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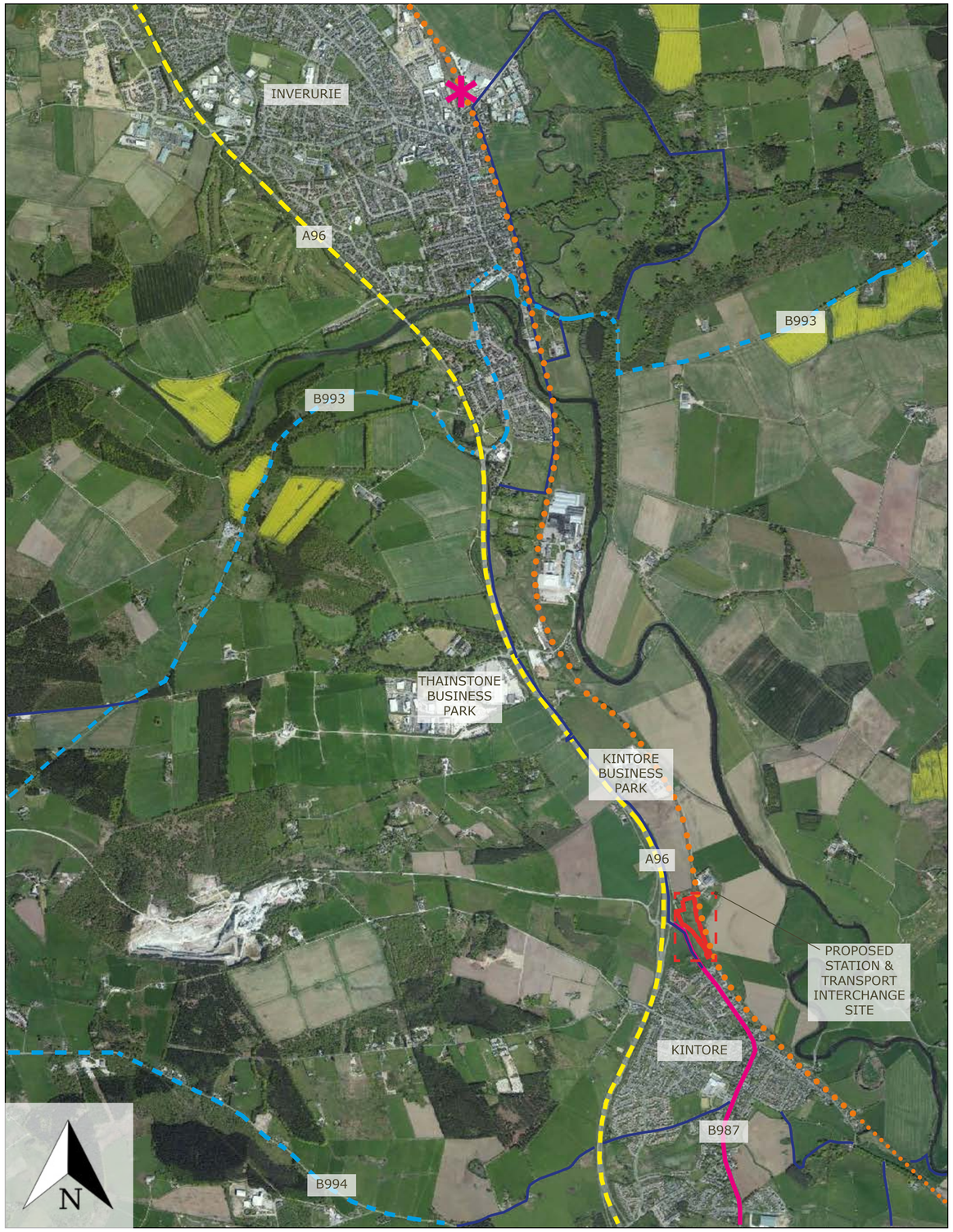

