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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

This report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in August 2015 within a development area on a residential property in Inveresk Village, East Lothian (NGR: NT 3448 7212) (fig. 1). The work was commissioned by EMA Architecture + Design Limited *per* Patrick Teague and was carried out on the 24th of August 2015.

1.2 Background

Planning permission has been granted for development of an extension at a residential property at Oliver's Mount, 3 Inveresk Village Road, Inveresk, East Lothian. Condition 1 requires that an archaeological programme of works is undertaken throughout the course of the development.

The development area is located within Inveresk Village, to the south of Musselburgh. It lies close to the scheduled Inveresk Roman fort and civil settlement (SAM No. 3285), the scheduled Roman civil settlement west of Inveresk Gate (SAM No. 3293), and the scheduled Inveresk House Roman civil settlement (SAM No. 1182).

Significant Roman remains have been excavated in the vicinity, including Roman building remains next door in the garden of Inveresk House (NMRS No. NT37SW 11). A Roman coin is recorded as having been found adjacent to the wall of the adjacent graveyard (NMRS No. NT37SW 35).

The proposed development area lies within the area of the Inventory status Battle of Pinkie, which was fought in 1547 and is reputed to have been the single largest battle fought within Scotland. It was the final major battle fought between the separate Kingdoms of Scotland and England prior to the Union of the Crowns in 1603. The Battle of Pinkie came as the culmination of Henry VIII's campaign, known as the Rough Wooing, to force the Scots to accept the marriage between his son Edward and the infant Mary, Queen of Scots. However, although Scotland lost the battle the marriage did not take place and Mary fled to France and married to the Dauphin, thereby renewing the Auld Alliance.

Previous archaeological work was undertaken within the property boundary in 2005 and 2011 (NMRS No. NT37SW 1166). Two shallow irregular features, thought to result from tree root disturbance and a wide steep-sided feature, filled with dark grey sand, of probable natural origins, were revealed. A fragment of Roman roof tile and eight pot sherds of Roman, medieval, and post-medieval date were recovered from colluvium. No archaeological features or deposits were discovered.

1.3 Objectives

The objectives of the project were:

- To establish the presence/absence, extent, condition, character, quality and date of any archaeological features or deposits within the proposed

development area through an archaeological watching brief during ground breaking works

- To establish the vulnerability of any archaeological features to the proposed development
- To propose mitigation measures where appropriate to avoid, reduce or offset any predicted negative impacts on the archaeological resource.

2. WORKING METHODS

Work was conducted with regard to the relevant Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' (CIfA) Standards and Guidance.

Four adjoining foundation trenches were excavated across an 8m by 6.5m area on the southern side of the property (Fig. 2). The trenches were excavated under constant archaeological supervision, using a mechanical excavator fitted with a smooth-bladed ditching bucket. Any archaeologically significant remains encountered were to be hand excavated.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

All trenches were excavated to a depth of between 0.6 and 0.8m, and a width of 0.6m. The stratification revealed comprised an upper deposit **(000)** (figs. 3&4) of dark brown/black silty sand/turf with a maximum depth of 0.3m which overlay a subsoil deposit **(001)** of dark brown sandy silt, with black and orange flecking visible throughout (Figs. 3 & 4). Natural substrate was not reached in any part of the trench.

At the northern end of the foundation trenches adjoining the existing house, concrete rubble was excavated related to the foundations of a previous modern conservatory extension (fig. 5), which was demolished in preparation for the new extension.

No archaeological remains or deposits were uncovered.

4. CONCLUSIONS

A watching brief was undertaken during groundbreaking works for the foundations of a new residential house extension in Inveresk Village, East Lothian. No archaeological remains or deposits were uncovered. No significant remains or deposits were encountered throughout the watching brief.

Based on the results of the watching brief CFA recommends that no further work be undertaken. However, the final decision on this rests with ELCAS on behalf of the planning authority.

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 East Lothian Council Sites and Monuments Record.

A summary statement of the results from this project will be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland*. An online OASIS entry will also be completed.

