

**APPENDIX L
CULTURAL HERITAGE – EXTRA
SITES**

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Extra sites

Inspection of air photos and old maps, and a walkover field survey, produced evidence suggesting a further five possible sites of interest. The proposed road is likely to have some impact on two of these extra sites, but will have no impact on the other three.

The evidence

Evidence of extra sites was obtained from air photos, a walkover survey and examination of 19th century maps.

Under the two entries for 'Ancient Topography', the OS Memoirs for Carrickfergus list a fair number of forts individually (Day & McWilliams 1996, pp. 79-91 and 177-192) but their locations are given only by the names of the landowners on whose land they were, and precise identification of the locations has not been possible.

Air Photos

Air photo cover of this area is rather limited because it lies in the flight path to Aldergrove airport and permission to over-fly safely is difficult to obtain. Air photos of three kinds have been studied.

Five black and white air photos were obtained as prints from the Ordnance Survey (NI): nos. 558154, 26645, 6247, 6271, 6246. These were taken in the 1950s. No. 558154 covers the NE end of the proposed road; nos. 6246 and 6247 cover the middle part (Station Rod, Greenisland), 6246 being partly over the sea, 6247 further inland.; 6271 and 26645 cover the SW end of the proposed road.

Four colour air photos were obtained as TIFFs from OSNI: 163, 199, 200, 207. No. 163 covers the NE end of the proposed road, including Lettice Lands; nos. 200 and 199 each move slightly further towards the SW; no. 207 moves SW again and covers the area of Castle Lug.

26645 shows nothing.

One colour mosaic air photo was supplied to us by Ferguson McIlveen, obtained originally from OSNI as orthophotography. This is recent cover and extends over the whole of the route.

Walkover survey

We carried out a walkover inspection of the route of the proposed road in September 2006, inspecting the locations of the Historic Buildings, of Castle Lug, and of the area where the proposed road will pass through fields in the countryside. We identified one possible further site, near or at Ant 52/87: this may have been Ant 52/87 itself or may have been a further site nearby.

Early maps

We examined Ordnance Survey Six-Inch Maps of the 19th century, sheets Antrim 52 and Antrim 57. One possible site was identified on Antrim sheet 52 (1830s edition).

We also examined earlier maps, which confirmed information already known but did not add completely new sites (see Appendix K).

Suggested sites

On the evidence which was gathered, it has been possible to identify five locations where there are or may be extra archaeological sites, not previously recognised: a possible rath. a field and enclosure system of some complexity; a curious triangular feature which may have resulted from modern agriculture; a rectangular layout

which may be evidence of an early building; and a circular feature which may possibly have been a rath.

Site X1: rath?

The possible rath SMR Ant 52/87 showed on an air photo (now not identified) as traces of a bank. In this field, the walkover inspection identified two places where there were faint traces of what may be a slightly raised bank enclosing a circular area: see Figs. 22 and 23 in Appendix H. Neither was entirely convincing. For the location see Figure 9 of Appendix H.

Air photos 6246 and 6247 showed faint traces which could be interpreted as evidence of SMR Ant 52/87, and fainter traces of a possible feature NE of Ant 52/87, separated by perhaps 20 m.: see Figs.18 and 19 in Appendix H (where, of course, the circular features may be no more than tractor marks). If this implies that there genuinely were two raths or enclosures or sites in this field, the second appears to be NE of SMR Ant 52/87, at about 338070, 385170.

Site X2: field system?

Immediately North of the possible rath SMR Ant 52/87, air photos 6246 and 6247 showed extra dark patches, including both dark lines which suggest a field system or enclosure ditches and also two dark patches about 30 to 40 m across. Some of these features lay on or close to the line of the proposed road. See photo, Fig. 18 in Appendix H. For the location see Figure 9 of Appendix H.

Site X3: triangle

In a field immediately West of Whinfield Lane, air photo 6247 showed traces of dark lines marking a roughly triangular feature roughly 30 m across (Fig. 20 in Appendix H). It is at about 338240, 385630. This feature does not appear to extend outside the field next to where the proposed road will pass, and is not a recognisable archaeological site. It may be some modern agricultural feature. For the location see Figure 9 of Appendix H.

site X4: rectangle

Air photo 26645 covers Castle Lug. It was taken in the 1950s, and shows an arable field (now built over) opposite the tower-house, between the road and the sea. In that field the photo shows traces of a rectangular structure or pathway in that field. This suggests that there had been buildings or an approach way between Castle Lug and the sea. The location is approximately 337450, 384350.

site X5: circle

On the OS Six-Inch map Antrim sheet 52 (1830s edition), a circular shape is marked in the grounds of Ballynascreen House (HB 22/01/001): see Appendix K. It comprises a circular feature which looks like a bank and is some 15 metres in diameter, surrounded by a circular feature (perhaps a ditch, perhaps a pathway) that is about 30 m in diameter overall. On the 1850s edition of the same OS Six-Inch map, it seems to have been modified in shape and become a garden feature.

It is not clear that this is an archaeological feature. The bank feature is rather small for a rath. If it is archaeological, it will not be affected by the proposed road.