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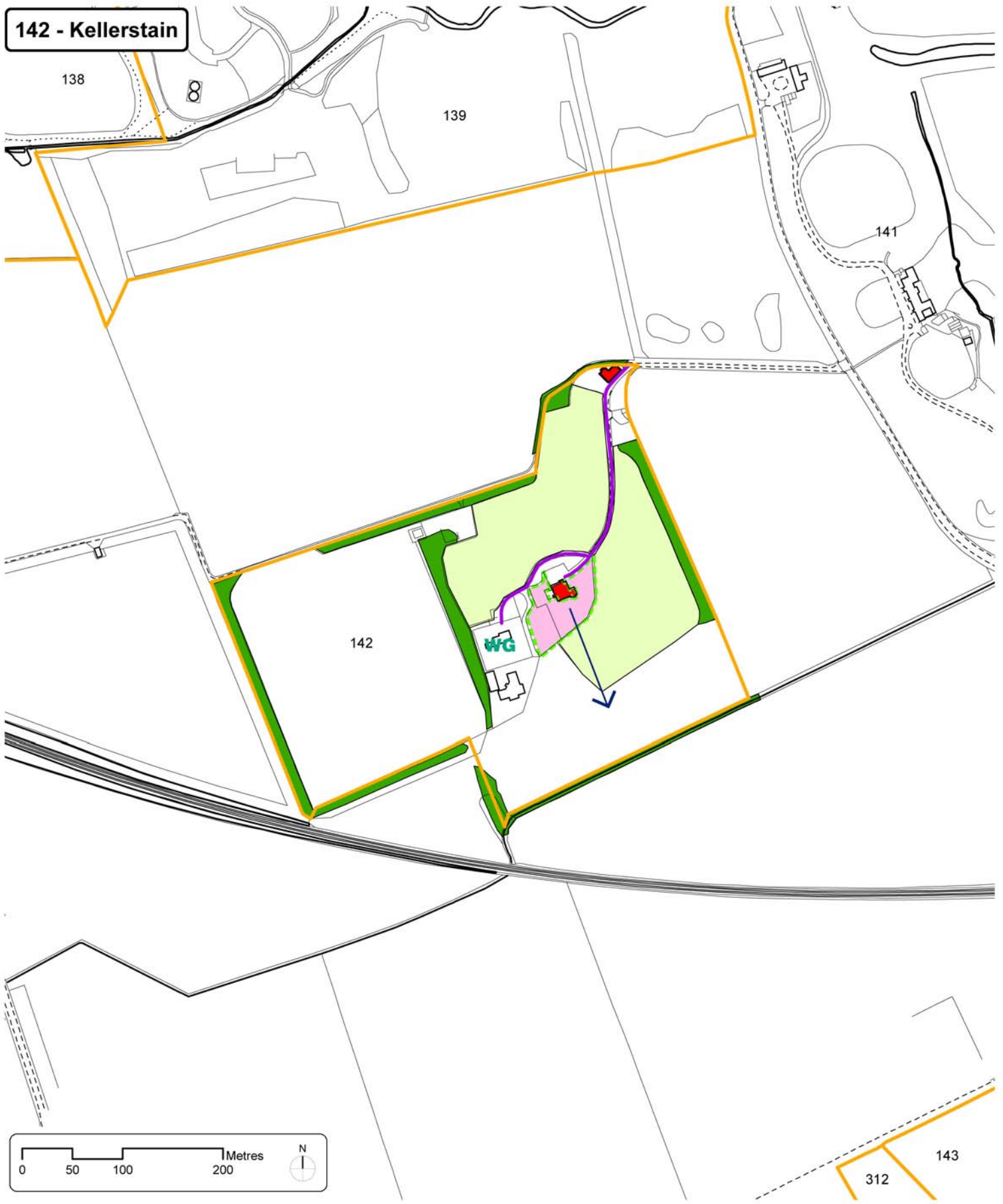
**142 Kellerstain**

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Key			
	Site boundary		Essential setting
	Ruined buildings		Site of former house
	Principal buildings		Main drive
	Gardens		Principal views or vista
	Water		Panoramic View
	Woodlands		Walled Garden
	Parkland		

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## 142 Kellerstain

Parish Ratho, then Edinburgh

NGR No. NT 168 714

NMRS No. NT17SE 32.00

Owners Private

Designations

Listing Kellerstain House B

### REASONS FOR INCLUSION

A small mansion in own grounds in an area where similar sites are a main determinant of local landscape character, with principal features surviving despite urban fringe pressures.

### LOCATION, SETTING AND EXTENT

Kellerstain House lies to the north of the M8 and west of the Edinburgh city bypass (A720) and Edinburgh Park. It is accessed from Gogar Station Road that runs south from the Glasgow Road (A8) at the new RBS Gogarburn Headquarters. It is boxed-in by major roads, being equidistant from the A8, A720 and M8; the Glasgow-Edinburgh railway runs close by to the south. Kellerstain lies within the Edinburgh green belt and in a group of mansions including the four *Gogar* sites and Hanley. Site area 13.0ha.

