



## **Monitoring Report No. 56**

**Killyclowney  
Co. Fermanagh**

**AE/06/55**

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## Site Specific Information

<i>Site Name:</i>	Killyclowney Housing Development
<i>Townland:</i>	Killyclowney
<i>SMR No:</i>	FER 261:045
<i>Grid Ref:</i>	H3767 2711
<i>County:</i>	Fermanagh
<i>Excavation License No:</i>	AE/06/055
<i>Planning Ref / No.:</i>	L/2005/1575/O
<i>Dates of Monitoring:</i>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2006
<i>Archaeologist Present:</i>	Cormac McSparron, Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork, QUB.
<i>Brief Summary:</i>	Evaluation of development site carried out by excavation of seven test trenches. No archaeological features or artifacts were uncovered.
<i>Type of monitoring:</i>	Excavation by mechanical digger under supervision of an archaeologist.
<i>Size of area opened:</i>	Seven trenches were opened <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tr.1      2m by 20m</li><li>• Tr.2      2m by 20m</li><li>• Tr.3      2m by 20m</li><li>• Tr.4      2m by 20m</li><li>• Tr.5      2m by 20m</li><li>• Tr.6      2m by 20m</li><li>• Tr.7      2m by 40m</li></ul>
<i>Current Land Use:</i>	The land is currently used for grazing.
<i>Intended Land Use:</i>	Private house



