

**Report of Archaeological Desktop &  
Walkover Survey  
Carbost Water Mains Renewal Project  
NG 3903/3104 - NG 3207/3341**

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## **Non-Technical Summary**

*Stuart Farrell was commissioned by Halcrow Group Ltd in September 2003 to undertake an archaeological desktop and walkover survey for the Carbost Water Mains Renewal Project (NG 3903/3104 to NG 3207/3341).*

*Work revealed a majority of unrecorded buildings and associated features such as enclosures and lazy beds, though most of them form part of larger townships. Only a few sites were recorded to the very close proximity of the proposed pipeline or to the existing.*

*Recommendations have been made for a number of sections of pipeline to be moved to avoid archaeological sites.*

## **1. Introduction**

This report is for an archaeological desktop and walkover survey conducted for Halcrow Group Ltd on behalf of Scottish Water by the author for the Carbost Water Mains Renewal Project, Highland.

## **2. Acknowledgements**

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- Staff of the National Monuments Record of Scotland;
- Staff of Highland Council Archives;
- Staff of the National Library of Scotland, Map room.

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Figure 1: General Survey Location 1: 50,000



### 3. Objectives

To conduct a desktop survey to the development area to record those features that would be affected by the new proposed water renewals scheme. This survey to follow those guidelines as proposed by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (IFA, 1999) and to follow the enclosed specification as provided by Highland Council Archaeology Unit.

### 4. Archaeological Survey

#### Desktop Results

A desktop survey was conducted using the following sources:

- Highland Council Sites and Monuments Record;
- National Monuments Record of Scotland, Edinburgh;
- Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland – aerial photograph collection;
- National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh (Maps);
- Highland Council Archives;
- Inverness Library.

Both the aerial photography and the map coverage were limited to the area of interest. Aerial photographs, in particular coverage was limited due to not being complete for the area and limits of scale. Map coverage was also limited as the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of 1881 was almost the same as the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 1903 and little survey work has been carried out in detail in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, with the next edition being 1968.

Previous archaeological survey work to the area of interest is severely lacking. Work by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) in 1928 was limited to prehistoric sites, chapels, etc with no work being done on townships. The only work being carried on townships in Skye is work by the RCAHMS at Waternish (RCAHMS, 1993) for afforestation land surveys in 1990 to the north and out-with this area.

The walkover survey was conducted on September 13<sup>th</sup> – with weather conditions being heavy rain and winds later becoming heavily overcast.

The following **44** archaeological sites were to be found on the route or in the vicinity to the pipeline (proposed new pipelines are marked in red on the accompanying maps with sites numbered).

HSMR – Highland Sites and Monuments Record  
NMRS - National Monuments Record of Scotland  
N/a – not available  
Recommendations are given after each site.

Sites are as follows:

**1** – Merkadale

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 38888/31019

Type – Building

Rectangular unroofed building marked on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey maps, not marked on 1968 or latest OS map.



Walkover reveals depression of building 10.5m x 4m with walls 0.5m thick and to a height of 0.4m built into natural slope on S heavy with reeds. Part of house at NE corner lost due to edge of fence of adjacent telephone exchange building.

Below: View of house 1 facing SE.



**2** – Merkadale

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 38868/31034

Type – Building

Rectangular unroofed building marked on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey maps, not marked on 1968 or latest OS map.

Walkover reveals depression of building 10.5m x 4m built into natural slope on S, entrance visible to NE. Trace of enclosing wall to rear to SW.

Below: View of house 2 facing NW.



**3** – Merkadale

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 38854/31044

Type – Building

Rectangular roofed building marked on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey maps, not marked on 1968 or latest OS map.

Walkover reveals 2 compartment building 11m x 5.5m though not as discernible as site 2 due to erosion to N edge.

Below: View of house 3 facing NW.



Sites 1-3 probably part of township of Merkadale. Recorded in NMRS (NG33SE 15) of 'A township of 1 roofed, 6 unroofed buildings and some field walls is depicted on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS [1881 sheet 34]. 13 roofed buildings, one of which is a church and another which is a school, 2 unroofed buildings, 5 enclosures and some field walls are shown on the current OS 1:10,560 [1968].' Visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (4019) as 3 structures with surrounding walls.

