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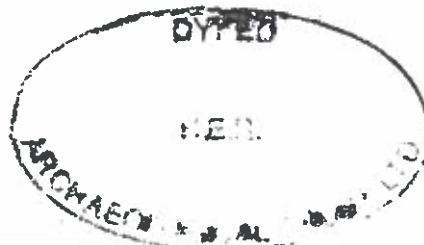
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Twentieth Century Military Sites: Airfields

SUMMARY

The Twentieth Century Military Airfields project is the first Cadw grant-aided threat related assessment to deal with recent military history. Airfields were identified as being the most urgent of the themes to assess; not only do they incorporate large areas of landscape, but there are numerous buildings and structures associated with them which are often dispersed and incontiguous. Few features are currently afforded statutory protection. This first phase of the project focuses on the airfields themselves and the technical area as marked out on the contemporary Air Ministry plans.

In south-west Wales there are 17 aviation sites (including airfields, flying boat stations and RAF fuel reserves); all but two lie in Pembrokeshire. All of these sites have been assessed through fieldwork. In addition there are six minor airfield sites associated mostly with light aircraft for army use.

This report identified those features, which based on the current research and fieldwork, have been identified as of national significance and worthy of some form of statutory protection, either listing or scheduling. Other sites have been identified as particularly worthy of protection, however may fall short of the listing and scheduling criteria.

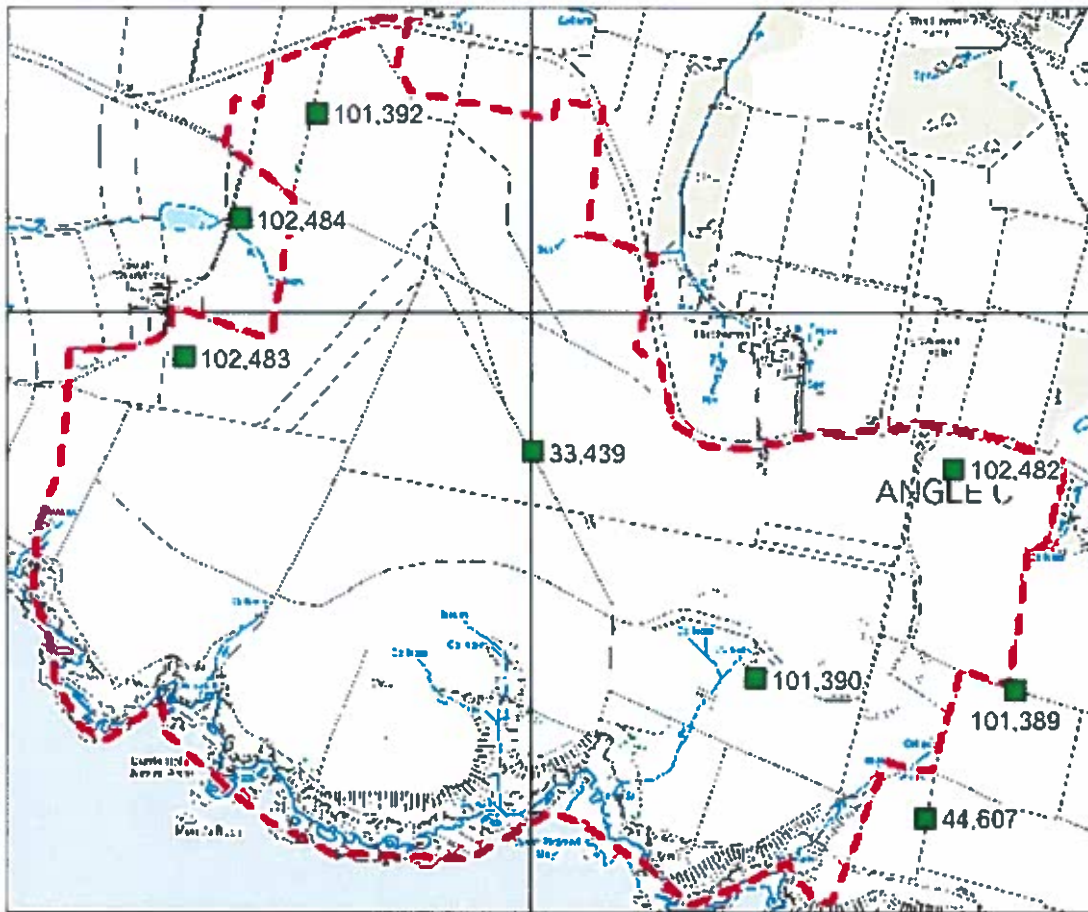
INTRODUCTION

The report is set out by Scheduling Recommendations, Listing Recommendations and then Other Recommendations. They are then ordered by airfield and then by PRN. A map is included for each airfield mentioned in the report. The report should be read in conjunction with the main project report and gazetteer, *Twentieth Century Military Sites: Airfields*.

Where known, site ownership has been recorded.

SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATIONS:

RAF ANGLE



PRN – 101389

NAME – RAF ANGLE

TYPE – Pillbox

CONDITION – Good / Near Intact

NGR – SM86870132

COMMUNITY – Angle

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Pillbox, located within hedge to the east of Angle airfield. Similar to pillbox located to the NW of the airfield except the roof is modified to carry the turf over the embrasures and continue the hedgeline. (Duplicate PRN 44601). A Pyper 2012.



Semi-sunken, irregular hexagonal plan, integral 'D' shaped Anti-Aircraft Light Machine Gun pit against N wall, fair-faced brick, flat turf covered concrete roof on corrugated steel sheeting. Roof maintains line of hedge to the east. Wide splay embrasures fitted with Turnbull mountings. RJC Thomas description 1994. When visited in 2011 it appeared intact, with turf covering. A Pyper 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

The pillbox is a rare survival of a type which was designed in 1940-1 specifically for defending airfields. It is also unusual in that the design has been modified to blend into the hedgebank. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Angle Estate, see agents Owen and Owen, 01646 621500 contact: Jonathan Bury.

AMWD PLAN: Angle Site Plan AE492(1945?)

PRN – 101390

NAME – RAF ANGLE

TYPE – Dispersal Pen

CONDITION – Good / Near Intact

NGR – SM86400134

COMMUNITY – Angle

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

E-shaped dispersal pen located to the south side of the perimeter track on Angle Airfield, though central spine is long gone. Built to accommodate 2 fighter aircraft. See description by RJC Thomas in 1993. Visited in 2011 when the concrete hardstanding was in use as a silage clamp. Last remaining dispersal pen on the airfield, originally there were 6, others remain as crop marks or slight depressions. A Pyper 2012.



Duplicate of PRN 44602. Depressed 'V' plan earth banked hardstanding built to shelter 2 fighter aircraft. The central earth bank traverse which divided the pen has been removed. Integral parabolic pre-cast concrete Stanton air raid shelter. Built per A.M.W.D.drawing 16330/41. RJC Thomas 1994.

THREATS

Threat Type – Natural decay

Significance – Moderate

Timescale – Long-term

Threat Details – The hard standing of the pen is currently used as a silage clamp. A Pyper, 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

This dispersal pen should be considered for scheduling on the basis of rarity. There are known dispersal pens at RAF Fairwood Common, Swansea, but these are different in form and lower banked. The higher banks at RAF Angle are probably an adaptation to local conditions, and the high winds prevalent on the coast. One of six originally, this is the last surviving in near intact condition, though its long term survival is not assured. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Angle Estate, see agents Owen and Owen, 01646 621500 contact: Jonathan Bury.

AMWD PLAN: Angle Site Plan AE492(1945?)

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PRN – 101392

NAME – RAF ANGLE

TYPE – Pillbox

CONDITION – Good / Intact

NGR – SM85610236

COMMUNITY – Angle

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



A brick and concrete pillbox located to the northwest of Angle airfield, semi sunken within a hedgebank northeast of South Studdock Farm. Similar in construction to PRN 101389 at the eastern side of the airfield. Visited Nov 2011, A Pyper. Semi-sunken, irregular hexagonal plan, integral 'D' shaped AALMG pit against N wall, fair-faced brick, flat turf covered concrete roof on corrugated steel sheeting. Protected entrance in S wall. 4 wide splay stepped embrasures fitted with Turnbull mountings. RT 1993

THREATS

Threat Type – Natural decay

Significance – Moderate

Timescale – Long-term

Threat Details – None recorded

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

This pillbox survives in good condition and has group value with the pillbox PRN 101389. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Angle Estate, see agents Owen and Owen, 01646 621500 contact: Jonathan Bury.

AMWD PLAN: Angle Site Plan AE492(1945?)

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PRN – 102483

NAME – RAF ANGLE

TYPE – hangar

CONDITION – Near Destroyed

NGR – SM85370192

COMMUNITY – Angle

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Site of former blister hangar, now a U-shaped earthwork bank enclosing a rectangular concrete pad. Visited 2011, A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The concrete pad for the blister, its earthwork bank surrounding it and the apron to the front survive. Located in a field for grazing at time of visit in 2011. A Pyper.

