## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Director of Planning

From: Archaeologist

Subject: Planning Consultation

Date: 22.7.97

Our Ref: PL3/RC/1997/516/DML/MKI

Smr ref: NH66NE 00012

Your Ref: RC/1997/516

Please ask for: Dorothy Low, extn. 3660

Planning Application at: Belleport, by Alness

Thank you for your enquiry. This application lies within an area of archaeological interest, where it is essential that damage to features of importance is minimised, and a record is made of any which will be unavoidably destroyed.

For this reason I must ask that any planning permission granted should be conditional on this being done.

In this case I would recommend the following condition:

No development shall take place until the applicant has implemented arrangements for the safeguarding where practicable, and recording where necessary, of archaeological features and structures affected by this proposal. Such arrangements must be agreed with the Highland Archaeologist to ensure their adequacy and approved by the Planning Authority.

Please also advise the applicant to discuss matters with the Highland Archaeologist as soon as possible. Early consultation can save time and money for all concerned.

DML





### RECORDED DELIVERY

Chief Executive
Highland Regional Council
Regional Buildings
Glenurquhart Road
INVERNESS
IV3 5NX

Our Ref: AMH/1675/2/1

O January 1996

Dear Sir

ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 AMENDED ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform the Council that he has amended the entry in the Schedule of Monuments appearing to him to be of national importance, compiled and maintained by him under section 1 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, relating to the monument situated in the Council's area and known as Clach a'Mheirlich, symbol stone.

I enclose copies of the Certificate of Exclusion and a new Entry in the Schedule and I shall be glad if you will bring the scheduling to the attention of all staff concerned.

I am copying this letter and enclosures to the relevant District Councils and Regional Archaeologist.

Yours faithfully

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# THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Clach a'Mheirlich, symbol stone comprises a standing stone bearing Pictish symbols, standing approximately 60m N of the shore of the Cromarty Firth. The area to be scheduled is a circle of 10m in diameter, centred on the stone, and includes the stone and an area in which traces of activities associated with the monument, in both historic and prehistoric times, may survive. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Rosskeen and the County of Ross and Cromarty as shown outlined in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto and which forms part of the subjects described in the Disposition by Charles William Dyson Perrins in favour of Donald MacLean dated 14 June and recorded in the Division of the General Register of Sasines for the County of Ross and Cromarty on 23 June both in the year 1921 (the present owners whereof being Trustees under Deed of Trust for issue of William Laing Gill and Heather Margaret Gill, Rosskeen Farm, Invergordon, Ross and Cromarty IV18 0PL), is hereby included in the Schedule of Monuments appearing to the Secretary of State for Scotland to be of national importance compiled and maintained by him under section 1(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

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

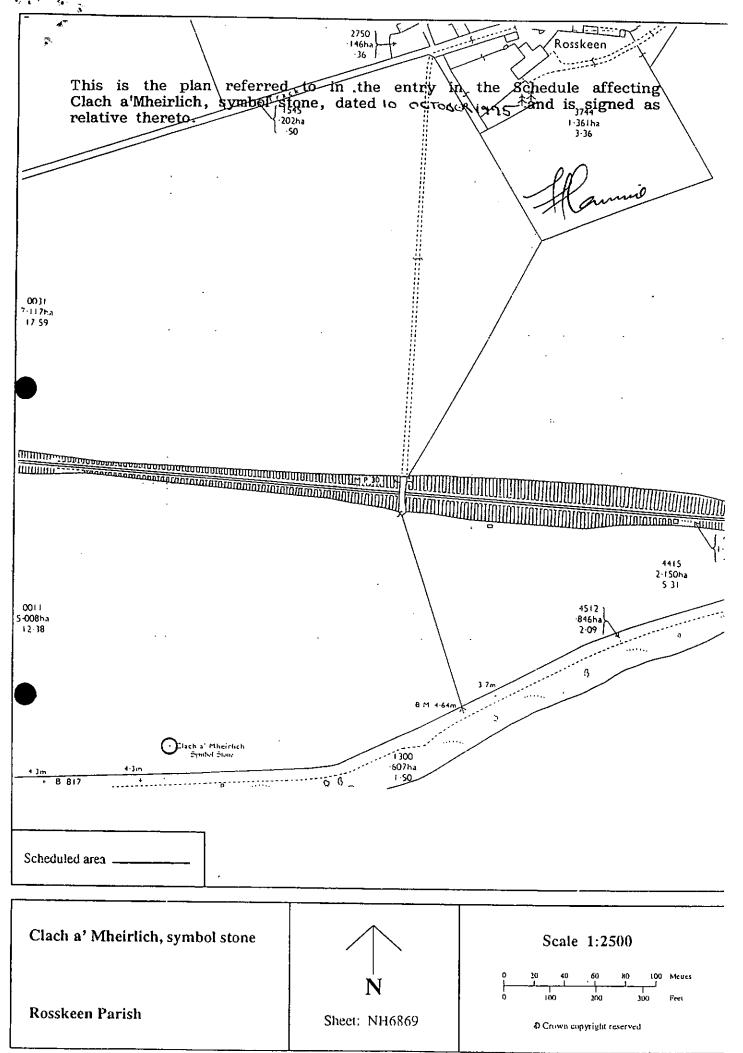
Assistant Secretary

Date 10 OCTOCK 1995

Historic Scotland Longmore House Salisbury Place EDINBURGH EH9 1SH

Register on behalf of the Secretary of State for Scotland in the Register of the County of Ross and Cromarty.

Solicitor, Edinburgh, Agent



## THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 CERTIFICATE OF EXCLUSION FROM SCHEDULE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND hereby certifies that the Monument aftermentioned, the present owners of which being Trustees under Deed of Trust for issue of William Laing Gill and Heather Margaret Gill, Rosskeen Farm, Invergordon, Ross and Cromarty IV18 OPL is hereby excluded from the Schedule of Monuments appearing to the Secretary of State for Scotland to be of national importance compiled and maintained by him under section 1(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, viz.,

Monument known as Clach a'Mhearlich, symbol stone 800m SSW of Rosskeen in the County of Ross and Cromarty.

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

**Assistant Secretary** 

Date q october 1995

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