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Non Technical Summary

The following report presents the results of a program of archaeological works undertaken prior to and during proposed development of the old coal office, otherwise known as 'The Barbecue' and attached gardens at Saundersfoot Harbour, Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire (SN 1365 0483).

The archaeological works comprised two main elements, a Level II Building Investigation & Recording of the Old Coal Office, and a watching brief during some demolition work of existing buildings attached to the old coal office and groundwork in the area of the attached gardens either side of the old coal office and during ground work during ground reduction work within the coal office itself.

In summary, the archaeological building investigation & recording of the old coal office at Saundersfoot Harbour managed to create a lasting record of the buildings exterior and interior prior to extensive alterations. The investigation following the demolition of the modern commercial units from the east end and the removal of internal plaster revealed a much altered and repaired building, having taken place from 1913 and post 1930 when the building ceased being operated by the Bonvilles Court Colliery and turned into a restaurant.

The archaeological watching brief during external groundwork revealed that the original 1860 ground level surrounding the building sits at least 1.25m below the current ground level on the west and northern side, the ground level seemingly raised using stone rubble and other naturally sourced materials, including crushed coal. This ground raising probably occurred post 1930 as part of harbour improvements and the closure of the colliery at Bonvilles Court. Dateable finds from this groundwork included one tram line chair and an iron sleeper with chair likely associated with the former colliery. These finds are now held by the Saundersfoot Harbour Authority with the view of them being put on display once the development has completed at the site.

At the northern end of the old coal office, following groundwork the foundations of an earlier stone building became exposed that was being reused as part of the foundation of the north wall of the coal office. This stone wall was interpreted as probably the remains of the earlier building shown on the tithe map of 1839.

Groundwork within the interior of the building exposed the original 1860 floor support beam walls. These were all equally spaced across the entire room. No dateable finds were recovered from this work

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The following report presents the results of a program of archaeological works undertaken prior to and during proposed development of the old coal office (PRN: 79770), otherwise known as 'The Barbecue' and attached gardens at Saundersfoot Harbour, Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire.
- 1.2 The archaeological works comprised two main elements, a Level II Building Investigation & Recording of the Old Coal Office, and a watching brief during some demolition work of existing buildings attached to the old coal office and groundwork in the area of the attached gardens either side of the old coal office and during ground work during ground reduction work within the coal office itself.

The Site and location

- 1.3 Saundersfoot lies in a broad valley fronted by a fine sandy beach and the harbour. The heart of the village is intensely built up, but is embraced on the fringes by mature trees with a rural backdrop.
- 1.4 Saundersfoot harbour is positioned within the Saundersfoot Conservation Area. The old coal office is positioned approximately 100m northeast of the main harbour, along Cambrian Place and the public car park (centered on SN 1365 0483).

Planning Background

- 1.5 On 4th September 2018 Mr M Farrar of The Urbanists, The Creative Quarter, 8a, Morgan arcade, Cardiff, on behalf of the Saundersfoot Harbour Authority, submitted a planning application (NP/18/0602/FUL) to Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA) for the change of use of the existing coal office building, including internal alterations and demolition of existing single storey extension (western and northern elevations) and gate hut. Proposed extension of western elevation of building (three storeys including roof space to height of existing building) and proposed extension of northern elevation (single storey) to provide a visitor centre, exhibition space, plus flexible commercial/exhibition/storage space. Proposed events space plus commercial units (fifteen), improvement works to vehicular and pedestrian access and landscape works.
- 1.6 Planning permission was granted for the proposed development by the PCNPA on May 1st 2019, but with the following archaeological and heritage condition (No.14):
- 1.7 “No development shall take place until a qualified and competent archaeologist has submitted a written scheme of investigation (WSI) for approval in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This WSI will describe the different stages of the work and demonstrate that it has been fully resourced and given adequate time. On behalf of the Local Planning Authority, their archaeological advisors (DAT DM) will monitor all aspects of this work through to the final discharging of the condition. This work will not be deemed complete until all aspects of the WSI have been addressed and the final report submitted and approved.

Reason: *To protect historic environment interests whilst enabling development. Policy: Local Development Plan - Policy 8 (Special Qualities) and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 10, December 2018) - Chapter 6 (Distinctive and Natural Places)."*

- 1.8 HRS Wales were commissioned to undertake the archaeological works,

Development Proposals

- 1.9 The Coal Office site occupies a prominent central location within the village and directly adjacent to the harbour. The building has been slowly falling into a state of decay. However, since Dec 2013 when the visitor centre was relocated, it has rapidly fallen into a state of dereliction, with a real concern that this building in its current dilapidated state is creating a negative public and tourist perception of the village, which could harm the commercial trade. Due to the prominent location of the building and access via Trust Port land the Commission have a vested interest in its future for the long-term prosperity of the Port and the village, with a view to revitalising the area creating a community facility which will create future employment and attract future private commercial investment to the village.
- 1.10 It is the vision of the Commissioners to redevelop the current old coal office establishing a mixed commercial and community facility that would directly complement and support the Marine Centre of Excellence & Storm Centre (MCoE & SC), through short stay budget accommodation for the Water Sports Academy as well as visitors walking the Wales coastal path given that the building is situated directly along its path, as well as supporting further marine based retail shops.
- 1.11 A significant enhancement would be the installation of an all- weather canopy covering a large plaza that will create a venue for visitors to shelter from the inclement weather creating a central meeting point in which families and groups can gather and disperse around the numerous shops, restaurants and pubs of Saundersfoot.
- 1.12 The proposed retail units, 10 in total, will open both into the covered Plaza and onto the adjacent Cambrian Terrace to ensure that public movement is promoted through the village's commercial retail areas, linking East and West commercial sectors creating a unified shopping experience.
- 1.13 The covered Plaza area will be of significant benefit to the village providing wet weather cover both in the winter and summer period, equally this space that should accommodate up to 250 persons will provide a functional area continuity to build on the success of Saundersfoot as a leader in regional events that to date have increased the outer season tourist trade, thus creating additional year around jobs within existing businesses.
- 1.14 In partnership with the MCOE offering a total of 25 short stay unit's sleeping up to 4 persons, addressing the needs of both active and short stay visitors.
- 1.15 *Existing Coal Building* – The existing stone & brick built building is to be retained and the façade conserved. The existing stonework and masonry is to be sandblasted to remove layers of non-

breathable masonry paint, the pointing raked and replaced with a suitable lime based mortar and lime wash allowing the building to breathe. The existing slate roof is to be repaired with welsh slate and all leadwork checked for signs of deterioration and repaired appropriately.

- 1.16 *Floor levels* – Due to the tidal flood risk in the area it is recommended that the ground floor of the building be raised by 0.4m. The raise in floor level would be subject to coordination with the existing building openings and the provision of internal ramped access from doorways. Reference FCA. The raised floor level should extend across the buildings and the central square in order for the public to gain views to the sea over the adjacent car parking.
- 1.17 *Building structure* - It is anticipated that many of the internal walls and floors will be removed from the existing building, with a steel frame inserted to provide structural stability and to create the new floors.
- 1.18 The extensions are to be steel frame with an open plan grid to allow for future flexibility of internal partitions.
- 1.19 *Canopy* – The Central square is to be for 'all weather' use, therefore a canopy structure with sections of glass and fabric is to be developed. The fabric sections will be closed for use in poor weather, and opened to allow sunlight to penetrate when weather permits. The design should also consider access for maintenance.

Brief Historical & Archaeological Background

- 1.20 The settlement of Saundersfoot largely dates back to the early 19th century, although coal was being mined locally as early as 1324. Probably by the 17th century, when anthracite became a valuable export, a small settlement began to grow. The building of the harbour and tramlines to outlying collieries (1829-36) established the village as an important coal-port. Colliery housing was built along Railway Street (The Strand) and in 1850 larger houses were built on Milford Terrace.
- 1.21 By the late 19th century, the village had slowly developed along High Street, Cambrian Place, Wogan Terrace and Brewery Terrace: large undeveloped open areas were gradually in-filled by modern development. In 1930, the main colliery at Bonvilles Court closed as the Pembrokeshire coalfield entered decline. As the village gained increasing popularity as a seaside resort, new housing developed in the Ridgeway, St Brides and Rushylake areas.
- 1.22 The historic harbour area still retains elements of its former 19th century 'working' character, including the boatyard, fishmongers and chandlery.
- 1.23 The Coal Office building (known more widely as the BBQ and takeaway) was constructed in the late 1860's by the Bonville's Court Colliery as a site Office. However, post 1913 after a catastrophic fire, the building was gutted and rebuilt, and over the following 100 years it housed several restaurants and fast food takeaway outlets.

- 1.24 Prior to its closing in December 2013 the building operated reasonably well for a couple of years as a tourist information centre. However, due to the state of the building and subsequent strains on Council budgets, this was relocated to the new Regency Hall in April 2014, and integrated as part of the library. Unfortunately, the re-location moved this valuable resource away from the main tourist area, which is greatly missed by visitors to the village as a valuable point of contact.
- 1.25 In January 2018 HRS Wales undertook an archaeological appraisal (HRSW Rpt No. 196) prior to the proposals to develop the old coal office (PRN 79770), otherwise known as 'The Barbecue' and attached enclosed land at Saundersfoot Harbour, Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire (centred on NGR: SN 1365 0483), as part of Phase 2 of the Ocean Square Development.
- 1.27 The appraisal concluded that the proposed development on the old coal office building will inevitably have a significant impact on the building, covering and damaging external fabric, along with the anticipated complete removal of all of the existing internal floors and walls. To reduce any predicted direct impacts on the old coal office, the report recommended that a mitigation strategy should be put in place in the form of a program of building recording prior to any demolition work commencing and immediately following the demolition of the existing retail units against the west wall of the Old Coal Office.
- 1.28 With regard to the immediate garden areas and enclosure wall (proposed Plaza area) surrounding the Old Coal Office, given that there are records of Mesolithic material in and around the area of the coastline, there was a slight chance that similar archaeological remains could become exposed during any ground works in this area. As well, there was also the chance that 19th century industrial mining remains could also become exposed during groundwork in this area. Because of this slight potential for buried archaeological features or finds becoming exposed during any groundwork in this area, it was recommended that as well as a program of photographic recording, an archaeological watching brief should also be undertaken during ground-works in the garden area as part of any future mitigation.