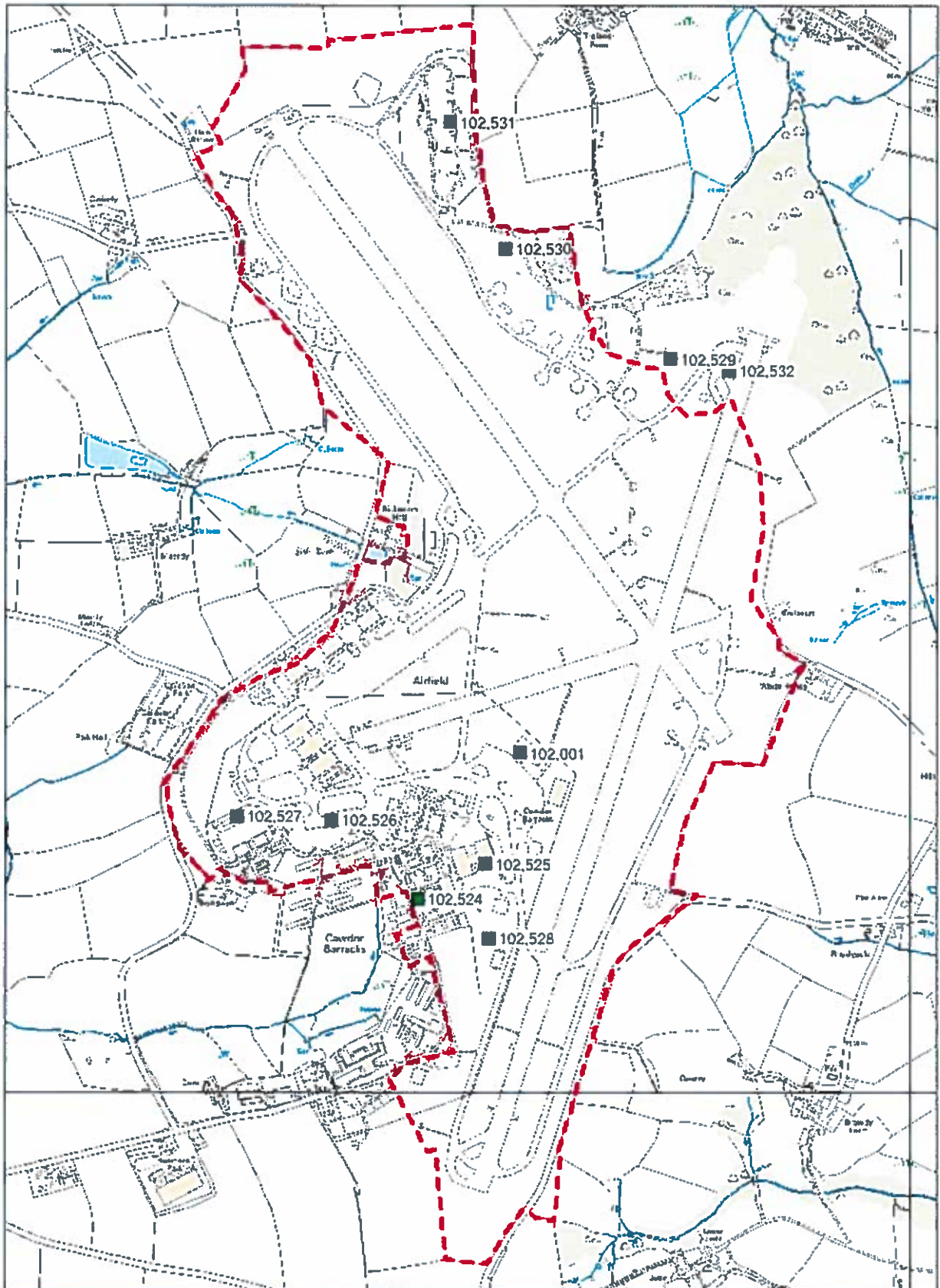
RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

Site of former blister hangar which appears to be one of the few remaining earthwork structures of this type. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Angle Estate, see agents Owen and Owen, 01646 621500 contact: Jonathan Bury.

AMWD PLAN: Angle Site Plan AE492(1945?)

RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY



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PRN – 102532

NAME – RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY

TYPE – operational readiness platform

CONDITION – Near Intact

CONDITION DESCRIPTION – Operational readiness platform is intact though supporting buildings and structures have been razed to the ground. A Pyper 2012.

NGR – SM85542583

COMMUNITY – Brawdy

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

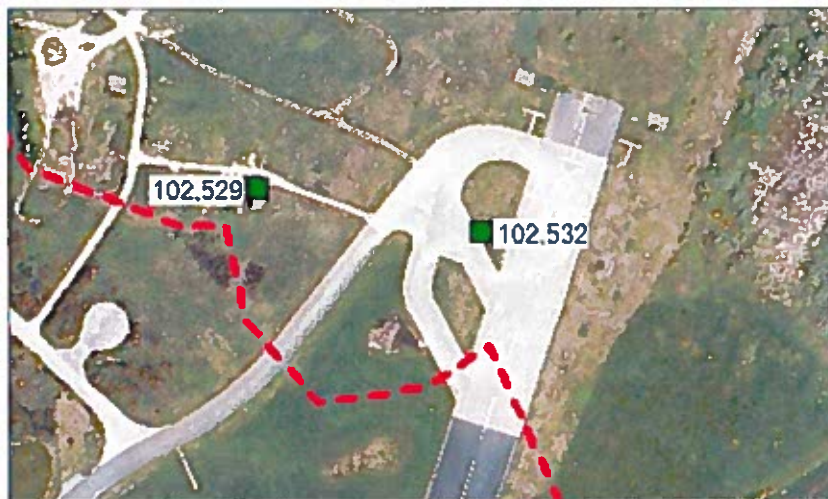
Extended runway and hardstandings at Brawdy airfield. Increased threats of attack during the Cold War led to redevelopment at Brawdy during 1961 and 1963 and equipped Brawdy to become one of three dispersed 'Quick Reaction Alert' (QRA) airfields in Wales. These were designed to accommodate the V-bomber force (probably Vulcans) and to be able to get airborne within two and half minutes. Most notably new E-type hardstanding pads were built on the end of the lengthened runway. These are still intact though supporting buildings have been demolished, PRN 102529. A Pyper 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

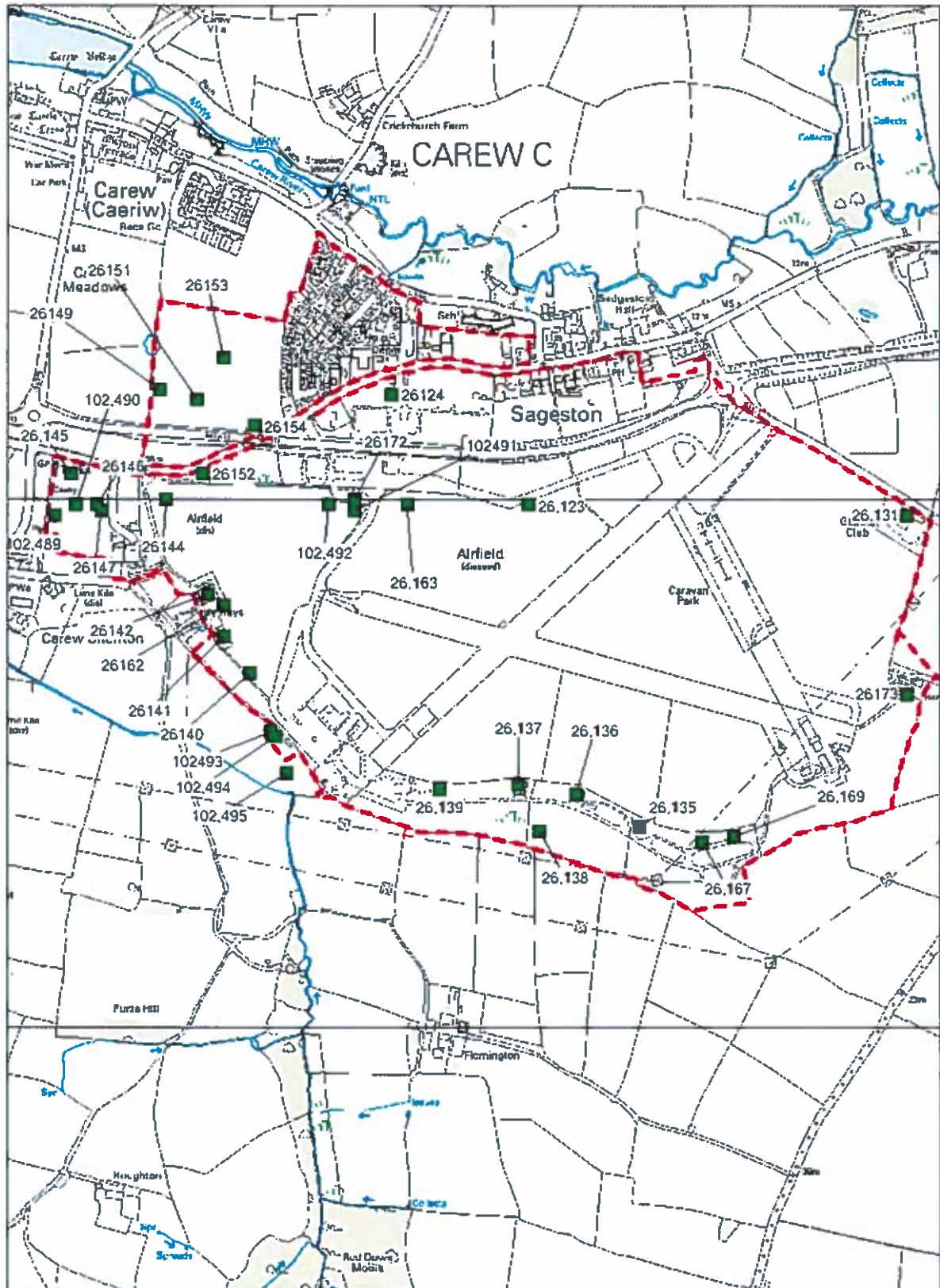
A pair of Type E hardstandings or operational readiness platforms at Brawdy. One of only three dispersal sites to accommodate V-bombers in Wales. These sites have historical association with a period of great threat during the Cold War during the late 1950 and early 1960s.

