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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Reason for Report

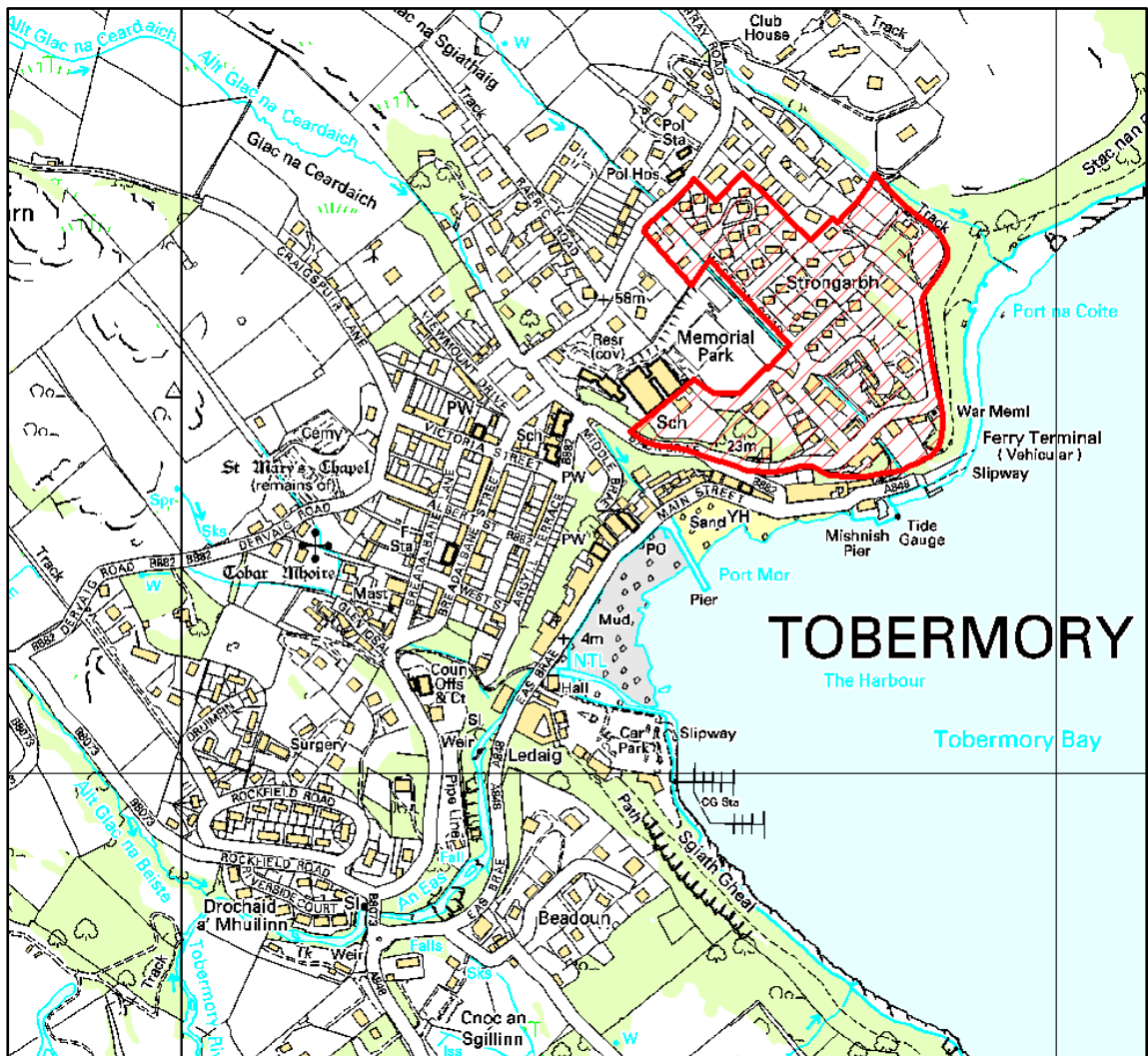
- 1.1.1 An enquiry was received from a resident of Tobermory regarding the naming of a street in the town. Initial investigation indicated that there were different interpretations of the use of the street name “Western Road” in this area and the area to which the locality name of “Strongarbh” has been applied.

## 1.2 Area Covered

- 1.2.1 The area covered by this report is determined by the street names and postcodes used by Royal Mail, the council’s Corporate Address Gazetteer and Street Gazetteer, the Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board address records and Ordnance Survey mapping. This area is covered by postcodes PA75 6PR, PA75 6RA and PA75 6RB. There is also some overlap with Erray Road and postcode PA75 6PS.

Map 1 below shows the area covered.

**Map 1 – Area covered by report**



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## 2 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

### 2.1 Ordnance Survey Maps

- 2.1.1 Ordnance Survey maps are available for this area dated 1877, 1898/99 and 1975 and extracts are attached as Appendices 2, 3 and 4. The maps, along with current mapping, show the development of the area from 1877 to the present day.
- 2.1.2 In 1877 development was limited to a group of properties around Strongarbh House and Ulva Cottage and included a manse (now Thurston House), school and smithy with the name of “Strongarbh” appearing to be attributed to this area. The property now known as Bad Daraich House is the only other property constructed and was named “Badarroch Cottage” on the map at that time.
- 2.1.3 The “Strongarbh” name is more prominent on the 1898/99 map and further development has taken place – the Western Isles Hotel, Drill Hall, Stronsaule, Heanish and Oakfield are all evident on the map although not all named.
- 2.1.4 On the 1975 map the “Strongarbh” name has moved further north to the area now developed and named as Western Road. There are no street names shown on the map for any of the streets within the area covered by this report.
- 2.1.5 The current Ordnance Survey map shows Strongarbh further north again and names Western Road for the first time.

### 2.2 Valuation Rolls

- 2.2.1 A sample Valuation Roll from 1989 uses Strongarbh, Western Road and Strongarbh Park to identify the properties in the report area. This is in line with the current Assessor street naming as described in section 3.4 below.

## 3 STREETS

### 3.1 List of Public Roads

- 3.1.1 In the List of Public Roads 2013 the following roads are listed in the report area:

Road number	Road name	Description	Length (km)
No.007	Erray Branch Road	From Avoch Road to Erray Road a distance of 268 yards	0.25
No.008	Western Road	From Back Brae extending in an easterly thence north easterly thence northerly direction for a distance of 451 yards	0.41
No.020	Strongarbh Road	From Avoch Road to gate a distance of 128 yards	0.12
No.021	Avoch Road	From Erray Branch Road to Western Road a distance of 133 yards	0.12

A map of these roads is attached at Appendix 5 and it can be seen that this further confuses the street naming in the area as Western Road as mapped is named “Erray Branch Road” in the Public List of Roads whereas the road from Back Brae to Oakfield is named “Western Road”

## **3.2 Street Signs**

- 3.2.1 There are only two street signs in the report area – both displaying “Western Road” at either end of the public road known as the “Erray Branch Road”.

## **3.3 Royal Mail PAF Streets**

- 3.3.1 Royal Mail uses Western Road as the street name for PA75 6RA and Strongarbh Park for PA75 6RB. For both postcodes Royal Mail also includes “Strongarbh” as a locality name and this locality name is also used for PA75 6PR without a street name. Appendix 7 shows the postcodes allocated to all properties in the area.

