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SUMMARY

A standing building survey was carried out on 8 February 2011. Access to the interior was limited slightly by the contents of the warehouse but sufficient areas were accessed to carry out the survey to the relevant detail.

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1 INTRODUCTION

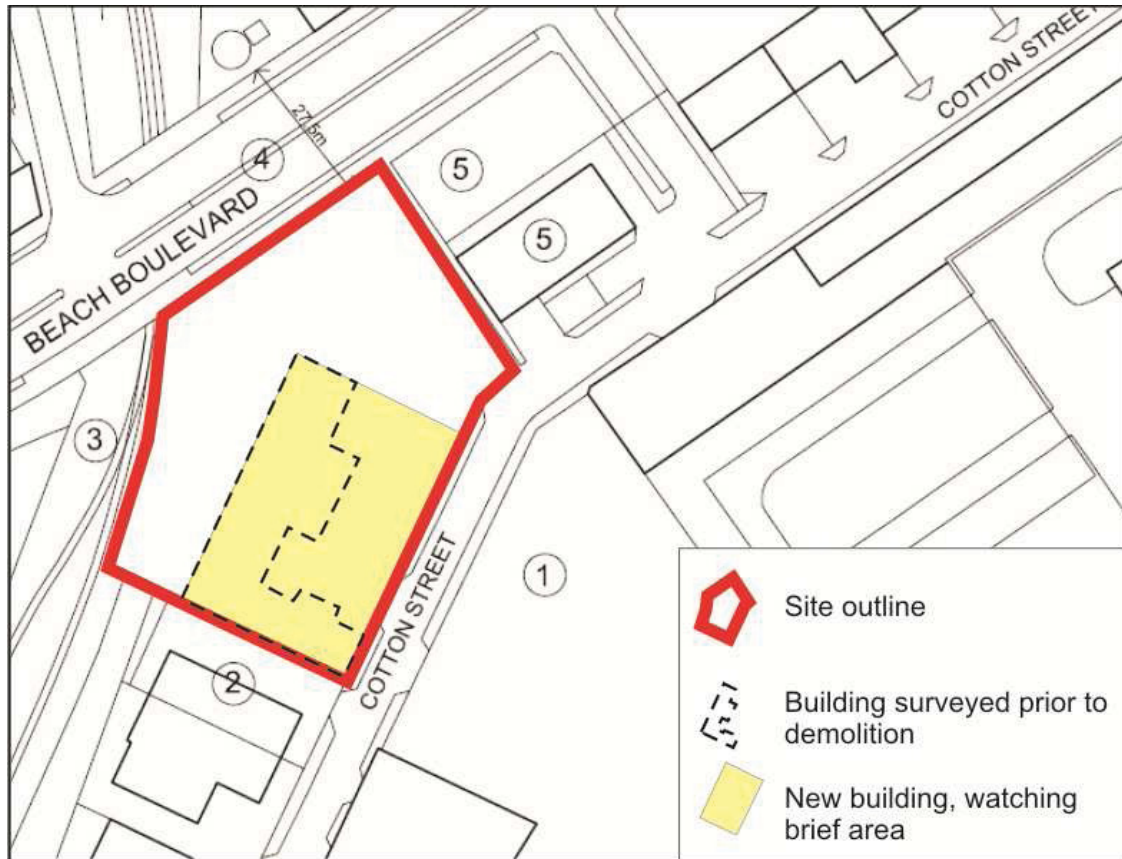
This report relates to Aberdeen City Council Planning Application P090347 (decision date 11/2/2010) with archaeology condition requiring a Level 2 building survey. The work was commissioned by Gavin MacCallum of George Watt & Stewart acting for The Shore Porters' Society.

The site (NJ 94928 06625) lies on the north side of Cotton Street and south of Beach Boulevard, Aberdeen. It is in the Parish of Aberdeen and lies at 10-15m OD.

The standing building survey took place on 1st and 8th February 2011 and was carried out in the context of Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) Planning Advice Note 42 (PAN 42) and Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP), which state that archaeological remains should be regarded as part of the environment to be protected and managed.



III 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2010)



III 2 Site plan (George Watt & Stewart)

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

The original building (NMRS no NJ90NW 344) was a grain mill, which was either in the ownership of the NE Farmers Co-operative or the Hamlyn Milling Co. In 1977 the Shore Porters' Society bought the building but prior to the purchase the grain silos had been removed. The Shore Porters Society then converted the building by installing new floors at the location of the former silos along with other works comprising re-roofing, the introduction of fire escape stairs, the provision of a goods lift and the provision of a concrete yard.

The RCAHMS description (possibly by J R Hume) of the building from 1977 is as follows: "Mid-nineteenth century Grain Mill, Cotton Street, 4 storey, 7 bay, coursed rubble block with a 3 storey extension and a pyramidal kiln projecting at the rear. The main building has an asbestos roof."