OWNERSHIP: Cawdor Barracks, Brawdy, Haverfordwest, SA62 6NN, 01437 720055

AMWD PLAN: Brawdy Record Site Plan 4671/45



RAF CAREW CHERITON / RNAS MILTON (AIRSHIP STATION) / RNAS PEMBROKE



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PRNs – 26135

NAME – RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE – Bomb Store

CONDITION – Near Intact

STATUS – None recorded

NGR – SN05740238

COMMUNITY – Carew

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Bomb store consists of a square brick built building with a flat roof, set within an earth embankment. Identified as 'Detonator and Fusing components' on the Air Ministry Plan. See RJC Thomas description. A Pyper 2012.

Single storey, 'permanent brick' square plan, flat concrete roof. Two small rectangular steel framed windows set high in the NE, SE, and SW walls. Internally divided into two rooms entered by two steel doors in the NW wall. Whole protected by earth revetted enclosure. RJC Thomas, 15.01.93.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

Part of the bomb store complex at Carew Cheriton airfield. This range of bomb stores is the most intact identified in the survey and possibly the last surviving complete complex. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Hazelbrook Farm

AMWD PLAN: Carew Cheriton Site Plan 1641/46

PRN – 26136

NAME – RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE – Munition House

CONDITION – Near Intact

STATUS – None recorded

NGR – SN05620244

COMMUNITY – Carew

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Bomb stores at Carew Cheriton Airfield. See RJC Thomas's description. A Pyper 2012.

1938-45, Small Arms Ammunition Store, present use low grade agricultural. Single storey, square plan, brick built, flat concrete roof. Cavity wall construction, roof supported by reinforced concrete beams. Internally divided by concrete block walls. Whole set in earth revetment. RJC Thomas, 15.01.93.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

Part of the bomb store complex at Carew Cheriton airfield. This range of bomb stores is the most intact identified in the survey and possibly the last surviving complete complex. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Hazelbrook Farm

AMWD PLAN: Carew Cheriton Site Plan 1641/46

PRN – 26137

NAME – RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE – Bomb Store

CONDITION – Near Intact/ Intact

STATUS – None recorded

NGR – SN05510246

COMMUNITY – Carew

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

No 119 on Air Ministry plan, ' Incendiary and Pyro' stores, see RJC Thomas description. Located in a field grazed by cattle and unused when visited in 2012. A Pyper 2012.

1938-45, Incendiary and Pyrotechnic Store. Three single storey, square plan, brick built, flat concrete roofed structure with covered entrances beneath linking sections of roof. Whole protected by brick and earth revetments. RJC Thomas, 15.01.93.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

Part of the bomb store complex at Carew Cheriton airfield. This range of bomb stores is the most intact identified in the survey and possibly the last surviving complete complex. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Hazelbrook Farm

AMWD PLAN: Carew Cheriton Site Plan 1641/46

PRN – 26139

NAME – RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE – Military Store

CONDITION – Near Intact/ Damaged

STATUS – None recorded

NGR – SN05360245

COMMUNITY – Carew

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Identified as No 157 'Flame Float Store' on the Air Ministry plan, a rectangular flat roofed building. See RJC Thomas's description. Cement render is falling away and brick eroding especially at the eastern end. A Pyper 2012.

1938-45, Flame Float Store, present use low grade agricultural. Single storey, three bay 30x10 'temporary brick' construction cement rendered, flat concrete roof, door in central bay. RJC Thomas, 15.01.93.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

Part of the bomb store complex at Carew Cheriton airfield. This range of bomb stores is the most intact identified in the survey and possibly the last surviving complete complex. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Hazelbrook Farm

AMWD PLAN: Carew Cheriton Site Plan 1641/46

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PRN – 26167
NAME – RAF CAREW CHERITON
TYPE – Bomb Store
CONDITION – Near Intact
STATUS – None recorded
NGR – SN05860235
COMMUNITY – Carew
COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Earthwork bomb dump survives. A Pyper 2012.

1938-45, Bomb Store/Bomb Dump, now derelict. Square concrete hardstanding, located within a shallow earth revetment. RJC Thomas, 11.01.93.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

Part of the bomb store complex at Carew Cheriton airfield. This range of bomb stores is the most intact identified in the survey and possibly the last surviving complete complex. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Hazelbrook Farm

AMWD PLAN: Carew Cheriton Site Plan 1641/46

PRN – 26169
NAME – RAF CAREW CHERITON
TYPE – Bomb Store
CONDITION – Near Intact
STATUS – None recorded
NGR – SN05920236
COMMUNITY – Carew
COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Earthwork bomb stores survives. A Pyper 2012.

1938-45, Bomb Store/Bomb Dump, now derelict. Square concrete hardstanding, located within a shallow earth revetment. RJC Thomas, 11.01.93.

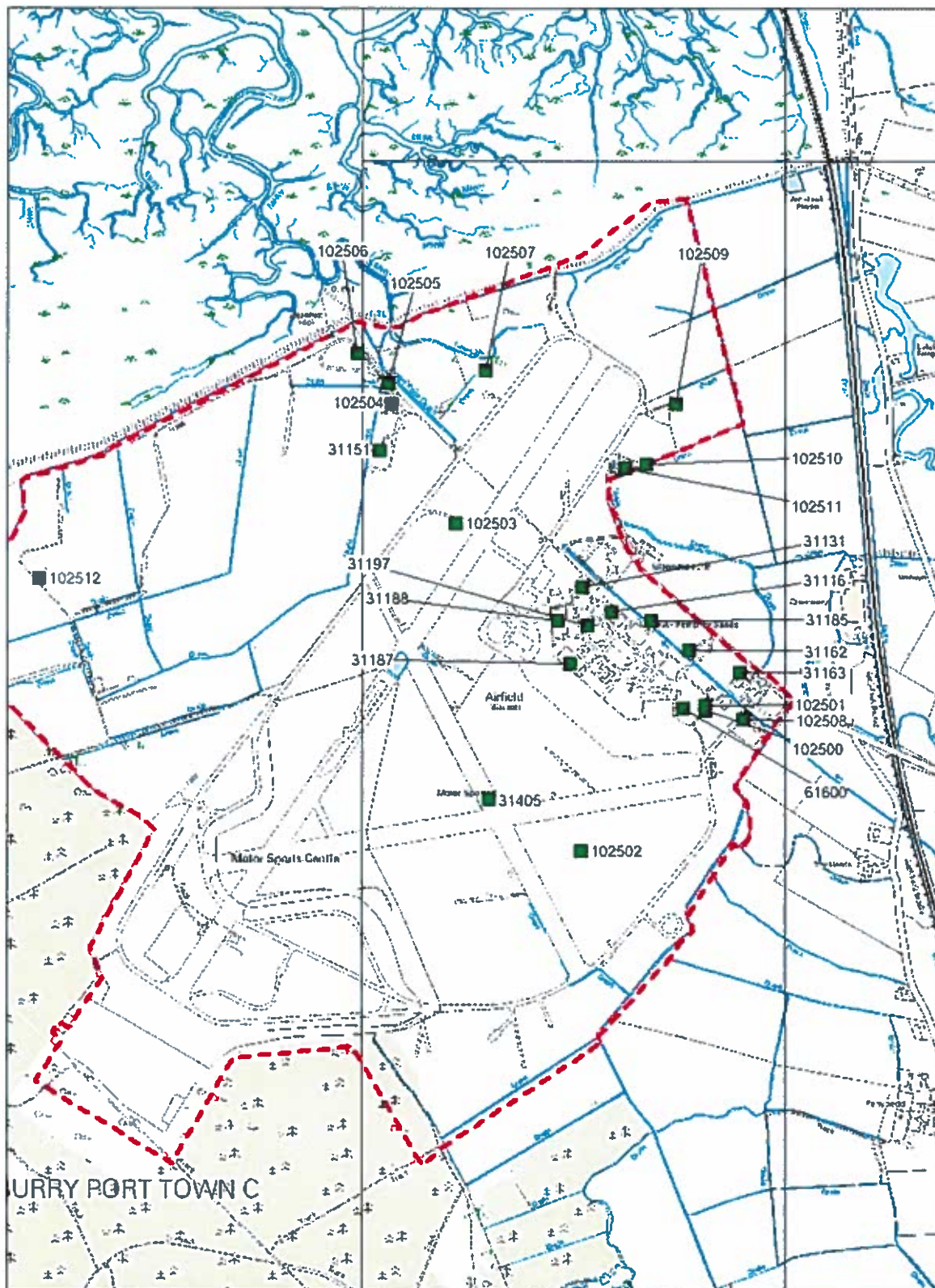
RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

Part of the bomb store complex at Carew Cheriton airfield. This range of bomb stores is the most intact identified in the survey and possibly the last surviving complete complex. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Hazelbrook Farm

AMWD PLAN: Carew Cheriton Site Plan 1641/46

RAF PEMBREY



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PRN – 102502

NAME – RAF PEMBREY

TYPE – Pickett Hamilton fort

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SN4051703379

COMMUNITY – Cefn Sidan

COUNTY – Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A sunken, circular, concrete pillbox, flush with the ground surface. Concrete top 2m in diameter with metal hinged trap door 0.56m square with canted corners. Located within the eastern intersection of the runways. In 2011 the interior was full of water and the field in which it is located was recently reseeded, A Pyper 2012. The Pickett Hamilton fort would permit the free movement of aircraft, but if attack threatened, could be raised, hydraulically or by a counterbalance, and manned to give covering fire.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Concrete pad survives within reseeded field, and metal trap door is hinged. Interior is full of water, however allegedly it contains its internal mechanism and hydraulics. A Pyper 2012.

