IMPORTANT - THIS COMMUNICATION AFFECTS YOUR PROPERTY OR PROPERTY THAT YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (As amended)

ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

REFERENCE NUMBER: 20/00133/ENOTH3

To: Mr Iain MacLean
Flat 1
Falls View Apartments
North Connel
PA37 1QX

ISSUED BY: ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD

1. **THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE** which is issued by Argyll and Bute Council, having their head office at Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT, a local authority constituted under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, and as such the Planning Authority for the area of Argyll and Bute in terms of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) ("the Act") because it appears to them that there has been a breach of planning control, under Section 127 of the Act, at the Land Affected as hereinafter defined. Argyll and Bute Council consider that it is expedient to issue this notice, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and to other material considerations.

2. **THE LAND AFFECTED**

   Land **to the south of Sull na mara**, **North Connel, Argyll And Bute,** shown edged red on the attached plan.

3. **THE BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL ALLEGED**

   In terms of Section 123(1)(a) of the above Act, the carrying out of development without the benefit of express planning permission, relative to:

1. **The material change of use of land (from land with a null use), to land for the siting of a caravan in, over, and/or under the land affected**

4. **REASONS FOR ISSUING THIS NOTICE**

The siting of the caravan is development requiring express planning permission as it is a material change of use from an existing null use of the land to that for the siting of a caravan as per Section 26 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Scotland Act 1997 (as amended). As the development is a material change of use of land, the time period for commencing enforcement action is 10 years, as per Section 124 (3) of the Act.

The site is located within a designated Open Space Protection Area (OSPA) which runs along the seaward side of the north Connel public road. Open Space Protection Areas are defined within the Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan as being 'areas of valued open space, sports pitches and playing fields as identified in the Proposal Maps of the Local Development Plan'.

SG LDP REC/COM 1 sets out a presumption against the development or redevelopment of open space protection areas shown to be safeguarded in the LDP Proposal Maps except where:

(i) The retention or enhancement of the facilities can best be achieved by the redevelopment of part of the site which will not compromise its sporting potential and its amenity value;
(ii) There would be no loss of amenity and alternative provision of equal benefit and accessibility would be made available and there is a clear long term excess of public open space in the wider area, taking into account long term strategy and recreational and amenity value.

Policy LDP 9 seeks developers to produce and execute a high standard of appropriate design and ensure that development is sited and positioned so as to pay regard to the context within which it is located. The Sustainable Siting and Design Principles expand on this policy requiring development to reflect the existing settlement pattern, to be compatible with neighbouring uses and to be of a scale, shape and proportion that respects or complements adjacent buildings and size.

Policy LDP 11 supports all development proposals that seek to maintain and improve internal and external connectivity by ensuring that suitable infrastructure is delivered to serve new developments. Supplementary Guidance SG LDP TRAN 4 and SG LDP TRAN 6 expand on this policy seeking to ensure that developments are served by a safe means of vehicular access and have an adequate on-site parking and turning area.

The site appears to be in close proximity to an area that might be at risk from coastal flooding in SEPA's Indicative River and Coastal Flood Map (Scotland). SEPA's advice is that, in general, '*water compatible*' development may be acceptable in areas that are at risk of coastal flooding. This type of development is residential in nature and is strictly not 'water compatible' development.

The development is inappropriate for this open and visually prominent location which, in the opinion of the Planning Authority, is a poorly designed development which fails to pay due regard to its setting resulting in significant adverse impacts to amenity, particularly when viewed from within the public realm. The development is considered contrary to Policies LDP DM 1, LDP 3, LDP 9, LDP 11 and Supplementary Guidance SG LDP ENV 14, LDP REC/COM 1 and SG LDP TRAN 4 of the adopted Argyll and Bute Local Plan.

5. **WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO**

1. Cease use of the Land Affected for the siting of a caravan by removing caravan from the land.

Time period for compliance: **3 months from the date the notice takes effect**.

6. **WHEN THIS NOTICE TAKES EFFECT**

This notice takes effect on 15th of November 2021 unless an appeal is made to the Scottish Government before the date the notice takes effect.

