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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

- 1.1.1 This report presents the results of an archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA), field reconnaissance survey and photographic survey undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in June and July 2010 on the proposed site of Camster Wind Farm, near Wick, Caithness (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Natural Power on behalf of E.ON.
- 1.1.2 A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) was produced by CFA based upon information provided by Natural Power and agreed by Highland Council.
- 1.1.3 This report details the results of work carried out in June and July 2010 in accordance with the WSI. The specific aspects of work carried out were as follows:
- **Photographic Record.** A Photographic Record to be undertaken of Badlipster farmstead prior to any conversion works taking place.
 - **Walkover Survey.** Survey in advance of felling in areas of forestry, with mitigation measures proposed as necessary depending on the findings.
 - **Fencing-off Sites.** Sites **5, 6, 56** and **57** and any newly discovered sites to be clearly identified and marked off with high visibility fencing.
- 1.1.4 This is the first stage of work and the results detailed here do not represent the final body of work. There are still phases of work, as detailed in the WSI, to be undertaken, including monitoring of tree felling and a watching brief.

1.2 Objectives

- 1.2.1 The objectives of this phase of the archaeological work were as follows:
- To conduct an appropriate photographic record of Badlipster farmstead;
 - To refresh the desk-based assessment for the development area;
 - To conduct a reconnaissance survey of the development area;
 - To provide a record of any archaeological sites within the development area;
 - To produce an illustrated data structure report outlining the results of the work and propose mitigation measures where necessary.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 General

- 2.1.1 CFA follows Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidelines as appropriate.

2.2 Photographic Survey

- 2.2.1 The photographic survey was undertaken using a professional standard digital SLR camera. All structures comprising the farmstead were photographed.

2.3 Desk-based Assessment Refresh

- 2.3.1 The desk-based assessment was refreshed by consulting the appropriate records from the National Monuments Record of Scotland (NMRS) and The Highland Council Historic Environment Record (HER).

2.4 Pre-felling Walkover Survey

- 2.4.1 The walkover survey took place within the forested areas prior to development. The area surveyed consisted mainly of mature coniferous forestry plantation and smaller areas of open heather and grass moorland.
- 2.4.2 All individual features were recorded by scale plan, photographed and sketched, and will be provided with an OS grid reference. Grid references were taken with DGPS.
- 2.4.3 Sites were fenced off with high visibility durable fencing materials with 20m buffer.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

3.1 Photographic Survey (Figs. 2-5)

- 3.1.1 A comprehensive photographic survey was undertaken of the standing buildings at Badlipster (NGR: ND 2470 4921). Badlipster comprises a house, a byre and three outbuildings. The house is a linear cottage with a pitched roof, and has a pitched extension to the north with a lean-to extension on its east side. The house is stone built but entirely harled so it is unclear whether it was built in a single phase or extended after the initial construction. A stone plaque dated 1894 is located above the main door. The house has a garden to the rear bounded by drystone walls.
- 3.1.2 The byre, to the north-east of the house, is a later building. It is built of breeze blocks and has concrete floors with drainage and stalls for livestock. A sheep dip and shower are situated on the side of the byre.
- 3.1.3 The outbuildings are of L-shaped plan and lie to the south-east of the house. They are of drystone build and are in semi-derelict to derelict condition.

3.2 Desk-based Assessment Refresh

- 3.2.1 The desk-based assessment carried out for the ES chapter was refreshed where necessary to reflect any changes to the known cultural heritage baseline within the development area since 2003. This involved checking the data held on the RCAHMS database 'Pastmap' and The Highland Council Historic Environment Record (HER). The DBA refresh included two areas of forestry proposed for felling which were not included in the original ES, and the corridor of the proposed access track. Ten sites were identified (**58-67**; Fig. 1). A gazetteer is provided in Appendix 2. Numbers in bold refer to gazetteer site numbers.
- 3.2.2 Two additional sites recorded by the HER were identified (**58, 61**). These were a possible fallen standing stone/gate post (**58**) and a sheepfold at Achairn (**61**) which is no longer visible.
- 3.2.3 Five additional sites recorded by both the HER and NMRS were identified (**59, 60, 62, 63, 65**). These included: two mounds of uncertain origin (**59**); a culvert (**60**); two possible shielings at Achairn Burn (**62**) which are no longer visible; a field wall and clearance cairns at Achairn Cottage (**63**); and the remains of a structure and field wall at Thuster Mains (**65**).

