



**Monitoring Report No. 98**

**14 Derryhaw Road  
Tynan  
Co. Armagh**

**AE/07/137**

Brian Sloan

### **Site Specific Information**

*Site Address:* 14 Derryhaw Road, Tynan, Co. Armagh

*Townland:* Tynan

*SMR No.:* ARM 015:004

*State Care*    *Scheduled*    *Other* ✓

*Grid Ref:* H 7708 4263

*County:* Armagh

*Excavation Licence No:* AE/07/137

*Planning Ref / No.:* O/2005/0341/O

*Date of Monitoring:* 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007

*Archaeologist Present:* Brian Sloan

#### *Brief Summary:*

Two test trenches were excavated to evaluate the potential impact of a proposed development of an extension of a dwelling on any hidden archaeological remains. The proposed development site is located in an archaeologically sensitive area with known prehistoric and early Christian sites within the immediate vicinity. The application site lies approximately 20m south-east of a probably Ring-Barrow of Bronze Age date (ARM 015:004). Nothing of archaeological significance was uncovered in either of the trenches.

#### *Type of monitoring:*

Excavation of two test trenches by mechanical excavator equipped with a smooth-edged 'sheugh' bucket under archaeological supervision.

*Size of area opened:*

Two trenches each measuring approximately 18m by 2m

*Current Land Use:* Dwelling

*Intended Land Use:* Extension to dwelling

## **Brief account of the monitoring**

### Introduction

The site of the proposed extension to a dwelling is located at 14 Derryhaw Road, Tynan, Co. Armagh (Fig 1). The site lies approximately 1km south-east of the village of Tynan, at a height of approximately 90m above sea level. The surrounding area is rich in archaeological sites. The site lies approximately 10m south of a possible ring barrow (ARM 015:004) dating to the Bronze Age and approximately 500m south-west of a well preserved bivallate rath. The surrounding landscape consists of both pastoral and arable land, interspersed with dwelling houses. The trenches were positioned to incorporate the extension of the current dwelling (Fig 3) and was requested by Edith Gowdy (Case Officer Environment and Heritage Service: Built Heritage).

### Excavation

Trench 1 was positioned to the south of the present dwelling and measured approximately 18m by 2m. The sod and topsoil layer in this trench (Context No. 101) consisted of a humic mid brown loam with few inclusions of small rounded and sub-angular stones (average size 40mm x 20mm x 10mm). This layer had an average depth of 0.4m.

Below the sod and topsoil (Context No.101) was the subsoil (Context No. 102). This consisted of a yellow orange sandy clay with few inclusions of small rounded and sub-angular stones and pebbles (average size 60mm x 40mm x 15mm). There were no finds or features of an archaeological nature encountered in this trench.

Trench 2 was positioned approximately 2m north-west of Trench 1 and measured 19m x 2m. The sod and topsoil layer in this trench (Context No. 201) consisted of a humic mid brown loam with few inclusions of small rounded and sub-angular stones (average size 40mm x 20mm x 10mm). This layer had an average depth of 0.4m.

Below the sod and topsoil (Context No.201) was the subsoil (Context No. 202). This consisted of a yellow orange sandy clay with few inclusions of small rounded and sub-angular stones and pebbles (average size 60mm x 40mm x 15mm). There were no finds or features of an archaeological nature encountered in this trench.

Nothing of archaeological significance was noted during the evaluation. It is recommended that no further archaeological fieldwork is carried out at the development site. No publication is required, apart from a short summary in the annual bulletin of excavations.

**Archive:**

*Finds:* n/a

*Photographs:* 15 digital images, held by the Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork, Queen's University Belfast.

