

Supplementary submission to Scottish Government Public Petitions committee by Graham Lang, Chair, Scotland Against Spin

Committee date of 16th April 2013

Since making our submission dated 10th April 2011 another inconsistency, directly a result of the present flawed neighbour notification criteria, has come to our notice.

Planning Application Reference : 13/00184/FULL

Proposal : The Erection Of A Single Wind Turbine 44.28 Metres To Hub Height And 62 Metres To Blade Tip And Associated Infrastructure

Planning Authority Area : Angus Council

Address : Field 800M South West Of Gilchorn Farm Gilchorn Inverkeilor

Map 1 This map shows the location of the turbine in the wider landscape covering approximately 35 square kilometres with Lunan Bank to the north east, Gilchorn to the east and Kinblethmont to the south of the proposed turbine. The dotted red circle is from turbine location to the edge of the nearest neighbouring property notified at Gilchorn. Note that properties at Lunan Bank and Kinblethmont are nearer to the turbine but because of the 20 metre criteria do not, by right, receive neighbour notification. This defies common sense.

Map 2 This map shows the turbine site in dark red and the twenty neighbour notification boundary in light red

Map 3 This map shows the neighbours who have been notified. The dotted red line from turbine location to the nearest neighbouring property notified passes beyond and is clearly further away than the nearest neighbour to the turbine location which is Lunan Bank who was not entitled to be notified.

Conclusion

The difficulty we have with this highlights another aspect of the problem with the current neighbour notification criteria. The properties nearest to the site ie the track have been notified but the owners of the property at Lunan Bank and Kinblethmont which are nearer to the turbine than the properties notified are not entitled to neighbour notification.

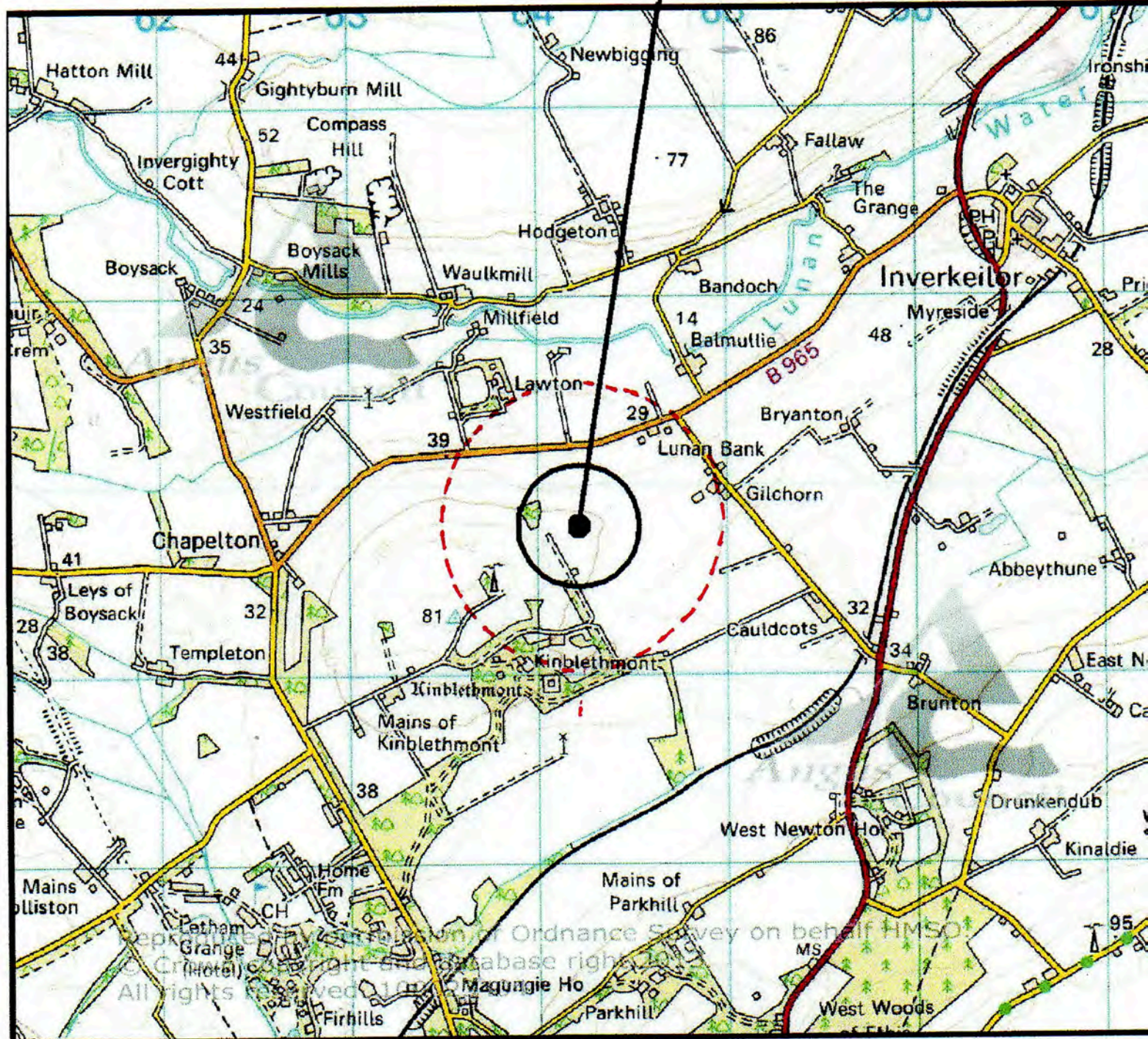
This really makes it abundantly clear that the present neighbour notification criteria is not fit for purpose and SAS submits that, as stated, in our original submission that the nearest 10 properties to any turbine development of any scale not in the ownership of the applicant should receive neighbour notification. This really makes it abundantly clear that the present neighbour notification criteria is not fit for purpose and SAS support the recommendations by Aileen Jackson.

