THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 3471
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Orbister, prehistoric house 230m SSE of comprises an oval prehistoric house, adjoined by a curving wall and orthostat possibly representing the remains of an enclosure. The house is approximately 12m in diameter overall, with turf-covered walls up to 2.7m wide. The curvilinear wall extends from the NW arc of the house over a distance of 25m, and terminates in a 1m high orthostat. The monument is believed to be late Neolithic or Bronze Age in date, probably from around 3000 to 1000 BC. It is located on sloping ground at around 10m above sea level, close to the shore at the head of Hamar Voe, an arm of Ura Firth. The area to be scheduled 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 may survive. The scheduling specifically excludes a water pipeline and concrete marker, as well as the above-ground elements of all post-and-wire fencing to allow for their maintenance. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Northmavine 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 [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.

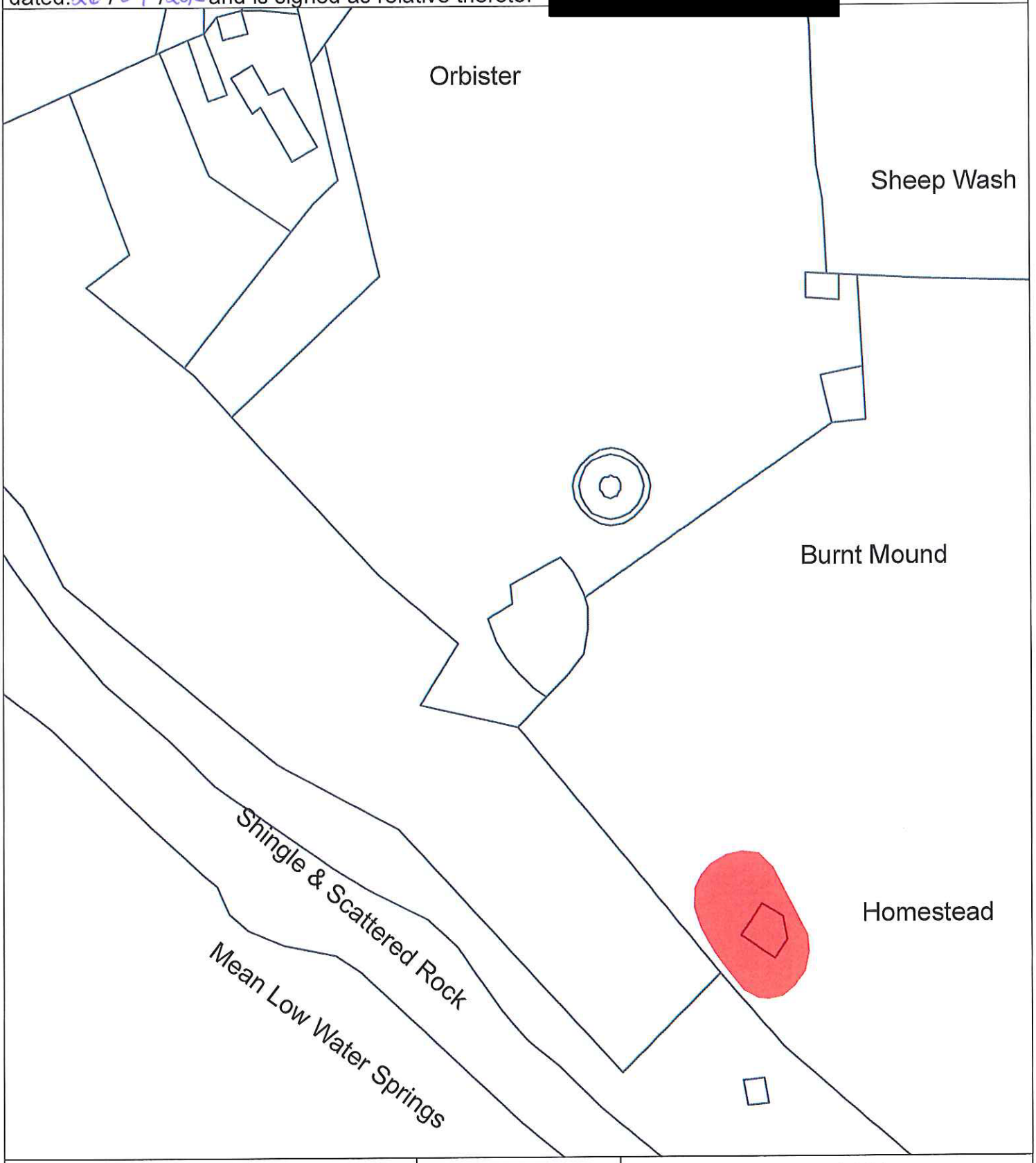
Subscribed by Olwyn Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 26th day of September Two thousand and twelve, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

[redacted] Witness

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Orbister, prehistoric house 230m SSE of

dated: 26 / 09 / 2012 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]



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Northmavine Parish

Scheduled Area

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HU37NW

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2012

Re: The Monument known as
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