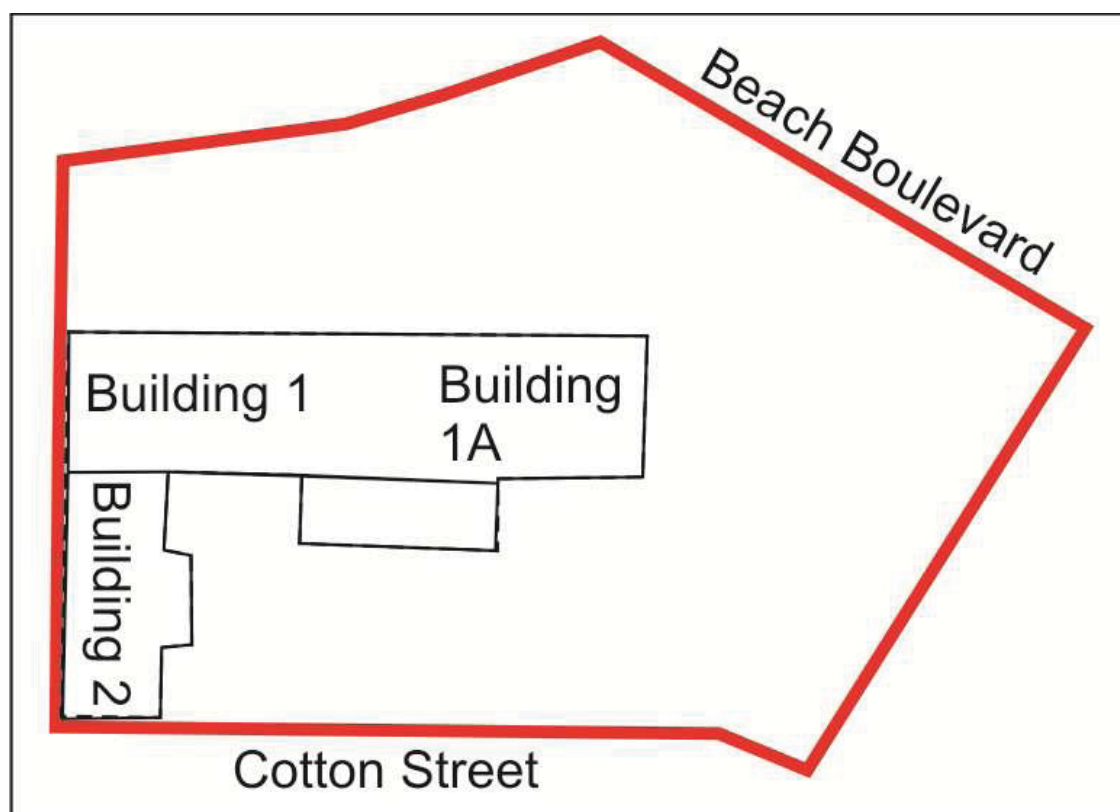
The site is vacant on the First Edition Ordnance Survey Map (1867-9) but the site was developed after that date through the late 19th and early 20th century until the acquisition by Shore Porters who added the modern extensions seen today.



III 3 NW façade showing kiln now demolished (copyright CANMORE)

3 THE STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

A standing building was carried out on 8 February 2011. Plans and elevations were supplied by Gavin MacCallum of George Watt & Stewart. Three building were recorded; Building 1 is the original four-storey mill building, Building 1A the lower three-storey extension onto the NE gable of Building 1 and Building 2 is the modern one-storey extension at the south of the site (Ill 4).



Ill 4 Buildings included in standing building survey

BUILDING 1

Building 1 is the oldest in the complex to be demolished during the current works. It is mid-late 19th-century in date. It is 30 x 12m in size, 9 bays and four storeys high and constructed of coursed granite rubble with cherry-cocking. It had a pyramidal-roofed kiln projecting to the rear (NW; Ill 3) (Hume 977, 88) and a scar can be seen where this was removed (Ill 14). A scar on the NW elevation (Ills 15, 16) marks the position of a toilet block demolished in the last 15 years.



