

## MAP 17 - EARLSFERRY LINKS TO LONG SHANK

- **Built heritage and archaeology** - Earlsferry chapel (NT49NE3) stands on an exposed promontory to the south west of Elie village. This 11th or 12th century chapel remains in fair condition but due to its exposed location, the site should be periodically monitored. On the rocky coastal edge to the south of the chapel, there appears to be a small natural rock cut which has been enhanced with mooring hoops and a metal mooring post (NT48019830). It is likely that this was probably used for bringing small boats alongside at high water and during fair weather conditions. Sites worthy of mention around Elie Harbour include the harbour warehouse (NT49NE22), and a shell midden located on the outer side of the harbour wall (NT49289955: site description 5). Sauchar Point appears to be an area of interest with the identification of a possible promontory fort (NT49959948) consisting of a promontory protected at the landward side by a rough stone and turf dyke, a bathing shelter (NT49909948), the remains of a stone and mortar constructed building (NT49909951) and another shell midden located in an eroding face (NT49809940). All these sites require further investigation. The condition of the 15th century Ardross Castle (NO50SW15) and the 16th century Newark Castle and Dovecote (NO50SW17, 21) are cause for concern. In particular, the coastal edge next to Newark Castle appeared to be eroding and this may have an effect on the castle structure in the future. These three sites should be periodically monitored.
- **Hinterland geology and coastal geomorphology; Erosion class** - The foreshore of this sector mostly consists of an exposed rock platform with sediment only covering its surface in isolated bays where the natural processes bringing about sediment transportation have been curbed (e.g. Geology units 1, 3, 5, 7). In these sheltered bays sand and shingle, and in some places, large boulders cover the platform. Further accumulations were seen at localised sections where there was visible erosion of the coastal edge (Erosion units 10, 11, 16, 18). Behind the coastal edge, a raised beach can be seen throughout this section and the coastal edge is only protected by a sea-wall along the shorefront of Elie.

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**EROSION UNITS.**

**1**  
NT481995  
0.4 km  
Eroding or stable  
*Partial erosion of coastal edge behind the rocky foreland of Chapel Ness Point*

**2**  
NT487999  
1.0 km  
Accreting or stable  
*Sand may be building up on the foreshore and intertidal zone of the bay west of Elie Harbour. The coastal edge is protected by sea walls.*

**3**  
NT494996  
0.4 km  
Definitely accreting  
*Sand is building up behind the harbour wall of Elie Harbour.*

**4**  
NT492998  
0.2 km  
Stable  
*Elie Harbour wall*

**5**  
NT494997  
0.5 km  
Definitely accreting  
*Sand is building up on the eastern side of Elie Harbour basin: 'Wood Haven'.*

**6**  
NT498996  
0.1 km  
Stable  
*Sand and dunes.*

**7**  
NT497995  
0.2 km  
Eroding or stable  
*Rocky foreshore is stable but coastal edge behind may be eroding.*

**8**  
NT497994  
0.3 km  
Stable  
*Rocky promontory of Elie Ness.*

**9**  
NT499994  
0.2 KM  
Both accreting and eroding  
*Sediment may be building up on a beach but the coastal edge may be eroding round Sauchar Point.*

**10**  
NT500995  
0.2 km  
Eroding or stable  
*Rocky foreshore appears stable but the coastal edge may be eroding.*

**11**  
NT500996  
0.1 km  
Definitely eroding  
*Localised erosion to the sand dunes of Elie East Links.*

**12**  
NT501998  
0.3 km  
Definitely accreting  
*Build up of sand along East Links.*

**13**  
NO504004  
0.8 km  
Accreting or stable  
*Sand may be building up along a foreshore of sandy bays interspersed by bed rock outcrops.*

