# Campbeltown Rising Main Installation: Archaeological Monitoring

Data Structure Report

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### Overview

- 1. This Data Structure Report is for a programme of archaeological work required by Scottish Water Solutions in respect a new rising main around Campbeltown and the surrounding area. The archaeological works were designed to mitigate the impact on the archaeological remains along the line of the rising main.
- 2. The study area is a combination of industrial ground and rough pastoral ground, which lie on the northern side of Campbeltown Loch. West of Scotland Archaeology Service, advisors to Argyll & Bute Council, requested archaeological works in support of the installation on archaeological grounds. West of Scotland Archaeology Service provided guidance on the structure of archaeological works required on this site during development works. An archaeologically sensitive area was defined covering those elements of the works that stretched from Trench Point (NGR NR7351 2045) to the Slaty Farlan WWTW (NGR NR7430 2076).
- 3. The archaeological monitoring was intended to minimise the impact of the development upon any archaeology present. Rathmell Archaeology Ltd has been appointed to act with regard to the archaeological issue by Scottish Water Solutions. The project works described below have been designed to comply with the requirements of Argyll and Bute Council, which were agreed through a Method Statement (Gordon 2009) with the council's archaeological advisors.

### Archaeological and Historical Background

#### Cartographical Evidence

- 4. The first viable mapping evidence for the area between Trench Point and Slaty Farlan comes from Roy's Military Survey of Scotland 1747-55 (Figure 1a). Roy's map depicts an open area of arable fields, with the actual line of the rising main being in open, uncultivated ground. Of note is Fort Argyle marked in the centre of the tip of Trench Point.
- 5. On the 1869 1<sup>st</sup> edition Ordnance Survey (Figure 1b) the majority of the ground remains depicted as arable fields, although on Trench Point a cairn and cist are marked, as well as the a ruin marked as 'The Trench' which would have been Fort Argyle as depicted on Roy. In addition a group of buildings to the Northwest of Trench point is marked as Fort Argyle. By 1896 the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey four buildings are depicted along the top of Trench Point as well as a road with buildings along it, leading west following the shore into Campbeltown. The 1905 3<sup>rd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey's depiction of the area is same as the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition with the exception of a long building aligned north to south along the eastern shore of Trench Point.

#### Archaeological Evidence

- 6. The buildings depicted on Trench point on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey relate to the building of a boat yard which destroyed a cairn covering several cist burials (NMRS NR72SW 19), which was depicted on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition Ordnance Survey. The cairn was also recorded in the Ordnance Survey Name Book of 1869. Two further cist burials were recorded in 1878 (NMRS 72SW 23) and 1897 (NMRS NR72SW21) during expansion works on the boat yard. The numbers of cist burials recorded on Trench Point in the 1800's would indicate Trench Point's importance in the past for the burial of human remains.
- 7. Also on Trench Point was a seventeenth century battery (NMRS NR72SW 20) known as 'The Trench' which is depicted on Roy's Military Map as 'Fort Argyle' and on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition Ordnance Survey as 'The Trench'. The battery was erected by the 8<sup>th</sup> Earl of Argyll in 1639 to defend Campbeltown from a threaten invasion by the Earl of Antrim during the Bishops' Wars.