## **3.4 Assessor Streets**

- 3.4.1 The Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute Valuation Joint Board (also known as the Assessor) maintains addresses for valuation and electoral purposes – e.g. Council Tax, Non Domestic Rates and the Electoral Register. Addresses are all based on their own street index and the streets for the report area are Western Road, Strongarbh Park and Islands Cabins with Strongarbh again used as a locality for several properties without the addition of a street name. Appendix 8 shows the properties allocated to each of the streets on the Assessor’s Street Index.

## **3.5 Ordnance Survey Mapping**

- 3.5.1 The current Ordnance Survey map names Western Road but all other roads in the report area are unnamed.

## **3.6 Local Street Gazetteer**

- 3.6.1 The Local Street Gazetteer, as revised in 2005 to link to the Corporate Address Gazetteer (CAG), used all of the above to determine the street names in the area. It is a requirement of the CAG that all properties must link to a street so using just the locality name of “Strongarbh” was not an option.
- 3.6.2 Using both the Royal Mail, Assessor and Ordnance Survey depiction of Western Road, along with the List of Public Roads version of Western Road, identified a much longer Western Road than in any of the other systems – see Appendix 9. The private roads serving Strongarbh Park and Island Cabins are included as is Strongarbh Road from the List of Public Roads but no properties are linked to this road – all are on Western Road in the CAG.

# **4 PROPERTIES**

## **4.1 Postcodes**

- 4.1.1 As shown on Appendix 7 there is logic to how the postcodes have been allocated with properties on Western Road right down to “The Cottage” being on PA75 6RA. The one exception is Park Lodge (Hotel) which is on PA75 6PR. The remaining properties on PA75 6PR are on the List of Public Roads streets known as Western Road and Strongarbh Road.
- 4.1.2 There is one erroneous property on PA75 6PR – the property known as Conival, which correctly appears on Erray Road on both the Assessor and CAG lists
- 4.1.3 A full list of addressing differences is shown in Tables 1-4 and Map 2 below :

Table 1

<b>CAG WESTERN ROAD</b>	<b>PAF WESTERN ROAD</b>	<b>ASSESSOR STRONGARBH</b>
Avoch Cottage	Avoch	Avoch Cottage
Gruinard	Gruinard	Gruinard
Hall	Drill Hall	Cadet Centre
Penny Cottage	Penny Cottage	Penny Cottage
Strongarbh Cottage	Strongarbh Cottage	Strongarbh Cottage
The Cottage	The Cottage	The Cottage

Table 2

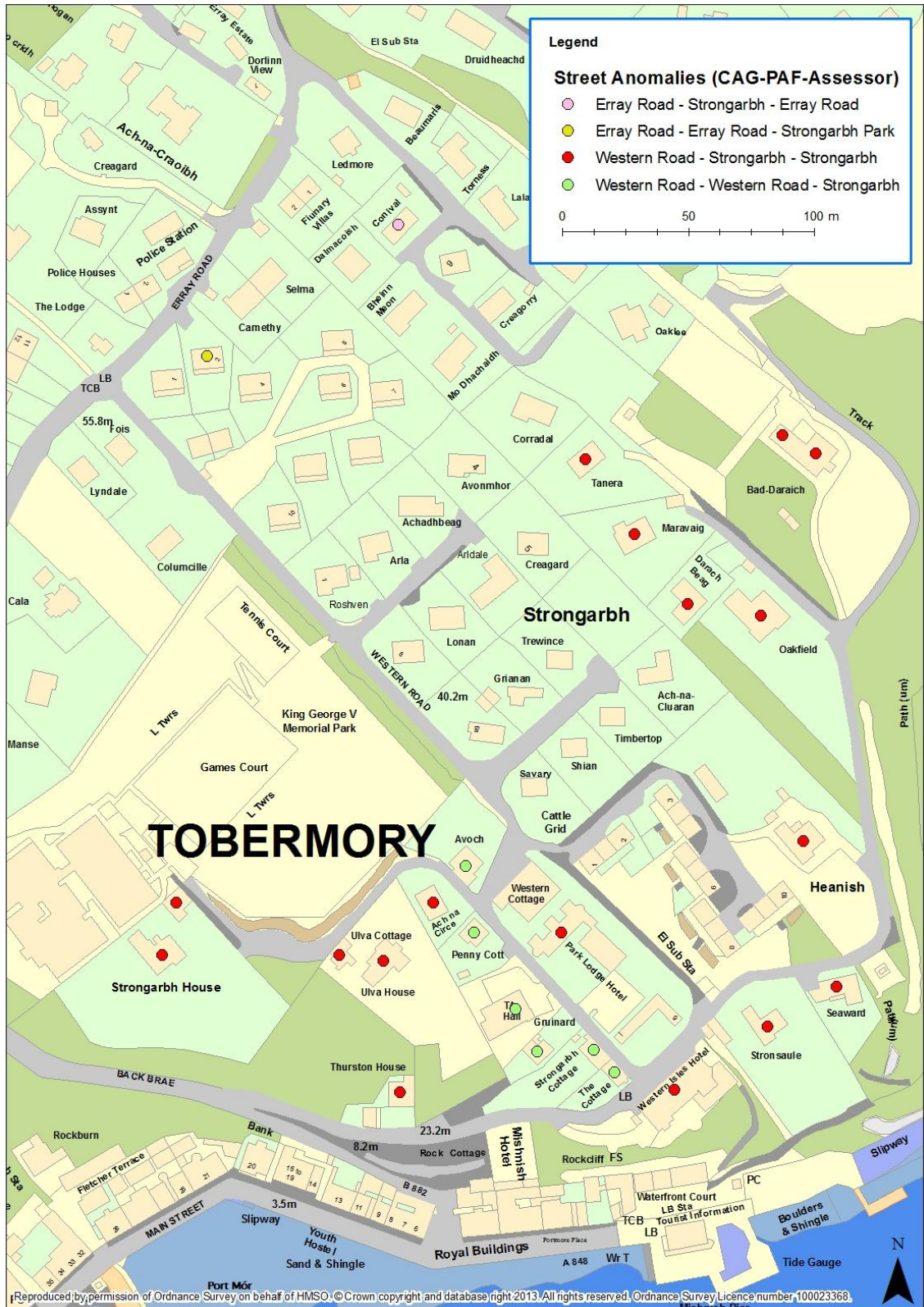
<b>CAG ERRAY ROAD</b>	<b>PAF STRONGARBH</b>	<b>ASSESSOR ERRAY ROAD</b>
Conival	Conival	Conival

Table 3

<b>CAG WESTERN ROAD</b>	<b>PAF STRONGARBH</b>	<b>ASSESSOR STRONGARBH</b>
Ach Na Circe	Ach Na Circe	Ach Na Circe
Bad-Daraich House Annexe	Flat Bad Daraich	Bad Daraich House Annexe
Bad-Daraich House	Bad Daraich	Bad Daraich House
Darach Beag	Darrachbeag	Darach Beag & Oakfield Cottage
Heanish	Heanish	Heanish
Maravaig	Maravaig	Maravaig
Oakfield	Oakfield	Oakfield
Park Lodge	Park Lodge	Park Lodge Hotel
Seaward	Seaward	Seaward
Stronbeag	Stronbeag	Stronbeag
Strongarbh House	Strongarbh House	Strongarbh House
Stronsaule	Stronsaule	Stronsaule
Tanera	Tanera	Tanera
Thurston House	Thurston House	Thurston House
Ulva Cottage	1 Ulva Cottages	Ulva Cottage
Ulva House	Ulva House	Ulva House
Western Isles Hotel	Western Isles Hotel	Western Isles Hotel

Table 4

<b>CAG ERRAY ROAD</b>	<b>PAF ERRAY ROAD</b>	<b>ASSESSOR STRONGARBH PARK</b>
Kilmory Cottage	Kilmory Cottage	Kilmory Cottage, 2



**Map 2 – Street / Addressing Anomalies**

**4.2 Businesses Addresses**

4.2.1 A sample of business addresses, taken from their websites, is shown at Appendix 11 and many on PA75 6PR choose only to display their property/business name and exclude Strongarbh from their address – only Bad-Daraich House includes it.

