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*The cover photograph shows a view of the site looking north-west*

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## Summary

<b>Site name and address:</b>	Edmonton Sports and Social Club, Church Street, Edmonton, London N9		
<b>County:</b>	Greater London	<b>District:</b>	Enfield Borough
<b>Village/town:</b>	Edmonton	<b>Parish:</b>	Edmonton
<b>Planning reference:</b>	TP/04/0253	<b>NGR:</b>	TQ 33300 94040
<b>Client name and address:</b>	Aran Construction (London) Ltd, The Oaks, 76 Blagdens Lane, Southgate		
<b>Nature of work:</b>	New Changing Rooms	<b>Former land use:</b>	Recreation ground
<b>Site status:</b>	N/a	<b>Reason for investigation:</b>	Direction of local planning authority (PPG 16)
<b>Position in planning process:</b>	Condition	<b>Project brief originator:</b>	Local authority
<b>Size of affected area:</b>	c. 750m <sup>2</sup>	<b>Size of area investigated:</b>	c. 750m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Site Code:</b>	ENP06	<b>Other reference:</b>	HN537
<b>Organisation:</b>	Heritage Network	<b>Site Director:</b>	David Hillelson
<b>Project type, methods etc.:</b>	Archaeological monitoring	<b>Archive recipient:</b>	Museum of London
<b>Start of work</b>	24/06/2005	<b>Finish of work</b>	21/02/2006
<b>Related SMR Nos:</b>	n/a	<b>Periods represented:</b>	Modern
<b>Oasis UID</b>	heritage1-12880	<b>Significant finds:</b>	No significant finds
<b>Monument types:</b>	None		
<b>Physical archive:</b>	None		
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b>	n/a		

### Synopsis:

In response to a condition on the planning permission associated with building works at the Edmonton Sports and Social Club, Church Street, Edmonton, the Heritage Network was commissioned by Aran Construction (London) Ltd to undertake the archaeological monitoring of the groundworks.

The fieldwork revealed no significant archaeological features or deposits, and no artefacts predating the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

# 1. Introduction

**1.1** This report has been prepared on behalf of *Aran Construction (London) Ltd*, as part of a programme of archaeological work associated with development at Edmonton Sports and Social Club, Church Street, Edmonton, London N9. The planning permission for the development (ref. TP/04/0253), granted by the London Borough of Enfield (LBE), has been subject to a standard archaeological condition, in accordance with the provisions of the Department of the Environment's *Planning Policy Guidance Note 16* (PPG16). The scope of the required work follows an advisory letter issued by the *Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service Office* (GLAAS), a department of English Heritage acting as advisers to LBE. A full specification for the work undertaken is contained in the Heritage Network's approved *Project Design*, dated June 2005.

**1.2** The study area is focused on a proposed new changing room block located to the ESE of the existing clubhouse and squash courts, centred on NGR TQ 33300 94040 (see Figure 1).

**1.3** The site lies in an area which is considered by GLAAS to be of low to moderate archaeological potential. To the north, between the study area and Salmon's Brook, an archaeological priority area defines an area of Roman settlement activity on the LBE *Unitary Development Plan*. Roman occupation has also been identified on the north side of Salmon's Brook, and low level of general prehistoric activity is recorded in the vicinity on the Greater London *Historic Environment Record* (HER).

**1.4** On the basis of the known archaeology in the area it was considered that the site may have offered the potential to contribute to our understanding of:

- the origins and development of settlement in Edmonton;
- the influences on settlement growth and development in Edmonton during the Roman period;
- the transition to the Post-Roman period and factors affecting the decline of settlement.

**1.5** The aim of the present project has been to identify and record any archaeological features and deposits which were uncovered; and to retrieve artefactual and ecofactual elements which would allow the date, character, and significance of the site to be assessed in accordance with current regional research agenda (Brown and Glazebrook, 2000), and subject to the limitations of reasonable safety and practicality.

**1.6** The present report is intended to document the projects findings, and, together with the deposition of the archive for the project with the Museum of London Archaeological Archive, to complete the requirements of the planning condition.

## 2. Fieldwork

### TOPOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY

**2.1** The site lies on open land within the recreation ground associated with the sports club, on level ground at approximately 20mOD.

**2.2** The underlying drift geology of the area consists of very firm, yellowish brown (10YR 5/6), sandy clay.

### METHODOLOGY

**2.3** The timetable for the fieldwork followed the client's groundwork schedule. A number of site visits were made to supervise the ground reduction within the footprint of the new changing rooms, the excavation of footings trenches, and the excavation of soakaways and services.

**2.4** All open area ground reduction was carried out using a 360<sup>0</sup> mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless ditching bucket, and under direct archaeological supervision.

