

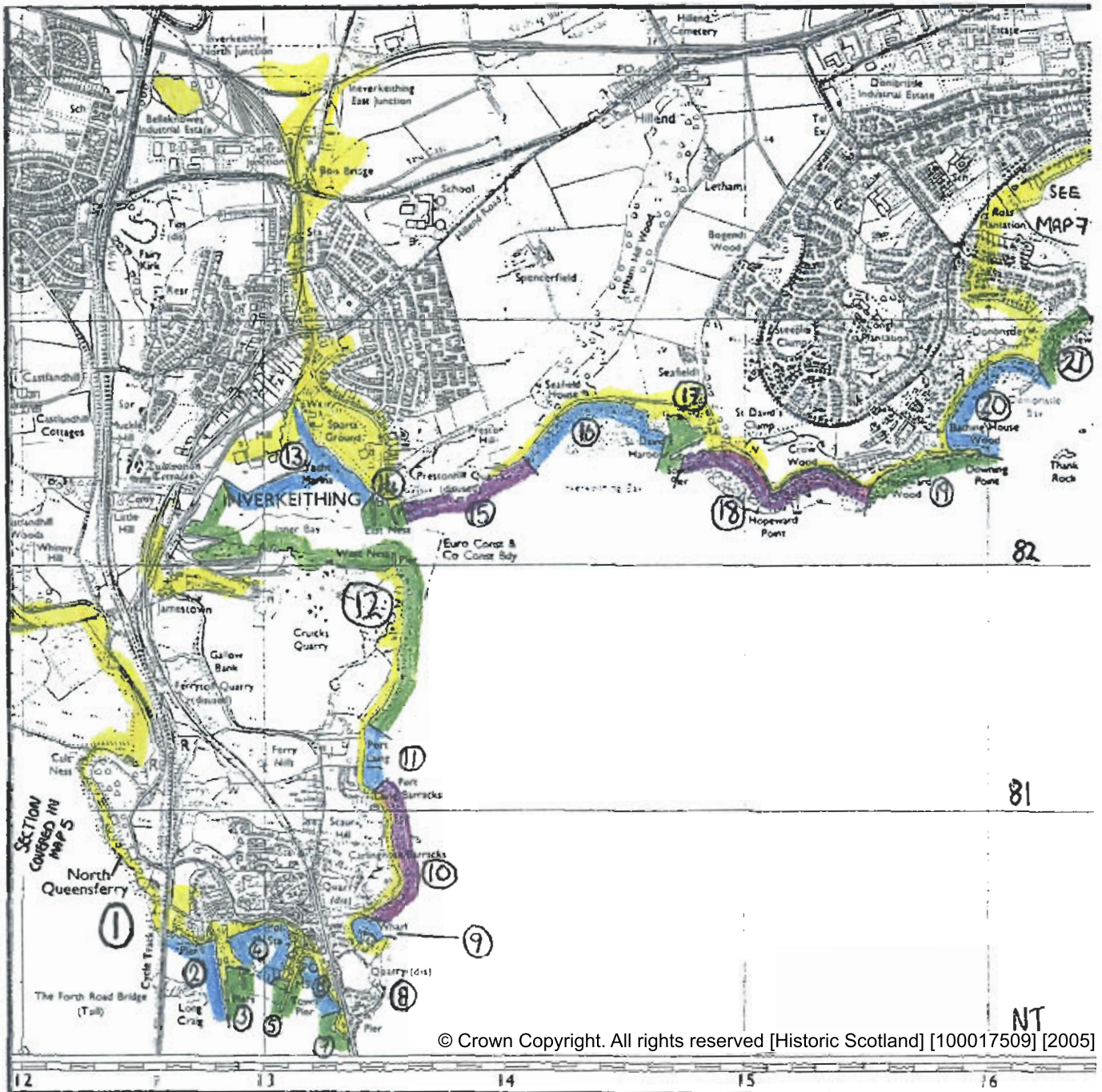
MAP 6 - NORTH QUEENSFERRY TO DONIBRISTLE BAY

