



CAF Monitoring Report No. 265

Glasmullen road

Kilmore townland

County Antrim

AE/13/82

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## Site Specific Information

*Site location:* 40m east of 3 Glasmullen road  
*Townland:* Kilmore  
*SMR number:* Kilmore graveyard, ANT 020:006  
*State Care* Scheduled Other   
*Grid reference:* D2265023610  
*County:* Antrim  
*Excavation licence number:* AE/13/82  
*Planning reference number:* E/2012/0210/O  
*Date of monitoring:* 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013  
*Archaeologist present:* Emily Murray

### *Brief summary:*

Monitoring of three test trenches excavated to subsoil to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed development on any previously unrecorded below-ground remains. No features of archaeological significance were found.

*Type of monitoring:* Mechanical back-acting digger with smooth-edged sheugh bucket

*Size of area opened:* Trench 1: 19.5m x 2m

Trench 2: 18.5m x 2m

Trench 3: 18m x 2m

*Current land use:* Pasture

*Intended land use:* Single dwelling

## **Introduction**

Three test trenches were excavated across the application site which is located in proximity to the old graveyard of Kilmore (ANT 020:006). These were opened in the north-eastern corner of the site where the client, Mr Colla McDonnell, indicated he proposed on locating the new dwelling (Figures 1-3). This corner of the field is bordered to the west and north-east by gravel tracks leading to farm buildings (Figure 3), separated by post and wire fencing. At the time of the evaluation the field was under pasture, with ewes and lambs grazing, and an old field drain running downslope along the north-eastern edge of the field was partly exposed (Plate 1). Mr McDonnell indicated that a section of the drain had been dug out recently to unblock it as the field is prone to flooding.

## **Excavation**

All three trenches were excavated with a smooth-edged sheugh bucket under archaeological supervision.

### *Test trench 1*

Test trench 1 was opened approximately 6m southwest of, and parallel to, the lane that runs south-eastwards perpendicular to the Glasmullen road along the north-eastern edge of the field. The trench measured 19.5m in length by 2m in width (Plate 2). The sod and topsoil was removed onto the orange-brown stony subsoil at a depth of between 0.3-0.32m across the trench. Two field drains cut into the subsoil were encountered running across the trench on a west-northwest, east-southeast alignment. The most southerly of the two was in-filled with water-rolled cobbles and flint (Plate 3). The only find recovered from the trench was a single clay pipe stem.

### *Test trench 2*

Test trench 2 was opened 4.5m west of test trench 1 and measured 18.5m in length by 2m in width. The sod and topsoil was excavated to expose the orange-brown stony subsoil at a depth of between 0.18m and 0.2m (Plate 4). No features or finds were encountered and none of the field drains encountered in the first trench continued into this trench.

*Test trench3*

Test Trench 3 was opened 3.5m west of test trench 2 and measured 18m in length by 2m in width. The sod and topsoil was excavated onto the subsoil at a depth 0.2m across the trench (Plate 5). No finds or features were encountered.

**Conclusion**

The three test trenches excavated at the application site contained nothing of archaeological significance. It is not thought that the development will impact upon previously unrecorded archaeological remains and it is therefore recommended that no further archaeological fieldwork is carried out. No publication is required apart from a short summary in the annual *Excavations Bulletin*.

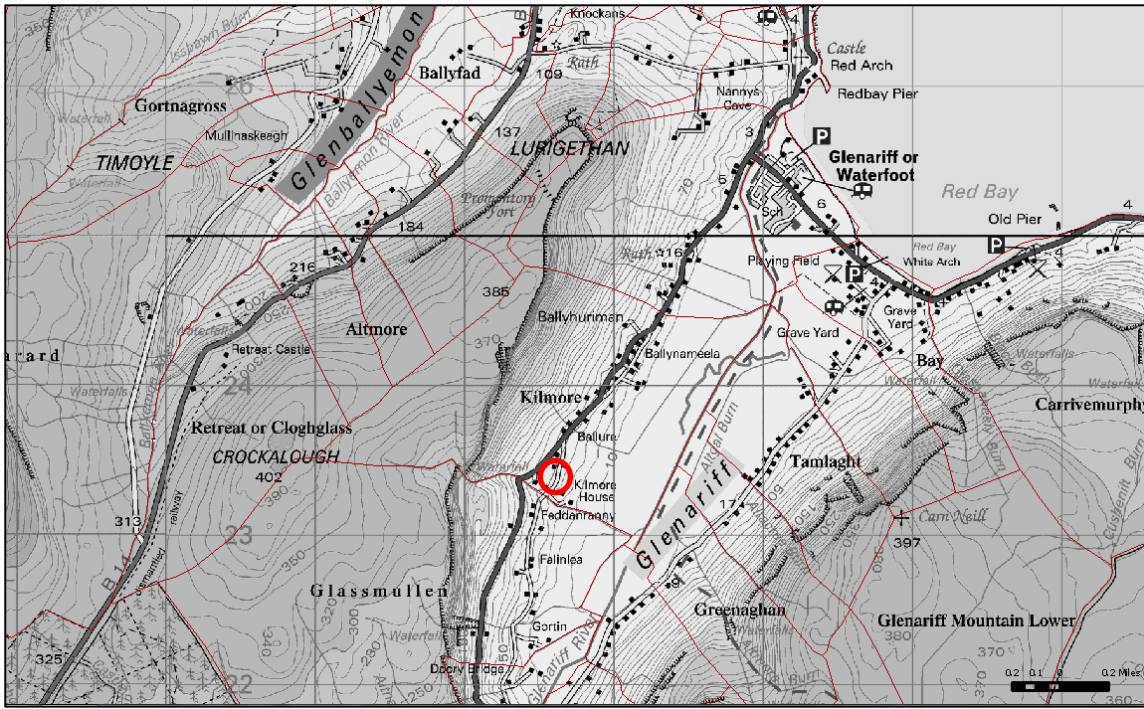
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Finds: N/A