Graham Lang

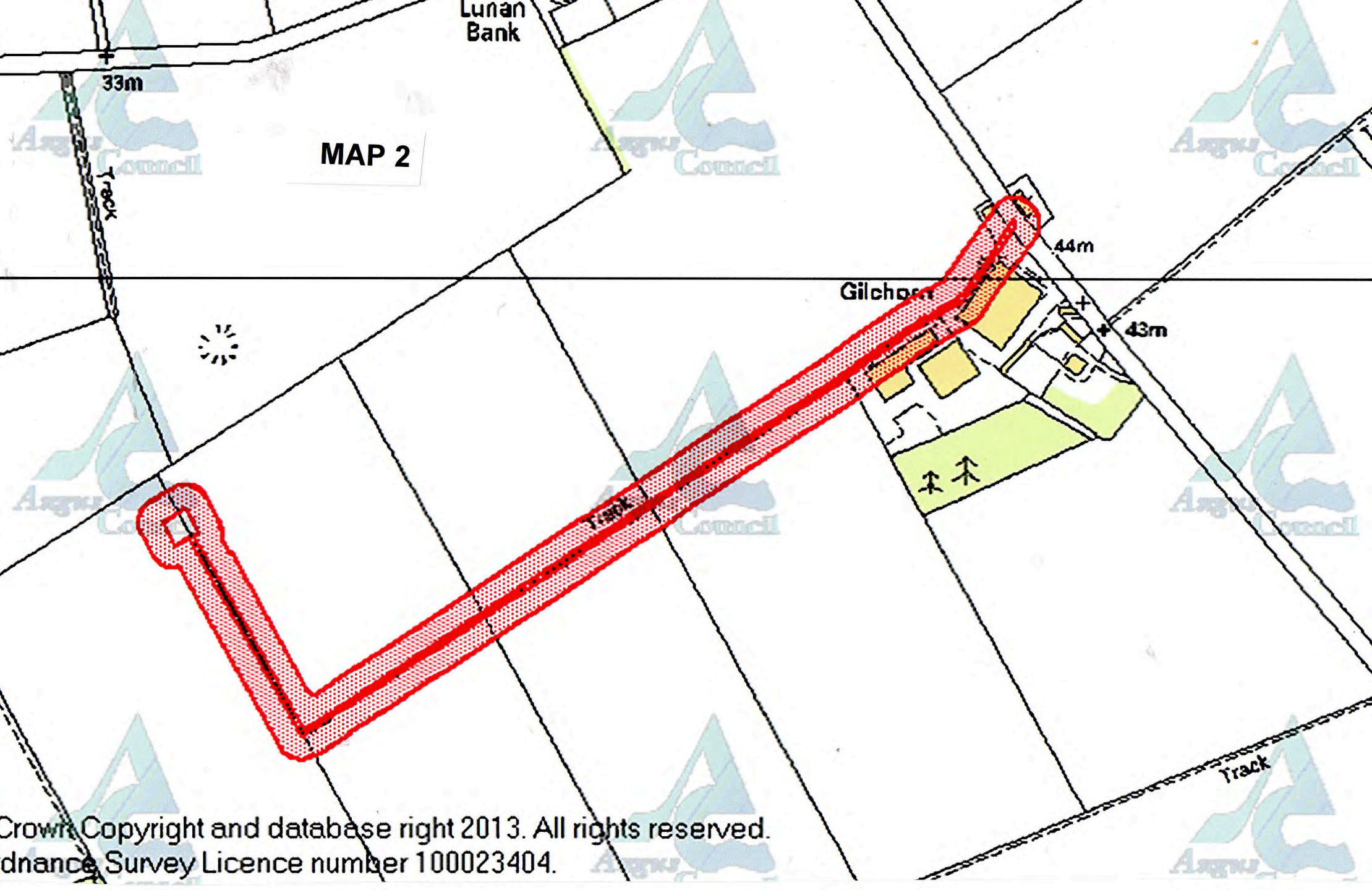
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MAP 1