*Plans / Drawings:* n/a

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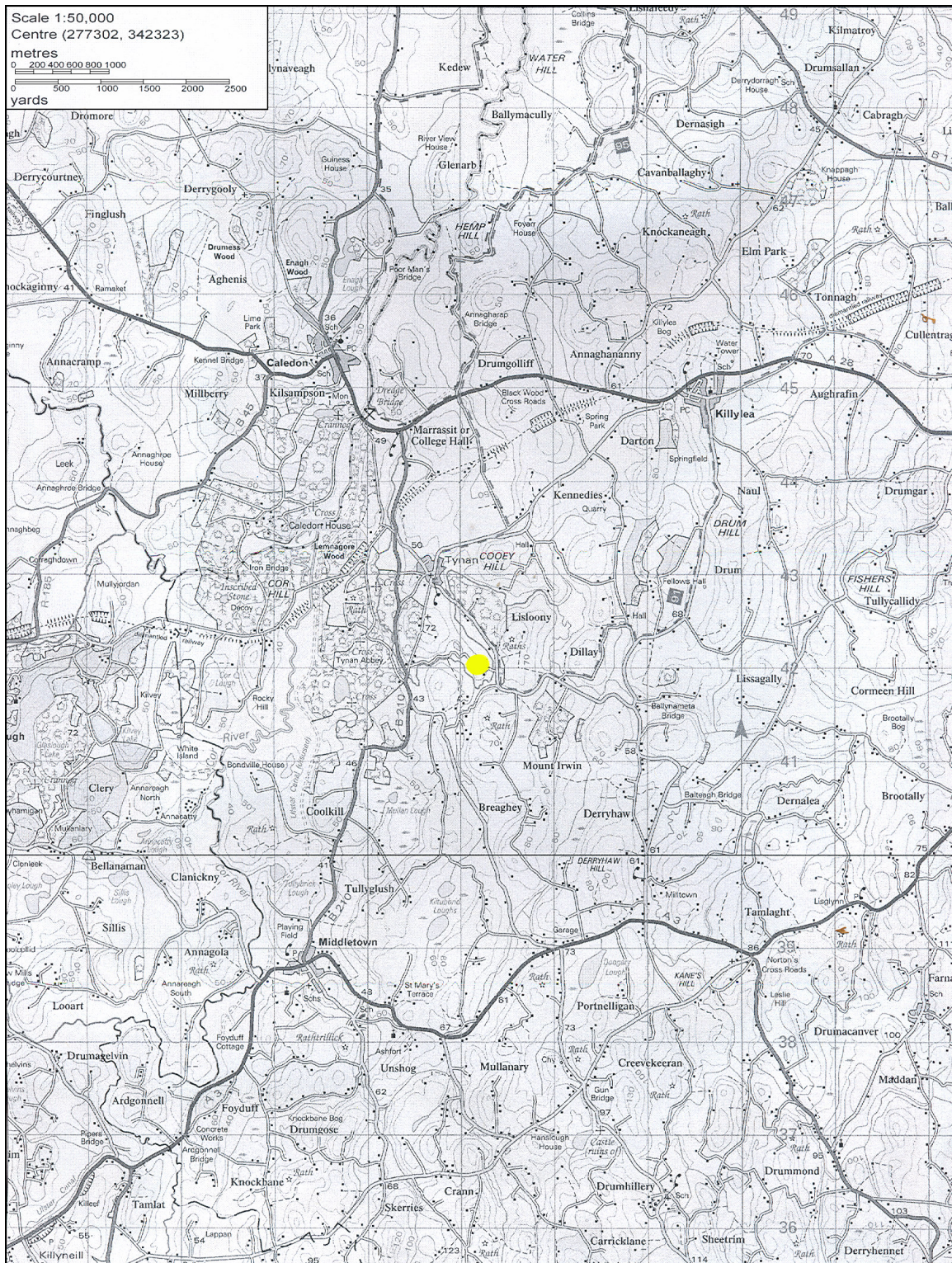


Fig. 1: General location map showing application site (yellow dot).