Figure 1: Location of site

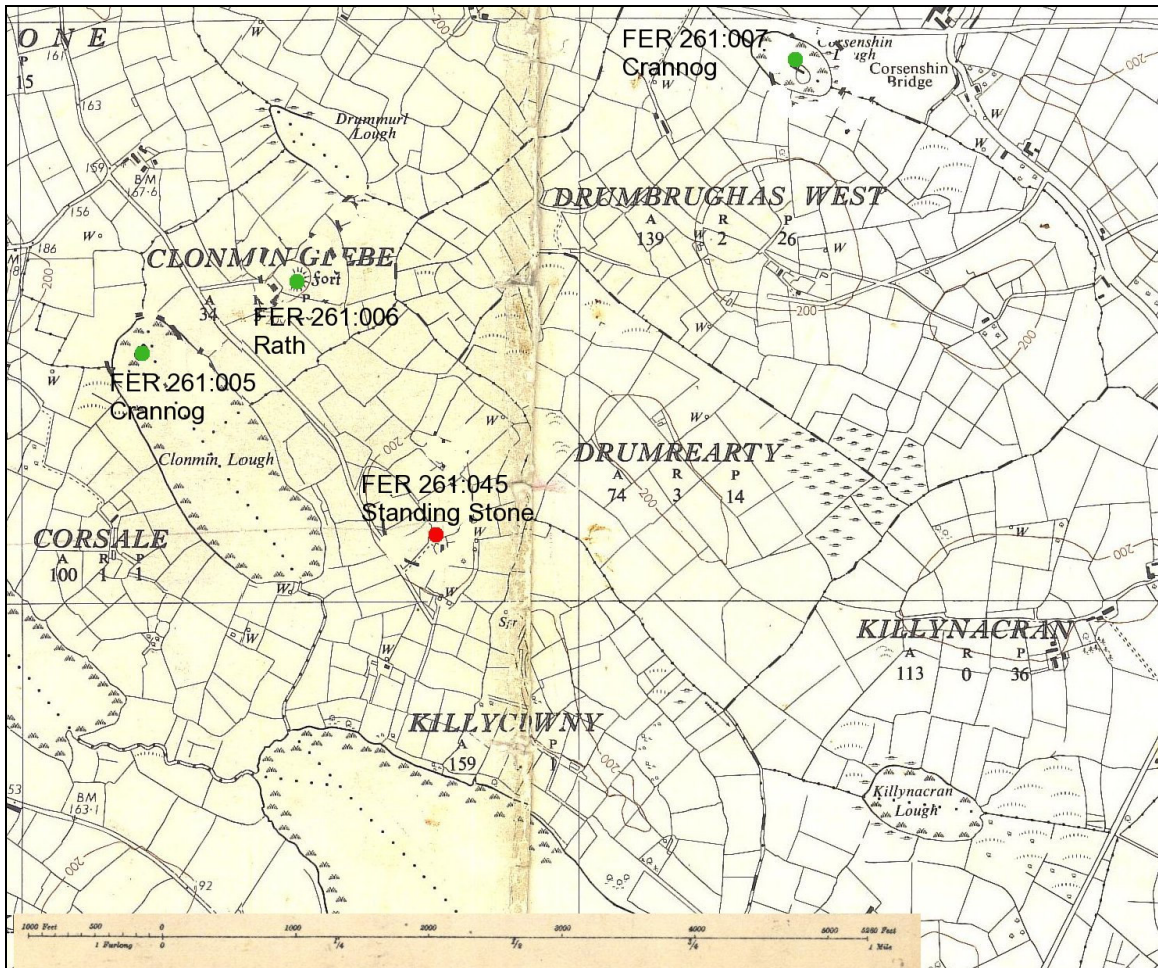


Figure 2: Map showing location of development site (red dot), in relation to other monuments in the surrounding area

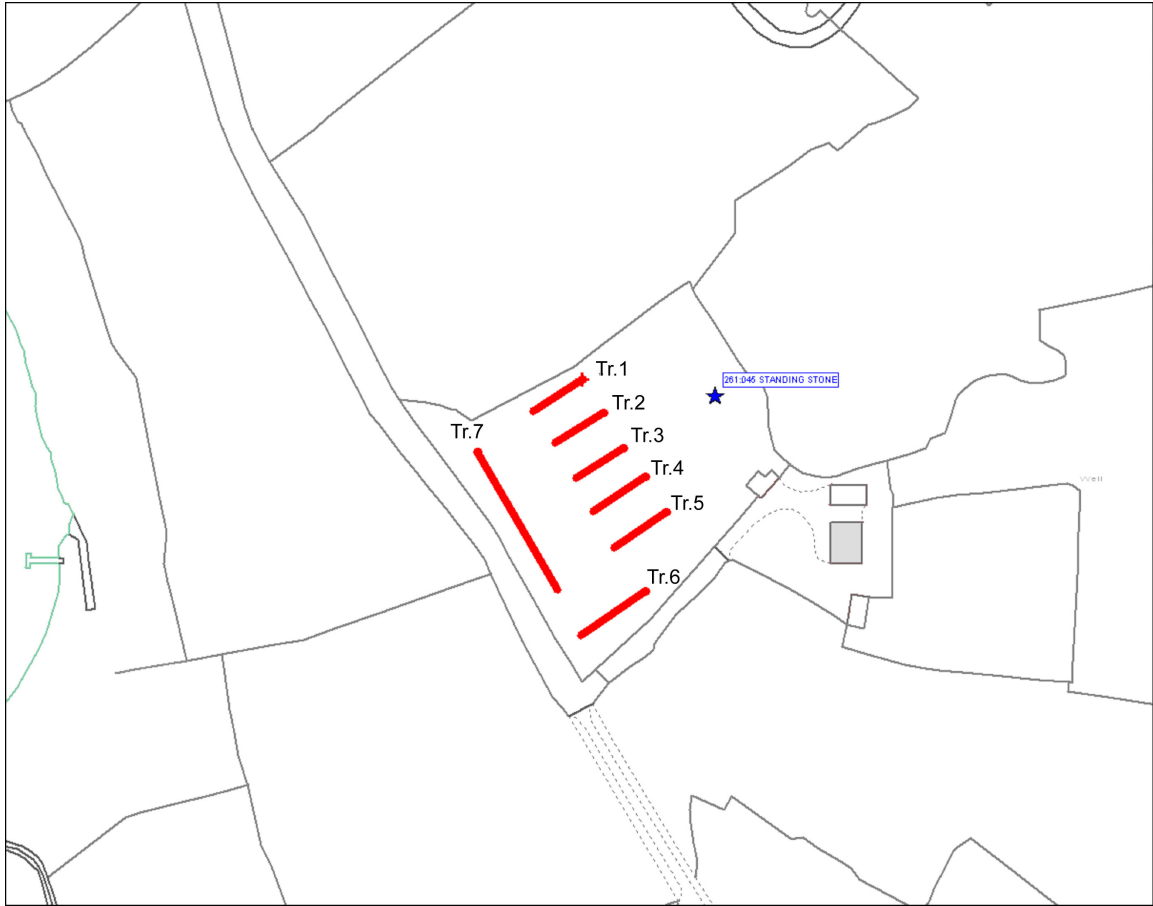


Figure 3: Plan of development site showing location of excavated evaluation trenches and recorded location of SMR FER 261:045

## **Brief account of the monitoring.**

This proposed housing site is located in Killyclowney Co. Fermanagh, close to the recorded site of a now unlocated standing stone (FER 261:045) (Figures 1 & 2). The evaluation was requested by Edith Gowdy, PHM caseworker, EHS: Built Heritage.

