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## Summary

*Archaeology Wales carried out an Archaeological Appraisal on Land adjacent to Laugharne Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, Dyfed SA33 4SQ, centred on NGR SN 229694 210526. The work was recommended by Dyfed Archaeological Trust Planning Service in response to a request for outline planning permission for the 'Development of 42 Residential Units' on the site. This report has been prepared by Archaeology Wales Ltd for Sauro Architectural Designs, on behalf of Mr and Mrs Paul Thomas, prior to the submission of the planning application.*

*Research indicates that no designated archaeological sites will be impacted upon by the proposed development.*

*The site lies within the Registered Historic Landscape of 'Taf and Tywi Estuary', a landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest in Wales. This littoral area lies across the north-east side of Carmarthen Bay, and comprises the east and west sides of the estuary mouths of the Rivers Taf, Tywi and Gwendraeth. The whole area contains diverse evidence of activity from the prehistoric to the recent past and includes the Hugden medieval open field system on the low coastal ridge west of Laugharne (Dyfed Archaeological Trust 2017).*

*The site is also located close to the Laugharne Conservation Area, characterized mainly by the medieval core of the town, with Laugharne Castle located less than 300m to the northeast. To the west of the site there is evidence for medieval field systems and Roche Castle (PRN 5070), and a Neolithic worked stone axe findspot. To the east of the site, a Bronze Age cist burial was recorded at Orchard Park. Post-medieval local industrial activity is also a feature of the local landscape, but no evidence of such activity has been identified within the bounds of the proposed development area.*

*As a result of the site's location within the Registered Historic Landscape of 'Taf and Tywi Estuary', it is recommended that a geophysical survey is implemented, in order to better assess the potential survival of archaeological deposits at the green-field site. The results of this work would allow the appropriate level of mitigation to be attached to the planning application, if required.*

## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 In March 2017 Archaeology Wales Ltd (AW) was commissioned by Sauro Architectural Design, on behalf of their client Mr & Mrs Paul Thomas, to carry out an archaeological appraisal ahead of a proposed residential development located on Land adjacent to Laugharne Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, Dyfed SA33 4SQ, centred on NGR SN 229694 210526 (Figures 1 and 2, AW Project No. 2505).
- 1.2 Dyfed Archaeological Trust – Planning Services (DAT-PS), in their capacity as archaeological advisors to the local planning authority, Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC), advised that an Archaeological Appraisal and Site Visit are sought prior to the planning application for the 'Development of 42 Residential Units' on the site. This recommendation is in line with Planning Policy Wales, Section 6.5.2, Welsh

Office Circular 60/96 – Planning and the Historic Environment – Archaeology, paragraphs 11 and 12.

- 1.3 An approved Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Appraisal was produced by AW (Appendix II). The methodology for this appraisal is detailed within the Written Scheme of Investigation, in brief this appraisal included an examination of relevant documentary, cartographic and aerial photographic sources, a site visit and an evaluation of the Historic Environment Record (HER). The work was carried out by Aurea Izquierdo Zamora (AW) and Philip Poucher (AW) in March 2017.

## **2 Site Description**

- 2.1 The proposed development area (henceforth, the ‘site’) is located within the southwest outskirts of Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, at a Land adjacent to Laugharne Voluntary Controlled Primary School, centred on NGR SN 229694 210526. Laugharne is located at west bound of the estuary of the River Taf, approximately 15km southwest from Carmarthen (Figures 1 and 2).
- 2.2 The site is occupied by a single field of improved pasture, bounded by a mix of hedge banks and modern post and wire fencing. The Laugharne to Pendine Road (A4066) forms the southeast boundary, bounded by a recently installed post and wire fence line. A block of modern development lies immediately to the southeast, constructed in c.1993 (Developer, pers. comm.), beyond which lies the Orchard Park residential development (late 1960s?) and Laugharne School (similar date). To the northeast lies the playing fields of Laugharne School, bounded by a fence line. To the northwest the site is bounded by a steep-sided valley, and to the southwest lies further agricultural land, bounded by a hedge bank, with the small village of Broadway beyond. The ground slopes gently down from approximately 41m aOD at the northwestern end to 38m aOD along the southeastern edge.
- 2.3 The parcel that comprises the site has an irregular shape, roughly orientated in a north to south axis, with measured area of 2.4ha. The site is bounded to the north by the Rugby Football Ground, to the east by Laugharne Voluntary Controlled Primary School and other residential development, to the south by the road A4066 and to the west by a local road that gives access to Mackerel Lake. The immediate vicinities are characterized by the core of Laugharne to the northeast, and cropped fields for agriculture in the surrounding areas (Figure 2).
- 2.4 The underlying geology on site consists of Milford Haven Group, which comprises argillaceous rocks with subordinate sandstone and conglomerate, sedimentary bedrock formed approximately 407 to 423 million years ago (Devonian-Silurian) in a local environment dominated by rivers. The superficial soils on site are Diamicton Till, unsorted deposits formed up to 2 million years ago (Devensian) characteristics of a local environment previously dominated by ice age conditions (BGS 2017).
- 2.5 The proposed ‘Development Scheme of 42 Residential Units’ is on pre-planning application phase and no further details of the development have been publicly released.

### 3. Archaeological Appraisal

#### 3.1 *Archaeological and Historical Background*

- 3.1.1 Laugharne is a small town that developed specially during the 12<sup>th</sup> century, although some evidences from Early Medieval and Iron Age periods suggest that a smaller settlement might have taken place at the same location.
- 3.1.2 Some prehistoric evidences located within Laugharne, such as the Glan-Y-Mor midden (PRN 13088) recorded during 1980s (Page 1998), suggest early human activity had taken place before the development of town. This is supported by the presence of Mesolithic flint flakes find spots (PRN 11644, 12234), a Neolithic polished axe (PRN 2173) within the area, and a Bronze Age cist burial that was recorded at Orchard Park (PRN 2171) but no archaeological evidence survives.
- 3.1.3 A more significant evidence of early settlement at Laugharne is given by the Iron Age site of Glan-Y-Mor (PRN 2158), a defended enclosure excavated during 1990s (Page 1998) that is registered as Scheduled Ancient Monument, described in more detailed in section 3.3.
- 3.1.4 There is very little evidence of Roman settlement or activity throughout Laugharne town area, but for a Roman Coin Hoard named Laugharne Castle (PRN 2157) found at the southern fields and first recorded during 19<sup>th</sup> century (Page 1998).
- 3.1.5 An Early Christian Monument and a possible long cist cemetery suggest a pre-Norman foundation for St Martin's church at Laugharne (Ludlow 1998). However, the Anglo-Norman conquer and the subsequent construction of the Laugharne Castle by 1170 were the elements that led to the actual development of Laugharne. A settlement probably grew towards north and west of the castle soon after its foundation, and around the small inlet which became a port.
- 3.1.6 During the second half of the 13<sup>th</sup> century, one of the most relevant persons for the development of town was Sir Guy de Brian (or *Gui de Brienne*), a Marcher Lord who granted borough status to Laugharne by the Laugharne Charter. A number of lands and the control of the town and its economy were conferred then to the Normans after a period of disputes with Welsh princes. The Charter of Laugharne was ratified by Edward I (DAT 2017).
- 3.1.7 Laugharne seems to have been a fruitful small town throughout the Medieval period, and by 1595 over 161 burgage plots were recorded. Although this number of plots seems to have remained constant through to the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, important changes had by then taken place. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century Laugharne became a fashionable 'resort' town and many of the modest dwellings of an earlier period were rebuilt in the fashion of the day, especially around King Street.
- 3.1.8 By the late 19<sup>th</sup> century the town lost both its fashionable status, and the remnants of its coastal trade, and suffered stagnation and decline.
- 3.1.9 Since the Second World War a small housing estate has been built outside the core of the historic town. In recent years, many of the older properties have been renovated and

new houses in a variety of styles and materials constructed within the historic core and on the outskirts. Broadway, a 'suburb' to the southwest of the town, has witnessed much recent development. A holiday complex has been built at Glan-y-Môr to the east of the town, and a caravan park to the north.

- 3.2.10 The famous Welsh poet and writer Dylan Thomas moved to Laugharne with his family, where he spent the four last years of his life, between 1949 and 1953. He lived in the building known as The Boathouse, in Laugharne town looking to the Taf estuary.

### **3.2 Previous Archaeological Works**

- 3.2.1 No previous archaeological investigations have been undertaken within the bounds of the proposed development area. However, there are four previous archaeological studies (events) within the HER search area.
- 3.2.2 During 1996-7, Dyfed Archaeological Trust carried out the 'Cwm Taf Defended Enclosures Project' funded by Cadw (**PRN 33207**). Over 100 sites of a defensive nature, provisionally dated from the Iron Age to the end of the Romano British period, were examined. The region for the project was based on the catchment area of the river Taf, as defined by the National Rivers Authority. An additional area was included between this and the south coast, which extended as far west as Amroth. This project was set up to assess the current state of all defended enclosures, including hillforts, within a specified area; to enhance the Sites and Monuments Record, indicating where further action may be desirable; and, where considered appropriate, to put forward suggestions for scheduling of ancient monuments (Crane 1997).
- 3.2.3 In 2000, Cambrian Archaeological Projects carried out a watching brief and building survey at 'Eynon's Down Newbridge Street' (**PRN 42682**) requested by Dyfed Archaeological Trust following a planning application to Carmarthen County Council (App No W/01812). The watching brief was divided into two main areas: the southeast corner of the development area at the junction between Newbridge Street and King Street and the ground clearance and foundation trenches. A photographic record was also undertaken prior to any redevelopment of the buildings (CAP 2000).
- 3.2.4 Two other small pieces of work listed within the HER search were (**PRN 102739**), a watching brief at Roche Court, Broadway, Laugharne and (**PRN 39283**) a Tir Gofal Farm Visit to Causeway Farm W/12/1384.

### **3.3 Designated archaeological sites**

- 3.3.1 Following consultations with DAT-HM a search area of 1km radius from the centre of site was used to assess the potential impact on designated archaeological sites (Historic Parks & Gardens, registered Historic Landscapes, Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas).
- 3.3.2 The site, along with the rest of Laugharne, lies within the Registered Historic Landscape of '*Taf and Tywi Estuary*', listed due to its Outstanding Historic Interest in Wales by Cadw and ICOMOS UK (1998). This littoral area lies across the north-east side of Carmarthen Bay, and comprises the east and west sides of the estuary mouths of the

Rivers Taf, Tywi and Gwendraeth, with large areas of low lying marshland. The present coastline is constantly changing due to sand movement, but sea walls and drains, fronted by tidally inundated salt marshes, safeguard the reclaimed land (Dyfed Archaeological Trust 2017).

- 3.3.3 The whole area contains diverse evidence of activity from the prehistoric to the recent past, most of them recorded during 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century and now quarried away. Excavations at the Coygan Bluff caves and hillfort (located south from Laugharne) produced Upper Palaeolithic material and a long occupation sequence from the Neolithic to the early medieval, respectively. There was also recorded evidence of prehistoric and medieval periods at Laugharne Burrows that cannot now be located. It has been suggested a more open to sea position of settlements such as Kidwelly and Laugharne castles during the Roman and medieval periods (Dyfed Archaeological Trust 2017).
- 3.3.4 The *'Taf and Tywi Estuary'* Historic Landscape comprises a total of 46 character areas. The proposed development site is located within the **'Laugharne Parish, Pendine and Llanddowror'** character area, a very large area consisting of rolling hills of dispersed farms, enclosed improved pasture, small villages centred on medieval churches, and small stands of deciduous woodland. Within the 1km buffer assessment area from site are located another five character areas. The more relevant for this assessment, due to their proximity, are **'Laugharne Town and Broadway character area'** located to the east, north and south of site, centred on the medieval castle and the 18<sup>th</sup> century town hall; and **'The Hugden character area'**, located just to the west of site, the main open field system of the town of Laugharne, with remains of medieval strip field system and nowadays still farmed by individual farmers (Figures 3 and 4).
- 3.3.5 The other three character areas registered within 1km assessment area from site are: **'Delacorse character area'**, located to the north and consisting of post-medieval enclosed strips of a former open field system, with boundaries of earth banks and hedges and farm buildings from 19<sup>th</sup> century date; **'Laugharne Saltmarsh character area'** located to the east from site, to the river, essentially consisting of recently formed land which is subjected to frequent tidal flooding outside seawalls and below the castle and town of Laugharne; and **'Sir John's Hill character area'** located further south from site, consisting of a former sea-cliff line, now separated from the sea by reclaimed marsh and covered with deciduous woodland. Apart from a walk and ruined cottages established in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there are no historic landscape components in this area.
- 3.3.6 There is one Scheduled Ancient Monument located within 1km assessment area from site: **'CM003 – Laugharne Castle'**. It was first registered in 1966 as Grade I Listed Building (LB 9653) and it remains as one of the most substantial examples of Welsh castles. Located on an elevated coastal site near the Town Hall, it can be accessed by a path in front of Castle House. The origins of the castle can be traced back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century, where an Anglo-Norman settlement would have been in place, probably in the form of a defensive earthwork. It was destroyed in 1215 by Llewelyn the Great and remained in dispute till finally the Anglo-Norman band gained control of the area against the Welsh. The castle underwent some reconstruction during the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and an important programme of refenestration between 1587 and 1592, promoted by Sir John Perrot. The castle was again partly destroyed during the Parliamentary siege

of 1644 under General Rowland Laugharne. Most of the surviving architecture corresponds to reconstructions done during the 18<sup>th</sup> century (Figure 4).

- 3.3.7 There is one Conservation Area registered within 1km assessment area from site: **‘Laugharne Conservation Area’**, designated in 1971 and which comprises the historic district of Laugharne, that preserves mostly 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings, including reconstructions of Laugharne castle, public buildings and houses. ‘Laugharne Conservation Area’ extends to Glen Road to the north, Glan-Y-Mor to the east, Gosport to the south, and The Lacques to the west, occupying approximately 74ha (Figure 5).
- 3.3.8 There are 50 listed buildings registered within 1km assessment area from site, all of them located within the ‘Laugharne Conservation Area’ (Figure 5). There are 4 of the listed buildings that are from the medieval period: **The Grist Cross** (LB 9630), **Laugharne Castle** (LB 9653) and the associated buildings **Gatehouse to Laugharne Castle** (LB 9652) and **Boundary Walls of Laugharne Castle** (LB 9654). The remaining 46 listed buildings are all dated to the post-medieval period, mostly from late-18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. A comprehensive table of Listed Buildings is present at Appendix III.
- 3.3.9 Regarding the location of the buildings, there is an important concentration of 36 listed buildings along the principal streets of Laugharne: **King Street, Market Street and Wogan Street**, which form a north-south axis that crosses town (Figure 6). These are the following, sorted by Listed Building number:

<b>LB No</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
<b>9625</b>	CLIFTON HOUSE, CLIFTON STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9630</b>	THE GRIST	II	Medieval
<b>9631</b>	THE LIMES, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9632</b>	MOIR HOUSE, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9633</b>	ROSETTA, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9634</b>	DRAGON PARK, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9635</b>	EXETER HOUSE, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9636</b>	THE PINES, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9637</b>	ELM HOUSE, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9638</b>	BROWN'S HOTEL, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9639</b>	CORRAN BOOKS, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9640</b>	MANSE, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9641</b>	PELICAN, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9642</b>	GAINSFORD HOUSE, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9643</b>	OSBORNE HOUSE, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9644</b>	MINERVA, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9645</b>	REDFORD HOUSE, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9646</b>	GROVE HOUSE, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9647</b>	ABERCORAN HOUSE, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9648</b>	TEMPERANCE HOUSE, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9649</b>	VICARAGE, KING STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9650</b>	GREAT HOUSE, KING STREET	II*	Post-Med
<b>9652</b>	GATEHOUSE TO LAUGHARNE CASTLE, MARKET ST	I	Medieval

<b>9654</b>	BOUNDARY WALL AROUND CASTLE, MARKET ST	II	Medieval
<b>9657</b>	CASTLE HOUSE, MARKET STREET	II*	Post-Med
<b>9658</b>	BOUNDARY WALL TO CASTLE HOUSE, MARKET ST	II	Post-Med
<b>9659</b>	TOWN HALL, MARKET STREET	II*	Post-Med
<b>9660</b>	NO.2 MARKET STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9661</b>	NO.3 MARKET STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9662</b>	MANCHESTER HOUSE, MARKET STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9663</b>	GWALIA, MARKET STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9664</b>	GLOBE HOUSE, MARKET STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9670</b>	NEW THREE MARINERS P.H., VICTORIA STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9671</b>	ISLAND HOUSE, WOGAN STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9673</b>	GARAGE TO ISLAND HOUSE, WOGAN STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9736</b>	TELEPHONE CALL-BOX	II	Post-Med

3.3.10 The remaining 14 listed buildings are located around The Lacques to the west, The Strand and Gosport the south, and Cliff Road to the east. These buildings are the following, sorted by Listed Building number (Figure 6):

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
<b>9622</b>	FERN HILL, THE BUTTS	II	Post-Med
<b>9626</b>	FERNHILL COTTAGE, DEAD MAN'S LANE	II	Post-Med
<b>9628</b>	DYLAN THOMAS'S TOOL-SHED STUDY	II	Post-Med
<b>9629</b>	GOSPORT HOUSE	II	Post-Med
<b>9651</b>	SEA VIEW, MARKET LANE	II	Post-Med
<b>9653</b>	LAUGHARNE CASTLE	I	Medieval/Post-Med
<b>9655</b>	BOUNDARY WALLS AROUND CASTLE GROUNDS	II	Post-Med
<b>9656</b>	GAZEBO IN GROUNDS OF LAUGHARNE CASTLE	II	Post-Med
<b>9665</b>	CORAN BRIDGE, NEWBRIDGE STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9666</b>	THE STRAND	II	Post-Med
<b>9667</b>	STRAND HOUSE	II	Post-Med
<b>9668</b>	BALL COURT, THE STRAND	II	Post-Med
<b>9669</b>	VICTORIA HOUSE, VICTORIA STREET	II	Post-Med
<b>9672</b>	BOUNDARY WALL TO ISLAND HOUSE	II	Post-Med

### 3.4 HER Data (Figures 7-9)

3.4.1 A search area of 500m from the proposed development site was agreed within which to undertake an examination of HER data for non-designated archaeological sites. The gazetteer provided by Dyfed Archaeological Trust is included to the rear (Appendix III), with a total of 30 sites listed (Figure 7), some of which have been simultaneously recorded either as Listed Buildings or in the Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW). In addition, the RCAHMW has registered another 8 sites that are not recorded as Listed Buildings neither in DAT's Historic Environment Record (Figures 8-9).