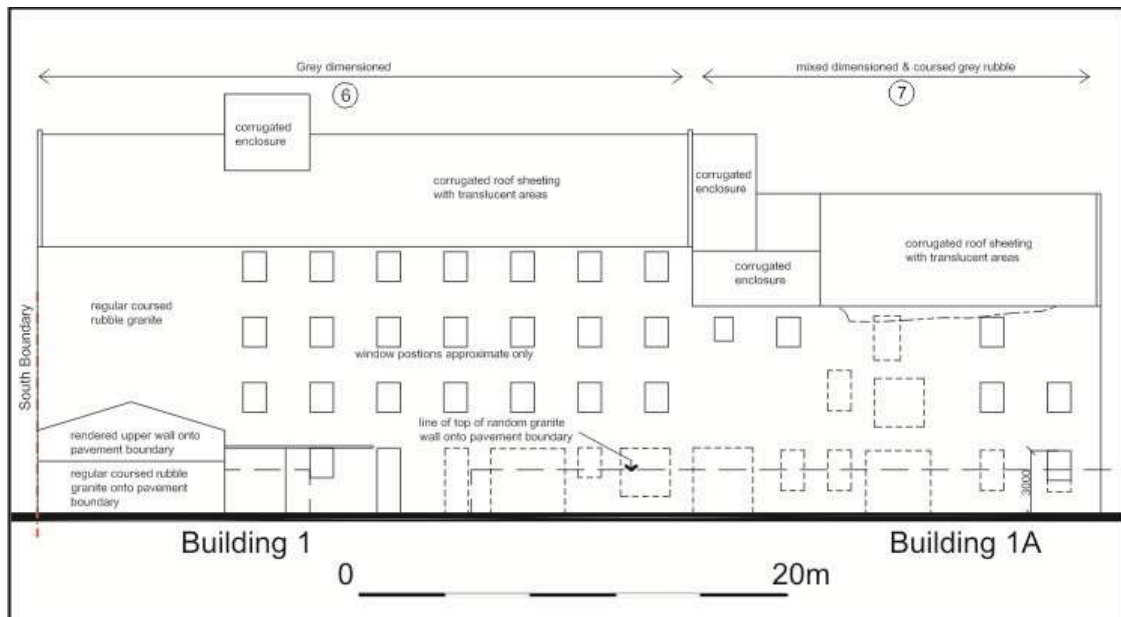
III 5 Building 1 SE façade



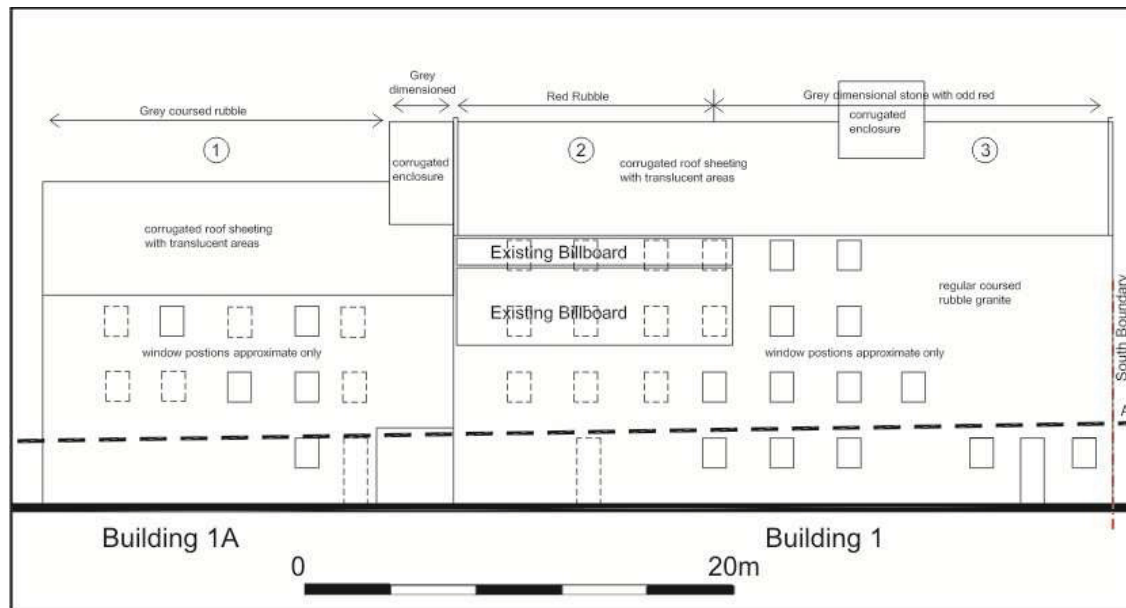
III 6 Building 1 (left) and Building 1A (right) SE façade



III 7 Building 1 (left) and Building 1A (right) SE façade



III 8 SE elevation (George Watt & Stewart)



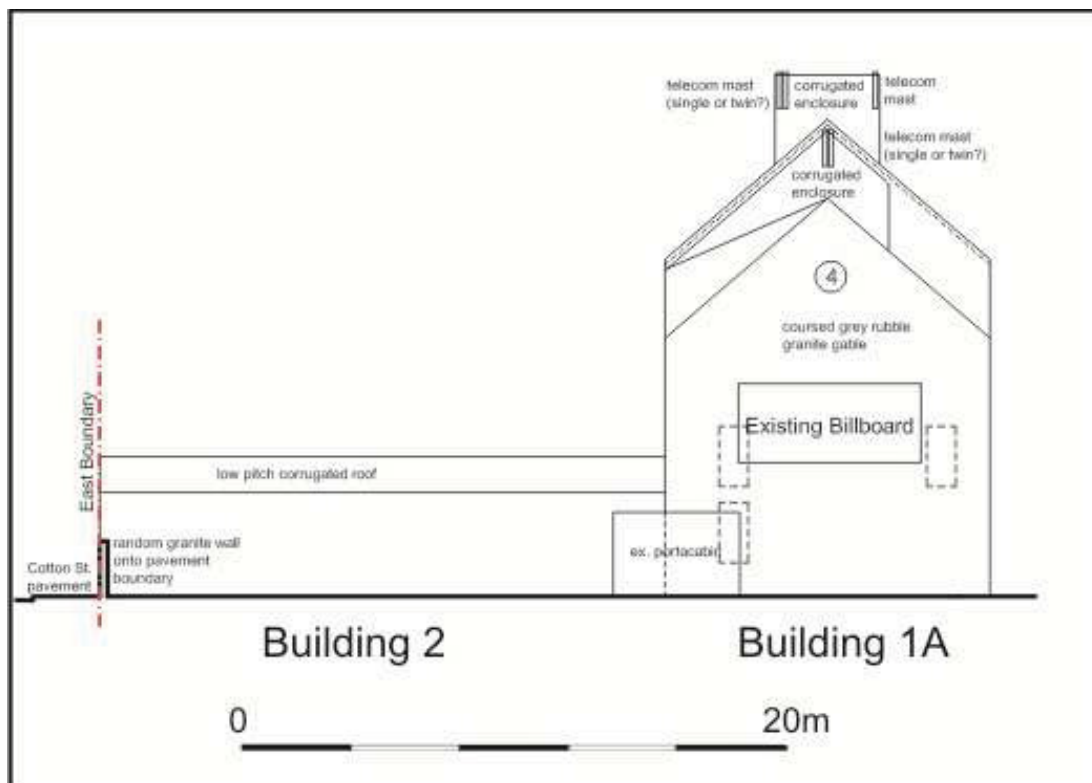
III 9 NW elevation (George Watt & Stewart)



