

**FORMER CAUSEWAYEND SCHOOL, CAUSEWAYEND,
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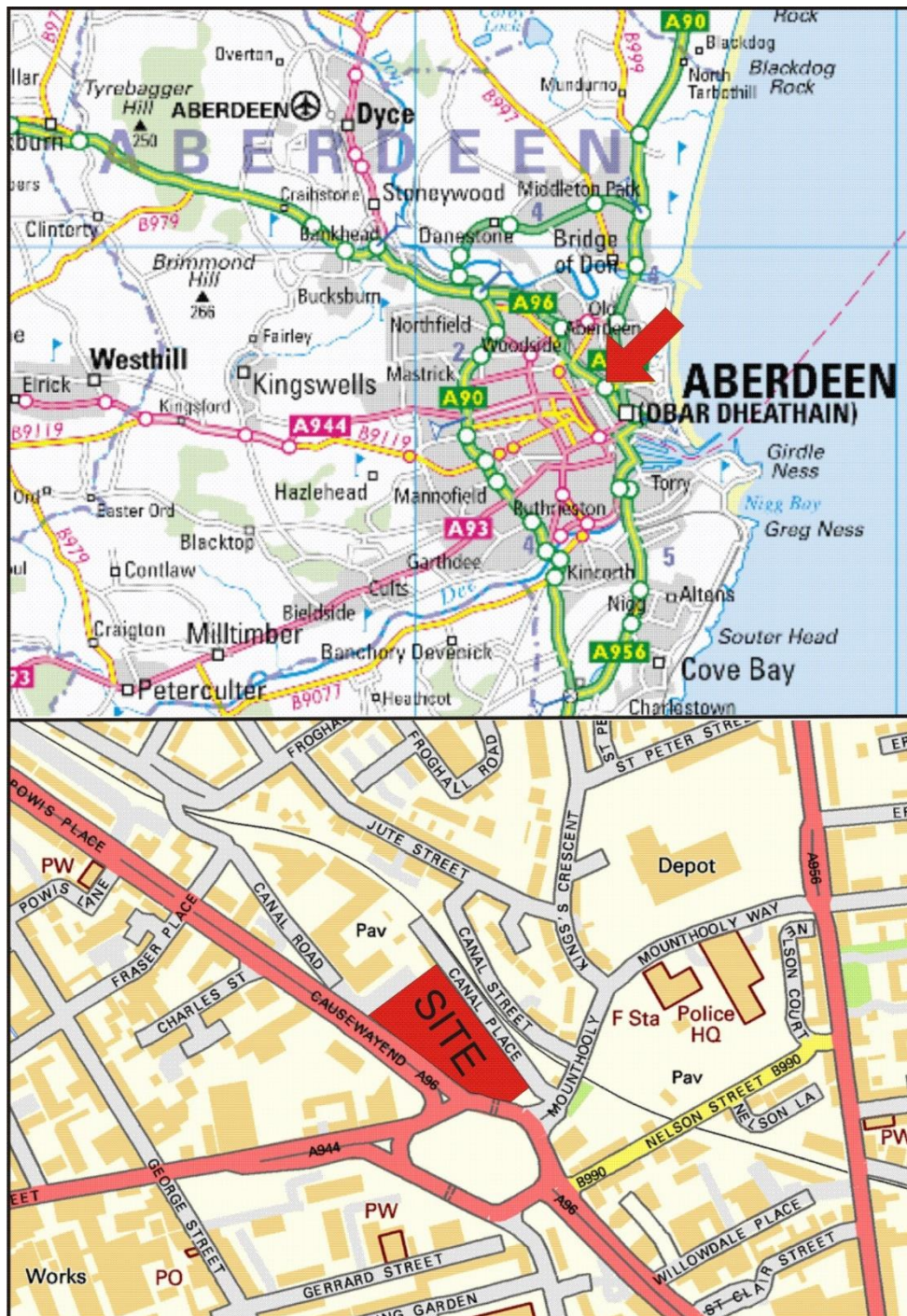
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SUMMARY

A Level 2 standing building survey was carried out on 26 January, 4 and 17 February 2015. Seven buildings were recorded during this survey. Acanthus Architects plans were utilised and annotated and a full photographic survey carried out on both external and internal aspects. Several phases of development of this 19th-century school were recorded and it is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during the current development.

1 INTRODUCTION

The site is located on the NE side of Causewayend and the SW side of Canal Place at NJ 93959 07144 in the parish of Aberdeen and at 15-20m OD. Aberdeen City Council Planning application P141095 for change of use and alterations to former school building and canteen block for student accommodation, demolition of former gymnasium and janitors house and erection of new build student accommodation, landscaping, access and other associated works has an archaeology condition (condition 1) requiring that a Level 1 standing building survey is carried out prior to demolition. Aberdeen City Council Listed Building Consent P141096 for internal and external alterations to the main school building and canteen block requires a Level 2 standing building survey of the gymnasium. The work was commissioned by Bruce Ritchie, Acanthus Architects on behalf of Unite Group Plc.



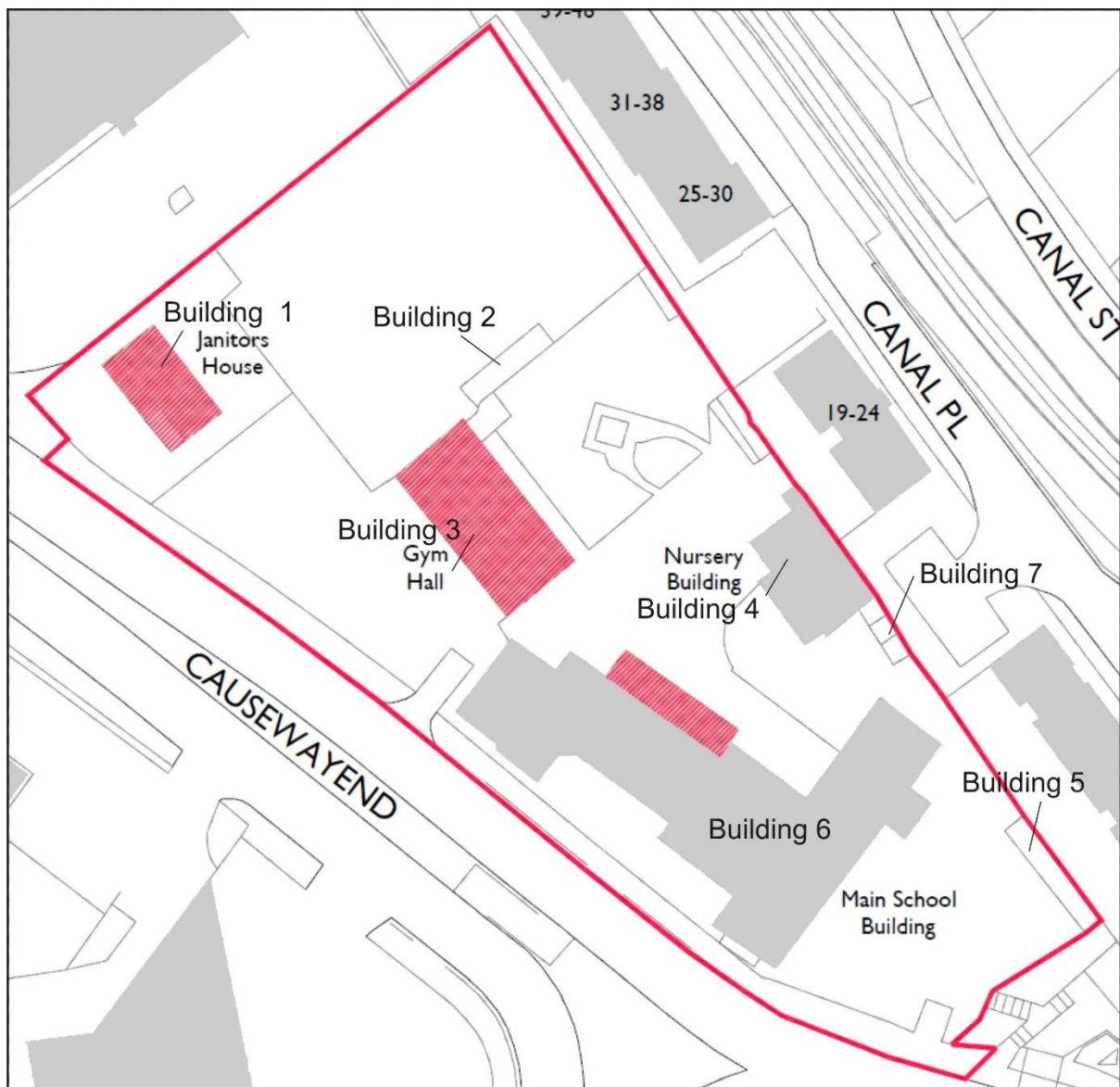
Illus 1 Site location (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2015).

2 BACKGROUND

Causewayend School (NJ90NW 1107) is Listed Category C was built in 1875-6 by William Smith, architect. It was part of a scheme of new school construction in heavily populated areas resulting in a shortage of 2500 school places in Aberdeen. It was constructed with Commerce Street, Skene Square, Ferryhill and Gallowgate all completed by 1877 (Wood 2000, 332). The school was enlarged in 1892 by Kelly and Nicol, architects; the City provided an additional 3415 school places during this decade (*ibid*). It is in the Scots Baronial style of two and three storey construction.

3 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

The standing building survey took place on 26 January 2015, which was bright, sunny and cold, when the exteriors were recorded and 3 February 2015 when the interiors were recorded.



Illus 2 Buildings recorded during this survey (*copyright Acanthus Architects*)

3.1 Building 1 the former Janitor's House

Building 1 was constructed of granite blocks with concrete lintels probably during the 1930s or 50s (Illus 3). It is 13.7m long and 5.9m high. It has a granite pillar in the south corner forming the south end of an integrated porch. There was no access to the interior during this survey. The building is to be demolished during this work.



