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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

This report presents the results of a post-felling walkover survey undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in August 2015 prior to the construction of Andershaw Wind Farm, near Crawfordjohn, South Lanarkshire (NGR: NS 842 255). The work was commissioned by Andershaw Wind Power Limited.

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) dated 28 May 2014 covering this programme of works was produced by CFA and approved by West of Scotland Archaeology Service (WoSAS).

1.2 Background

Andershaw Wind Farm Limited has been granted planning permission (Ref: CL/07/0454) from South Lanarkshire Council for the development of eleven wind turbines within a commercial forestry plantation, measuring c. 4km² at Andershaw, near Crawfordjohn, South Lanarkshire. The terms of the planning consent required a programme of archaeological works including post-felling walkover survey.

The Environmental Statement (Entec 2007) recorded twelve cultural heritage sites and features within the proposed development site, consisting principally of post-medieval agrarian features and several quarries.

1.3 Objectives

In accordance with the brief the objectives of the project were to 'protect and preserve by record known sites, and to identify through post-felling survey the presence, character and quality of any archaeological sites which lie within the proposed development area and that may be affected by construction works'.

The objectives of the post-felling survey were to:

- To carry out a post-felling walkover survey of the turbine locations along with their associated infrastructure, comprising a 100m corridor centred on the tracks and turbine base locations
- To mark-off sites **Entec 11**, **22685** and **22686**
- To survey site **13296** prior to the access track upgrade.

2. WORKING METHODS

CFA Archaeology Ltd follows the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' 'Code of Conduct' (CIfA 2014).

The walkover survey encompassed the areas felled for the wind farm infrastructure, and which comprised the turbine locations and access track corridors.

All on-site recording was carried out according to standard CFA procedures. The position of identified assets (and where appropriate their extents) were logged using a GPS with typical sub-metre accuracy. The baseline condition of identified assets was recorded on pro-forma monument recording sheets and by digital photography.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

3.1 **Post-felling survey**

Four previously recorded cultural heritage sites were identified during the post-felling survey: a sheepfold **22686**, a sheep shelter **Entec 11**, and two quarries **Entec 6** and **Entec 8**. Three additional features were also recorded: a building **cfa100** and two quarries **cfa101** and **cfa102**. Details of these features are presented in Table 1 and shown on Figure 1. A list of photographs of the sites is presented as Appendix 1

No remains of a previously recorded sheepfold **22685** now survive. The location of this site was still afforested at the time of the survey. It seems likely that sites **22685** is the same as **22686**, with the discrepancy between grid references being a result of one of the site records being recorded from the First Edition Ordnance Survey map (**22686**) and one being recorded from aerial photographs (**22685**). Therefore, it seems likely that site **22685** did not ever exist at the grid reference associated with that site record.

Site no	Easting	Northing	Baseline condition				
22686	284667	625707	The remains of a well-preserved dry-stone sheepfold stand in a forest clearing c. 25m north-east from an existing forest track. The sheepfold is roughly oval in plan and measures 19m by 17m with walls 1.5m high. Two walls run from the north-west and south-west corners of the sheepfold for c.8m and c.5m, respectively. An entrance, c.3m wide, is present in the north-east arc of the sheepfold (Figures 2 and 3).				
Entec 6	283387	624985	A large quarry is located c. 30 m north of the Glespin to Crawfordjohn public road, adjacent to an existing forest track. The quarry measures c.65m by 30m and is 2m deep. It is partially grass-covered although a large amount of stone debris is visible at its base.				
Entec 8	284180	624603	A bedrock ridge is aligned west-north-west by east-south-east c.100 m north-east of the Glespin to Crawfordjohn public road. At least four quarries have been cut into the bedrock ridge, ranging in size from 10m by 8m to 70m by18m and up to 3m deep.				
Entec 11	284313	624583	The remains of a well-preserved dry-stone sheep shelter stand on a north-west facing slope, just south-east of a former quarry. The sheep shelter is roughly horse-shoe shaped, open to the north-west and measures 30m at its widest part. The remains of a small square, dry-stone structure, which abuts the sheep shelter on its south-east side, measures c.1m by 1m (internally) with walls 0.5m high. The exact function of this structure is not known, but it may be a possible lambing pen or small shepherd's shelter (Figures 4 and 5).				
cfa100	285158	625353	The tumbled remains of a dry-stone building survive at the base of a small quarry cfa102 . The building is rectangular in plan and measures c.2.5m by $2m$ and up to 0.4m high. The				