**2.5** Spoil from the various stages of the groundworks was inspected for archaeological artefacts.

**2.6** All fieldwork was carried out in accordance with the approved *Project Design*, current health and safety legislation, and the appropriate IFA and ALGAO guidance documents.

### MONITORING AND RECORDING

#### *Ground reduction*

**2.7** The ground level within the footprint of the new building was reduced by between 0.15m and 0.20m. This depth was adequate to remove the firm, dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2), sandy silt topsoil from across the majority of the site

**2.8** A modern service trench was observed running along the southern site boundary, the trench contained power cables for the floodlights which run along this boundary.

**2.9** No further archaeological features or deposits, or artefacts predating the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, were observed during the ground reduction.

#### *Footings trenches*

**2.10** The footings trenches were excavated to a width of 0.60m. The internal trenches measured 1.2m in depth, whilst the external were excavated to 1.8m.

**2.11** At the request of the building inspector the external footings in the south-west corner of the new building were excavated to a greater depth of 3.50m. Natural gravel ballast was observed at this depth below the natural drift geology of very firm, yellowish brown (10YR 5/6), sandy clay.

**2.12** No archaeological features or deposits were revealed, and no artefacts were recovered from the footings trenches.

***Soakaways and services***

**2.13** Two soakaways were excavated, both measured 2m square and were excavated to a depth of 3.0m. The stratigraphy observed within the soakaway was identical with that observed in the footing trenches.

**2.14** A single drainage trench was monitored, it ran along the north-east front of the building on a north-west – south-east alignment. The trench was excavated to a maximum depth of approximately 0.60m.

**2.15** The remaining service trenches were excavated either through ground previously observed in the topsoil strip, or through overburden which was not breached.

**2.16** No archaeological features or deposits were revealed, and no artefacts were recovered.

***Concordance of finds***

**2.17** During the fieldwork unstratified artefacts including pottery and ceramic building material of 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> century date, and animal bone were observed. Due to their unstratified nature and modern date these artefacts were not deemed significant and were not collected. No artefacts predating these were observed.

### 3. Discussion and Conclusion

**3.1** The monitoring and recording of the groundworks associated with the development has not revealed any significant archaeological remains.

**3.2** The artefacts observed within the topsoil give no indication of any activity on, or in the immediate vicinity of, the site which predates the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

#### *Conclusion*

**3.3** Despite the site's archaeological potential, the fieldwork revealed no significant archaeological features, deposits, or artefacts. This reflects either a genuine lack of human activity on the site, or that any such activity was ephemeral leaving little or no archaeological trace.

#### *Confidence Rating*

**3.4** During the course of the fieldwork, the conditions were generally acceptable for the identification of potential features and deposits, and for their investigation.

**3.5** There are no circumstances which would lead to a confidence rating for the work which was less than High



## 4. Schedule of Site Visits

Date	Staff	Hours	Comments
24/06/2005	GIS	10	Monitor ground reduction
27/06/2005	GIS	10	Monitor ground reduction
05/07/2005	GIS	3	Inspect footings
05/07/2005	GIS	4	Inspect footings
07/07/2005	GIS	4	Inspect footings
22/07/2005	GIS	5	Monitor soakaways
21/02/2006	DGK	5	Monitor drainage trench

## 5. Bibliography

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## 6. Illustrations

Figure 1..... Site location  
Figure 2.....Site layout

## Appendix

### GLSMR/RCHME NMR ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT FORM

- 1) **TYPE OF RECORDING:** Watching brief
- 2) **LOCATION:**  
 Borough: London Borough of Enfield  
 Site Address: Edmonton Sports and Social Club, Church Street, Edmonton, London  
 N9  
 Site Name: Edmonton sports and Social Club  
 Site Code: ENP06  
 NGR: TQ 33300 94040
- 3) **ORGANISATION:**  
 Company: The Heritage Network Ltd  
 Address: 11 Furmston Court, Icknield Way, Letchworth, SG6 1UJ  
 Site Director / supervisor: Geoff Saunders  
 Project Manager: David Hillelson  
 Funded by: Aran Construction (London) Ltd
- 4) **DURATION:**  
 Date fieldwork started: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2005  
 Date fieldwork finished: 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2006  
 Fieldwork previously notified? No  
 Fieldwork will continue? No
- 5) **PERIODS REPRESENTED:** Modern
- 6) **PERIOD SUMMARIES:**  
 Modern: The watching brief maintained on the developer's groundworks revealed no significant archaeological features or deposits. No artefacts pre-dating the late 19<sup>th</sup> century were observed.
- 7) **NATURAL:**  
 Type: Very firm, yellowish brown (10YR 5/6), sandy clay  
 Height: c.20mOD
- 8) **LOCATION OF ARCHIVES:**  
 a) Estimate of the quantity of material in the following categories:  
 Notes: 7 pages  
 Plans: 4 sketch plans  
 Sections: None  
 Negatives: 16  
 Transparencies: 4  
 Correspondence: None  
 Manuscripts: Project Design, Watching Brief Report  
 Bulk finds: None  
 Small finds: None  
 Soil samples: None  
 Other: None  
 b) The archive is to be prepared and stored in accordance with MGC standards. It is currently held by the Heritage Network at its offices at 11 Furmston Court, Letchworth, SG6 1UJ, prior to being deposited at the Museum of London Archaeological Archive.  
 c) No security copy has been made as at 31/05/2006.

