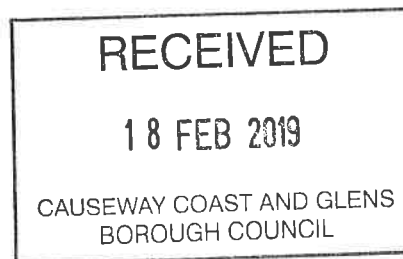


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Date: 6 February 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

**SCHEDULED HISTORIC MONUMENT: MINE ENTRANCE FOR THE
NORTH STAR COLLIERY IN TORNAROAN, CO. ANTRIM**


The above location was scheduled under the Historic Monuments & Archaeological Objects (NI) Order 1995 on 28th January 2019.

Please take this into account when assessing any planning applications in the area.

Find enclosed a map showing in red the outline of the legally protected area and a copy of the scheduling declaration.

Please confirm receipt of this addition to the Schedule and confirmation that it has been updated on your hazard maps.

Yours faithfully,


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DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES, HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT DIVISION
HISTORIC MONUMENTS

The Department for Communities, Historic Environment Division gives notice that on the 28 day of January 2019 it prepared the following schedule under article 3 of the Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects (NI) Order 1995.

LOCATION

Tornaroon, Co. Antrim

NAME OF MONUMENT

Mine Entrance for the North Star
Colliery

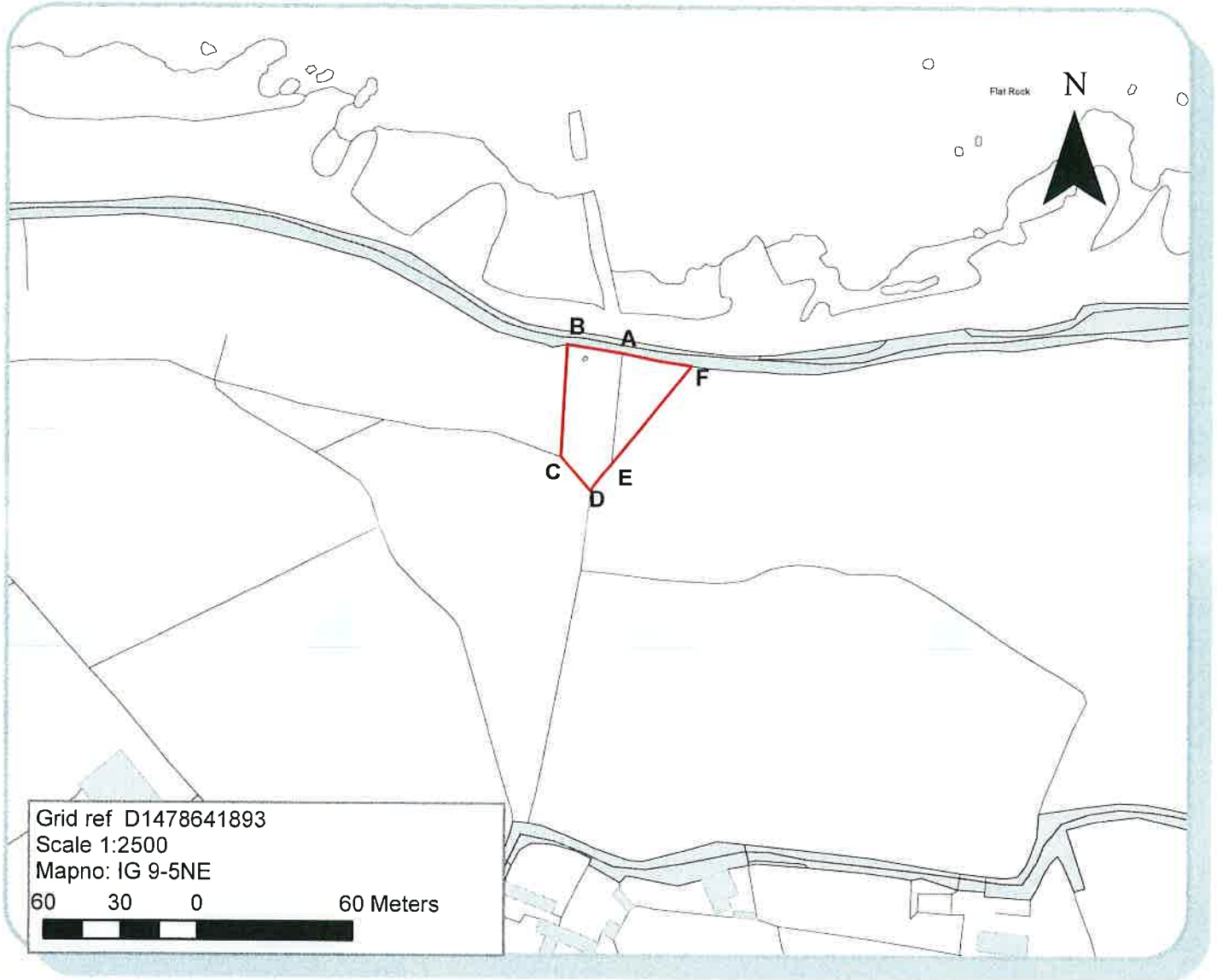
AUTHORISED OFFICER

Iain Greenway

Director: Historic Environment Division

Date: 28 January 2019

SCHEDULING OF MINE ENTRANCE OF THE NORTH STAR COLLIERY, IN THE TOWNLAND OF TORNAROAN, CO ANTRIM. ANT 005:501



HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

Historic Environment Division, having consulted the Historic Monuments Council and being satisfied that the site described and delineated on the above map is worthy of scheduling by reason of rarity, survival and vulnerability declares the mine entrance for the North Star Colliery in the townland of Tornaroan, Co. Antrim, a scheduled historic monument.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED AREA

The scheduled area is outlined in red on the above map, which is for illustrative purposes and must be read in conjunction with other information pertaining to the scheduling. Point B is situated at the kink in the roadside 22m west along the verge from the field corner A. A line runs south from B to meet the corner C on the field boundary and then follows the boundary to the corner D. It then follows a boundary to the corner E, projecting on to F, at the roadside. It then follows the roadside back to A.

