaeological deposits or features identified through excavation and recording and production of a report.

## **2. WORKING METHODS**

### **2.1 General**

- 2.1.1 CFA Archaeology Ltd follows the Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Fieldwork. Recording of all elements followed established CFA methods, as detailed in the approved WSI.

## **3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS**

- 3.1 Numbers in bold in the following text refer to contexts, a full list of which is contained in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The extension area measured 9.5m north-south by 8.8m east-west, and was excavated to a formation depth of 0.8m. The deposits within the watching brief area consisted of 0.8m of made ground **(002)** containing bands of stone and grey clay (Fig. 2). Underlying the made ground **(002)** was natural, orange-brown sandy gravel **(003)** (Fig. 3). There were no features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance identified.

## **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 A watching brief was carried out during ground works for the construction of a new extension at House B, 4 Liberton Tower Lane. There were no features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance identified during the watching brief.
- 4.2 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 City of Edinburgh Council Sites and Monuments Record.
- 4.3 A summary statement of the results of this watching brief will be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* (Appendix 3) and an online OASIS form will be completed.

## APPENDIX 1: Context Register

Context	Description
001	Concrete path
002	Made ground consisting of bands of type 1 stone and grey clay
003	Orange-brown sandy gravel natural subsoil

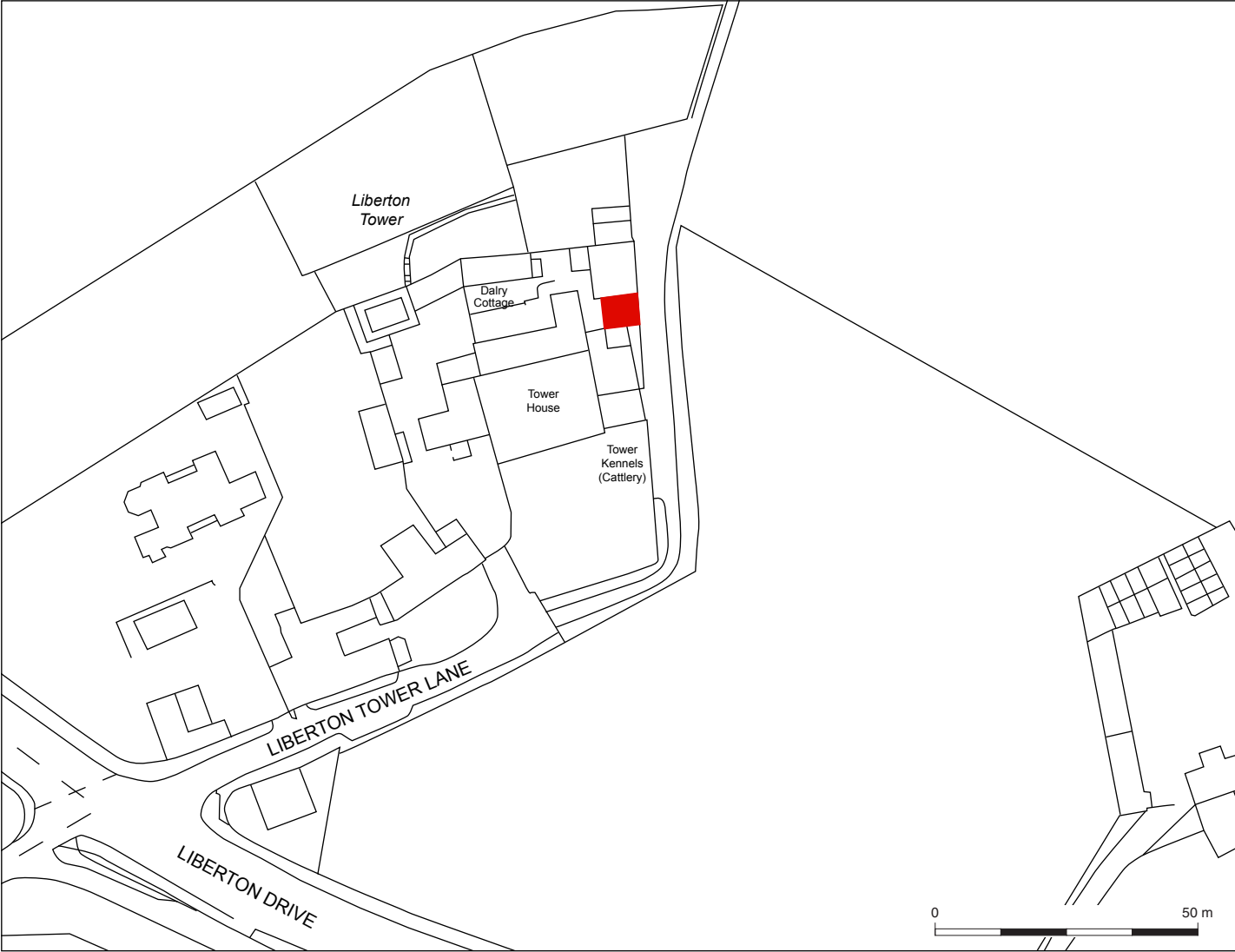
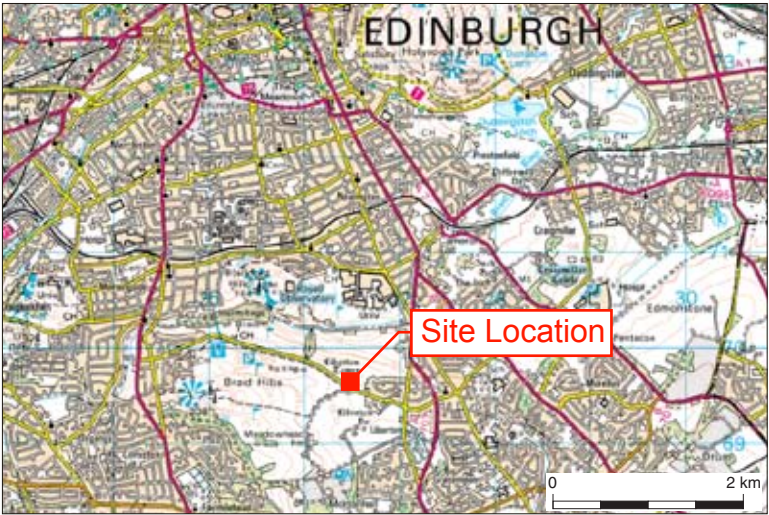
## APPENDIX 2: Photographic Register