- 3.4.2 The earliest recorded site on the HER within this search area is 1 site, **The Hugden (PRN 3916)**, a prehistoric flint working site recorded in 1920s and described as consisting of two circular scrapers, a borer, several worked flakes and flint pebbles (Gordon-Williams 1922). The site and surrounding areas are currently under rough pasture with some strips cultivated and no trace of flints are present.
- 3.4.3 The HER contains 1 entry dated for the Bronze Age period, **Orchard Park (PRN 2171)**. It was recorded as a cist, although no archaeological traces of a monument exist in the area, nor there are any other features in the immediately surrounding area.
- 3.4.4 There are 6 sites recorded in the HER within the 500m assessment area that have been dated to the medieval period. Four of them are located around the Laugharne Castle area, towards the east from site: **Laugharne Castle Walls (PRN 14298)** that include medieval and post-medieval remains associated to the castle boundaries; **Mariner's Chapel (PRN 2169 – RCAHMW 417871)**, recorded and described in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century by the RCAHM as the site of late medieval chapel on tidal land, but with no visible remains nowadays; **The Grist Cross (PRN 2170 – LB 9630)**, possibly the most relevant find, which current cross of 0.8m high belongs to the modern period while the stone socket of approximately 0.22m was considered medieval during the first record in 1917; and **Laugharne Corn Mill (PRN 12647 – RCAHMW 17900)** recorded also in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century due to the evidence of two place names, 'The Mill' and 'Water St' located nearby the medieval The Grist Cross. Towards the southwest from site, in the Roche borough, are located the other two medieval sites: **Roche Castle (PRN 5070 – RCAHMW 304186)**, which probably consisted of a small fort with a number of towers and arched vaulting, was recorded as a ruinous building as far back as the 17<sup>th</sup> century, when it was being robbed for the construction of the nearby mansion at Broadway - nowadays is practically disappeared; and **Roche Court (PRN 109214)** which consists of a number of wall remains located nearby Roche Castle and likely to be associated with the original fortification.
- 3.4.5 There are 21 sites recorded in the HER within the 500m assessment area that have been dated to the post-medieval period. Many of these sites are late-18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century dwellings and associated buildings that have also been recorded as listed buildings or appear in the RCAHMW records. The main clusters are located within the historic centre of Laugharne to the northeast of site (**PRNs 20652, 21547, 21679, 25077, 25292 and 61945**); around The Lacques and Fern Hill towards the north and northeast from site (**PRNs 21539, 21671, 25269 and 25270**); around The Strand and Gosport boroughs, towards the east from site (**PRNs 6686, 21678, 25076, 25288, 25289 and 103055**); and around the Roche and Broadway boroughs, towards the south and southwest from site (**PRNs 21548, 21549, 21670, 22785 and 22786**). As indicated above, some of these have also been recorded as listed buildings or in the RCAHMW, as seen in the following list:

PRN	NAME	TYPE	LB No	RCAHMW
<b>6686</b>	Strand House	Dwelling	9667	17830
<b>20652</b>	The Mill	Mill		
<b>21539</b>	Common Pound	Pound		
<b>21547</b>	Tabernacle Chapel	Chapel		
<b>21548</b>	Roche Cockpit	Cockpit		

<b>21549</b>	Roche Corn Mill	Corn Mill		
<b>21670</b>	Broadway	Rubbing Stone		
<b>21671</b>	The Lacques Mill	Woollen Mill		
<b>21678</b>	The Strand Warehouse	Warehouse		
<b>21679</b>	Stonyway Road	Dwelling		
<b>22785</b>	Roche Castle Smithy	Blacksmiths Workshop		
<b>22786</b>	Roche Broadway	Public House		
<b>25076</b>	Gosport House	Dwelling	9629	17397
<b>25077</b>	Island House	Dwelling	9671	17457
<b>25269</b>	Fern Hill	Dwelling	9622	17329
<b>25270</b>	Fernhill Cottage	Dwelling	9626	17330
<b>25288</b>	The Strand	Dwelling	9666	17829
<b>25289</b>	Laugharne Ball Court	Warehouse	9668	32658
<b>25292</b>	Island House - boundary	Boundary		31614
<b>61945</b>	Garage to Island House	Garage	9673	
<b>103055</b>	Gosport Farm	Building		

3.4.6 There is 1 site recorded in the HER within the 500m assessment area that have been dated to unknown period: **Laugharne Strand (PRN 29986)**, a landing point located within the intertidal area of Laugharne, in which there could remain evidences of human maritime activities. It is marked in the OS first editions maps of the area.

3.4.7 There are 8 additional sites recorded in the RCAHMW, mostly post-medieval domestic dwellings related to urban or agricultural landscape (**NPRNs 17235, 17398, 31630, 96670 and 266112**); it is remarkable the presence of 20<sup>th</sup> century **Pillbox (NPRN 270386)** known from a photograph taken during Second World War, and **Laugharne Rugby and Football Ground (NPRN 402843)**, also recorded by aerial photograph during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. **Laugharne Voluntary Controlled Primary School (NPRN 417699)** is the closest recorded site to the proposed development area, although it dates from 2005 and it is not archaeologically nor historically noticeable. The list below shows the 8 additional sites recorded in the RCAHMW that are not included as Listed Buildings or in the regional HER:

<b>NPRN</b>	<b>RCAHMW NAME</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
<b>17235</b>	Corporation Arms	Post-Medieval
<b>17398</b>	1-2 Gosport Street	Post-Medieval
<b>31630</b>	Newbridge Street - farm	Post-Medieval
<b>96670</b>	Unknown	Post-Medieval
<b>266112</b>	Island House - garden	Post-Medieval
<b>270386</b>	Pillbox	Modern
<b>402843</b>	Rugby-Football Ground	Modern
<b>417699</b>	Laugharne VCP School	Modern

## 3.5 Map Regression

### 3.5.1 *Laugharne Parish Tithe map 1842*

This is the earliest representation of the proposed development area with its current limits. It shows no buildings or structures of any kind within its limits. Neither the immediate surrounding areas had been developed. The proposed development area occupies all the parcel typed as '778' in the tithe map, and part of the parcel typed as '779', located to the eastern side. There is a small shed at the southeast corner of the parcel, and it belongs to parcel '780'. They all belonged to the same landowner and were worked (occupied) by the same person, with different uses. In the apportionment document, the attributes of these parcels are described as:

**'778'**

*Landowner: Skyrme, Mary Abra Hughes*  
*Occupier: Powell, William*  
*Field Name (Description): Barn park*  
*Land Use (State of Cultivation): Pasture*  
*Acres (A.): 4*  
*Roods (R.): 1*  
*Perches (P.): 34*  
*Pounds (£.): (Not transcribed)*  
*Shillings (s.): 3 to Vicar, 15 to Imp.*  
*Pence (d.): 0*

*Perches (P.): 4*

*Pounds (£.): (Not transcribed)*

*Shillings (s.): 2 to Vicar, 10 to Imp.*

*Pence (d.): 6 to Imp.*

**'779'**

*Landowner: Skyrme, Mary Abra Hughes*  
*Occupier: Powell, William*  
*Field Name (Description): Road park*  
*Land Use (State of Cultivation): Pasture*  
*Acres (A.): 2*  
*Roods (R.): 1*

**'780'**

*Landowner: Skyrme, Mary Abra Hughes*  
*Occupier: Powell, William*  
*Field Name (Description): Woodford Land Barn and Yard*  
*Land Use (State of Cultivation): (Not transcribed)*  
*Acres (A.): (Not transcribed)*  
*Roods (R.): (Not transcribed)*  
*Perches (P.): 13*  
*Pounds (£.): (Not transcribed)*  
*Shillings (s.): (Not transcribed)*  
*Pence (d.): (Not transcribed)*

The typical strip field system of The Hugden is obvious towards the west of the parcel. The historic core of Laugharne Township was already developed with a very similar shape, as they were the suburban boroughs of Roche/Broadway to the southwest, Gosport and The Strand to the south, and Fernhill to the north.

**3.5.2 1<sup>st</sup> Edition 1;2500 County Series Ordnance Survey map 1880**

There are not noteworthy changes in the proposed development area regarding the previous image of the Laugharne Parish Tithe Map from 1842. There is still a division between two parcels towards the east of the proposed development area. The most noteworthy changes are related to the surrounding areas, where the boroughs of Roche/Broadway, Gosport, The Strand or Fernhill seemed to have acquired relevance enough as to be typed and singled out in the map. There is a 'Woolen Factory' located approximately 200m to the north of the development area, after The Lacques cottages; and a small farm, comprising three buildings, called 'Skerry' located approximately 200m to the southwest from the development area.

### **3.5.3 1st Revision 1;2500 County Series Ordnance Survey map 1907**

There are not noteworthy changes in the proposed development area regarding the previous 1st Edition 1;2500 County Series Ordnance Survey map from 1880. The most noteworthy change is the disappearance of two of the buildings of the small farm 'Skerry', although this is still mentioned.

### **3.5.4 1st Edition 1;2500 National Grid Series Ordnance Survey map 1953**

There are relevant changes in the proposed development area and surroundings by the time of this survey. In the map, it can be appreciated that the site has already its current dimensions, without partitions for any other parcel. The small shed that was located at the southeast corner of site is not represented in this map.

Regarding the surroundings, Orchard Park Estate had been already developed to the immediate east from site, as it was Laugharne School and the Rugby Ground, just north/northeast from site. There are no significant changes in the Roche/Broadway, The Strand and Gosport areas. However, the 'Woolen Factory' located north of The Lacques is not represented in this map.

## **3.6 Aerial Photographs**

### **3.6.1 RAF 1946 (Plate 27)**

The site is visible in the black and white vertical aerial photograph taken by the RAF on 07/07/1946, at a scale of 1;10,000. The site is clearly seen as open fields with no archaeological features or crop-marks visible.

## **4 Site Visit (Plates 1 - 26)**

- 4.1 A site visit was carried on the 13th March 2017, in cloudy and wet conditions. The field is as described previously, a single field of improved pasture, bounded by a mix of hedge banks and modern post and wire fencing.
- 4.2 The field itself rises slightly to the west, with a high point in the western corner of the site. No earthworks are visible within the field. Areas of disturbed ground (disturbed through the passage of farm machinery) around the edges of the site reveal the occasional fragment of late post-medieval and modern pottery and glass, typical plough soil finds. There is no visible evidence of the former building that once stood in the southwest corner of the site, neither is there any evidence of the field boundary that also formerly crossed the site (both visible on late-19<sup>th</sup> / early-20<sup>th</sup> century OS maps).
- 4.3 Topographically the site occupies the high point of ridge that runs NE-SW, with ground falling away to the SW towards Broadway but remaining relatively level to the NE. This ridge however is not the most prominent feature in the vicinity. To the SE, beyond

the main road, the ground begins to rise again to the more prominent ridge of Sir John's Hill to the south. To the NW the ground drops sharply into a steep-sided, tree-covered, valley, before rising up to a more prominent area of high ground known as The Hugden. Laugharne lies to the east, around low-lying ground at the point where small stream valleys emerge into the Taf.

- 4.4 The topography is such that the development site is not visible from Laugharne, including its many listed buildings and the SAM site of the castle. The development site will not impose upon or change the character of the historic core of Laugharne. Medieval field systems are visible on the high ground to the northwest, and to the south. These systems are visible as low earthworks and hedge banks.
- 4.5 There is no indication of any such remains within the site and topographically these areas are also distinct from the site. The valley to the northwest clearly separated the site from any activity beyond, and the field system to the south appears confined to northwest facing slopes.
- 4.6 No features of archaeological interest were noted within the proposed development area.

## **5 Discussion and Conclusions**

- 5.1 No designated archaeological sites will be either directly or visually affected by the proposed development. The site is located close to the Laugharne Conservation Area, characterized mainly by the medieval core of the town, and with Laugharne Castle located less than 300m to the northeast. There is no visual impact to these designated areas, due to the local topography.
- 5.2 The site lies within the Registered Historic Landscape of 'Taf and Tywi Estuary', a landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest in Wales. This littoral area lies across the north-east side of Carmarthen Bay, and comprises the east and west sides of the estuary mouths of the Rivers Taf, Tywi and Gwendraeth. The whole area contains diverse evidence of activity from the prehistoric to the recent past and includes the Hugden medieval open field system on the low coastal ridge west of Laugharne (Dyfed Archaeological Trust 2017).
- 5.3 To the west of the site there is evidence for medieval field systems and Roche Castle (PRN 5070), and a Neolithic worked stone axe findspot. To the east of the site, a Bronze Age cist burial was recorded at Orchard Park. Post-medieval local industrial activity is also a feature of the local landscape, but no evidence of such activity has been identified within the bounds of the proposed development area.
- 5.4 From the surrounding undesigned assets data and the cartographic evidence of the site being open fields throughout the 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries, there is a low-medium possibility of archaeology to be encountered on site
- 5.5 As a result of this potential and the site's location within the Registered Historic Landscape, it is recommended that a geophysical survey is implemented, in order to better assess the potential survival of archaeological deposits at the green-field site. The

results of this work would allow the appropriate level of mitigation to be attached to the planning application, if required.

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Laugharne Parish Tithe map 1842

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1st Revision 1;2500 County Series Carmarthenshire Ordnance Survey map 1907

1st Edition 1;2500 National Grid Series Ordnance Survey map 1953

RAF Black and White Vertical Aerial Photograph centered on SN30381087 on 07/07/1946, scale 1;10,000.

