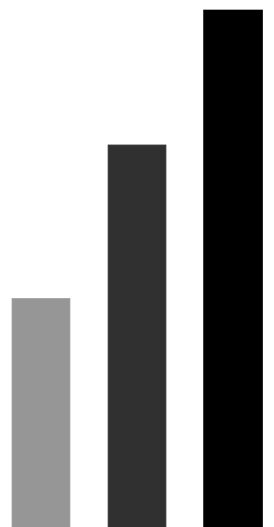


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Inverclyde Council

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A meeting of the Inverclyde Council will be held on Thursday 16 February 2017 at 4pm within the Municipal Buildings, Greenock.

GERARD MALONE
Head of Legal and Property Services

BUSINESS

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<p>1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p>	
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<p>3. Inverclyde Council Budget 2017-18 Report by Chief Financial Officer</p>	<p>p</p>
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<p>5. Local Review Body: Vice-Chair – Request by Councillor Wilson Report by Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources</p>	<p>p</p>

6.	Disasters Emergency Committee in Scotland: Yemen Crisis Appeal – Request by Councillor McCabe Report by Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	p
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8.	Local Government Elections 2017: Review of Polling Scheme Report by Head of Legal & Property Services	p
REMITS FROM COMMITTEES		
9.	Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2016 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee Report by Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	p
TRUST BUSINESS		
10.	Watt Complex Closure – Alternative Service Provision – Remit from Education & Communities Committee Report by Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	p
The documentation relative to the following item has been treated as exempt information in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, the nature of the exempt information being that set out in the paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the minute of the relevant Committee, Sub-Committee or Board.		
NEW BUSINESS		
11.	Business in the Appendix	

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Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	16th February 2017
Report By:	Chief Financial Officer	Report No:	FIN/10/17/AP/CM
Contact Officer:	Alan Puckrin	Contact No:	01475 712223
Subject:	Inverclyde Council Budget – 2017/18		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the necessary information to allow the Council to approve a balanced 2017/18 Revenue Budget, a 2017/20 Capital Programme, approve the 2017/18 Common Good Budget and approve the Band D Council Tax for the Financial Year 2017/18.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Policy & Resources Committee has received various reports on the Budget Strategy and the Budget Settlement throughout the last 12 months. In addition, the Council received updates on the Financial Strategy in June and December, 2016. All the reports have indicated the significant financial challenges the Council faces in the short and medium term.
- 2.2 The draft Local Government Funding Settlement for 2017/18 was announced in December, 2016 with extra funding for the Council announced on 2nd February 2017. The total sum announced is lower than had been reflected in the Financial Strategy. In addition the settlement had various conditions attached. The Council need to confirm at today's meeting whether it intends to reject these conditions as part of the Budget setting process. The conditions are included in the letter from the Cabinet Secretary in Appendix 2.
- 2.3 The draft Settlement also included £120 million extra funding for Schools and Inverclyde schools are due to receive £2.464million from this sum in 2017/18. Details on the use and administration of this funding are still being developed but it has been confirmed that the funding cannot substitute existing Council expenditure.
- 2.4 The overall Scottish Budget included £107million given to Health for Integrated Joint Boards. The Government has advised that in light of this funding, Inverclyde Council can reduce the contribution to the IJB to a minimum of 2016/17 IJB payment less £1.410million. Recommendations in this regard are included in the report. This will require approval by the IJB in March.
- 2.5 The latest position of the Revenue Budget shown in Appendix 3 is that there is a projected Budget deficit of £1.140 million in 2017/18 which increases to £10.560 million for the period 2017/19. This is before any potential increase in Council Tax.
- 2.6 The approved Budget Strategy for the February 2017 Budget meeting is to use Reserves to balance the 2017/18 budget and to meet approximately 33% of the 2017/19 Budget funding gap. This is in lieu of recurring savings, options which are being developed by officers for consideration by the new Council later in 2017. The advice of the Chief Financial Officer on this approach is contained in Section 13 of the report.
- 2.7 On the basis of the figures in Appendix 3 then there is a projected £5.5 million from Free Reserves for the Council to utilise. The recommendations from the Members' Budget Working Group are attached in Appendix 5.

- 2.8 The Council's Common Good Budget has been reviewed to put it on a more sustainable footing and it is proposed to move £21,600 of expenditure back into the General Fund Budget from 2017/18. In this way the Common Good Fund will be able to begin to build up reserves to a more appropriate level.
- 2.9 The draft 2017/20 Capital Programme is attached at Appendix 7 and reflects proposals from the Environment & Regeneration Committee for 3 areas of increased investment, (Roads Assets, Cemetery provision and Open Spaces) plus a proposal from the Members Budget Working Group to set aside match funding for an Indoor Sports Facility for tennis and other sports. The 3 year programme proposed is realistic within the estimated resources available.
- 2.10 Without doubt the Council is facing unprecedented financial challenges and based on the latest information from external commentators and using available internal projections, then the new Council will require to consider significant service reductions in many areas in addition to introducing new and increased charges to the public. A potential scenario for "unprotected" parts of the Council's services is shown in Appendix 8.
- 2.11 It had been agreed that a high level budget consultation take place between November and January via a survey monkey. The purpose of the consultation being to inform the consideration of future years budgets. A summary report on the findings is attached as Appendix 9.
- 2.12 The Council requires to approve the level of Band D Council Tax for 2017/18. The current Band D Council Tax is £1198. Following the end of the 9 year Council Tax Freeze, the Government is allowing Councils to increase Council tax by up to 3% in 2017/18. A 3% increase would raise approximately £862,000 in 2017/18 and would apply to all Bands and be in addition to the "Multiplier" change increases for Bands E-H.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Council consider the recommendations from the Members' Budget Working Group that:
1. The Council does not reject the conditions as set out in the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution dated 15th December, 2016.
 2. The Council approves that the payment from the Council to the IJB in 2017/18 be £47.380 million after taking into account the extra funding allocated to the IJB via the Health Budget.
 3. The Council approves the £59,000 reduction in the Inverclyde Leisure Management Fee due to IL withdrawing from the SLA with the Council's HR service.
 4. The Council approves the 2017/19 Budget adjustments and allowances in Appendix 3 and agree that the resulting deficit in 2017/18 will be funded from reserves in line with the approved Budget Strategy.
 5. The Council approves the use of Free Reserves as detailed in Appendix 5 and notes the advice from the Chief Financial Officer in Section 13 regarding the use of Reserves to fund the Revenue Budget deficit.
 6. The Council approves the 2017/18 Common Good Budget as set out in Appendix 6.
 7. The Council approves the 2017/20 Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 7.
 8. The Council notes the potential significant reductions in Council services over the medium term.

9. The Council supports the retention of current rates paid to apprentices per paragraph 13.3
10. The Council considers the feedback from the Budget Consultation outlined in Appendix 9 and notes that this information will be used to inform the development of future budget savings.
11. The Council agrees that the level of Band D Council Tax remain at £1198 for 2017/18 and approves the necessary Resolution.

Alan Puckrin
Chief Financial Officer

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Policy & Resources Committee on 29th September approved the Budget Strategy for the February 2017 Council meeting on the basis of no reductions to service delivery over and above the savings already agreed and that any remaining funding gap in 2017/18 would be met from Reserves. In addition it was agreed in recognition of the difficulty the new Council would face in delivering full year savings in 2018/19, that Reserves would be set aside to fund approximately 33% of the estimated 2017/19 funding gap.
- 4.2 It had been announced earlier by the Scottish Government that they would only be announcing a 1 year settlement covering 2017/18 in December, 2016.
- 4.3 Officers have been progressing the development of savings proposals for consideration by the new Council. These proposals are intended to provide options totalling approximately £20million and are based around Service Reduction, Service Withdrawal and Income Generation.
- 4.4 The Members' Budget Working Group has continued to meet during the development of the proposals to be considered at today's Council Meeting. The recommendations in the report reflect the consensus of the Group.

5.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT

- 5.1 The draft Local Government Settlement was announced on the 15th December and resulted in a lower than anticipated revenue grant settlement. There has been much debate over the level of the settlement due to the ring fencing of extra money for schools, allocation of money to Health for IJBs and the assumptions around Council Tax increases.
- 5.2 As part of obtaining support for the budget through Parliament, the Scottish Government announced £160 million extra funding for Councils on 2nd February 2017. Inverclyde Council's share of this funding is £1.983 million (Revenue) and £0.378 million (Capital).
- 5.3 Appendix 1 shows in summary form the impact on the Council of these factors and it can be seen that the Council is getting approximately £3.7 million less funding in 2017/18 for the services it currently delivers. This is prior to taking into account increased costs arising from Pay Awards, Apprenticeship Levy, Auto-enrolment and general cost and demand pressures.
- 5.4 As in prior years, the Funding Offer has conditions attached and the letter dated 15th December from the Cabinet Secretary, Finance and the Constitution sets these out (Appendix 2). The conditions are:
 1. Maintain the overall pupil teacher ratios at 2016/17 levels.
 2. Secure a place for all probationers who require one under the teacher induction scheme.
 3. Increase Council Tax by a maximum of 3%

Whilst a timescale of 20th January was given for the Council to not accept this offer, the Council Leader advised the Cabinet Secretary that the Council would not be considering this matter until 16th February. The Council therefore requires to agree if it does not want to accept the offer as one of the decisions at today's meeting.

- 5.5 In the event the Council does not accept the offer then it needs to be aware that the Cabinet Secretary has advised that " a revised, inevitably less favourable offer will be made". The timing of this offer is uncertain but would require a special meeting of the Council to consider the implications.
- 5.6 The draft Local Government Settlement also included £120 million extra funding for Schools and Inverclyde schools are due to received £2.464million from this sum in 2017/18. Details on the use and administration of this funding are still being developed but it has been confirmed that the funding cannot substitute this for existing Council expenditure and therefore cannot assist in closing the

budget funding gap.

6.0 CURRENT POSITION OF THE 2017/19 REVENUE BUDGET

- 6.1 The proposed 2017/19 Revenue Budget is shown in Appendix 3. From this it can be seen that the 2017/18 funding gap is £1.140million whilst the 2017/19 funding gap is £10.560million.
- 6.2 Both the funding gaps are prior to any increase in the Band D Council Tax. A 3% increase would generate approximately £862,000 for each year it was applied.
- 6.3 The funding gaps reflect the latest projected Council Tax base including the on-going reduction in Council Tax Reduction costs. It also reflects two budget pressures and a reduction to various budgets which are projecting underspends in 2016/17, most of which are continuing on from underspends in 2015/16. The Corporate Management Team have agreed that these can be reduced with no impact on Service delivery. In one case; ASN travel, this requires the creation of a “smoothing” earmarked reserve” in line with the approach taken for Winter Maintenance and Residential Schools, both of which have operated successfully for a number of years.
- 6.4 One adjustment which requires specific approval relates to Inverclyde Leisure who have asked for a £59,000 reduction in their Management Fee on the basis that they will no longer receive (or pay for) services from HR. The financial net effect of these 2 adjustments is neutral.
- 6.5 The largest single adjustment relates to the reduction in the payment to the IJB and this is explained in more detail below.

7.0 CONTRIBUTION TO THE IJB

- 7.1 The Scottish Government allocated a further £107million to Health for IJBs in 2017/18 to add to the £250million allocated in this manner in 2016/17.
- 7.2 The proposed use of this sum is as detailed below:

£50m	- Full year effect of 2016/17 Living Wage agreement to pay £8.25/hr from 1/10/16
£20m	- £20m - Increase from £8.25 - £8.45 from 1/4/17
£10m	- Extra funding for sleepovers (initial allowance)
£20m	- Sustainability (recognition that not all partners contributed 25% to the 2016 Living Wage Uplift and that this was met by Councils)
£5m	- Cost of implementing charging disregards for Veterans War Pensions
£2m	- Initial costs in preparing for the Carers Legislation in 2018/19

£107m

- 7.3 The Government has advised that Councils can reduce their contribution to the IJBs in 2017/18 to no less than their 2016/17 contribution less their share of £80million. For Inverclyde the share equates to £1.41million.
- 7.4 In light of the extremely challenging financial position faced by the Council it is proposed that the Council reduce the payment to the IJB in 2017/18 as detailed in Appendix 4. The Chief Officer of the IJB has confirmed that this level of payment will still allow the current level of Social Care Services to be delivered by the IJB in 2017/18 and leave a small contingency for pressures and developments.
- 7.5 The Council is however asked to note that the Council’s contribution will require approval by the IJB at its meeting on 14th March 2017.

8.0 GENERAL FUND RESERVES

- 8.1 As indicated above, the approved Budget Strategy is that any funding gap in 2017/18 plus

approximately 33% of the estimated funding gap over 2017/19 should be funded by Reserves on a one off basis. Based on the figures in Appendix 3 this will require £4.63million to be set aside for this purpose.

8.2 Officers had separately identified ways to potentially free up reserves and on the basis the Council approve all the proposals in this report, then there is approximately £5.5 million available for allocation. The Members' Budget Working Group has considered proposals and its recommendations are shown in Appendix 5.

8.3 The Chief Financial Officer previously advised the Policy & Resources Committee regarding the factors which need to be considered when allocating significant sums from reserves to balance the Revenue Budget. That advice is repeated in the Financial Implications section of the report.

9.0 2017/18 COMMON GOOD BUDGET

9.1 The Council was required to review the sustainability of the Common Good Budget due to the on-going pressures on its income and the low level of balances. Officers have carried out a review and propose that the funding of the Christmas Lunch/Vouchers for the elderly be transferred to the HSCP from 2017/18. An equivalent amount of funding has been allocated to the IJB to compensate.

9.2 This action should ensure that the Common Good Fund begins to generate annual surpluses and build up its balances to a more appropriate level.

9.3 Appendix 6 contains the detail of the proposed 2017/18 Common Good Budget.

10.0 2017/20 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

10.1 The Council's current Capital Programme runs to 2017/18. The Policy & Resources Committee agreed that officers develop a draft 2017/20 Capital Programme for consideration as part of the February 2017 Budget.

10.2 Appendix 7 shows the draft 2017/20 Capital Programme. The programme reflects to 2017/18 announced level of capital grant plus an estimate of capital grants for 2018/20 including the return of £1.4million borrowed by the Government from the Council in 2016/17. In addition the programme includes 3 new proposals around continued investment in Roads Assets, expansion of the Cemetery provision and investment in Open Spaces. All of these have been the subject of reports to the Environment & Regeneration Committee in recent months.

10.3 Additionally the Members Budget Working Group propose the inclusion of £350,000 to match fund the creation of an Indoor Sports Facility for tennis and other indoor sports. Officers will report on this in more detail to the appropriate Committee.

10.4 Members are asked to note that there is a 5% over provision of projects against estimated (non-SEMP) resources to allow for either increased resources or cost reductions. In the event neither of these occur then funding from 2020/21 will be required to complete the Programme. Officers will regularly report to Committee on progress.

11.0 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL POSITION

11.1 The current Council Budget Strategy was that on the basis that the Council receives more than a one year settlement in December 2017 then it would intend to agree a 2018/20 Revenue Budget in February/March, 2018.

11.2 The Financial Strategy provides some scenarios for the funding gap over the 2017/20 period with the mid-range scenario estimating a funding gap of £22.5million over the period. The proposed budget closes this funding gap by approximately £2.2 million. Now the 2017/18 settlement is known this level of funding gap is still viewed as being realistic especially on the basis that it is estimated that the Scottish Block will reduce in real terms over the next 2 financial years.

11.3 Appendix 8 outlines the potential scenario based on the mid-range assumptions continuing to 2021/22 and assuming the continued protection of Education and Social Care budgets. From this it can be seen that the impact on unprotected budgets is severe and supports the requirement that the new Council will have to have a fundamental review of the services the Council delivers as part of the preparation of the 2018/20 Budget.

12.0 COUNCIL TAX

12.1 Members will be aware of the changes to Council Tax brought in by the Scottish Government from 2017/18 which see increases to the multipliers for Bands E-H and changes to the Council Tax Reduction scheme. The multiplier changes have already been communicated to impacted households.

12.2 In addition the Council has the flexibility to increase Council Tax by up to 3% from 2017/18 with the Government's stated aim being that this arrangement remains in place for the full term of this Parliament. A 3.0% increase in Council Tax is estimated to raise £862,000 net of Council Tax Reduction.

13.0 IMPLICATIONS

13.1 Finance

The Local Authority Accounting Panel (LAAP) Bulletin 99 on Reserves and Balances provides guidance to Chief Financial Officers in the area of using Reserves to fund recurrent expenditure as follows;

"It is not normally prudent for reserves to be deployed to finance recurrent expenditure. CIPFA has commented that Councils should be particularly wary about using one off reserves to deal with shortfalls in current funding. Where such action is taken, this should be made explicit, and an explanation given as to how such expenditure will be funded in the medium to long term. Advice should be given on the adequacy of reserves over the lifetime of the medium term financial plan, and should also take account of the expected need for reserves in the longer term"

This report, supported by the current Reserves Policy, meets the requirements of this guidance but it is important that members understand that the proposed use of reserves as outlined in this Budget Report is a short term, one off measure and is justifiable on the basis of the level of reserves currently held by the Council and that there will be a fundamental review of Council Services, Eligibility Criteria and Charging Policies over the next 12 months.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
Reserves	General Fund	2017/19	4630		Reserves to be used on a one off basis as part of the budget strategy and prior to any Council Tax increase.
			5500		Free Reserves available for use as part of the 2017/18

					Budget
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Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

13.2 Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

13.3 Human Resources

The Policy & Resources Committee at its meeting on 15 November 2016 agreed that consideration be given to reviewing hourly rates paid to apprentices within the Council as part of the 2017/18 budget. This matter has been reviewed by the Corporate Management Team and the Members' Budget Working Group and, based on the increased cost and the fact that our modern apprentice rates compare favourable to most other Councils in Scotland, it is recommended that there should not be any increase to apprentice rates at this time. In addition, it is likely that the forthcoming national pay award from April 2017 will be bottom loaded which will result in a higher percentage increase on apprentice rates.

13.4 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

Yes See attached appendix

No This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

13.5 Repopulation

The impact on the Council's repopulation agenda has been considered when developing the proposals in this budget and in particular the proposals for the use of Free Reserves.

14.0 CONSULTATIONS

14.1 The proposals in this report have been subject to consultation with the Members' Budget Working Group, Corporate Management Team and with the Trades Unions via the Joint Budget Group.

15.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

15.1 None

2017/18 Funding Settlement
Like for Like Comparison

	<u>£m</u>	<u>Notes</u>
General Revenue Grant	134.586	Per Circular
Non-Domestic Rates	20.804	Per Circular
Extra Funding 2/2/17	1.983	Per letter from Cabinet Secretary
	<u>157.373</u>	
 <u>Add=Estimated Funding to be Distributed</u>		
Discretionary Housing Payments	0.668	2016/17 Sum - Note 1
Council Tax Reduction-Held back	0.683	Based on 1.9% Share
	<u>158.724</u>	
 Equivalent Figure for 2016/17	 <u>163.553</u>	
Reduction in Government Grant	(4.829)	Excludes Ring Fenced Grants
 Add = Impact of Band E-H Changes	 <u>1.140</u>	Net of CTR
	(3.689)	Notes 2/3

Notes

- 1 Excludes Council share of funding previously met by DWP. In 2016/17 this amounted to £232,000. There is also new funding of £22.5 million for Temporary Accommodation transferred from DWP not yet allocated.
- 2 Excludes additional funding of £107 million allocated to IJB
- 3 In addition there is £2.464 million for Attainment allocated to schools. This cannot be used to substitute existing spend and therefore does not help offset other pressures.

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Appendix 2

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Copy to: The Leaders of all Scottish local authorities

15 December 2016

Dear David

Thank-you to you, Cllr Cook and the COSLA political leadership for participating in negotiations over recent weeks on the shape of the Local Government settlement for 2017-18. I have sought to engage with you and your team on the basis of openness and mutual respect and with the intention of building relationships around shared ambitions for people and communities.

As a result of these negotiations, I am able to set out the package of proposals below which I believe are a fair and reasonable offer that delivers on our shared ambitions. This letter, therefore, contains proposals for the local government finance settlement for 2017-18 resulting from the 2016 Budget process.

While the terms of the settlement have been negotiated through COSLA on behalf of its member councils, the same proposal is being offered to those councils who are represented by the Scottish Local Government Partnership. I believe this proposal opens the way for a new partnership between the Scottish Government and COSLA and, from that, the wider benefits of partnership working, including joint work on public service reform.

The Scottish Government and local government share the same ambitions for stronger communities, a fairer society and a thriving economy. This funding proposal delivers a fair financial settlement for local government, which will be strengthened by our joint working to improve outcomes for local people by improving educational attainment and through health and social care integration.

Following the work of the joint Settlement and Distribution Group, details of the indicative allocations to individual local authorities for 2017-18 are also being published today as set out in Local Government Finance Circular No. 9/2016.

I have carefully considered the representations made to me by COSLA and this is reflected in the detail of the settlement and the package of measures included in this letter.

My aim throughout our extensive discussions has been to reach an agreement with councils around the implementation of these commitments. I now invite local authorities to agree the terms of the settlement which are set out below.

Under the settlement we will look to all local authorities to work in partnership with the Scottish Government in pursuit of our Joint Priorities, including delivery of the Government's programme as set out in *A Plan For Scotland: The Scottish Government's Programme For Scotland 2016-17* published on 6 September and the *Draft Budget 2017-18*.

Renewing our partnership approach will enable close working on public service reform building on recent joint political and joint officer discussions.