- **Built heritage and archaeology** - Areas west of the Forth Road Bridge and under the Forth Rail Bridge were not walked due to access complications. The coastal edge sites on the promontory of North Queensferry broadly reflect the maritime activities of the village in the 18th and 19th centuries. Stone piers (NT12738040, NT18SW120), 'Railway Pier' built in 1877 as a railway link for Dunfermline and now used as a modern marina quay and slipway (NT12858030), and a fine town quay with nearby early 19th century harbour light consisting of a hexagonal stone building with a domed lantern (NT18SW112) are all visible today. These staging posts were used either as ferry slipways for connections with the southern coast of the Forth before the construction of the twin bridges, or to serve the coastal trade which North Queensferry was engaged in. For example, the remains of another wharf and quay at NT13408050 presumably served the transport of whinstone from 'Battery quarry' which was opened in 1764 and closed in 1924 (Brown 1994, 38). The remains of a probable 19th century ship hulk (NT12888045) and a nearby wooden raft lie on a mud and gravel foreshore in a small bay which lies between the Town Pier (NT12858030) and Railway Pier (NT18SW112). This craft is in poor condition and should be recorded before she falls apart completely. Sites on the eastern side of the North Queensferry promontory are exposed to the sea from the east and this must have some effect on the preservation of remains along the foreshore. Existing features include the corroded and fragmented remains of an iron pier (NT13648087) which may have been connected with Carlingnose Submarine Mining Station (NT18SW124), a feature which should be recorded before it disintegrates completely. Other evidence of the military use of the North Queensferry peninsula may be found behind the high coastal edge at Carlingnose Barracks (NT18SW124), Carlingnose Battery (NT18SW105), Port Laing Barracks and Seaplane Base (NT18SW106) but these sites were not visited. The most interesting aspects of Inverkeithing Harbour include Wards Shipbreakers Yard ((NT18SW113) and a quay with sluice next to Inverkeithing Paper Mill on the north side of the Inner Bay (NT13258268). Sites on the north side of Inverkeithing Bay include a quay, conveyor belt, and building foundations at disused Prestonhill quarry (NT1380825) and a stone leading mark probably used as a navigation transit for entering nearby St. David's Harbour (NT18SW50). Between Hopeward Point and Donibristle, a high coastal edge has been useful for coastal defence purposes during the World Wars with gun emplacements at Hopeward Wood (NT18SE24) and a possible signalling beacon at Downing Point (NT15978247).
- **Hinterland geology and coastal geomorphology; Erosion class** - The low coastal edge of the coastline as far as Cultness rises fairly sharply to form the North Queensferry peninsula. This promontory of boulder clay over visible rock represents a geological and geomorphological boundary between the Firth of Forth and Forth Estuary. To the west, the coastline comprises sand and gravel which accumulates particularly in bays interspersed by rocky headlands which retain little sediment. This coastal sector, except for bays such as Inverkeithing harbour and Dalgety Bay which are sheltered from the coastal transportation of sediment, is exposed to the open sea. However, east of the peninsula, mud accumulates on the foreshore area and the coastal edge is dominated by low lying raised beach deposits in a fairly stable environment.

