



## **Monitoring Report No. 36**

**Springmount Road  
Drumakeely  
Glarryford  
Co. Antrim**

**AE/05/156**

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## Site Specific Information

*Site Address:* Sites to south of 62 Springmount Road, Glarryford

*Townland:* Drumakeely

*SMR No.s:* Ant 027:047; Ant 027:048

*State Care*   *Scheduled*   *Other* ✓

*Grid Ref:* D 0714 1292

*County:* Antrim

*Excavation License No:* AE/05/156

*Planning Ref / No. s:* G/2005/0318/F & G/2005/0390/O

*Date of Monitoring:* 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005

*Archaeologist Present:* Kara Ward

### *Brief Summary:*

Five trenches in total were excavated on both application sites. Three on Site 1 (G/2005/0318/F) and two on Site 2 (G/2005/0390/O). The trenches were excavated as shown on the site plans (Figs 3 & 4). They were stripped of topsoil by a mechanical excavator equipped with a grading bucket under archaeological supervision. The aim of the evaluation was to assess the potential impact of the proposed developments on any sub-surface archaeological remains.

### *Type of monitoring:*

Excavation of five test trenches by mechanical excavator equipped with a grading bucket under archaeological supervision.

*Size of area opened:* Five trenches, measuring between 30m and 50m each

*Current Land Use:* Pasture

*Intended Land Use:* Residential

## **Account of the monitoring**

The proposed development sites, Development Site 1 and Development Site 2 are located to the south of 62 Springmount Road (Fig. 1). The sites are in an archaeologically sensitive location. The site of Dundermot Church (Ant 027:047) is located on the summit of the nearby Drumnacross Hill to the west, while the site of a holy well (Ant 027:048) is located immediately to the east (Fig. 2). In addition, there is a possible graveyard (ANT 027:047) located in the direct vicinity of the proposed developments (Fig. 2)

An archaeological evaluation was requested to assess the potential impact of the proposed developments on any sub-surface archaeological remains. The close proximity of the two sites allowed the evaluations to be carried out as a single exercise.

Monitoring of test trench excavation took place on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005. The test trenches were excavated as requested by the PHM Casework Officer, Andrew Gault, on the site plans (Figs 3 & 4).

The trenches were excavated to subsoil level by a mechanical excavator equipped with a grading bucket. Three test trenches were excavated at Development Site 1 (G/2005/0318/F) (Plates 1-4). The topsoil (C101) had a varying depth of between 0.30m and 0.50m across the site, with the greatest depth at the base of the slope close to Clough River (Fig 2). The underlying subsoil (C102) was a yellow grey clay silt.

Two test trenches were excavated at Development Site 2 (G/2005/0390/O) (Plates 5 & 6). The topsoil (C101) had a depth ranging from 0.30m to 0.37m. The underlying subsoil (C102) was a moist yellow brown clay silt. No finds or features of archaeological significance were uncovered in any of the trenches.

