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## **1 Brae Park, Edinburgh Archaeological Watching Brief**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 General**

This report presents the results of an Archaeological Watching Brief undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd at 1 Brae Park, Cramond, Edinburgh (NGR: NT 183 755; Fig. 1) during June 2011. The work was commissioned by Davidson Design Partnership Ltd.

A proposed development at 1 Brae Park included construction of extensions and landscaping works. The Watching Brief was required by John Lawson of City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS). A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) was produced by CFA and agreed by John Lawson.

### **1.2 Background**

The work was required as the site lies within the core of the historic settlement of Cramond/Long Row and is located on the junction of the road leading towards the 16<sup>th</sup> century Cramond Brig. This crossing point is likely to date to the Roman period as part of the coastal road network linking the Antonine forts with the road from the southern gate of Cramond's Roman fort. General Roy's 1750 Military Survey indicates that the site was occupied by part of a row of properties running along the ridge. This is reduced in size on the 1850s Ordnance Survey First Edition map to a single row of cottages (Long Row).

### **1.3 Objectives**

The project's aim was to conduct an archaeological watching brief to monitor all ground breaking works associated with the development, including but not limited to foundations and service trenches.

## **2. METHODS**

### **2.1 General**

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

### **2.2 Watching Brief**

All ground breaking work was monitored by an archaeologist down to natural subsoil. All excavation was undertaken using either a rubber tracked 360° degree mechanical excavator fitted with a smooth bladed ditching bucket or with hand tools.

All discoveries including soil profiles and subsoil characteristics were recorded using standard CFA recording forms and digital photography.

### **3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS**

The watching brief area was situated within the back garden of a modern house. The surface comprised a concrete path c. 1.5m wide running along the edge of the house, a small retaining wall and a raised garden lawn. The topography of the garden sloped slightly downwards towards the house.

The watching brief monitored the excavation of foundation trenches of two extensions down to natural subsoil, and the clearance of vegetation and surface topsoil from the areas within the foundation trench boundaries (Fig. 2-4). Following discussions with John Lawson it was agreed that the patio area between the extensions would not be monitored as only c.0.3m, comprising the topsoil layer, would be stripped from this, leaving the subsoil (**002**) intact.

Topsoil (**001**) varied from 0.3m to 0.4m deep and comprised rich dark loam beneath the surface turf. It overlay grey clayey silt subsoil (**002**) which was 0.3m to 0.4m thick and merged slightly with natural subsoil (**000**), which comprised stiff gritty sandy clay. Some traces of bioturbation were noted including the presence of roots from a recently felled mature tree located c.2m from the edge of the site. The natural subsoil level sloped slightly downwards towards the house.

No archaeological remains or deposits were identified.

### **4. CONCLUSION**

A Watching Brief was carried out during the excavation of foundation trenches and the removal of topsoil at 1 Brae Park, Cramond, Edinburgh. No archaeological remains or deposits were identified.

CFA recommends that no further archaeological work is necessary; however, the final decision rests with John Lawson, City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service.

A summary statement of the results of the watching brief, to be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland 2011* (Appendix 3) and OASIS, will be sufficient to disseminate the results of the work.

In line with the Written Scheme of Investigation, copies of the report will be lodged with CECAS Sites and Monuments Record and the National Monuments Record of Scotland.

## APPENDIX 1: Context Register

Element	Description
000	Natural subsoil: stiff yellowish sandy gritty clay
001	Topsoil: turf surfaced dark soil
002	Subsoil: mid grey clayey silt