3.3 Pre-felling Walkover Survey

- 3.3.1 All accessible areas within the forestry plantation were surveyed. The access road was also subject to survey. The location of all known sites identified during the desk-based assessment (DBA) were visited and all previously known and new sites were recorded according to the standards set out in the WSI.

- 3.3.2 The sites recorded include a cairn/possible whisky still (**5**), two possible hut circles (**6**, **56**), possible standing stones, (**7**, **58**), sheepfolds (**57**, **61**), a mound (**59**), a culvert (**60**), a shieling hut (**62**), farmsteads and related features (**63**, **64**, **65**, **67**), and a quarry (**66**).
- 3.3.3 The majority of the survey area was very densely afforested (Figs 18-19). There have been two rotations of commercial forestry within the development site since the 1970s, and the existing furrows are extensive, deep, and are likely to have had a detrimental effect on any archaeological remains present. The existing furrows measure up to 1m across and 1m deep.
- 3.3.4 A number of sites which were previously recorded as upstanding (eg Site **6**, **57**) or which could reasonably be expected to have been upstanding in the past (eg Site **61**) are now no longer visible within the plantation and it is suspected that they have been destroyed by the forestry planting.
- 3.3.5 Three new sites were recorded during the walkover survey (**64**, **66**, **67**). A ruined stone building was recorded at Achairn (**64**); a quarry was recorded at Cnocan Buidhe (**66**); and a small field system was found at Thuster Mains (**67**).
- 3.3.6 Buffer zones were marked out by CFA personnel using high-visibility durable fencing.

3.4 Results

- 3.4.1 A marker cairn of probable modern origins overlying a ring of stones (**5**) was identified in the DBA and visited during the walkover survey (Fig. 6-7). The cairn was found to be in a good condition and situated within a forestry clearing. While a possible hut circle was recorded in the NMRS in 1959 and 1972 as a ring of stones, the hut circle was not recorded on the Ordnance Survey First Edition 6" map (1877) nor in the RCAHMS Inventory of 1911, suggesting it is not an antiquity. There are now no visible remains of this ring of stones.
- 3.4.2 The location of an ill-defined hut circle (**6**), identified in the DBA as comprising of a low circular stone wall 11.5m in diameter, was visited during the walkover survey. The area had been deep ploughed and planted with coniferous forestry. As such, no remains of this hut circle could be identified and no site demarcation took place at this location.
- 3.4.3 A group of three possible standing stones (**7**) was identified during the DBA, and field survey suggests that one of the stones is of later date and possibly the result of modern ditch upcast (Fig. 8). In the 1911 RCAHMS Inventory only two stones were recorded, but when the site was resurveyed by Thom in 1970, three were recorded. The stones do not appear on the 1877 Ordnance Survey map which suggests they did not exist or were not visible at that time as the surveyors appear to have been assiduous in recording other upstanding monuments in the local area. The possible standing stones lie outwith the

forested area and are not situated near to any proposed development elements and as such will not be affected by the development.

- 3.4.4 The location of the slight remains of a hut circle (**56**), identified in the DBA, was visited during the walkover survey. The location was within a gap in the forestry but no archaeological remains could be identified. As such, no site demarcation took place at this location.
- 3.4.5 The location of a group of nine circular turf walled enclosures and the rectangular footings of a turf and stone structure (**57**), as described in the DBA, was visited during the walkover survey. The area has been deep ploughed and planted with coniferous forestry. As such, no remains of these structures could be identified and no site demarcation took place at this location.
- 3.4.6 A large stone (**58**) was located in a supine position next to the gate and picnic area for the Camster forestry access track (Fig. 9). Information from the HER suggests it may be the remains of a gate post or possible standing stone, although as it has been removed from its original location these postulations cannot be proved. It is not situated within the forested area and as such will not be affected by tree felling works, although further mitigation may be required during any track improvement or gate widening works.
- 3.4.7 Two low amorphous mounds (**59**) situated to the east of the Watten to Lybster public road (Fig. 10) were visited. Both mounds lie outwith the forested area and are not situated near to any proposed development elements and as such will not be affected by the development.
- 3.4.8 A modern concrete culvert and bridge (**60**) is, according to the NMRS, positioned on the site of an older bridge. No traces of the earlier bridge survive. This culvert and bridge lies outwith the forested area and is not situated near to any proposed development elements and as such will not be affected by the development.
- 3.4.9 The location of a circular sheepfold (**61**), identified from the DBA and depicted on the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey (OS) map, was visited during the walkover survey but the area has been deep ploughed and planted with coniferous forestry and as such no remains could be identified.
- 3.4.10 The location of two possible shielings and a rectangular enclosure (**62**) was visited during the walkover survey but the area has been deep ploughed and planted with coniferous forestry as well as being disturbed by forestry drainage and road works. As such, no remains could be identified.
- 3.4.11 A group of roofed and unroofed structures and associated field boundaries and enclosures (**63**), seen on the 1st Edition OS map, was visited and found to comprise three roofed and inhabited/in use structures as well as a collapsed section of drystone walling and a number of probable clearance cairns (Figs. 11-12). The site is situated outwith the forestry and alongside the proposed access track. The majority of the features at Site **63** will be unaffected by the

