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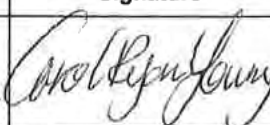


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CRYNODEB ANHECHNEGOL

Ym mis Mai 2019 comisiynwyd Ymddiriedolaeth Archeolegol Gwynedd (GAT) gan Brenig Construction i gynnal asesiad archeolegol cyn datblygiad preswyl arfaethedig ym Maes y Felin, Glan Conwy (NGR SH80527552). Roedd yr ardal asesu yn mesur 5.59ha ac yn cynnwys un llain siâp afreolaidd yn cynnwys tir amaethyddol.

Nodwyd cyfanswm o 23 o nodweddion o fewn radiws o 1km i ganolbwynt yr ardal ddatblygu arfaethedig gyda 2 nodwedd yn arbennig o agos at ardal yr astudiaeth. Y nodweddion hyn oedd y 2 adeilad rhestredig gradd II, Hafod ar y garej gerllaw Hafod.

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NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust (GAT) was commissioned by Brenig Construction to undertake an archaeological assessment in advance of a proposed residential development at Maes y Felin, Glan Conwy (NGR SH8027075250). The assessment area measured 5.59ha and included one irregular shaped plot incorporating agricultural land. The assessment was undertaken in May 2019.

In total 23 features were identified within a 1km radius of the centre point of the proposed development area with 2 features in particular being within very close proximity to the study area. These features were the 2 grade II listed buildings, Hafod and the garage adjacent to Hafod.

A partial walkover survey was completed of the study area as not all fields were accessible at the time of completion. This walkover survey did not identify any new archaeological assets although they may currently be obscured by high grass and vegetation.

1 INTRODUCTION

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust (GAT) was commissioned by Brenig Construction to undertake an archaeological assessment in advance of a proposed residential development at Maes y Felin, Glan Conwy (NGR SH8027075250; postcode: LL28 5NR; Figure 01). The assessment area measured 5.59ha and included one irregular shaped plot incorporating agricultural land. The assessment was undertaken in May 2019.

The assessment was undertaken in accordance with the guidelines specified in the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists *Standard and Guidance for Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment* (Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, 2014) and the requirements of section 2.3 of MoRPHE (English Heritage 2015) and to MAP2 (English Heritage, 1991, *Management of Archaeological Projects*).

The archaeological assessment was monitored by the Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service (GAPS) and was undertaken in accordance with an approved Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) ([Appendix I](#)). In line with the Gwynedd Historic Environment Record (HER) requirements, the HER was contacted at the onset of the project to ensure that any data arising was formatted in a manner suitable for accession to the HER under the guidance set out in *Guidance for the Submission of Data to the Welsh Historic Environment Records (HERs)* (The Welsh Archaeological Trusts, 2018). The HER was informed of the project start date, location including grid reference and estimated timescale for the work. The HER Enquiry Number for this project is GATHER1095 and the Event PRN is 45423. A bilingual event summary has been prepared for submission to the HER in accordance with their guidance.

GAT is certified to ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 (Cert. No. 74180/B/0001/UK/En) and is a Registered Organisation with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists and a member of the Federation of Archaeological Managers and Employers (FAME).

2 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Assessment (Desktop Study)

A desk-based assessment is defined as “a programme of study of the historic environment within a specified area or site on land, the inter-tidal zone or underwater that addresses agreed research and/or conservation objectives. It consists of an analysis of existing written, graphic, photographic and electronic information in order to identify the likely heritage assets, their interests and significance and the character of the study area, including appropriate consideration of the settings of heritage....Significance is to be judged in a local, regional, national or international context as appropriate” (ClfA 2014, 4).

The desk-based assessment included a study of the following resources:

1. The regional Historic Environment Register ((HER) Gwynedd Archaeological Trust, Craig Beuno, Ffordd y Garth, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2RT) was examined for information concerning the study area. This included an examination of the core HER, the 1:2500 County Series Ordnance Survey maps and any secondary information held within the HER. All relevant assets were mapped, described and added to a gazetteer of sites and the relative importance of any assets defined;
2. The National Monuments Record of Wales (Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, Plas Crug, Aberystwyth SY23 1NJ) was checked for assets additional to the HER;
3. Aerial photographs from the National Monuments Record of Wales (Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, National Monuments Record of Wales, Plas Crug, Aberystwyth SY23 1NJ) were examined for potential assets;
4. An on-line catalogue search of the National Library of Wales (Penglais Rd, Aberystwyth SY23 3BU) was completed;
5. Archive data, including primary and secondary sources, historic maps and estate maps was examined at the regional archives (Gwasanaeth Archifau Conwy Archive Service, Old Board School, Lloyd St, Llandudno LL30 2YG). The archive data included historic mapping including the local tithe map and schedule;
6. Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data was examined from the Lle Geo-Portal at <http://lle.gov.wales/home> for information on potential surface features using digital terrain modelling and digital surface modelling.

2.2 Walkover Survey

A walkover survey was undertaken on 17th May 2019 and incorporated the highlighted plots identified in Figure 01. All known and new archaeological features on the ground were located and described on GAT pro-formas and included in the report gazetteer with their relative importance defined. The potential for sub-surface archaeology was estimated and defined.

A photographic record was maintained in RAW format using a digital SLR set to maximum resolution (Nikon D5100; resolution: 4,928 × 3,264 [16.2 effective megapixels]) and a photographic metadata table was completed ([Appendix II](#)). Photographic images were archived in TIFF format; the archive numbering system was G2615_001 to G2615_075.

2.3 Assessment (Gazetteer)

A gazetteer has been compiled for all known and new sites within and within proximity to the specified route; the gazetteer includes the following:

Feature Number	
Site name	
PRN number	
Grid reference	
Period	
Site type	
Assessment category	
Description	
Impact	
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	

2.4 Setting of Listed Buildings in relation to the proposed development

The setting of the adjacent Listed Buildings in relation to the proposed development site was assessed, using the guidance established in Setting of Historic Assets in Wales (Cadw, 2017). Setting is defined in the guidance as the broader landscape context into which the individual historic asset is set; this context includes physical and cultural factors specific to that location. For the purposes of the assessment, the setting was assessed using the following stages in the guidance document:

Stage 1: Identify the historic assets that might be affected by a proposed change or development

This was undertaken as follows:

- The location, size and scale of the proposed development was examined; and
- The location and nature of identified historic assets was considered.

Stage 2: Define and analyse the settings to understand how they contribute to the significance of the historic assets and, in particular, the ways in which the assets are understood, appreciated and experienced.

The setting of a historic asset is made up of:

- its current surroundings
- our present understanding and appreciation of the historic asset; and
- what (if anything) survives of its historic surroundings.

Stage 2 should clearly identify the key factors relating to setting which contribute to the significance of the historic asset. The Setting of Historic Assets in Wales (Cadw, 2017) provides a series of questions to help define the significance of the asset:

- How do the present surroundings contribute to our understanding and appreciation of the historic asset today?
- Thinking about when the historic asset was first built and developed:
 - what were its physical, functional and visual relationships with other structures/historic assets and natural features?

- what topographic or earlier features influenced its location/what was its relationship to the surrounding landscape/was it constructed to take advantage of significant views or to be a part of a significant view?
- Thinking about changes since the historic asset was built:
 - has its function or use changed? What is the current condition of the building and how are they managed?
 - what changes have happened to the surrounding landscape/streetscape?
 - have changes happened because of changes to the historic asset or to its historical setting?
 - has the presence of the historic asset influenced changes to the landscape, for example, where a monument has been used as a marker in the layout of a field enclosure/ has the presence of the historic asset influenced the character of the surrounding landscape/streetscape/have historic and designed views to and from the historic asset changed?
- Thinking about the original layout of the historic asset and its relationship to its associated landscape:
 - were these relationships designed or accidental/how did these relationships change over time?
 - how do these relationships appear in the current landscape; are they visual or buried features?
- Are there other significant factors, such as historical, artistic, literary, place name or scenic associations, intellectual relationships (for example, to a theory, plan or design), or other non-visual factors such as sounds or smells that can be vital to understand the historic asset and its setting?.

Stage 2 also identifies the viewpoints from which the impact of the proposed change or development should be assessed, taking into account:

- views to, from and across the historic asset that were designed and developed when the historic asset was first created
- views to, from and across the historic asset which are linked with a time in its history
- important modern views to, from and across the historic asset – for example, popular visitor viewing points

2.5 Archive and Dissemination

A full archive including plans, photographs, written material and any other material resulting from the project has been prepared and the following dissemination has been applied:

- A digital report has been prepared for *Brenig Construction* and GAPS;
- A paper report plus a digital report has been prepared for the regional Historic Environment Record, Gwynedd Archaeological Trust along with relevant digital datasets, including a bilingual event summary, in accordance with *Guidance for the Submission of Data to the Welsh Historic Environment Records (HERs)* (Version 1);
- A digital report and archive data has been prepared for submission to the *Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales*, in accordance with the *RCAHMW Guidelines for Digital Archives Version 1*. Digital information will include the photographic archive and associated metadata;

3 RESULTS

3.1 Location and Geological Summary

The study area is located at Maes y Felin, Llansanffraid Glan Conwy, and is within the Conwy region of the Natural Resources Wales Historic Landscape, specifically the Ffridd Y Mynydd and Eglwysbach & Llanddoged areas (<https://landmap-portal.naturalresources.wales>).

The bedrock geology in the study area is Nantglyn Flags Formation – Mudstone and Siltstone which is a sedimentary bedrock formed during the Silurian Period in an environment previously dominated by deep seas. This is overlain by Devensian till – Diamicton which was formed in the Quaternary Period. These are a wide range of deposits and geomorphologies typical of the glacial and inter-glacial periods during the Quaternary (British Geological Survey, 2019).

3.2 Statutory and Non-Statutory Designations

There are no Scheduled Monuments (SM) within the buffer of the study area which is defined as a 1km radius from a centre point at NGR SH8027075250. The nearest Scheduled Monument is situated 1.4km to the SW of the centre point and is the Hendre-Waelod Burial Chamber (PRN 2475, SM DE125, NGR SH7927974751), a chambered long cairn dating to the Neolithic period.

There are 15 Listed Buildings (LB) located within the 1km buffer, two of which are within 100m of the study area. These are the Butterfly-Plan Villa known as Hafod (PRN 66870, LB 17027, NGR SH8047675378) and the Garage adjacent to Hafod (PRN 66875, LB 17028, NGR SH8048575377) which date to c.1930.

There are three grade II* buildings situated within 100m of the most south westerly extent of the study area. These are the Felin Isaf Mill (PRN 66879, LB 3630, NGR SH8028274938), the Clover Mill (PRN 66867, LB 17320, NGR SH8027374945) and the Former Oat Kiln at Felin Isaf (PRN 66881, LB 17042, NGR SH8026074958). The mills date to the late 17th/early 18th century with the Oat Kiln being added during the 19th century. These buildings were given a higher Grade II* listing due to their rare completeness including the retention of most of the milling machinery (Evans & Burnett, 2012).

