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Client: Fitzsimons, on behalf of Heritage Hotels Ltd

Project Code: MNB03

**Marine Hotel, 18 Cromwell Road, North Berwick, East
Lothian:**

Building B East Wall (addendum to previous reports)

ELC Planning References: 02/00563, 02/00566 & 04/01317 FUL

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PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET (MNB03)

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Summary

Headland Archaeology was commissioned to carry out a final piece of building recording survey, following the removal of the electricity connection board and the stripping of the plasterboard at the east end of Building B. This part of the building had not been accessible during the earlier phase of recording (Holden & Kimber 2004).

A site visit was undertaken to evaluate the suggestion that Building B housed a forge in its eastern gable. The evidence for this was the existence of a conspicuously large chimney at this gable; at the time of initial survey, the interior was obscured. With the modern internal fittings removed, it is clear that there is no evidence for a hearth opening of any type. Remaining pegs in the wall are probably related to original internal finishes rather than a canopy chimney or 'hingin lum' – though this remains a small possibility. As mentioned in the original report (Holden & Kimber 2004), the exterior of the chimney is now supported by a modern brick outer skin (ie it has been removed to first floor level). There is a step on the interior wall presumably related to the former first floor. The chimney top was blocked with modern cement, and there is the possibility that the chimney itself was simply a 'decorative' feature, introduced to provide symmetry in the building. Certainly, no evidence exists internally for its original use.

Holden, T & Kimber, M 2004 *Marine Hotel, 18 Cromwell Road, North Berwick, East Lothian: Desk-Based Assessment and Historic Building Survey*, Headland Archaeology Client Report

Kimber, M 2005 *Marine Hotel, 18 Cromwell Road, North Berwick, East Lothian: Data Structure Report of Archaeological Monitoring & Evaluation*, Headland Archaeology Client Report



Plate 1: Exterior of Building B, with Building C removed, facing S.



Plate 2: Exterior of Building B, facing W, showing brick skin below chimney stack.



Plate 3: Building B, east interior wall-face with plasterboard removed.