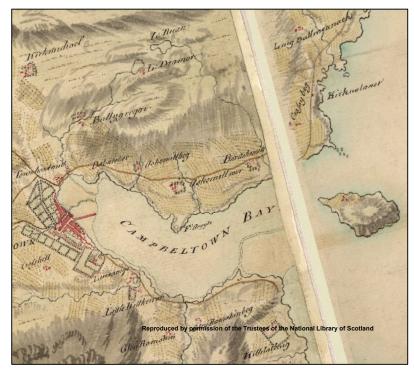


Figure 1a: Roy's Military Map 1747-55

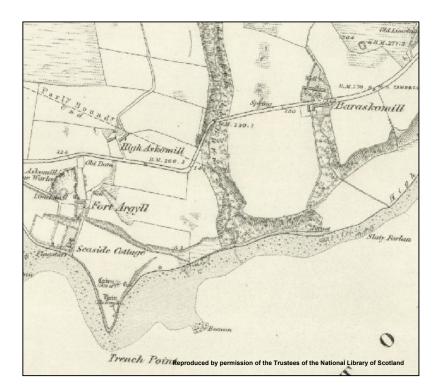


Figure 1b: 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey Six Inch 1869

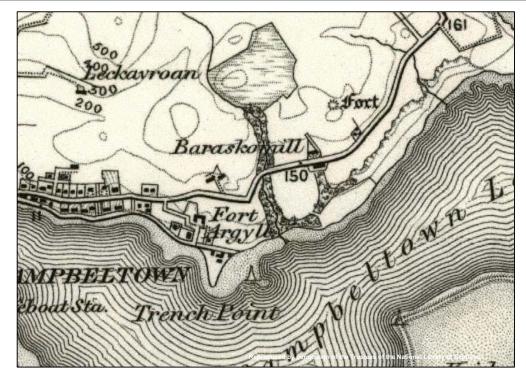


Figure 2a: 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey 1896

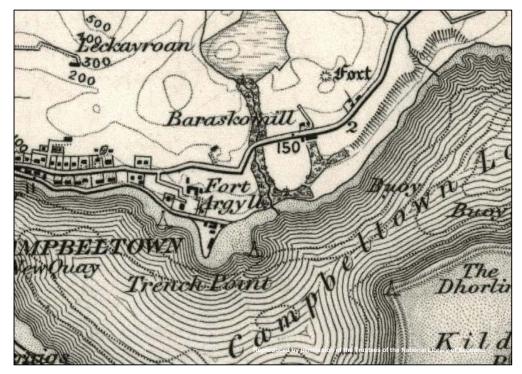


Figure 2b: 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey 1905



Figure 3a: Test Pit 1



Figure 3c: Test Pit 3



Figure 3e: Test Pit 5



Figure 3g: Test Pit 9



Figure 3b: Test Pit 2



Figure 3d: Test Pit 4



Figure 3f: Test Pit 8



Figure 3h: Test Pit 10



Figure 4a: Beginning of the pipe trench looking to Trench Point



Figure 4b: Pipe Trench

- 8. Between Trench Point and Slat Farlan there is a post medieval fisherman's hut (NMRS NR72SW 71), several World War Two structures (NMRS NR72SW 72) and a possible prehistoric mound (NMRS NR72SW 73)
- 9. Previous archaeological works (WoSAS 3130) were carried out at Slaty Farlan WWTW by Kirkdale Archaeology in 1999 during building works. The watching brief revealed several World War II structures and recovered several struck flints.

## Project Works

- 10. In keeping with the agreed Method Statement (Gordon 2009) all ground breaking works were monitored. The works comprised the archaeological monitoring of service inspection pits across Trench Point and the excavation of the line of the trench for the underground Rising Main through a potentially archaeologically sensitive area. With the works taking place intermittently from the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009 to the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009. The excavation of the line was undertaken using a 9t 360° tracked excavator with one archaeologist monitoring the machine.
- 11. Given the deep deposits of made ground evident in the service inspection pits between 1.5m to 2.5m deep and that the trench for the new pipline will be 1.5m deep, it was agreed with WoSAS that the monitoring of the pipeline across Trench Point could be suspended. It was also agreed that the last section of the pipeline (approximately 20m) did not require monitoring given the landscaped nature of the ground, which had previously been monitored during an archaeological Watching Brief carried out by Kirkdale Archaeology in 1999.
- 12. All works were conducted in accordance with the Institute of Field Archaeology's Standards and Policy Statements and Code of Conduct and Historic Scotland Policy Statements.

### Findings: Inspection Pits

- 13. Ten inspection pits were excavated along the top of Trench Point, to establish the lines of existing services, in particular the two waste water pipes and a water main.
- 14. All the pits demonstrated a stratigraphy that lacked any evidence of topsoil but was dominated by made ground (101). This, in the majority of the area consisted of mixed brown and black silt sand with inclusions of plastic, textiles, metal wire and fishing nets. This commonly directly overlay a orange brown sand gravel subsoil (103), which had a plastic waste water pipe [102] within a narrow trench filled with pea gravel.
- 15. Within Test Pit 9 the made ground varied from that observed in the other pits (105), was 2.5m deep and consisted of black mottled modern industrial waste, ash and slag like material being present with inclusions of rope, wire, textile, polystyrene and plastic. (105) directly lay over subsoil (106) which was a orange brown sandy gravel.