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EROSION UNITS

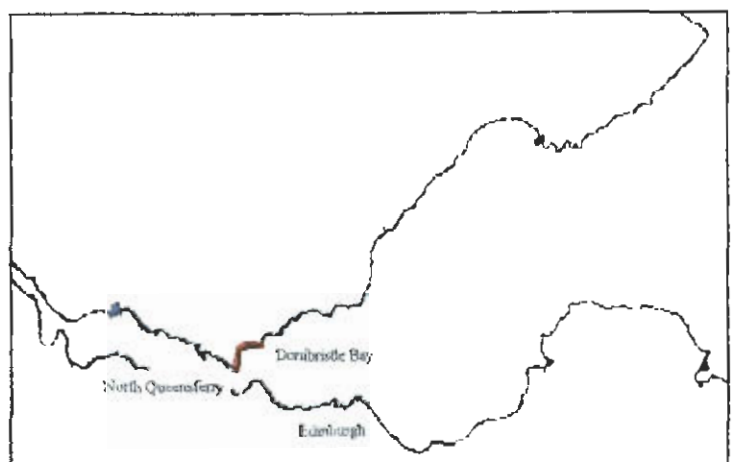
<p>1 NT125806 0.4 km Not seen <i>No access to Rosyth Naval Base</i></p>	<p>9 NT134805 0.6 km Accreting or stable <i>mud flats and soft silty sand of the harbour basin may be silting up.</i></p>	<p>17 NT147825 0.1 km Stable <i>Within St. David's Harbour.</i></p>
<p>2 NT128805 0.5 km Accreting or stable <i>Under Forth Road Bridge.</i></p>	<p>10 NT136807 0.6 km Both accreting and eroding <i>Cliffs below Carlingnose Barracks are eroding; rocky shoreline is accreting or stable.</i></p>	<p>18 NT151823 1.0 km Both accreting and eroding <i>Cliffs along Hopeward Point may be eroding with accretion along the rocky shore.</i></p>
<p>3 NT129803 0.3 km Stable <i>Coastal defences of the Harbour walls and slipway of North Queensferry Marina</i></p>	<p>11 NT134813 0.3 km Accreting or stable <i>Silty sand beach below Port Laing.</i></p>	<p>19 NT157824 0.6 km Stable <i>Rocky and shingle shoreline between Hopeward and Downing Point.</i></p>
<p>4 NT130806 0.5 km Accreting or stable <i>Inner harbour at North Queensferry may be silting up.</i></p>	<p>12 NT135820 2.0 km Stable <i>Mud along southern edge of Inverkeithing harbour basin and rocky shore along southern approaches to harbour.</i></p>	<p>20 NT158827 0.7 km Accreting or stable <i>Shingle and soft sand in Donibristle Bay.</i></p>
<p>5 NT131803 0.2 km Stable <i>Old town quay of North Queensferry.</i></p>	<p>13 NT132824 0.7 km Accreting or stable <i>Mud flats along northern edge of Inverkeithing harbour. Some of this section was observed but not walked.</i></p>	<p>21 NT163829 0.3 KM Stable <i>Shingle and rocks round to New Harbour.</i></p>
<p>6 NT132804 0.3 KM Accreting or stable <i>Shingle beach opposite old town quay North Queensferry.</i></p>	<p>14 NT134823 0.2 km Stable <i>East Ness piers at entrance to Inverkeithing harbour.</i></p>	
<p>7 NT133802 0.2 km Stable <i>Pier and slipway almost under railway bridge.</i></p>	<p>15 NT138823 0.5 KM Both accreting and eroding <i>Prestonhill Quarry cliff face may be eroding and the shoreline below may be accreting.</i></p>	
<p>8 NT134803 0.4 km Not seen <i>No access to private property under railway bridge.</i></p>	<p>16 NT143827 0.6 km Accreting or stable <i>Shingle and rock shore as far as St. Davids Harbour.</i></p>	



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KEY

Erosion class	Staedtler 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
NT129806
0.2 km
Mainly alluvial/marine mud
Cliff (>5 metres)
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
From Cult Ness to Forth Road Bridge, steep sided slope to the sea with sandy mud over rock on the foreshore

2
NT128804
0.6 km
Mainly alluvial/marine mud
Man made barrier
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
Piers and associated harbour harbours structures all form a man made barrier.

3
NT131803
0.3 km
Rock platform
Man made barrier
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
Bedrock outcrop forms foundation for Town Quay

4
NT132803
0.4 km
Mainly alluvial/marine mud
Man made barrier
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
From town quay round to private land under Forth Rail Bridge

5
NT135803
0.4 km
Mainly sand
Low edge (< 5 metres)
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
Sand building up on rock platform with low coastal edge.