Ref Number	Name	PRN	Easting	Northing	Grade
DE125	Hendre-Waelod Burial Chamber	2475	279279	374751	SM
3649	Ty Du Farmhouse	12613	280748	375594	II
17029	Ranges, Ty Du Farm	69014	280774	375869	II
255	24 Top Llan Road	69013	280390	375978	II
17022	Church House	66882	280396	376058	II
17320	Clover Mill	66867	280273	374945	II*
3630	Felin Isaf Mill	66879	280282	374938	II*
17042	Former Oat Kiln at Felin Isaf	66881	280260	374958	II*
17028	Garage adjacent to Hafod	66875	280485	375377	II
17027	Hafod	66870	280476	375378	II
216	Llansantffraid Glan Conwy	7081	280400	376100	II
17026	Manse adjoining Welsh Methodist	66880	280435	375750	II

Ref Number	Name	PRN	Easting	Northing	Grade
	Chapel				
17024	Plas Tirion	66860	280388	375869	II
17043	Salem Baptist Chapel	66856	280538	374520	II
17044	Ty Capel adjoining Salem Baptist Chapel	66859	280543	374512	II
17025	Welsh Methodist Chapel	66864	280437	375756	II

3.3 Environmental Remains and Soil Morphology

Given the intense nature of the agricultural exploitation of the study area of recent centuries, the likelihood is **low** that any environmental remains of significance will be encountered, unless recovered from a secure archaeological context. However the proximity of the study area to numerous watercourses means there is potential for preserved remains in any waterlogged areas.

Full detail of the soil morphology is unknown at this stage but it is likely to consist of a sandy, silty clay typical of glacial deposits.

3.4 Historical and Archaeological Background

3.4.1 Introduction

A brief examination of the regional Historic Environment Record does not show any known assets within the confines of the assessment plots and the local area is mostly characterised by post-medieval activity. No other archaeological project work is listed within the HER as having been completed within the assessment plots, but GAT completed an assessment along the A470 road to the immediate southwest for the proposed A470 Trunk Road Pentrefelin to Bodnant Improvement Scheme (Evans & Smith, 2008). The report characterised that assessment area as “representing a farming landscape with a field pattern little changed from the 18th century, but with some fragments of landscape and possible trackways surviving from earlier periods” (ibid, 04).

3.4.2 Prehistoric and Roman Background

There are very few recorded prehistoric sites in the Conwy Valley, these sites being mainly found in upland zones. However, there is a Neolithic chambered tomb, a Scheduled Monument, which is situated 1.4km to the SW of the centre point of the study area. The Hendre-Waelod Burial Chamber (PRN 2475, SM DE125, NGR SH7927974751), known locally as Allor Moloch (Atlas of Terror), is a good example of a ‘Portalled A Dolmen’ of the Irish Dec Groups and survives in good condition. Consisting of a subrectangular chamber formed by 6 or 7 orthostats which support a large 2.2m x 2.8m 1m thick capstone, the chamber is now used by sheep as a shelter (Smith, 2002).

Evidence survives for the Conwy valley floor being occupied during the Roman period when there was a major auxiliary fort at Caehun (Canovium) close to the west side of the River Conwy, 5.5km south west of the study area. This site appears to have been chosen in order to use the river for transport. There is evidence for an east-west orientated Roman road (PRNs 17652-6) crossing the valley and running between Canovium and Varis (St. Asaph, Flintshire) (Smith, 2002).

3.4.3 Medieval Background

During the medieval period the main historic settlement in the area was at Conwy situated on the west bank of the Conwy River and 3km to the north west of the Study area. This was

essentially an English Borough until the 16th century and is dominated by the Castle and town walls erected by Edward I between 1283 and 1287 (Berks & Davidson, 2006). 'The Edwardian castles were usually designed with both a castle dock and a town quay, the principal function of the former to aid defence, and of the latter for trading. Conwy was no exception to this, and possessed both a town quay and a castle dock' (Ibid).

3.4.4 *Post Medieval and Modern*

In 1633 Robert Davies II of Gwysaney, Flintshire had married Anne, daughter and co-heiress of Sir Peter Mutton, and it was as a result of this marriage that the Llanerch estate in Denbighshire was added to the Davies' estates. It is not known whether the Llanerch property by the time of the tithe map of 1842 was the property of the estate at this time (Figure 02 and Apportionment below), however it is first specifically mentioned in the Gwasaney estate papers on 4th January 1779, when the land is held in trust for John Davies Esquire and his heirs for 500 years (Flintshire Archives; D/GW/B/780). Maes y Felin is not listed in the estate rentals of 1758-1759, but it is by 1772 suggesting that it had certainly become part of the estate by then (Flintshire Archives; D/GW/333). References to the parish of Llansantffraid Glan Conwy go back however to 1654 in estate documents, and are frequently referred to, but specific holdings are not listed, so it is difficult to be certain about the origins of the estate holdings within the study area (Flintshire Archives; D/GW/470).

In 1785 the estate was divided between sisters Letitia and Mary after John Davies had died unmarried. The former obtained Llannerch and therefore the estate land that lies within the study area (Usher 1964). She died without issue on 11th December 1801 aged 67 and devised her possessions including the study area to her cousin, Anne Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Peter Davies, and the wife of the Rev. George Allanson, who by then widowed, owned the property by the time of the tithe assessment in 1842 (Figure 02) (Dictionary of Welsh Biography, seen at www.biography.wales/article/s-DAVI-COO-1200). In 1842 the Llannerch property was inherited by Whitehall Dod, who rebuilt Ty Du to the south-east after a fire (See below). He died in 1878 and was succeeded by his son in the estate (*North Wales Chronicle and Advertiser*, 2nd March 1878, seen at <https://newspapers.library.wales/view/4515663/4515668>). The estate was sold into private hands in 1959 (Country Life Vol. 126).

The house at Hafod and its associated Garage (LB 170287 Grade II, PRN 66870) was built in 1935 and was designed by the outstanding Arts and Crafts architect, Herbert Luck North

(1871-1941), who lived and worked in Llanfairfechan from c.1901. It was formerly called Arsyllfa and was possibly built for a Mrs Ashcroft.

It has a 'Y' shaped plan, its angled wings stretching westwards to the afternoon sun and the garden, recalling the butterfly plan popular amongst Arts and Crafts architects earlier in the century. North designed two other butterfly-plan houses, in Devon and in the Lake District, and his own house (Wern Isaf) in Llanfairfechan is a sort of reverse butterfly plan.

The construction and materials are typical of North's buildings: white, roughcast walls, roofs of graded Welsh slates, small-paned windows and canted rainwater pipes. Not so typical here are the hipped roofs as North tended to use plain gables with verges.

The house has been altered internally, though a few original features survive. Externally, dormers and a conservatory have been added, and the stem of the Y-plan was extended in the 1970s, and again later (Voelcker, 2011).

Immediately to the east of the house sits the contemporary garage (LB 17028 Grade II; PRN 66875). The construction style is the same as for the house with the roof hipped to the east and half-hipped to the west, where flush outshots flank the boarded garage door. It has a recessed, boarded door to the north with tripartite steel-framed window to the right of it.

3.5 Cartographic Evidence

The earliest known cartographic evidence covering the study area are the maps of the Gwasaney estate dating to around 1780. These covered the whole of the Gwasaney and Llanerch estates in twelve maps, however three of these are now lost, which includes ‘*Map V; Glan Conwy*’ which would have covered the study area. The schedule that accompanied these maps however survives (Flintshire Archives; D/GW/735), and those portions covering and adjacent to the study area are listed in the table below.

Map 205	Names of Pieces	No. of Acres			Parish	Township
		A	R	P		
2	A quillet in Cae'r Gyder	1	1	-	Llansantffraid	Tre Llan
5	Cae Cain	3	-	36	“	Tre Powell
7	Nant	2	-	10	“	“
8	Cae Drws	2	-	16	“	“
11	Cae Dryn y Garnedd	2	2	20	“	“
13	Cae Pant	2	3	20	“	“
4	Cae'r Llan	10	2	8	“	“

The tithe map and apportionment of the parish of Llansantffraid Glan Conwy of 1842 shows the entire study area (Figure 02). The field boundaries surrounding the study area generally survive from this time until the present day, however within the study area there has been a loss of former field boundaries and amalgamation into a larger open area before the time of the 1st edition 25 inch Ordnance Survey map of 1875 (Figure 03). The historic system of lanes adjacent to the study area, which survive to the present time, can also be seen to date from before 1842.

The study area is in the hands of the Llannerch estate, at this time held by Anne Elizabeth Allanson. The apportionment for the relevant area is detailed in the table below, and the numbers refer to those shown in the parcels of land on the tithe map (Figure 02).

Landowner	Occupiers	Number Referring to the Plan	Name and Description of Land and Premises	State of Cultivation	Quantities in Statute Measure A R P
Allanson, Anne Elizabeth	Sarah Parry Evans	184	Cae truin y garnedd	Arable	6 1 33
		506	Cae Cam	Arable	4 1 36
		507	Cae yn drws Tyddyn Isaf	Hay	4 - 16
		182	Cae Plant	Arable	3 - 15
		505	Maes y Felin	Arable	3 3 19

An examination of the 1st to 3rd editions 25-inch to 1 mile Denbighshire County Series Ordnance Survey maps of the area dating from between 1875 and 1912 (Sheets III.9, III.10, III.13 and III.14) show little difference in land use and apportionment and the development plot is used as improved agricultural land, as it is at present. The only visible difference between the study area then and now is the addition of an east west field boundary between the publication of the First and Second Editions in 1875 and 1900 respectively (cf. Figures 03 and 04). Field boundaries shown of the tithe map of 1842 (Figure 02) in the western plot are also shown to have been lost by this time. Llansantffraid Glan Conwy can be seen on subsequent mapping to have expanded significantly to the north, with housing development having expanded to the northern and western boundaries of the study area in recent times.

3.6 Artefact Potential

The potential for the recovery of artefacts is thought to be **low** as there have been very few archaeological assets located within the vicinity of the study area. However, Roman coins (PRN 2471, Feature 16) have been found within the 1km buffer zone. The large scale ground disturbance characteristic of housing developments will always have the potential for encountering archaeological assets and artefacts.

3.7 Aerial Photographs and Lidar

Three aerial photographs were examined dating from 1942 to 1978. The first of these, RAF AC31:H13:140 Frame 45 taken on the 16th of April 1942 shows the study area in the bottom left corner of the image. Hafod (PRN 66870, Feature 10) and the garage adjacent to Hafod (PRN 66875, Feature 09) can be seen on the image but are not clearly definable due to the image quality and the height at which it was taken. The density of housing shown on the image appears to be little changed from that shown on the Ordnance Survey 3rd edition 25 inch Denbighshire County Series map of 1912. It is evident that large swathes of the countryside are being used to cultivate crops during the war.

The second image examined is RAF 106G/UK.735 Frame 3020 taken on the 27th August 1945 (Figure 05). The image shows large amounts of agricultural activity over the study area. Hafod and the garage adjacent to Hafod can be clearly seen in the image and appear to have changed little from their original design layout.

The final image is from 543 RAF 2889 Frame 0254 taken 27th May 1964 shows all of the study area. This image is not as clear as the one taken in 1945 but it is evident that the land in the study area is still being utilised for agricultural purposes. It is clear from this image that more land around the study area is being put over to housing rather than agriculture.

No new archaeological assets were identified from examining the aerial photography.

Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data was examined, obtained from the Lle Geo-Portal at <http://lle.gov.wales/home>, for information on potential surface features using digital terrain modelling and digital surface modelling at 1m interval. Hafod and the Garage adjacent to Hafod are clearly visible on the surface model but not on the terrain model. No new archaeological features were identified on the images.

3.8 Setting of Listed Buildings in relation to the proposed development

3.8.1 Stage 1: Identify the historic assets that might be affected by a proposed change or development

Hafod house (PRN 66870, Feature 10) and its associated garage (PRN 66875, Feature 09) appear to be situated to capture the views to the west and are currently screened from the development area by large trees. This, however, may not be the case depending on the development plans which are not available at time of writing.

