



Monitoring Report No. 106

**Windmill House
14 Windmill Hill
Corporation
Armagh**

AE/07/04

Ruth Logue

Site Specific Information

Site Name: Windmill House, 14 Windmill Hill, Armagh, BT60 4BR

Townland: Corporation

SMR No (if applicable): Windmill stump – ARM 012:500; IHR 0695

State Care Scheduled Other

Grid Ref: H87036 45110

County: Armagh

Excavation Licence Number: AE/07/04

Planning Reference Number: O/2006/0642/F

Date of Monitoring: 23rd January 2007

Archaeologist Present: Ruth Logue

Brief Summary:

Monitoring of one L-shaped test trench excavated to subsoil to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed development on any previously unrecorded below-ground remains.

Nothing of archaeological significance found.

Type of monitoring: Mechanical back-acting digger

Size of area opened: One L-shaped trench, 1.6m wide with each long side 6m

Current Land Use: Residential garden

Intended Land Use: Extension to existing dwelling

Account of the monitoring

The proposed development site is located in the garden of a house at 14 Windmill Hill in Armagh city. The application site is on the same property as, and approximately 20m to the north of, a windmill (ARM 012:500, IHR 0695), built in the 19th century. The site also lies on the summit of a hill along a possible medieval route way between Navan Fort and Armagh.

An archaeological evaluation was requested to assess the potential impact of the proposed development on any hidden archaeological remains. Monitoring of test trench excavation took place on 23rd January 2007.

One L-shaped trench was excavated, aligned west to east and north to south (Figure 2). It was necessary to change the trench layout from that requested by the Protecting Historic Monuments Caseworker, Stiofán Ó Cathmhaoil, due to the presence of a greenhouse in the garden.

The topsoil (Context 100) was a dark brown silty loam, 0.5m in depth. The topsoil lay above subsoil (Context 101), a dark orange-brown silty clay.

No features or finds of archaeological significance were found in the test trench.

Archive:

Finds: N/A

Photographs: 8 digital photos, held in Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork offices

Plans / Drawings: N/A



Figure 1: 1:50,000 map showing location of application site (circled in red).

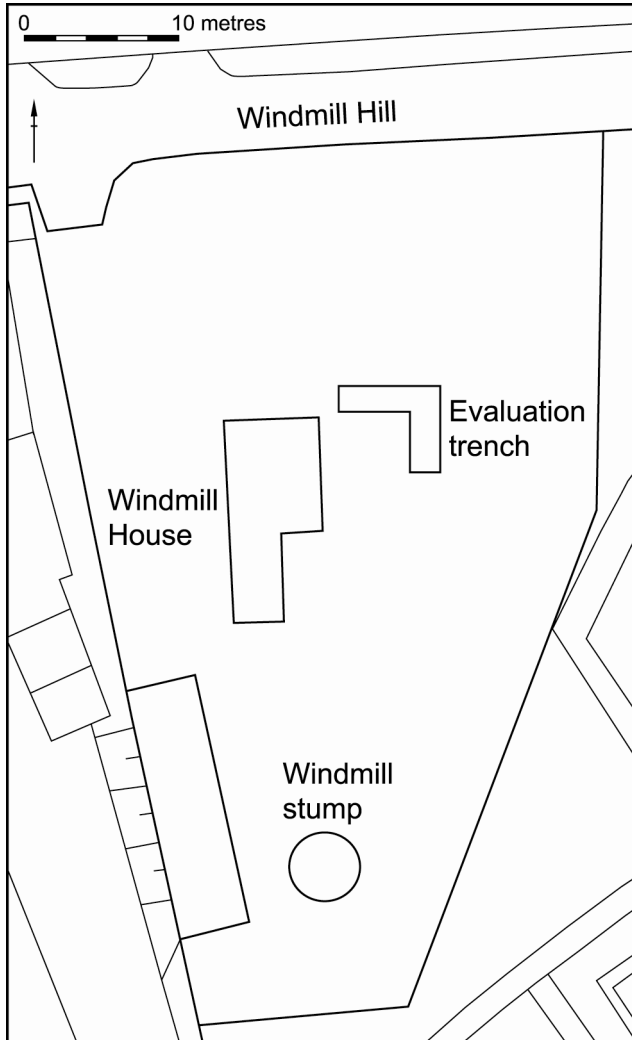


Figure 2: Plan of application site showing location of trench.



Plate 1: Application site with windmill stump, looking south-west.



Plate 2: West to east leg of trench, looking east.



Plate 3: Windmill stump, looking south-west.