

WICK BUSINESS PARK PHASE 2



Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd 's nan Eilean

Archaeology and UXO

Archaeology

Phase 2 sits on a former RAF Wick dispersal area. There's a strong link to its WWII past - with field boundaries, air-raid shelters and defence posts recorded in the area. A desk-based impact assessment has been completed.

While there's low potential for prehistoric or medieval archaeology, there's medium potential for post-medieval farm remains, and a high likelihood of WWII features. In total, 26 non-designated heritage assets have been identified.

We'll be carrying out further investigations, including recording, targeted evaluations and monitoring before construction begins.

Nearby Scheduled Monuments like the Wick bomb stores will be protected, and listed buildings such as Ackergill Tower are unlikely to be affected thanks to distance and screening.

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

RAF Wick saw significant military activity during WWII. At least 20 bombing incidents were recorded within 1km of the site, Two pillboxes (or defence posts) were also located within or near the site.

It's possible that unexploded ordnance remains buried in undeveloped areas. We've carried out a UXO Desk Study and Risk Assessment and the overall risk is rated as medium.

We'll follow CIRIA 681 guidelines (Construction Industry Research and Information Association) to reduce risks and ensure the site is safe for development.