**Archive:**

*Finds:* N/A

*Photographs:* Six prints held by CAF

*Plans / Drawings:* N/A

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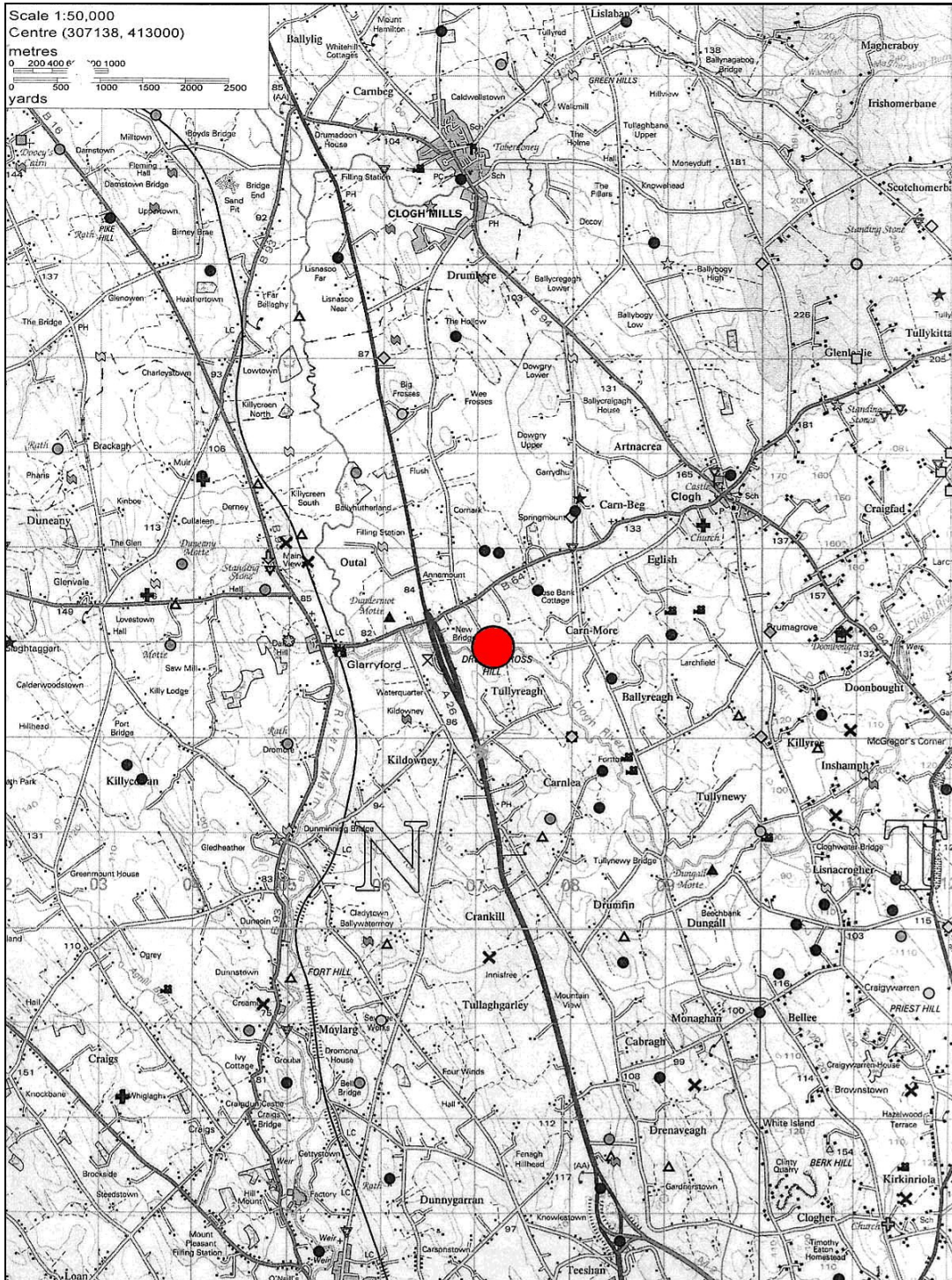


Fig. 1: Map showing location of site (red).



Fig. 2: Map showing location of development sites and archaeological sites in the immediate area.