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**APPENDICES**

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## **APPENDIX I:**

Figures

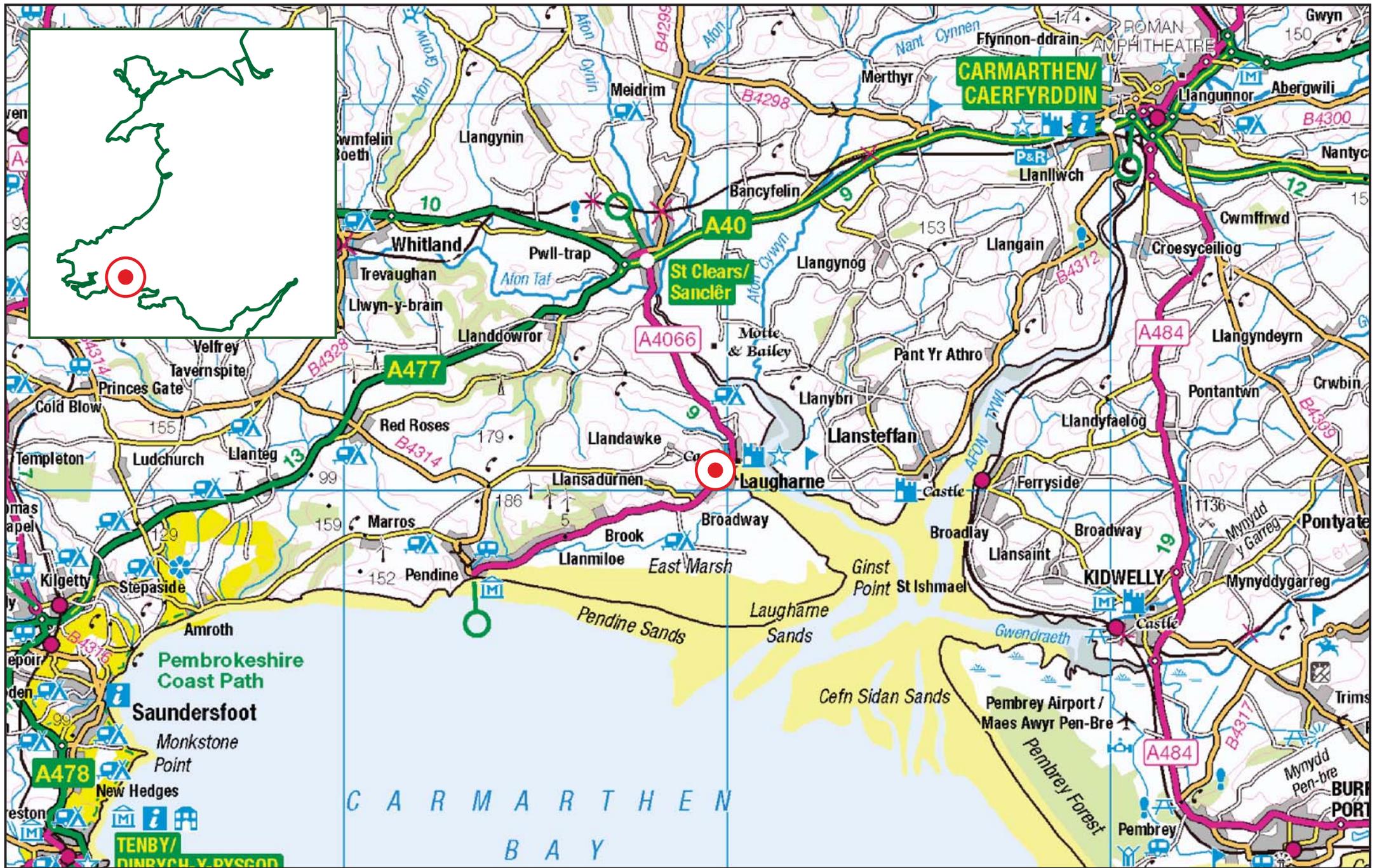
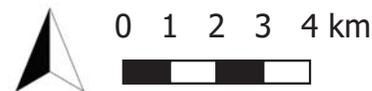


Figure 1: Location Map of proposed development site at Laugharne, Carmarthenshire; scale 1:125,000



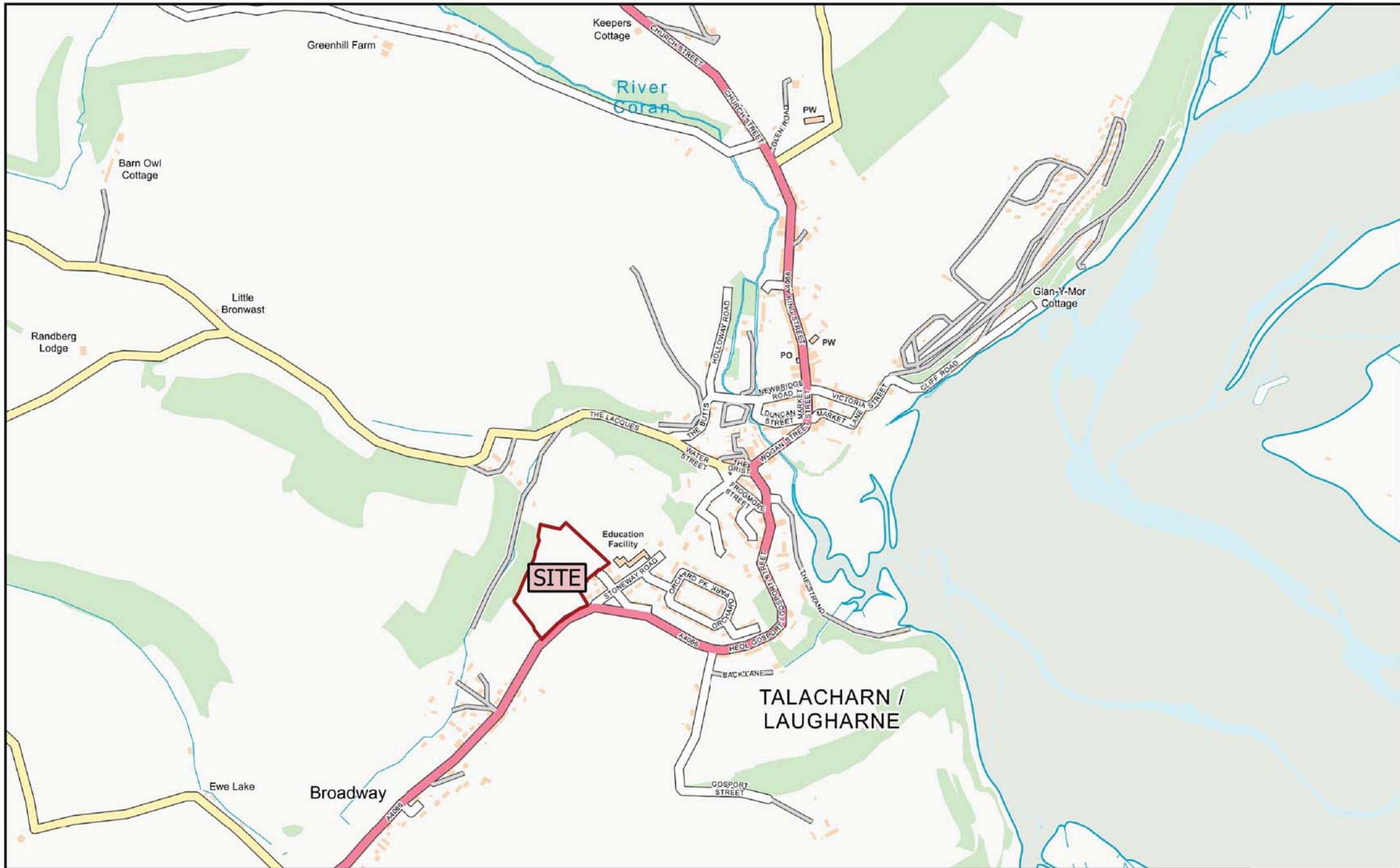
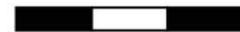


Figure 2: Location of proposed development site (red) within Laugharne; scale 1: 10,000



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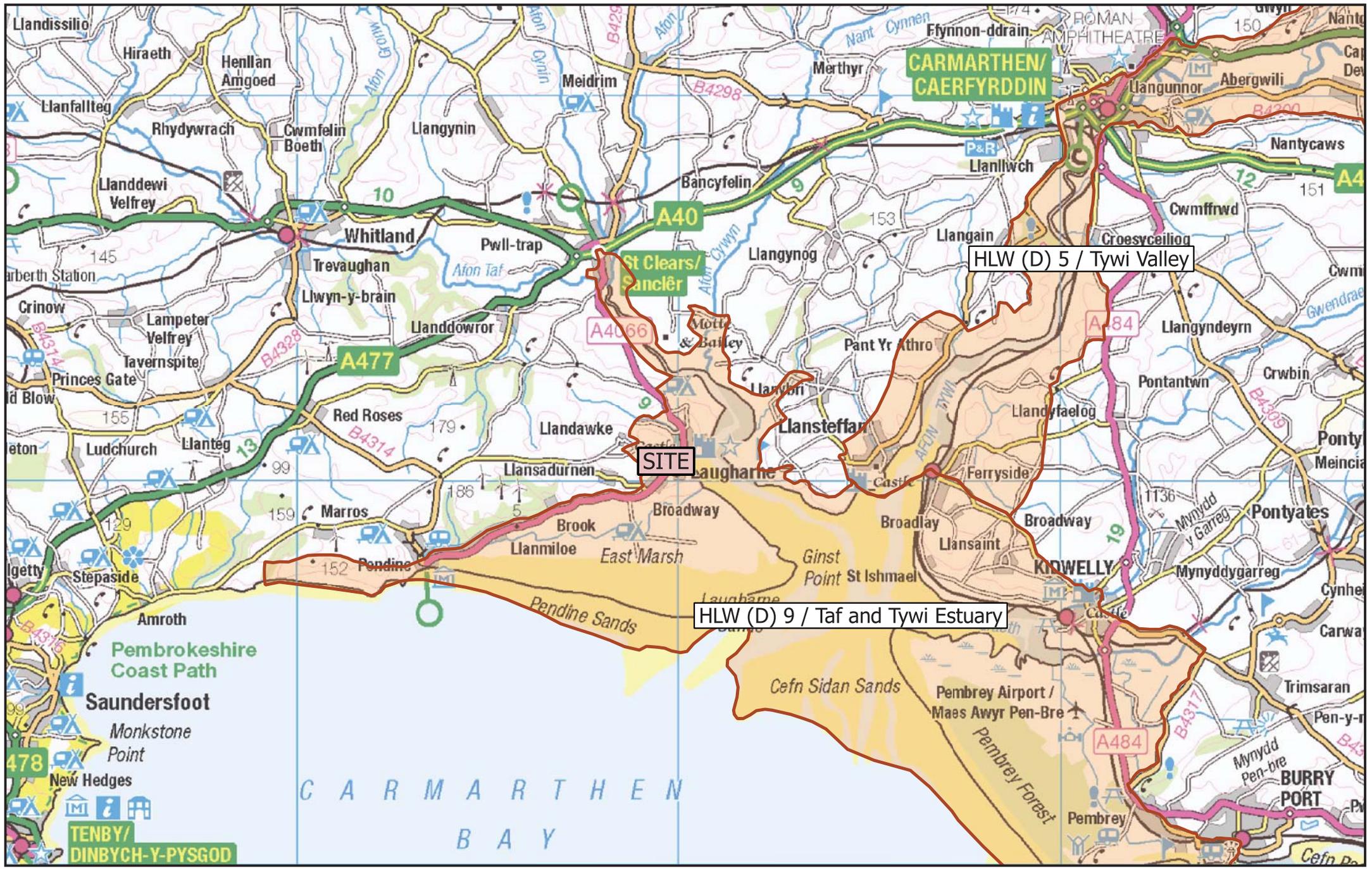


Figure 3: Location Map of proposed development site within Laugharne and Registered Historic Landscape Taf and Tywi Estuary; scale 1:125,000



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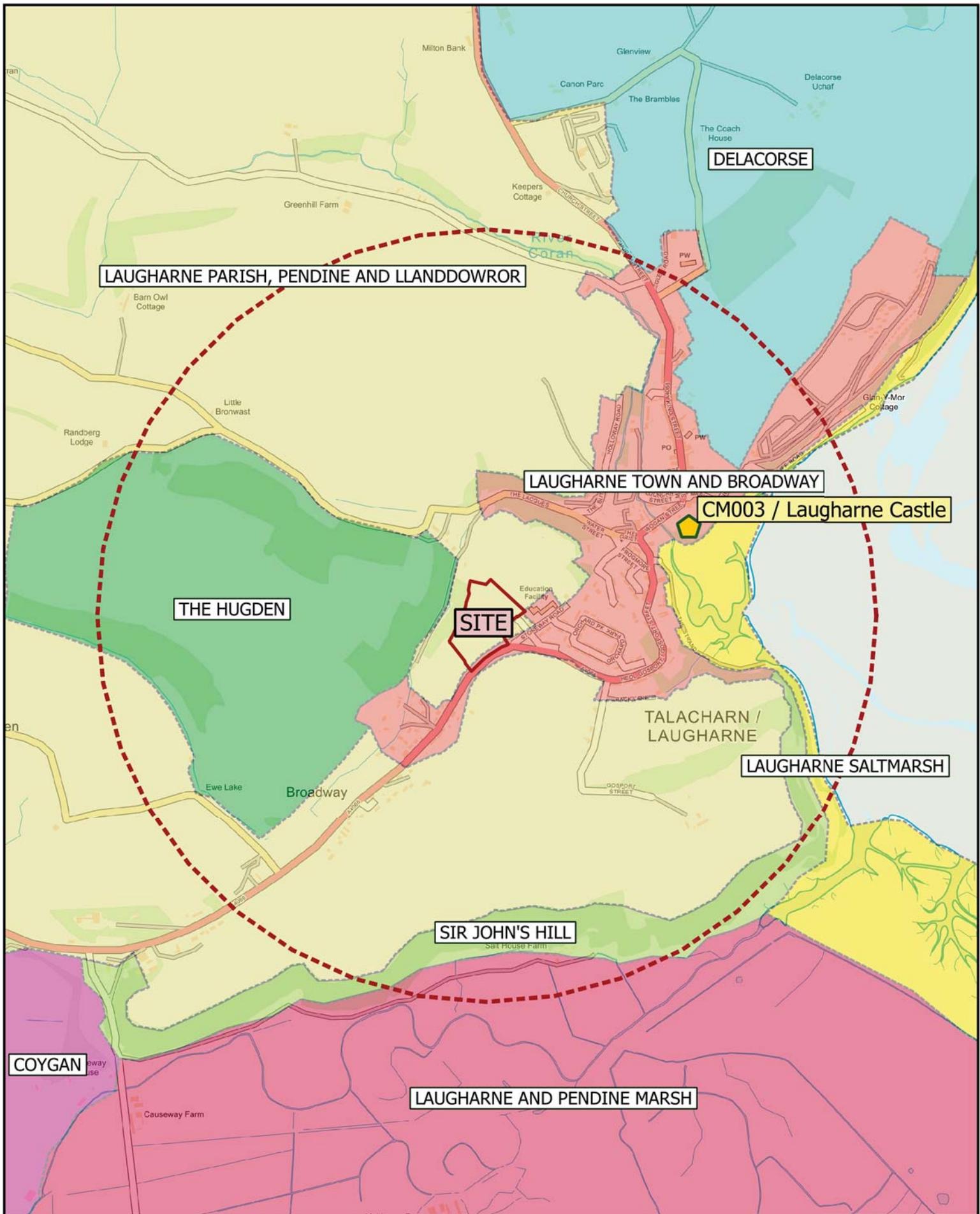


Figure 4: Location Map of site with designated SAM and Taf and Tywi Estuary's Historic Landscape Character Areas; scale 1:12,500