*Recommend that pipeline be moved to opposite site of road or be placed in road as site number 3 lies close to road edge.*

#### **4 – Carbost Beag**

HSMR – NG33SE 5

NMRS – NG33SE 5

Grid Ref: NG 386/312

Type – Stone Axe

Noted in HSMR and NMRS of 'A polished axe of felstone measuring 4 1/4" in length, 2 3/8" across the cutting edge. Found at the site of new Parish Church at Carbost Beag, Minginish, parish of Bracadale, Skye, and donated to the NMAS.

Proc Soc Antiq Scot 1944. The current 1:10560 map notes Carbost Church at NG 3860 3120.'

*No recommendations to be made.*

#### **5 – Carbost**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 38604/31204

Type – Free Church

No information available in HSMR or NMRS.

Walkover reveals building harled with slate roof, stepped bell tower with ball finial. Round headed windows, small vestibule to NE corner.

*No recommendations to be made as pipeline to be on opposite side of road.*

Below: View of church facing NW.



**6 – Harport House**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 37813/31913

Type – House

Building marked as Harport House on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey maps and on OS map of 1968 [NG33SE], not marked on latest OS map.

Walkover reveals no trace of building to this location. New house built at his location.

*No recommendations to be made.*

**7 – Talisker**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 37774/31808

Type – Building

Rectangular building marked on 1<sup>st</sup> Ordnance Survey map not depicted on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey map of 1903, not marked on latest OS map. Possibly part of site 10 – Talisker Distillery. Visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2017).

Walkover reveals no trace of building as area around distillery has been landscaped.

*No recommendations to be made as route of pipeline to SE.*

**8 – Talisker**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 37775/31760

Type – Building

Rectangular building marked on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey maps and on OS map of 1968, not marked on latest OS map. Possibly part of site 10 – Talisker Distillery. Not visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2017).



Walkover reveals no trace of building as area around distillery has been landscaped.

*No recommendations to be made as route of pipeline to SE.*

**9** – Talisker

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 3775/31796

Type – Warehouse

Rectangular roofed warehouse marked on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey map and on OS map of 1968, not marked on latest OS map. Probably part of site 10 – Talisker Distillery. Visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2017).

Walkover reveals no trace of building as area around distillery has been landscaped.

*No recommendations to be made as route of pipeline to SE.*

Below: View of landscaped area to E of distillery facing NE.



**10** – Talisker

HSMR – NG33SE 6

NMRS – NG33SE 6

Grid Ref: NG

Type – Distillery

No information available in HSMR or NMRS databases. Noted by Barnard (1887) that distillery opened in 1830 and extended soon after, expanded in 1900 and rebuilt in 1960 (Minsky and Craig, 1994). Visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2017) as complex of buildings.

Walkover reveals distillery in current operation.

*No recommendations to be made.*

Over Left: View of rear of distillery facing NE.

Over Right: View of front of distillery.



**11 – Carbost**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 37433/31834

Type – Building

Rectangular building marked on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey maps, and on latest OS map. Visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2016).

**12 – Carbost**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 37442/31871

Type – Building

Rectangular building marked on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey maps, and on latest OS map. Visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2016).

**13 – Carbost**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 37411/31911

Type – Building

Rectangular building marked on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey maps, and on latest OS map. Visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2016).

**14 – Carbost**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 37431/31966

Type – Buildings

2 Rectangular building's marked on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey map, and on latest OS map. Only 1 building visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2016).

Sites 11 - 14 probably part of township of Carbost. Recorded in NMRS (NG33SE 8) of 'A crofting township of 36 roofed buildings, one of which is a school, 1 partially roofed and 8 unroofed buildings is depicted on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS (1880 sheet 33). 45 roofed buildings and 11 unroofed buildings are shown on the current OS of 1968 (1:10,560).'

Walkover reveals sites to be well away from pipeline route.