On key priorities and following consideration of specific points you have raised I propose the following:

Public Service Reform

As an essential partner in the delivery of public services, the Cabinet sub-committee on Public Service Reform prioritised early discussion with COSLA to explore how we might work together around our shared priorities of health & social care, education attainment & governance, tackling inequalities & inclusive growth and enterprise, innovation, skills & employability. This political engagement and the productive discussions which followed at official level, including SOLACE, is an example of what we can achieve through a re-setting of partnership working at national level.

The Cabinet sub-committee anticipates further dialogue with COSLA on these emerging themes early in the New Year.

Health and Social Care

In 2017-18 an additional £107 million will be transferred from NHS Boards to Integration Authorities to protect our collective investment in social care. Of which, £100 million will support continued delivery of the Living Wage, sleepovers and sustainability in the care sector, and £7 million to disregarding the value of war pensions from financial assessments for social care and pre-implementation work in respect of the new carers legislation. This is additional to the £250 million added in the 2016-17 budget, bringing the total support available from the NHS through Integration Authorities to protect social care to £357 million. NHS contributions to Integration Authorities for delegated health functions will be maintained at least at 2016-17 cash levels. The provision included for sleepovers (£10 million) will be reviewed in year to consider its adequacy, with a commitment to discuss and agree how any shortfall should be addressed. To reflect this additional support local authorities will be able to adjust their allocations to integration authorities in 2017-18 by up to their share of £80 million below the level of budget agreed with their Integration Authority for 2016-17 (as adjusted where agreed for any one-off items of expenditure which should not feature in the baseline). Taken together, these measures will enable Integration Authorities to ensure the collective overall level of funding for social care is maintained at £8 billion. I am sure you would agree that that would be a significant achievement and reflects the shared priorities of local government, the NHS and the Scottish Government.

Education (including the Attainment Fund)

I have considered the representations made on the Scottish Government proposals to adjust the local government settlement to pave the way for an additional £100 million investment per year, generated through reform of council tax, to go directly to schools to close the gap in the educational attainment of young people from Scotland's most and least deprived areas.

I can now confirm that provision for the additional funding to meet our commitments on the Attainment Fund will be met directly from the resources available to the Scottish Government at a national level, rather than from an adjustment to the local government finance settlement.

As the next step towards investing £750 million over the life of this Parliament we will go further than our manifesto commitment and will increase the additional resource to be made available directly to schools through the Attainment Scotland Fund from £100 million to £120 million in 2017-18. This will be paid as a ring fenced grant and distributed on the basis of P1 to S3 pupils known to be eligible for free school meals, as part of the local government settlement.

It is a condition of this agreement that this funding is additional to each council's individual spending on schools rather than substitutional and is to be used at the discretion of schools to close the attainment gap between children from the least and most deprived areas within their communities. This is on top of the existing £50 million Attainment Scotland funding that will continue to provide targeted support for those authorities and schools supporting children and young people in greatest need.

In addition, we will continue to require local authorities to maintain the overall pupil:teacher ratio at 2016-17 levels as reported in the Summary of School Statistics published on 13 December 2016, and secure places for all probationers who require one under the teacher induction scheme. This is supported by a continued funding package of £88 million, made up of £51 million to maintain teacher numbers and £37 million to support the teacher induction scheme.

As previously made clear, all of the additional £111 million of Council Tax income raised by the Council Tax banding reforms we have implemented will be retained by each local authority area and, as a result of these decisions, the allocation of that funding will be for councils themselves to take based on their own local needs and priorities.

Local Taxation

2016-17 was the ninth consecutive year of the Council Tax freeze. As we have made clear this will be lifted from 2017-18, when Councils will have greater flexibility and may choose to increase Council Tax by up to a maximum of 3%. This local discretion will preserve the financial accountability of local government, whilst also potentially generating up to £70 million to support services.

Our reforms of Council Tax are only the first steps, and the Scottish Government is fully committed to further engagement with COSLA as we seek to make local taxation as a whole fair and progressive. We will work with COSLA to consider your objectives for local tax reform as set out in the Local Government Funding Review.

We will also deliver our commitment for local government to retain the net incomes from the Crown Estate for the benefit of island and coastal communities. In addition we will explore with authorities other opportunities for the development of fair and equitable local taxation that supports economic growth and public services.

Overall Settlement

As a result of the measures above, the total revenue funding for 2017-18 will be £9,496.4 million, which includes non-domestic rates incomes in 2017-18 of £2,605.8 million.

Capital funding is set at £756.5 million and delivers on our agreed commitment to maintain the local government share of the overall Scottish Government capital budget. I can also reaffirm the commitment to repay £150 million of re-profiled 2016-17 capital with an additional allocation in the period 2018-20.

The total funding which the Scottish Government will provide to local government in 2017-18 through the settlement, including the £120 million of additional support for educational attainment, is £10,252.9 million.

This is a fair settlement for Local Government.

With the addition of the real spending power that comes from the opportunity to raise up to an additional £181 million from Council Tax plus an additional £107 million to support the integration of Health and Social Care, the total spending power available to local authorities from the Scottish Government, and through local taxation will be up to £10,541 million, a total of £241 million more than was available in 2016-17, an increase of around 2.3%.

The difference between the figures reported in the Draft Budget in 2016-17 and 2017-18 will be potential spending on local government services of an increase of £266.8 million, or 2.6%.

In return for this settlement and in pursuit of our Joint Priorities, individual local authorities will deliver the specific commitments set out above.

Engagement

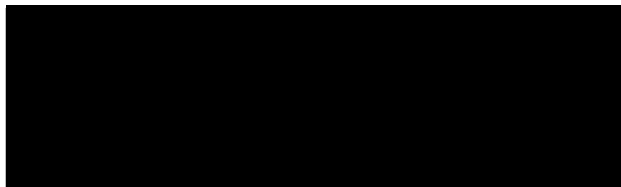
In line with our partnership approach we will work jointly with local government to support delivery of these commitments and undertake a review to monitor progress at an agreed mid-point in the year.

The measures set out in the settlement offer must be viewed as a package to protect our shared priorities and intensify a journey of reform. In order to access all of the benefits involved, including those priorities supported by specific financial benefits, local authorities must agree to deliver all of the measures set out in the package and will not be able to select elements of the package.

Any individual authority not intending to agree the offer and accept the full package of measures and benefits should write to me by no later than **Friday 13 January 2017**. For those authorities not agreeing the offer a revised, and inevitably less favourable, offer will be made.

Local government is essential to the health, wellbeing and prosperity of every community in Scotland. The Scottish Government are committed to work together in partnership with local authorities to do all that we can to support local authorities to ensure that the full package of agreed measures is delivered.

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REVENUE BUDGET 2017/19

APPENDIX 3

Committee: All
 Corporate Director: All
 Service: All
 Division: All

OBJECTIVE SUMMARY	2017/18 Base Budget	2017/18 Adjustment	2017/18 Inflation	2017/18 Base Est.	2018/19 Adjustment	2018/19 Inflation	Budget 2018/19
Chief Executive Services	414,140	(4,000)	-	410,140	-	-	410,140
Environment, Regeneration & Resources Directorate	30,281,200	(104,800)	515,000	30,691,400	(75,000)	-	30,616,400
Education, Communities & Organisational Development Directorate	92,652,800	(560,630)	(41,300)	92,050,870	(64,000)	-	91,986,870
Health & Social Care Partnership Directorate	48,386,650	(151,900)	(3,900)	48,230,850	-	-	48,230,850
Directorate Sub-Total	171,734,790	(821,330)	469,800	171,383,260	(139,000)	-	171,244,260
Miscellaneous	6,348,170	51,180	(423,200)	5,976,150	4,900,000	-	10,876,150
Loan Charges	12,860,040	35,850		12,895,890	(41,500)		12,854,390
Contribution to / (from) Statutory Funds	(240,000)			(240,000)			(240,000)
Contribution to / (from) Reserves	(2,805,000)	2,805,000		-			-
Unallocated Savings	(600,000)	600,000		-			-
Total Expenditure	187,298,000	2,670,700	46,600	190,015,300	4,719,500	-	194,734,800
Financed By:							
General Revenue Grant/ Non Domestic Rates	(160,452,000)	1,774,000		(158,678,000)	4,700,000		(153,978,000)
Council Tax	(26,846,000)	(1,920,000)		(28,766,000)			(28,766,000)
Contribution from IJB £107m	0	(1,431,000)		(1,431,000)			(1,431,000)
Net Expenditure	-	a) 1,093,700	46,600	1,140,300	9,419,500	-	10,559,800

REVENUE BUDGET 2017/19

Notes:	<u>£</u>
a) 2017/18 Budgeted Funding Gap	2,805,000
Additional Council Tax due to Increase in Band D Properties and Reduction to CTR	(676,000)
Additional Council Tax due to Second Home Discount	(14,000)
CCTV Pressure Saving	(62,610)
Budget Adjustments (IRI, Apprenticeship Levy and Waterloo Road, Xmas Meals, SWF, Girfec)	125,000
Assumed Band Changes (net of Council Tax Reduction changes)	(1,140,000)
Additional Grant Cut 2017/18 (Note 1)	2,074,000
Previously Approved Savings - 2017/18 Impacts	(23,000)
Tobacco Officer Post - Grant Funded	20,000
2 Additional Councillors (Part Year)	40,000
RVJB & SPT Increased Saving	(17,000)
Saving on Audit Fee 2017/18	(20,000)
Release of Pressures Funding (Note 2)	(142,000)
Additional Teacher Turnover (Net)	(143,270)
ASN Transport Budget Realignment (Note 3)	(90,000)
Additional Probationer Teachers Funding	(140,000)
Contribution from IJB - Share of £107 million	(1,431,000)
Shortfall in Pay Inflation Contingency	270,000
Increased Turnover in line with Projections	(294,820)
Budget 2017/18	<u>1,140,300</u>
Previously Approved Savings - 2018/19 Impacts	(178,500)
Pay Inflation Allowance - Per Finance Strategy	1,800,000
Non Pay Inflation Allowance - Per Finance Strategy	1,500,000
Auto Enrolment - Per Finance Strategy	600,000
General Pressures Allowance - Per Finance Strategy	1,000,000
Anticipated Grant Cut - Per Finance Strategy	4,700,000
2 * Additional Councillors FYE	3,000
RVJB Increased Saving	(5,000)
Budget 2018/19	<u>10,559,800</u>
Previously Approved Savings - 2019/20 Impacts (Loans Charges)	(30,000)
Budget 2019/20	<u>10,529,800</u>

b) Assumes no further prudential borrowing for RAMP/AMP investment.

Notes

1 Grant reduction is inclusive of extra funding announced February 2017

2 Original pressure allowance was £300k. An allocation of £158k for waste disposal and Letting Officers has been made against the pressure funding, releasing £142k of a saving.

3 The ASN transport budget is demand led, based on current expenditure levels the budget has been reduced. It is proposed to create an earmarked reserve to smooth out demand.

Proposed Council Contribution to IJB - 2017/18

1. Minimum amount Council can pay per SG/Cosla guidance

	<u>£m</u>
2016/17 Contribution	48.768
less: Share of £80 million	<u>(1.410)</u>
	<u>47.358</u>

2. 2017/18 Proposed Contribution

	<u>£m</u>	
2017/18 Base Budget per Appendix 3	48.231	
Add: Estimated allowance for : Pay Award	0.310	
: Apprenticeship Levy	0.130	
: Auto-enrolment	<u>0.140</u>	
	48.811	Note 1
Contribution per 1 above plus £21,600 for costs transferred from the Common Good	<u>47.380</u>	
Amount met by IJB Social Care Fund	1.431	Note 2

Notes

- Over and above this the IJB will fund the first 4% of the National Care Home Contract 2017 uplift, cost of Providers uplifts relating to the Living Wage plus other costs pressures.
- After this contribution and other allowances there remains £479,000 for recurring pressures/projects within the Social Care Fund held by the IJB.

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Use of Reserves

	<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>
Projected Free Reserves Balance 31.3.17		1.323
Add: Proposed Write Backs:		
- Depot AMP	0.400	
- Capital Fund	0.500	
- SEMP	0.800	1.700
		<u>3.023</u>
Less: Current allowance for Reserves in Budget Strategy	7.100	
Latest estimated allowance required	<u>(4.630)</u>	2.470
Amount available for allocation		<u><u>5.493</u></u>

Proposals

	<u>£m</u>	
a) Town & Village Centres	2.50	
b) Employability/Apprenticeships	0.50	
c) Early Retiral/Voluntary Severance	2.00	Note 1
d) Autism Friendly Community	0.15	
e) Anti-Poverty Fund	0.20	Note 2
f) Grants to Voluntary Organisations	0.15	Note 3
	<u>5.50</u>	

Notes:

- 1/ The projected fund balance at 31.3.17 is approximately £2.5 million. This will be insufficient to meet the costs of the early release/voluntary severance required to balance the 2018/20 budget.
- 2/ This sum to be added to the Welfare Reforms Policy Earmarked Reserves to create a £1 million fund and renamed the Anti-Poverty Fund.
- 3/ To include support for Community Ownership/Transfer proposals.

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COMMON GOOD FUND
REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18

	Projected 2016/17	Budget 2016/17	Adjustment 2017/18	Budget 2017/18
PROPERTY COSTS	21,000	21,000	A (2,000)	19,000
Repairs & Maintenance	9,000	9,000		9,000
Rates	11,000	11,000	(2,000)	9,000
Property Insurance	1,000	1,000		1,000
ADMINISTRATION COSTS	8,700	7,700	0	7,700
Sundries	2,500	1,500		1,500
Commercial Rent Management Charge	2,200	2,200		2,200
Recharge for Accountancy	4,000	4,000		4,000
OTHER EXPENDITURE	100,700	100,700	B (21,600)	79,100
Christmas Lights Switch On	10,500	10,500		10,500
Christmas Dinners/Vouchers	21,600	21,600	(21,600)	0
Christmas Decorations	0	0		0
Gourock Highland Games	29,400	29,400		29,400
Armistice Service	8,300	8,300		8,300
Comet Festival	13,300	13,300		13,300
Fireworks	12,600	12,600		12,600
Rent Relief (Society of the Innocents)	5,000	5,000		5,000
INCOME	(132,510)	(139,010)	C 6,570	(132,440)
Gross Rent	(187,470)	(187,470)	18,520	(168,950)
Void Rents	55,460	50,460	(13,450)	37,010
Internal Resources Interest	(500)	(2,000)	1,500	(500)
NET EXPENDITURE	(2,110)	(9,610)	(17,030)	(26,640)

Projected Fund Balance as at 31st March 2017 **£4,040**

Projected Fund Balance as at 31st March 2018 **£30,680**

Notes:

A Property Costs

Adjust Rates budget based on current level of voids (2,000)

(2,000)

It is proposed any underspends in the annual Repairs & Maintenance budget would be added to the Repairs & Renewals fund.

B Other Expenditure

Reduction in Events spend to restore reserves balance (21,600)

(21,600)

C Income

Adjust Income to bring in line with latest projections 5,070

Projected Reduction in Internal Resources Income 1,500

6,570

Total Adjustments

(17,030)

D Occupancy assumptions:

Projected Income (& Rates) assumes full occupancy with the exception of:

- 10 Bay St (assumed 50% occupancy on short term charity leases)
- 4 John Wood St (vacant, no interest)
- 17 John Wood St (vacant & unfit for occupation)

3 other properties (8, 12 & 14 Bay St) currently vacant but anticipated these will be occupied sometime during 2017/18.

E Recommended Fund Level

The recommended minimum overall fund level is £100,000.

General Fund Capital Programme - 2017/20

Available Resources

	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Government Capital Support (Note 1)	9,560	8,700	8,700	26,960
Less: Allocation to School Estate	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)	(12,900)
Capital Receipts	435	134	336	905
Capital Grants	174	-	-	174
Prudential Funded Projects	17,885	7,720	2,531	28,136
Balance B/F From 16/17 (Exc School Estate)	(1,994)			(1,994)
Capital Funded from Current Revenue	1,012	3,784	406	5,202
School Estate Management Plan Funding (Note 2)	14,373	17,815	5,193	37,381
	<u>37,145</u>	<u>33,853</u>	<u>12,866</u>	<u>83,864</u>
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>32,629</u>	<u>37,646</u>	<u>15,883</u>	<u>86,158</u>

(Shortfall)/Under Utilisation of Resources

(2,294)

Notes

Note 1: Government Capital Support

The Scottish Government have indicated that a further £1.443million in grant originally due in 2016/17 has been rephased to 2017/20. This has been included in the estimated 2018/19 & 2019/20 Capital Grant.

Note 2: Further Breakdown of SEMP Expenditure

	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£000	£000	£000	£000
St Patricks PS New Build	400	-	-	400
Kilmacolm PS - Refurbishment	300	-	-	300
Balance of Lifecycle Fund	1,079	1,427	1,773	4,279
Moorfoot PS Refurbishment	2,313	2,610	123	5,046
Lady Alice PS - Refurbishment *	1,929	1,677	-	3,606
St Ninians PS - New Build *	4,735	4,261	108	9,104
Gourock PS - Extension *	126	1,297	281	1,704
St Mary's PS - Refurbishment & Extension *	150	3,224	1,917	5,291
Bluebird Family Centre - Refurbishment	1,000	110	-	1,110
Greenock West Early Years Facility - New Build	1,500	1,400	140	3,040
Glenbrae Children's Centre - Aberfoyle Road Refurbishment	700	380	-	1,080
Hillend Children's Centre - Refurbishment	96	700	235	1,031
Larkfield Children's Centre - Upgrade	-	-	350	350
Demolition of Sacred Heart PS	-	-	266	266
Complete on Site	-	602	-	602
Other Projects < £250K	45	127	-	172
	<u>14,373</u>	<u>17,815</u>	<u>5,193</u>	<u>37,381</u>

* Advanced as part of School Estate Acceleration

General Fund Capital Programme - 2017/20

Approved Programme

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<u>Policy & Resources</u>				
Annual Allocation (ICT)	282	543	363	1,188
Modernisation Fund	42	90	-	132
<u>Policy & Resources Total</u>	<u>324</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>1,320</u>
<u>Environment & Regeneration</u>				
Completion of Existing Programme (Property Services)	869	322	-	1,191
Annual Allocation (Property Services)	750	2,255	2,000	5,005
Feasibility Studies/Pre-contract Work	75	75	75	225
Regeneration of Port Glasgow Town Centre	-	235	-	235
Broomhill regeneration/Bakers Brae Re-alignment	1,000	371	-	1,371
Regeneration Capital Grant Fund Port Glasgow	-	350	-	350
King George VI Refurbishment	450	490	10	950
Asset Management Plan - Offices	1,900	405	-	2,305
Asset Management Plan - Depots	1,470	1,874	-	3,344
Capital Works on Former Tied Houses	75	195	300	570
Completion of Existing Programme (Roads)	100	59	-	159
Roads Grant Funded Projects (SPT/CWSS/Sustrans/Electric)	109	-	-	109
Flooding Works	1,457	1,000	-	2,457
Roads Asset Management Plan	4,210	5,875	2,819	12,904
Greenock Parking Strategy	20	-	-	20
Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,000	1,761	1,442	4,203
Play Areas/Park Assets	150	80	-	230
Indoor Sports Facility for Tennis	-	30	320	350
Park, Cemeteries & Open Spaces AMP	200	200	250	650
Annual Allocation (Zero Waste Fund)	50	110	80	240
<u>Environment & Regeneration Total</u>	<u>13,885</u>	<u>16,187</u>	<u>8,296</u>	<u>38,368</u>
<u>Education & Communities</u>				
Scheme of Assistance/Aids & Adaptations	1,000	1,312	906	3,218
Contribution to Watt Complex Refurbishment	1,000	693	-	1,693
Primary School Pitch Upgrading/MUGA's	45	-	-	45
Inverkip Community Facility	100	-	-	100
New Community Facility Broomhill	252	50	-	302
Birkmyre Park, Kilmacolm Pitch Improvements	200	125	-	325
Clune Park	-	-	1,000	1,000
School Estate Management Plan	14,373	17,815	5,193	37,381
<u>Education & Communities Total</u>	<u>17,120</u>	<u>19,995</u>	<u>7,099</u>	<u>44,214</u>
<u>CHCP</u>				
Neil St Childrens Home Replacement	550	81	-	631
Crosshill Childrens Home Replacement	750	750	125	1,625
<u>CHCP Total</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>831</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>2,256</u>
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>32,629</u>	<u>37,646</u>	<u>15,883</u>	<u>86,158</u>

General Fund Capital Programme - 2017/20

Movements and Proposed Projects

	New 2017/18 £000	New 2018/19 £000	New 2019/20 £000	Total £000
Current Deficit				(178)
Increase in 17/18 Grant **	2,260			2,260
amended 2016/18 position				2,082
Assumed ongoing grant*		8,700	8,700	
<u>Annual Core allocations:</u>				
ICT		363	363	
Roads		1,400	1,400	
Zero Waste		80	80	
Property		2,000	2,000	
Scheme of Assistance		500	500	
SEMP		4,300	4,300	
Total Core Allocation		8,643	8,643	
Net "Surplus" on annual grant/allocations		57	57	114
Additional Funded allocations:				
<u>Scheme of Assistance:</u>				
"Revenue" Allocation		406	406	
CFCR Funding		(406)	(406)	
<u>Vehicle Replacement Programme:</u>				
Annual Programme		582	1,442	
Annual Receipts		(134)	(336)	
Prudential Borrowing		(448)	(1,106)	
<u>Cycling Walking & Safer Streets:</u>				
2017/18 Allocation	109			
Specific Capital Grant	(109)			
	-	-	-	-
Revised Projected Surplus				2,196
<u>Proposed write backs:</u>				
ICT Core	(152)			
Scheme of Assistance	(250)	(250)		
Zero Waste Fund	(60)			
	(462)	(250)	-	(712)
<u>Future Projects not yet formally approved:</u>				
RAMS ***		1,283	1,419	
Cemeteries (est)		1,000	500	
Open Spaces AMP	200	200	250	
Indoor Sports Facility for Tennis		30	320	
	200	2,513	2,489	5,202
Deficit including future projects prior to confirmation of funding ****				(2,294)
Recommended maximum overcommitment (5% of General Fund Resources)				2,324
Minimum funding required to be identified/(Remaining acceptable overcommitment)				(30)

Notes:

* Inclusive of return of £1.4m reprofiled monies

** £1.54m of flooding projects confirmed as receiving 80% grant intervention. £372k of this confirmed for 2016/17, remaining £860k confirmed as being contained in the 2017/18 settlement.

