

CRAMOND HERITAGE TRAIL: ORIENTATION & INTERPRETATION SIGNS

LOCATION & DESIGN STATEMENT

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Purpose

This paper provides details of the background to, and location and design of, proposed orientation and interpretation signs associated with Cramond Heritage Trail. It has been prepared to support applications for scheduled monument consent, conservation area consent and planning consent, insofar as may be required by Historic Environment Scotland and the City of Edinburgh Council.

Introduction

Proposals for Cramond Heritage Trail have been developed by representatives of Cramond & Barnton Community Council, Cramond Association, Cramond Heritage Trust and Friends of the River Almond Walkway, with support from Edinburgh Council's Natural Heritage Service and the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership. The initiative is based on –

- recognition of Cramond's outstanding historic interests - including sites of one of Scotland's earliest settlements, Roman Fort and Bathhouse, industrial heritage of the River Almond (mills, quarries), Cramond's historic Village and the Wartime history of Cramond Island
- information from the *Cramond and River Almond Walkway: Visitor Survey 2014* (350 interviews), which indicated that 83% of interviewees wanted more information on the local area. Over 80% of interviewees wanted more information on local history and wildlife and map-boards for the local area. Key topics of interest were the River Almond's mills and wildlife (78% of interviewees wanting more information), Roman history (65%), Cramond Island (60%), walking/cycling routes (58%) and Cramond Village and Kirk (55%).

Consequently, the Interpretation Group developed the *Cramond and River Almond Walkway: Orientation & Interpretation Strategy*, a key component of which is the Cramond Heritage Trail. This Trail will lead visitors around and interpret the principal heritage sites (e.g. Mesolithic settlement site, Fair-a-Far Mill, Cramond Waterfront). The Strategy and concept of a Heritage Trail have received statements of support in principle from local community groups, local councillors, City of Edinburgh Council (Parks & Greenspace Manager), Historic Environment Scotland, Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Cramond Primary School and other local groups.

Orientation and interpretation signs will comprise –

- A. Heritage Trail orientation boards** – including a Trail map and initial visitor information at principal visitor 'entrance' points, to enhance awareness of the Trail, sites and features of interest and visitor amenities (e.g. cafés, toilets)
- B. interpretation boards** – to enhance visitors' appreciation and understanding of features of social, industrial and natural heritage interest
- C. fingerposts** – to assist visitors to follow the Trail
- D. waymark posts** – to assist visitors to follow the Trail
- E. woodland walks orientation board** – featuring a map of paths in the Kirk Cramond woodlands.

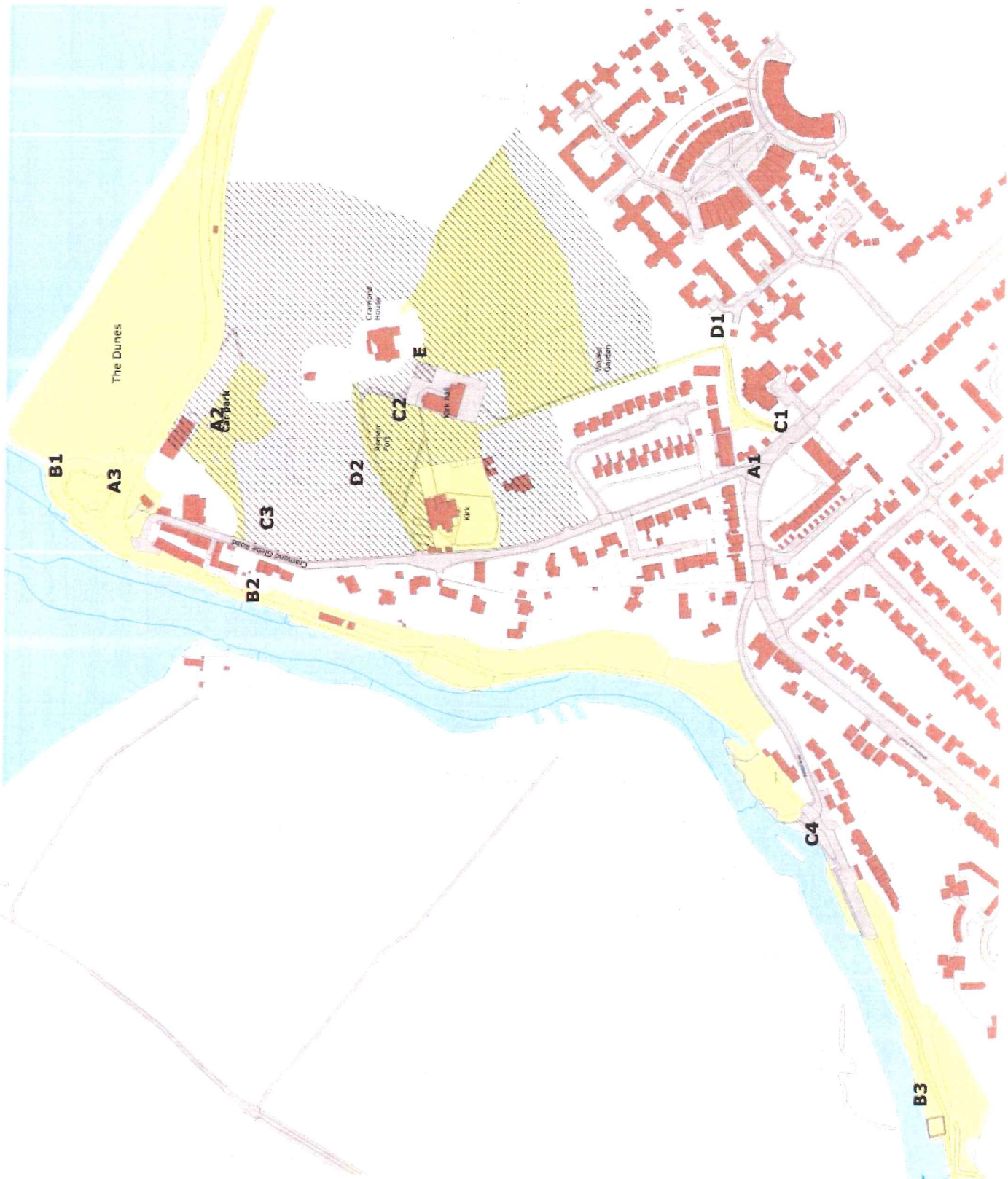
Information will be provided, also, through a Cramond portal website, Trail app (in development) and the *Historic Cramond* app.

