THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 13461
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Big Howe, broch 260m WNW of Stenness Church** comprises a broch mound dating probably from the Iron Age (between about 600 BC and AD 400), visible as a pronounced rise in a field of cultivated grassland. The monument was levelled at the beginning of the 20th century, but geophysical surveys in 2002 and 2007 have confirmed that the mound contains the remains of a broch below ground. The results revealed part of a broch tower, approximately 30m in diameter, surrounded by a pear-shaped ditched enclosure. The results also suggested the presence of additional stone structures within the tower. The broch occupies a highly strategic location only 425m SE of the Ness of Brodgar, at about 5m above sea level, overlooking the Loch of Harray and the Loch of Stenness. The scheduled area is circular on plan, measuring 95m in diameter, 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 the post-and-wire fence that runs NE-SW across the SE edge of the monument. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Stenness 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 [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 5 day of September Two thousand and Fourteen, before this witness Victoria Murray, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

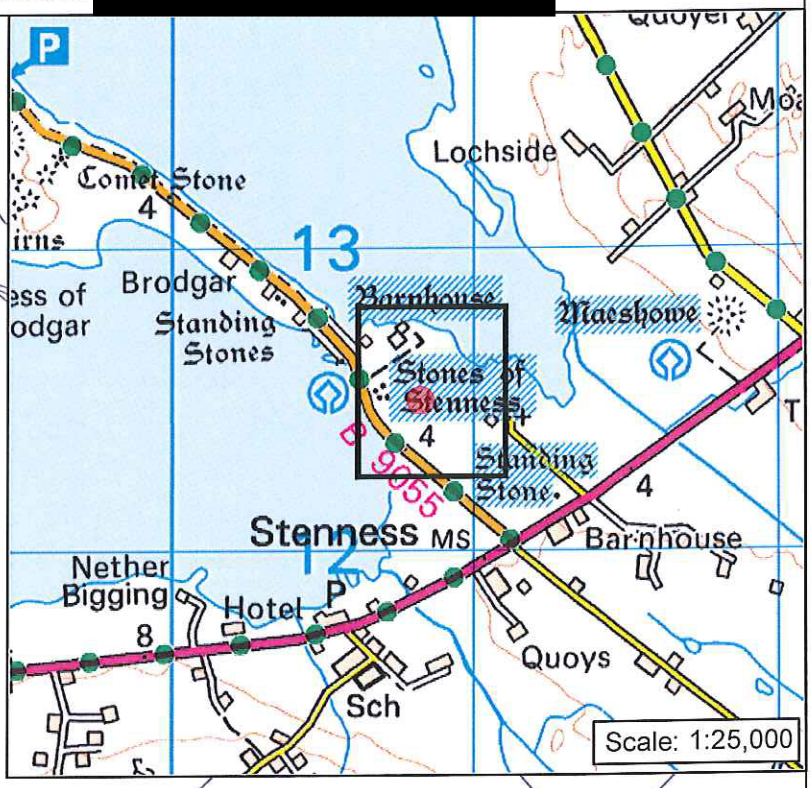
[redacted] Director of Heritage Management

[redacted] Witness

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Big Howe, broch 260m WNW of Stenness Church

dated: 5/9/14 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]



Ring of Stenness Henge

Big Howe Broch (site of)

Stenness Church

Lay-by

Track

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Big Howe, broch 260m WNW of Stenness Church

Stenness Parish

Scheduled Area

N

Mapsheet(s): HY31SW

Scale: 1:2,500

0 20 40 60 80 100 Metres

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