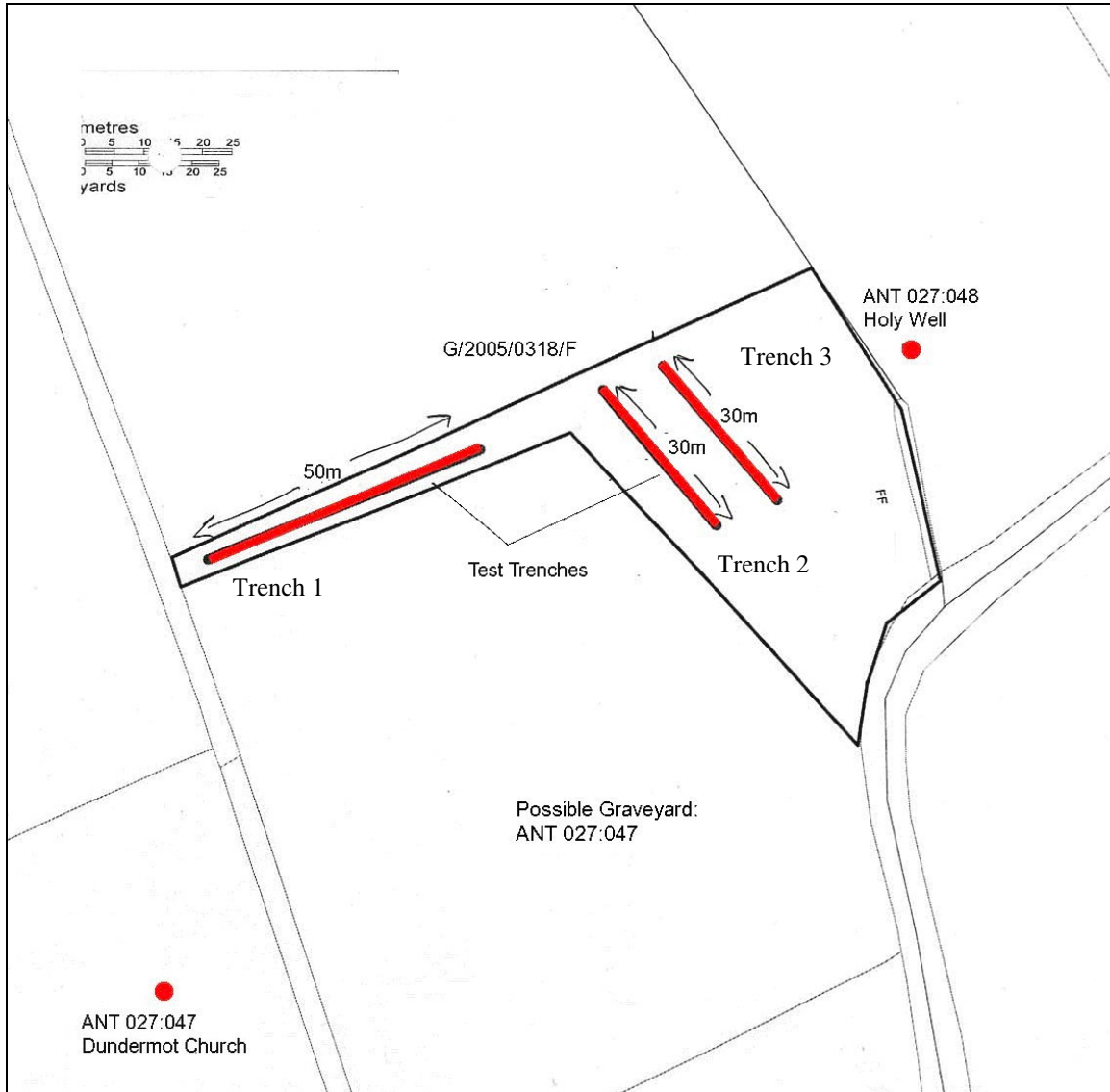


Fig. 3: Location of test trenches (marked in red) at Site 1 (Planning ref.: G/2005/0318/F) and archaeological sites in the immediate locality.

