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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 September 2010 at Blair House Reclamation and Surface Mine Site, Fife (NGR: NT 0328 9009) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Scottish Resources Group.

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) dated 24 August 2010 was produced by CFA and approved by Mr Douglas Speirs, the Fife Council Archaeologist.

### **1.2 Background**

Consent was granted for a surface mine site at land near Blairhouse in Fife, subject to the conduct of a programme of archaeological mitigation measures in advance of development. In consultation with Mr Douglas Speirs, the Fife Council Archaeologist, it was agreed that two fields in the south-eastern part of the development area (Areas A and B on Fig. 1) should be evaluated by a 5% trial trenching strategy. It was agreed that the remainder of the development area, which had been compromised by previous mining or forestry, would not be evaluated. This programme supersedes the scope of works presented in the Environmental Statement prepared by RPS Planning & Development in April 2007 (RPS 2007) and in their *Archaeological Mitigation Strategy* (RPS nd).

The area to be evaluated (Fig. 1) covered two areas. Area A was a stubble field. The field had two distinct slopes which crested on to level plateaus to the east and west. The slopes were separated by a pronounced, broad U-shaped dip. The field was bounded on all sides by mature tree cover in the form of woodland and shelterbelts. The only exception to this was a stretch of the northern boundary which ran parallel to a track running east to west in the area. Two overhead electricity power lines crossed the field. One ran roughly ENE to WSW across the southern part and the other ran east to west across the northern part.

Area B was bounded by stubble fields to the east; a shelterbelt to the south; and to the north and west by scrubland that had historically been forestry plantation. Area B was a pasture field at the time of the fieldwork. A deeply incised burn ran to the north of the field. The land adjacent to the burn was relatively flat, with lush ground level vegetation predominating. This plateau gave way quite sharply to a moderately steep north-facing slope which crested and levelled out to the south.

No archaeological features had been identified in either of the two areas (RPS 2007). The First Edition Ordnance Survey map depicts a road running east to west between Areas A and B. A portion of this road survives as a track which runs parallel to the boundary of Area A, before petering out. Its probable course, as indicated on the First Edition Ordnance Survey map, now lies within a broad shelterbelt on the same alignment.

No previous invasive archaeological fieldwork is known to have taken place within the proposed development area prior to this evaluation.

### 1.3 Objectives

The objectives of the evaluation were to evaluate the development area to establish the presence or absence, location, extent, date and character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains within the development site; and to establish their significance and vulnerability to the proposed development.

## 2. WORKING METHODS

### 2.1 General

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

### 2.1 Evaluation

Ninety-nine trenches of varying dimensions were excavated, amounting to c.7000m<sup>2</sup> (c 5% of the proposed development area). A 10m buffer zone was maintained when trenching in the proximity of overhead power lines. All trenches were excavated using a 360° mechanical excavator equipped with a smooth-bladed ditching bucket 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.

Trench positions were surveyed using industry standard electronic GPS surveying equipment and all trenches were backfilled on completion.

## 3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

### 3.1 Introduction

Numbers in bold refer to contexts, a full list of which is contained in Appendix 1. A summary of the trenches excavated is contained in Appendix 4.

### 3.2 Area A

Sixty-two trenches with a combined total area of 4410m<sup>2</sup> were excavated in Area A. The topsoil (**001**) was soft, sterile, clayey-silt and was on average 0.3m to 0.35m in depth. Depths of 0.25m were recorded in trenches at higher datum. Horse-shoe field drains c. 0.1m in width and orientated north to south were recorded in most trenches. These field drains, of probable 18<sup>th</sup> century date, were laid very shallow, but presumably beyond the depth of post-medieval horse ploughing. The natural substrate was typically firm, yellowy-orange boulder clay (**000**). All trenches contained deep

plough scores of modern origin which could be seen striating the natural substrate, cutting some horse-shoe drains in the process.

The remains of relict rig and furrow cultivation furrows could be seen in some trenches (Fig. 1). The surviving cultivation furrows were heavily truncated and were either orientated roughly north to south, or north-east to south-west. The furrows were spaced approximately 7m apart (centre-to-centre) and were c. 1-2m in width and less than 0.1m in depth. Two heavily truncated cultivation furrows orientated east to west were recorded in Trenches 10 and 12.