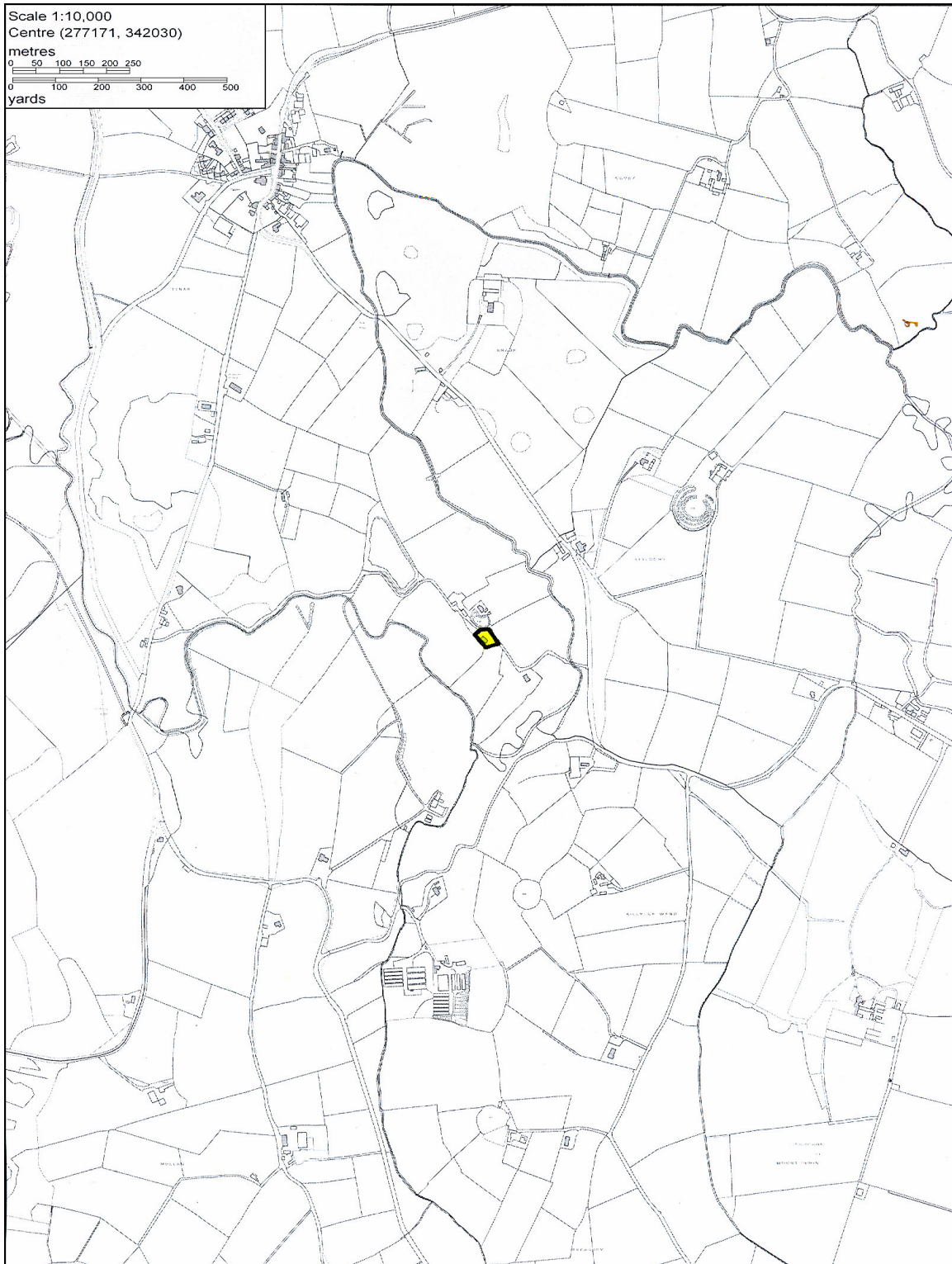


Fig. 2: Detailed location map showing application site (coloured yellow).



