

Trump International Golf Links, Scotland

TRUMP CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE, MENIE
ESTATE, ABERDEENSHIRE, SCOTLAND
Walkover survey of known sites affected by
earthworks associated with the construction of the
championship golf course

A Written Scheme of Archaeological Investigation

Client: Ironside Farrar

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1 Introduction

This document is submitted for approval by Aberdeenshire Council as Planning Authority, on behalf of Ironside Farrar, as a written scheme of archaeological investigation for an archaeological recording of 5 or 6 known sites affected by earthworks to form the 18th tees and fairways of the championship golf course at the proposed golf and resort development at Menie Estate, Aberdeenshire.

This written scheme is based on requirements outlined by Moira Greig of Aberdeen Council Archaeology Service at a meeting with planners and James Miller of Ironside Farrar in February 2009, and clarified through an E-mail to Sonya Galloway, planner at the Aberdeen Council.

This document refers to the previous specification which includes an Outline Research Design which establishes the basis for a systematic programme of purposeful investigation and also sets out the detailed methodological approach to be adopted for possible later stages of archaeological investigations.

2 Background

Location

The development area is situated some 8 km to the north of Aberdeen at Menie estate (NGR NJ 98 20) immediately to the north of Balmedie. The area is roughly D-shaped facing the North Sea to the east. The development area covers 452 hectares and extends just less than 4.3 km m along the coast and over 2 km inland to the west.

The championship golf course will be located in the dune system along the coast to the east. It extends some 3.3 km north to south along the coast

General Archaeological Potential and Probable Impact of Development

Previous surveys have identified a number of sites in the area affected by the construction of the golf course, mainly comprising early prehistoric flint scatters, but also a possible cairn and a stone bank of unknown date. In addition two find spots are believed to lie within the limits of the golf course. However, the sites that the planned earthworks relating to the construction of the golf course will impact upon the surveyed sites are set out in the table below:

Site no	Type of site	Golf course earthworks	Comments
27	Flint scatters	No earthworks	
28	Stone bank	Cut - lowered 0.5 m	
29	Flint scatters	Fill – raised 0.2 -0.4 m	
90-91	Flint find spots	No earthworks	Six- figure grid reference implies imprecise location. Site at SW corner of 100 m square
92	Coin find spot	Fill – raised 0.5 m	The gazetteer suggests that the site is incorrectly plotted on site map. SMR record indicate that the find spot lies some 2.8 km to the N
98	Stone cairn	Fill – raised 2.0 m	

As the table indicates the impact on known sites will be minimal. It is only the stone bank at Site 28 that lies within an area where the ground is to be lowered. The other sites either lie outside the area to be landscaped or in areas where the ground will be raised.

