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HS letter sent here in error!
(By the way, what's this / bar about
your SAT lecture on our educational needs?!)
Best wishes / or /



Grampian's Going Places

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18/9

File Ref: AMN/3/1/14

Deputy Chief Engineer
Roads Directorate
Room 4/68
New St Andrew's House

ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984
THE EDINBURGH-THURSO TRUNK ROAD (A9)
(BROOMHILL TO LOGIE EASTER DIVERSION) ORDER 1992
BROOMHILL TO LOGIE EASTER DIVERSION(SIDE ROADS)ORDER 1972

Historic Scotland has no objection to construction, improvement and stopping-up work between Broomhill and Logie Easter. It should be noted, however, that there are features of archaeological significance at one point along the road route (NGR NH738727). These have been located through aerial photography and Highland Region have recently funded a project of geophysical survey work which has provided further information: the attached road plan extract shows the area of potential archaeological interest outlined in red.

It would appear that a number of linear ditches, enclosure boundaries and a stone-walled enclosure exist on the proposed line of the new road at the above location. Historic Scotland recommends that the Roads Department fund an archaeological assessment in order to establish the nature of these features before they are destroyed by the road construction. This assessment should involve the trial trenching of the linear features and stone walled enclosure revealed in blocks 1 and 2 of the geophysical survey, and also the linear feature visible on aerial photographs to the SW of the site. Trial assessment may indicate either that no further archaeological investigation is necessary before road construction, or that additional excavation will be required.

I should be grateful if you would keep Historic Scotland informed of progress in planning this diversion. We would be happy to advise on the archaeological requirement in due course.



MYRA METCALFE
Room 303
Historic Scotland
20 Brandon Street
Ext 3081
6 September 1992

cc Mr R Gourlay, Highland Regional Archaeologist

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Please ask for Dorothy Low

Our ref. H NH 77 SW 008

Extension No. 447

Your ref. APG 54?

Date 29.1.92.

Dr S Driscoll
GUARD
Dept of Archaeology,
10 Professors Square,
The University,
GLASGOW, G12 8QQ

Dear Steve,

A9 REALIGNMENT, BROOMHILL - LOGIE EASTER

Enclosed copies of our records for the site, including two APs which we would very much like returned at some point! Also enclosed is some information on the soil cores which I managed to get from the Roads dept. I hope that this is of use, if you would like any more information regarding the cores, please let me know what, and I'll try to get it from Roads.

Best wishes,

pp RB Gourlay

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Your Ref:

Our Ref:

23rd April 1991

Dear Bob

EDINBURGH-THURSO TRUNK ROAD (A9): BROOMHILL TO LOGIE
EASTER DIVERSION ORDER 198

Thank you for your letter of 25 February concerning the above road scheme. We saw draft orders for this scheme in 1987 and returned no comments as we were not then aware of your crop mark site.

Mrs Linge has been in touch with Barry Handley of SOEnD roads. He confirmed that the road is to go to public inquiry on 23 April and that the consultation with Highland Regional Council was for this purpose. Mr Handley is aware of your comments on the archaeological evidence for the route and Mrs Linge confirmed to him that we fully support these comments. We will be given the opportunity to comment again after the PLI reports.

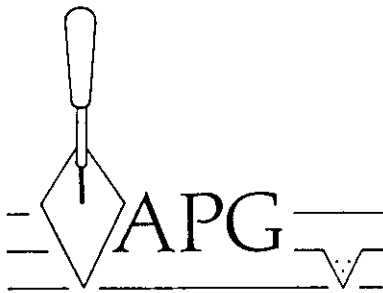
In the meantime it would be useful if you could let us have copies of the aerial photographic prints.

Yours sincerely

Richard

DR RICHARD HINGLEY
Assistant Inspector of Ancient Monuments

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30 September 1991

Dear Bob,

APG 54 EASTER ROSS

Thanks for the letter of 20 September 1991. We should be able to do the work within the calendar year, although November would probably be the earliest possible date for us. We should have a reasonably fast turn around on the results so any further work can be done within your time constraints.

For our own purposes, could you send us any drawings of the site, location maps and that sort of thing? That would be a great help for us.

