THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 13374
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Banks, chambered cairn 25m SW of, South Ronaldsay** comprises the chambered cairn known as Banks chambered tomb. It is visible as an elongated oval mound, measuring approximately 18m E-W by 10m transversely and standing around 1m high, with the remains of an apparent 'tail' extending 10m to the E. The cairn has been partly excavated, but some of its internal chambers are undisturbed and their contents are intact. On the N side of the mound, there is a door to an entrance passage leading to the central chamber, which is aligned E-W and measures 4m by 0.75m transversely. At least five, and possibly six, chambers or cells lead off the central chamber. The two largest are located at either end of the central chamber, to W and E, and there are two smaller chambers on the S side, and a further small chamber on the N side, to the E of the entrance passage. All of the chambers contained a large quantity of human remains, which appear to have been deposited in levels at different times. The chambers are partly subterranean and were constructed by quarrying into the bedrock; they are capped with large stone slabs. The interior of the tomb is now partly waterlogged. The monument is situated on a hillside terrace, 15m above sea level, some 75m from the cliff top on the southern tip of South Ronaldsay, overlooking the Pentland Firth. The scheduled area is irregular on plan to include the remains described above. The scheduling specifically excludes the parking area that surrounds the cairn. The monument, which lies in the Parish of South Ronaldsay 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 registered in the Land Register of Scotland under Title No OAZ 2652 [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 20th day of August Two thousand and thirteen, before this witness Victoria Murray, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted]

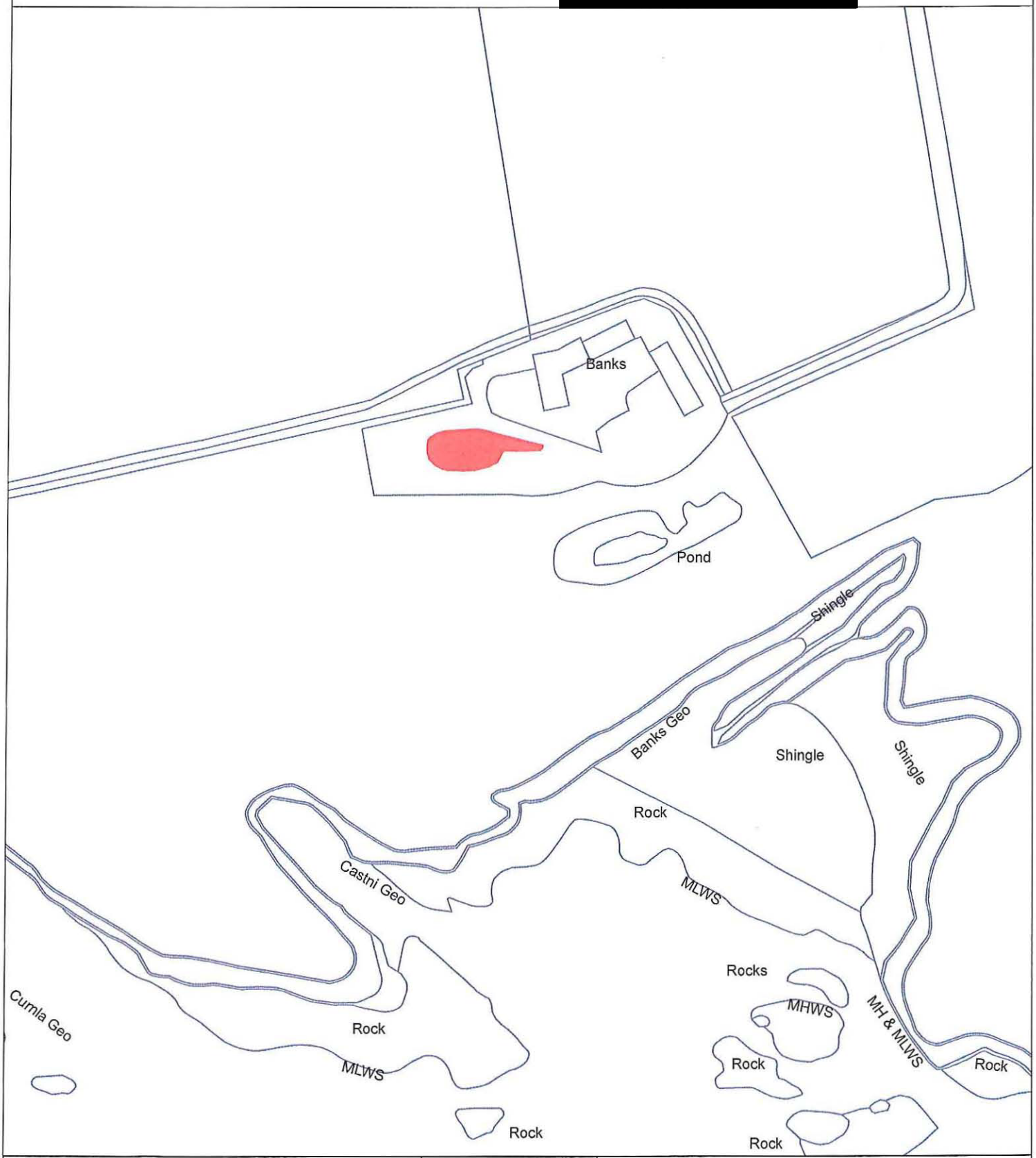
_____ Director of Heritage Management

[redacted]

_____ Witness

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Banks, chambered cairn 25m SW of, South Ronaldsay

dated: 20 / 8 / 13 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]



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Banks, chambered cairn 25m SW of, South Ronaldsay

South Ronaldsay Parish

Scheduled Area

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Mapsheet(s): NH66NW

Scale: 1:1,250

0 10 20 40 60 80 Metres

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2013

Re: The Monument known as
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25m SW of, South Ronaldsay

in the Parish of South Ronaldsay
and
County of Orkney and Zetland

Title No: OAZ 2652

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