THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 1312
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Knowes of Cuean, mounds 225m N of Sunnybrae** comprises the remains of up to four barrows dating probably to the Bronze Age (between about 2000 and 800 BC). The barrows are visible as low, roughly circular, turf-covered earthen mounds situated at the intersection of three fields. The largest mound lies to the N: it measures 12.7m in diameter and survives to a height of 0.6m. The remains of another probable barrow lie immediately to the SE, marked by a low mound measuring 5m in diameter with a 2m-wide hollow at its centre. A third mound stands 20m to the SW, in the corner of the adjacent field, and measures 6.6m in diameter. Some 5m to its W are the remains of a fourth barrow, which is around 8m in diameter and stands 0.4m in height with a depression in the centre. Partial excavation of one of the barrows identified a surrounding kerb and recovered a broken ard share. The barrow cemetery at Knowes of Cuean lies at about 75m OD. The barrows occupy a broad ridge extending SE from Greeny Hill, with views towards the Loch of Sabiston 1km to the SW. 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, use and abandonment is expected to survive. The scheduling specifically excludes the above-ground elements of all post-and-wire fences 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 the Disposition by [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 **The Knowes of Cuean** as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by the Secretary of State for Scotland in respect of the monument dated 22 May 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 24th day of February Two thousand and fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

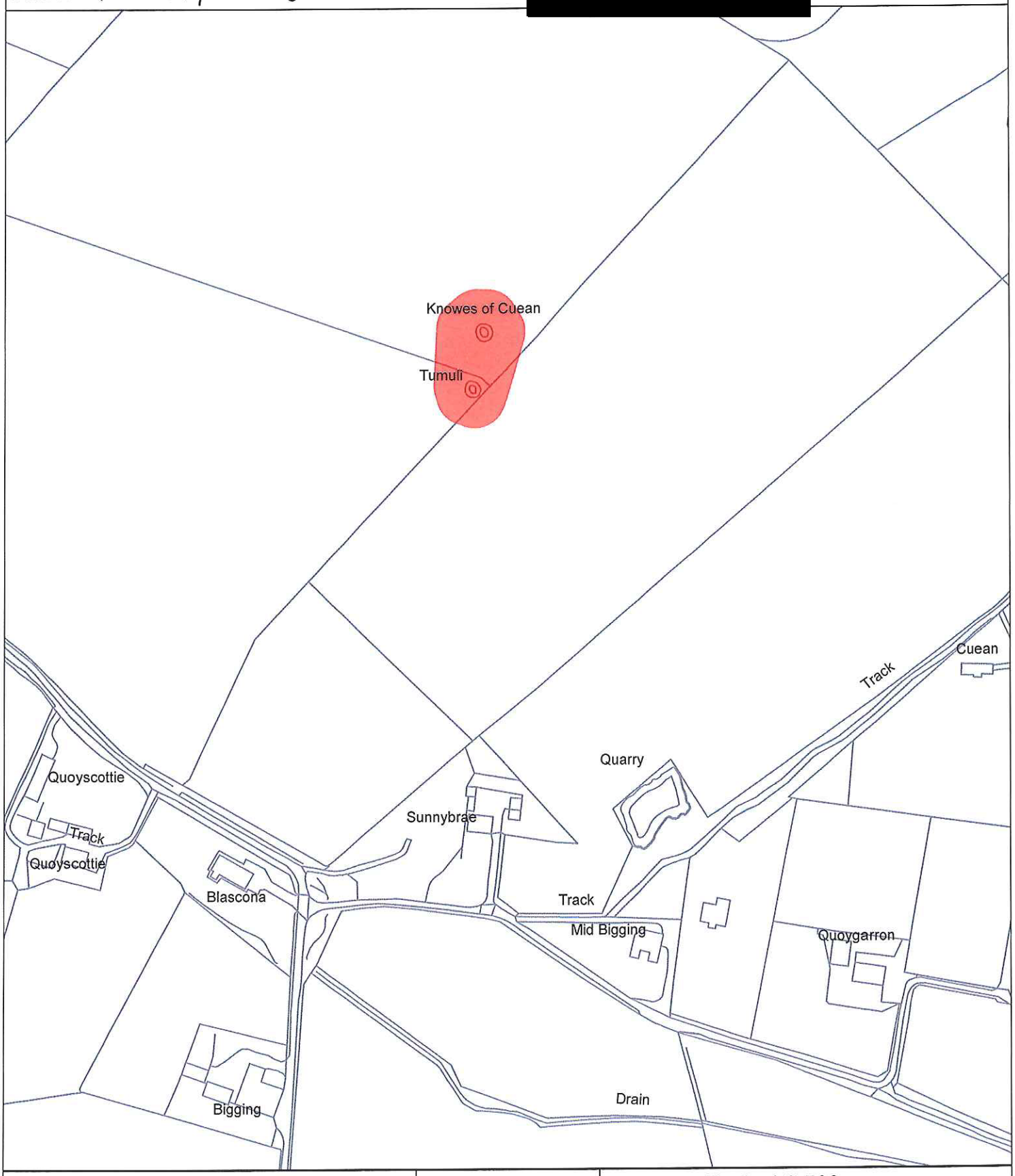
[redacted] Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

[redacted] Witness

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Knowes of Cuean, mounds 225m N of Sunnybrae

dated: 24/2 2014 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]




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Knowes of Cuean, mounds 225m N of Sunnybrae

Birsay and Harray Parish

Scheduled Area

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Mapsheet(s):
HY32SW

Scale:1:2,500

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2014

Re: The Monument known as
**Knowes of Cuean, mounds 225m N of Sunnybrae**

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

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