*** RAMS report recommends:

	Total	Core Allocation	Shortfall
2018/19	2,683	1,400	1,283
2019/20	2,819	1,400	1,419
2020/21	2,959	1,400	1,559
2021/22	3,107	1,400	1,707
2022/23	3,262	1,400	1,862
	14,830	7,000	7,830

**** Feasibility work is currently being carried out with regards to the replacement of Cremators, while costs (both Capital and Revenue) are not known at this stage it is anticipated there will be no call on the Capital Grant for this project.

Squeeze on Unprotected Areas - "Realistic " Scenario

	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Core Education	70.6	70.6	70.6	70.6	70.6
Inclusive Education	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Social Care	47.4	47.4	47.4	47.4	47.4
Loans Charges	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9
Pensions/Audit Fees	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Pay Inflation	1.2	3.0	5.4	7.2	9.0
Other Inflation	1.0	2.5	4.5	6.0	8.0
Pressures	1.6	3.6	5.0	6.4	7.8
1% Efficiency (Protected Areas)	-	(1.3)	(2.6)	(4.0)	(5.4)
Use of Reserves	(1.4)	(3.7)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Available Funding	(187.4)	(182.7)	(179.2)	(175.7)	(172.3)
Non Protected Budgets	<u>41.8</u>	<u>35.4</u>	<u>23.9</u>	<u>17.1</u>	<u>9.9</u>
TOTAL	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>

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Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	16 February 2017
Report By:	Steven McNab, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources and Communications	Report No:	IC/02/17/SMcN/KB
Contact Officer:	Karen Barclay, Corporate Policy Officer	Contact No:	01475 712065
Subject:	Analysis of the Results from the Budget Consultation 2017/18		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the analysis of the results from the Budget Consultation 2017/18.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 A total of 970 people responded to the Budget Consultation 2017/18.

2.2 The Consultation focussed on the following topics:

- discretionary service provision
- enhanced service provision - reduce/stop
- charging for services – increase/introduce
- Council Tax
- the Council's role as a service provider
- profile questions.

2.3 A number of significant points emerged from the survey:

- discretionary services: breakfast clubs in schools – 62% of respondents do not want to change this service
- enhanced service provision: roads and lighting maintenance – 86% of respondents wish to maintain current service provision
- charging for services: wheeled bins – 79% of respondents said that charges for additional wheeled bins should be introduced
- more than two thirds (68%) of respondents agreed that in the current financial environment there should be an increase in Council Tax in Inverclyde
- 84% of people said it was acceptable for the Council not to deliver some services directly.

2.4 It is important to take into consideration the profile of those people who responded to the survey when reading the results. The majority of respondents were employed home owners of working age.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- a. considers the results from the Budget Consultation 2017/18; and
- b. notes that the feedback will be used to inform the development of future budget savings.

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Corporate Director

Education, Communities and Organisational Development

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Inverclyde Council, like many other public sector organisations, is facing a very difficult and challenging financial situation. As a result of reductions in Government funding and increasing demand for certain services, the Council needs to make substantial savings over the next three years. A number of recent events have further increased the uncertainty around public finances and the potential impact on the Council's budget; these include the outcome of the European Referendum and how the Scottish Government will use its new tax raising powers.
- 4.2 The current estimate indicates that the Council will need to make savings of £22.5 million during the period 2017/20. Given the scale and pace of the savings required, the Council will have no option but to reduce spending in some areas of service delivery. This means that some front-line services currently delivered to Inverclyde residents will either be reduced or stopped altogether. The reason that front-line services are the main focus of potential savings is because those services cost the most money to deliver. The areas covered in the Consultation are a representative sample of the choices about budgets savings which the Council will face in the coming months and years.
- 4.3 We launched our Budget Consultation 2017/18 on 16 November 2016 and closed it on 9 January 2017. A total of 970 people responded to the Consultation during that period.
- 4.4 A presentation on the Budget Consultation 2017/18 process was delivered to a special meeting of the Alliance Board on 13 January 2017. To allow members of the Board to participate in the consultation process, the survey was temporarily reopened on 13 January 2017 and closed for the last time at midnight on 15 January 2017. The final number of respondents was unchanged at 970.
- 4.5 A number of stakeholder groups were invited to participate in the Consultation including Inverclyde residents and visitors; Council employees and trades unions; the local business community; the Citizens' Panel; and the Alliance Board.
- 4.6 A presentation on the headline results was delivered to the Elected Members on 1 February 2017.

5.0 METHODOLOGY

- 5.1 The Survey Monkey questionnaire was the only method available to people who wished to make their views heard on the Council's Budget 2017/18. The benefits of utilising an electronic questionnaire include:
- it is user friendly – quick to complete
 - the response rate can be easily monitored and publicity tailored to suit
 - sustainable option – zero print and postage costs.
 - supports the Council's digitalisation agenda.
- 5.2 Additionally, as reported to the Policy and Resources Committee in 2015, during the Budget Consultation 2016/17 process, electronic means were a popular method used by respondents; 43% of people expressed their views via the on-line budget simulator while just over a fifth (20.2%) sent an email to yoursay@inverclyde.gov.uk.

6.0 KEY AREAS OF THE CONSULTATION

6.1 The key areas of the consultation were:

- discretionary service provision
- reducing/stopping services
- enhanced service provision
- charging for services – increase/introduce
- Council Tax
- models of service provision
- profile questions.

6.2 The contents of this report will be used by Officers to inform the development of future budget savings.

7.0 SURVEY RESULTS: DISCRETIONARY SERVICES

7.1 The first question of the survey asked about nine discretionary services and whether or not people thought the Council should continue to provide those services, either at the current level or at a reduced level, or whether they should cease altogether.

7.2 The top five discretionary services that respondents said should be reduced or stopped altogether are:

Support for businesses, for example, marketing support and business grants • £0.21 million	76%
Physical regeneration including a payment to Riverside Inverclyde • £0.34 million	72%
Subsidised team sports for under 19 year olds • £0.16 million	61%
Support for getting people into work and job retention • £2.53 million	56%
Grants to voluntary organisations • £0.3 million	54%

7.3 In contrast, the top three discretionary services which the greater number of respondents said should not be changed were:

Breakfast clubs in schools • £0.15 million	62%
School clothing grants • £0.21 million	54%
Public conveniences • £0.17 million	53%

7.4 • **Commentary**

Respondents saw the value of subsidising team sports for under 19 year olds but it was suggested that the qualifying criteria be reviewed. Likewise, grants to voluntary organisations were valued but respondents thought the qualifying criteria could also be revamped and targeted at projects which would perhaps not exist without grants from the Council.

As some parents/carers used breakfast clubs as a form of child care, it was suggested that provision could be increased and a charge introduced for the additional service.

8.0 SURVEY RESULTS: ENHANCED SERVICES

8.1 The second question in the survey asked people whether or not they thought the Council should continue to provide the 19 services listed at the current enhanced level or whether service delivery should be reduced.

8.2 The top five services that people thought should be maintained at the current enhanced level were:

Roads and lighting maintenance • £1.1 million	86%
Older persons' care at home services • £9 million	85%
Adult mental health services • £1.23 million	83%
Refuse collection and disposal • £4.7 million	78%
Physical and sensory disability services • £2.07 million	78%

8.3 In contrast, the top five services that respondents said should be provided at a reduced level were:

Customer Service Centres • £0.64 million	64%
Community Wardens • £0.71 million	62%
Addictions services • £1.04 million	53%
School transport • £1.3 million	52%
Community learning and development • £1.3 million	50%

8.4 • **Commentary**

High numbers of respondents – between 78% and 86% - opted to maintain the top five services at the current enhanced level. In contrast, however, in terms of the top five services that people said should be provided at a reduced level, the response rates were lower (between 50% and 64%).

It is encouraging that the majority of respondents expressed support for the enhanced level of roads and lighting maintenance provided by the Council; this could reflect the fact that the Council has made roads maintenance a priority, funded by significant investment.

In terms of services for vulnerable people – including older persons' care at home services – respondents suggested that perhaps such services could be means-tested. However, people were generally keen that services for vulnerable people were protected as those local residents are most in need of protection.

A number of respondents suggested introducing a charge for using the Recycling Centres at Pottery Street and Kirm Drive, as well as for additional wheeled bins.

The Community Warden service was the subject of a number of comments made at several points during the survey; respondents made a variety of suggestions including stopping the service completely, reviewing the role and remit of the Wardens, as well as Police Scotland assuming responsibility for the service provided by the Wardens.

A number of respondents said there should be a reduction in the use of taxis as a means of transporting children to school, with exceptions, as appropriate. Others also suggested introducing a charge for school transport.

9.0 **SURVEY RESULTS: CHARGES - INCREASE**

9.1 The third question in the survey asked about services that the Council currently charges for. Respondents were asked if they thought charges for the six services listed should remain the same or be increased. (The services listed comprise only those areas where the Council raises in excess of £50,000 of income per year.)

9.2 The top three services that respondents indicated that charges should be increased by up to 10% were:

School lets • £0.2 million	50%
School meals • £0.94 million	41%
Pre-5 care - extra hours • £0.19 million	40%

9.3 When asked what other services the Council should charge for, respondents made a number of suggestions, examples of which include school meals, swimming, school transport, music tuition, breakfast clubs and public conveniences. A number of other suggestions for charging were made - for instance, planning applications and licences for the sale of alcohol - but the Council already charges fees for those services.

9.4 • **Commentary**

In addition to the percentages outlined at section 9.2, a further 17% of respondents said charges for school lets could be increased by more than 10% while 13% of people said

daily parking charges could also be increased by more than 10%. Very small numbers – ranging from 6% to 9% - thought that charges for the other services listed should increase by more than 10%.

A number of respondents indicated that a charge should be introduced for pupils who currently receive a free school meal. However, there may be a lack of awareness around the eligibility for free schools meals. For example, from January 2015, free school meals were made available to all Primary 1-3 children in Scottish local authority schools and the initiative is fully funded by the Scottish Government.

10.0 SURVEY RESULTS: CHARGES - INTRODUCE

10.1 The fourth question in the survey asked people's views on services the Council does not currently charge for. Respondents were asked if the six services listed should continue to be free or whether a charge should be introduced.

10.2 The top three services that respondents indicated the Council could introduce a charge for were:

Additional wheeled bins	79%
Swimming for over 60 year olds	60%
Primary school music tuition	55%

10.3 In contrast, respondents indicated that the other three services listed should continue to be free of charge:

Physical aids and equipment to support people to live independently at home, for example, hand rails	75%
Older persons' community alarms	69%
Swimming for under 16 year olds	49%

10.4 • **Commentary**

Earlier in the survey, more than three quarters (78%) of respondents opted to continue with the current enhanced level of service in terms of refuse collection and disposal. There appears to be further support for this enhanced level of service as a similar number of people (79%) said that the Council should consider introducing a charge for additional wheeled bins.

In terms of free swimming, 60% of respondents opted to introduce a charge for swimming for over 60 year olds; this may reflect the very small number of people aged over 65 years who completed the survey. In contrast, 49% of respondents said that swimming for under 16 year olds should continue to be free while the same number said that a charge should be introduced for this service. A nominal or means-tested charge for swimming was also suggested.

In terms of older person's community alarms, more than two thirds (69%) of respondents would like this service to continue to be provided free of charge. This is in contrast to the Budget Consultation 2015/16 when 59% of people agreed that a weekly charge for community alarms should be introduced. It should be noted, however, that in 2015/16, alarms were listed simply as *Community Alarms* and not alarms for elderly people; this may have influenced people's responses.

Other services that people thought charges could be introduced for are school transport, music tuition and breakfast clubs. Respondents also made a number of suggestions about how the Council could be more efficient including increasing automation, reducing the number of managerial positions and switching off street lighting.

10.5 The next part of the survey asked for views on any other services provided to local residents which were not included in Questions 1-4 of the questionnaire and which they thought the Council should reduce or stop providing. A number of themes emerged when this question was answered, including:

- music tuition
- environmental issues
- Libraries and the McLean Museum
- Council events.

10.6

• **Commentary**

A number of suggestions were made about music tuition including introducing charges, perhaps on a means-tested basis; other respondents said the service should remain free. It was also suggested that the number of instruments pupils receive tuition on should be reduced from three to two as the Scottish Qualifications Authority examinations only require knowledge of two instruments. Another respondent also pointed that, other than music, no other subject benefits from specialist tuition.

A number of people said a charge could be introduced for using public conveniences while others said charging could be introduced for internet use in local libraries.

11.0 SURVEY RESULTS: COUNCIL TAX

11.1 The Council Tax section of the survey was introduced by providing the following background information:

- current Government Policy is to allow increases in Council Tax to a capped maximum of 3% per year;
- a 3% increase in Council Tax would generate £810,000 of income each year for Inverclyde Council which would reduce the amount of cuts required; and
- an increase of 3% would add between £24 (Band A) and £88 (Band H) per year to the Council Tax Bill for a property in Inverclyde.

11.2 When asked if they agreed that in the current financial environment there should be an increase in Council Tax in Inverclyde, people responded as follows:

Yes	68%
No	32%

11.3 The next question asked how much people thought the Council Tax should be increased by, respondents provided the following answers:

1%	24%
2%	28%
3%	48%

11.4 A number of themes emerged regarding Council Tax, including:

- miscellaneous comments regarding a Council Tax increase;
- Council Tax Bands; and
- Council Tax arrears.

11.5 • **Commentary**

Just over two thirds (68%) of people agreed that in the current financial environment there should be an increase in Council Tax in Inverclyde. Of those respondents, fairly equal numbers (24% and 28%) said that the Council Tax should be increased by 1% and 2% respectively while just under half (48%) said that the increase should be 3%.

The majority of respondents indicated that they view an increase in Council Tax as now being acceptable if it would reduce the amount of budget cuts required and enable service provision to be protected. There were also a number of comments relating to charges for higher Banded properties, some of which may refer to the changes to Council Tax by the Scottish Government which are effective from April 2017.

12.0 SURVEY RESULTS: THE COUNCIL'S ROLE AS A SERVICE PROVIDER

12.1 We started this part of the questionnaire by advising respondents that, like other Councils across Scotland, Inverclyde Council does not directly deliver all the services it provides for people in the local area. The following models were provided as examples of alternative ways in which services can be delivered:

- shared services with one or more council
- an arm's length external organisation, for example, the Inverclyde Leisure Trust
- delivered by the private sector
- services are delivered in partnership with community groups or charitable organisations.

12.2 When asked if they thought it was acceptable for Inverclyde Council not to deliver some services directly, the responses were as follows:

This is an acceptable option to me	38%
This may be acceptable but I have reservations	46%
This is not an acceptable option to me	17%

12.3 The next question in this section of the survey asked people if they thought the Council should increase the number of services it does not deliver directly, if it would save money; the responses were as follows:

Yes	69%
No	31%

12.4 Alternative delivery models themselves were the focus of the next question. When asked if they thought the models were an acceptable option, people responded as follows:

	This is an acceptable option to me
Shared services with one or more council	48%
Services are delivered in partnership with community groups or charitable organisations	44%
An arm's length external organisation, for example, the Inverclyde Leisure Trust	38%
Services are delivered by the private sector	17%

12.5 However, the order of preference for the above models changed, when people provided their views on the models that were acceptable but they had reservations about them:

	This may be acceptable but I have reservations
An arm's length external organisation, for example, the Inverclyde Leisure Trust	41%
Services are delivered in partnership with community groups or charitable organisations	39%
Shared services with one or more council	38%
Services are delivered by the private sector	31%

12.6 The next question about service delivery models asked respondents what models they thought were not acceptable to them; in this case, the responses were:

	This is not acceptable to me
Services are delivered by the private sector	49%
An arm's length external organisation, for example, the Inverclyde Leisure Trust	16%
Services are delivered in partnership with community groups or charitable organisations	12%
Shared services with one or more council	11%

12.7 The last question in this section of the survey asked people how important an issue the potential impact of alternative service delivery options on local jobs would be, given that the Council is the single biggest employer in Inverclyde; the responses to this question were:

Very important	Fairly important	Neither/nor	Not important	Not at all important
70%	18%	6%	3%	3%

12.8

• **Commentary**

Services delivered by the private sector is the least popular alternative delivery model with just under half (49%) of respondents stating that this option is not acceptable to them. This may reflect the fact that local people have trust and confidence that the Council to deliver services in a fit and proper manner.

Meanwhile, there were similar answers – 48% and 44% respectively - regarding the acceptability of sharing services with one or more local authority, as well as service delivery in partnership with community groups or charitable organisations.

A number of people expressed support for alternative service delivery models, tempered by concerns around the quality of service provided and the terms and conditions of employees. Additionally, the Council's role as the single biggest employer is seen as being important to respondents with more than three quarters (78%) of people stating this as a very important or fairly important issue when alternative service delivery models are being considered.

A number of related issues regarding local jobs emerged from other parts of the survey: 76% of respondents opted to reduce or stop support for businesses (for example, marketing support and business grants) while just over half (56%) of people chose to reduce or stop support for getting people into work and job retention.

A fairly substantial number of comments were made by respondents regarding alternative delivery models.

13.0 OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET

13.1 The final part of the survey invited respondents to make any other comments they may have about the Council's budget; full details of these comments have been published on the Council's website and are available to view via this web link: [Your Council, your say](#). A number of themes emerged, including the following:

- education - miscellaneous
- Council employees and Council structure
- efficiency
- vulnerable people
- alternative service delivery models
- miscellaneous
- parking
- Elected Members.

13.2

• **Commentary**

A number of respondents suggested that a restructure of the Council should be carried out with the aim of reducing employee numbers. Others made suggestions about how efficiency could be improved, including an increase in digitalisation; reducing the need for travelling by making more use of video conferencing; and using fleet hire vehicles.

Parking was the focus of a number of comments with people saying the scheme should be reviewed to encourage people to shop locally; others called for a return of Traffic Wardens.

A number of people made comments about Elected Members, suggesting the level of their expenses should be reviewed. There appeared to be some confusion around the increase in Elected Members from 20 to 22; this, of course, is not a decision taken directly by Inverclyde Council.

Means-testing was a recurring theme throughout Consultation responses with a number of people suggesting it should be introduced for a variety of services, including swimming, music tuition and breakfast clubs.

14.0 PROFILE QUESTIONS

14.1 So that we can best respond to the needs of different local residents, a set of profile questions was included in the survey, the responses to which will help the Council to ensure it treats everyone fairly and equitably.

14.2 Gender

Just over half (53%) of all respondents were female, with the corresponding 47% being male.

14.3 Age

The greatest number of respondents (29%) was from the 45-54 years age group. A quarter of respondents (25%) are in the 35-44 years age bracket while just over a fifth (21%) are aged 55-64 years. Very small numbers of young and elderly people responded to the consultation: 16-24 years – 3%; and 1% for those aged 75+.

14.4 Employment status

The majority of people (83%) who provided their views on the Budget Consultation 2017/18 are in employment: 66% and 14% are employed full and part time respectively, while 3% are self-employed. Retired people made up 10% of the respondents while small numbers (2% each) are students; looking after home or family; or not working due to long term illness. One per cent of respondents are unemployed.

14.5 Property type

Most respondents (81%) own their own home while the same number of people (7%) live with relatives or rent from a private landlord. A smaller number (5%) rent from a private housing association.

14.6 Geographical area

People living in Inverclyde's three towns made up the majority of respondents:

- Greenock – 56%
- Gourock – 20%; and
- Port Glasgow – 12%.

Smaller numbers of respondents (6%, 5% and 2% respectively) come from Kilmacolm, Wemyss Bay and Bridge of Weir (Quarrier's Village).

15.0 IMPLICATIONS

15.1 Financial implications - one-off costs:

Cost centre	Budget heading	Budget year	Proposed spend this report	Virement from	Other comments
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Financial implications - annually recurring costs/(savings):

Cost centre	Budget heading	With effect from	Annual net impact	Virement from	Other comments
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

15.2 Human Resources: There are no direct human resources implications arising from this report.

15.3 Legal: There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

15.4 Equalities: There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

15.5 Repopulation: Provision of Council Services which are subject to close scrutiny with the aim of delivering continuous improvement for current and potential citizens of Inverclyde support the Council's aim of retaining and enhancing the area's population.

16.0 CONSULTATION

16.1 There was no requirement to consult on the contents of this report.

17.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

17.1 Budget Consultation 2017/18 survey.

18.0 CONCLUSION

18.1 The results of the Budget Consultation 2017/18 are presented for consideration by the Council with the request that it is noted that the feedback will be used to inform the development of future budget savings.

