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Several shell middens were located on the sandy area north of the beacon at Struis Point (Figures 1 and 2).



Figure 1. Topography map (top) and satellite image (bottom) of the shell middens site (arrow).



Figure 2. Low sand and shell mounds in Struis Point. Top – typical midden. Bottom – the troughs between the mounds do not contain shells or sliced rocks (below).



Figure 3. Sandstone slices, some with sharp edges, which may have been used in processing the shells and other catch from the sea. The slices are not natural, as all the stones in the surrounding area are very well-rounded boulders and pebbles.



Figure 4. The well-rounded boulders and pebbles in Struis Point. View from Otter Bay to the south. Arrow points to the site where the shell middens are located.

This site requires attention by archaeologists.