proposed development, although a clearance cairn lies close to the proposed access track into the development site, adjacent to Achairn Cottage.

- 3.4.12 The walkover survey identified the remains of a derelict stone built structure measuring 7.5m by 4m and surviving up to 2.5m in height (**64**; Fig. 13). This building lies outwith the forestry area and is of a sufficient distance from the proposed access track that it will not be affected by the development.
- 3.4.13 An enclosure and a length of field wall (**65**) depicted on the 1st Edition of the OS 6-inch map was identified in the DBA. The walkover survey found the site to consist of the largely collapsed and overgrown remains of a two-roomed drystone structure with an adjacent possible wall/enclosure (Fig. 14). These features lie outwith the forestry area and are of a sufficient distance from the proposed access track that they will not be affected by the development.
- 3.4.14 The remains of a quarry site (**66**) consisting of two overgrown spoil heaps/upcast piles was identified during the walkover survey (Fig. 15). Site **66** was one of several quarries, all modern and presumably related to forestry activities, seen within the area. Site **66** occupied a gap within the forestry plantation and is unlikely to be affected by any felling works due to its position and nature.
- 3.4.15 A small area of rig-and-furrow cultivation abutted by a bank and ditch with two irregular stone spreads situated to the east (**67**; Figs. 16-17) was identified during the walkover survey. The remains most likely represent the remains of a small-scale field system and the land is now used as rough pasture. These features lie outwith the forestry area and are of a sufficient distance from the proposed access track that they will not be affected by the development.

3.5 Heritage Interpretation and Access Plan

- 3.5.1 Sites **6, 56, 57, 61, 62** are not currently accessible or visible, and it is unlikely that any remains will survive where the sites have been planted. It is not recommended that any formal interpretation and access plan is required for these sites.
- 3.5.2 Visible and upstanding sites include **5, 7, 58, 59, 60** and **63-67**. The majority of these features (**63-67**) relate to post-medieval agricultural land use and quarrying within the area, while the mound (**59**) is of uncertain character and the culvert (**60**) is modern. It is not recommended that any formal interpretation and access plan is required for sites **59, 60** and **63-67**.
- 3.5.3 The site of the possible whisky still (**5**) is known from local tradition and the only visible feature is the modern marker cairn. While the local tradition of a whisky still may be of interest to some, its record as such in the NMRS and HER is considered sufficient to allow interested individuals to research it, and as there are no visible upstanding remains which can be related to a still it is not recommended that any formal interpretation and access plan is required for this site.