THREATS

Threat Type – Agriculture

Significance – Moderate

Timescale – Medium-term

Threat Details – Situated within an agricultural field apparently the fort came close to being removed last year when the field was reseeded. It is possible this could happen if the landowner finds it is hampering agricultural operations. A Pyper 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS – Scheduling



Apparently intact, this Pickett Hamilton fort is one of two surviving examples which have been recorded at Pembrey airfield. This type of pillbox appears to be very rare in Wales. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Unknown.

AMWD PLAN: Pembrey Record Plan (PY 950)
3925/48

PRN – 102503

NAME – RAF PEMBREY

TYPE – Pickett Hamilton fort

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SN40220415

COMMUNITY – Cefn Sidan

COUNTY – Carmarthenshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

A sunken, circular, concrete pillbox, flush with the ground surface. Concrete top 2m in diameter with metal hinged trap door 0.56m square with canted corners. Located adjacent to the perimeter track at the northern extent of the runways. In 2011 the

interior was full of water, however apparently it has been pumped out and the interior allegedly still contains hydraulics etc. Situated within mown grass. A Pyper 2012. The Pickett Hamilton fort would permit the free movement of aircraft, but if attack threatened, could be raised, hydraulically or by a counterbalance, and manned to give covering fire.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Apparently intact, this Pickett Hamilton is one of two surviving examples which have been recorded at Pembrey airfield. This type of pillbox appears to be very rare in Wales. A Pyper 2012.

THREATS

Threat Type – None recorded

Significance – None recorded

Timescale – None recorded

Threat Details – None recorded

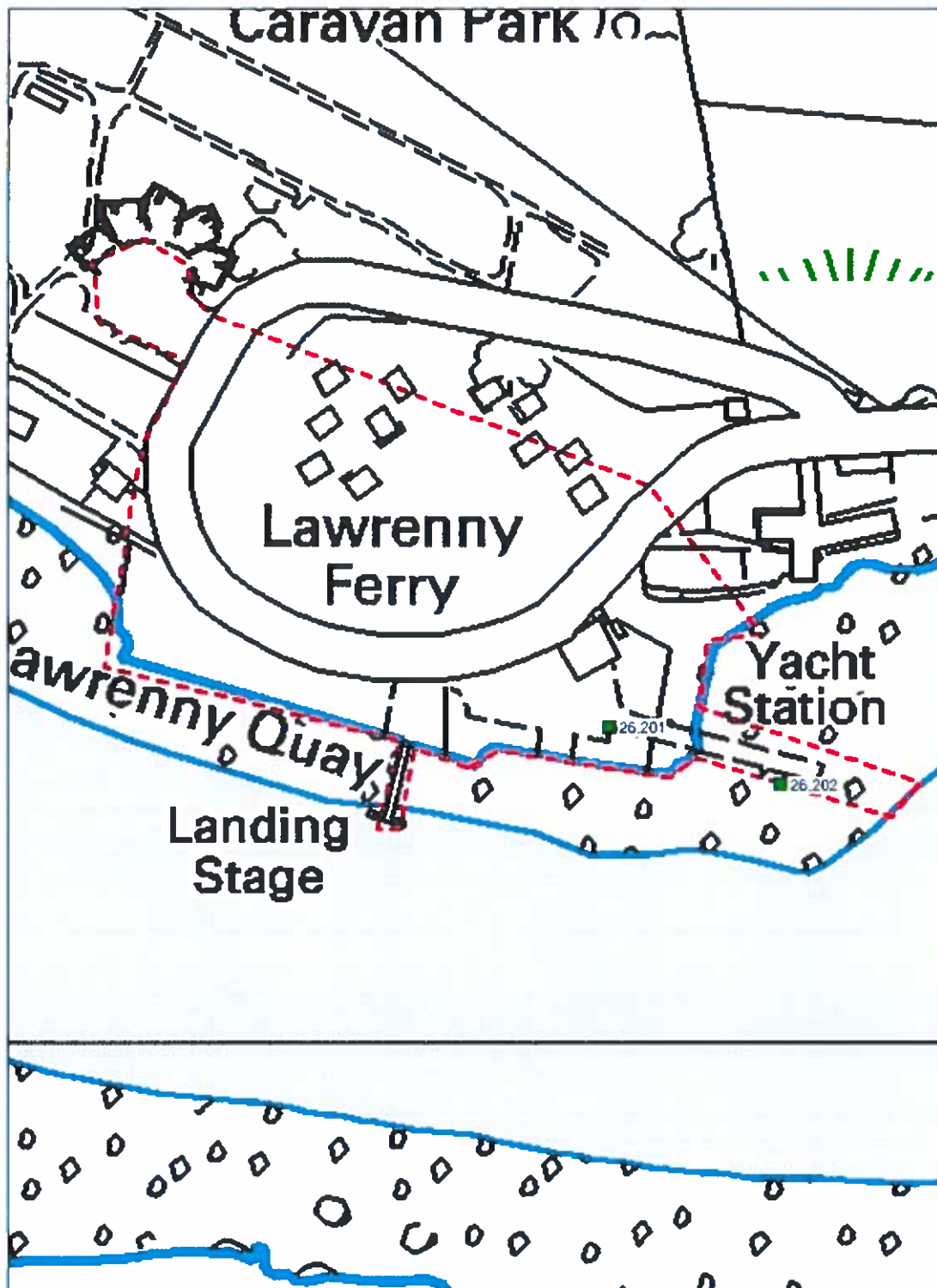
RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

Apparently intact, this Pickett Hamilton fort is one of two surviving examples which have been recorded at Pembrey airfield. This type of pillbox appears to be very rare in Wales. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Airport Owner: Mr. Winston Thomas. Pembrey Airport, Pembrey, Carmarthenshire, SA16 0HZ.

AMWD PLAN: Pembrey Record Plan (PY 950) 3925/48

RNAS LAWRENNY FERRY; HMS DAEDALUS II



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PRN – 26202

NAME – RNAS LAWRENNY FERRY; HMS DAEDALUS II

TYPE – Slipway

CONDITION – Intact / Near Intact

NGR – SN0130006090

COMMUNITY – Martletwy

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



A slipway constructed for the establishment of the Royal Naval Air Station at Lawrenny Ferry (PRN 26201), also known as HMS Daedalus II established in 1941. The slipway was built 18ft wide (Fleet Air Arm, Handbook Royal Naval Air stations 1948-1955) and on aerial photographs appears approximately 80m long. It is constructed with concrete slabs. The winch has been dismantled in recent years. Now part of yacht club and still in use for winching boats. Visited in 2011. A Pyper 2012.

THREATS

Threat Type – Erosion

Significance – Low

Timescale – Long-term

Threat Details – Slipway intact and used and maintained by yacht club

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

This slipway survives almost intact. It is believed to be the only slipway built for seaplanes, another slipway used for seaplanes at Fishguard was a pre-existing structure. It is currently in use and being maintained by the yacht club at Lawrenny. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Lawrenny Yacht Club

RAF TEMPLETON

PRN – 102519

NAME – RAF TEMPLETON

TYPE – Air Raid Shelter

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SN09541164

COMMUNITY – Templeton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Blast shelter / Air Raid Shelter located to the rear of the technical area at Templeton airfield. Consisting of brick built walls 1.5m high with earth embankments around the exterior. Approximately 9.4 x 9.6m, two entrances one to the west and one to the east. This is a well-preserved example of a blast shelter of which few are known to survive. In 2011 the structure was intact, though young trees are growing within it. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Well preserved and structurally intact though trees are becoming established within the structure and pose a threat to its long term survival. A Pyper 2012.

THREATS

Threat Type – Tree Growth

Significance – Moderate

Timescale – Long-term

Threat Details – Young trees and saplings are growing within the structure. A Pyper 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

A well preserved example of a brick blast shelter surviving in association with the technical site at Templeton airfield.

AMWD PLAN: Templeton Record Site Plan 5856/51

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PRN – 102513

NAME – RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

TYPE – Breakwater

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SM95910397

COMMUNITY – Pembroke Dock

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

'Mole' or a concrete filled sandbag construction breakwater c1939. RAF launches were moored within. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

In 2011 it appears intact within the working dockyard and forms part of a marina. A Pyper 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling

This may be a unique feature built as part of the adaptation of the former naval dockyard into the Flying Boat base at Pembroke Dock.