This Location and Design Statement comprises -

- a schedule of the proposed signs, locations and site designations (Table 1)
- a map showing the overall locations of the proposed signs (Map A)
- illustrations of the designs and photos of the proposed sites for the various signs (pages 5-10)
- location plans for individual signs (pages 11-17)
- a plan showing the relationship of signs within the scheduled monument area to key features of the scheduled monument (page 18).

Table 1. Proposed Signs, Locations and Designations

Signs	Description	Site Ownership	Scheduled Monument	Conservation Area	No Designation
A. Heritage Trail Orientation Boards					
A1. 41 Bus Stop: Cramond Road North	free-standing orientation board (approx. A1 size)	[Redacted]			
A2. Cramond Car Park	free-standing A0 orientation board + notice board on steel supports				
A3. 'Circle' on Waterfront	free-standing A0 orientation board + notice board on steel supports (replace current notice board)				
B. Heritage Trail Interpretation Boards					
B1. Waterfront looking towards Cramond Island	free-standing A0 interpretation board (as above, no notice board) on steel supports	[Redacted]			
B2. Harbour at Maitings	free-standing A1 lectern board on steel supports				
B3. Fair-a-Far Mill Ruins grass area	free-standing A1 lectern board on steel supports				
C. Heritage Trail Directional Fingerposts					
C1. Entrance to path from Cramond Road North near 41 Bus Stop	c.2m. (above ground height) timber post + 1 directional finger in powdered steel	[Redacted]			
C2. Kirk Cramond – corner of Kirk Halls	c.2m. timber post + 3 directional powdered steel fingers				
C3. Access to path from Car Park to Kirk Cramond	c.2m. timber post + 3 directional powdered steel fingers				
C4. Foot of School Brae - grass area	c.2m. timber post + 3 directional powdered steel fingers (replace current fingerpost)				
D. Heritage Trail Waymark Posts					
D1. 90° bend in path from Cramond Road North to Kirk Cramond	c. 0.6m timber post (above ground height) with routed spaces for Trail logo and directional arrows	[Redacted]			
D2. KirkCramond – access to path to Cramond Car Park	c. 0.6m timber post with routed spaces for Trail logo and directional arrows				
E. Kirk Cramond Woodland Walks Orientation Board					
E. Kirk Cramond – entrance to network of woodland paths	free-standing A2 lectern board on single steel support	[Redacted]			



- Buildings
- Council managed land
- Scheduled area

Proposed Signs

- A Trail Orientation Board
- B Interpretation Board
- C Fingerpost
- D Waymarks
- E Woodland Walks Orientation Board

Cramond Heritage Trail

Proposed Signs

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A. Design and Sites of Cramond Heritage Trail Orientation Boards

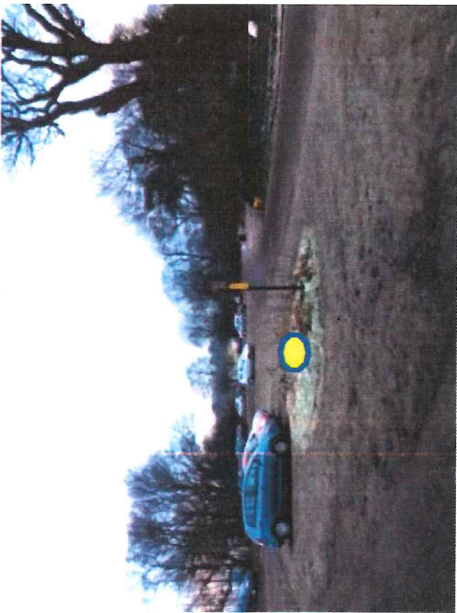
Ideally the proposed orientation boards would all have been of the same general design as to those recently provided on the River Almond Walkway (see design and photo below), but with the sign at the 41 bus stop on Cramond Road North being wall-mounted rather than free-standing. However, the home owner at Cramond Road North refused to permit a sign to be attached to her wall and a more modest, free-standing sign, as used elsewhere by Edinburgh Council (see photo below), is proposed for this site (with agreement of the Locality Team's Traffic and Environment Manager). The orientation boards will provide a map of the Heritage Trail and visitor services (e.g. car parks, toilets, cafés) and brief text providing a 'visitor welcome' and historical information. The larger structures will include a separate notice board, as shown in the designs below.



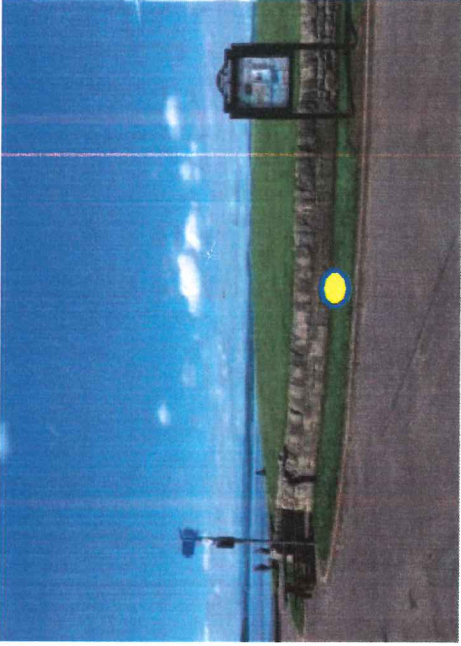
Example of free-standing orientation board proposed for Cramond Road North site



A1. Site () of proposed free-standing orientation board at Cramond Road North bus stop



A2. Site of proposed orientation/notice board at Cramond Car Park. Landscaping to be enhanced.