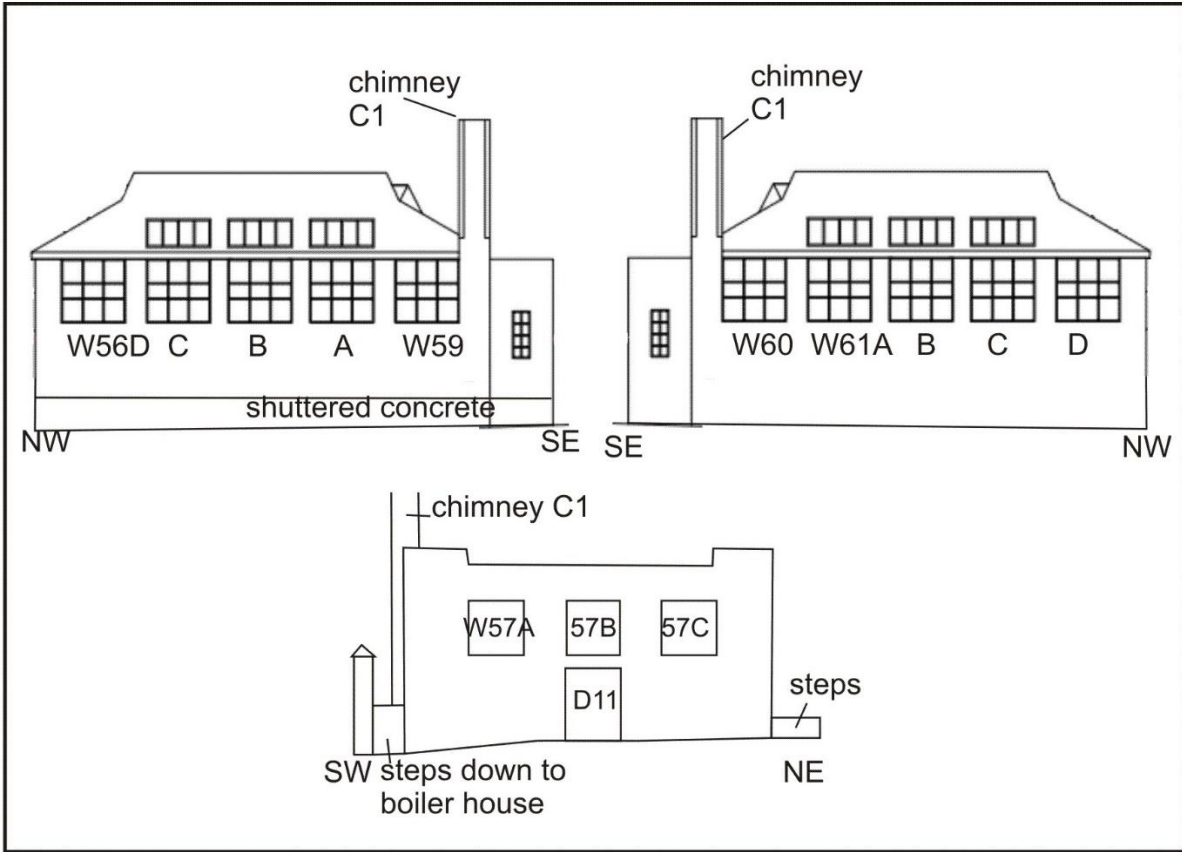
Illus 3 Building 1 the former janitor's house; facing NNE

3.2 Building 2 former gym hall

The gym hall is a rectangular building constructed of granite blocks with an added boiler house at the SE corner and an added chimney. It is 19.2m long and 11.6m high. Internally there is a large gym hall at the NW end (Illus 6) and changing rooms on either side of the entrance door D11 on the SE façade. The changing rooms were heated from the boiler house via radiators (Illus 7). The SW and NE facades have a series of five windows on the first floor lighting the gym hall. This building is to be demolished during the development.



Illus 4 Building 2 the gym, SW façade; facing NE



Illus 5 Building 2 gym SW and NE elevations with feature numbers used in the survey (top, copyright Acanthus Architects)



Illus 6 Building 2 the gym hall interior; facing NW



Illus 7 SE changing room showing radiators fuelled from adjacent boiler house; facing SE

3.3 Building 3 open-sided covered shelter

This open sided shelter is formed using the granite rubble-built SE wall of the junior school playground with a concrete wall and metal pillars (Illus 4). There is graffiti on the granite and concrete walls. This shelter is to be demolished.



Illus 8 Building 2 open-sided shelter on the SE edge of the playground; facing SE

3.4 Building 4 former nursery building

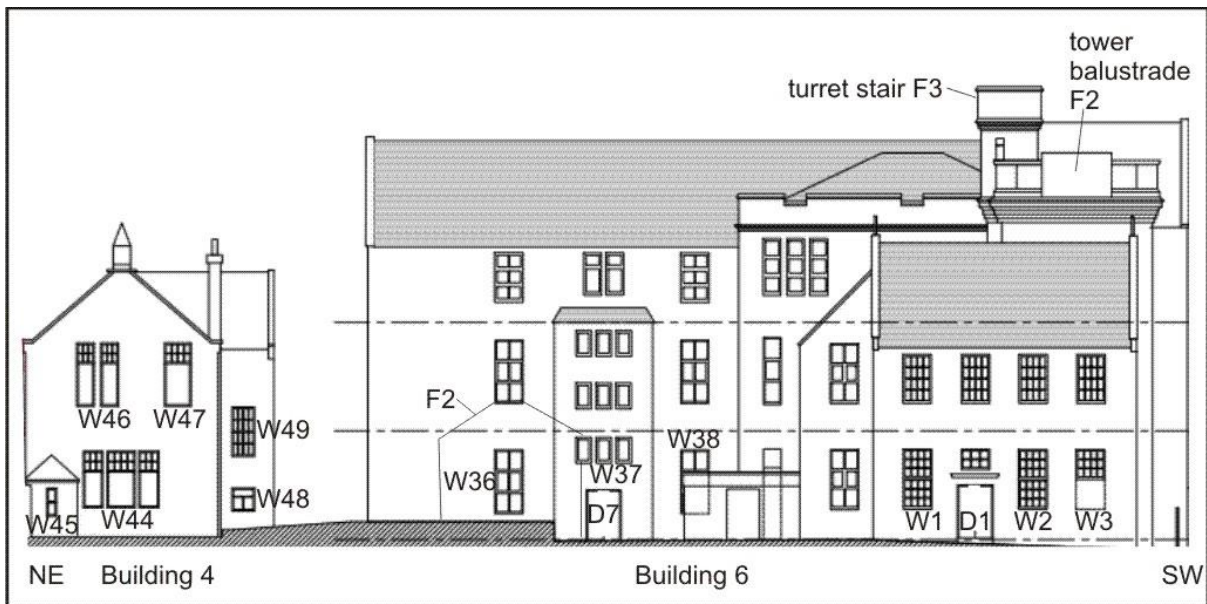
This separate building in use most recently as a nursery was constructed at the same time as Building 6 SW façade and tower; identical doors are seen in both buildings (Illus 10). The building is constructed of quarried granite blocks and is 2-storeys with a large room on the ground and first floors and a stairwell on the SW. It is 11.94m N-S, 14.3m E-W and a maximum of 11.6m high.



Illus 9 Building 4 the nursery; facing SE



Illus 10 Building 6 Doors D2 (left) D3 (middle) and Building 4 D10 (right)



Illus 11 NW elevations Buildings 4 and 6 with feature numbers used in the survey (*copyright Acanthus Architects*)



Illus 12 Building 4 the nursery first floor classroom; facing NNW

3.5 Building 5 open-sided covered shelter

In the SE corner of the playground is a granite walled open sided shelter the poured concrete roof and pillars (Illus 12).



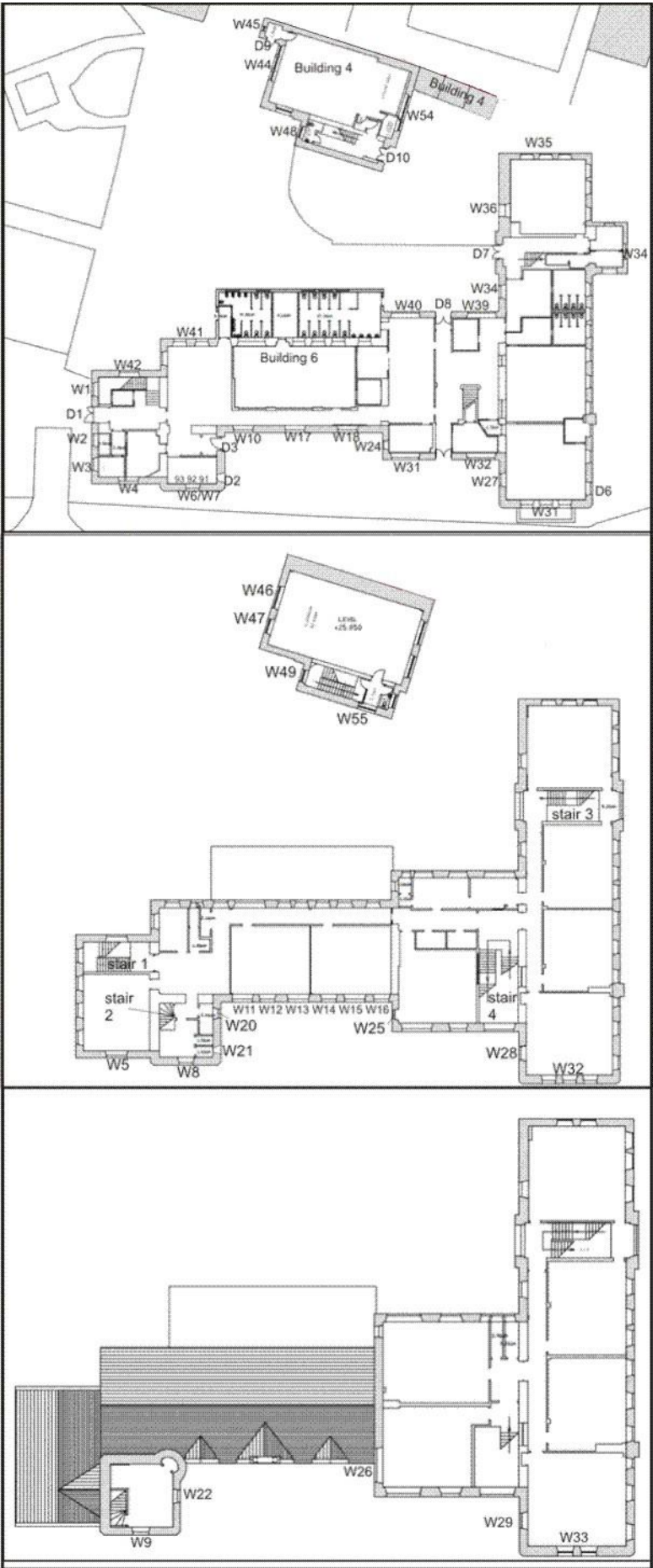
Illus 13 Building 5 open-sided shelter; facing NE

