

REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - 13 MARCH 2006

REPORT ON: TAXI RANK CLEARWAYS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 159-2006

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval for the implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit parking by any vehicle other than a taxi in a taxi rank and rationalising the current provision with additions and deletions.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the preparation of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order to make all taxi ranks clearways to rationalise the current provision with additions and deletions.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of implementing these proposals is estimated at £2,000 and will be contained within the revenue budget for 2006/07.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The introduction of clearways in taxi ranks will improve safety and accessibility for all taxis.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equal opportunities implications of relevance to this report.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 At present, parking in taxi ranks is only controlled where waiting restrictions happen to exist. This would normally take the form of no waiting at any time which does not prevent any other vehicle from loading and unloading or dropping off or picking up passengers. Disabled badge holders are also exempt. Where restrictions do not exist no control is possible.
- 6.2 It is therefore proposed to introduce a taxi rank clearway order which would prevent any other vehicle from stopping in a taxi rank.
- 6.3 Following consultation with representatives of the taxi rank trade, the opportunity will also be taken to rationalise the ranks and provide some new ranks at the following locations:
- a Meadowside North side between Reform Street and Constitution Road - bus stop to be repositioned westwards and taxi rank extended to partly compensate for the loss of the rank opposite the TSB.
 - b Ward Road North side between Constitution Road and Nicoll Street - new rank, 2 spaces as a stacking rank for (a).

- c Meadowside South side between Reform Street and Barrack Street - new evening only rank for 8 taxis.
 - d South Ward Road North side between north leg of South Ward Road and West Marketgait - new evening only rank for 5 taxis to replace the rank opposite the night club.
 - e St Andrew's Street West side south of Cowgate - new rank 8 spaces to service Wellgate Centre area.
 - f South Tay Street Northeast side north of Nethergate - new rank, 3 spaces to cater for the Cultural Quarter. This will result in the loss of 3 pay and display spaces.
- 6.4 To remove ranks where changing circumstances have made them superfluous at the following locations:
- a Meadowside North side at McManus Galleries - this rank will be lost due to the planned environmental improvements around Albert Square.
 - b Birkdale Place at multi storey blocks - no longer necessary following demolition of multi-storey blocks.
 - c St David's Lane/East Henderson's Wynd - no longer necessary following closure and demolition of night club and public house.
 - d South Ward Road North leg opposite night club - this will be replaced on the west leg of South Ward Road to prevent congestion when the night club closes.
- 6.5 The unaltered ranks are in Mayo Avenue, Perth Road (Sinderins), James Black Place (Ninewells Hospital), Lochee High Street, Camperdown Road, Derwent Avenue, Fintry Drive, Esplanade (Broughty Ferry), Brook Street (Broughty Ferry), McGill Street, Caird Avenue, Nethergate (City Churches), Seagate, Trades Lane, Hilltown, South Union Street (Station).
- 6.6 The new and superfluous ranks are depicted on the attached plans.