SITE LOCATION



SITE LOCATION (Scale 1:50000)



MAP 2

Lunan Bank

Gilchoy

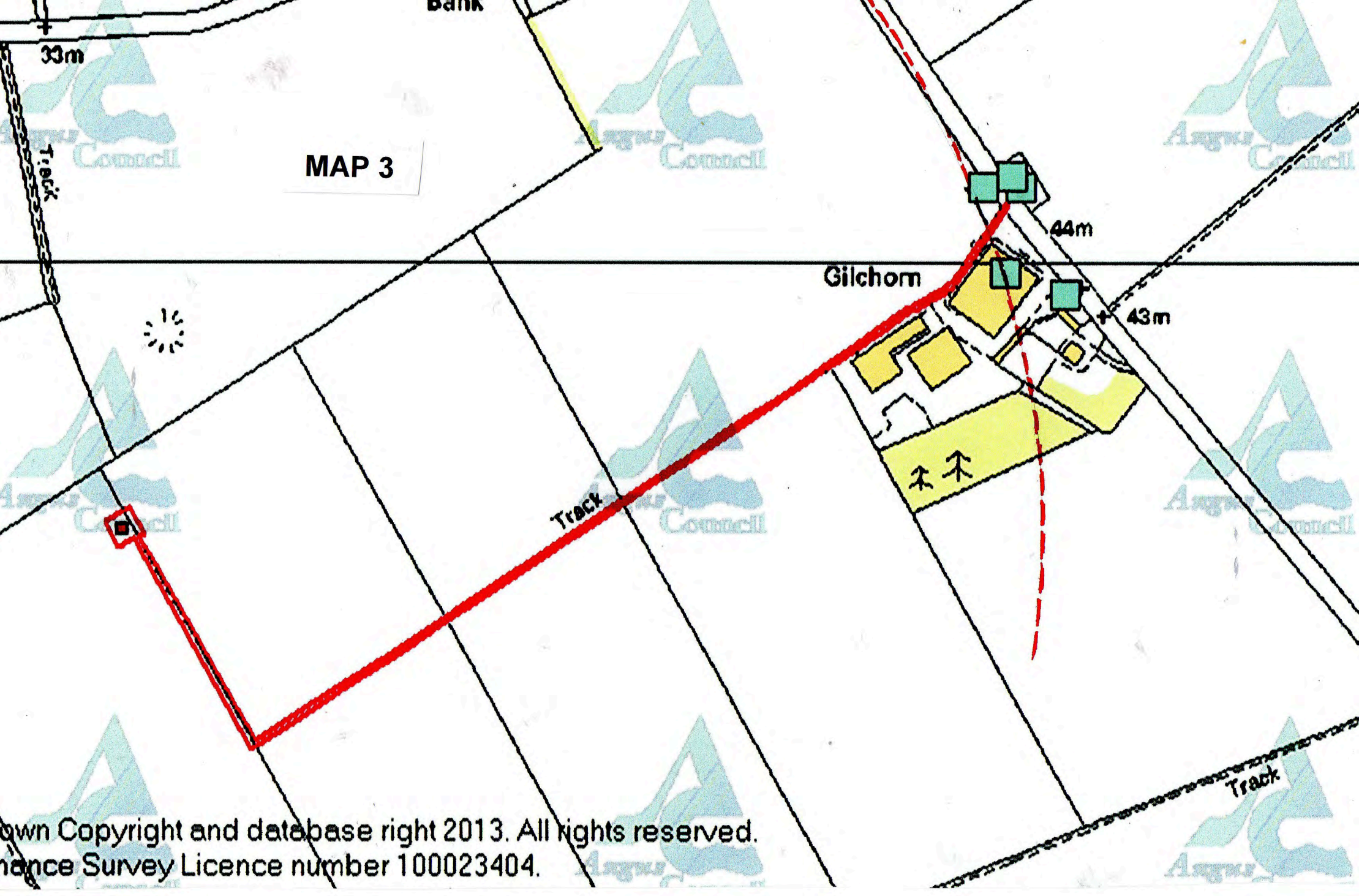
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Track

Track



MAP 3

Gilchorn

44m

43m

Track

Track