The truncated remains of a narrow concave gully (**008**), 0.53m wide by 0.14m in depth and orientated north-east to south-west were recorded in Trench 38. The feature was filled by a single deposit of soft, dark-grey, silty-clay (**009**). It is the preferred interpretation that this feature is either a truncated field boundary or drainage channel and is probably post-medieval in date.

Trench 18 contained two irregular-shaped negative features (**004 & 006**) which were both interpreted as large stone hollows.

### **3.3 Area B**

Thirty-seven trenches with a combined total area of 2597m<sup>2</sup> were excavated in Area B. The topsoil (**001**) was as previously described, with shallower deposits noted at higher datum (see 3.1.2). At lower datum the topsoil reached a maximum depth of 0.4m. A sterile and homogenous layer of slope-wash (**002**) had accumulated and was recorded on natural terraces on the north-facing slope of Area B. The deposit was c.0.1m thick and generally comprised friable greyish, mid-light brown silt. A layer of alluvial silty-clay (**003**) was recorded at lower datum.

The remains of cultivation furrows c.7m apart (centre-to-centre) were recorded in 23 trenches. The maximum depth of the cultivation furrows was c.0.15m with the maximum width in the region of c.2m. The remains, which were orientated roughly north to south, are presumed to be contemporary with those recorded in Area A. The fill of a furrow in Trench 99 contained a small, single sherd of green-glazed pottery which can be broadly dated to the period between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

## **4. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

An archaeological evaluation was carried out at Blair House Reclamation and Surface Mine Site, Fife. Trial trenching did not identify any features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance.

Evidence for pre-18<sup>th</sup> century rig and furrow cultivation was recorded. The remains of a narrow drainage gully or truncated ditch was recorded in Trench 38. The feature is presumed to be post-medieval in date and contemporary with the cultivation furrows identified.

CFA does not recommend any further archaeological work in relation to this development. However, the final decision on any further mitigation measures lies with the Fife Council Archaeologist.

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

A summary statement to be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* (Appendix 5) will be sufficient to disseminate the results of this programme of works. The project will also be reported on through *OASIS Scotland*.

## **5. REFERENCES**

RPS 2007 *Blair House Reclamation and Surface Mine Site, Fife: Environmental Statement*, RPS Planning and Development.

RPS nd *Proposed Reclamation and Surface Mining Site Blair House, Dunfrmline, Fife: Archaeological Mitigation Strategy*, RPS Planning and Development.

## APPENDIX 1: Context Register

No.	Trench/Area	Type	Description
000	Site	Deposit	Glacial till/ boulder-clay; generally firm, mottled yellow-orange clay with grey or pink mottles and occasional pockets of sand and small gravels, and cobbles and boulders.
001	Site	Deposit	Mid grey clay-silt topsoil, varying between 0.25m, and 0.35m in depth.
002	Field B	Deposit	Soft grey-brown silt slope wash, typically 0.1m in depth, which had accumulated on the north-facing slope in Area B.
003	Field B	Deposit	Alluvial silt-clay in Area B at the base of the north-facing slope, adjacent to the unnamed burn which is depicted on the First Edition Ordnance Survey Map.
004	Trench 18	Cut	Stone hollow, 1.95m by 0.48m and 0.24m deep.
005	Trench 18	Deposit	Mid grey clay fill of 004.
006	Trench 18	Cut	Stone hollow, 0.7m diameter and 0.40 m deep.
007	Trench 18	Deposit	Purple-grey silt-clay fill of 006.
008	Trench 38	Cut	Shallow gully, 0.53m wide by 0.14m deep.
009	Trench 38	Deposit	Dark-grey, silt-clay fill of 008.