7 CONSULTATIONS

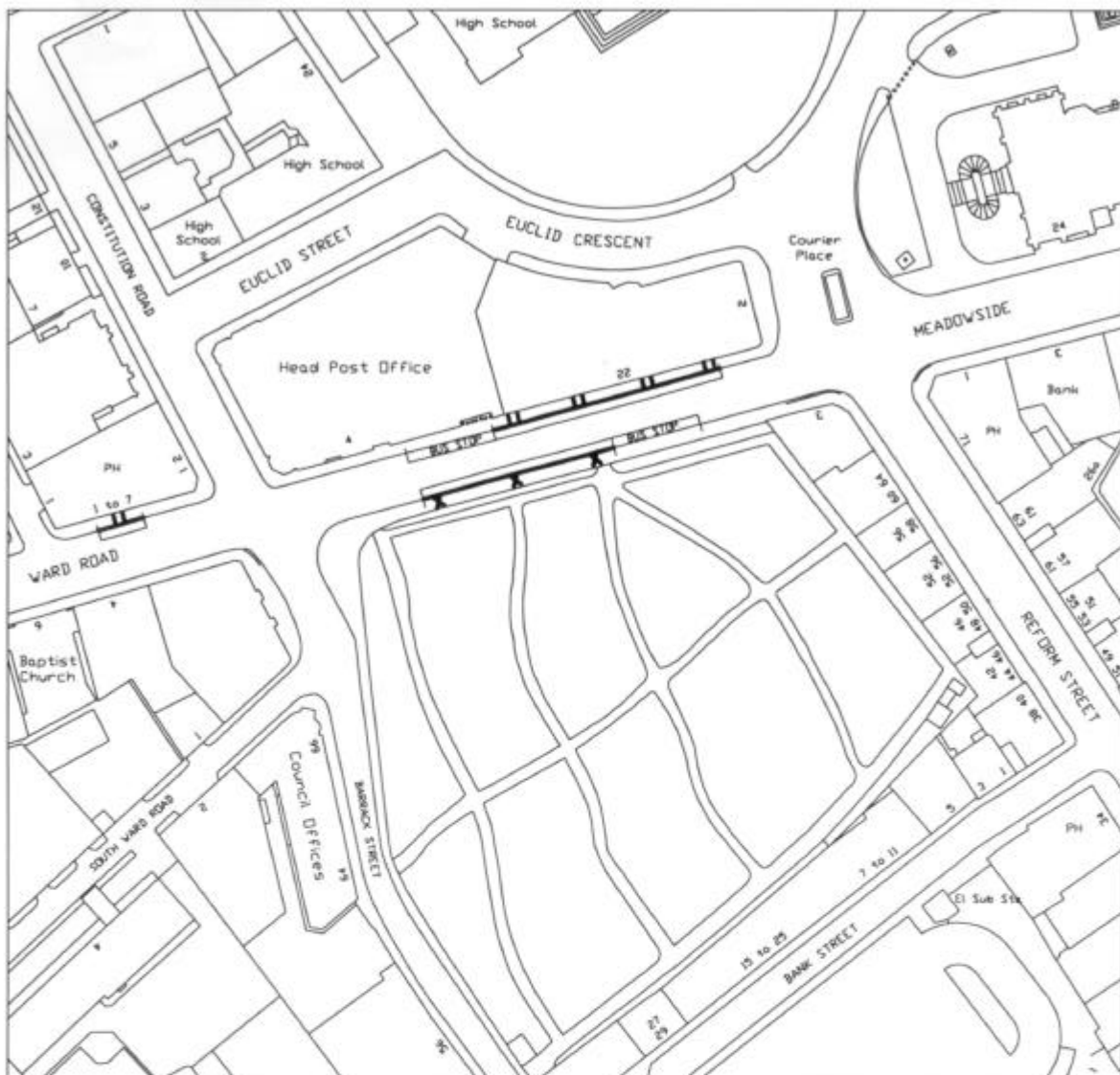
- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning), the Legal Manager and the Chief Constable have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

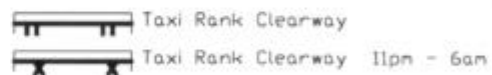
- 8.1 None.