3.6 Building 6 former school building

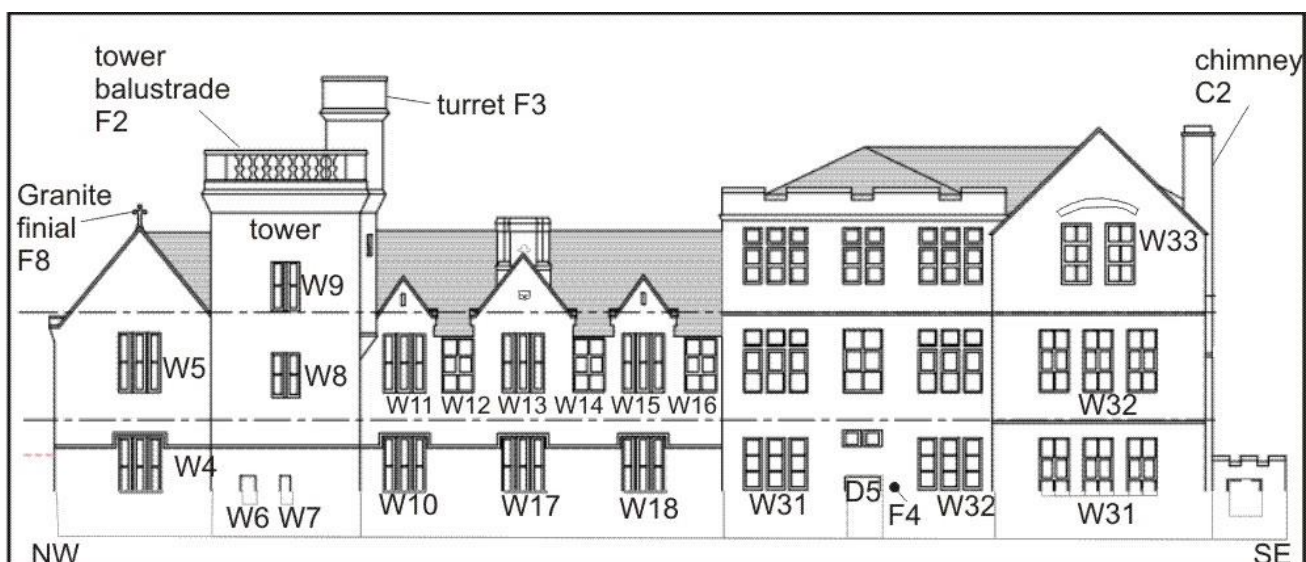
Building 6 was the main school building and is a 2 and 3-storey building constructed in at least 2 phases, Phase 1 in 1875-6 and Phase 2 in 1892. The northern section of the school is Phase 1 with a tower with balustrade (F2) and turret stair (F3) and an '1876' date plaque over W13 on the SW façade (Illus 14). The block is 24m NW-SE, 14.94m NE-SW and 16.9m high). The turret stair NE façade (Illus 17) may originally have been intended as an external feature suggesting a freestanding tower in the first phase of the build. The NW block with gable on to Causewayend (11.5m NW-SE, 7.66m SW-NE and 13.52m high) has scrolled spike finials on top of the SW and NE gables and may be a Phase 2 extension. The SE wing 35.5m NE-SW, 9.38m NW-SE and a maximum of 17.75m high) is a Phase 2 extension.



Illus 14 Building 6 SW façade with 1876 date plaque (centre); facing NE



Illus 15 Buildings 4 and 6 ground (top), first (middle) and second (bottom) floor plans (based on copyright Acanthus Architects)



Illus 16 SW elevation with feature numbers used in the survey (*copyright Acanthus Architects*)



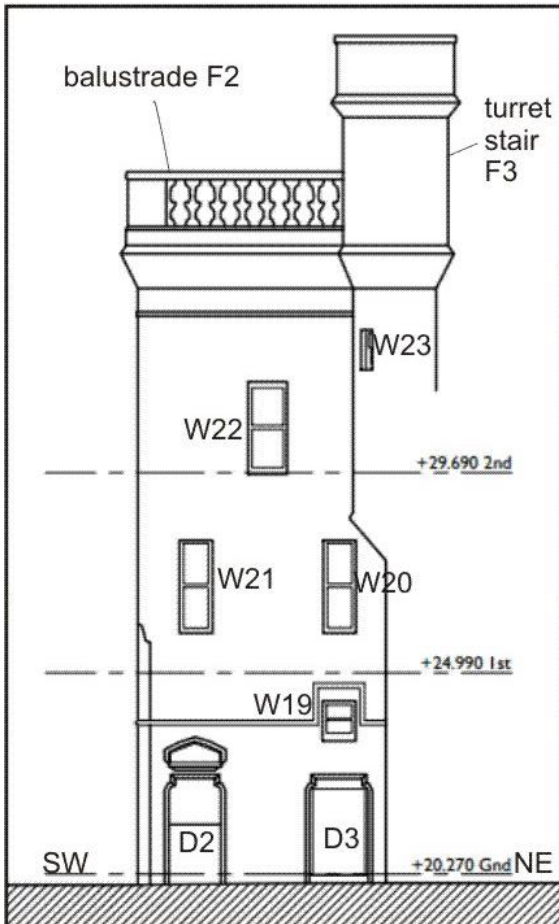
Illus 17 Building 6 first floor NE face of tower with turret stair, now within later 19th-century extension; facing SSW

The tower is three storeys with a flat roof and is 16.8m high and 6.58m wide; the internal ceilings are poured concrete (Illus 21). The turret stair is 1m diameter at the top (Illus 20) and rises to a maximum of 19.94m high and is topped with a granite cap (Illus 18).

There is an Aberdeen City Council plaque on the SW façade adjacent to Door D5 for Alberto Morocco (Illus 22), artist who attended the school.



Illus 18 Stair turret F3 granite top; facing E



Illus 19 Tower SE elevation with feature numbers used in the survey (copyright Acanthus Architects)



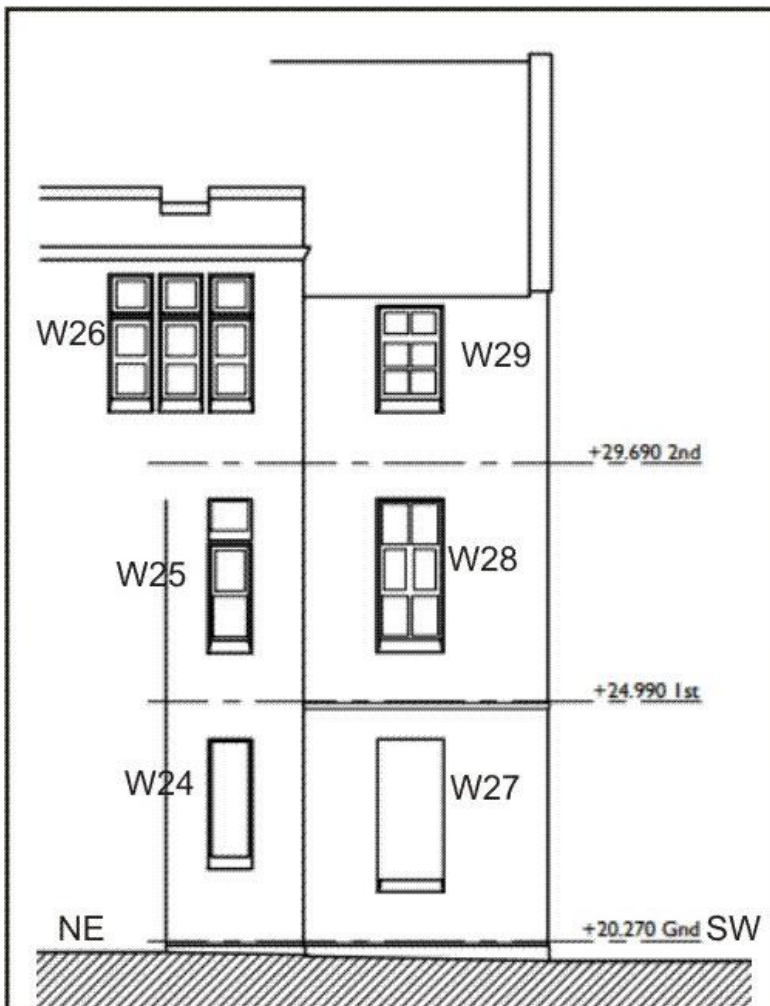
Illus 20 Building 6 tower stair turret showing narrow stair to roof; facing E



