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1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in April 2011 during the excavation of two building plots at Penmachrie, Golf Road, Millport, Cumbrae. (NGR: NS 159 552) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Quigley Architects Ltd.

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) dated 12 April 2011 for the project was produced by CFA. The WSI was designed to meet the requirements of the West of Scotland Archaeology Service (WoSAS).

The aims of the watching brief were:

- to determine the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains liable to be threatened by the proposed development;
- to assess the need for any further work if required.

2. WORKING METHODS

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

All excavation was undertaken using a tracked mechanical excavator fitted with 600mm or 1800mm wide smooth-bladed ditching buckets under close archaeological supervision.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

Two building plots were subject to the watching brief. The plots are located on gently sloping land with a southerly aspect. The building footprints were cleared of surface vegetation, and foundation trenches were excavated through the topsoil. The foundation trenches were stripped of topsoil with a smooth bladed bucket before being excavated to their full depth through natural.

Topsoil (**001**) was between 0.2m and 0.4m thick.

Plot 1

The foundations of a house and a garage were excavated within Plot 1. The garage footprint was excavated fully to the level of the subsoil surface. Subsoil (**002**) was purplish yellow clay with occasional rounded stones. A substantial shattered bedrock outcrop broke the surface on the north side of the plot.

No archaeological remains were revealed.

Plot 2

Foundation trenches were excavated down to subsoil. The land between the trenches was left with topsoil *in situ* after vegetation had been stripped. The subsoil (**002**) exposed in the trenches was smooth purplish clay with seams of stiff grey boulder clay and soft yellow clay.

No archaeological remains were revealed.

4. CONCLUSION

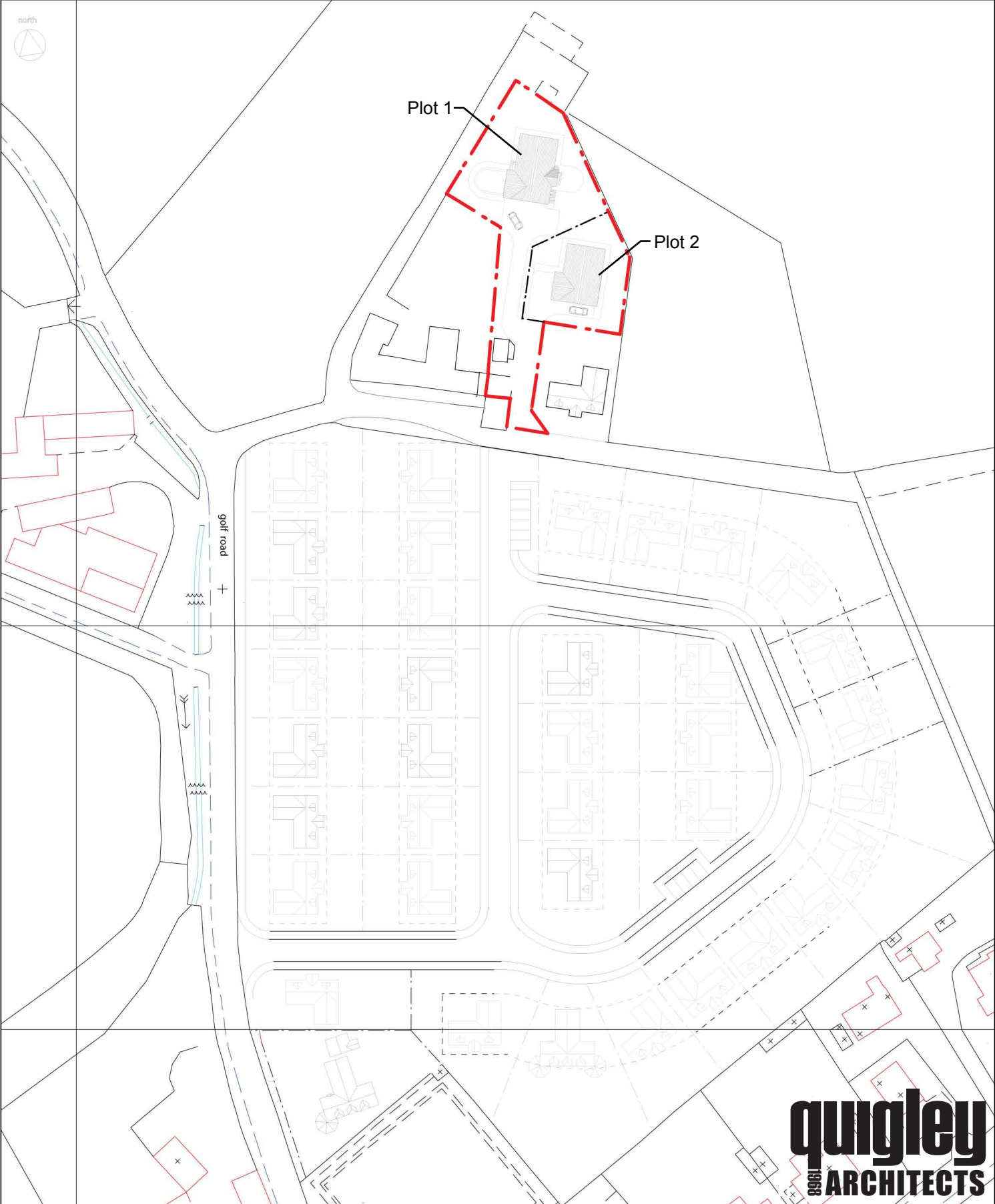
No archaeological features or deposits were identified during the archaeological watching brief conducted during excavation of foundation trenches on Plots 1 and 2 at Penmachrie, Golf Road, Cumbrae. No further work is recommended.

APPENDIX 1: Context Register

Context No.	Description
001	Topsoil
002	Subsoil

APPENDIX 2: Digital Photographic Register

No.	Contexts/description	Taken from
1	Working shot, Plot 1	S
2	Working shot, Plot 1	SW
3	Working shot, Plot 1	W
4	Working shot, Plot 1	W
5	Working shot, Plot 1	W
6	Working shot, Plot 1	W
7	Working shot, Plot 1	SW
8	Working shot, Plot 1	N
9	Working shot, Plot 2	S
10	Working shot, Plot 2	S
11	Working shot, Plot 2	S
12	Working shot, Plot 2	S
13	Working shot, Plot 2	S
14	Working shot, Plot 2	SE
15	Section of foundation trench showing topsoil depth and natural subsoil	W
16	Section of foundation trench showing topsoil depth and natural subsoil	E
17	Working shot, Plot 2	E
18	Working shot, Plot 2	SE



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Key:



Site Boundary

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