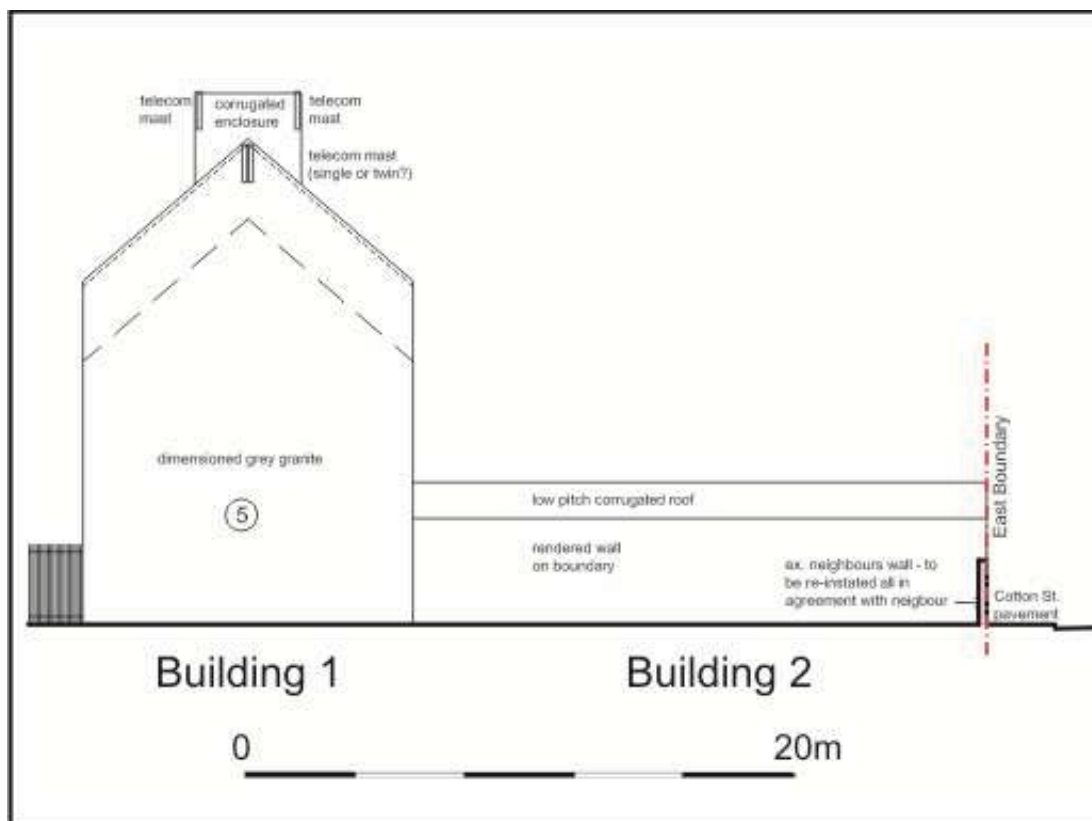
III 10 Building 1A NE gable



III 11 Building 1A NW elevation



III 12 NE elevation (George Watt & Stewart)



III 13 SW elevation (George Watt & Stewart)



III 14 SW elevation showing scar where kiln removed prior to 1970



III 15 SW elevation including scar where toilet block removed (left)

BUILDING 1A

Building 1A was added on to the north end of Building 1, probably in the late 19th century. It has five bays, is three storeys high and is 19 x 12m in size. It is constructed of coursed granite rubble with cherry cocking. It has its own internal stair and is joined to Building 1 by means of a door adjacent to the lift.



