

# SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Wester Brae long cairn  
650m SSE of  
BLACK ISLE



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Name of Monument: **Wester Brae, long cairn 650m SSE of**

Scheduled Ancient Monument Number : **4559**

Local Authority Area: **Highland**

Local Authority Sites and Monuments Record Number: **NH66SE6**

Forest Enterprise District: **Inverness**

Forest Enterprise Compartment: **1098**

Plan Period: **1/12/97-30/11/2002**

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## **Description of Monument**

The monument known as Wester Brae, long cairn 650m SSE of comprises a wedge shaped long cairn. Situated in a forestry plantation, it measures 25m E-W by 13m N-S and up to 1.8m high. The area scheduled includes ground in which will survive traces of activities associated with its construction and use and measures 45m E-W by 33m N-S, bounded on the East by a forest track. The monument lies in the parish of Resolis and the county of Ross and Cromarty. The area protected by scheduling is marked in red on the scheduling map (Appendix 1).

## **Forest Enterprise's Objectives**

- i. To ensure the monument and its surrounding area are kept free of trees and scrub, thereby preserving both the archaeological remains and their setting.
- ii. To maintain and improve access to the monument, and to enhance its setting in the wider landscape.

## **Management**

### **Issues requiring attention:**

The cairn lies in a forest ride, and has coniferous trees, and gorse growing within the scheduled area. The trees and scrub represent a threat to the continued survival of the archaeological remains, and also prevent the full appreciation of the cairn as an upstanding field monument.

### **Work proposals**

- a Harvesting operations

Clear fell of the area around the site is due between 2002-2006  
During any work the site will be marked off using tape and operators advised of the site by the FE supervising forester.

Any felling of trees carried out within the scheduled area will be subject to the following conditions:-

All trees and shrubs shall be cut off at ground level, the stumps being left in the ground and not grubbed out. Trees should be cut by hand or by the use of a hand held power saw. These measures will enable the trees to be felled in such a way as to cause no damage to the remains of the monument or the ground surface within the scheduled area.

Where necessary stumps should be treated with the appropriate chemical according to the statutory "code of practice for safe use of pesticides on farms and holdings" (HMSO 1990) prepared by MAFF, HSC and DoE.

Any brash resulting from these operations shall be removed well away from the area of the scheduled ancient monument. Cut timber shall be removed from the site by cutting into easily transportable pieces, rather than by dragging, in case this causes damage to underlying archaeology. If brash is to be burned, this operation shall be carried out well away from the scheduled area.

If appropriate a harvester may be used to fell and lift trees from the scheduled area that are within its reach as the machine itself must be placed in a position out with the scheduled area. Care must be taken not to disturb the ground surface within the scheduled area during these operations.

No vehicles shall enter the scheduled area.

#### b Site clearance

The scheduled area and an area 20m beyond the edge of the scheduled area will be kept tree free. Any natural regeneration will be assessed at yearly checks and the appropriate management undertaken by using hand held scrub cutters and herbicides where appropriate. No vehicles are allowed in the scheduled area.

#### c Public access

Public access will be improved by means of a way marked route from the Forest road at grid reference NH655615 and track to the scheduled site. (Appendix 3)

This route and way marking will be checked for good condition on a yearly basis in August each year.

d On site access

Site access will be aided by the removal of any scrub from the site on a regular basis and the use of way markers. The condition of on site access routes will be checked on a yearly basis in August each year.

e Interpretation

Any Interpretation panels will be checked for good condition on a yearly basis and any management required carried out.

Interpretation panels, information boards and way markers, when provided will be erected out with the scheduled area.

f Tree planting

No tree planting will take place within the scheduled area or within 20m beyond the edge of the scheduled area.

g Site maintenance

The site is to be checked on a yearly basis and any site maintenance required carried out.

No work other than that previously approved by Historic Scotland will be carried out within the Scheduled area.

h Access/signs maintenance

Access paths and way markers will be inspected on a yearly basis and any maintenance required recorded and carried out.