A total of seven trenches were excavated as part of the evaluation procedure (Figure 3). The trenches were excavated using a mechanical digger equipped with a toothless “sheugh” bucket (Photo 1). Tr. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 measured 2m by 20m: Tr. 7 measured 2m by 40m.

**Trench 1:** This trench was 2m wide by 20m long. It ran northeast – southwest and was located 5 m from the northern boundary and 40m from the eastern boundary of the field. The topsoil was a brown loam (Context 101), which was 20cm in depth. The topsoil sat directly on the subsoil (Context 102). The subsoil consisted of yellowish brown silty clay. No archaeological artifacts or features were found during the excavation of this trench (Photo 2).

**Trench 2:** This trench was 2m wide by 20m long. It ran northeast-southwest and was located parallel to and 10m southeast of Trench 1. The topsoil in this trench was a brown loam (Context 201), which was 20cm in depth. The topsoil sat directly over the yellowish brown, silty clay subsoil (Context 202). No archaeological artifacts or features were found during the excavation of this trench (Photo 3).

**Trench 3:** This trench was 2m wide by 20m long. It ran northeast-southwest and was located parallel to and 10m southeast of Trench 2. The topsoil in this trench was a brown loam (Context 301), which was 20cm in depth. The topsoil sat directly over the brownish yellow, silty clay subsoil (Context 302). No archaeological artifacts or features were found during the excavation of this trench (Photo4).

**Trench 4:** This trench was 2m wide by 20m long. It ran northeast-southwest and was located parallel to and 10m southeast of Trench 3. The topsoil in this trench was a brown loam (Context 401), which was 20cm in depth. The topsoil sat directly over the buff to yellowish, silty clay subsoil (Context 402). No archaeological artifacts or features were found during the excavation of this trench (Photo 5).

**Trench 5:** This trench was 2m wide by 20m long. It ran northeast-southwest and was located parallel to and 10m southeast of Trench 4. The topsoil in this trench was a brown loam (Context 501), which was 20cm in depth. The topsoil sat directly over the yellowish brown, silty clay subsoil (Context 502). No archaeological artifacts or features were found during the excavation of this trench (Photo 6).

**Trench 6:** This trench was 2m wide by 20m long. It ran northeast-southwest and was located about 5m from the southern and 5m from the western boundary of the field. The topsoil was a brown loam (Context 601), which was 20cm deep at the northeast end of the trench but deepened to about 35cm as the trench ran down-slope to the southwest. The subsoil was a light brown clay (Context 602), noticeably more friable than the other clays in this field (Photo 7).

**Trench 7:** This trench was 2m wide by 40m long. It ran northwest-southeast and was located 5m northeast of the western boundary of the field. The topsoil was a brown loam (Context 701), which was 40cm deep. The subsoil (Context 702) was a yellowish buff, loamy clay at the southeast end of the trench but became heavier, bluish and more waterlogged to the northwest end of the trench (Photo 8).

## **Conclusions**

After evaluating an area of approximately 320 m<sup>2</sup>, no archaeological features or artifacts were uncovered. It would therefore seem probable that there are no significant archaeological features or artifacts on the development site.

**Archive:**

*Finds: N/A*

*Photographs: 6 35mm photographs and their scanned copies currently held by the CAF*

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*Photo 1: Excavation of Tr. 1 showing utilization of toothless “sheugh” bucket.*





*Photo 2: Trench 1 after excavation showing surface of subsoil (Context 102).*



*Photo 3: Trench 2 after excavation showing surface of subsoil (Context 202).*



*Photo 4: Trench 3 after excavation showing surface of subsoil (Context 302).*



*Photo 5: Trench 4 after excavation showing surface of subsoil (Context 402).*



*Photo 6: Trench 5 after excavation showing surface of subsoil (Context 502).*



*Photo 7: Trench 6 after excavation showing surface of subsoil (Context 602).*



*Photo 8: Trench 7 after excavation showing surface of subsoil (Context 702).*