

## Introduction to Map 5: Port an Eas to The Ard

This map section covers some 8.3km of coastline. The landscape comprises of moorland and grazing land to the west which slopes down to the shores of Kilnaughton Bay. From Kilnaughton Bay, this section extends eastwards through the planned 19th C village of Port Ellen and for a little way beyond. The highest parts of the coastline lie to the extreme east and west of this section, but even here the cliffs stand little higher than 10m OD. There is some modern settlement to the west of Port Ellen, but the largest concentration lies immediately behind Loch Leodamais and the modern pier. There is a regular ferry service between Port Ellen and Kennacraig (Kintyre).

Much of this map section has been classified as stable, with the exception of the coast line to the north of Carraig Fhada, which is definitely eroding, and the dunes within Kilnaughton Bay, which have been classified as eroding to stable.

A total of sixteen sites were identified within this map section; eleven of these had been recorded previously. The site entry for Port Ellen (IY273) covers both residential housing, the distillery (now used solely as a maltings) and the pier. The listed buildings which lie within the coastal zone are separately provided for in the Listed Buildings Appendix to this report. Nine sites were identified as being of 18-20th C date. These sites include maritime features such as fish traps and jetties (IY232) and Carraig Fhada Lighthouse (IY31), together with a designed landscape (IY234), several separate incidences of cultivation remains and a military cemetery (IY27). It is recommended that the designed landscape be monitored for change.

Of earlier date, the chapel and cemetery at Kilnaughton (IY28) may preserve in its place name an original dedication to the 7th C Scottish saint Nechtan. The surviving building, however, is thought to date in part possibly to the 13th C but largely from the 15th C, with numerous more recent repairs in evidence. The chapel contains four carved medieval grave slabs and is surrounded by a cemetery containing grave slabs and memorials dating from the 17th C to the present day. It is recommended that this site is monitored since it lies in an area of sand dunes which is subject to erosion and it is possible that associated remains, such as graves, may become exposed.

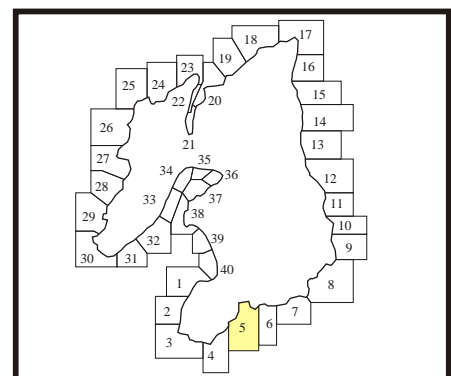
Three dun sites, which could not be ascribed a date, lie within this area. To the west Port Chubaird dun (IY35) occupies a sheer rock outcrop with good natural defences which is accessed via a narrow bridge of rock. A stony bank defends the entrance. Nearby at Lurabus, a second dun (IY32) is located on a rocky hillock. The summit contains a natural depression with traces of a stone wall or bank. The most impressive of this group is The Ard (IY233) which lies to the east of Port Ellen. This site occupies an elongated ridge, the level summit of which stands some 10m above the sea. Two small hollows visible on the summit may be the remains of buildings, while elsewhere earthfast stones are suggestive of further structural remains. It is recommended that all three dun sites are monitored for evidence of change.

<p><b>IY27</b> NR 3450 4531 Kilnaughton Bay Military cemetery 18-20th C Good Nil</p>	<p><b>IY34</b> (part of NR34SW 19) NR 33876 43015 Port Chubaird Land boundaries and slipway 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p><b>IY32</b> (NR34SW 8) NR 3423 4347 Lurabus Possible dun ??? Poor Monitor</p>
<p><b>IY28</b> (NR34NW 5) NR 3442 4522 Kilnaughton Chapel and cemetery 14-18th C, 18-20th C Good Monitor</p>	<p><b>IY35</b> (NR34SW 13) NR 339 428 Port Chubaird Dun ??? Poor Monitor</p>	<p><b>IY273</b> NR 36 45 Port Ellen Village, pier, maltings 18-20th C Good-Fair Nil</p>
<p><b>IY29</b> NR 34425 45133 Kilnaughton Ruin House 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p><b>IY232</b> NR 37086 44815 The Ard, Port Ellen Fish trap and jetties 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p><b>IY274</b> (NR34SW 6) NR 3468 4453 Kilnaughton Bay Cave ??? N/A N/A</p>
<p><b>IY30</b> NR 347 443 Carraig Fhada Enclosures, boundaries, clearance cairns 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p><b>IY233</b> (NR34SE 1) NR 36495 44715 The Ard, Port Ellen Dun ??? Fair Monitor</p>	<p><b>IY275</b> (NR34NW 27) NR 344 450 Caisteal Dhonnachaidh Enclosure ??? N/A N/A</p>
<p><b>IY31</b> (NR34SW 20 &amp; 22) NR 3493 4434 Carraig Fhada Lighthouse and lighthouse cottage 18-20th C Good Nil</p>	<p><b>IY234</b> NR 34766 45503 Coille nan Sglithean Folly and designed landscape 18-20th C Good Monitor</p>	
<p><b>IY33</b> (part of NW34SW 19) NR 33990 43214 Alt an Laoigh Field Boundary 18-20th C Fair Nil</p>	<p><b>IY272</b> (NR34SW 5) NR 3446 4486 Kilnaughton Bay Cave ??? N/A N/A</p>	



