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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 the 6th August 2012 at East Pitforthie Farm, Brechin, Angus (NO 62100 61400) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by TGC Renewables Ltd.

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for the project was produced by CFA. The WSI is designed to fulfil the requirements of the Aberdeenshire Council Archaeology Services.

1.2 Background

Planning permission (REF. APP 11/00847/FULL) has been granted to TGC Renewables Ltd for the construction of a single wind turbine at East Pitforthie Farm, Brechin, Angus. Due to the potential for unrecorded archaeological deposits being present the planning consent was subject to a condition requiring an archaeological watching brief to be undertaken during the excavation of the foundations for the turbine.

1.3 Objectives

The objective of the project was;

- To conduct an appropriate programme of archaeological investigation (watching brief) during the excavation of the foundations associated with the development.
- To establish the presence and absence of archaeological features or deposits during groundbreaking and to mitigate any impact on those features or deposits identified.

2. WORKING METHODS

2.1 General

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.

2.2 Archaeological Watching Brief

The terms of the WSI required an appropriate programme of archaeological investigation (watching brief). Excavation was undertaken with a tracked mechanical excavator with a smooth-bladed ditching bucket, under constant archaeological supervision.

The ground breaking works consisted of the excavation of two areas, for the turbine base and crane platform.

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

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

Numbers in bold and parentheses refer to contexts (Appendix 1). The site was divided into two areas (1 and 2). Area 1 was the location of the wind turbine and Area 2 the position of the crane base required to erect the wind turbine.

Area 1 (Fig. 2)

Area 1 was square in shape and measured 8.4m by 8.4m. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.42m of topsoil (**001**) which overlay straight onto the natural geology of Devensian Till. The area contained no archaeological deposits and only a single modern field drain was observed.

Area 2 (Fig. 3)

Area 2 was rectangular in shape, aligned east-west and measured approximately 15m long and 5m wide. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.43m of topsoil (**001**) which overlay directly onto the natural geology. The area contained no archaeological deposits and only a single modern field drain was observed.

4. CONCLUSION

A watching brief was carried out during ground works for the construction of a turbine base on land at East Pitforthie Farm.

There were no features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance identified during the watching brief.

A summary statement of the results of this evaluation will be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* (Appendix 3).

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 Angus Council Sites and Monuments Record.

APPENDIX 1: Context Register

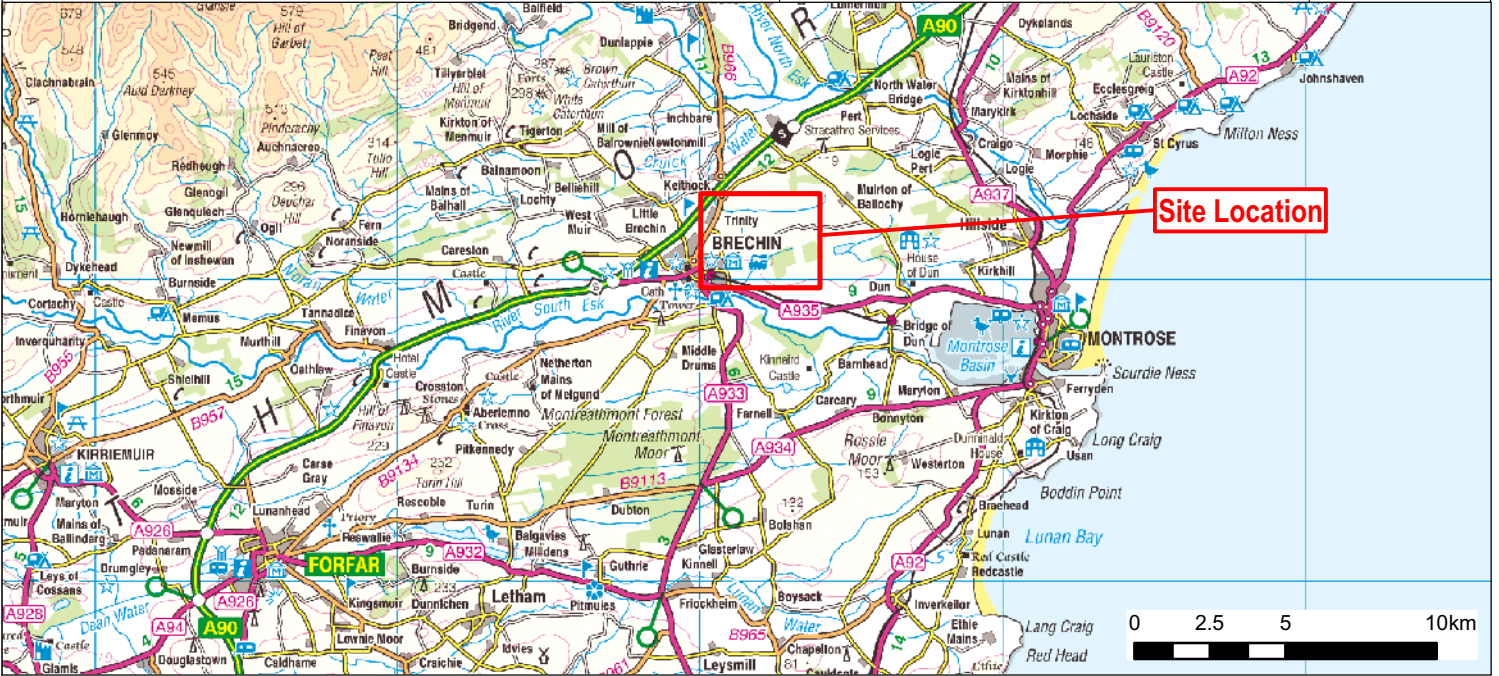
Context No.	Description
001	Topsoil

APPENDIX 2: Photographic Register (Digital)