We hope to hear from you soon regarding the start date.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Banks', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Iain Banks

MEMORANDUM

To Director of Libraries and Leisure Services
FAO Mr R Gourlay From Assistant Director (Trunk Roads)

Your Ref. HNH77SW008/RAT/1

Our Ref. 061-009-83

Date 9.8.91

Please Ask For Mr Frame, Ext. 617

A9 Broomhill to Logie Easter
Archaeological Features at Priesthill Farm

Further to your recent telephone conversation with Mr Frame I confirm your estimated cost of £2000 for a remote sensing survey at the above. This is not unacceptable to the Scottish Office who is expected to fund the survey but I understand that if the survey demonstrates the need to carry out archaeological excavation in advance of the roadworks this work would be funded from another source. Nevertheless the Scottish Office has decided not to proceed with this matter until the outcome of the recent Public Local Inquiry is known as any operation on site would be seen as prejudging the issue.

I anticipate that the outcome of the PLI will be known very soon and I will be in touch with you again at that time.



Assistant Director (Trunk Roads)

cc. Scottish Office, FAO Mr D Mustard

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Date 20.9.91

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Dear Steve

REMOTE SENSING SURVEY, PRIESTHILL, EASTER ROSS

Scottish Office roads appear to have accepted a cost of c.£2000 for remote sensing work here, but have decided not to proceed until the results of the recent Public Local Enquiry are known. This should be resolved shortly, and I think it is likely that we will be given the green light. Is there any chance of giving me a time slot or time slots within this calendar year? If we are given the go-ahead, I would be glad to have work done as soon as reasonably possible in case anything turns up which requires further negotiation.

Regards

Robert Gourlay

MEMORANDUM

To Director of Libraries and
Leisure Services

From Director of Roads & Transport

Your Ref. HNH77SW008/RAT/1

Our Ref. 061/009/83/JRMF/LC/TR Date 23/1/92

Please Ask For Mr Frame
Ext 617

A9 BROOMHILL TO LOGIE EASTER

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES AT PRIESTHILL FARM

Further to your recent telephone conversation with Mr Frame I confirm, now that the outcome of the Public Inquiry is known, that you may proceed with the remote sensing survey at the above at an estimated cost of £2,000.

I understand that you will keep me informed of progress.

SWA
Assistant director
(Trunk roads)

*Ken Wiseman - Calling back re where to send bill
and comp tendering needed?*

*Mr. Mr.
Frame*

*Mr Strick - Letter Feb/Early March.
Results at once - (verbal).
Report 2 weeks*

✓ C.C. Director of Libraries and Leisure Services

Mr J Frame

061-009-83 JF/TC/TR

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8th March 1991

Scottish Office En. Department
Roads Directorate
Project Team 2
Scottish Development Department
New St Andrews House
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EDINBURGH
EH1 3SZ

F.A.O. Mr B Handley (Room 4/63)

Dear Sir

A9 Broomhill to Logie Easter Diversion

Lisella Hutton, Landscape Architect for the above, is currently preparing an environmental assessment. In seeking information on her behalf I was informed by the Council's Archaeologist that there existed a group of features of archaeological interest either in the path of or immediately adjacent to the proposed route. I enclose for your persual a copy plan showing the location of these features together with copies of aerial photographs.

The Archaeologist, Mr R Gourlay, is concerned about the impact the new road may have on these features and feels a remote sensing survey should be undertaken as soon as possible. This would assess the need or otherwise for an archaeological excavation in advance of the roadworks, preferably next winter when crop damage would be less likely. As stated in his memorandum to me (copy enclosed) these works should be funded by the Scottish Office Roads Directorate.

I await your instructions on this matter.

Yours faithfully

Assistant Director
(Trunk Roads)

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MEMORANDUM

To DIRECTOR OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT **From** DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES & LEISURE SERVICES
FAO: D W ANDERSON, Asst Director
Trunk Roads

Your ref.

Our ref. HNH77SW008/RAT/1

Date 25.2.91

Please ask for Mr R Gourlay, Ext 447

EDINBURGH - THURSO TRUNK ROAD A9: Broomhill - Logie easter Diversion, Order 198.

