

Trump International Golf Links, Scotland

TRUMP CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE, MENIE
ESTATE, ABERDEENSHIRE, SCOTLAND

Photographic and Electronic Survey of Flint Scatters
on 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 a photographic survey combined with an electronic survey of two flint scatters in the area 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 site meeting on Wednesday 2nd September 2009.

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 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. (Illus 1)

General Archaeological Potential and Probable Impact of Development

Previous survey By Headland has located two extensive flint scatters in the area affected by the construction of the golf course. The flint scatters lie in an area that may be built up and Aberdeenshire County Council's Archaeologists (ACAS) have requested that these areas must first be recorded by photography and survey before being covered over with geotex prior to the ground level being raised.

3 Detailed Methods

Photographic survey of flint scatters

The detailed photographic survey covers some 6500 square metres. It is proposed to identify dense areas of flints, photograph them and rapidly qualitatively record them. The Site Director and a lithics specialist will carry out the recording using digital camera and EDM to identify and record them in a database. The location of the photographs will be recoded accurately within the National Grid and to Ordnance datum using an EDM.

A small representative sample of struck flints will be recovered and retained for further analysis.



