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SUMMARY

A watching brief was carried out during the soil strip for the erection of a wind turbine. No archaeological contexts or finds were recorded and it is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during this development.

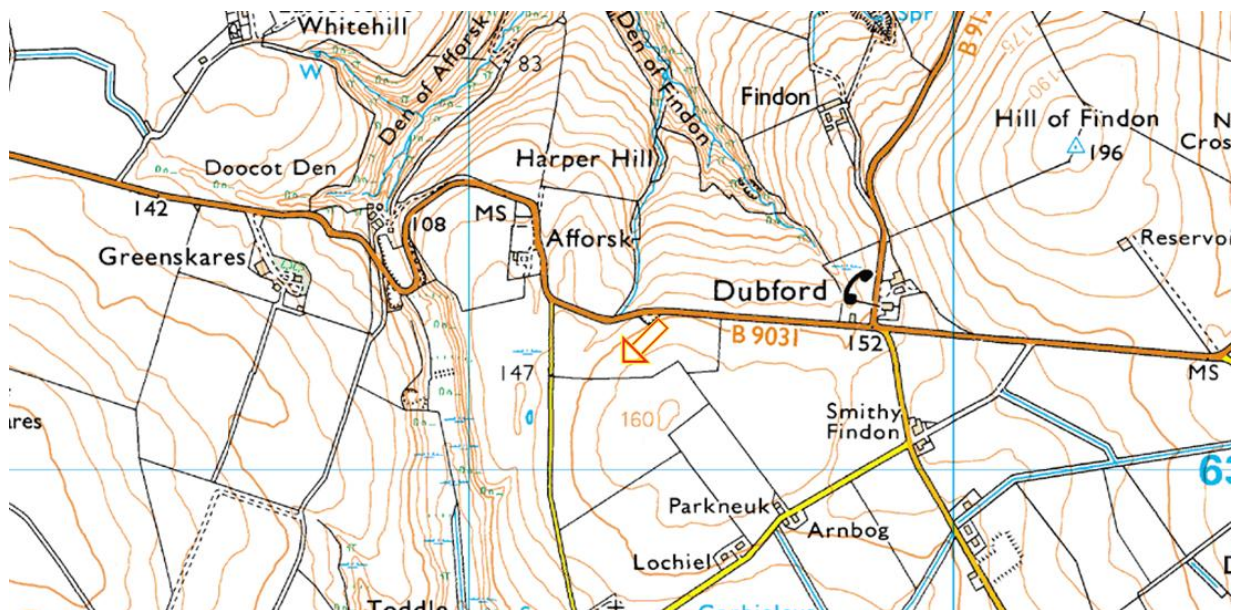
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1 INTRODUCTION

