


# ASSEL VALLEY WIND FARM, Archaeological Environmental Statement and Watching Brief

 “SLR’s approach was to establish an understanding of the heritage significance of Killiow House”



## CLIENT

**Client:** Falck Renewables Wind  
**Location:** South Ayrshire  
**Country:** Scotland



## VALUE ADDED

SLR was commissioned to provide the Cultural Heritage chapter of an Environmental Statement and a Written Scheme of Investigation.



## SERVICES

Archaeology  
Heritage Impact Assessment  
Consultation with statutory consultees  
Written Scheme of Investigation

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

The chapter provided an assessment of the direct and indirect impacts of the proposed development upon cultural heritage assets.

Following the success of the planning application, SLR was commissioned to formulate a Written Scheme of Investigation to mitigate the archaeological conditions placed upon the planning consent, which was approved by West of Scotland Archaeological Services.

SLR provided the resources in order to implement the archaeological program of works including: the fencing off of known archaeological sites; and the implementation of an archaeological watching brief upon ground works in areas identified as having archaeological potential.

During the course of the watching brief an enclosure system was identified by the SLR team, who surveyed and sample excavated these earthworks. A soil sample taken from one of these features provided a date using Optical Stimulated Luminescence (OSL) of AD 840 to 1212. Without employing this relatively new and innovative dating technique, the enclosure system would almost certainly have been considered post-medieval in origin.

The work undertaken was completed successfully to the satisfaction of West of Scotland Archaeological Services, allowing the planning conditions to be fully discharged.

## OUR ROLE

SLR assessed the significance of cultural heritage assets and the impact of the proposed development upon them in an Environmental Statement, contributing to achieving a successful planning application. SLR formulated and managed the implementation of a Written Scheme of Investigation, to comply with the archaeological planning conditions placed upon the consent.

SLR reported upon both the field work and specialist reports providing synthesis of the work undertaken and a discussion of the significance of the archaeological features encountered, successfully discharging the planning conditions.



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