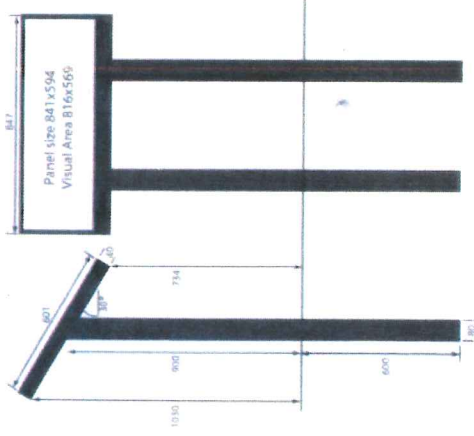


A3. Site of proposed orientation/notice board at Circle on Promenade. New board will replace existing structure.

B. Design and Sites of Cramond Heritage Trail Interpretation Boards

Three interpretation boards are proposed at this stage. These will comprise three A1 graphic panels printed on aluminium, fixed to a stainless steel frame and mounted on powder-coated steel posts, as shown below. The interpretation will include -

- B1: Wartime history of Cramond Island and Cramond's role as a leisure resort for Edinburgh
- B2: Social history of Cramond Village and Harbour and story of Cramond Lioness (Roman statue) found in Harbour silt
- B3: Industrial history of lower sections of River Almond valley, including grain and iron mills and Craigie Quarry and docks.



Design of proposed A1 size interpretation lectern



B1. Site of interpretation lectern overlooking Causeway and Island. To replace existing out-dated board

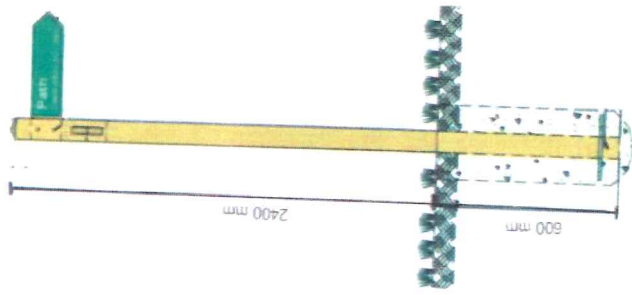


B2. Site of interpretation lectern at Maltings to replace Cramond Lioness Board at Ferry Steps



B3. Site of interpretation lectern at Fair-a-Far Mill Ruins

C. Design and Sites of Cramond Heritage Trail Fingerposts



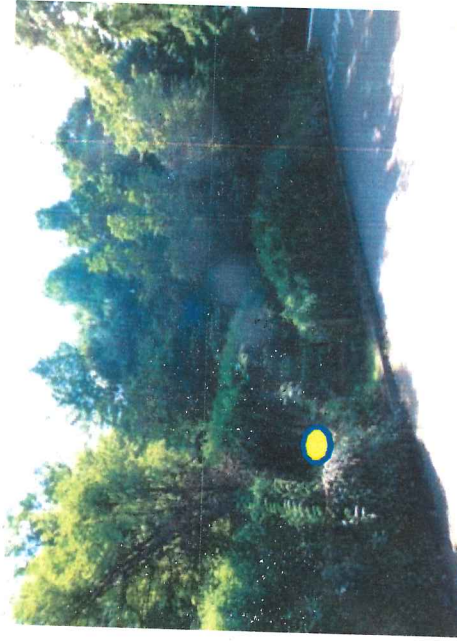
Fingerpost - Design



Photo of similar fingerpost to proposed Heritage Trail fingerposts (Falkirk Wheel)



C1. Site of proposed fingerpost at paths junction at Cramond Kirk Halls

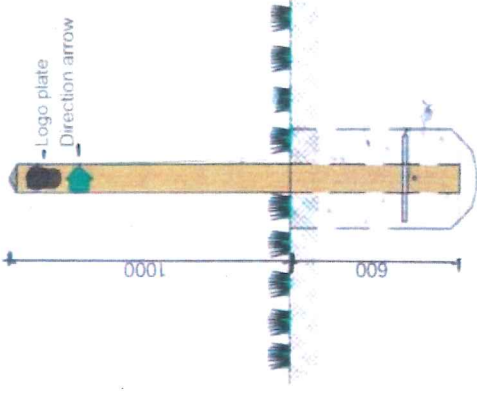


C2. Site of proposed fingerpost at Cramond Car Park access path to Mesolithic site



C3. Site of proposed fingerpost at foot of School Brae (to replace existing faded sign)

D. Design & Sites of Heritage Trail Waymark Po:



Waymarker Post Design

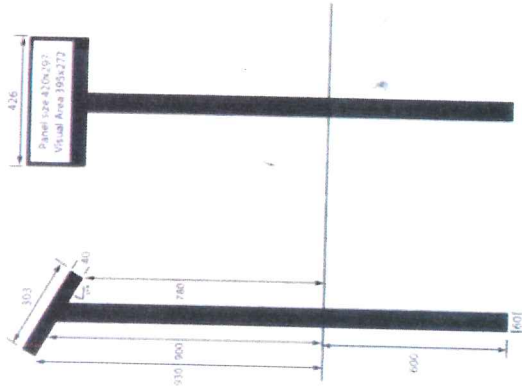


D1. Site of proposed waymark post on path linking Cramond Road North to Cramond Kirkyard.