Geology

- 1.8 The geology of the application area is generally of the Lower and Middle Pennine Coal Measure formations, consisting of Coal, Ferricrete, Ironstone, Mudstone, Sandstone and Siltstone.

2 Aims & Objectives

- 2.1 The specific objectives of this work were to undertake a program of archaeological building investigation and recording of the building prior to any proposed development works commencing and an archaeological watching brief during groundwork in the garden area, in the area of the former shops and during ground reduction work within the building itself.

1) *A Level II Archaeological Building Investigation and Recording (ABIR).*

Archaeological Building Investigation and Recording (ABIR) (in accordance with the standards and guidelines of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) - Prior to any works commencing on site the building needed to undergo an Historic England Level 2 building recording. This is typically a photographic and a descriptive record. Both the exterior and the interior of the building was viewed, described and photographed. The record presents conclusions regarding the building's development and its use, but does not discuss in detail the evidence on which these conclusions are based.

The reasons for the standing building recording are,

- to seek a better understanding, compile a lasting record, analyse the findings/record, and then disseminate the results.

2) Archaeological Watching Brief

2.2 The aims of the watching brief, as defined by the CIfA (2014) were:

- to allow, within the resources available, the preservation by record of archaeological deposits, the presence and nature of which could not be established (or established with sufficient accuracy) in advance of development or other potentially disruptive works;
- to provide an opportunity, if needed, for the watching archaeologist to signal to all interested parties, before the destruction of the material in question, that an archaeological find has been made for which the resources allocated to the watching brief itself are not sufficient to support treatment to a satisfactory and proper standard.

2.3 The watching brief was not intended to reduce the requirement for excavation or preservation of known or inferred deposits, and it is intended to guide, not replace, any requirement for contingent excavation or preservation of possible deposits.

2.4 The objective of the watching brief was to establish and make available information about the archaeological resource existing on the site.

3 Methodology

Watching Brief

3.1 The archaeological watching brief was undertaken by HRS Wales staff using current best practice from January 2020 to December 2020.

3.2 All work was carried out by a suitably qualified archaeologist with relevant level membership of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) and followed the CIfA Standard and Guidance for an archaeological watching brief (CIfA 2014).

- 3.3 All proposed groundwork was undertaken under close and constant archaeological supervision. All groundwork by the contractor was undertaken using a mechanical digger with a toothless grading bucket.
- 3.4 All archaeological deposits or features when encountered were to be cleaned, recorded and partially excavated. All finds recovered during the watching brief were to be bagged and a grid coordinate was taken using a handheld GPS device in order to locate the find-spot with the OS national grid.
- 3.5 Recording was carried out using HRS Wales recording systems (pro-forma context sheets etc), using a continuous number sequence for all contexts.
- 3.6 Where considered necessary plans and sections were drawn to a scale of 1:50, 1:20 and 1:10 as required and related to Ordnance Survey datum and published boundaries where appropriate.
- 3.7 All features identified were tied in to both the OS National Grid and all local site and ground plans.
- 3.8 Photographs were appropriated in digital format, using both a 24 mega-pixel DSLR camera in RAW format, to be exported later to TIFF format for archive.

4 Cartographic Sources (Figures 11 - 16)

OS Surveyors Drawing 1809-1811 (Figure 11)

- 4.1 This earliest Ordnance Survey map edition clearly shows that there is no harbour at Saundersfoot at this time. Although this early map series does show a number of small buildings along the sea front, the scale of the map is too small as to offer any useful information regarding the position of the future coal building.

Tithe Map and Apportionment of the parish of St. Issels (1839) (Figure 12)

- 4.2 The Tithe map for the parish of *St. Issels* of 1839 clearly shows a rectangular enclosure boundary (944) in the position of the old coal office enclosure. It also shows a small square building with small enclosure (940) toward the north end of the enclosure. This building is presumably the earlier cottage building before the coal office was constructed in the 1860s. The tithe map also clearly shows the lay out of the tramline from the colliery to the harbour. According to the apportionment records at the time, the enclosure (944) was owned by one Sir Richard Buckley Phillips, who leased the harbour and its area of shore to the north to the Railway Company.

OS First Edition map 1:2500 (1888) (Figure 13)

- 4.3 This first published Ordnance Survey map series shows the harbour much as it is today, but with the position of the tramway and the five tramlines along the loading area jetty and running along passed the coal office and its accompanying enclosure. Northeast of the coal office is marked the position of a water tap (W.T). It is interesting to note that the Hean Inn is called the Hean Castle Hotel at this time.

OS second Edition map 1:2500 (1907) (Figure 14)

- 4.4 No great change on this map edition from the earlier 1889 edition, apart from the appearance of some garden feature in the coal office enclosure to the northeast and the insertion of another water tap west of the coal office.

OS 1938 Edition map 1:2500 (Figure 15)

- 4.5 The only change on this pre-war edition is an absence of tramlines.

OS 1953 Edition map 1:10560 (Figure 16)

- 4.6 No great change from the earlier map series. All former tramlines have now been removed, much having probably been used for the war effort.

5 Results of Building Investigation & Recording

- 5.1 The old coal office building is a three-storey stone built building, square in plan with four gabled sections, with its main porched entrance facing the sea, or rather the harbour and the former tramlines given that the building was originally built to administratively serve the railway and the colliery. At the time of the initial site visit, the building was painted in white lime wash and was roofed in purple slate with decorative terracotta ridge tiles. The building presently has four existing brick built chimney stacks, one at the end of each gable. Fenestration around the whole building is predominantly tall rectangular sash windows with a larger square window at first floor level in the front façade which appears to be a later or enlarged insertion. The upper second storey occupies the attic space and windows in the south and north end are both small pointed arch windows, one set into each gable end. The west facing elevation of the second storey is lit by two sash windows.
- 5.2 Attached to the western elevation at ground level are single storey commercial premises built in the early 1960s. This commercial extension has a light yellow painted crenellated boundary wall, somewhat sympathetic and characteristic of the adjacent Hean Inn immediately to the north. At ground floor level in the south facing elevation is a single entrance. Another doorway, now obsolete, is positioned at first floor level in the north facing elevation. This doorway presumably was inserted in the 1960s to serve as a fire escape from the main restaurant area on the first floor.
- 5.3 Generally the exterior of the building is in a relatively poor state in need of renovation, with a number of roof tiles absent, damp visible on the external walls and paint either flaking or absent from fascia boards and sash windows.
- 5.4 Access to the building was gained from the main entrance porch (Room 1) in the east facing elevation and then through the main glass paneled front door headed with a pointed arch. The ground floor of the building consists of five (5) rooms, a main front room (Room 2) at the east end of the house, a wide hallway with storage room (Room 3), two downstairs toilets (Room 4), a further hallway (Room 5) with stairs to the upper floor and a further blocked room with door blocked in the north facing elevation. At

the time of the site visit, the ground floor main front room and the larger hall rooms were being used for storage. All of the ground floor rooms have hard tiled flooring and been modernized with modern florescent lighting and doors. Areas of damp were observed on nearly all of the ground floor walls and a number of areas of the ceilings.

- 5.5 Access to the first floor is gained via a flight of wooden stairs in the main stair hall at the west end of the house. The staircase is in poor condition with damp and mould clearly permeating the walls, which has rendered a number of steps on the staircase unsafe.
- 5.6 Once at the top of the stairs the first room visited is the large main room (Room 7) at the east end of the house with views overlooking the sea. This room had been used as the main restaurant in recent years and the bar and serving area is still in place at the far southern end of the room. The defining character of this room is a series of pointed arch recesses in both the north and west walls, of which two of the recessed arches are obscured following the insertion of a lowered ceiling, possibly as a result of the fire of 1913. At the far north end of this room is a fireplace. This main room is generally in good condition with both the floor and ceiling maintained. Across the landing (Room 6) is a former kitchen room (Room 8). This room is generally in very poor condition and has been left by the last tenant in very poor condition. Plaster is missing from one partition wall and the wall coverings from all walls are either torn or missing. All pre-existing wall furniture, shelving etc in this room has been stripped away leaving their position mark on all of the walls.
- 5.7 At the other end of the hallway are the remains of the ladies and gents toilet rooms (Room 9). Both these rooms have been modernized with no original features. Both rooms are in a poor state with damp and mould.
- 5.8 From the landing of the first floor (Room 6) a narrow wooden staircase leads to the second floor attic rooms. As with the first floor rooms, each of these rooms (Rooms 10, 11, 12 and 13) is in a very poor state of decay and in need of desperate attention. No original features remain in any of the upstairs room other than the sash windows in the west wall and the pointed arch window bays in both the south and north elevations.
- 5.9 Following demolition of the commercial premises along the west facing elevation of the old coal office, the original west facing elevation became fully exposed. This allowed a once covered view to now become exposed, revealing two concrete-block blocked doorways at ground floor level at both the north and southern end of the elevation.
- 5.10 Further ground reduction work, by just over 1 meter, in the area immediately to the west, where the proposed extension was to be built, revealed what appeared to be the top or upper lintel of a blocked in doorway toward the central part of the west facing elevation, but positioned slightly southward. This stone blocked opening may well be the remains of a former opening leading to a small Victorian coal cellar or storage area. The fact that only a small part of this opening was exposed approximately 1

meter below the current ground level, suggests that there was once probably a small flight of steps here as well. These steps did not become evident however as the maximum depth of ground reduction was reached before exposing the line of these.

- 5.11 Removal of the first and second floor interior floor levels supports from within the old coal office, as well as removal of all of the wall plaster and fixings, revealed a very repaired and much altered building, particularly in the north wall, where the removal of plaster revealed a blocked in window at first floor level and another blocked ground floor central window. These repairs and alterations are all the result of repair following the fire in 1913 and subsequent changes of use over the decades when the building served a function as several restaurants and fast food outlets and tenants accommodation following its disuse as a coal office in the 1930s.
- 5.12 Investigation of the east facing elevation following plaster removal also revealed that the present porch and central arched entrance appears to be a later addition, possibly installed following the fire in 1913. Also apparent, was the fact that the original ground floor windows in the east facing elevation were once considerably smaller and were probably Victorian sash windows rather than the large windows installed today and probably mirrored the first floor windows in this elevation.

