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Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to the above application for planning permission in principle for the erection of two detached houses on land 70m south-east of Ivy Cottage, Heads, which was sent to us for comment on the 5th of April. I have downloaded details of the proposal from the Council's online planning system, and having compared these against information contained in the Historic Environment Record, with available cartographic sources, and with previous planning casework, I would like to make the following comments.

As you will be aware, the two houses proposed under this application would be located within an Archaeological Consultation Trigger, which in this instance has been defined in relation to a group of buildings at or near this location called 'Heads of Glassart' (the modern Glassford) that appeared on Roy's Military Survey of Scotland, which was produced in the period 1747-55. The settlement was also shown on the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1864, by which time the name had contracted to 'Heads'. A settlement labelled 'Heads' was also shown on Pont's manuscript map of circa 1590 (NLS Pont sheet 34) in the correct topological relationship to other settlements in the vicinity, suggesting that the origins of the village date back to at least the late 16th century.

The two new houses proposed under the current application would be located in the area to the south-east of the main core of the settlement, at least in terms of the buildings shown on the 1st edition map. However, current satellite images indicate that the ground (particularly the northern of the two plots) has been subject to a degree of recent disturbance associated with the movement of heavy machinery and the storage of materials. I am also aware that modern housing has recently been constructed immediately to the south of these two plots, and that archaeological work was not required in relation to that application. As the current application affects a partially-disturbed plot of ground that appears to lie outside the core of the early settlement, I would not consider archaeological work to be required in relation to this proposal.

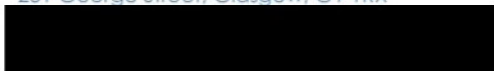
Regards,

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