### MAIN PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT

Mainly mid 19th century, with evidence of earlier occupation of the site.

### HISTORY OF LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT

Shown on Roy (c1750); a building within a landscape is identifiable on Sharp, Greenwood & Fowler's map of 1828. W Logan White is noted as the occupant of Kellerstain in the County Directory of 1843 and the current house probably dates from about then and may have been built by him. Historic Scotland suggests it dates from the 'earlier nineteenth century'. The 'classical baronial villa' sits on sloping land with the front to the north, built of honey-coloured sandstone, and rises to two-storey plus basement on the south front (HS).

W Logan White lived at Kellerstain from 1843 until 1877, when James Maitland Logan White (born 1848) succeeded to the estate. He held '... 357 acres in the shire...' (Groome 342), and remained the owner until at least 1910 (NAS RHP1408). Gogarburn Hospital (the Edinburgh District Board of Control) bought Kellerstain in 1925 'to provide work and food for the patients' together with the main Gogarburn area to the north ([www.lhsa.ed.ac.uk](http://www.lhsa.ed.ac.uk)).

In 1991, Kellerstain House was severely damaged by fire. Subsequently it was restored and converted to three houses or flats. There is a lodge house at NT 168 716, and a walled garden to the south-west; neither is listed. A modern bungalow – Little Kellerstain – has been built in the walled garden, date unknown.

### Maps and Graphic Evidence

Appears on Roy's map (c1750) as *Caller Stone* as a group of buildings like a farmtoun. Sharp, Greenwood & Fowler (1828) show a house called *Callerstone* in the eastern of two tree-belted enclosures with a walled garden to its south-west. The same basic arrangement is seen on the six-inch 1st edition OS map where a small house, now named Kellerstain, stands in parkland with a square quartered walled garden and a courtyard of farm buildings with a *Threshing*



Roy's Military Survey c1750

*Kellerstain House from east*

*Machine* to the north-west, although in this case a third eastern field is also enclosed by tree belts. A small lodge lies to the north-east at the end of a short drive. Modern maps and aerial photographs show that this arrangement has survived with the addition of a large house in the walled garden and another to its south.

## COMPONENTS OF THE DESIGNED LANDSCAPE

### Architectural Features

#### Kellerstain House

Modest mansion house on two floors with dormers / gable windows for upper floor, plus basement level on lower garden side; porch with four columns on north side.

#### North Lodge

Single storey with flat-roofed extensions.

#### Other Houses etc

Large single storey house in walled garden, with ruins of coach-house; another to its south; two garage buildings by drive to east of house (said not to have planning permission and to be demolished).

### Drives and Paths

A single drive leads through parkland from the North Lodge, which lies, on a minor road leading off Gogar Station Road. Garden area defined by two old gate-piers (no gates): inner drive and parking areas paved with concrete blocks.

### Gardens

Garden area restored with conversion of the house with mixed tree and shrub planting, hedges etc and box-hedged beds either side of the porch. Small fruit and vegetable area.

### Tree Belts and Woodlands

The narrow tree belts or single rows survive defining the three main enclosures of the outer landscape, comprising mature ash, lime, oak and sycamore.

### Parkland

Mature parkland trees (oak, sycamore) in the two small parks north and south of the drive / house; some restocking in protective enclosures swamped by weed growth.

*North lodge**Drive through parkland*

*Parkland and north boundary  
trees with RBS Gogarburn  
beyond*



*View over garden to Pentland  
Hills*

### Views and Vistas

The outlook of the house is southwards to the Pentland Hills; the railway and M8 cut across the view and intrude where not hidden by the landform (cuttings etc). To the north, parts of RBS Gogarburn are visible through gaps in Kellerstain trees and new planting at the Gogarburn.

### PUBLIC ACCESS

No public access is organised or appropriate given the small size of the property.

### FUTURE MANAGEMENT POTENTIAL

The parkland areas and tree belts are now separately owned from the house and its gardens. Ensuring the successful restocking of the parkland trees and tree belts will be the priority for future management.

### ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

#### Overall

Some local value as a component of the local landscape and historical development pattern where this type of small mansion in its own grounds provide the trees, although Kellerstain is relatively isolated compared to Gogarburn etc to the north and Gogar Bank / Kirkland Lodge to the south.

#### Work of Art

Little

#### Historical

Little

#### Horticultural / Arboricultural / Sylvicultural

Little

#### Architectural

High

#### Scenic

Some

#### Nature Conservation

Little

#### Archaeological

None known

**Recreational**

None

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NMRS = National Monuments Record of Scotland

SCRAN = Scottish Cultural Resource Access Network, [www.scran.ac.uk](http://www.scran.ac.uk)

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