6
NT135803
0.1 km
Mainly sand

Man made barrier
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
Sand building up within small harbour inlet and two wooden on stone wharf structures at the entrance to harbour.

7
NT135807
0.6 km
Mainly sand
Cliff (> 5 metres)
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
Sand accumulating up against a boulder shore with a steep coastal edge rising up to Carlingnose Barracks.

8
NT134812
0.3 km
Mainly sand
Low edge (< 5 metres)
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
Sandy beach in front of Port Laing.

9
NT135825
0.3 km
Mainly sand
Cliff (> 5 metres)
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
Sand is building up on a rocky boulder shore with a bedrock and boulder hill behind.

10
NT136828
0.3 km
Mainly sand
Low edge (< 5 metres)
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
Sand is building up on a rocky boulder shore just to the south of West Ness pier

11
NT131831
0.8 km
Mainly alluvial/marine mud
Man made barrier
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
Thick mud and gravel are accumulating at the southern shore of Inverkeithing harbour along the shipbreakers yard wharf

12
NT128834
1 km
Mainly alluvial/marine mud
Man made barrier
Reclaimed land.
Mud is building up on the foreshore in front of the factory buildings on the north west shore of Inverkeithing Harbour.

13
NT133834
0.3 km
Mainly alluvial/marine mud
Low edge (< 5 metres)
Reclaimed land
Mud is building up on the foreshore in front of a low coastal edge with playing fields behind which are standing on reclaimed land.

14
NT134823
0.2 km
Mainly alluvial/marine mud
Man made barrier
Reclaimed land.
East Ness piers.

15
NT139833
0.8 km
Mainly sand
Low edge (< 5 metres)
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
Sand is building up on the foreshore in front of a boulder beach either side of the wharf at Preston-hill quarry.

16
NT145836
0.8 km
Mainly sand
Man made barrier
Drift, boulder clay
Sand and shingle shore in-front of partially protected shoreline with boulder clay behind the coastal edge to St. David's Harbour.

17
NT147835
0.3 km
Mainly sand
Man made barrier
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
A sandy foreshore with occasional rocky outcrops and a protected coastal edge behind.