6 Results of Watching Brief

- 6.1 The archaeological watching brief was undertaken on the 15th July 2020. All numbers enclosed in () refer to contexts encountered.
- i) *Garden Area and Area of commercial units*
- 6.2 Following demolition of the ground floor commercial units on the west side of the old coal office, a thick concrete surface (101) was exposed. This concrete surface was removed mechanically using a toothed excavator. Following removal of this concrete, a deposit consisting of stone rubble intermixed with brick (102) became exposed. This deposit was interpreted as a sub-base deposit laid down in advance of the concrete floor being laid when the commercial units were constructed. This rubble deposit measured approximately 0.40m in depth. Directly below this was a further deposit consisting of general stone rubble, intermixed with sand, earth and coal deposit (103). The base of this deposit wasn't reached even at a 1 meter depth from the current ground level. This rubble deposit was interpreted as being a residual landscaping deposit following harbour improvements following closure of the Bonvilles Court colliery in the 1930s.
- 6.3 Ground reduction work in the area of the garden area to the south commenced with the removal of the turf and sub soil. Directly below these upper deposits was a deposit of soil intermixed with a reddened sand and ash, interpreted as the remains of a former industrial deposit probably associated with the former Bonvilles Court Colliery tramline network. Within this deposit a former iron tram sleeper with chair either end was recovered. This measured approximately 1.5m in length. A further single chair also became exposed. Both these finds were retained by the Saundersfoot Harbour Authority. As well as these recovered finds from within this deposit, a whole series of former services became exposed, in

the form of obsolete water pipes, electric cables and gas pipes.

- 6.4 Further ground clearance down to a depth of approximately 1 meter from the current ground level exposed a deposit of natural sand. No datable finds were recovered from within this sand deposit.

ii) Area North of Coal Office

- 6.5 Following concrete removal from the area immediately north of the coal office, a sub base deposit approximately 0.25m in depth became exposed. This consisted of stone rubble intermixed with ash, sand and red brick. Directly below this deposit was an orange/red sandy soil. Excavation of this deposit reached only approximately 1.25 meter below the current ground surface. With this orange/red sandy soil deposit removed to the required depth, the remains of a 0.50m up-standing stone foundation wall became exposed positioned directly below the north wall of the coal office. This wall was interpreted as being the foundation remains of the earlier cottage building as shown on the Tithe Map of 1839, which had been reused as the foundation in the new coal office post 1860.
- 6.6 Close inspection of this wall revealed the remains of an early ground level vent in the central part of the wall, and an area of scarring at the far east end, suggesting that the east wall of the earlier building had been robbed away

iii) Ground Reduction within Old Coal Office

- 6.7 Ground reduction work within the interior of the old coal office began in late December 2020. This involved initially removing the upper surface concrete floor from across the entire area of the building. Once this was removed a deposit of loose dry soil intermixed with small stone fragments and plaster remains became exposed. Following removal of the concrete floor, this underlying sub base deposit only needed reducing a further 0.25m. Groundwork, undertaken using a mechanical excavator with a non-toothed bucket, revealed that the sub base deposit was overlying a series of equally spaced crudely built low stone walls indicative of former wooden floor beam support walls, each likely 1860 in date. Careful removal of the sub base deposit from between these walls revealed that these beam support walls extended across the entire ground floor, except for an area at the far north east end, where they had been destroyed by later steel joist insertions in the c.1970s.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 The archaeological building investigation & recording of the old coal office at Saundersfoot Harbour managed to create a lasting record of the buildings exterior and interior prior to extensive alterations. The investigation following the demolition of the modern commercial units from the east end and the removal of internal plaster revealed a much altered and repaired building, having taken place from 1913 and post 1930 when the building ceased being operated by the Bonvilles Court Colliery and turned into a restaurant.
- 7.2 The archaeological watching brief during external groundwork revealed that the original 1860 ground level surrounding the building sits at least 1.25m below the current ground level on the west and northern side, the ground level seemingly raised using stone rubble and other naturally sourced

materials, including crushed coal. This ground raising probably occurred post 1930 as part of harbour improvements and the closure of the colliery at Bonvilles Court. Dateable finds from this groundwork included one tram line chair and an iron sleeper with chair likely associated with the former colliery. These finds are now held by the Saundersfoot Harbour Authority with the view of them being put on display once the development has completed at the site.

- 7.3 At the northern end of the old coal office, following groundwork the foundations of an earlier stone building became exposed that was being reused as part of the foundation of the north wall of the coal office. This stone wall was interpreted as probably the remains of the earlier building shown on the tithe map of 1839.
- 7.4 Groundwork within the interior of the building exposed the original 1860 floor support beam walls. These were all equally spaced across the entire room. No dateable finds were recovered from this work

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- Tithe apportionment and parish map of St. Issel (1839);
- Ordnance Survey 1st Edition map of 1889 (1:2500);
- Ordnance Survey 2nd Edition map of 1907 (1:2500);
- Ordnance Survey Edition map of 1953 (1:10560);

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Figures



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Figure 1.

Location Map (OS Landranger 1:50,000)





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Location Map (OS Explorer 1:25,000)





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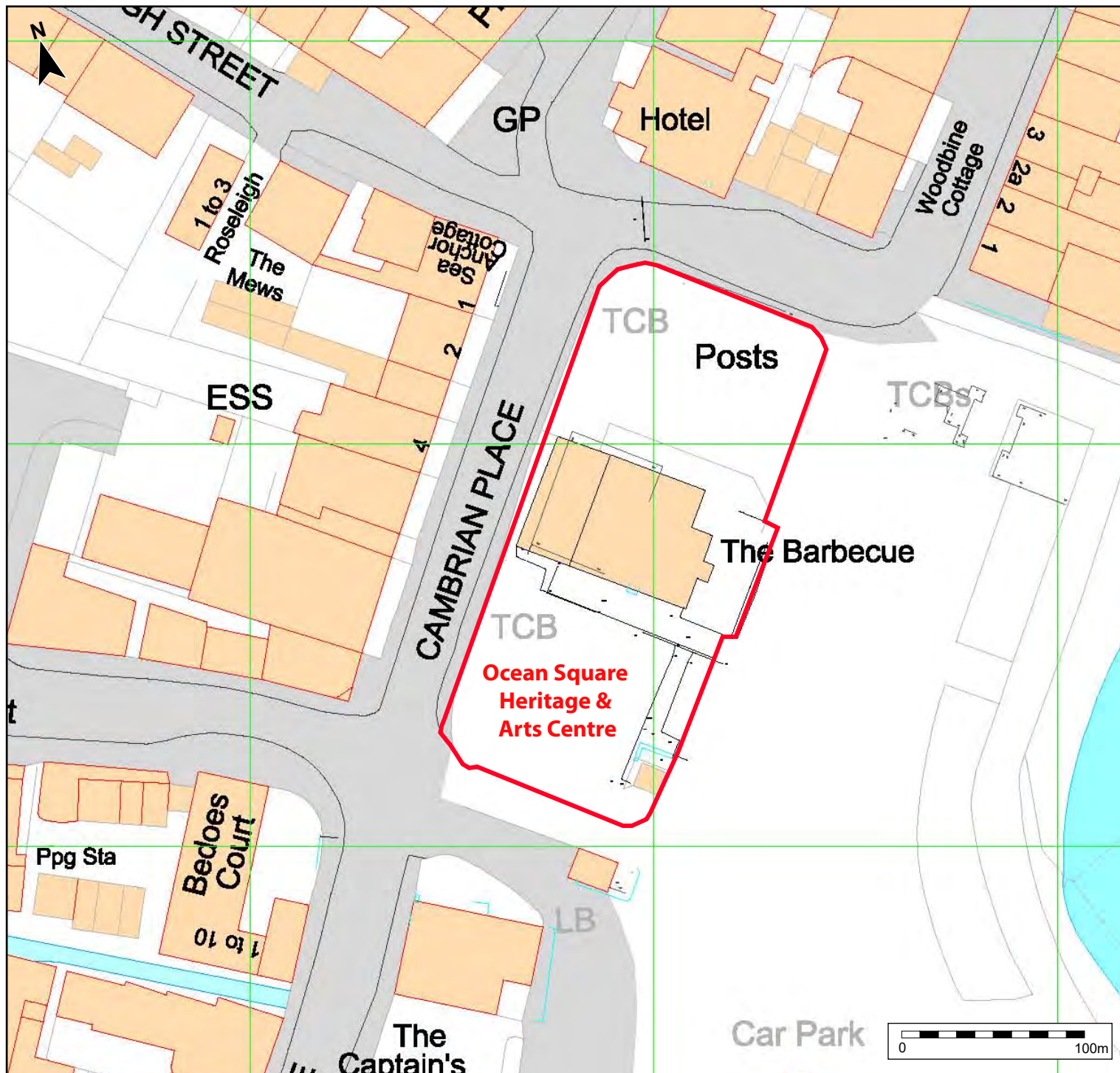
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Figure 4.

OS Aerial Photo (2018) showing area of proposed development (Old Coal Office).