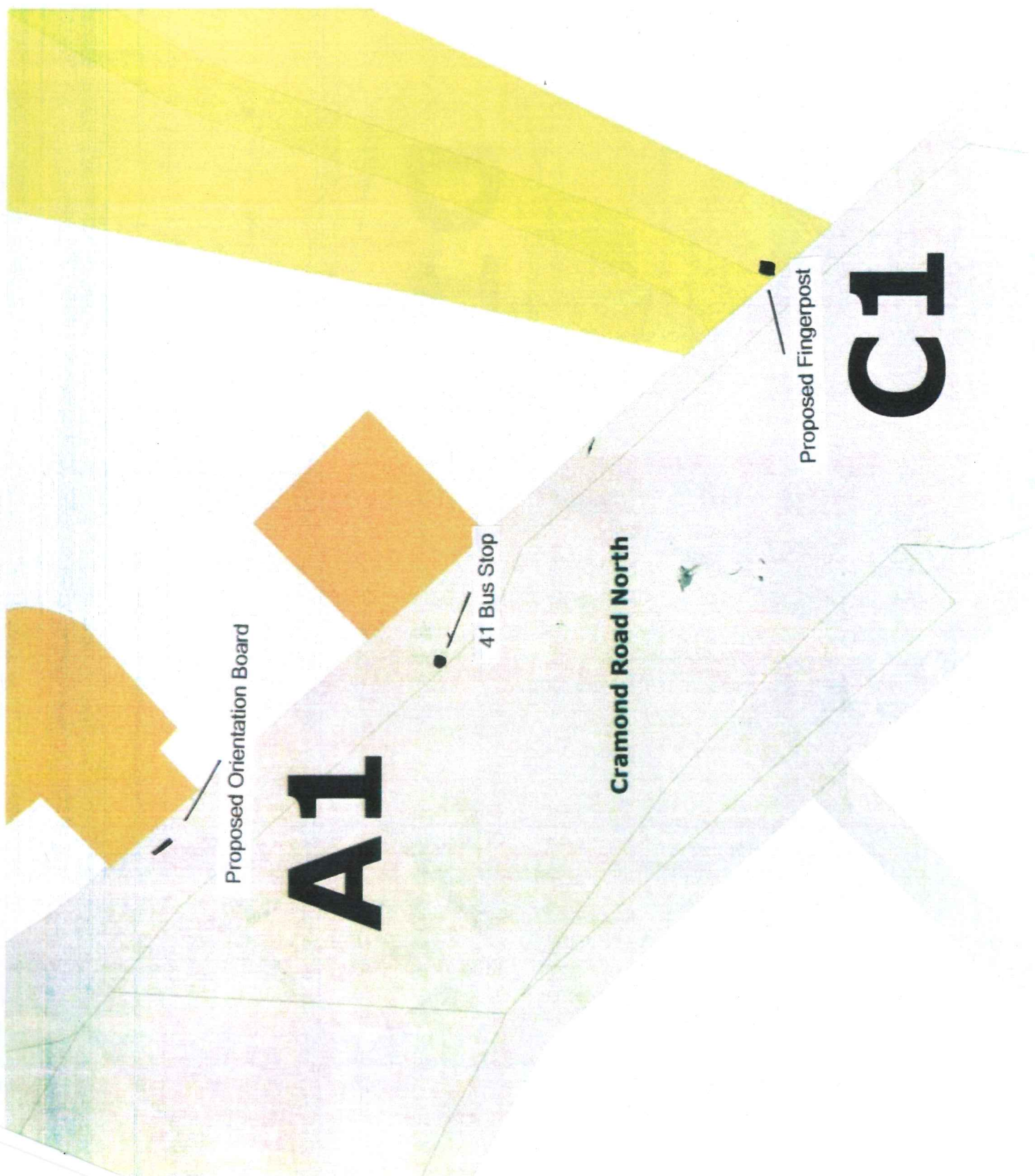
D2. Site of proposed waymark post at Cramond Kirkyard to direct visitors to Mesolithic site and Car Park. Post will be within scheduled monument area.

E. Design & Sites of Kirk Cramond Woodland Walks Orientation Board



Design of Woodland Walks Orientation Lectern

E. Site of Woodland Walks orientation board at Cramond Kirk Halls



Buildings

Council managed land

Scheduled area

- A Trail orientation board
- B Interpretation board
- C Fingerpost
- D Waymarks

- A1. PROPOSED ORIENTATION BOARD AT CRAMOND ROAD NORTH BUS STOP
- C1. PROPOSED FINGERPOST AT PATH TO KIRK CRAMOND FROM CRAMOND ROAD NORTH



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Proposed Signs

Scale 1:200

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- A Trail orientation board
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**D1. PROPOSED WAYMARK
 POST - PATH FROM
 CRAMOND ROAD NORTH TO
 CRAMOND KIRK & VILLAGE**