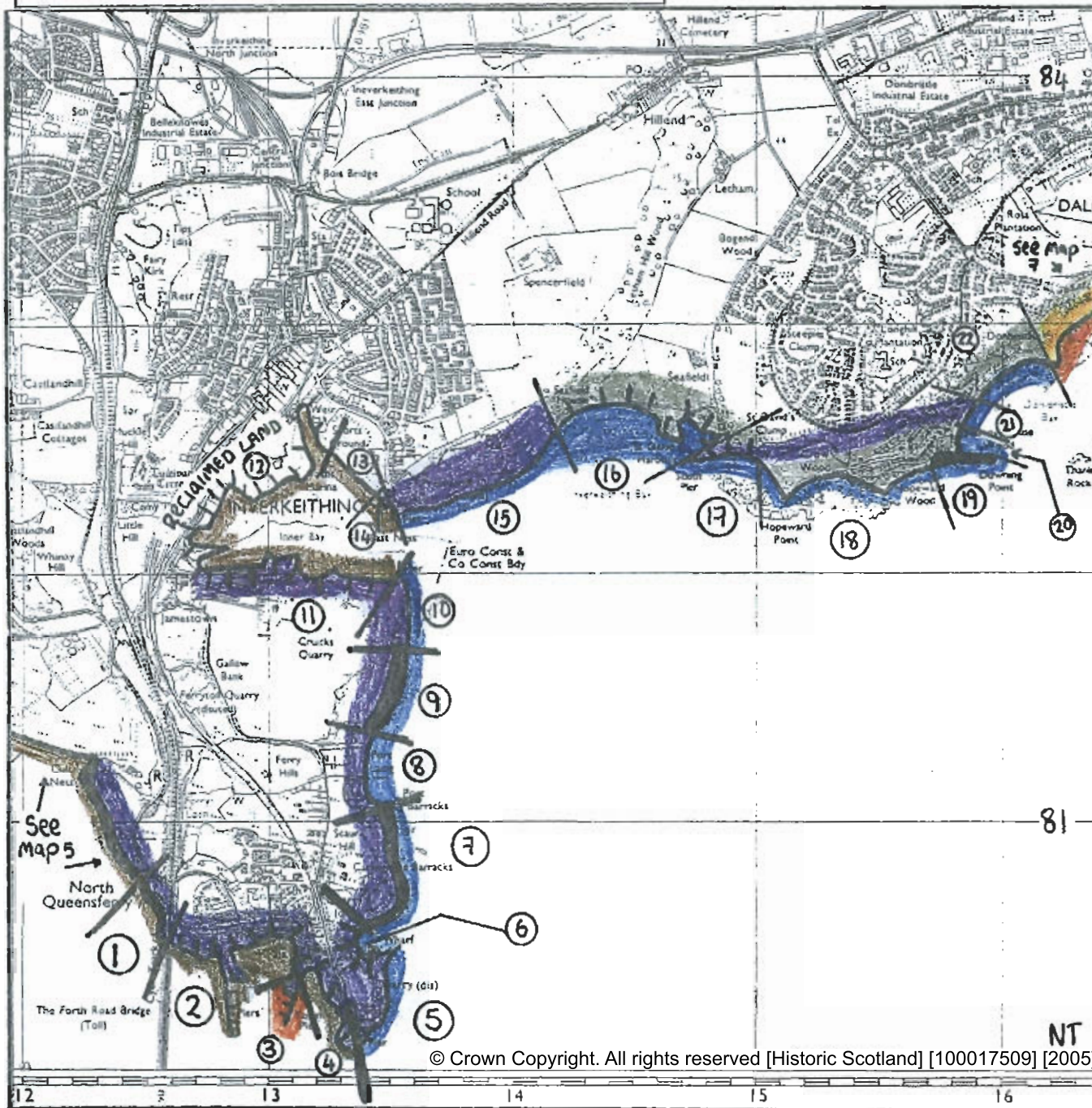
18
NT154833
0.9 km
Mainly sand
Low edge (< 5 metres)
Drift, boulder clay with boulder clay over visible rock in the hinterland behind.
A sandy foreshore with occasional rocky outcrops exposed particularly around Hopeward Point. Boulder clay and fairly steep slope behind the coastal edge.

19
NT158834
0.2 km
Mainly sand
Cliff (> 5 metres)
Drift, boulder clay with boulder clay over visible rock behind.
A Rocky foreshore in front of Downing Point which is a rocky cliff promontory.

20
NT158825
0.1 km
Mainly sand
Low edge (< 5 metres)
Drift, boulder clay
Area of boulder clay at coastal edge along the south-western shore of Donibristle Bay.

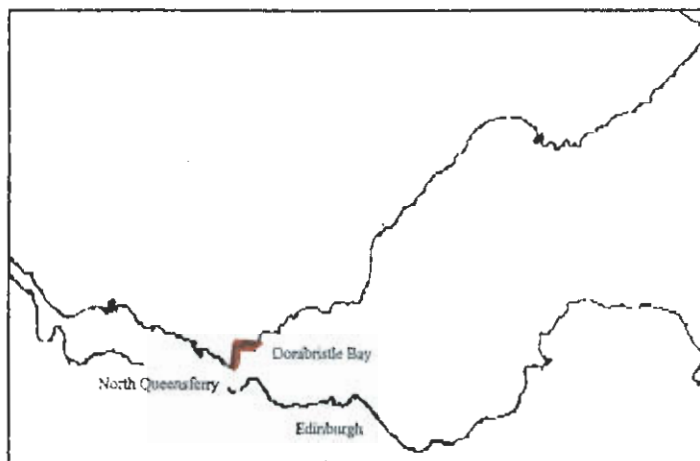
21
NT158835
0.1 km
Mainly sand
Low edge (< 5 metres)
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
Sandy shingle beach with occasional rock outcrops at southern end of Donibristle Bay with woodland behind low coastal edge.