### *Digital Images*

Shot	Description	From	Conditions
1	Section of made ground with sandy layer containing small amounts of charcoal	E	Sunny
2	General shot of area partially stripped	NW	Sunny
3	General shot of area partially stripped with cesspit on LHS of centre	E	Sunny

### APPENDIX 3: Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Entry

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	Edinburgh City Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	4 Liberton Tower Lane, Edinburgh
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	LIFA
<b>PARISH:</b>	City of Edinburgh
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Gary Savory
<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>	CFA Archaeology Ltd
<b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>	Archaeological Watching Brief
<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	None
<b>NGR (2 letters, 10 figures)</b>	NT 26551 69682
<b>START DATE (this season)</b>	June 2011
<b>END DATE (this season)</b>	June 2011
<b>PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)</b>	N/A
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b> (May include information from other fields)	A watching brief was carried out during ground works for the construction of an extension to a house at 4 Liberton Tower Lane. The site is adjacent to the 15 <sup>th</sup> century Liberton Tower (A-Listed and in residential use), an early 18 <sup>th</sup> century farmhouse (C-Listed) and a late 18 <sup>th</sup> century farmhouse (B-Listed) with associated buildings. An early cross shaft, found built into a wall adjoining the tower, was removed and presented to the National Museum of Antiquities in 1863. There were no features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance identified during the watching brief.
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	None
<b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:</b>	N/A
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<b>ARCHIVE LOCATION</b> (intended/deposited)	National Monuments Record of Scotland (archive) City of Edinburgh Council Sites and Monuments Record (report)



Key:


 House 'B' Proposed Extension



Fig. No: 1 Revision: A Client: Frank Pritchard

Title: Location Map

Project: 4 Liberton Tower Lane, City of Edinburgh

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Fig. 2: General post-excavation shot of excavated area



Fig. 3: Section showing made ground and natural subsoil

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