- 4.2.2 Park Lodge displays the correct postcode but includes Western Road in its address rather than Strongarbh as per PAF. This is in line with the CAG address but is incorrect for the postcode.

## 5 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 What appeared to be a simple enquiry from a Tobermory resident has raised a number of issues and it would be prudent for the council to use Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act to attempt to resolve all these issues.
- 5.2 Strongarbh was originally a small area around The Cottage, Strongarbh Cottage and the Drill Hall as shown on the 1877 map but has gradually moved north on the map over the years to cover a wider area. There is no historic reason, therefore, for most of the properties in the area to be linked to Strongarbh.
- 5.3 The extent of Western Road causes confusion as the Public List of Roads indicates a different extent to the Assessor/PAF and the CAG has used a combination of both interpretations.
- 5.4 The road from Back Brae to Ben Daraich House would benefit from being officially named. This would help visitors, delivery companies and service providers to locate the properties on this street.

## 6 PROPOSALS

- 6.1 The proposals below are based on the findings of this report and correspondence with one resident. This document is a consultation document so representations on the proposals are requested prior to changes being applied under Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act.

**PROPOSAL 1** - Name the public road from Back Brae to the entrance to Oakfield and Bad-Daraich House. Suggested name is **Memorial Road** as the war memorial is on this road and older residents recall the road being referred to with this name fifty plus years ago. A new postcode would be required.

Addresses would change from:

**House Name, Strongarbh, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR**

to:

**House Name, Memorial Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull [NEW POSTCODE]**

Properties affected: Bad Daraich House, Darach Beag, Heanish, Maravaig, Oakfield, Seaward, Stronsaule, Tanera, Thurston House, Western Isles Hotel

**PROPOSAL 1A** – In addition to Proposal 1, name the private lane from the entrance to Oakfield and Bad-Daraich to Tanera. Suggested name is **Pattullo Lane** as this has a family name connection with Bad Daraich House, the first house built in this area. A second new postcode would be required.

Addresses would change from:

**House Name, Strongarbh, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR**

to:

**House Name, Pattullo Lane, Tobermory, Isle of Mull [NEW POSTCODE]**

Properties affected: Bad Daraich House, Darach Beag, Maravaig, Tanera



**PROPOSAL 2** – Request that Royal Mail move Park Lodge from postcode PA75 6PR to PA75 6RA. This brings Park Lodge in line with the rest of the properties on Western Road and matches the address on the hotel’s website, but not the postcode

Address would change from:

**Park Lodge, Strongarbh, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR**

to:

**Park Lodge, Western Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6RA**

Property affected: Park Lodge

**PROPOSAL 3** – Rename the remaining part of PA75 6PR as Strongarbh Road. These properties would remain on PA75 6PR with the minor address change as below.

Addresses would change from:

**House Name, Strongarbh, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR**

to:

**House Name, Strongarbh Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR**

Properties affected: Ach Na Circe, Stronbeag, Strongarbh House, Ulva Cottage, Ulva House

**PROPOSAL 4** – Request that Royal Mail move Conival from PA75 6PR to the Erray Road postcode of PA75 6PS to bring it in line with surrounding properties.

Address would change from:

**Conival, Strongarbh, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR**

to:

**Conival, Erray Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PS**

Property affected: Conival

**PROPOSAL 5** – Request that the Assessor moves Kilmory Cottage from Strongarbh Park to Erray Road to bring it into line with Royal Mail’s PAF and the CAG.

Address would change (on Assessor list only) from:

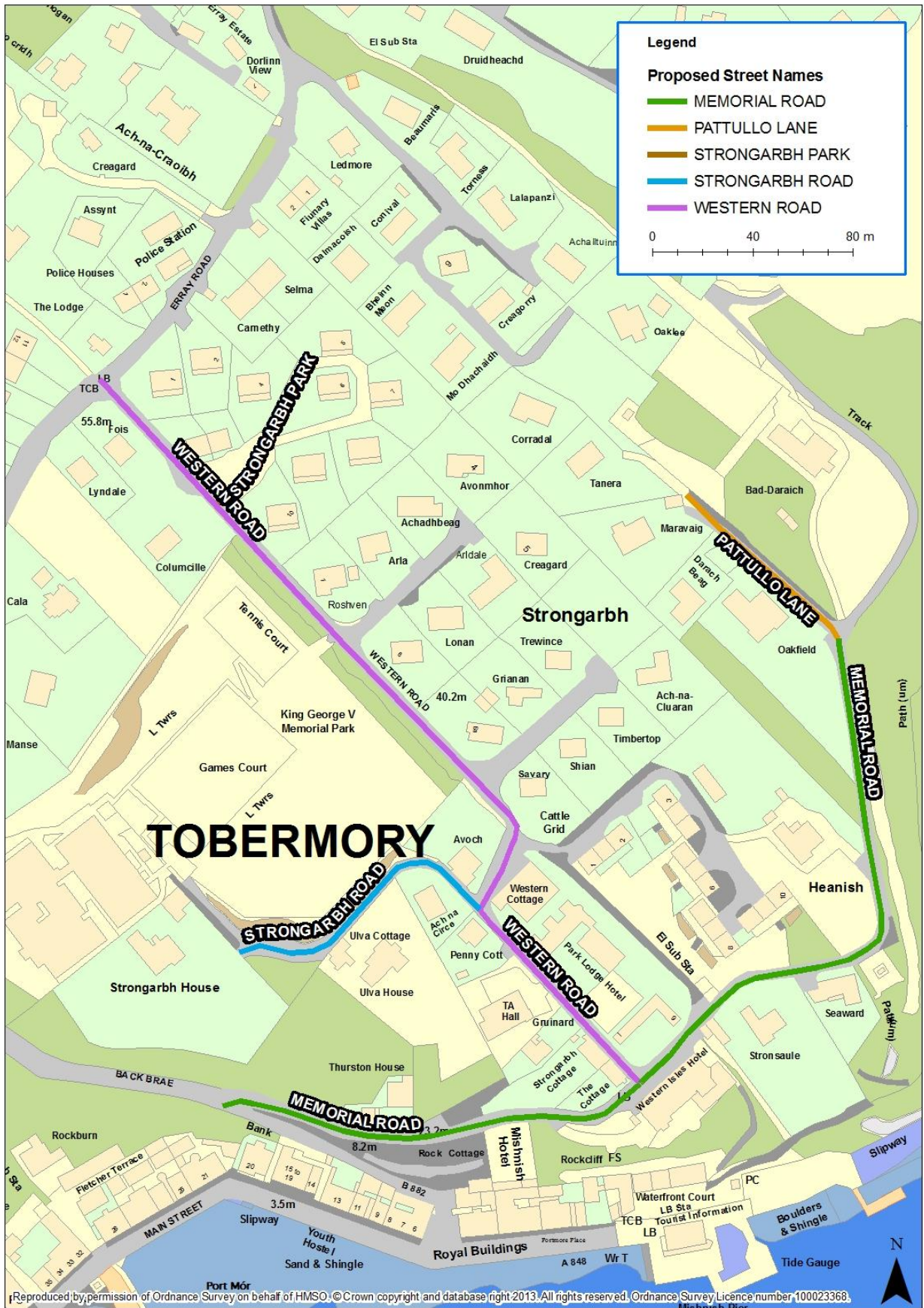
**Kilmory Cottage, 2 Strongarbh Park, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6RB**

to:

**Kilmory Cottage, Erray Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PS**

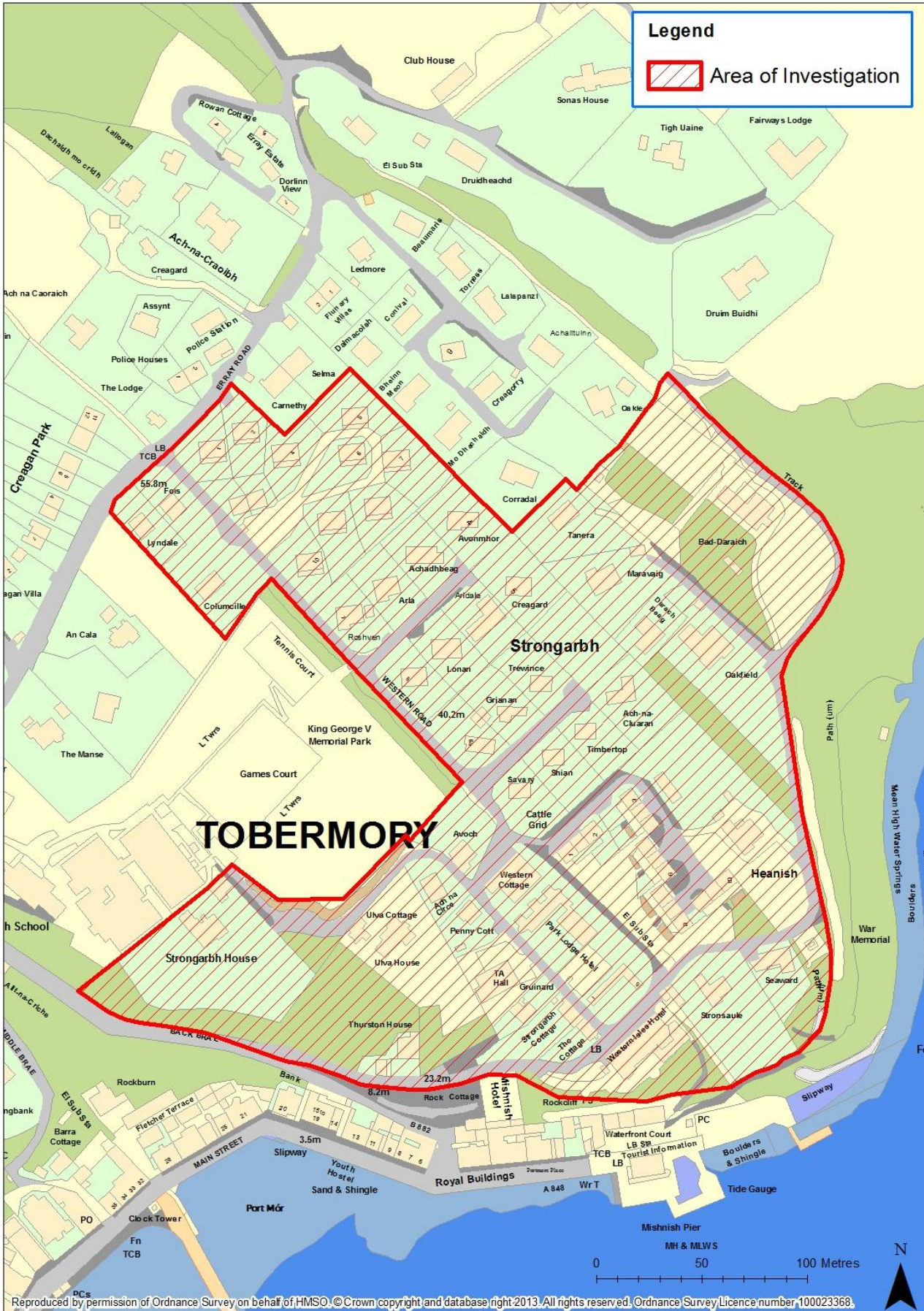
Property affected: Kilmory Cottage

6.2 If all proposals are adopted the street names will be as shown on Map 3 below.

