

Written submission by Hugh Grierson, Commissioner, on behalf of the promoters of the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill, 18 September 2018

Following Mr and Mrs Watkins suggestion that the boundary of scheduled monument was not shown accurately on our plans, Mr Willet has discussed the boundary with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) who have now provided digital data. We are now able to present a definitive boundary of the scheduled monument. It had previously proved difficult to plot accurately due to the lack of definition shown on the downloadable plans provided by HES.

I attach the updated plan and also the updated Schedule of Heritors. As a matter of courtesy, Mr Willet met with Mr and Mrs Watkins to advise them of this change as the area of residential land has been expanded which has resulted in an increase in their assessment.

To summarise: The residential area of Mr and Mrs Watkins' property has been increased from 0.855ac to 1.049ac. This has increased their assessment to £538.11.

We would also like to respond to Mr Watkin's letter to committee. Whilst it is regrettable that Mr and Mrs Watkins do not consider that the point they were making has been given the priority they considered it should have by the Promoter, it was never the less carefully considered and the promoter thanks them for their clarification.

The area within the Watkins' garden ground subject to scheduling under Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Act 1979 has particular and significant protection.

The letter from Historic Scotland dated 14 February 2000 submitted by Mr and Mrs Watkins at the Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2018 grants Ancient Monument consent for certain works. This letter demonstrates that works can be carried out provided that they do not result in detriment to the historic, archaeological or architectural integrity of the monument.

The Promoter has sought to take a reasonable approach to Mr and Mrs Watkins property by recognising that the monument does present a significant constraint to development and has thus excluded it as garden ground for the purpose of the assessment. This is shown on the latest plan that has been submitted. The Promoter is content for the area of Mr and Mrs Watkins garden that is subject to the scheduling to be considered as amenity land and thus a nil assessment.

The commissioners invited interaction with all heritors and actively engaged in discussion when possible. Mr and Mrs Watkins were present at the public meeting on the 25th June at Gask Village Hall at which point they were invited to meet with Savills to discuss the redrafting of the plans further. Regrettably, this invitation was not taken up by Mr and Mrs Watkins.

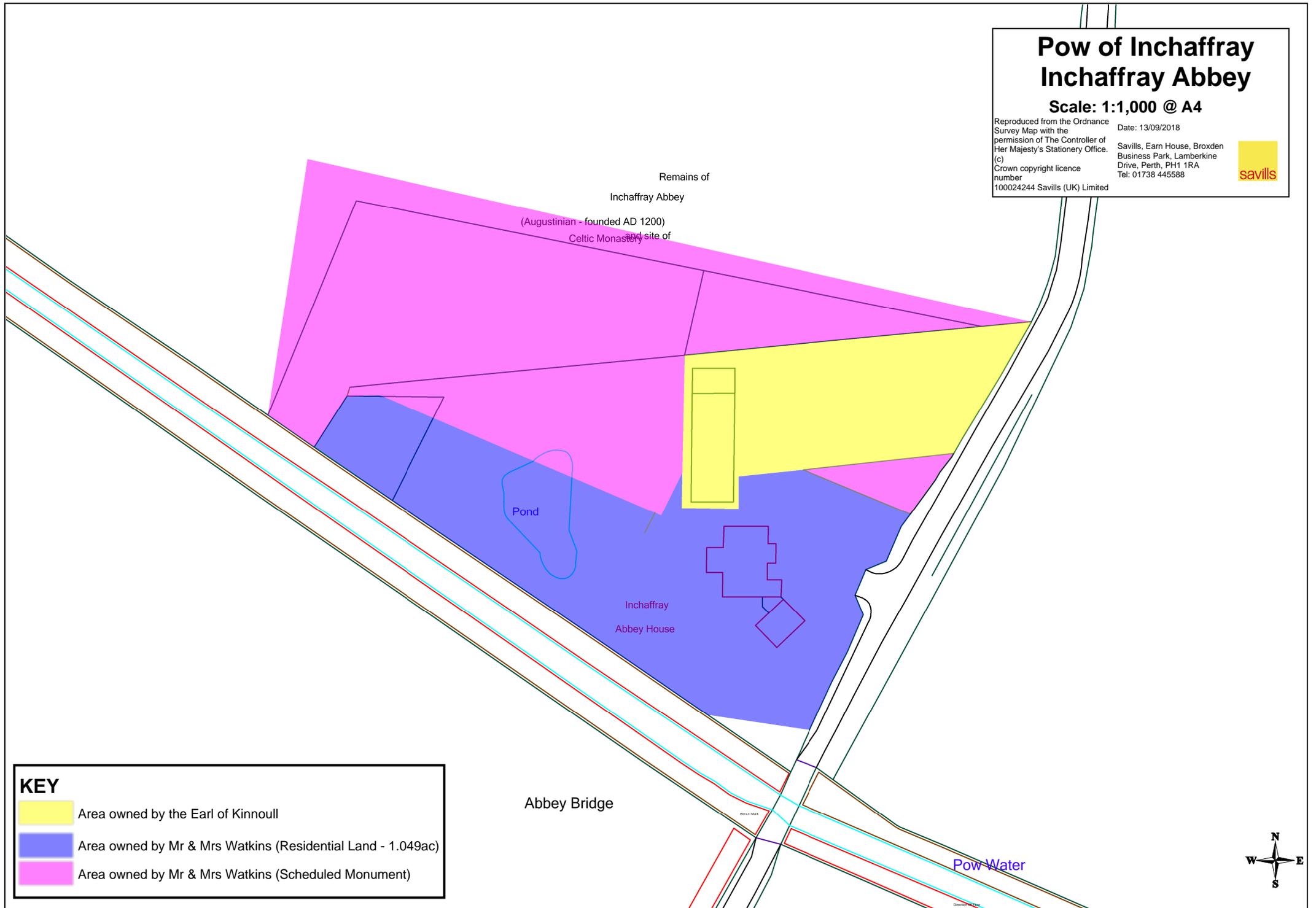
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-  Area owned by the Earl of Kinnoull
-  Area owned by Mr & Mrs Watkins (Residential Land - 1.049ac)
-  Area owned by Mr & Mrs Watkins (Scheduled Monument)

