

NH 640W 0002

Kirsty Cameron

From: Nick Richards
Sent: 16 August 2004 15:32
To: Fiona Duncanson
Cc: Kirsty Cameron
Subject: PROPOSED ELECTRIC LINE CLEARANCE WORK

Fiona
cc. Kirsty

Following on from your 'phone call, I can confirm that there are no Tree Preservation Orders or Conservation Areas within the immediate locality of Torvean Quarry. Should the work extend beyond this area, then we must be consulted beforehand. Please could you ask the Hydro to contact me so that I can make them aware of the situation.

I have carried out a quick search on the area and, as you mentioned, the quarry is covered by a SSSI and SNH will therefore need to be consulted. Both the Canal and the Torvean Motte are Scheduled Ancient Monuments and consent may be required from Historic Scotland (contact : iona.anthony@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

I hope that this helps.

Regards

Nick

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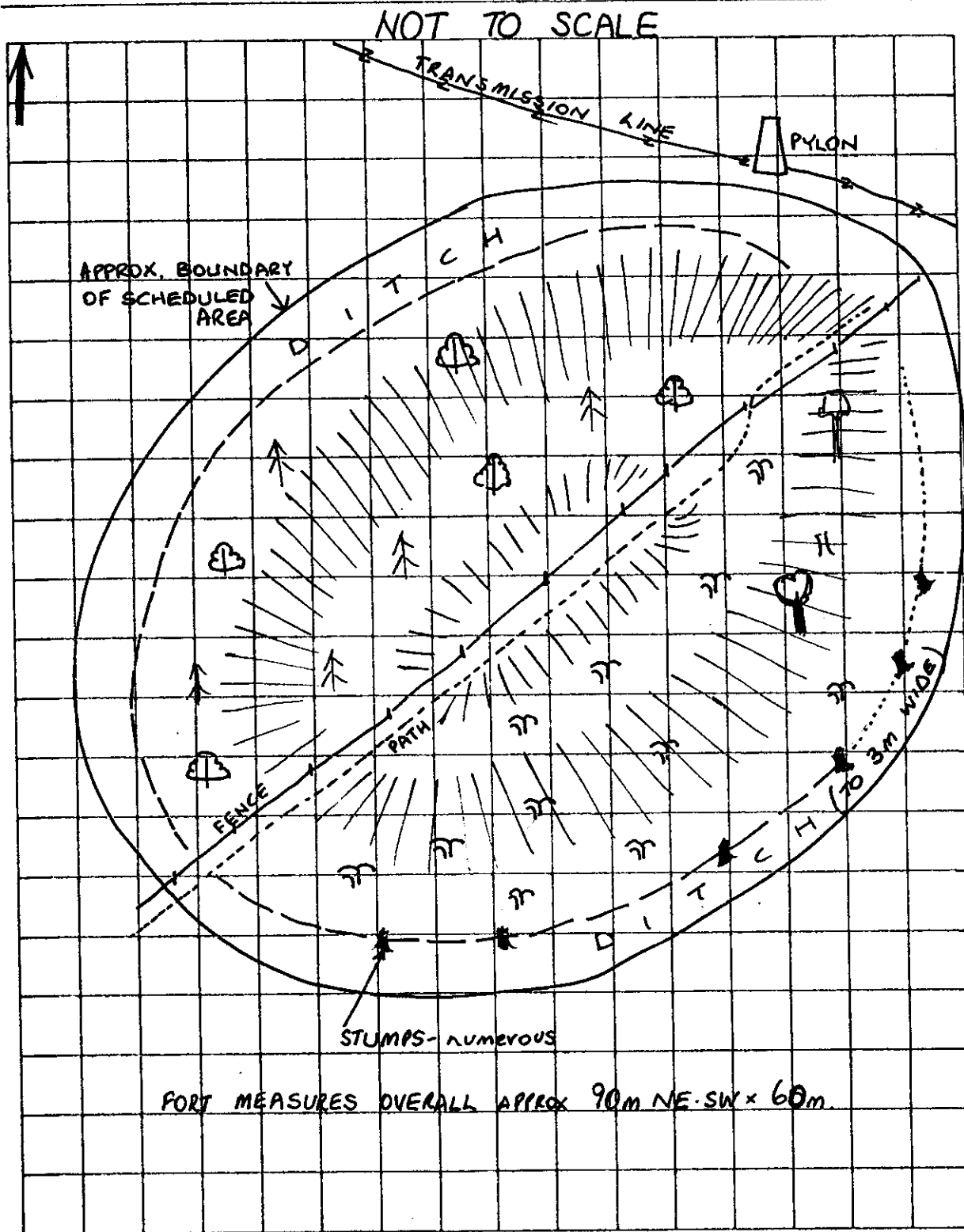
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Date of Visit 27/01/92

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COUNCILS DEBATE QUARRY PLAN

A letter from Muirtown community council on the planned leisure development at Torvean quarry will be considered at a full meeting of Inverness district council on Monday night. The letter to chief executive Mr Brian Wilson from chairwoman Mrs Katrina Coutts suggests the area has more potential than would be realised in the proposed development as it stands and calls for the council to consider selling the whole area to a developer, thereby fully utilising the area without using council finance.

