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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

This report presents the results of an archaeological evaluation undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in February 2014 at land adjacent to 4 Jeanfield Road, Perth (NO 10756 23791, centred) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Ryven Ltd.

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) dated 15 January 2014 covering this programme of works was produced by CFA on behalf of Ryven Ltd. The WSI was approved in advance by the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT).

1.2 Background

Ryven Ltd is proposing to apply for consent to develop the plot of land adjacent to 4 Jeansfield Road. Consultation with PKHT identified that a condition requiring a 5% archaeological evaluation would be secured against any consent. Ryven Ltd therefore decided to undertake the works pre-application to identify if the site was archaeologically sensitive prior to making the application.

The development site is located approximately 1.4km north-east of the centre of Perth on a south facing slope. The site was partially developed on its northern edge where a St Johnston Football Club supporters club was once located. The rest of the area was apparently communal gardens for the adjacent council housing. However, in the most recent past the site has become overgrown.

1.3 Objectives

The objectives of the programme of archaeological works are:

1. To conduct an archaeological trial trenching evaluation in order to establish the presence/absence, extent, condition, character, quality and date of any archaeological features or deposits within the proposed development area and establish the vulnerability of any archaeological features to the proposed development
2. To produce a data structure report on the results of the evaluation.
3. To provide suitable mitigation for further archaeological works if the results merit it.

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 Evaluation

The terms of the WSI required the excavation of a minimum of 77m² of trial trenches amounting to 5% of the total development area (1550m²). However, on arrival at the site it was clear that the northern third of the site which measured c. 550m² had previously been excavated to well below the level of the natural to produce a level platform for an earlier building (now demolished). It was decided by PKHT that this area could be removed from the total evaluation area. However, in the end five trenches amounting to 80m² or 8% of the available area (1000m²) were excavated (Figs 1-4). Trench location was constrained by topography, live services and trees.

Topsoil was removed by a tracked 360° mechanical excavator, equipped with a 1.8m smooth-bladed ditching bucket. All groundbreaking work was carried out under constant archaeological supervision. Any further excavation required to fulfil the objectives of the evaluation was carried out by hand.

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

Trench positions were surveyed using industry standard electronic surveying equipment and all trenches were backfilled.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

3.1 General

Numbers in bold refer to contexts, a full list of which is contained in Appendix 2. A summary of the trenches excavated is contained in Appendix 3.

The deposits throughout the proposed development area predominantly consisted of between 0.2m and 0.35m of dark brown silty topsoil (**001**) overlying a mid-brown/orange clay subsoil (**002**) ranging from 0.3-0.5m in depth. The natural substrate (**000**) consisted of silty sandy clay varying in colour from light brown/orange to yellow.

Seven vestigial linear features on a north-south alignment were identified in Trenches 2 and 3. They had an average width of 0.4m and depth of 0.1m, with 0.1m spacing between them.

4. CONCLUSIONS

An archaeological evaluation was carried out at land adjacent to 4 Jeansfield Road, Perth. Apart from drainage features seven shallow linear features were identified in Trenches 2 and 3. These were filled with topsoil like material and are interpreted as traces of garden features such as planting beds.

CFA recommend that no further work is required in mitigation but understand that the final decision rests with the council as advised by PKHT.

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 Perth and Kinross HER.

A summary statement of the results of this evaluation will be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* and an online OASIS entry submitted on completion of the project