There are three grade II* buildings situated within 100m of the most south westerly extent of the study area. These are the Felin Isaf Mill (PRN 66879, LB 3630, NGR SH8028274938), the Clover Mill (PRN 66867, LB 17320, NGR SH8027374945) and the Former Oat Kiln at Felin Isaf (PRN 66881, LB 17042, NGR SH8026074958). These buildings are completely hidden from view by large trees lining the A470 Llanrwst Road and are situated in a sort of hollow. There will be no impact on these buildings by the development at Maes y Felin.

3.8.2 Stage 2: Define and analyse the settings to understand how they contribute to the significance of the historic assets and, in particular, the ways in which the assets are understood, appreciated and experienced.

3.8.2.1 The current surroundings of the Listed Buildings

The house at Hafod lies amongst agricultural fields at the southernmost limit of the town of Llansanffraid, Glan Conwy. It is accessed via a single track 'B' road which is currently lined by large trees. This road is a possible Holloway. The house has paved and lawn covered areas to the west and east, a parking area to the north (the garage is 20m to the NW of the house), and borders agricultural fields to the south. The design of the house reflects the setting with the turned in wings of the house facing west to gain maximum benefit from the imposing views of the Conwy estuary and mountains.

The location, size and scale of the proposed development is currently unknown, though it is likely to be of a similar character to the already developed area to the east in Llansanffraid, Glan Conwy. The visual impact to Hafod is likely to be small, although the main views are

directly towards the planned development area, due to the tree lined roads surrounding the house and the descending hillside on which the development will be situated.

3.8.2.2 Our present understanding and appreciation of the Listed Buildings

Hafod and its associated garage were built in 1935 and were designed by the Arts and Crafts architect, Herbert Luck North. The house was previously known as Arsyllfa and was possibly originally built for a Mrs Ashcroft. The house is 'Y' shaped or butterfly in plan with angled wings that stretch westwards in order to capitalise on the afternoon sun and views out to the Conwy estuary. The main house has twice been extended to the east where there is a now a conservatory and seating area to take advantage of the views over the fields to the east as well as the morning sun. To the west of the building the more formal gardens are situated.

3.8.2.3 What if anything survives of its historic surroundings?

To the north and west of Hafod the agricultural field systems in which it was initially situated have almost entirely disappeared and been replaced by residential developments. This has happened in the post war period as evidenced by the aerial photography examined previously. To the south of the listed buildings the agricultural land remains almost entirely unchanged.

3.8.2.4 Significance

Conservation Principles (Cadw 2011, 10) identifies four component values which contribute to the significance of an historic asset: its **evidential** value; its **historical** value; its **aesthetic** value, and its **communal** value.

As listed buildings, the significance of Hafod is rated as moderate. Hafod is of significance for its **evidential** value as a type of building from the Arts and Crafts tradition. It is of moderate **historical** value as it aids understanding of the Arts and Crafts movement of the early 20th century but is, however, not a unique example of these type of building. Hafod derives its **aesthetic** value from its Arts and Crafts design and its setting to take advantage of multiple vistas. As the building is currently privately owned the **communal** value of the building must be considered moderate. The primary contribution of the setting of Hafod to its significance is **evidential**.

3.9 The Walkover Survey

The walkover survey was undertaken on the 17th May 2019. Unfortunately not all of the fields that make up the study area were accessible during the visit (See Figure 6 for breakdown of fields visited). Only one field (O1) was fully accessible during the walkover with another 2 fields viewed from the boundaries (O2 and O3).

3.9.1 *Field O1*

This field covers the largest area in the eastern section of the study area and was the only truly accessible field visited during the walkover survey. There are three access points to the field, two on the eastern side and one on the western side. Two of these access gates (on the north west and south east sides of the field) are modern and constructed using wooden posts and aluminium gates (Plate 01). To the north east of the field the third access gate appears to be older and has a stone gate post still in existence (Plate 02). Currently the grass in this field is very long (nearly 0.5m in some areas) which will have obscured the majority of features from view.

O1 has an undulating topography with evidence for rocky outcrops, particularly on the north eastern side of the field (Plates 03 to 05) and a large central depression (Plates 06 to 08). The most obvious bedrock outcrop, to the north east of the field, is clearly visible and is covered in shorter grass (Plate 09) from which areas of rock protrude (Plate 10). The boundaries to this field are created from well-established hedgerows with possible signs of an internal ditch, though this could not be firmly determined due to the amount of vegetation (Plate 11). Throughout the field there is evidence of recent excavations (approximately 14 locations) which probably represent ground investigation works (Plate 12). There were no archaeological features immediately evident although they may be hidden by vegetation.

3.9.2 *Field O2*

On the day of the walkover survey this field was not accessed due to the presence of livestock and a secure gate though it was viewed from the south western side. The grass in this field is a lot shorter, probably due to the presence of the sheep (Plate 13). Like in O1, the topography in this field is sloping NE-SW. O2 is bounded by O3 to the east and O1 to the south. The southern and western boundaries of O2 are created by mature hedgerows and trees (Plate 14). There were no archaeological features immediately evident in this field.

3.9.3 *Field O3*

This field was not accessed on the walkover survey and was only viewed from a distance by the access gate to O2 (Plate 15). There appears to be a relatively recent scheme of tree planting within this field which is bordered by housing to the north and O1 to the south. The boundary between O3 and O1 is of mature trees and bushes. There were no archaeological features immediately evident in this field.

3.9.4 *Hafod (PRN 66870 & 66875)*

Hafod house and its associated garage are situated at the south western end of Ty Du Road which appears to be a possible holloway (Plate 16). The boundary opposite the entrance to Hafod is populated by mature trees and bushes screening the road and the house (Plate 17). The house itself is set back from the road and screened by a combination of large trees and hedges (Plate 18). The garage can only be partially seen from the road through the trees.

3.10 Gazetteer of Features

A 1km radius search from the centre point of the study area (NGR SH8027075250) was used to source records from the GAT HER for this assessment which returned 23 results in total.

All the features noted below are shown on Figure 07 with green circles numbered (gazetteer of features). All the recommendations are based on the current understanding of the scheme proposals and their impact on the features. In the event of alterations to the scheme, the recommendations might have to be revisited.

Feature Number	01
Site Name	24 Top Llan Road, Llansanffraid Glan Conwy
PRN Number	69013
Grid Reference	SH8039075978
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Building
Assessment Category	B
Description	C17th Inn converted in the C19th. A Grade II listed building
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	02
Site Name	Agricultural shed, Glan Conwy
PRN Number	33323
Grid Reference	SH8048076040
Period	Modern
Site Type	Agricultural Building
Assessment Category	C
Description	Prefabricated building made from corrugated iron. Painted black. Maker - Hill & Smith, Brierley Hill. (Batten, 2011)
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	03
Site Name	Agricultural Shed, Graig
PRN Number	33324
Grid Reference	SH8055074560
Period	Modern
Site Type	Hay Barn
Assessment Category	C
Description	Prefabricated corrugated iron hay barn - galvanized. Maker - Hill & Smith Ltd, Brierley Hill (Batten, 2011)
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	04
Site Name	Church House
PRN Number	66882
Grid Reference	SH8039676058
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Church House
Assessment Category	B
Description	Grade II listed Church hall built in 1932 by S Colwyn-Ffoulkes, architect from Colwyn Bay.
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	05
Site Name	Clover Mill
PRN Number	66867
Grid Reference	SH8027374945
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Mill
Assessment Category	A
Description	Grade II* listed late 17 th Century clover mill with adjacent mid 18 th Century grain mill. Still in use until 1942. (Evans & Burnett, 2012).
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	06
Site Name	Felin Isaf Mill
PRN Number	66879
Grid Reference	SH8028274938
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Mill
Assessment Category	A
Description	Grade II* listed late 17 th Century clover mill with adjacent mid 18 th Century grain mill. Still in use until 1942. (Evans & Burnett, 2012).
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	07
Site Name	Felin-Uchaf, Pentre-Felin
PRN Number	34594
Grid Reference	SH8056274706
Period	Unknown
Site Type	Corn Mill
Assessment Category	B
Description	Labelled 'Felin-uchaf (Corn)' on 1st edition and 2nd edition OS County Maps. In the aerial photographs the buildings appear to be roofed and the Mill race is obscured by trees. (Evans & Burnett, 2012)
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	08
Site Name	Former Oat Kiln at Felin Isaf
PRN Number	66881
Grid Reference	SH8026074958
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Kiln
Assessment Category	A
Description	Grade II* listed oat Kiln dating to the second quarter or mid 19 th Century. Associated with Felin Isaf Mill (PRN 66879, Feature 06). (Evans & Burnett, 2012)
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	09
Site Name	Garage adjacent to Hafod
PRN Number	66875
Grid Reference	SH8048575377
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Garage
Assessment Category	B
Description	Grade II listed garage immediately to the E of Hafod house (PRN 66870, Feature 10). Similar construction to the house with roof hipped to the East and half-hipped to the West. (Cadw, 2019)
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	10
Site Name	Hafod
PRN Number	66870
Grid Reference	SH8047675378
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Villa
Assessment Category	B
Description	Grade II listed butterfly-plan villa of c.1930. Built in the neo-vernacular style of Arts and Craft derivation. Designed by architect Herbert Luck North. (Voelcker, 2011)
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	11
Site Name	Llansanffraid, Glan Conwy
PRN Number	7081
Grid Reference	SH8040076100
Period	Medieval
Site Type	Church
Assessment Category	B
Description	Llansanffraid Glan Conwy grade II listed parish church is a medieval church although the present building dates largely to 1839 and consists of undivided nave and chancel. The late medieval glass in the west window is notable. Some medieval masonry from the original double nave church still exists. (Davidson, 2000)
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	12
Site Name	Manse adjoining Welsh Methodist Chapel
PRN Number	66880
Grid Reference	SH8043575750
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Chapel
Assessment Category	B
Description	A grade II listed simple early 19 th Century manse group retaining good external character (Cadw, 2019).
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	13
Site Name	Nev's Garage, Graig
PRN Number	33371
Grid Reference	SH8045574715
Period	Modern
Site Type	Garage
Assessment Category	C
Description	Corrugated iron garage with a pitched roof painted white (Batten, 2011).
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	14
Site Name	Plas Tirion
PRN Number	66860
Grid Reference	SH8038875869
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	House
Assessment Category	B
Description	Grade II listed small, late Georgian house, said to have been built in 1812 for a local sea captain. Rubble construction with scribed rendered walls, plain end chimneys and slate roof (Cadw, 2019)
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	15
Site Name	Ranges, Ty Du Farm, Llansanffraid
PRN Number	69014
Grid Reference	SH8077475617
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Farm Building
Assessment Category	B
Description	Grade II listed agricultural ranges built in 1857 by Whitehall Dod, local estate owner. Believed locally to have been built after fire destroyed the previous farm on the site. A good example of a 19 th Century farmstead. (Cadw, 2019)
Impact	Unlikely
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	16
Site Name	Roman Coins, Findspot, Llansanffraid
PRN Number	2471
Grid Reference	SH80007600
Period	Roman
Site Type	Findspot
Assessment Category	B
Description	2 Roman coins found in July 1940 in the rectory garden whilst digging a post hole for a chicken run.
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	None