Illus 21 Building 6 tower ground floor room poured concrete ceiling; facing NW



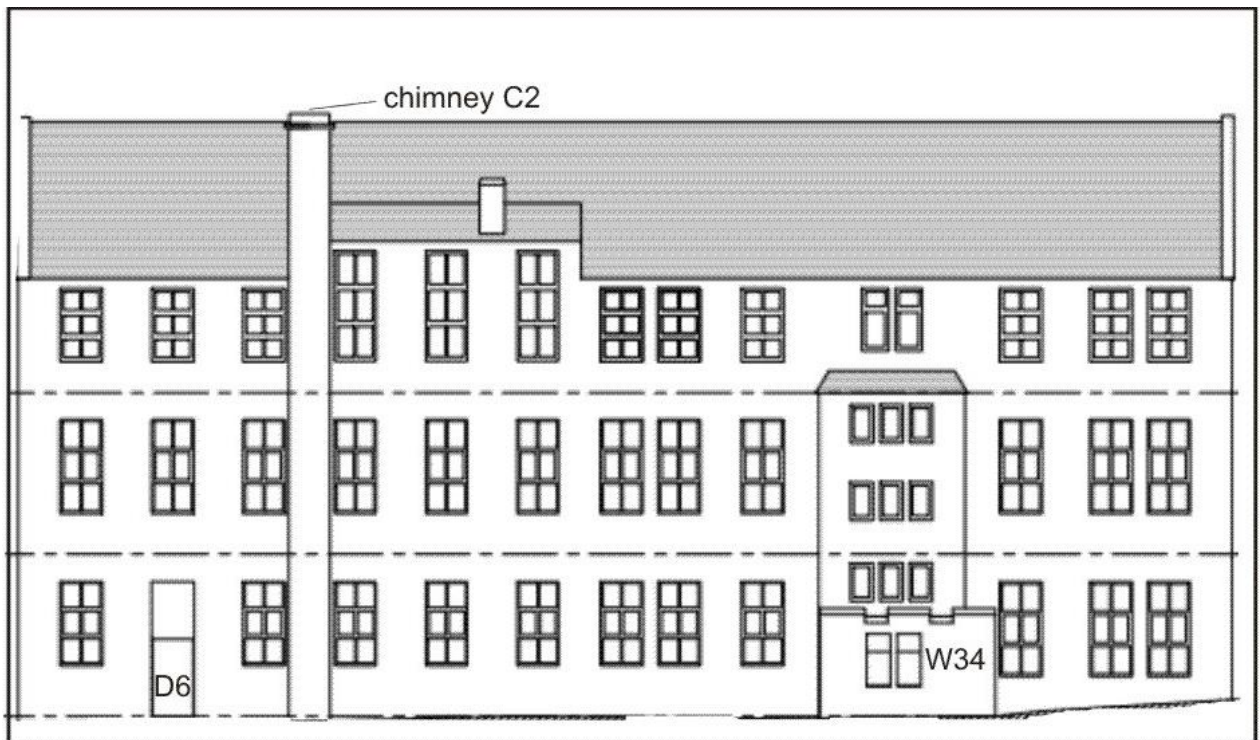
Illus 22 Building 6 SW façade door D5 adjacent plaque; facing NE



Illus 23 Building 6 SE wing NW elevation (copyright Acanthus Architects)



Illus 24 Building 6 SE façade, probably a Phase 2 addition



Illus 25 SE elevation with feature numbers used in the survey (*copyright Acanthus Architects*)

3.7 Building 7 cast iron pillared shelter

An open shelter constructed of cast iron pillars with a slate roof is 8.26m long, 3.66m wide and 2.1m. The open panels have been infilled with wood to create a shed.



Illus 26 Building 7 open-sided cast iron pillared shelter (later converted to closed shed); facing NW

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

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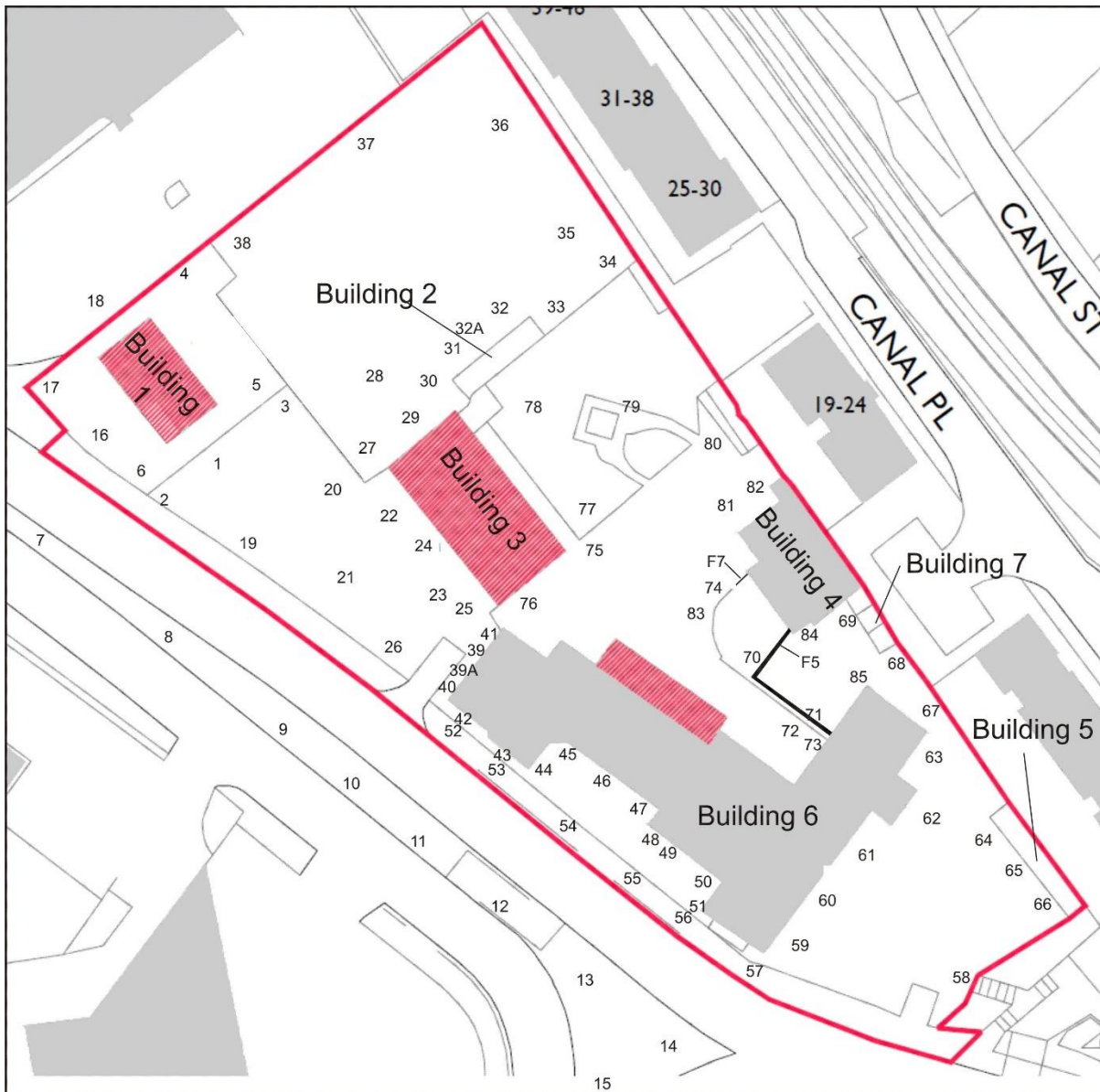
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APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS

EXTERIORS



Illus 27 Camera points used on this survey - exteriors

Photo no	Description	Facing	Camera point
EXTERIORS			
DSC_0001	Building 1 former Janitor's House	NW	1
DSC_0002	Building 1 former Janitor's House	N	2
DSC_0003	Building 1 former Janitor's House	W	3
DSC_0004	Building 1 former Janitor's House	SW	4
DSC_0005-6	Building 1 former Janitor's House	WNW	5
DSC_0007	Building 1 former Janitor's House	NNE	6
DSC_0008-11	Building 1 former Janitor's House	NE	7
DSC_0012	Building 1 former Janitor's House	NNE	8
DSC_0013	Building 2 former Gym Hall	NE	9

DSC_0014-15	Building 6 former School main building	ENE	10
DSC_0016-18	Building 6 former School main building	NE	11
DSC_0019-21	Building 6 former School main building	NE	12
DSC_0022-24	Building 6 former School main building	NE	13
DSC_0025	Building 6 former School main building	NNE	14
DSC_0026-29	Building 6 former School main building	NNE	15
DSC_0030	Building 6 former School main building	NE	14
DSC_0031	Building 1 former Janitor's House	NE	16
DSC_0032	Building 1 former Janitor's House	NE	17
DSC_0033	Building 1 former Janitor's House	NNE	17
DSC_0034	Building 1 former Janitor's House	NNE	17
DSC_0035	Building 1 former Janitor's House NW gable ground floor window W30 with concrete lintel	SE	18
DSC_0036-38	Building 2 former Gym Hall (left) Building 6 (right)	ESE	19
DSC_0039	Building 1 former Janitor's House	NW	20
DSC_0040	Building 2 former Gym Hall	ESE	20
DSC_0041	Building 2 former Gym Hall	NE	21
DSC_0042	Building 2 former Gym Hall	NE	22
DSC_0043	Building 2 former Gym Hall	NE	23
DSC_0044	Building 2 former Gym Hall	NE	26
DSC_0045-7	Building 2 former Gym Hall ventilator and drill marks in granite	NE	24
DSC_0048-50	Building 2 former Gym Hall chimney C1 at SE end	NE	25
DSC_0051	Building 2 former Gym Hall stone foundation at SE corner	E	25
DSC_0052-3	Building 2 former Gym Hall	ENE	26
DSC_0054	Former playground showing stone boundary wall and flats 47-54 Canal Place (right)	NNE	27
DSC_0055	Former playground showing stone boundary wall and flats 47-54 Canal Place (right)	NE	27
DSC_0056-57	Building 2 former Gym Hall NW gable showing extension to raise wall and scar from attached building now removed	SE	28
DSC_0058	Building 2 former Gym Hall (right) covered shelter Building 3 (left)	ESE	28
DSC_0059-60	Building 2 former Gym Hall NW gable showing extension to raise wall and scar from attached building now removed	SSW	30
DSC_0061	junction Building 3 (left) Building 2 (right)	SE	30
DSC_0065-6	Building 3 showing stone with 'R SHIELDS' scratched in granite	SE	31
DSC_0067-8	Building 3 showing graffiti	SE	32
DSC_0069-70	Building 3	S	36
DSC_0071	Building 3 showing modern graffiti	NE	32A
DSC_0072	SE boundary wall of former playground	SE	33
DSC_0073	NE boundary wall	NE	34
DSC_0074	NE boundary wall	E	35
DSC_0075	NE boundary wall	NE	35
DSC_0076	NE boundary wall	NNE	35
DSC_0077	NE boundary wall	SE	36