OWNERSHIP: Milford Haven Port Authority

AMWD PLAN: Pembroke Dock 2710/44; 2709/44; 2487/36; site plan 1236/30

LISTING RECOMMENDATIONS:

RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY

PRN – 102524

NAME – RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY

TYPE – Free Gunnery Trainer Blister

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SM84752449

COMMUNITY – Brawdy

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

'Free Gunnery Trainer Blister', listed, no 5, on the Air Ministry plan of 1945. This building was used for the training of air to air gunnery, usually using projectors to project the images of attacking aircraft. In 2011 the blister was still intact and still has its number (5) on the front, south, elevation. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The building appears intact, in use (function unknown) and is well maintained. Now part of the Cawdor Barracks at Brawdy. A Pyper 2012

RECOMMENDATIONS: Listing

This free gunnery trainer blister is a good, intact example of this rare type of training building. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Cawdor Barracks, Brawdy, Haverfordwest, SA62 6NN, 01437 720055

AMWD PLAN: Brawdy Record Site Plan 4671/45

RAF CAREW CHERITON

PRN – 26152

NAME – RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE – Turret Instructional Building

CONDITION – Near Intact

STATUS – None recorded

NGR – SN04910305

COMMUNITY – Carew

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



A single bay gunnery turret trainer, brick built, unrendered, with a double entrance on the south elevation. Ventilation openings blocked with breeze block and modern steel doors. In 2012 in use as a store. A Pyper 2012.

1938-45, Gunnery Trainer present use upholstery store. One and a half storey, three bay, 'temporary brick' construction, steel truss corrugated asbestos roof. RJC Thomas, 11.01.93.

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RECOMMENDATIONS: Listing

A turret instructional building, single bay. Fabric intact also unknown whether original doors or other internal fittings survive inside. Thought to be the only surviving single bay turret instructional building surviving in Wales (a triple turret building survives at Haverfordwest).

OWNERSHIP: Unknown

AMWD PLAN: Carew Cheriton Site Plan 1641/46

PRN – 26163

NAME – RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE – Control Tower

CONDITION – Near Intact / Restored

STATUS – None recorded

NGR – SN05300299

COMMUNITY – Carew

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Control Tower at Carew Cheriton airfield. Between 2000 and 2004 local enthusiasts (The Carew Cheriton Control Tower Group) have renovated this uniquely designed, important building and restored it to its original specifications. It is now open to the public every Sunday between 1st July and 30th September and all Bank Holidays except Christmas and New Year, as both a visitor attraction and as an educational experience of WW 2 in the area. Richard Ramsey February 2011.

1938-45, Watch Office/Control Tower, now derelict. A single storey, square, brick built with flat concrete roof. Entrance in north east wall, metal framed bay window in south east wall. Small rectangular controller's post on roof. Stone and earth blast revetment against SW walls. RJC Thomas, 11.01.93.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Listing

This control tower has been painstakingly restored, retaining original fixtures and fittings or authentic replacements. It is a unique design.

OWNERSHIP: Carew Cheriton Control Tower Group

AMWD PLAN: Carew Cheriton Site Plan 1641/46

HAVEN'S HEAD FUEL DEPOT



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PRN – 102496

NAME – HAVEN'S HEAD RAF FUEL RESERVE DEPOT

TYPE – Pumping Station

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SM89840631

COMMUNITY – Milford

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Group of five buildings comprising the pumping station for the RAF Fuel Reserve Depot at Haven's Head. This network of storage tanks and pumping station supplied high octane fuel to the military airfields of Pembrokeshire.

Built in 1936 it continued in use supplying RAF Brawdy until the 1970s. Between the row of three single storey, concrete buildings which lie at the foot of the slope is a shelter, with the pipelines connecting the fuel tanks at the top of the hill. A complex comprising five buildings in total, all constructed in reinforced concrete with smooth concrete render with horizontal rebates and a flat topped roofs.

A row of three buildings lie at the foot of the slope, one larger building lies opposite to the south and a small square building to the south of this. Although modified, in that PVC windows have been inserted, they all retain a pre-war character and are thought to have been built in 1936. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Complex of five intact buildings; all in use and in good condition. Windows and doors have been modified. A Pyper 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Listing

This group of five buildings is thought to be very rare, if not unique survival of a pre-war pumping station to supply fuel to the military aviation sites around Pembrokeshire. The buildings survive intact and in good condition with only minor modifications. As a discreet complex they have group value. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Various, unknown.

RAF PEMBREY

PRN – 31197

NAME – RAF PEMBREY

TYPE – Decontamination Building

CONDITION – Near Intact

NGR – SN40530391

COMMUNITY – Cefn Sidan

COUNTY – Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Identified on the Air Ministry plan of 1948 as 'Decontamination Centre. Type H.' This is a large red brick complex designed to take both men and women through gas decontamination rapidly. In 2011 the building appeared remarkably intact with external hand rails and ventilation cowls. A Pyper 2012.

Former Airfield. Large red brick-built decontamination centre survives intact except for its doors. Much of the internal fittings survive, including shower cubicles, toilets and wash basins. Outside the NW end of the building a series of rails still stand, which have guided people into two decontamination suites. The building layout is symmetrical about its long axis. NAP 1996

THREATS

Threat Type – Natural decay

Significance – Moderate

Timescale – Medium-term

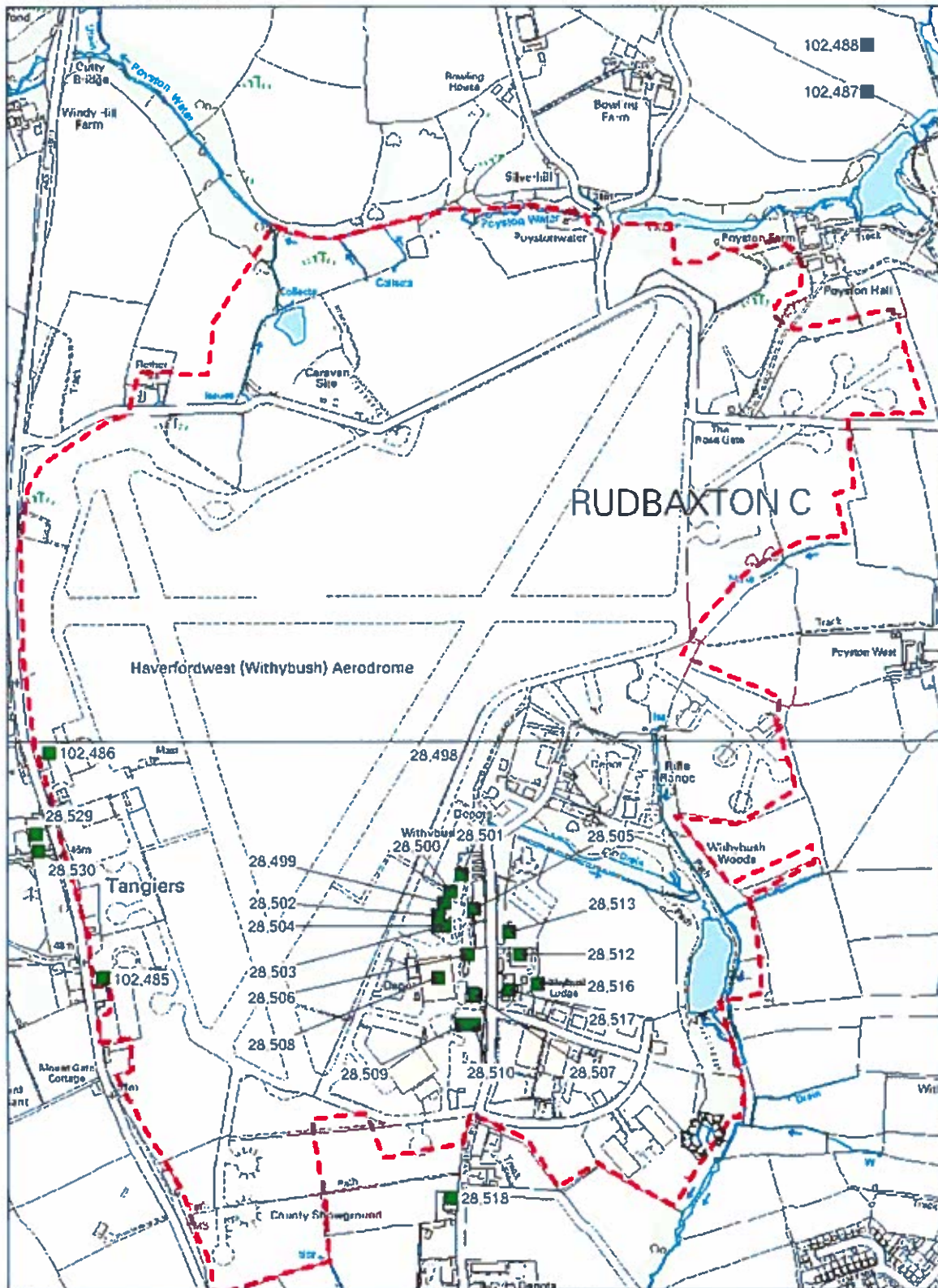
Threat Details – No longer in use, this building does not appear to be maintained and therefore will only deteriorate through neglect. A Pyper 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Listing

This appears to be the only surviving example of a gas decontamination centre in Wales. It survives in almost intact condition with handrails and ventilation cowls. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Unknown.