III 16 SW elevation including scar where toilet block removed



III 17 First floor window SE façade



III 18 First floor Building 1



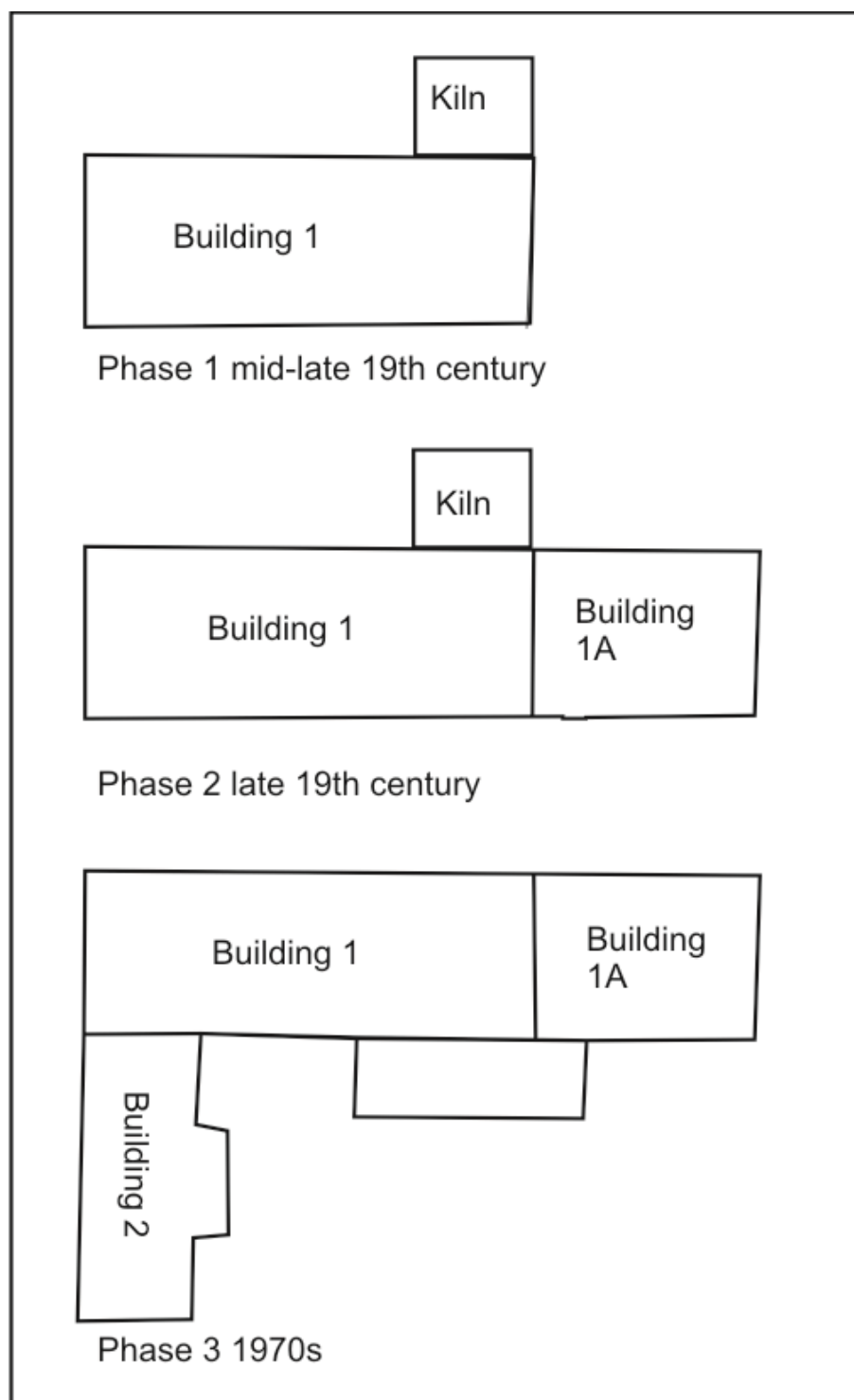
III 19 Building 2



III 20 Building 1A stairwell

BUILDING 2

Building 2 is 21m x 8.5m in size and was added on to the main complex in the 1970s when Shore Porters obtained the buildings. It is concrete with a concrete asbestos roof. Part of the stone boundary wall has been built into the south end of this building.



