



Plate 52: Detail of light fitting, scorers' box

6.3 Committee Room

The committee room was constructed pre-1928 partly over the location of an original lavatory block. The room is entered via an early 20th century panelled door toward the west of the southern wall of the bar area. The room is essentially rectangular with a panoramic window consisting of two panes occupying the majority of the eastern wall, facing the pitch. At either end of panoramic window, a modern glass door leads to the committee balcony with its green-painted wooden handrail.

Memorabilia adorns the walls in the committee room in a similar although more subdued style to the main bar area. The partially tiled southwest corner of the committee room is occupied by a small L-shaped bar constructed in a somewhat more basic style to the main bar. A small canopy is present over the counter although there are no apparent shutters. To the north of the bar, a door in the western wall leads outside to the first brick staircase mentioned in the description of the western elevation above.

The door from the bar area, situated to the west of the northern wall, is surrounded by dark stained wooden panelling stretching from the floor almost to eaves level. Excepting this panelling, the walls and ceiling of the committee room are painted white. The ceiling again is situated partially into the pitch of the roof although less of the pitch is exposed as in the bar area.

Substantial beams are present running north-south and east-west in the committee room ceiling, thought to be boxed-in steel joists. In line with the north-south beam, situated close to the eastern wall, the north and south walls of the room

step in from their line, suggesting the balcony area may have once been wider and that the beam marks the original line of the wall.



Plate 53: Southern aspect, committee room, building in use



Plate 54: Southern aspect, committee room



Plate 55: Northern aspect, committee room, building in use



Plate 56: Northern aspect, committee room



Plate 57: Southern part of eastern elevation, committee room



Plate 58: Northern part of eastern elevation, committee room



Plate 59: Eastern aspect, committee room

6.4 Visitors' Dressing Room and Facilities

The visitors' dressing room is situated north of the bar area and, like most rooms on the eastern side of the building features a panoramic window directed at the pitch. The room is distinctly plain, with green-painted timber cladding around the lower part of the walls. The cladding is topped with a dado rail painted black. Fitted benches are present around the walls of the room, excepting the area below the panoramic window.

Access to the pitch is via a panelled wooden door with 2x2 glazing above two solid panels. The door, its frame and the frame of the panoramic window are painted green to match the panelling. Also painted green is a central truss with metal bracing, of similar although less elaborate moulding to that in the bar area. At the head of the posts of the truss, electric heaters are fitted.

The door leading to the pitch is not in its original location. The door was once situated in the southern wall of the room, east of the truss. The original access to this room, shown on the architect's plan, was via a flight of steps into the main part of the pavilion, now the bar. Also differing from the original plan, a wall which once ran north-south toward the west end of the changing room is absent. This wall originally divided the room into a changing room (east) and a kitchen (west), the latter having a door leading into the bar area.

Like that of the bar area, the ceiling in the visitors' changing room follows the east-west pitch of the roof to tiebeam level before returning to the horizontal and bridging the gap between the sides of the building.

Planks holding hooks are fitted around the north, south and northern part of the western wall. Central to the western wall, a modern door is situated. South of the door, a notice board is fixed to the wall.

The door in the western wall leads to the corner of a short north-south corridor. To the south, the passageway terminates at the hatch to the bar area, with its wooden shutter. Bolts are fitted to the bottom of the shutter enabling it to be secured in a closed position.

The visitors' shower room and lavatories are present to the north of the corridor, accessed via a door adjacent to the serving hatch. The layout and fittings in this room are modern, following reorganisation in 2000.

Opposite the door from the changing room, a further door opens into an east-west corridor spanning the remaining width of the building. Immediately adjacent to this door, a further door in the northern wall leads into a small vestibule at the foot of a flight of stairs leading to the first floor changing room.

The home team bathroom, with one lavatory cubicle, is situated to the left at the western end of the corridor.

The ceiling of the corridor is punctuated with a series of circular roof lights.



Plate 60: The visitors' changing room showing the current door location. The original door would have been located closer to the green pillar on the opposite side.



Plate 61: Eastern aspect, visitors' changing room



Plate 62: Detail of door, northern wall, visitors' changing room



Plate 63: Western aspect, visitors' changing room



Plate 64: Players' bar service hatch, changing room side



Plate 65: Corridor west of visitors' changing room, looking east



Plate 66: Home team bathroom



Plate 67: Detail of circular roof light, corridor to west of visitors' changing room

6.5 Home Team Dressing Room and Facilities

The home team dressing room is situated further north of the visitors' changing room and is the only room in this part of the building without a panoramic window. A pair of large windows is present with lights over. There are no historic features in this part of the building, constructed post 1950. Fitted benches are present along the northern wall and boxed-in steel joists are present protruding from the white painted ceiling. The walls of the room are similarly painted, with lockers for each player fitted above boards holding hooks as found in the visitors' dressing room.

The underside of the staircase leading to the first floor is visible at the western end of the room, beneath which a door leads to the home team showers and lavatories, again entirely reordered in 2000.

The western end of the southern wall of the changing room has a door leading into the vestibule at the foot of the stairs to the first floor changing room, as mentioned above. East of the vestibule opposite the entrance to the staircase, the office of the Pavilion Attendant is located. This small room has been constructed since 1996 and features storage cupboards and drink making facilities.



Plate 68: Eastern aspect, home players' changing room



Plate 69: Eastern aspect, home players' changing room



Plate 70: Western aspect, home players' changing room



Plate 71: Western aspect, home players' changing room



Plate 72: Western aspect, home team showers



Plate 73: Detail of interior of Pavilion Attendant's office

6.6 First Floor

A single room occupies the first floor of the western part of the northern extension. The room, added following approval of a planning application in 1965 was originally built as a changing room for young players. The room is currently used as the home-team second-eleven dressing room and is divided by the staircase leading from the ground floor into a large area to the west and a thin corridor-like area to the east. The walls are of modern brick in English bond. The lower parts of the walls are painted green with a paler grey-white above. Around the staircase, a timber enclosure is situated, to which lockers mirroring those on the ground floor have been fitted, bridging the stairwell. Fitted benches are present around the west wall and slatted wooden shelves can be found around the north, west and south walls. A door at the northern corner of the eastern wall leads to the roof. Obscure-glazed windows are located in the north and west walls.