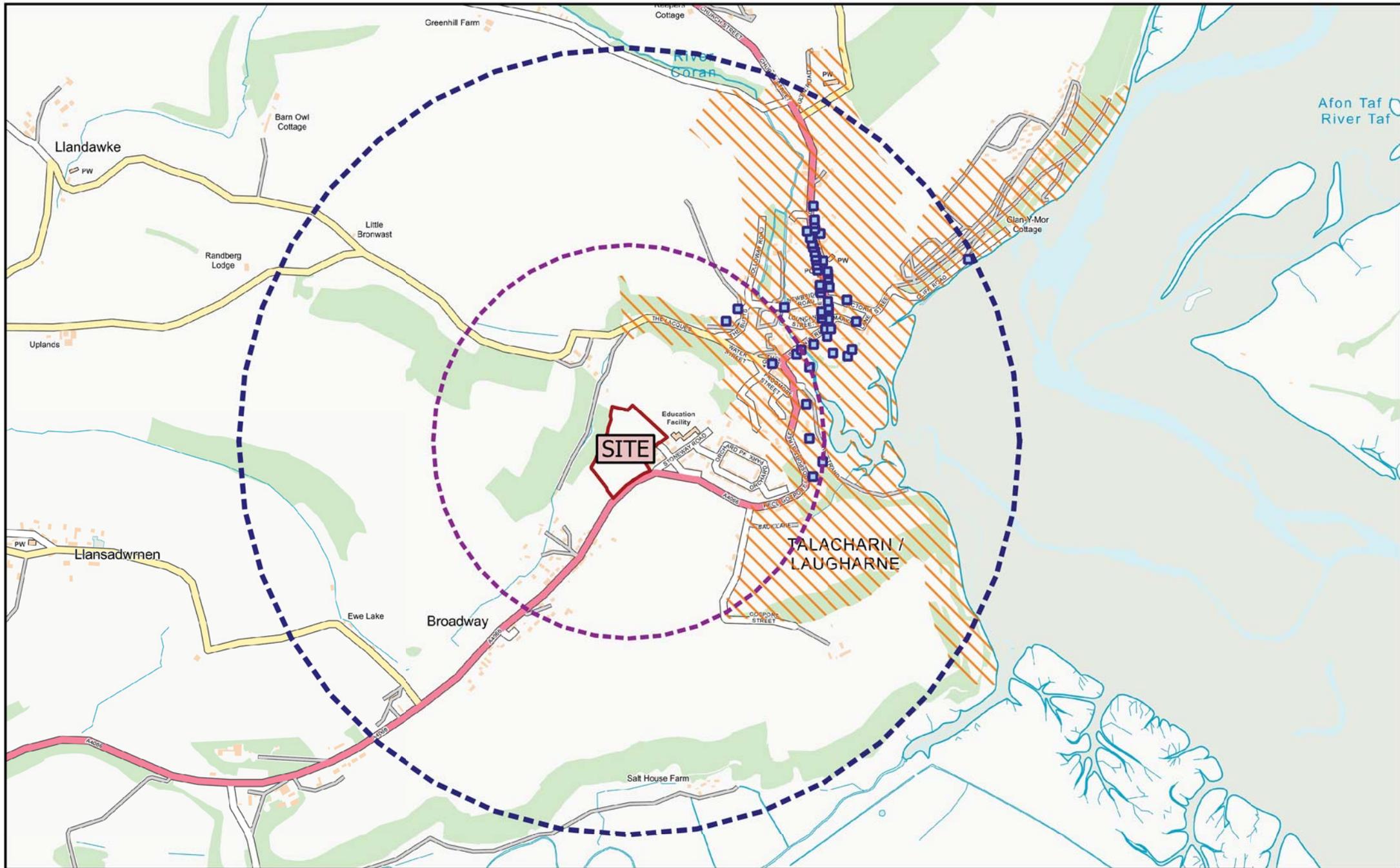


Figure 5: Location of designated Listed Buildings (blue) within 1km from site and Laugharne Conservation Area (orange); scale 1:12,500



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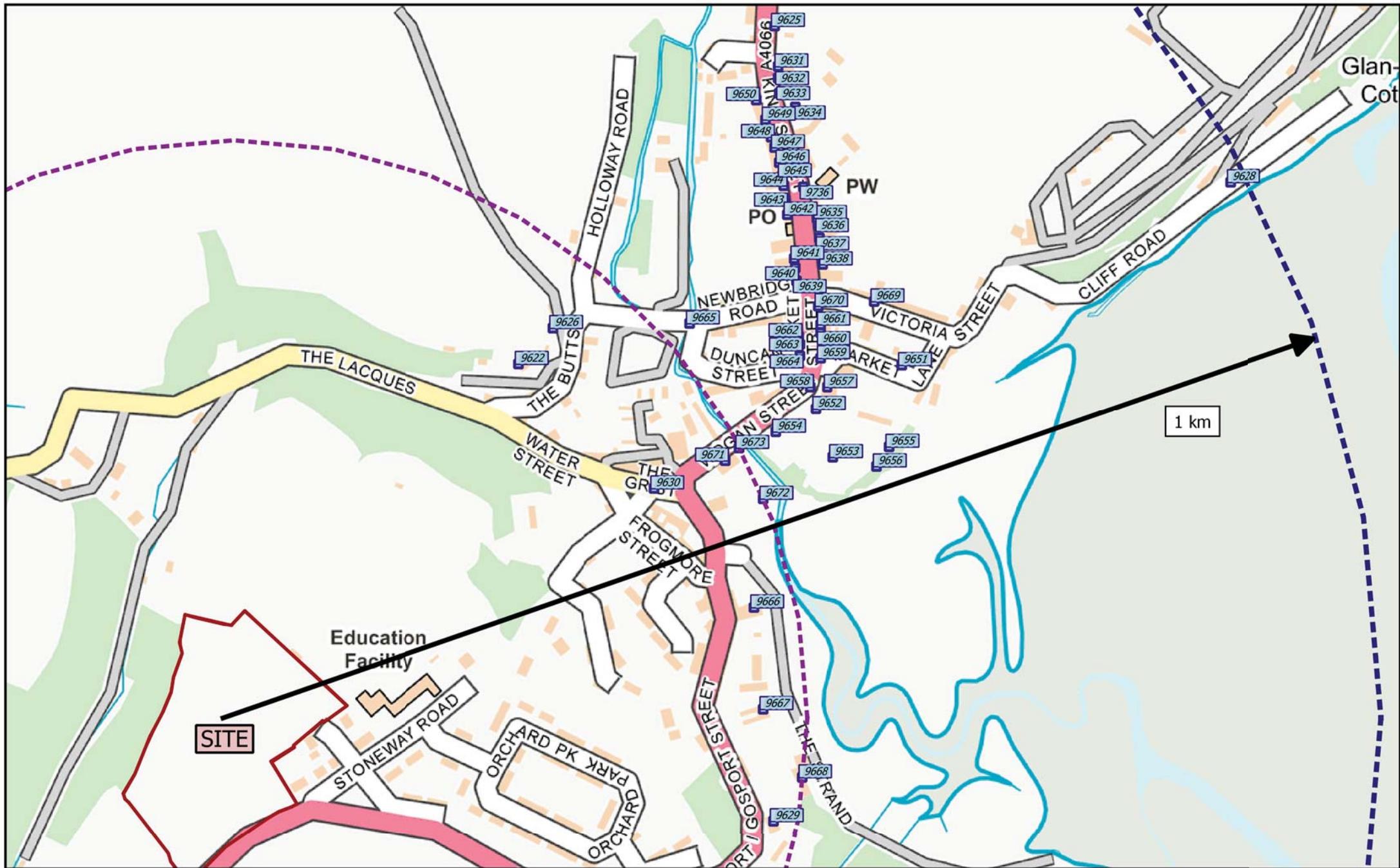
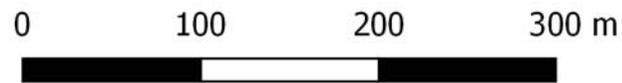


Figure 6: Zoom in with location of designated Listed Buildings (blue) within 1km from site; scale 1:4,250



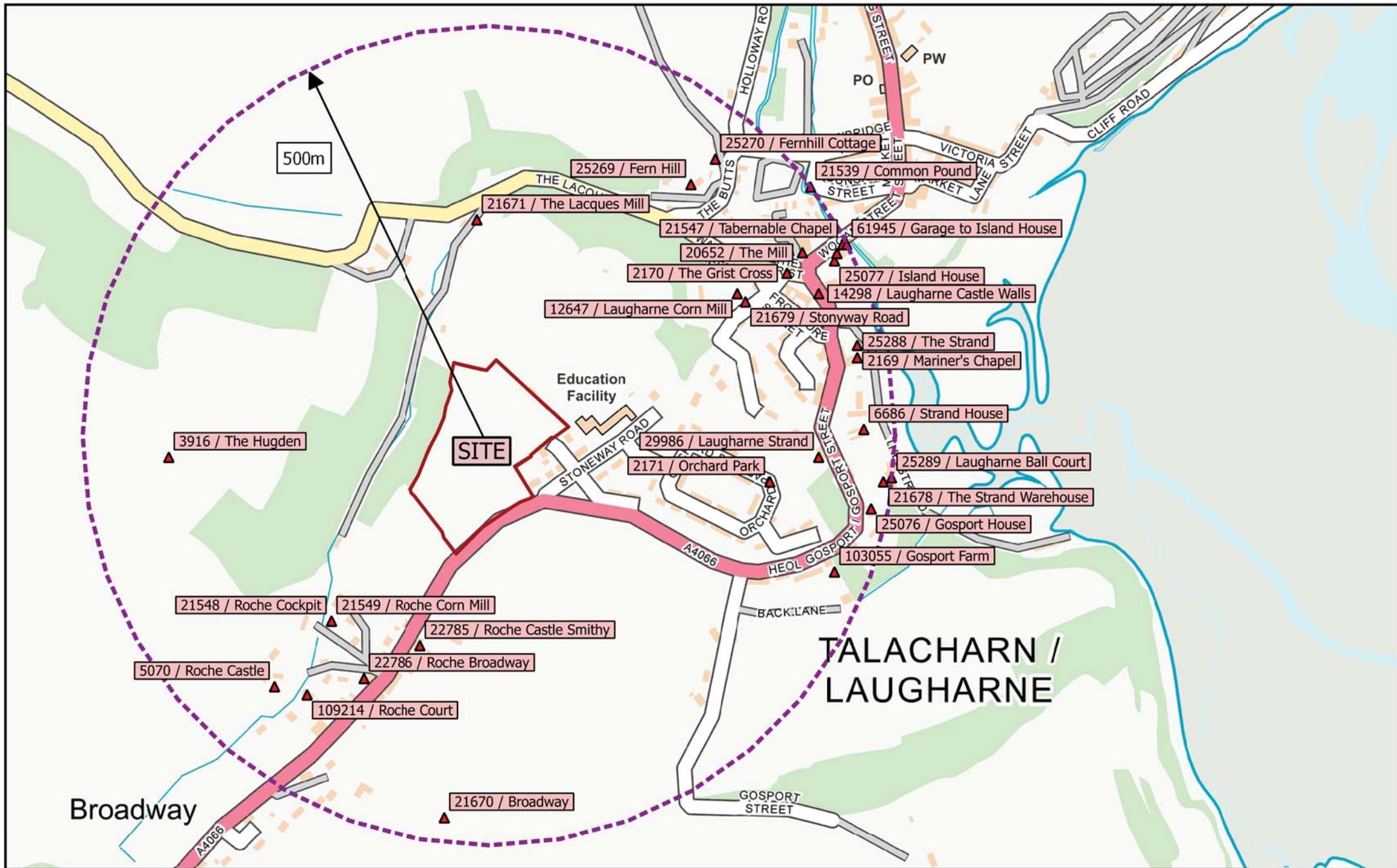
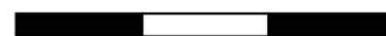


Figure 7: Location of non-designated sites registered in DAT's Historic Environment Record, located within 500m from the proposed development site; scale 1:6,000



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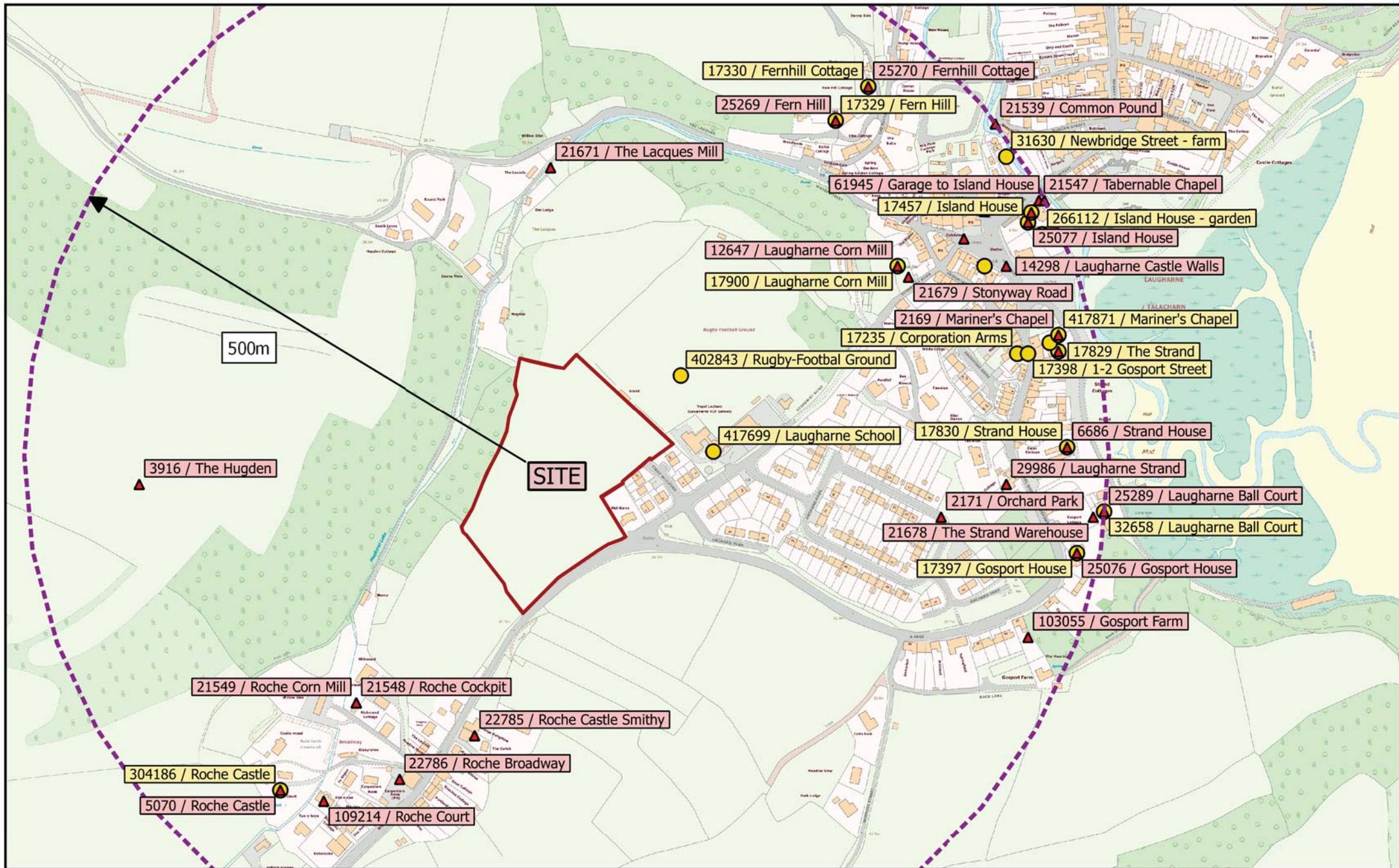


Figure 9: Location of non-designated sites registered in DAT's Historic Environment Record (red) and sites registered in RCAHMW (yellow); scale 1: 4,500