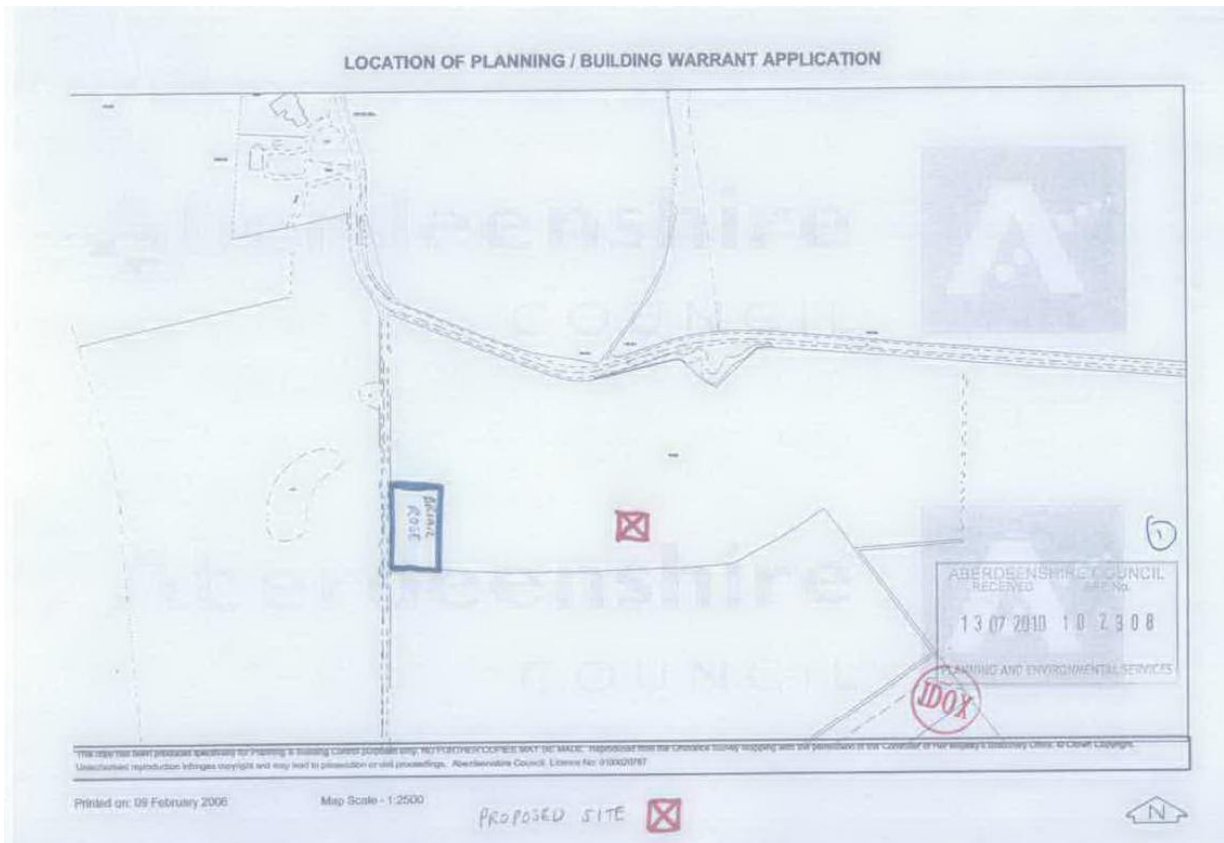
The site of the proposed wind turbine (Ill 1, 2) is located at NJ 79316, 63219 in Banff and Buchan, Gamrie Parish. The Aberdeenshire Planning reference is APP/2010/2308 which is full planning permission for erection of 1 No. 15kw C&F Green Energy CF15 Wind Turbine on a 15m mast (Total Height 21m)

The work was commissioned by Brian Paton, Briar Rose, Afforsk, Gamrie, Banff, AB45 3ES.

The watching brief took place on 29th March 2011 and was carried out in the context of Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) Planning Advice Note 42 (PAN 42) and Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP), which state that archaeological remains should be regarded as part of the environment to be protected and managed.



Ill 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2010).



III 2 Location plan of wind turbine base trench

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

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Immediately to the north of the current site is a small area of rig and furrow cultivation marks seen on an aerial photograph in a field under cereal crop (NJ76SE0034).

A cist containing a skeleton accompanied by a (CB) beaker was found on Afforsk farm, near Gardenstown (NJ76SE 14), in the 1870s or 80s. The beaker (Clarke group N4) is now in the British Museum (BM.1911, 7-19, 4). (Walker 1967; Clarke 1970).

3 THE WATCHING BRIEF

The watching brief took place on 29th March 2011. The trench was 5 x 5m in size with 0.35m of topsoil; the trench was dug through the natural subsoil to a depth of 5m. No archaeological deposits or finds were recorded.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that no further work is required during the current development but the final decision remains with Aberdeenshire Council.

5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS



CA034 Briar Rose, Gamrie 001



CA034 Briar Rose, Gamrie 002



CA034 Briar Rose, Gamrie 003



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Photograph Number	Title	Direction Facing
001	Setting out Trench	NE
002	Setting out Trench	N
003	Briar Rose setting	W
004	Setting out Trench	W
005	Setting out Trench	W
006	Setting out Trench	W
007	Removing Topsoil	E
008	Removing Topsoil	E
009	Removing Topsoil	E
010	Excavating Trench	NE
011	Excavating Trench	NE
012	Excavating Trench	NE
013	Trench upon completion	NE
014	Trench upon completion	NE
015	Trench upon completion	S
016	Trench upon completion	S
017	Trench upon completion	SW

018	Trench upon completion	SW
019	Trench upon completion	SW