Plate 74: View north up staircase to first floor changing room

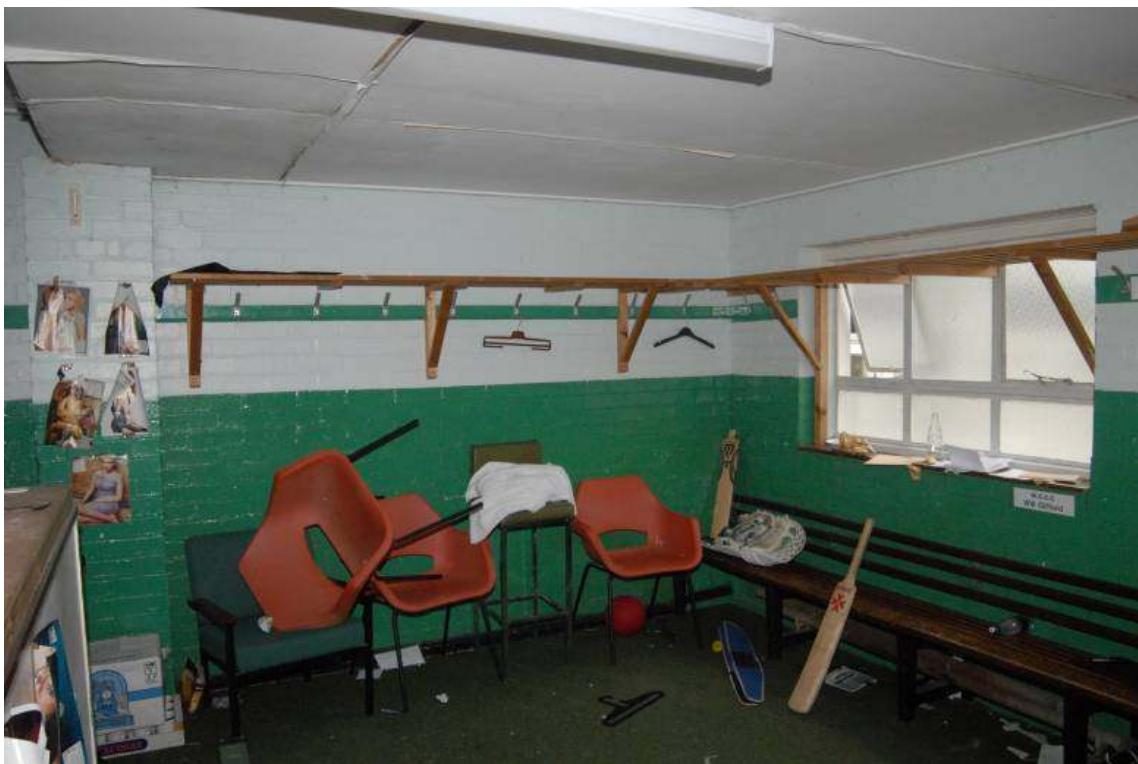


Plate 75: Southwest aspect, first floor changing room



Plate 76: East elevation, first floor changing room



Plate 77: Passageway east of staircase, leading to roof door, first floor changing area



Plate 78: Eastern aspect, first floor changing room, showing door to roof

6.7 Beer Store

The beer store, located below the office, is situated slightly above the level of the surrounding hard standing. There is no access to the beer store from inside the building. The walls of the room are not rendered although are painted red from the ground up to a little over half of their height.

The southeast corner of the beer store is partitioned with a brick wall to allow for access to the lavatories adjacent to this room.

The eastern wall is clearly made from larger bricks and is the original western wall of this extension prior to the construction of the beer store and office above. Visible in the brickwork of the eastern wall (see Plate 80), a patch of concrete seven courses down from ceiling height marks the location of a now blocked gun / rifle loophole from the Second World War conversion of the current gentlemen's lavatory into a defended building.

Raised brick platforms on each side of a central walkway provide stillage for casks and kegs and a plethora of beer delivery pipes can be found emitting from holes in the northern wall to feed pumps and taps on the bar.

Evidence from planning applications suggests that this store originally supplemented a further structure located north of the basement lavatory, detailed below. This original beer store ceased to be used at some point after the construction of the new structure, the likelihood being that its flood-prone location was rejected in preference to the slightly higher more recent structure. No evidence was found during recording for the entrance to the original store, located beneath the flight of steps perpendicular to the recent beer store extension, however possible internal walls were observed during demolition.

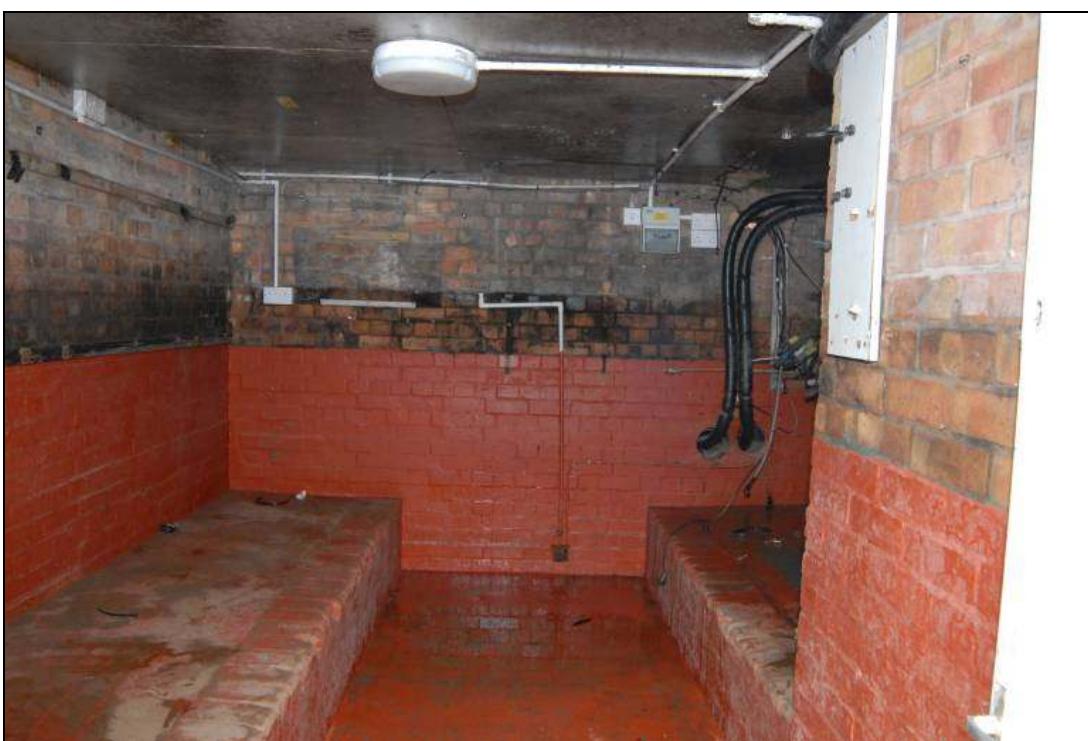


Plate 79: Northern aspect, beer store



Plate 80: Northeast aspect, beer store, showing beer delivery pipes and blocked loophole