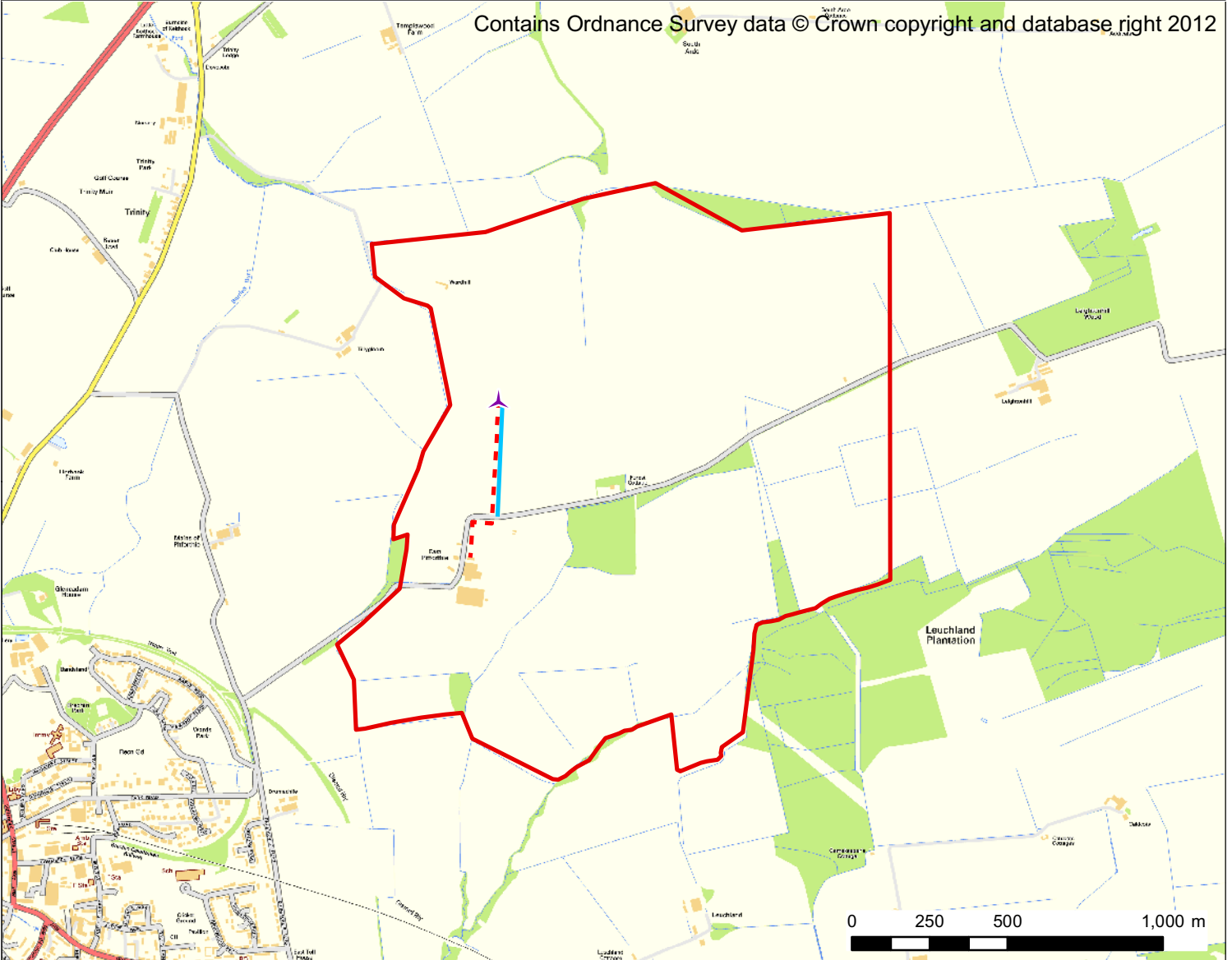
No.	Description	From	Conditions
1	Area 1	S	Dull
2	Area 1	S	Dull
3	Area 1	W	Dull
4	Area 2	E	Dull
5	Area 2	NE	Dull
6	Area 2	W	Dull

APPENDIX 3: Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Angus
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	East Pitforthie Farm, Brechin, Angus
PROJECT CODE:	TGC2
PARISH:	Brechin
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	James Lewis
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	CFA Archaeology Ltd
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Archaeological Watching Brief
NMRS NO(S):	N/A
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	N/A
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	N/A
NGR (2 letters, 10 figures)	NO 61639 61554
START DATE (this season)	6 th August 2012
END DATE (this season)	6 th August 2012
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	N/A
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	An archaeological watching brief was carried out during ground breaking works for a wind turbine at East Pitforthie Farm. No archaeological deposits or features were identified.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	N/A
CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:	N/A
SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:	TGC Renewables Ltd
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Key:

- Turbine Location
- Land Ownership Boundary
- Access Route
- Cable Route

Scale at A3:
1:20,000

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Fig 2 - Area 1 looking North



Fig 3 - Area 2 looking West

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