### Findings: Pipe Trench

- 16. The trench for the new rising main, which was approximately 800m long, was excavated in advance of the main works. The trench in general measured 2.5m wide and was excavated either down to the upper surface of the underlying subsoil or to a depth of 1.5m. The line of the new trench was to fall between the two existing pipes (110) and (111).
- 17. The monitoring started at NGR NR7383 2059, which is the most eastern part of Trench point, here the topsoil (106) was a mid brown silt sand over a orange and light brown sand with small to medium size rounded stones (107). The character of the topsoil did not change along the length of the trench and measured from 100mm to 370mm in depth.
- 18. After about 100m along the trench the subsoil changed to a light brown and orange substratum of bedrock (108). At NGR NR73790 20576 a layer of made ground (109) was

observed, measuring 450mm to 600mm In depth appeared to consist of blue grey clay with very frequent modern detritus of netting, rope, plastic and ceramic building material.

- 19. After a further 260m along the trench a burn was crossed, to the east of the burn the made ground continued along the majority of the trench, varying in depth from 900mm to 1.6m deep. With the (108) being the main subsoil evident along the trench bed, with the two service trenches intermittingly evident, (110) being the water main and (111) an older waste water pipe.
- 20. Field drains were also evident within the trench at various points (112) was a modern yellow plastic pipe within a trench filled with pea gravel and (113) was a trench just filled with pea gravel.
- 21. For approximately the last 100m of the trench the subsoil changed from mid brown silty grit/coarse sand (116) to mid brown silty clay (115) with occasional medium stone inclusions. Towards the end of the trench at NGR NR 7418 2066

### Discussion

- 22. No significant archaeological features or artefacts were recovered from the archaeological monitoring. The made ground which the majority of the pipe trench cut through appears to be relatively modern, and it may relate in part or wholly to the demolition of the ship building yard on Trench Point.
- 23. The lack of archaeologically significant features is most likely due to the fact the line of the trench for the most part fell between the two pre-existing pipelines, which meant that the ground had previously been disturbed by the excavation for the earlier pipe trenches, which would have removed the presence of any archaeology that may have been present.

#### Recommendations

- 24. The archaeological monitoring failed to identify any significant archaeological features or artefacts during the course of archaeological monitoring. Consequently, we recommend that no further archaeological works are appropriate.
- 25. The appropriateness and acceptability of our recommendations rest with Argyll and Bute Council and the West of Scotland Archaeology Service.

### Conclusion

- 26. A programme of archaeological monitoring was undertaken on behalf of Scottish Water Solutions in respect a new rising main around Campbeltown and the surrounding area. This monitoring included an archaeological presence on site during the excavation of approximately 1km of trench for the pipeline. The archaeological works are designed to inform the nature of any significant archaeological remains in the area and to develop the mitigation of any adverse impact on such remains.
- 27. No significant archaeological features or artefacts were observed during the monitoring of the underground power line. As such we have assessed the site as not containing significant archaeology and have therefore recommended that no further works are appropriate.

| References      |         |  |
|-----------------|---------|--|
| Documentary     |         |  |
| Scot Gov        | 1994    | SPP23 Planning and the Historic Environment.                                       |
| SOEnv           | 1994    | Planning Advice Note 42, Archaeology, Scottish Office<br>Environmental Department. |
| Cartographic    |         |  |
| Roy, W          | 1747-55 | Military Survey of Scotland  |
| Ordnance Survey | 1872    | 1 <sup>st</sup> edition map 1:10560  |
| Ordnance Survey | 1896    | 2nd edition map 1:10560  |
| Ordnance Survey | 1905    | 3rd edition map 1:10560  |

### Appendix 1: Registers

28. Within this appendix are all registers pertaining to works on-site regardless of the process by which that information was gathered (e.g. test-pit or linear trench).

