

Archaeological Evaluation
Proposed new house and garage
Milndavie Road, Strathblane, Stirling Council



Site of new house looking North West (Campsie Fells in background)



8th February 2012

Introduction

This archaeological evaluation of the proposed footprint of a new house, garage and parking area was carried out for Mr Alistair Pickard to satisfy the archaeological condition on the planning consent for this development, as noted by Stirling Council Archaeology Service in the condition attached to Planning Application 11/00582/FLL dated 20th April 2011. It was undertaken by the author on Tuesday 7th February 2012 (Site Code STR01), weather conditions were cold, bright and sunny.

Archaeological Background (Illus 1-4)

The proposed development area lies in an area of greenfield which has not been subject to previous development and therefore has the potential to contain previously undiscovered archaeological remains that have survived beneath the active plough-zone from a variety of periods in Scotland's history and prehistory. The site lies directly adjacent to Milndavie mill and is shown as being undeveloped on the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1862.

Site Evaluation

Two trenches measuring 5m by 2m (A) and 7m by 2m (B) respectively were opened in the proposed footprints of the house and garage.

Trench A (Illus 5, 6 and 7)

This trench was opened on a West-East alignment within the footprint of the proposed garage and located the top of natural brown clay and stones at a depth of 0.46m below modern ground level. This natural clay was overlain by a deposit of light brown silty clay and stones 0.14m deep which was overlain by a black silty clay which contained ash, brick and stone and was 0.32m deep. There was no sign of archaeological deposits or features of any date.

Trench B (Illus 5, 8 and 9)

This trench was opened on a North East to South West alignment within the proposed footprint of the house and located the top of natural brown clay, gravel and stones at 0.20m below modern ground level. This natural deposit was overlain by a black silty clay which contained ash and stones. A linear cut feature c 0.27m deep was located towards the South Western end of this trench and on excavation proved to contain at least one fragment of a ceramic field drain.

Conclusions

The evaluation of the house and garage footprint located no archaeological deposits or features apart from one linear feature which appeared to be a former drainage trench probably of Victorian or Early Modern date. The results of this evaluation would suggest that there is be no need for any further work on the site prior to its redevelopment.

Cartographic Sources (<http://www.nls.uk/maps>)

Ordnance Survey Maps - Six-inch 1st edition, Scotland, 1843-1882

Acknowledgements

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Illustration List

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Illus 2 site at Milndavie Road as shown on 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1862 (© Trustees of National Library of Scotland)

Illus 3 Site location (behind trees to right of building) looking East

Illus 4 Milndavie mill looking South West

Illus 5 Location of Trenches A and B (based on supplied architects plan) Scale 1:300 at A3

Illus 6 Trench A looking West

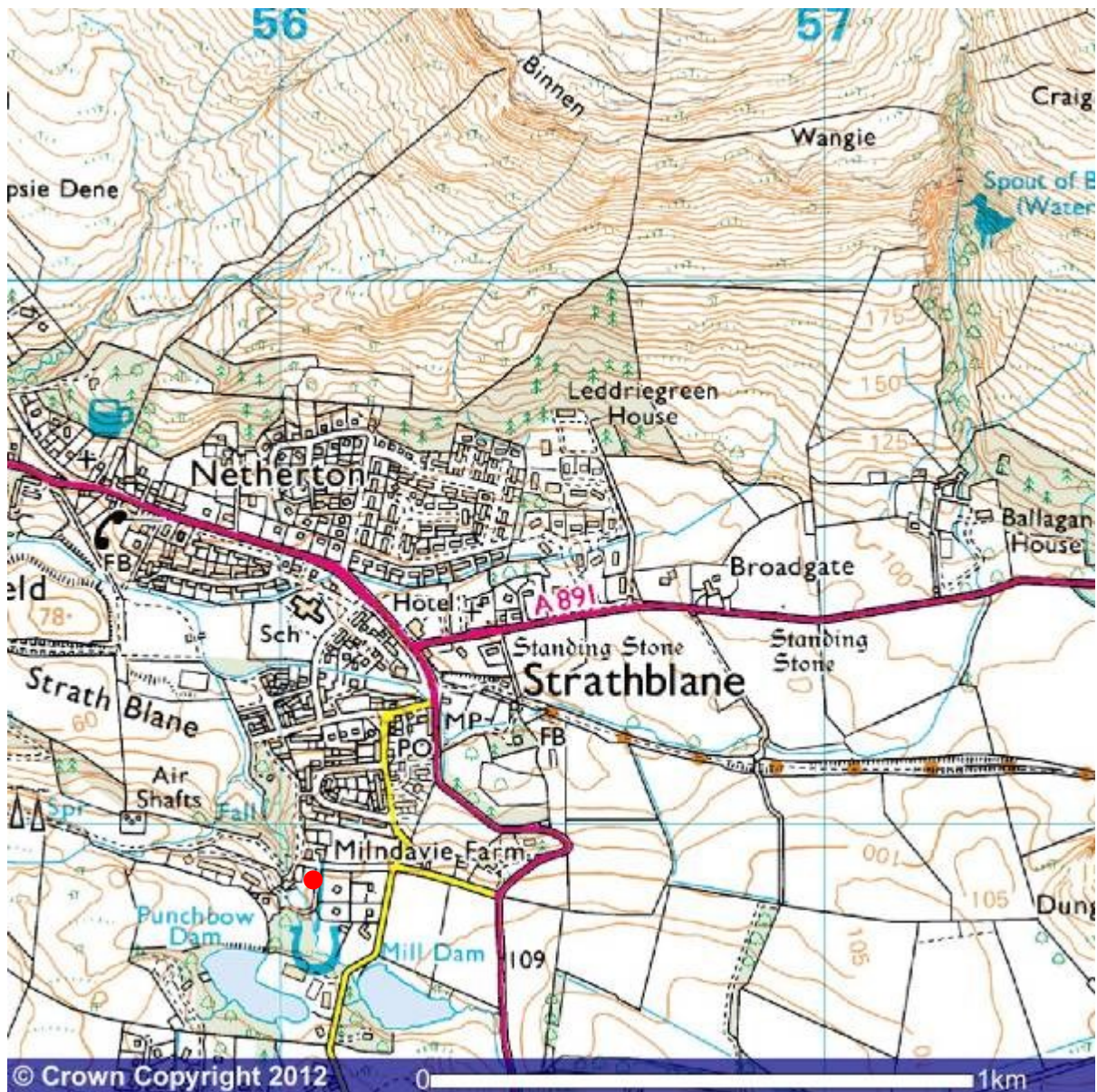
Illus 7 North facing section of Trench A

