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**Lauriston Castle, Edinburgh**  
**Archaeological Watching Brief**  
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in August 2013 at Lauriston Castle, Edinburgh. The work was commissioned by RPS.

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) dated August 2013 was produced by RPS. The background to the project can be found in that WSI.

The aim of the project was to determine the presence or absence of archaeological remains within those parts of the scheme where such remains may be affected by the development and, if such remains were present, to determine their nature, extent, quality and preservation, and enable an assessment of their relative importance in a local, regional, national or international context.

## 2. WORKING METHODS

CFA Archaeology Ltd follows the Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct (IfA 2012), and Standards and guidance for an archaeological watching brief (IfA 2008). Recording of all elements followed established CFA methods, and was designed to meet the terms of the approved WSI.

An archaeological watching brief was maintained during the excavation of five hand-excavated geotechnical trial pits. The exposed areas were recorded and the deposits described to a sufficient extent to meet the project aims.

The locations of the test pits are shown on Figure 1.

## 3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

All test pits were excavated to a depth of 0.90m below the current ground level. Numbers in bold and parentheses refer to declared contexts summarized in Appendix 1.

*Test Pit EH-008 (0.80m by 0.40m)* (Fig. 2): Topsoil, 0.30m thick (**001**) contained occasional pebble sized broken pieces of sandstone, and overlay (**002**), mid-brown sandy clay containing possible sandstone builders' rubble with irregular grey shale stone and occasional rounded pebbles.

*Test Pit EH-007 (0.70m by 0.40m)* (Fig. 3): Topsoil, 0.34m thick (**001**) overlay mid-brown sandy clay (**003**). A ceramic field drain (cut **004**) was found at a depth of 0.30m from the current ground surface.

*Test Pit EH-013 (0.80m by 0.40m)* (Fig. 4): Topsoil, 0.30m thick (**001**) overlay (**006**), a mid-brown silty sand with occasional sandstone fragments.

*Test Pit EH-006 (0.60m by 0.30m)* (Fig. 5): This test pit was moved onto a grass verge 1m west of its plotted location. Topsoil, 0.30m thick (**001**) overlay mid-brown sandy clay (**007**).

*Test Pit EH-014 (0.20m by 0.90m)* (Fig. 6): This test pit was moved c.2m east of its plotted location, to avoid short grass and tree roots. Topsoil, 0.25m thick (**001**), overlay (**008**), mid-orange brown sandy clay with occasional rounded boulders and sub rounded stones. A single piece of unworked sandstone measuring 0.20m x 0.10m x 0.10m was found at a depth of 0.60m below the current ground surface. This is probably a natural stone.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

No archaeological remains were discovered by the excavation of the test pits.

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 City of Edinburgh Council Sites and Monuments Record.

#### **5. REFERENCES**

Institute for Archaeologists 2012 *Code of Conduct*.

Institute for Archaeologists 2008 *Standard and Guidance for an archaeological watching brief*.

## APPENDIX 1: Context Register

Context No.	Fill of	Description
001		Topsoil, of mid-brown silty sand.
002		TP EH-008. Subsoil of mid brown sandy clay containing possible sandstone builders' rubble with irregular grey shale stone and occasional rounded pebbles
003		TP EH-007. Subsoil, mid-brown sandy clay.
004		TP EH-007. Cut for ceramic pipe field drain. Cuts ( <b>003</b> ).
005	004	TP EH-007. Fill of ceramic pipe drain cut ( <b>003</b> ).
006		TP EH-013. Subsoil. Mid-brown silty sand.
007		TP EH-006. Subsoil. Mid-brown sandy clay.
008		TP EH-014. Subsoil. Mid orangey-brown sandy clay.

