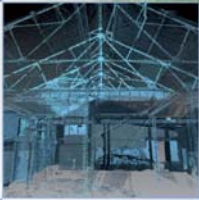


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## Abstract

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AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by Springfield Properties PLC to undertake a programme of archaeological works at Maxholm Road, Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire. The area evaluated comprised former agricultural land to the W of Maxholm Road.

Thirty linear trenches totalling 3130 m<sup>2</sup> were excavated throughout the evaluation works. Drainage in the form of a few rubble drains and frequent ceramic tile drains were encountered that relate to post-improvement agricultural activity. Indications of some possible furrows were also noted.

No significant archaeological features or artefacts were encountered throughout the evaluation.

# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Project Background

1.1.1 AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by Springfield Properties PLC to undertake an archaeological evaluation prior to the application for planning related to a proposed residential development at Maxholm Road, Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire. The proposed development lies within the administrative area of East Ayrshire Council, which is advised on archaeological matters by the West of Scotland Archaeology Service (WoSAS). A programme of archaeological works had been specified by WoSAS in keeping with the policies outlined in *Scottish Planning Policy* (2014) and *PAN 2/2011 Planning and Archaeology* (2011) in order to record the extent and significance of any archaeological remains which may be present within the development area.

## 1.2 Site Location

1.2.1 The development area is located within an area of open agricultural land south of the A71, Hulford Road (centre NS 42195 36250). To the east is the current edge of the residential development of Kilmarnock along Maxholm Road, to the south is the edge of Kilmarnock residential development along Darnley Drive and Caprington Golf Course. The River Irvine and further open land can be found to the immediate west of the proposed development area (Figure 1).

## 1.3 Archaeological background

1.3.1 The National Monuments Record Scotland (NMRS) record the site of the 'battle' of 'Bickering Bush' to the W of the proposed development site. Legend holds that William Wallace defeated 5 English soldiers at the bush. The 'battle' is not included on Historic Scotland's Inventory of Historic Battlefields and given its scale, it is arguably unlikely to be in the future.

1.3.2 The park of Caprington Castle immediately west of the proposed development is included on Historic Scotland's Inventory of Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes. The Category A listed castle, in reality an 1820 mansion, stands c.750m west of the proposed development, although other lower grade listed buildings associated with the castle stand closer. Although aerial photographic mapping indicates a thick tree buffer between the park and the proposed development, given its designation Historic Scotland may wish to see evidence that the proposed housing will not be visible from within the park.

1.3.3 A single Scheduled Monument 'Blacksyke Colliery' lies approximately 1km south of the proposed development. Its setting is unlikely to be an issue given its industrial nature and the intervening presence of trees and buildings. A closer site to the SW is noted as a possible motte, consisting of a tree covered mound known as Castle Hill.

1.3.4 The only archaeological finds reported within the vicinity of the proposed development are an ard or paddle recovered from gravel extraction works to the N of the proposed development in 1914. Crop marks of an enclosure are also known to its west on the opposite side of the River Irvine.

1.3.5 The proposed development site is recorded in detail on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition 6 inch to the mile of 1860. Although the site is shown as open fields, a single building 'Maxholm' is recorded at the extreme eastern end of the site adjacent to the Maxholm Burn, with a well within its interior. Subsequent Ordnance Survey's show the situation unaltered.

## 2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were:

- i) to determine and assess the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any archaeological remains within the proposed development area;
- ii) should significant archaeological deposits be discovered, to prepare a mitigation strategy compliant with *Scottish Planning Policy* (Scottish Government 2010) and *Planning and Archaeology 2/2011* (Scottish Government 2011).

## 3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 The *Written Scheme of Investigation* (AOC 2015) proposed the excavation of trenches equating to an 8% sample of the approximate 5.5 ha development area. However, due to the presence of overhead and underground services to the S of the former farmstead, the required trenching was reduced to 3100 m<sup>2</sup>. All trenches were excavated with a 20 tonne tracked excavator using a 2 m / 2.4 m wide ditching bucket. Machine excavation was conducted in shallow units/spits through topsoil/overburden to the upper surface of the underlying geological deposits. The evaluation trial trenching was undertaken according to AOC Archaeology Group's standard operating procedures as detailed within the *Written Scheme of Investigation* (AOC 2015).

