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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) in May 2013 during the excavation of foundations for a community hall on land adjacent to 14 Main Street, Kirknewton, West Lothian (NGR: NT, 11400, 66992 Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by the Kirknewton Development Trust.

Planning consent has been granted to the Kirknewton Development Trust for the erection of a community hall (Ref. 0012/FUL/12). A condition for an archaeological watching brief was attached to the consent.

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) dated 30 August 2012 covering this programme of work was produced by CFA on behalf of the Kirknewton Development Trust. This WSI was designed to meet the requirements of the West of Scotland Archaeology Service (WoSAS).

### **1.2 Objectives**

The objectives of the programme of work were:

- To conduct an appropriate programme of archaeological investigation (watching brief) to monitor all groundbreaking works for the construction of the community hall and associated infrastructure.
- 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. All excavation and on-site recording was carried out according to standard CFA procedures, principally by drawing, by photography and by completing standard CFA record forms.

### **2.2 Watching Brief**

All ground breaking works, whether by mechanical excavator or hand tools, were monitored.

Excavation was conducted by a rubber tracked 360° mechanical excavator equipped with a 1m wide smooth-bladed ditching bucket.

The stratification of all excavated areas was recorded whether or not significant archaeological deposits were identified.

## **3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS**

Numbers in bold refer to contexts, a full list of which is contained in Appendix 1.

The site comprised a trapezoidal plot measuring c.11.9m by 9.3m and was surfaced with grass.

Topsoil (**001**) was up to 0.6m deep but mostly was 0.4m. It merged with and overlay a deposit of well-sorted mid-brown silty subsoil (**002**) which was 0.6m deep. This then overlay beige sandy clay natural (**000**) and displayed a clear horizon with no apparent prior disturbance or significant bioturbation where the natural was exposed.

The foundation trenches were dug to natural only at the north-west and south-west corners of the site. No archaeological remains or deposits were revealed. The rest of the foundation trench excavation did not reach the depth of the natural.

Excavation within the footprint of the proposed building was carried out to a depth of c.0.2m beneath the surface of the subsoil (**002**). Natural was not exposed and no archaeological remains or deposits were revealed.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

An archaeological watching brief was carried out during the excavation of foundations on land adjacent to 14 Main Street, Kirknewton, West Lothian to fulfil a planning application for a proposed community hall.

No archaeological remains or deposits were discovered.

CFA recommends no further archaeological work on this development, however any and all decisions regarding further work rests wholly with WoSAS.

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 West Lothian Council Sites and Monuments Record.

A summary statement of this evaluation will be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* (Appendix 3) and will also be reported on through *OASIS Scotland*.

## APPENDIX 1: Context Register

Context No	Description
000	Natural – pale beige sandy clay
001	Topsoil – depth: 0.4-0.6m
002	Subsoil – depth: 0.6m
003	Modern Disturbed Substation Ground