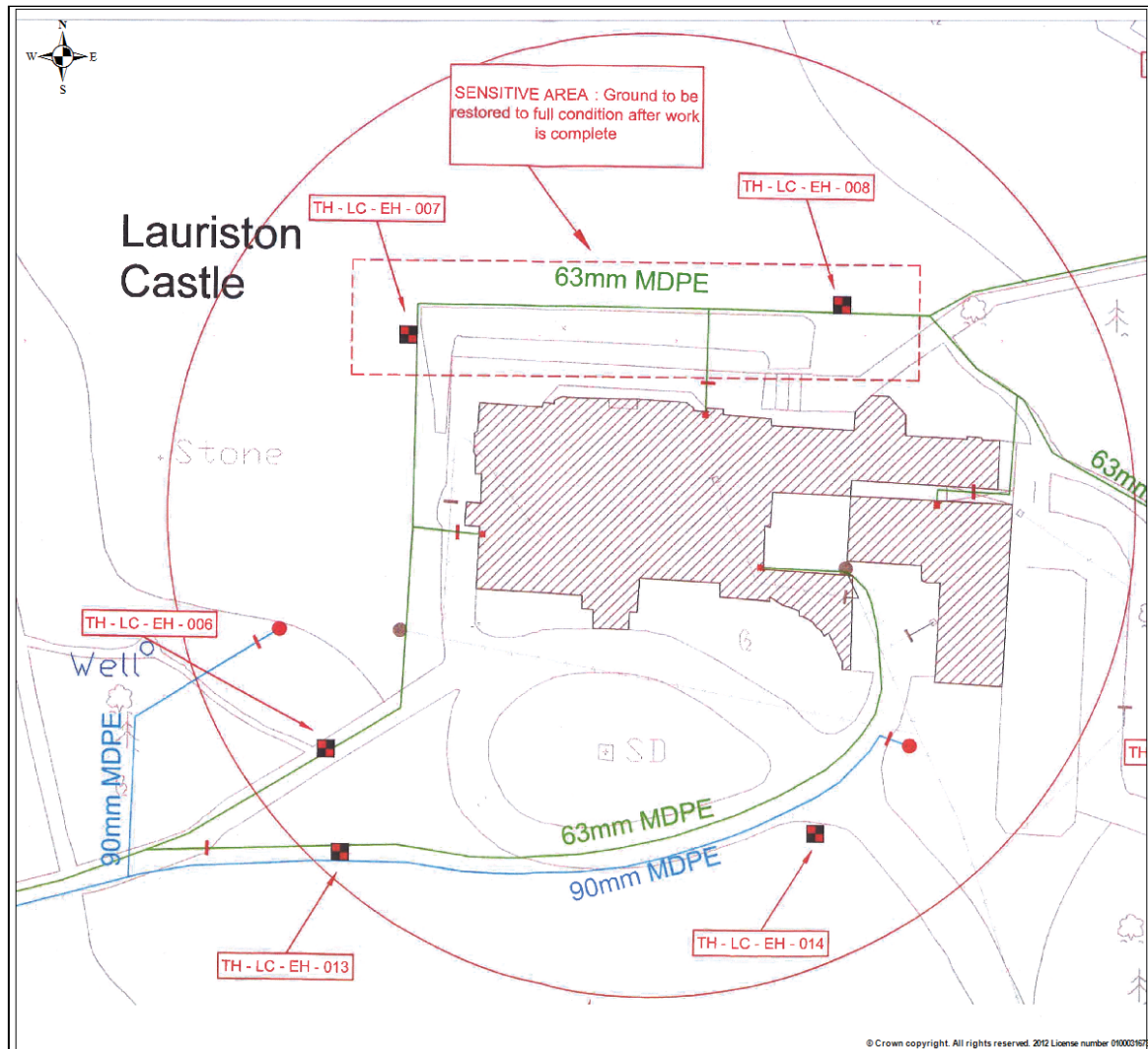
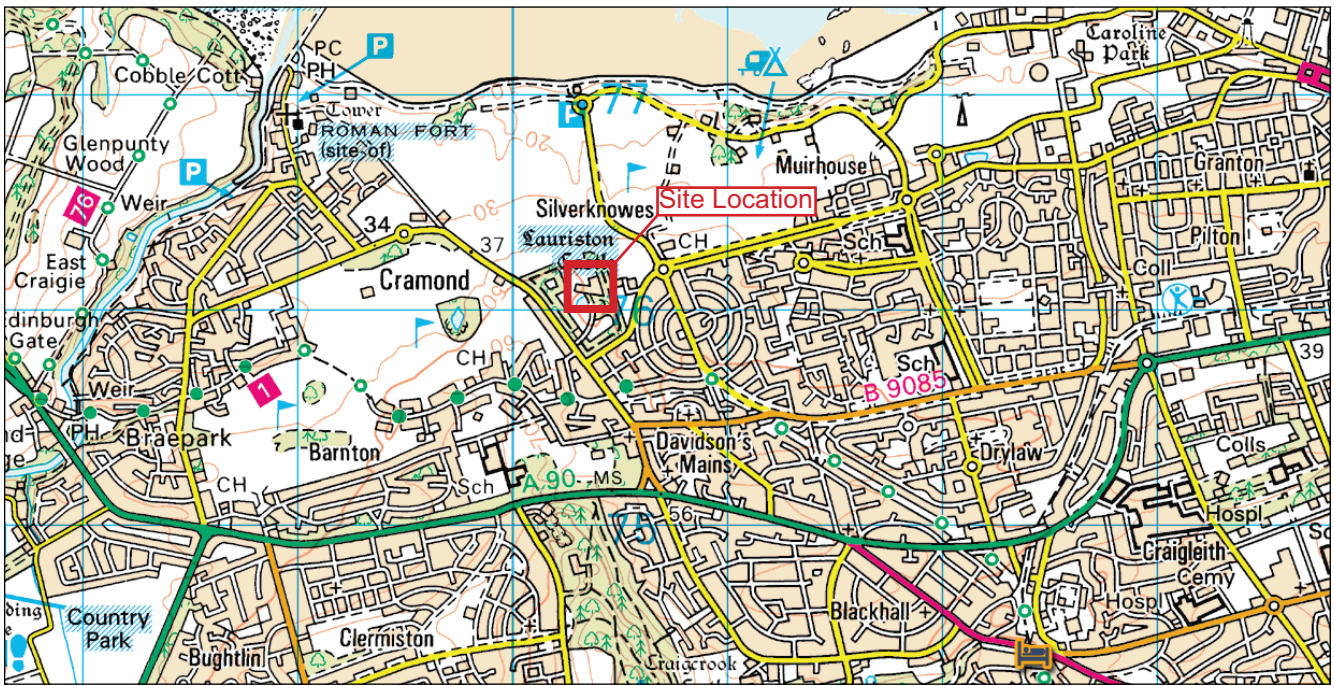
## APPENDIX 2: Photographic Register (Digital)