## **Management Agreement Conditions**

The Occupier undertakes:

1. Not to plant trees within 20 metres of the Scheduled Area.
2. To fell trees carefully by cutting off at ground level by hand, or by the use of a hand held power saw. The stumps shall be spot treated to prevent regrowth, and left to rot in the ground. These measures will enable the trees to be felled in such a way as to cause no damage to the archaeological remains or the Scheduled Area. Any brash resulting from these operations shall be removed from the Scheduled Area: brash must not be burnt within the Scheduled Area. The cut timber shall be removed from the Scheduled Area by cutting into easily transportable pieces, rather than by dragging, to prevent damage to underlying archaeology.
3. To remove gorse and other scrub in the Scheduled Area by cutting, and to subsequently monitor the site to ensure that scrub does not grow back. If regrowth occurs, it should be controlled by spraying with an appropriate herbicide, accompanied by further cutting if necessary. The cut vegetation shall be removed from the Scheduled Area and must not be burnt on site.
4. To allow public access at all reasonable times to the Scheduled Area. A route will be way-marked from the forest gate at NH655615 to the monument (as shown on the attached map extract, Appendix
5. Not to cut any drains, ditches or dykes across, or within 20 metres of, the Scheduled Area.
6. Not to use the Scheduled Area as a dump for any material.
7. Not to park any farm or forestry machinery on the Scheduled Area, nor to use the area for storing any materials.
8. Not to use wheeled or tracked vehicles to cross the Scheduled Area. In the event that this is unavoidable, this should take place in dry conditions or the ground should be first protected by laying brash matting or other protective materials. Any protective material should be removed subsequently.
9. Not to construct any building works or access tracks within 10 metres of the Scheduled Area.
10. To permit any authorised representative of the Secretary of State access to the Scheduled Area without prior notice.
11. Not to afford any person access to the Scheduled Area for the purpose of using a metal detector unless that person can produce the written consent of the Secretary of State.

12. To report any objects such as pottery, flint or bone or archaeological features, which are found on the Scheduled Area. Such objects should be left undisturbed and reported to the Council Archaeologist, Historic Scotland or your local museum.

**Liaison**

Formal meeting every 5 years with Historic Scotland to review the management strategy of the monument prior to the preparation of the subsequent Management Plan.

Meetings with local Historic Scotland staff as required.

**Monitoring**

Monitoring of the site will be carried out on a yearly basis in August each year as described in Work Proposal (g) above.

| <b>Check due (Date)</b> | <b>Date Checked</b> | <b>Action required</b> | <b>Date work completed and checked by</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---|
| 8/98                    |                     |                        |   |
| 8/99                    |                     |                        |   |
| 8/2000                  |                     |                        |   |
| 8/01                    |                     |                        |   |
| 8/02                    |                     |                        |   |

This is an agreement under Section 17 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. Only works which are carried out in Fulfilment of the Occupier's obligations and which are specifically identified in this agreement are deemed to have been granted Scheduled Monument Consent under the Ancient Monuments Class Consents Order (Scotland) 1996. The Occupier must apply for the Secretary of State's consent prior to undertaking any further works affecting the Area.

Signed on behalf of Forest Enterprise by

.....*J. Andrew*.....

Dated .....*23/10/97*.....

Signed on behalf of the Secretary of State for Scotland by

.....*D.M. [Signature]*.....

Dated .....*7<sup>th</sup> November 1997*.....



## **Appendices**

THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979

Entry in the Schedule of Monuments

1988

Re: The Monument known as  
Wester Brae, long cairn 650m SSE of  
in the Parish of Resolis and County  
of Ross and Cromarty

File Ref:

Solicitor  
to the  
Secretary of State  
for Scotland  
New St Andrew's House  
Edinburgh

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Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland.