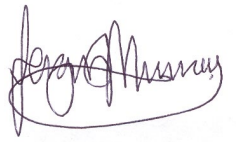
7. **YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL**

You can appeal against this notice, but your appeal must be received or posted in time to be received by the Scottish Government before **the 15th of November 2021.** Schedule 1 to this notice gives information on your rights of appeal. **READ IT CAREFULLY**.

8. **WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DO NOT APPEAL**

If you do not appeal against this notice, it will take effect on and you must then ensure that the required steps for complying with it, for which you may be held responsible, are taken within the period(s) specified in the notice. Failure to comply with an enforcement notice which has taken effect can result in prosecution and/or remedial action by the Council.

Dated: 13.10.2021



Fergus Murray
Head of Development and Economic Growth

On behalf of Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT

SCHEDULE 1
EXPLANATORY NOTE FOR THOSE IN RECEIPT OF
AN ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

RELEVENT LEGISLATION

A copy of (a summary of) Section 127/134 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is attached. You will wish to note in particular the points referred below.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

If you wish to appeal against this notice, you should write to the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals, 4 The Courtyard, Callendar Business Park, Callendar Road, Falkirk, FK1 1XR. The appeal must be received, or posted in time to be received, by the Scottish Government before 15th of November 2021**.** The Scottish Government has no power to consider an appeal lodged out of time.

The appeal, which must be made in writing, must be based on one or more of the grounds set out in Section 130 of the 1997 Act, and you should state the facts on which you propose to rely in support of each of the grounds of the appeal. The grounds of appeal and statement of facts must be submitted with your appeal or within 14 days of your being required to do so by the Scottish Government.

If you lodge an appeal, the enforcement notice is suspended and will not take effect unless the appeal is withdrawn or dismissed.

PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH AN ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

Where an enforcement notice requires the discontinuance of a use of land or compliance, in respect of a use of land or the carrying out of operations, with any conditions or limitations, then any person who, without the grant of planning permission uses the land or causes or permits it to be used, or carries out those operations or causes or permits them to be carried out, is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Fifty Thousand Pounds or on conviction on indication to an unlimited fine. In determining the amount of the fine to be imposed the court is in particular to have regard to any financial benefit which has accrued or appears likely to accrue to the convicted person in consequence of the activity which constituted the offence. Furthermore, if the use is continued after conviction the person may be convicted of a second or subsequent offence.

DIRECT ACTION FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH AN ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

If the steps required by an enforcement notice are not taken within the specified period(s) the Council may enter on the land, take those steps and recover the cost from the owner or lessee of the land.

FURTHER OFFENCES

Compliance with the terms of an enforcement notice does not discharge the notice. It will continue in effect and any repetition of the breach of control may incur further penalties or may result in direct action by the Council.

Enforcement Sections of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Enforcement notices

Issue of enforcement notice.

127. - (1) The planning authority may issue a notice (in this Act referred Act as an "enforcement notice") where it appears to them-

(a) that there has been a breach of planning control, and

(b) that it is expedient to issue the notice, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and to any other material considerations.

(2) A copy of an enforcement notice shall be served-

(a) on the owner and on the occupier of the land to which it relates, and

(b) on any other person having an interest in the land, being an interest which, in the opinion of the authority, is materially affected by the notice.

(3) The service of the notice shall take place-

(a) not more than 28 days after its date of issue, and

(b) not less than 28 days before the date specified in it as the date on which it is to take effect.

Contents and effect of notice.

128. - (1) An enforcement notice shall state-

(a) the matters which appear to the planning authority to constitute the breach of planning control, and

(b) the paragraph of section 123(1) within which, in the opinion of the authority, the breach falls.

(2) A notice complies with subsection (1)(a) if it enables any person on whom a copy of it is served to know what those matters are.

(3) An enforcement notice shall specify the steps which the authority require to be taken, or the activities which the authority require to cease, in order to achieve, wholly or partly, any of the following purposes.

(4) Those purposes are-

(a) remedying the breach by making any development comply with the terms (including conditions and limitations) of any planning permission which has been granted in respect of the land by discontinuing any use of the land or by restoring the land to its condition before the breach took place; or

(b) remedying any injury to amenity which has been caused by the breach.

(5) An enforcement notice may, for example, require-

(a) the alteration or removal of any buildings or works,

(b) the carrying out of any building or other operations,

(c) any activity on the land not to be carried on except to the extent specified in the notice, or

(d) the contour of a deposit of refuse or waste materials on land to be modified by altering the gradient or gradients of its sides.

