

GREENCASTLE CANDIDATE AREA OF SIGNIFICANT ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTEREST



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Preamble

On 25th July 2017 Department consulted its statutory advisory body, the Historic Monuments Council on the identification of an Area of Significant Archaeological Interest at Greencastle, Co. Down. This ASAI was identified following desktop research and field survey carried out by Historic Environment Division. This statement relates to the entirety of the ASAI heritage asset.



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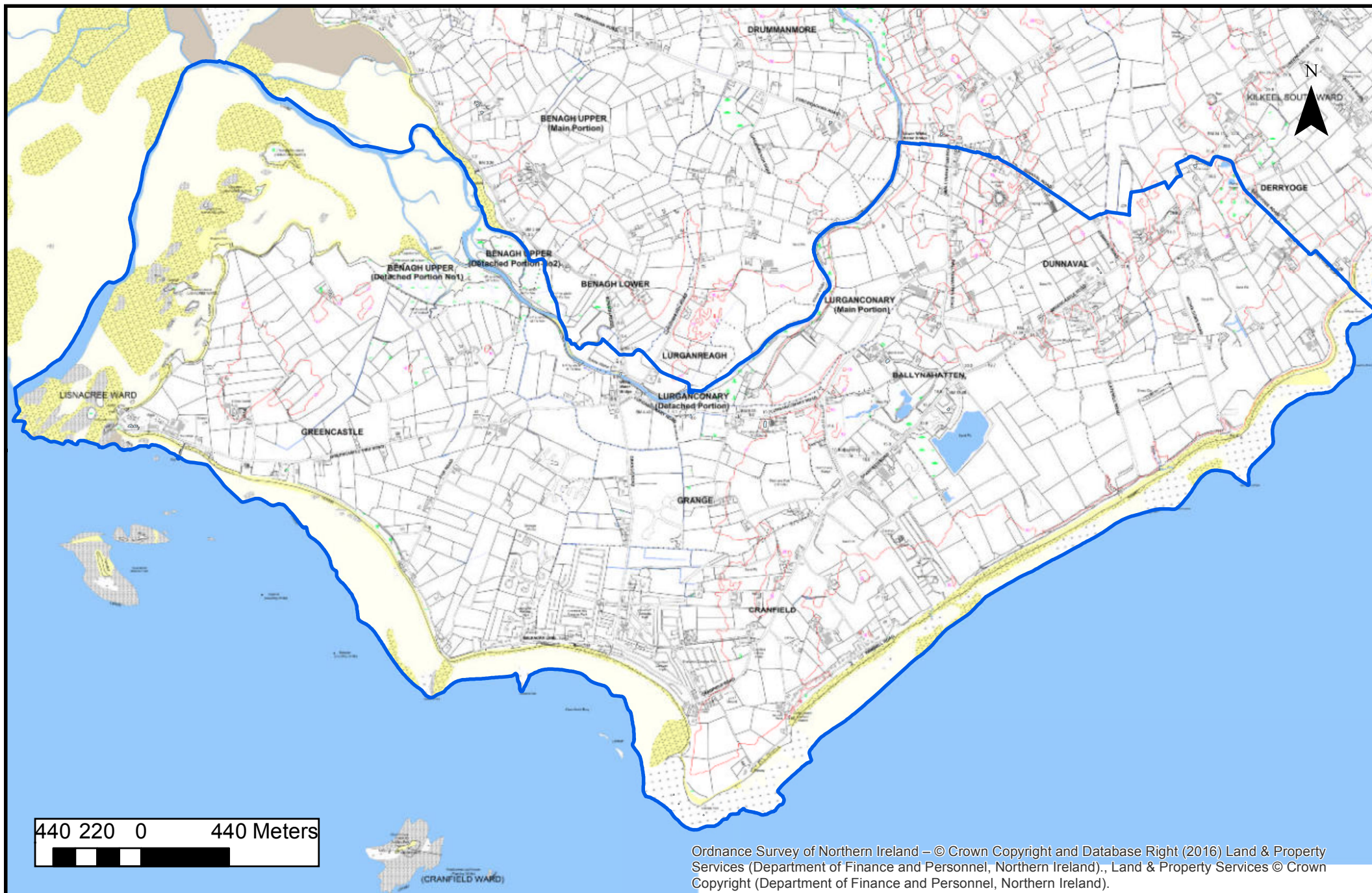
Statement of Significance