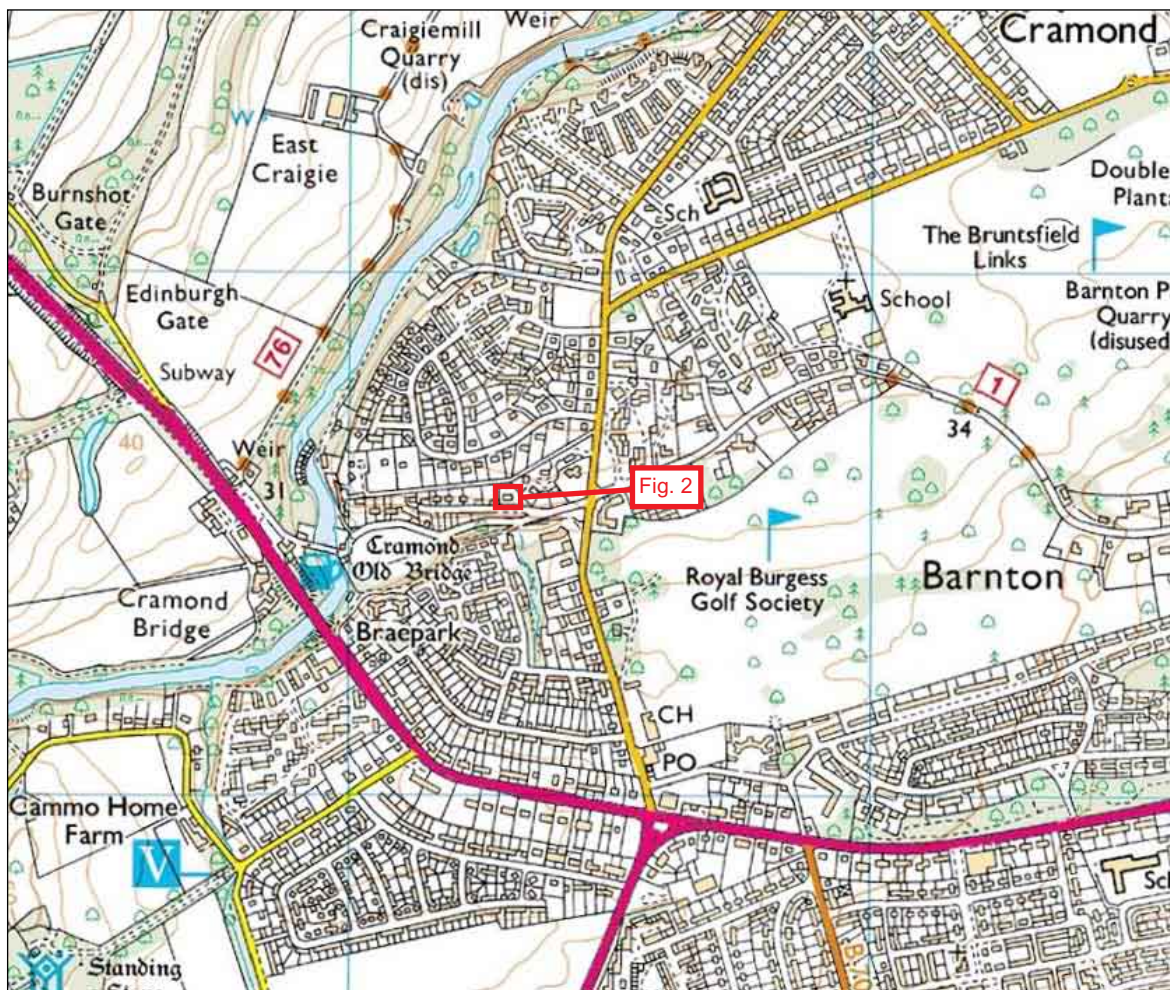
## APPENDIX 2: Photograph Register

Photo No.	Description	From
1	Working shot	NW
2	Working shot showing surface of subsoil (002)	S
3	Working shot	SE
4-5	Working shots	S
6-7	Drainpipe in hand-dug trench	S
8	Working shot	SE
9	Working shot, excavation through the retaining wall	S
10	General shot of SE extension fully excavated	W
11	Working shot of NW extension excavation of foundation trench	NW
12	General shot of NW extension fully excavated	SE

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

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	City of Edinburgh Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	1 Brae Park, Cramond, Edinburgh
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	BRAE
<b>PARISH:</b>	Cramond
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	S Mitchell
<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>	CFA Archaeology Ltd
<b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>	Watching Brief
<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	N/A
<b>NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)</b>	NT 183 755
<b>START DATE (this season)</b>	June 2011
<b>END DATE (this season)</b>	June 2011
<b>PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)</b>	None
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b> (May include information from other fields)	A watching brief was carried out at 1 Brae Park, Cramond during the excavation of foundation trenches for a building extension. The work was required as the site lies within the core of the historic settlement of Cramond/Long Row and is located on the junction of the road leading towards the 16 <sup>th</sup> century Cramond Brig. This crossing point is likely to date to the Roman period. No archaeological remains or deposits were identified.
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	None
<b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:</b>	None
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Project: 1 Brae Park, Cramond, Edinburgh