DSC_0078	NE boundary wall (right) NW wall (left)	N	30
DSC_0079	NW boundary wall	NNW	30
DSC_0080	NW boundary wall	NW	30
DSC_0081	NE boundary wall (right) NW wall (left)	NE	37
DSC_0082-83	Building 3 (left) Building 2 (right)	SE	38
DSC_0084	Building 6 NW wall	SE	19
DSC_0085-87	Building 6 granite roof finial detail above NW wall	SE	41
DSC_0088	Building 6 NW wall central door D1	SE	39
DSC_0089	Building 6 NW wall ground floor window W2	SE	39A
DSC_0090	Building 6 NW wall ground floor window previously blocked and reduced in size W3	SE	40
DSC_0091	Building 6 NW wall W1	SE	41
DSC_0092	Building 2	NNE	41
DSC_0093	Building 6 SW wall tower W4 below W5 above	NE	42
DSC_0095	Building 6 SW wall tower W6 left W7 right	NE	43
DSC_0096	Building 6 SW wall tower W8 and W9 above	NE	43
DSC_0097-98	Building 6 SW wall tower W6	NE	43
DSC_0099	Building 6 SW wall tower W7	NE	43
DSC_0100	Building 6 tower SE wall D2 left D3 right	NW	46
DSC_0101-3	Building 6 tower SE wall D2	NW	44
DSC_0104-5	Building 6 tower SE wall D3	NW	45
DSC_0106-7	Building 6 SW wall W10	NE	44
DSC_0108	Building 6 SW wall W10 below W11 above	NE	44
DSC_0109-11	Building 6 SW wall W11 left W12, W13, W14 with tower (left)	NE	44
DSC_0112	Building 6 SW wall W10 left W17 right	NE	44
DSC_0113	Building 6 SW wall W10, W17, W18	NE	46
DSC_0114	Building 6 SW wall W11. W12. W13. W14, W15	NE	46
DSC_0115	Building 6 SW wall W11. W12. W13. W14, W15	NE	46
DSC_0116	Building 6 SW wall date plaque F1 above W13	NE	46
DSC_0117	Building 6 SE wall of tower with balustrade F2 above, date plaque F1 right	N	46
DSC_0118	Building 6 SE wall of tower with balustrade F2 above	NNW	46
DSC_0119	Building 6 SW wall W18	NE	47
DSC_0120	Building 6 SW wall W18 below W13-16 above	NE	47
DSC_0121-22	Building 6 SW wall gablet above W15 with granite trefoil above	NW	47
DSC_0123	Building 6 tower SE wall with D2 and D3 below and W19-23 above	NW	46
DSC_0124	Building 6 tower SE wall with balustrade F2 (left) and tower stair F3 (right)	NW	46
DSC_0125	Building 6 tower SE wall with balustrade F2 (left) and tower stair F3 (right) detail	NW	46
DSC_0126	Building 6 W24-26 (left) and W27-29 (right)	SE	44
DSC_0127	Building 6 SE wall of tower D2/D3 bottom with balustrade F2 above	SE	44
DSC_0128	Building 6 W31	NE	48
DSC_0129	Building 6 windows above W31	NE	48
DSC_0130	Building 6 D5 with Alberto Morocco plaque F4	NE	49

DSC_0131	Building 6 windows above D5	NE	49
DSC_0132	Building 6 D5 with Alberto Morocco plaque F4	NE	49
DSC_0133	Building 6 window W32	NE	50
DSC_0134-5	Building 6 windows above W32	NE	50
DSC_0136-40	Building 6 rounded corner SW of W27	NE	51
DSC_0141	Building 6 W27-29 (bottom to top)	SE	44
DSC_0142	Building 6 gable above W5 with granite trefoil detail	NE	52
DSC_0143	Building 6 chamfer on NW corner of tower	NE	52
DSC_0144	Building 6 balustrade F2	NE	53
DSC_0145	Building 6 copper fitting in NE wall of tower	NE	53
DSC_0146-7	Building 6 Windows W10-W18	NE	54
DSC_0148-9	Building 6 W27-29 (left) and W31 (right)	NE	55
DSC_0150	Building 6 W31	NE	56
DSC_0151-3	Building 6 south corner	NW/NN W	57
DSC_0154-55	Building 6 SE facade	NW/NN W	58
DSC_0156	Building 6 SE façade D6 with chimney C2 (right)	NW	59
DSC_0157	Building 6 SE façade windows above D6 with chimney C2 (right)	NW	59
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DSC_0159	Building 6 SE façade with chimney C2 (left)	NW	60
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DSC_0161	Building 6 SE facade	NNW	61
DSC_0162	Building 6 crenelated extension on SE façade with W34	N	61
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DSC_0165	Building 6 SE façade Ne end	NW	63
DSC_0166-6	Building 5 stone and concrete shelter	ESE	62
DSC_0168	Building 5 stone and concrete shelter	NE	64
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DSC_0171-2	Building 5 stone and concrete shelter	NE	66
DSC_0173	Building 5 stone and concrete shelter	NNE	58
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DSC_0179-80	Building 6 east wing NE gable	WNW	67
DSC_0181-2	Building 6 east wing NE gable W35	SW	68
DSC_0183	Building 6 east wing NW façade showing later building scar F6	SE	70
DSC_0184	Brick lined drain F5	E	70
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DSC_0186	Building 6 east wing NW façade showing later building scar F6	SE	71
DSC_0187-8	Building 6 NE façade W39, D8, W40 and windows above	SW	71
DSC_0189	Building 6 east wing NW façade D7 (left), W37 above and W38 (right)	SE	72
DSC_0190-91	Building 6 east wing NW façade D7	SE	73
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DSC_0194	Building 6 east wing (left) and main building (right)	SSE	74

DSC_0195-7	Building 6 NE wall with single floor building to be demolished (bottom)	SW	74
DSC_0198-99	Building 6 NE wall NW end with tower F4 (centre) and W41 (left) W42 (bottom right) with W43 above	SW	75
DSC_0200	Building 6 detail of turret above tower stair F3	SW	75
DSC_0201	Building 2 former Gym Hall	WNW	75
DSC_0202	Building 2 former Gym Hall SE façade	NW	76
DSC_0203	Building 2 former Gym Hall NE wall	SW	77
DSC_0204	Building 2 former Gym Hall NE wall	SW	78
DSC_0205	Building 2 former Gym Hall NE wall	NW	79
DSC_0206	Garden wall between gym and former playground	NNW	79
DSC_0207-15	Nursery garden		
DSC_0216	Building 4 the Nursery	ESE	77
DSC_0217	Building 4 (left) Building 6 (centre and right)	SE	77
DSC_0218	Building 6	SSE	77
DSC_0219	Building 6	S	77
DSC_0220	Building 2 the gym NE façade	WNW	77
DSC_0221	Building 4 the Nursery NW gable W44-47	SE	80
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DSC_0223	Building 4 the Nursery W44	SSE	82
DSC_0224	Building 4 the Nursery W46 left W47 right	SSE	82
DSC_0225-32	Building 4 the Nursery SW gable W50 left W51 above right	NE	83
DSC_0233-34	Building 4 the Nursery SW gable W50 left W51 above right	NE	74
DSC_0235-36	Building 4 the Nursery NW gable with boundary wall F7 right	SSE	81
DSC_0237	Building 4 the Nursery SW gable W51 above wall F7 left	NE	70
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DSC_0239	Building 4 the Nursery SE gable D10	NW	84
DSC_0240-41	Building 4 the Nursery SE gable D10 bottom left W52-54 with Building 7 (bottom right)	NW	85
DSC_0242	Building 4 the Nursery SE gable D10 bottom left W54 with Building 7 (bottom right)	NW	85
DSC_0243	Building 4 the Nursery SE gable W52, W53	NW	85
DSC_0244	Building 7 shelter with cast iron pillars	NE	85
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DSC_0253	Building 6 (left) Building 4 (right)	W	68