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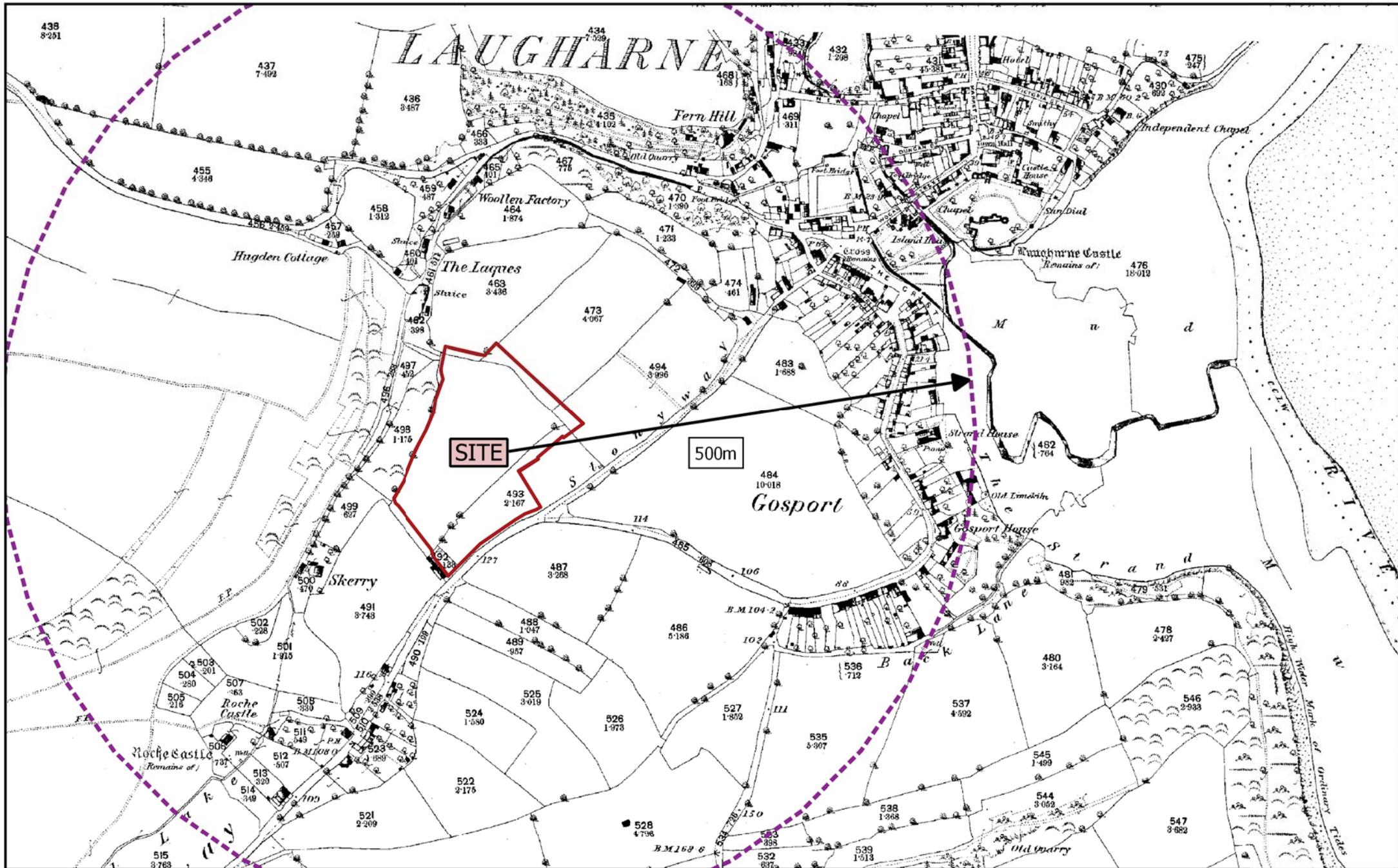


Figure 10: Location of proposed development site (red) against OS 1st edition map from circa 1880s; scale 1: 5,000



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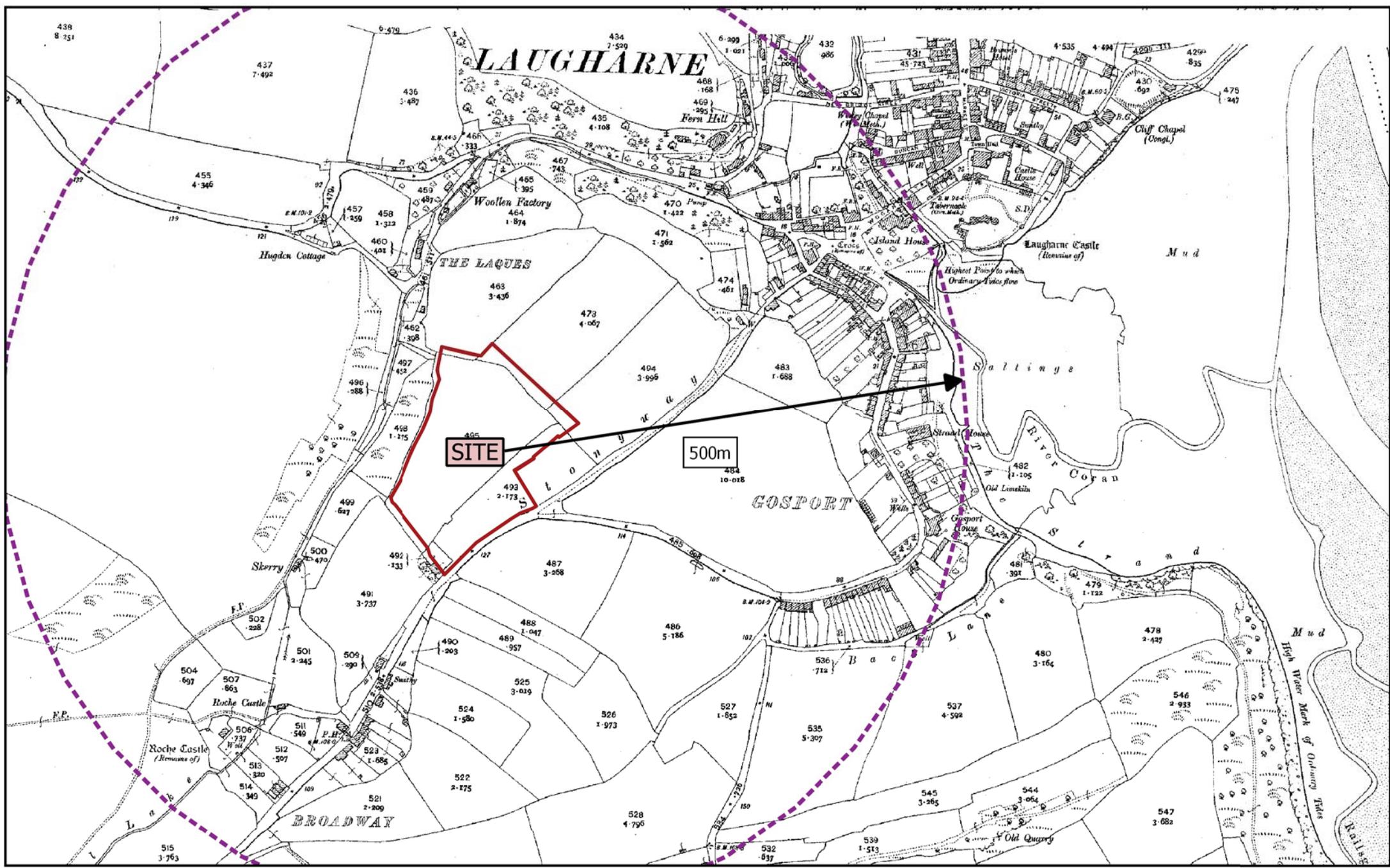


Figure 11: Location of proposed development site (red) against OS 1st revision map from circa 1900s; scale 1: 5,000



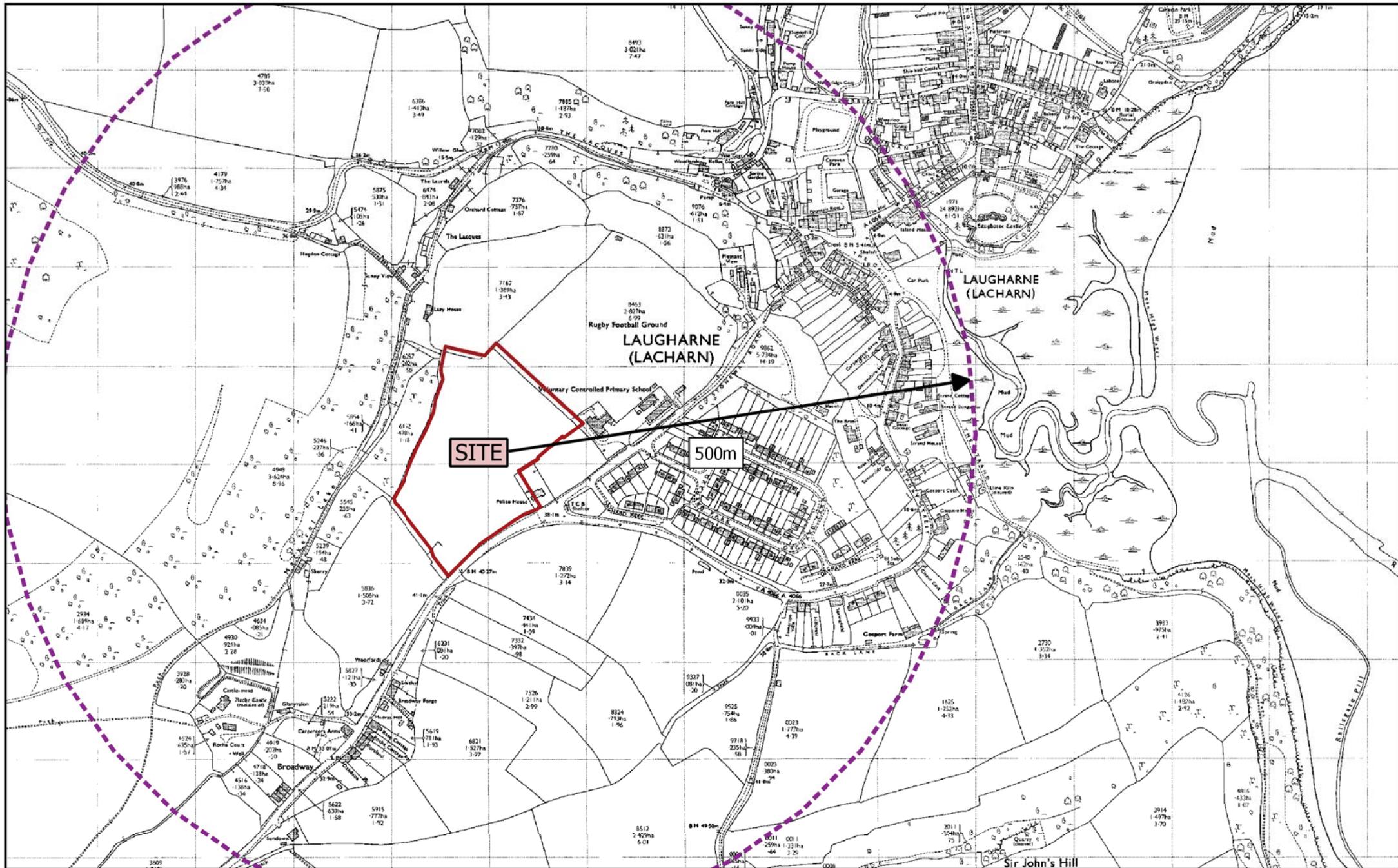


Figure 12: Location of proposed development site (red) against OS National Grid 1st edition map from circa 1950s; scale 1: 5,000

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## **APPENDIX II:**

Plates



**Plate 1:** Laugharne Castle, view from the southwest river bank; shot facing NW.



**Plate 2:** Laugharne Castle and surrounding areas, view from the south, shot facing N.



**Plate 3:** Dylan Thomas' statue located facing the Taf estuary; shot facing SE.



**Plate 4:** Looking over Laugharne from Orchard Park Estate; shot facing NE.



**Plate 5:** General views of site, from high point at western side; shot facing NW.



**Plate 6:** General views of site, from high point at western side; shot facing NE.



**Plate 7:** General views of site, from high point at western side; shot facing SE.



**Plate 8:** General views of site, from high point at western side; shot facing S.



**Plate 9:** General views of site, from high point at western side; shot facing SW.



**Plate 10:** General views of site, from southern boundaries; shot facing N.



**Plate 11:** General views of surrounding borough of Roche, from southern boundaries of site; shot facing S.



**Plate 12:** General views of surrounding area of The Hugden, from eastern boundaries of site; shot facing W.



**Plate 13:** General views of site, from central area; shot facing E.



**Plate 14:** General views of site, from central area; shot facing NW.



**Plate 15:** General views of site and Rugby ground and school to the north, from central area; shot facing N.



**Plate 16:** General views of site and surrounding dwellings to the east; shot facing E.



**Plate 17:** General views of site and surrounding fields to the west; shot facing W.



**Plate 18:** General views of site and surrounding fields to the northwest; shot facing NW.



**Plate 19:** General view of steep, tree-covered valley at the western boundary of site; shot facing N.



**Plate 20:** General view of steep, tree-covered valley at the western boundary of site; shot facing S.



**Plate 21:** General views of Orchard Park Estate, to the east from site; shot facing E.



**Plate 22:** General views of Orchard Park Estate, to the east from site; shot facing NE.



**Plate 23:** General views of historic core of Laugharne, to the east from site; shot facing SW.



**Plate 24:** General views of historic core of Laugharne, to the east from site; shot facing NE.



**Plate 25:** General views of historic core of Laugharne, to the east from site; shot facing N.



**Plate 26:** General views of historic core of Laugharne, to the east from site; shot facing S.



Plate 27: Black and white vertical aerial photograph taken by the RAF on 07/07/1946 centred on SN30381087 at a scale of 1:10000. File Reference: 106G/UK/1625/1185. Catalogue Number: C716227

Description :. The photograph includes part of Laugharne Township community in Carmarthenshire.

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## **APPENDIX III:**

Tables with Designated sites  
within 1km, and non-  
designated sites within 500m  
from development area.

Land Adjacent to Laugharne VCP School, Laugharne (Carmarthenshire)

**Events**

<b>PRN</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SITE TYPE</b>
102739	Roche Court, Broadway, Laugharne	Watching Brief
39283	Causeway Farm W/12/1384	Tir Gofal Farm Visit

**Registered Historic Landscapes**

<b>REF No</b>	<b>NAME</b>
HLW (D) 9	Taf and Tywi Estuary

**Historic Landscape Character Areas**

<b>ID of HLC</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>FEATURE</b>	<b>PRN</b>	<b>ACCURACY</b>	<b>COMPILER</b>	<b>COMPILEDON</b>
136	LAUGHARNE SALTMARSH	Historic landscape area	40168	Good	HW	17/02/2000
138	SIR JOHN'S HILL	Historic landscape area	40170	Good	HW	17/02/2000
147	LAUGHARNE PARISH, PENDINE AND LLANDDOWROR	Historic landscape area	40179	Good	HW	17/02/2000
148	THE HUGDEN	Historic landscape area	40180	Good	HW	17/02/2000
149	LAUGHARNE TOWN AND BROADWAY	Historic landscape area	40181	Good	HW	17/02/2000
150	DELACORSE	Historic landscape area	40182	Good	HW	17/02/2000

## Scheduled Ancient Monuments

SAM No	NAME	EASTING	NORTHING	TYPE	PERIOD	CLASS	PAI DATE
CM003	Laugharne Castle	230213	210754	Castle	Medieval	Defence	03/11/2015

## Listed Buildings

NUMBER	NAME	REFERENCE	EASTINGS	NORTHINGS	LISTED	AMENDED	GRADE	PERIOD	PRN
9630	CROSS,THE GRIST	21/A/10(2)	230061	210725	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Medieval	2170
9654	SECTION OF BOUNDARY WALLS AROUND CASTLE GROUNDS RUNNING SW.FROM OUTER GATEHOUSE, MARKET STREET	21/A/34(2)	230167	210774	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Medieval	14298
9652	OUTER GATEHOUSE TO LAUGHARNE CASTLE,MARKET ST.	21/A/32(2)	230202	210794	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	I	Medieval	14297
9653	LAUGHARNE CASTLE,MARKET STREET	21/A/33(2)	230217	210752	30/11/1966	25/09/1986	I	Medieval/Post-M	2156
9629	GOSPORT HOUSE,GOSPORT STREET	21/A/9(2)	230165	210437	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med	
9668	BALL COURT,THE STRAND	21/A/48(2)	230190	210475	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med	
9667	STRAND HOUSE,THE STRAND	21/A/47(2)	230156	210534	30/11/1966	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med	
9666	THE STRAND,THE STRAND	21/A/46(2)	230148	210622	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med	
9672	BOUNDARY WALL TO ISLAND HOUSE,WOGAN STREET	21/A/52(2)	230156	210716	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med	
9656	GAZEBO IN GROUNDS OF LAUGHARNE CASTLE,MARKET STREET	21/A/36(2)	230255	210744	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med	
9671	ISLAND HOUSE,WOGAN STREET	21/A/51(2)	230123	210749	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med	
9673	GARAGE TO ISLAND HOUSE,WOGAN STREET	21/A/53(2)	230135	210760	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med	
9655	SECTION OF BOUNDARY WALLS AROUND CASTLE GROUNDS RUNNING E.FROM OUTER GATEHOUSE, MARKET STREET	21/A/35(2)	230266	210761	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med	
9658	BOUNDARY WALL TO W.OF CASTLE HOUSE,INCLUDING GATED ENTRANCE, MARKET STREET	21/A/38(2)	230197	210813	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med	
9657	CASTLE HOUSE,MARKET STREET	21/A/37(2)	230212	210813	30/11/1966	25/09/1986	II*	Post-Med	
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9659	TOWN HALL,MARKET STREET	21/A/39(2)	230206	210838	12/03/1951	25/09/1986	II*	Post-Med	