Photo No.	Description	Taken From	Conditions
1	Test Pit EH-007	S	Sunny
2	Test Pit EH-008	W	Sunny
3	Test Pit EH-008	E	Sunny
4	Test Pit EH-007	S	Sunny
5	Test Pit EH-013	W	Sunny
6	Test Pit EH-013	E	Sunny
7	Test Pit EH-007	W	Sunny
8	Test Pit EH-014	S	Sunny
9	Test Pit EH-014	S	Sunny
10	Location shot at front of Castle		Sunny
11	Location shot of EH-006		Sunny
12	Location shot of EH-014		Sunny

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

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	City of Edinburgh Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	Lauriston Castle, Edinburgh
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	LAUR
<b>PARISH:</b>	Edinburgh, City of
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Andrew Brown
<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>	N/A
<b>NGR (2 letters, 10 figures)</b>	320312 676119
<b>START DATE (this season)</b>	13 August 2013
<b>END DATE (this season)</b>	15 August 2013
<b>PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)</b>	N/A
<b>MAIN DESCRIPTION:</b> (May include information from other fields)	<b>(NARRATIVE)</b> An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during the excavation of five test-trenches in the grounds of Lauriston Castle, Edinburgh as part of the installation of new water mains. No remains of archaeological importance were uncovered.
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	N/A
<b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:</b>	N/A
<b>SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:</b>	The City of Edinburgh Council
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Fig. 2 - Test Pit EH-008



Fig. 3 - Test Pit EH-007



Fig. 4 - Test Pit EH-013



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Fig. 5 - Test Pit EH-006



Fig. 6 - Test Pit EH-014