



Monitoring Report No. 06

**MILLTOWN ROAD
SHANES CASTLE
COUNTY ANTRIM**

AE/04/129

RUTH LOGUE

Site Specific Information

Site Name: N/A

Townland: Shanes Castle

SMR No (if applicable): N/A

State Care Scheduled Other [delete as applicable]

Grid Ref: IJ 1211 8855

County: Antrim

Excavation Licence No (if applicable): AE/04/129

Planning Ref / No. (if applicable): T/2003/0882/0

Dates of Monitoring: 5 August 2004

Archaeologist(s) Present: Ruth Logue

Brief Summary:

(e.g. monitoring carried out in advance of erection of sign, nothing of archaeological interest noted)
Monitoring in advance of residential building work, nothing of archaeological significance noted.

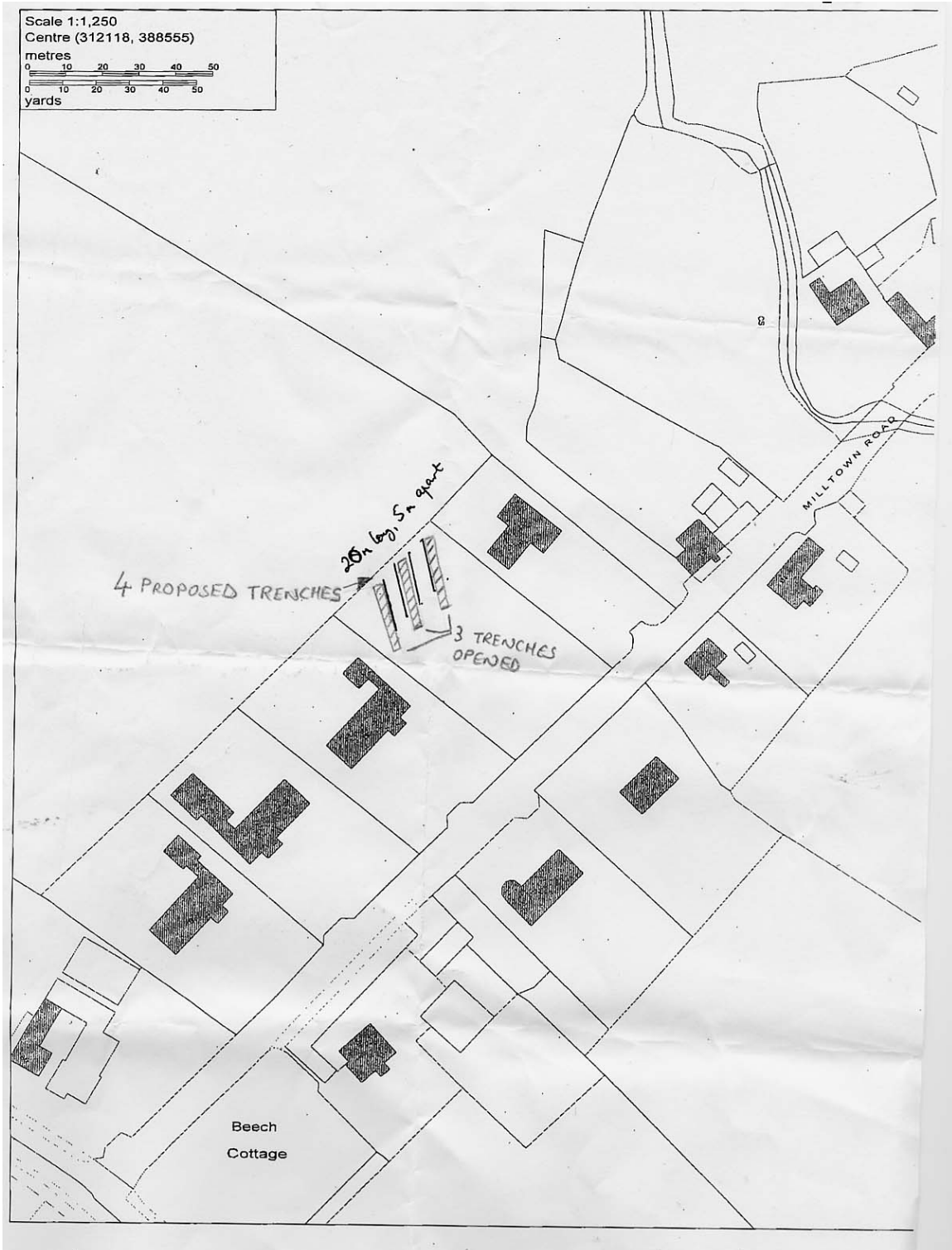
Type of monitoring: Mechanical digger with smooth-edged bucket.
(e.g., mechanical digger / hand)

Size of area opened: 3 trenches, each 20 m long by 1.5 m wide.

Current Land Use: Empty plot/grazing animals.
(e.g., farming / industrial)

Intended Land Use: Residential building.
(e.g., residential, graveyard)

Plan of site, as issued by PHM/RBH, showing extent of area to be monitored:



Brief account of the monitoring, including recommendations for further action (if applicable).

Three test trenches were opened down to subsoil in the field plot. It was originally proposed that four trenches be opened but owing to the size of the plot, and as the trenches were to be 5 metres apart, it was only feasible to open three. The trenches were 20 metres long and 1.5 metres wide (as this was the width of the bucket used). A smooth-edged bucket was used and the trenches were opened in a north-south orientation.

Nothing of archaeological significance was found in these test trenches and they were to be back-filled upon completion of the monitoring.

Archive:

(List any records from the monitoring e.g. finds, photos and plans and state where they are currently available for inspection.)

Finds: N/A

Photographs: N/A

Plans / Drawings: N/A

Signed: Ruth Logue

Date: 05/08/2004