9664	GLOBE HOUSE (INCLUDING SB & RB GLEED, BUTCHER'S SHOP) MARKET STREET	21/A/44(2)	230188	210840	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
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9660	NO.2 MARKET STREET	21/A/40(2)	230206	210860	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
9626	FERNHILL COTTAGE, DEAD MAN'S LANE	21/A/6(2)	229973	210864	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
9661	NO.3 MARKET STREET	21/A/41(2)	230206	210867	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
9665	CORAN BRIDGE, NEWBRIDGE STREET	21/A/45(2)	230092	210868	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
9670	NEW THREE MARINERS P.H. VICTORIA STREET	21/A/50(2)	230204	210883	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
9669	VICTORIA HOUSE, VICTORIA STREET	21/A/49(2)	230253	210887	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
9639	CORRAN BOOKS (FORMERLY THE SHIP & CASTLE P.H.) KING STREET	21/A/19(2)	230185	210905	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
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9637	ELM HOUSE, KING STREET	21/A/17(2)	230205	210942	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
9636	THE PINES, INCLUDING ORIEL EVANS BOOKSHOP, KING STREET	21/A/16(2)	230204	210953	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
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9736	TELEPHONE CALL-BOX	15:14/17	230191	210986	13/05/1988	13/05/1988	II	Post-Med
9644	MINERVA, KING STREET	21/A/24(2)	230174	210987	25/09/1986	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
9628	DYLAN THOMAS'S TOOL-SHED STUDY, DYLAN'S WALK	21/A/8(2)	230563	210990	07/10/1968	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
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9634	DRAGON PARK, KING STREET	21/A/14(2)	230184	211055	30/11/1966	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
9650	GREAT HOUSE, KING STREET	21/A/30(2)	230150	211061	30/11/1966	25/09/1986	II*	Post-Med
9633	ROSETTA, KING STREET	21/A/13(2)	230170	211067	30/11/1966	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
9632	MOIR HOUSE, KING STREET	21/A/12(2)	230169	211080	30/11/1966	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med

9631	THE LIMES,KING STREET	21/A/11(2)	230169	211090	30/11/1966	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med
9625	CLIFTON HOUSE,CLIFTON STREET	21/A/5(2)	230166	211125	30/11/1966	25/09/1986	II	Post-Med

#### DAT HER DATA

PRN	NAME	TYPE	PERIOD	EASTING	NORTHING	NGR	UPDATE	ROW ID
2169	Mariner's Chapel	Chapel	Medieval / Post-Medieval	230148	210637	SN301107	25/03/2015	129505
2170	The Grist	Cross	Medieval	230061	210725	SN3006110725	25/03/2015	129517
2171	Orchard Park	Cist	Bronze Age	230040	210470	SN30041047	25/03/2015	129528
3916	The Hugden	Flinworking site Castle, Manor	Prehistoric	229300	210500	SN293105		
5070	Roche Castle	House, Moated Homestead	Medieval	229430	210220	SN29431022	25/03/2015	149411
6686	Strand House	Dwelling	Post-Medieval	230156	210534	SN3015610534	25/03/2015	155972
12647	Laugharne Corn Mill	Corn Mill	Medieval	230000	210700	SN300107	25/03/2015	119760
14298	Laugharne Castle	Boundary Wall	Medieval / Post-Medieval	230100	210700	SN301107	25/03/2015	121526
20652	The Mill	Mill	Post-Medieval	230080	210750	SN30081075	25/03/2015	128360
21539	Common Pound	Pound	Post-Medieval	230090	210830	SN30091083	25/03/2015	129339
21547	Tabernable, Woogan Street	Chapel	Post-Medieval	230130	210760	SN30131076	25/03/2015	129348
21548	Roche Cockpit	Cockpit	Post-Medieval	229500	210300	SN295103	25/03/2015	129349
21549	Roche Corn Mill	Corn Mill	Post-Medieval	229500	210300	SN295103	25/03/2015	129350
21670	Broadway	Rubbing Stone	Post-Medieval	229640	210060	SN29641006	30/10/2015	129484
21671	The Lacques Mill	Woollen Mill	Post-Medieval	229680	210790	SN29681079	25/03/2015	129485

21678	The Strand Warehouse	Warehouse	Post-Medieval	230180	210470	SN30181047	25/03/2015	129492
21679	Stonyway Road	Dwelling	Post-Medieval	230010	210690	SN30011069	25/03/2015	129493
22785	Roche Castle	Blacksmiths Workshop	Post-Medieval	229610	210270	SN29611027	25/03/2015	130719
22786	Broadway	Public House	Post-Medieval	229540	210230	SN2954010230	25/03/2015	130720
25076	Gosport House	Dwelling	Post-Medieval	230165	210437	SN3016510437	25/03/2015	133247
25077	Island House	Dwelling	Post-Medieval	230120	210740	SN30121074	25/03/2015	133248
25269	Fern Hill	Dwelling	Post-Medieval	229943	210833	SN2994310833	25/03/2015	133458
25270	Fernhill Cottage	Dwelling	Post-Medieval	229973	210864	SN2997310864	25/03/2015	133460
25288	The Strand	Dwelling	Post-Medieval	230148	210622	SN3014810622	25/03/2015	133479
25289	Laugharne Ball Court	Warehouse	Post-Medieval	230190	210475	SN3019010475	25/03/2015	133480
25292	Island House - garage & boundary	Boundary Wall, Garage	Post-Medieval	230123	210749	SN3012310749	25/03/2015	133484
29986	Laugharne Strand	Landing Point	Unknown	230100	210500	SN301105	25/03/2015	137635
61945	Garage to Island House	Garage	Post-Medieval	230135	210760	SN3013510760	25/03/2015	155448
103055	Gosport farm	Building	Post-Medieval	230120	210360	SN30121036		
109214	Roche Court	Wall	Medieval	229470	210210	SN29471021		

#### RCAHMW DATA

NPRN	NMRW NAME	NGR	EASTING	NORTHING
17163	Butchers Arms, Wogan Street	SN301107	230100	210700
17235	Corporation Arms	SN30111062	230110	210620
17329	Fern Hill	SN29941083	229943	210833
17330	Fernhill Cottage	SN29971086	229973	210864

17397	Gosport House	SN30161043	230165	210437
17398	1-2 Gosport Street	SN30121062	230120	210620
17457	Island House	SN30121075	230120	210740
17829	The Strand	SN30141062	230148	210622
17830	Strand House	SN30151053	230156	210534
17900	Water Street	SN300107	230000	210700
31614	Island House - garage & boundary	SN301107	230123	210749
31630	Newbridge Street - farm	SN301108	230100	210800
32658	Laugharne Ball Court	SN30191047	230190	210475
96670	Unknown	SN30141063	230140	210630
266112	Island House - garden	SN3013310729	230133	210729
270386	Pillbox, Llanstephen	SN30081070	230080	210700
304186	Roche Castle	SN29431024	229430	210220
402843	Rugby-Footbal Ground	SN298106	229800	210600
417699	Laugharne School	SN29831053	229830	210530
417871	Mariner's Chapel	SN3014810637	230148	210637

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## **APPENDIX IV:**

Dyfed Archaeological Trust HER  
gazetteer.



## **HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD INFORMATION**

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## **HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FEATURES**

### Search criteria:

I would like a summary of non-designated sites registered at the regional HER, contained within 500m radius from the NGR: 229694 210526 (SN 29694 10526).

A search of the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) held by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust has identified the following historic environment features. These are listed and described below. Each feature is allocated a Primary Reference Number (PRN) that should be quoted in any correspondence. Where the identification of a site is not certain then all possible interpretations are given in the type field e.g.'enclosure, henge'. Possible date ranges are also shown in this way in the period field. If a field contains no information then it is either not recorded, not known or not applicable for that site.

Please contact the HER if you have any further questions regarding this information, if you would like any of the sources followed up or if you have information that could improve these records in any way.

Source prefixes:

Ph = Published, historic (pre-1900)

Mh = Unpublished, historic

Pm/Mm = Published/Unpublished modern (post-1899)

Desc Text = Descriptive text.

GP/AP = Ground photograph/Aerial photograph.

All other source types should be self-explanatory; please contact the HER if you require assistance with them.

**PRN** 103055 **NAME** GOSPORT FARM  
**TYPE** Building **PERIOD** Post-Medieval  
**NGR** SN30121036 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township  
**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *None recorded* **EVIDENCE** Documentary Evidence

#### **SUMMARY**

Small building identified on 1st edition Ordnance Survey map. However, it does not appear on 2nd edition Ordnance Survey map. Site now lies in woodland, present condition unknown. M Bell 07/2012

#### **DESCRIPTION**

#### **SOURCES**

##### **OTHER SOURCES**

Map 1889 Ordnance Survey 1st edition Carmarthenshire

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**PRN** 109214 **NAME** ROCHE COURT  
**TYPE** WALL **PERIOD** MEDIEVAL  
**NGR** SN29471021 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township  
**CONDITION** DAMAGED **STATUS** *None recorded* **EVIDENCE** SUB  
SURFACE DEPOSIT

#### **SUMMARY**

Features likely to be associated with Roche Castle.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

A faced stone wall likely to be associated with Roche Castle, Laugharne (PRN 5070) revealed during a watching brief in 2012 (PRN 102739). M. Shiner based on Ratty 2012.

## **SOURCES**

### **OTHER SOURCES**

Report Ratty, S 2012 Roche Court, Broadway, Laugharne  
Carmarthenshire: Archaeological Watching Brief

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**PRN** 12647 **NAME** LAUGHARNE

**TYPE** Corn Mill **PERIOD** Medieval

**NGR** SN300107 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *None*

*recorded* **EVIDENCE** Documentary Evidence

### **SUMMARY**

### **DESCRIPTION**

Two place names close to med site, The mill + water St.

**SOURCES** Pm List RCAHM 1917 Carm No.181,p.66

Pm Map Rees,W 1932 S.Wales & Border in 14th c. SW Sheet

### **OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 14298 **NAME** LAUGHARNE CASTLE

**TYPE** Boundary Wall **PERIOD** Medieval , Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN301107 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Near Intact **STATUS** *listed building LB*

2 **EVIDENCE** Structure

### **SUMMARY**

### **DESCRIPTION**

**SOURCES** Pm Desc Text CADW 1986 BSAHI Laugharne p.20

Mm List DAT 1991 CR PRN 2156,Laugharne Castle

Mm File Many 1990 Application to extend Chandler's Cottage,Wogan  
Street DRF

## OTHER SOURCES

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**PRN** 20652 **NAME** MILL THE  
**TYPE** Mill **PERIOD** Post-Medieval  
**NGR** SN30081075 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township  
**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *None recorded* **EVIDENCE** Building

### SUMMARY

### DESCRIPTION

**SOURCES** Pm Map OS 1970 1,2500 SN3010

### OTHER SOURCES

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**PRN** 21539 **NAME** LAUGHARNE COMMON POUND  
**TYPE** Pound **PERIOD** Post-Medieval  
**NGR** SN30091083 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township  
**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *None recorded* **EVIDENCE** Documentary Evidence

### SUMMARY

### DESCRIPTION

**SOURCES** Mh Map ? Tithe Map & Apport, Laugharne Township Ph  
Schedule No.326 Common Pound

### OTHER SOURCES

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**PRN** 21547 **NAME** WOGAN STREET; TABERNABLE  
**TYPE** Chapel **PERIOD** Post-Medieval  
**NGR** SN30131076 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Destroyed, Damaged **STATUS** *None recorded* **EVIDENCE** ,  
Building

### **SUMMARY**

Site of Methodist chapel built in 1833 and rebuilt in 1872. Locally there is a suggestion that the chapel was situated over a crypt that was later used as a meeting room. It has not been possible to substantiate this as the chapel was demolished in late 1980s and its site is now occupied by public toilets. (PP from Arfrodur site visit 1/6/2010)

### **DESCRIPTION**

"From that chapel" i.e. PRN 2169 "they" i.e. the Calvinistic Methodists "removed to the one they now possess by the island House in Wogan street". M Curtis 1880 Ants of Laugharne p.102 Still in use c.40 years ago. Demolished. Public toilets now on site of. JI 1985

**SOURCES** Ph Mention Curtis,M 1880 Ants.of Laugharne  
p.102:158:165:172

Mm List DAT 1985 SRF

Pm Map OS 1907 Carm XLV SW

Mm List DAT 1985 CR 2169,Mariner's Chapel used by Calvinistic Methodists before moving here

### **OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 21548 **NAME** ROCHE

**TYPE** Cockpit **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN295103 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *None*

*recorded* **EVIDENCE** Documentary Evidence

### **SUMMARY**

### **DESCRIPTION**

18thC cockpit. Curtis 1880 p.92 No trace of the cockpit. JI 1985

**SOURCES** Pm Mention Butler,LAS 1962 Carm.Ant Vol.4: p.14

Ph Mention Curtis,M 1880 Ants.of Laugharne p.92

Mm List DAT 1985 CR 5070,Roche Castle: 21549,18thC Corn mill

Mm List DAT 1985 SRF

## **OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 21549 **NAME** ROCHE

**TYPE** Corn Mill **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN295103 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *None*

*recorded* **EVIDENCE** Documentary Evidence

## **SUMMARY**

### **DESCRIPTION**

18thC gristmill near site of Roche Castle + probably using the pond of the castle. Butler 1962 No trace of the gristmill. JI 1985

**SOURCES** Pm Mention Butler, LAS 1962 Carm. Ant Vol. 4. p. 14

Ph Mention Curtis, M 1880 Ants. of Laugharne p. 91

Mm List DAT 1985 CR 5070, Roche Castle, 21548, 18thC Cockpit

Mm List DAT 1985 SRF

## **OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 21670 **NAME** BROADWAY

**TYPE** Rubbing Stone **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN29641006 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Intact **STATUS** *None recorded* **EVIDENCE** Structure

## **SUMMARY**

### **DESCRIPTION**

Observed in adjoining field to 3917 but not inspected more closely.

Seemingly about 1m high boulder. In middle of pasture field and used for cattle rubbing. JI 1985

**SOURCES** Mm GP DAT 1985 SMR 80-23

Mm List DAT 1985 SRF

## OTHER SOURCES

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**PRN** 21671 **NAME** THE LACQUES

**TYPE** Woollen Mill **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN29681079 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *None recorded* **EVIDENCE** Building

### SUMMARY

19th century woollen factory shown on the 2nd edition OS map. It is now believed to be in domestic use. It was investigated during the Cadw Woollen Mills project (2015-17). (H. Pritchard, 2017).