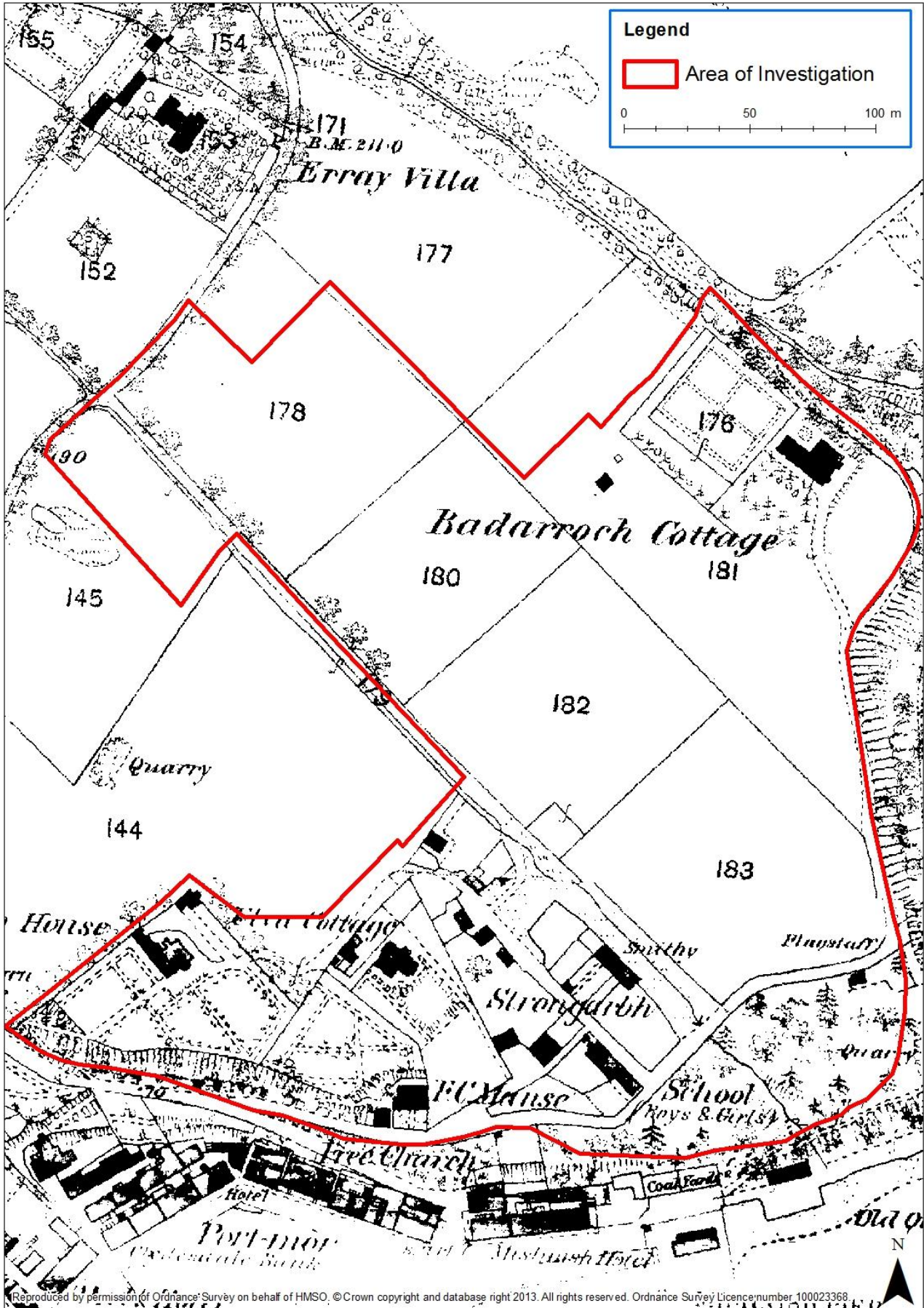


**Map 3 – Proposed Street Names**

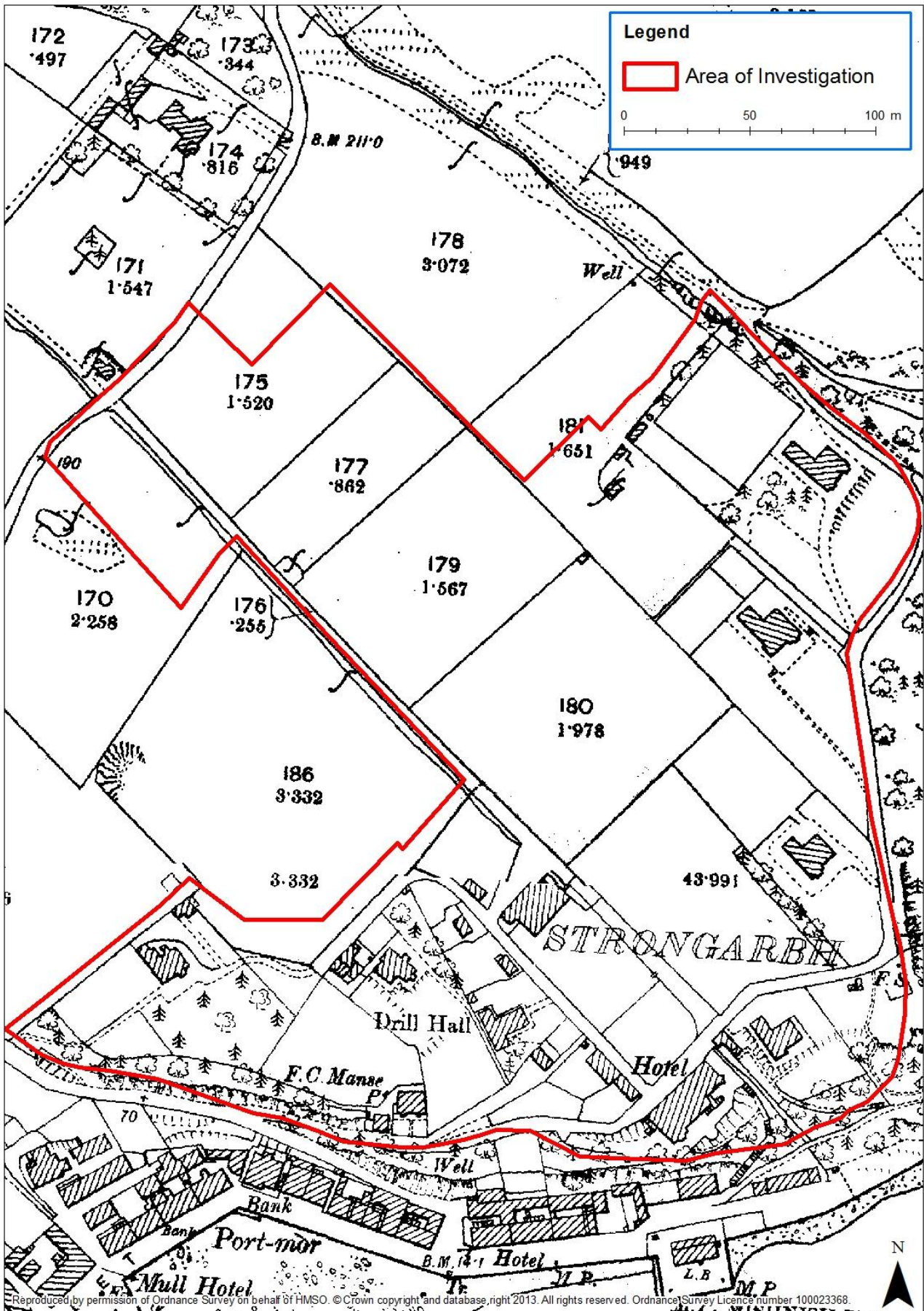
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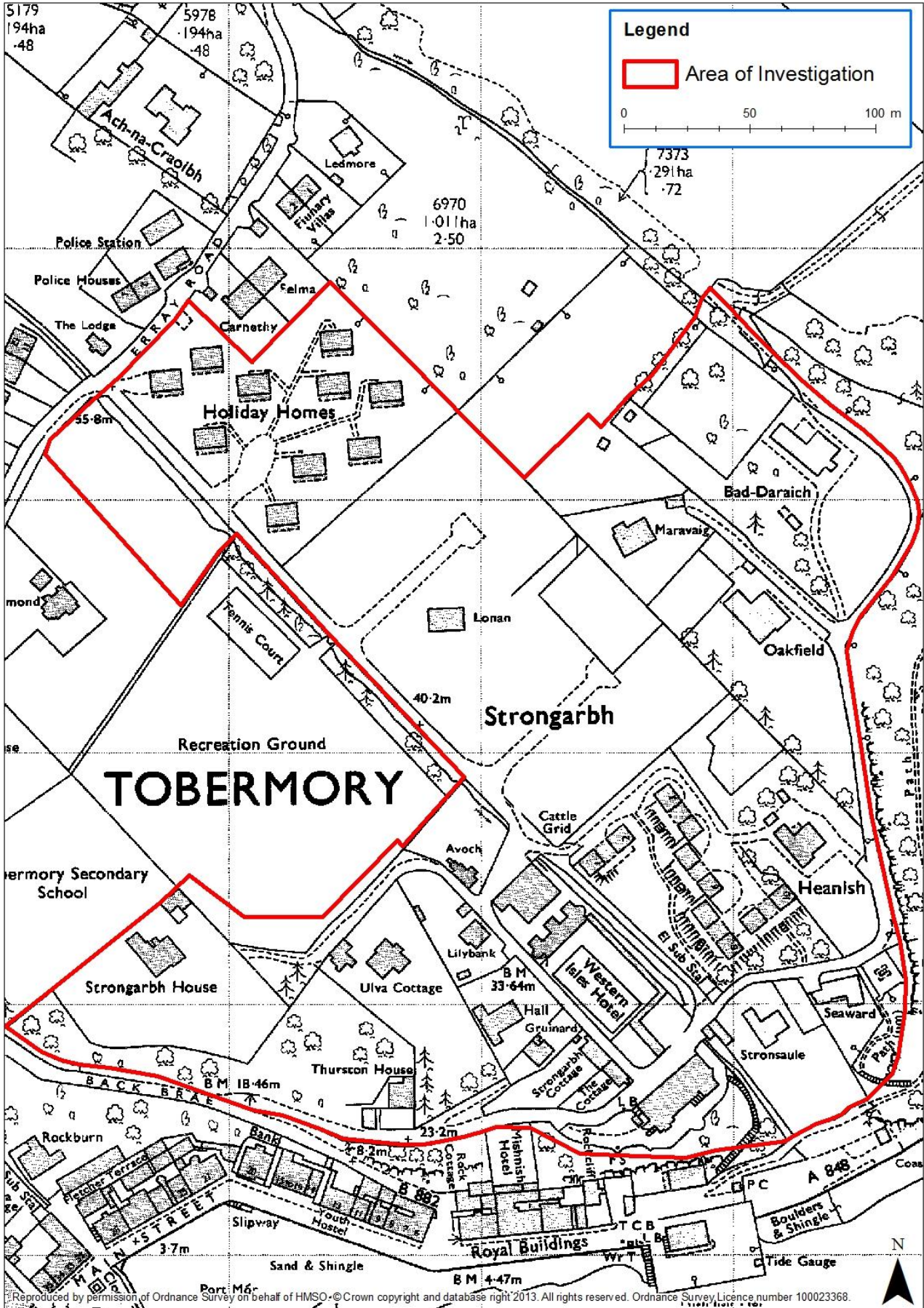
APPENDIX 2 - Ordnance Survey Map 1877