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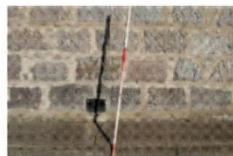
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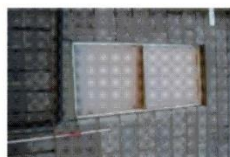
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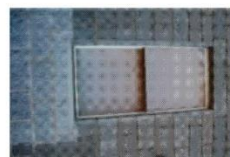
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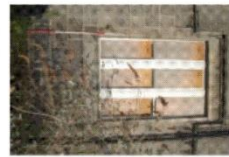
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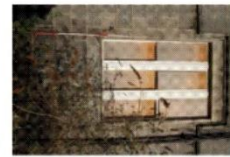
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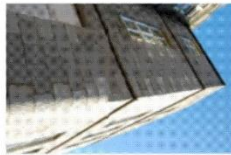
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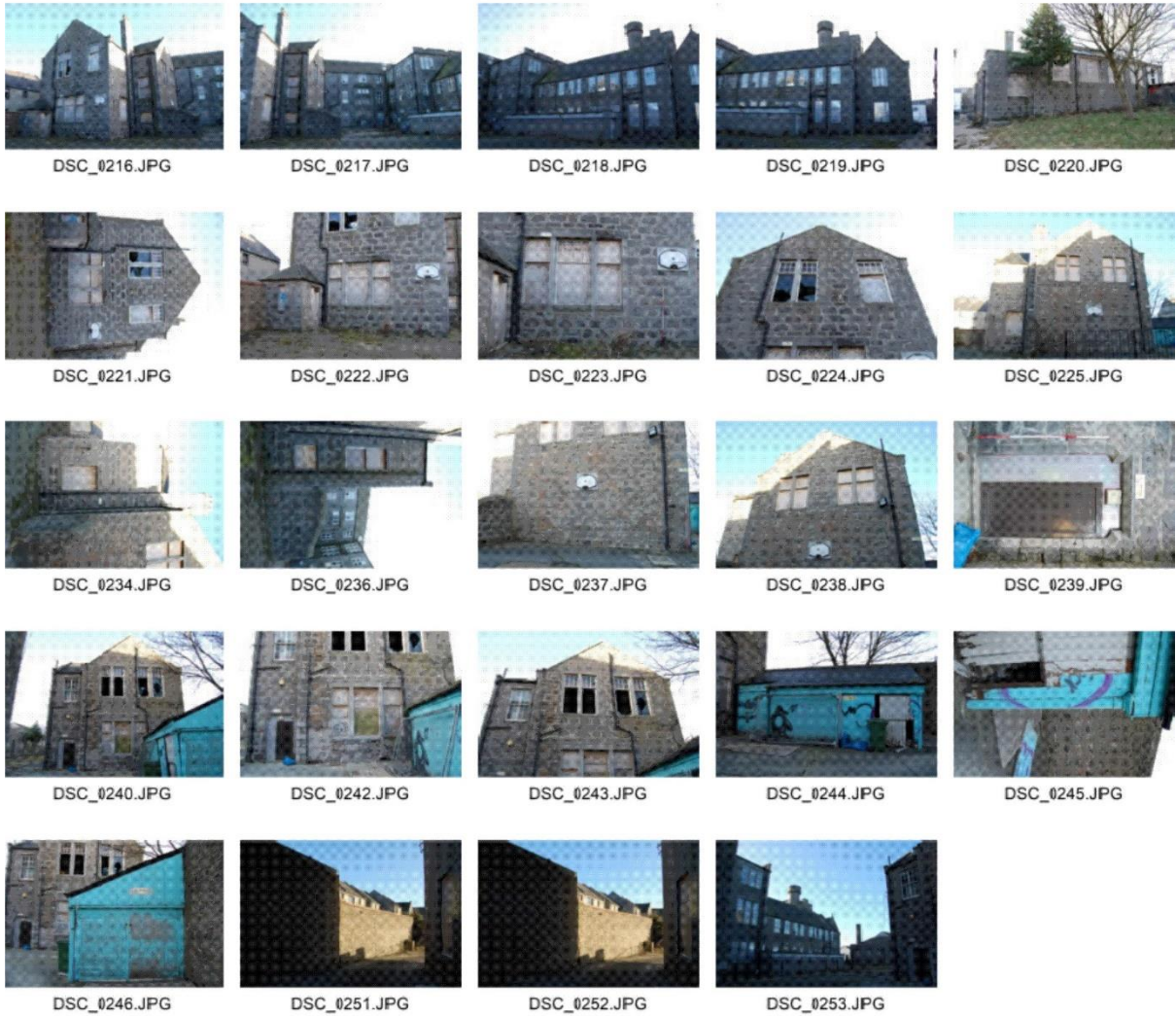
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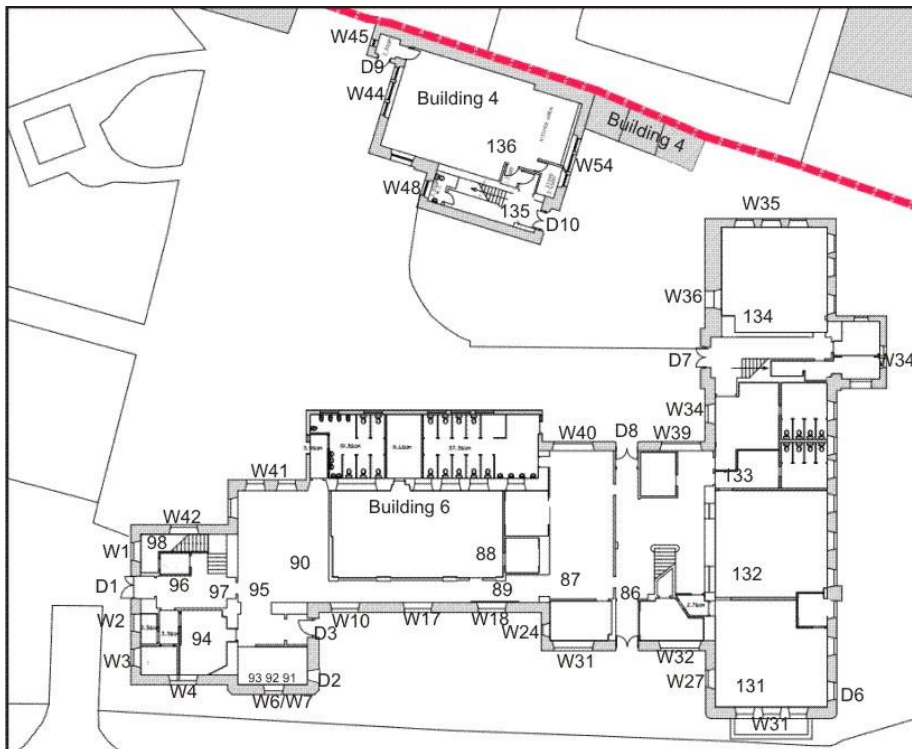
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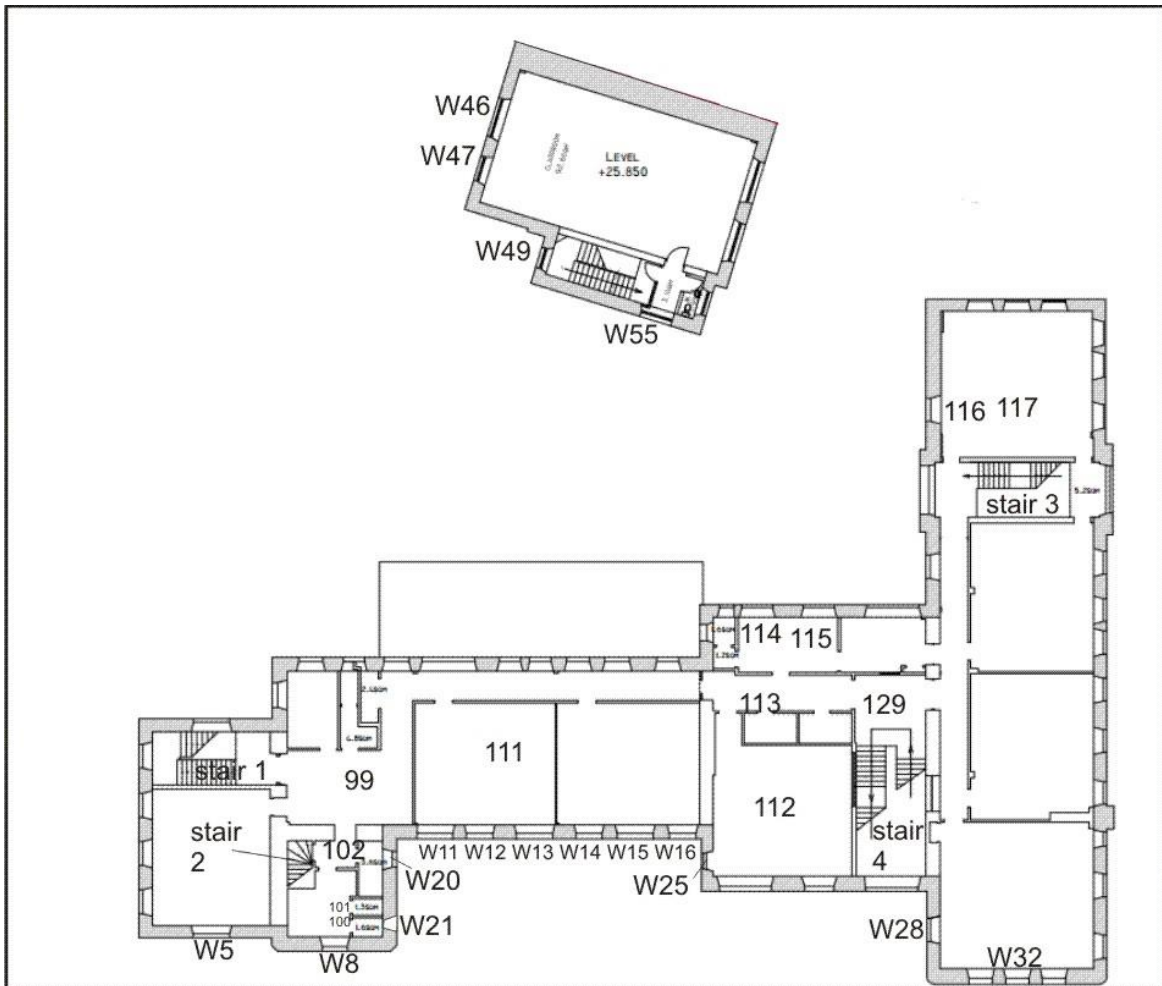
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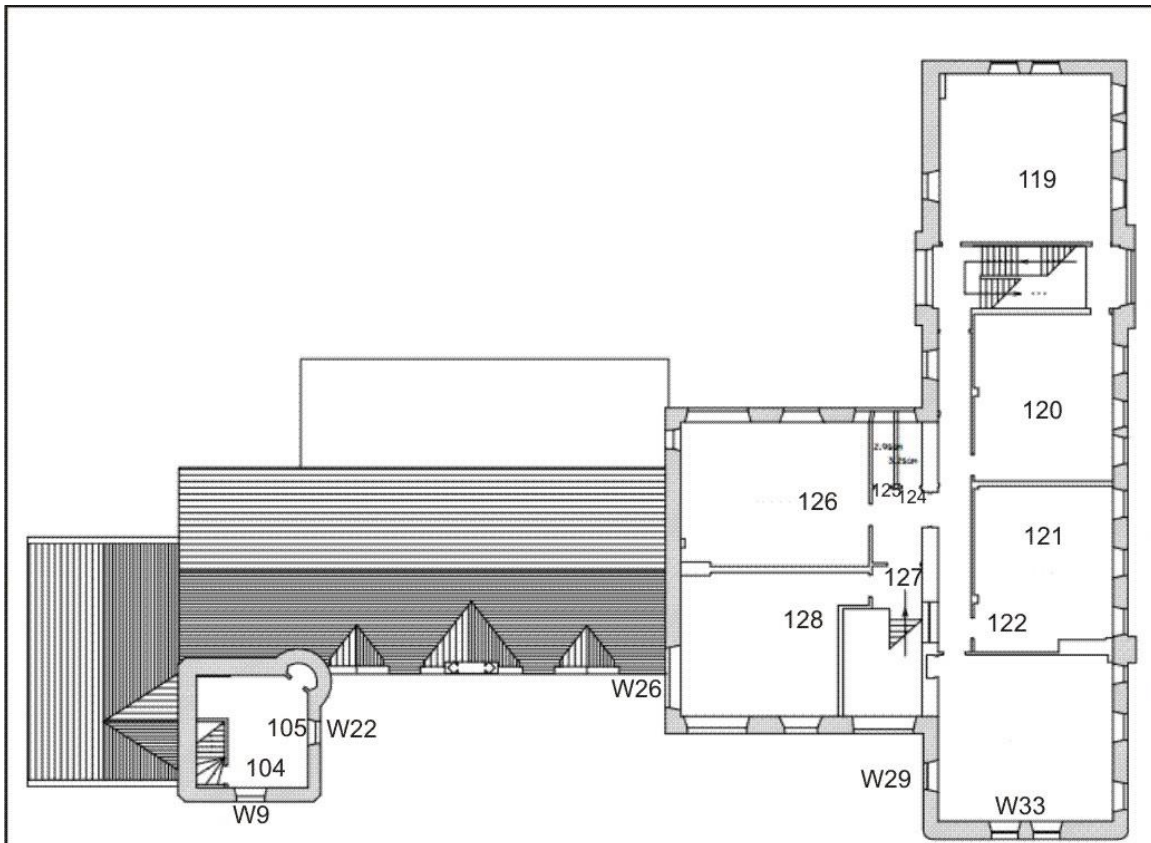
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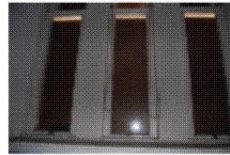
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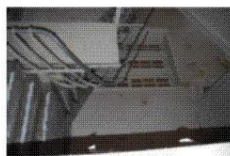
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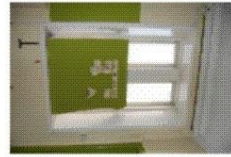
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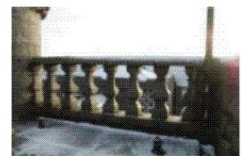
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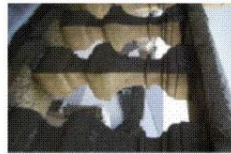
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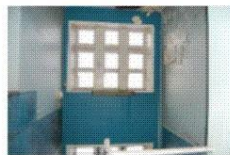
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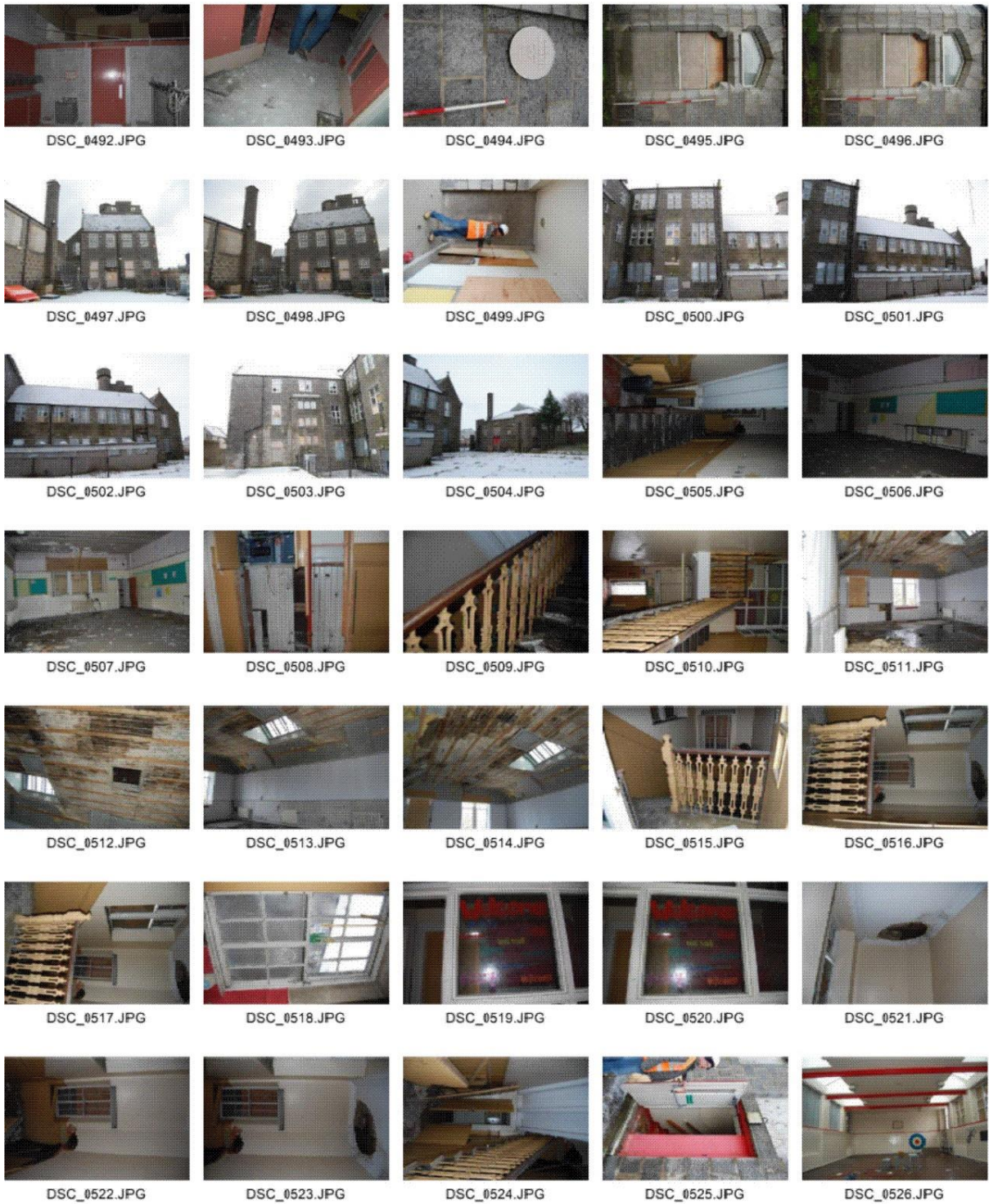
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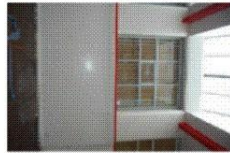