III 21 Phase plan of buildings recorded

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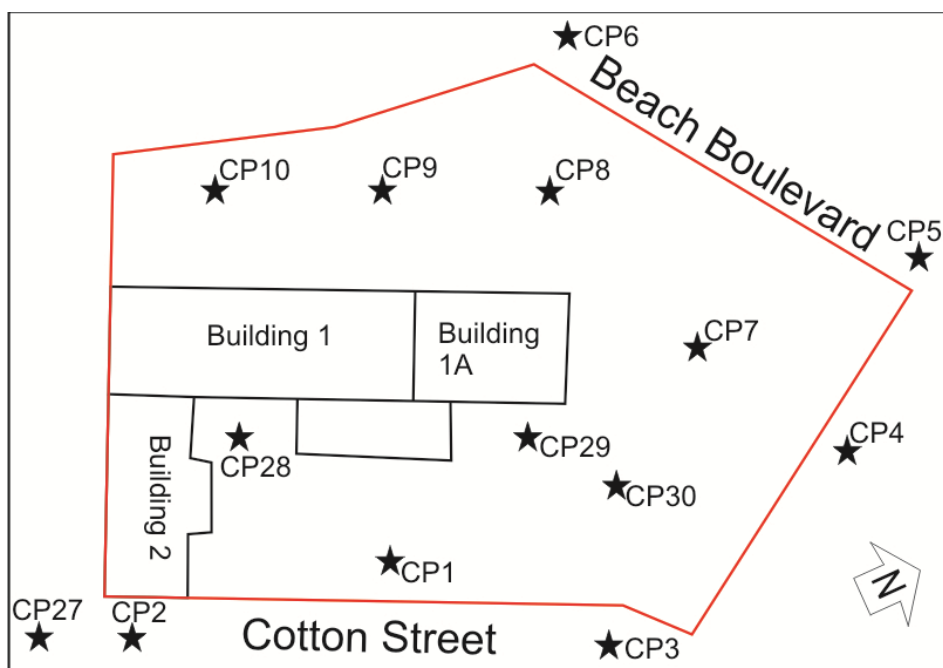
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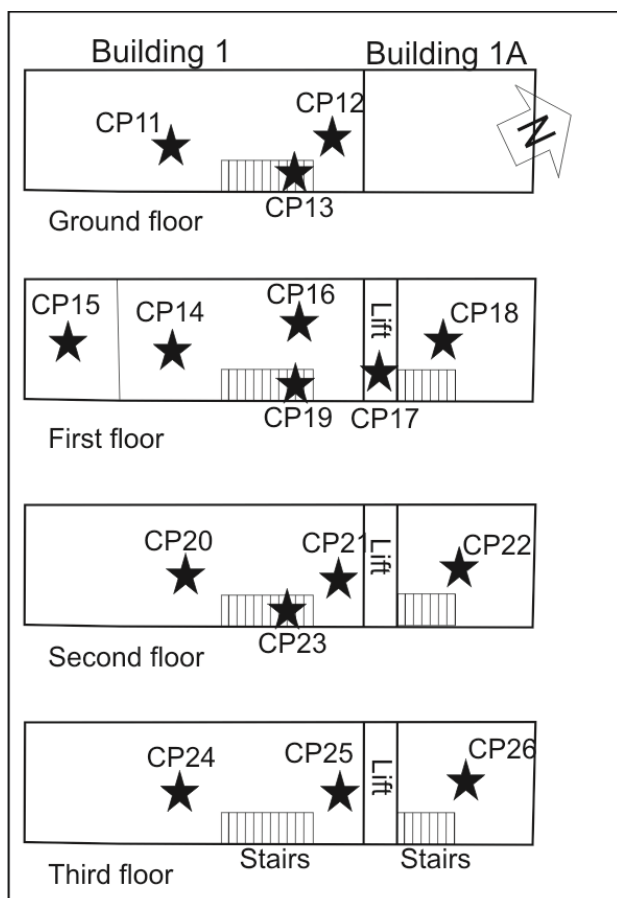
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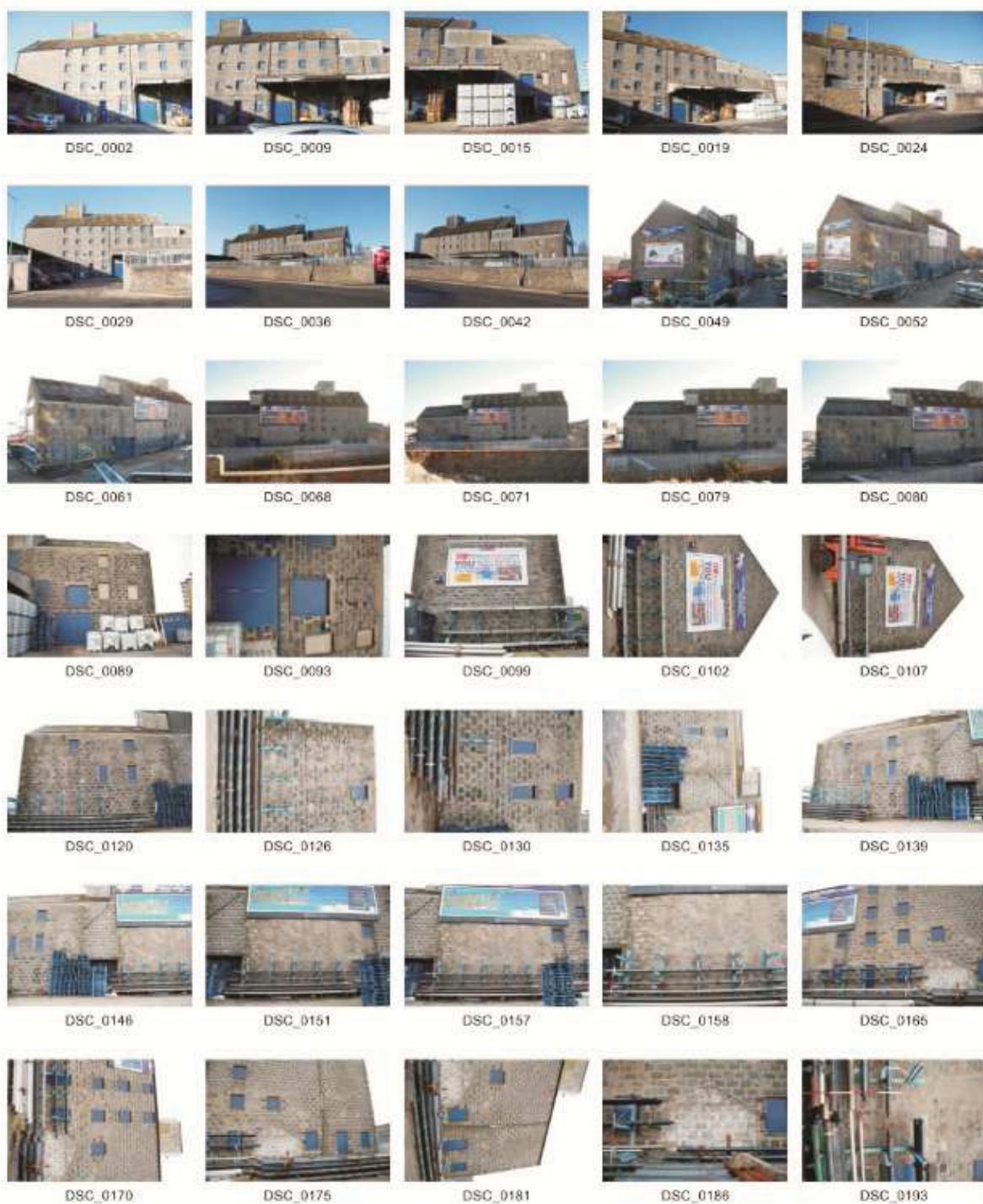
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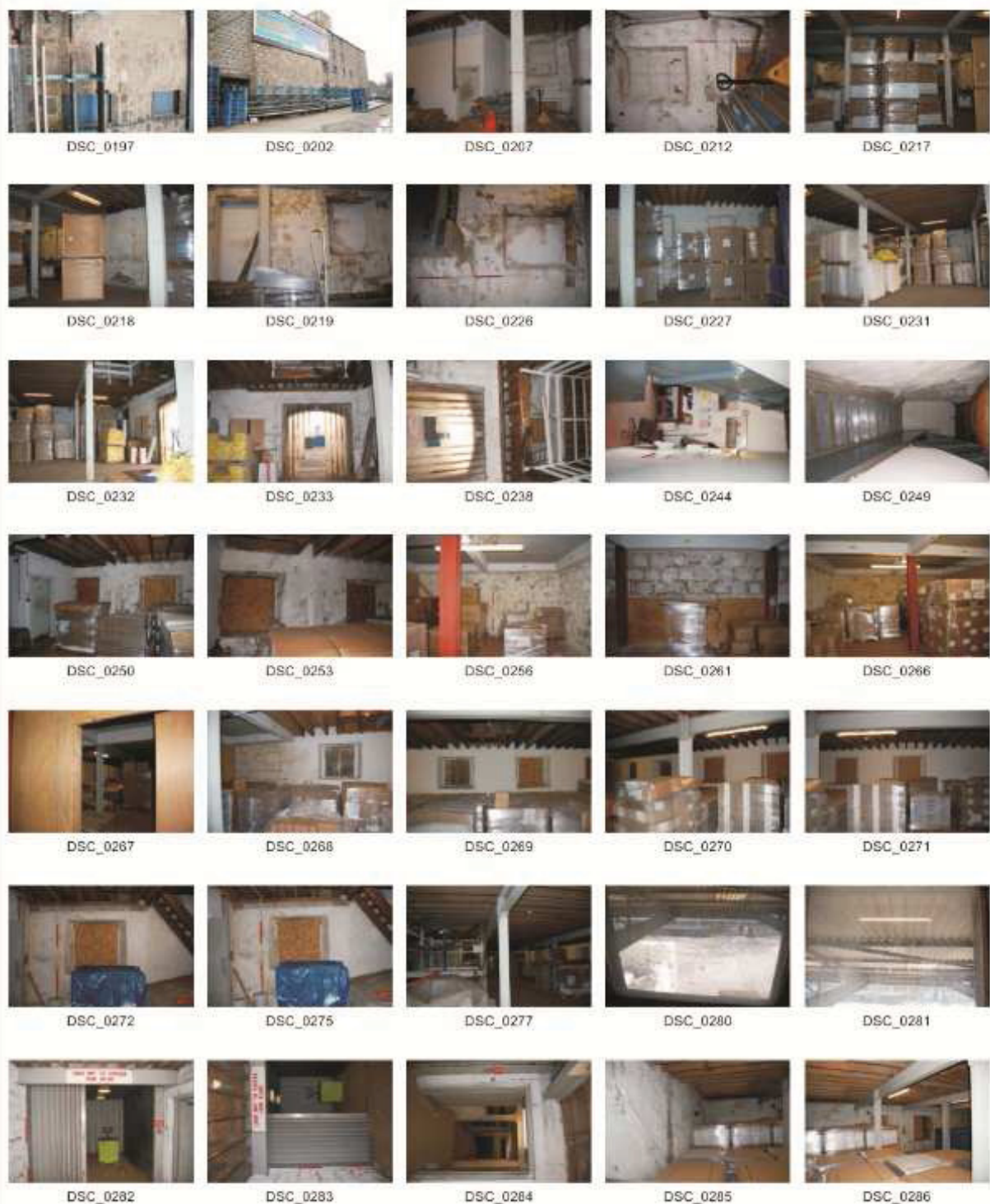