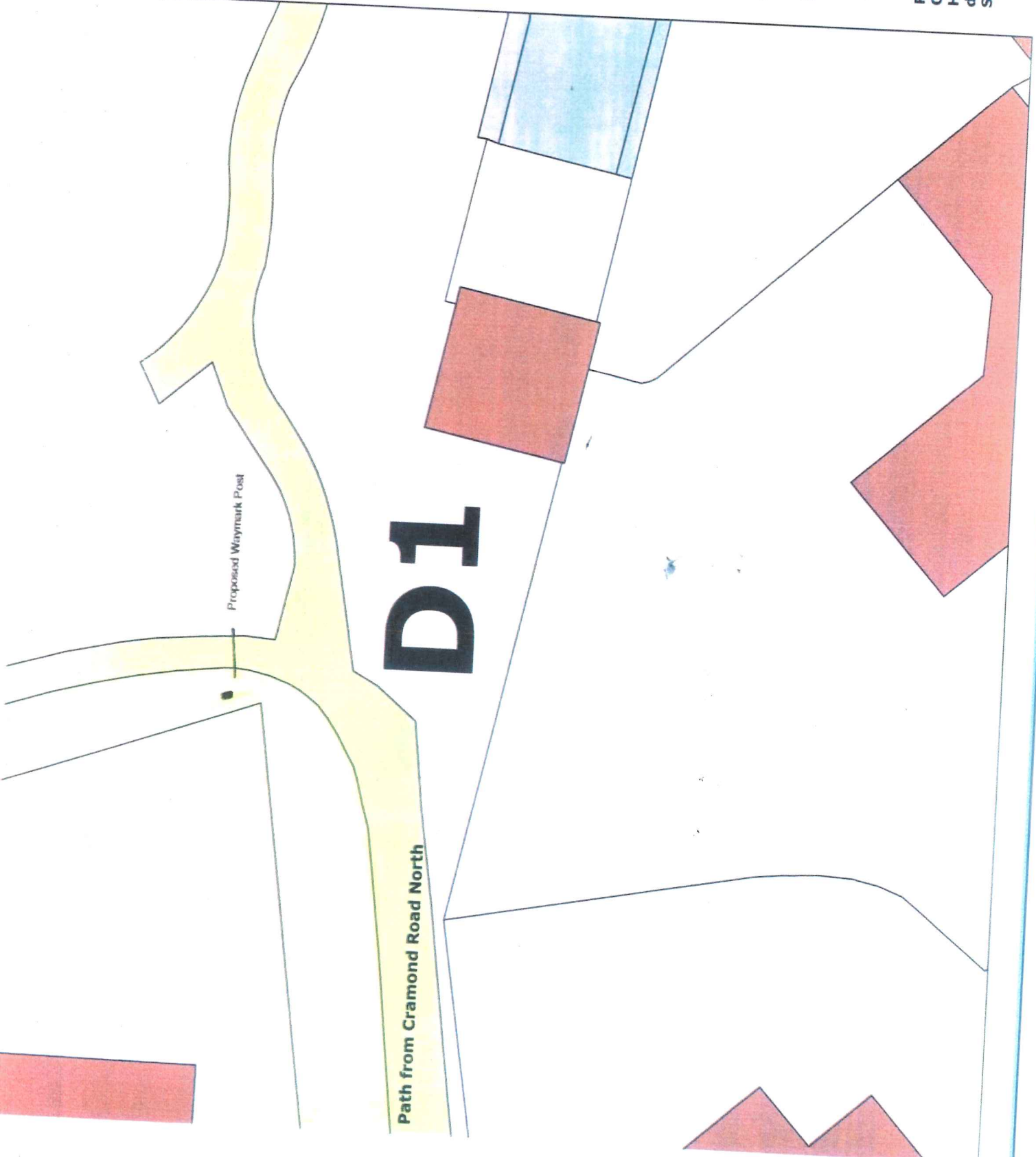


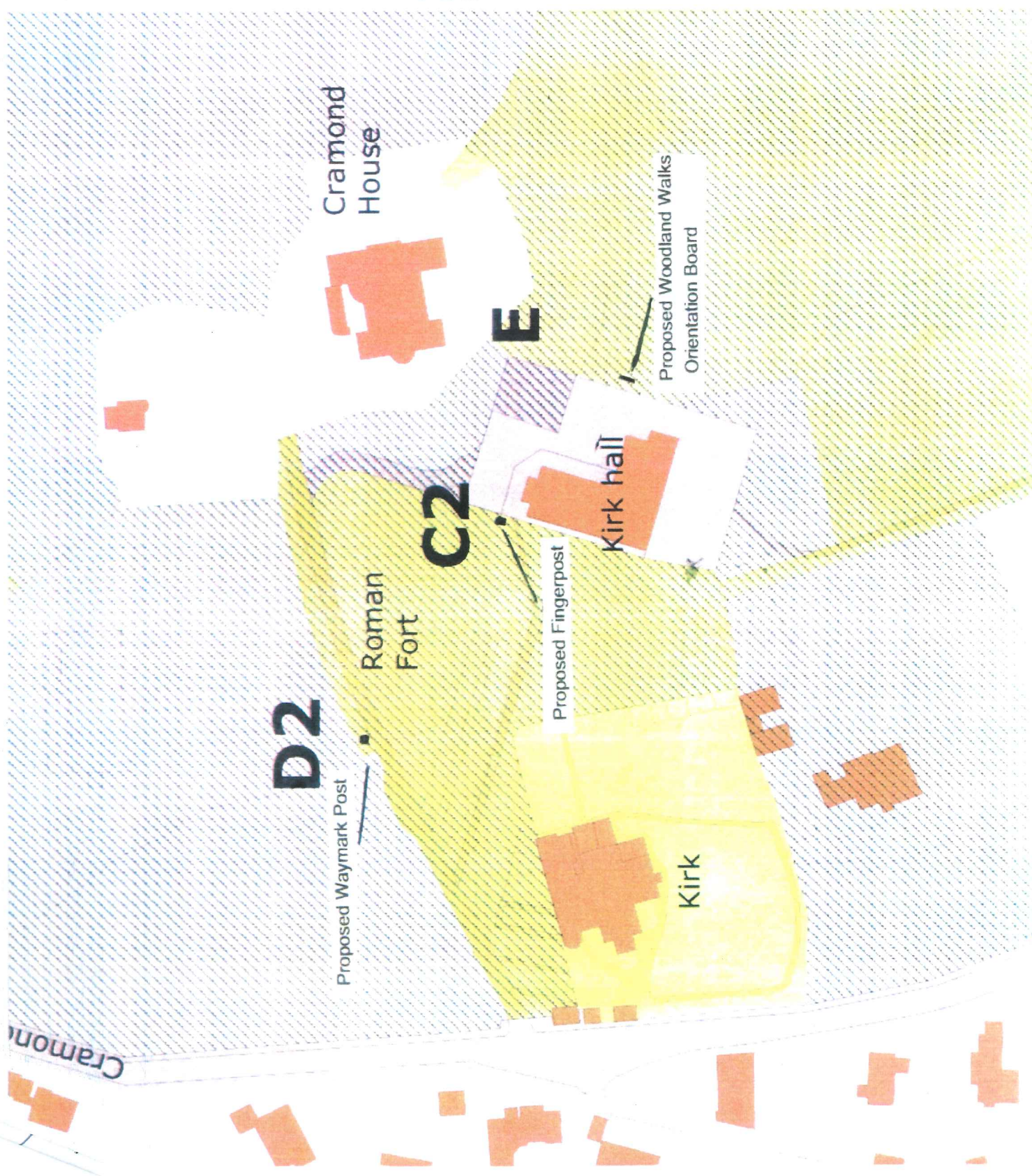
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Buildings