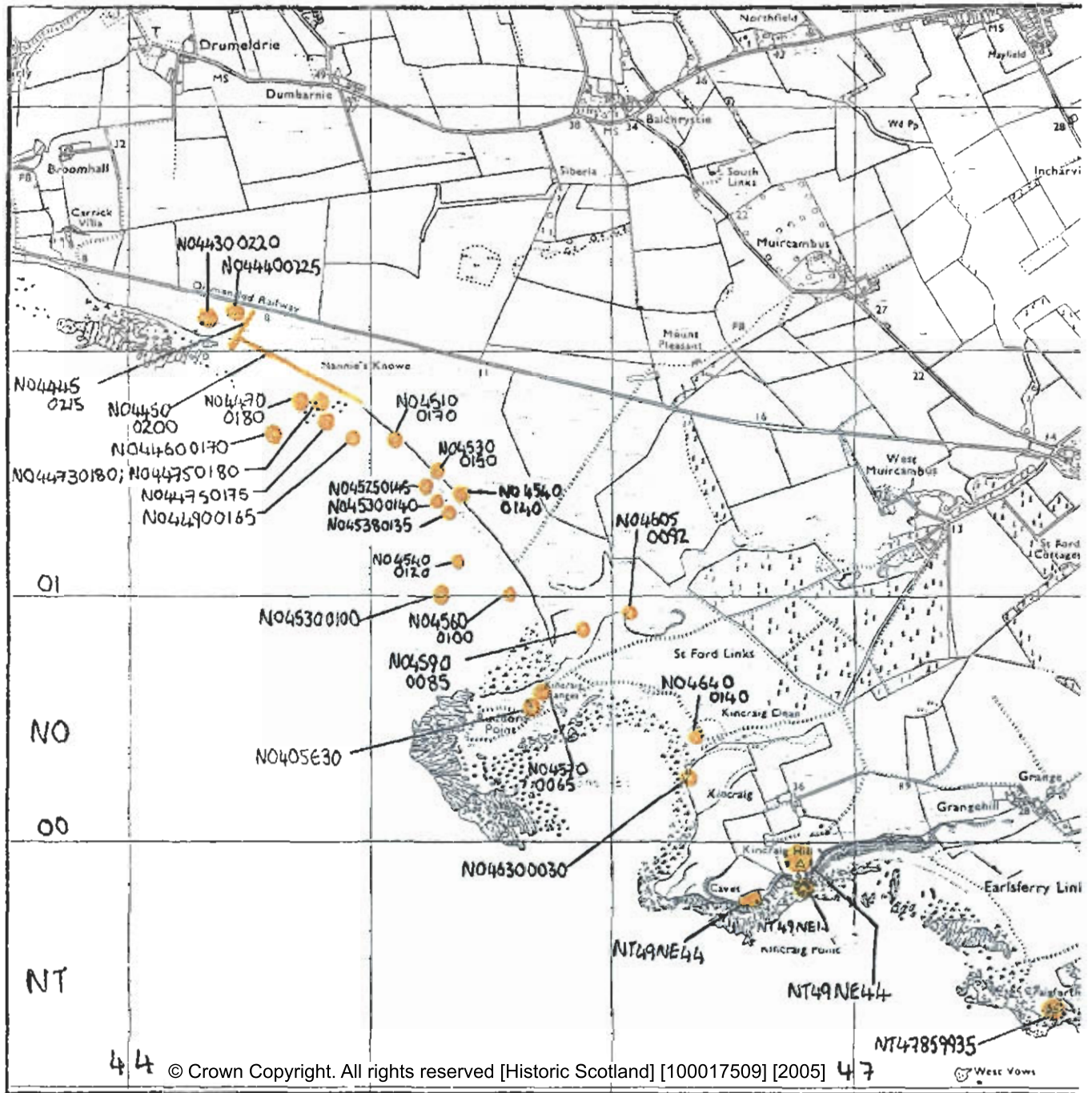
**14**  
NO508006  
0.2 km  
Both accreting and eroding  
*Sand may be building up along the foreshore but the coastal edge may be suffering from localised erosion.*