Table 1. Gazetteer of Cultural Heritage Sites identified during Post-felling Survey

			structure is partially covered in moss and turf and no internal features or an entrance are visible. Its function is unknown, although it may have been a small shelter for the quarry workers (Figure 6).
cfa101	285141	625353	A small roughly oval quarry cut into the edge of a bedrock knoll. The quarry measures 6m by 5m and is c.1.5m deep. It is partially water-filled.
cfa102	285158	625359	A possible quarried bedrock edge is c.22m long and 1.5m high. The quarried edge is largely covered in moss, but tumbled stone is visible at its base.

3.2 Detailed Survey of an Enclosure (Site 13296)

Field survey carried out in 1992 (Ward 1992) had recorded the presence of the enclosure (RCAHMS Ref no: NS82NE 23) and remnants of rig and furrow cultivation on the south-east flank of Auchensauch Hill. A pre-construction survey of the enclosure was carried out to record the current baseline condition of the site.

The remains of the enclosure were identified on a gentle slope, on the edge of an improved pasture field, just north of the former conveyor road at NGR: 285744 626980. The conveyor road has been cut into the natural slope of the hill down to a maximum depth of between 1.5m and 2m and much of the enclosure was evidently destroyed during road construction; only its north-western arc now survives (Figures 7-11). The enclosure remains are crossed by a modern post- and wire-fence and a trident electric overhead power line runs passed the eastern side of the enclosure remains.

The surviving portion of the enclosure bank is 3m-4m wide and 0.4m high (Figures 8 and 9). There are no obvious stones within the bank, but the faint outline of what may be the remnants of a groove, as recorded by Ward (1992), are visible partially running along the centre of the bank. A possible ditch, which runs around the enclosure is visible on the surface as a depressions c. 0.5m-1m wide and 0.2m-0.3m deep (Figure 10). The ditch is filled with dense grass and reeds and was difficult to define, and it seems probable that excavation would reveal it to be both broader and deeper.

Little survives of the interior of the enclosure, it having been largely removed by the construction of the former conveyor road. What does survive is grass-covered, and no internal features were visible.

No upstanding remains of the enclosure were visible on the southern side of the conveyor road. This side of the conveyor road has been disturbed both during the construction of the conveyor route, which ran along the southern edge of the road, and during the removal of the conveyor itself following the closure of Glentaggart Mine (Figure 11). It is, therefore, considered that it is unlikely that any buried remains of the enclosure survive on the southern side of the conveyor road.

No surface traces were identified of the rig and furrow cultivation that was recorded along the slopes of Auchensaugh Hill in 1992.

4. MITIGATION

Sites 13296, 22686, Entec 11 and cfa100-102 were marked-off with canes and bunting. Where possible a 10m stand-off buffer from the edge of the upstanding remains was included within the demarcated areas. Durable fencing will be placed around each of the sites by the Infrastructure Contractor prior to construction works commencing. No further work is recommended in relation to these sites.

No construction works are necessary along the northern edge of the former Glentaggart Mine conveyor road as part of the upgrading works to form the access to the proposed Wind Farm. Therefore, the surviving upstanding remains of the enclosure **13296** will not be affected. Taking this into account, it was agreed with WoSAS that no further mitigation would be required in relation to this site.

The project archive, comprising all CFA record sheets, maps and reports, will be deposited with the National Monuments Record of Scotland (NMRS).

Following the completion of this project, an online entry into OASIS will be submitted and a *Discovery & Excavation in Scotland* entry will be submitted.

