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THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND
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Entry in the Schedule of Monuments

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Re: The Monument known as
Barntalloch Castle, motte and bailey,
Staplegordon

in the Parish of Langholm and
County of Dumfries

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ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Barntalloch Castle, motte and bailey, Staplegordon comprises a motte and bailey, and later castle, at Staplegordon, or Staplegorton as it was commonly called in the past. The monument which is medieval in date and visible as an earthwork and upstanding ruin, is located on a cliff about 35m high, forming the N bank of the River Esk at its confluence with the Staplegordon Burn at Portholm Pool, about 210m W of the farmhouse at Potholm. The triangular-shaped motte has been formed by drawing a broad ditch across the neck of a natural steep-sided promontory, whilst the bailey has been created by scarping the sides of the adjacent area of high ground, which may additionally have been defended by a ditch. The area to be scheduled comprises the remains described and an area around them within which related evidence would be expected to survive. It is irregular, with maximum dimensions of, 146m E-W by 134m N-S. Its boundaries are demarcated by modern fence lines to the N, NW and W, and by the river and burn to the SSW and NE. The surfaces and top 30cm of all tracks are excluded from the scheduling to allow for their routine maintenance. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Langholm and the County of Dumfries as shown outlined in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto [redacted] is hereby included in the Schedule of Monuments appearing to the Scottish Ministers to be of national importance compiled and maintained by them under section 1(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

Subscribed by Sheenagh Adams, Director of Heritage Policy with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 11th day of December Two thousand and two, before this witness Lesley Macdonald, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Director of Heritage Policy

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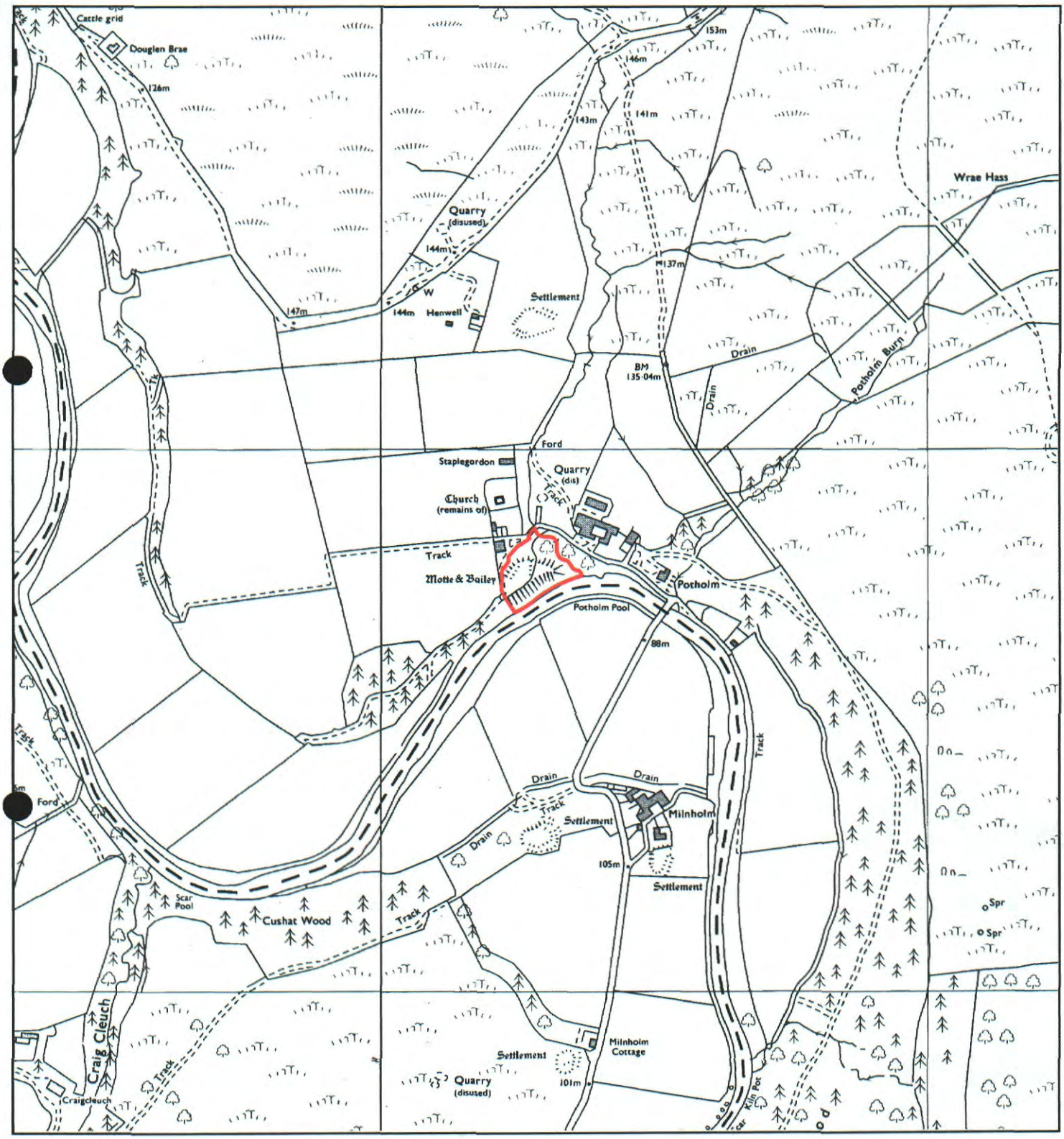
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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting Barntalloch Castle, motte and bailey, Staplegordon, dated: 11/12/02 and is signed as relative thereto.



Barntalloch Castle, motte and bailey, Staplegordon

Langholm Parish

[redacted]

Scheduled Area

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