## APPENDIX 2: Digital Photographic Register

No	Contexts/description	Taken from	Conditions
1 - 4	General pre-trench shots of site	Various	overcast
5	Shot of tree & scrub within area but not trenched	W	overcast
6	Post excavation shot of trench 1	W	overcast
7	Post excavation shot of trench 2	SW	overcast
8	Shot of section through cultivation furrow - trench 4	SW	overcast
9	Post excavation shot of trench 3	SW	overcast
10	Post excavation shot of trench 4	SW	overcast
11	Post excavation shot of trench 5	W	overcast
12	Shot of excavated field drain - trench 4	S	overcast
13	Post excavation shot of trench 6	W	rain
14	Post excavation shot of trench 7	W	rain
15	Post excavation shot of trench 8	W	rain
16	Post excavation shot of trench 9	S	rain
Void	Void	Void	Void
18	Post excavation shot of trench 12	S	sunny
19	Post excavation shot of trench 10	S	sunny
20	Shot of section through cultivation furrow - trench 10	E	sunny
21	Post excavation shot of trench 11	SE	sunny
22	Post excavation shot of trench 13	E	sunny
23	Post excavation shot of trench 14	E	sunny
24	Post excavation shot of trench 15	NE	sunny
25	Post excavation shot of trench 16	W	overcast
26	Post excavation shot of trench 17	S	sunny
27	Post excavation shot of trench 18	SE	sunny
28	Post excavation shot of trench 19	S	sunny
29	Post excavation shot of trench 20	SE	sunny
30	Post excavation shot of trench 21	SW	sunny
31	Post excavation shot of trench 22	NW	sunny



No	Contexts/description	Taken from	Conditions
32	Shot of section through stone hollow (004) - trench 18	SW	overcast
33	Post excavation shot of trench 23	S	sunny
34	Post excavation shot of trench 24	SW	sunny
35	Post excavation shot of trench 25	W	sunny
36	Post excavation shot of trench 26	S	sunny
37	Shot of section through stone hollow (006) - trench 18	SW	overcast
38	Post excavation shot of trench 27	E	sunny
39	Shot of backfilled trench 28	SE	sunny
40	Shot of stone hollow (004) exposed in plan - trench 18	SW	overcast
41	Shot of section through cultivation furrow - trench 24	S	overcast
42	Post excavation shot of trench 30	NE	overcast
43	Shot of truncated cultivation furrow - trench 31	E	overcast
44	Post excavation shot of trench 31	NW	overcast
45	Shot of section through cultivation furrow c/w field drain - trench 27	S	overcast
Void	Void	Void	Void
47	Post excavation shot of trench 33	W	overcast
48	Post excavation shot of trench 34	W	overcast
49	Post excavation shot of trench 35	W	overcast
50	Post excavation shot of trench 36	W	overcast
51	Post excavation shot of trench 37	N	overcast
52	Post excavation shot of trench 38	E	overcast
53	Post excavation shot of trench 39	W	sunny
54	Post excavation shot of trench 40	E	sunny
55	Post excavation shot of trench 42	S	sunny
56	Post excavation shot of trench 44	W	sunny
57	Shot of truncated cultivation furrow - trench 44	-	sunny
58	Post excavation shot of trench 45	SW	sunny
59	Post excavation shot of trench 47	SW	sunny
60	Shot of trench section/ sondage - trench 48	-	-
61	Post excavation shot of trench 49	SE	rain
62	Shot of truncated cultivation furrow - trench 49	E	rain
63	Post excavation shot of trench 50	N	rain
64	Post excavation shot of trench 52	NW	rain
65	Shot of truncated cultivation furrow - trench 52	E	rain
66	Post excavation shot of trench 51	NW	rain
67	Post excavation shot of trench 57	SE	rain
68	Post excavation shot of trench 53	SE	rain
69	Shot of truncated cultivation furrow - trench 53	E	rain
70	Shot of truncated cultivation furrow - trench 53	E	rain
71	Post excavation shot of trench 54	SE	rain
72	Post excavation shot of trench 60	S	rain
73	Post excavation shot of trench 58	NW	rain
74	Shot of truncated cultivation furrow - trench 59	SW	rain
75	Shot of truncated cultivation furrow - trench 59	SW	rain
76	Shot of truncated cultivation furrow - trench 59	NE	rain
77	General shot of trenching conditions	SW	rain
78	Working shot of conditions during excavation - trench 61	SE	rain
79	Post-excavation shot of gully/ truncated ditch 008	NE	rain
80	Shot of section through farm track in trench 74	S	overcast
81	Post excavation shot of trench 63	NW	overcast
82	Post excavation shot of trench 64	SE	overcast
83	Post excavation shot of trench 65	S	overcast