*No recommendations to be made.*

**15 – Carlostbeg or Fernilea**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 37443/32102

Type – Building

Rectangular building marked on 1<sup>st</sup> edition, marked as 2 compartment building with small addition to the NW within enclosing wall on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey map, marked as roofed on OS map of 1968, not marked on latest OS map.

Not visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2016).

Walkover reveals single rectangular building aligned E-W open partly at W end 5m x 5m with walls up to 0.7m high and 0.5m wide with modern rubbish dumped within, overgrown with bracken.

*No recommendations to be made as site sits above road, pipeline should cause no damage to site.*

Below: View of site facing E.



**16 – Carlostbeg or Fernilea**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 37356/32165

Type – Building

Rectangular building marked on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey maps, not marked on OS of 1968 or latest OS map. Not visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2016).

**17 – Carlostbeg or Fernilea**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 37342/32216

Type – Buildings

2 Rectangular building's marked as roofed on 1<sup>st</sup> edition and as unroofed on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey maps, not marked on OS of 1968 or latest OS map. Not visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2016).

**18 – Carlostbeg or Fernilea**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 37278/32343

Type – Building



Rectangular building marked on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey maps, not marked on OS of 1968 or latest OS map. Not visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2016).

Sites 15 - 18 probably part of township of Carbostbeg or Fernilea. Recorded in NMRS (NG33SE 9) of 'A crofting township of 5 roofed buildings, 2 unroofed buildings is depicted on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS (1880 sheet 33). 11 roofed buildings, 1 partially roofed and 2 unroofed buildings are shown on the current OS (1:10,560 1968).'

Walkover reveals sites 16 to 18 to be well away from pipeline route.

*No recommendations to be made.*

#### **19 – Fernilea**

HSMR – NG33SE 9

NMRS – NG33SE 12

Grid Ref: NG 3693/33296

Type – Township

Noted in HSMR and NMRS of 'A township, comprising 29 roofed, 2 unroofed buildings and 5 enclosures is depicted on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Skye 1881, sheet 33). 21 roofed, 4 unroofed buildings and 7 enclosures are shown on the current edition of the OS 1:10560 map (1968).'

Number of buildings depicted on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS not indicated on latest OS.

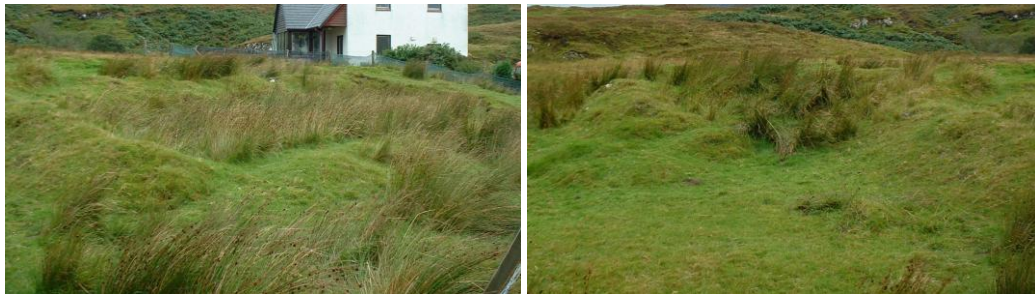
Number of roofed buildings and lazy beds visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2015).

Walkover reveals building at road edge at NG 36954/32938 aligned along edge of existing fence of rectangular building 5m x 7m with walls 1m wide and up to 0.4m high. 2<sup>nd</sup> structure to rear 3m x 4m with walls 1m wide and up to 0.35m high with enclosing wall.

*Pipeline to be as close to road as possible.*

Left: View of house facing NW.

Right: View of structure to rear.



#### **20 – Fernilea or Lag Mor**

HSMR – NG33SE 12

NMRS – NG33 SE 10

Grid Ref: NG 364/340

Type – Township

Noted in HSMR and NMRS of 'A township, comprising 9 unroofed buildings and 2 enclosures is depicted on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the OS 6-inch map (Skye 1881, sheet 33). A crofting township, comprising 21 roofed, 4 unroofed buildings and 8 enclosures is shown on the current edition of the OS 1:10560 map (1968).'