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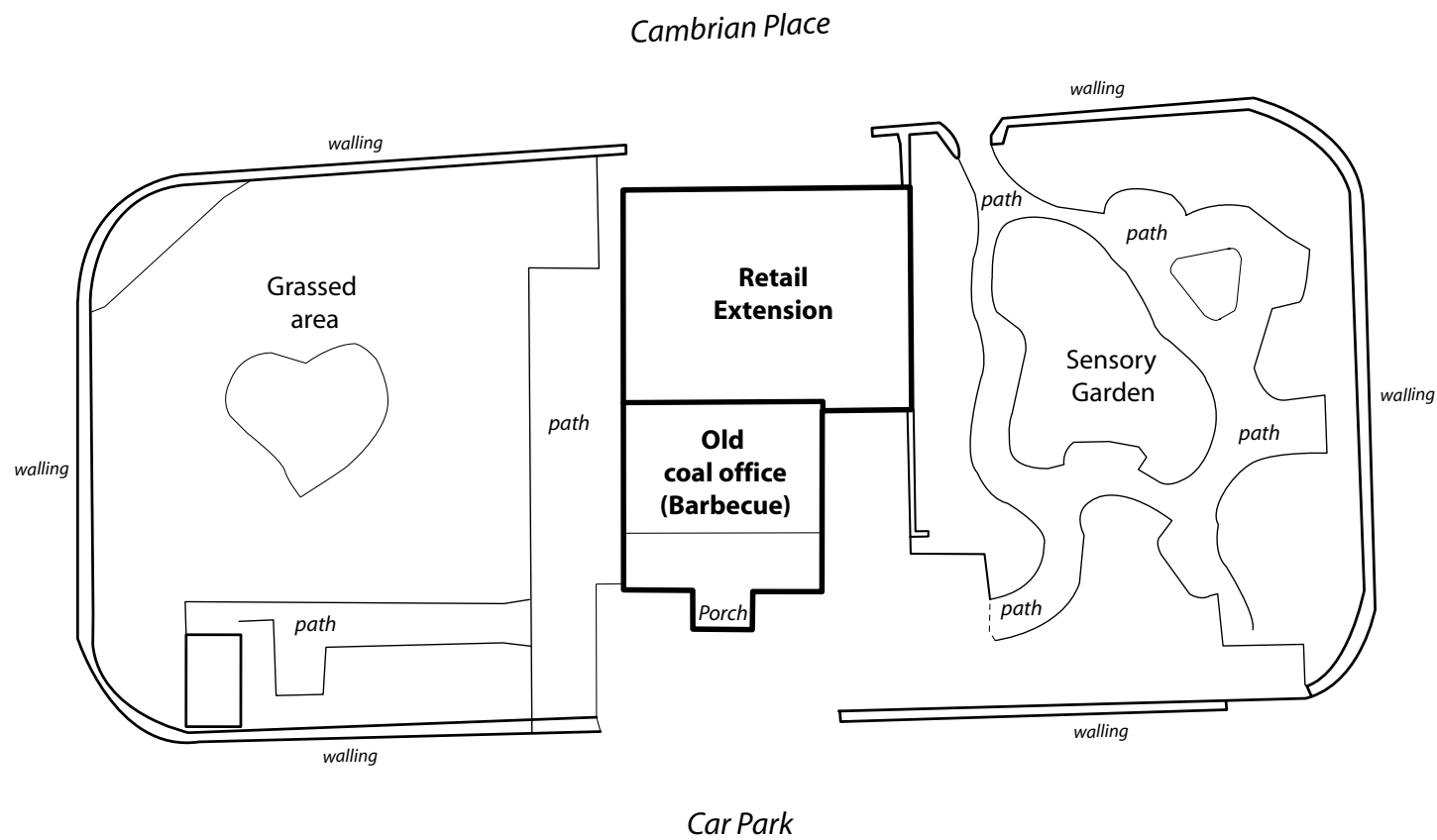
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Figure 5. Area and extent of proposed Ocean Square Heritage & Arts Centre



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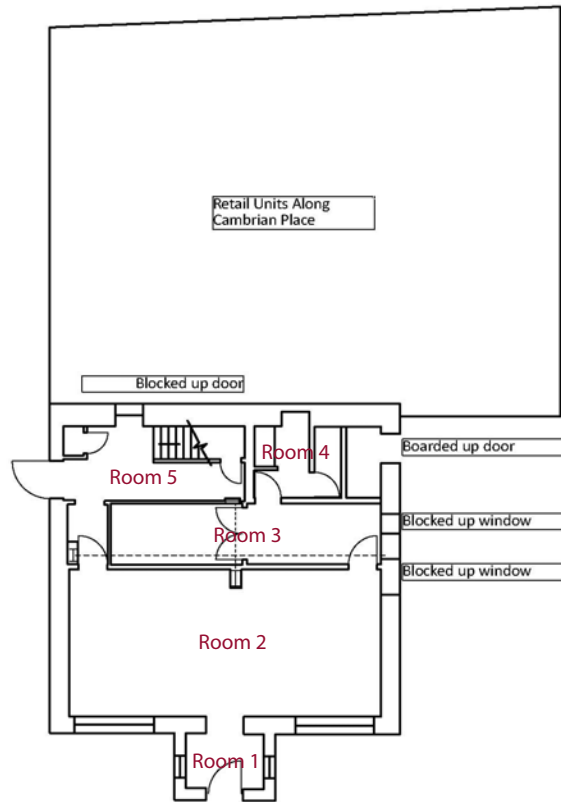
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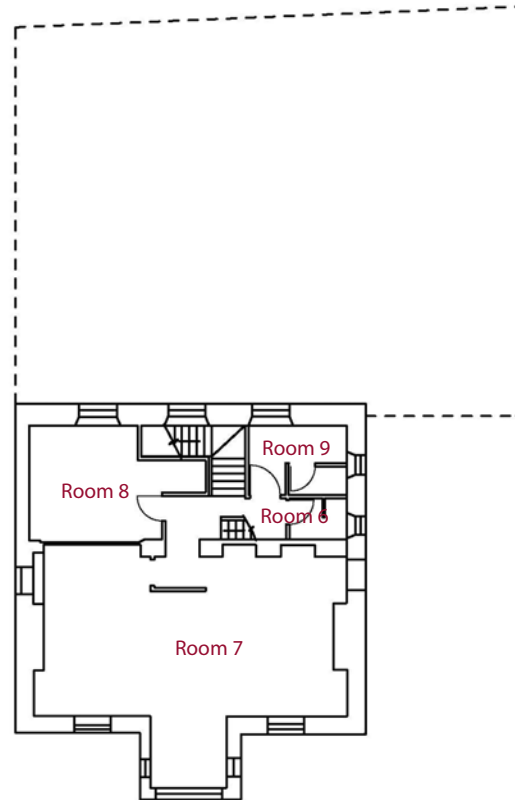
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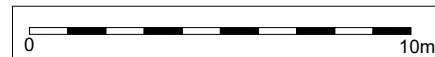
Existing ground plan of application area



a) Existing ground plan of old coal office



b) Existing first floor ground plan of old coal office



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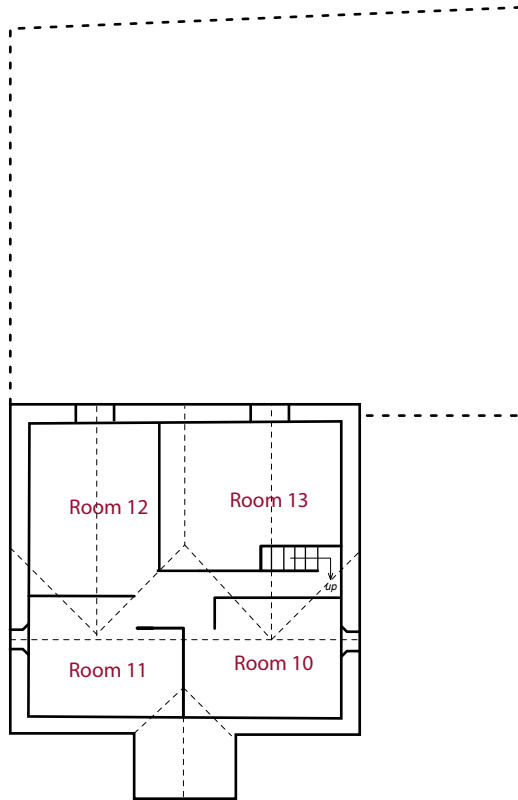
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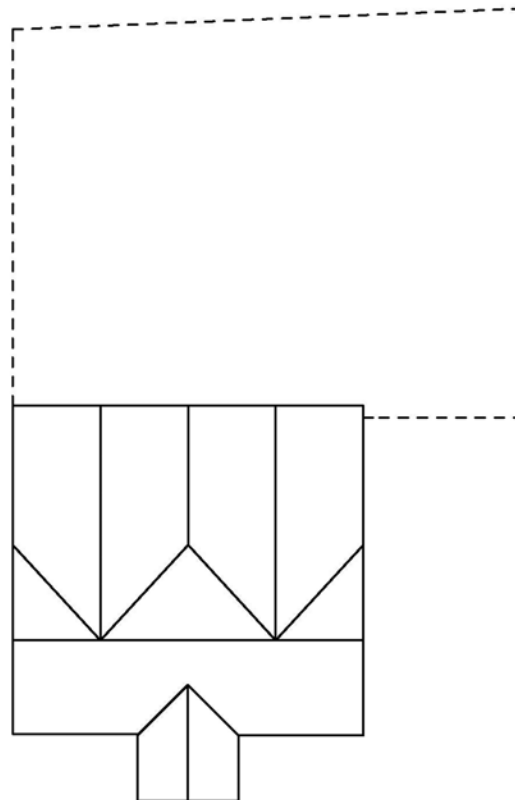
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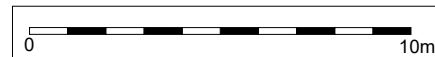
Existing ground floor and first floor ground plan of old coal office