AMWD PLAN: Pembrey Record Plan (PY 950) 3925/48

RAF HAVERFORDWEST

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PRN – 28505

NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE – Workshop

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SM96141871

COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Former maintenance block at Haverfordwest airfield. A Nissen type hut, 24ft wide with curved corrugated iron sheeting. Three side entrances and a sliding double doorway at the south end. Painted green. 'Built per Air Ministry drawing 12784/41.' (RJC Thomas, 22.01.93.)

Part of showground complex of buildings when visited in Nov 2011. A Pyper.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Listing

This building is a well preserved example of a maintenance block which forms part of the technical site at Haverfordwest Airfield.

It also has group value with the other buildings within the former technical site at Haverfordwest which make a good group of airfield buildings of mostly of temporary brick construction which were once common in southwest Wales and are now increasingly rare. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN – 28518

NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE – Turret Instructional Building

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SM96101821

COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Turret instructional building, Type 'A', with 3 bays. For the instruction of air crew in a simulated gun turret. One and a half storey, rendered 'temporary brick' construction, 1/2--5--1/2 bay rectangular plan, pitched corrugated asbestos gable roof. Built per Air Ministry drawing 11023/40 (RJC Thomas). When visited in Nov 2011 it was in use as a garage workshop. A Pyper 2012.

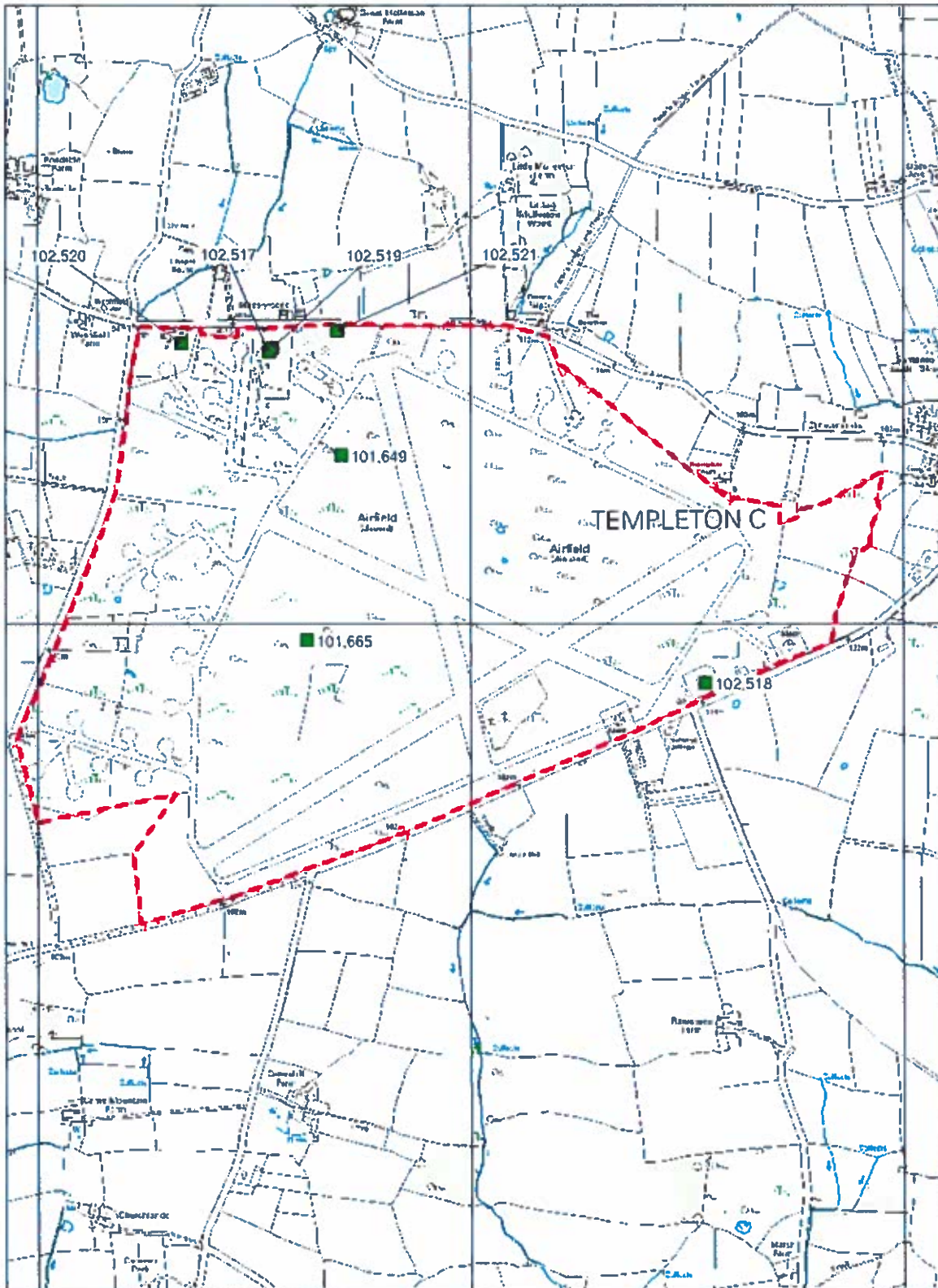
RECOMMENDATIONS: Listing

Good intact example of a Turret Instructional building of 3 bays, thought to be the best example surviving in Wales. A Pyper 2012.

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RAF TEMPLETON



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PRN – 102518

NAME – RAF TEMPLETON

TYPE – Bunker

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SN10541086

COMMUNITY – Templeton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

'UNITER' building, this is a 'hardened' building - one designed to resist the effects of conventional high-explosive bombs and nuclear weapons, and to remain functioning post strike. It formed part of a national military microwave communications system



established during the early 1980s with a network of associated steel communication towers acting as relays and hubs (Information from RJC Thomas pers. com). In 2012 the compound was in use as a storage facility and the building itself is a sandwich factory. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Intact 'UNITER' building, steel doors etc. intact. Not seen internally. A Pyper2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Listing

This 'UNITER' building is one of only two known in Wales and therefore has rarity value. It is also associated with a particular period in our cold war history where there was a real fear of missile attack knocking out our communications systems and technological advances brought in to counter this threat. A Pyper 2012.

OWNERSHIP: Brombys, The Old RAF Bunker, Templeton Airfield, Templeton, SA67 8SR. 01834 862957

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following sites have been identified as particularly worthy of protection, however may fall short of the listing and scheduling criteria.

RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

PRN – 50937

NAME – RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE – Air Raid Shelter

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SN2460849590

COMMUNITY – Aberporth

COUNTY – Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION



A Stanton semi-sunken concrete air raid shelter with an arched interior, covered externally with turf. The entrance is constructed from brick and concrete at the east end with a concrete 'chimney' escape hatch at the west end. Well preserved. Visited on 26th Oct 2011. A Pyper 2012.

A reinforced formed concrete shelter with an arched interior, covered externally with turf. The entrance is constructed from brick and concrete. PR 2004 based on DS 2004.

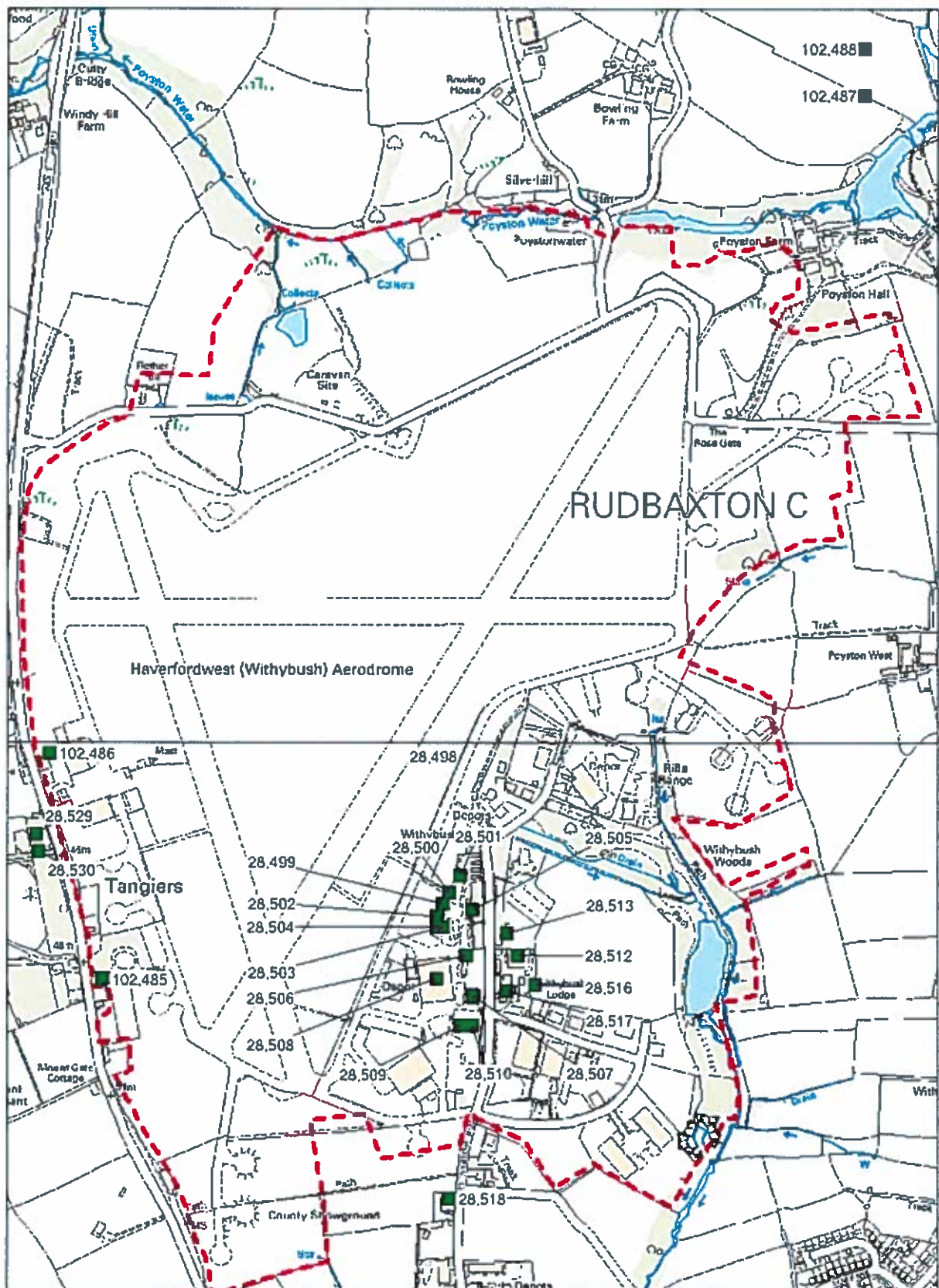
RECOMMENDATIONS:

A well preserved air raid shelter which survives within Parc Aberporth and formerly fell within Aberporth Airfield.

AMWD PLAN: Aberporth Site Rec Plan (1958)WA9/287/58; Aberport Lands (based on Air Survey 1955, revised 1960, 69, 72, stamped 1974) RAE/Ab 1203B

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RECOMMENDATIONS: Listing (suggested)

The buildings which form the technical site at Haverfordwest survive as a group, relatively unaltered although some modification has taken place. It is considered that they make a good group of airfield buildings of temporary brick construction which were once common in southwest Wales and are now increasingly rare. A Pyper 2012. Collectively they form a cohesive group of airfield buildings which may lend themselves to conservation area status.

PRN – 28499

NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE – Control Tower

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SM96091872

COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Former control tower for Haverfordwest airfield, numbered as 33 on Air Ministry Plan. "Two storey, brick built, square plan, three bay main elevation with concrete balcony, flat concrete roof, beneath a secondary hipped slate roof" (Roger Thomas). Ground floor windows to west have been lowered. Visited in 2011 when it was still in use as showground office. A. Pyper 2012.

AMWD PLAN: Haverfordwest Site No 1 Airfield 4732/44; 4733/44

PRN – 28500

NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE – Fire Engine Shed

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SM96101874

COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Single storey, though high sided, temporary brick constructed shed of 3 bays and corrugated asbestos roof. Window in side centre bays and a double doorway in the gable end. Identified as number 31 on Air Ministry Drawing - Fire Tender Shed. When visited in Nov 2011 it was in use on Pembrokeshire showground. A Pyper 2012.

AMWD PLAN: Haverfordwest Site No 1 Airfield 4732/44; 4733/44

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PRN – 28501

NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE – Gas Defence Centre

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SM96121877

COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



One storey, temporary brick construction of five bays with corrugated asbestos roofing. Windows replaced with UPVC. Now forms part of Pembrokeshire showground. Marked on Air Ministry Drawing as number 30 - Gas Defence Building. Visited in Nov 2011. A Pyper 2012.

AMWD PLAN: Haverfordwest Site No 1 Airfield 4732/44; 4733/44

PRN – 28502

NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE – Military Building

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SM96081870

COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Former 'Speech Broadcasting Building' on Haverfordwest airfield. Brick built with flat roof and a blast wall around the entrance. When visited in Nov 2011 formed part of the showground buildings. A Pyper 2012.

AMWD PLAN: Haverfordwest Site No 1 Airfield 4732/44; 4733/44

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PRN – 28503
NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST
TYPE – Shed
CONDITION – Intact
NGR – SM96091868
COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton
COUNTY – Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Former floodlight trailer and tractor shed at Haverfordwest airfield. One storey, though high sided, 3 and half bay temporary brick and corrugated asbestos shed. Three blocked windows in either side. Double doorway in north and south gable ends. When visited in Nov 2011 forms part of complex of Pembrokeshire showground buildings. A Pyper 2012.

AMWD PLAN: Haverfordwest Site No 1 Airfield 4732/44; 4733/44

PRN – 28504
NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST
TYPE – Storehouse
CONDITION – Intact
NGR – SM96081868
COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton
COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Former 'Night Flying Equipment' store on Haverfordwest airfield. 'Temporary brick' construction with corrugated asbestos roof. Three bay with large double doorways in the south elevation. Part of Pembrokeshire showground complex when visited in Nov 2011. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

In use on Haverfordwest showground. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN – 28506

NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE – Armoury

CONDITION – Near Intact

NGR – SM96131863

COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Former armoury, associated with Haverfordwest airfield. See Roger Thomas' description. When visited in Nov 2011 was in small business use. Addition of new door and window inserted into south gable end. A Pyper 2012.

AMWD PLAN: Haverfordwest Site No 1 Airfield 4732/44; 4733/44

PRN – 28507

NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE – Workshop

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SM96141856

COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Former 'Main workshops' associated with Haverfordwest airfield. See Roger Thomas's description. When visited in Nov 2011 in use as a garage and workshop. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Intact and in use as a garage and workshop. A Pyper 2012.

AMWD PLAN: Haverfordwest Site No 1 Airfield 4732/44; 4733/44

PRN – 28508

NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE – Hangar

CONDITION – Near Intact

NGR – SM96081859

COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Former Aircraft Hangar, T2 type. When visited in Nov 2011 the hangar was reclad, although the steel framework still intact. In use as go-karting circuit. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN – 28509

NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE – Storehouse

CONDITION – Near Intact

NGR – SM96121851

COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Former 'Towed Target Store' on Haverfordwest airfield. See Roger Thomas's description. When visited in Nov 2011 it was in use as a cafe, with UPVC windows and doorway in west gable end. A. Pyper 2012.

AMWD PLAN: Haverfordwest Site No 1 Airfield
4732/44; 4733/44

PRN – 28510

NAME – RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE – Parachute Store

CONDITION – Intact

NGR – SM96141851

COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Former 'parachute store' at Haverfordwest airfield. See Roger Thomas's description. When visited in Nov 2011 it had a replacement garage 'up and over' door in the north gable. A Pyper 2012.

AMWD PLAN: Haverfordwest Site No 1 Airfield
4732/44; 4733/44

RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

PRN – 28433

NAME – RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

TYPE – Jetty

CONDITION – Near Intact/ Damaged

NGR – SM96040397

COMMUNITY – Pembroke Dock

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

A reinforced concrete jetty of four spans projecting out into the Haven. At the end are the remains of a brick building and a searchlight. Concrete steps descend to the water. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION: In 2012 the brick building has lost its roof and the metal window frames are displaced and dangling.

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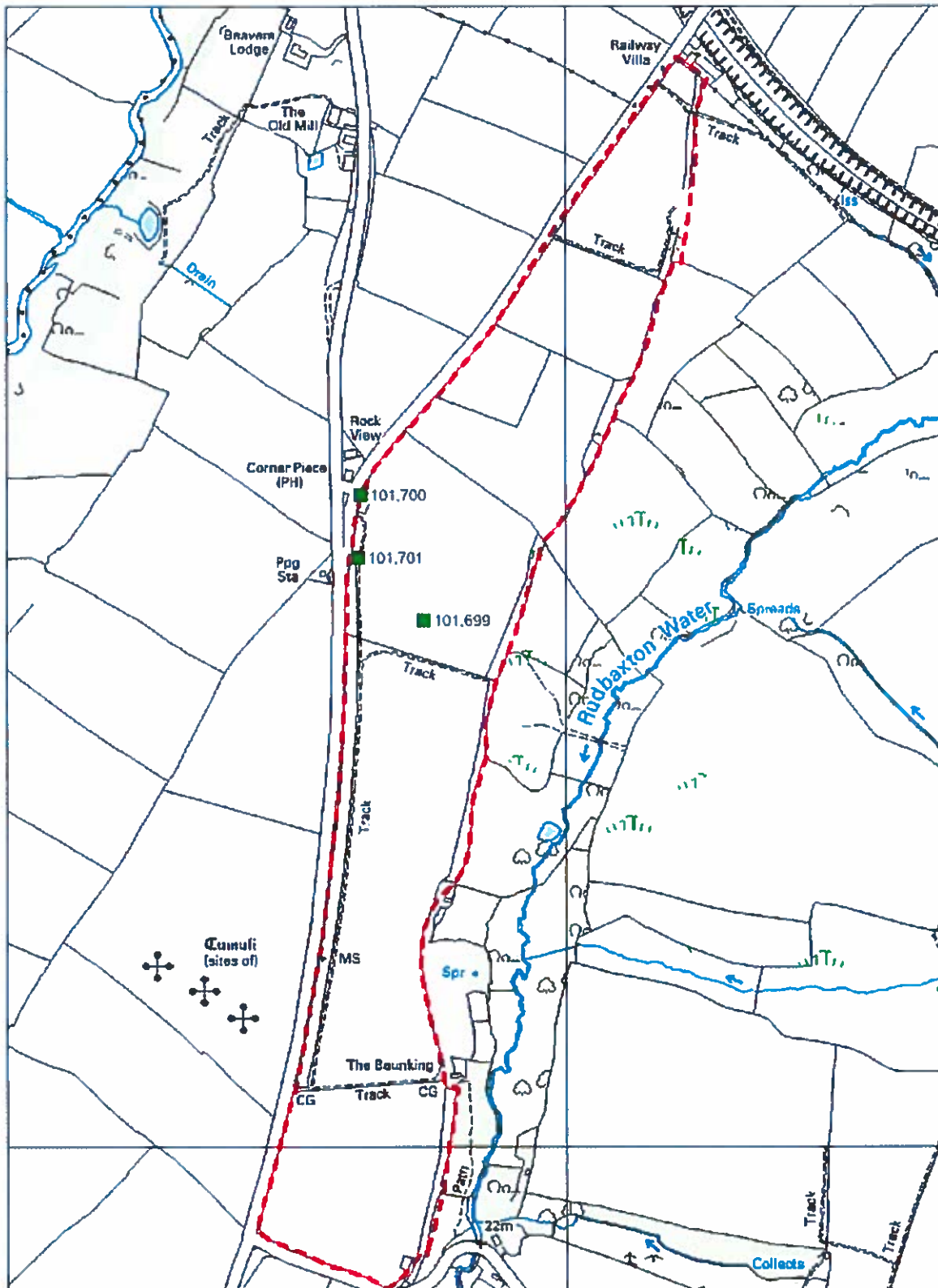
RECOMMENDATIONS: Recording

