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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 February 2014 during work for an extension to Garden Cottage, Wooden, Kelso, Scottish Borders (NGR: NT 7416 3382). The work was commissioned by Mr & Mrs Pickard.

The watching brief was required as Wooden lies within a Roman temporary camp identified as cropmarks in aerial photos taken in the 1970s. The Ordnance Survey 1st Edition map (1863) also suggests that the cottage was formerly the gas works for Wooden House. There was both the potential for discovering evidence of Roman occupation of the temporary camp and evidence for the former gas works. A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) was produced by CFA and agreed by Dr Chris Bowles, Scottish Borders Council Archaeologist.

1.2 Objectives

The objectives of the programme of archaeological works were

- To conduct an appropriate programme of archaeological investigation (Watching Brief) to monitor topsoil stripping.
- to mitigate the effects of construction on any archaeological deposits or features identified through excavation and recording and produce a report on them.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 General

CFA follows Institute of Archaeologists Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidelines as appropriate.

2.2 Watching Brief

All excavation by mechanical plant was done using a smooth-bladed ditching bucket under close archaeological supervision.

All archaeological features and deposits were excavated by the archaeologist using hand tools.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

3.1 General

The watching brief area measured 5m by 6m and was surfaced with turf (**001**). This was removed before the excavation of the foundation trenches.

3.2 Watching Brief

The foundation trenches measured 0.6m wide and were excavated to a depth of 0.6m beneath the surface. Topsoil (**001**) was 0.25m - 0.3m thick and overlay homogenous firm silty clay (**002**). Although this deposit is sterile, it is uncertain whether it is a buried soil or geological natural.

An iron pipe (**003**) was revealed running east to west in one of the trenches, c.1m beneath the surface. It is unclear whether this pipe is associated with the former gasworks. It was left in situ.

4. CONCLUSION

The watching brief at Garden Cottage, Wooden, Kelso revealed no significant archaeological deposits or features.

CFA recommends that no further archaeological work is required on this development, however any final decision rests with Dr Chris Bowles, Scottish Borders Council Archaeologist.

A summary statement of the results of this watching brief 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 Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) and copies of reports will be lodged with the Scottish Borders Council Sites and Monuments Record.

APPENDIX 1: Context Register

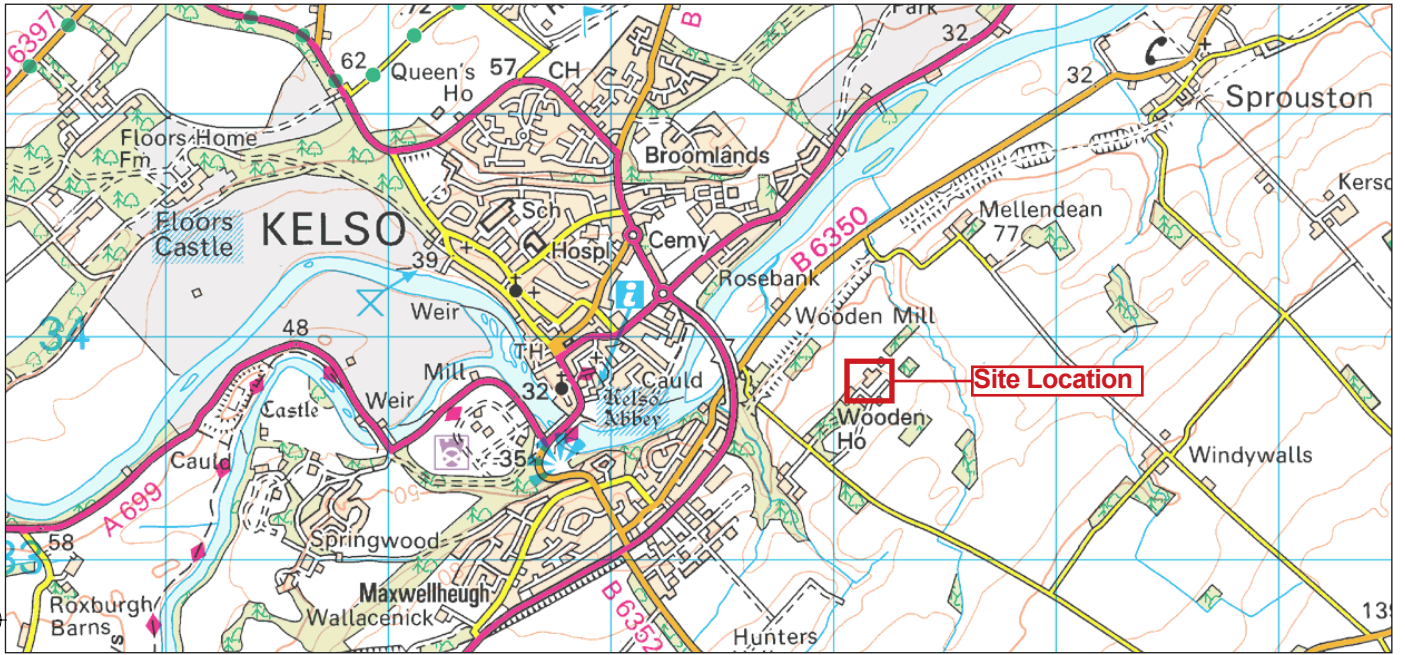
Context No.	Description
001	Topsoil
002	Silty clay
003	Iron pipe

