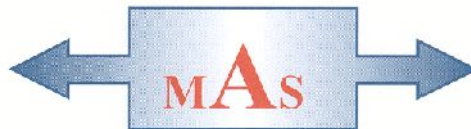


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**- Archaeological Walkover Survey -
Carried out 28th June 2012
by
Murray Archaeological Services Ltd**



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1. Background

- 1.1 As part of the pre-scoping environmental impact assessment for a planning application for an extension to the sand and gravel quarry at Bridgend, King Edward, Aberdeenshire, a walkover survey was required by Aberdeenshire Council Archaeology Services in the context of Scottish Planning Policy (SPP), Planning Advice Note : PAN 2/2011.
- 1.2 Murray Archaeological Services Ltd was commissioned by Dalgleish Associates Ltd on behalf of Mr Wilson Strachan of Bridgend Sand and Gravel Ltd to undertake the work.
- 1.3 The field element of the work was carried out on the 28th June 2012.

2. History

- 2.1 No known archaeological sites are shown in the area of the proposed quarry extension in the Aberdeenshire Sites and Monuments Records or in the Sites and Monuments Records of the Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments in Scotland (RCAHMS).

3. The Site

- 3.1 The quarry is E of the A947 Turriff to Banff road, S of King Edward. The proposed quarry extension, to the N and E of the existing quarry, is split into two areas either side of the Burn of Fortrie, being 2.77ha to the W and 16.36ha to the E of the burn.

NGR: NJ 7366, 5689 (centre of site).

Extends from GPS: 373285, 857182 to the W to 374244, 856725 to the E.

Parish: King Edward



Illus 1 Looking W across field 2 to the existing quarry



Illus 2 Location of site (shaded grey). Ordnance Survey © Crown copyright (2007). Licence number (100049810)

4. Methodology

- 4.1 As the three fields were in crop at the time of the walkover survey, it was agreed with the landowner that the archaeologist should walk through the fields along the lines of the agricultural tram lines. This allowed a systematic survey of both the field margins and the centre.



Illus 3 Looking E across field 1 towards Mill of Balmaud

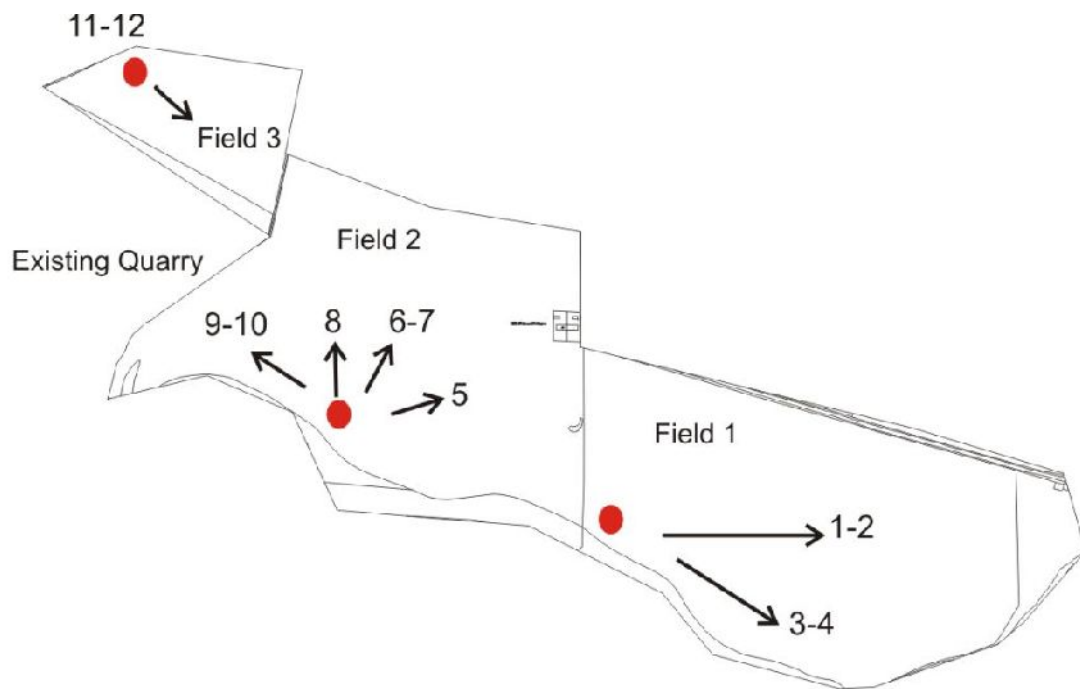
5. Results

- 5.1 No archaeological features were observed at the field margins or in any of the three fields.
- 5.2 To summarize, there are no recorded archaeological sites within the area of the proposed extension, no visible archaeological features above ground and no archaeological finds reported during current quarrying operations. There are recorded 19th century finds of a cist (RCAHMS NJ75NW9) and cremation urns (NJ75NW12)

at Bridgend farm, S of the existing quarry but this is on the far side of the burn from most of the proposed extension to the quarry.

However, should archaeological features or finds be uncovered during the course of quarrying, then the Archaeology Service, Aberdeenshire Council, should be notified immediately so that a suitable strategy to address the archaeological needs can be agreed and implemented.

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