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 Type of Site: CROPMARKS; PITS (POSSIBLE); LINEAR CROPMARKS

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Archaeology Notes

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Cropmarks, including those of pits, and geological features, have been identified from air photographs 300m SW of Balmakeith farmstead. A number of possible pits are visible at NH c.8900 5570, adjacent to a modern field boundary, and in two distinct clusters about 10m apart.

A linear cropmark running diagonally across the field, from the NW to the SE corners, adjoins the Auldearn Burn at its NW end, and so is almost certainly part of a modern field drainage system. It is depicted as such on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Nairnshire 1875, sheet i).

Other cropmarks across the field are natural in origin, representing old river channels and deposits. Similar geological features have been recorded in fields to the S and E (NH85NE 42) and SW and W (NH85NE 62 and 63).

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NH 85 NE 0054Archaeology Notes

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A series of cropmarks, mostly geological, have been recorded by aerial photography 150m WNW of Househill House (NH85NE 57). An alignment of three or four indeterminate marks, one of which may be a small ring-ditch, with a diameter of approximately 6m, are visible at NH c.8866 5554, and a possible small sub-rectangular feature lies immediately to the ENE. Further indeterminate marks to the S appear to lie along the line of the cropmark of a field drain, suggesting that they are of recent origin. Various linear cropmarks are visible in this area, and these include a linear feature which runs NE-SW across the field until it reaches the River Nairn, suggesting that it is probably a modern field drain or pipeline. It continues for some distance to the NE (see NH85NE 63). Further cropmarks may also represent field boundaries or drains. There is no indication of anything here on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Nairnshire 1875, sheet i), suggesting the latter interpretation to be more likely. A linear cropmark, much wider than those already discussed, runs S to N across the centre of the field, and bifurcates at NH c.8862 5556. The N and S extents of this feature are obscured by geological marks, but it may represent some kind of trackway. These cropmarks lie amidst a series of geological marks, which are visible across the field, and these almost certainly show old river channels. Similar marks have been recorded in fields immediately to the N (NH85NE 63) and W (NH85NE 42 and 61).  
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