No	Contexts/description	Taken from	Conditions
84	Post excavation shot of trench 66	NW	overcast
85	Post excavation shot of trench 67	NW	overcast
86	Post excavation shot of trench 68	NW	overcast
87	Post excavation shot of trench 69	NW	overcast
88	Post excavation shot of trench 70	NW	overcast
89	Post excavation shot of trench 71	SE	overcast
90	Post excavation shot of trench 72	SE	overcast
91	Shot of trench 72: section showing 'slope-wash' deposit	-	overcast
92	Post excavation shot of trench 73	SE	overcast
93	Post excavation shot of trench 75	NE	Bright
94	Shot of truncated cultivation furrow - trench 75	-	Bright
95	Post excavation shot of trench 76	S	overcast
96	Post excavation shot of trench 77	S	overcast
97	Post excavation shot of trench 78	S	overcast
98	Post excavation shot of trench 79 - cultivation furrow in foreground	SW	overcast
99	Shot of truncated cultivation furrow - trench 79	S	overcast
100	Post excavation shot of trench 80	NE	overcast
101	Post excavation shot of trench 81	NE	overcast
102	Post excavation shot of trench 82	NE	overcast
103	Post excavation shot of trench 83	NE	overcast
104	Post excavation shot of trench 84	W	overcast
105	Post excavation shot of trench 85	S	sunny
106	Post excavation shot of trench 86	N	sunny
107	Post excavation shot of trench 87	N	sunny
108	Post excavation shot of trench 88	S	sunny
109	Shot of alluvial deposits in trench 88 section	-	overcast
110	Post excavation shot of trench 90	S	overcast
111	Post excavation shot of trench 91	E	overcast
112	Shot of alluvial deposits in trench 91 section	N	Bright
113	Shot of alluvial deposits in trench 91 section	N	Bright
114	Post excavation shot of trench 92	N	overcast
115	Post excavation shot of trench 93	W	Bright
116	Post excavation shot of trench 94	E	overcast
117	General shot of slope in Field B	NW	overcast
118	Post excavation shot of trench 95	W	overcast
119	Post excavation shot of trench 97	W	overcast
120	Post excavation shot of trench 98	W	overcast
121	Post excavation shot of trench 99	W	overcast
122	General shot of access into Field B	S	overcast
123	General shot of land to the west of Field B	E	overcast
124	General shot of farm track access into Field B	N	overcast
125	Shot of shelterbelt dividing Field A and Field B	W	overcast
126	Shot of track, route of which depicted on the First Edition OS map	W	overcast
127	Shot of Field A (east) from track	NW	overcast
128	Shot of Field A (east) from track	NW	overcast
129	Shot of Field A (east) from track	NW	overcast
130	Shot of track, route of which depicted on the First Edition OS map and shelterbelt in distance	W	overcast
131	Shot of Field A (west)	E	sunny
132	Shot of Field A (west)	E	sunny