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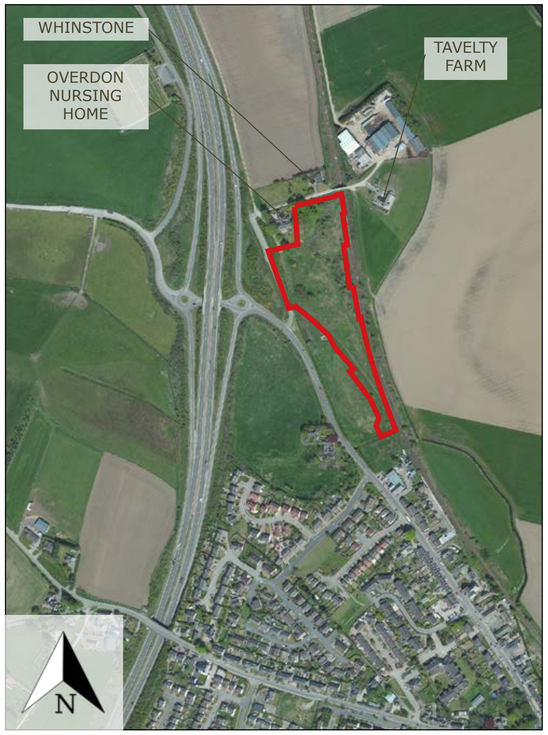

Fig 2. Site Location & Surrounding Context

KEY

- Site Boundary
- A96 Trunk Road
- Main Distributor Road (B987)
- B994 & B993 Roads
- Existing Rail Line
- Existing Core Path / Strategic Cycle Path
- Inverurie Train Station

BACKGROUND

Aberdeenshire Council and Nestrans (the Regional Transport Partnership) are jointly promoting a new railway station and transport interchange at Kintore, with the support of Network Rail, ScotRail, and funding support from the Scottish Stations Fund. Aberdeenshire Council are now seeking planning permission to construct and operate the transport interchange, whilst Network Rail will be seeking planning permission to construct and operate the railway platforms, passenger lifts and footbridge.

The Transport Interchange will consist of a parking area (for cars, bicycles, taxis and buses), access road and landscaping. This public event relates primarily to the Transport Interchange, however information is provided about the proposed rail station as well.

A Site Selection Study was undertaken by Aberdeenshire Council which evaluated four potential locations for the Kintore Rail Station and Transport Interchange. The proposed Site, outlined in red on the aerial photograph, was chosen due to:

Proximity and convenient access to settlements

The proposed Site is:

- Walking distance from the centre of Kintore and Kintore Business Park (both approximately 800 metres away)
- Adjacent to the main bus route
- Accessible from the main distributor route (B987 Northern Road) and the A96 Trunk Road
- Adjacent to the Kintore to Inverurie core path/ strategic cycle path
- Within 10 minutes' drive of the centre of Inverurie

Availability of space for the Transport Interchange

There is sufficient space near to the proposed Kintore Station Site to accommodate the Interchange which is on raised ground that is outside of the floodplain on the Site.

Policy Context

The Site has been identified in the Local Development Plan for a transport interchange and railway station since 2006. The proposal is also supported in local and regional transport strategies.

HISTORY OF THE SITE

TIMELINE OF SITE

The Site has a long history as a transportation route. The timeline and photos below outline the history of the Site and the various forms of transport which have passed through the Site since the 1800s. The proposed Railway Station is a continuation of the long history of utilising the Site for transportation purposes.

Timeline

Prior to the 1800s - Turnpike Road historically linked Kintore. The remains of this Toll Road can be seen in the field to the south of the interchange proposal.

1806 - Aberdeenshire Canal opened and passed through the Site. A canal milestone can be seen at Bridgend House (which used to be the old court and council house). See Fig. 13.

1850s - Kintore Railway Station opened, which was part of the Great North of Scotland Railway. The station was situated approximately 1km to the south east of the proposed Site and is now used for housing.

The mainline was constructed first, connecting Aberdeen and Kintore. A branch line to Alford was constructed subsequently.

Early 1960s - Kintore Railway Station and the branch line were closed and decommissioned. It is the remains of the branch line which form the southern boundary of the Site.

1960s - The original trunk road went past the Site. This alignment included a bridge over the railway branch to Alford, just to the east of Overdon.

1970s - The bridge was removed and the road was straightened out. The trunk road moved approximately 20 metres to the south of Overdon.