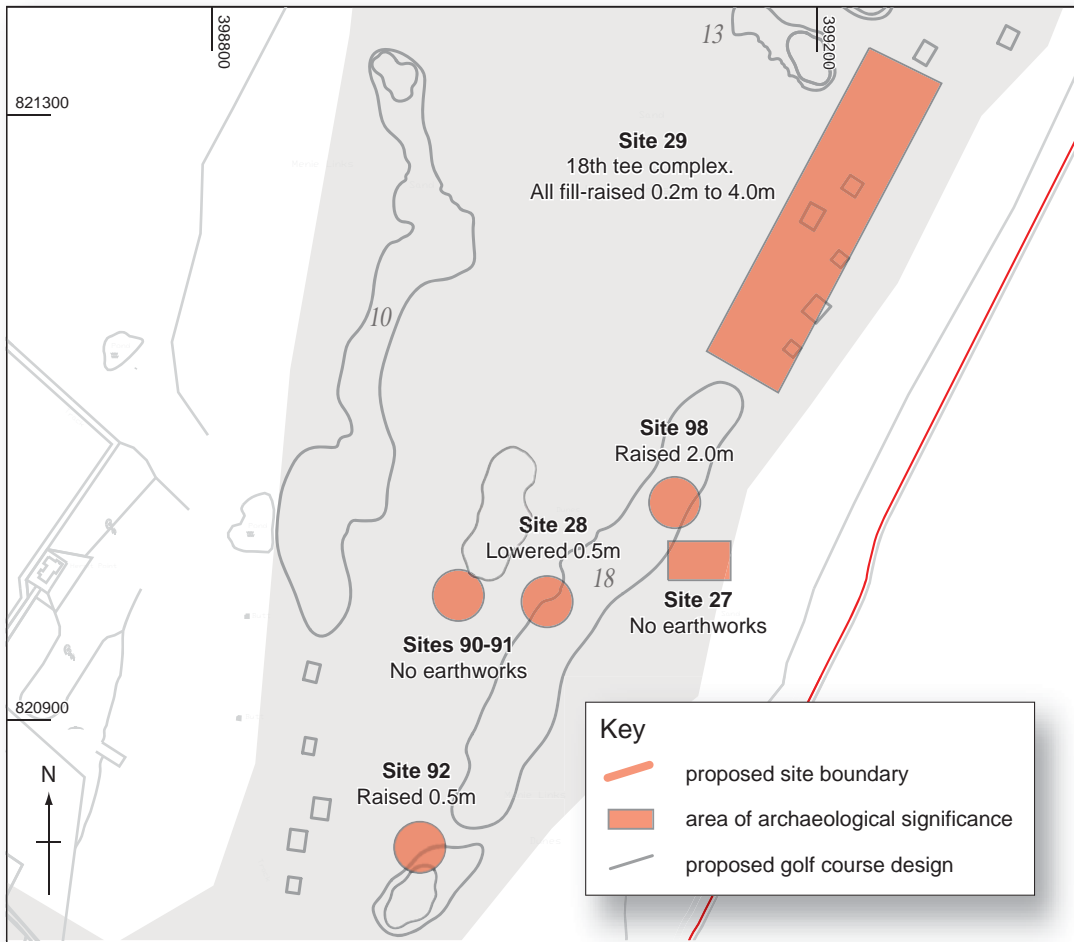
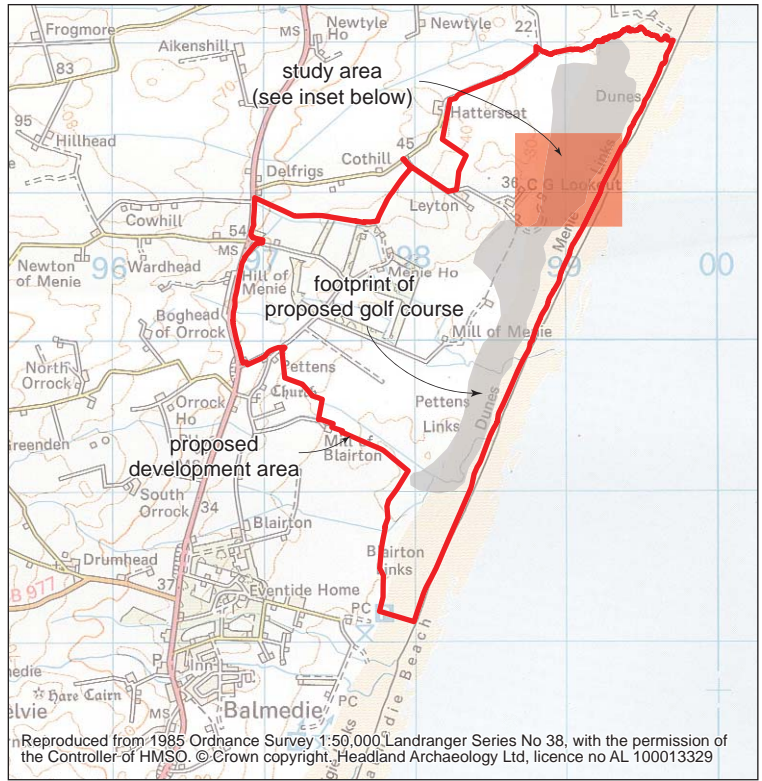
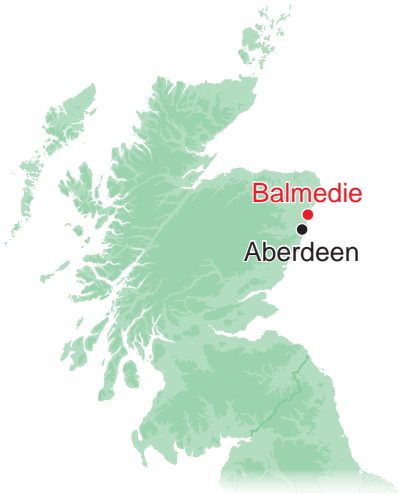
3 Detailed Methods

Walkover survey

The sites noted in the table above will be surveyed. They will be planned at an appropriate scale (1:20 or 1:10). The plans will be linked to the National Grid through reference points that will be located using DGPS.

The sites will also be photographed with a metric scale with colour slide and print film using SLR cameras. The photographic record will include in both detail and general context shots.

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