THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 1357
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Bigbreck Cottage, burial mounds N of** comprises the remains of ten or more burial mounds or barrows, forming part of a barrow cemetery dating probably to the Bronze Age (between approximately 2000 and 800 BC). The mounds are all roughly circular on plan and aligned loosely NW-SE, with an outlier to the NE. The mounds vary in diameter between 4m and 12m and survive between 0.3m and 1.25m in height. Antiquarian investigations have indicated the presence of burial structures within some of the mounds and, in one case, the remains of a stone cist from which burnt bones have been recovered are visible. The mounds are located on arable land on the SE shoulder of Ravie Hill overlooking the Loch of Boardhouse to the E, at approximately 35m above sea level. The scheduling comprises two areas: an irregular-shaped area to the E of the road and a semi-circular area W of the road, 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 a post-and-wire fence to allow for its 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 [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 mounds, NNE of Newbigging** 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 3 November 1938 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 5 December 1938.

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 June Two thousand and fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

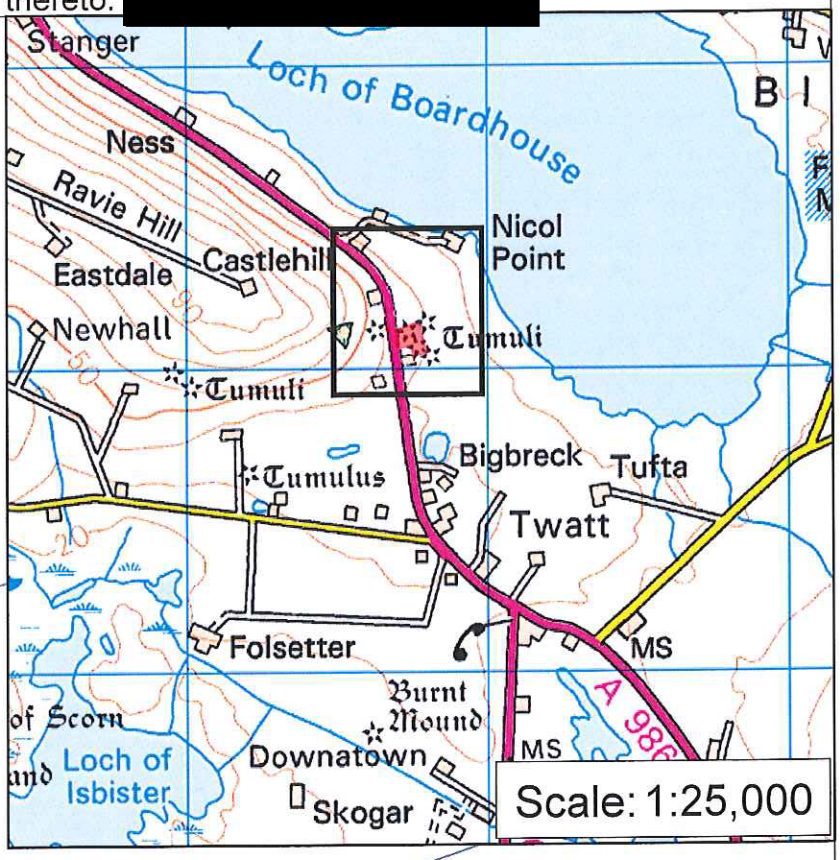
[redacted] Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

[redacted] Witness

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Bigbreck Cottage, burial mounds N of

dated: 24 / 6 / 14 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]







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Bigbreck Cottage, burial mounds N of

Birsay and Harray Parish

Scheduled Area

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Mapsheet(s):
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2014

Re: The Monument known as
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