- 3.5.4 There is some doubt as to whether the group of three possible standing stones (7) is of any antiquity. The putative fallen standing stone beside the picnic area (58) has been moved from its original location. These putative standing stones (7, 58) are, however, readily accessible from the public road and car parking/picnic area and it is not recommended that any formal interpretation and access plan is required for these sites.
- 3.5.7 The local area is rich in archaeological remains, containing nationally important sites such as the Grey Cairns of Camster, Camster and Toftgun Brochs, the Loch of Camster stone rows, and Achalipster corn kiln and barn, all within 3-4km of the windfarm development, while the cluster of scheduled sites at Loch of Yarrows, which includes standing stones, cairns, brochs, forts and hut circles, lies c.6km to the south-east. In such an area, it is not considered apposite to promote poorly preserved sites of, at most, local importance such as those found within the Camster Windfarm development area. These sites have limited potential for interpretation and public access.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 An archaeological field reconnaissance survey and fencing off of known sites have been carried out at the proposed development site of Camster Windfarm, Caithness.
- 4.2 The field survey recorded the condition of all known sites of archaeological significance within the area and identified three previously unknown sites (**64, 66, 67**).
- 4.3 Sites **6, 56, 57, 61, 62** are not currently accessible or visible, and it is unlikely that any remains will survive where the sites have been planted. No further work is recommended in relation to these sites.
- 4.4 Buffer zones around Site **5** and a previously unknown cairn at Site **63** will be erected using high-visibility durable fencing. Tree felling within the buffer zone at Site **5** will be monitored and undertaken in such a way as to not affect the site.
- 4.5 Sites **64, 65** and **67** will be unaffected as the existing road will be used and will not need any upgrading. No further work is recommended.
- 4.6 Sites **7, 59** and **60** are under no threat from any elements of the development. No further work is recommended.
- 4.7 Site **66** is a quarry in open ground. No further work is recommended.
- 4.8 Site **58** lies adjacent to a gate and picnic area on the existing access track. The gate is not going to be widened and therefore no further work is recommended.
- 4.9 A photographic survey of all structures comprising Badlipster Farmstead was conducted. No further work is recommended.
- 4.10 A watching brief will be undertaken during all ground breaking works outside of the forestry plantation.
- 4.11 The requirement for any further mitigation measures lies with The Highland Council Archaeology Unit.
- 4.12 A summary statement of the results of this archaeological work will be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland*, following completion of all on site works. An OASIS Scotland entry will be made.
- 4.13 The project archive, comprising all CFA record sheets, maps and reports will be deposited with the National Monuments Record of Scotland (NMRS) and copies of reports will be lodged with The Highland Council Historic Environment Record.

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APPENDIX 1: Photographic Register

Walkover Survey

Shot	Description	From	Conditions
1	General working shot showing forest rides	SE	Overcast
2	General working shot showing forest rides	SW	Overcast
3	General working shot showing forest rides	NE	Overcast
4	General working shot showing forest rides	NW	Overcast
5	General working shot showing forest rides	E	Overcast
6	General working shot showing forest rides	W	Overcast
7	General working shot of forest edge	SW	Overcast
8	General working shot of forest edge	S	Overcast
9	General working shot of forest edge	SE	Overcast
10	General shot of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe	NE	Overcast
11	General shot of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe	NE	Overcast
12	Elevation of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe	E	Overcast
13	Elevation of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe	N	Overcast
14	Elevation of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe	W	Overcast
15	Elevation of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe	S	Overcast
16	General shot of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe	W	Overcast
17	Working shot	S	Overcast
18	Shot of Site 66, quarry	S	Overcast
19	General shots of access track	SW	Overcast
20	General shots of access track	NE	Overcast
21	Shot of location of Site 57, Upper Achairn	E	Overcast
22	Shot of location of Site 57, Upper Achairn	E	Overcast
23	Shot of location of Site 57, Upper Achairn	W	Overcast
24	Shot of location of Site 57, Upper Achairn	S	Overcast
25	Shot of location of Site 57, Upper Achairn	NW	Overcast
26	Shot of location of Site 56 – amorphous natural feature	S	Overcast
27	General view clearing around the location of Site 56	W	Overcast
28	Shot of location of Site 61	SE	Overcast
29	Shot of location of Site 62, Achairn Burn	N	Overcast
30	Shot of location of Site 62, Achairn Burn	NW	Overcast
31	General shot of modern quarry	W	Bright
32	Shot of Site 64, Thuster Mains	NE	Bright
33	Shot of Site 64, Thuster Mains	SE	Bright
34	Shot of Site 64, Thuster Mains	SW	Bright
35	General shot of Site 65, Thuster Mains	N	Overcast
36	Detail of Site 65, entranceway	W	Overcast
37	General shot of Site 65, Thuster Mains	N	Overcast
38	Detail of Site 65, entranceway	N	Overcast
39	Shot of Site 66, quarry (b)	S	Overcast
40	Shot of Site 66	SE	Overcast
41	Shot of Site 66	E	Overcast
42	Shot of modern quarry	SW	Overcast
43	Shot of modern quarry	NE	Overcast
44	Route of access track from forestry	SE	Overcast
45	Route of access track from forestry	SE	Overcast
46	Shot of access track	SW	Overcast
47	Shot of Site 63, Achairn Cottage	SW	Overcast
48	Shot of collapsed drystone wall adjacent to Site 63	NW	Overcast
49	Shot of collapsed drystone wall adjacent to Site 63	SW	Overcast
50	Shot of Site 63, clearance cairn	S	Overcast
51	Shot of Site 63, clearance cairn	SE	Overcast
52	Shot of Site 63, clearance cairn	S	Overcast