Council managed land

Scheduled area

A Trail orientation board

B Interpretation board

C Fingerpost

D Waymarks

E Woodland walks orientation board

C2. PROPOSED FINGERPOST

D2. PROPOSED WAYMARK POST

E. WOODLAND WALKS

ORIENTATION BOARD

- CRAMOND KIRK HALLS ENVIRONS



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Proposed Signs

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 Scheduled area

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- A2. PROPOSED ORIENTATION BOARD
- B2. PROPOSED INTERPRETATION LECTERN
- C3. PROPOSED FINGERPOST
- CRAMOND CAR PARK AND WATERFRON

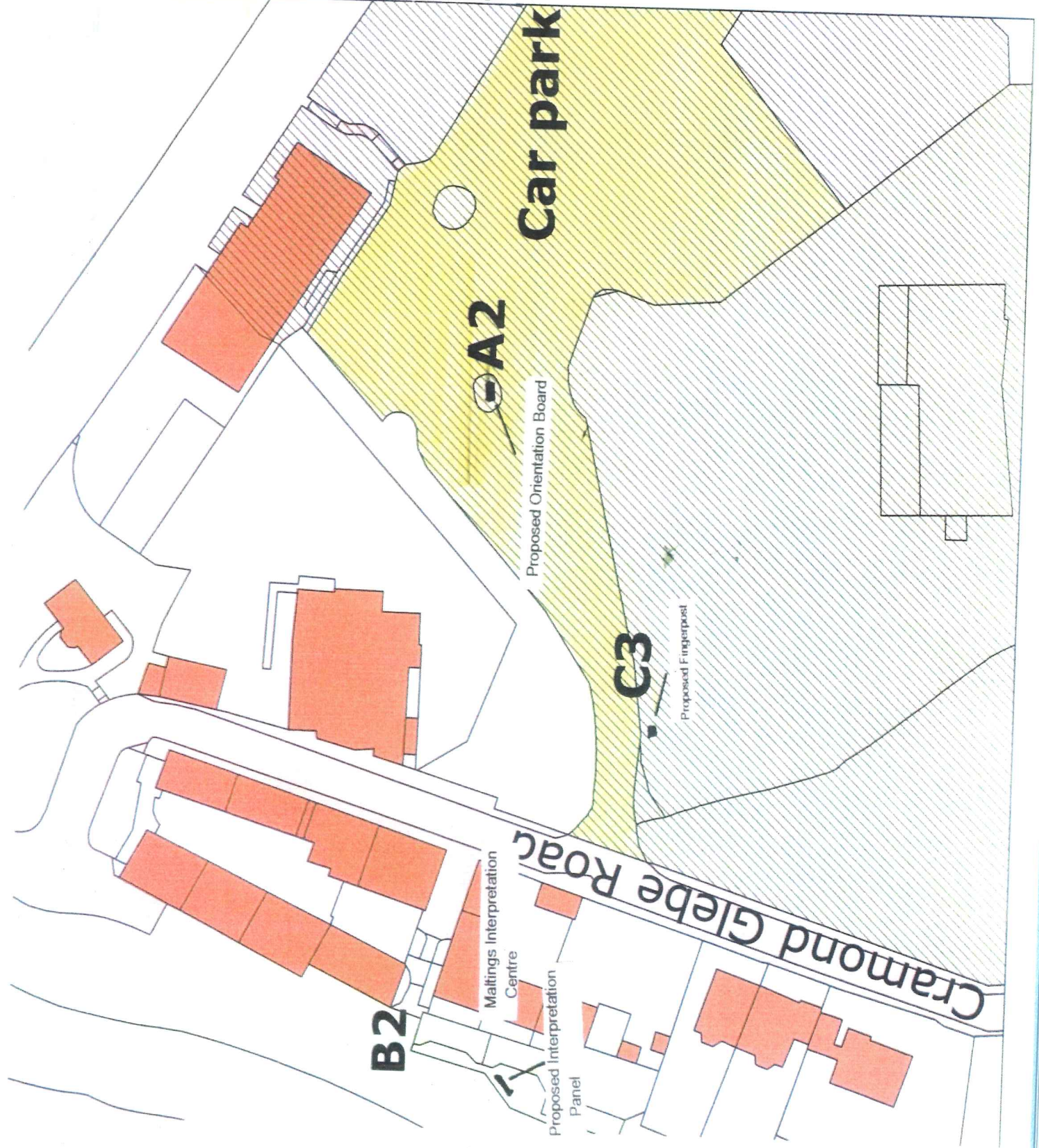





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Proposed Signs

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	Buildings
	Council managed land
	Scheduled area

- A Trail orientation board
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- C Fingerpost
- D Waymarks