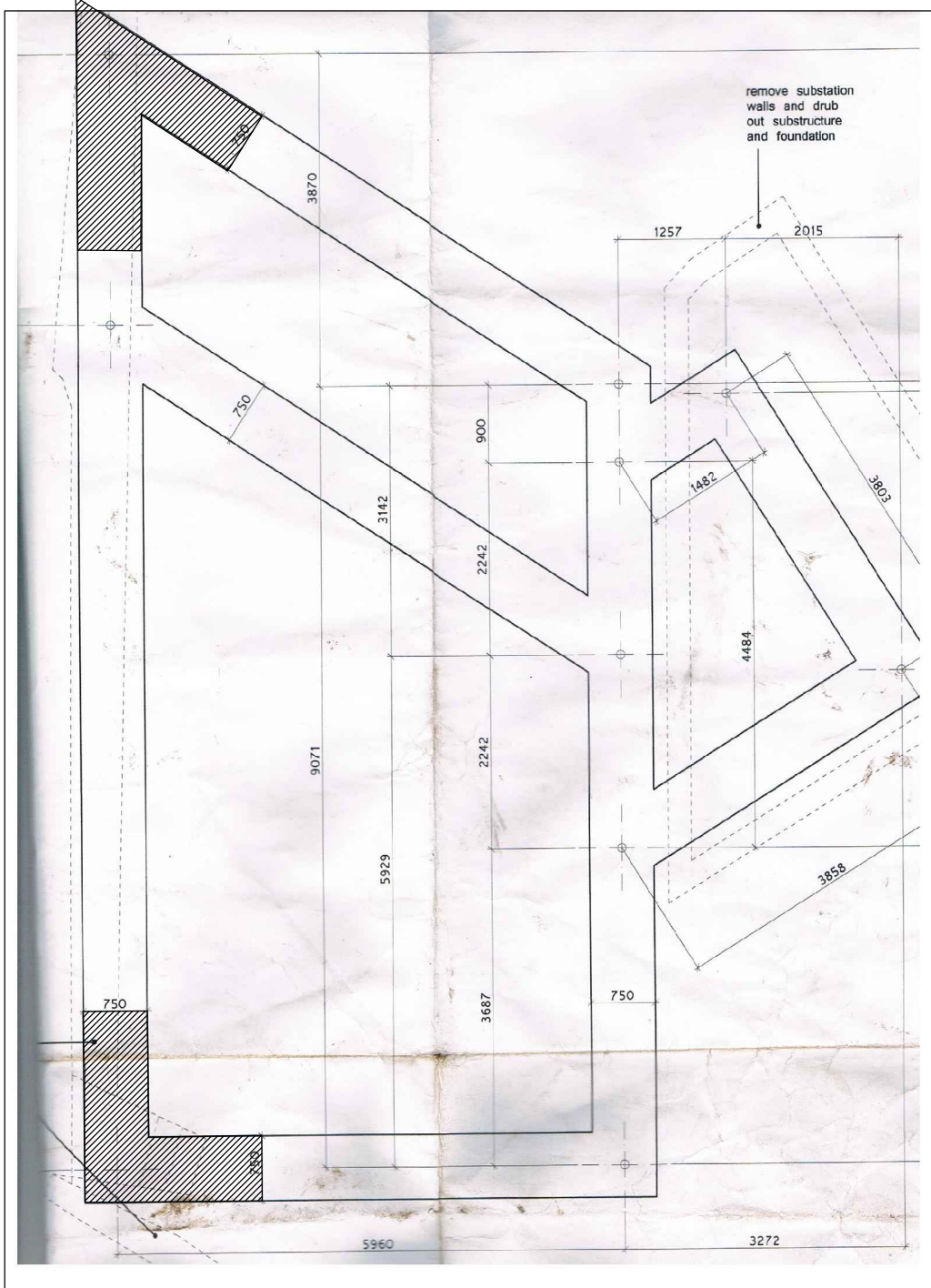
## APPENDIX 2: Photograph Register

Photo No.	Description	From
1	Site stripped of surface turf	SW
2	Site stripped of surface turf	SE
3	Working shot	NW
4	Section of foundation trench showing soil profile	S
5	Working shot	W
6	Working shot showing live service	N
7	Working shot showing live service	N
8	Working shot	NE
9	Working shot	NE
10	Working shot	S
11	Fully excavated foundations	SW
12	Working shot, excavation of subsoil within footprint	NW
13	Working shot, excavation of subsoil within footprint	NW
14	Working shot, excavation of subsoil within footprint	N
15	Working shot, excavation of subsoil within footprint	W
16	Working shot, excavation of subsoil within footprint	NW
17	Working shot, excavation of subsoil within footprint	N
18	Working shot, excavation of subsoil within footprint	N
19	Working shot, excavation of subsoil within footprint	NW
20	Working shot, excavation of subsoil within footprint	N
21	Electrical services in NE corner	W
22	General view of site fully excavated	NW
23	General view of site fully excavated	NW

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

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	West Lothian Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	Community Hall, Land adjacent to 14 Main Street, Kirknewtown, West Lothian
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	ZEDS
<b>PARISH:</b>	Kirknewtown
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Stuart 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>	
<b>NGR (2 letters, 10 figures)</b>	NT 11400 66992 (centred)
<b>START DATE (this season)</b>	21/05/2013
<b>END DATE (this season)</b>	30/05/2013
<b>PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)</b>	N/A
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b> (May include information from other fields)	A watching brief was undertaken during the excavation of foundation trenches for a Community Hall on the land adjacent to 14 Main Street, Kirknewtown, West Lothian. No archaeological remains or deposits were revealed during excavation.
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	N/A
<b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:</b>	N/A
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

Key:  Areas excavated to natural	Fig No: 1	Revision: A	Client: Kirknewton Development Trust
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Fig. 2 - Site stripped of surface turf



Fig. 3 - Section of foundation trench showing soil profile



Fig 4. - Working shot showing live service



Fig 5. - General view of site fully excavated

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