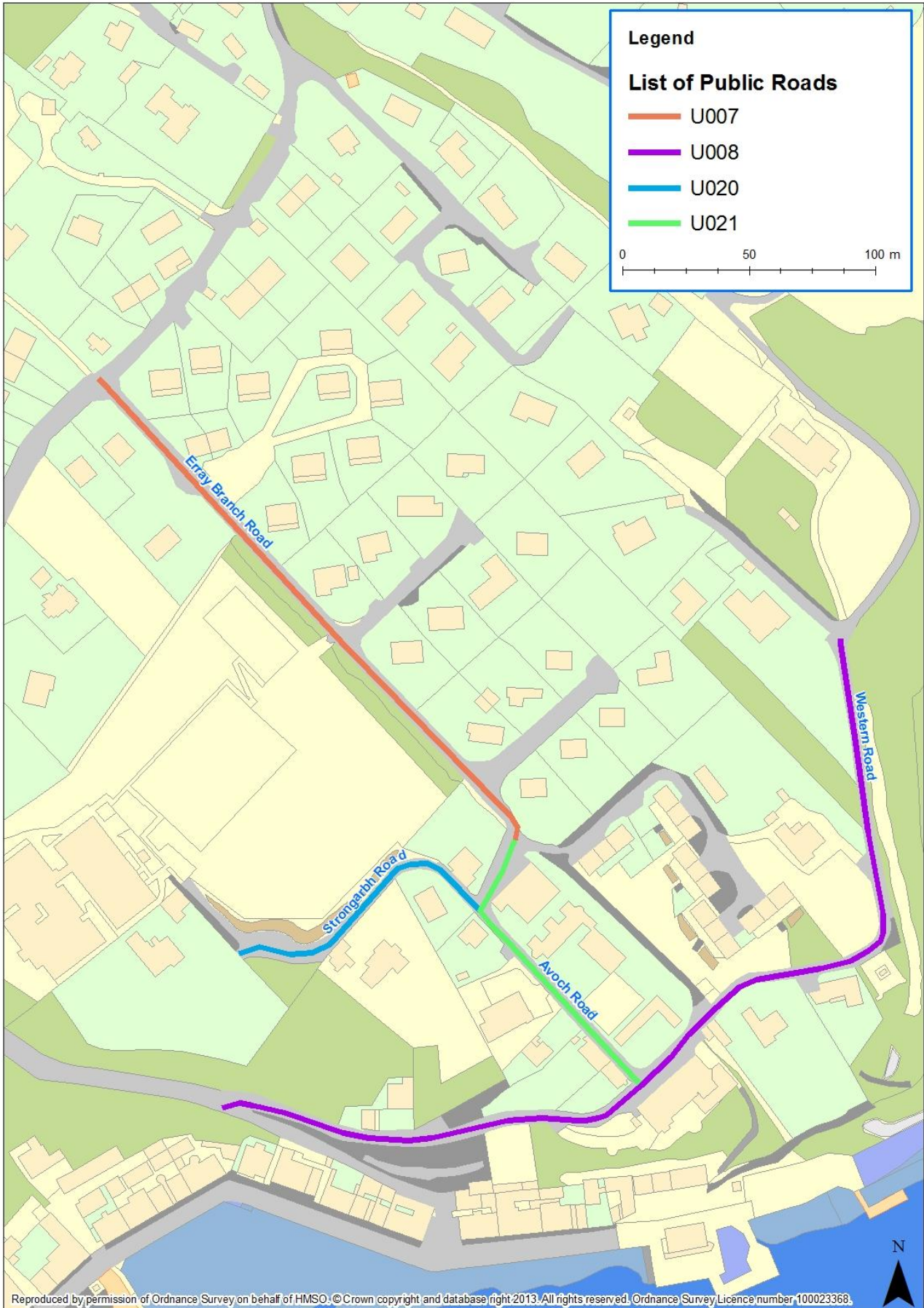
APPENDIX 3 - Ordnance Survey Map 1898/99



