

## APPENDIX 10.1: CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSETS IN THE INNER STUDY AREA

This appendix provides details of the heritage assets recorded in the Inner Study Area together with an assessment of their heritage sensitivity. Their locations and extents are shown on **Figure 10.1**.

This appendix should be read in conjunction with **Chapter 10: Cultural Heritage**.

| Asset No | Asset Name   | HER No              | Easting | Northing | Source  | Asset Description   | Heritage Sensitivity |
|----------|--|---------------------|---------|----------|---|---|----------------------|
| 1        | Red Burn shieling huts                             | MHG5044             | 132511  | 847769   | HER   | The HER records a group of five ruined sheilings recorded during field survey in 1989, they are of the single cell type and are reduced to turf covered mounds, with the exception of one well-preserved sheiling at the junction off the two burns which survives extant to 1.1m.<br><br>On current aerial photography (Google Earth and Bing Aerial) the well-preserved sheiling is clearly visible but the others cannot confidently be determined.  | Low                  |
| 2        | Ben Aketil, sheiling hut and pen                   | N/A                 | 130548  | 848504   | Wildgoose 2002, Field Survey                        | Recorded (Wildgoose, 2002) as a very degraded twin-celled sheiling lying at the base of a low east facing cliff. Immediately to the west, and also built against a low cliff, is a semi-circular pen which measures 5m by 5m over walls 0.6m thick.<br><br>Visited on site walkover – as described.   | Low                  |
| 3        | Possible shieling, Dunvegan                        | MHG38877            | 130478  | 848323   | Wildgoose 1997, HER, Field Survey                   | Recorded (Wildgoose 1997) as an area of green improved grass lying on the north bank of Maesweyn's Burn. An area of raised bumpy ground at the centre of the improved grass may be the remains of a sheiling.<br><br>Visited on site walkover – no clear evidence of a sheiling. May be natural.  | Negligible           |
| 4        | Mound, Dunvegan                                    | MHG38876            | 130357  | 848311   | Wildgoose 1997, HER, Field Survey                   | Recorded (Wildgoose 1997) as a heather-covered mound 8m by 7m and 2m high on the south bank of Maesweyn's Burn.<br><br>Visited on site walkover – mound located but unclear if natural mound or not   | Negligible           |
| 5        | Hut circle and multi-celled shieling hut, Dunvegan | MHG39906 / MHG38878 | 130535  | 848168   | Wildgoose 1997, HER, Field Survey                   | Recorded (Wildgoose, 1997) as a possible hut circle, with a multi-celled sheiling within its wall. The circular foundation (possible hut circle) was 10.4m in diameter over walls 1.5m thick, with a partially robbed entrance, 0.9m wide on the south side. The overlying shieling was recorded as a grouping of two large cells and three small cells. The sheiling was contained within the ruins of the circular structure and appear to have been constructed from stone robbed from the circular feature.<br><br>Visited on site walkover- dense vegetation made it difficult to ascertain if there was a hut circle, though the sheiling was visible   | Medium               |
| 6        | Shieling huts - Cnocantoul                         | MHG5048             | 130396  | 847472   | HER, Wildgoose 2002, Historic Mapping, Field Survey | The HER records a dispersed group of 21 degraded shielings. All are of turf construction and show either as green mounds with a small central depression, or as low circular banks up to 5m in diameter. The shielings are mainly of single-cell type with a few double-cell examples present.<br><br>Also recorded during field survey (Wildgoose, 2002) who, in addition to the turf constructed sheilings, recorded two stone examples which resembled houses more than shielings. These being 10m long by 4m wide over walls 1.5m thick. Small areas of lazy-beds were recorded close to both these structures.<br><br>Northern area visited during site walkover low turf bank shielings recorded. | Low                  |