- Protected Ancient Monument or area of Designated Wreck
- Monument formally proposed by Historic Scotland for scheduling or wreck for designation
- + Listed Historic Building
- Undesignated wreck
- Known ancient monument
- Site found by this survey
- Site complex

Built Heritage & Archaeology



**1. Lurabus**

NR 341 434

1.9 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge mostly >5m

Drift on visible rock.

The coast edge in this unit is mostly high but lessens in height towards the north. The coast edge is mostly rock platform however there is cobble cover in coves. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing, with some scrub and bracken.

**2. Traigh Bhan**

NR 345 441

0.2 Km

Mainly sand

Coast edge <5m

Blown sand.

The unit encompasses a sandy area known as the 'singing sands'. The hinterland here is low dunes, which are covered by marram grass.

**3. Carraig Fhada**

NR 346 445

1.2 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Drift on visible rock.

The coast edge within this unit is low lying and rocky. There is cobble and boulder cover on the coast edge within Kilnaughton bay. There has been dumping of angular boulders along the coast edge, in front of an access road which runs out to houses and a lighthouse at Carraig Fhada. There is also a concrete sea wall in front of the road. This sea wall appears damaged and survives in lengths of c. 100m. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing. Low cliffs lie c. 20m back from the coast edge within Kilnaughton bay.

**4. Kilnaughton Bay**

NR 343 453

0.7 Km

Mainly sand

Coast edge <5m

Blown sand.

This unit encompasses a wide sandy beach which lies within Kilnaughton bay. The hinterland is low dunes which are not extensive. There is marram grass over some of the hinterland, this does not extend for more than c. 30m inland. The hinterland is rough grazing.

**5. Inbhir Shligeach**

NR 354 457

1.3 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge mostly <5m

Drift on visible rock.

The western part of this unit has a coast edge which is slightly over 5m high. The coast edge decreases in height to the east. The hinterland is extremely overgrown - impassable - at Coille nan Sglithean. To the east of here, there is some housing in the hinterland, and coastal defences in front of Port Ellen maltings.

**6. Traigh Gheighsgeir**

NR 363 452

1.7 Km

Mainly sand

Coast edge <5m

Hinterland geology not generally visible.

This unit encompasses the shoreline in front of Port Ellen. This is mostly sand, with areas of rock platform. Much of the coast edge is protected by sea walls. The hinterland is a mix of housing and roads. There are limited areas of grass (parkland) at the western end of this unit.