22
NT159836
0.1 km
Mainly sand
Low edge (< 5 metres)
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock
Sandy shingle beach with occasional rock outcrops and woodland behind a low coastal edge.



KEY

Hinterland Geology	Staedtler colour	
Drift, boulder clay	light grey	
Drift, boulder clay over visible rock	Caran D'ache violet	
Raised beach and marine deposits	golden brown	
Blown sand	peach	
Glacial sand and gravel	magenta	
Alluvium	grass green	
Coast Edge		
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	
Coastal Geomorphology		
Mainly rock platform	vermilion	
Mainly sand	indigo	
Mainly alluvial/marine mud	sienna brown	
Marsh	true green	



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**BUILT HERITAGE AND
ARCHAEOLOGY**

*Sites behind the foreshore in North
Queensferry*

NT18SW100

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; OUR
LADY'S WELL
WELL

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW84

FERRY BARN
STONE AXES

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW40

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; PIER HEAD:
TOWER HOUSE
HOUSE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW44

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; DAVID-
SONS BUILDINGS C
HOUSE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW42

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; THE BRAE:
WATERLOO WELL
WELL

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW39

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; PIERHEAD:
SIGNAL HOUSE
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS/
NAVIGATION/ BEACON

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW41

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; THE BRAE:
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
HOUSE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW43

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; DAVID-
SONS BUILDINGS A AND B
HOUSE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW69

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; 2 POST OF-
FICE LANE
HOUSE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW70

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; CHAPEL
CLIFTON HOUSE
HOUSE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW22

NORTH QUEENSFERRY
CHAPEL
14th Century - uncertain.

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW127

INVERKEITHING; HELEN PLACE
TRIAL EXCAVATIONS

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW47

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; 10 POST
OFFICE LANE
COTTAGE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW48

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; HELEN
PLACE; TOLL COTTAGE
COTTAGE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW45

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; HELEN
PLACE; HEMING HOUSE
HOUSE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW46

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; HELEN
PLACE; GREER COTTAGE
COTTAGE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW49

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; HELEN
PLACE; MELINKIE COTTAGE
COTTAGE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW105

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; CARLING-
NOSE BATTERY
COAST BATTERY
PROTECTED ANCIENT
MONUMENT
19th-20th Century

Not seen

Nil

Sites along the coastal edge

NT18SW110

NORTH QUEENSFERRY; CRAIGDHU:
HAND CRANE
CRANE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT12738040

North Queensferry
Stone Pier. Remains of
17th - 19th Century

Poor

Survey

NT12858030

North Queensferry
Pier
17th - 19th Century

Fair

Nil

NT12888045

North Queensferry
Ship hulk and raft
19th-20th Century

Poor

Survey

Uncertain
Good
Nil

NT18SW120
NORTH QUEENSFERRY SIGNAL
STATION
SIGNAL STATION; COTTAGES
Uncertain
No access
Nil

NT18SW119
NORTH QUEENSFERRY; COAST-
GUARD BATTERY
Early 20th Century
No access
Nil

NT13408050
North Queensferry
Harbour
18th - 19th Century
Fair
Nil

NT18SW124
CARLINGNOSE; NORTH QUEENS-
FERRY
SUBMARINE MINING STATION
Mid 20th Century
Not seen except for NT13648087
Nil

NT13648087
Carlingnose; North Queensferry
Mining Station pier, iron.
Mid 20th Century
Poor
Survey