c) Existing upper floor ground plan of old coal office



d) Existing roof plan of old coal office



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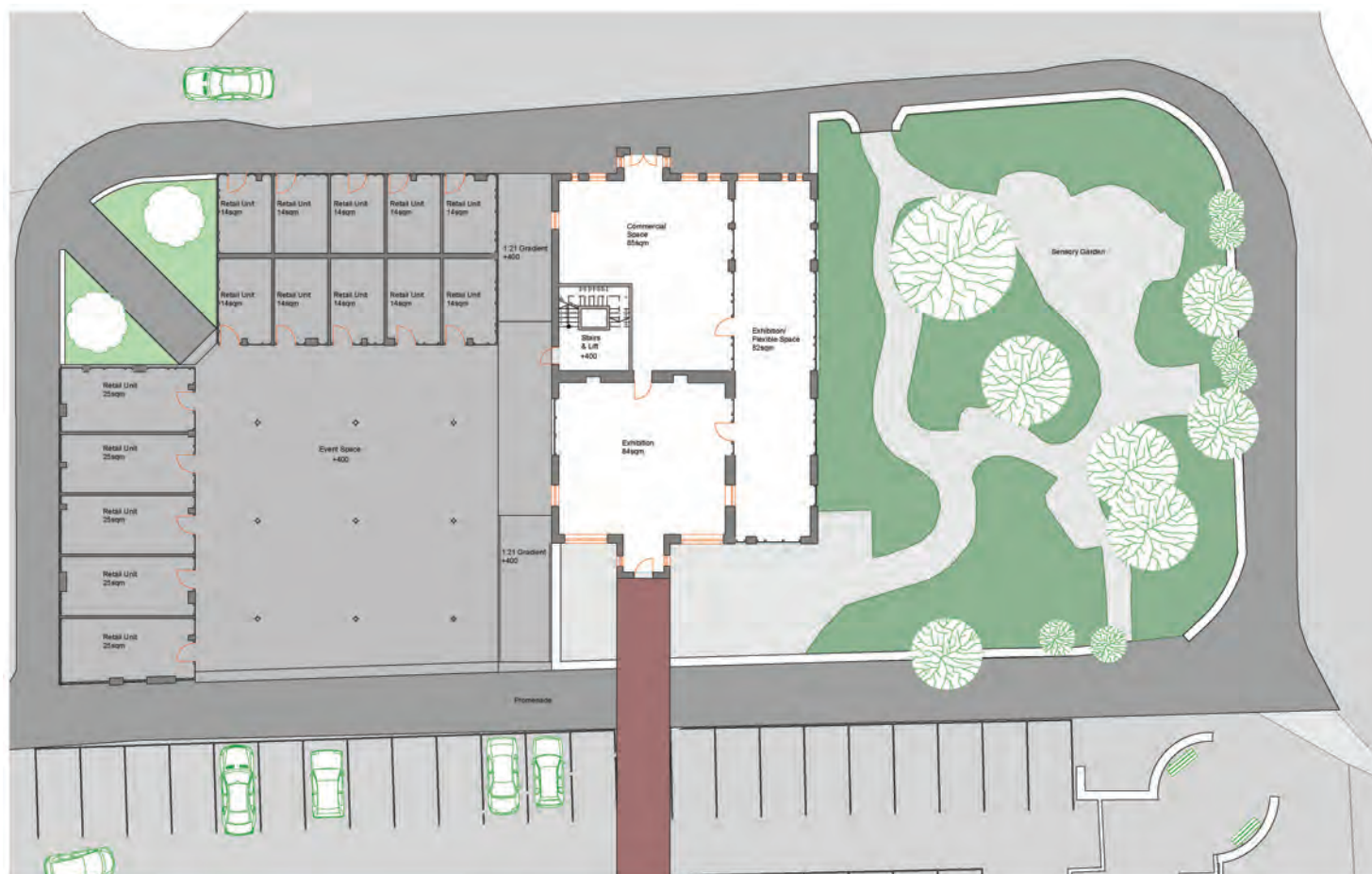
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Figure 8.

Existing upper floor ground plan and roof plan of old coal office



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Figure 9.

Proposed Ocean Square Heritage & Arts Centre - Proposed Ground Plan



Ocean Square Ground Floor

- 1:- Plaza
- 2:- Commercial Shops
- 3:- Entry to Visitor Information / Welcome Centre
- 4:- Costal Heritage and Arts Centre Interactive exhibition as part
Of the three Discovery Harbour Centres:-
 - Coastal Coal
 - Dangers Underground
 - It Was a Hard Life
 - World's first flight
 - Pembrokeshire at War.
 - Coastal renewable energy
- 5:- Lift
- 6:- Stairs
- 7:-Exist to Cambrian street
- 8:- Plants Boxes



Adapted from Saundersfoot Harbour Drawing (2015)

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Figure 10. Proposed Ocean Square Heritage & Arts Centre - Conceptual drawing



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Figure 11.

OS Surveyors drawing 1809 - 1811



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Approximate position of proposed development area

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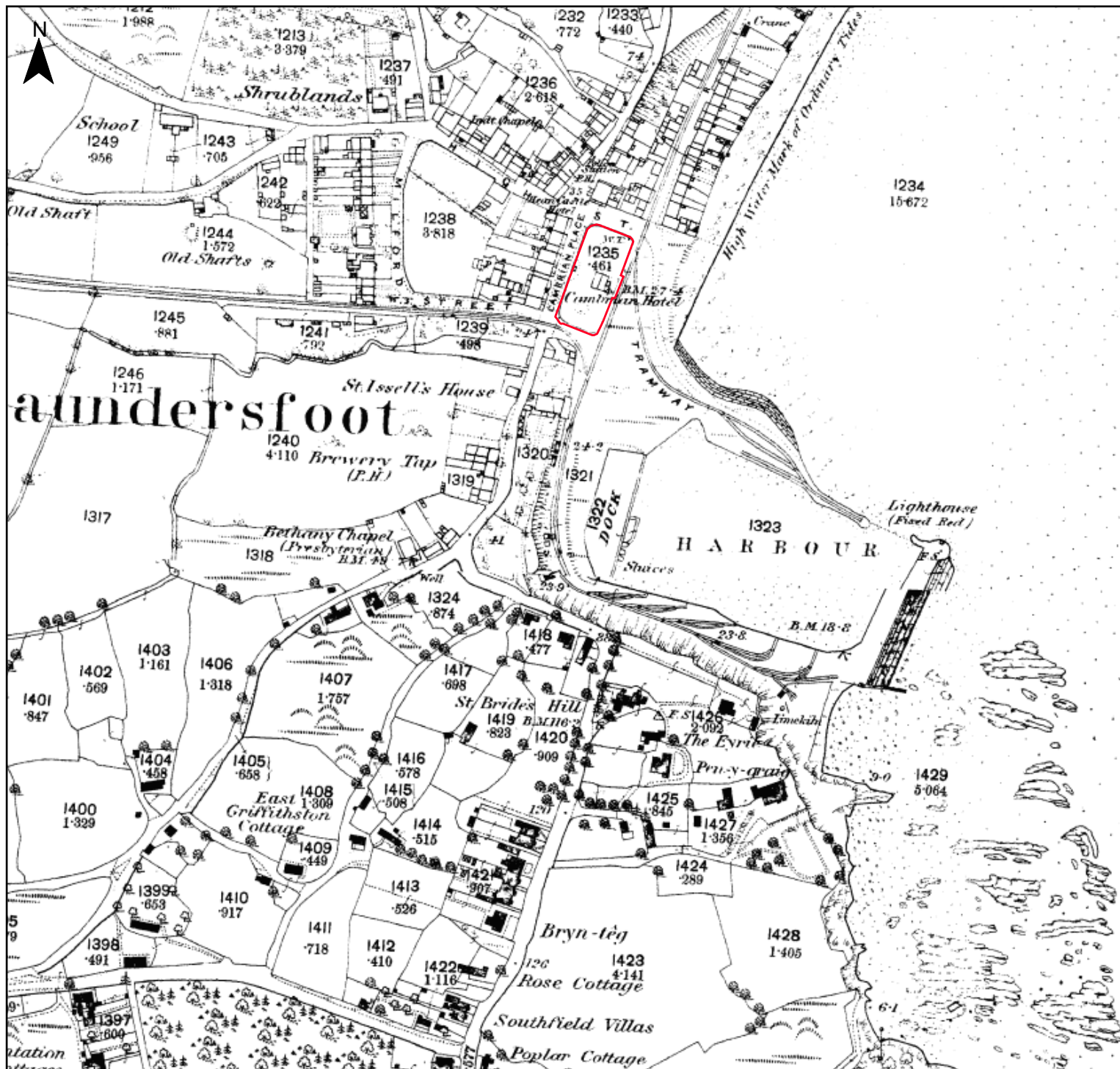
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Figure 12.

Part of Tithe Map of St.Issel Parish (1839)



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Proposed development area

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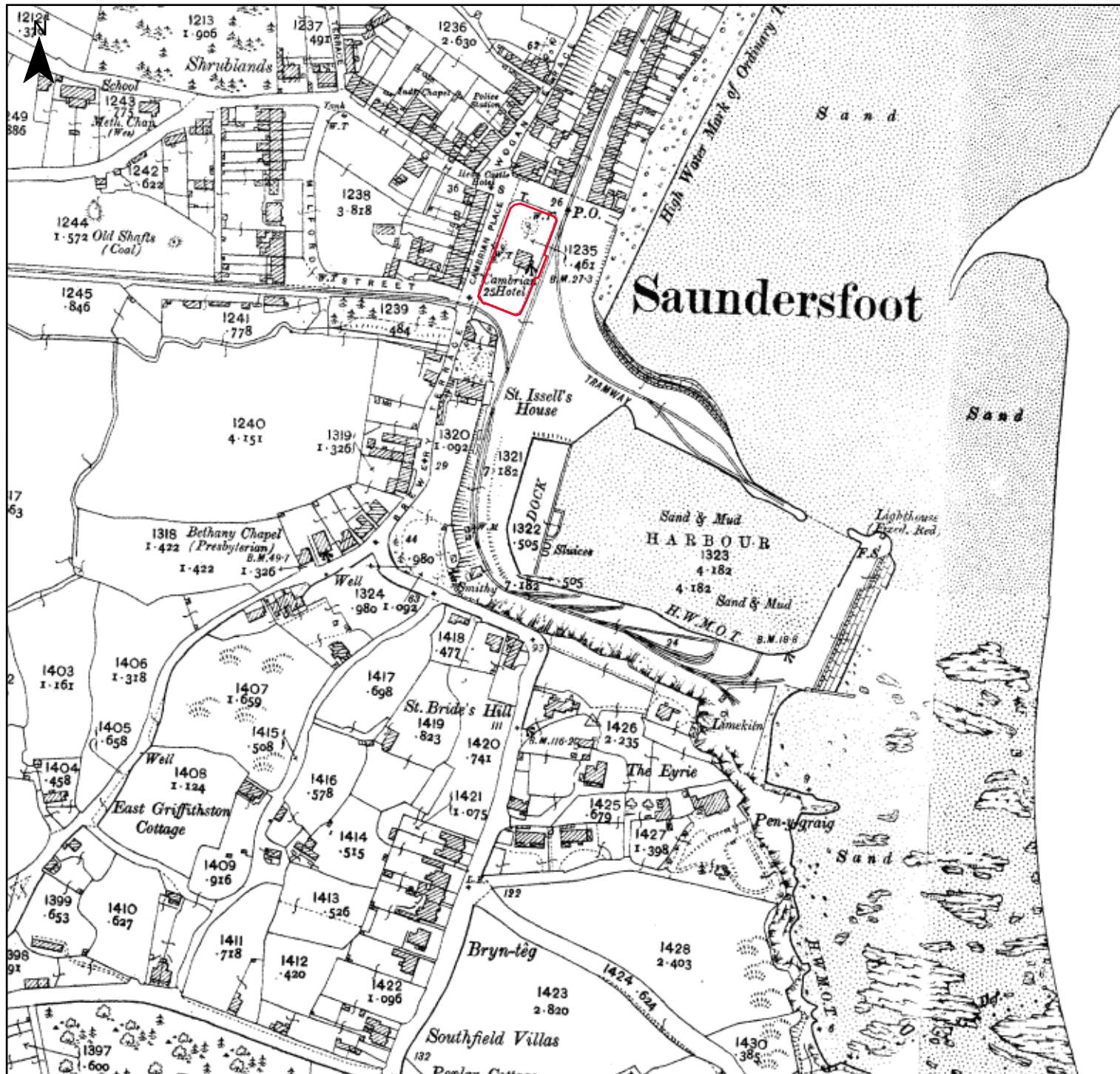
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Figure 13.