Shot	Description	From	Conditions
53	General shot of Site 63, clearance cairn	SE	Overcast
54	Shot of Site 63, clearance cairn	N	Overcast
55	Shot of Site 63, clearance cairn	SW	Overcast
56	Shot of Site 63, clearance cairn	W	Overcast
57	Shot of Site 58, possible standing stone	SW	Overcast
58	Shot of Site 58, possible standing stone	S	Overcast
59	Detail of slot in SE mound, Site 59, Lower Camster	NW	Overcast
60	General shot of SE mound, Site 59, Lower Camster	SE	Overcast
61	Shot of Site 7, standing stone 1	S	Overcast
62	Shot of Site 7, standing stone 1	S	Overcast
63	Shot of Site 7, standing stone 3	N	Overcast
64	Shot of Site 7, standing stone 2	W	Overcast
65	Shot of Site 60	NW	Overcast
66	Shot of Site 63, cairn after erection of buffer zone	NE	Overcast
67	Shot of Site 67, stone spread 1	SW	Overcast
68	Shot of Site 67, stone spread 1	E	Overcast
69	Shot of Site 67, stone spread 1	SE	Overcast
70	Shot of Site 67, stone spread 1	N	Overcast
71	Shot of Site 67, stone spread 2	S	Overcast
72	Shot of Site 67, stone spread 2	NW	Overcast
73	Shot of Site 67, rig and furrow	NE	Overcast
74	Shot of Site 67, rig and furrow	E	Overcast
75	Shot of Site 67, rig and furrow	SE	Overcast
76	Shot of location of Site 6	SE	Overcast
77	Shot of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe, after erection of buffer zone	NE	Overcast
78	Shot of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe, after erection of buffer zone	E	Overcast
79	Shot of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe, after erection of buffer zone	S	Overcast
80	Shot of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe, after erection of buffer zone	S	Overcast
81	Shot of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe, after erection of buffer zone	S	Overcast
82	Shot of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe, after erection of buffer zone	S	Overcast
83	Shot of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe, after erection of buffer zone	E	Overcast
84	Shot of Site 5, Cnocan Buidhe, after erection of buffer zone	E	Overcast
85	General shot of forestry ride	SE	Overcast
86	General shot of forestry ride	NW	Overcast
87	General shot of forestry ride	S	Overcast
88	General shot of forestry ride	N	Overcast
89	General shot of forestry ride	NE	Overcast

Building Survey

Shot	Description	From	Conditions
1-2	Cottage exterior	NE	Bright
3-4	Cottage exterior	N	Bright
5	Cottage exterior	NW	Bright
6	Cottage exterior, front door	SW	Bright
7	Cottage exterior, front door detail	SW	Bright
8	Cottage exterior, detail of date stone	SW	Bright
9	Cottage exterior	SW	Bright
10	Cottage exterior, lean-to	S	Bright
11	Cottage exterior, lean-to detail	S	Bright
12	Cottage exterior, lean-to detail	NE	Bright
13	Cottage exterior, extension	E	Bright
14	Cottage exterior, stonework detail	NW	Bright
15	Byre exterior	SW	Bright
16	Byre exterior	W	Bright
17	Byre exterior	SE	Bright

