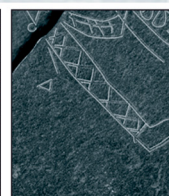
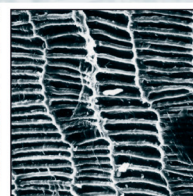
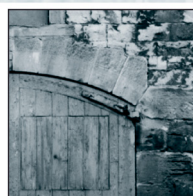
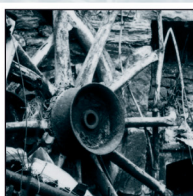
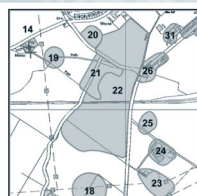


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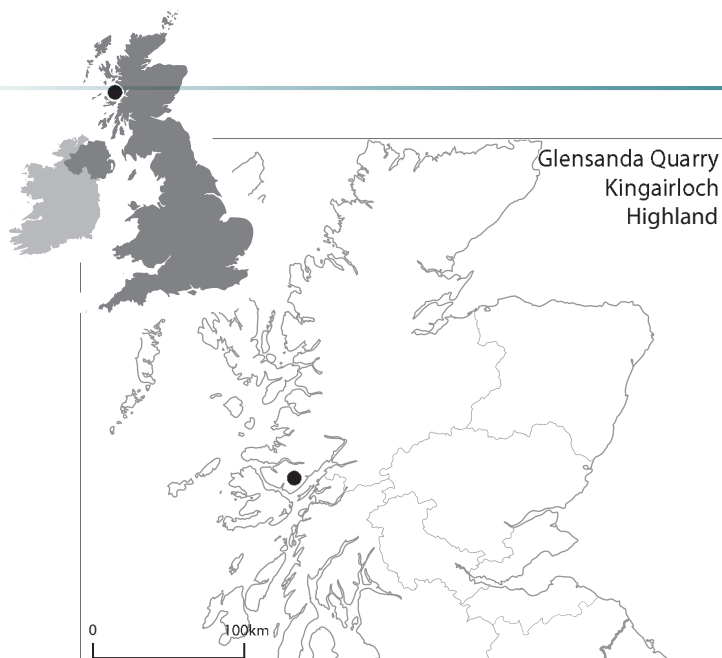
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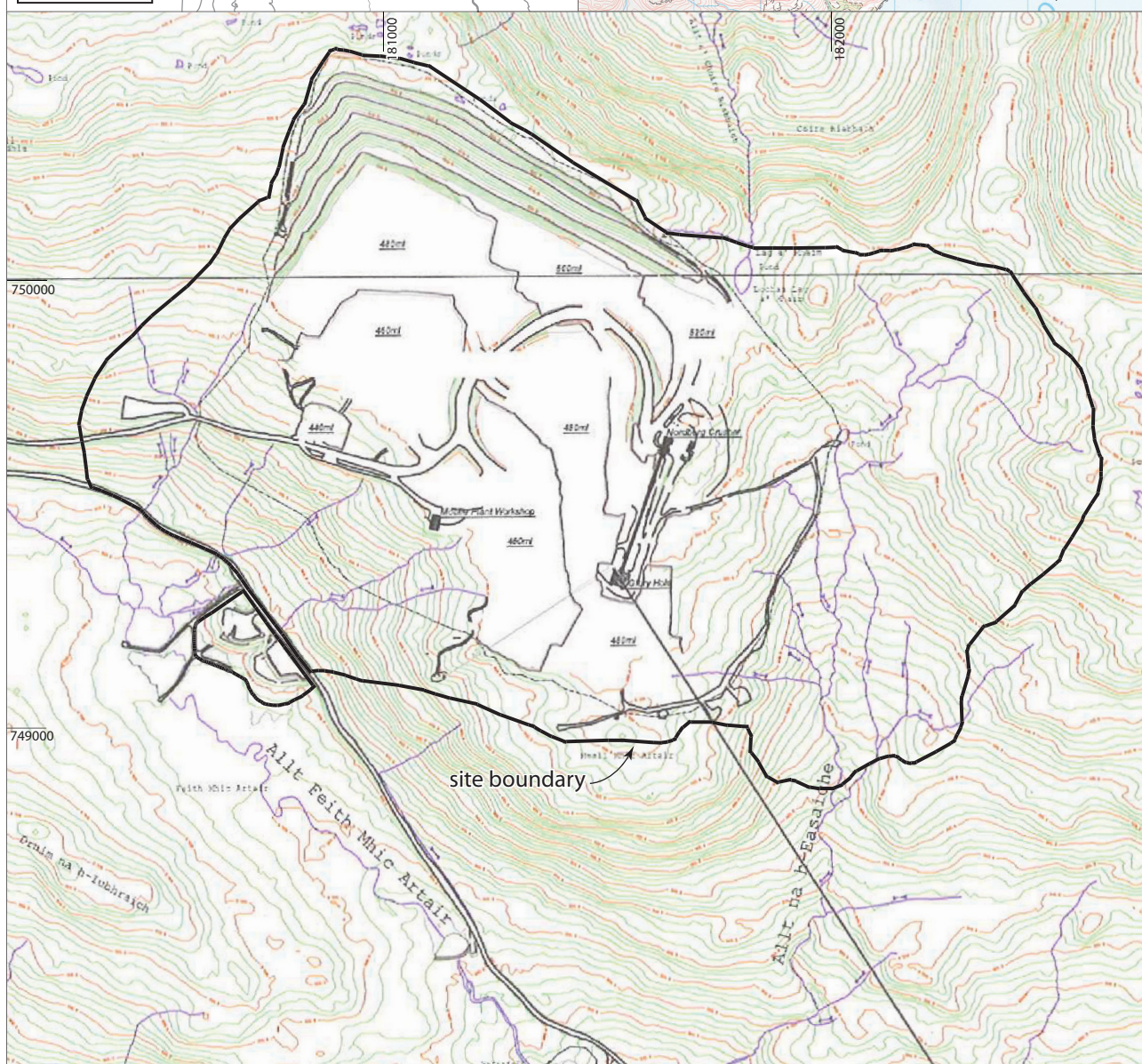
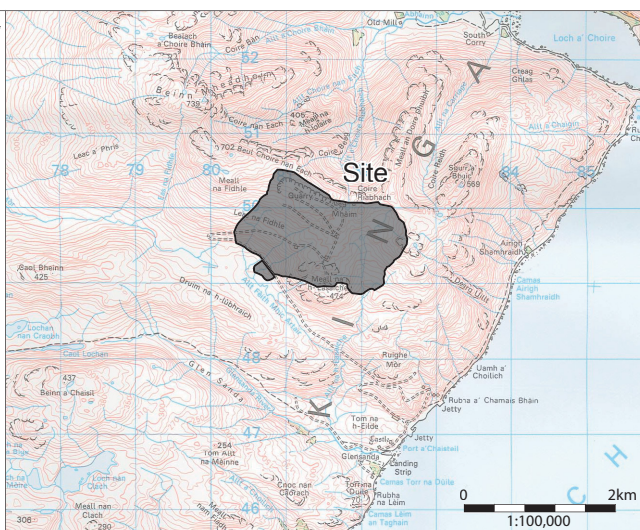
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Glensanda Quarry
Kingairloch
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Illus 1
Location plan

GLENSANDA QUARRY, HIGHLAND

Archaeological walkover

Headland Archaeology Ltd carried out an archaeological walkover of areas affected by the planned extension of Glensanda Quarry. No features of archaeological interest were identified.