### APPENDIX 3: Drawing Register

No.	Sheet	Scale	Plan / Section	Description/contexts
01	1	1:10	Section	South-east-facing section of cultivation furrow in Trench 4
02	1	1:100	Plan	Plan of Trench 4 showing cultivation furrow
Void	Void	Void	Void	Void
04	1	1:50	Plan	Plan of Trench 12 showing cultivation furrow
05	1	1:10	Section	South-facing section of cut of stone hollow (004) in Trench 18
06	1	1:50	Plan	Plan of Trench 18 showing cut (004) and (006)
07	1	1:10	Section	North-facing section of cut of stone hollow (006) in Trench 18
08	1	1:10	Section	South-facing section of cultivation furrow in Trench 24
09	1	1:50	Plan	Plan of Trench 24 showing cultivation furrow
10	1	1:10	Section	South-facing section of cultivation furrow and field drain in Trench 27
11	1	1:50	Plan	Plan of Trench 27 showing cultivation furrow and field drain
12	2	1:10	Section	South-east facing section of cultivation furrow in Trench 10
13	2	1:50	Plan	Plan of Trench 10 showing cultivation furrow
14	2	1:50	Plan	Plan of cultivation furrow in Trench 31
15	2	1:50	Plan	Plan of cultivation furrow in Trench 33
16	2	1:50	Plan	Plan of cultivation furrows in Trench 34
17	2	1:50	Plan	Plan of cultivation furrows in Trench 39
18	2	1:50	Plan	Plan of cultivation furrow in Trench 40
19	2	1:10	Section	West-facing section cut of probable gully or truncated ditch (008) in Trench 38
20	2	1:50	Plan	Plan of Trench 38 showing gully (008)

### APPENDIX 4: Summary of Excavation Results

Trench no	Dimensions (m)	Total Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Topsoil Depth (m)	Features
1	50 x 1.8	90	0.25	No archaeology
2	50 x 1.8	90	0.25	No archaeology
3	50 x 1.8	90	0.25	No archaeology
4	50 x 1.8	90	0.25	1 x cultivation furrow
5	50 x 1.8	90	0.25	No archaeology
6	40 x 1.8	72	0.25	No archaeology
7	40 x 1.8	72	0.3	No archaeology
8	40 x 1.8	72	0.3	No archaeology
9	40 x 1.8	72	0.3	No archaeology
10	40 x 1.8	72	0.3	1 x cultivation furrow
11	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
12	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	1 x excavated stone hollow
13	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
14	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
15	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
16	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
17	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	No archaeology
18	40 x 1.8	72	0.3	2 x excavated stone hollows (004 & 006)

<b>Trench no</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>	<b>Total Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Topsoil Depth (m)</b>	<b>Features</b>
19	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
20	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
21	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.35	No archaeology
22	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
23	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	No archaeology
24	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
25	40 x 1.8	72	0.3	No archaeology
26	40 x 1.8	72	0.3	No archaeology
27	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
28	40 x 1.8	72	0.3	No archaeology
29	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
30	30 x 1.8	54	0.3	1 x cultivation furrow
31	25 x 1.8	45	0.3	1 x cultivation furrow
32	15 x 1.8	27	0.3	No archaeology
33	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.35	1 x cultivation furrow
34	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	3 x cultivation furrows
35	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.4	No archaeology
36	40 x 1.8	72	0.4	No archaeology
37	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	No archaeology
38	40 x 1.8	72	0.4	1 x narrow gully or truncated ditch (008)
39	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	3 x cultivation furrows
40	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	No archaeology
41	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
42	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	1 x cultivation furrow
43	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	2 x cultivation furrows
44	35 x 1.8	63	0.3	3 x cultivation furrows
45	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.35	2 x cultivation furrows
46	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	4 x cultivation furrows
47	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	2 x cultivation furrows
48	40 x 1.8	72	0.4	No archaeology
49	40 x 1.8	72	0.3	2 x cultivation furrows
50	40 x 1.8	72	0.3	3 x cultivation furrows
51	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.35	1 x cultivation furrow
52	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.35	3 x cultivation furrows
53	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.35	2 x cultivation furrows
54	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.35	1 x cultivation furrow
55	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	2 x cultivation furrows
56	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	No archaeology
57	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	1 x cultivation furrow
58	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	No archaeology
59	30 x 1.8	54	0.35-0.4	1 x cultivation furrow
60	30 x 1.8	54	0.35-0.4	No archaeology
61	35 x 1.8	63	0.35	3 x cultivation furrows
62	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.35	No archaeology
63	40 x 1.8	72	0.25-0.35	1 x cultivation furrow
64	40 x 1.8	72	0.25-0.35	1 x cultivation furrow
65	40 x 1.8	72	0.25-0.35	No archaeology
66	40 x 1.8	72	0.25-0.35	1 x cultivation furrow
67	40 x 1.8	72	0.25-0.35	1 x cultivation furrow
68	40 x 1.8	72	0.25-0.35	No archaeology
69	40 x 1.8	72	0.25-0.35	No archaeology
70	40 x 1.8	72	0.25-0.35	1 x cultivation furrow