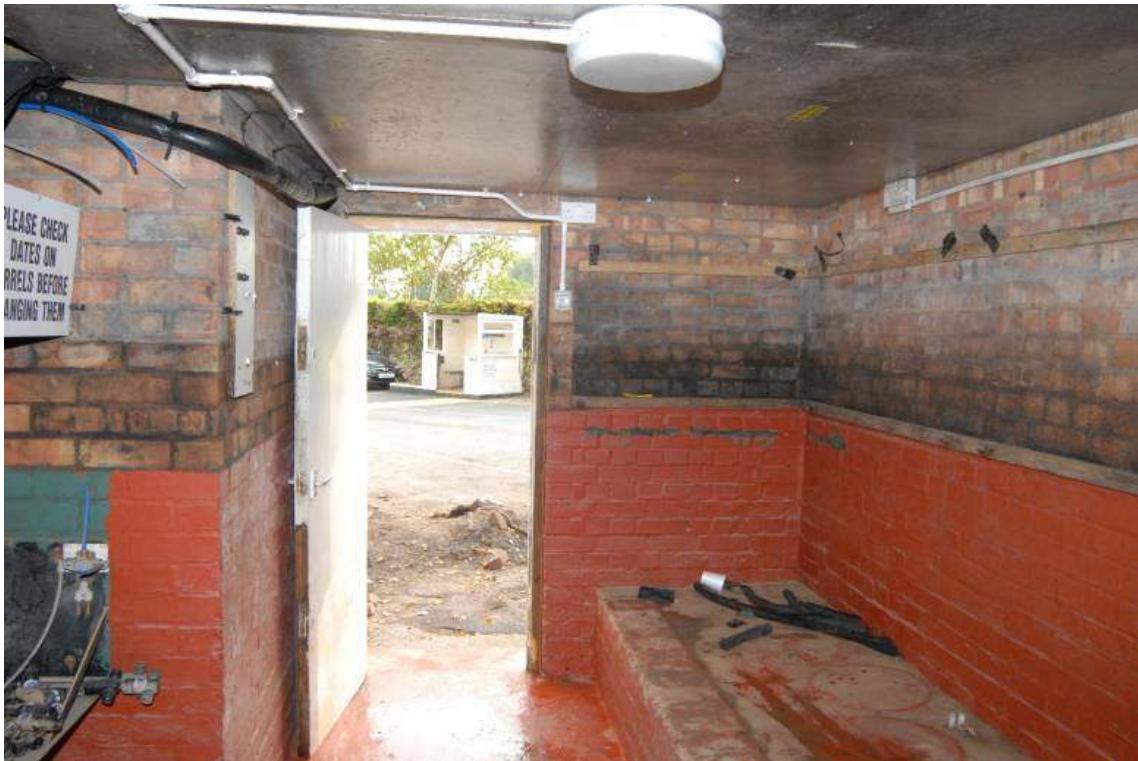


Plate 81: Southern aspect, beer store

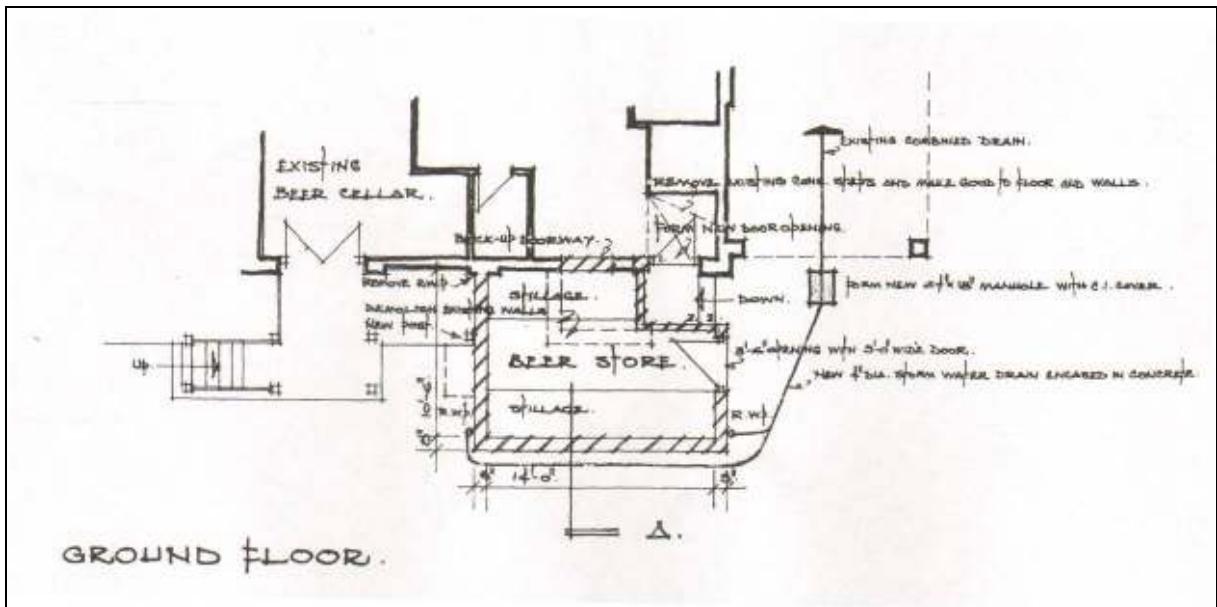


Figure 11: Excerpt from plan for beer store showing earlier structure, 1974 planning application (Planning Ref 74/0013)



Figure 12: Internal walls of original beer store, seen during demolition

6.8 Basement Lavatory

It is considered that the door adjacent to that of the beer store was so placed as to permit access to the original door to the earlier gentlemen's toilet. The door in the more recent extension opens into a small antechamber with a further door to the east in what was the western wall of the initial phase of this extension. The walls in the antechamber are not rendered, consisting of bricks with peeling white paint.

Internally, the lavatory is tiled from floor to ceiling, featuring two cubicles and a single trough urinal. Owing to its location below the floor level of the pavilion, this

area and the beer store beyond its walls were prone to flooding, the most recent episode of which subsided shortly before this part of the building was recorded.

Worthy of note is the long window above the urinal, opening into the void beneath the pavilion. It is important to note that this part of the building was constructed a number of years after the construction of the original pavilion structure and therefore this window was never installed with the intention of admitting light. The long thin nature of this window, currently occupied by three top-hung casement windows, indicates its provenance as a rifle / machine gun loophole from the Second World War adaptation as a defended building.

The Defence of Britain record indicates loopholes were present in the east, south and west walls of the defended building. The eastern example is still visible in the brickwork of the beer store as stated above, although the southernmost example is now obscured by tiles and by the modern lavatory block on the exterior. Despite this, further evidence for the strengthening of this room is visible in the increased thickness of the western wall, visible in the current entrance door.

Examination of the area beyond the window / loophole suggests that the storeroom beneath the pavilion may not have been constructed as per the architect's plan and may have been made, instead, from corrugated iron, the remains of which are visible fixed to the timbers instead. Access to this area was not considered practical and safe for any further investigation.



Plate 82: Northeast aspect, lavatories, showing possible loophole window



Plate 83: Southwest aspect, lavatories, showing thickness of original wall



Plate 84: Area beneath original pavilion, observed through window / loophole from gents' lavatory

7. The Development of the Main Pavilion

The following chronology has been produced with reference to the Worcester City Council register of planning applications, the extensive collection of historic photographs held by the Club and other details revealed during the course of this project. Note that the terms 'present' and 'absent' do not refer to an absolute date of construction or removal.

A phased plan of the pavilion is appended.

Phase 1: Original

1896: Pavilion designed.

1898: Pavilion opened.

Phase 2: 1897 - 1939

c. 1906: Initial phase of southern extension (now committee room) is present. The room has chamfered southern corners and a chimney central to its southern wall.

1928: Extension housing players' dining room and kitchen (modern corridor to gents' lavatory, kitchen, visitors' shower) present. Flight of steps present in location of current ladies' lavatory. Steps to rear of servery / kitchen area present.

Phase 3: 1940s

c. 1945: Home players' changing room constructed in southern dormer of pavilion building.

Phase 4: 1950s

1950: Planning app for temporary extension to players' dining room.

c. 1954: Scorers' balcony falls out of use (scoreboard constructed).

1955: Planning apps for internal rearrangement and extension of pavilion, including formation of committee room and incorporation of players' changing and washrooms into members' bar, removal of temporary dining room and conversion of original players' dining room to kitchen / wash-up room. Also construction of home team changing room to north. Planning app for raising of part of the first floor to improve drainage levels from basement sanitary facilities (although no specific building is mentioned).

1956-7: Plaque in bar states that pavilion was 'entirely re-modelled by the supporters' association at the cost of £20,000', including the installation of 'the big window', presumed to be situated in the southern dormer.

Phase 5: 1960s

- 1961:** Air photo evidence suggests that no further external development has occurred to the rear of the pavilion.
- 1963:** Northwest extensions present to modern extent.
Small lean-to extension present in location of beer store.
- 1964:** Planning app for extension to committee room.
- 1965:** Planning app for erection of young players' dressing room over existing dressing rooms.
- 1966:** Planning app for improvements to members' bar and pavilion, including enclosure of veranda area and demolition of internal partition to extend bar area to south.
Also replacement of arched windows from changing rooms with 'Allday' sliding windows.
Oval windows still present in dormers either side of clock tower.
Committee room appears unextended and still has chimney fitted to southern wall.
- 1968:** Air photo shows gents' lavatory to rear of committee room, which has also been extended.

