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Dear Paul,

**EIA (Agriculture) Regulations - Consultation Request
Crug Elwyn SN2348 2874**

Thank you for your EIA screening request, I note the following Historic Environment Features within this consultation area:

Scheduled Monument CM 130, PRN 3931

Bronze Age Round Barrow

A substantial round barrow, over 2 metres high and over 25metres in diameter.

PRNs 8049, 8050, 8051

Bronze Age Pond Barrows

A group of probable Bronze Age 'pond barrows' located on the Pembrokeshire - Carmarthenshire border. They are characterised by a circular hollow bounded by a single circular bank and range from 30m to 15m in diameter. F Murphy 2008

The pond barrows are thought to be a rare type of prehistoric funerary or ritual site and of national significance. This group of three, along with a further two examples some 800 metres to the northeast, were subject to archaeological investigation in 2010/2011. A geophysical and earthwork survey were undertaken on those at Crug Elwin and partial excavation took place on one of the barrows to the north. At this time the survey also picked up other possible features nearby which lie within the common, though these were not confirmed as archaeological.

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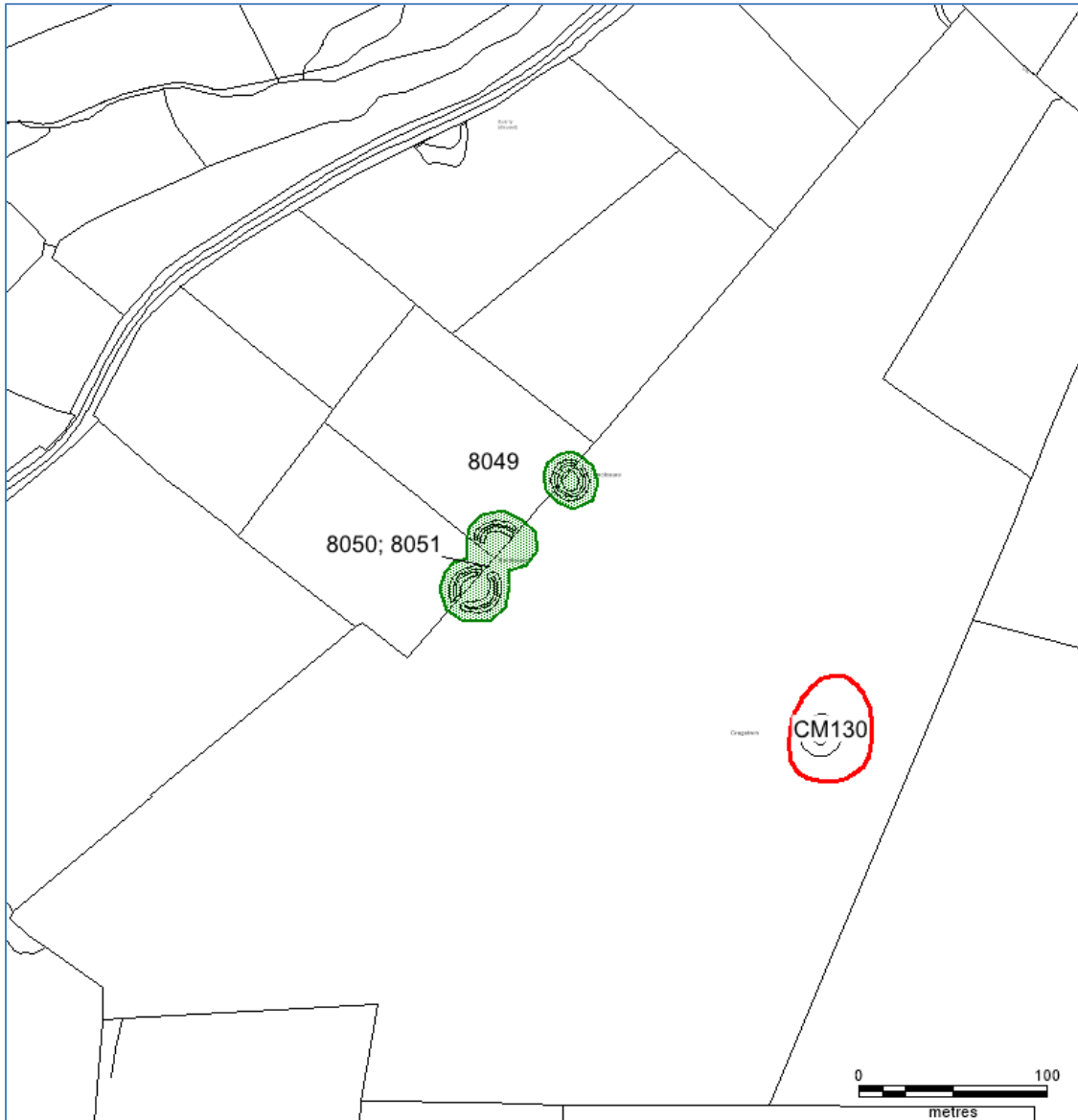
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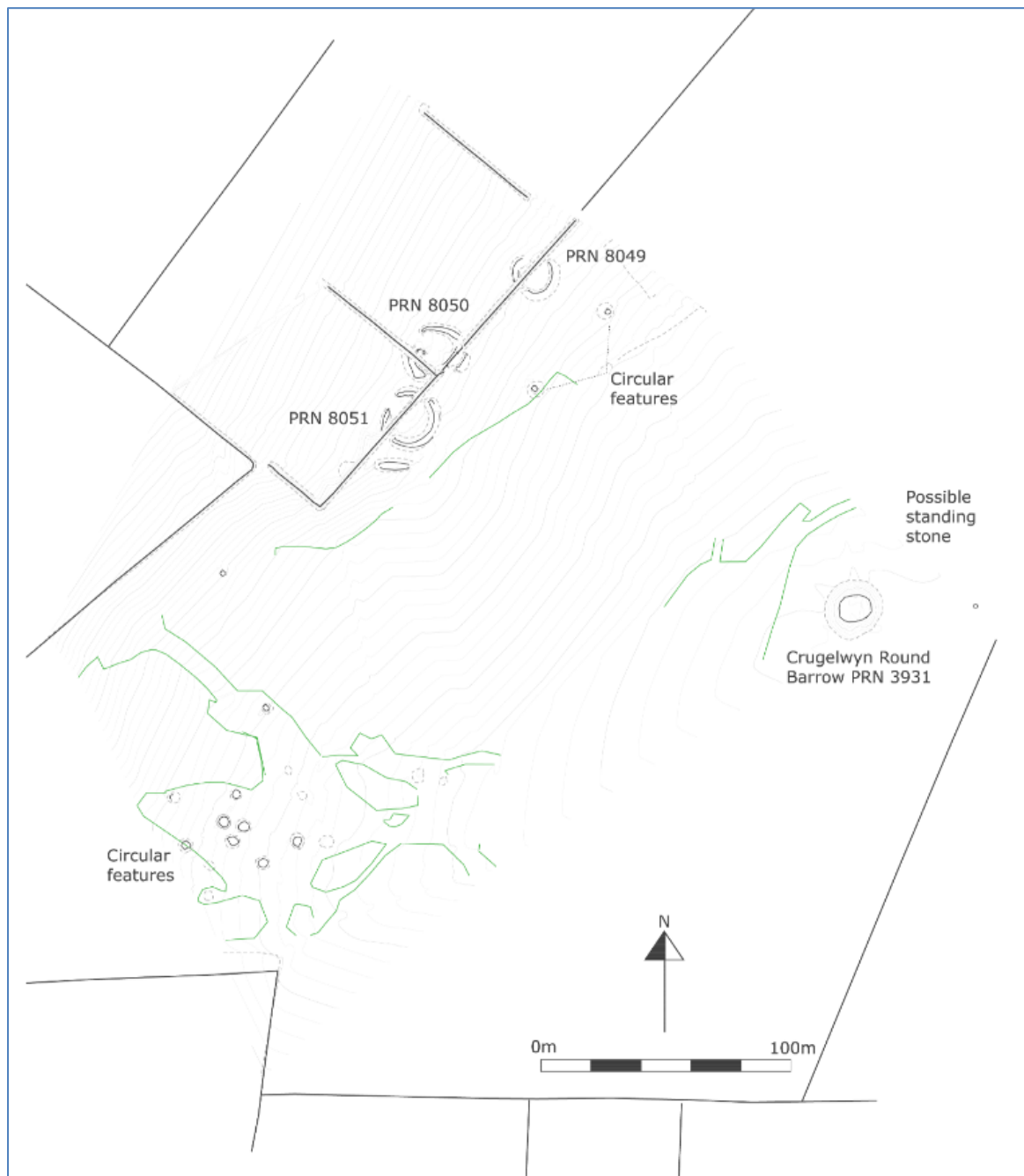


Illustration taken from P Poucher, report no: 2010/26, Possible Pond Barrows near Llanfyrnach.

This piece of landscape, which incorporates a local summit with a Bronze Age Round Barrow (CM130) and further Bronze Age monuments (PRNs 8049, 8050, 8051) located on the western slopes, has the potential for further archaeological features to survive. Bronze Age funerary or ritual features very often appear in groups, and it is likely that further features, as yet unrecorded, may lie below ground level and are not visible as earthwork features. Due to the potential for archaeological deposits, it is recommended that ground intrusive activity should be avoided.

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We note that Google Earth images from July 2020 show that agricultural improvement has taken place which may have damaged the earthworks of the pond barrows and may have impacted on below ground archaeology. We therefore recommend that further archaeological assessment is carried out, including a field visit.

Yours sincerely

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