## 4 RESULTS

- 4.1 The works were conducted on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The weather conditions during the evaluation were variable, but overall archaeological visibility was good. In total, thirty evaluation trenches were excavated covering 3130 m<sup>2</sup> (Figure 2).
- 4.2 The soil profile across the development area comprised a thin layer of topsoil averaging between 0.35 m in depth, up to a maximum of 0.53 m in places. This overlay a combination of yellow and grey clays, orange sandy clay and stone, and some areas of orange gravel and clayey sand (Plates 1 & 2). Ceramic field drains were present throughout the entire area, mainly aligned E-W, with Trenches 16, 19 and 29 containing rubble drains on similar alignments.
- 4.3 Along the S edge of the development area, two alignments of furrows were noted suggesting a possible field change. Trench 2 indicated that furrows were aligned N-S whereas the scant remains of furrows in Trenches 4 and 7 suggest they were aligned E-W in this area (see Figure 2).





Plate 1 - View of Trench 8



Plate 2 - View of Trench 21



## 5 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The evaluation has identified that the development area to the S of the former farmstead is archaeologically sterile. After consultation with WoSAS, no further on-site works are considered necessary in this area.
- 5.2 However, as it was not possible to evaluate the farmstead buildings due to the presence of live services, WoSAS have recommended that further archaeological works would be required to the N of the underground electric cable if proposed plans cannot preserve the farmstead in-situ.