This Historic Monument is included in the Schedule under Article 3 of the Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects (N.I.) Order 1995

Signed: 
Iain Greenway
Director, Historic Environment Division

Date: 28 January 2019



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Mine Entrance for the North Star Colliery, in the townland of Tornaroan, Co. Antrim. ANT 005:501

This mine entrance gives access to the main adit of the North Star colliery. It is the most accessible and best preserved of the known mine entrances in the Ballycastle coalfield. It is located adjacent to the south side of the Carrickmore road, nearly opposite (a few metres to the west) to the North Star Dyke, a prominent feature of the shoreline north of the road. The North Star Colliery is among the oldest of the 11 collieries in the coalfield and may have been worked since the 16th century. It was last worked in the 1950's. The mine exploited 'the Main Coal' seam, the, thickest of the sequence of coal seams in the coal field. The adit was located below the seam.



The mine entrance is very well preserved and consists of a dry stone arch constructed of the local Ballycastle sandstone. It is a highly visible feature except during for the summer months when it is somewhat obscured by vegetation. The construction style is similar to other known works in the coalfield by Hugh Boyd in the mid-18th century and may date to this horizon although the mine was in operation long before this time. The arch is 1.4m high and 1.55m wide. Three quarters of the facade is composed of dry-stone sandstone blocks with the remaining quarter being solid rock. The entrance is closed by an iron grill with a gate and cannot be entered. With the aid of a torch about 10m of the tunnel/ mine shaft (adit or level) is visible, but laser measuring from the entrance reveals as much as 26m is detectable. The reveals a beautifully constructed sandstone barrel vault in excellent condition. The passage is free of debris and rises very gently from the horizontal. A vigorous little stream flows along its base and is piped under the road and onto the shore.



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Proposed for scheduling on the grounds of rarity, survival and vulnerability. In addition its proximity to the road makes it vulnerable to possible damage by road widening or maintenance.



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