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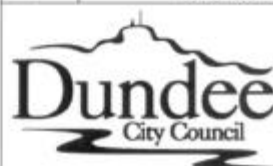
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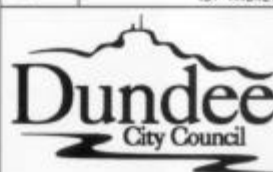
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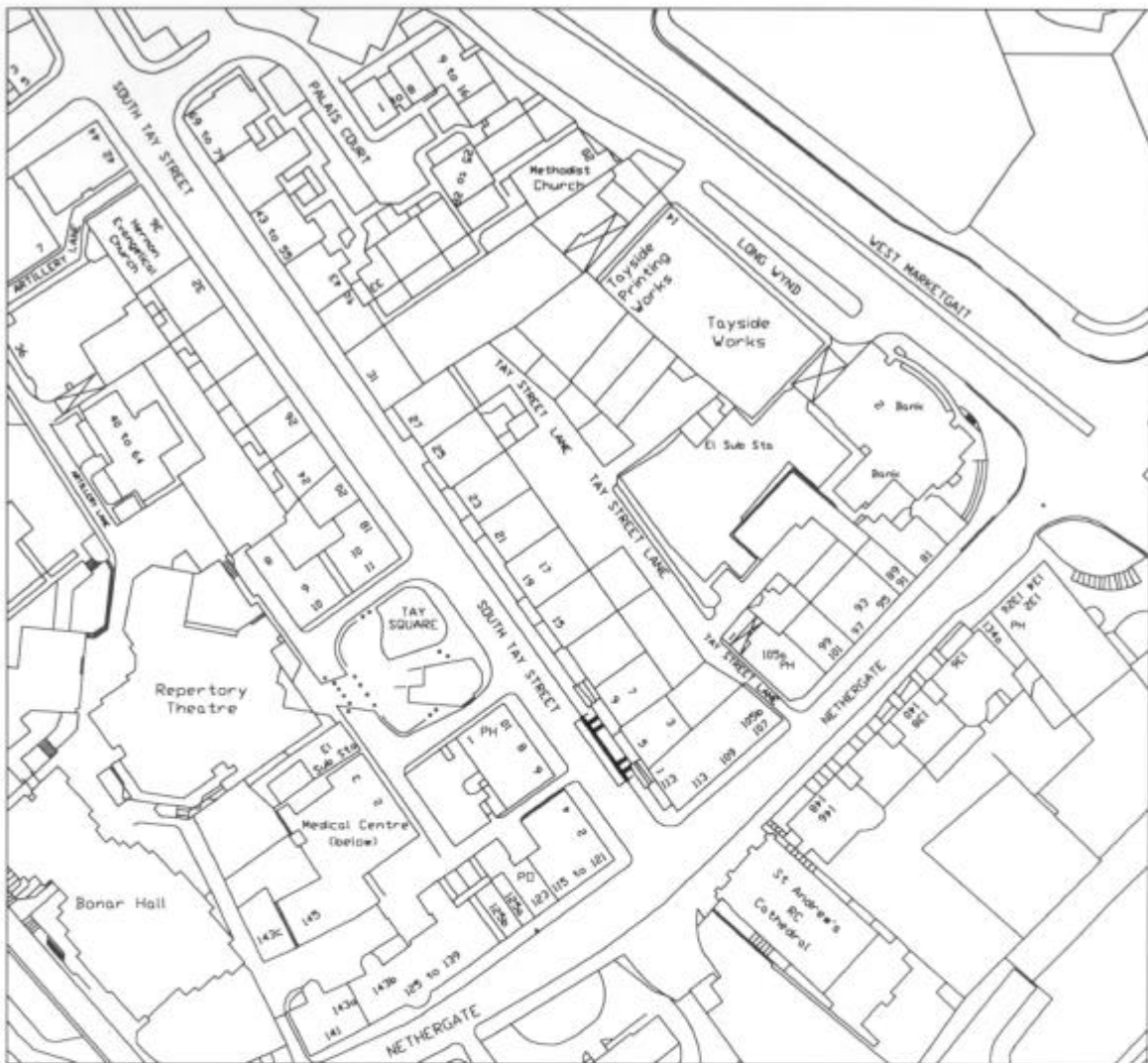
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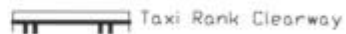
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