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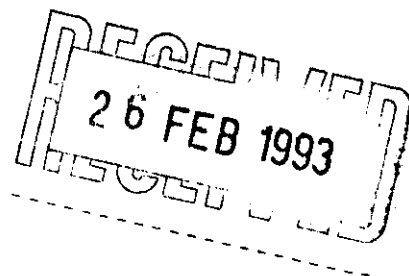
GLENELG BROCHS - CAR PARKING

Thank you for your letter of 19 February 1993 to Mr Gourlay, the Archaeologist.

The proposals for parking at the brochs are still extant as part of a considerable list of minor parking provisions throughout the region. It could well be some time before this particular car park is programmed for implementation.

Yours sincerely

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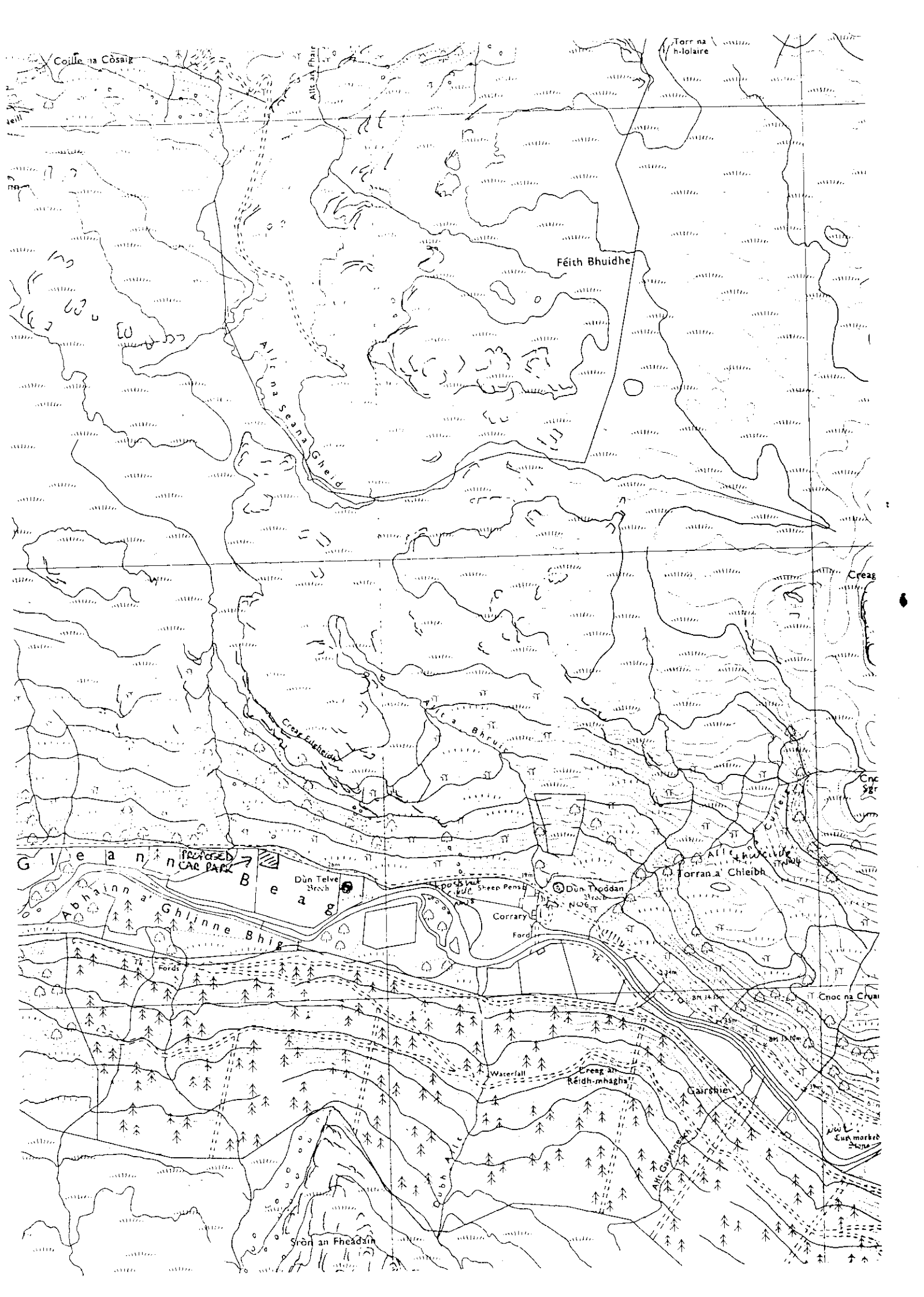
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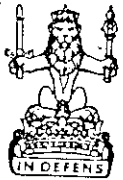
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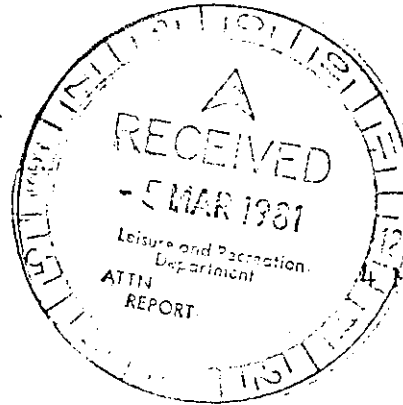
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4 March 1981