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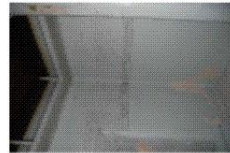
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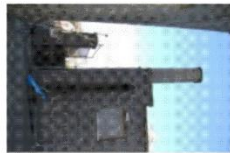
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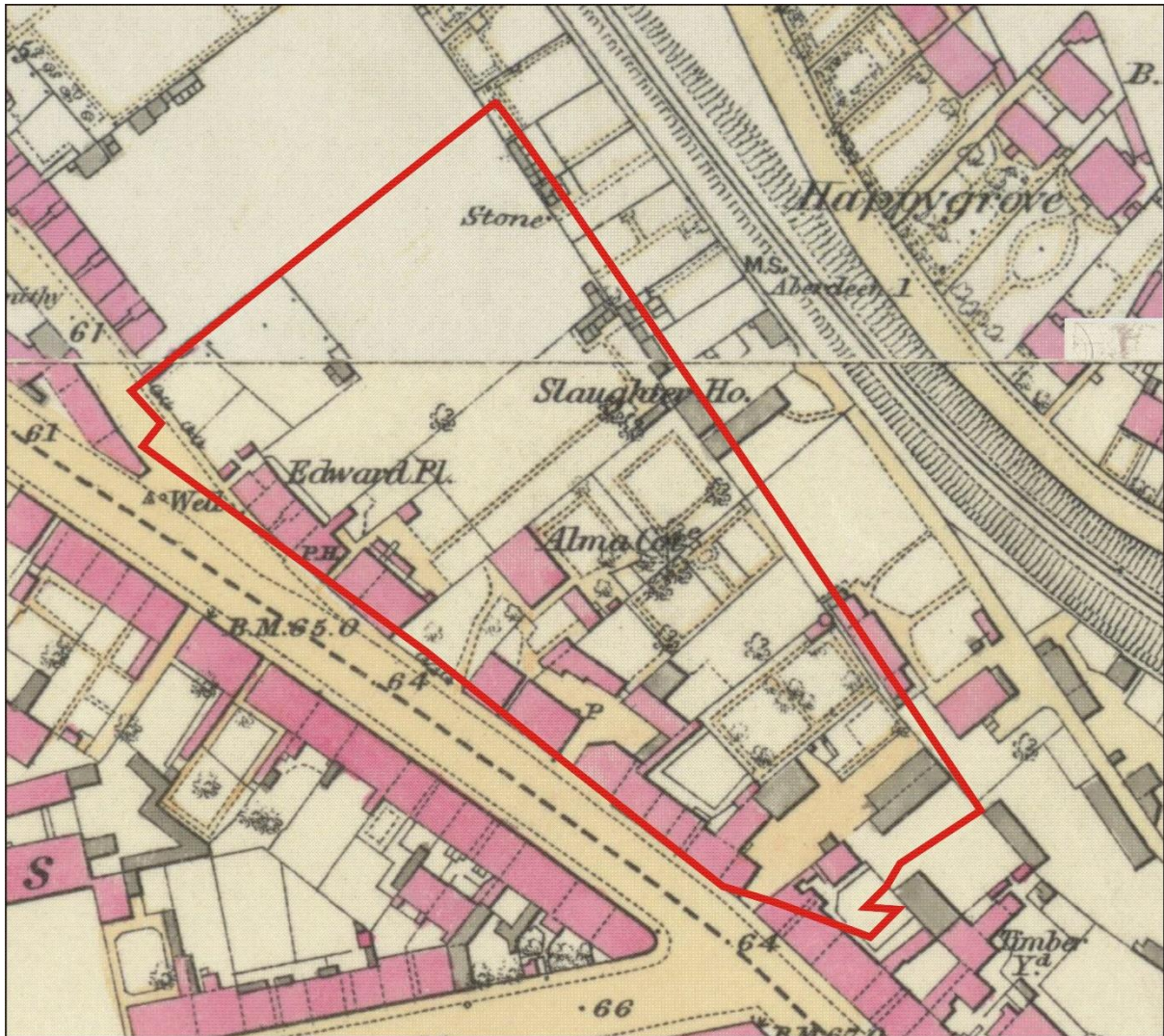