(6) An enforcement notice issued in respect of a breach of planning control consisting of demolition of a building may require the construction of a building (in this section referred to as a "replacement building") which, subject to subsection (7), is as similar as possible to the demolished building.

(7) A replacement building-

(a) must comply with any requirement imposed by or under any enactment applicable to the construction of buildings,

(b) may differ from the demolished building in any respect which, if the demolished building had been altered in that respect, would not have constituted a breach of planning control, and

(c) must comply with any regulations made for the purposes of this subsection (including regulations modifying paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection).

(8) An enforcement notice shall specify the date on which it is to take effect and, subject to section 131(3), shall take effect on that date.

(9) An enforcement notice shall specify the period for compliance with the notice at the end of which any steps are required to have been taken or any activities are required to have ceased, and may specify different periods for different steps or activities.

(10) Where different periods apply to different steps or activities, references in this Part to the period for compliance with an enforcement notice, in relation to any step or activity, are to the period at the end of which the step is required to have been taken or the activity is required to have ceased.

(11) An enforcement notice shall specify such additional matters as may be prescribed.

(12) Regulations may require every copy of an enforcement notice served under section 127 to be accompanied by an explanatory note giving prescribed information as to the right of appeal under section 130.

(13) Where-

(a) an enforcement notice in respect of any breach of planning control could have required any buildings or works to be removed or any activity to cease, but does not do so, and

(b) all the requirements of the notice have been complied with,

then, so far as the notice did not so require, planning permission shall be

treated as having been granted under section 33 in respect of development consisting of the construction of the buildings or works or, as the case may be, the carrying out of the activities.

(14) Where-

(a) an enforcement notice requires the construction of a replacement building, and

(b) all the requirements of the notice with respect to that construction have been complied with,

planning permission shall be treated as having been granted under section 33 in respect of development consisting of that construction.

Variation and withdrawal of enforcement notice.

129. - (1) The planning authority may-

(a) withdraw an enforcement notice issued by them, or

(b) waive or relax any requirement of such a notice and, in particular, may extend any period specified in accordance with section 128(9).

(2) The powers conferred by subsection (1) may be exercised whether or not the notice has taken effect.

(3) The planning authority shall, immediately after exercising the powers conferred by subsection (1), give notice of the exercise to every person who has been served with a copy of the enforcement notice or would, if the notice were reissued, be served with a copy of it.

(4) The withdrawal of an enforcement notice does not affect the power of the planning authority to issue a further enforcement notice.

Appeal against enforcement notice.

130. - (1) A person on whom an enforcement notice is served or any other person having an interest in the land may, at any time before the date specified in the notice as the date on which it is to take effect, appeal to the Secretary of State against the notice on any of the following grounds-

(b) that those matters have not occurred;

(c) that those matters (if they occurred) do not constitute a breach of planning control;

(d) that, at the date when the notice was issued, no enforcement action could be taken in respect of any breach of planning control which may be constituted by those matters;

(e) that copies of the enforcement notice were not served as required by section 127;

(f) that the steps required by the notice to be taken, or the activities required by the notice to cease, exceed what is necessary to remedy any breach of planning control which may be constituted by those matters or, as the case may be, to remedy any injury to amenity which has been caused by any such breach;

(g) that any period specified in the notice in accordance with section 128(9) falls short of what should reasonably be allowed.

(2) An appeal under this section shall be made either-

(a) by giving written notice of the appeal to the Secretary of State before the date specified in the enforcement notice as the date on which it is to take effect, or

(b) by sending such notice to him in a properly addressed and prepaid letter posted to him at such time that, in the ordinary course of post, it would be delivered to him before that date.

(3) A person who gives notice under subsection (2) shall submit to the Secretary of State, either when giving the notice or within the prescribed time, a statement in writing-

(a) specifying the grounds on which he is appealing against the enforcement notice, and

(b) giving such further information as may be prescribed.

Appeals: supplementary provisions.

