

Erection agricultural storage
Upper Kirkton, Dyce, AB21 0EQ
Watching brief



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Erection of portal steel frame building for use as general purpose agricultural storage, Upper Kirkton, Dyce, AB21 0EQ

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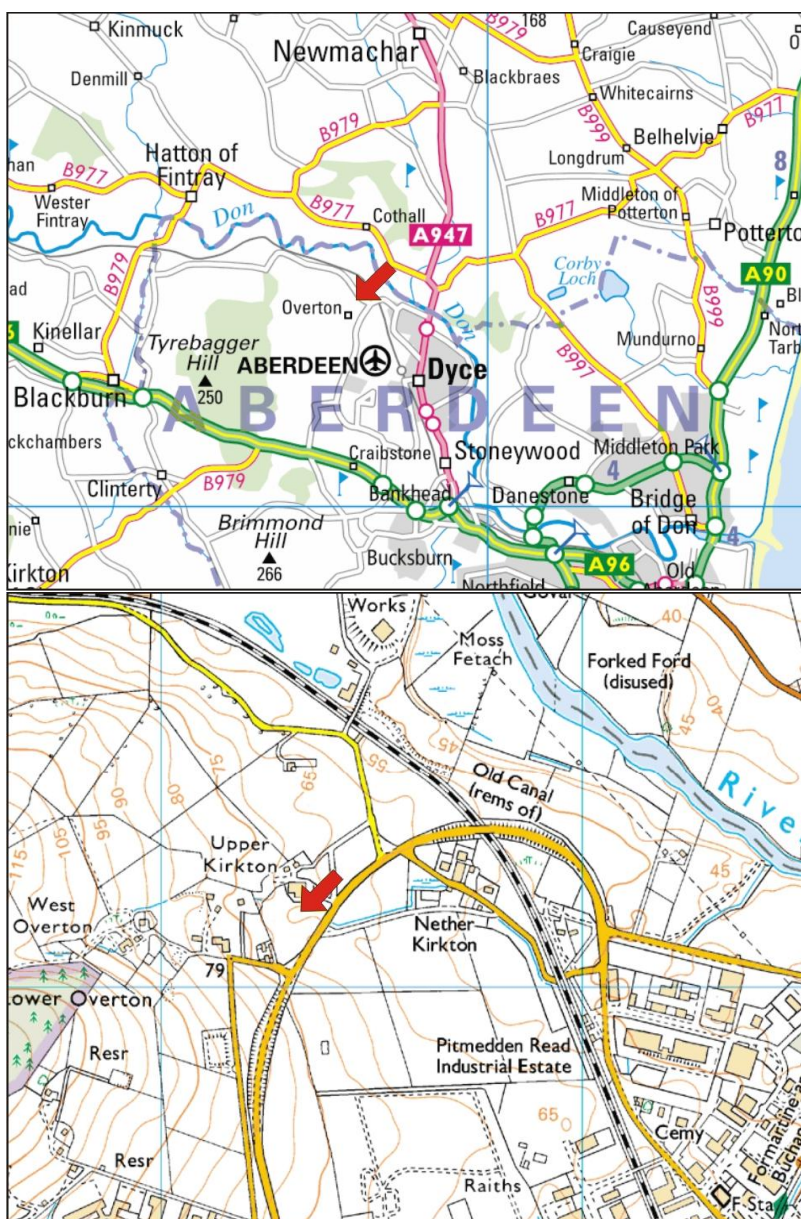
SUMMARY

A watching brief was carried out on 31st March 2011 during the soil strip for a new agricultural building. No features or finds were recorded during this work. It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during this development.

1 INTRODUCTION

This report details an archaeological watching brief on the soil strip for the erection of steel framed building for use as general purpose agricultural storage to be carried out at Upper Kirkton, Dyce, Aberdeen City Council Planning reference P100855. The work was commissioned by William Cruden, Upper Kirkton, Dyce, AB21 0EQ. The site is at NJ87333 14176 in the Parish of Dyce, Aberdeen and at a height of 65-70m OD.

The fieldwork was carried out on 31st March 2011 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.



