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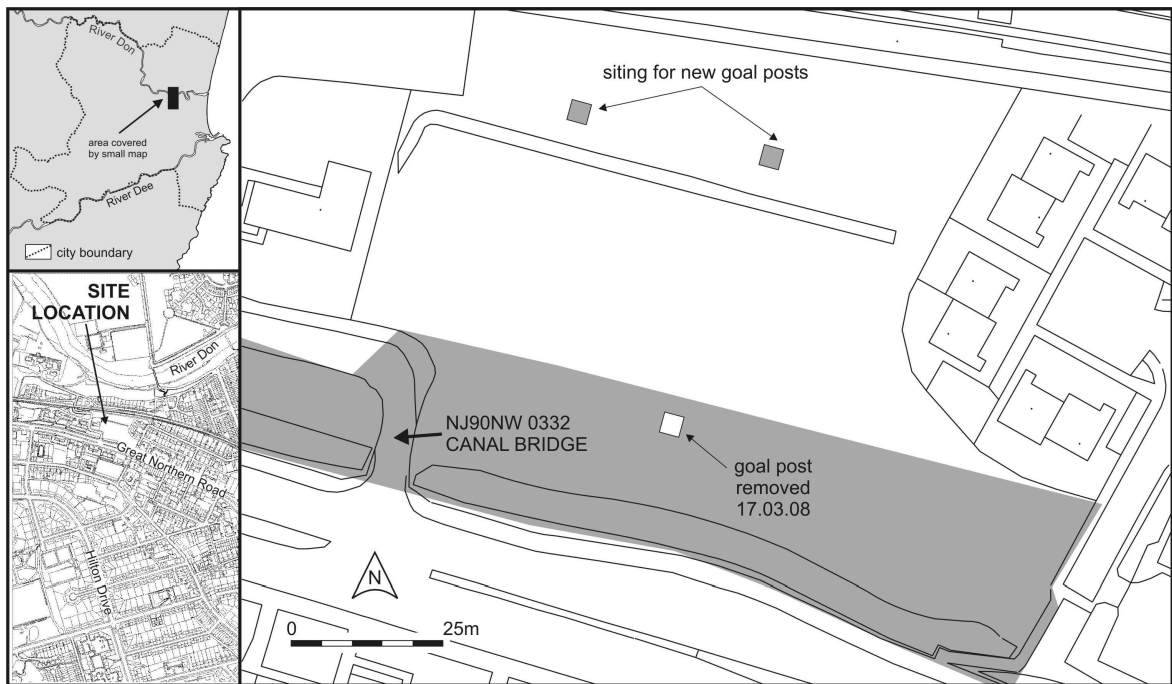
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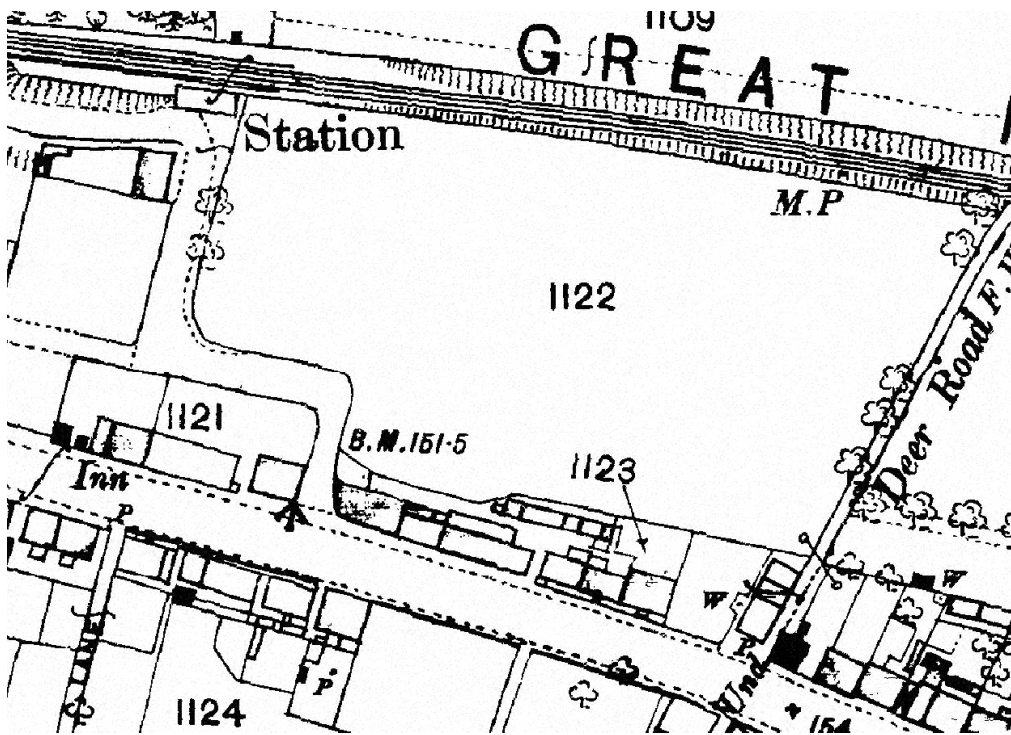
INTRODUCTION