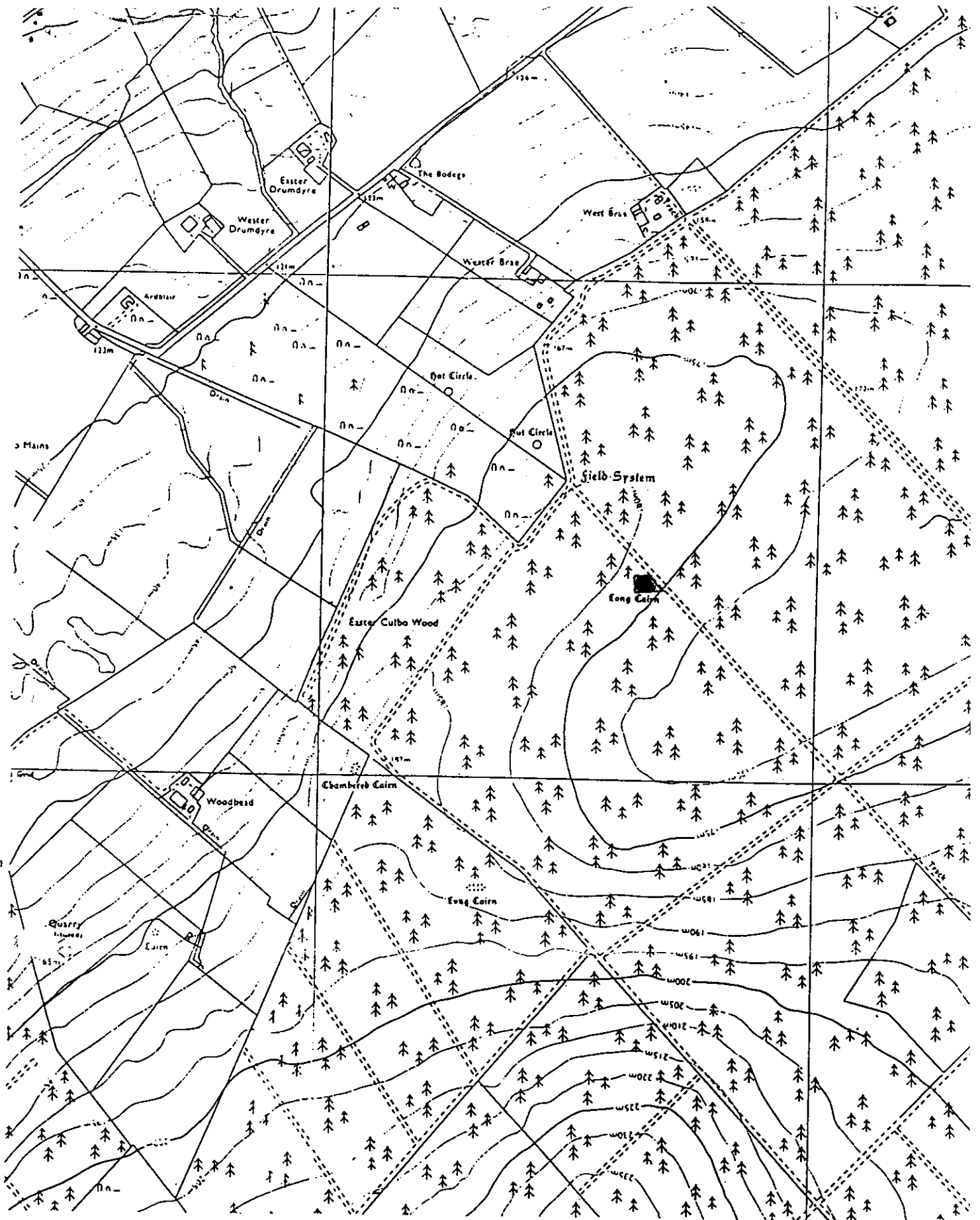
Assistant Secretary  
Date

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Scottish Development Department  
Historic Buildings and Monuments  
20 Brandon Street  
Edinburgh  
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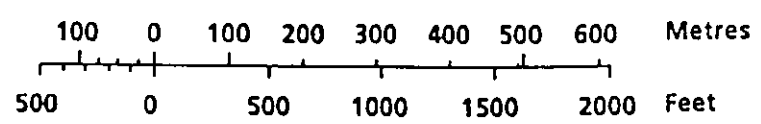
Register on behalf of the Secretary of State for Scotland in the Register of the County of Ross and Cromarty.