Feature Number	17
Site Name	Salem Baptist Chapel
PRN Number	66856
Grid Reference	SH8053874520
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Chapel
Assessment Category	B
Description	Grade II listed Chapel founded in 1786 and remodelled in 1841. (Cadw, 2019)
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	18
Site Name	Terrace, Pentrefelin
PRN Number	29477
Grid Reference	SH80397464
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Terraced Ground
Assessment Category	C
Description	Narrow linear terrace running around the contours on the hillside, close to the junction between the old road to Graig and the present A470. Possibly a former farm track to Ty Isa, before the present line of the A470 was built to by-pass Graig (built between 1841 and 1875) (Evans & Smith, 2008).
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	19
Site Name	Trackway, Pentrefelin
PRN Number	29476
Grid Reference	SH80317456
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Trackway
Assessment Category	C
Description	A hollow-way in field North West of Graig. Continues to the E as a terrace around the hill contour, then disappears, probably ploughed out. Probably a former internal farm track connecting the farmhouse of Ty Isa to Graig (Evans & Smith 2008).
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	20
Site Name	Ty Capel adjoining Salem Baptist Chapel
PRN Number	66859
Grid Reference	SH8054374512
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Chapel
Assessment Category	B
Description	Grade II listed mid 19 th Century manse (Ty Capel) adjoins the Salem Baptist Chapel (PRN 66856, Feature 17) to the SE and is set back and slightly stepped down (Cadw, 2019).
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	21
Site Name	Ty Du Farmhouse, Llansanffraid
PRN Number	12613
Grid Reference	SH8074875594
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Farmstead
Assessment Category	B
Description	Grade II listed farmhouse built in 1857 by Whitehall Dod (1823-1878), local estate owner. Believed locally to have been built after fire destroyed the previous farm on the site (hence name Ty Du, 'the black house'. A good example of a 19 th Century farmstead. (Cadw, 2019)
Impact	Unlikely
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	22
Site Name	Welsh Methodist Chapel
PRN Number	66864
Grid Reference	SH8043775756
Period	Post Medieval
Site Type	Chapel
Assessment Category	B
Description	Grade II listed early 19 th Century chapel and manse group (PRN 66880, Feature 12) retaining good external character (Cadw, 2019)
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

Feature Number	23
Site Name	Felin Lifio, Llansanffraid Glan Conwy
PRN Number	34595
Grid Reference	SH8075274498
Period	Unknown
Site Type	Mill
Assessment Category	B
Description	Buildings present but not labelled on the 1st edition 25inch Denbighshire OS map. Mill race present not labelled to SE. Labelled 'Felin Lifio' (Saw Mill) on the 2nd edition and 3rd edition 25inch Denbighshire map. This building is known from documentary evidence only (Evans and Burnett, 2012).
Impact	None
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	None
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	Avoidance

4 CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Conclusion

In total 23 features were identified within a 1km radius of the centre point of the proposed development area with 2 features in particular being within very close proximity to the study area. These features were the 2 Grade II listed buildings, Hafod (PRN 66870), the garage adjacent to Hafod (PRN 66875).

As the exact development plans are unknown at this time it is difficult to assess how the setting of these listed buildings will be affected. However, it is believed that the E-W layout of Hafod, and it being situated across the road from the development area, means that its setting will not be adversely affected. All of the roads in the area are lined by a combination of large trees and well established hedgerows which act as a natural screen. The topography of the area generally is sloping E-W with Hafod situated higher up the slope than the development field, which is itself steeply descending E-W. With this in mind it is believed that any visual effect on the setting of Hafod will be relatively small.

A partial walkover survey was completed of the study area as not all fields were accessible at the time of completion. This walkover survey did not identify any new archaeological assets although they may currently be obscured by high grass and vegetation. Additional information regarding the development and more comprehensive access to the study area may change the conclusions and recommendations in this assessment.

4.2 Table of Features and Recommendations

Asset_No	PRN	Site_Name	Period	NGR	Recommendations for Further Assessment	Mitigation Recommendations
01	69013	24 Top Llan Road, Llansanffraid Glan Conwy	Post Medieval	SH8039075978	None	Avoidance
02	33323	Agricultural shed, Glan Conwy	Modern	SH8048076040	None	Avoidance
03	33324	Agricultural Shed, Graig	Modern	SH8055074560	None	Avoidance
04	66882	Church House	Post Medieval	SH8039676058	None	Avoidance
05	66867	Clover Mill	Post Medieval	SH8027374945	None	Avoidance
06	66879	Felin Isaf Mill	Post Medieval	SH8028274938	None	Avoidance
07	34594	Felin-Uchaf, Pentre-Felin	Unknown	SH8056274706	None	Avoidance
08	66881	Former Oat Kiln at Felin Isaf	Post Medieval	SH8026074958	None	Avoidance
09	66875	Garage adjacent to Hafod	Post Medieval	SH8048575377	None	Avoidance
10	66870	Hafod	Post Medieval	SH8047675378	None	Avoidance
11	7081	Llansanffraid, Glan Conwy	Medieval	SH8040076100	None	Avoidance
12	66880	Manse adjoining Welsh Methodist Chapel	Post Medieval	SH8043575750	None	Avoidance
13	33371	Nev's Garage, Graig	Modern	SH8045574715	None	Avoidance
14	66860	Plas Tirion	Post Medieval	SH8038875869	None	Avoidance
15	69014	Ranges, Ty Du Farm, Llansanffraid	Post Medieval	SH8077475617	None	Avoidance
16	2471	Roman Coins, Findspot, Llansanffraid	Roman	SH8007600	None	None
17	66856	Salem Baptist Chapel	Post Medieval	SH8053874520	None	Avoidance

Asset_No	PRN	Site_Name	Period	NGR	Recommendations for Further Assessment	Mitigation Recommendations
18	29477	Terrace, Pentrefelin	Post Medieval	SH80397464	None	Avoidance
19	29476	Trackway, Pentrefelin	Post Medieval	SH80317456	None	Avoidance
20	66859	Ty Capel adjoining Salem Baptist Chapel	Post Medieval	SH8054374512	None	Avoidance
21	12613	Ty Du Farmhouse	Post Medieval	SH8074875594	None	Avoidance
22	66864	Welsh Methodist Chapel	Post Medieval	SH8043775756	None	Avoidance
23	34595	Felin Lifio, Llansanffraid Glan Conwy	Unknown	SH8075274498	None	Avoidance