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APPENDIX 1: Photographic Register

Photo no	Site no	Photo description	Taken from	
ANDE_001	-	General shots of felled area around Turbine 2	-	
ANDE_002	-	General shots of felled area around Turbine 2	-	
ANDE_003	22686	General shot of sheepfold	NE	
ANDE 004	22686	General shot of sheepfold NE		
ANDE 005	22686	General shot of sheepfold (showing sheepfold E		
—		entrance)		
ANDE 006	22686	General shot of sheepfold	SE	
ANDE 007	-	General shots of felled area around Turbine 4	-	
ANDE 008	-	General shots of felled area around Turbine 4	-	
ANDE 009	-	General shots of felled area around Turbine 4	-	
ANDE 010	cfa100	General shot of quarry	SW	
ANDE 011	cfa100	As above	E	
ANDE 012	cfa100 - cfa102	General shot of building and quarry	W	
ANDE 012	cfa 100	General shot of building	N	
ANDE 014	cfa100 - cfa102	General shot of building and quarries marked-off	-	
ANDE 015	cfa100 - cfa102	General shot of building and quarries marked-off	-	
ANDE 013		General shot of building and quarters marked-on General shots of felled area around Borrow Pit 2	-	
ANDE 017	-	General shots of felled area around Borrow Pit 2	-	
ANDE 017 ANDE 018	-	General shots of felled area around Borrow Pit 2 General shots of felled area around Borrow Pit 2	-	
ANDE 018 ANDE 019				
	Entec 8	General shots of quarrying	ESE/SE ESE/SE	
ANDE_020	Entec 8	General shots of quarrying		
ANDE_021	Entec 8	General shots of quarrying	ESE/SE	
ANDE_022	Entec 8	General shot of quarrying in ridge – quarry	ESE	
		appears to have been re-used for construction of		
	F (0	forestry access road		
ANDE_023	Entec 8	General shot of bedrock ridge	SE	
ANDE_024	-	General shot of Turbine 10 construction area	SW	
ANDE_025	Entec 8	General shot of quarry (adjacent to sheep shelter Entec 11)	NNW	
ANDE_026	Entec 8	General shot of quarry (adjacent to sheep shelter Entec11)	lter NNW	
ANDE 027	Entect 11	General shot of sheep shelter	NW	
ANDE 028	Entect 11	General shot of sheep shelter	NW	
ANDE 029	Entect 11	Small possible lambing pen or shelter abutting	SE	
		Sheep shelter	~-	
ANDE 030	Entect 11	Small possible lambing pen or shelter abutting	SW	
		Sheep shelter		
ANDE 031	Entec 6	General shot of quarry	SW	
ANDE 032	Entec 6	General shot of quarry	SW	
ANDE 033	Entec 6	General shot of quarry	SW	
ANDE 034	22686	General shot of sheepfold marked-off	SW/S	
ANDE 035	22686	General shot of sheepfold marked-off	SW/S	
ANDE 036	13296	SE-facing section of enclosure bank (and poss	SE	
		ditch; NE arc) where truncated by conveyor road		
ANDE 037	13296	As above – close up of bank ES		
ANDE 038	13296	Enclosure bank at NE arc	ESE	
ANDE 039	13296	Enclosure bank and ditch at NE arc	ESE	
ANDE 040	13296	Enclosure bank at approx. centre point (of ENF		
ANDE_040	15470	surviving bank section) showing 'hint' of central		
		surface depression recorded by T Ward in 1992		
ANDE 041	13296			
ANDE 041 ANDE 042				
	13296	Enclosure bank at S arc		
ANDE_043 ANDE_044	13296	Enclosure bank and ditch at S arc S		
	13296	S-facing section of enclosure bank (and possible	SE	

Photo no	Site no	Photo description	Taken from	
ANDE_045	13296	As above – close up of bank	SE	
ANDE_046	13296	General shot of enclosure marked-off	SW	
ANDE_047	13296	General shot of enclosure marked-off	SSW	
ANDE_048	13296	As above – also showing SE-facing section of	S	
		enclosure/truncation by road		
ANDE_049	13296	General shot of area on opposite side of conveyor	NW	
		road to enclosure		
ANDE_050	Entec 11	General shot of sheepfold marked-off NW		
ANDE_051	Entec 11	General shot of sheepfold marked-off N		