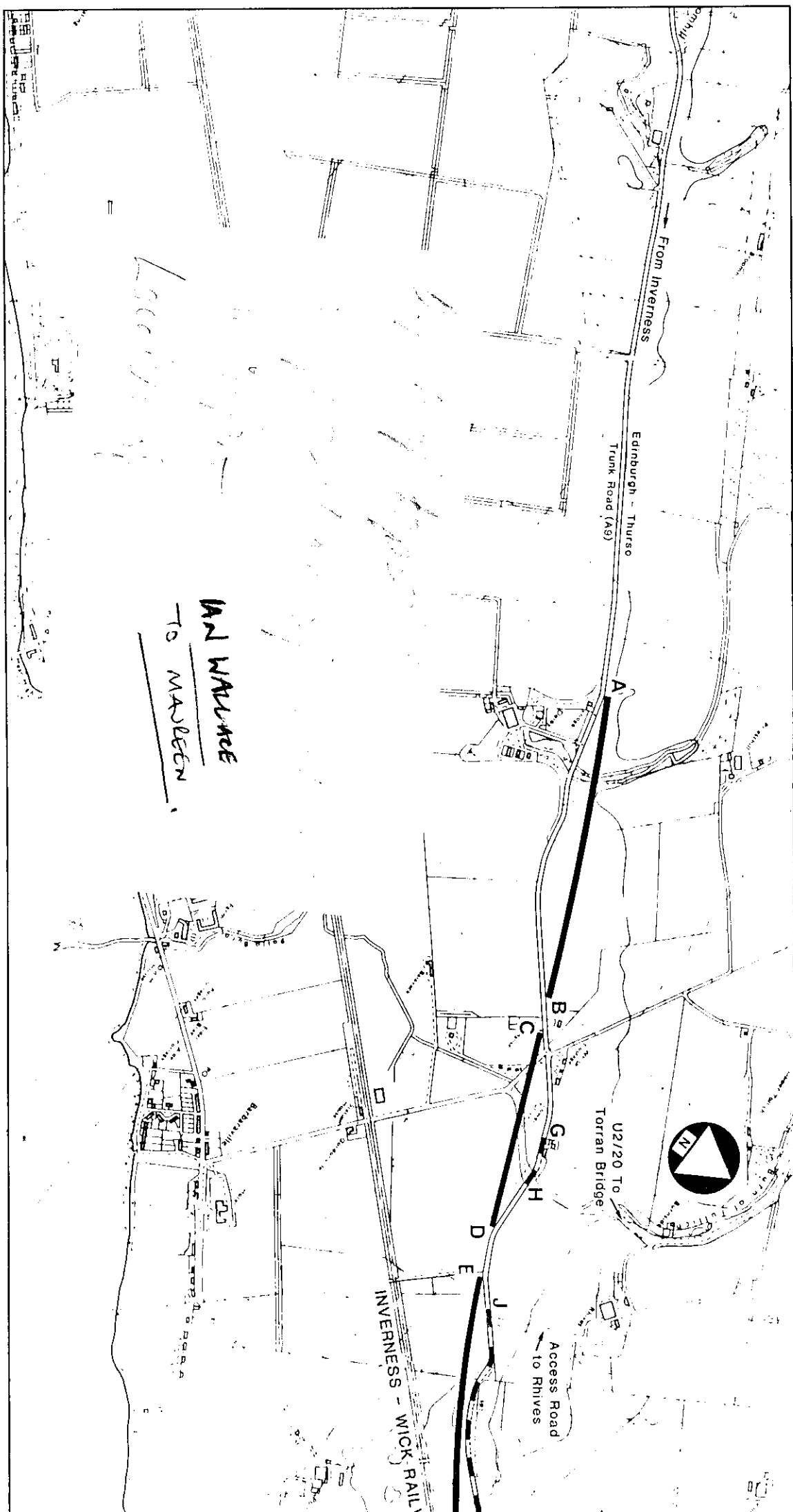
I have been approached for archaeological information along the proposed route of this stretch of the A9, and have passed this to the Archaeologist for information. He reports as follows:

"Section A-B of this route passes through, or immediately adjacent to, a group of features recorded from the air as cropmarks which are of archaeological interest. In order to assess the impact of the road on the site, and to ensure that features of archaeological importance are not lost, I would appreciate a formal consultation on this project so that I may report more fully after collection of relevant data.

At this stage, I would think that a remote sensing survey should be undertaken to determine the full nature and extent of the cropmarks remains as soon as possible. This should be funded by SDD Roads, and would assess the need or otherwise for archaeological excavation in advance of road works.

