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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 April 2016 for a single dwelling house at Black Castle Farm, nr Innerwick, Dunbar, East Lothian (NGR: NT 73559 72549) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Kevin White Architecture on behalf of Miss Kirsty Thompson.

1.2 Background

Miss Thompson has a planning application (Ref. No. 14/00861/PPP) approved for a single dwelling house near Black Castle Farm. This development consists of the construction of a new housing, drive and parking area. The planning permission is subject to an archaeological condition requiring a trial trench evaluation.

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (dated 14 March 2016) was prepared to cover the programme of works. These were produced by CFA on behalf of Kevin White Architecture. The WSI was approved by the East Lothian Council Archaeology Officer.

1.3 Objectives

The project's aims and objectives were:

- To establish the presence/absence, extent, condition, character, quality and date of any archaeological features or deposits within the proposed development area through trial trenching evaluation;
- To establish the vulnerability of any archaeological features to the proposed development;
- To propose mitigation measures.

2. WORKING METHODS

2.1 General

CFA Archaeology Ltd follows the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidance as necessary.

2.2 Evaluation

Three trenches (Figs. 1-4) were excavated with a total combined area of 72m² (slightly more than 8% of the total proposed development area).

Topsoil and subsoil were removed by a JCB 3CX mechanical excavator equipped with a 1.5m wide 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.

All excavation and on-site recording was carried out according to standard CFA procedures, principally by drawing, by photography and by completing standard CFA record forms.

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 summary of the trenches excavated is contained in Appendix 2.

Prior to starting it was clear that the hillside had been terraced at an earlier date to create the platform upon which the evaluation took place. The client confirmed that this had taken place in the past.

3.2 Trial Trenching

The soil deposits were variable in depth ranging from 0.25m to 0.8m. They predominantly consisted of dark brown silty-clay topsoil (**001**) overlying orange-red sandy clay natural (**003**). However, the artificial terracing of the area had affected the natural stratigraphy and in Trenches 1 and 2 a mix of re-deposited natural and topsoil (**002**) could be seen lying on top of the in situ topsoil whereas in trench 3 there was no topsoil as the natural had been cut into to form a level area. No features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance were revealed.

4. CONCLUSIONS

An archaeological trial trenching evaluation was carried out in advance of the construction of a single dwelling house. Three trenches were excavated but no features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance identified.

No further work is recommended in relation to this development. However, it is recognised that the final decision on any mitigation required lies with the East Lothian Council Archaeology Officer.

The project archive, comprising all CFA record sheets, maps and reports, will be deposited with Historic Environment Scotland and copies of reports will be lodged with the East Lothian Council Sites and Monuments Record.

A summary statement will be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* (Appendix 3) and will also be reported on through *OASIS Scotland*.

APPENDIX 1: Photographic Register

Photo	Description	From
1	Pre-ex photo	SE
2	Pre-ex photo	NW
3	Photo showing difference in height between field to the NE and the development area	SW
4	View towards access from Black Castle Farm	NW
5	Trench 1 general view	SE
6	Section edge of trench 1 showing mixed subsoil consisting of redeposited topsoil and natural	NE
7	Section edge of trench 1 showing mixed subsoil consisting of redeposited topsoil and natural	SW
8	Trench 2 general view	NW
9	Photo showing difference in height between field to the NE and the development area, with ranging rod	SW
10	Trench 3 general view	SE
11	Post-ex view of area	SE

APPENDIX 2: Summary of Excavation Results

Trench Number	Trench Size (m)	Depth of Deposits	Features
1	23 by 1.5	0.4-0.7m	N/A
2	18 by 1.5	0.6-0.8m	N/A
3	7 by 1.5	0.25m	N/A

APPENDIX 3: Discovery and Excavation In Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	East Lothian Council
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Proposed new dwelling house at Black Castle Farm, Nr Innerwick, Dunbar, East Lothian
PROJECT CODE:	CINN
PARISH:	Innerwick
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Samantha Hickman
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	CFA Archaeology Ltd
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Evaluation
NMRS NO(S):	N/A
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	N/A
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	N/A
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NT 736 725
START DATE (this season)	April 2015
END DATE (this season)	April 2015
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	N/A
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	An archaeological trial trenching evaluation was carried out in advance of the construction of a single dwelling house near Black Castle Farm. Three trenches were excavated. No features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance were identified.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:	None
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ARCHIVE LOCATION (intended/deposited)	Archive to be deposited with HES, Reports lodged with SMR and HES.



Black Castle Cottage



- Key:**
- Site Boundary
 - New building footprint
 - Trenches
 - Area available for evaluation



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Scale at A3:
1:400

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Fig. 2 Trench 2 from the north-west



Fig. 3 Trench 1 from the south-east

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Fig. 4 Trench 3 from the south-east

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