

Loch Tearnait Hydro Scheme, Ardtornish Estate, Morvern, Lochaber, Highland.

Report on the protection of archaeological sites, for Hydroplan UK.

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As part of the planning conditions, stipulated on 13th March 2009 (Ref. No. 08/00275/FULLO), archaeological sites, affected by the proposed hydro schemes on the River Rannoch and Loch Tearnait, were to be marked out on the ground. This was recommended in the report, produced by the writer in May 2008, as a means of protecting archaeological sites (Sites 9, 11a-c, 16-18 and 20) in the vicinity of the pipeline and access road.¹

This was carried out on 28th August 2009. Sites 9, 11a-c, 16, 17, 18, all adjacent to the access road, and Site 20, near the route of the pipeline, were marked by wooden deer fence posts and blue rope, calculated to last for the whole of the construction period.

Site 9, the Head Dyke of Clais Bhreac settlement: This dyke had already been cut by the existing access road and was marked of on each side of this road. The new access road will need to be slightly wider and a few stones of the basal layer will be sacrificed on the South side.



Site 9, North side of the road, from W.



Site 9, South side of the road, from W.

Site 11a-c, Clais Bhreac settlement:

An area was roped off to protect the rudimentary remains of this settlement, as well as potential buried remains. The area immediately adjacent to the existing road has already been disturbed by earlier road building.



Site 11, Clais Bhreac, from W.

¹ "An Archaeological Survey of River Rannoch and Loch Tearnait, Ardtornish Estate, Morvern, Lochaber, Highland", an unpublished report by Jennifer G. Robertson for Hydroplan UK, May 2008.

Sites 16-18, House, enclosure and boundary dyke: The house, **Site 16**, had already been disturbed by earlier road construction and is situated immediately South of the access road. The enclosure, **Site 17**, lies 3m ESE of the house. The boundary dyke, **Site 18**, runs along the West side of a burn, to the West of the house and enclosure. A single fence was erected along the South side of the road to protect all these sites.



Sites 16-18, from W.



Sites 16-18, from E.

Site 20, Wall: this earth and stone bank, 20m long, was impossible to see in dense bracken. A rope was erected across the route of the wall to indicate its presence and the writer will return when the vegetation allows.



Site 20, area of wall marked, from NE.