THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 13379
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **St Nicholas' Church, settlement and mill, Orphir** comprises the remains of a high-status settlement dating mainly to the Norse period (about AD 800-1300). It includes the remains of a 12th-century round church, St Nicholas' Church, and a Norse horizontal mill. There is also evidence for earlier activity on the site. The monument is visible as the turf-covered footings of one or more buildings (known as the 'Earl's Bu'), a stone-lined horizontal mill lade and under-house, the upstanding remains of St Nicholas' Church, and a later burial ground. The monument lies on the northern shore of Orphir Bay at about 5m above sea level, overlooking the water of Scapa Flow. The scheduled area 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 is expected to survive. The scheduling specifically excludes the above-ground elements of: all modern buildings; the Orkney Saga Centre; the display boat and plinth; all modern boundary walls, fences; interpretation boards; the top 30cm of all modern gravel paths, the gravel outline of the round church, and road surfaces. The scheduling also excludes any burial lairs where rights of burial still exist. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Orphir 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 the aftermentioned deeds as [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 1) the Entry in the Schedule of Monuments for the monument known then as **Earl's Bu, Norse settlement** as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by the Secretary of State for Scotland in respect of the monument dated 21 December 1973 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 29 January 1974 and in the Amended Entry in the Schedule of Monuments in respect of the monument dated 29 February 1996; and 2) the Entry in the Schedule of Monuments for the monument known then as **St Nicholas' Church, Orphir** as referred to in the Entry in the Schedule of Monuments by the Secretary of State for Scotland in respect of the monument dated 29 February 1996.

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 28th day of August Two thousand and fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

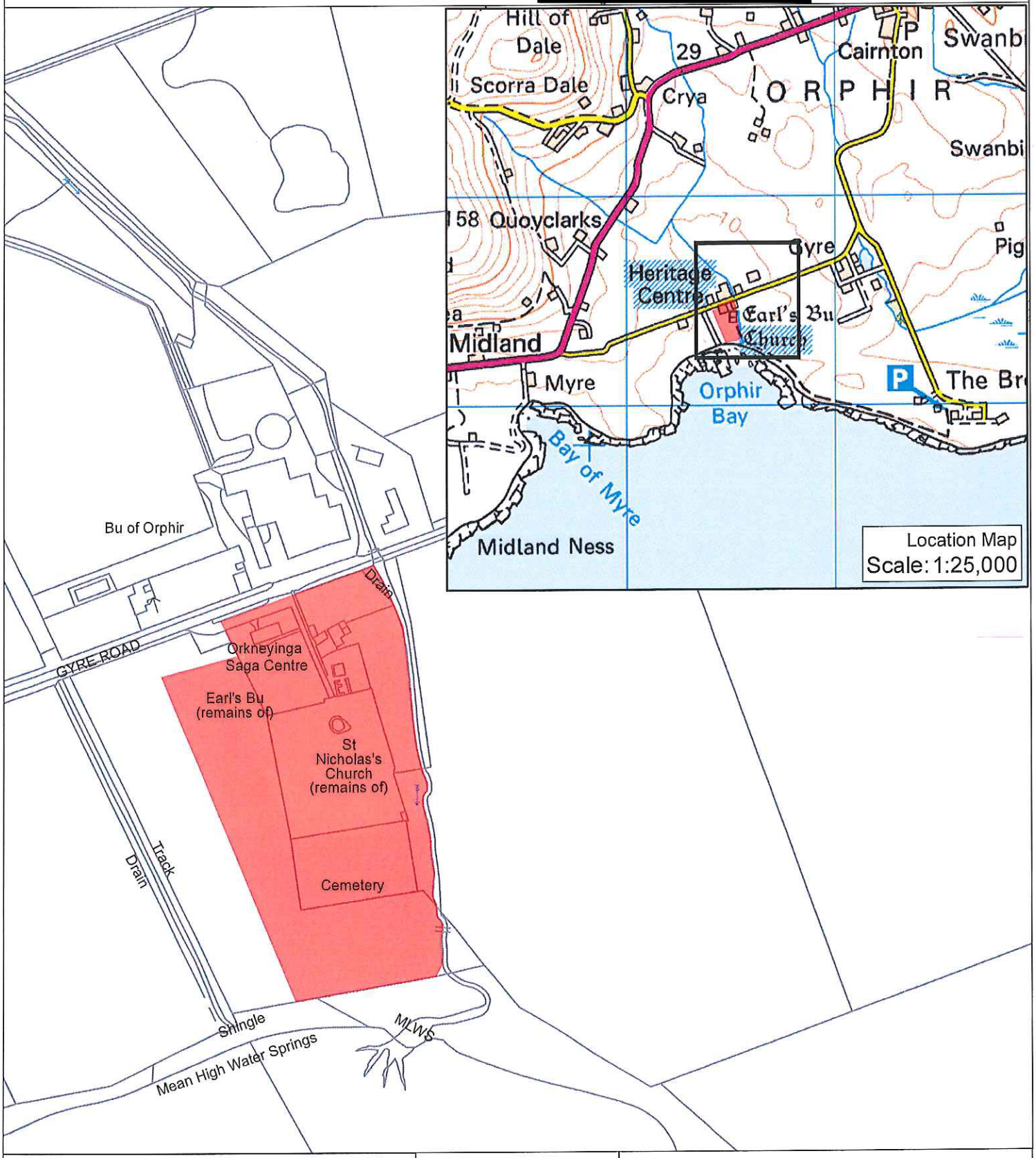
[redacted] Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields

[redacted] Witness

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
St Nicholas' Church, settlement and mill, Orphir

dated: 28/8/14 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]




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St Nicholas' Church, settlement and mill, Orphir

Orphir Parish

Scheduled Area

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2014

Re: The Monument known as
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**settlement and mill, Orphir**

in the Parish of Orphir
and
County of Orkney and Zetland

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