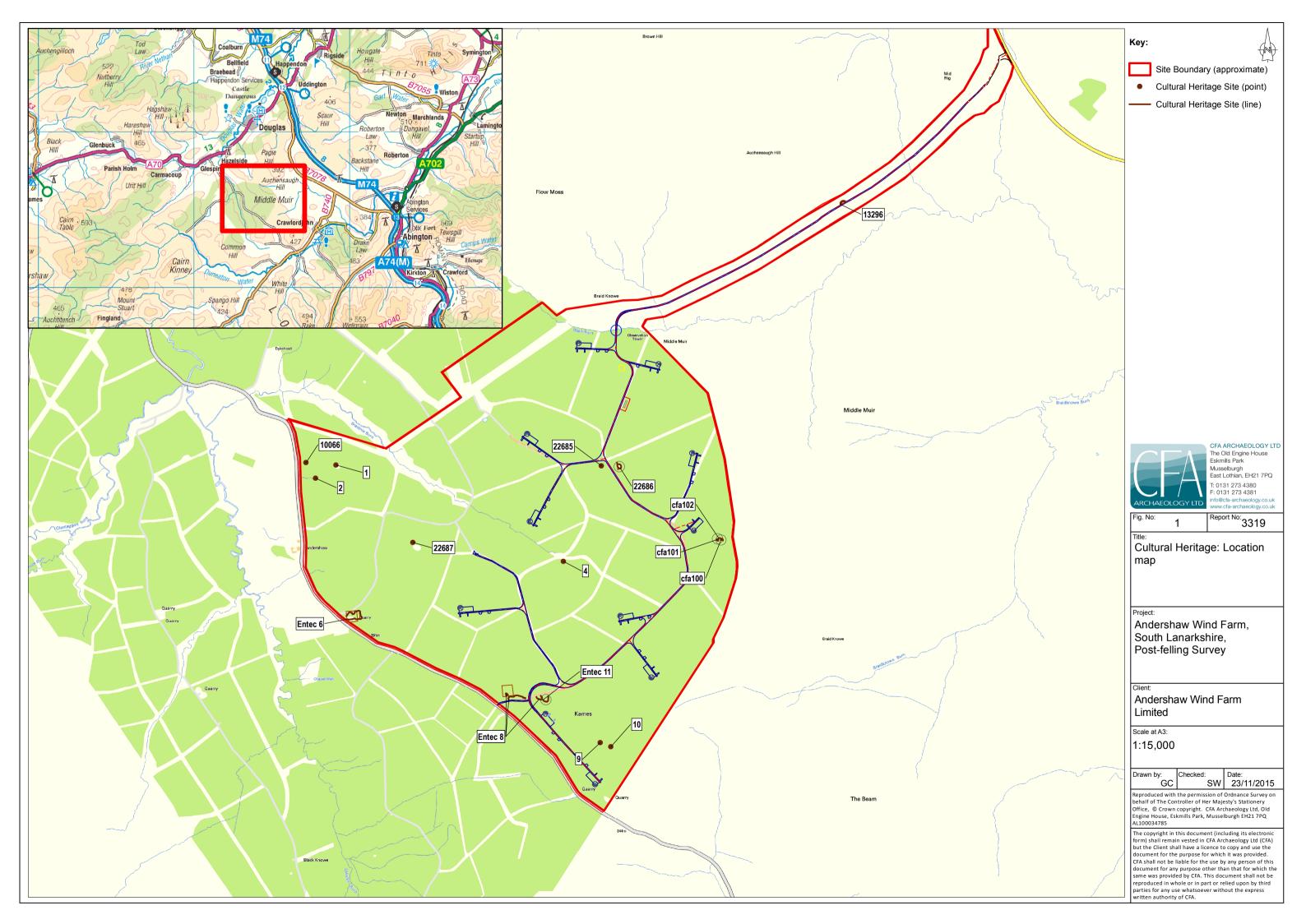




Fig. 2 Sheepfold 22686 taken from the east



Fig. 3 Sheepfold 22686 taken from the south-east



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Fig. 4 Sheep shelter Entec 11 taken from the north-west



Fig. 5 Small shelter abutting south-east side of sheep shelter Entec 11, taken from the south-west



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Fig. 6 Building cfa100 taken from the west



Fig. 7 Enclosure 13296 taken from the south-west

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Fig. 8 Enclosure 13296, section through bank taken from the south-east



Fig. 9 Enclosure 13296, enclosure bank taken from the east-south-east



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Fig. 10 Enclosure 13296, section through enclosure bank and possible ditch taken from the south-east

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Plan of Enclosure **13296** over arial photograph

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