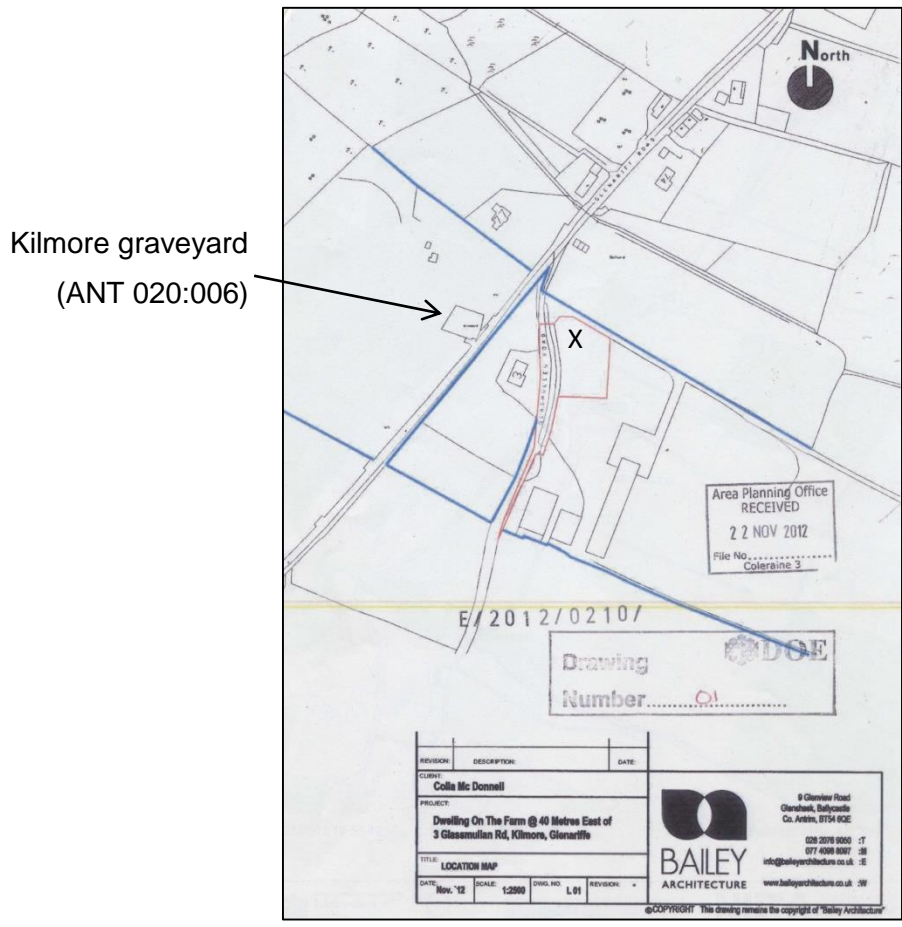
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Plans / Drawings: N/A

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**Figure 1** Location map showing outline of the townland of Kilmore (red lines) and location of the proposed development site (red circle). From Google Maps



**Figure 2** Location of the application site and evaluation trenches, marked with an X (map supplied to the CAF by the NIEA).



**Figure 3** Google-Earth image showing the location of the application site in relation to the old graveyard at Kilmore (ANT 020:006) obscured by tree cover.



Plate 1: blocked field-drain at NE corner, partly dug-out (facing east-southeast).



Plate 2: Test trench 1 (facing north-west) – the arrows mark the location of the field drains.



Plate 3: Trench 1 showing one of the field drains filled-in with cobbles and flint.



Plate 4: Test trench 2 (facing north west).





Plate 5: Test trench 3 (facing south east).