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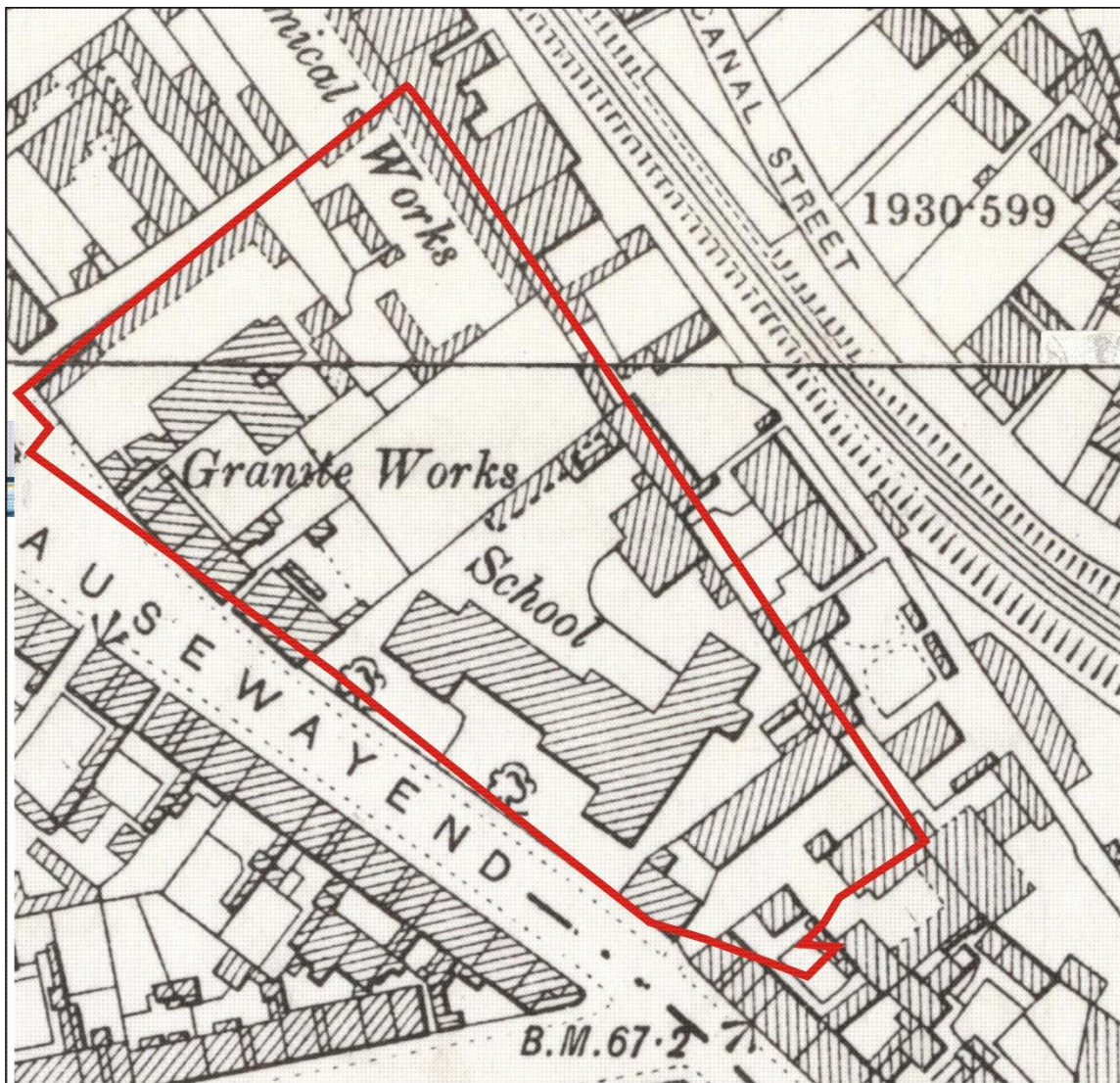


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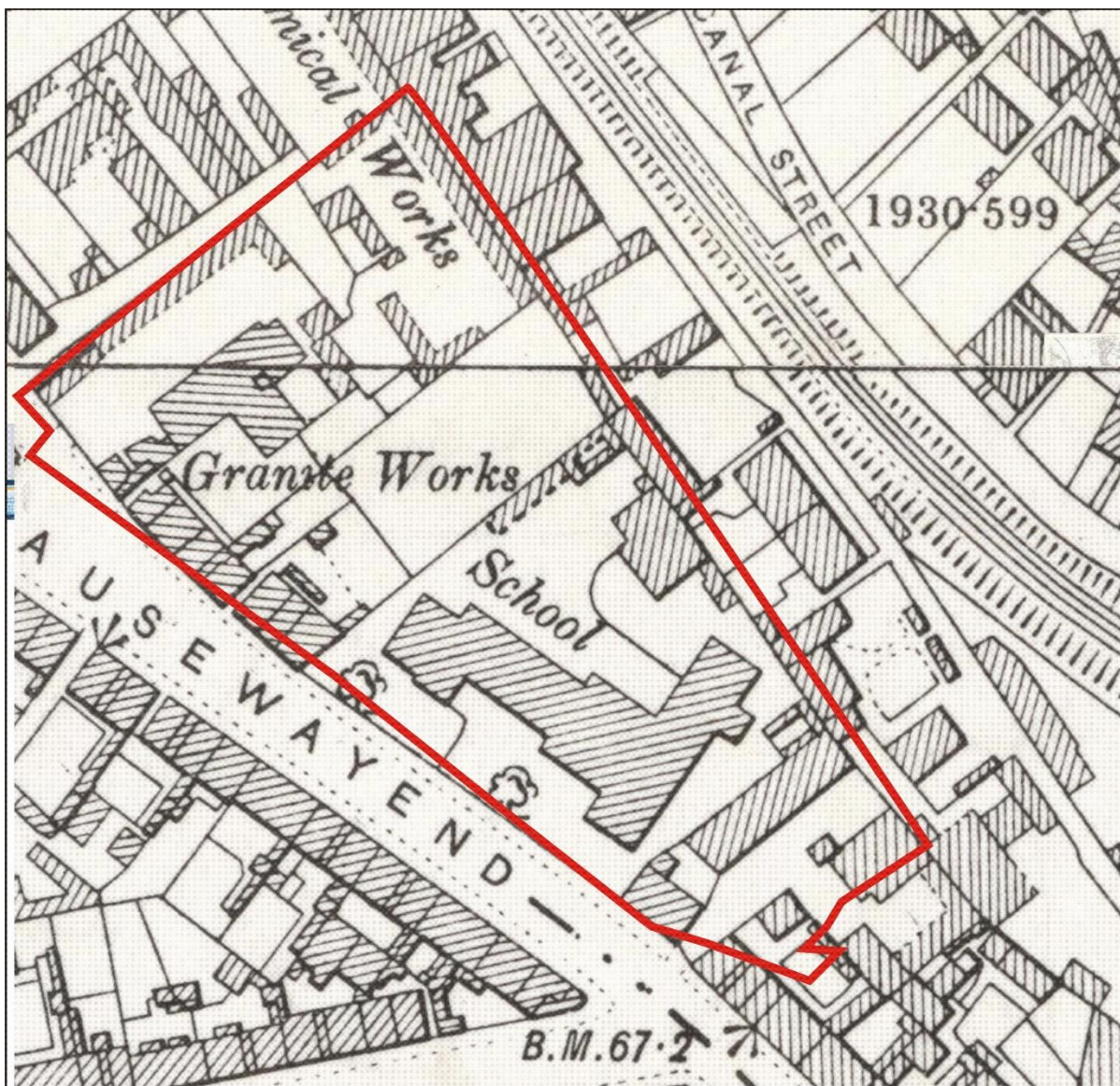
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APPENDIX 3 FEATURES RECORDED IN THIS SURVEY

Feature no	Description	Size
F1	Granite 1876 date plaque on SW façade Building 6	-
F2	Tower with balustrade Building 6	16.8m high and 6.58m wide
F3	Turret stair within tower Building 6	narrowing to 1m diameter on 3 rd floor, 19.94m high
F4	Alberto Morocco plaque adjacent to Door D5 on SW façade Building 6	
F5	Duct under playground leading from Building 4 SW and SE to Building 6 for services	1m wide c 1m deep
F6	Roof raggle on Building 6 SE Phase 2 extension NW facade	
F7	Short section of wall on SW side Building 4	
F8	Granite scrolled spike finials above NW gables Building 6	-