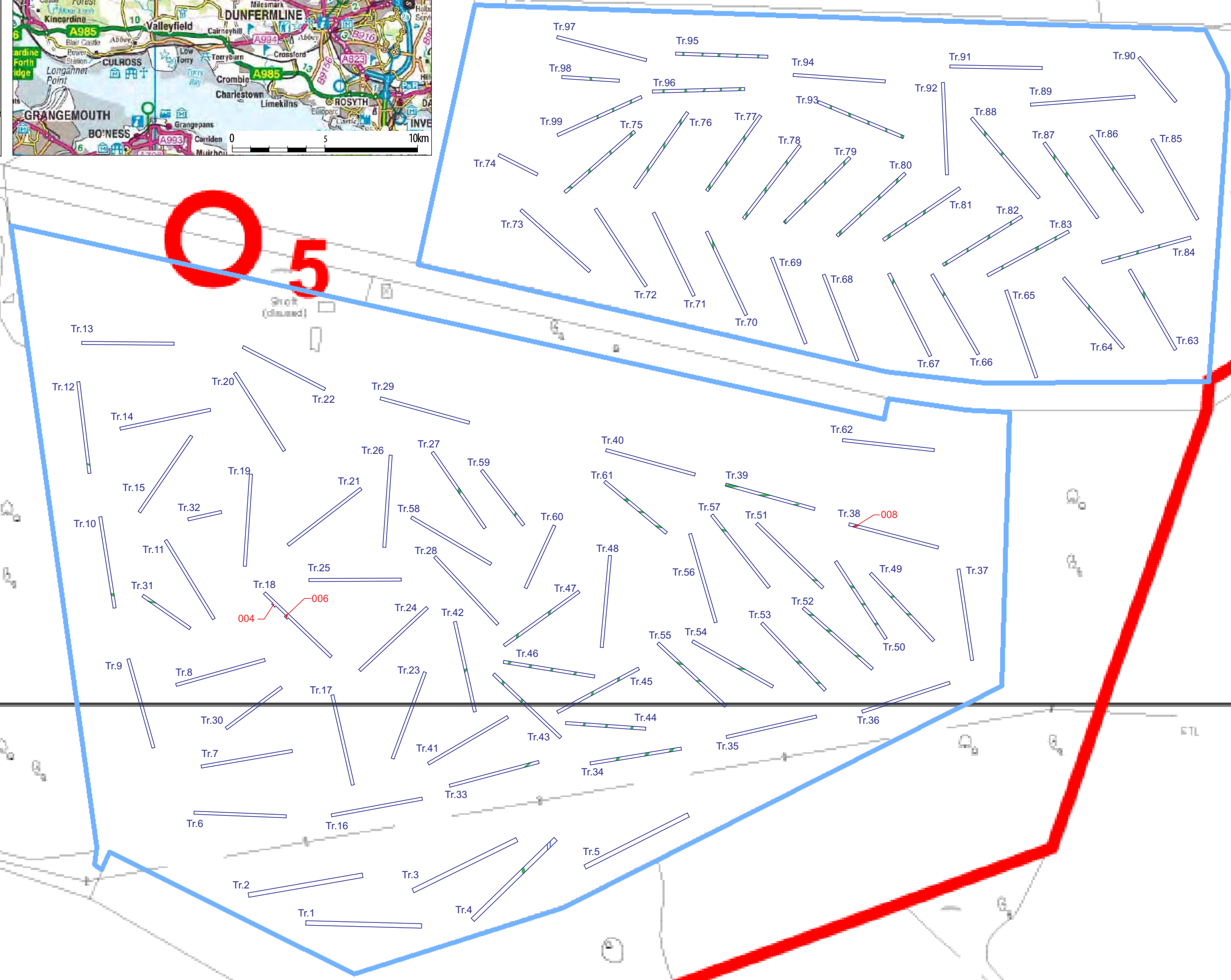
<b>Trench no</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>	<b>Total Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Topsoil Depth (m)</b>	<b>Features</b>
71	40 x 1.8	72	0.25-0.5	No archaeology
72	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.5	No archaeology
73	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.4	No archaeology
74	18 x 1.8	32	0.25-0.35	No archaeology
75	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	4 x cultivation furrows
76	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.35	3 x cultivation furrows
77	40 x 1.8	72	0.3-0.35	3 x cultivation furrows
78	40 x 1.8	72	0.3	3 x cultivation furrows
79	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	4 x cultivation furrows. A thin layer of slope-wash 0.1m in depth was recorded.
80	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	4 x cultivation furrows. A thin layer of slope-wash 0.1m in depth was recorded.
81	40 x 1.8	72	0.4	3 x cultivation furrows. 0.1m of slope-wash had accumulated at the northern end of the trench.
82	40 x 1.8	72	0.4	4 x cultivation furrows
83	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	3 x cultivation furrows
84	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	3 x cultivation furrows
85	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology. 0.35m of slope-wash had accumulated at the northern end of the trench
86	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	1 x cultivation furrow. 0.35m of slope-wash had accumulated at the northern end of the trench.
87	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	2 x cultivation furrows. A thin layer of slope-wash 0.1m in depth was recorded.
88	45 x 1.8	81	0.35-0.4	2 x cultivation furrows. A thin layer of slope-wash 0.1m in depth was recorded.
89	45 x 1.8	81	0.35	No archaeology: Trench excavated to 0.7m. Trench depth included c. 0.35m of alluvial silts and clays.
90	25 x 1.8	45	0.35	No archaeology: Trench excavated to 0.85m. Trench depth included 0.5m of alluvial silts and clays.
91	40 x 1.8	72	0.3	No archaeology: Trench excavated to 1.2m below the ground level. Overall depth included 0.9m of alluvial silts and clays.
92	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	No archaeology
93	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	5 x cultivation furrows
94	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	No archaeology
95	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	5 x cultivation furrows
96	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	5 x cultivation furrows
97	40 x 1.8	72	0.35-0.4	No archaeology
98	30 x 1.8	54	0.35	1 x cultivation furrow
99	40 x 1.8	72	0.35	3 x cultivation furrows