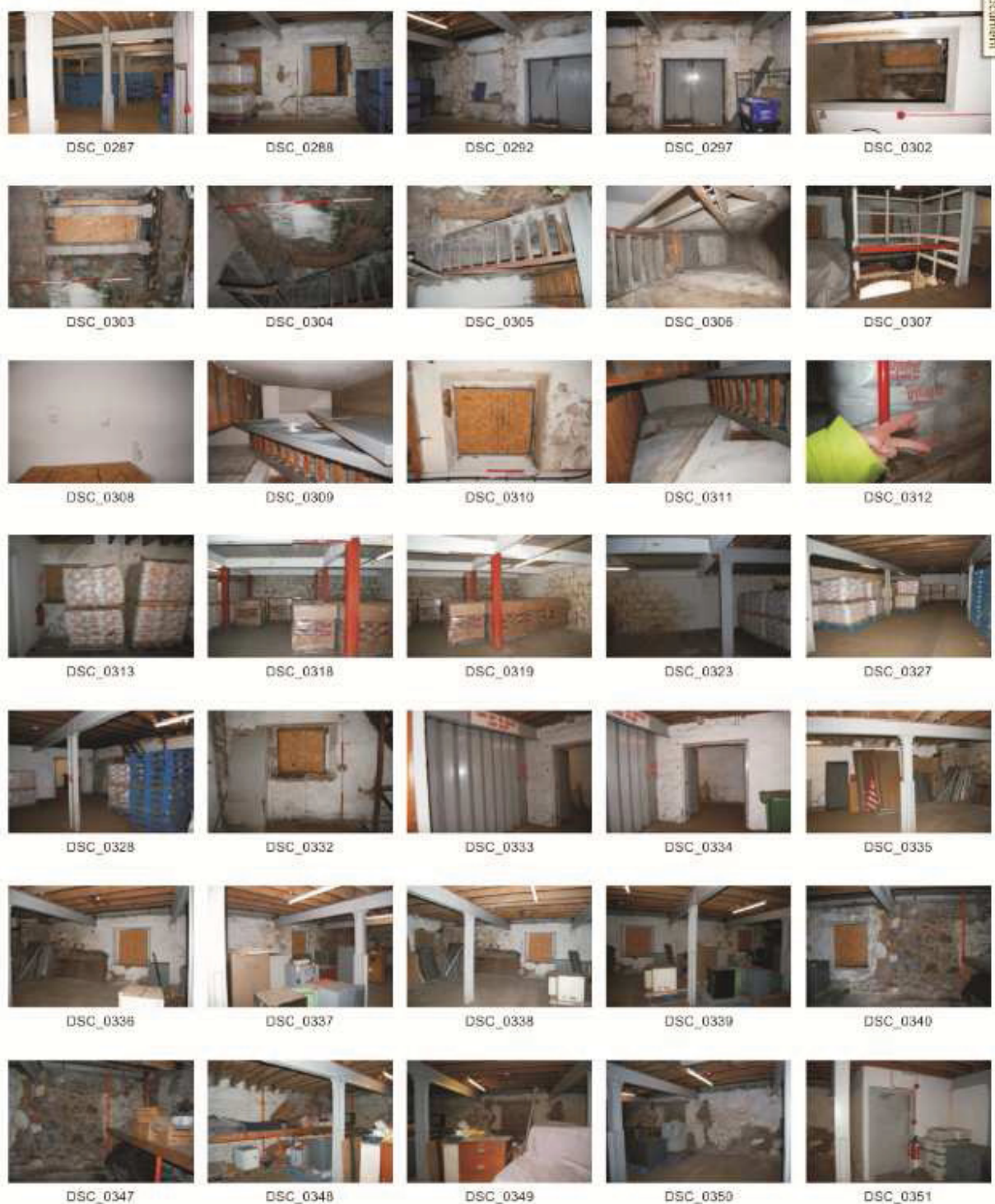
III 22 Camera points used in Building Survey



