THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 3700
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Brough Head, broch and settlement 295m SE of Skitpow, Eastshore comprises the remains of a multi-period settlement site, including: a broch of Iron Age date built between 500 BC and AD 200; the remains of an outer rampart enclosing the elevated area around the broch; and a series of earlier and later structures and archaeological deposits indicating that this headland was a focus for settlement from the second millennium BC to the 19th century. The W side of the broch is visible as a large turf-covered mound standing about 3m high, with the broch's internal wall face exposed. The E side of the broch has been affected by coastal erosion. The mound now measures about 12m N-S by 7m transversely, but the broch was originally about 19m in diameter within walls 4.4m thick. A scarp slope standing up to 2m high indicates the position of an outer rampart enclosing a sub-circular area 40m in diameter, now open on the E side. Small-scale excavations have sampled buried midden deposits beneath and adjacent to the broch. These, together with a variety of low earthworks, suggest that this settlement was perhaps almost as extensive as those at Jarlshof and Scatness. The monument stands less than 10m above sea level, on a rocky headland at the mouth of the Pool of Virkie, 4km north of Sumburgh Head. There are long views out to sea and along the coast to the south. 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 the above-ground elements of post-and-wire fences and modern gates to allow for their maintenance. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Dunrossness 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.

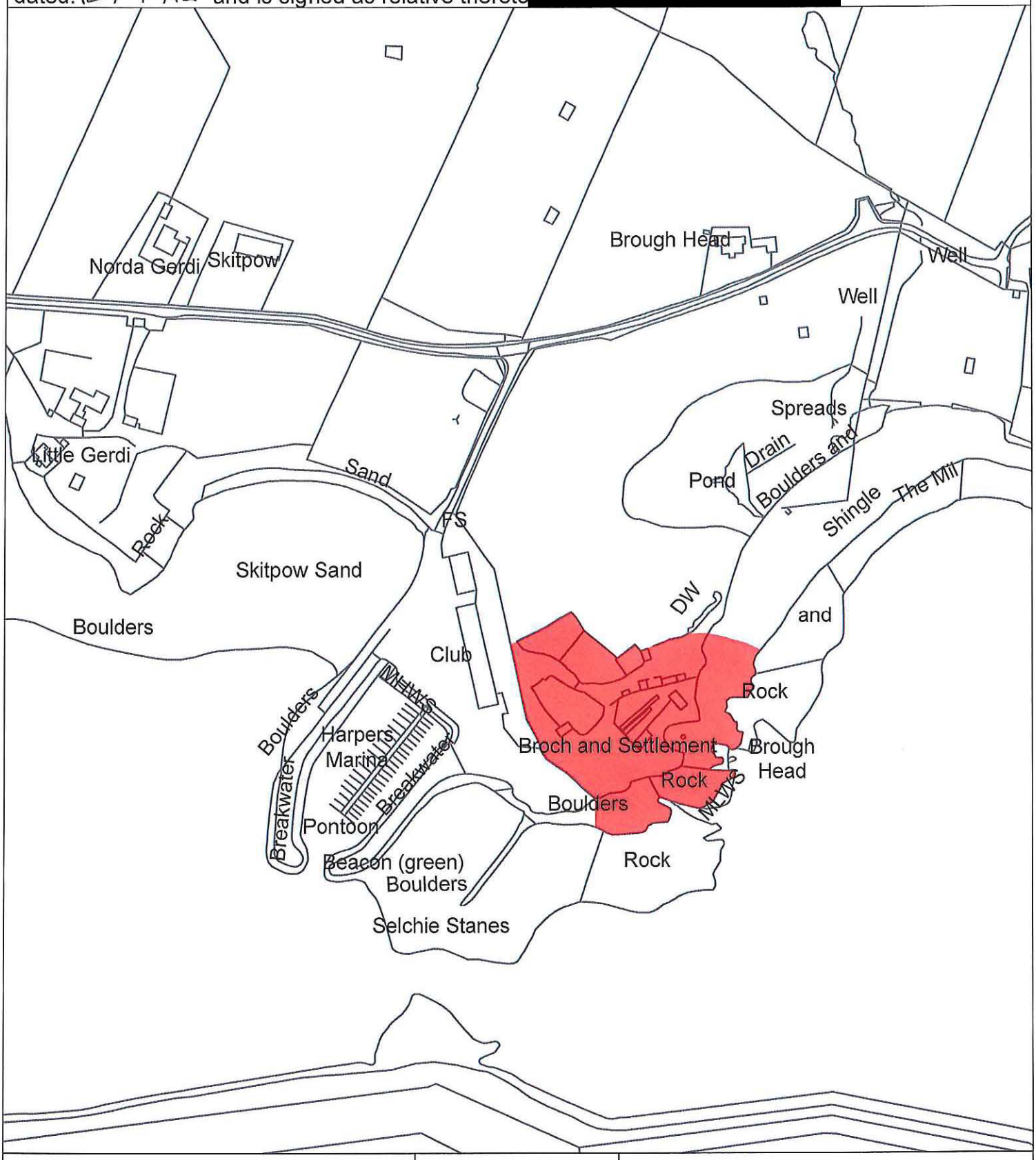
Subscribed by Barbara Cummins, Director of Heritage Management with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 12th day of July Two thousand and twelve, before this witness Victoria Murray, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Witness [redacted] Director of Heritage Management

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Brough Head, broch and settlement 295m SE of Skitpow, Eastshore

dated: 12/7/12 and is signed as relative thereto [redacted]



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Brough Head, broch and settlement 295m SE of Skitpow, Eastshore

Dunrossness Parish

Scheduled Area

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2012

Re: The Monument known as
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in the Parish of Dunrossness and
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