

**AIR116**

## **Mossetburn Overbridge, Invererne Road, Forres**

**Written Scheme of Investigation for Historic Buildings Recording (Level 1)**

**Planning application 16/01013/APP**

**Client: Bam Nuttall on behalf of Network Rail**

**Headland Archaeology (UK) Ltd**

**V1.0**

## Introduction

This Written Scheme of Investigation provides for a Level 1 **historic building survey** of the Pillbox adjacent to the Mossetburn Overbridge, Inverene Road, Forres in advance of a proposed extension to the overbridge.

While full planning permission (16/01013/APP) has been granted, an archaeological condition requires that an appropriate level of archaeological recording is undertaken prior to development. The planning authority (Moray Council), as advised by the Aberdeenshire Council Archaeology Service, have requested that historic building recording (Level 1) be undertaken of the interior and exterior of the building prior to any conversion works.

## Objective

The objective of the programme of Historic Building Recording (Level 1) (Historic England 2015) is

- a) To provide a basic record of the interior and exterior of the structure in its present state prior to any demolition or alteration. This will provide an informed report that details the potential for further work or provide an adequate record of the structure. The recording will comprise of a written description, annotated plans and photographic record.
- b) In particular the survey will focus on recording exposed external walls relating to the earlier buildings structure. These walls will be covered with render as part of the redevelopment.

## Methods

1) *Archive Assessment* – An archive assessment will be undertaken prior to fieldwork. This will comprise consultation of the most easily available photographic and documentary records. This will include the National Map Library, The Moray Sites and Monuments Record, the National Monuments Record of Scotland and other public sources as appropriate.

2) *Historic Building Recording*– A short descriptive summary of the structure to including assessment of the internal and external elevations/features and any other relevant constructional details will be undertaken. Some limited supporting documentary work will also be undertaken. This will include readily available information held at the National Monuments Record, The Moray Sites and Monuments Record and the National Library and Scottish Records Office.

3) *Photographic survey* - A fully referenced photographic survey as a primary record of existing buildings within the complex and any significant features of architectural interest will be made using digital media. This will be used in conjunction with the written record and provide an interpretative account of the building's phasing and development. Any specific architectural details will be recorded photographically.

Recording will follow standard archaeological methods and scales for photography and drawing. Digital photography will be used; plans of features will be at 1:20, sections at 1:10; pro-forma record sheets will be used.

## Reporting

A short illustrated report will accompany a set of phased ground plans and other appropriate drawings that will describe the interior layout and fittings of the building. The report will

include a gazetteer of major elements and a cross-referenced list of photographs.

The report will include an assessment for further works if considered necessary.

A project archive will be prepared and submitted to the National Monuments Record for Scotland within six months of completion of all work on this project. All finds will be declared promptly to the Treasure Trove Advisory Panel.

A summary report will be prepared for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* and a project archive prepared and submitted to the NMRS.

### **Liaison**

The Aberdeenshire Council Archaeology Service will be informed in advance of the survey schedule to allow for monitoring of the works, if desired.

### **Project Team**

The project will be managed for Headland Archaeology Ltd by Eddie Bailey. Fieldwork and reporting will be undertaken by a project officer with Historic Building Recording experience; *Curriculum Vitae* for all project team members can be supplied on request.

### **Insurance**

Headland Archaeology Limited is fully indemnified and evidence of insurances can be presented on request.

### **Health and Safety**

All of Headland's work is undertaken in accordance with current Health and Safety at Work legislation. If the archaeological work forms part of a programme of work to which the Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 1994 are applicable, the relevant safety plan documentation and information will be prepared and disseminated.