THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 1315
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Knowes of Trinnawin, mounds 830m and 560m SE of Upper Bigging** comprises the remains of six barrows dating probably from the Bronze Age (between around 2000 and 800 BC). The barrows are visible as two groups of low, roughly circular, turf-covered mounds. The NW group originally comprised at least two barrows, but only one is visible today, measuring about 20m in diameter and standing 0.7m high. This barrow was partly excavated in 1922 and contained a stone-lined pit and a cist without a cover stone. The SE group comprises five barrows, four of them arranged in a row aligned W-E, with an outlier 50m to the NE. One of the barrows in the row of four is notably larger than the rest, measuring 15m in diameter and standing 1.5m high. The other barrows range in diameter from approximately 6m to 9m, and in height from 0.3m to 0.5m. Four of the SE group of mounds were partly investigated in 1902-3 and found to be built primarily of earth and small stones. A short cist found in the SE side of the largest mound contained fragments of bone and ashes. A 'cavity' or pit in the adjacent mound to the E held a complete steatite urn, embedded in ash, containing burnt bones. Ash, fragments of bone and charred wood were also recorded from the other mounds examined. The monument is situated on a broad ridge at around 65m OD with excellent views towards the Loch of Harray. The scheduling comprises two separate areas. The first is circular on plan, 30m in diameter, centred on the centre of the surviving barrow to the NW. The second is rectangular on plan, measuring 120m WSW-ENE by 55m transversely, to include the five barrows in the SE group. The scheduled areas include the remains described above and an area around them within which evidence relating to the construction, use and abandonment of the barrows is expected to survive. The scheduling specifically excludes the above-ground elements of all post-and-wire fences and the top 30cm of the track 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

[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 **Knowes of Trinnawin** as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by the Commissioners of H.M. Works and Public Buildings in respect of the monument dated 18 February 1937 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 20 April 1937.

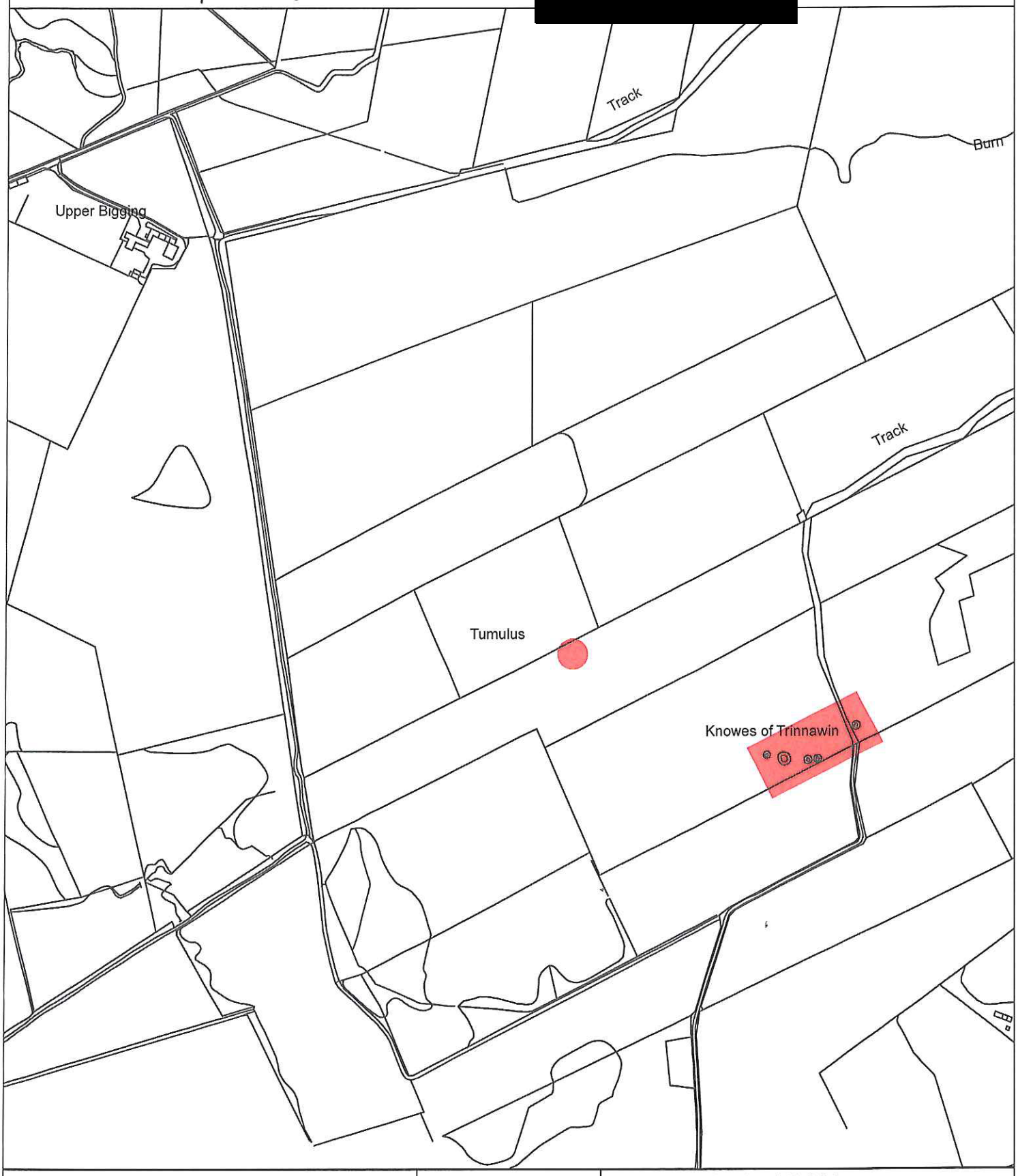
Subscribed by Olwyn A Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 24th day of February Two thousand and fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

[redacted] Witness

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Knowes of Trinnawin, mounds 830m and 560m SE of Upper Bigging

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



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Birsay and Harray Parish

Scheduled Area

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Mapsheet(s):
HY31NW

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2014

Re: The Monument known as
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