APPENDIX 4 - Ordnance Survey Map 1975



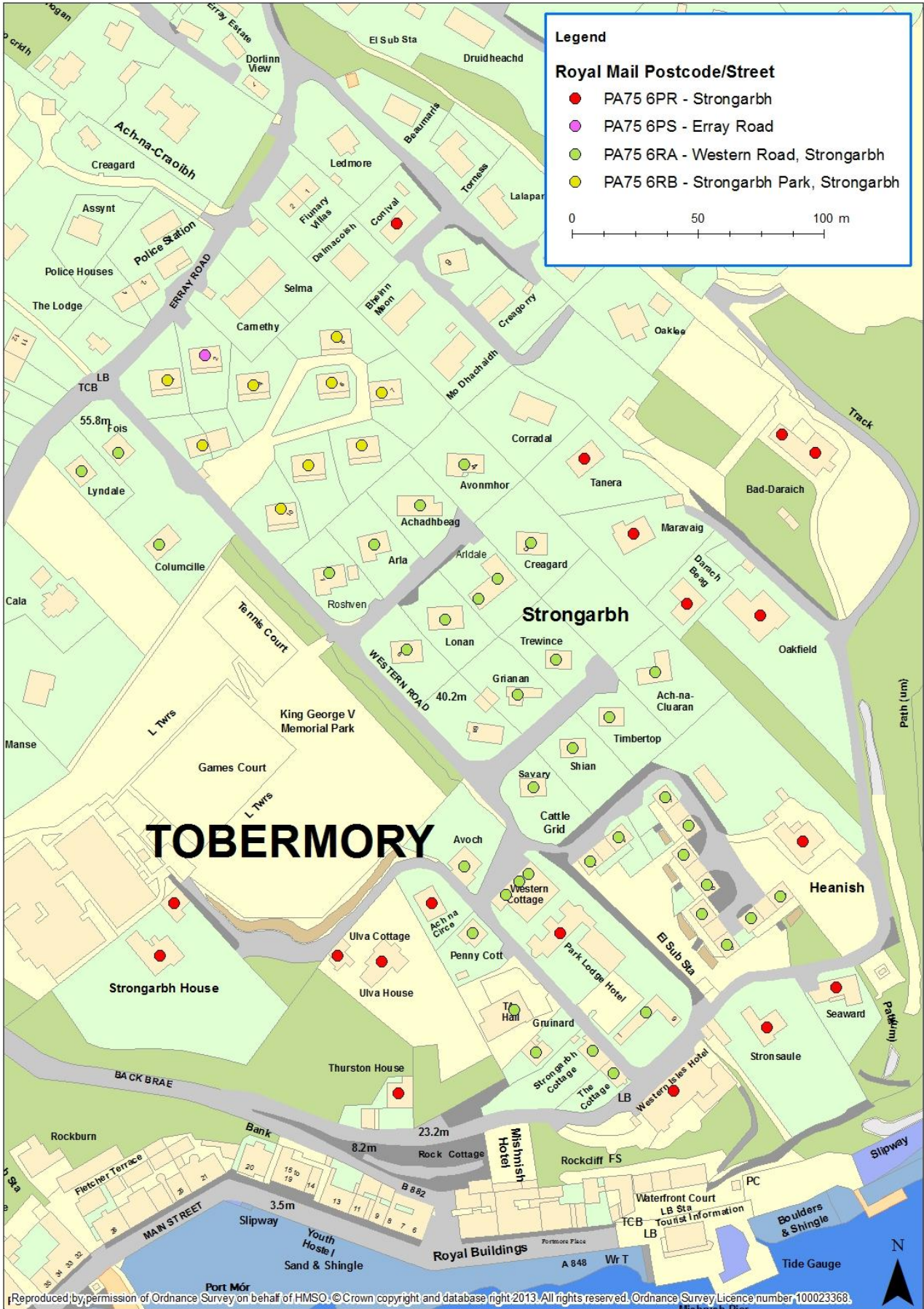
## APPENDIX 5 - List of Public Roads 2013