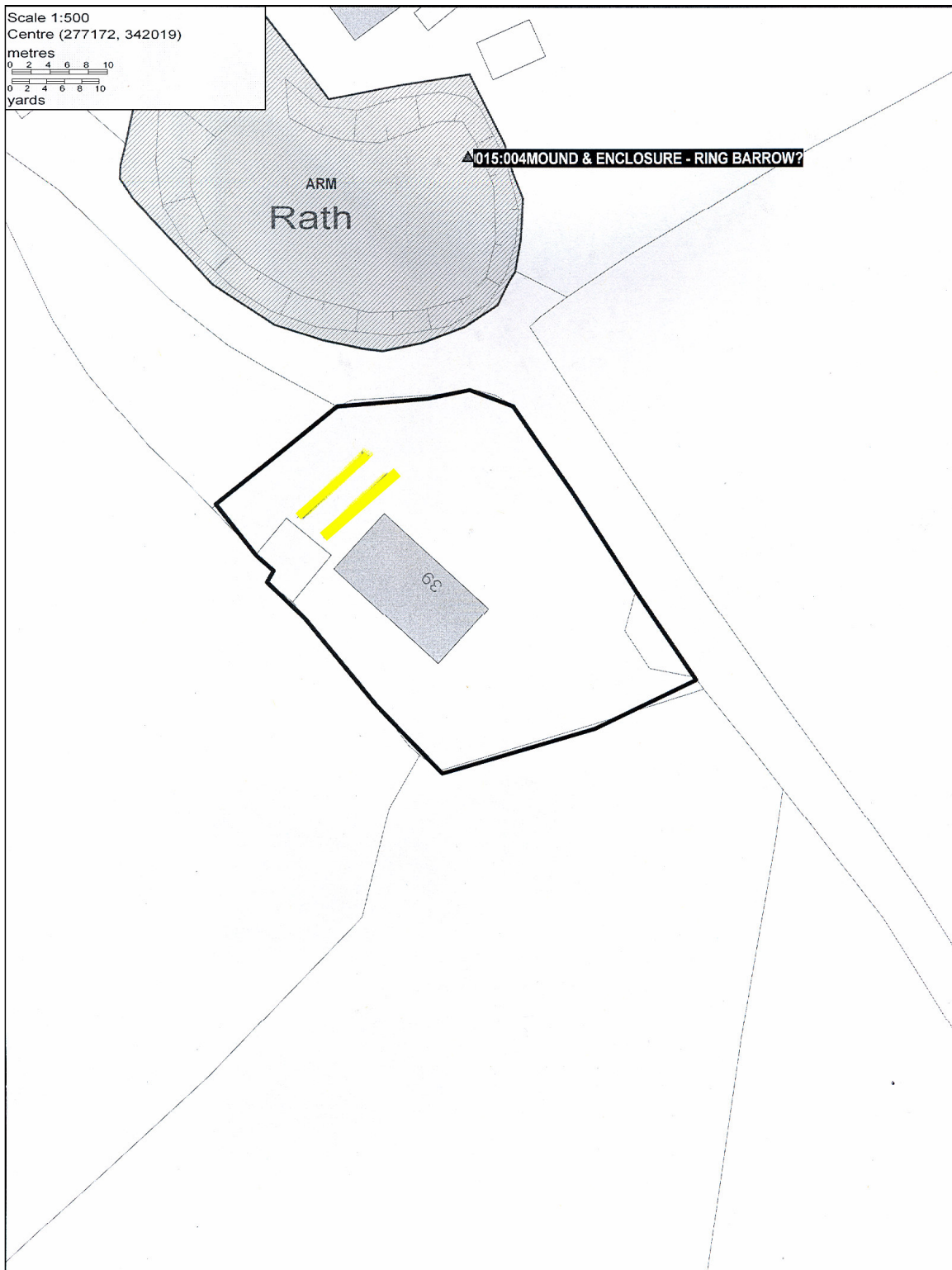


Fig. 3: Location of test trenches (yellow), showing position of application site in relation to the possible ring barrow (ARM 015:004).



Plate 1: Trench 1 following excavation to the surface of the subsoil (Context No. 103) looking north-east.



Plate 2: North-west facing section of Trench 1



Plate 3: Trench 2 following excavation to the surface of the subsoil (Context No. 202), looking north-east.



Plate 4: North-west facing section of Trench 2



Plate 5: Possible ring barrow (ARM 015:004), looking north. This photo is taken from the top of the bank looking across the internal ditch towards the central mound of the monument.