**15**  
NO509008  
0.2 km  
Accreting or stable  
*Sand may be accreting along the foreshore.*

**16**  
NO514010  
0.6 km  
Eroding or stable  
*The coastal edge may be eroding.*

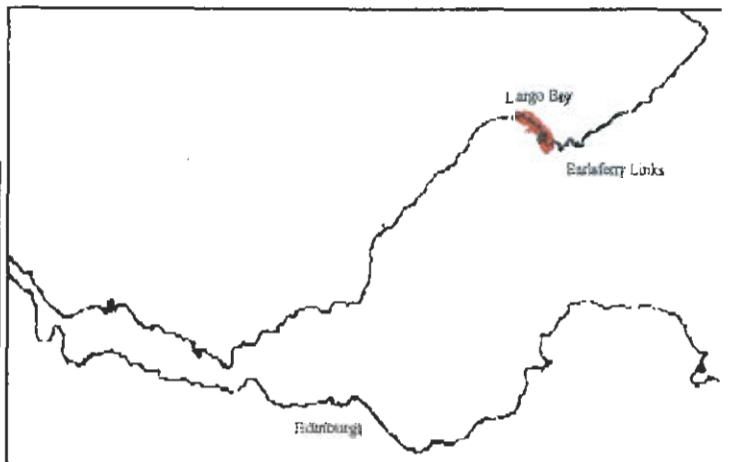
**17**  
NO516012  
0.25 km  
Both accreting and eroding  
*The cliffs below Newark Castle remains may be eroding with evidence suggesting accretion of sediments on the foreshore.*

**18**  
NO520012  
0.6 km  
Eroding or stable  
*The coastal edge may be eroding.*



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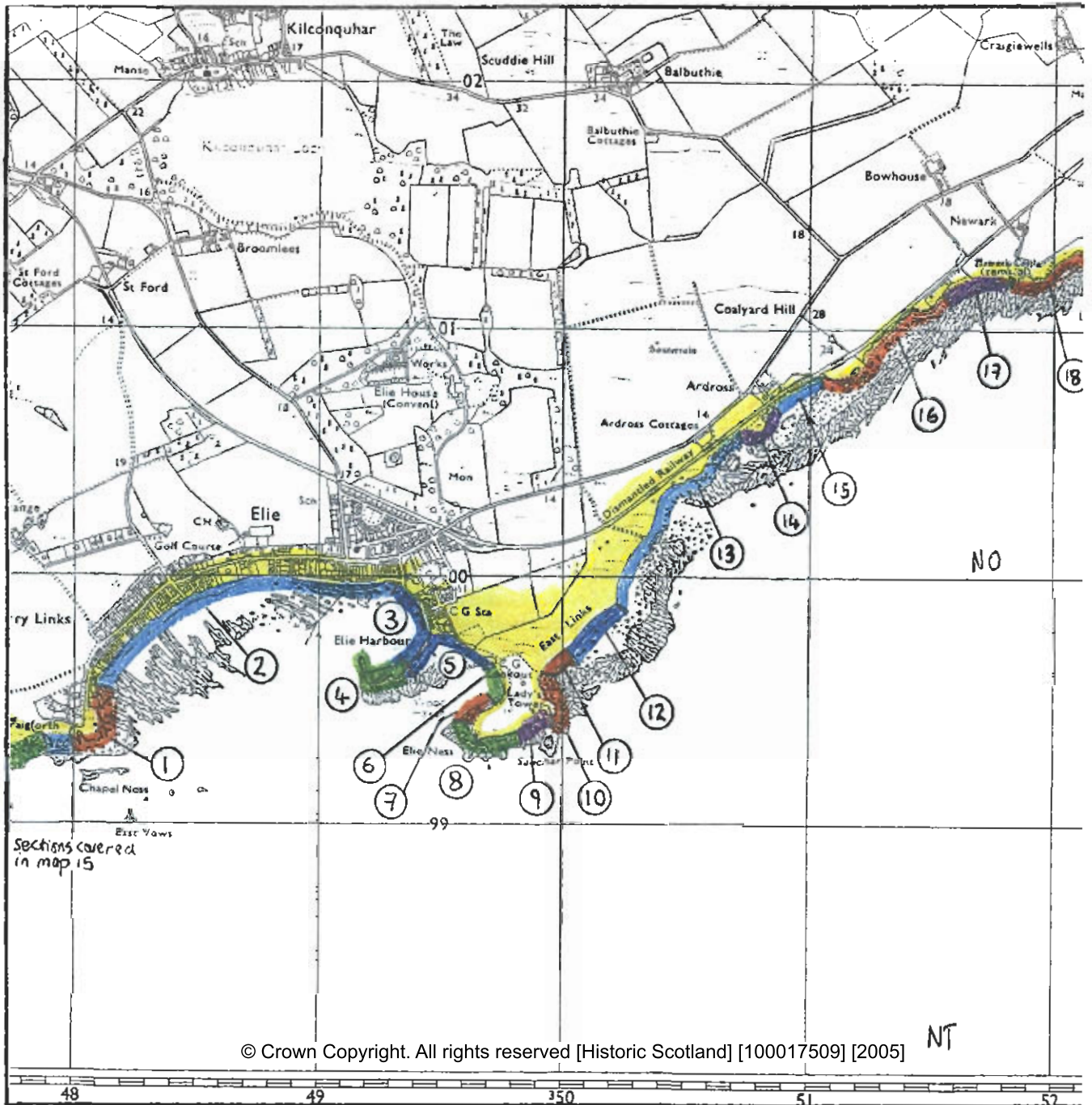
Site location	Symbol	Streetler colour	Significance
NGR e.g. NOJ 2345678	solid roundel	carmine	Protected Ancient Monument
	cross	carmine	Listed Historic Building
	open roundel	carmine	Monument formally proposed by Historic Scotland for designation
	solid roundel	yellow ochre	Other known Ancient Monument
NMR5 e.g. NT28NE13	dashed outline	yellow ochre	Designed Landscape
	roundel open	yellow ochre	Undesignated Wreck
	area	green	Insufficient information, more work needed (no access, or not walked)
	area	blue	Probably archaeologically sterile