1. INTRODUCTION

Headland Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by Aggregate Industries to carry out an archaeological walkover of areas affected by the planned extension of Glensanda Quarry to meet the requirements of the Planning Authority (Application no. 05/00334//FULLO). The quarry is situated near the top of the hills high above the north-western shore of Loch Linnie some 20km to the north of Oban. The main extension stretched some 800m east from the existing quarry with a smaller section extending some 450m to the south-west (Illus 1). The extension covers an area of some 138 hectares making the total planning area including the existing quarry 238 hectares.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

A desk-based study of sites of archaeological interest within the Glensanda estate was carried out by Helen Bibby. This lists a total of ten sites, including the quarry itself, which are listed in the National Monuments Record of Scotland (NMRS NM84NW 8). The majority of the sites are located near the shore of Loch Linnie and comprise mainly buildings and farmsteads centered on Glensanda Tower house built in the 15th century.

The nearest site to the quarry are some shielings recorded on an estate map from 1815 (SMR no. MGH 547, NMRS NM74NE 3), situated some 2.5km to the south-west of the quarry. The shielings are located at some 300m OD while the quarry lies at altitudes between 450m and 600m OD.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objective of the walkover was to establish the location and extent of any archaeological features within the area affected by the extension of the quarry

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4. RESULTS

No sites of archaeological interest were identified during the walkover.

5. DISCUSSION

The area affected by the extension comprised mainly steep and rocky terrain covered in tussocky grass (Illus 2, 3 & 4). The area was very exposed with little shelter from the elements. Given the altitude and nature of the terrain there was a low potential of finding any archaeological sites in this area which was confirmed by the negative result of the walkover.

6. REFERENCES

Bibby, H, undated, *Archaeological Survey, Glensanda*, Unpublished report.



Illus 2

View across proposed extension to the E of the quarry. From SE



Illus 3

View across proposed extension to the NW of the quarry. From SW



Illus 4

View across proposed extension to the SW of the quarry. From NW

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Appendix 1 – Site register

Photographic register

Photo no.	Digital file name	Direction facing	Description
01	GQKH11-001-Pic01.JPG	E	View across proposed extension to the E of the quarry.
02	GQKH11-001-Pic02.JPG	SE	View across proposed extension to the E of the quarry.
03	GQKH11-001-Pic03.JPG	S	View across proposed extension to the E of the quarry.
04	GQKH11-001-Pic04.JPG	SW	View across proposed extension towards the E side of the quarry.
05	GQKH11-001-Pic05.JPG	W	View across proposed extension towards the E side of the quarry.
06	GQKH11-001-Pic06.JPG	W	View across proposed extension towards the E side of the quarry.
07	GQKH11-001-Pic07.JPG	NW	View across proposed extension to the E of the quarry.
08	GQKH11-001-Pic08.JPG	E	View across proposed extension to the SW of the quarry.
09	GQKH11-001-Pic09.JPG	NE	View across proposed extension to the NW of the quarry.
10	GQKH11-001-Pic10.JPG	SW	View across proposed extension to the NW of the quarry.
11	GQKH11-001-Pic11.JPG	SE	View across proposed extension to the SW of the quarry.



Appendix 2 – Discovery and Excavation in Scotland entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Highland
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Glensanda Quarry, Highland
PROJECT CODE:	GQKH11
PARISH:	Ardgour
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR(S):	Magnar Dalland
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	Headland Archaeology Ltd
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Walkover
NMRS NO(S):	NM84NW8
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	None
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR:	NM 815 495
START DATE (this season)	11 July 2011
END DATE (this season)	20th October 2011
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	Headland Archaeology Ltd carried out an archaeological walkover of an area of some 138 hectares around Glensanda Quarry. The quarry is situated at 400 to 600 m above the north-western shore of Loch Linnie some 20km to the north of Oban. The area affected by the extension comprised mainly steep and rocky terrain covered in tussocky grass. The area was very exposed with little shelter from the elements. No features of archaeological interest were identified.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
4 ARCHIVE LOCATION (intended/deposited):	Archive to be deposited at RCAHMS. Reports to be deposited at RCAHMS and Highland Council Historic Environment Record
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