Report To:	The Inverclyde Council	Date:	16 February 2017
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	SL/LP/012/17
Contact Officer:	Sharon Lang	Contact No:	01475 712112
Subject:	Local Review Body: Vice-Chair – Request by Councillor Wilson		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Council to consider a request from Councillor Wilson relative to the Local Review Body.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Councillor Wilson has requested that the Council appoint a Vice-Chair of the Local Review Body for its remaining meetings during the term of the current Council. He has proposed that Councillor Nelson, currently the Vice-Chair of the Planning Board, be appointed to this position.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Council is asked to consider whether it would wish to appoint a Vice-Chair of the Local Review Body and, if so, to make an appointment to the position.

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal & Property Services

Report To:	The Inverclyde Council	Date:	16 February 2017
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	SL/LP/003/17
Contact Officer:	Sharon Lang	Contact No:	01475 712112
Subject:	Disasters Emergency Committee in Scotland: Yemen Crisis Appeal – Request by Councillor McCabe		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise of a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Council considers supporting the Disasters Emergency Appeal (DEC) in Scotland Yemen Crisis Appeal by means of financial donation and promotional activity.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Oxfam has contacted Councillor McCabe on behalf of the DEC in Scotland in relation to the Yemen Crisis Appeal launched on 13 December 2016. The appeal is in response to the humanitarian crisis brought about by 20 months of war in Yemen which have left more than half the population, 14 million people, suffering from hunger.
- 2.2 The appeal asks for urgent action to allow DEC agencies to scale up their emergency response and reach more people with food rations as well as access to cash, clean water and health information.
- 2.3 The appeal requests that individual Councils within Scotland support the DEC by means of any financial donation and any promotional activities as are considered appropriate.
- 2.4 The Council has previously donated £10,000 to the Ebola Appeal, £10,000 to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal and £10,000 to the Malawi Food Crisis Appeal.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Council considers the request by Councillor McCabe.

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal & Property Services



We are contacting you on behalf of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) in Scotland in relation to the Yemen Crisis Appeal. Launched today (Tuesday December 13), the Appeal comes as more than half the population of Yemen, 14 million people suffer from hunger. We know that at least 7 million people do not know where their next meal will come from and that children are dying from malnutrition.

Twenty months of war have brought Yemen, already one of the poorest countries in the world, to breaking point. People have lost their jobs and the economy has almost collapsed. Hospitals, schools and farms have been destroyed. Despite efforts to end the conflict, lives are being lost now and aid is needed urgently.

We are confident the Scottish public will respond generously to this Appeal. We are grateful that individual councils have offered welcome support to previous DEC Appeals – including financial donations and promotional activities. As the leader of the Council, we would urge you to consider what support you can offer to this Appeal.

Donations can be made: online <http://www.dec.org.uk>; via the 24 hour hotline on 0370 60 60 900; over the counter at any high street bank or post office; or by sending a cheque. People can also donate £5 by texting the word SCOT to 70000. The full £5 will go to the DEC Yemen Crisis Appeal.

We know children face the greatest risk of starvation, with almost half a million infants and young children now in need of immediate treatment for malnutrition. DEC members are already providing treatment for malnutrition and running mobile health teams and hospitals, but they need more funds. Alongside this, a cholera outbreak in some parts of the country must be averted before it spreads.

DEC agencies are ready to scale up their emergency response and reach more people with food rations as well as access to cash, clean water and health information. Our experienced teams of Yemeni and international aid workers partner with local organisations across all of Yemen's 22 provinces. They face daily challenges to reach those in most need but are already providing lifesaving aid around the clock.

In Scotland, we strongly welcome the Scottish Government's £250,000 contribution to this Appeal. We hope you will also appreciate the urgent assistance the people of Yemen need and help us to promote the Appeal whilst considering making your own financial contribution to support the work of the DEC's 13 members:

- £25 could provide a month's supply of life-saving peanut paste to a malnourished child
- £60 could provide clean drinking water for two families for a month
- £100 could provide supplies to a clinic treating severely malnourished children for a week

Thank you for doing all you can to support this Appeal and please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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Report To:	The Inverclyde Council	Date:	16 February 2017
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	SL/LP/014/17
Contact Officer:	Sharon Lang	Contact No:	01475 712112
Subject:	WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) Campaign – Request by Councillor McCabe		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise of a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Council support the WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) Campaign by agreeing the attached motion (appendix 1).

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The WASPI campaign's stated aim is to achieve fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born in the 1950s who are affected by the changes to state pension legislation as a result of the 1995 and 2011 Pension Acts.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Council is asked to consider the request by Councillor McCabe.

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal & Property Services

APPENDIX 1

“The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little/no personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950s are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment. Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute – it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time. The issue is that the rise in the women’s state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.”

Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	16 February 2017
Report By:	Head of Legal & Property Services	Report No:	LP/017/17
Contact Officer:	Gerard Malone	Contact No:	01475 712710
Subject:	Local Government Elections 2017: Review of Polling Scheme		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report requests the Council to approve its Polling Scheme for purposes of the Local Government Elections in May 2017 following upon the public consultation exercise which has been carried out in the light of necessary changes.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Council at its meeting on 1 December 2016 considered the consequences of the decision of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) to review Inverclyde Council's ward boundaries and to form a new seventh ward with an increase in Councillor numbers from 20 to 22.
- 2.2 The new ward alignment means that an interim Polling Scheme be proposed to take account of the new ward and its consequent effect on polling districts. Additionally, it is the Council's objective to release pressure on the school estate and to seek substitute venues instead of primary schools for future elections. Furthermore, the Schools Estate Management Plan is being implemented and there are necessary alterations to the Polling Scheme by reason of the unavailability of formerly long-established polling places.
- 2.3 The draft Polling Scheme was approved for public consultation by the Council at its December 2016 meeting. A public consultation process involving Council website display, hard copy display at the Customer Service Centre and all public libraries, contact with all Community Councils, all Elected Members, MP, MSP and list MSPs and assistance from colleagues in Community Learning and Development with other relevant organisations took place from 2 December 2016 to 6 January 2017. There are no objections proposed to the draft Polling Scheme and the Council is asked to approve the terms of appendix 1 for the 4 May 2017 Local Government Election.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:-

- 3.1 the Council considers the terms of this report and approves the Polling Scheme attached as appendix 1 for purposes of an interim review;
- 3.2 it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with the Corporate Communications Manager to continue to ensure community awareness of the Polling Scheme by all suitable means; and

- 3.3 authority continues to be delegated to the Chief Executive as Returning Officer for the Local Government Elections to modify the approved Polling Scheme as may be necessary in situations of need and also to make any alternative or emergency arrangements as may be necessary in the interests of voters.

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal & Property Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The LGBCS decision of 14 September 2016 to provide for 22 Councillors within Inverclyde with one 4-Member ward and six 3-Member wards has been considered by the Council at its 29 September 2016 and 1 December 2016 meetings.
- 4.2 The electoral wards for Inverclyde are as follows:

Ward No	Ward Name	Councillors	Electorate Sept 13	Actual Variation from Parity	Forecast Electorate	Forecast Variation from Parity
1	Inverclyde East	3	8,515	-2%	8,260	2%
2	Inverclyde East Central	3	8,084	-3%	7,841	-3%
3	Inverclyde Central	3	8,271	-1%	8,023	-1%
4	Inverclyde North	4	10,854	-3%	10,528	-3%
5	Inverclyde West	3	8,655	4%	8,395	4%
6	Inverclyde South West	3	8,832	6%	8,567	6%
7	Inverclyde South	3	8,030	-4%	7,789	-4%
	Totals	22	61,241	3%	59,403	3%

- 4.3 Plans illustrating the ward boundary changes are available from the Council's website and they will also be on display at the Council meeting.
- 4.4 This Council always reviews its polling scheme arrangements after each election. The LGBCS decision of September 2016 has necessitated a full-scale review of the Polling Scheme. Additionally, it is the Council's preference to release pressure on the school estate and to seek substitute venues for primary schools as far as is possible. Furthermore, the implementation of the Schools Estate Management Plan has resulted in the necessary substitution of formerly long-standing primary schools as polling stations.
- 4.5 Following consideration at its December 2016 meeting, the Council approved a period of public consultation from 2 December 2016 to 6 January 2017.

5.0 POLLING SCHEME

- 5.1 In order to deal with the creation of a new ward within the central area of Inverclyde, there are many significant changes to ward boundaries and polling districts which have, in turn, necessitated a major revision to the Council's Polling Scheme.
- 5.2 Appendix 1 forms the proposed Polling Scheme for the Local Government Elections in May 2017 and it comprises the following details: current ward number; new ward number; current polling district; new polling district; current polling place; new polling place; current number of polling stations; new number of polling stations; and, indicative electorate for that polling district.
- 5.3 It is proposed that the Polling Scheme in appendix 1 be approved.
- 5.4 As previously referred to in December 2016 the major changes are as follows:
- New Venue – St Mary's Episcopal Church, Bardrainey Avenue, Port Glasgow – to release pressure on School Estate (substituting for St Francis' Primary School).
 - New Venue – St Francis' Church, Auchenbothie Road, Port Glasgow – to take account of voters who previously voted in Ward 1 (IG05) but who now are in Ward 2 (IG05);
 - New venue – Upper Port Glasgow Social Club, Crosshill Road, Port Glasgow – to replace the long-standing polling station at Boglestone Community Centre – this is necessitated by the re-definition of this polling place from Ward 1 to Ward 2 thus requiring this significant change.
 - The McLean Museum and Art Gallery, Watt Hall will not be available for use as a polling place by virtue of necessary repairs and St John's Episcopal Church, Union Street,

Greenock will be the substitute polling place.

- (e) New venue - A new polling place will be established at the Mount Kirk, 95 Dempster Street, Greenock for voters in new Ward 7.
- (f) Lady Alice Primary School, Inverkip Road, Greenock will not be available as a polling place and a substitute location is the Southwest Library, Barr's Cottage, Greenock.
- (g) Moorfoot Primary School, Moorfoot Drive, Greenock is unavailable for use as a polling place and will be substituted by Gourrock Golf Club, Cowal View, Gourrock.
- (h) New venue – Inverkip Community Centre in place of Inverkip Primary School.
- (i) As a result of the LGBCS changes to the Ward Boundaries, voters in Polling District IG05 (Ward 1) as indicated above in point (b) have been split between new Ward 1 (IG04) – St Mary's Episcopal Church and new Ward 2 (IG05) – St Francis' Church. Similarly, voters in Polling District IG18 (Ward 3) who used to vote at the Salvation Army Centre have been split between new Ward 3 (IG15) which is Prospecthill Christian Fellowship Church and new Ward 4 (IG17) which remains at the Salvation Army Centre.
- (j) New venue - Bethesda Building, Quarriers' Village: as described in paragraph 5.5, below.

5.5 Following upon the usual course of polling place inspections prior to any election, one further change to the polling scheme is requested. The Carsemeadow facility at Quarriers Village is presently "under offer" and it is likely that the immediate future of Carsemeadow may make it unavailable for use as a polling place. As an alternative venue, and with the agreement of relevant Officers from Quarriers, the nearest adjacent facility is within the Bethesda building, (immediately adjacent to and across the road from the existing Carsemeadow facility) and it is available and is suitable for access. The formal response from the management of Quarriers Village has been received and the Corbett Room in this venue has been reserved for election use that day.

5.6 No objections were received during the public consultation process. One letter of representation from a voter was received to request consideration of the use of empty shop premises within Greenock Town Centre as a suitable central location for voting. The representation has been responded to with reference to the requirement that each polling district must, insofar as possible, have its own polling place and that a centralised location for the use of voters within outlying polling districts is not part of electoral administrative arrangements: there is an opportunity for postal voting arrangements to be available if any voter has difficulty for any reason in attending their relative polling place.

5.7 This report requests the continuation of delegated powers to the Chief Executive as Returning Officer for the Local Government Election to take account of any necessary changes in the Polling Scheme in order to facilitate proper electoral arrangements (closure of buildings, alternative venues for polling places and so on).

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

6.1 None. The Scottish Government funds the electronic counting infrastructure but the Council is financially responsible for all other costs of holding Local Government Elections.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
To be determined	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Possible accommodation alterations and infrastructure From Earmarked

Local Government Elections	Elections	2017/18	£120,000		Reserves per December 2016 decision
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Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
Services to Members	Remuneration	2017	£41,000	n/a	Increase in remuneration because of two additional Councillors.
	Travelling expenses/ training etc.		£3,000		Provides for a 10% increase in overhead budgets

Legal

- 6.2 The Polling Scheme will be the subject of review after the Local Government Elections in May 2017.

Human Resources

- 6.3 None.

Equalities

- 6.4 None.

Repopulation

- 6.5 The revised boundaries and Councillor numbers takes account of proposed forecasts for electorate numbers within Inverclyde and, accordingly, seek to address and sustain local democracy within this area.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 There are no background papers.

APPENDIX 1**POLLING SCHEME
CURRENT AND PROPOSED
NOVEMBER 2016**

Current Ward No	New Ward No	Current Polling District Reference	New Polling District Reference	Current Polling Place	New Polling Place	Current No of Polling Stations	New No of Polling Stations	New Polling District Indicative Electorate
1	1	IG02	IG01	Holy Family Church Hall, Parkhill Avenue, Port Glasgow	Holy Family Church Hall, Parkhill Avenue, Port Glasgow	1	1	1095
1	1	IG03	IG02	Struthers Memorial Church, Arran Avenue, Port Glasgow	Struthers Memorial Church, Arran Avenue, Port Glasgow	1	1	1090
1	1	IG04	IG03	Park Farm Community Hall, Oronsay Avenue, Port Glasgow	Park Farm Community Hall, Oronsay Avenue, Port Glasgow	1	1	514
1	1	IG05	IG04	St Francis' Primary School, East Barmoss Avenue, Port Glasgow	St Mary's Episcopal Church, Bardrainey Avenue, Port Glasgow	3	2	1424
1	2	IG05	IG05	St Francis' Primary School, East Barmoss Avenue, Port Glasgow	St Francis Church, Auchenbothie Road, Port Glasgow	3	1	1063
1	2	IG06	IG06	Clune Park Resource Centre, Montgomerie Street, Port Glasgow	Clune Park Resource Centre, Montgomerie Street, Port Glasgow	1	1	622
1	2	IG07	IG07	Boglestone Community Centre, Dubbs Place, Port Glasgow	Upper Port Glasgow Social Club, Crosshill Road, Port Glasgow	3	3	2348
2	2	IG08	IG08	Port Glasgow Lesser Town Hall, Shore Street, Port Glasgow	Port Glasgow Lesser Town Hall, Shore Street, Port Glasgow	2	2	1150
2	2	IG09	IG09	Port Glasgow Bowling Club, Birkmyre Avenue, Port Glasgow	Port Glasgow Bowling Club, Birkmyre Avenue, Port Glasgow	2	2	1233
2	2	IG11	IG10	Gibshill Community Centre, 2 Smillie Street, Greenock	Gibshill Community Centre, 2 Smillie Street, Greenock	1	2	1136

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2	3	IG12	IG11	Auchmountain Halls, Burnhead Street, Greenock	Auchmountain Halls, Burnhead Street, Greenock	2	2	2265
2	3	IG13	IG12	Craigend Resource Centre, McLeod Street, Greenock	Craigend Resource Centre, McLeod Street, Greenock	2	1	990
2	3	IG14	IG13	Crawfurdsburn Community Centre, Carwood Street, Greenock	Crawfurdsburn Community Centre, Carwood Street, Greenock	2	2	1757
2	3	IG16 & IG10	IG14	Whinhill Primary School, Drumfrochar Road, Greenock	Whinhill Primary School, Drumfrochar Road, Greenock	1	1	1102
3	4	IG17	IG16	Wellpark/Mid Kirk Church Hall, Clyde Square, Greenock	Wellpark/Mid Kirk Church Hall, Clyde Square, Greenock	1	1	936
3	3	IG18	IG15	Salvation Army Centre, 59 Regent Street (enter from Roxburgh Street), Greenock	Prospecthill Christian Fellowship Church, 8 Prospecthill Street, Greenock	2	2	1353
3	4	IG18	IG17	Salvation Army Centre, 59 Regent Street (enter from Roxburgh Street), Greenock	Salvation Army Centre, 59 Regent Street (enter from Roxburgh Street), Greenock	2	2	1307
3	4	IG19	IG18	McLean Museum & Art Gallery, Watt Hall, (enter from Kelly Street), Greenock	St John's Episcopal Church, Union Street, Greenock	3	3	2745
3	4	IG20	IG19	Ardgowan Club, Ardgowan Square, Greenock	Ardgowan Club, Ardgowan Square, Greenock	2	2	1436
3	4	IG21	IG20	Finnart Scout Hall, 159 Finnart Street, Greenock	Finnart Scout Hall, 159 Finnart Street, Greenock	2	2	2252

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NOVEMBER 2016**

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3	4	IG22	IG21	Lyle Kirk Hall, Bentinck Street, Greenock	Lyle Kirk Hall, Bentinck Street, Greenock	2	2	1537
4	7	IG23	IG33	Prospecthill Christian Fellowship Church, 8 Prospecthill Street, Greenock	Mount Kirk, 95 Dempster Street, Greenock	1	1	1026
4	7	IG24	IG34	Lady Alice Primary School, Inverkip Road, Greenock	South West Library, Barr's Cottage, Greenock	3	3	2816
4	7	IG25	IG35	Grieve Road Community Centre, Grieve Road, Greenock	Grieve Road Community Centre, Grieve Road, Greenock	1	1	809
4	7	IG26	IG36	St Joseph's Primary School, Wren Road, Greenock	St Joseph's Primary School, Wren Road, Greenock	2	2	1744
4	7	IG27	IG37	St Andrew's Primary School, Chester Road, Greenock	St Andrew's Primary School, Chester Road, Greenock	2	2	1316
5	5	IG28	IG22	Cardwell Bay Sailing Club, Cove Road, Gourock	Cardwell Bay Sailing Club, Cove Road, Gourock	2	2	1757
5	5	IG29	IG23	Gamble Halls, 44 Shore Street (enter from Davidson Drive), Gourock	Gamble Halls, 44 Shore Street (enter from Davidson Drive), Gourock	2	2	1774
5	5	IG30	IG24	Kirn Drive Community Centre, Kirn Drive, Gourock	Kirn Drive Community Centre, Kirn Drive, Gourock	2	2	2079
5	5	IG31	IG25	Moorfoot Primary School, Moorfoot Drive, Gourock	Gourock Golf Club, Cowal View, Gourock	1	1	811

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5	5	IG32	IG26	Spinnaker Hotel, Albert Road, Gourock	Spinnaker Hotel, Albert Road, Gourock	1	1	824
5	5	IG33	IG27	Royal Gourock Yacht Club, Ashton Road, Gourock	Royal Gourock Yacht Club, Ashton Road, Gourock	2	2	1151
6	6	IG34	IG28	Upper Larkfield Community Hall, Lothian Road, Greenock	Upper Larkfield Community Hall, Lothian Road, Greenock	2	2	1755
6	6	IG35	IG29	Aileymill Nursery School, Norfolk Road, Greenock	Aileymill Nursery School, Norfolk Road, Greenock	2	2	1624
6	6	IG36	IG30	Branchton Community Centre, Branchton Road, Greenock	Branchton Community Centre, Branchton Road, Greenock	1	1	648
6	6	IG37	IG31	Inverkip Primary School, Station Road, Inverkip	Inverkip Community Centre, Main Street, Inverkip	3	3	2519
6	6	IG38	IG32	Wemyss Bay Community Centre, Ardgowan Road, Wemyss Bay	Wemyss Bay Community Centre, Ardgowan Road, Wemyss Bay	2	2	2010
1	1	IN01	IN01	Carsemeadow, Craigbet Road, Quarriers Village, Bridge of Weir	Corbett Room, Bethesda Building, Quarriers Village, Bridge of Weir	1	1	623
1	1	IN02	IN02	St Columba Church Hall, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacolm	St Columba Church Hall, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacolm	3	3	3605

Report To:	THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL	Date: 16/02/2017
Report By:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION & RESOURCES	Report No: LP/016/17
Contact Officer:	CHRISTINE MARSHALL	Contact No: 01475 712314
Subject:	PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – DISABLED PERSONS’ PARKING PLACES (ON-STREET) ORDER NO. 4 2016	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Council to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Environment & Regeneration Committee held on 12th January 2017 after consideration of a Report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2016 recommended that the Inverclyde Council be asked to make the Traffic Regulation Order and remit it to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services and the Head of Legal and Property Services to arrange for its implementation.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2016, all as detailed in the copy of the proposed Order, and that the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services and the Head of Legal and Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith. Appendix 1

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal and Property Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Local Authorities are empowered to make Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation and Roads (Scotland) Acts 1984 and under the Council's Scheme of Administration the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services is responsible for the making, implementation and review of Traffic Management Orders and Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 4.2 The provision of on-street parking places for use by disabled drivers, who are the holders of a Disabled Person's Badge, is regulated by The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009. Inverclyde Council is required to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to regulate the use of such parking places.
- 4.3 The Council is asked to note that, if approved, the Order may not be implemented until the making of the Order has been advertised to allow any persons who so wish a period of six weeks to question the validity of the Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal

- 5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

- 5.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

- 5.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Repopulation

- 5.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The proposals have been advertised in the Greenock Telegraph and full details of the proposals have been made available for public inspection during normal office hours at the offices of the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services, the Head of Legal and Property Services and at Central Library, Port Glasgow Library, Gourock Library and Inverkip & Wemyss Bay Library.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL
DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES
(ON-STREET) ORDER NO. 4 2016

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL
DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (ON-STREET)
ORDER NO. 4 2016

The Inverclyde Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 32(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Constable of Police Scotland in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby make the following Order.