Solicitor, Edinburgh, Agent



Wester Brae, long cairn  
650m SSE of

Scale: 1/10 000

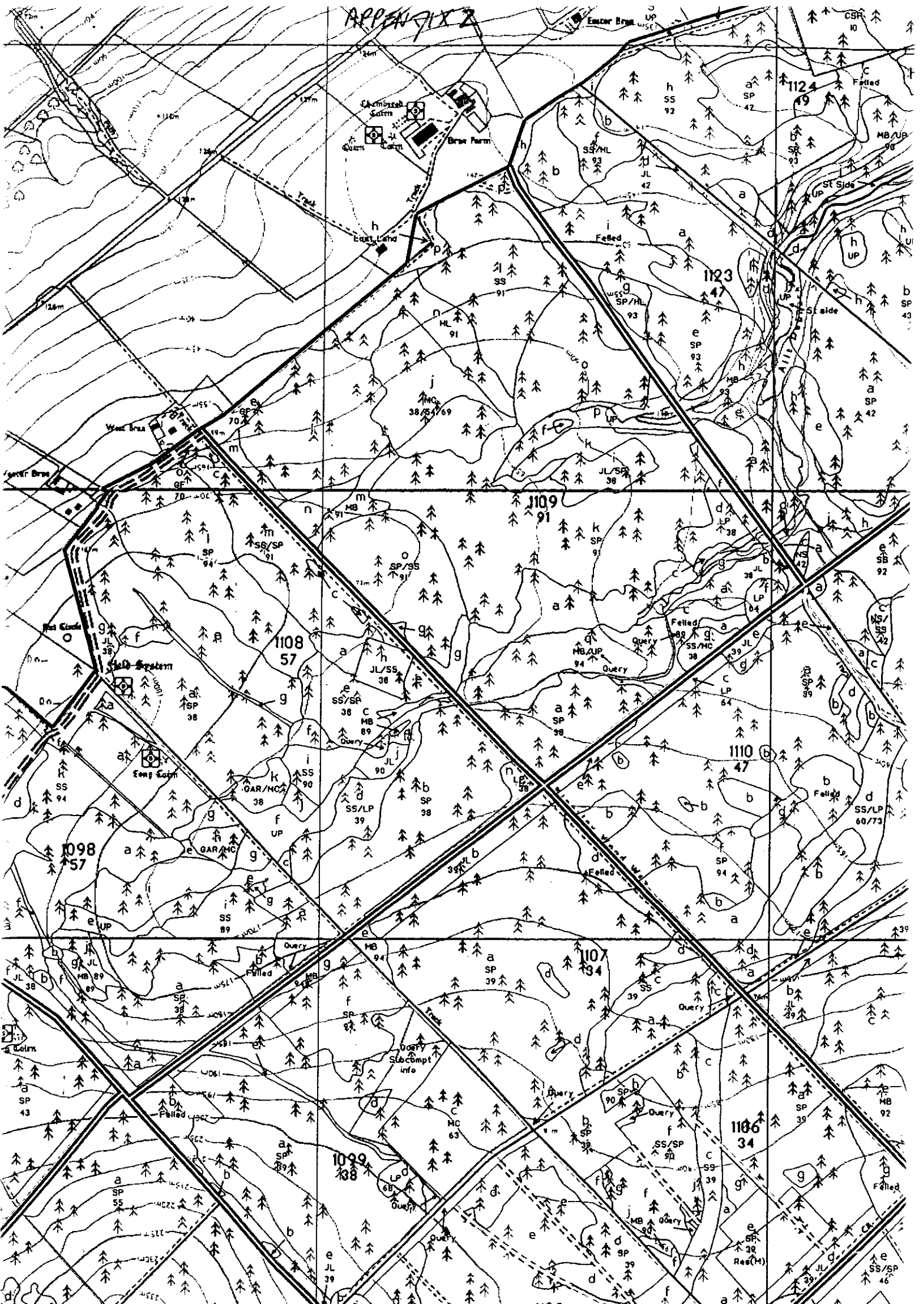


Resolis Parish

Sheet: NH 66 SE

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# APPENDIX 2





## CONDITION AND MANAGEMENT OF MONUMENTS

Index No: 4559 Visit No: 03 Date of Visit: 06-MAR-97  
 1:50,000 Map: NGR: Status: SN Date of Record: 20-MAR-97

Wester Brae, long cairn 650m SSE of

|                        |            |                           |                   |                     |   |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| Region:                | HIGHLAND   | District:                 | ROSS AND CROMARTY |                     |   |
| Recorder:              | S Bardwell | Checked By IAM?           | Y                 | Slides Taken?       | Y |
| Contacted Owner?       | Y          | In Person?                | Y                 | Owner Record OK?    | Y |
| Contacted Occupier?    | Y          | In Person?                | Y                 | Occupier Record OK? | Y |
| Owner Aware of Sched.? | Y          | Occupier Aware of Sched.? | Y                 | Site At Risk?       | N |
| Proportion Scheduled:  | 6          | Adequate Area?            | Y                 | Damage?             | N |

## Nature and Approximate Age of Damage:

## Parts Within the Scheduled Area: Proportion/Land Use

40-59% Own landuse 40-59% Ploughed coniferous

## Unscheduled Parts of the Monument: Proportion/Land Use

## Surrounding Land:

60-79% Ploughed coniferous 20-39% Thoroughfare

|                                    |          |                            |   |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| Management Agreement Needed?       | Y        | Negotiations Begun?        |   |
| Rejected?                          |          | In Operation?              |   |