1998 - The Kintore bypass and Tavelty grade separated junction were constructed. This required the realignment of the trunk road, and the creation of a new link to the junction with the A96 which we see today.

Mid-1990s - A series of studies commenced to investigate upgrades to the railway line and the possibility of a new railway station at Kintore.

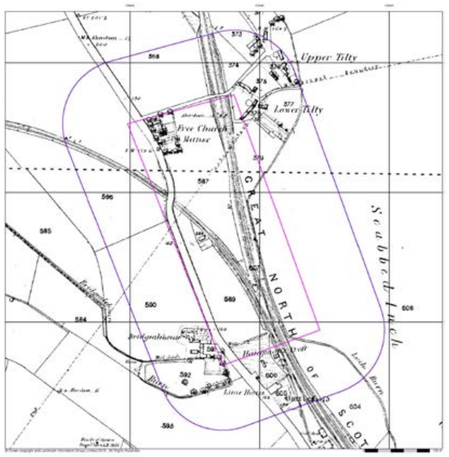

Fig. 3 Site Map 1867

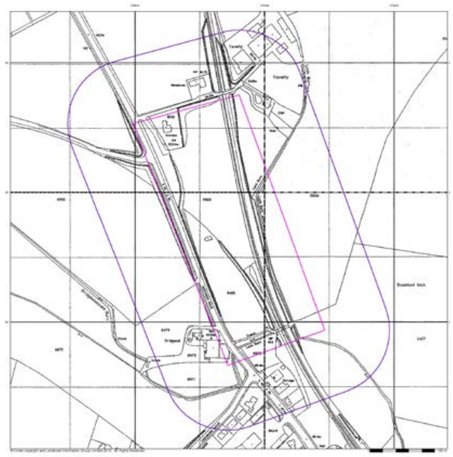
Fig. 6 Site Map 1994

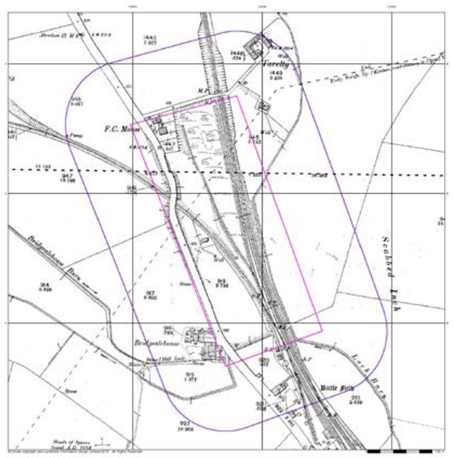

Fig. 4 Site Map 1900

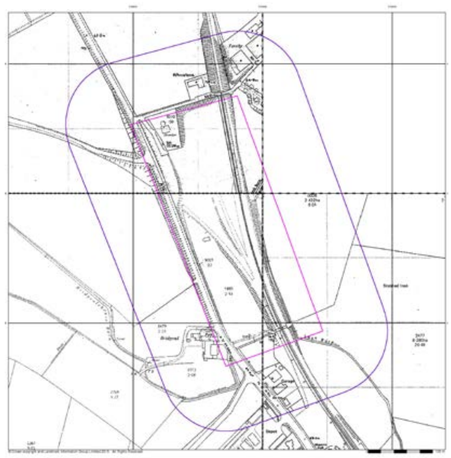
Fig. 7 Site Map 1979 - 1992

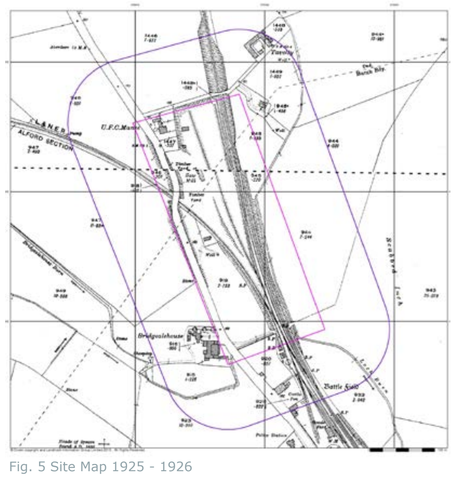

Fig. 5 Site Map 1925 - 1926

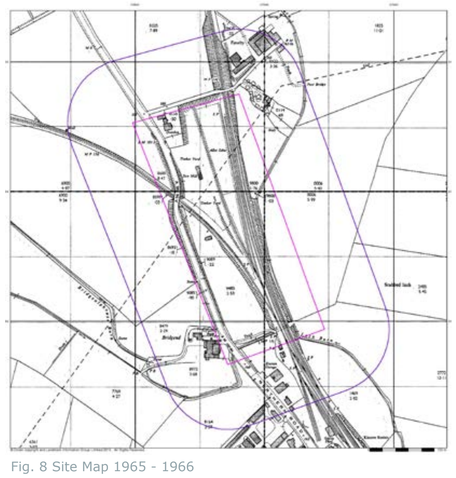
Fig. 8 Site Map 1965 - 1966

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1979 -1992
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1965 -1966
1925 -1926

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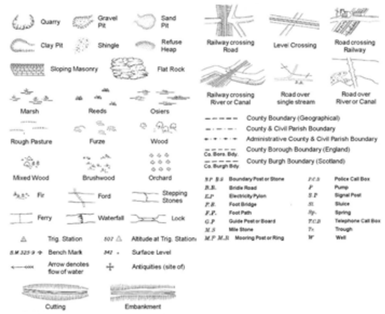


Fig. 9 Historic mapping key

Fig. 10 The Old Toll Road passed in front of the old Toll House. Photo taken in 1978.

Fig. 11 OS Map 1856

Fig. 12 OS Map 1925

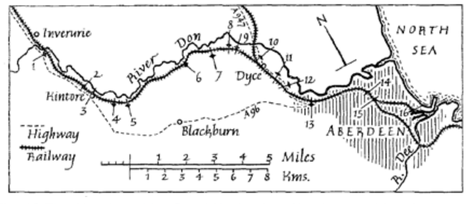


Fig. 13 The Aberdeenshire Canal Navigation. Numbers on historical map indicate position of remains. Image to the right shows a canal navigation milestone reset in garden at Bridgealehouse.

PROPOSED TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE

INTERCHANGE DESCRIPTION

The Transport Interchange consists of:

- A total of 168 car parking spaces spread across two areas;
- 12 disabled car park spaces;
- 8 motorcycle spaces;
- Bicycle parking;
- A stand for up to 8 taxis; and
- A stand for 3 buses.