Phase 6: 1970s - Present

- 1973:** Planning app for erection of small extension to form beer store and empties store to west of modern kitchen area.
East elevation of pavilion largely in current form, although balcony still present and no club crests present on dormers.
- 1980:** Planning app for alterations to form ladies' toilet for members' pavilion.
Gents' lavatory is present on air photo.
- 1984:** Planning app for alterations to existing accommodation and provision of new balcony (although no specific building is mentioned).
- 1993:** Temporary office buildings visible in air photo. Remaining structure appears to be in modern form.
- 2000:** Planning app for alterations to players' changing room.

Figure 13: Ground floor phased plan

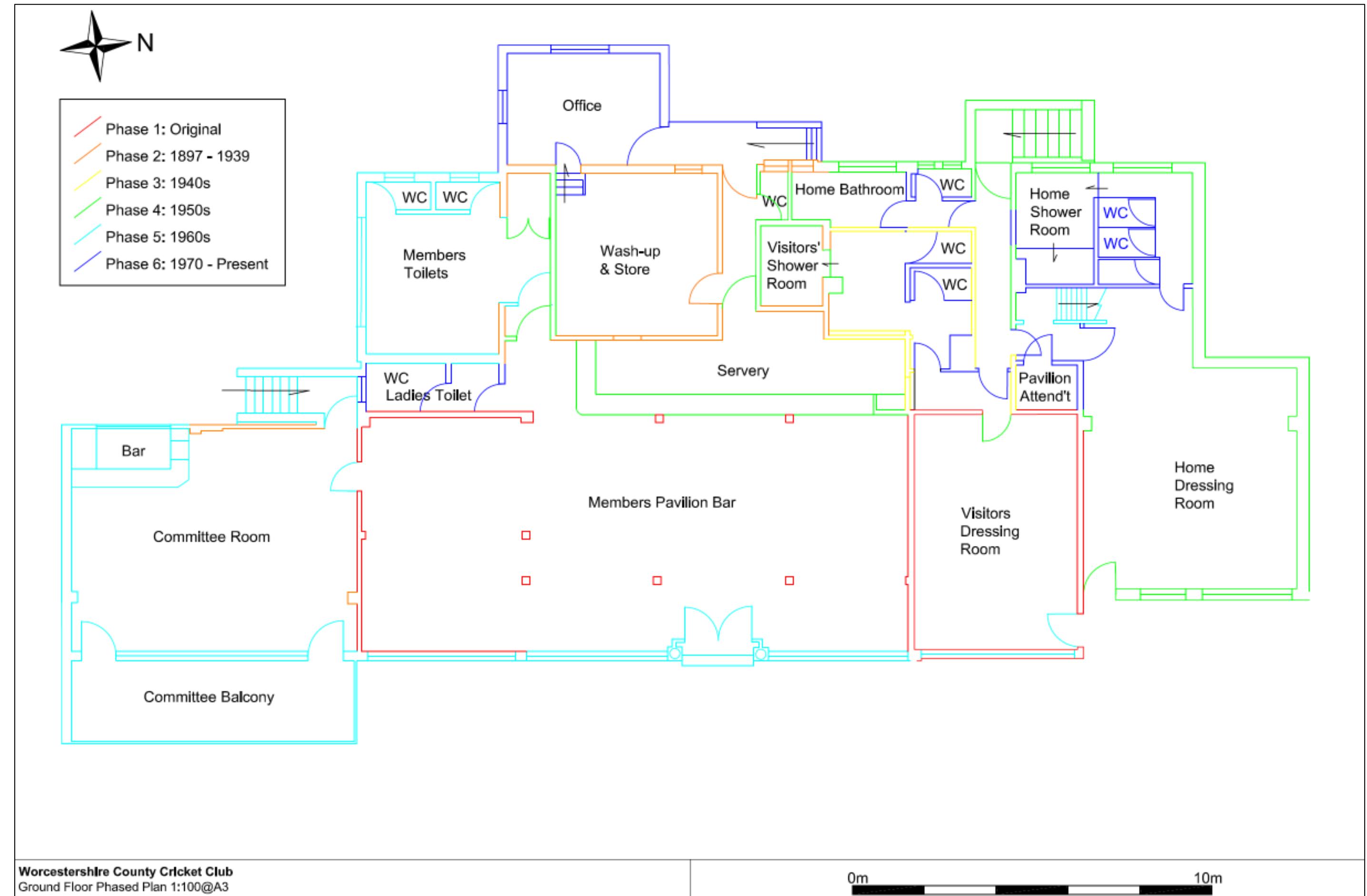


Figure 14: First and lower ground floor phased plan

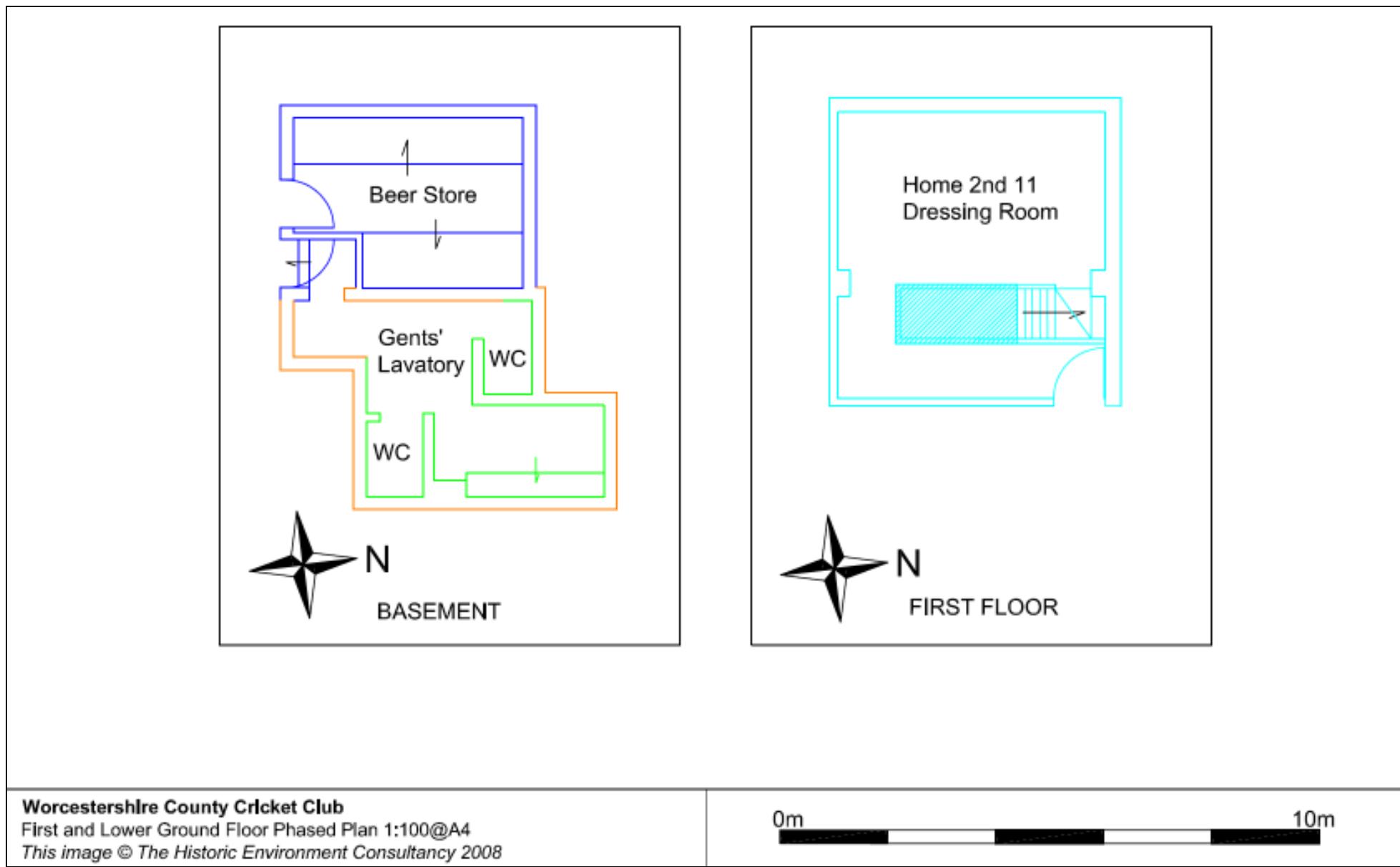


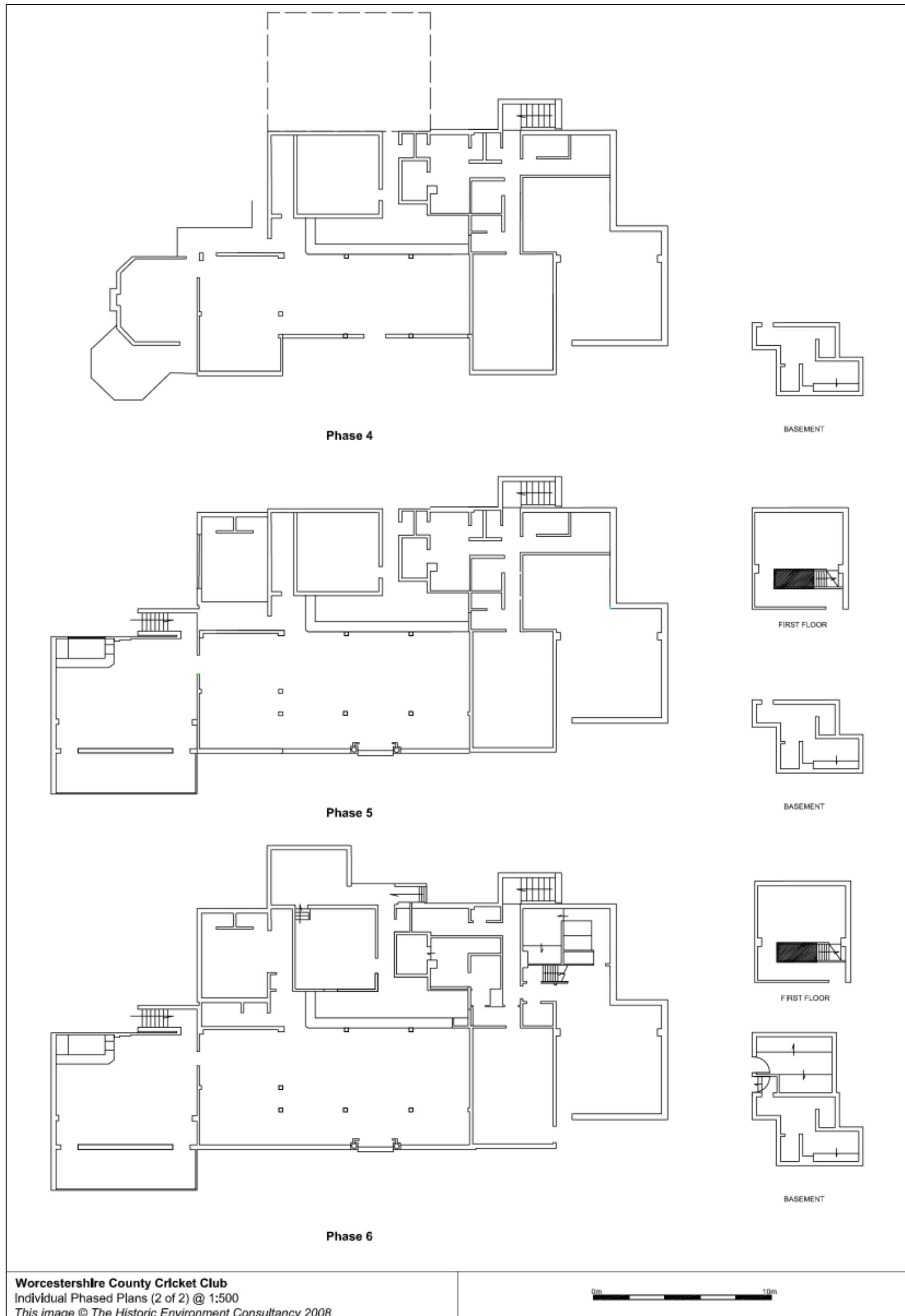
Figure 15: Individual phased plans (1 of 2)



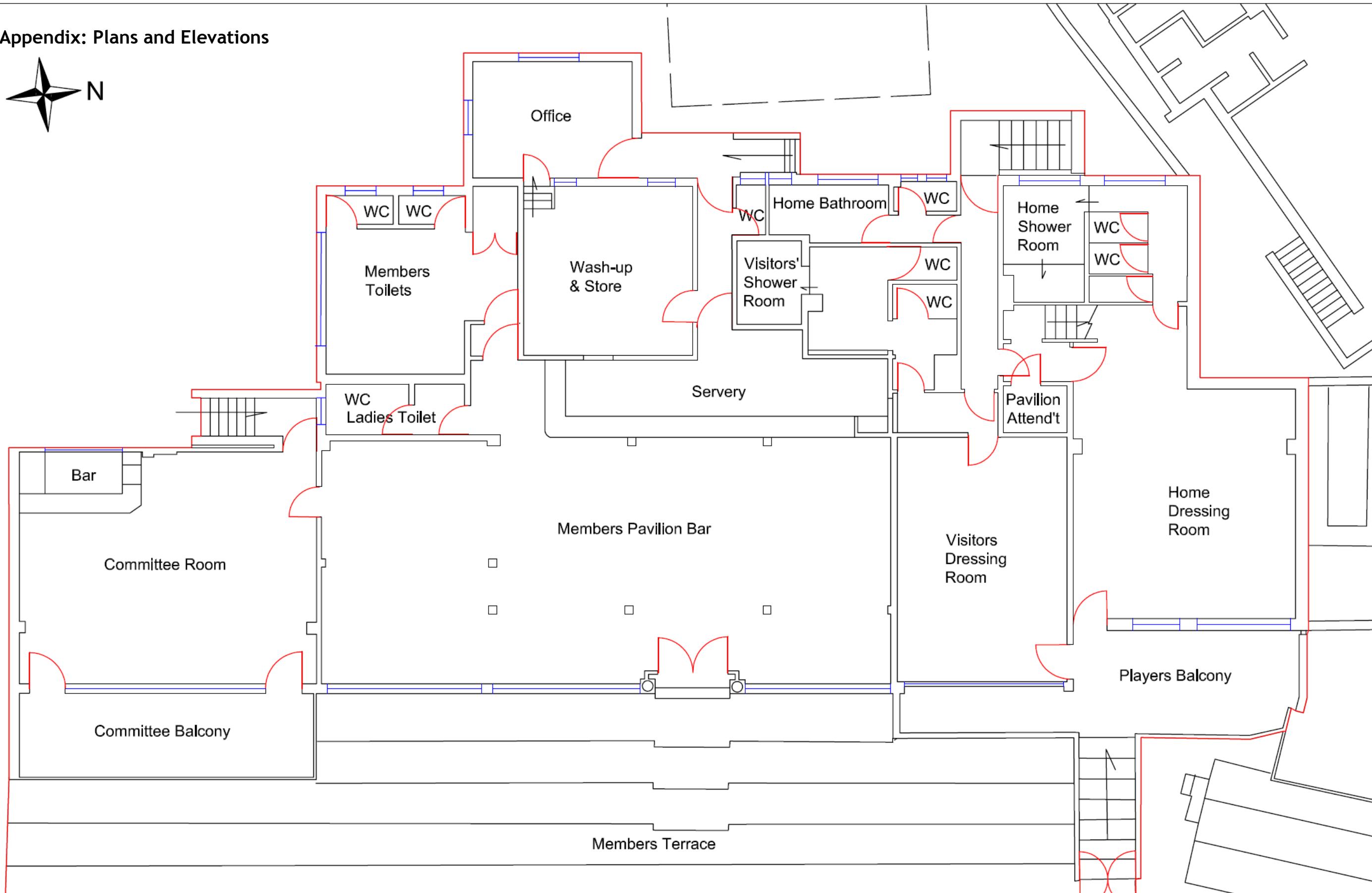
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Individual Phased Plans (1 of 2) @ 1:500
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Figure 16: Individual phased plans (2 of 2)