Walkover reveals no sites by road edge, all currently occupied or used except ruin in garden of no.12.

*No recommendations to be made.*

**21** – Portnalong or Heilla

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 34284/34968

Type – Building

Not marked on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS maps. Marked as roofed OS 1968. Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (027) as roofed building.

Walkover reveals roofed building of corrugated-iron c5m x 12m and 1.8m high.

*No recommendations to be made.*

Below: View of building facing E.



**22** – Portnalong

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 34964/34773

Type – Building

Marked on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map. Not marked on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS or map of 1968 (NG33SW). Not marked on latest OS map. Possibly part of site 23. Nothing visible on aerial photograph of 1947 (3293) or on aerial photograph of 1964 (027).

Walkover reveals no visible traces of building though possible rectangular mound visible aligned E-W under tall grass.

*Pipeline to be on north side of road.*

**23** – Portnalong or Heilla

HSMR – NG33SW 17

NMRS – NG33SW 9

Grid Ref: NG 349/347

Type – Township

Noted in HSMR and NMRS of 'A township, comprising 14 unroofed buildings, 4 enclosures and a field-system is depicted on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Inverness-shire, Isle of Skye 1881, sheet 33). A crofting township, comprising 48 roofed buildings, 1 partially roofed building, 9 unroofed buildings are shown on the current edition of the OS 1:10560 map (1968).'

Building by road edge visible on aerial photograph of 1947 (3295) aligned NE-SE. Visible partly on aerial photograph of 1964 (027).

Walkover reveals no trace of building, area now garden of 2 modern houses.



*No recommendations to be made.*

**24 – Ardtreck**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 3444/3458

Type – Building

In area of township of Portnalong or Ardtreck recorded in NMRS (NG33SW 10) of 'A township of 8 unroofed buildings and a length of head dyke are depicted on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS (1881 sheet 33). 16 roofed and 4 unroofed buildings are shown on OS of 1968 (1:10,560).'

2-compartment building marked on latest OS map with length of field wall to NW.

Visible on aerial photograph of 1947 (3293) as a 2-compartment building. Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (027) of 2 compartment's with enclosure on N side.

Walkover reveals 2 houses both 10m x 5m with walls up to 1m high and 0.5m wide. House to W of 2 compartments.

*No recommendations to be made.*

Below: View of houses facing E.



**25 – Fiskavaig**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 34022/34120

Type – Buildings

Group of 3 buildings marked on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS, 1 roofed building and enclosure marked on OS of 1968 and latest.

Part of township of Fiskavaig recorded in the NMRS (NG33SW 8) of 'A township of 12 unroofed buildings, 2 enclosures, one of which may be a field dyke is depicted on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS (1881 sheet 33). 21 roofed, 1 partially roofed and 1 unroofed building and a head dyke are shown on OS of 1968 (1:10,560).'

Visible on aerial photograph of 1947 (3293) as 1 roofed and 1 partially roofed buildings. Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (024) as partly roofed building.

Walkover reveals a single rubble built building c7m x 5m with walls up to 1m high and 0.4m wide with possible enclosure to west side, 2<sup>nd</sup> building to N roofed, used a shed.

*No recommendations to be made as both buildings very visible.*

*Below: View of buildings facing N.*



**26** – Fiskavaig

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 33346/34354

Type – Enclosure

Enclosure aligned N-S marked on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS, not marked on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS or OS of 1968 or on latest map. Part of township of Fiskavaig recorded in NMRS (NG33SW 11) of 'Township of 9 roofed buildings, 8 unroofed buildings and 3 enclosures is depicted on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS (1881 sheet 33). 3 roofed buildings, 1 partially roofed and 7 unroofed buildings and 3 enclosures marked on OS of 1968 (1:10,560)'.

Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (021) as small stretch of field wall.

Walkover reveals no trace of enclosure though area heavy with bracken, only a small stretch of wall visible to E.

*No recommendations to be made as site lies below road off pipeline route.*

*Below: View of site of enclosure facing NE.*



**27 – Fiskavaig**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 32949/34143

Type – Building

Roofed building marked on OS of 1968 and on latest OS map. Current proposals put route through centre of this structure. Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (021) as roofed building.

