Site no.: B22

Site name: An Suidhe, Kincraig

Grid reference: [NH 82041 06728]

Locality: Ground to the south and east of An Suidhe, north-west of Kincraig.

GCR Status: Confirmed

GCR No.: 2917

Type: Natural exposures

Description: An area of several square kilometres containing a mixture of scattered exposures, small quarries, walling pits and cliff sections. The GCR volume 'Dalradian rocks of Scotland' (Stephenson et al., 2010) contains a full description of the site.

Justification: The bedrock in this area straddles a key section in the northern Grampian Highlands, where the relationships between pre-Dalradian basement rocks (the Glen Banchor Subgroup/Badenoch Group) and their cover (Corrieyairack Subgroup/Grampian Group/Dalradian Supergroup) were first documented — the evidence now points to a major orogenic unconformity. The site is also the type area for the Kincraig Formation — a distinctive succession of heterogeneous metasedimentary and meta-igneous rocks which forms the local base to the Dalradian.

References