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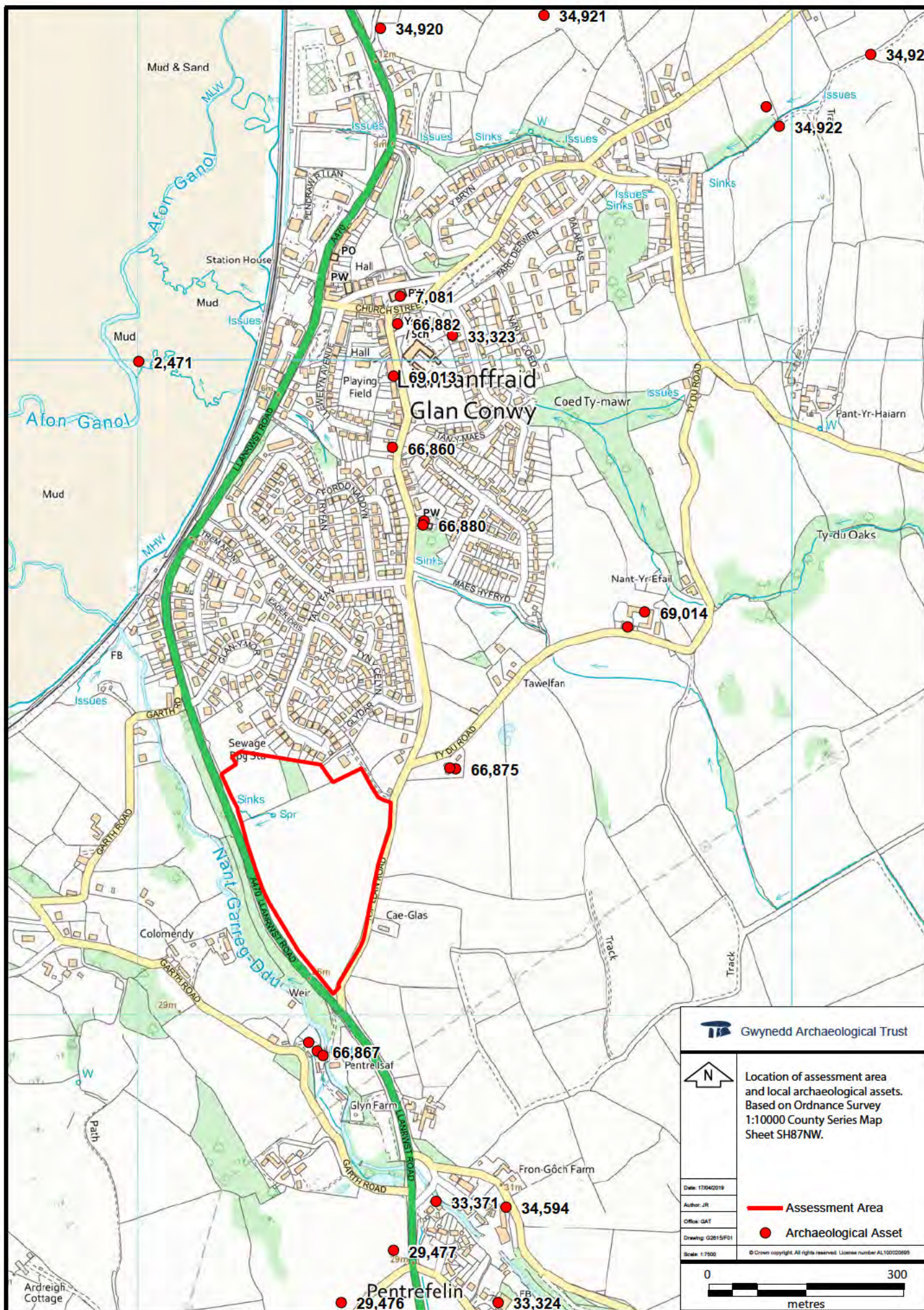
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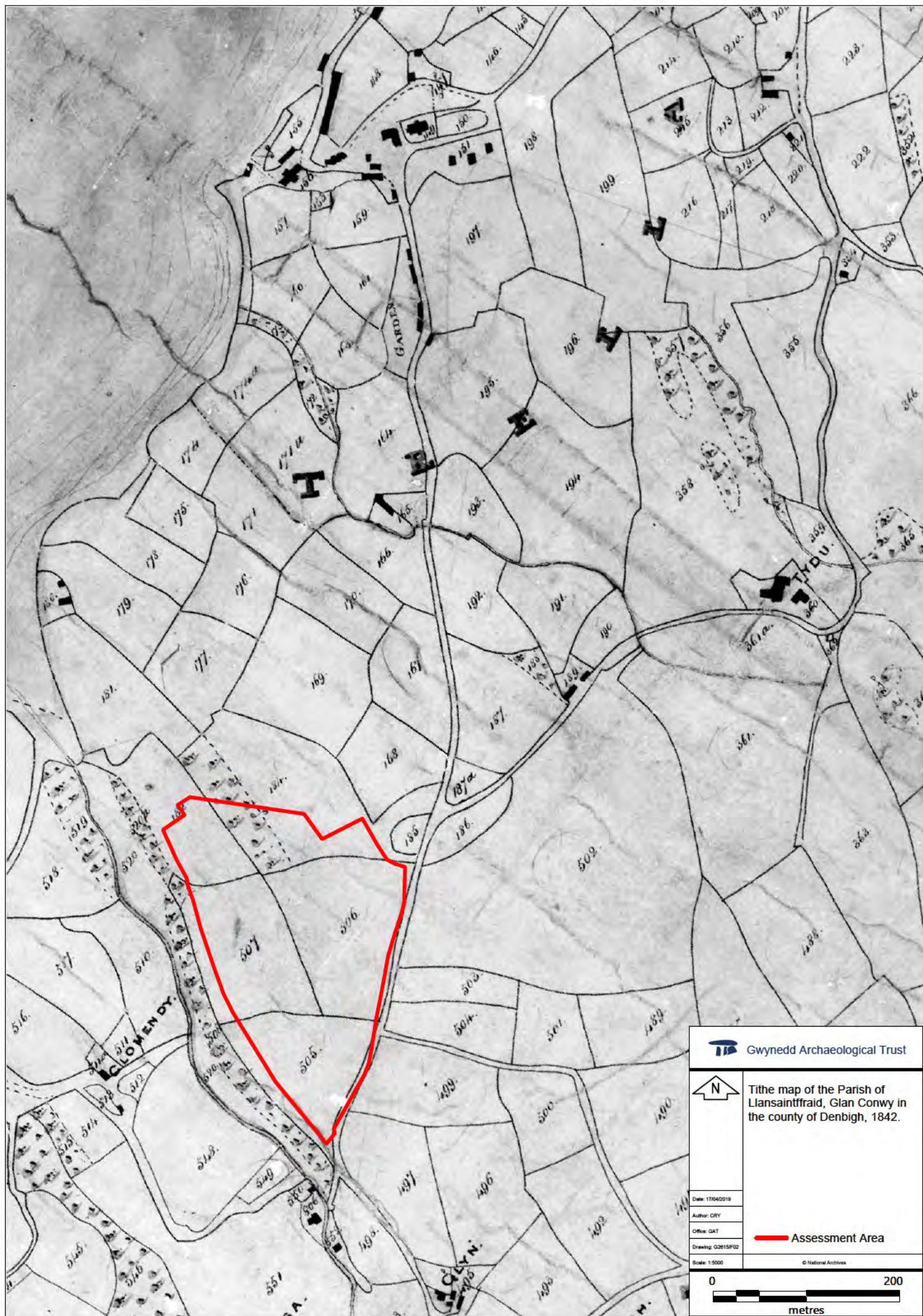
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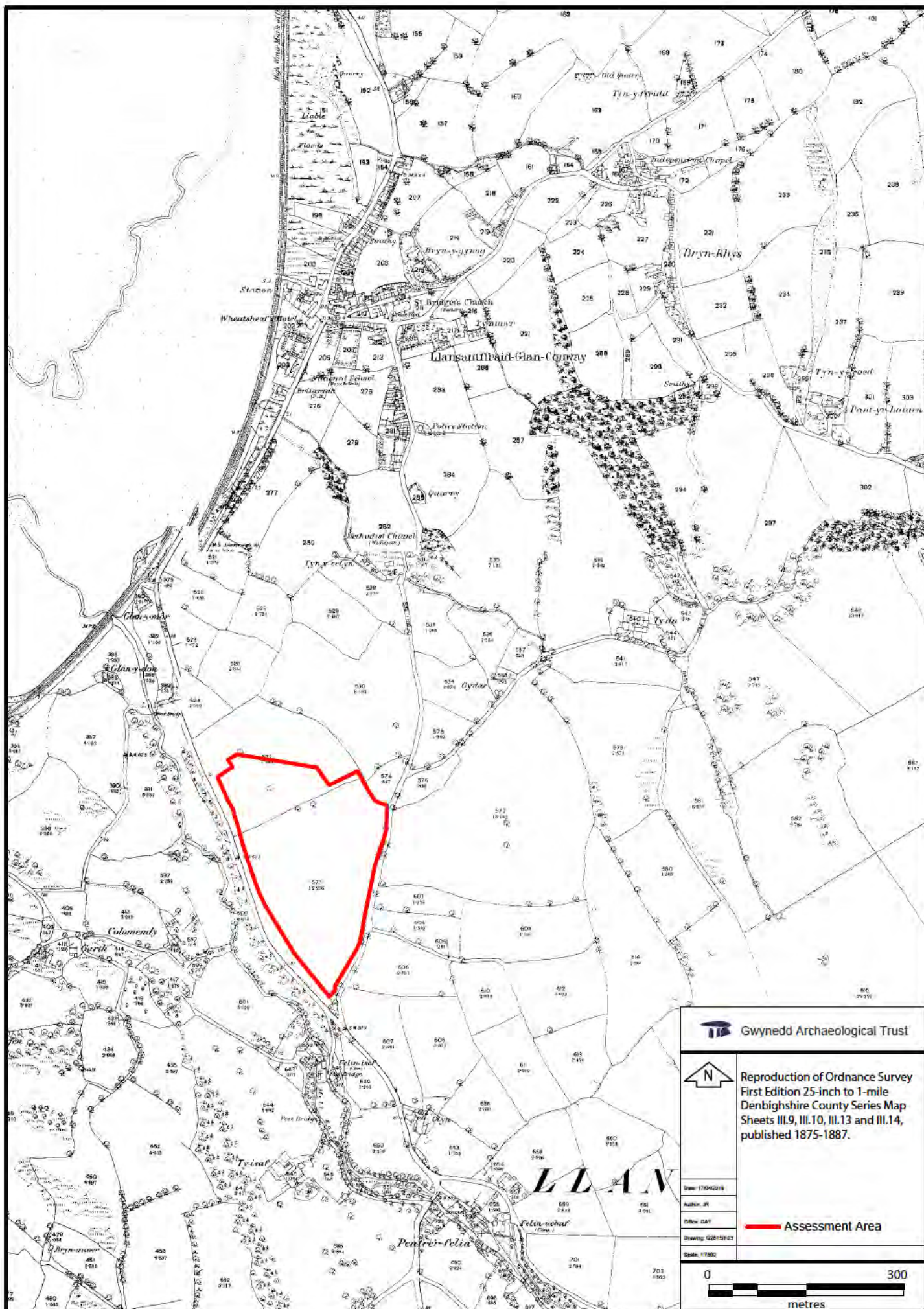
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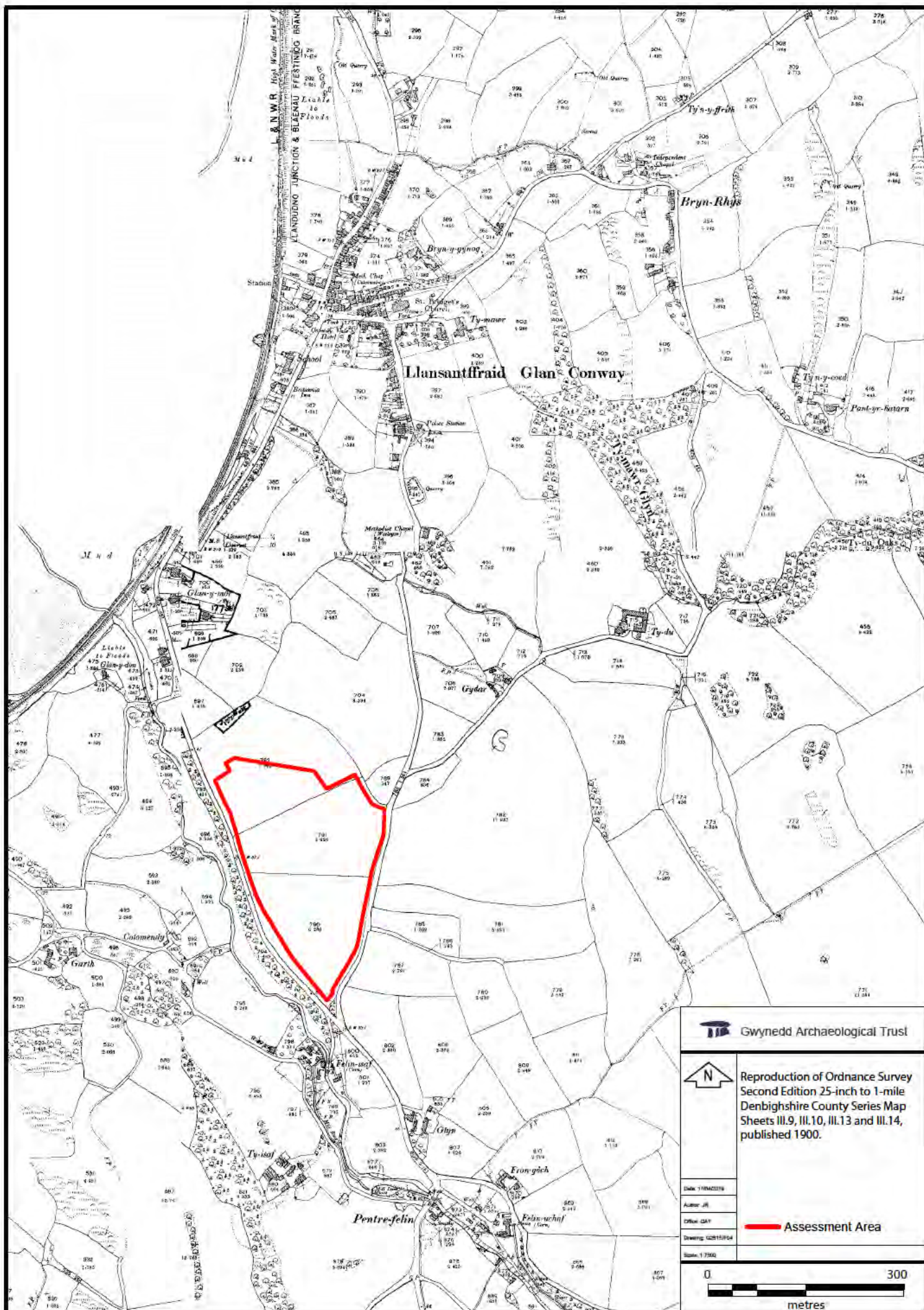
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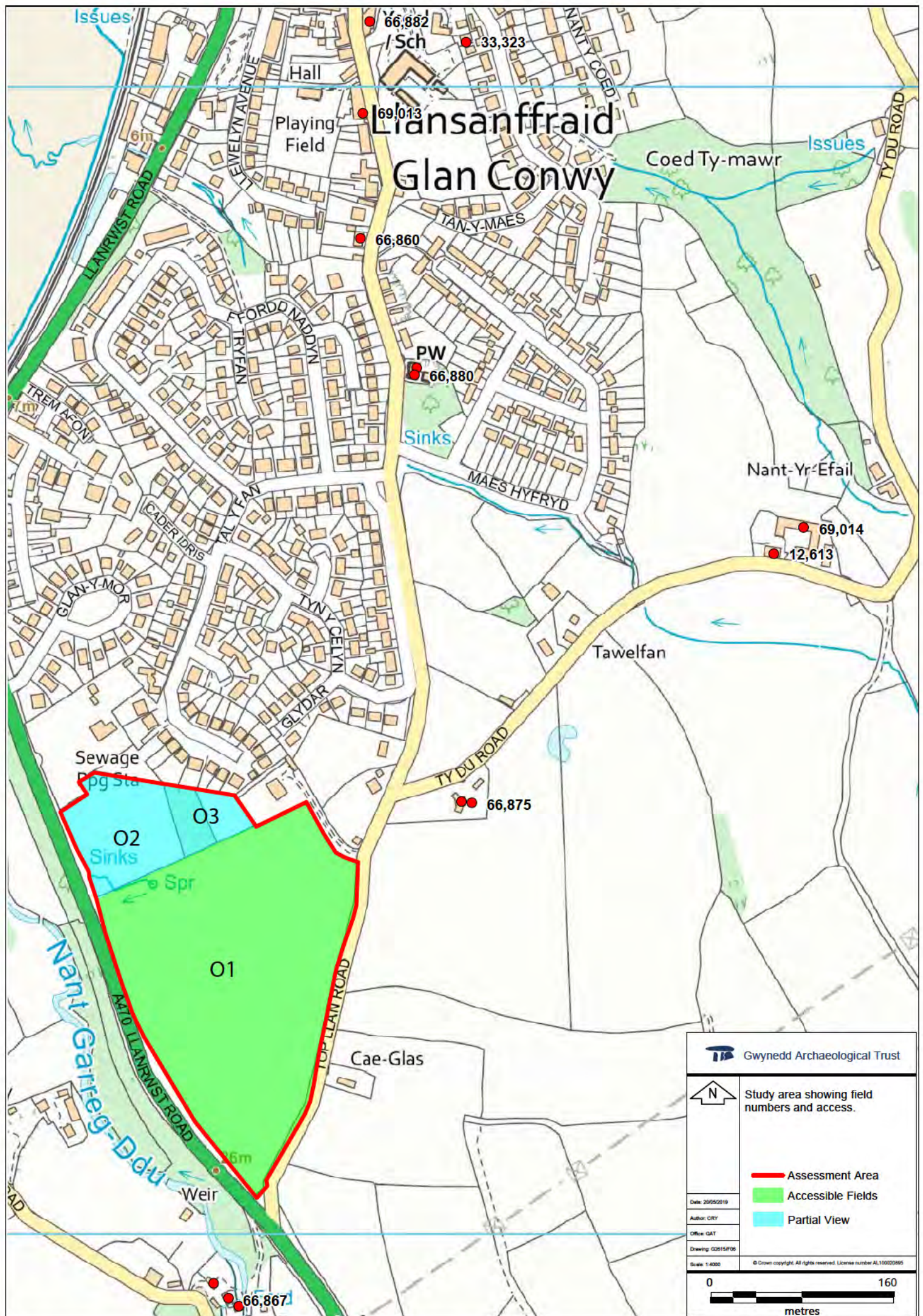
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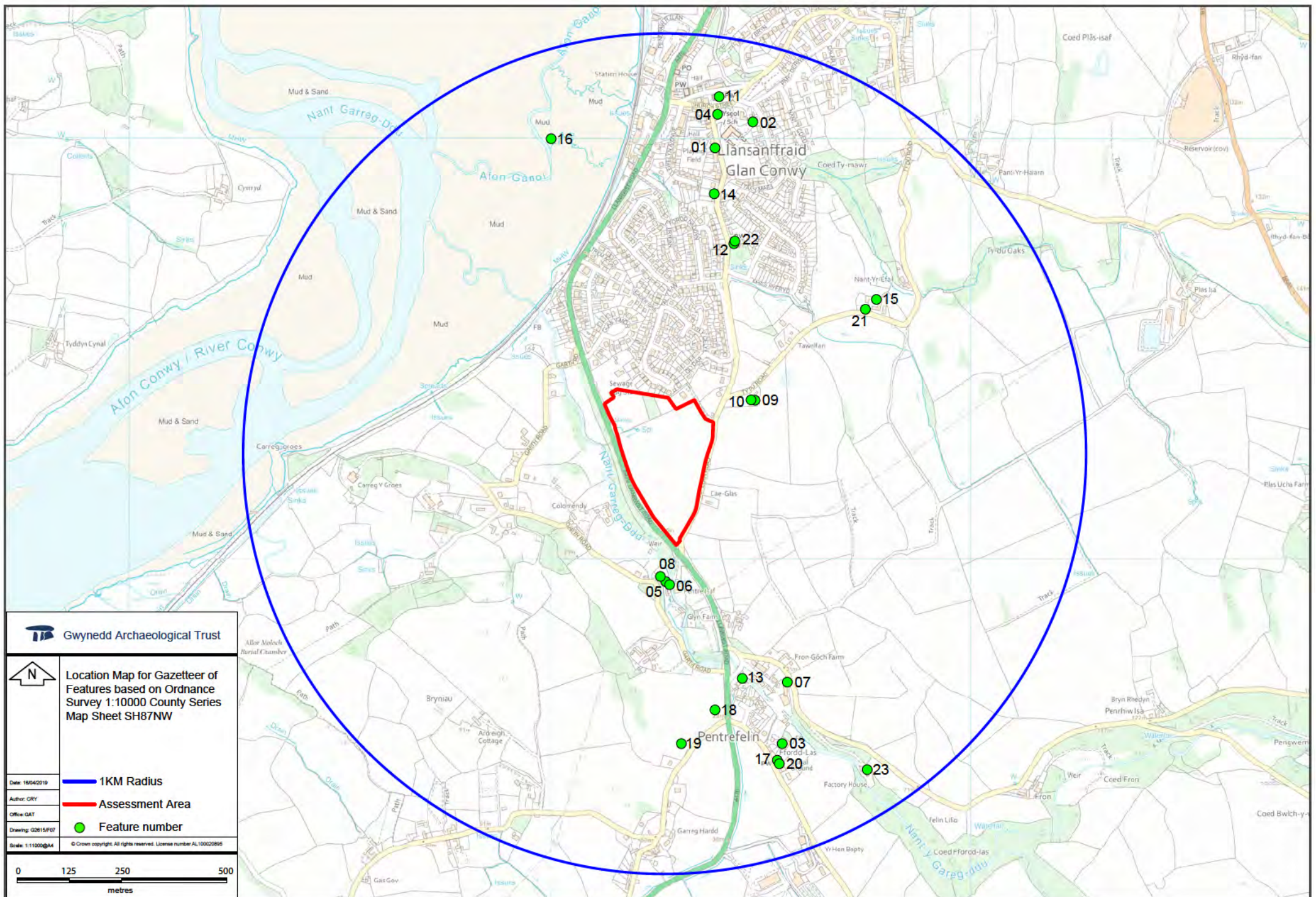