## 6 REFERENCES

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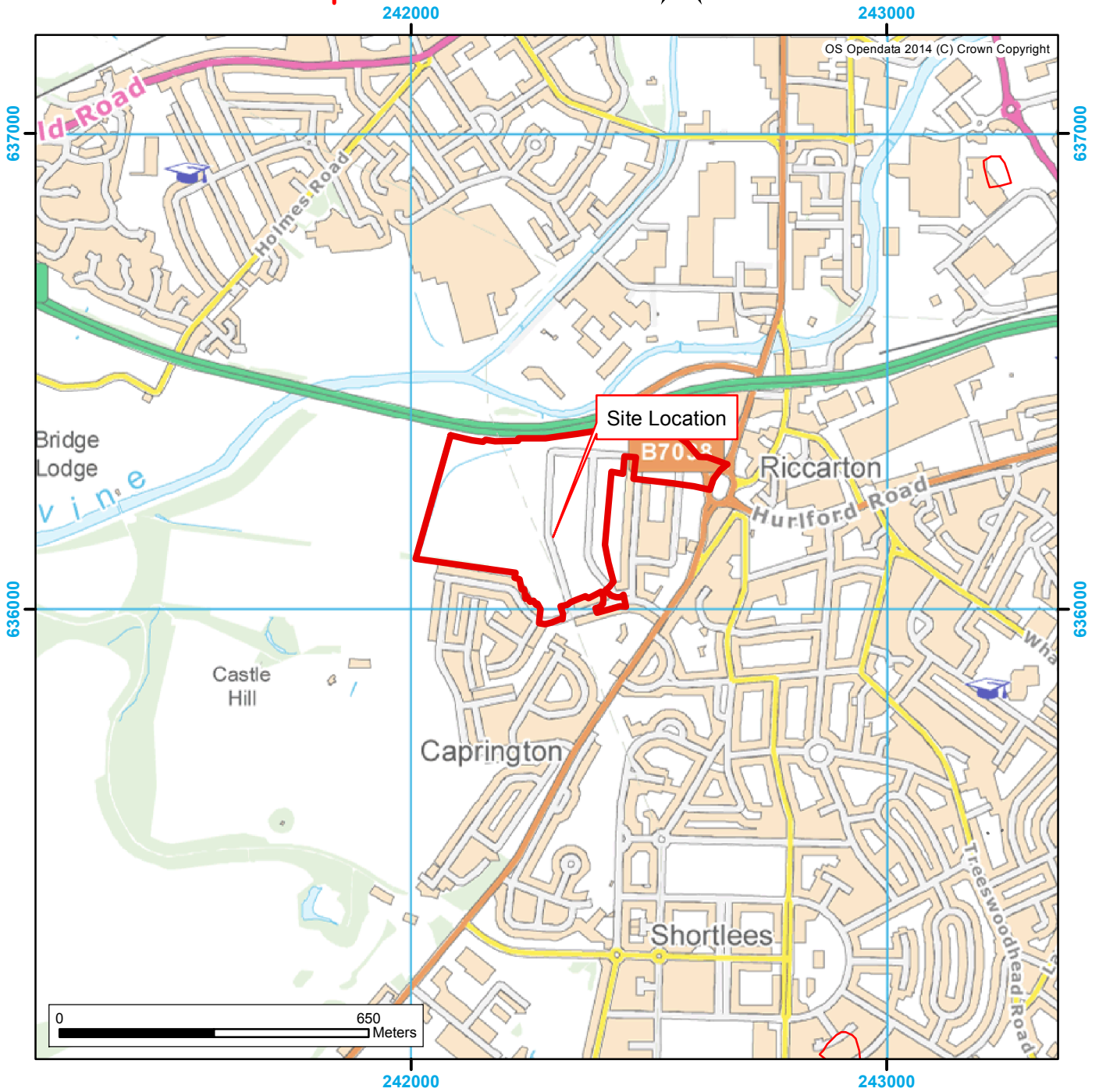
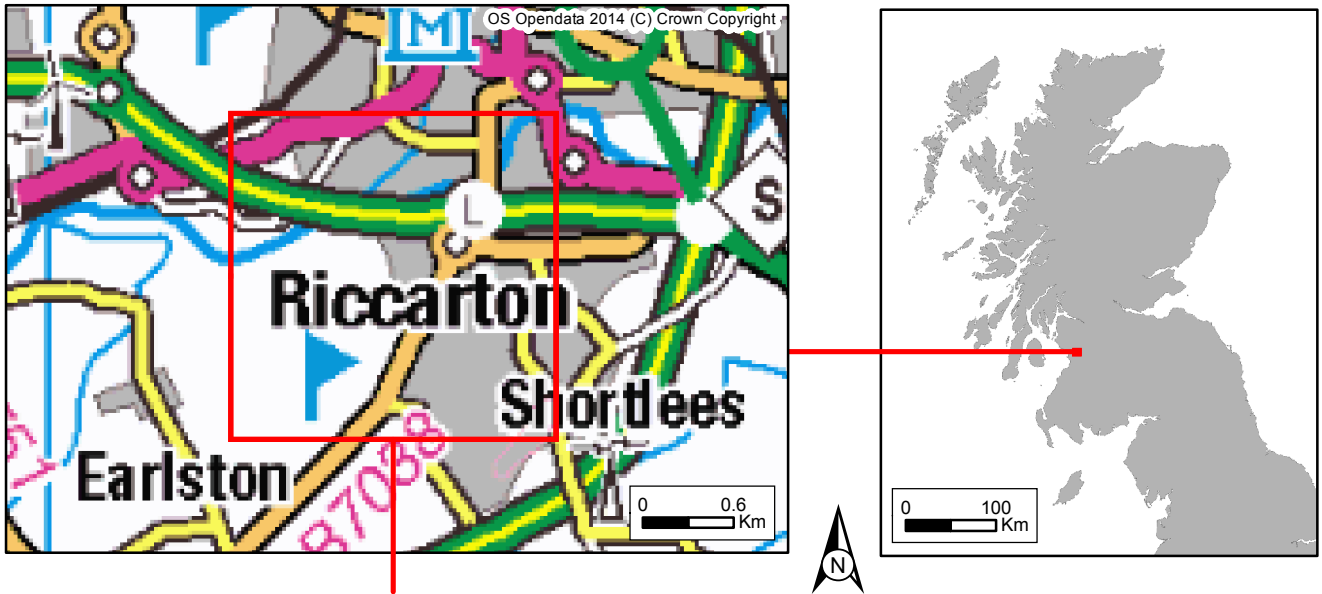