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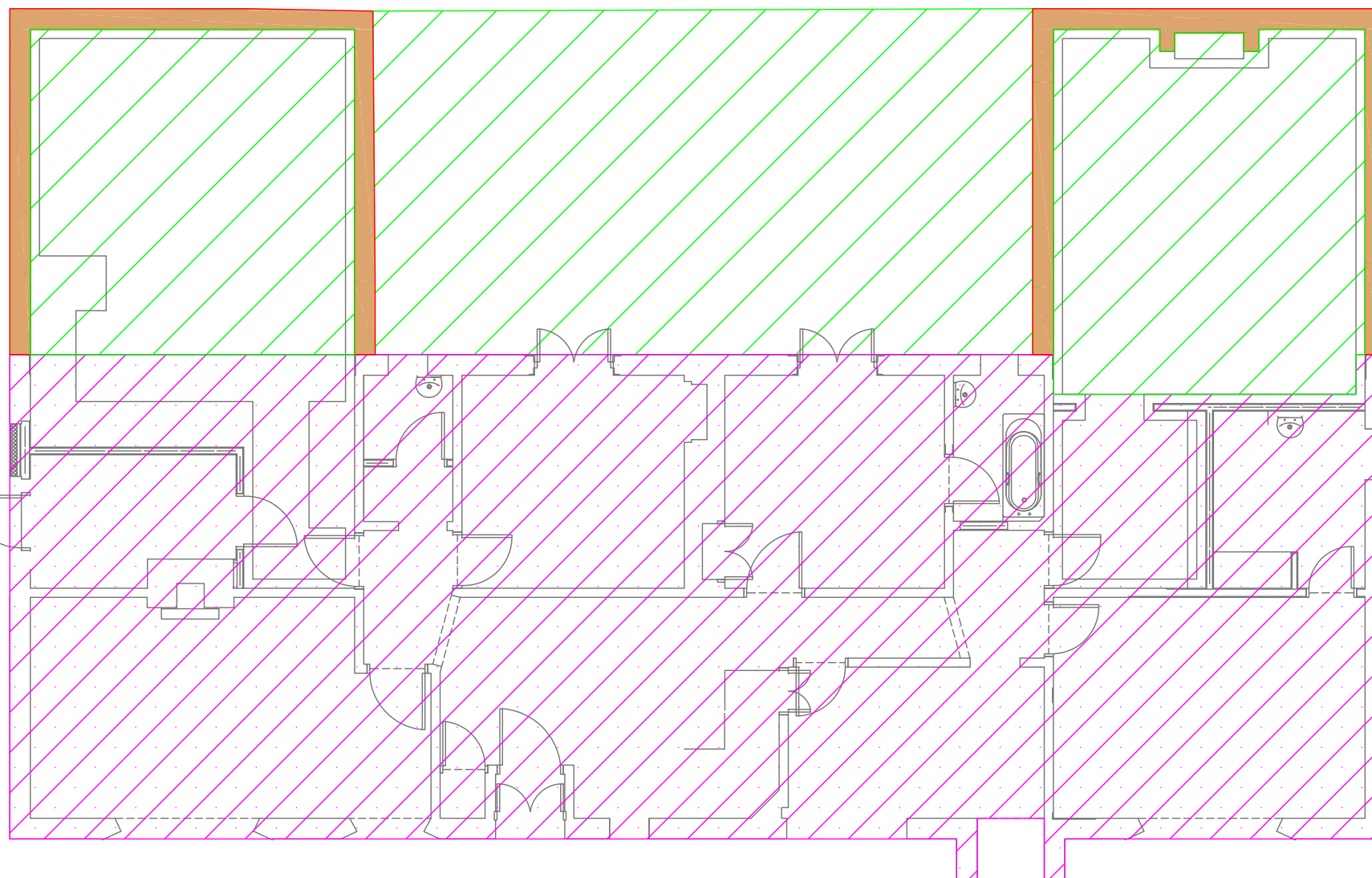
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Key:

-  existing building footprint
-  excavated to natural
-  excavated to subsoil



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**Plan of site showing monitored areas**

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Fig. 3 General work shot of foundation trench excavation



Fig. 4 View of fully excavated foundation

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