


THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 1272
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Handest, settlement, Dounby** comprises the remains of a prehistoric settlement, dating probably to the Iron Age (between about 800 BC and 500 AD). It is visible as a substantial turf-covered oval mound, measuring approximately 40m N-S by 35m transversely and standing up to 3m high, surmounted by an uninhabited farmstead. Early 20th-century investigation exposed a series of circular or semi-circular drystone chambers about 1.2m beneath the surface, rich in finds; and in 1993, the installation of a septic tank S of the farmhouse cut through some 1.8m of occupation debris. The settlement is situated on a level area of ground on a gentle SW-facing slope with distant views over the Loch of Harray, at about 35m above sea level. The scheduled area is circular on plan, measuring 50m in diameter. It includes the remains described above and an area around them within which evidence relating to the monument's construction, use and abandonment is expected to survive. The scheduling specifically excludes the above-ground elements of the abandoned farmstead and all other modern buildings; and the above-ground elements of all post-and-wire fences and stone boundary walls. It also excludes the top 300mm of all paths, paved and gravelled areas, garden ground and other surfaces in use, to allow for their maintenance. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Birsay and Harray and the County of Orkney and Zetland as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto and which forms part of the subjects described in

 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.

This entry supersedes the Entry in the Schedule of Monuments for the monument known then as **Mound, Handest** as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings in respect of the monument dated 28 July 1937 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 30 September 1937.

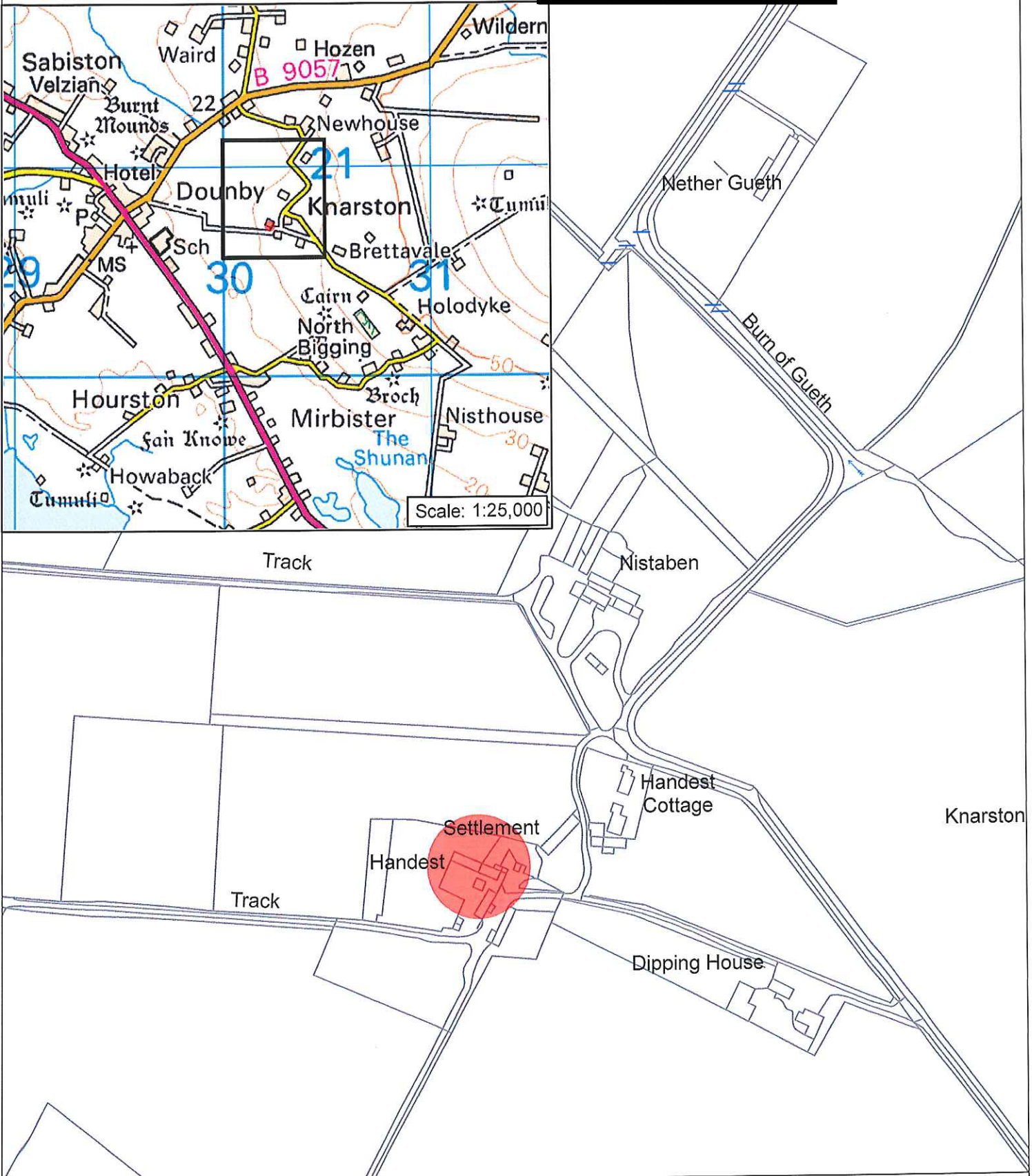
Subscribed by Olwyn A Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the *28th* day of *August* Two thousand and fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

 Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

 Witness

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Handest, settlement, Dounby

dated: 28 / 8 / 14 and is signed as relative thereto.



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Handest, settlement, Dounby

Birsay and Harray Parish

Scheduled Area 

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Mapsheet(s):
HY32SW

Scale: 1:2,500

0 20 40 60 80 100
 Metres

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2014

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in the Parish of Birsay and Harray
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