Figure 1: Site Location Plan

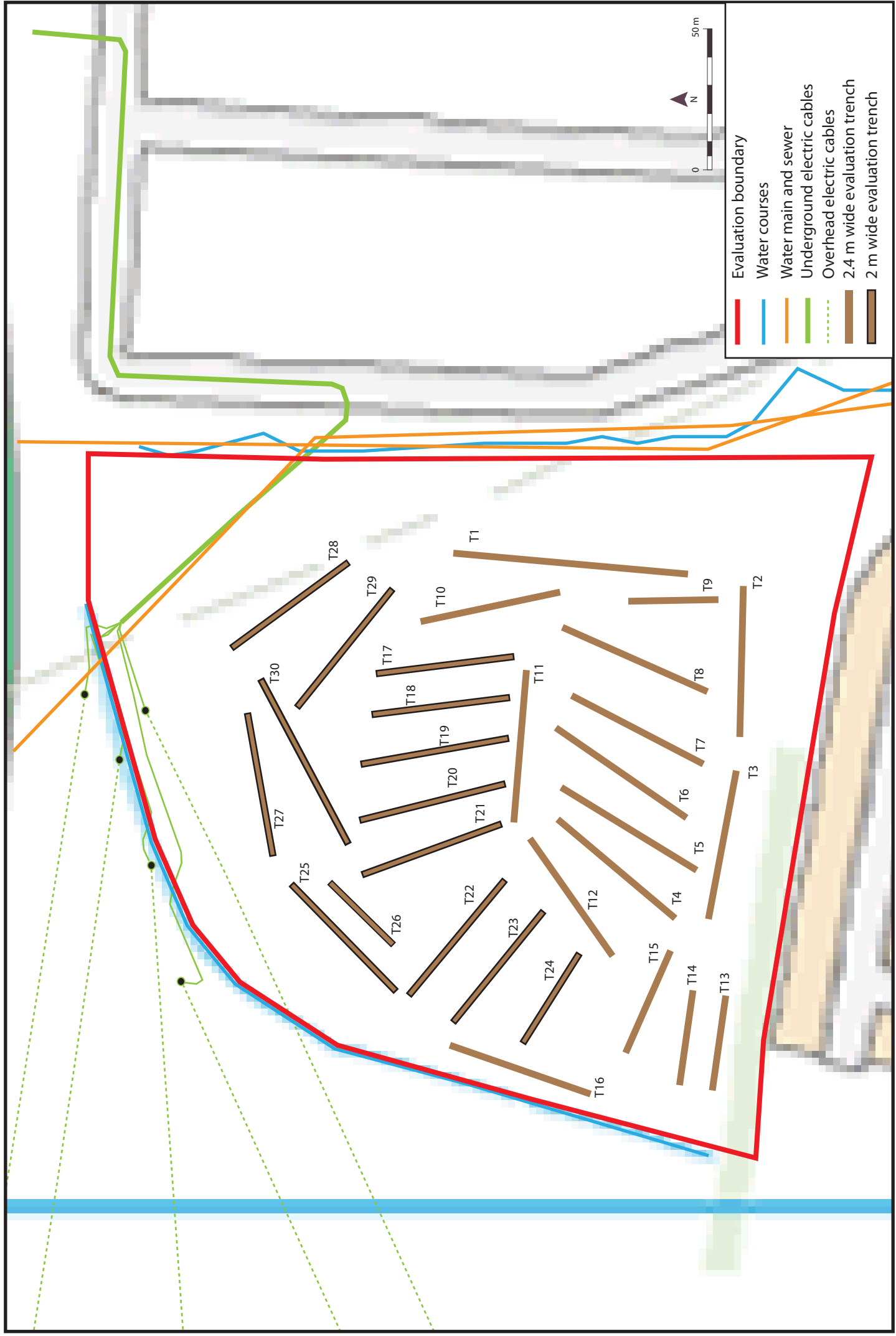


Figure 2 - Trench location plan

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## **Section 2: Appendices**