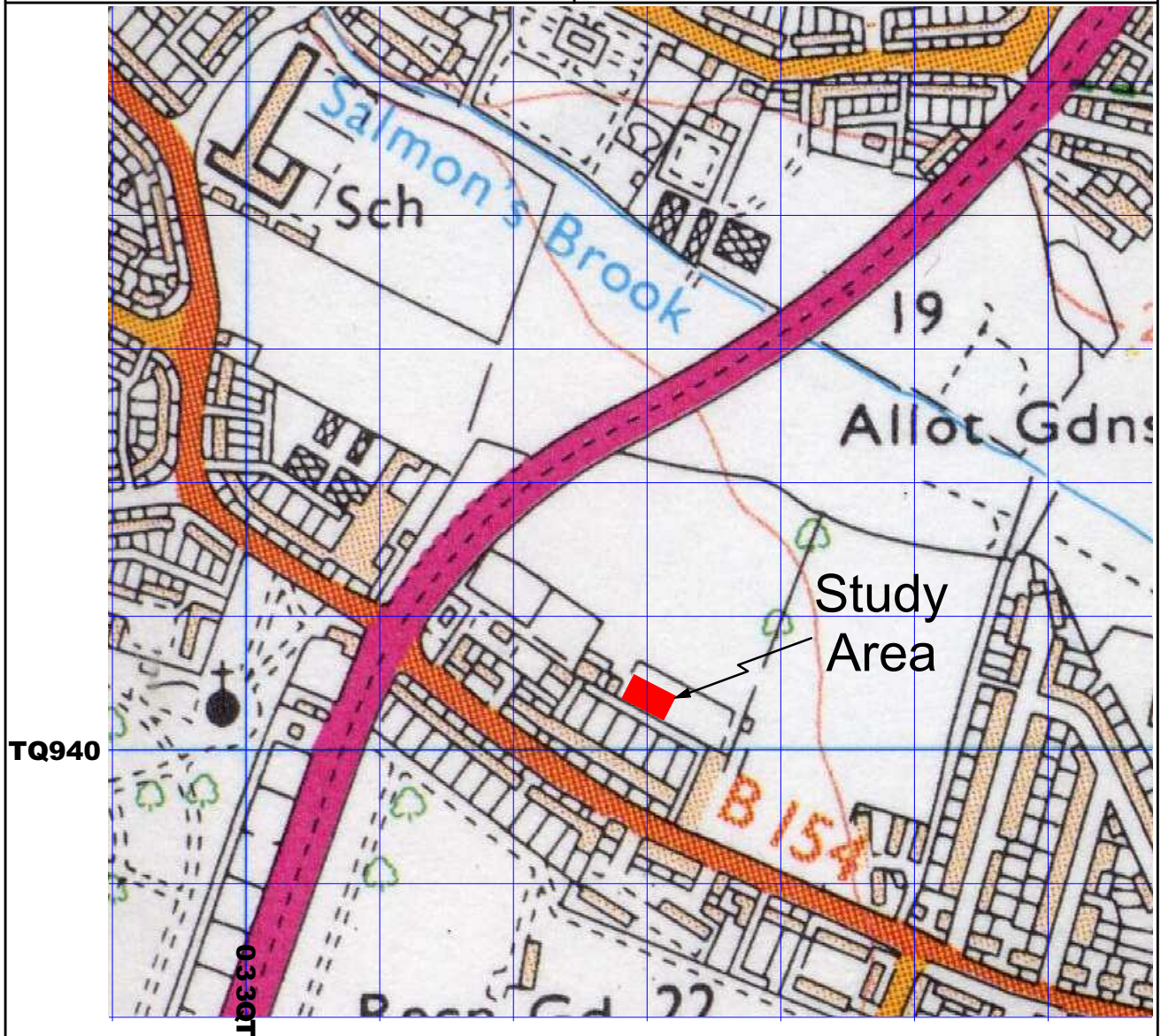
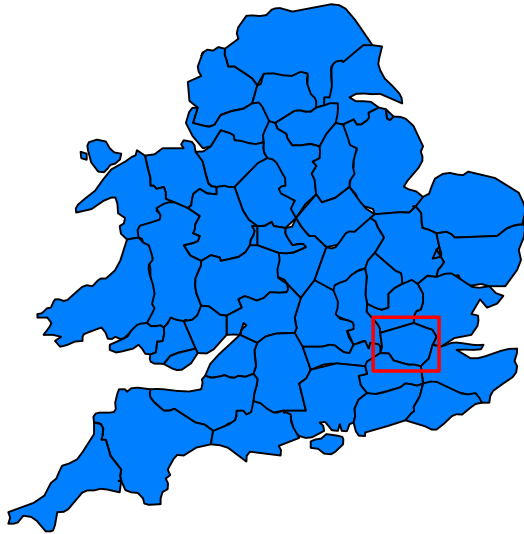
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