

SITE VISIT AND ASSESSMENT:

Proposed Development South of 33 Lochbay

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1. Introduction

An assessment required by the Highland Council Archaeology Unit, as part of the Planning Department of Highland Council, in order that the development sites relationship to a recorded archaeological site, (NG25 NE 16.03), might be established.

1.1 NG25 NE 16.03

Nine shieling mounds and one hut along the line of a boundary dyke on the NW slope of Cnoc a' Chrochaire; a second small hut is attached to a small enclosure about 30 meters to the SE. Only one of the mounds has any sign of a structure on top, although several display one or more dimples. The bank appears to pre-date several of the mounds. A second enclosure is visible at the N end of the shielings.

(WAT90 640-650)

Visited by RCAHMS (PJD)20th November 1990.

2. Site Visit

The site visit was carried out on the 25th of September 2008 during a spell of warm dry weather. It was noted that the three house plots in question lay immediately to the east side of the road, at the foot of steeply sloping ground (see Plan A below). The archaeological site in question (NG25 NE 16.03) lies on a natural platform some 30 meters higher and 60 – 80 meters east of the eastern boundary of the development sites at grid refs. NG 2726 5568 (north end) and NG 2723 5562 (south end). The development site lies on peat based, heather covered soils. There is no visible archaeology within or close to the development.

3. Conclusions

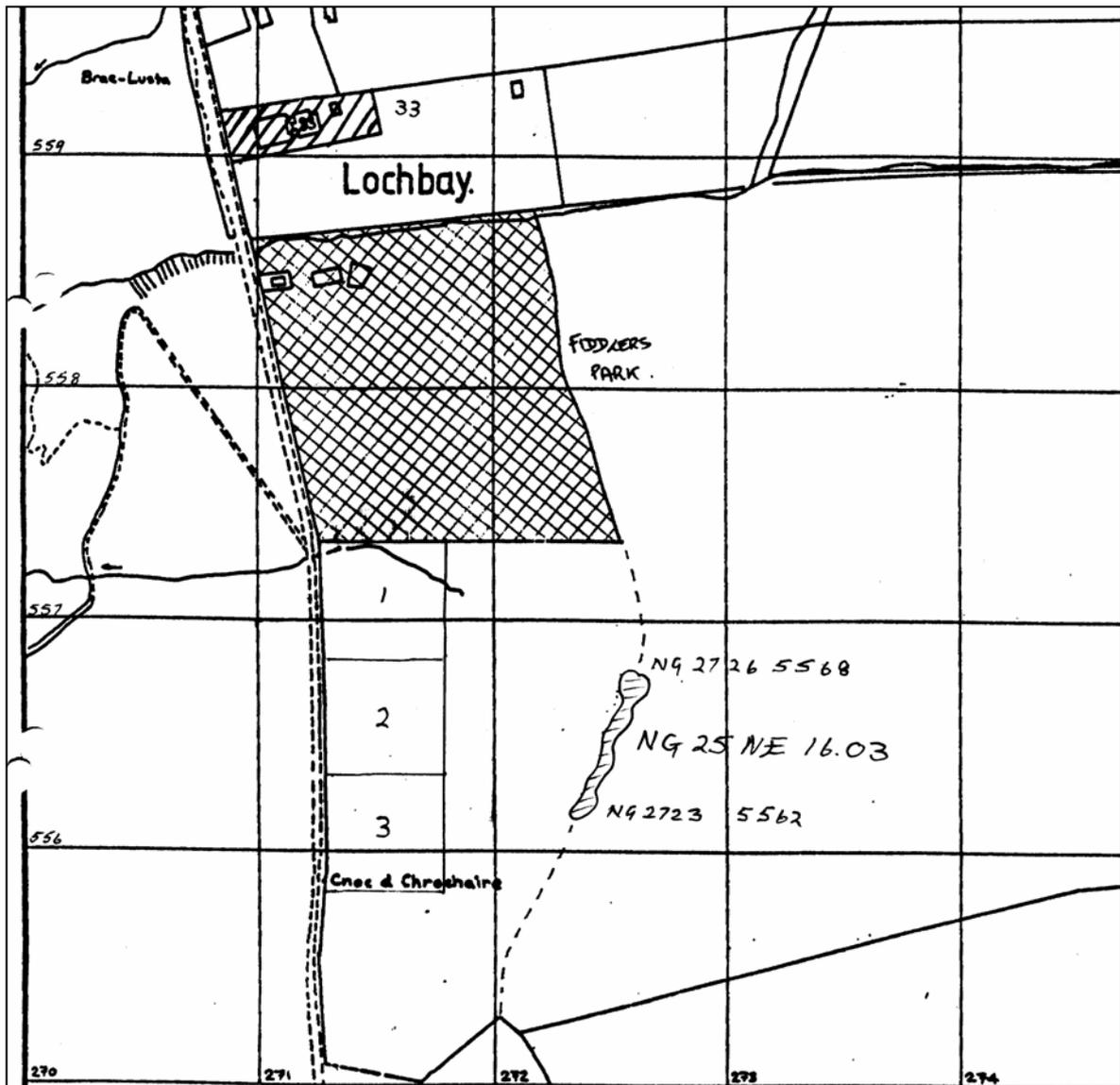
The development in no way threatens the archaeological sites recorded in the National Sites and Monuments Record as NG25 NE 16.03. The installation of services to the site (water, electric, and sewerage) will not impose on the recorded archaeology.

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that the development be allowed to proceed.

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Plan A:

Relationship of the development (1-3) and recorded archaeological site NG 25 NE 16.03.