OS First Edition Map (1888)



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Proposed development area

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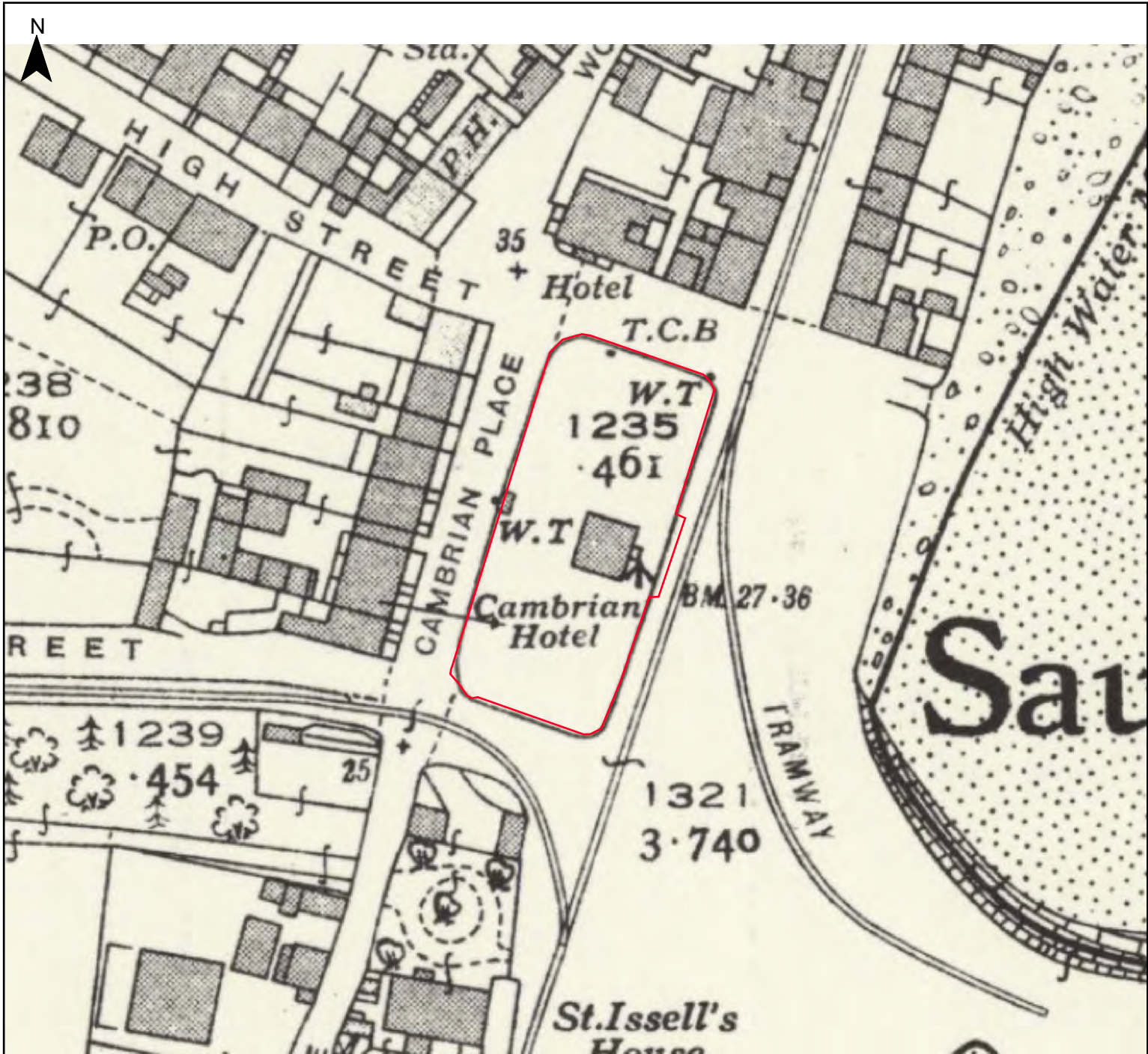
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Figure 14.

OS Second Edition Map (1907)



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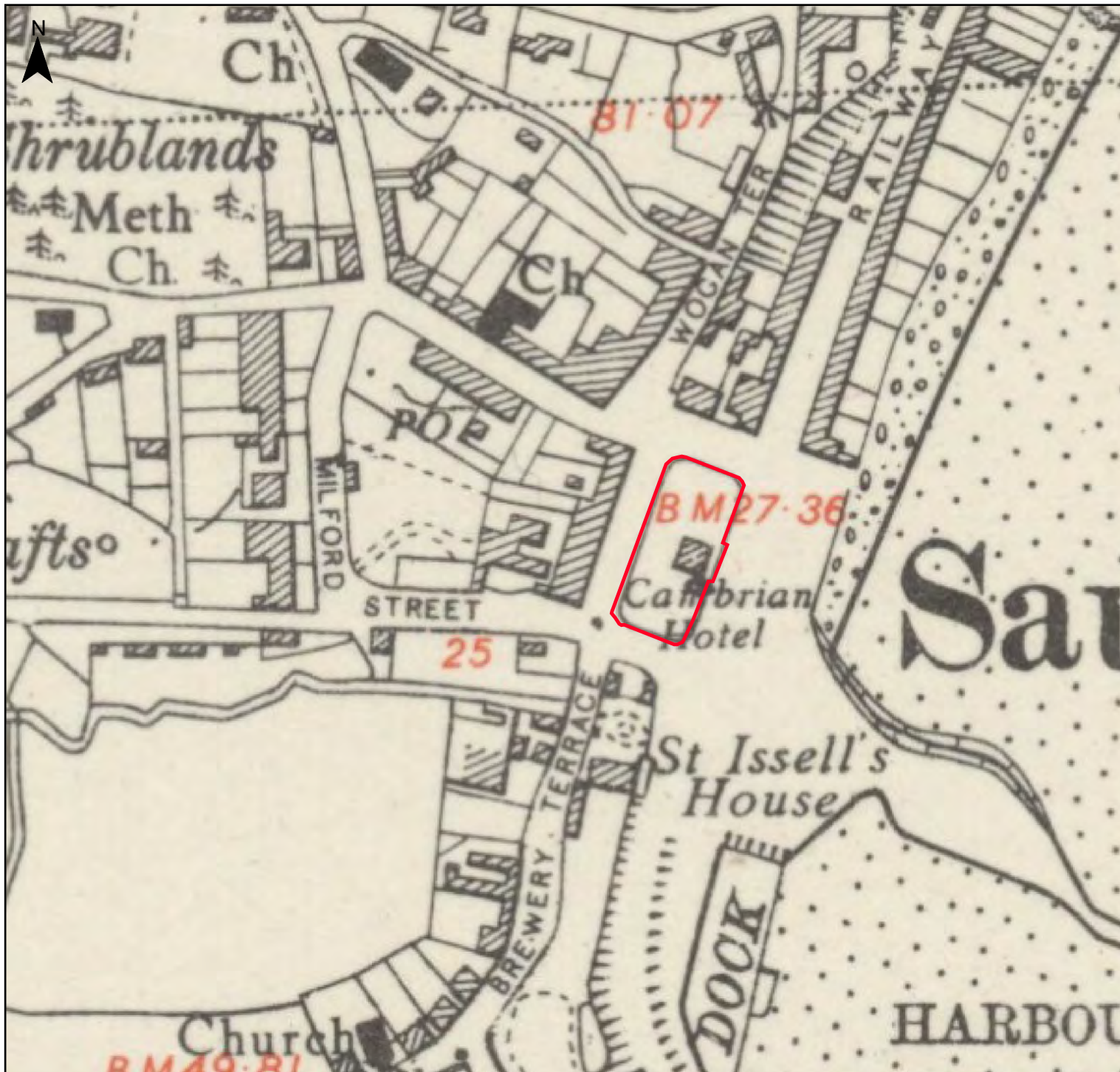
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Figure 15.

OS 1938 Edition Map



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Proposed development area

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Figure 16.

OS 1953 Edition Map



A) Photo of the Old Coal Office/ the Barbeque c. 1890-1900



B) Postcard of Saundersfoot Harbour c. 1900-1908



C) Postcard view of Cambrian Terrace c. 1900-1908



D) Photo of Saundersfoot Harbour c. 1960s from Francis Frith Collection.