**7. The Ard**

NR 365 447

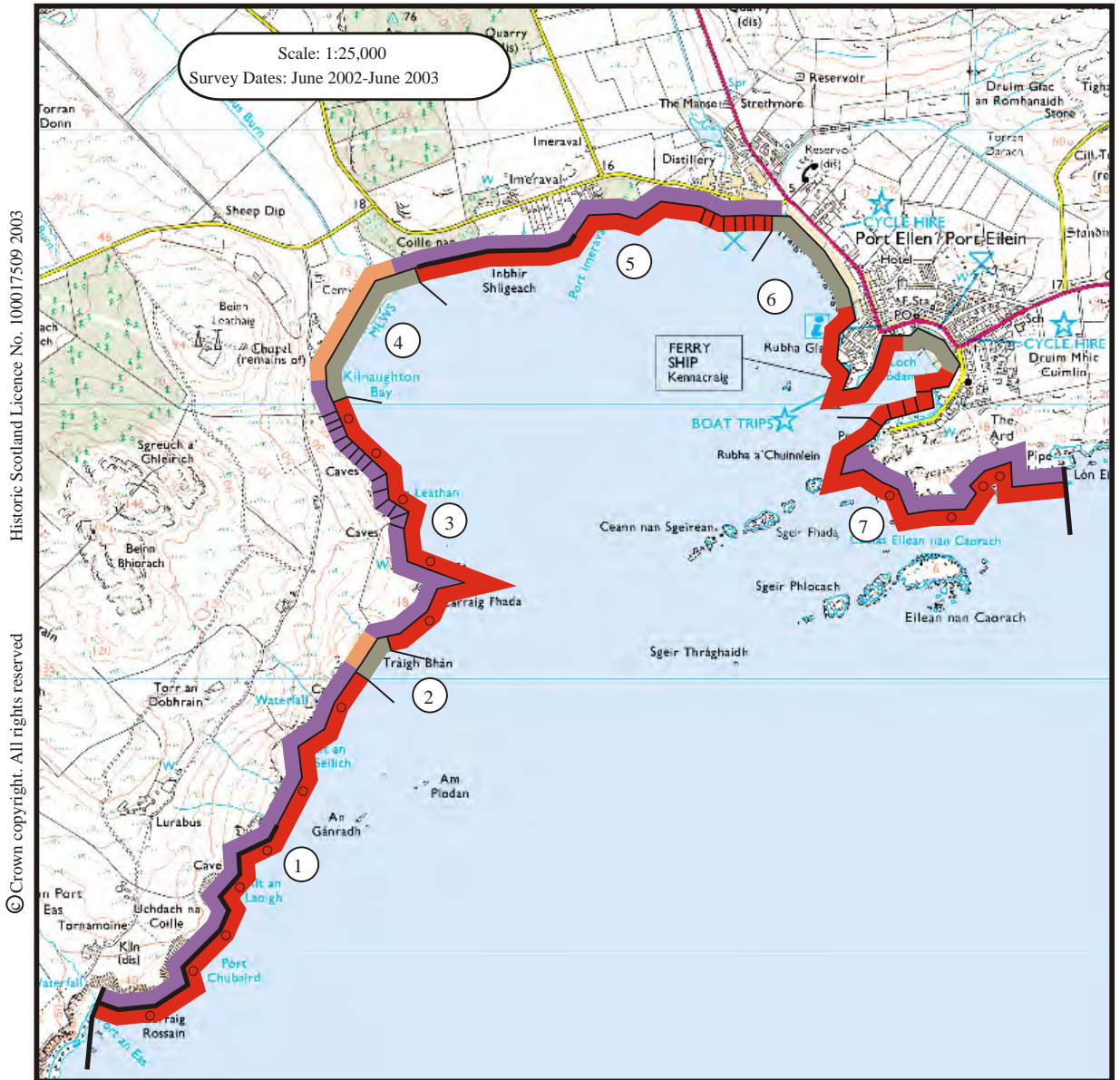
1.3 Km

Rock platform /mainly sand

Coast edge <5m

Drift on visible rock.

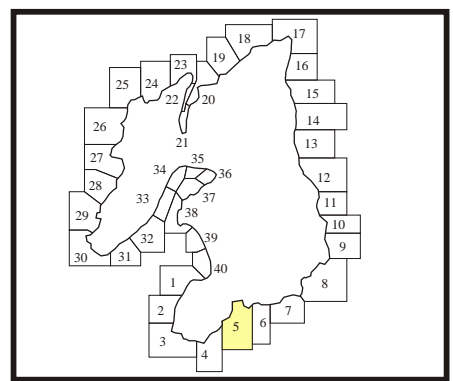
The coast edge is steeply sloping rock platform, with some cobble in coves. The hinterland is rough grass, not apparently in agricultural use at time of visit.



- Foreshore**
- Rock platform
  - Mainly sand
  - Mainly alluvial/marine mud
  - Marsh

- Hinterland**
- Drift
  - Drift on visible rock
  - Raised beach etc.
  - Blown sand
  - Glacial sand/gravel
  - Alluvium

- Modifiers**
- Low edge <5m
  - Cliff >5m
  - Man made barrier
  - Shingle/storm bank
  - Human disturbance



**1. Lurabus**

NR 343 436

2.1 Km

Stable

The coast edge in this unit is rocky and stable. No signs of erosion.

**2. Carraig Fhada**

NR 346 446

1.0 Km

Definitely Eroding

Much of the coast edge in this unit is protected by sea walling, however the sea walling appears damaged and has been patched by dumps of boulders, implying that this unit is eroding. Erosion is also visible close to Carraig Fhada lighthouse.

**3. Kilnaughton Bay**

NR 345 453

0.7 Km

Eroding or Stable

This unit is for the most part stable, however there is some landslip of dune faces on the northern side of Kilnaughton Bay. There would appear to be limited colonisation of the upper foreshore by marram grass, on the southern side of the bay. The dunes in the hinterland appear stable and grassy, without sign of blowouts.

**4. Port Ellen**

NR 363 453

4.5 Km

Stable

The coast edge in this unit is stable. No signs of erosion.



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- Erosion Class**
- Definitely Accreting
  - Accreting or Stable
  - Stable
  - Eroding or Stable
  - Definitely Eroding
  - Accreting and Eroding
  - No access
  - Land below 10m