III 23 Camera points used in Building Survey (Buildings 1 and 1A)







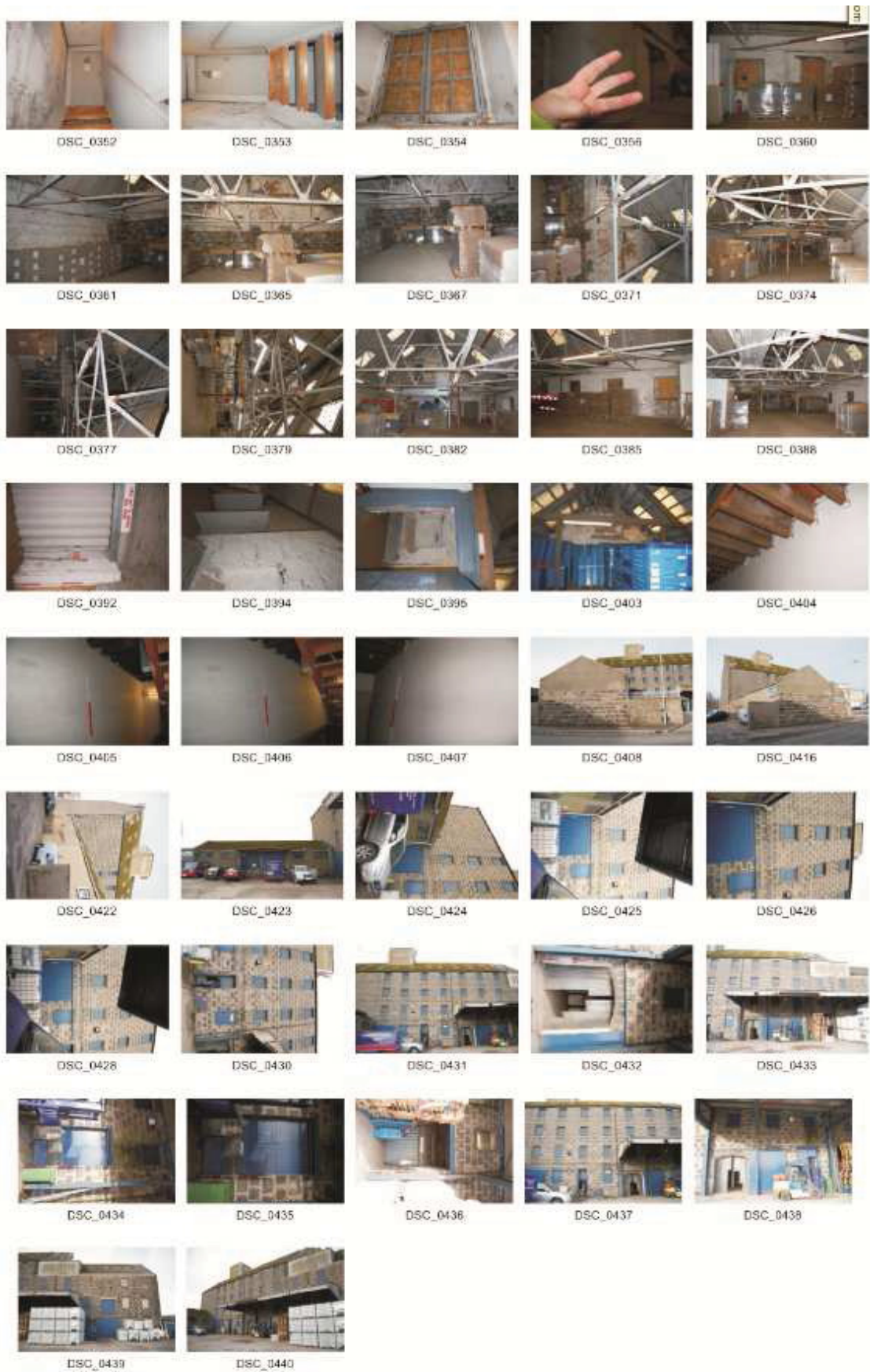


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DSC_0019	Building 1 SE façade	NW	CP1
DSC_0024	Building 1 SE façade	NNW	CP2
DSC_0029	Building 1 SE façade	NW	CP2
DSC_0036	Building 1 SE façade	NW	CP3
DSC_0042	Building 1 SE façade	NW	CP3
DSC_0049	Building 1 NE gable end	SW	CP4
DSC_0052	Building 1 NE gable end	SSW	CP5
DSC_0061	Building 1 NW façade	SSW	CP5
DSC_0068	Building 1 NW façade	SSW	CP5
DSC_0071	Building 1 NW façade	S	CP6
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