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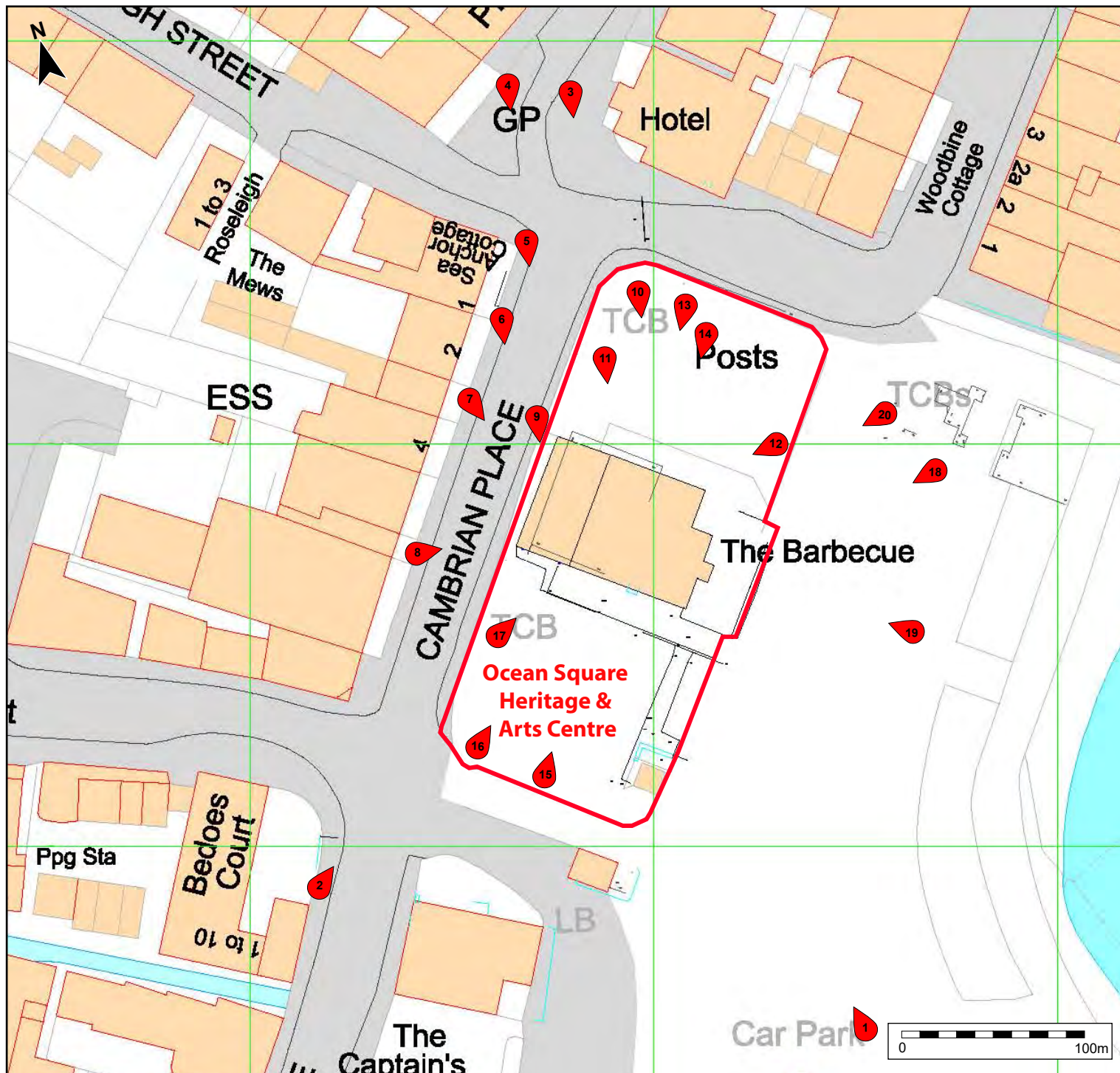
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Figure 17.

Old images of Saundersfoot Harbour and coal office/barbeque building.





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- Study Area (Phase 2) - Area of proposed Ocean Square Heritage & Arts Centre
- 18 Photo and direction

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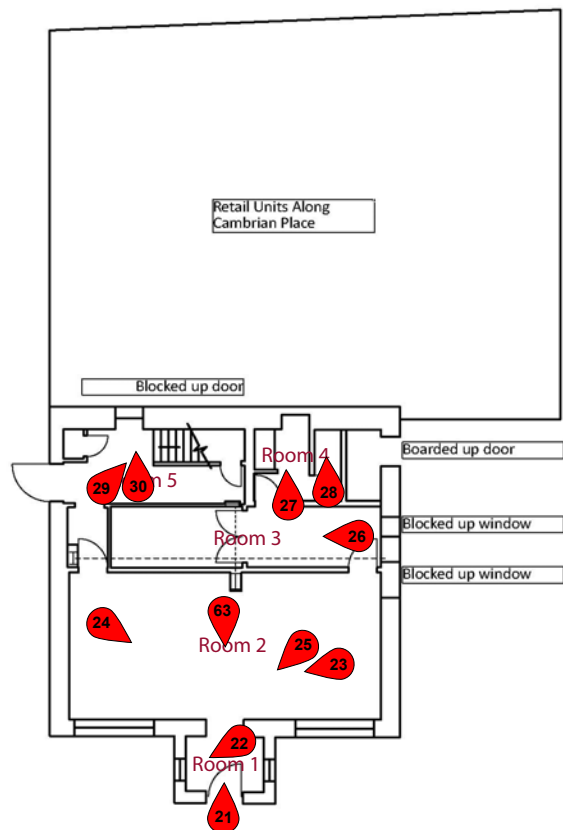
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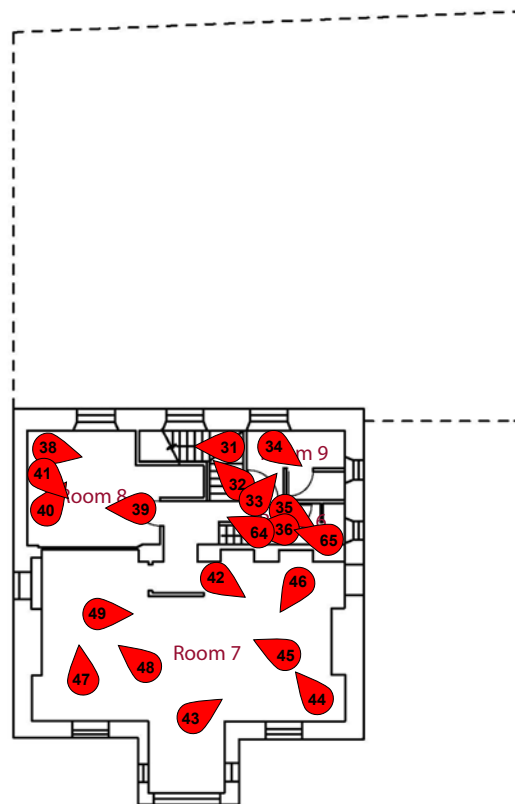
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Figure 18.

ABIR Photo Index Plan - Exterior Views



a) Existing ground plan of old coal office



b) Existing first floor ground plan of old coal office



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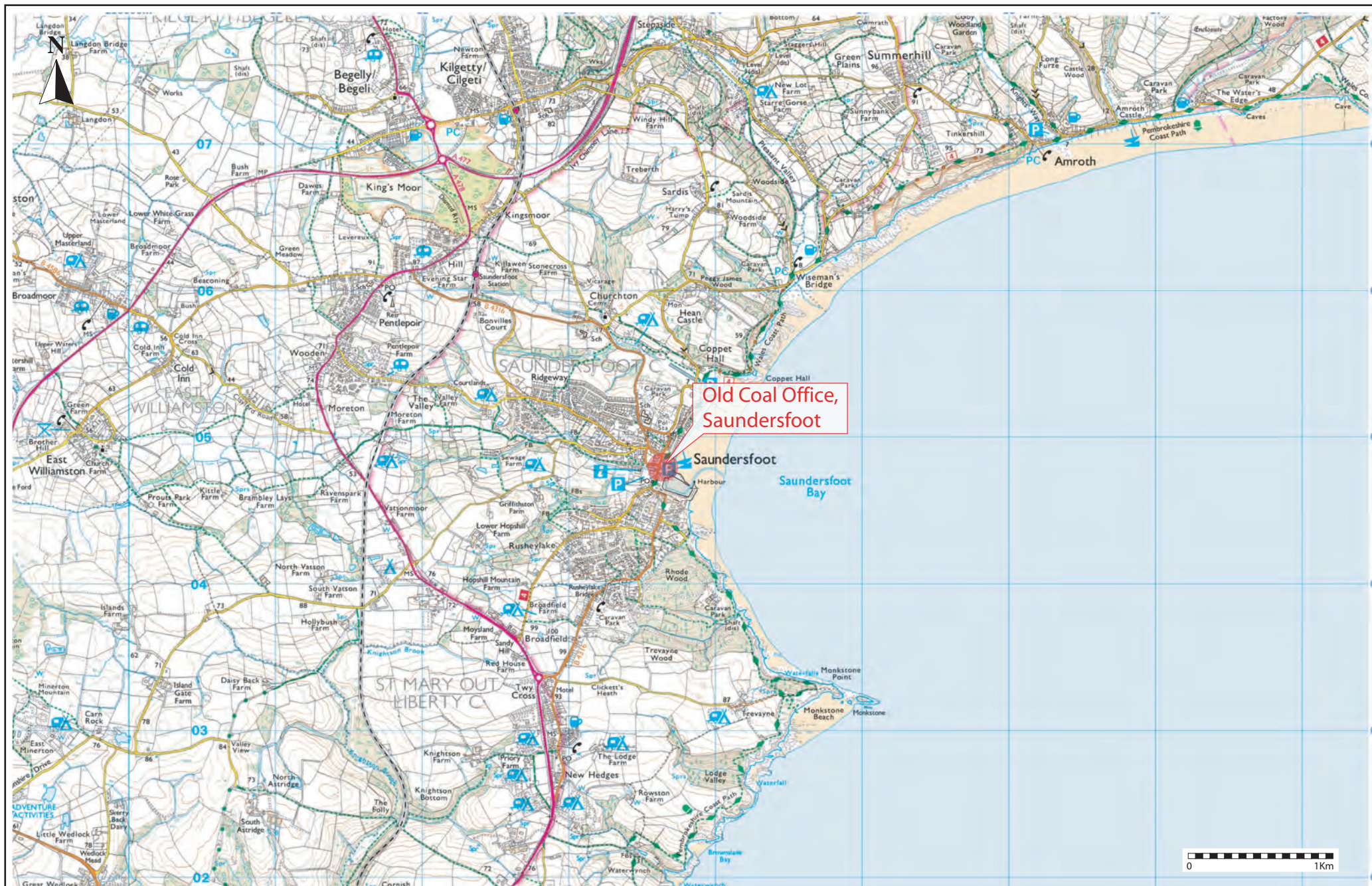
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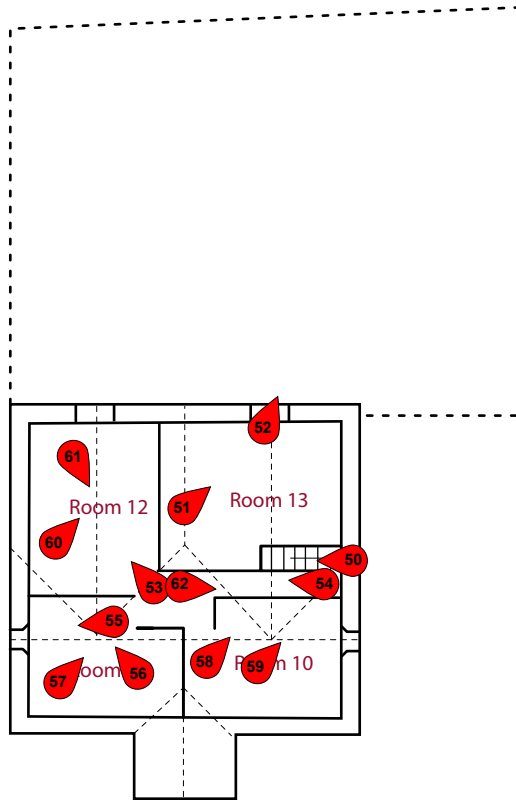
ABIR Photo Index Plan - Interior Views