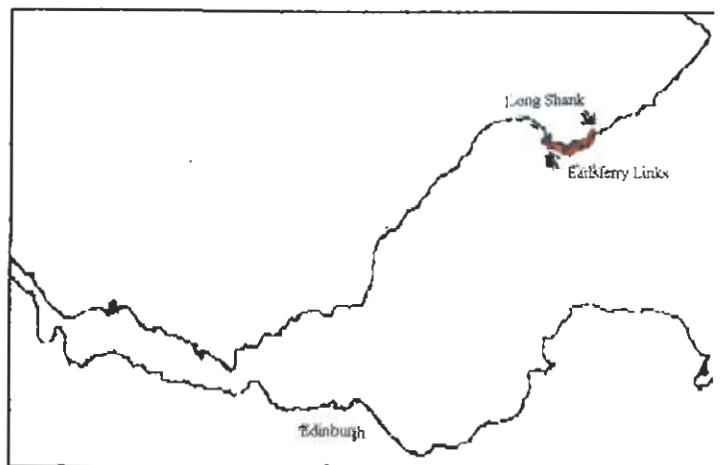
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 (Assessment date: 21 January 1996)  
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Erosion class	Staedler colour	colour
Definitely Accreting	ultramarine blue	
Accreting or stable	light blue	
Stable	light green	
Eroding or stable	orange	
Definitely Eroding	scarlet	
Both accreting and eroding	purple	
No access	blank	
Land below 10m	canary yellow	