The proposed plan was drawn up by director of architectural and technical services Mr Bill Hamilton and was presented to the leisure sub-committee on 4th September. An archaeological trail, dry ski slope and all-weather pitches are included in the development as is a proposed bridge linking the Whin Island area to Torvean. In all, an area of around one hundred acres would be developed as a leisure park including sporting and recreational facilities which would be unrivalled in the Highlands. The plan was put forward to the full council and will seek ratification at Monday night's meeting.

In the community council's letter, Mrs Coutts states: "The access bridge over the canal in your plan may present some difficulty. With regard to Torvean quarry this is the right time for Inverness to be offering this asset for sale as a development site for a prestigious hotel complex well-placed on the tourist route to Loch Ness and enclosing some 60 acres which could be developed to include many of the items in your plan, such as the archaeological trail, dry ski slope, ridge walk, viewing areas, and other features such as a swimming pool, sports complex and conference facilities, which would be the modern criteria for a development of this scale."

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22.09.89

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Muirtown Community Council

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TOLUBAN

SW of Inverness above canal

8 Dunachton Road,
Inverness.

Tel: 711790

19th September, 1989

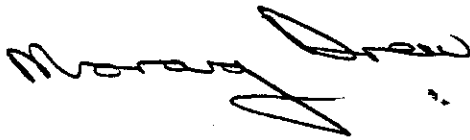
Mr R. Stephenson,
Chief Executive,
Highland Regional Council,
Glenurquhart Road,
Inverness.

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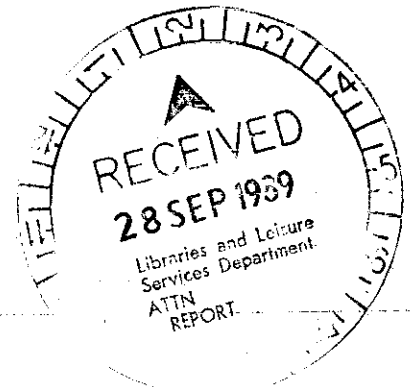
Dear Mr Stephenson,

For your information I enclose a copy of a letter sent by Mrs
Coutts, Chairwoman of the Community Council to Mr B. Wilson,
Chief Executive, Inverness District Council.

Yours faithfully,



Morag Drew
Secretary.



Muirtown Community Council

2 Kennedy Drive,
Inverness.

19th September, 1989

Mr B. Wilson,
Chief Executive,
Inverness District Council,
Town House,
Inverness.

Dear Mr Wilson,

Muirtown Community Council noted with interest the plans drawn up by the Leisure & Recreation Committee for Torvean Quarry when extraction ceases in March 1990 and would respectfully wish to make some comment.

It is felt that the access bridge over the canal in your plan may present some difficulty and with regard to Torvean Quarry this is the right time for Inverness to be offering this asset for sale as a development site for a prestigious Hotel Complex well placed on the Tourist Route to Loch Ness and enclosing some 60 acres which could well be developed to include many of the items on your plan, such as Archaeological Trail, Dry Ski Slope, Ridge Walk, Viewing Areas, plus features such as Swimming Pool, Sports Complex and Conference Facilities which would be the modern criteria for a development on this scale.

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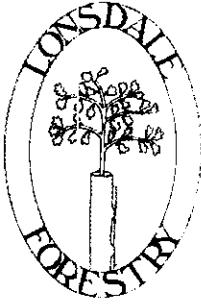
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Yours sincerely,

Katrina H. Coutts.

Katrina H. Coutts,
Chairman,
Muirtown Community Council



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31 May 1994

Dear Bob,

DOCHFUR ESTATE: Torvean Motte

Further to our meeting some time ago when we discussed your ideas of including access to the motte site in the proposals being drawn up for the restoration of the quarry site, I now confirm that I have spoken to Lord Burton and the Estate have no basic objections.

What would be the main concern, apart from the dangers to the site itself with many visitors trampling across it, would be control of visitors and precise details of the whole scheme would be necessary for the estate to judge how they might be affected and the particular concern would relate to the potential for unwelcome visitors continuing through the estate and creating problems.

If you can forward your proposals once they have been prepared for presentation I will be able to obtain the estates response.

Yours sincerely,

PP ADAM RITCHIE BSc MFC For.

c.c.

The Lord Burton (Dochfour Estate)
Graham McBryer (Forestry Authority, Dingwall)

Caledonia Pict Centre
Project wants this site.

NB
re Caledonia

Bob lent copy of
proposal + asked to
discuss 7/6/94