## APPENDIX 1: TRENCH SUMMARIES

### Trench 1

<i>Dimensions</i>	75 m by 2.4 m
<i>Total Area</i>	180 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	N to S
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.34 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drains aligned E-W at 23 m, 33.6 m, 40.1 m, 68 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Orangey brown sandy clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 2

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2.4 m
<i>Total Area</i>	120 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	E to W
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.34 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at 8 m to 25 m. Furrows aligned N-S at 3 m, 8 m and 13 m.
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Orangey brown sandy clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 3

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2.4 m
<i>Total Area</i>	120 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	E to W
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.35 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Orangey brown sandy clay until 6 m then orange clayey sand with abundant stone until 22 m then orangey brown sandy clay.
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 4

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2.4 m
<i>Total Area</i>	120 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SW to NE
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.53 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at 1.6 m, 6.6 m, 11.6 m, 20.4 m, 25 m, 31.6 m, 37 m. Furrow aligned E-W at 8 m to 9.2 m measuring 1.4 m wide and 0.05 m deep.
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Orange clayey sand until 35 m then orangey brown sandy clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 5

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2.4 m
<i>Total Area</i>	120 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SW to NE
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.5 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at 0.5 m, 6.5 m, 12.5 m, 17.5 m

*Natural Subsoil* Orange clayey sand until 40 m then orangey brown sandy clay  
*Finds* None

### **Trench 6**

*Dimensions* 50 m by 2.4 m  
*Total Area* 120 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Excavated Orientation* NE to SW  
*Soil Make-up* Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.55 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Other Features* Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at 31 m, 43 m  
*Natural Subsoil* Orangey brown sandy clay until 38 m then orange clayey sand  
*Finds* None

### **Trench 7**

*Dimensions* 50 m by 2.4 m  
*Total Area* 120 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Excavated Orientation* SW to NE  
*Soil Make-up* Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.5 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Other Features* Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at 25 m, 30 m, 35 m, 40 m 45 mm. Furrows aligned E-W at 15 m and 25 m.  
*Natural Subsoil* Orangey brown sandy clay  
*Finds* None

### **Trench 8**

*Dimensions* 50 m by 2.4 m  
*Total Area* 120 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Excavated Orientation* NE to SW  
*Soil Make-up* Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.5 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Other Features* None  
*Natural Subsoil* Orangey brown sandy clay  
*Finds* None

### **Trench 9**

*Dimensions* 25 m by 2.4 m  
*Total Area* 60 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Excavated Orientation* SE to NW  
*Soil Make-up* Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.37 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Other Features* None  
*Natural Subsoil* Orangey brown sandy clay  
*Finds* None

### **Trench 10**

*Dimensions* 50 m by 2.4 m  
*Total Area* 120 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Excavated Orientation* SE to NW  
*Soil Make-up* Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.45 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Other Features* Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at 6.9 m, 30 m  
*Natural Subsoil* Yellow clay until 18 m then reddish brown sandy clay and stone



*Finds* None

### **Trench 11**

*Dimensions* 50 m by 2.4 m  
*Total Area* 120 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Excavated Orientation* E to W  
*Soil Make-up* Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.42 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Other Features* Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at 7 m to 40 m  
*Natural Subsoil* Reddish brown sandy clay  
*Finds* None

### **Trench 12**

*Dimensions* 50 m by 2.4 m  
*Total Area* 120 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Excavated Orientation* NE to SW  
*Soil Make-up* Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.42 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Other Features* Ceramic tile drains aligned E-W at 7.2 m, 14.8 m, 22.8 m, 38.8 m. Furrow aligned E-W at 28 m to 29.7 m measuring 1.2 m wide.  
*Natural Subsoil* Orangey brown sandy clay  
*Finds* None