APPENDIX 2: Photograph Register

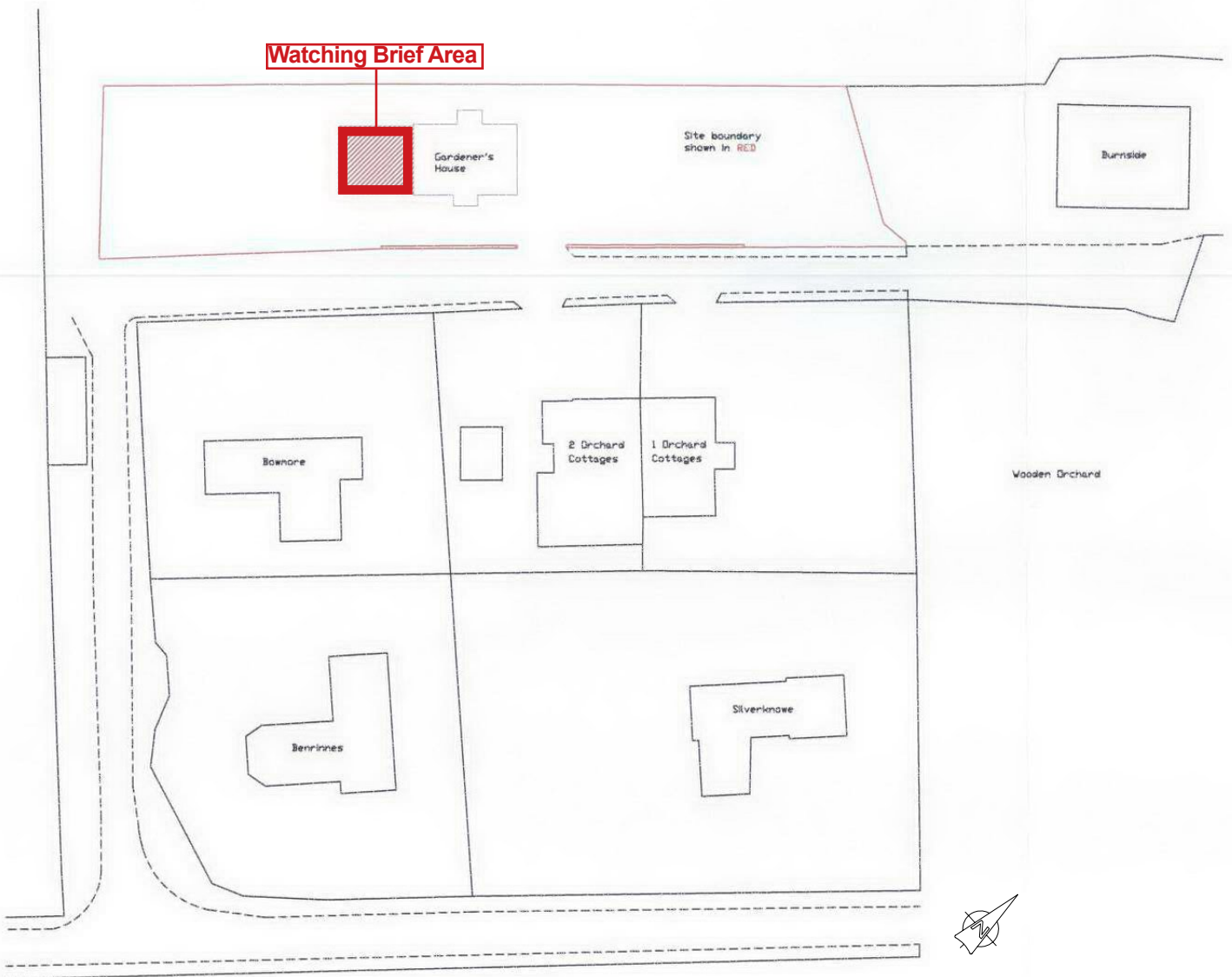
Photo No.	Description	From
1	Pre-ex view of watching brief area after de-turfing	SE
2	Pre-ex view of watching brief area after de-turfing	NW
3	Soil profile within foundation trench	NW
4	Soil profile within foundation trench	NW
5	Working shot	N
6	Working shot	N
7	Detail of pipe (003)	NE

APPENDIX 3: Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Scottish Borders Council
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Garden Cottage, Wooden, Kelso
PROJECT CODE:	WOOG
PARISH:	Kelso
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Stuart Mitchell
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	CFA Archaeology Ltd
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Archaeological Watching Brief
NMRS NO(S):	
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	None
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR	NT 7416 3382
START DATE (this season)	20 February 2013
END DATE (this season)	20 February 2013
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-works for an extension to Garden Cottage at Wooden, Kelso. The watching brief did not identify any features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
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Watching Brief Area



Key:

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Fig. 2 - Working shot and general view of site



Fig. 3 - Detail of foundation trench

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