APPENDIX 1: Photographic Register

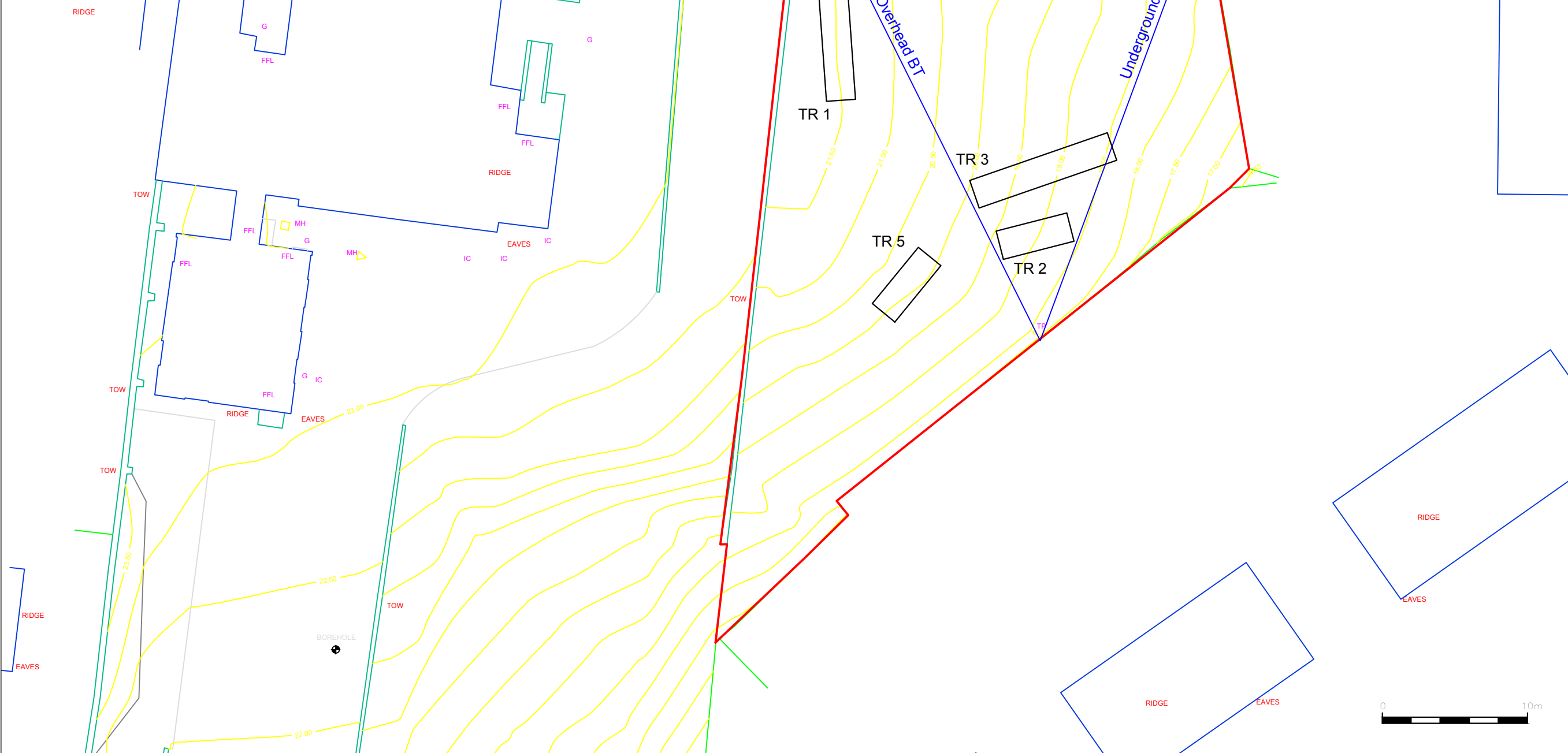
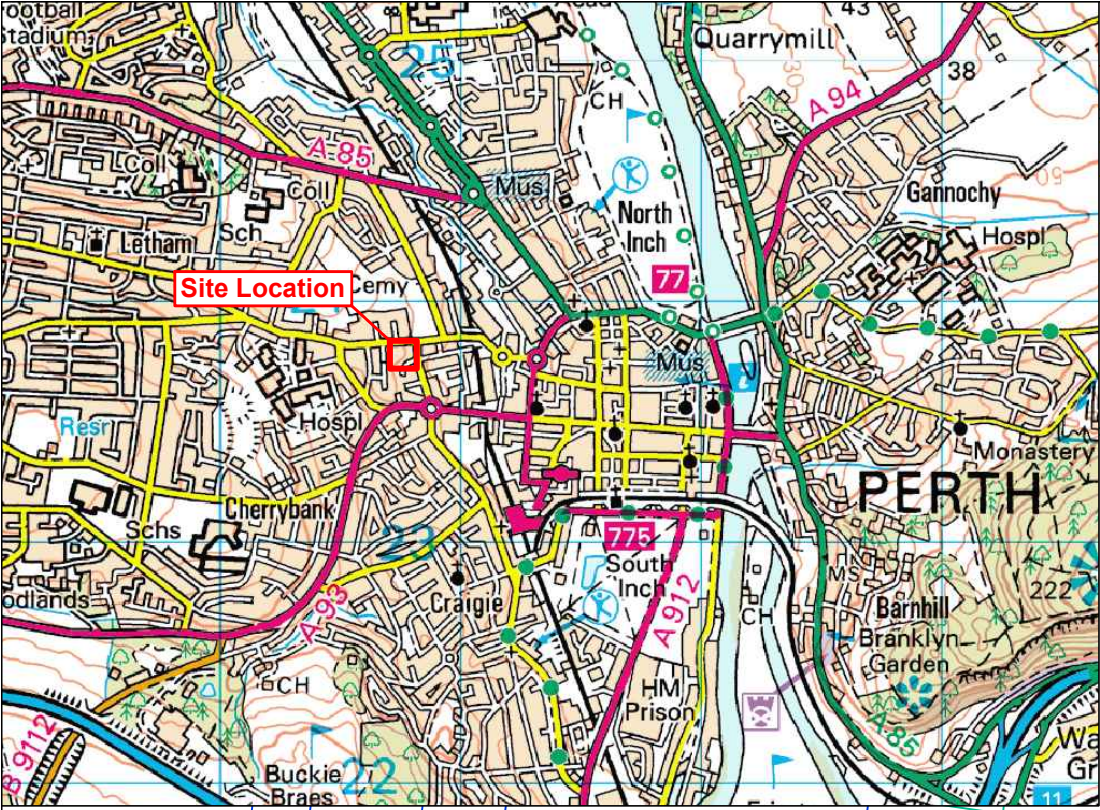
Shot No.	Summary or Description	Taken From
1-6	Working shots of tree/scrub clearance prior to test pitting	Various
7	TR1, post-ex, NNW - SSE	NNW
8	TR2, post-ex, NE- SW	SW
9	TR3, post-ex, NE - SW	SW
10-13	Trees and scrub prior to clearance	Various
14	TR4, Post-ex, E - W	E
15-17	Retaining wall in northern part of site, showing depth from original ground surface	E and N
18	TR5, Post-ex, NE – SW	E

APPENDIX 2: Context Register

Context No.	Fill of	Description
001	site	Dark brown, humic topsoil
002	site	Subsoil – mid-brown/orange clay
003	site	Natural – Light brown/orange/yellow clay

APPENDIX 3: Trench Descriptions

Trench No.	Size (m)	Depth of topsoil (m)	Depth of subsoil (m)	Features
1	10 x 2	0.25	0.2	2 field drains;
2	5 x 2	0.2	0.3	7 linear features
3	10 x 2	0.25	0.2-0.3	7 linear features
4	15 x 2	0.35	0.15	No archaeological features
5	5 x 2	0.25	0.15	Quarried stone field drain



- Key:
- Site Boundary
 - Truncated by previous development

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Fig. 2 - Trench 2



Fig. 3 - Trench 3



Fig. 4 - Trench 4

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