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Plate 04: View of O1 from north western corner; no scale; (archive reference: G2615_064).



Plate 05: View of O1 from north western corner; no scale; (archive reference: G2615_063).



Plate 06: View of O1 from north eastern corner; no scale; (archive reference: G2615_048).



Plate 07: View of O1 from north eastern corner; no scale; (archive reference: G2615_049).



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Plate 13: Field O2 viewed from the west; no scale; (archive reference: G2615_070).



Plate 14: Boundary between O2 and O1; no scale; (archive reference: G2615_068).



Plate 15: Zoomed view of O3 from access gate to O2; no scale; (archive reference: G2615_073).



Plate 16: Possible Holloway leading to Hafod; scale: 1x1m; (archive reference: G2615_005).



Plate 17: Mature trees opposite entrance to Hafod; scale: 1x1m; (archive reference: G2615_006).



Plate 18: Entrance to Hafod house; scale: 1x1m; (archive reference: G2615_007).

APPENDIX I

Reproduction of Gwynedd Archaeological Trust written scheme of investigation

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(G2615)

WRITTEN SCHEME OF INVESTIGATION FOR
ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

Prepared for Brenig Construction

April 2019



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Gwynedd Archaeological Trust

All GAT staff should sign their copy to confirm the project specification is read and understood and retain a copy of the specification for the duration of their involvement with the project. On completion, the specification should be retained with the project archive:

Name

Signature

Date

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1 INTRODUCTION

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust (GAT) has been asked by Brenig Construction to prepare a written scheme of investigation for an archaeological assessment in advance of a proposed residential development at Maes y Felin, Glan Conwy (NGR SH80527552; postcode: LL28 5NW; Figure 01). The assessment area measures 12.28ha and includes three irregular shaped plots incorporating agricultural land.

The assessment will conform to the guidelines specified in the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists *Standard and Guidance for Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment* (Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, 2014). The format of this written scheme of investigation corresponds to the requirements of section 2.3 of MoRPHE (English Heritage 2015) and to MAP2 (English Heritage, 1991, *Management of Archaeological Projects*). The assessment is scheduled to be completed in May 2019.

GAT is certified to ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 (Cert. No. 74180/B/0001/UK/En) and is a Registered Organisation with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists and a member of the Federation of Archaeological Managers and Employers (FAME).

1.1 Monitoring Arrangements

The archaeological mitigation will be monitored by the Gwynedd archaeological Planning Service (GAPS); the content of this WSI and all subsequent reporting by GAT must be approved by GAPS prior to final issue.

1.2 Historic Environment Record

In line with the Gwynedd Historic Environment Record (HER) requirements, the HER will be contacted at the onset of the project to ensure that any data arising is formatted in a manner suitable for accession to the HER and follows the guidance set out in *Guidance for the Submission of Data to the Welsh Historic Environment Records (HERs)* (The Welsh Archaeological Trusts, 2018). The HER will be informed of the project start date, location including grid reference, estimated timescale for the work, and further relevant information associated with the project.

The GAT HER Enquiry Number for this project is GATHER1095 and the Event PRN is 45423. The GAT HER will also be responsible for supplying Primary Reference Numbers (PRN) for any new assets identified and recorded. On completion of the report, GAT will be responsible for preparing a bilingual event summary, as well as an individual summary of any new asset/PRN identified; these summaries will be submitted to the HER along with the report and the summaries will be prepared in accordance with the formats defined in *Guidance for the Submission of Data to the Welsh Historic Environment Records (HERs)*.

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

A brief examination of the regional Historic Environment Record does not show any known assets within the confines of the assessment plots and the local area is mostly characterised by post-medieval activity. To the immediate south of the central plot is a “butterfly-plan” villa of c.1930 date (Primary Reference Number (PRN) 66870; NGR SH80477537) along with a contemporary garage (PRN 66875; NGR SH80487537); to the immediate south of the eastern plot is a Grade II Listed farmhouse (ref. 3649; NGR SH80747559) and associated ranges (ref. 17029; NGR SH80777561), both built in 1857. A mill and associated buildings are located c.90m southwest of the westernmost plot, along the western bank of Nant Garreg Ddu River ((Figure 01). The Felin Isaf mill is located next to a ford and the extant buildings include a Grade II* Listed former oat kiln (ref.: 17042; NGR SH80267495), clover mill (ref.: 17320; NGR SH80277494) and the mill itself (ref.: 3630; NGR SH80287493). The buildings date from the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries.

A brief examination of the 25-inch to 1 mile Ordnance Survey maps of the area (Sheets III.9, III.10, III.13 and III.14) show little difference in land use and apportionment and the three development plots are all in use as improved agricultural land, as they are at present. The only visible difference between the three plots is the addition of an east west field boundary in the westernmost plot between the publication of the First and Second Editions (1875 and 1900 respectively cf. Figures 02 and 03).

No other archaeological project work is listed within the HER as having been completed within the assessment plots, but GAT completed an assessment along the A470 road to the immediate southwest for the proposed A470 Trunk Road Pentrefelin to Bodnant Improvement Scheme (GAT Report 675). The report characterised that assessment area as “representing a farming landscape with a field pattern little changed from the 18th century, but with some fragments of landscape and possible trackways surviving from earlier periods” (ibid. 04).

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Assessment (Desktop Study)

A desk-based assessment is defined as “a programme of study of the historic environment within a specified area or site on land, the inter-tidal zone or underwater that addresses agreed research and/or conservation objectives. It consists of an analysis of existing written, graphic, photographic and electronic information in order to identify the likely heritage assets, their interests and significance and the character of the study area, including appropriate consideration of the settings of heritage....Significance is to be judged in a local, regional, national or international context as appropriate” (ClfA 2014, 4).