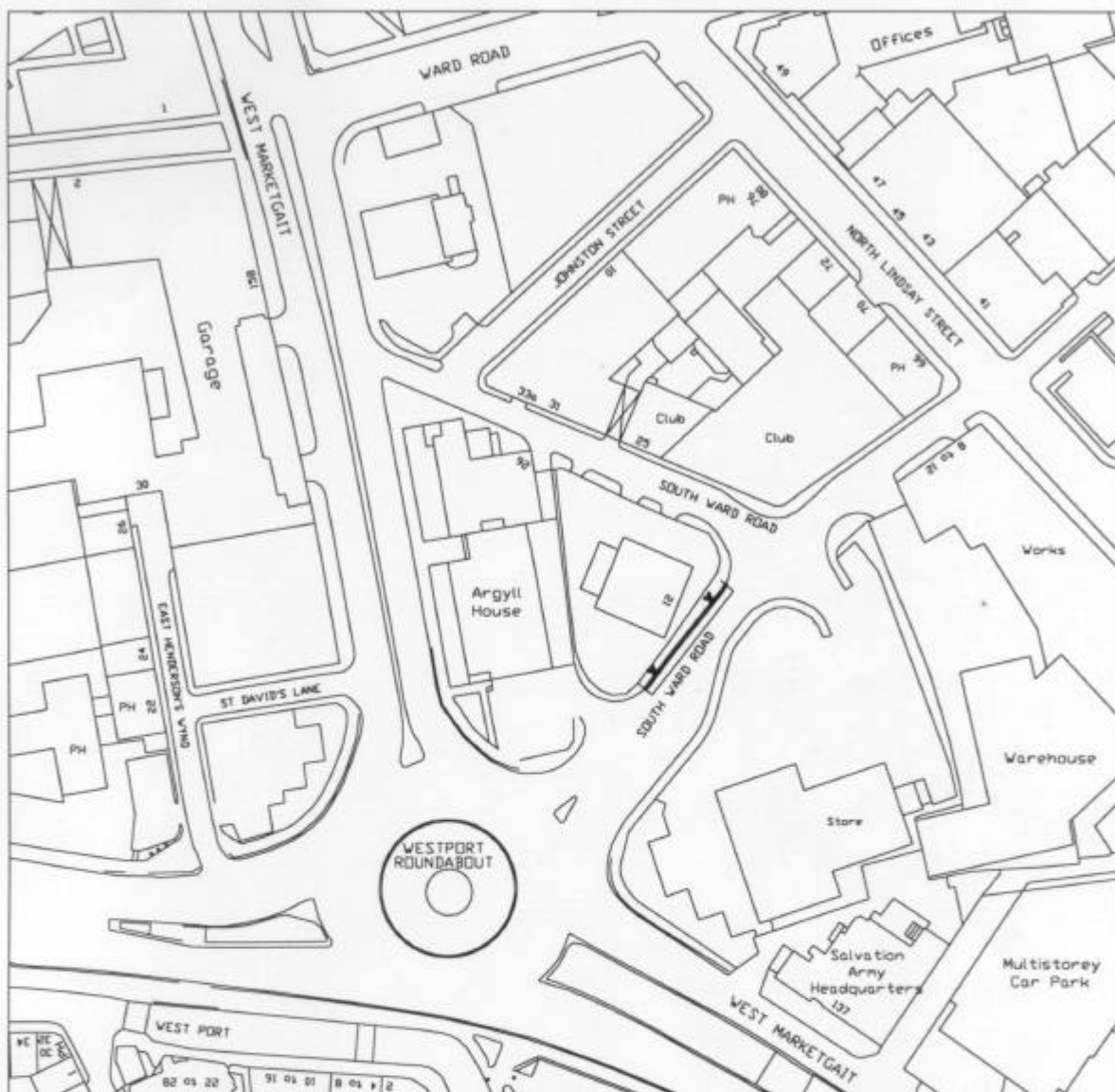


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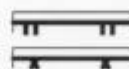
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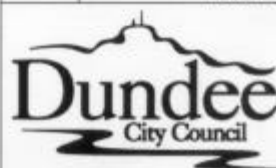