The revamp of the play park at Station Road, Woodside includes the removal of goalposts from within the boundary of the Scheduled Ancient Monument, the remains of Aberdeenshire Canal, Station Road, Woodside, Aberdeen (NJ92250902). A well-preserved canal bridge (Aberdeen City Sites and Monuments Record No NJ90NW 0332) stands at the south-west of the play park (Ill 1).

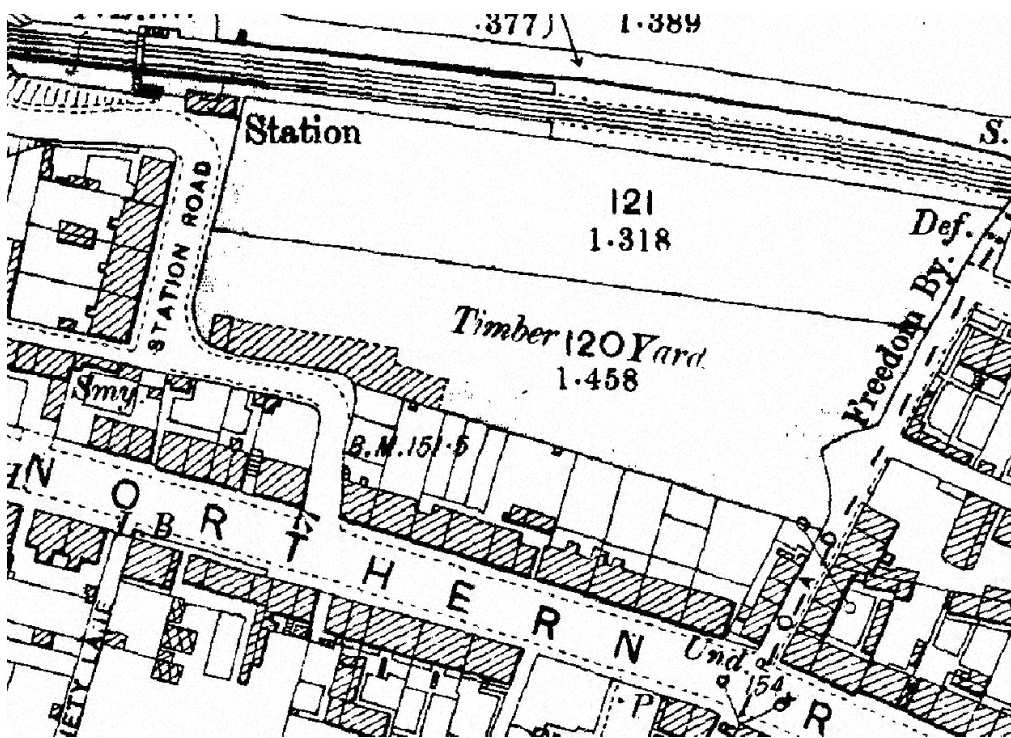
Much of this area has been built up in the past and presumably re-landscaped during the formation of the play park. Buildings can be seen on part of the site in 1867 and 1901 (Illus 2, 3) and Great Northern Road has been widened at this point taking in the land formerly occupied by these buildings on the north side of the road.



Illus 1 Location of site and details of scheduled area



Illus 2 1867 Ordnance Survey



Illus 3 1901 Ordnance Survey

RESULTS

The removal of the goal posts within the scheduled are was observed. A mini excavator was used with a small toothed bucket to create a small hole around each of the four feet of the goalpost.

The goalposts had been previously cemented into the ground and a hole dug for each foot at that time. During removal on 17 March 08, no *in situ* material was removed as these holes were just reopened to allow removal of the posts. The soil removed was loam with fragments of china and ceramic roof tile, mixed with redeposited sandy natural material.



Illus 4 The small trenches for the removal of the goalposts



Illus 5 The concrete pads originally holding the goalposts *in situ*

CONCLUSIONS

No archaeological features were recorded and no finds were collected.

RECOMMENDATIONS

If no further work is due to take place within this scheduled ancient monument area no further archaeological work is required during the revamp of this play park.

ILLUSTRATIONS

Front cover Top: the machine removing the goalposts

Bottom: Play park showing scheduled canal bridge (Aberdeen Sites and Monuments number NJ90NW 0332; top right)

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