| 7        | Cnocantoul farmstead                               | MHG27659            | 130585  | 847077   | HER, Wildgoose 2002, Historic mapping               | The HER states that a farmstead, comprising one roofed, one unroofed building and one enclosure is depicted on the Ordnance Survey map 1 <sup>st</sup> edition map (Inverness-shire, Isle of Skye 1880, sheet xxii).<br><br>Three unroofed buildings, one enclosure and a length of wall are shown on the current edition of the Ordnance Survey. The Farmstead is named 'Cnocantoul' on Ordnance Survey maps. Wildgoose (2002) records these structures survive upstanding as turf covered banks.  | Low                  |
| 8        | Rageary Burn animal pen                            | N/A                 | 130775  | 847151   | Wildgoose 2002                                      | Recorded (Wildgoose, 2002) as a ruinous stone pen lying on the east bank of the Caroy River. The remains are rectangular in plan, have rounded corners and measure 7m by 6m over walls 1m thick. A heap of stones lies in the southern internal corner.   | Low                  |
| 9        | Rageary Burn, hut circle (possible)                | N/A                 | 130652  | 847005   | Wildgoose 2002                                      | Recorded (Wildgoose, 2002) as a possible hut circle: the disturbed foundations of a circular structure which measures 5m in diameter. It lies close to the east to west running dyke which underlies the Cnocantoul enclosure. The site has later been used as a dump for field clearance.  | Medium               |
| 10       | Rageary Burn shieling huts                         | N/A                 | 131842  | 846837   | Wildgoose 2002                                      | Recorded (Wildgoose, 2002) as a well-preserved group of three stone-built shielings lying in a small, sheltered hollow on the north-west flank of Ben Aketil. A small burn runs down the centre of the hollow. The group consists of two twin-celled and one single-celled examples.  | Low                  |
| 11       | Rageary Burn turf bothy                            | N/A                 | 131288  | 846867   | Wildgoose 2002                                      | Recorded (Wildgoose, 2002) as the well-preserved foundations of a turf bothy lying on the north bank of the Rageary Burn. The remains of this site lie in the bottom of the ravine against the south facing slope and measure 7m long by 5m wide over a wall 1.5m thick. A door opening lies in the east end wall.  | Low                  |
| 12       | Shieling huts - Dunvegan                           | MHG38879            | 130819  | 846830   | Wildgoose 1997, HER, Google Earth                   | Recorded (Wildgoose 1997) is a group of 30 plus turf and turf and stone sheilings on both banks of the Rageary Burn, both single and double cell examples were present in equal numbers. The shielings were on a large area of improved grassland, enclosed by a turf bank on its southern side and open to the north and west.<br><br>Remains of the shielings are visible on current aerial photography (Google Earth)  | Low                  |
| 13       | Rageary Burn hut circle                            | N/A                 | 130599  | 846829   | Wildgoose 2002                                      | Recorded (Wildgoose, 2002) as lying on an open grassy area, to the east of the crofters' track are the foundations of a small circular hut. The foundations measure 4m in diameter over walls of uncertain width. The internal diameter is 2.2m. A disturbed entrance faces downhill and to the east.   | Medium               |