It is intended that the bus stand will only be utilised in the instance that the trains are not running and a bus service needs to be provided by Network Rail. The existing bus stops on Northern Road will be retained.

Throughout the proposed Site a landscaping scheme will be implemented. The Landscape General Arrangement is shown on Fig. 14. The purpose of the scheme is to maintain the rural character of the Site and provide screening for visual amenity. Existing vegetation will be retained wherever practical, and native plants will be chosen for new planting with a view to improving biodiversity.

Fig. 14 Landscape General Arrangement

PROPOSED STATION

STATION DESCRIPTION

The proposed Kintore Train Station consists of two new platforms linked by pedestrian footbridge with stairs and lift. It will be an unmanned station, with ticket machines, customer information and help points, CCTV coverage, and waiting shelters.

The design proposed is consistent with other similar stations across the estate; for example the recently constructed Forres Station (shown in Fig. 15 - 17).

Fig. 15 Platform & crossing at Forres Station

Fig. 16 Platform & crossing at Forres Station

Fig. 17 Platform & crossing at Forres Station

Fig. 18 Section A - A' of Indicative Layout

Fig. 19 Section A - A' Continued of Indicative Layout

Fig. 20 Section B - B' of Indicative Layout

Fig. 21 Section C - C' of Indicative Layout

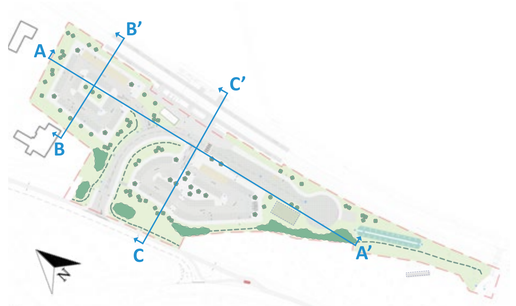


Fig. 22 Section Location Map

FEEDBACK - POTENTIAL ART INSTALLATION

Feedback is sought for the potential location, type and content of a piece of art for the Transport Interchange Site or the Kintore Rail Station Site.