A3 PROPOSED ORIENTATION BOARD
 B1 PROPOSED INTERPRETATION
 LECTERN
 - CIRCLE AT WATERFRONT

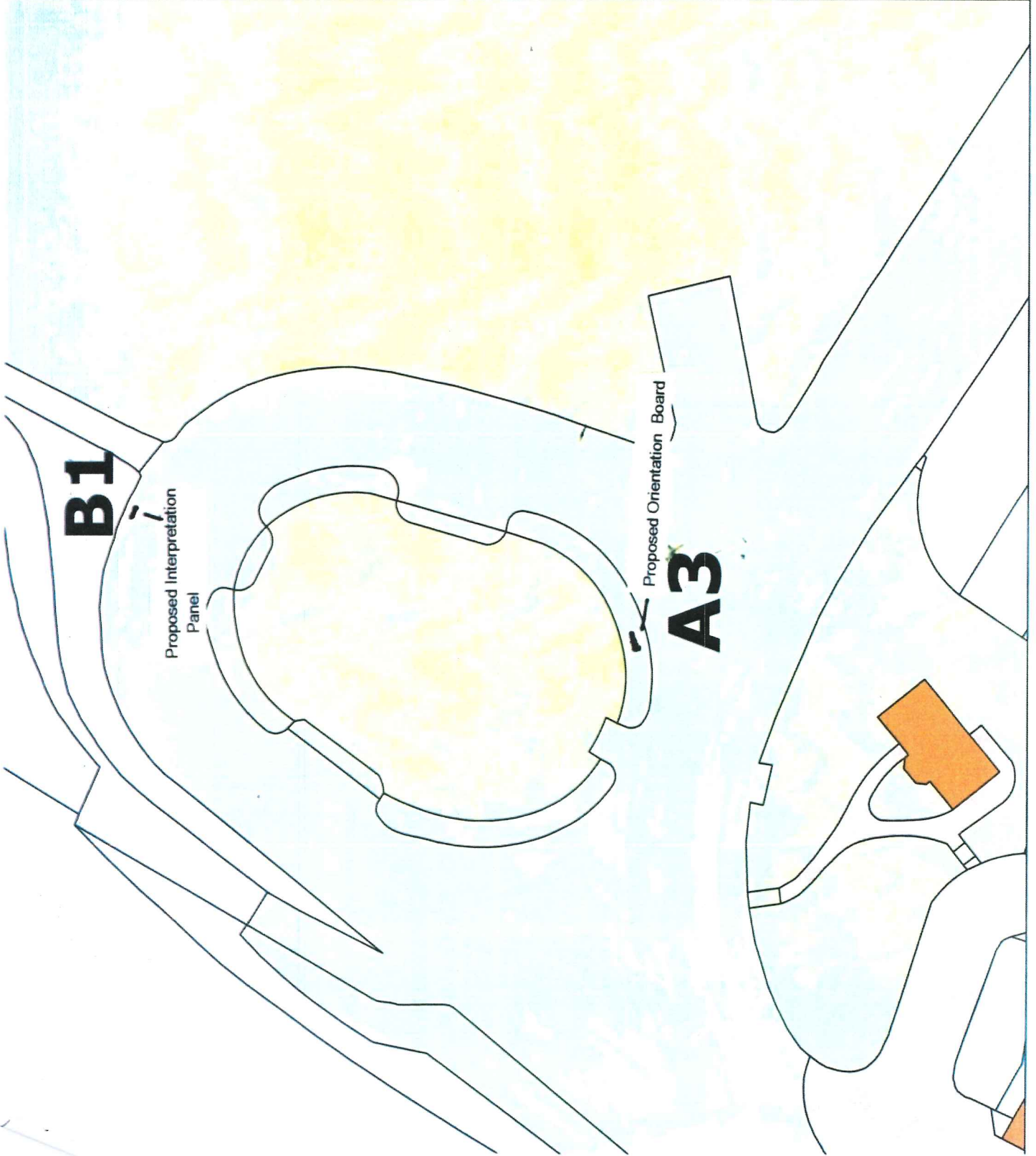


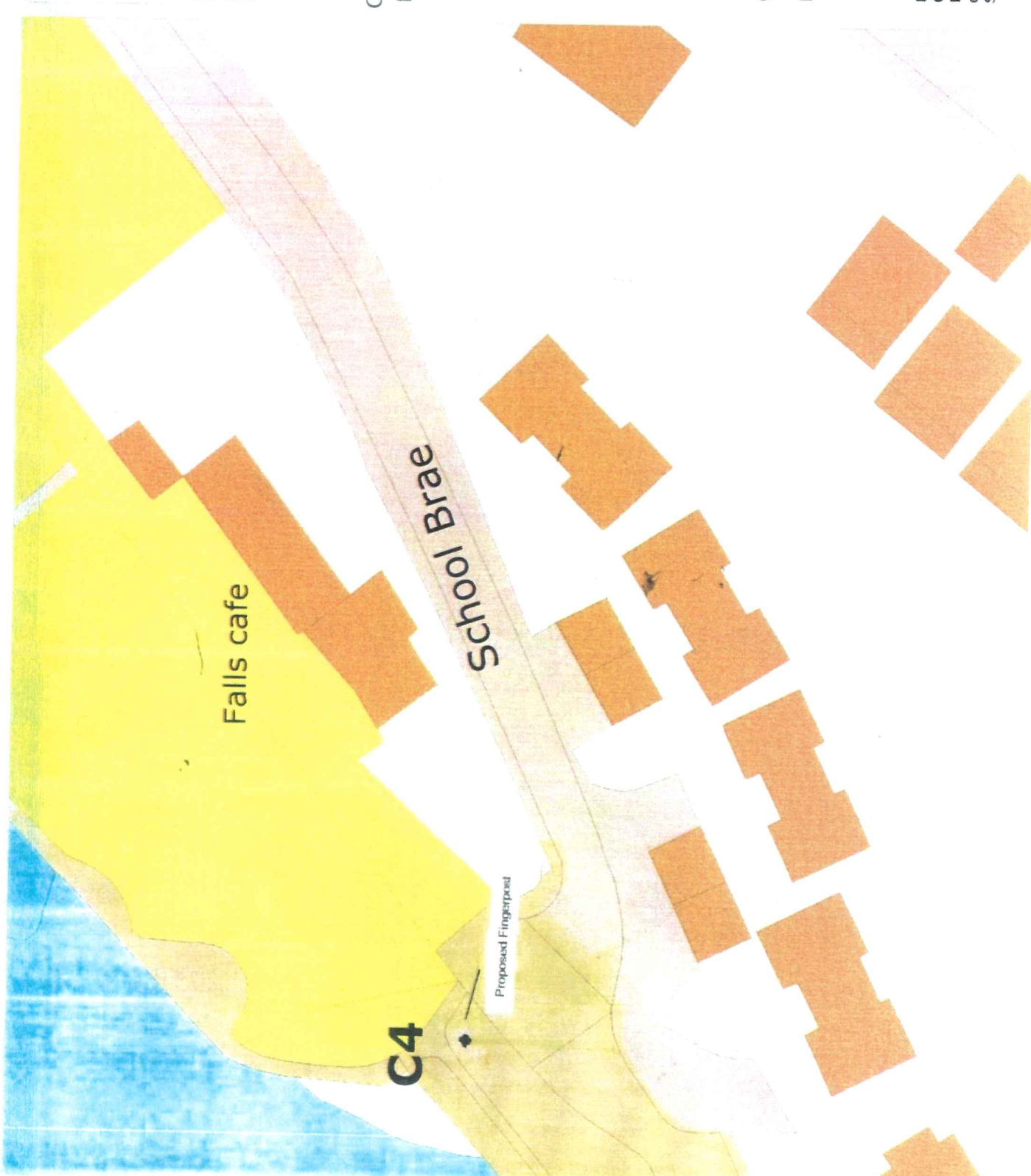
Cramond Heritage Trail

Proposed Signs

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**C4. PROPOSED FINGERPOST
RIVER ALMOND WALKWAY:
FOOT OF SCHOOL BRAE**

**Cramond Heritage Trail
Proposed Signs**