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**GEOLOGY UNITS**

- 1**  
NT486999  
1.75 km  
Mainly sand  
Man made barrier  
Raised beach and marine deposits  
*Elie shore-front is protected by a stone sea-wall and sand overlies a rock platform on the foreshore. The stone harbour wall at Elie appears to be retaining sand within the harbour basin..*
- 2**  
NO495996  
0.5 km  
Mainly rock platform  
Low edge (< 5 metres)  
Raised beach and marine deposits  
*Elie harbour wall is built on a rock promontory which extends north east to Wood Haven.*
- 3**  
NO497995  
0.4 km  
Mainly sand  
Low edge (< 5 metres)  
Raised beach and marine deposits  
*A sandy beach is building up in sheltered Wood Haven.*
- 4**  
NO502996  
1.3 km  
Mainly rock platform  
Low edge (< 5 metres)  
Raised beach and marine deposits  
*From Elie Ness east, a rock platform dominates the foreshore*
- 5**  
NO505002  
0.2 km  
Mainly sand  
Shingle beach  
Raised beach and marine deposits  
*Shingle may be eroding from the coastal edge deposits in this exposed bay.*

- 6**  
NO507004  
0.4 km  
Mainly rock platform  
low edge (< 5 metres)  
Raised beach and marine deposits  
*A continuation of the rock platform which dominates the intertidal zone of this area.*
- 7**  
NO510007  
0.4 km  
Mainly sand  
Shingle beach  
Raised beach and marine deposits  
*A shingle beach exists around the level of mean High Water from sediment that has perhaps eroded from the coastal edge deposits*
- 8**  
NO517012  
1.3 km  
Mainly rock platform  
Low edge (< 5 metres)  
Raised beach and marine deposits  
*The foreshore consists of a rock platform with localised accumulations of shingle and rocks at the foot of the coastal edge.*



KEY

Hinterland Geology	Staedtler colour	
Drift, boulder clay	light grey	
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock	Ceran D'ache violet	
Raised beach and marine deposits	golden brown	
Blown sand	peach	
Glacial sand and gravel	magenta	
Alluvium	grass green	
<b>Coast Edge</b>		
Low edge (<5m)	thin black line	
Cliff (>5m)	solid black line	
Man made barrier	black line with spines	
Shingle beach	small circles	
Human disturbance	black carats	
<b>Coastal Geomorphology</b>		
Mainly rock platform	vermillion	
Mainly sand	indigo	
Mainly alluvial/marine mud	sienna brown	
Marsh	true green	





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**BUILT HERITAGE AND  
ARCHAEOLOGY UNITS**

**Sites behind the foreshore at Earlsferry and  
Elie (EL)**

**NT49NE18**  
EARLSFERRY; LINKS ROAD  
HOUSES  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE2**  
EARLSFERRY  
DANISH STONE CISTS  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE33**  
EARLSFERRY; CHAPEL GREEN LANE;  
GRANGE VILLA  
HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE34**  
EARLSFERRY; CHAPEL GREEN LANE &  
GLOVERS WYND; IONA HOUSE  
HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE10**  
ELIE; HIGH STREET; SANDFORD COT-  
TAGE  
COTTAGE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE9**  
ELIE; HIGH ST.; BARCLAY AND ST  
JOHNS  
HOUSES  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE8**  
ELIE; HIGH ST; THE OLD MANSE  
HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE11**  
ELIE; HIGH STREET; EARLSLEA  
HOUSE  
Uncertain

Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE35**  
EARLSFERRY; 1-6 ALLAN PLACE  
HOUSES  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE19**  
EARLSFERRY; LINKS ROAD; SUMMER-  
LEA  
HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE36**  
EARLSFERRY; LINKS RD; LINKSVIEW  
COTTAGE & INGLISFIELD  
COTTAGE ; HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE12**  
ELIE; HIGH STREET; BAYVIEW  
HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE13**  
ELIE; HIGH STREET; ROSEBERIE AND  
ROSE COTTAGE  
COTTAGES  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE14**  
ELIE; HIGH ST. SMITH (GROCER) AND ST  
LEONARDS  
SHOP ; FLAT  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE7**  
ELIE HIGH STREET; CORBIE  
HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE37**  
ELIE ; HIGH STREET  
HOUSES ; TOWN HALL  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE15**  
ELIE; HIGH STREET; METHVEN HOUSE  
HOUSE; SHOP  
Uncertain  
Not seen