1. This Order may be cited as "The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2016" and shall come into operation on the *** day of ***.
2. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:-
 - "Council" means The Inverclyde Council or its successors as Roads Authority;
 - "Disabled Person's Badge" means:-
 - (a) a badge issued under Section 21 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (as amended);
 - (b) a badge issued under a provision of the law of Northern Ireland corresponding to that section; or
 - (c) a badge issued by any member State other than the United Kingdom for purposes corresponding to the purposes for which badges under that section are issued;and which has not ceased to be in force;
 - "Disabled Person's Vehicle" means a Vehicle which is displaying a Disabled Person's Badge in a Relevant Position as prescribed by the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Regulations 2002;
 - "Parking Attendant" means a person employed in accordance with Section 63A of the Act to carry out the functions therein;
 - "Parking Place" means an area of land specified by number and name in Columns 1 and 2 in the Schedule to this Order;
 - "Relevant Position" means, for the display of a Disabled Person's Badge, that the Disabled Person's Badge is displayed as prescribed by Regulation 12 of the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (as amended); and
 - "Traffic Sign" means a sign prescribed or authorised under Section 64 of the Act; and
 - "Vehicle" unless the context otherwise requires, means a vehicle of any description and includes a machine or implement of any kind drawn or propelled along roads whether or not by mechanical power.
3. The Schedule titled "Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2016" forms the Schedule to this Order.

4. Each area of road which is described in the Schedule to this Order and the plans relative to this Order is hereby designated as a Parking Place.
5. The Parking Places shall only be used for the leaving of Disabled Persons' Vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Person's Badge.
6. The limits of each Parking Place shall be indicated on the carriageway as prescribed by The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.
7. Every Vehicle left in any Parking Place shall stand such that no Parking Place is occupied by more than one Vehicle and that every part of the Vehicle is within the limits of the Parking Place provided that, where the length of a Vehicle precludes compliance with this paragraph, such Vehicle shall be deemed to be within the limits of a Parking Place if:-
 - the extreme front portion or, as the case may be, the extreme rear portion of the Vehicle is within 300mm of an indication on the carriageway provided under this Order in relation to the Parking Place; and
 - the Vehicle, or any part thereof, is not within the limits of any adjoining parking place.
8. Any person duly authorised by the Council or a police officer in uniform or a traffic warden or Parking Attendant may move or cause to be moved in case of any emergency, to any place they think fit, Vehicles left in a Parking Place.
9. Any person duly authorised by the Council may suspend the use of a Parking Place or any part thereof whenever such suspension is considered reasonably necessary:-
 - for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety;
 - for the purpose of any building operation, demolition, or excavation in or adjacent to the Parking Place or the laying, erection, alteration, removal or repair in or adjacent to the Parking Place of any sewer or of any main, pipe, apparatus for the supply of gas, water electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus, Traffic Sign or parking meter;
 - for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the Parking Place on any occasion of the removal of furniture from one office or dwellinghouse to another or the removal of furniture from such premises to a depository or to such premises from a depository;
 - on any occasion on which it is likely by reason of some special attraction that any street will be thronged or obstructed; or
 - for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the Parking Place at times of weddings or funerals or on other special occasions.
10. A police officer in uniform may suspend for not longer than twenty four hours the use of a Parking Place or part thereof whenever such suspension is considered reasonably necessary for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety.

11. This Order insofar as it relates to the Parking Places to be revoked (R) and amended, as specified in the Schedule to this Order, partially revokes and amends The Inverclyde Council On-Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order Nos: 01/2005, 01/2006, 02/2006, 03/2007, 01/2008, 02/2008, 02/2009 and The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order Nos: 04/2012, 03/2013 and 02/2015 respectively.

*Sealed with the Common Seal of The Inverclyde Council and subscribed for them and on their behalf by **, Proper Officer, at Greenock on the ** day of **, Two Thousand and **.*

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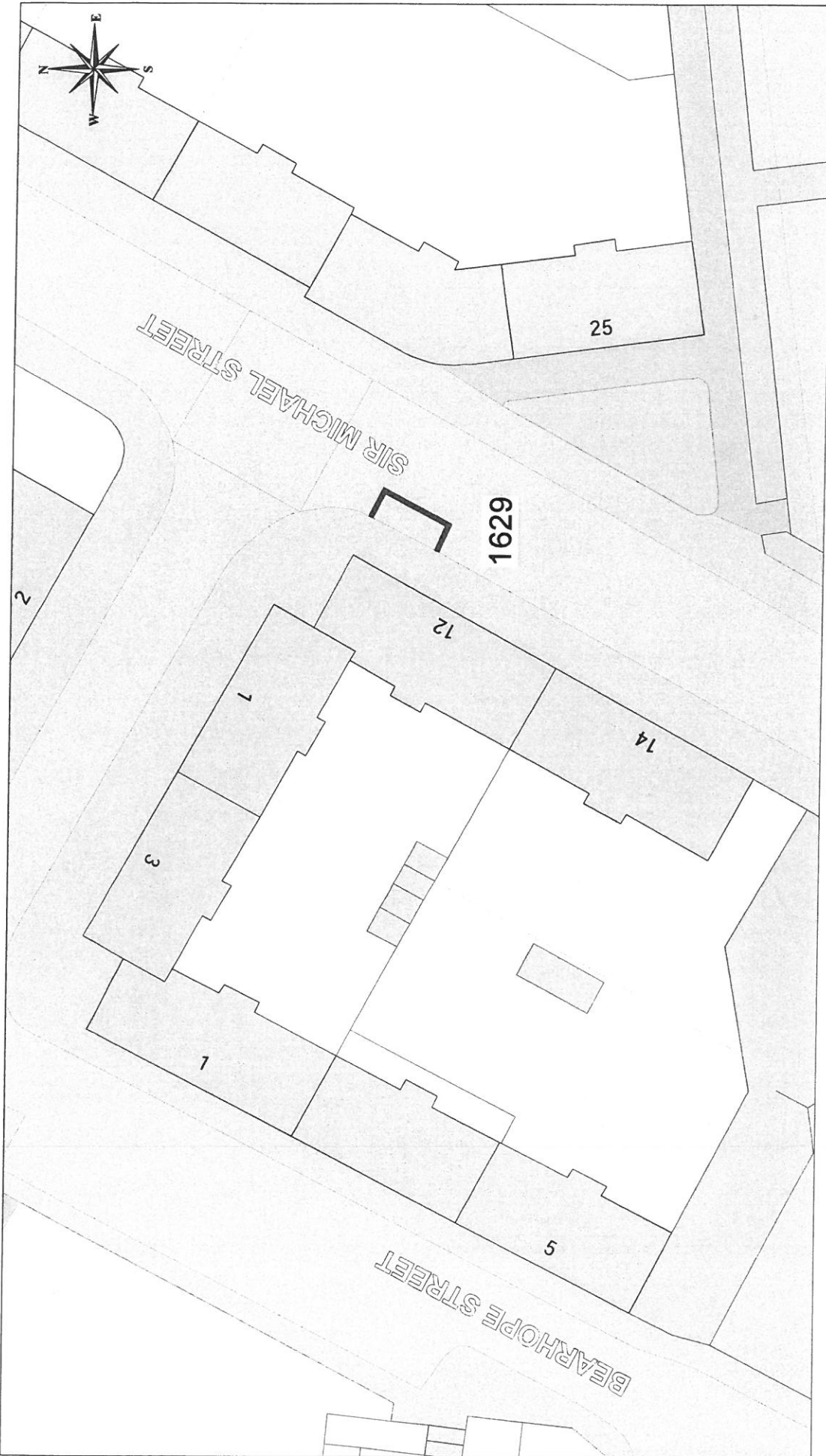
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ORDER No.4 2016

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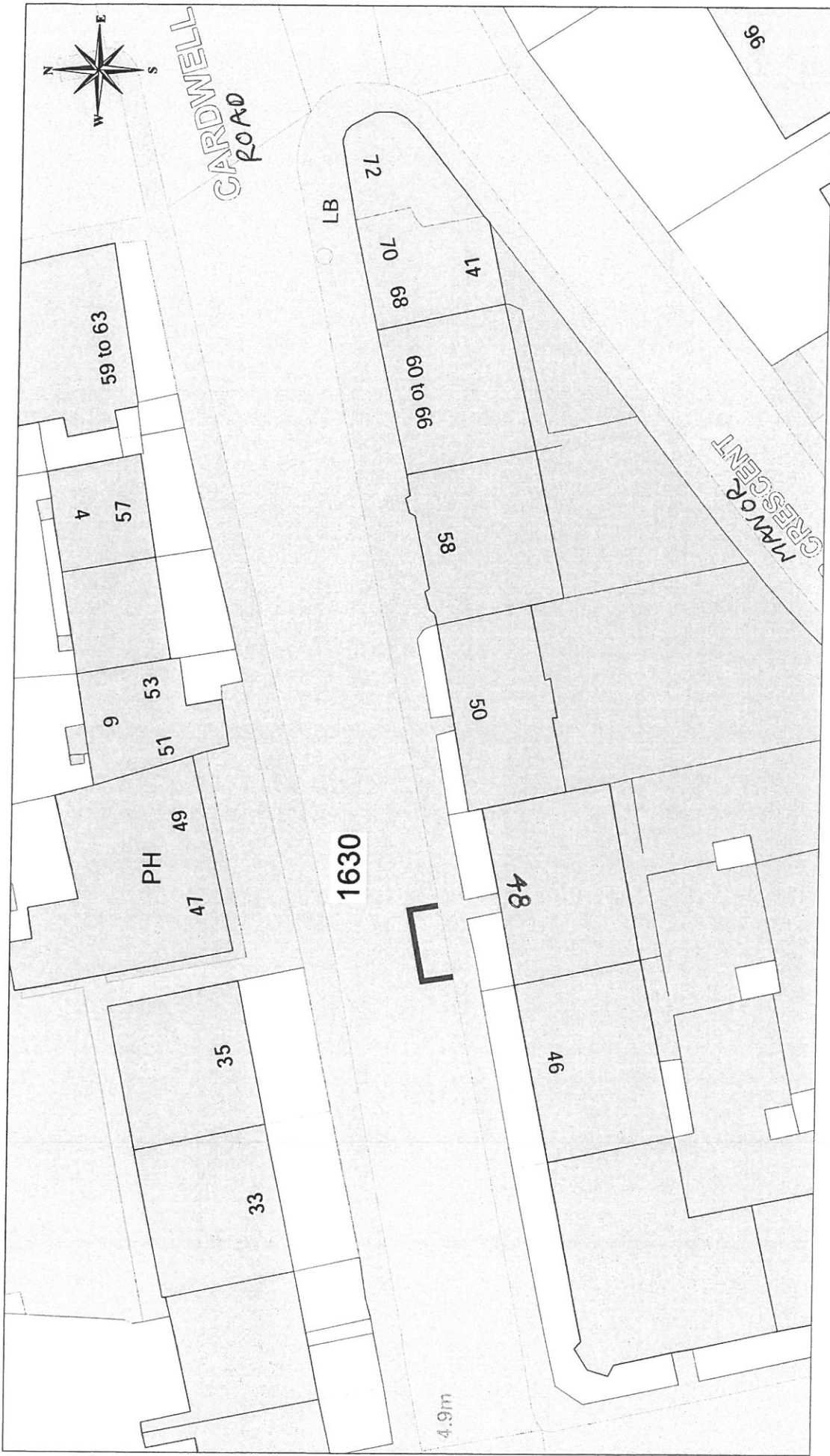
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1633	117 Bardrainey Avenue, Port Glasgow
1634	57 Berwick Road, Greenock
1638	44 Robertson Street, Greenock
1639a	10 John Street, Gourock
1639b	10 John Street, Gourock
1641	2 Auchendores Avenue, Port Glasgow
1643	43 Glen Crescent, Inverkip
1644	68 The Esplanade, Greenock
1645	1 Castle Mansions, Gourock
1647	13 Roxburgh Avenue, Greenock
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1699	79 Glenside Road, Port Glasgow
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1546	2 Flatterton Road, Greenock




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PLACE No. 1629

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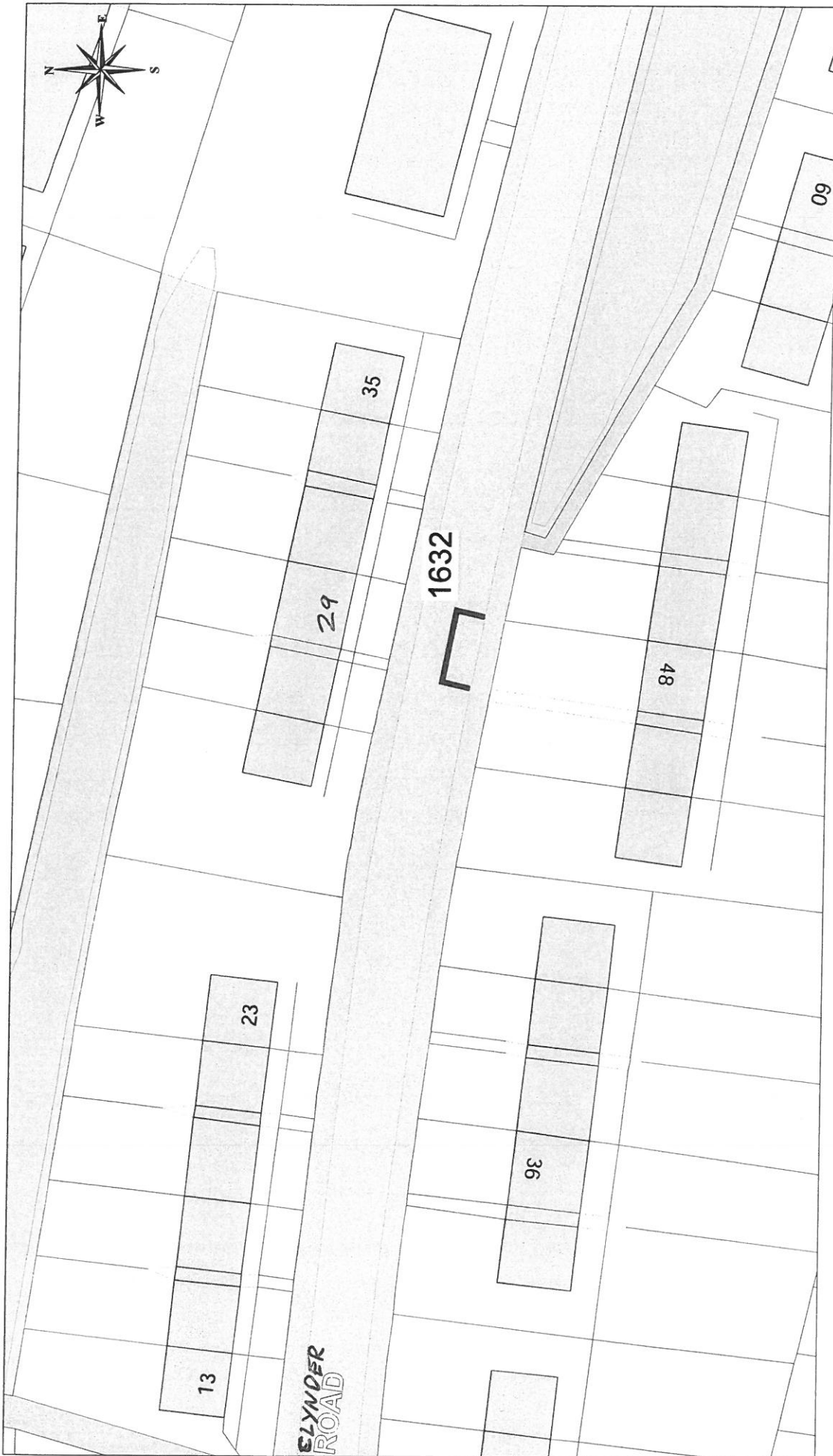
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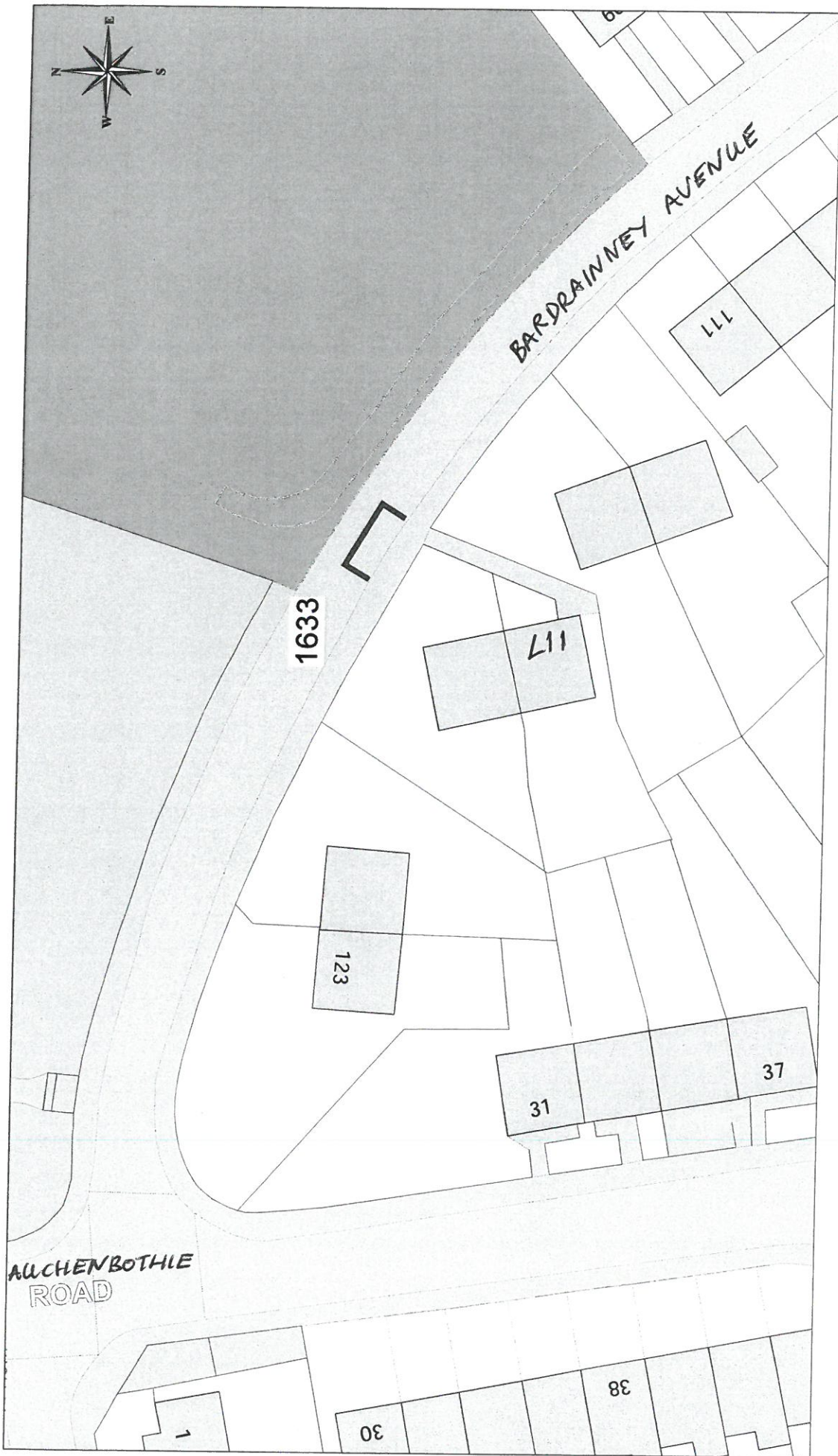
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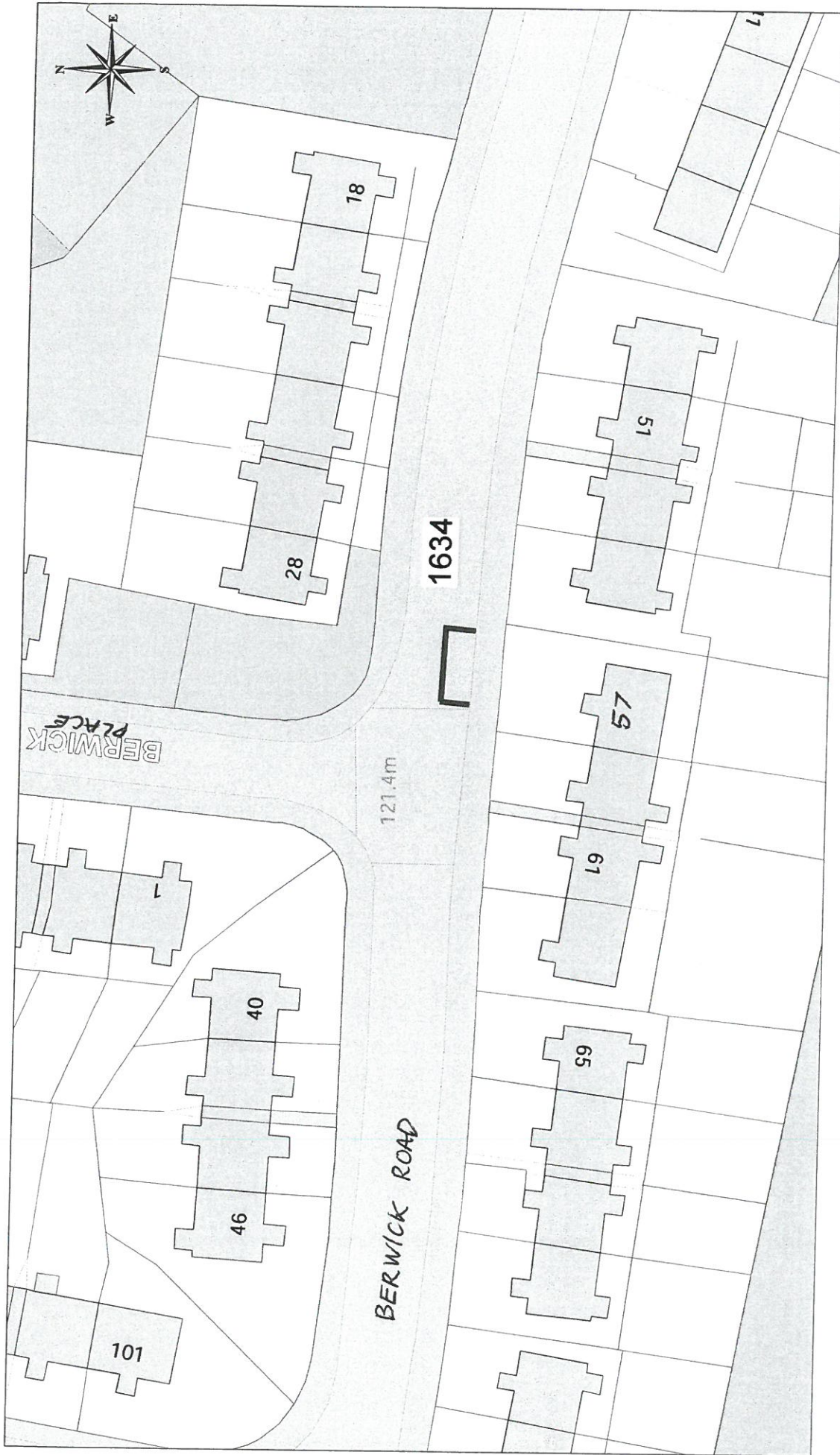