Walkover reveals no trace of building, possibly removed for current parking area.

*No recommendations to be made.*

**28 – Fiskavaig**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 32710/33981

Type – Structure, possible

Not marked on OS map of 1968 or earlier editions, marked on latest map.

Walkover reveals no trace of a building except a rectangular depression aligned NE-SW c7m x 5m.

*Pipeline to follow edge of road.*

Below: View of site facing E.



**29 – Fiskavaig**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 32654/33924

Type – Buildings

Group of 3 buildings marked on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS, marked as unroofed on OS of 1968. Marked as building and enclosure on latest. Part of township of Ard An T'Sabhail recorded in NMRS (NG33SW 7) of 'Township of 29 roofed buildings, and 6 enclosures and 3 lengths of head-dyke is depicted on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS (1881 sheet 33). 30 roofed buildings, 12 unroofed buildings and 3 lengths of head-dyke marked on OS of 1968 (1:10,560)'.

Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (018) as round-ended building with nearby lazy beds.



Walkover reveals single square building visible as turf bank 6m x 6m spread to 1m and 0.5m high, denuded on north side with possible entrance to SW.

*Pipeline to follow edge of road.*

Below: View of structure facing NW.



**30** – Fiskavaig

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 32314/33914

Type – Structure

Building on latest OS. Not on 1<sup>st</sup> edition, marked on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS with length of wall, marked as roofed OS on 1968. Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (018) as roofed building.

Walkover reveals unroofed rectangular structure aligned NE-SW 7m x 5m heavily overgrown with bracken entrance to SE. No sign of path to rear as marked on latest OS map though area heavy with bracken.

*No recommendations to be made.*

Below: View of site facing NNE.



**31 – Fiskavaig**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 32137/33757

Type – Buildings

Group of 7 buildings and 2 enclosures marked on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS, only 2 buildings with an enclosure marked on latest OS. Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (018) as 3 roofed buildings.

Walkover reveals early 20<sup>th</sup> century house with enclosing hedge to west side of road. Small roofless building to east side of road at NG 32159/33757 4m x 6m with walls up to 1.6m high and 0.4m wide with remains of wooden door to N. No trace of any buildings to S of house.

*Route of pipeline to follow edge of road.*

Below – view of structure to E side of road facing SE.



**32 – Fiskavaig**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 32209/33541

Type – Buildings

Group of 7 buildings and an enclosure depicted on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS, 4 buildings and an enclosure marked on latest. Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (018) as 2 unroofed and 3 roofed buildings and enclosure on east side of road.

Walkover reveals modern house on site to N edge, 2 buildings to S. 1<sup>st</sup> with corrugated-iron roof, 2<sup>nd</sup> is roofless but has later shed built within of c 5m x 7m with walls up to 1m high and 0.5m wide with entrance to E. Enclosure to edge of road U shaped open to burn on north side with walls 13m x 14m up to 1m high and 0.4m wide at NG 32151/33586 with entrance to E. Existing concrete water marker to southern corner of enclosure.

*New route to be on west side of road.*



Top: View of roofless building to S facing W.  
Below: View of enclosure facing SE.



**33** – Portnalong

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 3416/3513

Type – Building

Unroofed building on OS map of 1968 not marked on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS maps or latest OS map. Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (027) as roofed building.

Walkover reveals no trace of any building only area of grass field.

*Route of pipeline to be on opposite side of road.*

**34** – Portnalong

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 3388/3543

Type – Building

Unroofed building on OS map of 1968 not marked on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS maps or latest OS map. Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (027) as roofed.

Walkover reveals unroofed building by turning area 3m x 4m with entrance to E. Walls 0.8m high and 0.4m wide.

*No recommendations to be made as building is very much visible.*

Below: View of building facing N.



**35 – Portnalong**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 3378/3538

Type – Buildings, possible

2 possible unroofed building's on OS map of 1968, not marked on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS. Marked on latest OS map. Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (027) as roofed buildings, yard and possible small enclosure.