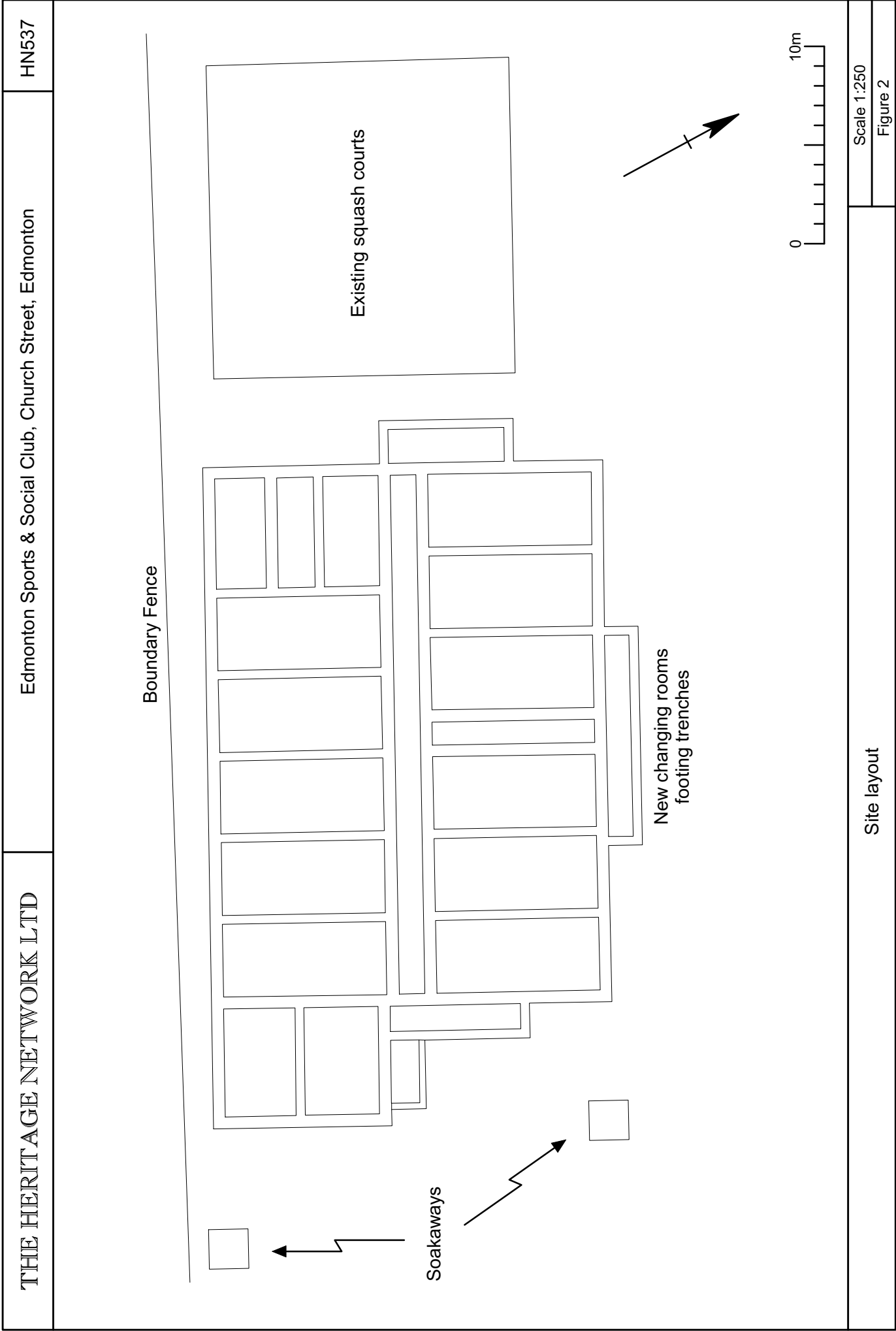


Site Location

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Figure 1



Site layout

Scale 1:250

Figure 2