Greencastle

An Area of Significant Archaeological Interest has been identified at Greencastle. Built in the 13th century, Greencastle is one of Northern Ireland's most important Anglo Norman castles. Prominently sited and strategically set at the mouth of Carlingford Lough it controlled a historic ferry crossing and was garrisoned until the 1590s. It is now a State Care monument, managed by the Department for Communities.

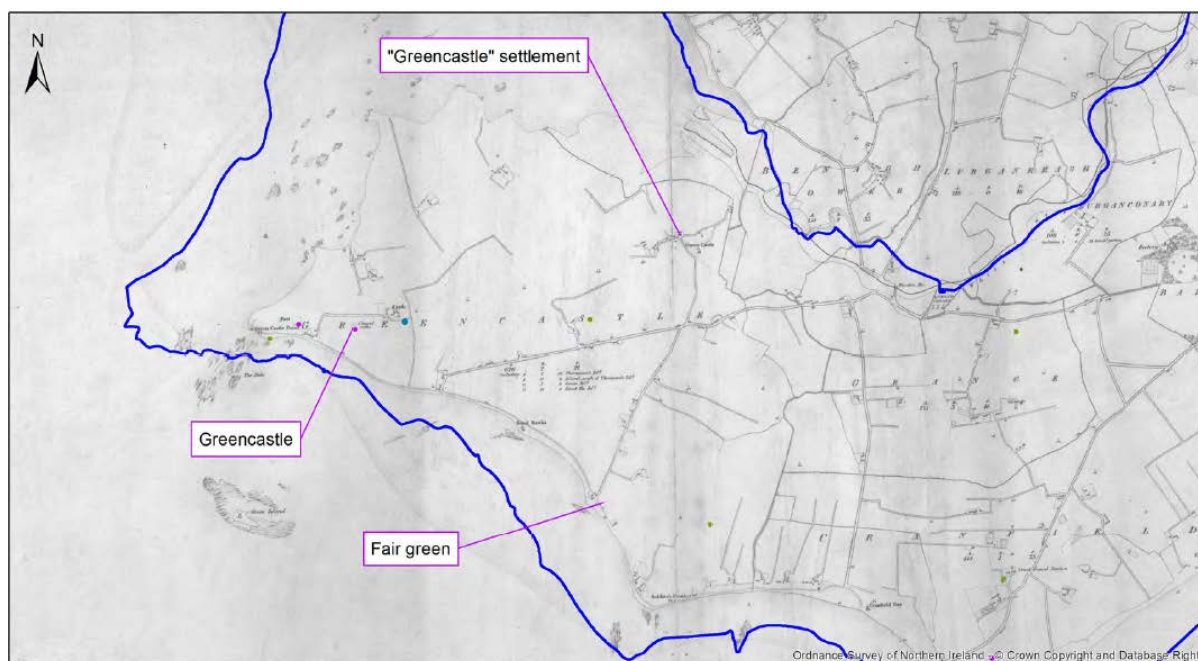
The area identified in the ASAI takes specific account of the historic evolution of the landscape here, and of historic routeways and lanes, settlement foci and river crossing points that are located within it. It includes both the landscape inland of Cranfield Point and an intertidal zone that would have been utilised by the landscape's inhabitants. The landscape in the western part of the ASAI, characterised by a flatter topographical morphology with occasional rises, is particularly important and the castle would have exerted a strong influence over the cultural evolution of this area. It incorporates a small settlement northeast of the castle, now abandoned, and historically identified on the 1st edition 1834 Ordnance Survey map as "Greencastle". West of the castle is an area of potential medieval settlement. The landscape further east was part of the lands granted to Sir Nicholas Bagenal on his arrival here in the 1590s, but was in more recent times dominated by a World War 2 airfield. As well as the recorded heritage assets of the Monuments and Buildings Record (MBR) in the ASAI, the crossing points over the Whitewater River, placenames, and routeways, places and buildings and historic boundaries recorded on historic Ordnance Survey maps are all in their own right significant elements of the historic environment here.