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| 14       | Cnocantoul farmstead 2                      | MHG27658 | 130490  | 846800   | HER, Historic mapping, Google Earth | The HER states that a farmstead comprising two unroofed buildings is depicted on the Ordnance Survey 1st edition map (Inverness-shire, Isle of Skye 1880, sheet xxii). Two unroofed buildings and two enclosures are shown on the current Ordnance Survey map.<br><br>Modern aerial photographic imagery (Bing Aerial) shows that these structures survive upstanding as low turf covered banks visible to the east and down slope from the southern access track to Ben Aketil.   | Low                  |
| 15       | Gleann Eoghainn cist burial (possible)      | N/A      | 130499  | 846706   | Wildgoose 2002                      | Recorded (Wildgoose, 2002) as lying on an open grassy area to the east of the crofters' track is a small pile of stones with what appears to be a disturbed cist at its centre. The cairn, if that is what it is, measures just over 3m in diameter. The cist is made up of three slabs of stone and measures 0.4m square. The east side of the cist is missing. Wildgoose states this is possibly just a clearance cairn.   | Medium               |
| 16       | Gleann Eoghainn shieling huts               | N/A      | 130442  | 846519   | Wildgoose 1997, 2002                | Recorded (Wildgoose, 1997 & 2002) as a compact group of four degraded shieling huts lying on both banks of a small burn about 30m below the crofters' track. During re-cutting of the burn channel, and an adjacent ditch, much debris has been dumped on this site. All the shielings, except the eastern most are now difficult to make out.   | Low                  |
| 17       | Gleann Eoghainn shieling huts and enclosure | N/A      | 130354  | 846553   | Wildgoose 2002                      | The degraded remains of two single-cell turf shielings lie 30m to the west of the hill road. The fragmentary remains of a turf dyked enclosure lie 20m above the hill road between the shielings and a small burn that lies 6metres to the south.  | Low                  |
| 18       | Ben Aketil shieling hut                     | N/A      | 131598  | 846266   | Wildgoose 2002                      | Recorded (Wildgoose, 2002) as a twin-celled, stone-built shieling set against a small rocky outcrop on the north-west side of a small burn.  | Low                  |
| 19       | Shieling huts - Dunvegan                    | MHG38880 | 131264  | 845961   | Wildgoose 1997, HER, Google Earth   | Wildgoose (1997) recorded a group of four very degraded single-cell, turf shielings surviving as low circular mounds, 4m in diameter on a narrow area of grassland between a small burn and a turf boundary dyke, in two groups some 70m apart.<br><br>The shielings are visible on current aerial photography (Bing Aerial).  | Low                  |
| 20       | Glen Heysdal farmstead                      | N/A      | 130094  | 845608   | Wildgoose 1997                      | Wildgoose (1997) recorded that, lying to the east side of the hill road, are the ruinous remains of three buildings and several related enclosures.<br><br>About 25m to the east of the road is a stone long-house which measures 10m by 6m with walls 0.9m thick. An entrance lies at the north-west end of the south-west wall.<br><br>To the north-east of the long-house is a second stone building which measures 8m by 6m over walls 0.8m thick. This building has an annex which measures 4m square attached to its east side.<br><br>About 50m to the south of the first two buildings is a very degraded, turf and stone built, structure which measures 12m long by 7m wide over walls now spread 2m wide. This building is divided into two unequal compartments measuring 4.5m and 2.5m internally.<br><br>Lying between the two stone structures and the turf and stone building is a well-preserved length of stone-faced dyke which has one end attached to the south-east corner of the long-house. Lying between the long-house and the road are the fragmentary remains of several small enclosures. | Low                  |
| 21       | Broch - Glen Heysdal                        | MHG4788  | 129887  | 845371   | HER, Google Earth                   | Broch occupying the summit of a slightly rocky knoll on the west side of Glen Heysdal.<br><br>The Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) noted in 1928 that the broch has been reduced to the foundation course, and it is impossible to detect the whole of the outer ring. Sufficient, however, remains to indicate its dimensions. The internal diameter is 34' 6" and the wall is 12' thick. The entrance lies to the WSW, but only the southern wall of the passage is partly indicated. The curve of the northern wall of an oval cell 4' 4" wide, in the thickness of the wall, is traceable on the north-west.<br><br>RCAHMS again visited in 1961 and noted that the entrance and oval cell could not accurately be determined. A later visit in 1985 recorded that the broch had been subject to extensive stone robbing.   | Medium               |
| 22       | River Caroy farmstead                       | N/A      | 130420  | 844902   | Field Survey, Historic Maps         | Recorded during the field survey as a farmstead constructed of stone and turf, 9m by 4m by 0.7m high, surrounded by a large field bank which encloses the farmstead to Ben Aketil burn. To the south of the field bank a further bank forms an animal pen 19m by 13m.<br><br>Not shown on Ordnance Survey Maps until 1965, however, typologically, it predates the 1960s and is of probable post-medieval date.  | Low                  |
| 23       | River Caroy farmstead                       | N/A      | 130392  | 844437   | Field Survey, Historic Maps         | Recorded during the field survey to the west of the existing trackway is a farmstead and side building enclosed within an oval turf and stone bank 25m by 16m, the walls survive upstanding to 1m and are up to 1.5m. A small outbuilding (6m by 2m) is located to its south only upstanding to one course.<br><br>Not shown on Ordnance Survey Maps until 1965, however the site visit to this asset confirmed that, typologically, it predates the 1960s and is of probable post-medieval date.  | Low                  |
| 24       | River Caroy enclosure                       | N/A      | 130303  | 844433   | Field Survey, Historic Maps         | Large turf and stone, animal enclosure 70m by 80m on the east bank of the River Caroy to the west of River Caroy farmstead (23).<br><br>Not shown on Ordnance Survey Maps until 1965, however the site visit to this asset confirmed that, typologically, it predates the 1960s and is of probable post-medieval date.   | Low                  |
| 25       | Shielings - Aketil Burn                     | MHG62592 | 132054  | 845320   | HER, Google Earth, Bing Aerial      | The HER records a large group of shieling huts along the Aketil Burn.  | Low                  |

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|          |                          |        |         |          |  | The shieling huts extend for approximately 380m along the Aketil Burn and one of its tributaries, with a small outlier group to the north along a smaller burn. They are best seen on Get mapping vertical aerial photographs taken in 2009 and 2020. They are not readily apparent on Google Earth (poor resolution) a few sheilings are visible on Bing Aerial |                      |
| 26       | Glen Heysdal Cultivation | N/A    | N/A     | N/A      | Google Earth, Bing Aerial, Historic maps, Field Survey | Either side of the existing southern access track, which follows the route of the Caroy River, there is a large area of relict cultivation which survives to a varying degree and includes areas of lazy beds and field banks.   | Low                  |