NT18SW106
PORT LAING
SEAPLANE BASE,
20th Century
Not seen
Nil

NT18SW25
PORT LAING
CANOES
Uncertain
Not seen
Monitor

NT13408120
North Queensferry
Concrete Tank traps
Mid 20th Century
Fair
Nil

INVERKEITHING; WEST NESS
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICA-
TIONS/ PORTS & HARBOURS/ PIER
Uncertain
Good
Nil

NT18SW113
INVERKEITHING; WARDS SHIP-
BREAKING YARD
SHIP-BREAKING YARD
18th - 20th Century
Fair
Nil

NT18SW95
INVERKEITHING HARBOUR
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICA-
TIONS/ SHIPPING/ HARBOUR
Uncertain
Fair
Nil

NT13258268
Inverkeithing
Pier or quay
17th - 19th Century
Fair
Nil

NT18SW96
INVERKEITHING; EAST NESS: PIER
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICA-
TIONS/ PORTS & HARBOURS/
Uncertain
Good
Nil

*Sites behind the foreshore at Inverkei-
thing (INVER)*

NT18SW75
INVERKEITHING
BURGH; TOWN
12th Century
Noted but not visited
Nil

NT18SW103
INNER BAY; INVERKEITHING
SALT WORKS
19th Century
Not seen
Nil

NT18SW16
INVERKEITHING; 4 BANK STREET
DOVECOT
17th Century

NT18SW85
NT18SW66
INVERKEITHING; 54 HOPE ST; OLD
PARISH MANSE
MANSE
Uncertain
Not seen
Nil

NT18SW2
INVERKEITHING
TOWN WALL
Uncertain
Not seen
Nil

NT18SW30
INVERKEITHING
CINERARY URN
Uncertain
Not seen
Nil

NT18SW73
INVERKEITHING
FRIARY
Uncertain
Not seen
Nil

NT18SW76
INVERKEITHING
WINDMILL
18th Century
Not seen
Nil

NT18SW117
INVERKEITHING PAPER MILLS
WOODWORKING / PAPER; MILL
Uncertain
Not seen
Nil

NT18SW37
INVERKEITHING; 52 HIGH STREET
DOVECOTE
17th Century
Not seen
Nil

NT18SW102
INVERKEITHING
SALT WORKS
16th Century
Not seen
Nil

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Sites behind the foreshore at Inverkeithing (INVER)

NT18SW56

INVERKEITHING; 2-8 BANK STREET
URBAN EXCAVATION

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SW64

INVERKEITHING; COMMERCIAL ROAD BRIDGE
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS/ ROADS/ ROAD
BRIDGE

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

Sites along the coastal edge

NT13708225

Prestonhill Quarry
Quarry and quarry goods

Modern

Fair

Nil

NT14208260

Inverkeithing bay
Modern navigation light for St. David's harbour.
19th - 20th century

Fair

Nil

NT18SW50

INVERKEITHING BAY; ST DAVID'S HARBOUR
HARBOUR; SHIP-BREAKING YARD. Noted as "St David's
Harbour"

17th - 19th Century

Fair

Nil

NT18SW32

ST DAVID'S
CASTLE (POSSIBLE),

Uncertain

Not seen

Nil

NT18SE24

DOWNING POINT BATTERY
COAST BATTERY, notes as 2 AAA emplacements
Mid 20th Century