## APPENDIX 5: Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	Fife Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	Blair House Reclamation and Surface Mine Site, Fife
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	BLHO
<b>PARISH:</b>	Saline
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Phil Moore
<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>	CFA Archaeology Ltd
<b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>	Evaluation
<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	None
<b>NGR</b>	NT 0328 9009
<b>START DATE</b> (this season)	September 2010
<b>END DATE</b> (this season)	September 2010
<b>PREVIOUS WORK</b> (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)	N/A
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b> (May include information from other fields)	<p>CFA Archaeology conducted an archaeological evaluation within two fields forming part of the Blair House Reclamation and Surface Mine Site near Oakley, Fife. The evaluation covered 7007m<sup>2</sup> or c. 5% of the land available for archaeological trial trenching. A previous desk-based assessment had indicated that the land had been historically given over to plantation and coal exploitation. The evaluation targeted two fields which had historically remained undisturbed.</p> <p>Trial trenching in Field A uncovered horse-shoe field drains and relict rig-and-furrow cultivation. A narrow, shallow gully was excavated in Trench 38. The feature has been interpreted as either a drainage gully or a truncated ditch and is therefore deemed contemporary with the cultivation furrows and probably dates to a period around the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Trial trenching in Field B uncovered further remains of rig-and-furrow cultivation.</p> <p>No other features of archaeological interest were uncovered.</p>
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	None
<b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:</b>	N/A
<b>SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:</b>	Scottish Coal
<b>ADDRESS OF MAIN CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	The Old Engine House, Eskmills Park, Musselburgh, EH21 7PQ
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- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological Feature
- Rig and Furrow



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Fig 2 - Post excavation shot of Trench 26 Field A



Fig 3 - Part-excavation shot of cultivation furrow and field drain in Trench 27


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Fig 4 - Post-excavation shot of Trench 84 Field B



Fig 5 - Part-excavation shot of west facing section of gully/truncated ditch 008

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