### **Trench 13**

*Dimensions* 30 m by 2.4 m  
*Total Area* 72 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Excavated Orientation* E to W  
*Soil Make-up* Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam with abundant coal lumps – 0.51 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Other Features* Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at from 0 m to 12.6 m then joins SE-NW aligned drain.  
*Natural Subsoil* Reddish brown clayey sand until 4 m then yellow clay  
*Finds* None

### **Trench 14**

*Dimensions* 30 m by 2.4 m  
*Total Area* 72 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Excavated Orientation* E to W  
*Soil Make-up* Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam with abundant coal lumps – 0.44 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Other Features* Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at from 0 m to 30 m then  
*Natural Subsoil* Yellow clay  
*Finds* None

### **Trench 15**

*Dimensions* 40 m by 2.4 m  
*Total Area* 96 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Excavated Orientation* ESE to WNW  
*Soil Make-up* Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.47 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Other Features* Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at from 0 m to 9.5 m; 11 m to 16.2 m; 20.6 m to 26.8 m. Aligned NE-SW at 31 m.

<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown clayey sand until 10 m then yellow clay until 32 m then reddish brown clayey sand.
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 16**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2.4 m
<i>Total Area</i>	120 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	S to N
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.37 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Rubble drain aligned E-W at 17.7 m. Ceramic tile drains aligned E-W at 29.4 m, 35.2 m, 39 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Orange and brown gravel in a slightly clayey sand matrix until 18 m then grey and yellow clay until 34 m then orange and brown gravel
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 17**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	100 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SSE to NNW
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.37 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown sandy clay until 25 m then reddish brown clayey sand until 29 m then yellow clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 18**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	100 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SSE to NNW
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.34 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at 41.2 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown sandy clay until 21 m then yellow clay until 40 m then reddish brown clayey sand
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 19**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	100 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SSE to NNW
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.42 m Colluvium from 34 m – mid brown silty clay – 0.24 m thick
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at 57.2 m. Rubble drain aligned ENE-WSW at 57 m.
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown sandy clay until 30 m then yellow and grey clays
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 20**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	100 m <sup>2</sup>

<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SSE to NNW
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.35 m Colluvium from 20 m to 40 m – mid brown silty clay – 0.28 m thick
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drains aligned E-W at 19.5 m, 25.8 m.
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown sandy clay until 26 m then grey clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 21**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	100 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SSE to NNW
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.34 m Colluvium from 11 m to 35 m – mid brown silty clay – 0.27 m thick
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drains aligned E-W at 15 m, 21.6 m, 28 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown sandy clay until 12 m then reddish brown clayey sand until 18 m then yellow and grey clay until 41 m then reddish brown clayey sand
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 22**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	100 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SE to NW
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.37 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drains aligned E-W at 11.2 m to 14.4 m, 22 m to 24.4 m.
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown sandy clay until 7 m then reddish brown clayey sand until 16.3 m then grey clay until 27 m then orange sandy clay and gravel
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 23**

<i>Dimensions</i>	40 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	80 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SE to NW
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.4 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drains aligned E-W at 15.6 m to 19.4 m, 29 m to 32 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown sandy clay until 9.2 m then reddish brown clayey sand until 17.8 m then grey clay until 30 m then orange sandy clay and gravel
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 24**

<i>Dimensions</i>	35 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	70 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	ESE to WNW
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.42 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drain aligned NE-SW at 2.2 m. Aligned E-W at 15.4 m to 18.5 m.
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown and grey sandy clay until 9.8 m then reddish brown clayey sand until 23 m then grey and yellow clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 25**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	100 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SW to NE
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.4 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drain aligned E-W at 42.5 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Orange gravels until 15 m then reddish brown sandy clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 26**