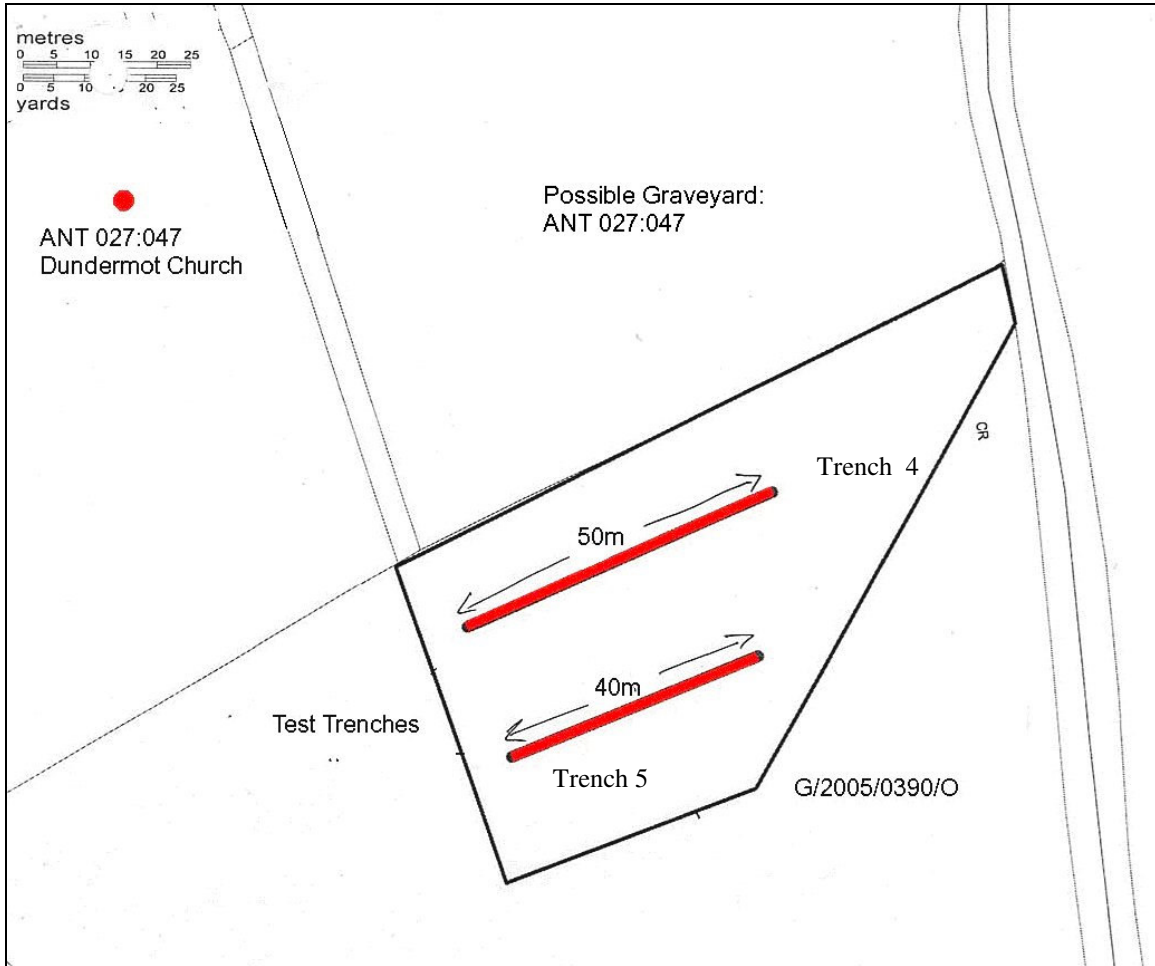


Fig. 4: Location of test trenches (marked in red) at Site 2 (Planning ref.: G/2005/0390/O) and archaeological sites in the immediate locality.





Plate 1 : View of Development Site 1 (G/2005/0318/F) from west



Plate 2: View of Trench 1 from east. Development Site 1(G/2005/0318/F).



Plate 3: View of Trench 2 from south. Development Site 1 (G/2005/0318/F).



Plate 4: View of Trench 3 from south. Development Site 1(G/2005/0318/F).



Plate 5: View of Trench 4 from west. Development Site 2 (G/2005/0390/O).



Plate 6: View of Trench 5 from west. Development Site 2 (G/2005/0390/O).