APPENDIX 1: Context Register

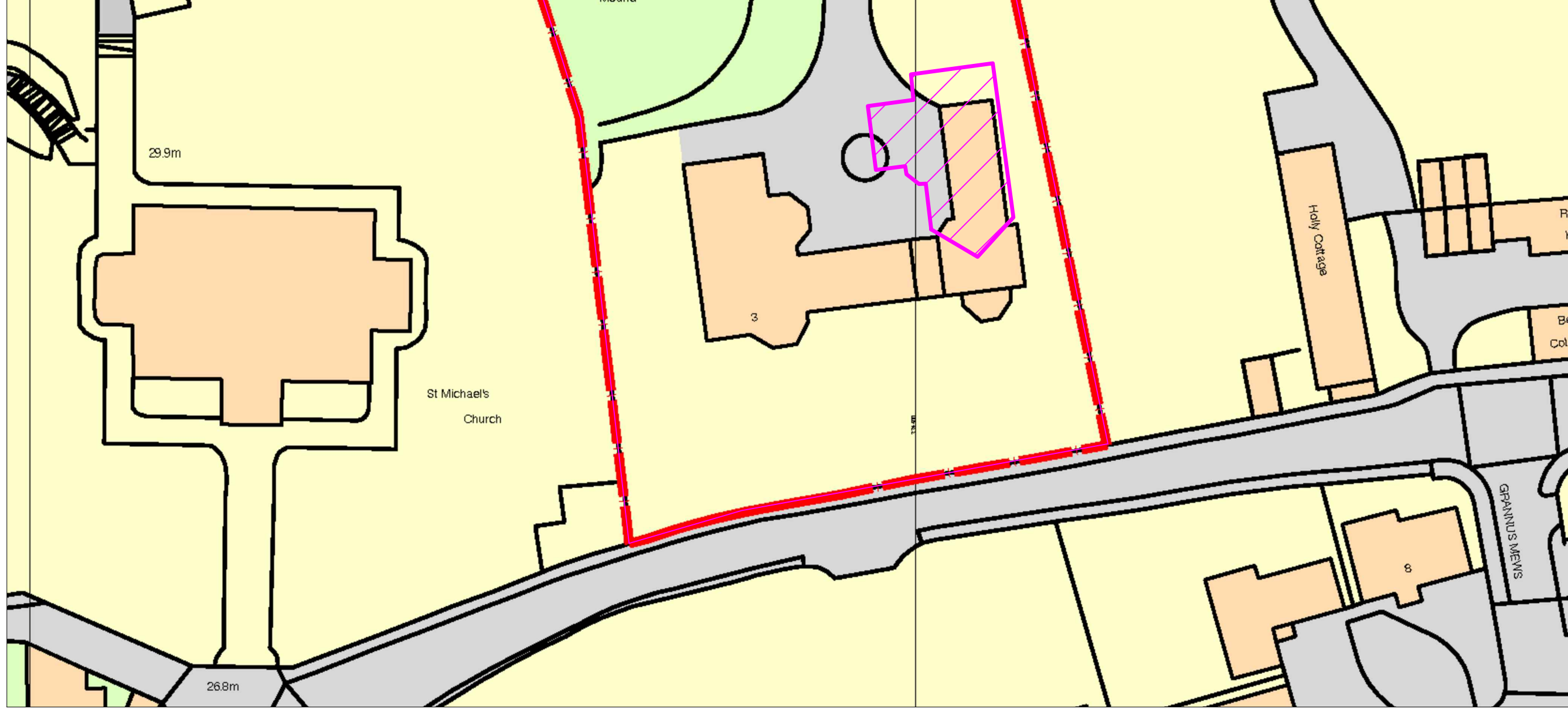
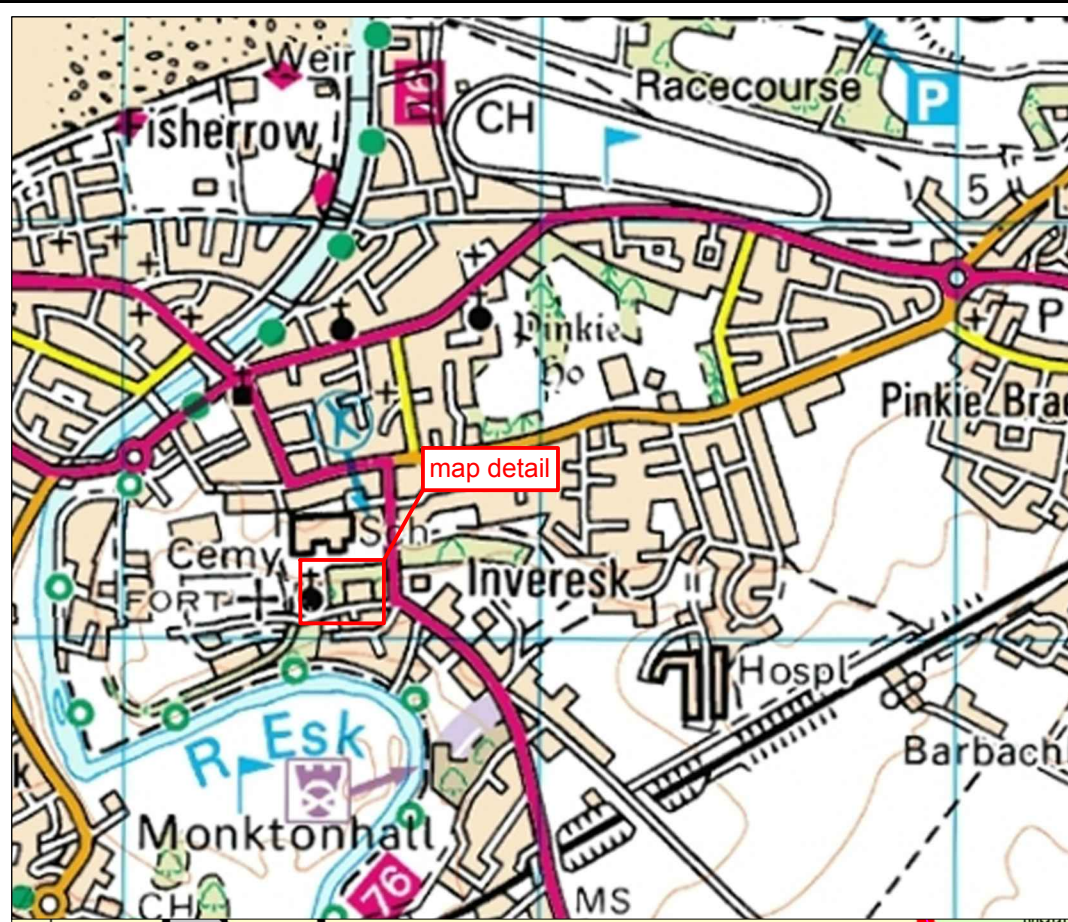
Context	Fill of	Trench	Description
000		All	Topsoil – dark brown/black silty sand with inclusions of roots and occasional concrete rubble
001		All	Subsoil – dark brown sandy silt with occasional orange and black mottling

