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THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979

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Entry in the Schedule of Monuments

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Re: The Monument known as
Balta Isle, stone settings 500m NNW of lighthouse

in the Parish of Unst and
County of Orkney and Zetland

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Historic Scotland
Longmore House
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The monument known as Balta Isle, stone settings 500m NNW of lighthouse comprises two extensive areas containing numerous enigmatic stone settings, situated on the SW end of the uninhabited Balta Isle. Group 1 (the westernmost group) which comprises 51 stone settings, lies on low lying, fairly flat ground by the shore at between 10m and 20m OD; Group 2 (the easternmost group) which comprises 25 surveyed features, of which three are interpreted as the remains of chambered cairns and one is thought to be a dyke lies near the summit of the S end (at c.38m OD), predominantly on the gently sloping E and S side of the hill. The stone settings are Iron Age or Norse in date. The areas to be scheduled are irregular with maximum dimensions of approximately 150m E-W by 280m N-S (Group 1) and 205m E-W by 205m N-S (Group 2). The above ground and below ground remains of a modern hut are excluded from the scheduling. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Unst and the County of Orkney and Zetland as shown outlined in red on the Plan annexed and executed as

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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 Sheenagh Adams, Director of Heritage Policy with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 19th day of December Two thousand and two, before this witness Lesley Macdonald, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Director of Heritage Policy

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Register on behalf of the Scottish Ministers in the Register of the County of Orkney and Zetland.

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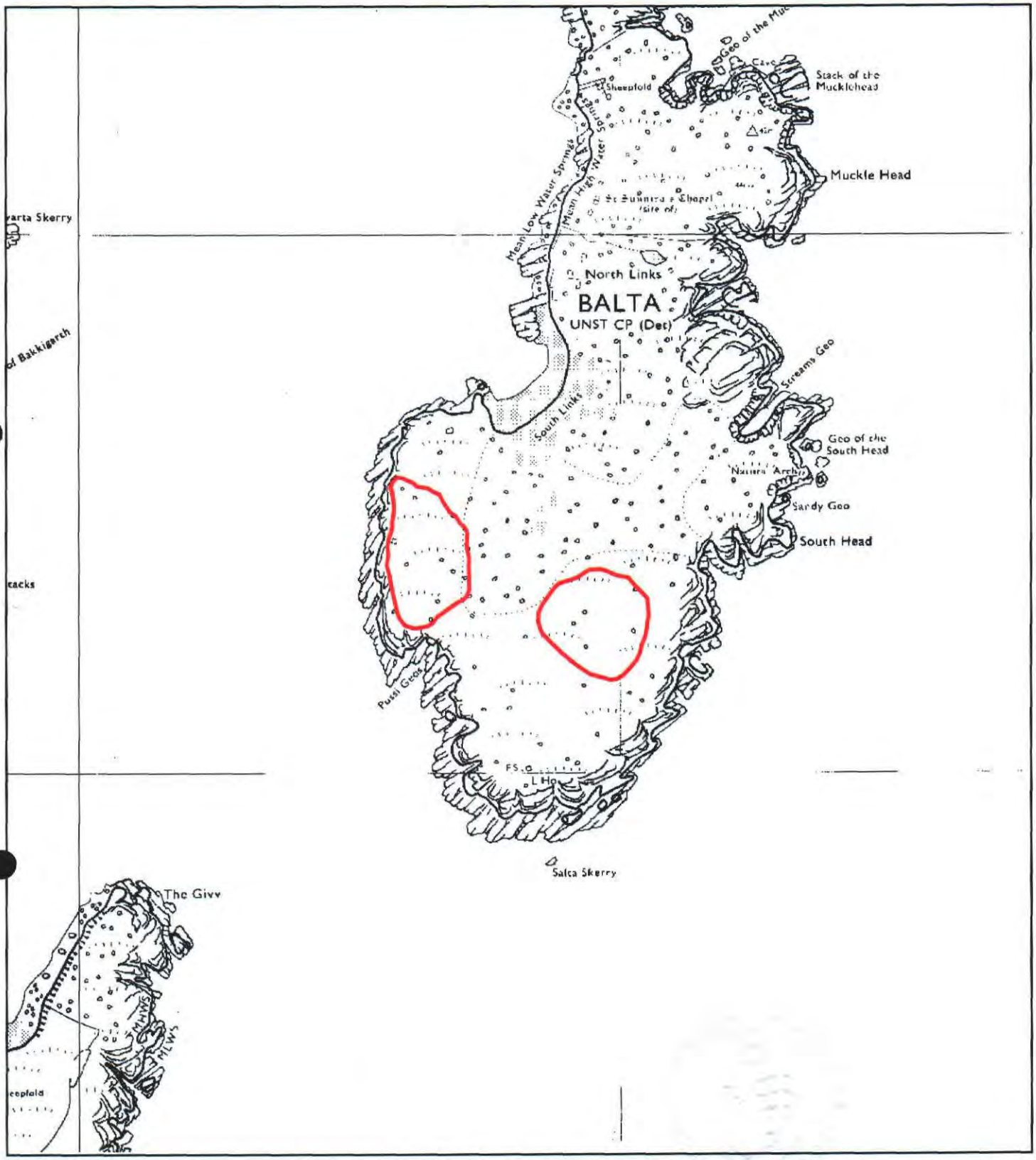
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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting
Balta Isle, stone settings 500m NNW of lighthouse,
dated: 19/12/02 and is signed as relative thereto.



Balta Isle, stone settings
500m NNW of lighthouse

Unst Parish
[redacted]

Scheduled Area

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