The landscape is particularly vulnerable to replacement dwellings causing removal of historic structures, and should be a key consideration in any infrastructural improvements resulting from the now operational ferry site at Greencastle or extensions to the caravan parks at Cranfield so that its historic integrity is not compromised. The erection of large scale development or wind turbines have also the potential to adversely impact the distinctive qualities of the landscape and the heritage assets that are located within it.





1. Prominently sited and strategically set at the mouth of Carlingford Lough, Greencastle controlled a historic ferry crossing and was garrisoned until the 1590s. The ASAI considers the importance of the intertidal zone to the landscape's evolution and functionality



2. The area identified in the ASAI takes specific account of the historic evolution of the landscape here, and of historic routeways and lanes, settlement foci and river crossing points that are located within it. Map extract above from OS 1834 first edition county series includes some annotations highlighting only a few of the specific historic locations related to historic functionality. Image Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland. Crown Copyright and Database Right



3. The landscape in the western part of the ASAI, characterised by a flatter topographical morphology with occasional rises, is particularly important and the castle would have exerted a particularly strong influence over the cultural evolution of the area west of the historic river crossings



4. Greencastle Church. The ASAI contains a range of heritage assets with discrete and overlapping settings, sometimes having a close functional relationship in the landscape with each other.



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5. As well as its important medieval dimension, the Greencastle ASAI contains a number of sites and areas of hard standing and crop marks reflecting the use of the area in World War 2 as an airfield. Many later boundary walls in the landscape have been constructed from rectangular blocks of concrete derived from this period. Image OSNI Crown Copyright 2018

Sites and Monuments Records within Greencastle ASAI 9th October 2018

NISMR	TYPE	PROTECTION	TOWNLAND(s)	GRID REFERENCE
DOW057:009	MOUND		CRANFIELD	J2706010350
DOW057:011	SHELL MIDDEN		CRANFIELD	J2700009940
DOW057:012	PENAL SITE		GRANGE	J2727011800
DOW057:013	MEDIEVAL CHURCH & GRAVEYARD (unlocated): KILMAGREINAN		CRANFIELD	J2600011000
DOW057:014	SHELL MIDDEN		CRANFIELD	J2722010770
DOW057:016	A.P. SITE - circular cropmark		GREENCASTLE	J2550011850
DOW057:017	BURIALS		GREENCASTLE	J2417011770
DOW057:001	MOTTE	Scheduled	GREENCASTLE	J2429011830
DOW057:003	CASTLE & WELL: GREENCASTLE	State Care with Proposed Scheduled Area	GREENCASTLE	J2473011840
DOW057:006	COUNTERSCARP RATH: DUNNAVAL	Scheduled	DUNNAVAL	J2850012930
DOW057:007	PORTAL TOMB: LOUGHANANKA		BALLYNAHATTEN	J2846012330
DOW057:008	MOUND	Scheduled	CRANFIELD	J2717010440
DOW057:002	CHURCH	Scheduled	GREENCASTLE	J2452511810
DOW057:018	ABANDONED SETTLEMENT "Greencastle"		GREENCASTLE	J2581812174