This jetty forms an important feature dating from the use of the dockyard as a Flying Boat base and would have given access to pilots and crew to the launch to take them out to board the flying boats on which they would conduct their missions. It is now in a poor condition and subject to vandalism. It is recommended that it is recorded prior to further collapse.

OWNERSHIP: Milford Haven Port Authority

AMWD PLAN: Pembroke Dock 2710/44; 2709/44; 2487/36; site plan 1236/30

NO. 4 SATELLITE LANDING GROUND RUDBAXTON



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PRN – 101699

NAME – No. 4 Satellite Landing Ground

TYPE – Satellite Landing Ground

CONDITION – Near Intact

NGR – SM95822167

COMMUNITY – Rudbaxton

COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A grass landing ground created during the Second World War by removing hedgerows in fields to the east of the A40 and along the minor road running NE from the Corner Piece. Aircraft were dispersed on platforms located on the eastern edge of the fields within the hedgerow and also in the fields to the north of Corner Piece. The former Watch Office, (PRN 101700) lies opposite the Corner Piece, and a Tractor shed (PRN 101701) lies to the south. Dispersals for parking the aircraft were built up from the natural slope to the east, in some instances by 2m to create a platform approximately 12-15m square.

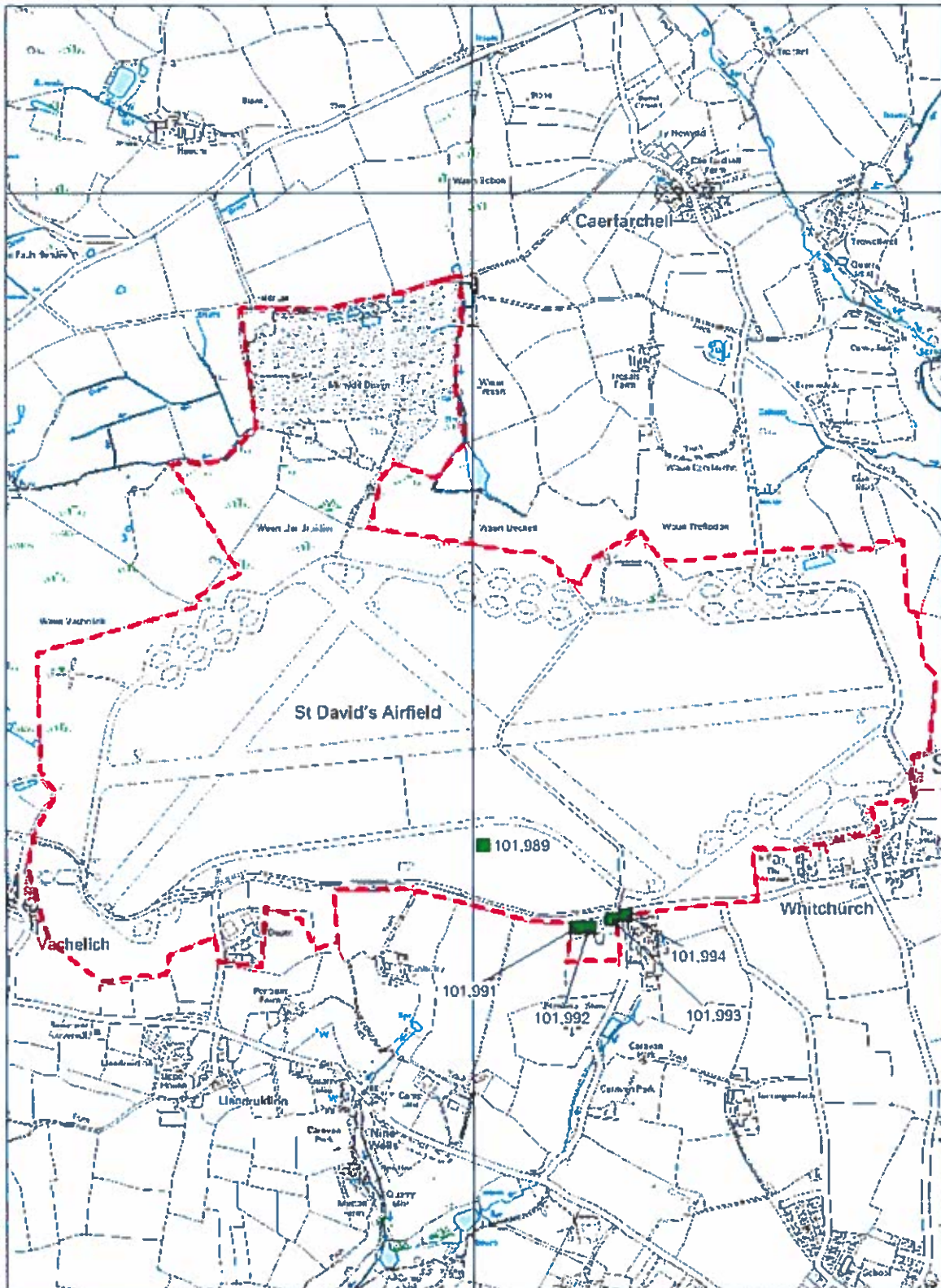
The landowner believes the stone used for the construction was camouflaged with pitch and culm was painted on the fields to represent the former hedgelines. He also believes that the airfield was wet in the middle and some airplanes ploughed into the soft ground and turned over. Following the decommissioning of the airfield (it was derequisitioned in 1943) the Ministry installed new fences with concrete posts. A Pyper 2011.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scheduling (suggested)

This is an unusual site, which is part topography (grass landing strip) and part structures (dispersal pens) which were utilised for an emergency landing ground. It may be appropriate to consider scheduling the dispersal pens within the hedgeline.

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RAF ST DAVIDS



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PRN – 101989
NAME – RAF ST DAVIDS
TYPE – Airfield
CONDITION – Various
NGR – SM79022551
COMMUNITY – Solva
COUNTY – Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

The airfield at St David's was opened in 1943 under Coastal Command with a satellite station at Brawdy. The main role of the aircraft here was submarine hunting and attacking as far as the Bay of Biscay. Three concrete runways were constructed; 2000 yards E-W, 1400 yards NW-SE and 1200 yards NE-SW. There were three T2 hangars erected and a pad for a fourth which was never built. These were moved to Brawdy in the 1950s. There were 30 spectacle hardstandings around the perimeter track.

In 2011 the runways, perimeter track and hardstandings survive, although works by PCNPA have covered some of the concreted areas with bunds and obscure the footprints. No buildings survive within the airfield itself, lending a very open aspect to the site. There are a cluster of buildings to the west of Llanunngar Farm; the former fuel compound, motor transport sheds and produce compound. The bomb stores were located to the northwest and are now partially in use for the civic amenity waste plant. Other technical buildings were along the south of the perimeter track, but have been removed and grassed over. Much of the airfield is under agricultural use. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The runways and perimeter track and hardstandings essentially survive, though obscured in places by earth bunds. No buildings survive on the airfield itself, only the picket post, motor transport shed and produce compounds to the south, adjacent to Llanunngar Farm. A Pyper 2012.

RECOMMENDATION: Conservation Area

The footprint of the airfield with its runways, perimeter track and spectacle hardstandings survive at St Davids although obscured in some areas by earth bunds created to enhance its habitat value. It still retains a very open aspect within the flying field itself and together with its recreational value – encouraged by the National Park – it would lend itself to further landscape interpretation and raising awareness of the role of aviation in Pembrokeshire during the Second World War.

AMWD PLAN: St Davids Site No 1 Airfield 4718/45

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