Walkover reveals no trace of building and enclosure only small garden though area heavy with bracken. One roofed building to W edge of site currently abandoned dating to early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

*Route of pipeline to follow edge of road.*

Below: View of empty house facing W.



**36 – Fiskavaig**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 3352/3416

Type – Buildings

2 unroofed buildings in L shape and enclosing wall marked on OS of 1968. Only partially marked on latest OS map. Part of site 25.

Visible on aerial photograph of 1947 (3295) as 2 rectangular buildings. Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (021) as 2 buildings partly visible.

Walkover reveals no trace of building area is heavily overgrown.

*Route of pipeline to be close to road as possible.*

**37 – Fiskavaig**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 3354/3421

Type – Buildings

2 unroofed buildings and a length of field wall marked on OS of 1968. Only enclosure possibly marked on latest OS map. Part of site 25.

Visible on aerial photograph of 1947 (3295) as 2 rectangular buildings. Nothing visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (021).

Walkover reveals no trace of any buildings only small garden allotment.

*No recommendations to be made.*

**38 – Fiskavaig**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 3268/3391

Type – Buildings

Visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (018) as possible 2 structures one rectangular, 2<sup>nd</sup> round ended.

Walkover reveals no trace of any buildings. Area has recently been planted with trees.

*No recommendations to be made.*

**39 – Fiskavaig**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 3272/3390

Type – Enclosure

Possible enclosure visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (018).

Walkover reveals nothing visible; site lies in area of gardens of 2 modern houses.

*No recommendations to be made.*

**40 – Fiskavaig**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 32701/33851

Type – Building, enclosure



Not marked on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS, marked as unroofed on OS of 1968. Marked on latest OS map. Nothing visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (018).

Walkover reveals rectangular building of 2 compartments aligned E-W 11m x 5m turf with reeds within with walls spread to 1m and to height of 0.3m. Enclosure on south side 13m x 13.5m with walls to W and S side 1m wide and 0.3m high.

*No recommendations to be made as sits well above road. Pipeline to follow edge of road.*

Below: View of building facing E.



#### **41 – Portnalong**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 352/346

Type – Lazy Beds

Visible on aerial photograph of 1947 (3292). Partly visible on aerial photograph of 1964 (030) but not clearly defined.

Walkover reveals beds to be partly discernible though to lie to south side of drain and partly covered with bracken. Beds are c1.8m wide and c2m apart.

*No recommendations to be made.*

Below: View of lazy beds facing NW.



**42 – Portnalong**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 367/336

Type – Lazy Beds

Visible on aerial photograph of 1946 (2015) and 1947 (3289).

Walkover reveals site to be well off road. Not easily defined though covered partly with bracken.

*No recommendations to be made.*

**43 – Portnalong**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 3458/3563

Type – Building

Site revealed during walkover of ruined building currently used as creel store. Building is c11m x 5m with walls up to 2m high and 0.6m wide.

*No recommendations to be made.*

*Below: View of building facing E.*



**44 – Portnalong**

HSMR – N/a

NMRS – N/a

Grid Ref: NG 36140/34194

Type – Building

Site revealed during walkover of ruined building 4m x 7m only gable end and chimney surviving at N by road edge, concrete floor. Early 20<sup>th</sup> century in date. Currently used partly as parking area.

*Pipeline currently to pass close to this site, route to be moved to road edge or opposite side of road.*

Over: View of Gable end.





## **5. Conclusions**

Overall nearly all of the sites revealed relate to the former crofting landscape with most to have been in continual use since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century or become part of larger crofts with some buildings being removed over the years, for modern developments.

All the recommendations that have been made are for small route changes only, and no further fieldwork has been proposed for this project. If any of the routes are to change from the current proposed routes they may have further archaeological implications.

## **6. Archive**

A copy of this report is to be deposited in the National Monuments Record in Edinburgh and the Highland Council Sites and Monuments Record.

## **7. Discovery & Excavation in Scotland**

A short summary of the results of this project will be submitted to the Council for Scottish Archaeology's publication *Discovery & Excavation in Scotland*.

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