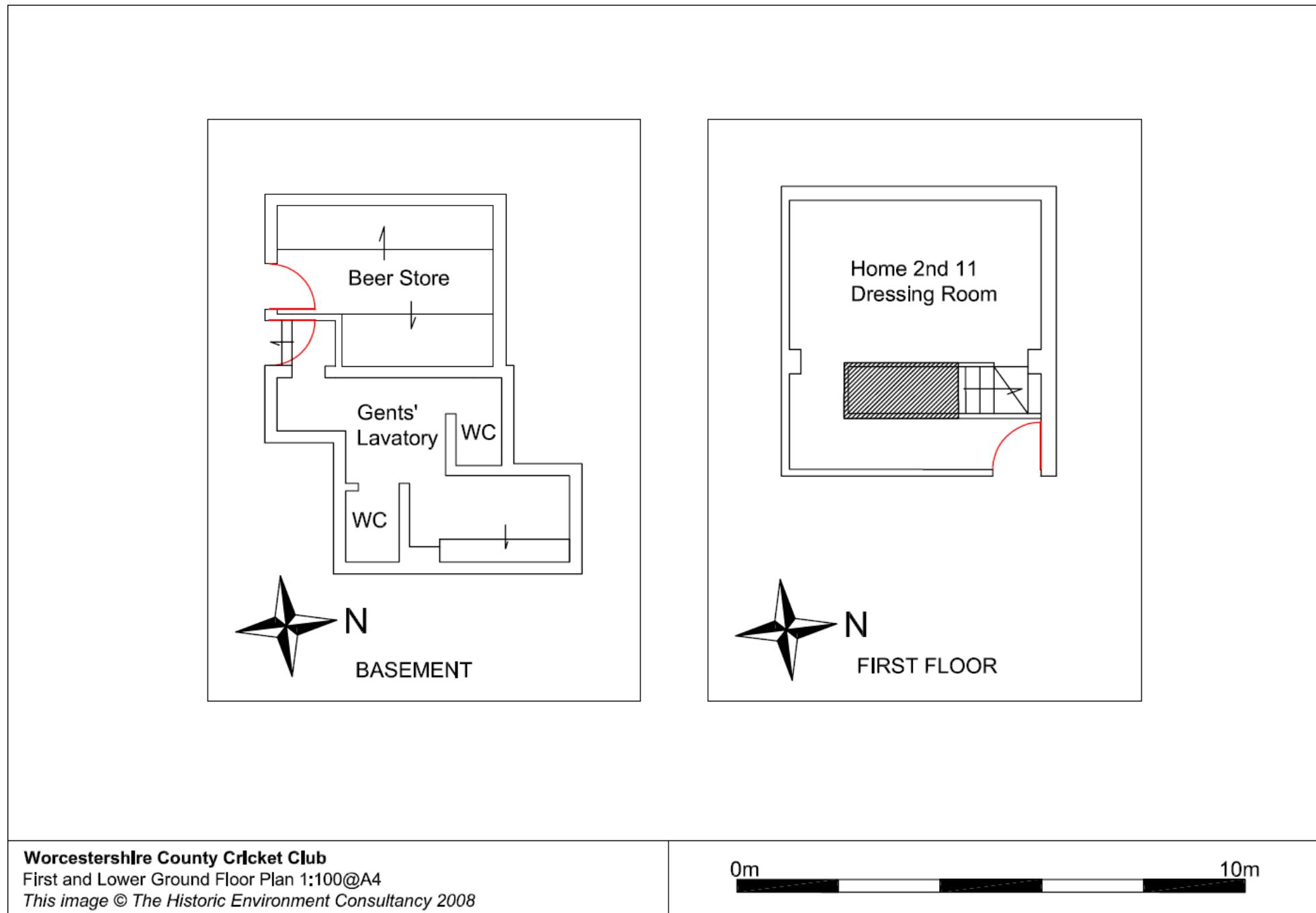


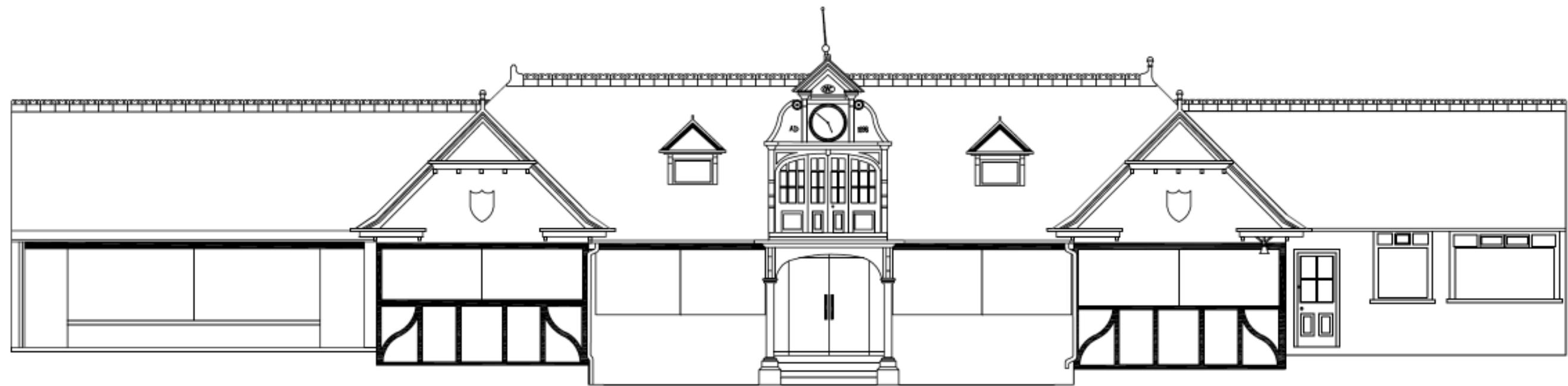
8. Appendix: Plans and Elevations



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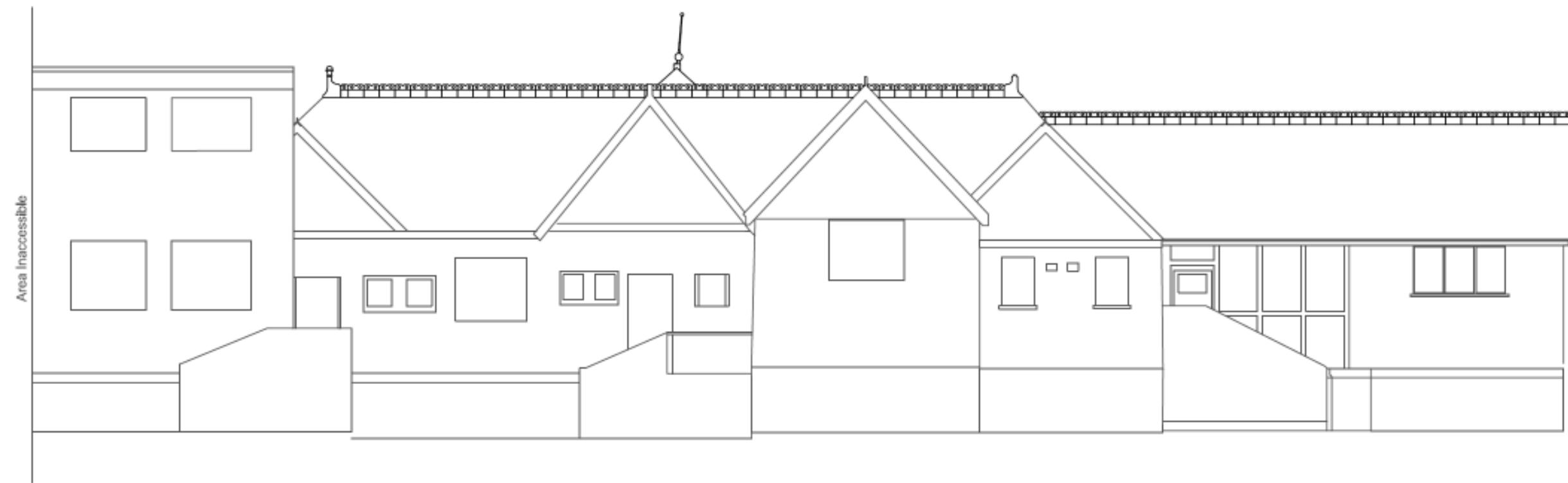
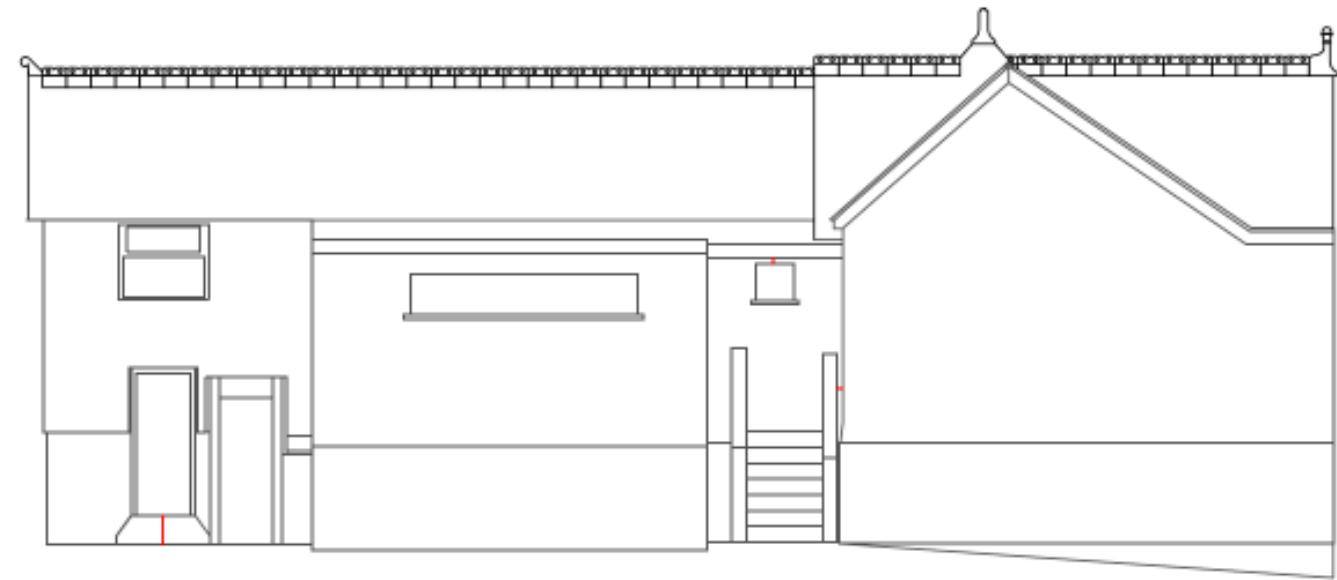


Worcestershire County Cricket Club, Main Pavilion

Eastern Elevation 1:100 @ A3

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Worcestershire County Cricket Club, Main Pavilion
South (top) and West Elevations 1:100 @ A3
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9. Appendix: Air Photographs



Plate 85: Excerpt from oblique air photograph, showing rear of pavilion in 1930

NMR Ref: SO8454/13 5023/2494



Plate 86: Excerpt from air photograph showing extent of pavilion in 1941

NMR Ref: RAF/13N/UK792 6408



Plate 87: Excerpt of air photograph showing pavilion, 1946

NMR Ref: RAF/106G/UK/1348 244



Plate 88: Extract from 1948 air photograph showing extent of pavilion

NMR Ref: RAF/541/143 928



Plate 89: View of pavilion in floodwater, 1949 air photograph

NMR Ref: RAF/540/144 967



Plate 90: Excerpt from air photograph showing pavilion in 1968

NMR Ref: OS/68295 9428

10. Appendix: Demolition

The pavilion was demolished in the early part of October 2008. Once the Cricket Club had stripped the building, architectural features of historical interest were removed by hand for inclusion in the new pavilion structure. These included the scorers' box / clock tower, the clock and weather vane, mouldings and crests and the roof and ridge tiles.

Following the removal of these items, a mechanical excavator demolished the building. To comply with conditions specified by Worcestershire County Council, the demolition was monitored throughout. Photographs were taken at a distance from which safety was not compromised. Telephoto lenses were used to keep the recorder at a safe distance without missing vital parts of the demolition.



Plate 91: Image captured from demolition monitoring webcam

Visible to the right of Plate 91, the remaining part of the pavilion is the most recent addition to the storeroom / kitchen / office extension. The door from the kitchen to the office is apparent, as is the white painted western wall of the kitchen. It is clear from this image that the part of the building housing the beer store and office was added separately.



Plate 92: Detail of timber framing, southern elevation, visitors' changing room, during demolition