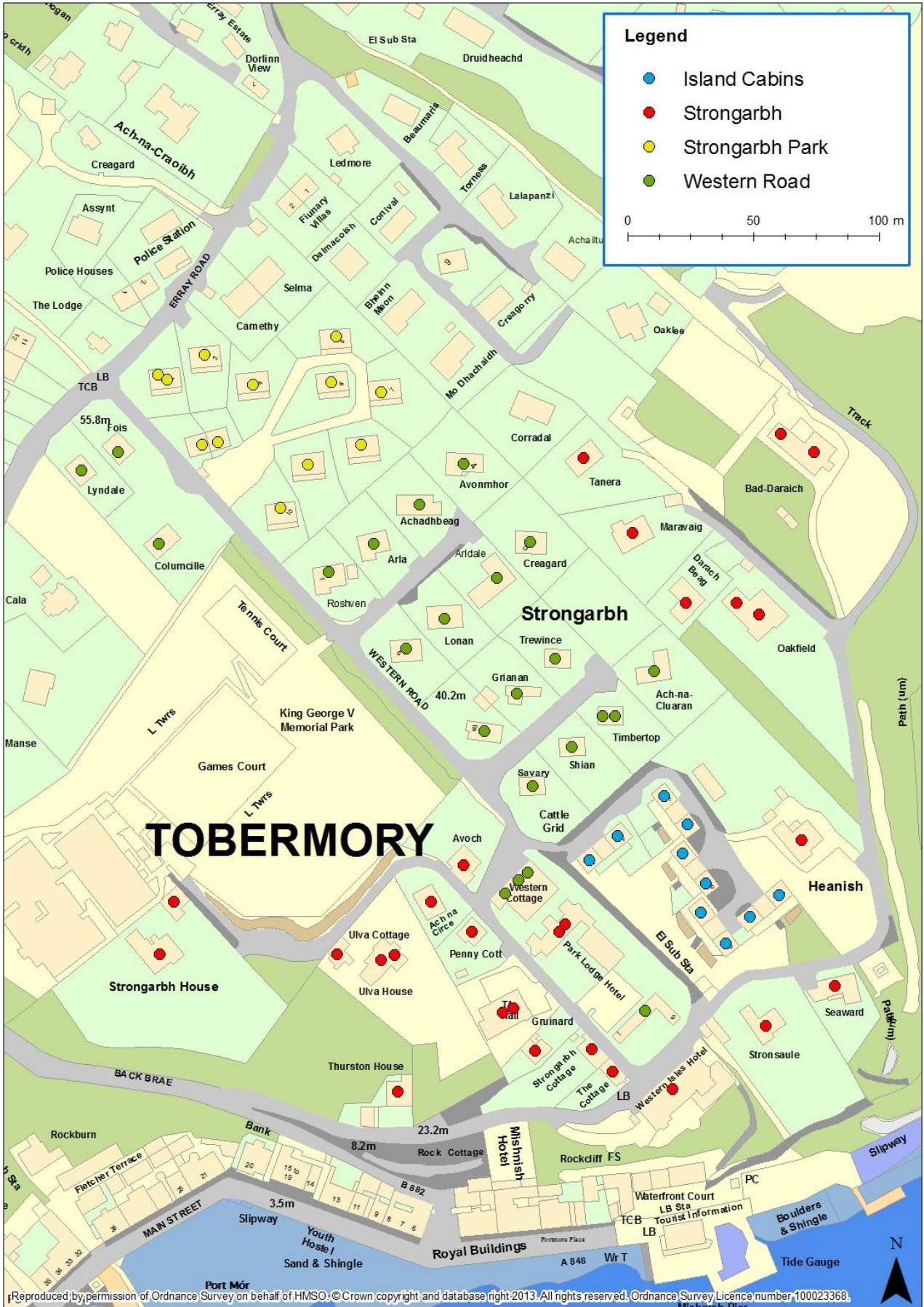




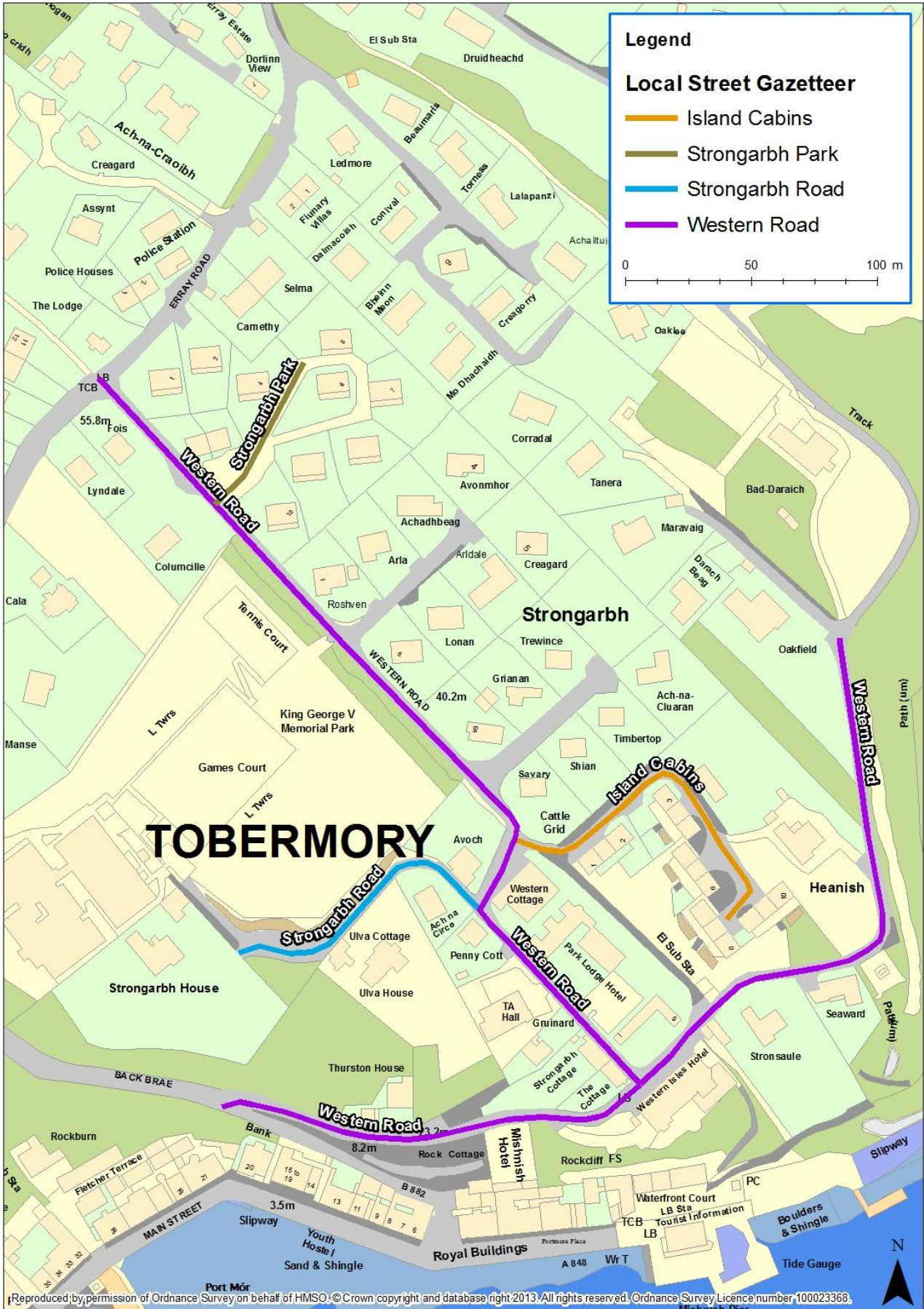
# APPENDIX 7 – Royal Mail Postcodes / Streets



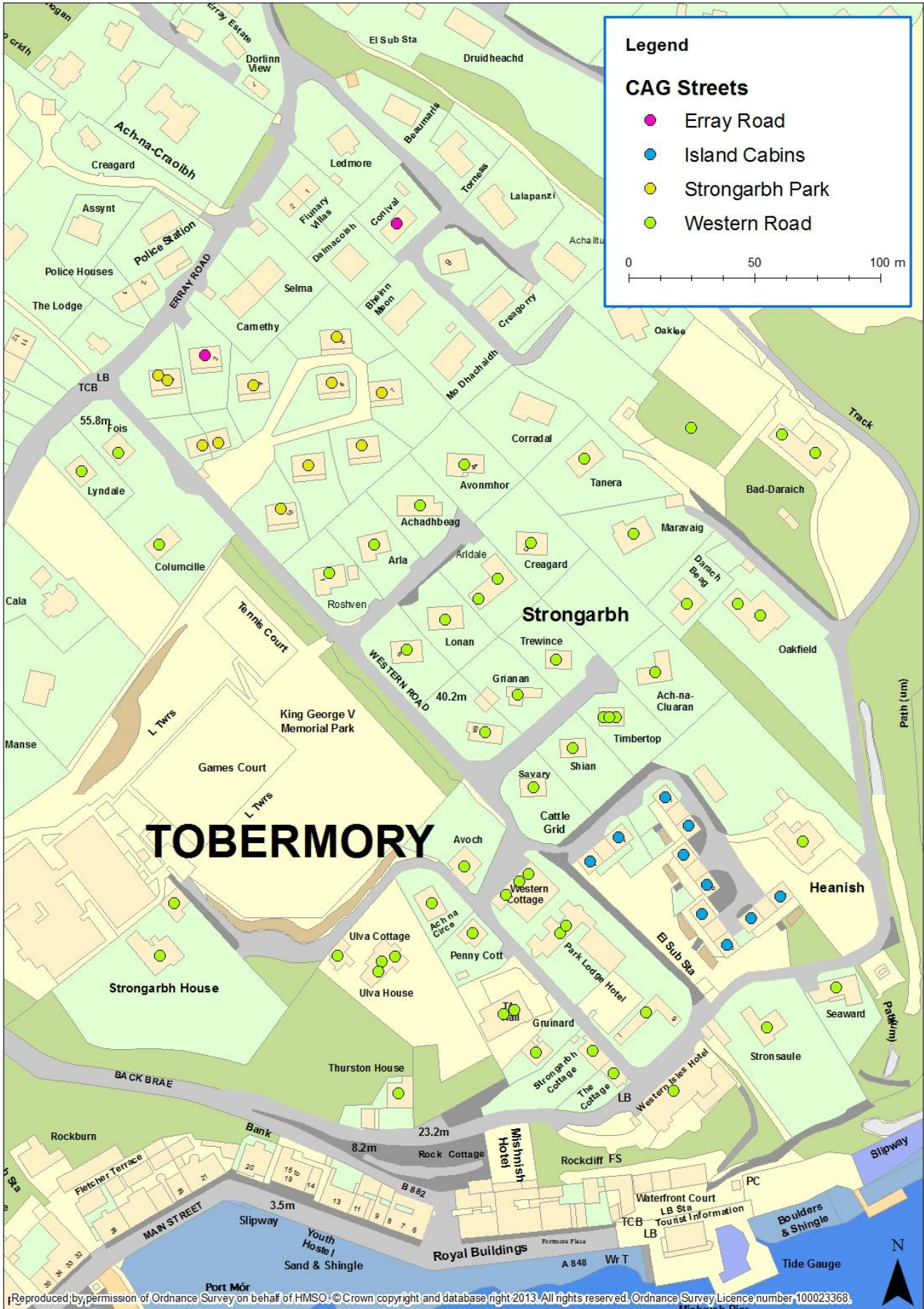
# APPENDIX 8 – Assessor Streets



# APPENDIX 9 – Local Street Gazetteer



# APPENDIX 10 – Corporate Address Gazetteer



## APPENDIX 11 – Website Business Addresses

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