<i>Dimensions</i>	25 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	50 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SW to NE
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.35 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Orange gravels until 12 m then reddish brown sandy clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 27**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	100 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	W to E
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.38 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drains aligned E-W at 2.2 m to 6.9 m, 17.5 m to 22.6 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Orange gravels until 9 m then reddish brown sandy clay to 25 m then yellow clay to 30 m then reddish brown sandy clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 28**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	100 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	NW to SE
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.56 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drains aligned E-W at 3.2 m, 19 m, 26.4 m, 35 m.
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Orange and yellow clay
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Trench 29**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 2 m
<i>Total Area</i>	100 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SE to NW
<i>Soil Make-up</i>	Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.46 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drains aligned ESE-WNW at 1.9 m to 4.3 m, 22.5 m to 25.3 m. Rubble drains aligned E-W at 4.9 m, 38.6 m.
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Reddish brown clayey sand until 6 m then greyish brown clay until 20 m then reddish brown clayey sand until 30 m then grey clay until 45 m then orange clay

*Finds* None

### Trench 30

*Dimensions* 65 m by 2 m  
*Total Area* 130 m<sup>2</sup>  
*Excavated Orientation* ENE to WSW  
*Soil Make-up* Topsoil – dark grey brown clay loam – 0.4 m  
*Significant Features* None  
*Other Features* Ceramic tile drains aligned E-W at 0 m to 2.8 m, 19.3 m to 21.4 m, 25 m to 27.4 m.  
*Natural Subsoil* Orange boulder clay until 50 m then orange gravels  
*Finds* None

## APPENDIX 2: PHOTOGRAPHIC REGISTER

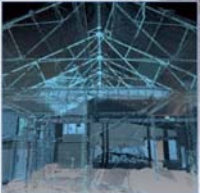
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17	Trench 10 post-ex	NW	24/11/15
18	Trench 12 post-ex	W	24/11/15
19	Trench 12 post-ex	SW	24/11/15
20	Trench 13 post-ex	W	24/11/15
21	Trench 14 post-ex	W	24/11/15
22	Trench 15 post-ex	WNW	24/11/15
23	Trench 16 post-ex	N	24/11/15
24	Trench 17 post-ex	NNW	25/11/15
25	Trench 18 post-ex	NNW	25/11/15
26	Trench 20 post-ex	NNW	25/11/15
27	Trench 21 post-ex	NNW	25/11/15
28	Trench 22 post-ex	NW	25/11/15
29	Trench 24 post-ex	WNW	25/11/15
30	Trench 25 post-ex	NE	25/11/15
31	Trench 26 post-ex	NE	25/11/15

32	Trench 27 post-ex	E	25/11/15
33	Trench 28 post-ex	SE	25/11/15
34	Trench 29 post-ex	NW	25/11/15
35	Trench 30 post-ex	WSW	25/11/15
36-38	Views of trenches to N of site	Var	25/11/15



**APPENDIX 3: 'DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND' REPORT**

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	East Ayrshire Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	Maxholm Road, Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	AOC 22534
<b>PARISH:</b>	Kilmarnock
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Kevin Paton
<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>	AOC Archaeology Group
<b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>	Archaeological Evaluation
<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	None
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	None
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	None
<b>NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)</b>	NS 42195 36250
<b>START DATE (this season)</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
<b>END DATE (this season)</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
<b>PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)</b>	None
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)</b>	<p>AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by Springfield Properties PLC to undertake a programme of archaeological works at Maxholm Road, Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire. The area evaluated comprised former agricultural land to the W of Maxholm Road.</p> <p>Thirty linear trenches totalling 3130 m<sup>2</sup> were excavated throughout the evaluation works. Drainage in the form of a few rubble drains and frequent ceramic tile drains were encountered that relate to post-improvement agricultural activity. Indications of some possible furrows were also noted.</p> <p>No significant archaeological features or artefacts were encountered throughout the evaluation.</p>
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	None
<b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:</b>	n/a
<b>SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:</b>	Springfield Properties
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<b>ARCHIVE LOCATION</b>	Archive to be deposited in NMRS



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