The desk-based assessment will involve a study of the following resources:

1. The regional Historic Environment Register ((HER) Gwynedd Archaeological Trust, Craig Beuno, Ffordd y Garth, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2RT) will be examined for information concerning the study area. This will include an examination of the core HER, the 1:2500 County Series Ordnance Survey maps and any secondary information held within the HER. All identified assets will be mapped, described and added to a gazetteer of sites and the relative importance of any assets defined;
2. The National Monuments Record of Wales (Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, Plas Crug, Aberystwyth SY23 1NJ) will be checked for assets additional to the HER;
3. Aerial photographs from the National Monuments Record of Wales (Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, National Monuments Record of Wales, Plas Crug, Aberystwyth SY23 1NJ) will be examined for potential assets;
4. An on-line catalogue search of the National Library of Wales (Penglais Rd, Aberystwyth SY23 3BU) will be completed;
5. Archive data, including primary and secondary sources, historic maps and estate maps will be examined at the regional archives (Gwasanaeth Archifau Conwy Archive Service, Old Board School, Lloyd St, Llandudno LL30 2YG). The examination of the archive data will include historic mapping including the local tithe map and schedule;
6. If available for the assessment area, Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data will be examined from the Lle Geo-Portal at <http://lle.gov.wales/home> for information on potential surface features using digital terrain modelling and digital surface modelling.

3.2 Walkover Survey

A walkover survey will form an integral part of the assessment and will incorporate the highlighted plots identified in Figure 01. All known and new archaeological features on the ground will be located and described on GAT pro-formas; the sites will then be added to a report gazetteer and their relative importance defined. The potential for sub-surface archaeology will be estimated and defined.

A photographic record will be maintained in RAW format using a digital SLR set to maximum resolution (Nikon D3000; resolution: 3,872 × 2,592 [10.2 effective megapixels]) and a photographic metadata table will be completed and included in the report. Photographic images will be archived in TIFF format; the archive numbering system will start from **G2615_001**. A handheld GPS unit will also be used during the walkover survey.

3.3 Assessment (Gazetteer)

A gazetteer will be compiled for any existing and newly identified sites within the assessment area, based on information sourced from the desk based assessment and walkover; the gazetteer will be prepared in the following format and will include:

Feature Number	
Site name	
PRN number	
Grid reference	
Period	
Site type	
Assessment category	
Description	
Impact	
Recommendation for further assessment/evaluation	
Recommendation for mitigatory measures	

The following categories will be used to define the assessment category of the archaeological asset:

Category A - Sites of National Importance.

Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings of grade II* and above, as well as those that would meet the requirements for scheduling (ancient monuments) or listing (buildings) or both. Sites that are scheduled or listed have legal protection, and it is recommended that all Category A sites remain preserved and protected *in situ*.

Category B - Sites of regional or county importance.

Grade II listed buildings and sites which would not fulfil the criteria for scheduling or listing, but which are nevertheless of particular importance within the region. Preservation *in situ* is the preferred option for Category B sites, but if damage or destruction cannot be avoided, appropriate detailed recording might be an acceptable alternative.

Category C - Sites of district or local importance.

Sites which are not of sufficient importance to justify a recommendation for preservation if threatened. Category C sites nevertheless merit adequate recording in advance of damage or destruction.

Category D - Minor and damaged sites.

Sites that are of minor importance or are so badly damaged that too little remains to justify their inclusion in a higher category. For Category D sites, rapid recording, either in advance of or during destruction, should be sufficient.

Category E - Sites needing further investigation.

Sites, the importance of which is as yet undetermined and which will require further work before they can be allocated to categories A - D are temporarily placed in this category, with specific recommendations for further evaluation. In this report several sites of unknown potential have been allocated to this category.

The impact of the proposed works on any asset will be identified using the following impact criteria, defined either as *none, slight, unlikely, likely, significant, considerable or unknown* as follows:

None:

There is no construction impact on this asset.

Slight:

This has generally been used where the impact is marginal and would not by the nature of the site cause irreversible damage to the remainder of the asset, e.g. part of a trackway or field bank.

Unlikely:

This category indicates sites that fall within the band of interest but are unlikely to be directly affected. This includes sites such as standing and occupied buildings at the margins of the band of interest.

Likely:

Sites towards the edges of the study area, which may not be directly affected, but are likely to be damaged in some way by the construction activity.

Significant:

The partial removal of an asset affecting its overall integrity. Assets falling into this category may be linear features such as roads or tramways where the removal of part of the feature could make overall interpretation problematic.

Considerable:

The total removal of an asset or its partial removal which would effectively destroy the remainder of the site.

Unknown:

This is used when the location of the asset is unknown, but thought to be in the vicinity of the proposed works.

3.4 Data processing and report compilation

Following completion of the stages outlined above, a report will be produced incorporating the following:

1. Front cover;
2. Inner cover;
3. Figures and Plates List
4. Non-technical summary;
5. Introduction;
6. Methodology
 - a. Desk-based assessment
7. Results
 - a. Desk based assessment
 - i. Location and geological summary
 - ii. Statutory and non-statutory designations
 - iii. Environmental remains and soil morphology
 - iv. Historical and archaeological background
 - v. Cartographic evidence
 - vi. Artefact potential
 - vii. Aerial photographs and LiDAR;
 - b. Gazetteer of features
8. Conclusions and recommendations
 - a. Conclusion
 - b. Table of sites and recommendations
9. Acknowledgements
10. Bibliography
 - a. Primary sources
 - b. Secondary sources
11. Figures; inc.:
 - location plan;
 - historic mapping;
 - location plan with identified features
12. Appendix I (approved written scheme of investigation)
13. Appendix II (Sites listed on GAT Historic Environment Record)
14. Appendix III (Definition of mitigation terms)
15. Appendix IV Photographic metadata (walkover survey)

Illustrations will include plans of the location of the study area and archaeological sites. Historical maps, when appropriate and if copyright permissions allow, will be included.

A full archive including plans, photographs, written material and any other material resulting from the project will be prepared. The archaeological assessment outlined in this written scheme of investigation will be submitted in draft format in May 2019; a final report will be submitted to the Historic Environment within six months of submitting the draft report (September 2019).

The following dissemination will apply:

- A paper report(s) plus digital report(s) will be provided to the client and GAPS (draft report then final report);
- A paper report plus a digital report will be provided to the regional Historic Environment Record, Gwynedd Archaeological Trust; this will be submitted within six months of project completion (final report only), along with any relevant, digital information such as the project database, GIS table(s) and photographs. All digital datasets submitted will conform to the required standards set out in *Guidance for the Submission of Data to the Welsh Historic Environment Records (HERs)* (Version 1);
- A digital report and archive (including photographic and drawn) data will be provided to Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments, Wales (final report only), in accordance with the *RCAHMMW Guidelines for Digital Archives Version 1*. Digital information will include the photographic archive and associated metadata;

4 PERSONNEL

The project will be managed by John Roberts, Principal Archaeologist GAT Contracts Section. The assessment will be completed by a project archaeologist who will have responsibility for completing the desk based assessment, maintaining the site archive, liaising with GAPS and *Brenig Construction* and submitting the draft report and final report. The project manager will be responsible for reviewing and approving the report prior to submission.

5 INSURANCE

5.1 Public/Products Liability

Limit of Indemnity- £5,000,000 any one event in respect of Public Liability

INSURER Aviva Insurance Limited

POLICY TYPE Public Liability

POLICY NUMBER 24765101CHC/UN/000375

EXPIRY DATE 21/06/2019

5.2 Employers Liability

Limit of Indemnity- £10,000,000 any one occurrence.

The cover has been issued on the insurers standard policy form and is subject to their usual terms and conditions. A copy of the policy wording is available on request.

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POLICY TYPE Employers Liability

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EXPIRY DATE 21/06/2019

5.3 Professional Indemnity

Limit of Indemnity- £5,000,000 in respect of each and every claim

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POLICY TYPE Professional Indemnity

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6 SOURCES CONSULTED

1. English Heritage, 1991, Management of Archaeological Projects
2. English Heritage, 2015, Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE).
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5. Ordnance Survey (Sheets III.9, III.10, III.13 and III.14, First to Third Edition 25-inch to 1 mile)
6. Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales 2015 *Guidelines for digital archives*
7. Standard and Guidance for Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment (Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, 2014).

FIGURE 01

Location of assessment area (outlined red) and local archaeological assets. Based on Ordnance Survey 1:10000 County Series Map Sheet SH87NW. Scale 1:17500 @ A4. © Crown Copyright. All Rights Reserved. License Number AI100020895.

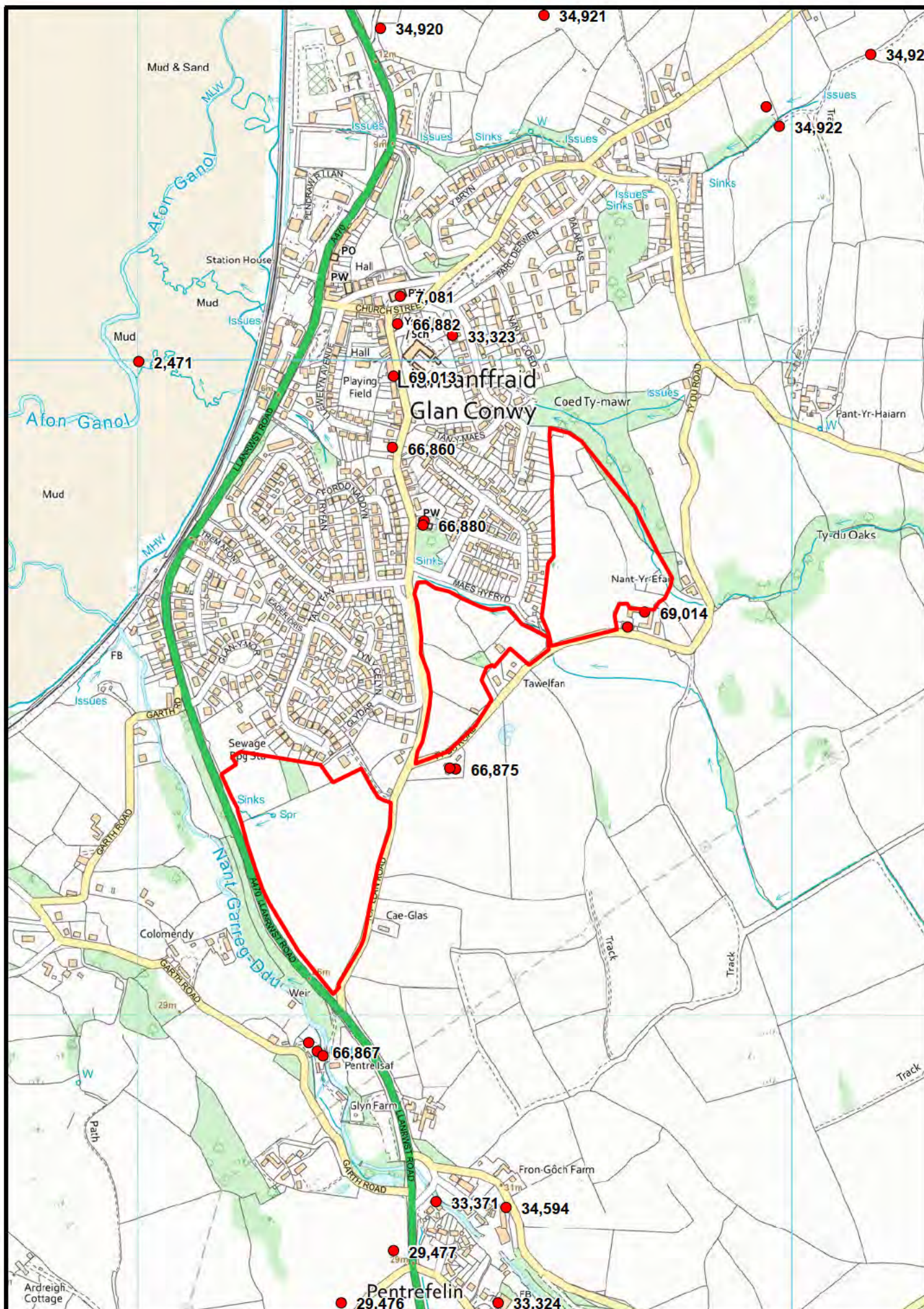


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FIGURE 02

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FIGURE 02: Reproduction of Ordnance Survey First Edition 25-inch to 1-mile Denbighshire County Series Map Sheets III.9, III.10, III.13 and III.14, published 1875-1887. Assessment Area highlighted Red. Scale 1:7500@A4