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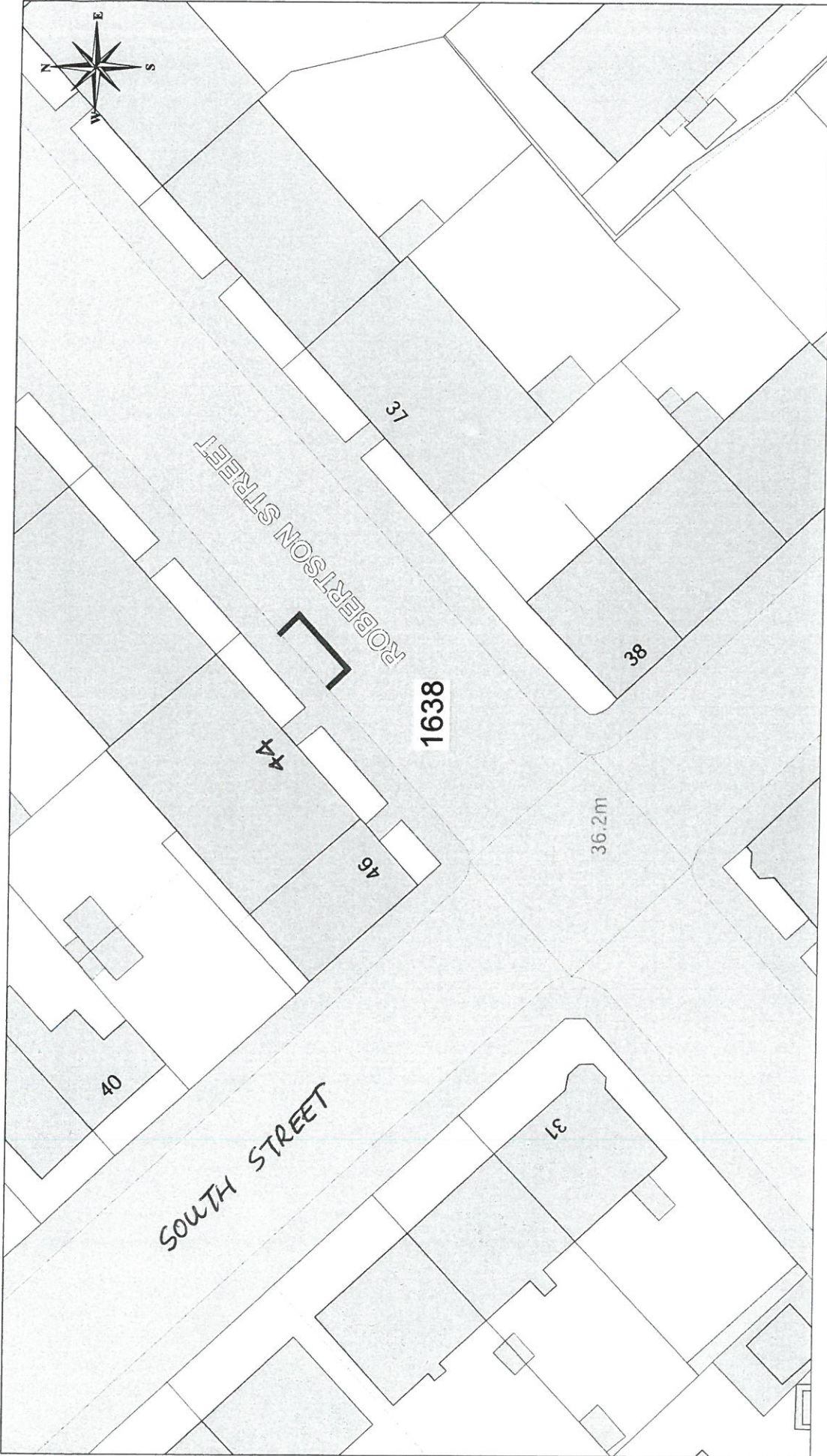



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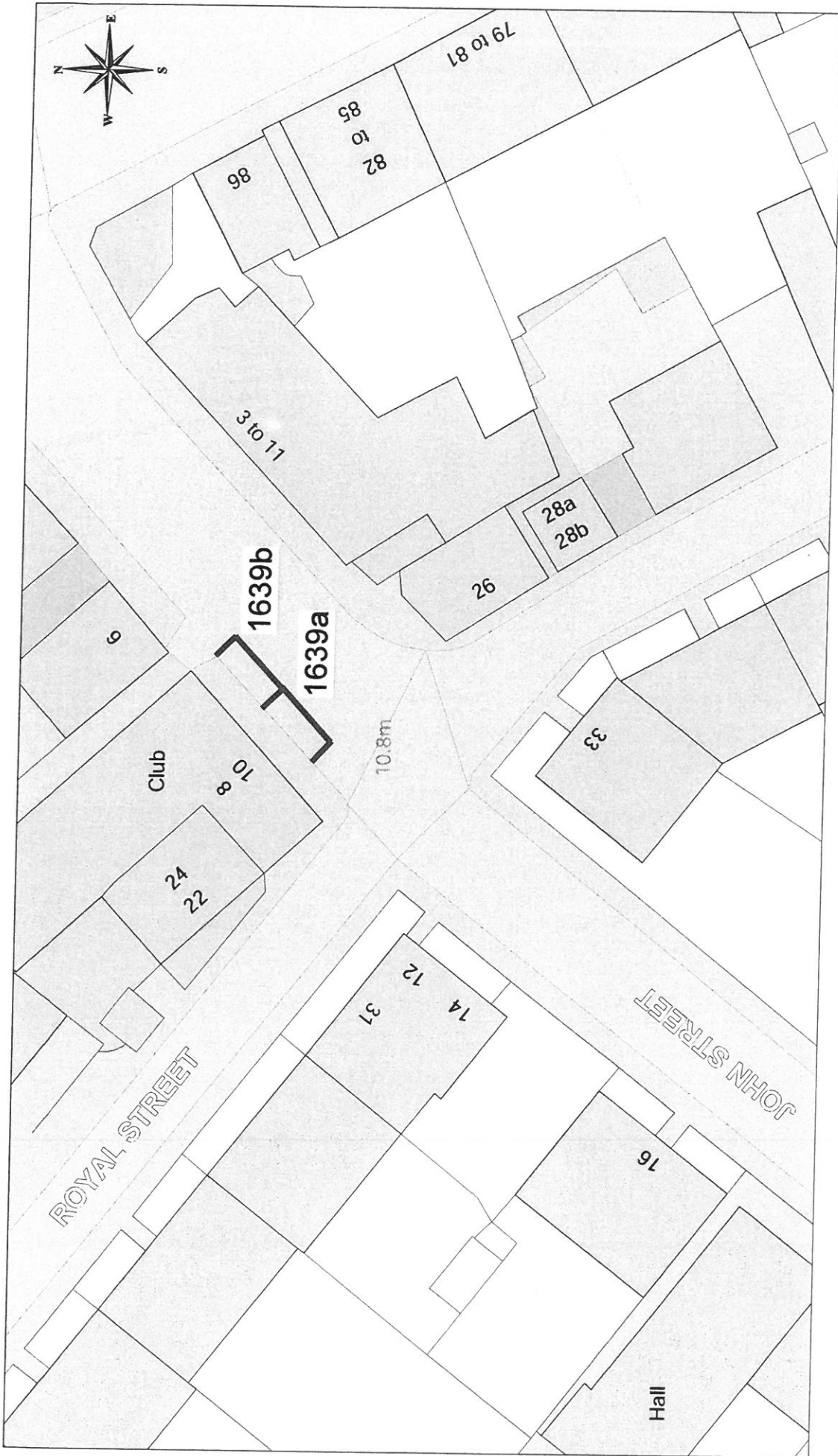



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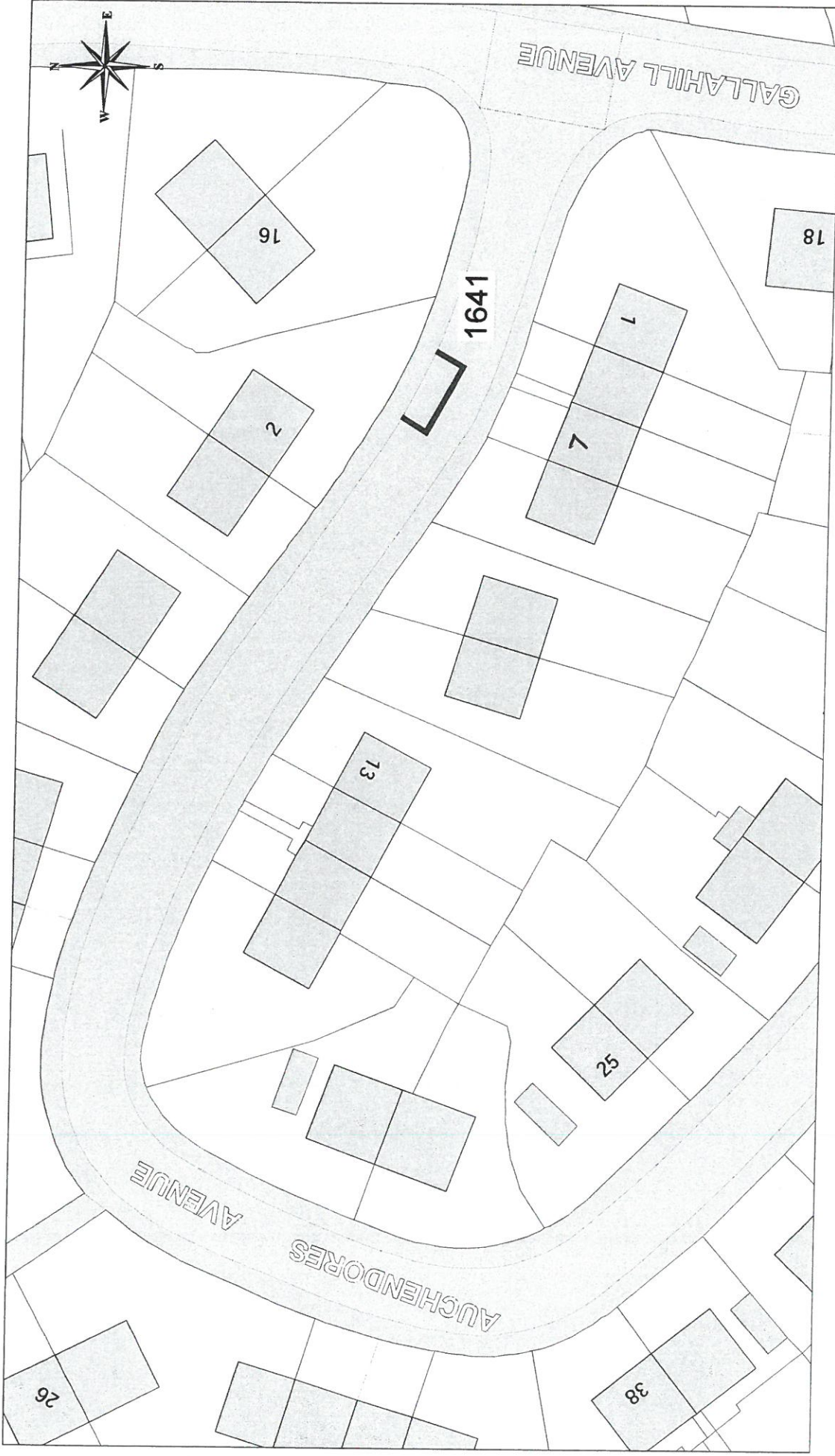



