THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 13421
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Point of Avelshay, coastal battery, Rousay** comprises a late 19th-century coastal battery. It comprises two roofed rectangular stone-built huts connected by a curving earth bank, which protects two gun emplacement platforms. The huts are built of coursed and finely dressed mortared masonry and roofed with stone slabs, partially covered with turf. The southern hut measures approximately 3.1m by 2.3m and is aligned WNW-ESE. On the W (landward) side is a high lintelled doorway measuring 0.7m wide and 2m high. The interior is sealed with a floor of tightly interlocking stone slabs and the walls are dressed with mortar. The northern hut lies roughly 20m to the NNE. It measures 5.6m by 2.7m and is aligned NW-SE. The entrance is on the NW and measures 0.6m wide by 1.85m high. The interior has a fitted stone-slab floor and smooth walls. The roof is constructed of wooden beams, rafters and cladding, rather than stone slabs. There are horizontal wooden lathes built into each of the four walls. Connecting the two huts on the seaward side is a curving grass-covered earth bank, now measuring up to 8m in width and standing up to 1m high, but reportedly as high as the hut roofs originally. Behind this and between the huts are the levelled platforms of two gun emplacements. The battery is situated on the SE coast of Rousay at about 5m above sea level, overlooking Wyre Sound and Rousay Sound. 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 monument, which lies in the Parish of Rousay and Egilsay 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 [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 4th day of July Two thousand and Fourteen, before this witness Victoria Murray, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

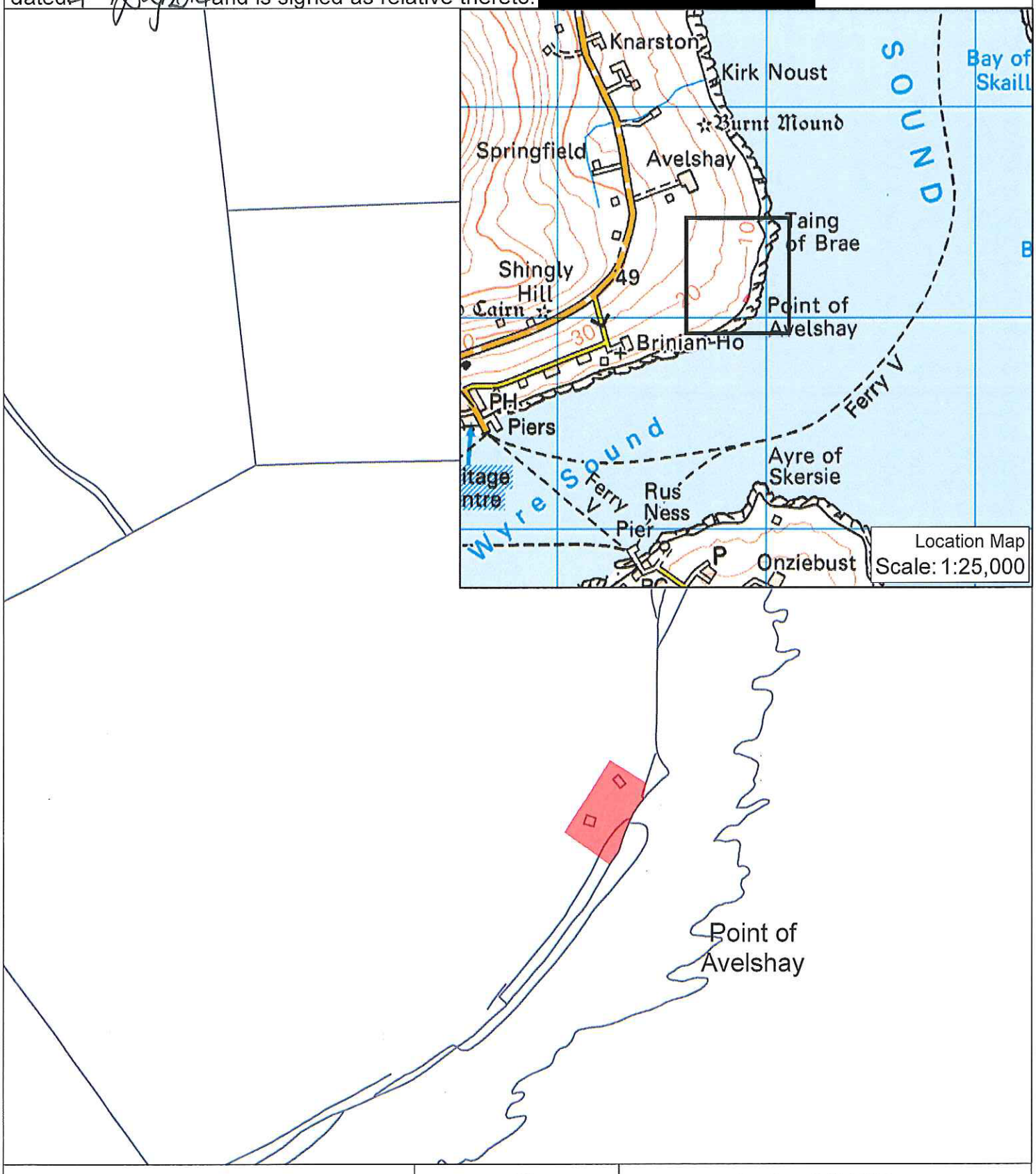
[redacted] Director of Heritage Management

[redacted] Witness

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Point of Avelshay, coastal battery, Rousay

dated 4th July 2014 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]



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Rousay and Egilsay Parish

Scheduled Area

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Mapsheet(s): HY42NW

Scale: 1:2,500

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2014

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