ROAD

AYR BY-PASS

AP, 8.1.1960 — Work on Monkton-Whitletts section began on 4.11.1959.

AA, Th 2.3.1961, 7a — First section, from Whitletts Roundabout northwards, will be officially opened on Friday 10th May 1961.

AA, Th 16.3.1961, 12. — Pictures of opening. Has 3 roundabouts, 4 bridges and 2 cattle over-passes.

EG, F 25.8.1961, 533ab — Order made by Secretary of State for new roads at Overmills, &c. See ref.

ACC, Roads Cttee 10.7.1963 — Site visit to "recently completed" section between Whitletts and Holmston (phase II (1))

AA, Th 8.7.1971, 16c — Section from Maybole Road to Holmston Roundabout opened 5 July 1971. Cost £540,000.

A758 (later B743)

BUS STOPS AT AUCHINCRUIVE

ACC Planning, A7118 — April 1954. Bus Shelter, Auchincruive Main Entrance; Robert J Forsyth, 65 West Regent Street, Glasgow, for WoSAC.

ACC, Roads Cttee 2.10.1967 — Land on north side of road to be acquired from the Hannah D.R.I., to form bus draw-in and shelter. Cost £25, with cost of a fence, and legal costs.

ACC, Roads Cttee 6.11.1967 — Minor works under way include bus stops, Auchincruive (£1000).

MAINHOLM to GIBBSYARD

CO 3/12/1/1, ADC 1893-1899, 484bis, ADC 18.10.1898 — Stopped up and pedestrians tuned by Auchincruive staff. See reference.

OSWALD'S BRIDGE — See COYLTON

RAIL

INDUSTRY

AUCHINCRUIVE ESTATE COAL

AA, Th 1.12.1853, 3e — Reports case heard in Court of Session, 22nd November 1853, brought by Alexander Oswald of Auchincruive against John Taylor Gordon. Oswald was seeking to have (a) injuries to the offices of his mansion house, and to adjoining buildings caused by settlement and (b) the incommoding and injury to his washing house, washing green and laundry caused by smoke from Gordon's pit engines declared as surface damages, and thus claimable under the terms of the lease. The lease is dated 26th August 1837.

[I read report to say that judges found 3-0 that "a" was a surface damage, and 2-1 was not, mainly because the erection of engine houses could have been foretold by the estate and, consequently, could have been specifically proscribed in the lease].

AUCHINCRUIVE 1,2 & 3 COLLIERY

AP, F 4.2.1949, 7a — Strike, last Monday-Wednesday.

ACC Planning, A2747 — September 1950. extension to Pit Head Baths, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, A7231 — May 1954. Medical Room, &c., Auchincruive 1-3, for National Coal Board.

AP, 6.7.1956 — Aerial photograph.

AP, Th 29.12.1960 — Will close on Friday. The first 2 shafts were sunk in 1898, and the 3rd in 1910. Peak production was in 1940.

AUCHINCRUIVE 4 & 5 COLLIERY [? isnt this GLENBURN]
PITHEAD BATHS

A, 2.12.1932 — Contracts open.

ABN, 26.5.1933, per BoS — J H Forshaw.

AP, 13.7.1956 — Aerial photograph.

EAST SANQUHAR COAL

Caledonian Mercury, W 5.5.1762, 213c

To be let, by private bargain, for any number of years that can be agreed on.

The Coal in the lands of Easter Sanquhar, lying within two miles of the town of Air, to be entered to at the term of Lammas next. Any person inclining to take a lease of said coal (to enable him to carry on the working of it to advantage) may be accommodated with good houses for himself and servants; and for the better maintaining horses necessary for carrying on the said coal work, may, upon reasonable terms, have a lease of one hundred acres of good land (less or more) divided into regular inclosures, about ten acres each: and for the further encouragement of the tacksman, in order to procure him a sufficient number of good colliers, every one, free from any engagement with another master, shall have a good house and an acre of land for himself and his heirs (being colliers) and that for the payment of a very small sum, in name of feu duty; a large inclosure shall also be set apart for the grazing of a milk cow to each of them, at a most reasonable rate. There is still about 480 acres of two very fine seams of coal to work within these lands, the uppermost seam is about four feet thick, and not above fifteen fathoms deep; the other seam is about three feet thick, and lies only about nine fathoms below the four foot seam. As there is a fine harbour at Air for export, besides the consumpt of that populous town and adjacent villages, this work may be carried on to any extent; and for the consumption of the small of the coal, besides the demand for burning lime, there may be erected, upon reasonable terms, salt-pans on the neighbouring shore, about a mile distance from said coal-work. There are at present two good gins going upon the said work, together with all other necessary utensils; the same shall be delivered over to the tacksman by inventory and valuation, he obliging himself to re-deliver the same or others to the like value. This coal work employs at present, in the uppermost seam only, about sixteen colliers. For further particulars, apply to John Burrell, manager of the coal and salt works of Borrowstownness, or William McCracken, gardener at Caldwell, who have powers from the proprietor to conclude a bargain.

HIGHFIELD FACTORY (FERTILISER), 372246

ACC Planning, B1071 — March 1957. Change of use, from disused hangar, to fertiliser works; Robert Rennie, for Adam Lythgoe Ltd.

ACC Planning, B1195 — May 1957. Submitted as fresh application, but essential an amendment to B1071.

ACC Planning, B1870	October 1957. Office and Canteen; Robert Rennie, for Adam Lythgoe & Co Ltd.

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