FIGURE 03

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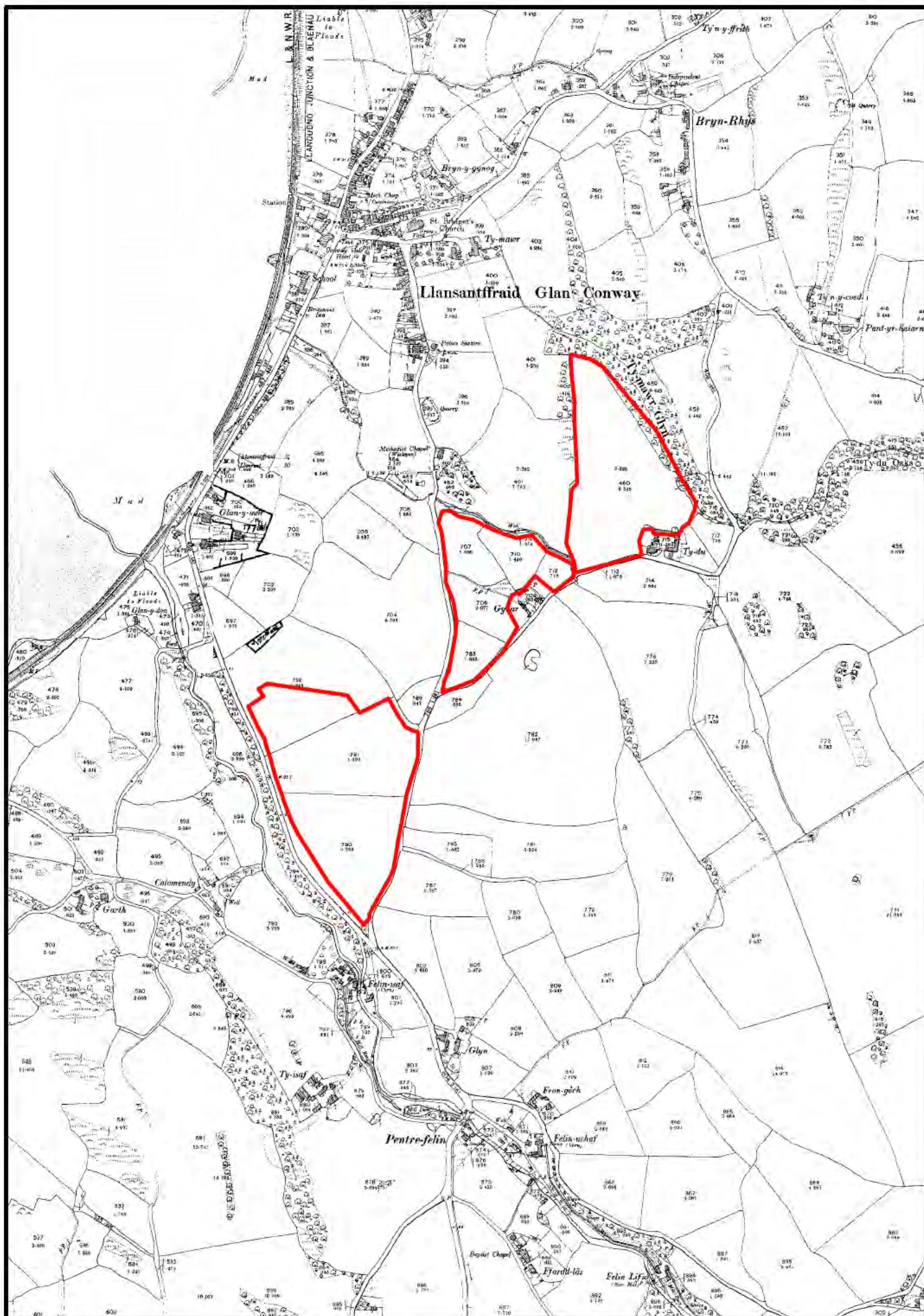


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FIGURE 04

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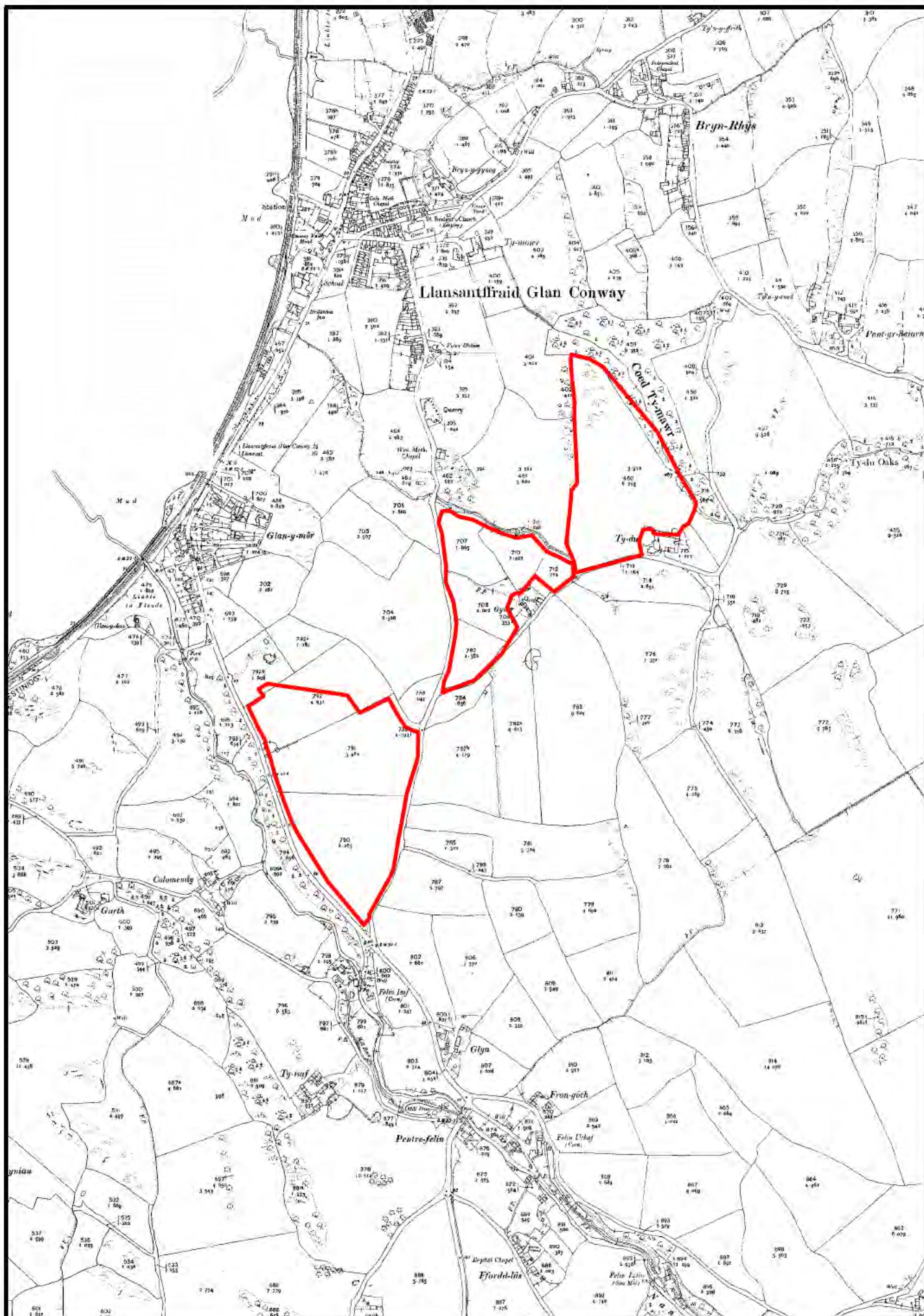


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G2615_042	Stone gate post NE edge of O1	W	1x1m	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	

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G2615_044	View over O1 from NE corner	ESE	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_045	View over O1 from NE corner	E	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_046	View over O1 from NE corner	NE	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_047	View over O1 from NE corner	NNE	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_048	View over O1 from top of rock outcrop NE corner	NNE	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	06
G2615_049	View over O1 from top of rock outcrop NE corner	NE	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	07
G2615_050	View over O1 from top of rock outcrop NE corner	E	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	08
G2615_051	View over O1 from top of rock outcrop NE corner	ESE	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_052	View over O1 from top of rock outcrop NE corner	SE	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_053	View over O1 from top of rock outcrop NE corner	SSE	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_054	View over O1 from top of rock outcrop NE corner	SSW	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_055	View over O1 from top of rock outcrop NE corner	WSW	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_056	View over O1 from top of rock outcrop NE corner	WNW	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	

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G2615_057	Exposed bedrock halfway down steep SW side of outcrop	W	1x1m	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	10
G2615_058	View from base of rock outcrop	W	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_059	Excavation evidence	SE	1x1m	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_060	View over rock outcrop - shorter vegetation	S	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	09
G2615_061	Access gate from A470	ENE	1x1m	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_062	View of W boundary with possible old ditch along boundary	NNW	1x1m	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_063	View across O1 from A470 access gate	NW	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	05
G2615_064	View across O1 from A470 access gate	W	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	04
G2615_065	View across O1 from A470 access gate	WSW	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	03
G2615_066	View across O1 from A470 access gate	SW	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_067	View across O1 from A470 access gate	SSE	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_068	View of O2 from access gate on A470	NNW	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	14
G2615_069	View of O2 from access gate on A470	NW	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_070	View of O2 from access gate on A470 - O3 in distance	WSW	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	13

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G2615_071	View over O2 from gate	SSW	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_072	View over O2 from gate	S	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_073	High zoom view of O3 from O2 access gate	WSW	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	15
G2615_074	Signs of recent excavations	SW	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2615_075	Signs of recent excavations	W	-	Carol Ryan Young	17/05/2019	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	

APPENDIX III

Categories of importance

Category A - Sites of National Importance.

Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings of grade II* and above, as well as those that would meet the requirements for scheduling (ancient monuments) or listing (buildings) or both. Sites that are scheduled or listed have legal protection, and it is recommended that all Category A sites remain preserved and protected *in situ*.

Category B - Sites of regional or county importance.

Grade II listed buildings and sites which would not fulfil the criteria for scheduling or listing, but which are nevertheless of particular importance within the region. Preservation *in situ* is the preferred option for Category B sites, but if damage or destruction cannot be avoided, appropriate detailed recording might be an acceptable alternative.

Category C - Sites of district or local importance.

Sites which are not of sufficient importance to justify a recommendation for preservation if threatened. Category C sites nevertheless merit adequate recording in advance of damage or destruction.

Category D - Minor and damaged sites.

Sites that are of minor importance or are so badly damaged that too little remains to justify their inclusion in a higher category. For Category D sites, rapid recording, either in advance of or during destruction, should be sufficient.

Category E - Sites needing further investigation.

Sites, the importance of which is as yet undetermined and which will require further work before they can be allocated to categories A - D are temporarily placed in this category, with specific recommendations for further evaluation. In this report several sites of unknown potential have been allocated to this category.



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