Shot	Description	From	Conditions
18	Byre exterior	N	Bright
19	Byre exterior	NE	Bright
20	Byre exterior	SE	Bright
21	Byre interior	SE	Interior
22	Byre interior, detail of pens	NE	Interior
23-25	Byre interior, detail of water troughs	NE	Interior
26	Byre interior, south room	E	Interior
27	Byre interior, north room	S	Interior
28	Byre interior, north room	NE	Interior
29	Byre interior, north room	NW	Interior
30	Byre interior, north room	SW	Interior
31	Byre interior, north room	NE	Interior
32	Byre interior, detail of roof	NE	Interior
33	Byre exterior, sheep dip	NE	Bright
34	Byre exterior, sheep dip	S	Bright
35	Byre exterior, sheep dip	SW	Bright
36	Byre exterior, sheep dip	SW	Bright
37	Detail of sheep dip, showing maker's name		Bright
38	Ruined outbuilding	N	Bright
39	Ruined outbuilding	NE	Bright
40	Ruined outbuilding	N	Bright
41	Ruined outbuilding	W	Bright
42	Ruined outbuilding	SW	Bright
43	Ruined outbuilding	SW	Bright
44	Ruined outbuilding	NW	Bright
45	Ruined outbuilding	N	Bright
46	View of fly tipping within outbuilding	NE	Bright
47	Outbuilding wall section	N	Bright
48	Outbuilding	NW	Bright
49	Outbuilding, detail of gable	SW	Bright
50	Outbuilding, gable end	SW	Bright
51	Outbuilding, showing collapsed wall section	S	Bright
52	Outbuilding	NW	Bright
53	Outbuilding	SE	Bright
54	Outbuilding	NE	Bright
55	Outbuilding	SE	Bright
56	Outbuilding	SE	Bright
57	General view of outbuilding and byre	SE	Bright
58	General view of byre	SE	Bright
59	General view of outbuildings	N	Bright
60	Wall to rear of cottage	NW	Bright
61-62	Cottage garden	SE	Bright
63	Cottage garden	SE	Bright
64	General view of cottage and outbuildings	S	Bright
65	Cottage front garden	SW	Bright
66	Slab built walling	S	Bright
67	Slab built walling	S	Bright
68	Detail of outbuilding roof	SW	Bright
69	Outbuildings	SW	Bright
70	View of outbuilding junction	SW	Bright
71	General view of cottage	S	Bright
72	General view of cottage and outbuilding	SW	Bright