Fair

Survey

NT15978247

Downing Point Beacon
Wooden Beacon with concrete stay foundations.
Uncertain

Fair

Survey

NT18SE16

DONIBRISTLE; OLD HARBOUR
HARBOUR - iron mooring block and chain
18th Century

Fair

Nil

NT18SE5

DONIBRISTLE HOUSE;
HOUSE
16th Century uncertain

Not seen

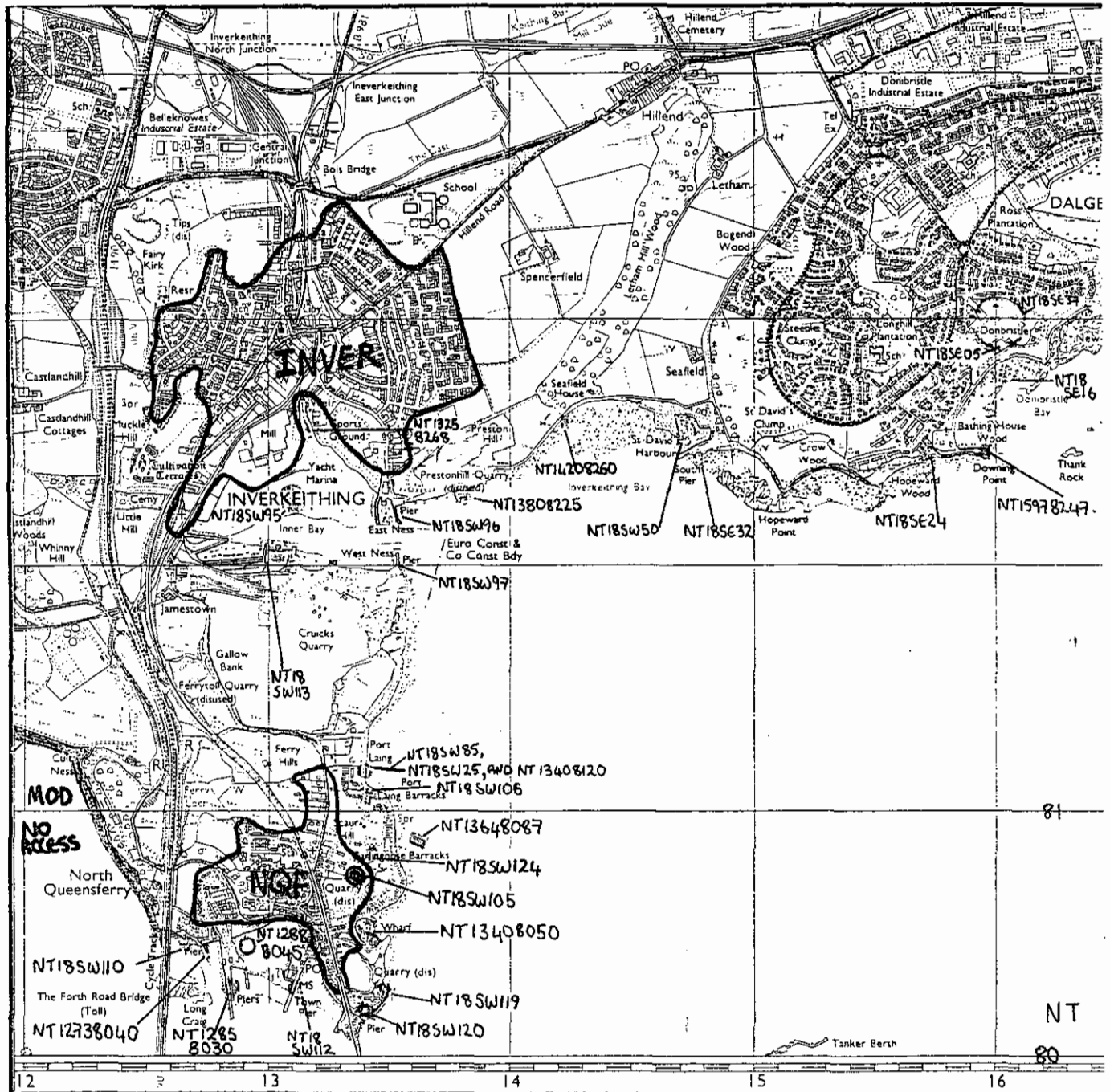
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NT18SE37

DONIBRISTLE GARDENS AND HOUSE
DESIGNED LANDSCAPE
16th Century uncertain

Not seen

Nil



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KEY

Site location	Symbol	Staedtler colour	Significance
NGR e.g NO12345678	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
NMRS 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