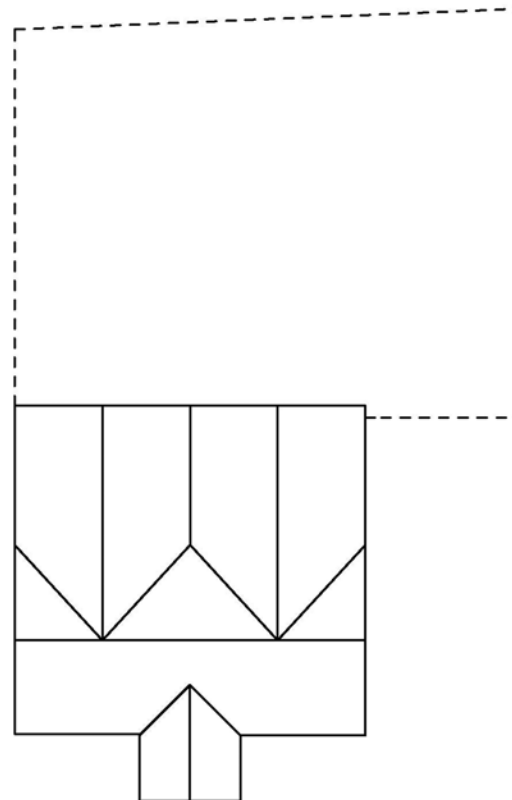
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Figure 2. Location Map (OS Explorer 1:25,000)

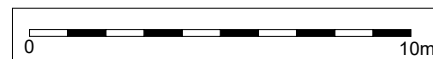




c) Existing upper floor ground plan of old coal office



d) Existing roof plan of old coal office



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Figure 20.

ABIR Photo Index Plan - Interior Views 2

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Photo plates



Plate 01. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Looking north.



Plate 02. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Looking northwest.


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Plate 03. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Looking southeast.



Plate 02. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Looking southeast.


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Plate 05. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Looking southeast.



Plate 06. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Looking southeast.


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Plate 07. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. West facing elevation. Looking southeast.



Plate 08. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. West facing elevation. Looking northeast.



Plate 09. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. West facing elevation. Looking southeast.



Plate 10. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Looking south.



Plate 11. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. North facing elevation. Looking south.



Plate 12 The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. North facing elevation. Looking southwest.



Plate 13 The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. North facing elevation. Looking south.



Plate 14 The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. North facing elevation. Looking south.


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Plate 15. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. South facing elevation. Looking north.



Plate 16. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. South facing elevation. Looking north.


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Plate 17. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. South facing elevation. Looking northeast.



Plate 18. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. East and north facing elevations. Looking southwesterly.


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Plate 19. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. East facing elevation. Looking west.



Plate 20. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. East and north facing elevations. Looking southwesterly.


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Plate 21. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Interior of porch. Looking west.



Plate 22. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Side window in porch. Looking southwards.



Plate 23. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Interior of meeting room in ground floor. Looking south.



Plate 24. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Interior of meeting room in ground floor. Looking northeast.



Plate 25. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Interior of meeting room in ground floor. Looking southeast.



Plate 26. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Back room. Looking southwest.


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Plate 27. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of sink within downstairs toilet.



Plate 28. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of downstairs toilet.



Plate 29. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of staircase to first floor.



Plate 30. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of door in south facing elevation in stairhall.


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Plate 31. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View looking downstaircase toward ground floor.



Plate 32 The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View at top of staircase.



Plate 33. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of ladies toilets on first floor.



Plate 34. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of ladies toilets on first floor.


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Plate 35. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View looking mens toilet on first floor.



Plate 36 The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of first floor landing.



Plate 37. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of first floor landing and staircase to second floor.



Plate 38. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of kitchen on first floor.


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Plate 39. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Restaurant area on first floor.



Plate 40. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Restaurant area on first floor.



Plate 41. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Restaurant area on first floor.



Plate 42. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Restaurant area on first floor.



Plate 43. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Restaurant area on first floor.



Plate 44. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Restaurant area on first floor.



Plate 45. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Restaurant area on first floor.



Plate 46. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Restaurant area on first floor.


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Plate 47. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Restaurant area on first floor.



Plate 48. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Restaurant area on first floor.



Plate 49. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Restaurant area on first floor.



Plate 50. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Staircase from second floor.



Plate 51. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Second floor room.



Plate 52. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of roof area of shop extension against west wall of coal office.


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Plate 53. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Second floor landing.



Plate 54. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Second floor landing.



Plate 55. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Second floor room.



Plate 56. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Second floor room.



Plate 57. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Second floor room.


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Plate 58. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Second floor room with shower cubicle.



Plate 59. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Second floor room with toilet.



Plate 60. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Second floor room.



Plate 61. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Second floor room.



Plate 62. The Old Coal Office. Second floor landing.



Plate 63. The Old Coal Office. Ground floor entrance.



Plate 64. The Old Coal Office. View of first floor landing.

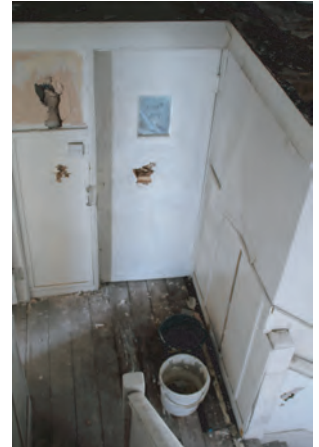


Plate 65. The Old Coal Office. View of first floor landing.


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Plate 66. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of west and south facing elevations following demolition of shopfront.



Plate 67. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of west facing elevation following demolition of shopfront.



Plate 68. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of west facing elevation following demolition of shopfront.



Plate 69. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of west facing elevation following demolition of shopfront.



Plate 70. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of west facing elevation following demolition of shopfront.



Plate 71. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View of south facing elevation following demolition of shopfront.


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Plate 72. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Working shot during groundwork at rear of property.



Plate 73. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Working shot during groundwork at rear of property.



Plate 74. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Removal of concrete at rear of coal office.



Plate 75. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Removal of concrete at rear of coal office.



Plate 76. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Exposed south facing section showing stratigraphy following ground reduction.



Plate 77. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. View following demolition of shopfronts.



Plate 78. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Working shot during groundwork in area of garden.



Plate 79. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Working shot during groundwork in area of garden.


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Plate 80. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Working shot during groundwork at rear of property.



Plate 81. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Working shot during groundwork at rear of property.



Plate 82. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Completed ground reduction work at southwest end.



Plate 83. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Completed ground reduction work at southwest end.



Plate 84. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Working shot during ground reduction at rear.



Plate 85. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. West facing elevation of coal office following shopfront demolition and ground reduction.



Plate 86. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Detail of west facing elevation of coal office following shopfront demolition and ground reduction.



Plate 87. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. West facing elevation of coal office following shopfront demolition and ground reduction.


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Plate 88. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Inspection slot against west facing elevation to investigate depth of foundation for engineering purposes.



Plate 90. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Completed ground reduction work at northwest end.



Plate 92. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Exposed west facing stratigraphy at southern area.



Plate 94. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Area at north end of coal office. Looking east.



Plate 89. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Apparent blocked entrance at base of west facing elevation. Likely former coal storage basement



Plate 91. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Completed ground reduction work at north end.



Plate 93. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Completed ground reduction work at southeast end.



Plate 95. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Detail showing relationship between west facing elevation and ground at north end.


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Plate 96. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Working shot during concrete removal in area of north facing elevation of coal office.



Plate 97. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Completed ground reduction work in area of north facing elevation of coal office.



Plate 98. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Completed ground reduction work in area of north facing elevation of coal office.



Plate 99. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Stratigraphic south facing section opposite north facing elevation of coal office.



Plate 100. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Detail of exposed earlier foundation at base of north facing elevation.



Plate 101. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Detail of exposed earlier foundation at base of north facing elevation.



Plate 102. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Detail of exposed earlier foundation at base of north facing elevation.



Plate 103. The Old Coal Office. View of exposed earlier foundation.



Plate 104. The Old Coal Office. 19th century tram rail.


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Plate 105. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Internal view of west wall during floor removal.



Plate 106. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Internal view of south wall during floor removal.



Plate 107. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Internal view of east wall during floor removal.



Plate 108. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Internal view of east wall during floor removal.



Plate 109. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Internal view of east wall during floor removal.



Plate 110. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Working shot during floor reduction within interior. East end.



Plate 111. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Floor support piers exposed during ground reduction work within interior of coal office.



Plate 112. The Old Coal Office. Floor support piers exposed during ground reduction work within interior of coal office.


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Plate 113. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. Working shot during floor reduction.



Plate 114. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. 19th Century floor support piers within building following ground reduction.



Plate 115. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. 19th Century floor support piers within building following ground reduction.



Plate 116. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. 19th Century floor support piers within building following ground reduction.



Plate 117. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. 19th Century floor support piers within building following ground reduction.




Plate 118. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. 19th Century floor support piers within building following ground reduction.



Plate 119. The Old Coal Office, Saundersfoot. 19th Century floor support piers within building following ground reduction.



Plate 120. The Old Coal Office. View of coal office during construction.

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ARCHIVE COVER SHEET

The Old Coal Office,
Saundersfoot Harbour, Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire

ARCHIVE DESTINATION - RCAHMW

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Site Code:	OCO/2019/ABIR+WB
PRN:	PRN: 79770
NPRN:	
SM No.	
Other Ref No.	HRSW Rpt No. 209
NGR:	SN 1365 0483
Site Type:	19th Century Old Coal Office
Project Type:	Archaeological Building Investigation & Recording and watching brief
Project Manager:	Richard Scott Jones
Project Date(s):	August 2019 - December 2020
Categories Present:	None
Location of Original Archive:	RCAHMW
Location of Duplicate Archive:	Dyfed Archaeological Trust
Number of Find Boxes:	
Location of Finds:	
Museum Ref:	
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