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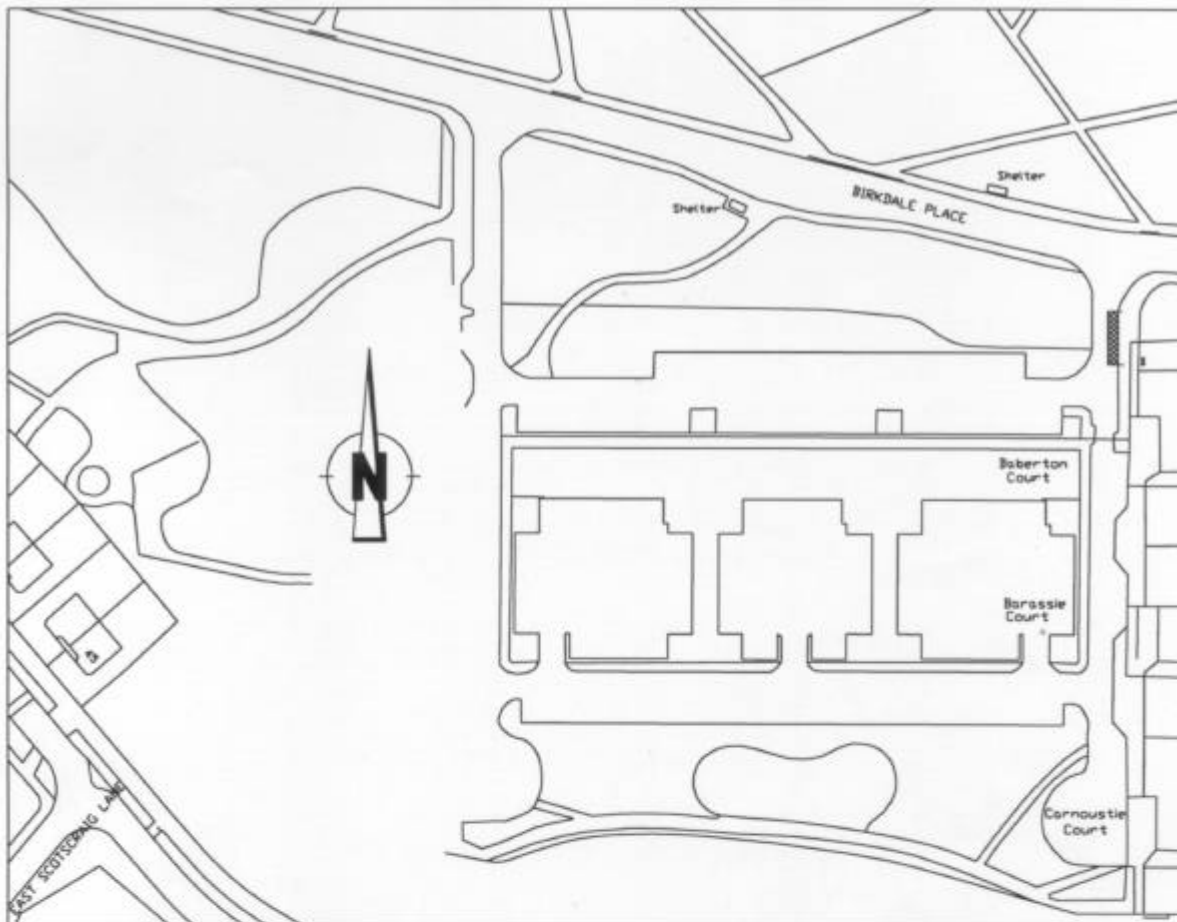
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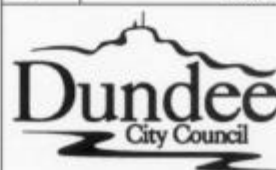


