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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 General**

This report describes the results of an Archaeological Monitored Strip required during groundbreaking associated with the construction of a new extension at 6 Old Church Lane, Duddingston, Edinburgh (Ref: 13/00782/FUL) (Fig. 1, Plates 1-2). The work was carried out to comply with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CFA Archaeology Ltd and agreed in advance with the City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS) on behalf of the planning authority. The work was commissioned by Helen Lucas Architects *per* Mrs Jaquetta Megarry & Mr Keir Bloomer.

The new extension was built to replace an existing one that occupied a similar footprint. The Monitored Strip was required because the development lay within the proposed confines of the medieval settlement of Duddingston and by extension significant features relating to the medieval settlement could have survived within the confines of the development footprint.

### **1.2 Objectives**

The objectives of the project were to conduct an appropriate programme of archaeological investigation (Monitored Strip) during the excavation of all groundbreaking works associated with the construction of the extension, any other groundbreaking associated with the application such as the removal of foundations during demolition.

## **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 Monitored Strip**

The terms of the WSI required an appropriate programme of archaeological investigation (Monitored Strip) to monitor ground breaking works (Plates 3-4). Excavation was undertaken by hand.

The ground breaking works consisted of the removal of an existing concrete slab foundation for the previous extension that was present on the site. This was followed by limited ground reduction and the excavation of strip foundations and drainage tracks.

### **3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS**

The concrete slab foundation of the earlier extension lay over a bed of sand over a damp proof course. This was removed to expose what was presumably garden soil. This was a black silty clay.c. 0.35m deep. Where foundation trenches and drainage trenches were excavated through this it was observed to overlie a compact mid brownish clay subsoil. Natural deposits were not exposed in the excavations necessary to construct this extension.

No finds were retained as they were all 19<sup>th</sup> century or later in date.

### **4. CONCLUSION**

The site was not stripped as excavation was restricted to removal of recent structures, concrete surfaces, localised ground reduction and foundation and drainage trenches. At no point were natural deposits uncovered. Therefore no archaeologically significant remains were found during these works and no significant artefacts were identified either.

No further work is recommended, however, it is understood that the final decision on this rests with CECAS on behalf of the planning authority.

The project archive, comprising all CFA record sheets, plans and reports will be deposited with the National Monuments Record of Scotland and copies of reports lodged with the CECAS.

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

## APPENDICES

### Appendix 1 - Photo Register

<b>Photo No.</b>	<b>Context/ Description</b>	<b>Taken from</b>
1	Area during demolition of existing extension	N
2	Area Post demolition of existing extension	N
3	Foundation Trench	E
4	Foundation Trench N Facing Sect E End	S
5	Location of Trench	S
6	Area against main house, Pre-ex	N
7	Area S of foundation trench	S
8	Previous concrete foundation	W
9	Old drain S of foundation trench	S
10	Foundations	E
11	Area to be excavated	N
12	Foundation Trench N Facing Sect E End	S
13	Last area to be cleared 9/10/13	W
14	N Facing Sect of above	N

## Appendix 2 - Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Entry

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	City of Edinburgh Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	6 Old Church Lane, Duddingston, Edinburgh
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	CHUL
<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 Monitored Strip
<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>	NT 28471 72677
<b>START DATE (this season)</b>	
<b>END DATE (this season)</b>	
<b>PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)</b>	N/A
<b>MAIN DESCRIPTION:</b> (NARRATIVE) (May include information from other fields)	An archaeological Monitored Strip was undertaken during ground breaking associated with the construction of a new extension at 6 Old Church Lane, Edinburgh. No remains of archaeological importance were uncovered.
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	N/A
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Monitored strip location

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Title  
**Location plan**

Project  
**6 Old Church Lane Duddingston  
 Edinburgh  
 Archaeological Monitored Strip**