### DESCRIPTION

**SOURCES** Pm Map OS 1907 6" Carm XLV.SW

### OTHER SOURCES

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**PRN** 21678 **NAME** THE STRAND

**TYPE** Warehouse **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN30181047 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Damaged **STATUS** *None recorded* **EVIDENCE** Building

### SUMMARY

### DESCRIPTION

**SOURCES** Mm GP DAT 1985 SMR 80-17:80-18

### OTHER SOURCES

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**PRN** 21679 **NAME** STONYWAY ROAD

**TYPE** Dwelling **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN30011069 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Damaged **STATUS** *None recorded* **EVIDENCE** Building

### **SUMMARY**

Recorded as a dwelling in Laugharne township in poor condition. RPS August 2001

### **DESCRIPTION**

**SOURCES** Mm GP DAT 1985 SMR 80-19: 80-20

### **OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 2169 **NAME** MARINERS CHAPEL

**TYPE** Chapel **PERIOD** Medieval , Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN301107 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *None*

*recorded* **EVIDENCE** Documentary Evidence

### **SUMMARY**

Site of late medieval chapel in Laugharne borough centre, ` near the entrance to the castle, on land which is covered by the sea at high tides (RCAHM 1917, 66 no.180), therefore presumably on The Grist where `human remains' have apparently been periodically found (Soulbsy 1983, 159). Its remains were still visible in the early 20th century when they were described by the RCAHM (1917, 66 no.180), but have now gone. NDL 2003

### **DESCRIPTION**

**SOURCES** Pm Mention 1918 Transactions of the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society Vol.13,Pt.XXXV,p.48

Pm Mention 1923-4 Transactions of the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society Vol.17,Pt.XLIV,p.81

Ph Mention Curtis,M 1880 Antiquities of Laugharne Pg 131-2

Mm List DAT 1983 CR 10550-Mediaeval town

Mm List DAT 1985 SRF

Mm List DAT 1985 CR 21547,Wogan St.Chapel

Pm Desc Text Delaney & Soulsby 1975 Hist.Towns,Carm Nos.5.2.5,5.3.4

Pm Mention Gordon-Williams,JP 1931 Transactions of the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society Vol.22,p.54  
Mm AP Oblique James,TA 1979 James,TA-AP-SN3010 Colour slide  
Mm Desc Text Ludlow,ND 2002 Cadw Early Medieval Ecclesiastical Sites Project, Carmarthenshire, Part 1  
Pm Map Ordnance Survey 1907 6" Carm XLV NW  
Mm List Ordnance Survey 1967 SN31 SW15  
Pm List RCAHM 1917 Carmarthenshire No.180,p.66  
Pm Map Rees,W 1932 South Wales & Border in 14th century SW Sheet

### **OTHER SOURCES**

Report Curtis,M 1880 2169.pdf

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**PRN** 2170 **NAME** GRIST THE

**TYPE** Cross **PERIOD** Medieval

**NGR** SN3006110725 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Restored **STATUS** *listed building 9630*

// **EVIDENCE** Structure

### **SUMMARY**

A c.1.23m diameter by 0.22m high circular socket-stone containing a modern cross standing on top of a 0.8m high cylindrical mortared stone rubble plinth in an open space known as "The Grist" in Laugharne. The socket stone, or cross base, was considered by the RCAHM in 1917 as being 'ancient'; the Ordnance Survey, in 1967, described the stone as 'probably medieval' and 'incorporated in the base of a modern market cross'. The stone, which resembles a millstone, may have its origins from the grist mill that once stood nearby and from which The Grist got its name. However, the area is still also known as Cross Square and the RCAHM considered that it may have only changed its name as a result of the removal of the original cross and shaft leaving only the circular stone base. The monument has Grade II listed building status. R Ramsey 2011.

### **DESCRIPTION**

**SOURCES** Pm List 1910-11 TCASFC Vol.6,p.59-60

Pm Desc Text CADW 1986 BSAHI Laugharne p.6

Mm List DAT 1983 CR 10550-Mediaeval town

Pm Desc Text Delaney & Soulsby 1975 Hist.Towns,Carm Nos.5.2.6,5.3.3

Pm Mention Eyre-Evans,G 1934 TCASFC Vol.25,p.50

Pm Desc Text Laugharne School 1925 Laugharne, Local History and Folk Lore p.30

Mm List OS 1967 SN31 SW16

Pm Desc Text RCAHM 1917 Vol.5 County of Carmarthen p.66

Pm List RCAHM 1917 Carm No.181,p.66

Pm Map Rees,W 1932 S.Wales & Border in 14th c. SW Sheet

Pm List Thomas,DM 1918 TCASFC Vol.13,Pt.XXXIV,p.11

Pm Mention Treherne,GGT 1907 Arch.Camb 6th Series,Vol.7,p.274

### **OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 2171 **NAME** ORCHARD PARK

**TYPE** Cist **PERIOD** Bronze Age

**NGR** SN30041047 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Destroyed **STATUS** *None recorded* **EVIDENCE** Structure

### **SUMMARY**

No archaeological traces of a monument exist in the area indicated by the grid reference, nor are there any other features in the immediately surrounding area. Site built over and destroyed. NB. 2001.

### **DESCRIPTION**

**SOURCES** Mm Desc Text Bestley,N 2001 Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Sites Project West Carmarthenshire 2000-2001 SMR Library

Mm Plan Carm.DC 1984 DRF Planning application

Mm Desc Text DAT 1985 DRF copy of 1951 report in Carm.Ant.

Pm Desc Text Jones,JF 1951 Carm.Ant Vol.2,Pt.III,p.57-8

Mm List OS 1967 SN31 SW17

Pm Mention Savory,HN 1960 Carm.Ant Vol.2,Pt.II,p.53

### **OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 22785 **NAME** ROCHE CASTLE

**TYPE** Blacksmiths Workshop **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN29611027 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *None*

*recorded* **EVIDENCE** Documentary Evidence

## SUMMARY

## DESCRIPTION

**SOURCES** Pm Map OS 1907 6" Carm XLV SW

**OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 22786 **NAME** BROADWAY?

**TYPE** Public House **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN2954010230 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *None*

*recorded* **EVIDENCE** Documentary Evidence

## SUMMARY

## DESCRIPTION

**SOURCES** Pm Map OS 1907 6" Carm XLV SW

**OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 25076 **NAME** GOSPORT HOUSE

**TYPE** Dwelling **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN3016510437 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Restored **STATUS** *listed building 9629*

// **EVIDENCE** Building

## SUMMARY

Historic dwelling described by Francis Jones in 1987. RPS September 2001

## DESCRIPTION

**SOURCES** Pm Desc Text CADW 1986 BSAHI Laugharne p.6  
Ph Desc Text Curtis,M 1880 The Antiquities of Laugharne,Pendine and their Neighbourhoods 2nd Edition,p.164  
Pm Desc Text David,EA 1904 Guide to Laugharne and Pendine p.26-7  
Pm Desc Text Jones,F 1987 Historic Carmarthenshire Homes p.98  
Pm Desc Text Laugharne School 1925 Laugharne Local History and Folk Lore p.25

**OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 25077 **NAME** ISLAND HOUSE

**TYPE** Dwelling **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN30121074 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Intact **STATUS** *listed building LB 2* **EVIDENCE** Building

**SUMMARY**

Historic dwelling described by Francis Jones in 1987. RPS September 2001

**DESCRIPTION**

**SOURCES** Mh Desc Text Cawdor Golden Grove Books II,Adv.Cards

Pm Desc Text CADW 1986 BSAHI Laugharne p.29

Ph Desc Text Curtis,M 1880 The Antiquities of Laugharne,Pendine and their Neighbourhoods 2nd Edition,p.92

Pm Desc Text Jones,F 1987 Historic Carmarthenshire Homes p.98,Illustration

Pm Desc Text Laugharne School 1925 Laugharne Local History and Folk Lore p.47

Pm Desc Text Lloyd,Sir JE A History of Carmarthenshire Vol.I,p.238

**OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 25269 **NAME** FERN HILL

**TYPE** Dwelling **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN2994310833 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Intact **STATUS** *listed building 9622 II* **EVIDENCE** Building

## **SUMMARY**

Dwelling in Laugharne Township. RPS September 2001

## **DESCRIPTION**

**SOURCES** Pm Desc Text CADW 1986 BSAHI Laugharne p.1

## **OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 25270 **NAME** FERNHILL COTTAGE

**TYPE** Dwelling **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN2997310864 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Intact **STATUS** *listed building 9626 II* **EVIDENCE** Building

## **SUMMARY**

Dwelling in Laugharne Township. RPS September 2001

## **DESCRIPTION**

**SOURCES** Ph Map Beddoe Hughes, E 1834 A Survey of Lands belonging to the Corporation of Laugharne in the County of Carmarthen, 1834

Pm Desc Text CADW 1986 BSAHI Laugharne p.4

## **OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 25288 **NAME** THE STRAND

**TYPE** Dwelling **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN3014810622 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Intact **STATUS** *listed building 9666 II* **EVIDENCE** Building

## **SUMMARY**

Dwelling in Laugharne Township. RPS September 2001

## **DESCRIPTION**

**SOURCES** Pm Desc Text CADW 1986 BSAHI Laugharne p.26

**OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 25289 **NAME** BALL COURT

**TYPE** Warehouse **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN3019010475 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Near Destroyed **STATUS** *listed building 9668*

// **EVIDENCE** Building

**SUMMARY**

**DESCRIPTION**

**SOURCES** Ph Map 1842 Parish of Laugharne Tithe Map

Pm Desc Text CADW 1986 BSAHI Laugharne p.27

Pm Desc Text Laugharne School 1925 Laugharne Local History and Folk Lore p.49

Ph Map OS 1891 Carmarthenshire XLV SW 1st Edition

**OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 25292 **NAME** ISLAND HOUSE

**TYPE** Boundary Wall , Garage **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN3012310749 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Restored **STATUS** *listed building 9671*

// **EVIDENCE** Structure

**SUMMARY**

**DESCRIPTION**

**SOURCES** Pm Desc Text CADW 1986 BSAHI Laugharne p.30

**OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 29986 **NAME** LAUGHARNE STRAND  
**TYPE** Landing Point **PERIOD** Unknown  
**NGR** SN301105 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township  
**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *None recorded* **EVIDENCE** Documentary Evidence

### **SUMMARY**

An area of possible maritime activity. The 1st and 2nd editions OS mark Laugharne Strand. It is an area of intertidal mud immediately in front of the buildings and plots of Gosport. The SMR base map shows this area to be covered by marsh. A. Gale Feb. 1995.

### **DESCRIPTION**

**SOURCES** Mm Mention Gale, A 1995 Between Tides, A Coastal Survey of Carmarthen Bay: A Pilot Project

Ph Map OS 1888 Carms Sheet XLV.14 1st Ed, 1:2500

Pm Map OS 1906 Carms Sheet XLV.14 2nd Ed, 1:2500

### **OTHER SOURCES**

Page, N 1998 Coastal Survey 1997-98. Carmarthen Bay, Ginst Point to Loughor.

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**PRN** 3916 **NAME** HUGDEN THE  
**TYPE** Flint Working Site **PERIOD** Prehistoric  
**NGR** SN293105 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township  
**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *None recorded* **EVIDENCE** Finds

### **SUMMARY**

A flintworking site consisting of 2 circular scrapers, a borer - described as of 'standard type' (Gordon-Williams 1922-3, 2), several worked flakes and flint pebbles. The make-up of the collection does suggest tool and implement manufacture. NAP 2004.

### **DESCRIPTION**

No trace of flints - most of the land is under rough pasture. Some strips are cultivated - no finds made. JI 1985

**SOURCES** Mm List DAT 1985 SRF

Pm Mention Gordon-Williams,JP 1922-3 TCASFC Vol.16,p.2

Pm Mention Gordon-Williams,JP 1925 TCASFC Vol.16,p.3

Mm List Hunter,R 197? Card Index Laugharne Township

Mm List Ordnance Survey 1967 SN21 SE15

Mm Desc Text Page,N 2004 Prehistoric Undefined Settlements Project,  
Southwest Wales: A Review of the Lithic Evidence from the Regional SMR  
Report no.2004-53, ACA Reports

**OTHER SOURCES**

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**PRN** 5070 **NAME** ROCHE CASTLE;MACRELS

**TYPE** Castle ?, Manor House ?, Moated Homestead ? **PERIOD** Medieval

**NGR** SN29431022 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Near Destroyed **STATUS** *None*

*recorded* **EVIDENCE** Building

**SUMMARY**

All that remains of Roche Castle today is a single stone tower with small stretches of abutting walls projecting from it to the northeast and southeast. The tower and walls were heavily covered with ivy at the time of the site visit but some architectural details were observable such as a fragment of arched vaulting and the chamber within the circular tower. The castle was in a ruinous state by the early 17th century when it is recorded as being robbed of stone for the construction of the nearby mansion at Broadway. The Ordnance Survey map of 1831 shows a wall linking two towers on the south-western side of a flat platform area. Subsequent building development on the site, especially during the 1960s, has presumably destroyed much of the fabric of the original castle and its foundations. The castle lies on a platform that is terraced into a gentle southeast facing slope, the platform is still recognisable despite the presence of modern buildings and the effects of later landscaping. The site lies on the 40m contour. RR March 2009.

**DESCRIPTION**

Internal dimensions 210 x 160 (feet). Spurgeon, 1981

**SOURCES** Ph Mention 1852 Arch.Camb 2nd Series,Vol.3,p.135-6,258-71

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Mm List DAT 1985 CR 21548-18th c. cockpit,21549-18thc. cornmill  
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Article Shiner, M 2016 Recent archaeological discoveries in Carmarthenshire

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**PRN** 61945 **NAME** GARAGE TO ISLAND HOUSE,WOGAN STREET

**TYPE** Garage **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN3013510760 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Not Known **STATUS** *listed building 9673*

// **EVIDENCE** Building

#### **SUMMARY**

Grade II listed garage

## DESCRIPTION

### SOURCES

### OTHER SOURCES

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**PRN** 6686 **NAME** STRAND HOUSE

**TYPE** Dwelling **PERIOD** Post-Medieval

**NGR** SN3015610534 **COMMUNITY** Laugharne Township

**CONDITION** Intact **STATUS** *listed building 9667 II* **EVIDENCE** Building

### SUMMARY

18th C. detached roughcast 3 storey slate roof central panelled door with fanlight.

## DESCRIPTION

**SOURCES** Ph Map Beddoe Hughes,E 1834 A Survey of Lands belonging to the Corporation of Laugharne in the County of Carmarthen,1834

Pm Desc Text CADW 1986 BSAHI Laugharne p.26

Pm Desc Text Jones,F 1987 Historic Carmarthenshire Homes 199

Mm List RCAHM 1976 10c,CM

### OTHER SOURCES

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Archaeological data, from the Regional Historic Environment Record, supplied by The Dyfed Archaeological Trust in partnership with Local Authorities, Cadw and the partners of ENDEX DAT, 2011 (and in part Crown, 2011).

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## **APPENDIX V:**

AW Written Scheme of  
Investigations

**WRITTEN SCHEME OF INVESTIGATION**

**FOR AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL APPRAISAL**

**AT LAUGHARNE SCHOOL, LAUGHARNE, CARMARTHENSHIRE**

**Prepared for:**

**Sauro Architectural Design,**  
**on behalf of Mr and Mrs Paul Thomas**

**Project No: 2505**

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**



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Figure 1. Site location

Figure 2. Detailed plan of the site, showing areas of proposed investigation

## Summary

*This Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) details the proposal for an Archaeological Appraisal associated with 'Development Scheme of 42 Residential Units' at Land adjacent to Laugharne Voluntary Controlled Primary School, at Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, SA33 4SQ centred on NGR SN 229694 210526. It has been prepared by Archaeology Wales Ltd for Sauro Architectural Designs, on behalf of Mr and Mrs Paul Thomas, prior to the proposed submission of a planning application.*

*The site lies within the 'Taf and Tywi Estuary', a Registered Historic Landscape, and close to the centre of medieval Laugharne, with the castle located less than 300m to the northeast. To the west of the proposed development area there is evidence for medieval field systems and a prehistoric flint working site. To the east, a Bronze Age cist burial.*

*Dyfed Archaeological Trust, in their capacity as archaeological advisors for Carmarthenshire County Council, consider there to be potential for archaeological deposits which extend into the proposed development area, and therefore has advised that an Archaeological Appraisal is committed to accompany any planning application associated with the proposed development.*

*All work will be undertaken in accordance with the standards and guidelines of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2014).*

## 1. Introduction and planning background

This WSI details the proposal for an Archaeological Appraisal to be undertaken in association with the proposed development of 'Development Scheme of 42 Residential Units' at Land adjacent to Laugharne Voluntary Controlled Primary School, at Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, SA33 4SQ centred on NGR SN 229694 210526 (Figure 1 and 2).

This WSI has been prepared by Aurea Izquierdo Zamora, Project Manager, Archaeology Wales Ltd (henceforth - AW) at the request of Sauro Architectural Design.

Dyfed Archaeological Trust Heritage Management Division (henceforth, DAT-HM), in their capacity as archaeological advisors for Carmarthenshire County Council (henceforth, CCC) has been consulted on the historic environment potential of the potential development area.

Accordingly, the regional Historic Environment Record, which contains over 50,000 entries of archaeological and historical interest, was consulted for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995. As a result, it was advised that insufficient information on the potential historic

environment resource is currently available to determine the application. Consequently, an appraisal of the historic environment will to determine if there is a historic environment dimension and constraint to a planning proposal.

On this basis, DAT-HM recommended that an Archaeological Appraisal is required to provide further information required by the planning process. This recommendation is in line with Planning Policy Wales, Section 6.5.2, Welsh Office Circular 60/96 – Planning and the Historic Environment – Archaeology, paragraphs 11 and 12.