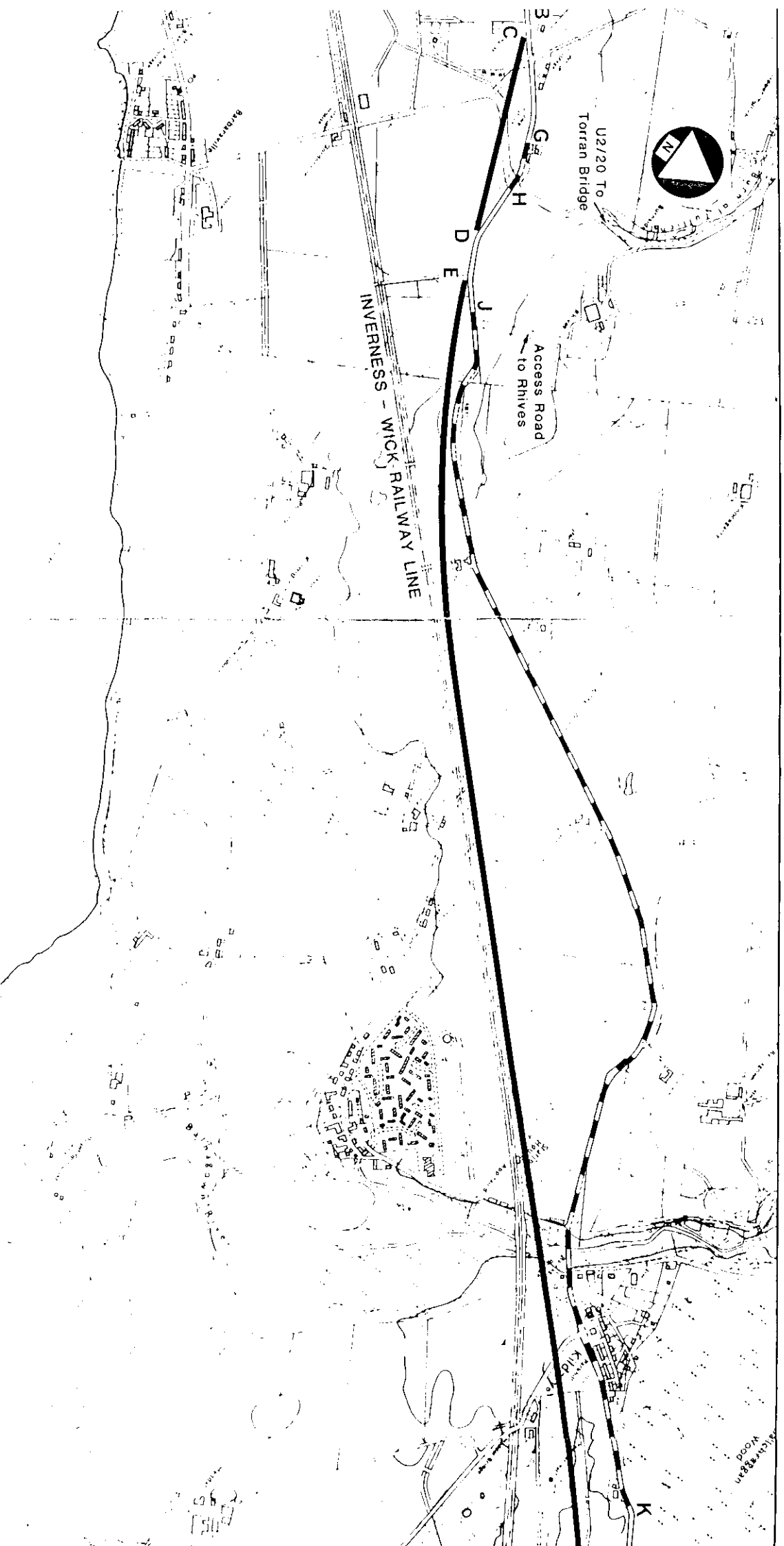
Should you wish further information at this time, I would be glad to assist."

I would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.



THE EDINBURGH - THURSO TRUNK ROAD (A9) (Broomhill to Logie Easter Diversion) Order 198

This plan shows the centre line of the new road but not the constructional details.