Scale at A3  
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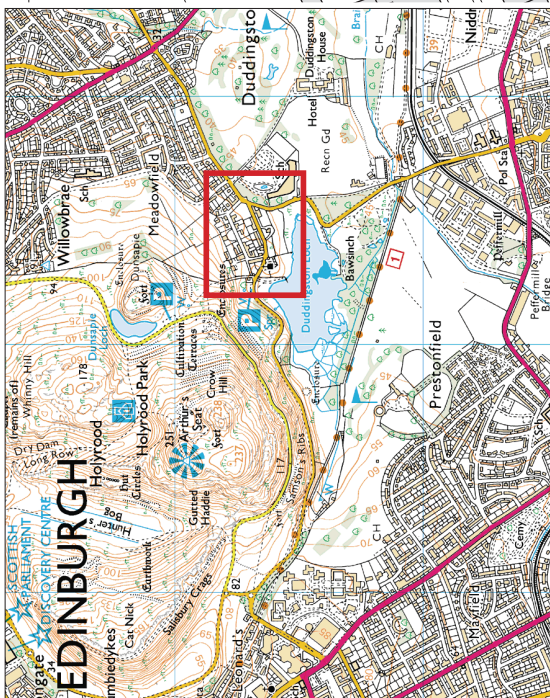
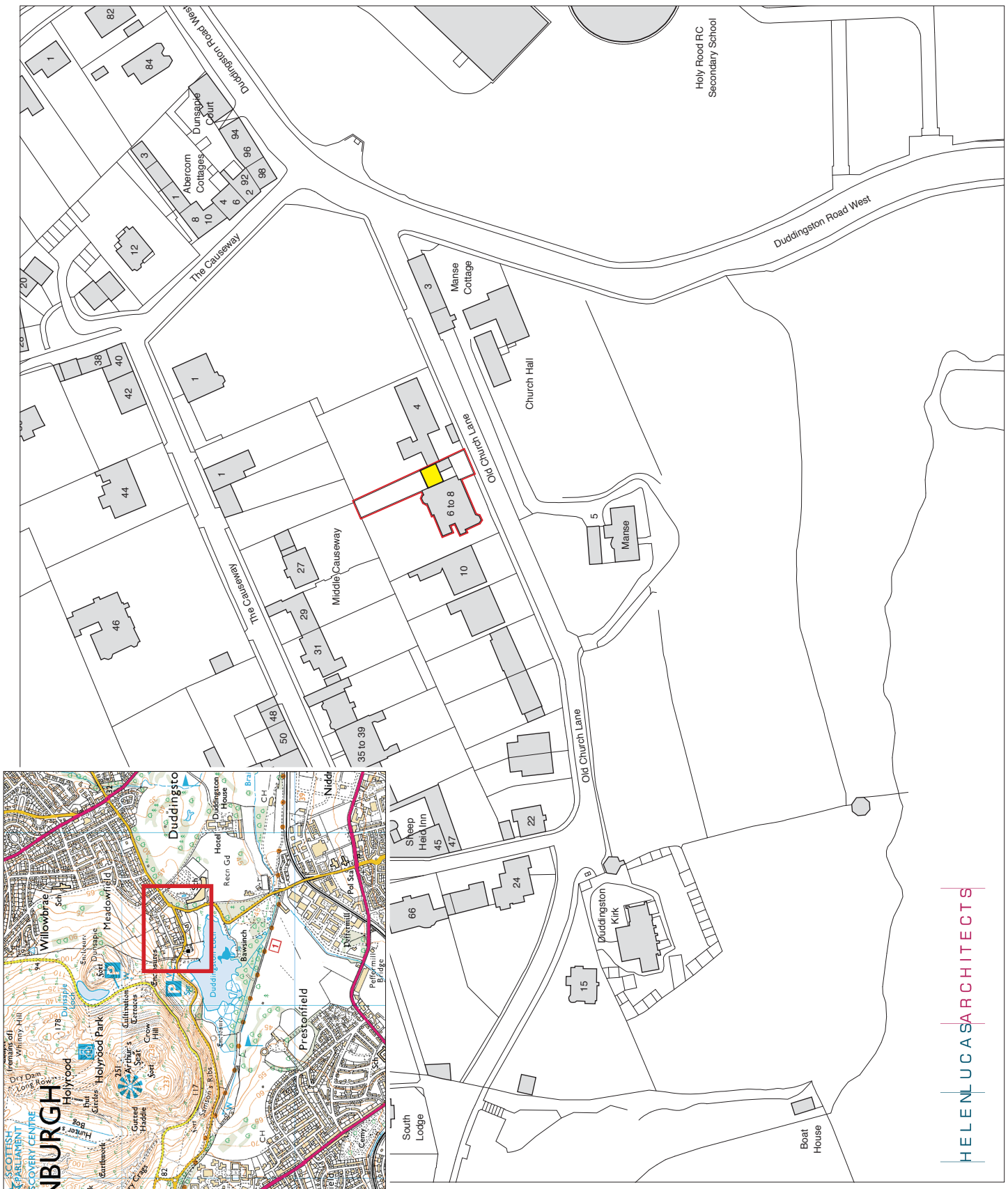






Plate 1 – General development area mid demolition



Plate 2 – General development area post demolition





Fig. No: <b>Plates 1-2</b>		Revision: <b>A</b>	Project: <b>6 Old Church Lane Duddingston Edinburgh. Archaeological Monitored Strip</b>		
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Plate 3 – Drainage and foundation trenches



Plate 4 – Section of foundation trench

Fig. No: <b>Plates 3–4</b>		Revision: <b>A</b>	Project: <b>6 Old Church Lane Duddingston Edinburgh. Archaeological Monitored Strip</b>		
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