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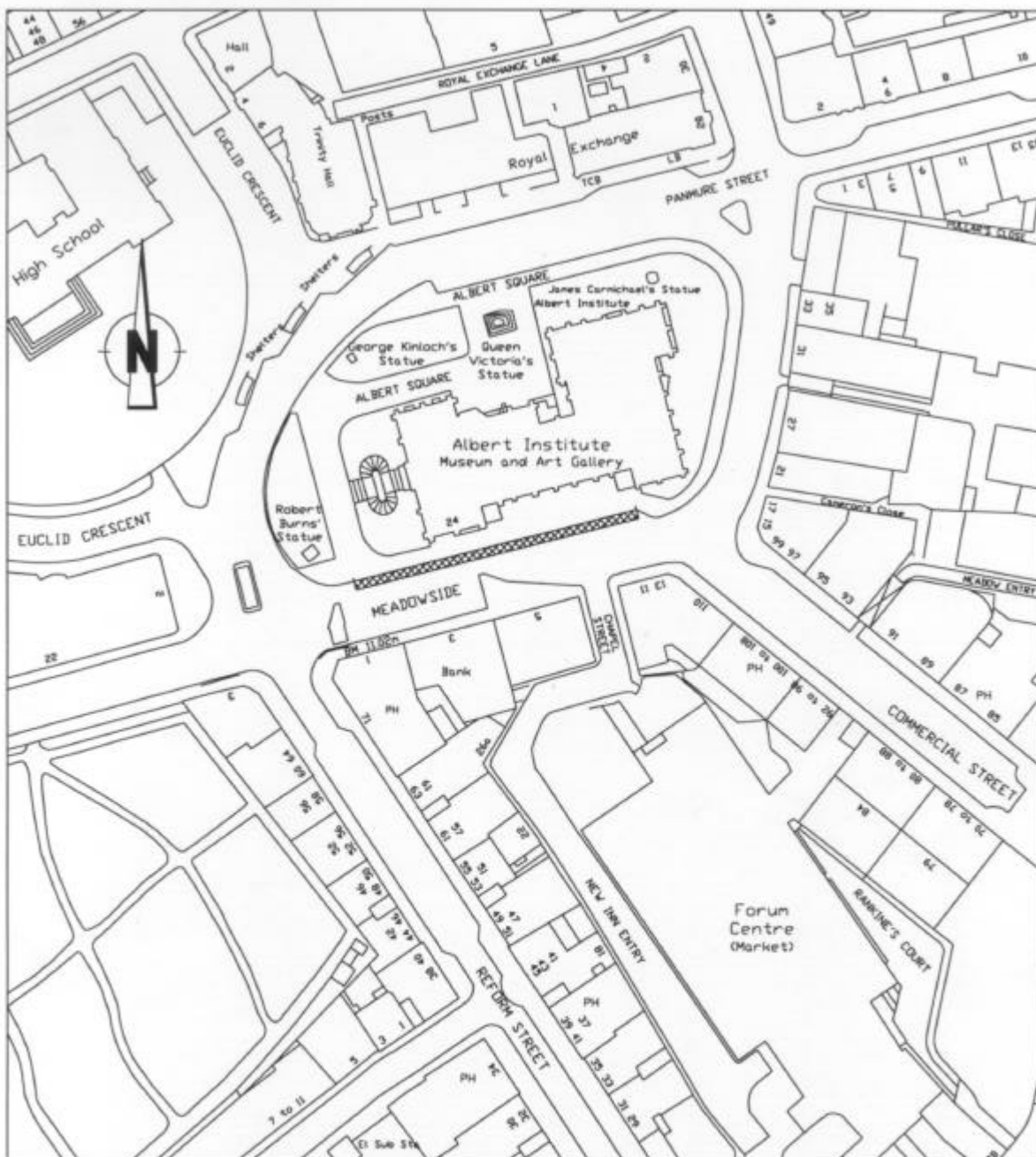
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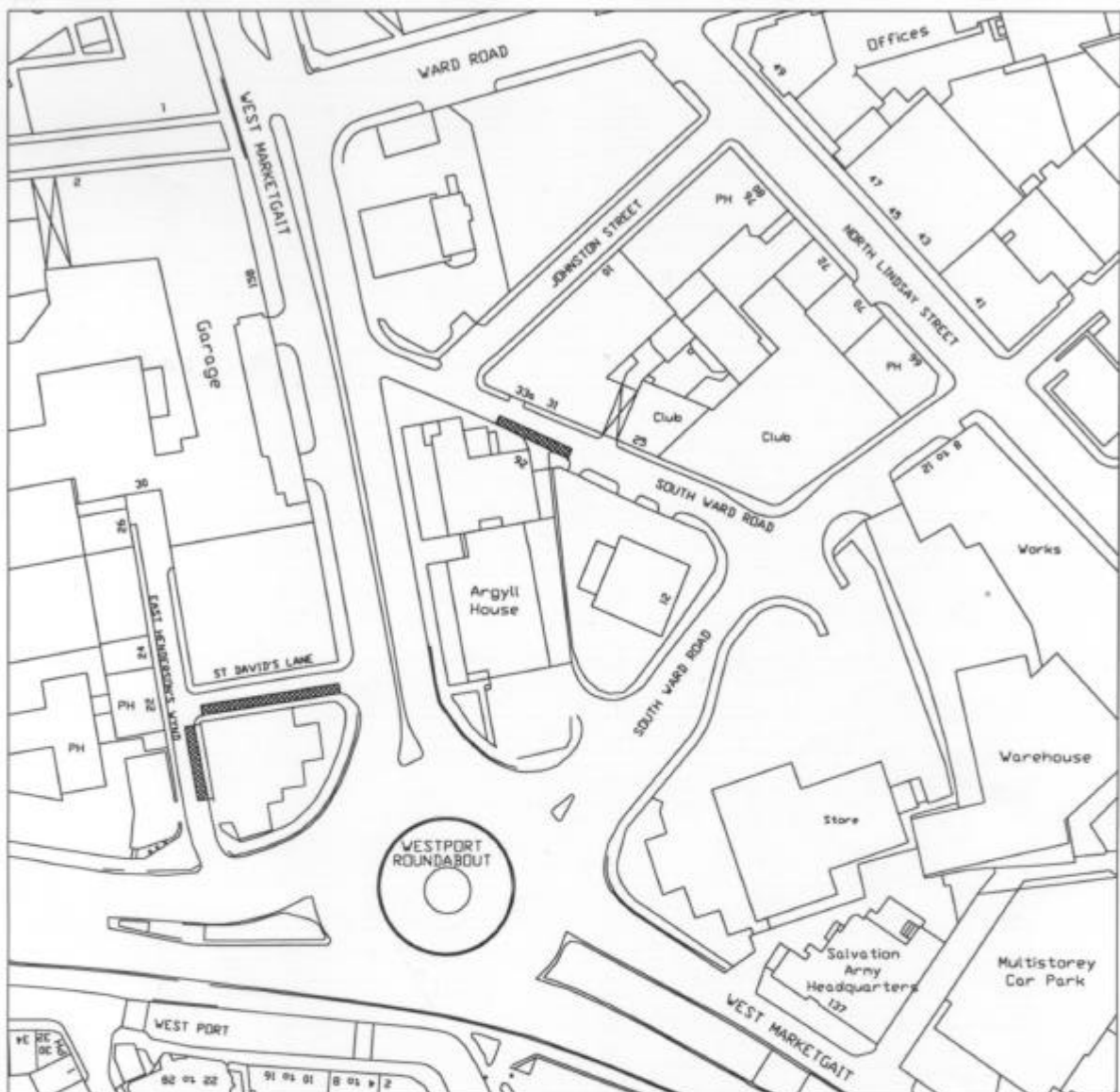
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