Dear Sir

In the course of correspondence about the provision of a car park at Dun Beag Broch you asked for some general information on brochs. The following material which has been prepared by the Department's Inspectorate may be of some interest to you.

Brochs are unique to Scotland; although there are scattered examples in the Borders and in Dumfries and Galloway, the vast majority are to be found in Sutherland, Caithness, Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles including Skye and adjacent islands.

The origin of brochs, and even their usual original appearance, are the subject of controversy. There are similar earlier ruins in the north and the west, and plentiful evidence that the peoples of the north and west were in contact with each other at many times during the period before history began. The features which make brochs identifiable are the double wall construction, the small narrow defended entrance and the staircase in the wall. But these are not all found in all brochs and more sophisticated criteria such as the ratio of wall thickness to diameter of the central courtyard are employed to distinguish them from other small stone-walled round defensive structures. Perhaps then the origin of brochs was not solely in one place. Perhaps they developed fairly slowly, with an idea from one broch-like building in the west being added to another from a broch-like building in the north, the whole process being repeated many times over the half millenium preceding the Roman incursion into Scotland.

The brochs which are most commonly illustrated in popular books and articles include Mousa, which stands to 13 metres (42 feet); but Dun Beag is much more typical of the kind of evidence which survives at most brochs and it may well be believed that most brochs originally stood to around 4-5 metres, rather than 10-13m. It was probably built around the beginning of the Christian era by farmers who wished a strong and secure base to live in - we can think of brochs as having a similar function to the medieval and later peel towers of southern Scotland. The group of people among whom the broch was built will have had boats, ploughs, iron tools and weapons; they will have been pagan, worshipping Celtic gods, and they will have been illiterate but doubtless, like the early Irish, with a good stock of traditional epics and folk-stories. Occupation at the broch continued sporadically well into the medieval period, although perhaps by then it was not a permanent dwelling place.

I trust this information will be of use to you.