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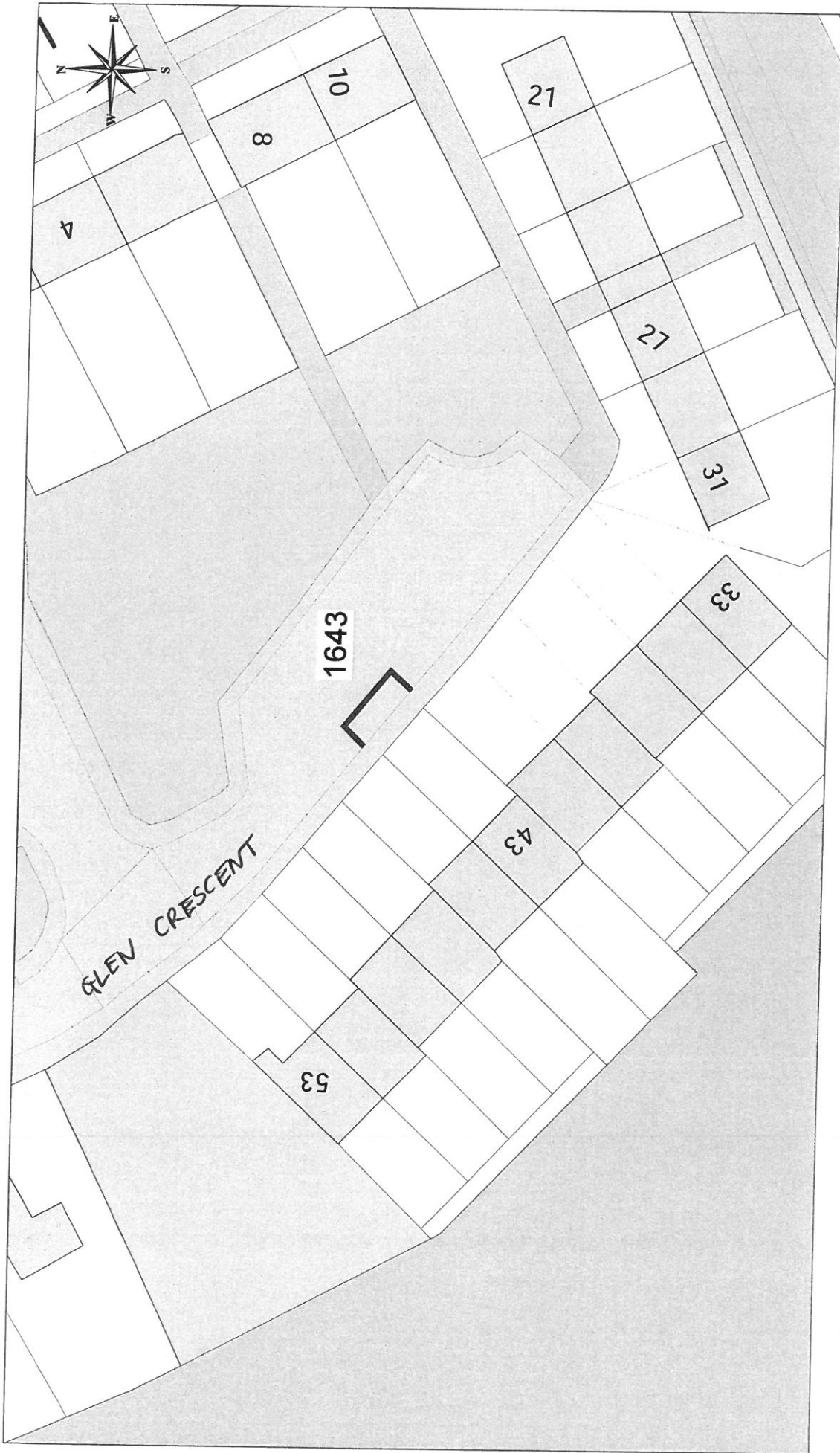
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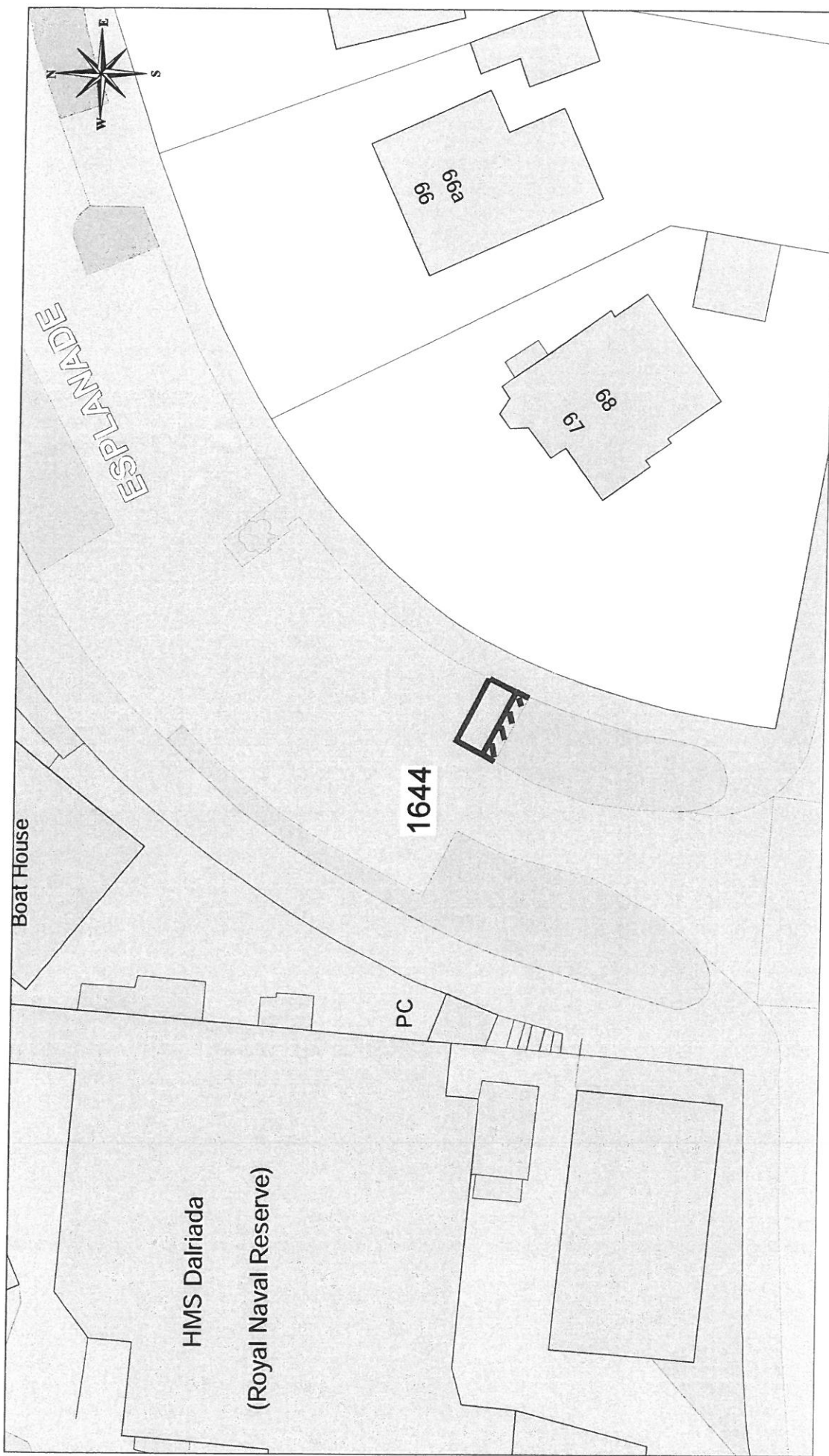
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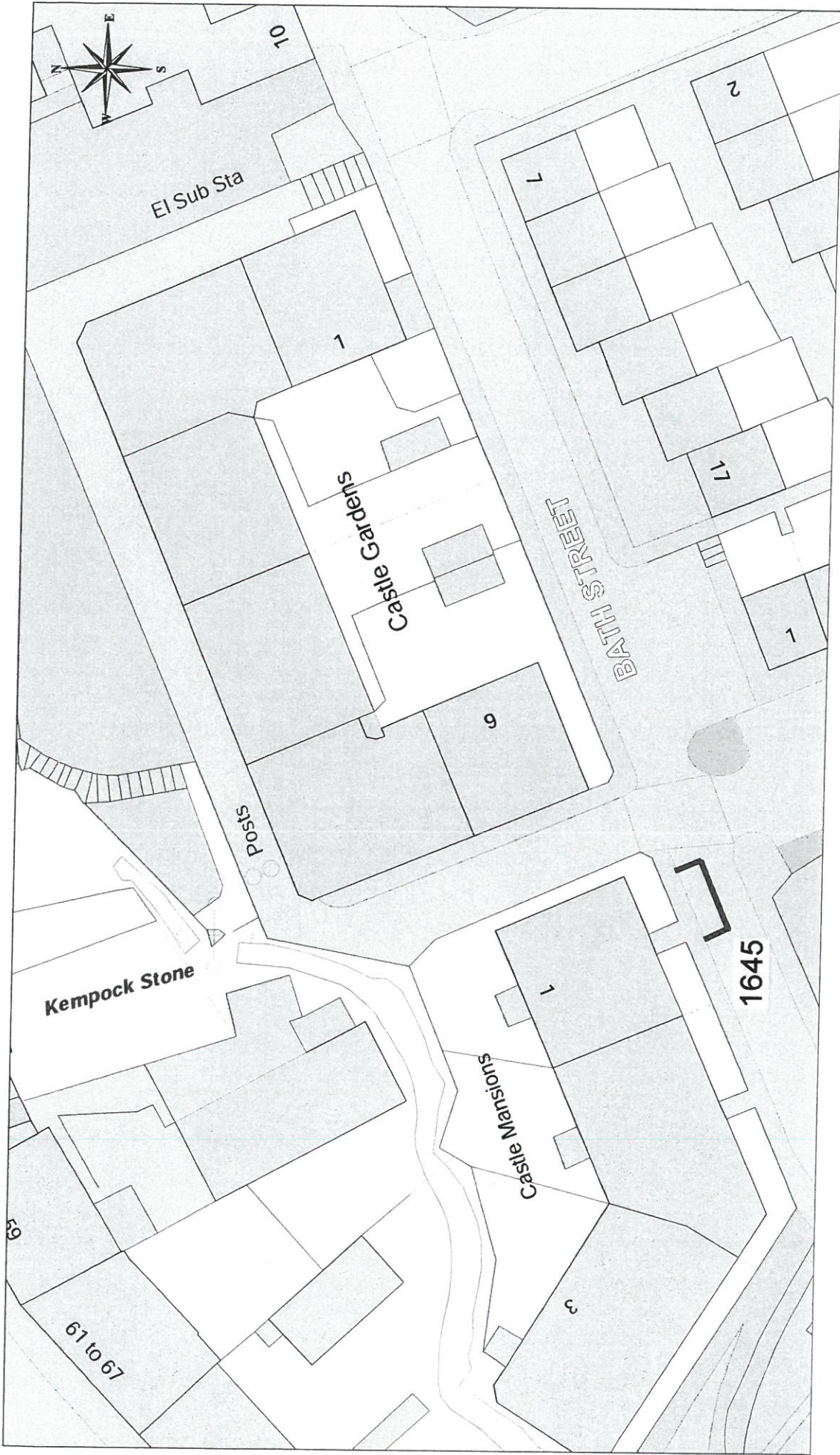
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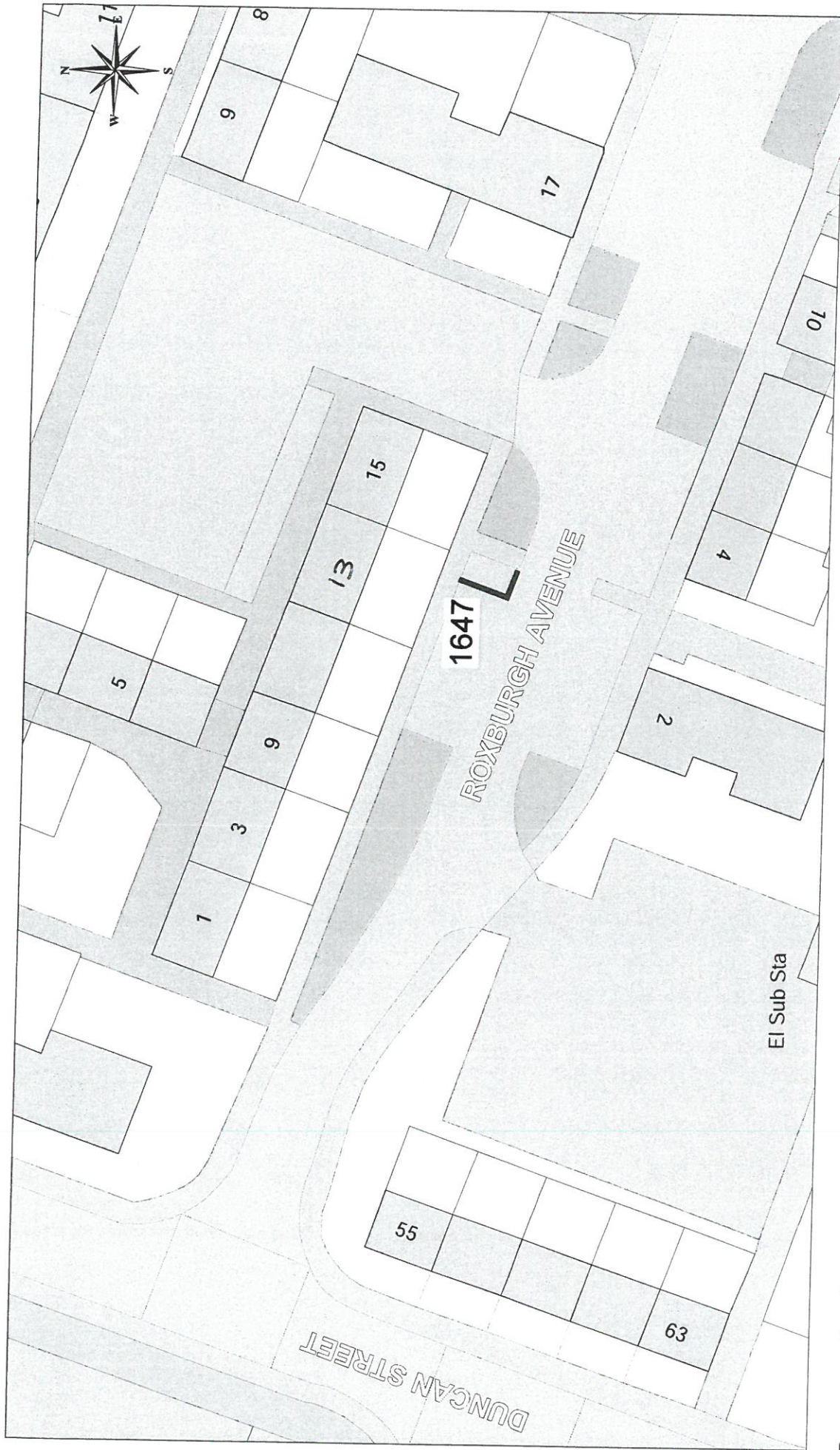
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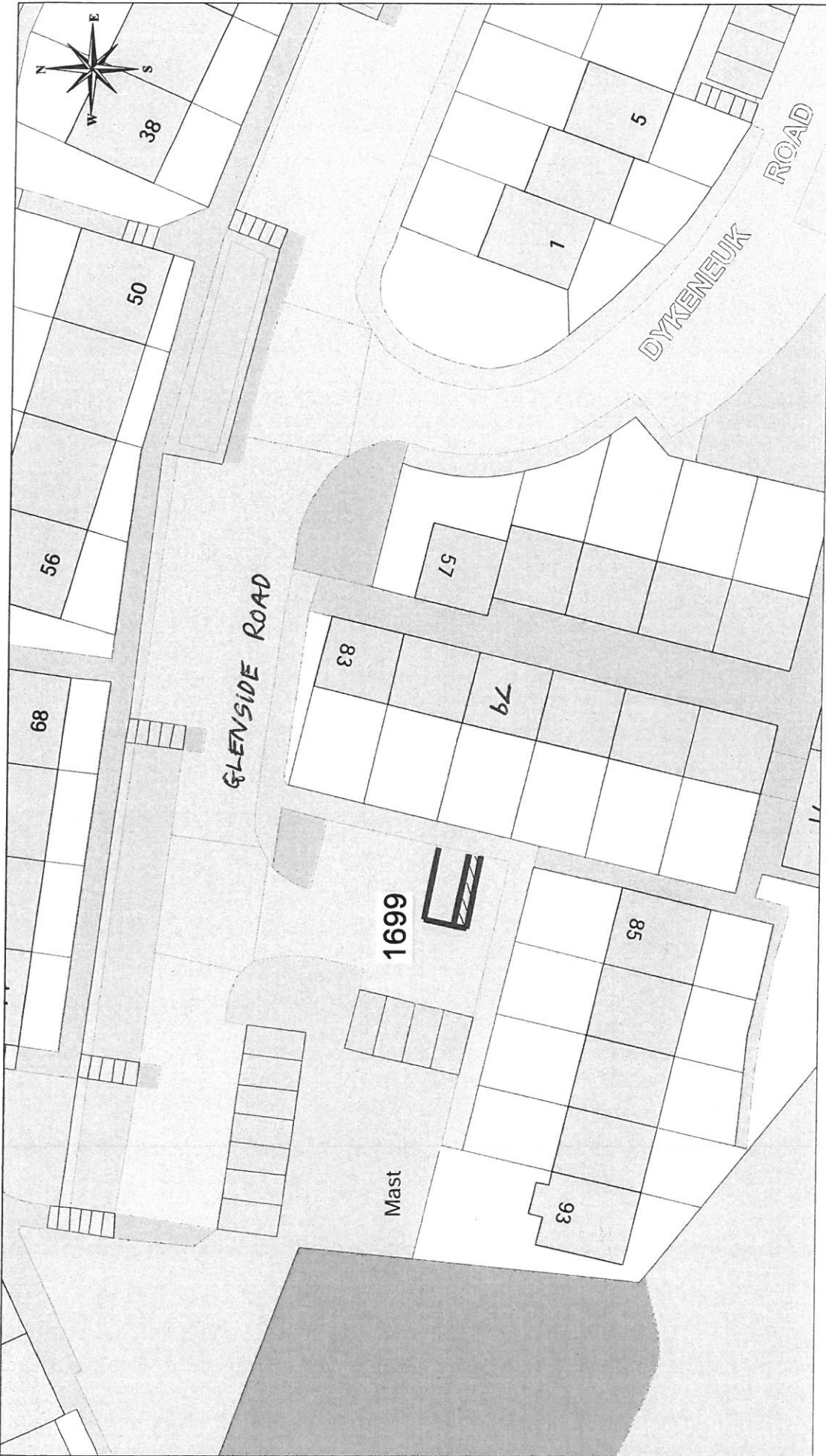
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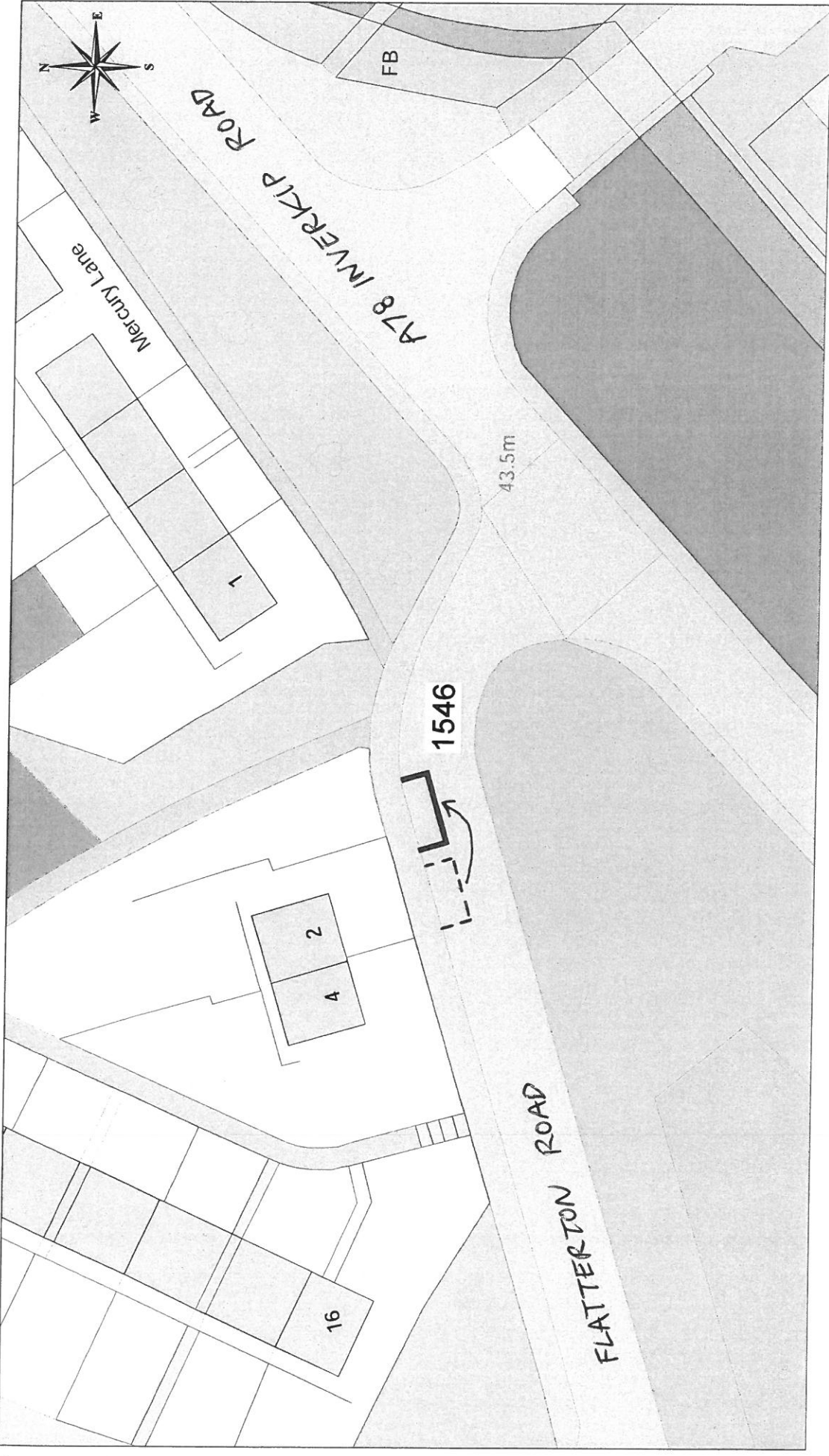



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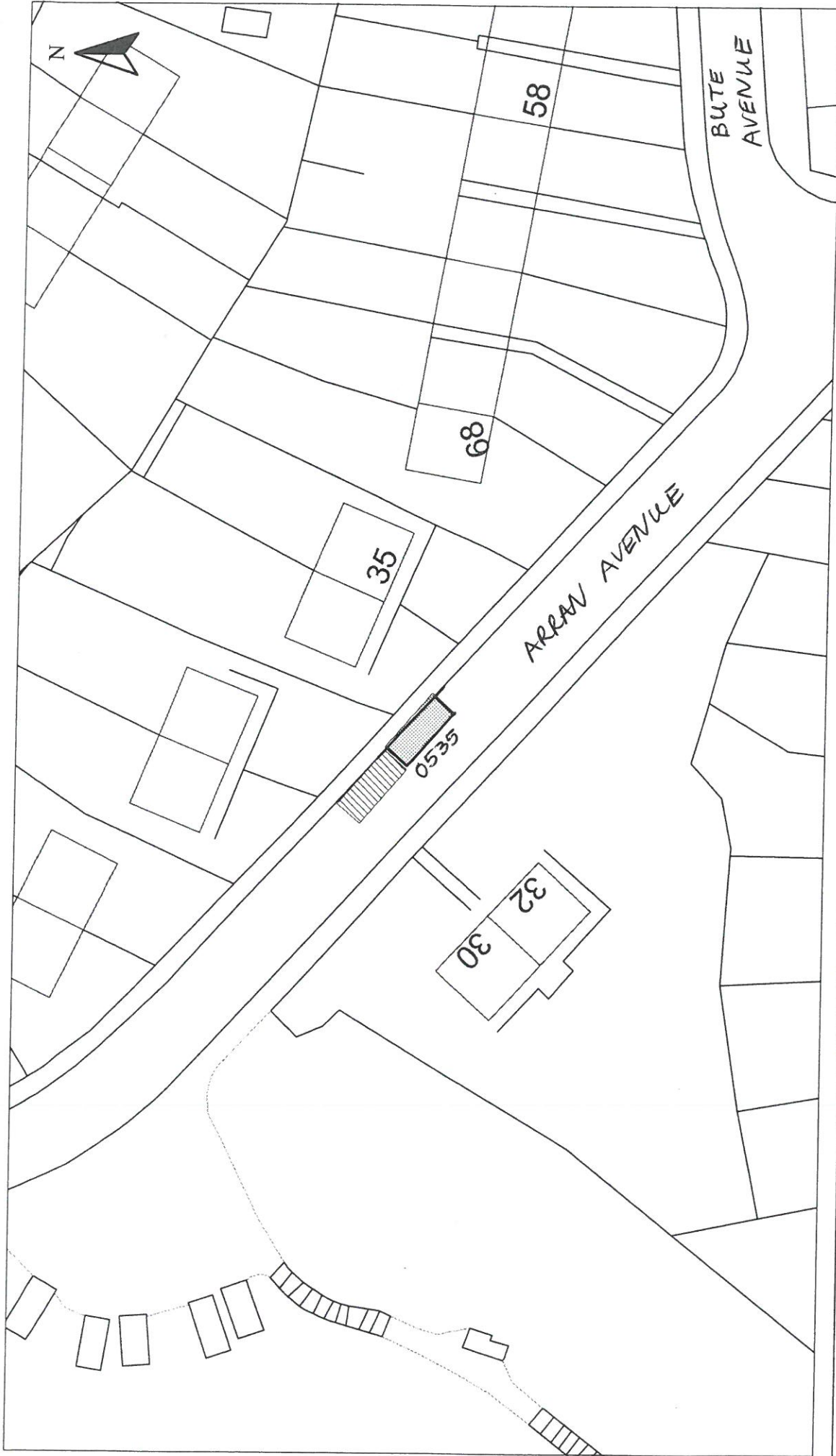


