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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

This report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief carried out by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in June 2020 during the replacement of a water main (Fig. 1) (NGR: NO 31687 34396 to NO 32097 34065). The work was commissioned by Scottish Water.

A Written Scheme of Investigations (WSI) dated 28 February 2020 was produced by CFA for this programme of works. The WSI was designed to fulfil the requirements of Aberdeenshire Council Archaeology Service (ACAS), archaeological advisers to Angus Council, and was agreed in advance of works.

1.2 Background

ACAS identified two areas of archaeological sensitivity. The proposed route of the water main runs close to a large circular enclosure (NO33SW0003) and through the edge of cropmarks of a prehistoric unenclosed settlement (NO33SW0062), as well as through part of, the site of a farmstead (NO33SW0087). A watching brief was required on groundworks along the section of pipeline works across these fields.

1.3 Objectives

The project's aims and objectives were:

- To carry out a targeted watching brief during ground breaking works
- To prepare a suitable report on the findings.

2. WORKING METHODS

2.1 General

CFA follows the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidelines as appropriate. Recording of all elements was carried out following established methods.

2.2 Watching Brief

The ground-breaking works were undertaken using a mini-digger with a smooth bladed ditching bucket. All ground-breaking works were carried out under constant archaeological supervision.

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.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

The watching brief was maintained during all ground breaking required for the water main around Denhead, Fowlis, between grid references NO 31687 34396 and NO 32097 34065. The excavated trench measured 0.5m wide by approx 450m long and was excavated within agricultural land (Fig. 2-3).

The trench contained 0.25-0.8m of orange-brown sandy topsoil over natural silts and sands with angular boulders.

No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were recorded.

4. CONCLUSION

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during the excavation of a pipe trench at Denhead. No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were recorded.

The project archive, comprising all CFA record sheets, maps and reports, will be deposited with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and copies of reports will be lodged with Angus Council Sites and Monuments Record.