Illus 8 Trench B looking South West

Illus 9 Linear field drain trench in Trench B

Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Stirling
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	New house, garage and parking area Milndavie Road, Strathblane
PROJECT CODE:	STR01
PARISH:	Strathblane
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR(S):	Derek Hall
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	Derek Hall, archaeologist and ceramic specialist
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Archaeological Evaluation
NMRS NO(S):	N/A
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	None
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NS
START DATE	7 th February 2012
END DATE	7 th February 2012
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	A 5% evaluation of the site of a proposed new house, garage and parking area located no archaeological deposits or features apart from the course of a former field drain of Victorian or Early Modern date.
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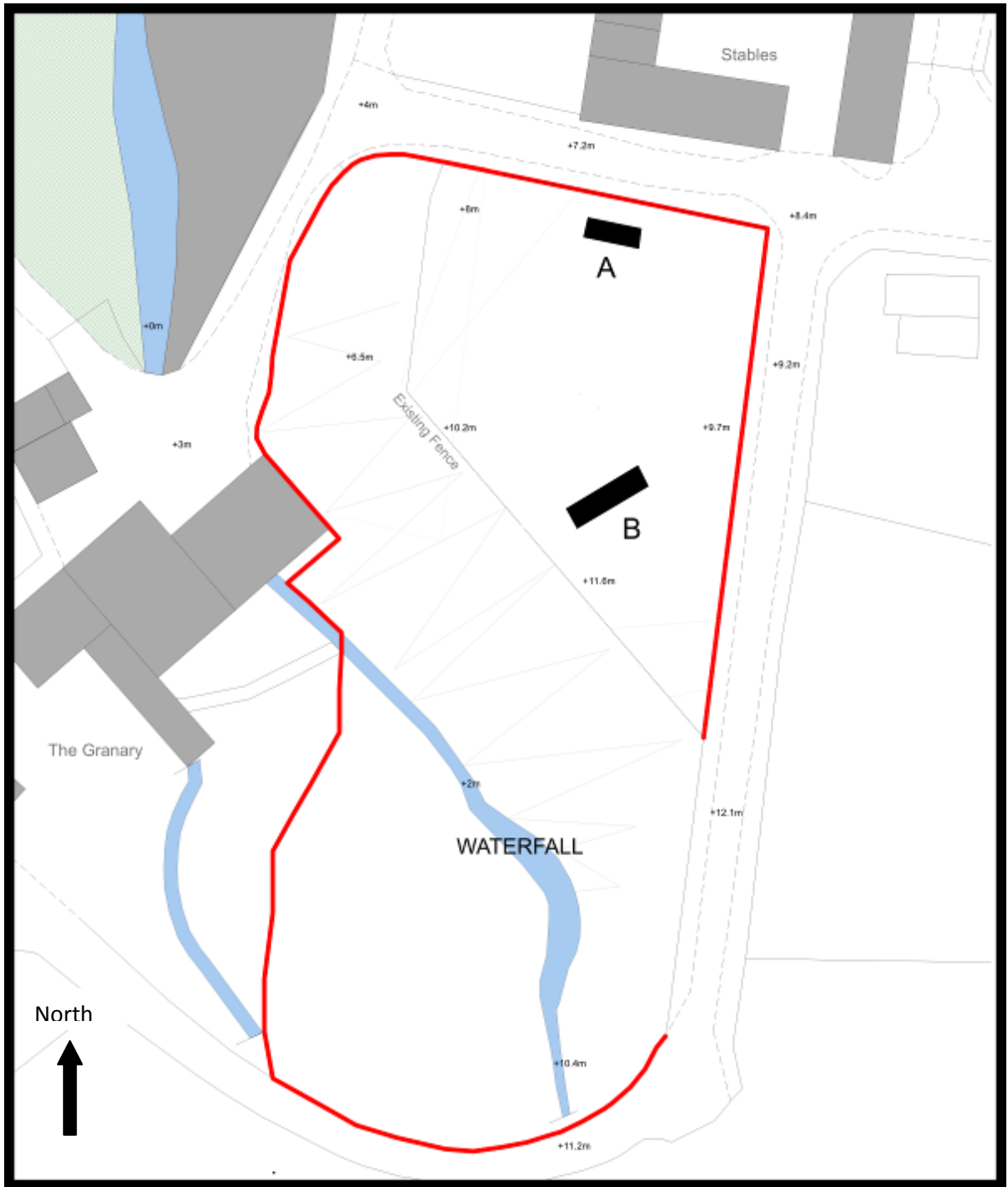
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Illus 7 North facing section of Trench A



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