131. - (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe the procedure which is to be followed on appeals under section 130 and, in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this subsection, in so prescribing may-

(a) specify the matters on which information is to be given in a statement under section 130(3);

(b) require the planning authority to submit, within such time as may be specified, a statement indicating the submissions which they propose to put forward on the appeal;

(c) specify the matters to be included in such a statement;

(d) require the authority or the appellant to give such notice of an appeal as may be specified to such persons as may be specified;

(e) require the authority to send to the Secretary of State, within such period from the date of the bringing of the appeal as may be specified, a copy of the enforcement notice and a list of the persons served with copies of it.

(2) Subject to section 132(3), the Secretary of State shall, if either the appellant or the planning authority so desire, give each of them an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the Secretary of State for the purpose.

(3) Where an appeal is brought under section 130 the enforcement notice shall be of no effect pending the final determination or the withdrawal of the appeal.

(4) Schedule 4 applies to appeals under section 130, including appeals under that section as applied by regulations under any other provisions of this Act.

General provisions

132. - (1) On the determination of an appeal under section 130, the Secretary of State shall give directions for giving effect to the

relating to determination of appeals.

determination, including, where appropriate, directions for quashing the enforcement notice.

(2) On such an appeal the Secretary of State may-

(a) correct any defect, error or misdescription in the enforcement notice, or

(b) vary the terms of the enforcement notice,

if he is satisfied that the correction or variation will not cause injustice to the appellant or the planning authority.

(3) The Secretary of State may-

(a) dismiss an appeal if the appellant fails to comply with section 130(3) within the prescribed time, and

(b) allow an appeal and quash the enforcement notice if the planning authority fail to comply with any requirement imposed by virtue of paragraph (b), (c) or (e) of section 131(1).

(4) Where it would otherwise be a ground for determining an appeal in favour of the appellant that a person required by section 127(2) to be served with a copy of the enforcement notice was not served, the Secretary of State may disregard that fact if neither the appellant nor that person has been substantially prejudiced by the failure to serve him.

Grant or modification of planning permission on appeal against enforcement notice.

133. - (1) On the determination of an appeal under section 130, the Secretary of State may-

(a) grant planning permission in respect of any of the matters stated in the enforcement notice as constituting a breach of planning control or any of those matters so far as relating to part of the land to which the notice relates,

(b) discharge any condition or limitation subject to which planning permission was granted,

(c) grant planning permission for such other development on the land to which the enforcement notice relates as appears to him to be appropriate, and

(d) determine whether on the date on which the appeal was made, any existing use of the land was lawful, any operations which had been carried out in, on, over or under the land were lawful or any matter constituting a failure to comply with any condition or limitation subject to which the permission was granted was lawful and, if so, issue a certificate under section 150.

(2) The provisions of sections 150 to 153 mentioned in subsection (3) shall apply for the purposes of subsection (1)(d) as they apply for the purposes of section 150, but as if-

(a) any reference to an application for a certificate were a reference to the appeal and any reference to the date of such an application were a reference to the date on which the appeal is made, and

(b) references to the planning authority were references to the Secretary of State.

(3) Those provisions are sections 150(5) to (7), 152(4) (so far as it relates to the form of the certificate), (6) and (7) and 153.

(4) In considering whether to grant planning permission under subsection (1), the Secretary of State shall have regard to the provisions of the development plan, so far as material to the subject matter of the enforcement notice, and to any other material considerations.

(5) The planning permission which may be granted under subsection (1) is any planning permission which might be granted on an application under Part III.

(6) Where the Secretary of State discharges a condition or limitation under subsection (1), he may substitute for it any other condition or limitation.

(7) Where an appeal against an enforcement notice is brought under section 130, the appellant shall be deemed to have made an application for planning permission in respect of the matters stated in the enforcement notice as constituting a breach of planning control.

(8) Where-

(a) the statement under section 130(3) specifies the ground mentioned in subsection (1)(a) of that section,

(b) any fee is payable under regulations made by virtue of section 252 in respect of the application deemed to be made by virtue of the appeal, and

(c) the Secretary of State gives notice in writing to the appellant specifying the period within which the fee must be paid,

then, if that fee is not paid within that period, the appeal, so far as brought on that ground, and the application shall lapse at the end of that period.