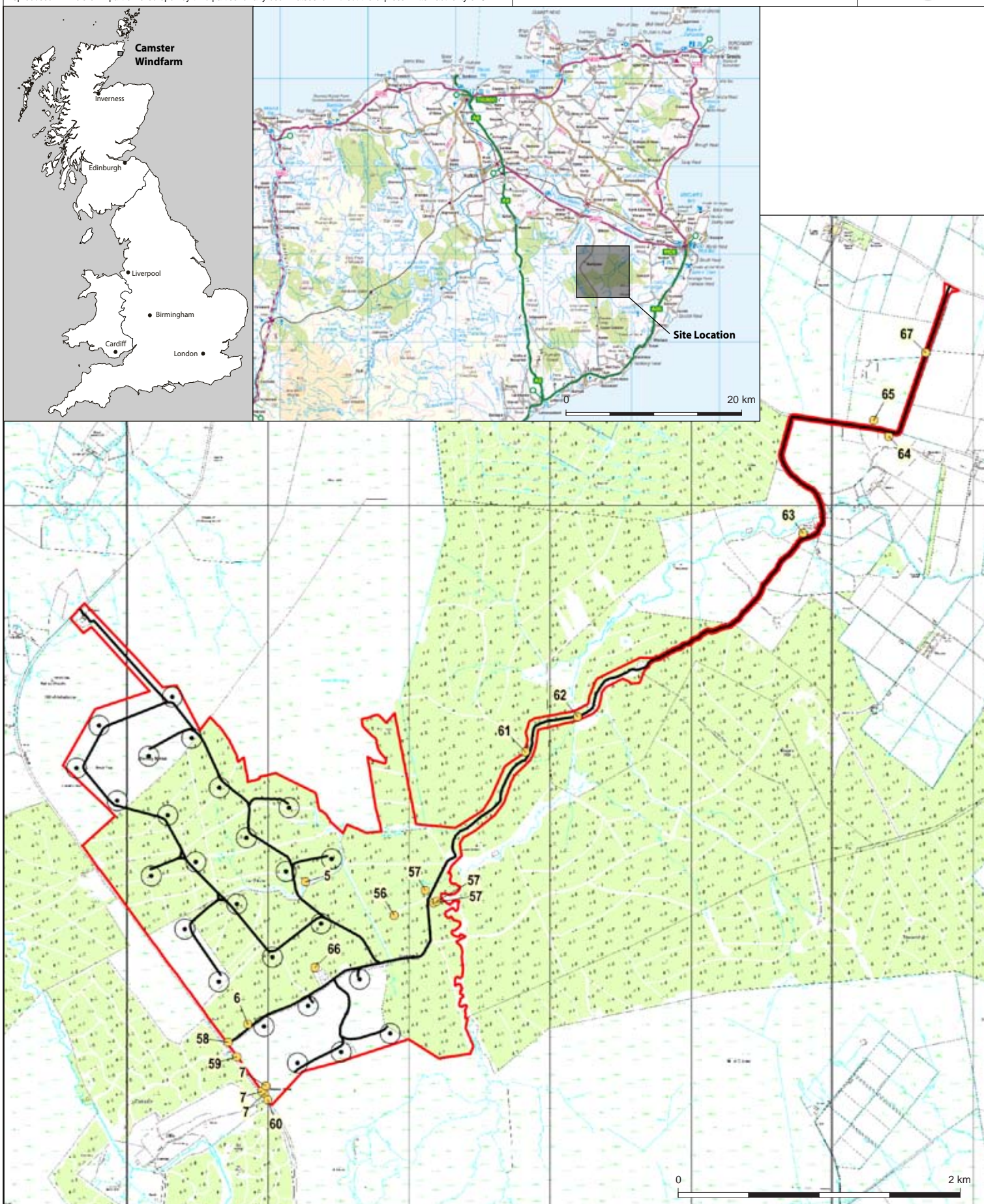
APPENDIX 2: Site Gazetteer

Site No	Site Name	Monument Type	NGR	Description	NMRS no.	HER no.
5	Cnocan Buidhe	Cairn/whisky still (possible)	ND 2627 4733	The NMRS notes a modern stone cairn standing 2.5.m high and surrounded by a ring of stones 3.5m in diameter. NMRS and HER information suggest it to be the site of a whisky still. Field survey noted the cairn to have a 1.5m square base tapering to 1m square. Two construction phases are evident in the drystone construction with a secondary layer of stone 0.3m thick having being added to the cairn's north face.	ND24NE 1	MHG1917 MHG39868
6	Cnocan Buidhe South	Hut circle (site of)	ND 2586 4632	An ill defined circular stone wall with a diameter of 11.5m and a possible entrance are noted in the NMRS. The NMRS notes that the area has since been deep ploughed and planted with conifers and no traces of the site survive. Field survey could locate no traces of the site and confirmed the area to be under dense forestry with no chance of site survival.	ND24NE 11	MHG1919
7	Lower Camster	Standing stones	ND 25978 45830 ND 25959 45842 ND 25989 45882	A grouping of three small standing stones is situated on the east side of the road from Watten to Lybster is noted in the NMRS. As previously noted in the NMRS, field survey observed that one of the stones does not appear to be as weathered or as deep set as the other two and is possibly upcast from the road side ditch. The southernmost stone measured 0.8m in height, 0.2m in breadth and 1.2m in width. The northernmost stone measured 0.8m in height, 0.25m in breadth and 1m in width. The third stone, presumed to be later in origin, measured 0.5m in height, 0.4m in breadth and 0.8m in width.	ND24NE 7	MHG1802
56	Cnocan Buidhe North	Hut circle (site of)	ND 2690 4709	The slight remains of a hut circle consisting of occasional stones protruding through the heather are noted in the NMRS. The given location exists in a clearing in the forestry that does not appear to have been ploughed or planted. Field survey found an amorphous patch of reed growth although no signs of structure or stones could be found and the feature appears to be natural.	ND24NE 6	MHG169
57	Upper Achairn	Sheepfold (sites of)	ND 2718 4718 ND 2712 4727 ND 2720 4719	A grouping of 9 circular turf walled enclosures and the turf and stone remains of a rectangular building footing are noted in the NMRS. The NMRS notes that the area has since been deep ploughed and planted with	ND24NE 10	MHG1918 MHG32228 MHG39869