*Nil*

**NT49NE6**  
ELIE TOWN HALL  
TOWN HALL  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE16**  
ELIE; FERRY RD; FERRY LODGE AND  
IVY COTTAGE  
HOUSE ; COTTAGE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE20**  
ELIE; WILLIAMSBURGH; WHITE  
HOUSE  
HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE41**  
ELIE; WILLIAMSBURGH ; DAIRY AND  
BELHAVEN  
SHOP; HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE46**  
ELIE; LIBERTY ; PILGRIMS WAY  
HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE101**  
ELIE GAS HOLDER STATION  
GAS HOLDER STATION  
17th - 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE45**  
ELIE; LIBERTY ; FERNBANK AND  
FERNBANK COTTAGE  
HOUSES  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE44**  
ELIE ; LIBERTY ; ST FORD  
HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE43**  
ELIE ; LIBERTY ; LIBERTY HOUSE  
HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE42**  
 ELIE ; LINKS PLACE ; ROCKCLIFFE COT-  
 TAGE  
 HOUSE  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE40**  
 ELIE; LINKS PLACE; MARINE HOTEL  
 HOTEL  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE88**  
 ELIE; LINKS ROAD; 'OCHTER HOUSE'  
 HOUSE  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE94**  
 ELIE; SOUTH STREET; SUNNYSIDE  
 HOUSE  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE93**  
 ELIE; SOUTH STREET; THE BLUE HOUSE  
 HOUSE  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE92**  
 ELIE; SOUTH STREET; FORMYLLO  
 HOUSE  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE73**  
 ELIE; 16 BANK STREET  
 HOUSE; SHOP  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE72**  
 ELIE; 14 BANK STREET; GREENBANK  
 HOUSE  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NT49NE28**  
 ELIE; 21-27 SOUTH STREET  
 HOUSES  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE71**  
 ELIE; 12 BANK STREET  
 HOUSE

Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE70**  
 ELIE; 10 BANK STREET  
 HOUSE  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NT49NE27**  
 ELIE; 13 AND 15 SOUTH STREET  
 HOUSES  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NT49NE29**  
 ELIE; SOUTH STREET; THE CASTLE  
 HOUSE  
 Late 16<sup>th</sup> Century  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE67**  
 ELIE; 5 BANK STREET  
 HOUSE; SHOP  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE69**  
 ELIE; 6-8 BANK STREET  
 SHOP  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NT49NE26**  
 ELIE; 11 SOUTH STREET  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE75**  
 ELIE; 3 PARK PLACE  
 HOUSES  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE74**  
 ELIE; 1 & 3 BANK STREET & 1 PARK  
 PLACE  
 SHOP  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE68**  
 ELIE; 2-4 BANK STREET  
 SHOP  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NT49NE25**  
 ELIE; 5 AND 7 SOUTH STREET  
 HOUSES  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NT49NE41**  
 ELIE; 4 SOUTH STREET; SEAFORT  
 HOUSE  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NT49NE23**  
 ELIE; 2-3 THE TERRACE  
 HOUSES  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NT49NE40**  
 ELIE; 2 SOUTH ST.; EASTER GABLES &  
 SEVEN GABLES  
 HOUSE  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NT49NE24**  
 ELIE; 6 THE TERRACE  
 HOUSE  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE62**  
 ELIE; HIGH STREET/THE VENNEL;  
 CLYDESDALE BANK  
 BANK  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE61**  
 ELIE; 55 HIGH STREET; ST ANNS  
 HOUSE; SHOP  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE66**  
 ELIE ; 38-40 HIGH STREET  
 HOUSES; SHOP  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil

**NO40SE96**  
 ELIE; 3 RANKEILLOUR ST.; TOLL  
 GREEN HOUSE  
 HOUSE  
 Uncertain  
 Not seen  
 Nil



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*Sites behind the foreshore at  
Elie (cont.)*