| Context<br>No. | Area/<br>Trench | Туре    | Description  | Interpretation                                       |
|----------------|-----------------|---------|--|--|
| 101            | TP1-<br>8,10    | Deposit | Mixed Brown and black silt sand with inclusions of plastic, textiles, metal wire and fishing nets                                    | Made Ground  |
| 102            |                 |         | Black Plastic Pipe with a 500mm wide trench filled with pea gravel   | Waste Water pipe                                     |
| 103            | TP1-10          | Deposit | Orange brown sand gravel   | Subsoil  |
| 104            |                 |         | Service trench 300mm wide with<br>metal and plastic pipes and a pea<br>gravel fill   | Electric Services                                    |
| 105            | TP 9            | Deposit | Black Mottled modern industrial<br>waste 1.6m deep, with inclusions of<br>ash, slag, rope, wire, textile,<br>polystyrene and plastic | Dump of modern industrial waste and general detritus |
| 106            | Trench          | Deposit | Mid brown silt sand  | Topsoil  |
| 107            | Trench          | Deposit | Orange and light brown sand with small and medium sized rounded stones   | Subsoil  |
| 108            | Trench          | Deposit | Light brown and orange bedrock   | Subsoil  |
| 109            | Trench          | Deposit | Light blue grey clay with frequent<br>modern detritus such as netting,<br>rope, plastic, CBM and polystyrene                         | Re-deposited natural with modern detritus            |
| 110            | Trench          |         | 500mm wide trench with a blue plastic pipe within pea gravel   | Water Main   |
| 111            | Trench          |         | 500mm wide trench with a red pipe and a light yellow sand fill   | Waste water pipe                                     |
| 112            | Trench          |         | 250-300mm wide trench with yellow plastic pipe with pea gravel   | Modern Field drain                                   |

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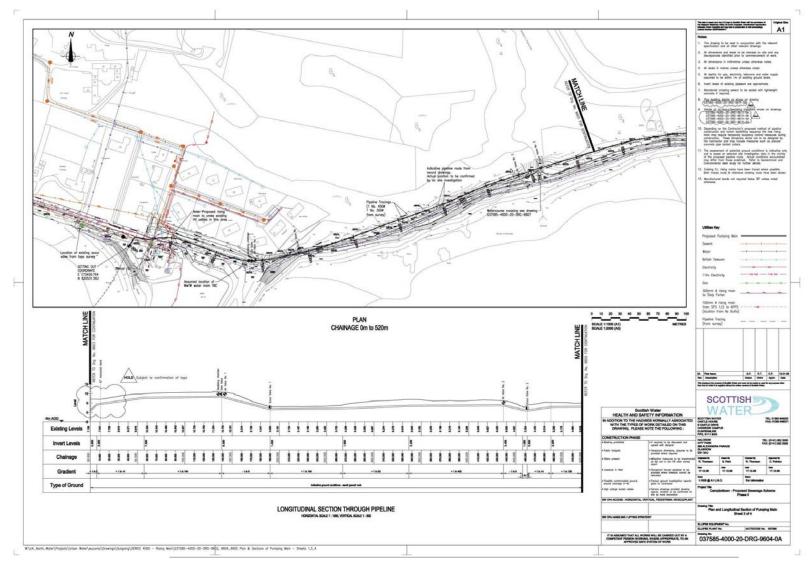
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| Context<br>No. | Area/<br>Trench | Туре    | Description   | Interpretation                            |
|----------------|-----------------|---------|---|---|
| 113            | Trench          |         | 250mm -300mm wide trench filled with pea gravel             | Modern Field Drain                        |
| 114            | Trench          | Deposit | Red brown clay with inclusions of tarmac, wood and CBM      | Re-deposited Natural with modern detritus |
| 115            | Trench          | Deposit | Mid brown silty clay with occasional medium stone inclusion | Subsoil                                   |
| 116            | Trench          | Deposit | Mid brown silty grit/course sand                            | Subsoil                                   |

