

The monument known as **Howen Brough, broch** comprises a broch dating probably from the Iron Age (between 600 BC and AD 400). The broch is visible as a substantial turf-covered mound, roughly oval in plan with a fairly flat summit, located on a larger platform. The central mound measures 25m N-S by 20m transversely and stands up to 1.75m high. There are traces of outworks in the form of a bank and possible ditch around part of the broch, especially to the NW. The mound is expected to contain the foundations of a broch tower similar to Burrian Broch some 600m to the NNE. The monument is located on a gentle SW-facing slope at about 20m above sea level, some 2km E of the Loch of Harray. It has good views, especially to the SW over the Loch of Harray. The scheduled area is irregular on plan to include the remains described above and an area around them within which evidence relating to the monument's construction and use is expected to survive. The scheduling specifically excludes the above-ground elements of the post-and-wire fence that runs N-S across the centre of the monument and the above-ground elements of the post-and-wire fence that runs E-W along the S edge of the monument. 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

[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.

This entry supersedes the Entry in the Schedule of Monuments for the monument known then as **Howen Brough** as referred to in the Certificates of Service of Notice by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings in respect of the monument dated 24 May and 20 July both in the year 1940 and both recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 25 July 1946.

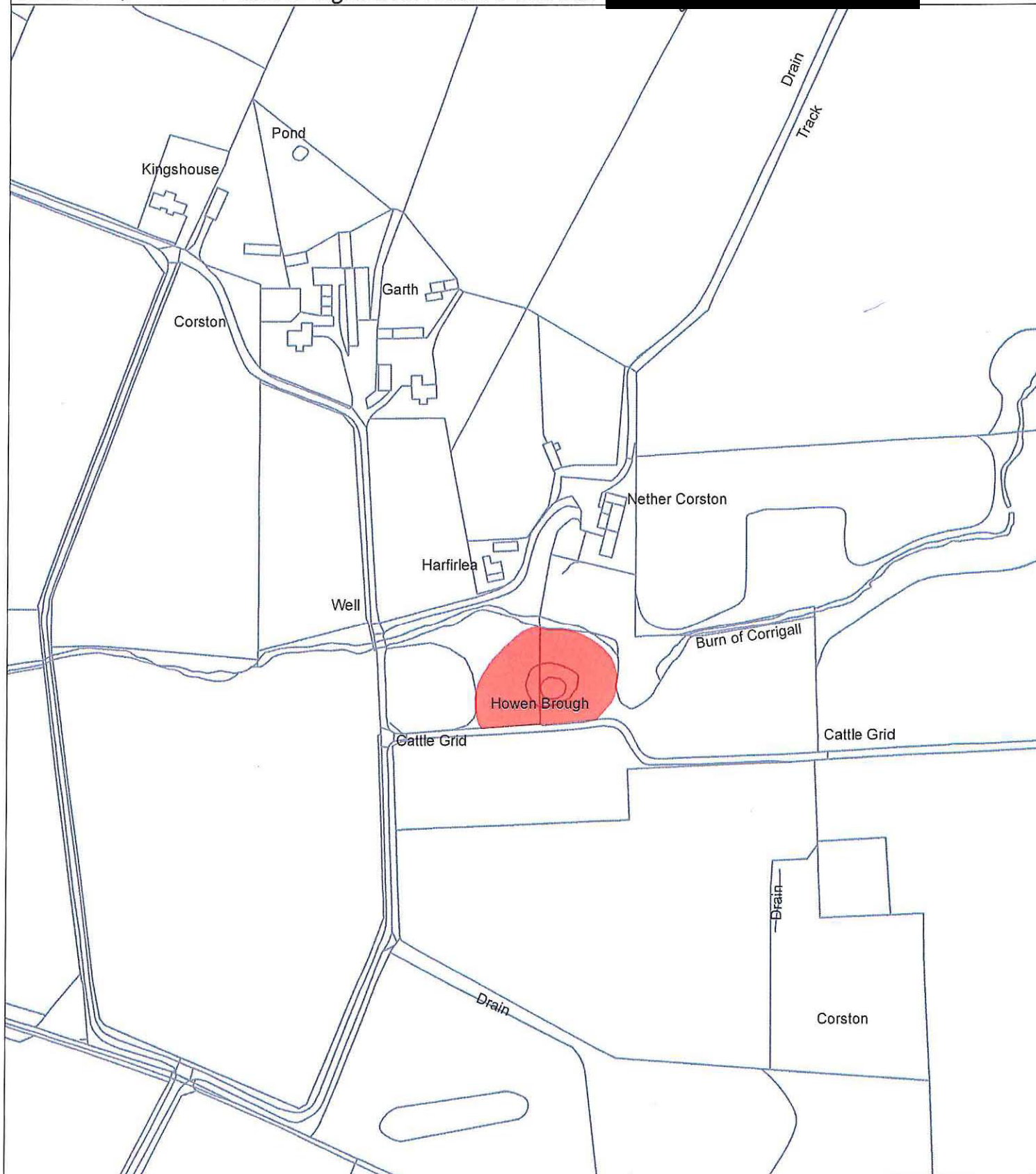
Subscribed by Olwyn A Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 27th day of May
Two thousand and fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[REDACTED] Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

[REDACTED] Witness

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Howen Brough, broch

dated: 27/5/14 and is signed as relative thereto.



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Howen Brough, broch

Birsay and Harray Parish

Scheduled Area



Mapsheet(s):
HY31NW

Scale: 1:2,500

0 25 50 75 100

Metres

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Entry in the Schedule of Monuments

2014

Re: The Monument known as
Howen Brough, broch

in the Parish of Birsay and Harray and
County of Orkney and Zetland

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