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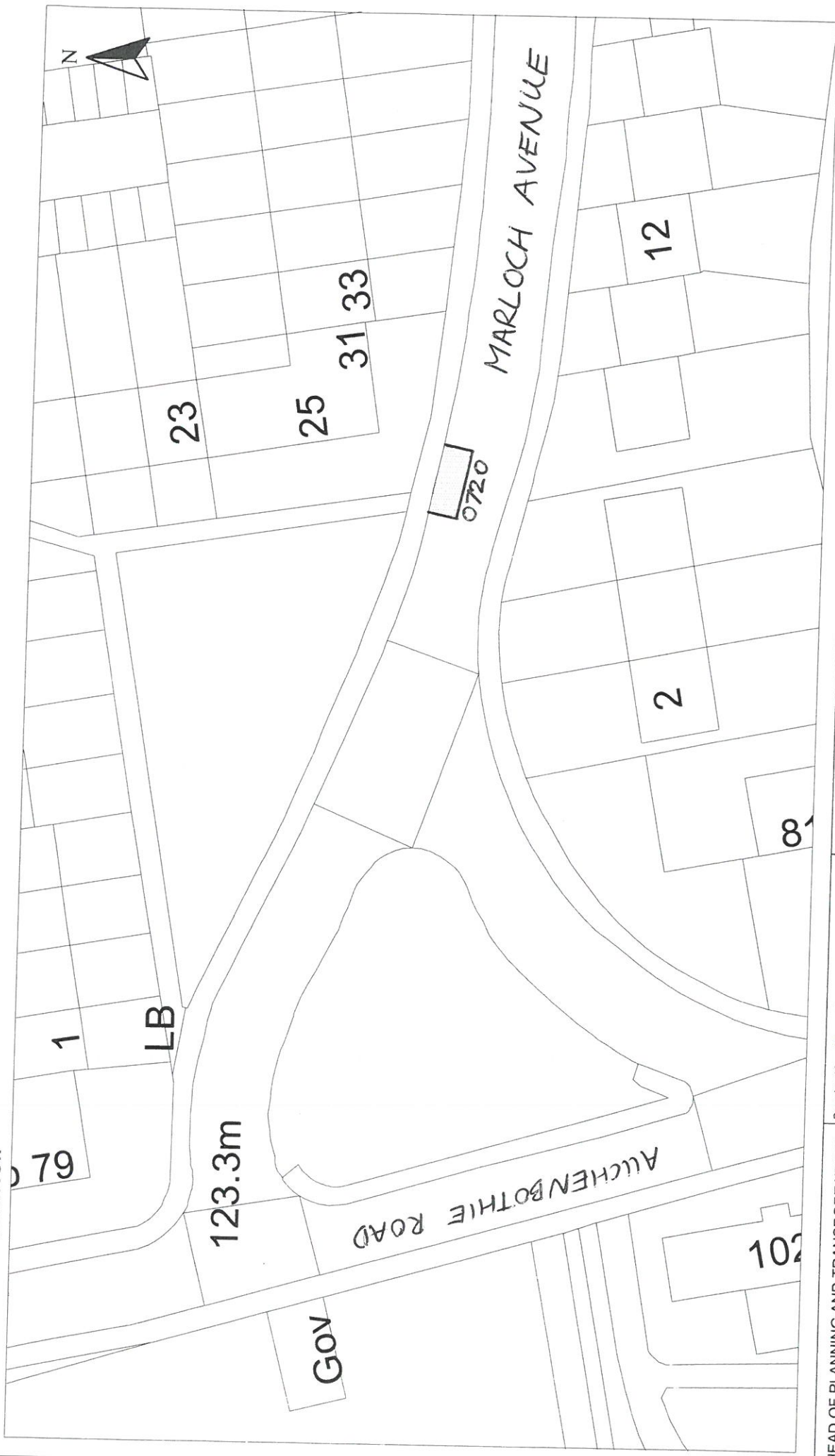
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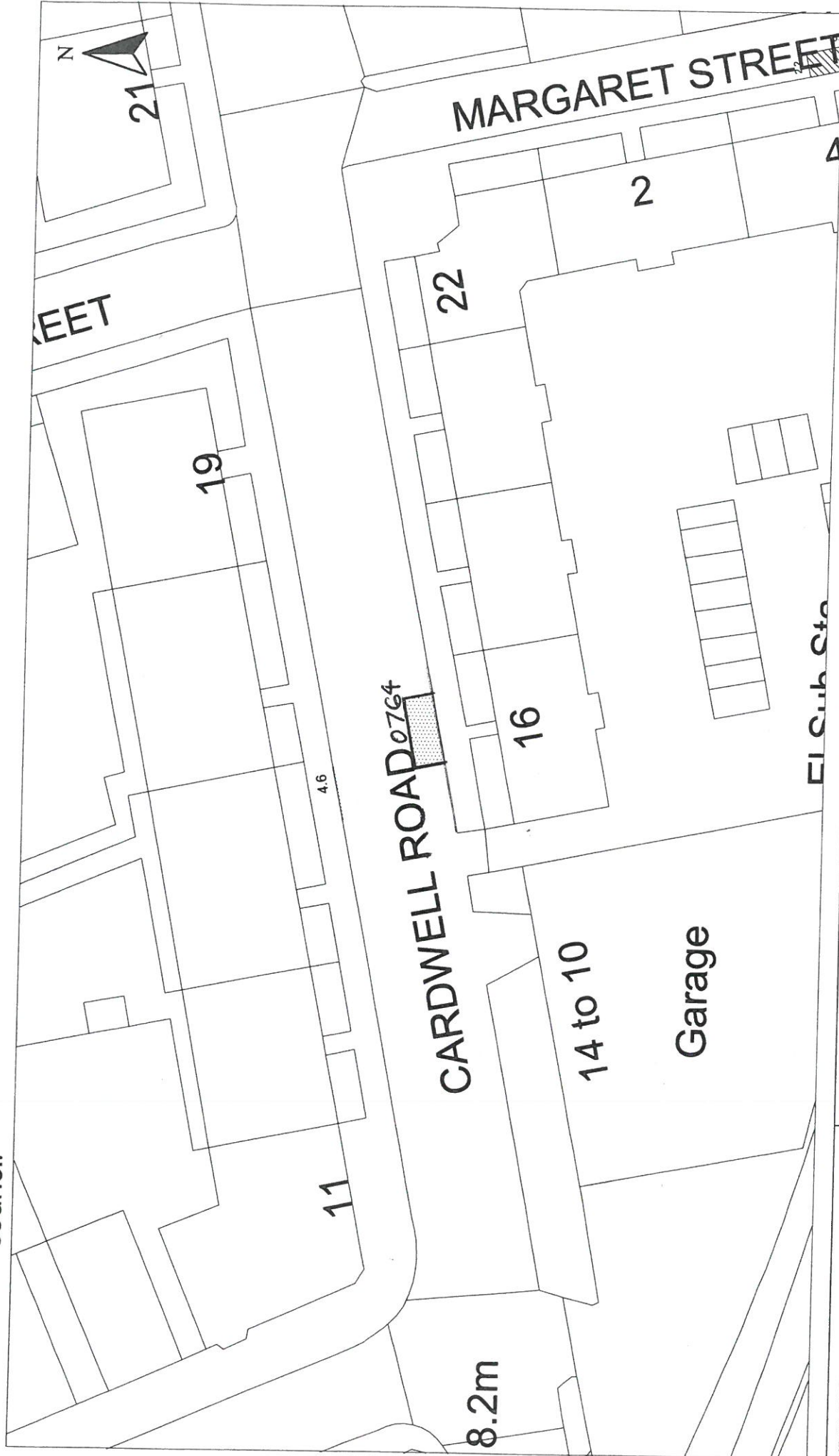
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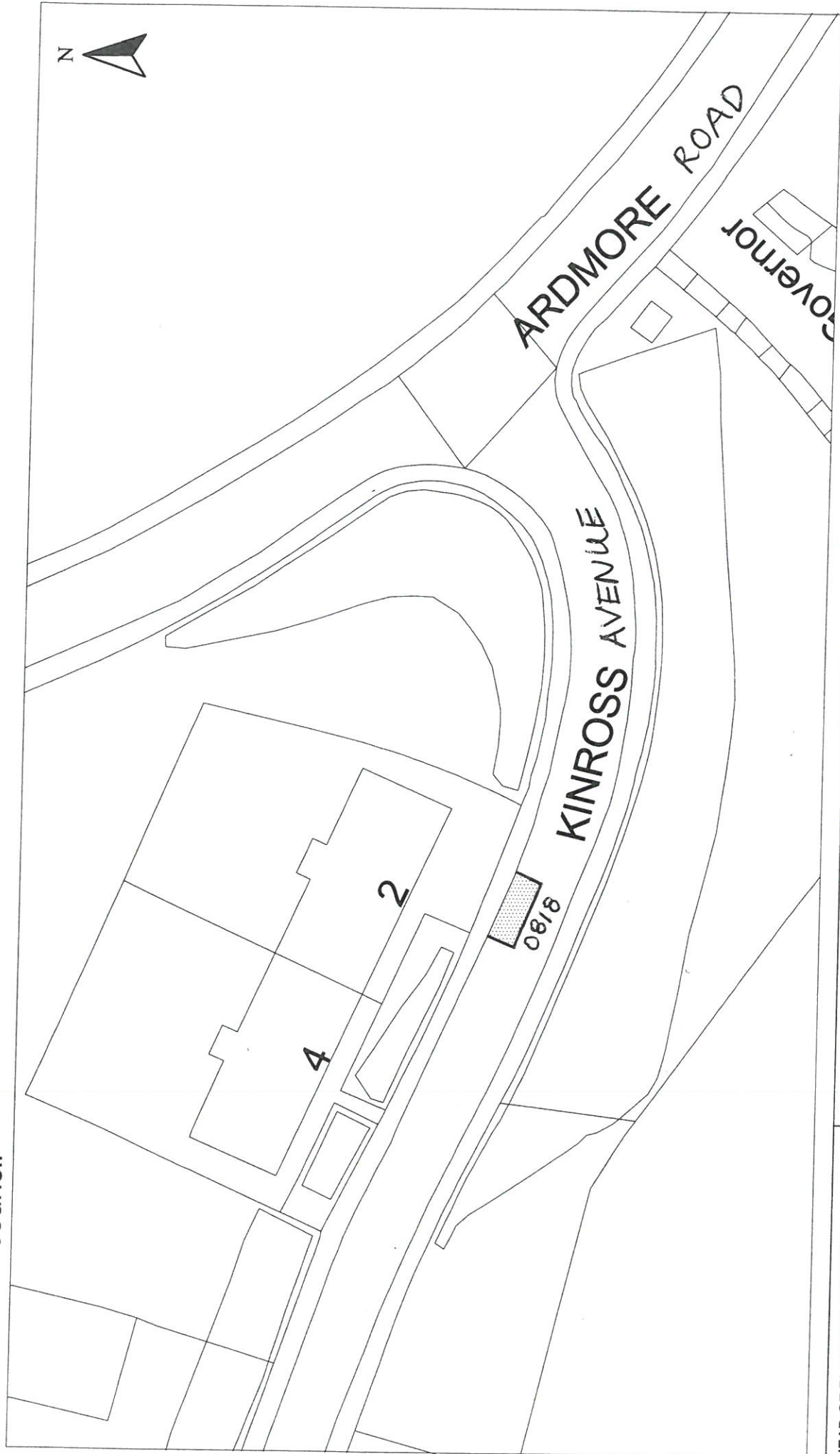
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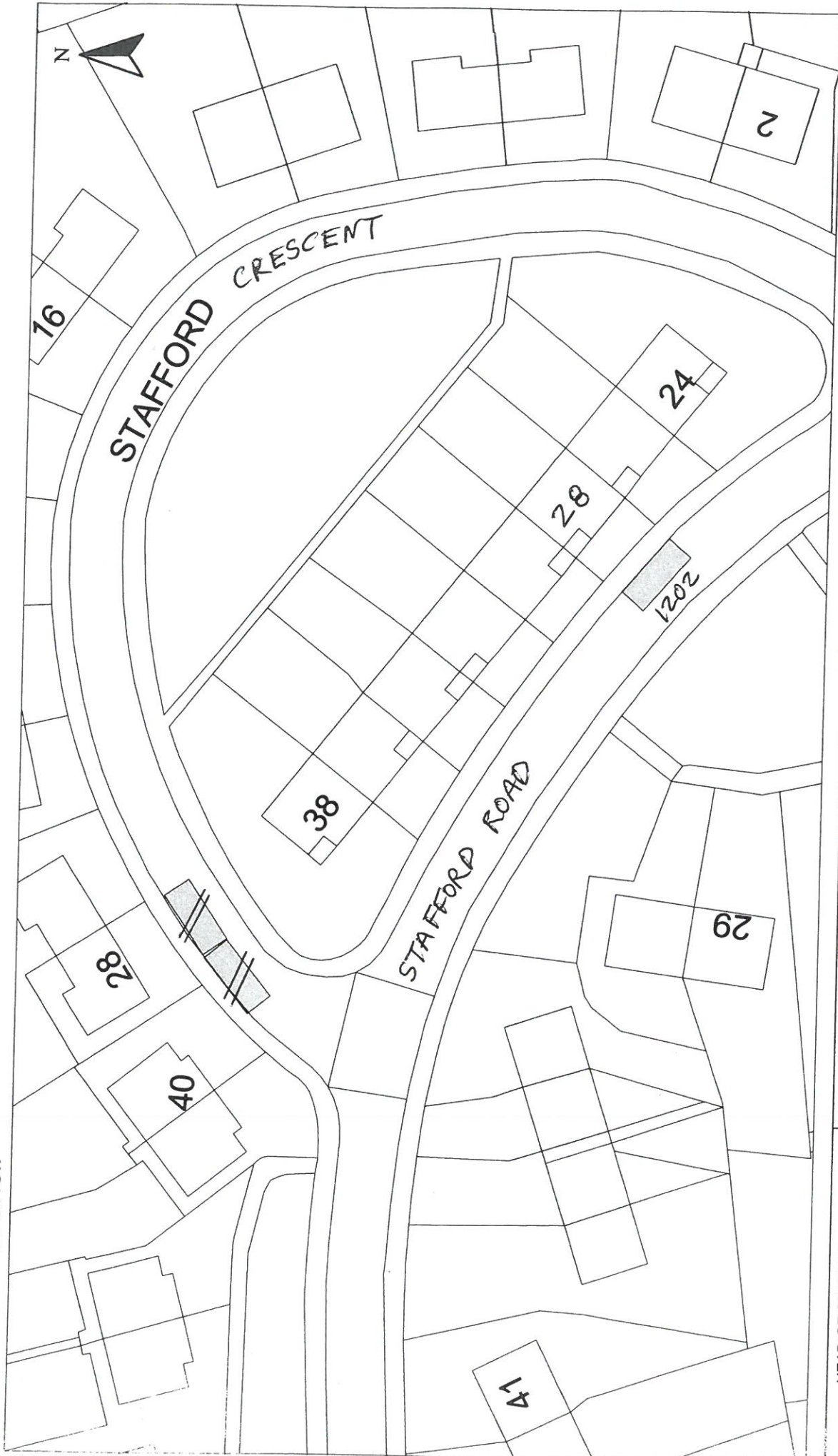
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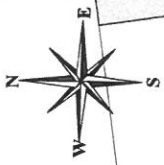
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THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL
DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES
(ON-STREET) ORDER NO. 4 2016

**Statement of Reasons for Proposing to Make
the above Order**

It is considered necessary, in order to comply with Section 5 of The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009, to make the above Order to provide assistance for disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended and to revoke those parking places no longer required to maximise street parking capacity.

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Report To:	The Inverclyde Council	Date:	16 February 2017
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	SL/LP/013/17
Contact Officer:	Sharon Lang	Contact No:	01475 712112
Subject:	Watt Complex Closure – Alternative Service Provision – Remit from Education & Communities Committee		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Council, as Trustees of the Watt Institution, to note the decision made by the Education & Communities Committee relative to alternative service provision in connection with the Watt Complex closure.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Education & Communities Committee on 17 January 2017 considered a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to use an alternative location from which to deliver a Library and Museum service to residents and visitors to Inverclyde during the closure period of the Watt Complex for refurbishment works. A copy of the report is attached as appendix 1.
- 2.2 The Education & Communities Committee decided:
- (1) that approval be given to use part of the Business Store as a temporary location from which to run the Watt Library and the McLean Museum for a total estimated period of around 18 months, with the building being open to the public for around 12 months of this time; and
 - (2) that the decision of the Committee be referred, for noting, to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council as Trustees of the Watt Institution.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Trustees are asked to note the decision of the Education & Communities Committee relative to alternative service provision in respect of the Watt Complex closure.

Report To:	Education and Communities Committee	Date:	17 January 2017
Report By:	Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development	Report No:	EDUCOM/05/17/AW
Contact Officer:	Alana Ward	Contact No:	01475 712330
Subject:	Watt Complex Closure – Alternative Service Provision		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Education and Communities Committee to use an alternative location from which to deliver a Library and Museum service to residents and visitors to Inverclyde during the closure period of the Watt Complex for refurbishment works.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Education and Communities Committee recently approved the closure of the Watt Complex for a period of 18 months – 2 years while necessary refurbishment works to the external fabric of the building take place. Officers were asked to investigate the possibility of running Library and Museum services elsewhere during the closure period of the Complex.
- 2.2 Officers investigated the suitability and costs involved of running Library and Museum services from the Business Store in Cathcart Street. Previously used as office accommodation and a temporary Central Library, this part of the Business Store has been unused since the Central Library relocated to Wallace Place in January 2015.
- 2.3 The Business Store was found to be a highly suitable alternative location from which to deliver Library and Museum services. It would be possible to offer all of the existing public services available at the Watt Complex from the Business Store.
- 2.4 The cost of the Library and Museum occupying two thirds of the Business Store can be met by savings found from the closure of the Watt Complex and can therefore be contained within the current Libraries and Museum revenue budget.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve part of the Business Store being utilised as a temporary location from which to run the Watt Library and the McLean Museum, for a total estimated period of around 18 months. The building would be open to the public for around 12 months of this time.
- 3.2 It is recommended that the decision of the Committee is referred to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council for noting as Trustees of the Watt Institution.

Wilma Bain
Corporate Director
Education, Communities & Organisational Development

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At its meeting of 01 November 2016, the Education and Communities Committee approved the Watt Complex refurbishment proposals, the Library and Museum decant plan, and the closure period of the Complex to allow the contract work, decant and re-instatement to take place.
- 4.2 The decant plan involves 3 levels of decant work: external storage for high value items; utilising, where possible, parts of the building unaffected by the contract work as a temporary store for the bulk of the Museum collections; and on-site protection of items which would be too heavy and/or large to move. The decant process is being managed in-house by the Council's Library, Museum and Archive professional staff, and therefore it is not possible to run a public service at the same time as managing the decant process. The service disruption profile is as follows:

Time Period	Event
December 2016	Library & Museum close to the public (Greenock Philosophical Society can continue to access Watt Hall until Feb 2017).
Jan-Summer 2017	-Limited Watt Library service offered from Central Library. -Museum staff prepare, pack, move objects for decant.
Summer 2017-Summer 2018	Library and Museum - alternative service delivery in the Business Store.
Summer 2018-Autumn 2018	End of contract. Library & Museum contents re-instated.
Autumn 2018	Library & Museum re-open to the public.

- 4.3 While it is possible to provide a limited Watt Library service from Greenock Central Library during the closure period, it is not possible to run a Museum service from the Library and therefore officers were requested to investigate options for the potential temporary delivery of service for a period of 12 months in the middle of the closure period (Summer 2017-Summer 2018) after the decant process has finished and before the re-instatement process begins.
- 4.4 The McLean Museum and Watt Library form a key part of Inverclyde's tourism, culture and heritage offer, providing significant services to visitors and residents of Inverclyde. The relocation – and co-location – of services in the Business Store affords the opportunity for Library and Museum services to work in partnership with each other and with others to promote the unique social history and heritage of the area, occupy a building which is currently partially empty, and to contribute to the Greenock Town Centre Regeneration Strategy by using arts and culture to drive resident and visitor footfall towards the town centre and to the waterfront beyond.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Should the Committee approve the Library and Museum relocation to the Business Store, the service would propose to close the Watt Complex to the public from December 2016 and commence occupancy of the Business Store from January 2017 to enable relocation of books, archives and artefacts there as part of the decant process, which is estimated to last from Jan-Summer 2017. Once the decant has been completed, the majority of Library and Museum staff will relocate to the Business Store and commence the public service.
- 5.2 Two curatorial staff with responsibilities for the fine arts, world cultures, natural history and geology collections, which will not be on display in the Business Store, will remain in the Watt Complex during the closure period, working from the office area which is not involved in the contract work. This satisfies the Council's insurers' requirement that the building remains occupied, but does not forfeit the right to 100% rates relief while the building is closed to the public and the contract work is ongoing. It also ensures that there are staff with a good

knowledge of the building on site to work with the contractors where necessary, and gives curatorial staff the opportunity to carry out collections care and research, and operate the online Museum research and enquiry service.

- 5.3 The public service to be operated from the Business Store will focus on the local history and heritage of Inverclyde and will bring together Watt Library and McLean Museum staff in the same building for the first time. Services available will be identical to those available in the Watt Complex (with the exception of popular fiction lending) and will include access to books, archives, artefacts and objects, genealogical databases and information, an enquiry service, microfilm readers and public PCs with free internet access.
- 5.4 The current opening hours of the Watt Library are 34 per week (10am-5pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and 10am-1pm Wed and Sat) and those of the McLean Museum are 42 per week (10am-5pm Mon-Sat). It is proposed to operate the relocated service to match existing Museum hours, subject to filling a current vacancy on a temporary basis.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance

Please see Appendix 1 for detailed costs/savings.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
Watt Library & Museum	Relocation	2016/18	(£1.6k)		Savings mainly from rebate of NDR and utilities. Offset by Business Store rental and loss of hall lets and merchandise income. (See Appendix 1)

6.2 Legal

The Head of Legal and Property Services comments that, as the Watt Institution is held and administered by the Council as Trustees, any recommendation of this Committee will require to be referred to the Trustees of the Watt Institution for noting.

6.3 Human Resources

There are no staffing implications, other than some re-alignment of working hours, and the filling of a current vacancy on a temporary basis.

6.4 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

Yes See attached appendix

No This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

6.5 Repopulation

The McLean Museum and Watt Library form a key part of Inverclyde's tourism, culture and heritage offer, providing significant services to visitors and residents of Inverclyde. The overall project offers an opportunity to invest significantly into one of Inverclyde's best regarded heritage assets.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Appendix 1 – Costs/Savings of Library and Museum Relocation to Business Store

APPENDIX 1

Watt Complex Decant Costing

<u>Closing Watt Complex and locating to Business Store</u>	£	Notes
Employee costs	-	No saving as all staff still needed fro service provision
NDR	62,720	Saving based on complex being empty from Jan 2017 and re-opening in Autumn 2018
Utilities	14,516	Only savings on Water Rates and Electricity. The gas provision is not Zonal and hence there is no saving. Gas still required to heat remaining artefacts.
Exhibitions	5,679	Saving based on only 50% of budget being used from Jan 2017 to Autumn 2018
Goods for resale	5,469	Based on reducing to only 50% of current budget for Jan 2017- Autumn 2018
Loss of income - Sales, Fees and Charges	- 9,462	Based on loss of income of 33% for Jan 2017- Autumn 2018
Loss of photocopying income	- 520	Based on 6 months of lost income
Halls lets lost income	- 1,785	Based on Hall lets lost income for 1.75 years
<u>Saving</u>	<u>76,617</u>	
<u>Costs of Option 2</u>		
New Location costs	70,000	Use of Business store from Jan 2017 to Autumn 2018 based at £40k a year (This is a 2/3rd share of the full Business Store costs)
Refit Costs	5,000	Estimated
<u>Total Saving</u>	<u>1,617</u>	

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