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BURGH - THURSO TRUNK ROAD (A9) o Logie Easter Diversion) Order 198

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MEMORANDUM

To DIRECTOR OF ROADS & TRANSPORT From DIRECTOR LIBRARIES & LEISURE SERVICES
FAO: ASST DIRECTOR TRUNK ROADS

Your Ref. 061-009-83

Our Ref. HNH77SW008/RT/1

Date 18.8.92

Please Ask For R Gourlay, Archaeologist, Ext: 3660

A9 TRUNK ROAD: BROOMHILL - LOGIE EASTER DIVERSION, ORDER 198.

Please find attached two copies of the report prepared by G.U.A.R.D. from their remote sensing survey along the projected diversion route. Mr Gourlay has studied these and discussed any implications with the contractor, and feels that while some archaeological results were obtained, these are not as prolific as might have been expected. As a consequence, he feels that further work will not be necessary along this stretch of road prior to its construction, although he would wish to retain access to the area during topsoil stripping - subject to availability of resources - to carry out a watching brief in case unexpected remains are encountered. Recording of anything thus found would be confined to a rapid recording/photography in order to avoid delay.

With thanks for your assistance in this matter. The account from G.U.A.R.D. will be forwarded to you shortly.



pp Director.

BROOMHILL TO LOGIE EASTER DIVERSION HIGHLAND

PROJECT OUTLINE

Description

The site is an area defined exactly by the limits of road construction outlined on the attached map. The area is likely to contain ditches in Block 1 on the attached map and remains related to a possible enclosure and ditches found outside the site in Block 3 of the attached map, as revealed by the geophysical investigations detailed in the attached assessment extract, copied with the kind permission of GUARD. Relevant air photographs are in Highland Regional Council Sites and Monuments Record, whence they may be obtained (Mr R Gourlay 0463 711176).

Objectives

To determine and report on the nature and date of archaeological and, if appropriate, associated palaeoenvironmental remains within the road line only, initially in areas centred on Block 1 and on the area of the road line north of Block 3 (please note that Block 3 itself is outwith the road line and that the contract does not cover any excavation within Block 3).

Method

Excavation. There is no provision within this contract for a watching brief on roadworks. Tenders may contain proposals for geophysical prospection or other methods of assessing the roadline but it is envisaged that the main technique will be the stripping and cleaning of as large areas as possible, centred on Block 1 and on the area N of Block 3, and the subsequent partial or complete excavation of features revealed. Subsidiary areas within the road line identified by analysis of the micro-topography of the line or other methods may also be investigated if time allows.

Tenders should specify minimum areas of excavation, and the strategy for dealing with (a) rich archaeology and (b) sparse archaeology; in the event of the former it is expected that there will be no additional funding; in the event of the latter it is expected that fieldwork will be extended at the expense of post-excavation work.

Product

The initial part-product will be an interim report for D&ES and a structure report as defined in annex A, and the final product will be a report fit for publication, and an archive, both respecting the guidelines given in Historic Scotland's Provisional Policy for Publication and Archiving.

Cost

The upper cost limit of the excavation and production of the structure report and final report and all archiving will be £10,000 (including VAT) and the tender must not exceed this sum. A stage payment will be made on delivery of the Structure Report and an invoice. If post-excavation and

completion of the final report and archiving can be completed before 11 March 1993 the final payment can be invoiced.

Time Scale

The fieldwork should start as soon as possible after results of the competition, and should finish on or before 19 February 1993. The ground will become available for detailed on-site inspection on 21 December 1992. The successful tenderer must liaise over dates with Mr Mark Wilkie, Scottish Office Roads Project Engineer (031-244-4289) to allow the road line to be pegged out prior to archaeological fieldwork.

The Structure Report and invoice for a stage payment (or the final report and archive and an invoice) should be delivered to Mr P J Ashmore of Historic Scotland for certification on or before 11 March 1993. Tenders should indicate the date for delivery of a final report, should rich archaeology lead to extension of post-excavation work into 1993/4, bearing in mind that resource constraints will limit analysis.

Dept of Archaeology
10, The Square,
University of Glasgow

24.12.92

Dear Bob and Dot,

Enclosed are the Priesthill APs. I'm really sorry about the fact we still had them; I thought I'd posted them with the report. I hope that it hasn't caused too much of a problem.

Anyway, a happy Christmas to you both (although you'll get this after Christmas, no doubt), and a happy New Year. I'll be in touch in early January with the final details about Manfearn. Have a good time.

Lots of love,

Jim

Rec'd. 7.1.93

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