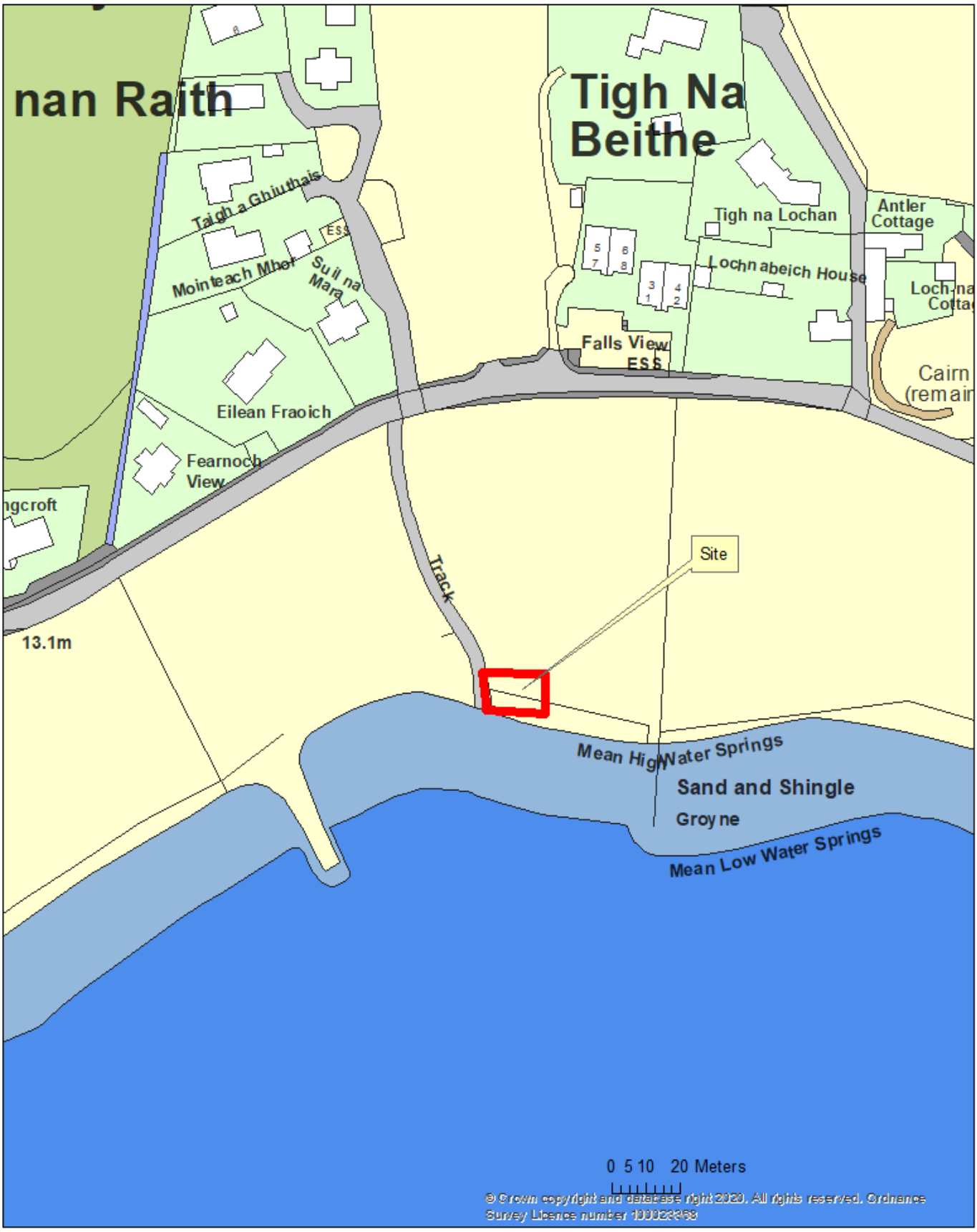
(9) Any planning permission granted under subsection (1) on an appeal shall be treated as granted on the application deemed to have been made by the appellant.

(10) In relation to a grant of planning permission or a determination under subsection (1) the Secretary of State's decision shall be final.

(11) For the purposes of section 36 the decision shall be treated as having been given by the Secretary of State in dealing with an application for planning permission made to the planning authority.

Validity of enforcement notices.

134. The validity of an enforcement notice shall not be questioned in any proceedings whatsoever on any of the grounds specified in section 130(1)(b) to (e) except by appeal under that section



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Location Plan Relative to: 20/00133/ENOTH3

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