APPENDIX 2: Photographic Register

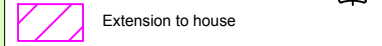
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1	General shot of site during levelling prior to excavation	SW	Bright
2	General shot of site during levelling prior to excavation	W	Bright
3	Area to be excavated post-levelling	SW	Bright
4	Excavation of eastern trench	N	Bright
5	Stratigraphy and depth of eastern trench	W	Bright
6	Stratigraphy and depth of central trench	W	Bright
7	Eastern trench fully excavated	N	Bright
8	Excavation of western trench	NNW	Bright
9	Modern foundations and rubble at N end of trenches, adjoining existing house	S	Bright
10-11	Stratigraphy and depth of western trench	W	Bright
12	General shot of foundation trench layout post-excavation	SE	Bright
13	General shot of foundation trench layout post-excavation	S	Bright
14	General shot of foundation trench layout post-excavation	E	Bright

APPENDIX 3: Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	East Lothian
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PROJECT CODE:	EXIN
PARISH:	Inveresk
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Ewan MacNeilage
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	CFA Archaeology Ltd
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Watching Brief
NMRS NO(S):	-
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	-
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	-
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NO 618 501
START DATE (this season)	August 2015
END DATE (this season)	August 2015
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	Archive Assessment - cfaarcha1-208829
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	A watching brief was undertaken during groundbreaking works for the foundations of a new residential house extension in Inveresk Village, East Lothian. Trenches were excavated within an 8m by 6.5m area to a depth of 0.6 to 0.8m. No archaeological remains or deposits were encountered throughout the watching brief.
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Fig. 2 - Layout of foundation trenches post-excavation



Fig. 3 - Final depth of easternmost trench showing stratigraphy



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Fig. 4 - Final depth of westernmost trench showing stratigraphy



Fig. 5 - Remains of modern conservatory foundations on northern side of trenches adjoining existing house



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