Listed Buildings records within Greencastle ASAI 9th October 2018

HB REF	DATE CONSTRUCTED	TOWNLAND(s)	EXTENT	GRID REFERENCE	GRADE/STATUS
HB16/04/002	1840 - 1859	Dunnaval	Post Office- not listed	J2828 1317	Record Only
HB16/04/006	1780 - 1799	Ballynahatten	House-not listed	J2792 1211	Record Only
HB16/04/007	1840 - 1859	Ballynahatten	House	J2824 1187	B1
HB16/04/009	1820 - 1839	Greencastle	Light House/ Navigation Mark	J2590 0890	B+
HB16/04/010	1840 - 1859	Lurganreagh / Lurganconary	Bridge	J2660 1205	B2
HB16/04/013 A	1900 - 1919	Greencastle	Coastguard House - Terrace	J2418 1279	B2
HB16/04/013 B	1900 - 1919	Greencastle	House	J2417 1279	B2
HB16/04/014 A	1880 - 1899	Greencastle	House	J2415 1279	B2
HB16/04/014 B	1880 - 1899	Greencastle	House	J2414 1279	B2
HB16/04/014 C	1880 - 1899	Greencastle	Boat House	J2419 1178	B2
HB16/04/017	1650 - 1699	Derryoge	House	J2948 1309	B2
HB16/04/018	1920 - 1939	Grange	Church-not listed	J2733 1180	Record Only
HB16/04/020	1880 - 1899	Greencastle	Boundary Marker	J2440 1172	B2
HB16/04/021	1880 - 1899	Greencastle	Harbour/ Pier	J2439 1163	B2
HB16/04/049 A	1940 - 1959	Dunnaval	World War II Structures	J2897 1257	B1



Industrial Heritage Assets within the Greencastle ASAI 9th October 2018

IHR REF	TOWNLAND	TYPE	GRID REFERENCE
03634:000:00	Lurganreagh	White Water Bridge	J26601205
03635:000:00	Derryoge	Slatemill"" - placename	J29081200
03636:000:00	Greencastle	Coastguard Station, Light Keepers Dwellings	J24181279
03639:000:00	Cranfield	Windmill	J27551110
03640:000:00	Cranfield	Coastguard Station	J27271080
03641:001:00	Cranfield	Lighthouse	J27231006
03641:000:00	Cranfield	Lighthouse / Lightkeeper's Housing	J27261004
03641:002:00	Cranfield	Lightkeeper's Housing	J27231006
11196:000:00	Cranfield	Possible Coastguard Building	J27291010

Defence Heritage Assets within the Greencastle ASAI 9th October 2018

DHP NUMBER	TYPE	TOWNLAND	GRIDREF
39	Airfield (part of)	Ballynahatten	J285116
39	Airfield (part of)	Cranfield, Grange, Greencastle	J270112
0	Airfield dispersed buildings	Derryoge	J29881263
0	Operations Block	Ballynahatten	J27991204
0	Bomb Store	Derryoge	J29651186
0	Battle Headquarters	Dunnaval	J29021210
0	Control tower	Dunnaval	J28921192
39	Airfield (part of)	Ballynahatten	J285116

Recorded Shipwrecks within the Greencastle ASAI 9th October 2018

NAME OF VESSEL	DATE OF LOSS	CARGO (If known)	VESSEL TYPE	PLACE OF LOSS	EASTING	NORTHING
Betty The	??.1763			Cra(n)field Point 14 mls fr	327081	309803
Lord Wellington	18.02.1824	laden with coal		On Cranfield Point	327008	309801
Louisa (c.)	07.11.1852	Indian corn	190 net ton brig	On Cranfield Point	326972	309800

Betty	31.12.1845		brig valued @ c8	In Cranfield Bay CR15	326515	310500
Jubilee The	?.?.1815			On Carlingford Bar	325686	320222

Battlesite records within the Greencastle ASAI 9th October 2018

BATTLE	DATE	SIDE A	SIDE B	OUTCOME	GRIDREF	TYPE
Greencastle	1316	Anglo-Norman garrison (defending)	Edward Bruce - Irish and Scots	Bruce captured castle	J247118	Siege
Greencastle	1335	Anglo-Norman garrison (defending)	Irish	Garrison relieved (twice) by Henry De Maundevill	J247118	Siege
Greencastle	1343	Anglo-Norman garrison (defending)	Irish	B: victory	J247118	Assault

Areas of Archaeological Potential within the Greencastle ASAI 9th October 2018

OBJECTID	LOCATION	LGD
104	GREENCASTLE	NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN