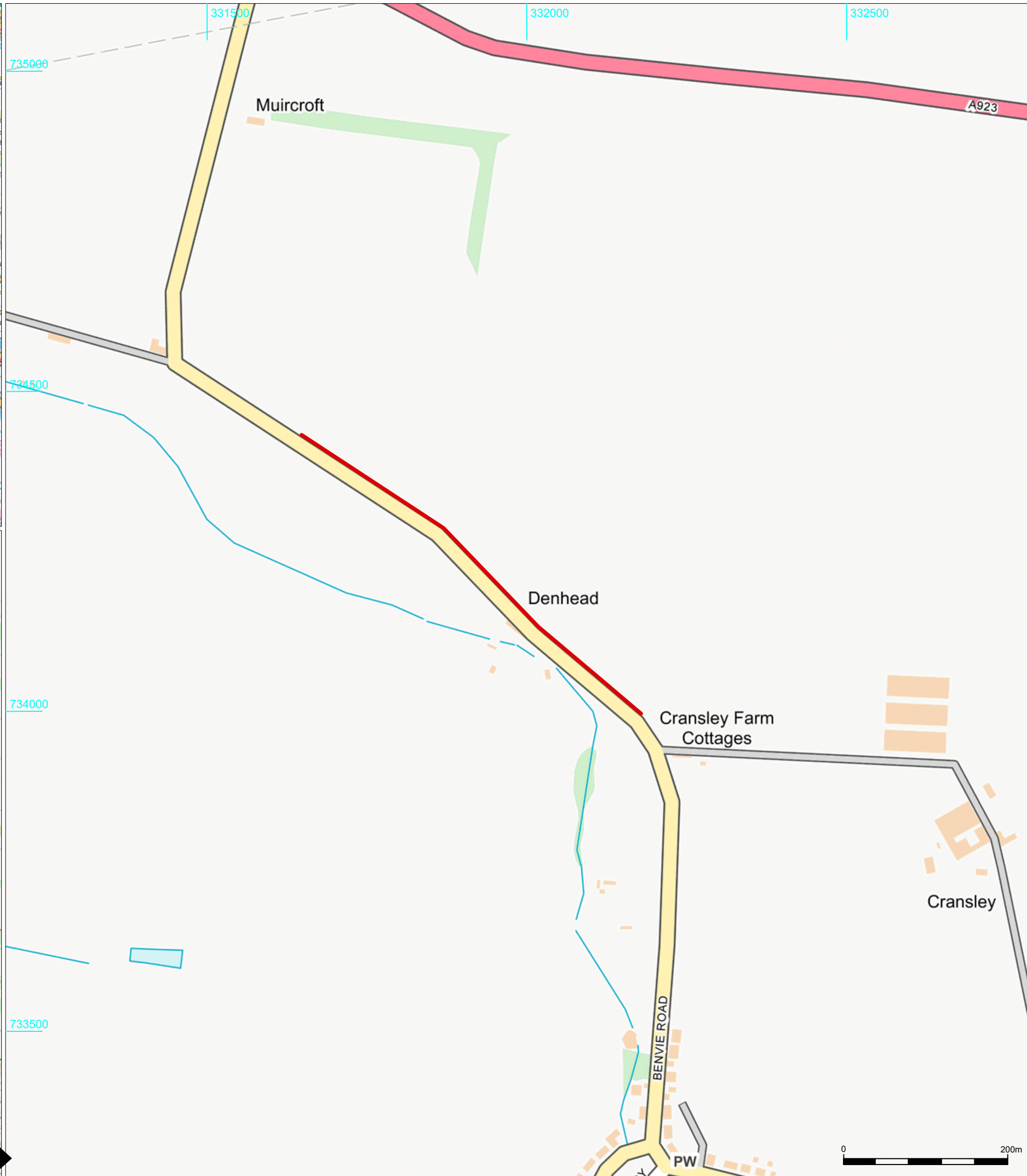
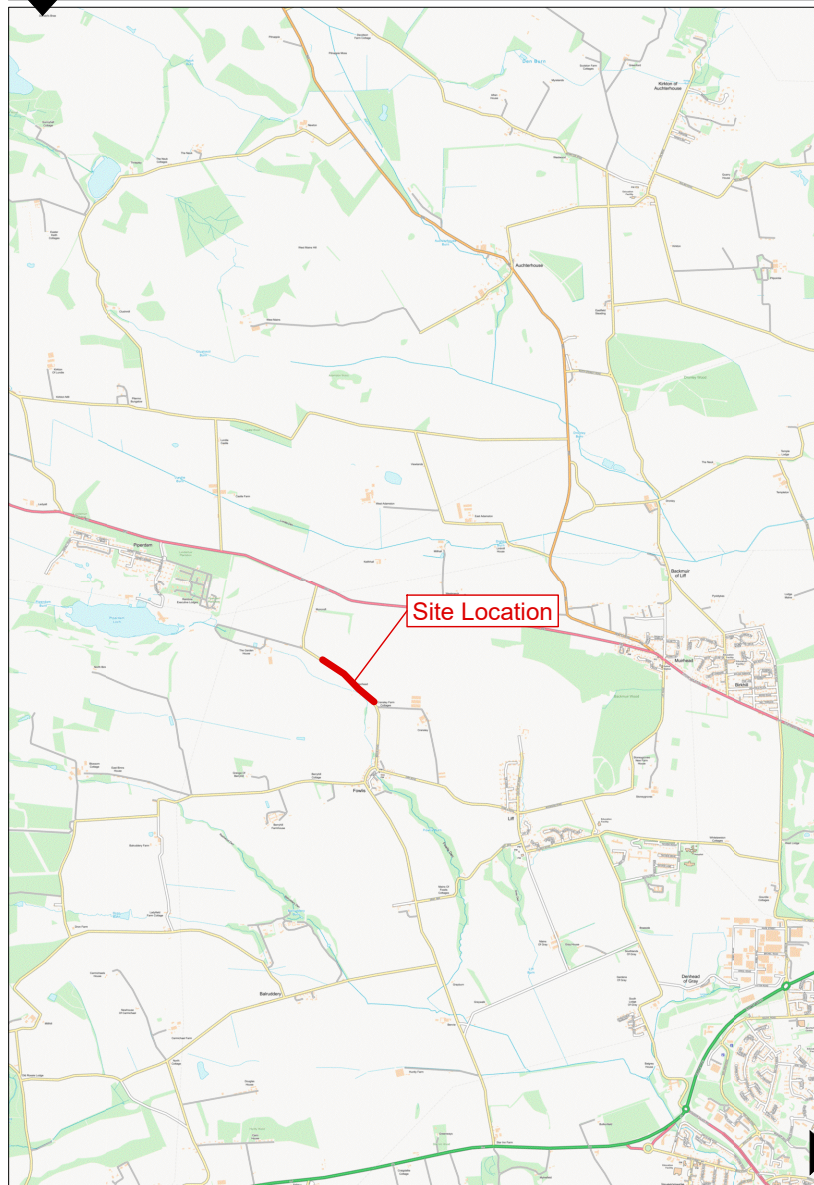
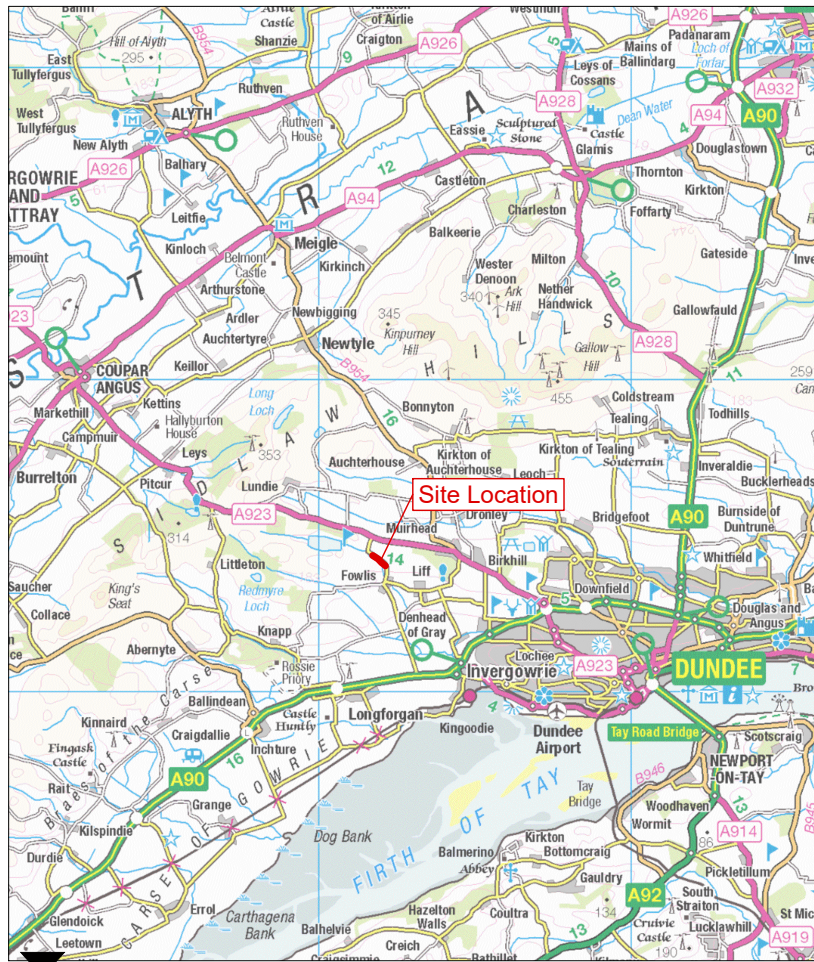
A summary statement will be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* (Appendix 2) and will also be reported on through *OASIS Scotland*.

APPENDIX 1: Photographic Register

Shot No.	Summary description of subject	Facing
1	Excavated trench from the north-western end looking south-east	SE
2	Excavated trench from the south-eastern end looking north-west	NW

APPENDIX 2: Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Angus
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Balbeuchley West Water Main Replacement
PROJECT CODE:	BEWW
PARISH:	Fowlis Easter
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Melanie Johnson
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	CFA Archaeology Ltd
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Watching Brief
NMRS NO(S):	
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	N/A
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NO 31687 34396 to NO 32097 34065
START DATE (this season)	June 2020
END DATE (this season)	June 2020
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	N/A
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by CFA during the excavation of a replacement water main pipe trench at Denhead, near Fowlis, Angus. No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were recorded.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:	None
SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:	Scottish Water
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ARCHIVE LOCATION (intended/deposited)	Archive to be deposited with HES, Reports lodged with SMR.



Key:

— Watching Brief Area

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Fig. 2 - Excavated trench from the north-western end looking south-east



Fig. 3 - Excavated trench from the south-eastern end looking north-west

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