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B3 PROPOSED INTERPRETATION
LECTERN
- RIVER ALMOND WALKWAY
AT FAIR-A-FAR MILL



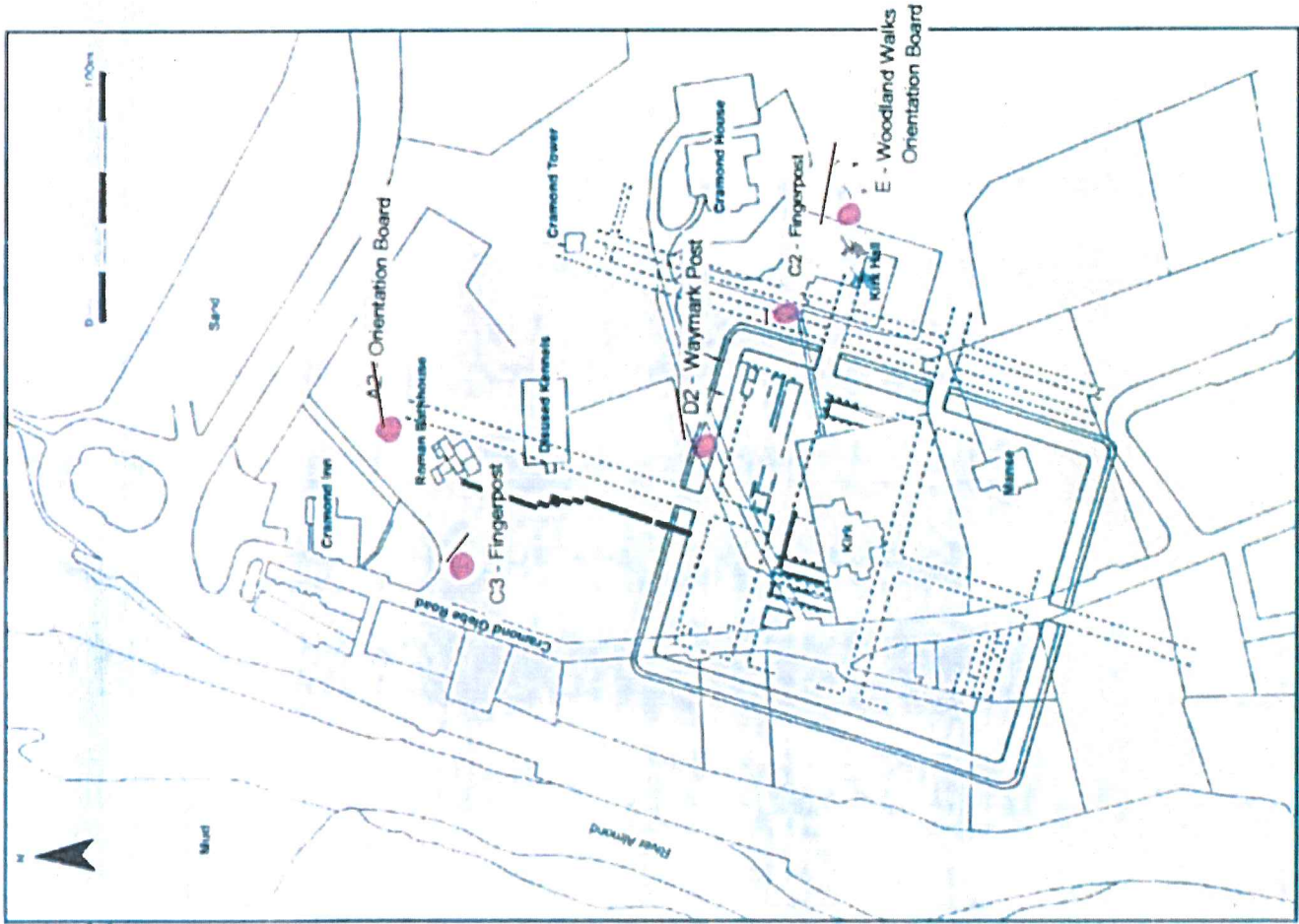
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Map B. Location of Proposed Signs in Relation to Cramond Fort Scheduled Monument (source of base map: Cramond Excavations 1988-2001; Data Structure Report: EAFS 2015)