**NO40SE95**  
ELIE; RANKEILLOUR  
STREET  
HOUSES  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE60**  
ELIE; 51 & 51A HIGH  
STREET  
HOUSE; SHOP  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE59**  
ELIE; 41-49 HIGH STREET  
(ODD NOS)  
HOUSES  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE58**  
ELIE; 37 HIGH STREET;  
HOMESTEAD  
HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE56**  
ELIE; 35 & 35A HIGH  
STREET  
HOUSES  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE85**  
ELIE; HIGH STREET/CHAP-  
MANS PLACE; QUEENS HO-  
TEL  
HOTEL  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE86**  
ELIE; 3-9 CHAPMANS  
PLACE (ODD NOS)  
COTTAGES  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE57**  
ELIE; 23 & 25 HIGH STREET  
& 1 CHAPMAN'S PLACE  
HOUSES  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NO40SE47**  
ELIE; 22-24 HIGH STREET &  
2-10 STENTON ROW  
LODGE; OFFICES; HOUSES  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE30**  
ELIE; 7-16 THE TOFT  
HOUSES ; PUBLIC HOUSE  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

*Sites along the coastal edge*

**NT48019830**  
Earlsferry  
Small rock inlet enhanced with  
placement of metal post and  
mooring hoops and used prob-  
ably for mooring small boats in  
fair weather.  
Uncertain  
Fair  
*Nil*

**NT49NE32**  
EARLSFERRY; CHAPEL  
GREEN LANE; EARLSNEUK  
HOUSE,  
Uncertain  
Not seen  
*Nil*

**NT49NE3**  
EARLSFERRY  
CHAPEL; HOSPITAL  
PROTECTED ANCIENT  
MONUMENT  
Medieval  
Fair  
*Monitor*

**NT49NE31**  
ELIE; WADESLEA ROAD;  
COASTGUARD STATION  
COASTGUARD STATION  
20th Century  
Stable  
*Nil*

**NT49NE22**  
ELIE HARBOUR  
WAREHOUSE; PIER, Con-  
firmed on ground  
17th - 19th Century  
Fair  
*Nil*

**NT49219950**  
Elie  
Concrete walkway and building  
footing, Coastguard watch post  
20th Century  
Fair  
*Nil*

**NT49289955**  
Elie  
Midden, shell and fish bones.  
**\*See detailed site description 6**  
Uncertain  
Fair  
*Survey/Monitor*

**NT49309960**  
Elie  
Revetment  
Uncertain  
Fair  
*Nil*

**NT49659947**  
Elie  
Concrete tank traps  
Mid 20th Century  
Fair  
*Nil*

**NT49689940**  
Elie  
Light House, generator and oil  
tank  
Modern  
Fair  
*Nil*

**NT49809940**  
Sauchar Point  
Shell midden Possibly natural.  
Uncertain  
Fair  
*Monitor*

**NT49909951**  
Elie  
Remains of stone/mortar building  
17th - 19th Century  
Poor  
*Monitor*

**NT49909948**  
Elie  
Corbelled cave, bathing shelter  
19th Century  
Fair  
*Survey, monitor*

**NT49959948**  
Elie  
Wall isolating promontory, possible  
Promontory fort  
Uncertain, possibly Prehistoric  
Fair  
*Survey, Monitor*