This work will inform whether further assessment or evaluation will be required as part of the planning process.

All work will conform to the Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Desk Based Assessment (CIfA 2014) and be undertaken by suitably qualified staff to the highest professional standards. AW is a Registered Organisation with the CIfA.

## **2. Development Details & Site Description**

The proposed 'Development Scheme of 42 Residential Units' is on pre-planning application phase. The proposed development area (henceforth, the 'site') is located within the southwest outskirts of Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, at a land adjacent to Laugharne Voluntary Controlled Primary School (Figure 2).

The parcel that comprises the site has an irregular shape, roughly orientated in a north to south axis, with measured area of 2.4ha. It is located at approximately 40m aOD, and centred on NGR SN 229694 210526. The site is bounded to the north by the Rugby Football Ground, to the east by Laugharne Voluntary Controlled Primary School and other residential development, to the south by the road A4066 and to the west by a local road that gives access to Mackerel Lake. The immediate vicinities are characterized by the core of Laugharne to the northeast, and cropped fields for agriculture in the surrounding areas (Figure 2).

The site, along with the rest of Laugharne, lies within the Registered Historic Landscape of 'Taf and Tywi Estuary', listed due to its Outstanding Historic Interest in Wales by Cadw and ICOMOS (1998). This littoral area lies across the north-east side of Carmarthen Bay, and comprises the east and west sides of the estuary mouths of the Rivers Taf, Tywi and Gwendraeth, with large areas of low lying marsh land. The whole area contains diverse evidence of activity from the prehistoric to the recent past and includes the Hugden medieval open field system on the low coastal ridge west of Laugharne (Dyfed Archaeological Trust 2017).

The site is also located close to the Laugharne Conservation Area, characterized mainly by the medieval core of the town (Carmarthenshire County Council 1972), with the Laugharne Castle (Scheduled Ancient Monument CM003) located less than 300m to the northeast.

To the west of the site there is evidence for medieval field systems and Roche Castle at Macrels (PRN 5070), today a single stone tower with small abutting walls and a Neolithic worked stone axe at Rochesland (PRN 11078). To the east of the site, a Bronze Age cist burial was recorded at Orchard Park (PRN 2171), although no archaeological traces of a monument exist in the area.

The records held at the regional HER suggest there to be potential for archaeological deposits which might extend into the proposed development area, and as such Dyfed Archaeological Trust consider that an Archaeological Appraisal is committed to accompany any planning application associated with the proposed development.

### **3. Objectives**

The key objective of the archaeological appraisal is to provide a rapid and informed answer to the question whether there is a historic environment dimension that needs to be considered as part of the planning process, and whether this requirement should be clarified through further assessment or investigation.

The Archaeological Appraisal will assess the impact of the development proposals on the historic environment by means of a desk-top study and site visit. This will help inform future decision making, design solutions and potential mitigation strategies.

The appraisal will consider the potential of all aspects of the historic environment, as defined below in Section 4, no matter what form or period, including the potential for palaeoenvironmental deposits.

### **4. The proposed archaeological work**

The historic environment appraisal is required to assess the whole of the indicated development area and should also consider the potential for historic assets outside this area, the significance of which may extend into the immediate search area. The resulting report should provide information which is sufficiently detailed to protect historic environment interests and allow for informed decisions to be made in the on-going planning processes.

This work should include the following key elements which should be carried out in the following order:

- a. Consult and interrogate the Regional Historic Environment Record including the detailed further information files and other readily available sources of information, including the National Monuments Record and early OS and Tithe maps, aerial photographs, etc (Stage 1).
- b. Make a visit to the site to assess the presence/absence and condition of historic assets and their potential (Stage 2).
- c. Archive and Reporting (Stage 3).

## **5. Method Statement for a desk-top data gathering (Stage 1)**

In terms of search for a historic environment or archaeological appraisal only readily available material will be consulted. All the relevant material contained in the Historic Environment Record held by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust in Llandeilo will be accessed by completion of an Enquiries Form. Data held by other organisations will also be consulted. The assessment will consider the following:

a) The nature, extent and degree of survival of archaeological sites, structures, deposits and landscapes within the study area through assessment of various readily available primary sources:

1. Collation and assessment of all Designated areas (Historic Landscapes, Conservation Areas, Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Registered Parks & Gardens, Registered Battlefields,
2. Collation and assessment of all relevant information held in the regional HER, including listed building records, within a 500m radius of the assessment area.
3. Assessment of all available excavation report and archives including unpublished and unprocessed material affecting the site and its setting.
4. Assessment of all relevant extant aerial photographic (AP) evidence. This will include those held by the regional HER and the RCAHMW, Aberystwyth.
5. All sources indexed in the County Archive
6. Heritage Gateway sources
7. Map regression analysis using all relevant cartographic sources e.g. All editions of the Ordnance Survey County Series, Tithe and early estate maps (as available).
8. Place name evidence
9. Internet sourced satellite imagery
10. Historic documents (e.g. Charters, registers, estate papers).

b) The significance of any remains in their context both regionally and nationally and in light of the findings of the desk based study.

## **6. The Site Visit (Stage 2)**

The site visit will be a visual walked search of the entire development area. The ground surface will be visually inspected for all earthworks, structures and finds. The location of any environmental archaeological deposits, or areas which may have a potential for such deposits, will also be taken into account along with the more traditional 'visible' archaeology.

Each individual find or site location will have an accurate NGR reference attached. Where a close cluster of related features is identified a single NGR for the centre of the cluster will be used, and each constituent feature separately described in the text.

The character, function, condition, vulnerability, potential dating and relationship to other features of each identified site or find will be described fully. The importance of the site or find will be assessed in terms of local, regional or national significance.

A sketch survey of each identified site layout will be made with accompanying metric measurements.

Written, drawn and photographic records of an appropriate level of detail will be maintained throughout the course of the project. Digital photographs, including metric scales, will be taken using cameras with resolutions of 14 mega pixels or above. Photographs will be taken in RAW format.

Illustrations will be drawn to a scale of 1:50, 1:20 and 1:10 as required, and these will be related to Ordnance Survey datum and published boundaries where appropriate.

## **7. The production of an illustrated report and the deposition of the site archive (Stage 3)**

A report will be produced which synthesises the results of stages 1 and 2 and thereby assesses the total archaeological resource within the development area.

The results will be presented in such a way that data and supporting text are readily cross-referenced. The regional HER Officer will be contacted to ensure that any sites or monuments not previously recorded in the HER are given a Primary Record Number (PRN) and that data structure is compatible with the HER. The historical development of the site will be presented in phased maps and plans comprising clearly, the outline of the site.

Within the report an attempt will be made to indicate areas of greater or lesser archaeological significance and the sites will be ranked in level of overall archaeological importance (locally, regionally and nationally).

All relevant aerial photographs and historic maps will be included and be fully referenced. Any site photographs included in the report will be appropriately captioned and clearly located on a suitably scaled site plan.

The report will be used to inform future decision making regarding further stages of archaeological work (Field Evaluation, Watching Brief etc), the development construction and processes used. The report will specifically include the following:

- a) A concise non-technical summary of the appraisal results.
- b) At least one plan showing the site's location in respect to the local topography.
- c) The report will also include all the sources consulted.

- d) Where necessary, the report will also contain suitably selected plans and sections of significant archaeological features. All plans and sections should be related to Ordnance Datum.
- e) Written descriptions of all archaeological features observed during the site visit.
- f) Statement of the local and regional context of the historic assets identified. Consideration, where appropriate, of the national Research Agenda.
- g) An assessment of the relative value or significance of each recognised historic asset. This work should be carried out to an agreed methodology submitted with the detailed specifications.
- h) An impact appraisal of the proposed development on the potential archaeological resource should be presented for consideration.
- i) A copy of the Archaeological Appraisal brief.
- j) A gazetteer of all located sites and finds with full dimensional and descriptive detail including grid reference and period

Once completed, a copy of the report will be submitted to Sauro Architectural Design, and subsequently submitted to CCC for the consideration of DAT-HM. A further copy of the report should be provided to the DAT-HM for deposition within the Regional Historic Environment Record (HER).

Where appropriate, a summary report on any new significant archaeological discovery should be submitted for publication to a national journal (e.g. Archaeology in Wales) no later than one year after the completion of the work.

Although there may be a period during which client confidentiality should be maintained, the report and the archive should normally be deposited in the appropriate repository not later than six months after completion of the work

Any further stages of archaeological work, after the submission of the report for stages one and two outlined above, will be the subject of an additional DAT curatorial brief against which a further AW specification will be drawn up.

### ***The site archive***

A project archive will be prepared in accordance with the National Monuments Record agreed structure and be deposited with the County Museum on completion of site analysis and report production. It will also conform to the guidelines set out in 'management of research projects in the historic environment' (English Heritage, 2006).

Arrangements will be made for deposition of the physical archive with the County Museum before work starts.

The digital archive will be deposited with the Archaeological Data Service.

Although there may be a period during which client confidentiality will need to be maintained, the report and the archive will be deposited not later than six months after completion of the work.

Other significant digital data generated by the survey (ie AP plots, EDM surveys, CAD drawings, GIS maps, etc) will be presented as part of the report on a CD/DVD. The format of this presented data will be agreed with the curator in advance of its preparation.

## **8. Staff**

The project will be managed by Aurea Izquierdo Zamora (AW Project Manager) and the fieldwork undertaken by Phil Poucher (AW Project Manager). Any alteration to staffing before or during the work will be brought to the attention of DAT-HM and Sauro Architectural Design.

## **Additional Considerations**

### **9. Health and Safety**

#### **9.1. Risk assessment**

Prior to the commencement of work AW will carry out and produce a formal Health and Safety Risk Assessment in accordance with *The Management of Health and Safety Regulations 1992*. A copy of the risk assessment will be kept on site and be available for inspection on request. A copy will be sent to the client (or their agent as necessary) for their information. All members of AW staff will adhere to the content of this document.

#### **9.2. Other guidelines**

AW will adhere to best practice with regard to Health and Safety in Archaeology as set out in the FAME (Federation of Archaeological Managers and Employers) health and safety manual *Health and Safety in Field Archaeology (2002)*.

### **10. Insurance**

AW is fully insured for this type of work, and holds Insurance with Aviva Insurance Ltd and Hiscox Insurance Company Limited through Towergate Insurance. Full details of these and other relevant policies can be supplied on request.

## **11. Quality Control**

### **11.1. Professional standards**

AW works to the standards and guidance provided by the *Chartered Institute for Archaeologists*. AW fully recognise and endorse the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' *Code of Conduct*, *Code of Approved Practice for the Regulation of Contractual Arrangements in Field Archaeology* and the *Standard and Guidance for archaeological watching briefs* currently in force. All employees of AW, whether corporate members of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists or not, are expected to adhere to these Codes and Standards during their employment.

### **11.2. Project tracking**

The designated AW manager will monitor all projects in order to ensure that agreed targets are met without reduction in quality of service.

## **12. Arbitration**

Disputes or differences arising in relation to this work shall be referred for a decision in accordance with the Rules of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators' *Arbitration Scheme for the Institute for Archaeologists* applying at the date of the agreement.

## **13. References**

Dyfed Archaeological Trust, 2017: *Taf and Tywi Estuary (by character area)*. <http://www.dyfedarchaeology.org.uk/HLC/CarmarthenBayMap.htm>. Retrieved 13.3.2017.

Carmarthenshire County Council, 1972: *Laugharne Conservation Area: Appraisal and Recommendations. Civic Amenities Act, 1967.*



Figure 1: Location Map of proposed development site at Laugharne, Carmarthenshire; scale 1:125,000



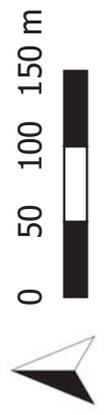
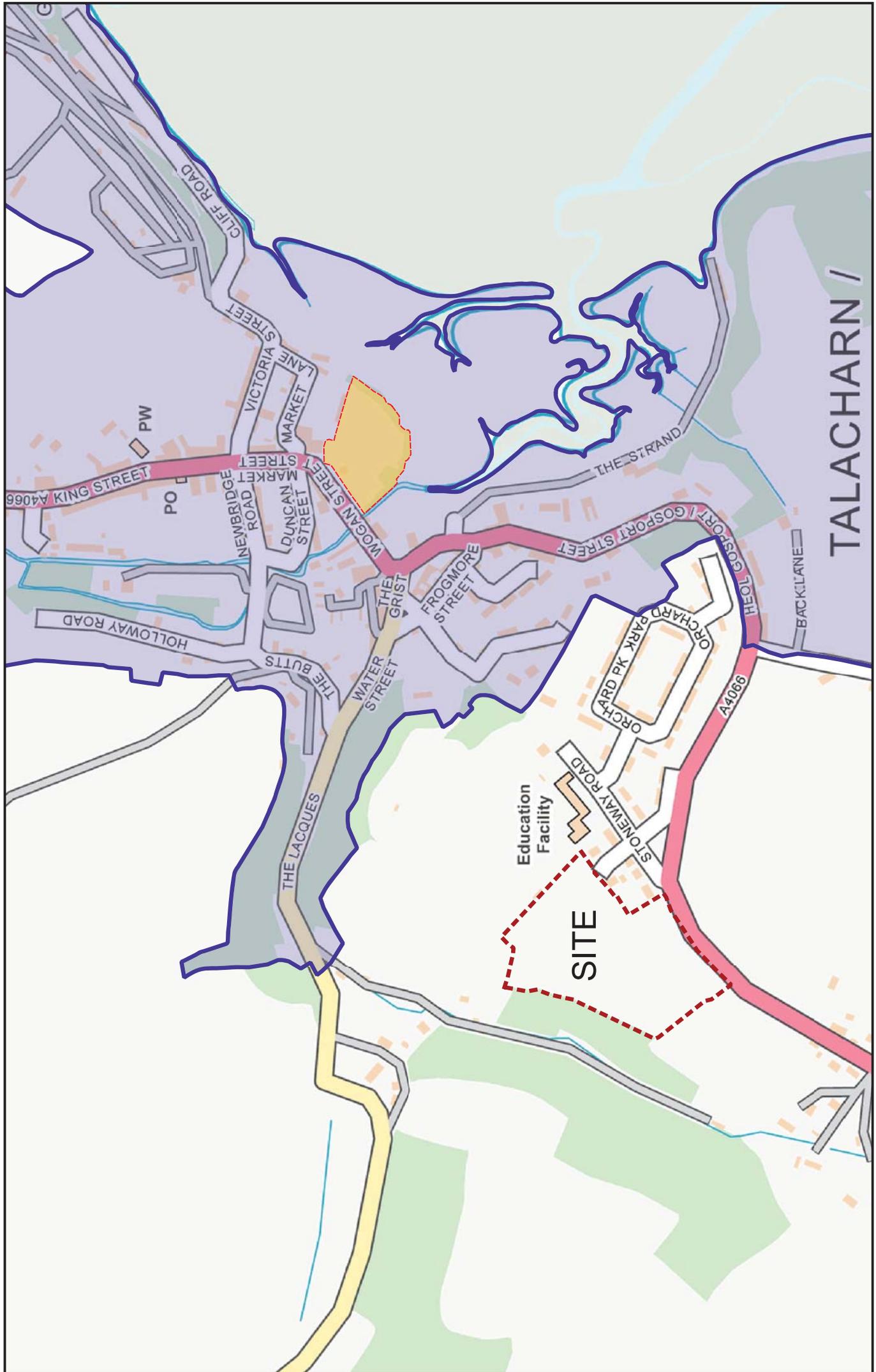


Figure 2: Location Map of proposed development site, Laughtarne Conservation Area (blue) and Castle (orange); scale 1:5,000

## ARCHIVE COVER SHEET

### Land adjacent to Laugharne School, Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, Dyfed.

Site Name:	Laugharne School, Laugharne
Site Code:	LSL/17/APP
PRN:	-
NPRN:	-
SAM:	-
Other Ref No:	-
NGR:	SN 2969410526 (229694 210526)
Site Type:	Private Green Field
Project Type:	Archaeological Appraisal
Project Manager:	Aurea Izquierdo Zamora (AW)
Project Dates:	March-April 2017
Categories Present:	Report, photographs, maps, plans
Location of Original Archive:	AW
Location of duplicate Archives:	RCHAMW
Number of Finds Boxes:	-
Location of Finds:	-
Museum Reference:	-
Copyright:	AW
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