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				conifers and no traces of the site survive. Field survey could locate no traces of the site and confirmed the area to be under dense forestry with no chance of site survival.		
58	Camster	Possible standing stone	ND 2572 4619	The HER notes a large rectangular stone lies next to the Camster forestry access track gate and picnic area. Field survey found it situated on top of the track surface adjacent to the gate and small picnic area. The Stone measured 1.5m in length, 1m in width and 0.2m in height, resting in a supine position. HER information suggests it may have been used as a gate post or possible standing stone but it has clearly been moved from its original location and as such any potential past function is unclear.	-	MHG39235
59	Lower Camster	Mound	ND 25783 46087	NMRS notes two amorphous mounds situated on the east side of the Lybster to Watten public road. The larger mound measures 6m square and 1m in height and the smaller mound 5.5m by 4.5m with a height of 0.4m. An ill defined rectangular trench measuring 1m in length has been cut into the larger mound. Field survey noted no changes to the original description except that the small rectangular trench is now heavily overgrown.	ND24NE 30	MHG47979
60	Lower Camster	Bridge, culvert	ND 26001 45783	The HER notes that a modern concrete culvert, which replaced an earlier bridge, is located to the east of the Lybster to Watten public road with the culvert forming a bridge to a now disused trackway. Field survey located the site and found no changes to the above description.	ND24NE 29	MHG47978
61	Upper Achairn	Sheepfold	ND 2783 4825	The NMRS notes that a circular sheepfold is depicted on the 1 st Edition Ordnance Survey map for the area. Field survey found that the location has since been deep ploughed and planted with conifers and no traces of the site survive.	-	MHG32230
62	Achairn Burn	Shieling hut	ND 282 485	Two possible shielings and a 16m square ditched enclosure are noted in the NMRS but no traces of either structure could be located during field survey. The area has been deep ploughed and planted with conifers as well as being disturbed by drainage and forestry track works.	ND24NE 17	MHG1594
63	Achairn Cottage	Farmstead	ND 298 498	The NMRS notes that a farmstead comprising one unroofed building, three roofed buildings, an enclosure and a length of wall appears on the 1 st Edition of the OS 6-inch map. Field survey found the Achairn cottage complex to consist of three roofed and inhabited/in use buildings	ND24NE 18	MHG20253

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				surrounded by a wire fence. Situated 12m from the south-east corner of the modern fence lay a collapsed dyke consisting of an overgrown spread of large stones, 0.2m high and 22m in length. The collapsed dyke runs north-south and is parallel to a shallow ditch to the west and a modern filed boundary to the east. Three largely overgrown probable clearance cairns, all measuring 3m in diameter, are situated to the south of Achairn cottage. Another cairn is located next to the trackway leading to the cottage, measuring 4m in diameter and 0.4m in height. It is less overgrown than the other cairns and so is likely to be of less antiquity.		
64	Achairn	Building	ND 30413 50488	Field survey found a ruined building comprising of a 7.5m (SW-NE) by 4m (NW-SE) rectangular stone building. It is 2-2.5m in height and is roofless and derelict. The outer and inner wall surfaces are faced and constructed of dressed stone. An interior partition is situated 4m from the NE end of the structure. Remnants of wooden roof beams are visible.	-	-
65	Thuster Mains	Structure, field boundary	ND 3043 5060	The NMRS notes an enclosure and a length of field wall appear on the 1 st Edition of the OS 6-inch map. Field survey found the site to comprise of the largely collapsed and overgrown remains of a two roomed drystone structure with an adjacent possible wall/enclosure. The structure has two surviving faced courses and measures 0.2m in height. The structure runs for 8m east-west and 3m north-south with a north facing entrance way situated 2.5m from the eastern gable. The entranceway is 0.5m in width, with the walls measuring 0.7m in thickness. The internal partition is located 2.5m from the eastern gable. The possible wall/enclosure runs for 10m from the south-west corner of the structure in a north-west direction and is comprised of an irregular linear spread of large stones 0.2m – 0.5m in size.	ND35SW 29	MHG19199 MHG42550
66	Cnocan Buidhe	Quarry	ND 32653 94672	Field survey found a quarry situated to the north-east of a large modern quarry adjacent to the Camster forestry track. The quarry consists of two opposing spoil heaps encompassing an area measuring 40m east-west and 30m north-south. It is heavily overgrown by rough moorland but has not been used for forestry plantation. It is most likely associated with forestry works.	-	-
67	Thuster Mains	Field system	ND 33067 95108	Field survey found a small field system, located near to the Thuster	-	-

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				Mains farm, which comprised of a small patch of rig-and-furrow cultivation system abutted by a bank and ditch with two irregular stone spreads situated to the east. The rig and furrow patch measures 25m square with the rigs having a wavelength of 5.5m. The stone groupings both measure 15m by 17m and have no real structure or height but do not have the appearance of clearance cairns.		



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Fig 6. Site 5



Fig 7. Site 5 with cordon




Fig 9. Site 58



Fig 10. Site 59

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Fig 11. Site 63



Fig 12. Site 63 general view


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Fig 13. Site 64



Fig 14. Site 65


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Fig 15. Site 66




Fig 16. Site 67 stone spread




Fig 17. Site 67 rig and furrow



Fig 18. General shot of forestry furrowing

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