Please add your feedback using post it notes to the columns below.

Where Should It Go?	What Should It Be?	What Should It Represent?	Who Should Be Involved?

Fig. 23 Mural artwork example

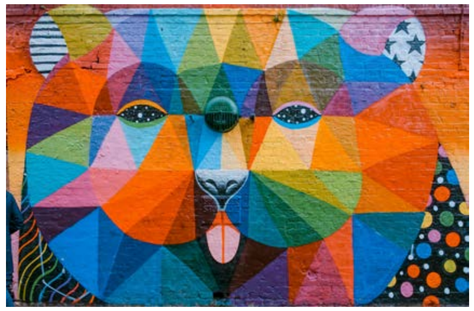


Fig. 24 Graffiti / street artwork example

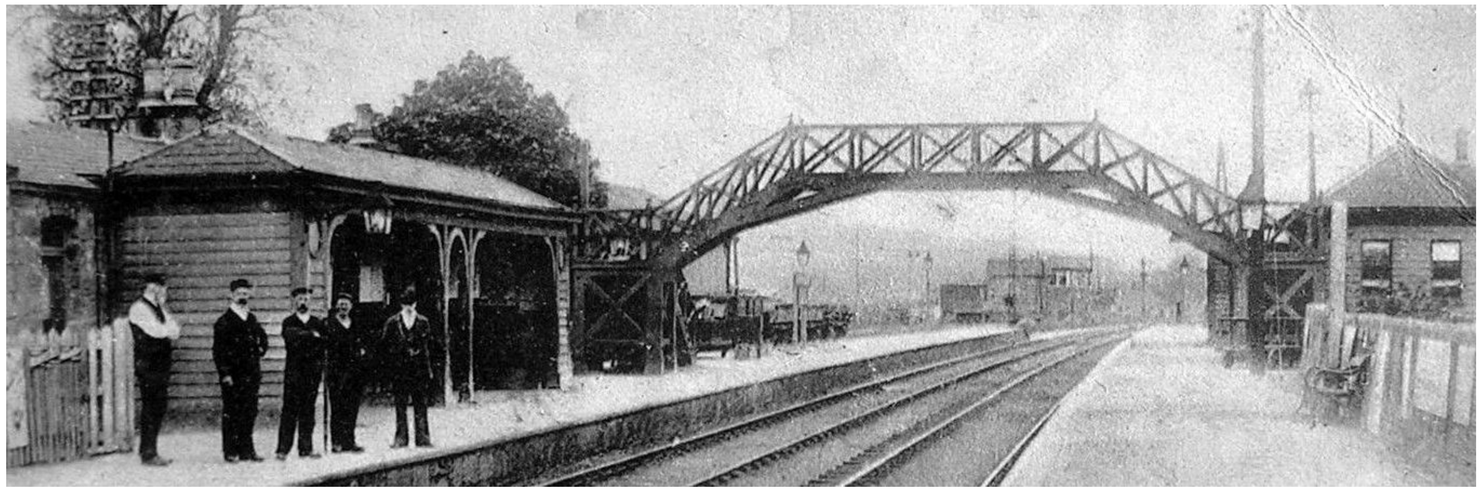
Fig. 25 Mural artwork example

Fig. 26 Sculptural artwork example

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE RAILWAY IN KINTORE

Aerial view, 1961. Site of Kintore Station top right, including Overdon and Tavelty.

Kintore Railway Station Platform. Image taken circa 1900



Previous Railway Site of Kintore

Return railway ticket for Inverurie to Kintore.

Kintore Station 1930s

Alford goods leaving Kintore 1959

Train at Kintore Station during a rail tour in June 1965 that ran to Alford, Oldmeldrum and Turriff.

Kintore Railway Station 1973