Yours faithfully

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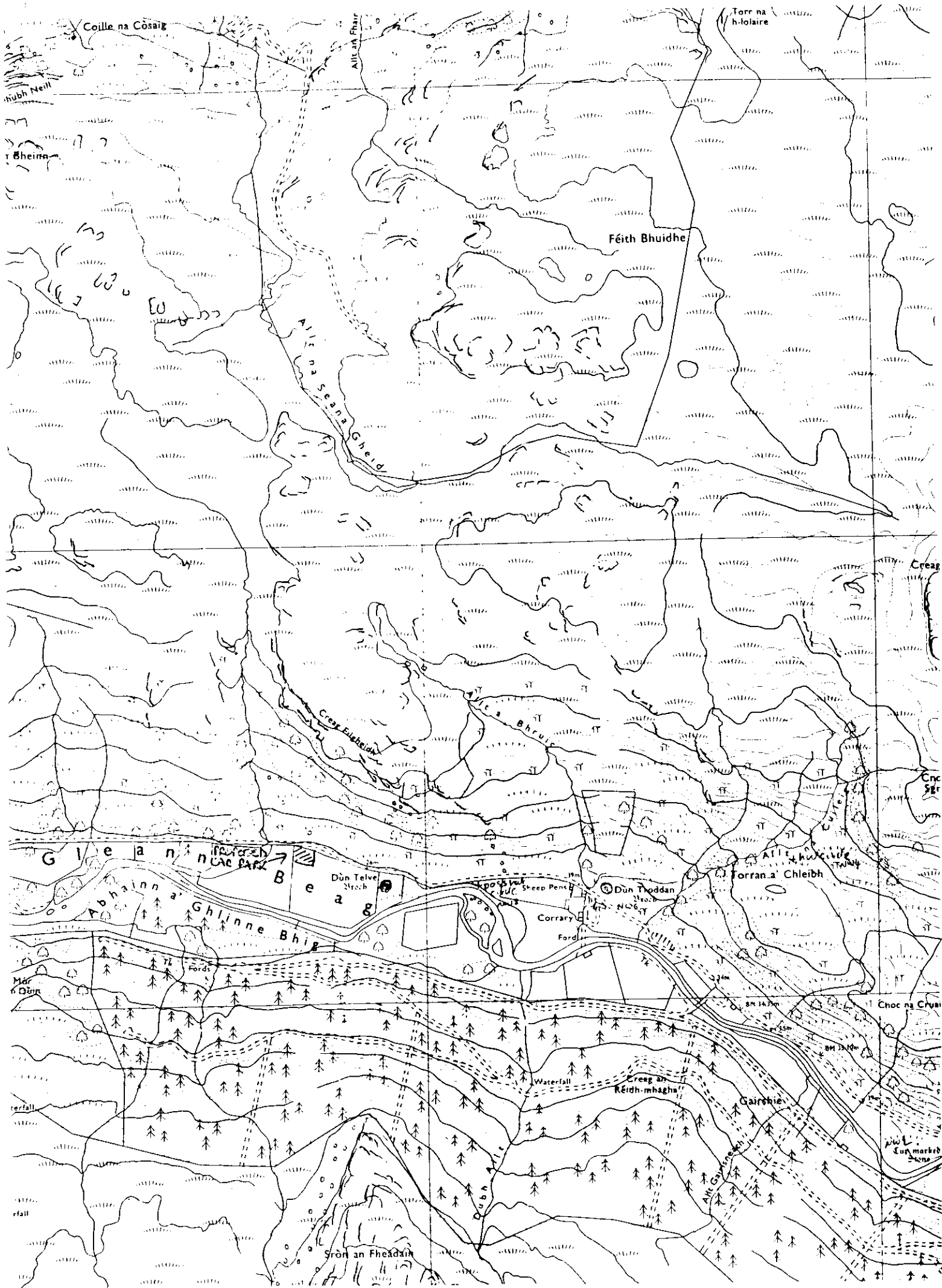
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You should have received a copy of the final consent letter but I have enclosed another just in case! SMC was granted in 1989 only for the removal of an effigy, which was in danger from collapsing masonry, and not for clearance work, which has, as you will see, been dealt with in the current application.

Glenelg Brochs

I visited both sites earlier this month - we are hoping to press ahead with improving disabled access at Dun Telve. I do not think HBM would consider contributing towards the cost of the car park as there is, already, a parking space for 2-3 cars. I am afraid you did not enclose a plan showing the proposed car park - could you send a copy to me and I will liaise with Dr Macinnes over the archaeological potential of the area and the likelihood of financial assistance if it is decided to excavate.

Within the next few months both sites should receive new HBM display boards which will certainly be of great benefit to visitors.

Knocknagael Boarstone

Many thanks for your sterling effort last month - I was glad that the removal went according to plan. The stone is presently lying within the workshop at Fort George ready to be moved to Inverness whenever the foyer has been prepared. A general "Pictish Stones" board is available - I will take it to the Fort when next in the area.

Dare I say that I look forward to receiving your report of the excavation in due course!

Best Wishes

Yours sincerely

Fiona

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Assistant Inspector

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Phone call from R. Hingley 13/7/94

Concerned over forestry planting carried out 18 months ago too close to Guardianship monument.

Applicant has put up a fence within scheduled area.

"February 1995 Amendment to T&C Planning Act 1972 requires planning auths. to consult HS over the setting of scheduled monuments. Here this would include the view".

(Presumably this is the 1992 GDO? Neither JW nor DL aware of this Feb. 1995 change).