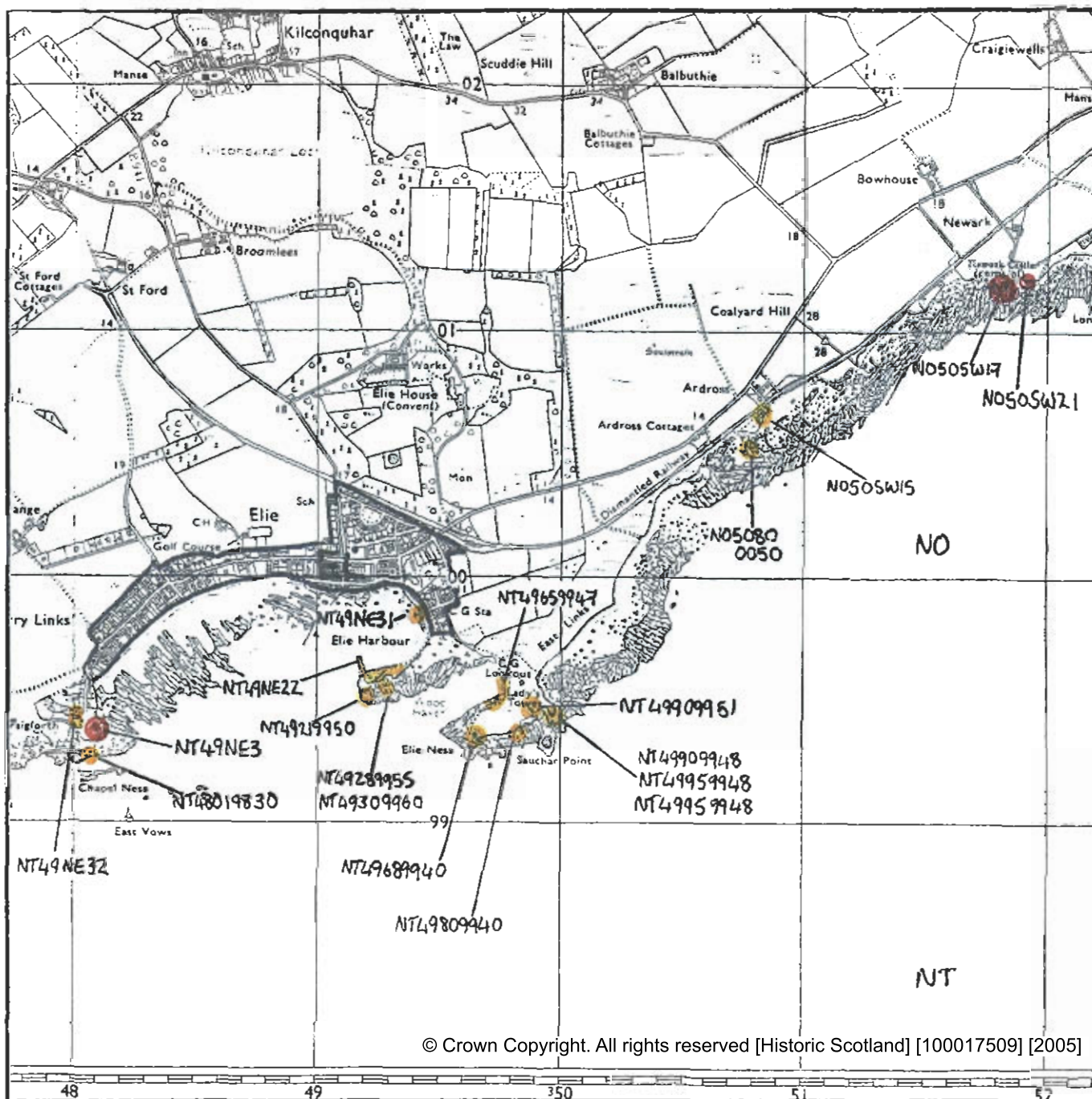
**NT49959948**  
Elie  
Reconstructed Folly, Ladies Tower  
Uncertain  
Fair  
*Nil*

**NO50800050**  
Sauchar Point  
Stone built Groyne  
Uncertain  
Stable  
*Nil*

**NO50SW15**  
ARDROSS CASTLE  
CASTLE,  
15<sup>th</sup> Century  
Poor  
*Monitor*

**NO50SW17**  
NEWARK CASTLE  
CASTLE  
PROTECTED ANCIENT MONU-  
MENT  
16<sup>th</sup> Century  
Poor  
*Monitor*

**NO50SW21**  
NEWARK CASTLE  
DOVECOTE  
PROTECTED ANCIENT MONU-  
MENT  
16<sup>th</sup> Century  
Fair  
*Monitor*



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