| Copy of Scheduling Required By:    | Owner? N | Occupier?                  | N |
| Have Copies Been Sent?             |          | Land Use Change Proposed?  | N |
| Owner/Occupier Information Change? |          | Information Sent to CHB1?  |   |
| Need Owner's Name?                 |          | CHB1 Asked for DV Inquiry? |   |
| Check Area Size                    |          | Size Checked?              |   |
| Review Scheduling?                 |          | Scheduling Reviewed?       |   |
| Follow Up Damage Report?           |          | Damage Report Followed Up? |   |
| Recommend Legal Action?            |          | Case Passed To CHB1        |   |
| IAM Visit Required?                |          | Visited?                   |   |

Other Action Needed?

Other Action Completed?

Other Action:

## Comments

Description The cairn stands on level ground, c12m W of a forest ride in a coniferous plantation. It is oriented approximately E-W and measures c25m long x 12m-15m wide and to 2m high; it consists of cobbles largely covered with grass and moss. There is a hollow about 4m across in which one small, bare boulder lies, c12m from the W end of the cairn.

Scheduled area The area measures 45m E-W x 33m N-S and is adequate.

Condition of site The cairn is surrounded by conifers, some of which are growing close to its edges; there are clumps of gorse and a few whins towards its eastern end.

Management requirements A management plan for the monument is soon to

## CONDITION AND MANAGEMENT OF MONUMENTS

be prepared by Forest Enterprise; this will cover clearance of trees from the scheduled area and removal of the gorse and whins.



Monument WESTER BRAE, LONG CAIRN 650m SSE of

Region 6-270/HIGHLAND District 6/ROSS & CROMARTY

Initials of Recorder SB Date of Visit 6/3/97 Visit No 3

NOT TO SCALE