### Photographic Register

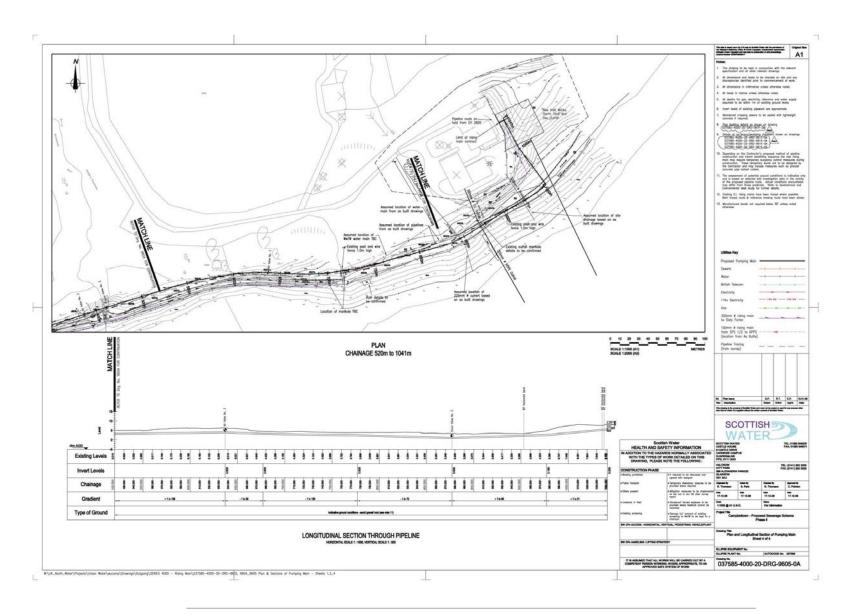
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| 002   | 1        | 2        | Test Pit 2                            | Ν    | 28/04/09 |
| 003   | 1        | 3        | Test Pit 3                            | E    | 28/04/09 |
| 004   | 1        | 4        | Test Pit 4                            | E    | 28/04/09 |
| 005   | 1        | 5        | General Shot of Trench Point Boatyard | NE   | 28/04/09 |
| 006   | 1        | 6        | General Shot of Trench Point Boatyard | Ν    | 28/04/09 |
| 007   | 1        | 7        | General Shot of Trench Point Boatyard | NW   | 28/04/09 |
| 008   | 1        | 8        | Test Pit 5                            | E    | 28/04/09 |
| 009   | 1        | 9        | Test Pit 6                            | SW   | 28/04/09 |
| 010   | 1        | 10       | Test Pit 7                            | S    | 29/04/09 |
| 011   | 1        | 11       | Test Pit 8                            | S    | 29/04/09 |
| 012   | 1        | 12       | Test Pit 8 Extension                  | S    | 29/04/09 |
| 013   | 1        | 13       | West Facing Section of Test Pit 8     | W    | 29/04/09 |
| 014   | 1        | 14       | Test Pit 9                            | Ν    | 29/04/09 |
| 015   | 1        | 15       | Test Pit 10                           | S    | 30/04/09 |
| 016   | 1        | 16       | Striped car park area                 | NW   | 30/04/09 |
| 017   | 2        | 1        | Pipe Trench                           | E    | 18/05/09 |
| 018   | 2        | 2        | Start of Pipe Trench                  | E    | 18/05/09 |
| 019   | 2        | 3        | Pipe Trench East of Burn              | E    | 19/05/09 |
| 020   | 2        | 4        | Pipe Trench East of Burn              | E    | 19/05/09 |
| 021   | 2        | 5        | Pipe Trench East of Burn              | W    | 19/05/09 |
| 022   | 2        | 6        | Pipe Trench East of Burn              | E    | 19/05/09 |
| 023   | 3        | 2        | Pipe Trench at Slaty Farlan           | E    | 08/07/09 |
| 024   | 3        | 3        | Pipe Trench at Slaty Farlan           | W    | 08/07/09 |
| 025   | `3       | 4        | Pipe Trench at Slaty Farlan           | E    | 08/07/09 |

### Appendix 2: Scottish Water Plans of Route



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# Appendix 3: Discovery & Excavation in Scotland

| LOCAL AUTHORITY:  | Argyll and Bute   |
|---|---|
| PROJECT TITLE/SITE<br>NAME:   | Campbeltown Rising Main   |
| PROJECT CODE:   | 09019   |
| PARISH:   | Campbeltown   |
| NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:  | Douglas Gordon  |
| NAME OF ORGANISATION:   | Rathmell Archaeology Limited  |
| TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:   | Monitoring  |
| NMRS NO(S):   | None  |
| SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):  | None  |
| SIGNIFICANT FINDS:  | None  |
| NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)  | NR7383 2059 to NR7418 2066.   |
| START DATE (this season)  | 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2009   |
| END DATE (this season)  | 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2009   |
| <b>PREVIOUS WORK</b> (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)                                    | None  |
| MAIN (NARRATIVE)<br>DESCRIPTION: (may include<br>information from other fields) | A programme of archaeological monitoring was undertaken on behalf<br>of Scottish Water Solutions in respect a new rising main around<br>Campbeltown and the surrounding area. This monitoring included an<br>archaeological presence on site during the excavation of<br>approximately 1km of trench for the pipeline. The archaeological<br>works are designed to inform the nature of any significant<br>archaeological remains in the area and to develop the mitigation of<br>any adverse impact on such remains. |
|   | No significant archaeological features or artefacts were observed<br>during the monitoring of the underground power line. As such we<br>have assessed the site as not containing significant archaeology and<br>have therefore recommended that no further works are appropriate.   |
| PROPOSED FUTURE<br>WORK:  | None  |
| CAPTION(S) FOR<br>ILLUSTRS:   |   |
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