Chanonry Point

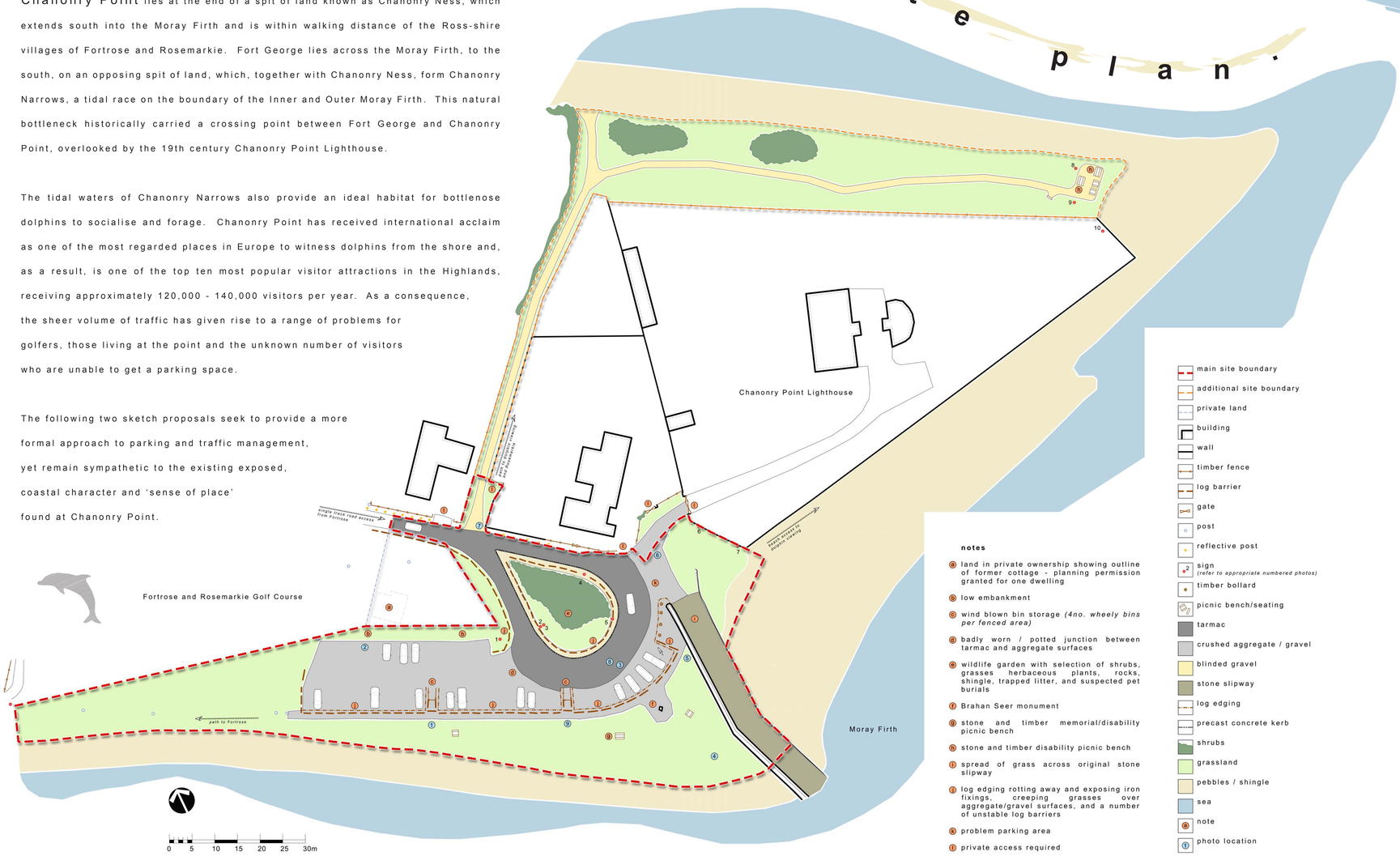
· the existing site ·

Chanonry Point lies at the end of a spit of land known as Chanonry Ness, which extends south into the Moray Firth and is within walking distance of the Ross-shire villages of Fortrose and Rosemarkie. Fort George lies across the Moray Firth, to the south, on an opposing spit of land, which, together with Chanonry Ness, form Chanonry Narrows, a tidal race on the boundary of the Inner and Outer Moray Firth. This natural bottleneck historically carried a crossing point between Fort George and Chanonry Point, overlooked by the 19th century Chanonry Point Lighthouse.

The tidal waters of Chanonry Narrows also provide an ideal habitat for bottlenose dolphins to socialise and forage. Chanonry Point has received international acclaim as one of the most regarded places in Europe to witness dolphins from the shore and, as a result, is one of the top ten most popular visitor attractions in the Highlands, receiving approximately 120,000 - 140,000 visitors per year. As a consequence, the sheer volume of traffic has given rise to a range of problems for golfers, those living at the point and the unknown number of visitors who are unable to get a parking space.

The following two sketch proposals seek to provide a more formal approach to parking and traffic management, yet remain sympathetic to the existing exposed, coastal character and 'sense of place' found at Chanonry Point.

· site plan ·



notes

- (a) land in private ownership showing outline of former cottage - planning permission granted for one dwelling
- (b) low embankment
- (c) wind blown bin storage *(4no. wheely bins per fenced area)*
- (d) badly worn / potted junction between tarmac and aggregate surfaces
- (e) wildlife garden with selection of shrubs, grasses herbaceous plants, rocks, shingle, trapped litter, and suspected pet burials
- (f) Brahan Seer monument
- (g) stone and timber memorial/disability picnic bench
- (h) stone and timber disability picnic bench
- (i) spread of grass across original stone slipway
- (j) log edging rotting away and exposing iron fixings, creeping grasses over aggregate/gravel surfaces, and a number of unstable log barriers
- (k) problem parking area
- (l) private access required

- main site boundary
- additional site boundary
- private land
- building
- wall
- timber fence
- log barrier
- gate
- post
- reflective post
- sign *(refer to appropriate numbered photos)*
- timber bollard
- picnic bench/seating
- tarmac
- crushed aggregate / gravel
- blinded gravel
- stone slipway
- log edging
- precast concrete kerb
- shrubs
- grassland
- pebbles / shingle
- sea
- note
- photo location

· site panoramas ·

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· site signage and sense of place ·

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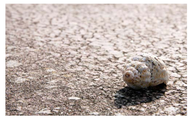
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