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

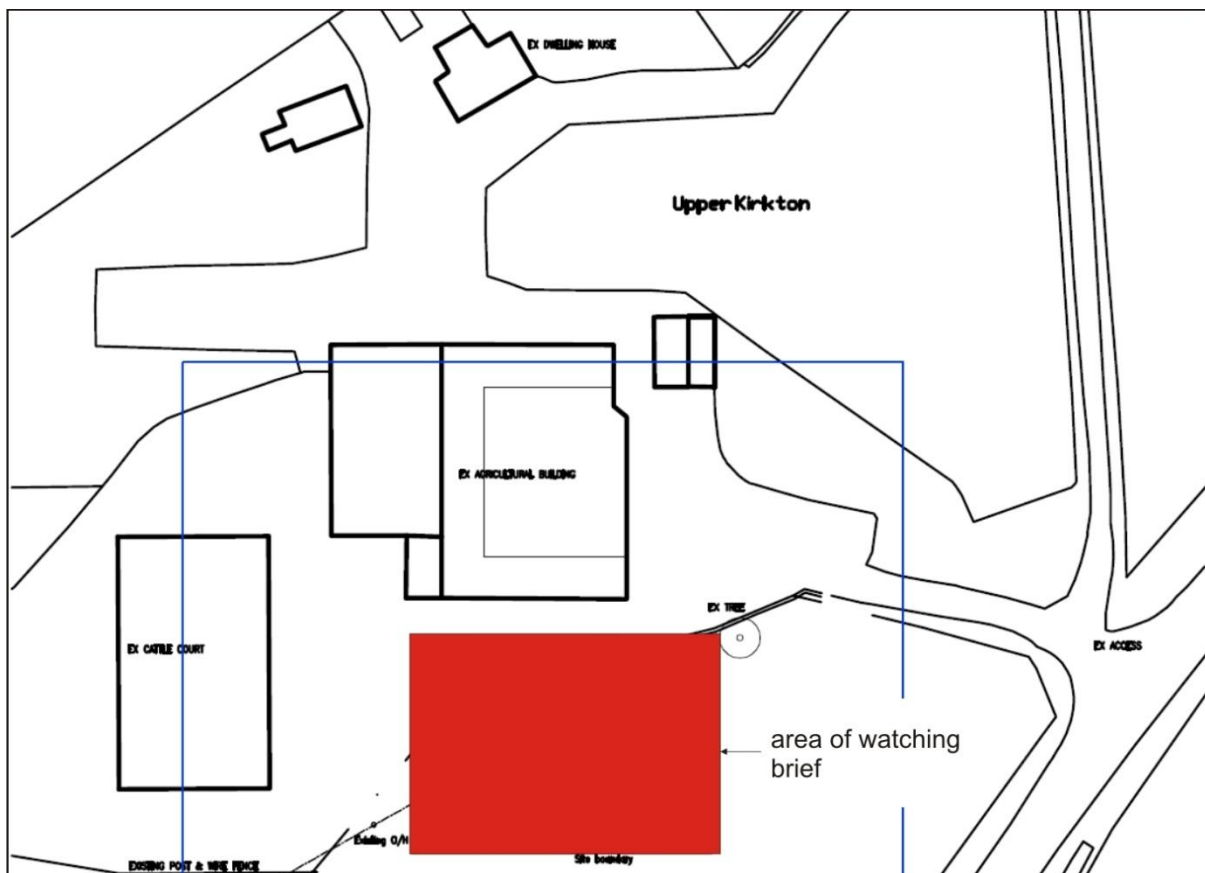
2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

A stone axe and a stone cup with a long handle were both found on the farm at Kirkton, Dyce (NJ81SE 3). They were presented to the Museum of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, 1928 (AF 691 and AQ 94) (PSAS 1929).

3 THE WATCHING BRIEF

The soil strip for the proposed building was observed on 31 March 2011. The area was 50 x 30m in size and the topsoil was 0.3-0.35m in depth. The topsoil had been removed previously as the field had been a low hill up to 5m in height prior to the mid 1980s. When the groundworks was carried out for Dyce Drive the hill was flattened and the material removed from the site; the topsoil was then replaced. This was evident during the watching brief and only one feature was identified. The bottom 5cm of a stone drain was recorded suggesting that the natural subsoil had been truncated by at least 0.5m at the west end of the area.

No other features or finds were identified.



Ill 2 Plan of watching brief area (*copyright, William Cruden*)

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during this current development. The final decision on the archaeological requirements at this site remains with Judith Stones, Aberdeen City Council.

5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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6 REFERENCES

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APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS



Frame no	Description	Facing
DSC_1027	Site from east	W
DSC_1033	Site from NW	SE
DSC_1040	Site from NW	SE
DSC_1047	Site from W	E
DSC_1053	Site from S showing agricultural building	N
DSC_1073	Site from NW	SE
DSC_1082	Site from west	E
DSC_1091	Site from S showing agricultural building	N
DSC_1103	Site from NE	SW
DSC_1111	Site from N	S
DSC_1125	Site from NE	SW
DSCF0056	Base of stone drain F1	E
DSCF0057	Base of stone drain F1	E