Plate 93: Southwest aspect, visitors' changing room, during demolition



Plate 94: Detail of pegged joint, frame of visitors' changing room

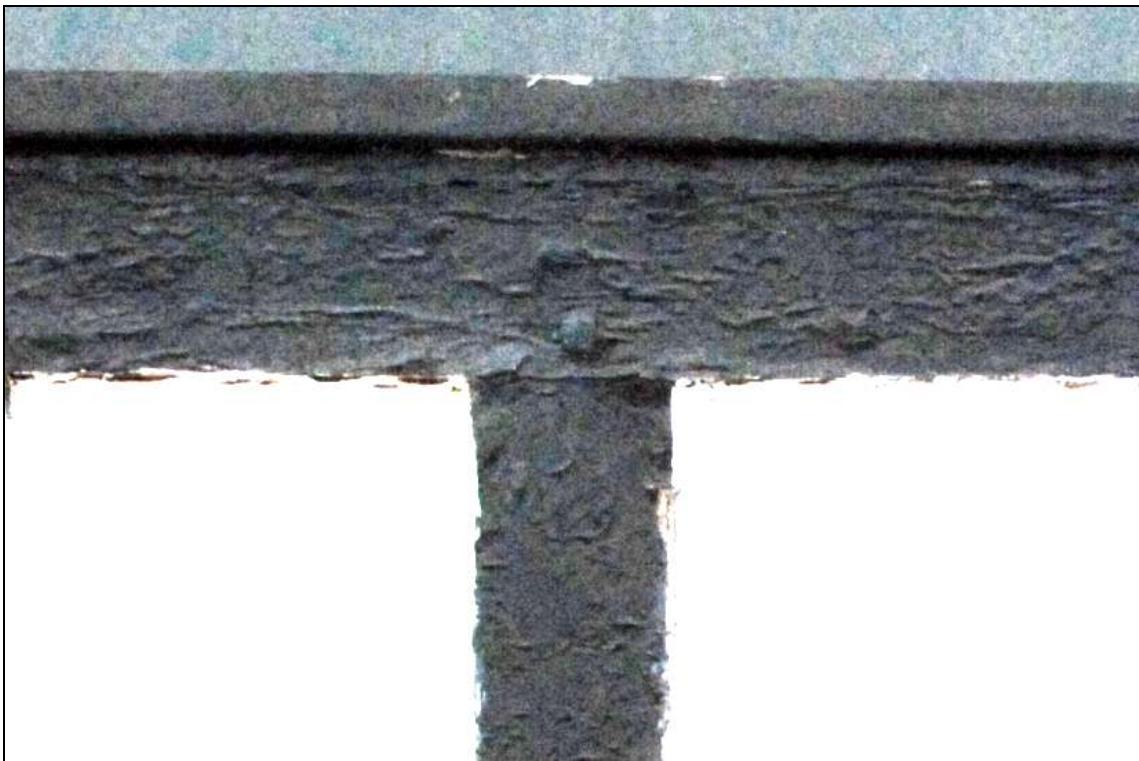


Plate 95: Detail of pegged joint, frame below window, members' bar (enhanced image)

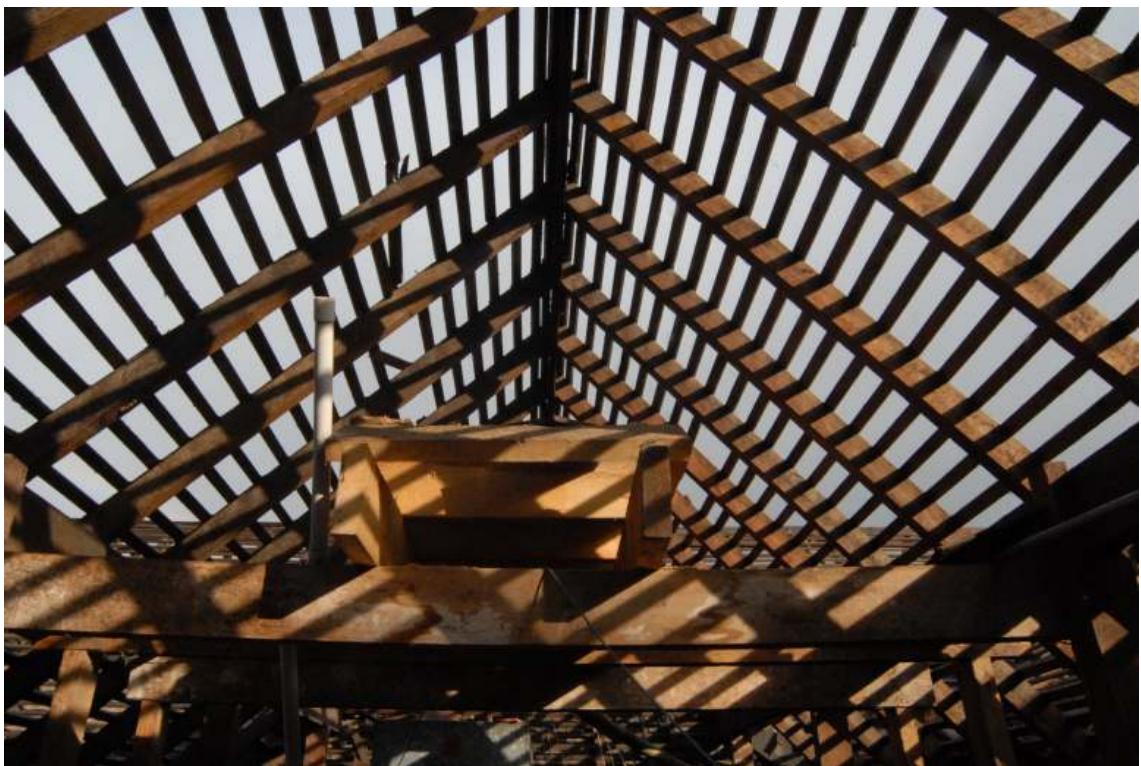


Plate 96: Detail of roof timbers over kitchen



Plate 97: Detail of roof timbers over visitors' dressing room (left) and main bar (right)



Plate 98: Southeast aspect, rear of pavilion, during demolition



Plate 99: Eastern aspect, flat roofed extension, during demolition



Plate 100: Eastern aspect following removal of clock tower / scorers' box



Plate 101: Demolition of original pavilion roof



Plate 102: West facing elevation, during demolition



Plate 103: Demolition of committee room



Plate 104: Section through original pavilion roof, facing north



Plate 105: Pavilion site viewed from south

11. Appendix: Defence of Britain Project Records of Defended Buildings Around New Road

General List

- DEFENDED BUILDING (ID: S0009240), Worcester, Worcestershire, England
Former farm buildings on the SE side of New Road between the river and the cricket ground, Worcester, Condition: Removed (Grid ref: SO 8464 5471)
- DEFENDED BUILDING (ID: S0009050), Bewdley, Worcestershire, England
S of bridge over Severn, Bewdley, Condition: Removed (Grid ref: SO 7872 7539)
- DEFENDED BUILDING (ID: S0009231), Worcester, Worcestershire, England
On the edge of Cripplegate Park near New Road, and opposite the cricket pavilion, Worcester, Condition: Removed (Grid ref: SO 8448 5463)
- DEFENDED BUILDING (ID: S0009237), Worcester, Worcestershire, England
Former farm buildings on the SE side of New Road between the river and the cricket ground, Worcester, Condition: Removed (Grid ref: SO 8461 5471)
- DEFENDED BUILDING (ID: S0009227), Worcester, Worcestershire, England
Former Bowman's Remedy, on North Parade, Worcester, Condition: Good (Grid ref: SO 8466 5485)
- DEFENDED BUILDING (ID: S0009350), Worcester, Worcestershire, England
Astwood Halt, Worcester, Condition: Removed (Grid ref: SO 8618 5662)
- DEFENDED BUILDING (ID: S0009218), Worcester, Worcestershire, England
Workshop building near centre of Diglis Island, Worcester, Condition: Good (Grid ref: SO 8467 5340)
- DEFENDED BUILDING (ID: S0009242), Worcester, Worcestershire, England
Former City Planning Office, on the NW corner of Cripplegate Park, Worcester, Condition: Removed (Grid ref: SO 8455 5477)
- DEFENDED BUILDING (ID: S0009232), Worcester, Worcestershire, England
Worcestershire County Cricket Club Pavilion, New Road, Worcester, Condition: Good (Grid ref: SO 8451 5457)

Details of S0009232

Defended building. One loophole on each of the three sides of the S end of the pavilion. The loopholes have been removed.

(Source: Field Visit 1997/07)

Type of site DEFENDED BUILDING

Location Worcestershire County Cricket Club Pavilion, New Road, Worcester

Area Worcester, Worcestershire, England

Grid reference SO 8451 5457 (Scale: 1:10000 , 1955)

Period WW2

Condition Good

Materials Clay Brick

Recorder Wilks, Mick (Hereford and Worcester Defence of Britain Project)

Defence Worcester anti-tank island - The city of Worcester was referred to as

grouping an anti-tank island in the PRO document WO 199/1800 - Southern Command S/63/G - Construction of GHQ Zones. Dated: 27.6.1940.
see also, ref: Worcester Sub-Area Operation Instruction No.3 Map 'A' - designated 'Worcester 2200'.

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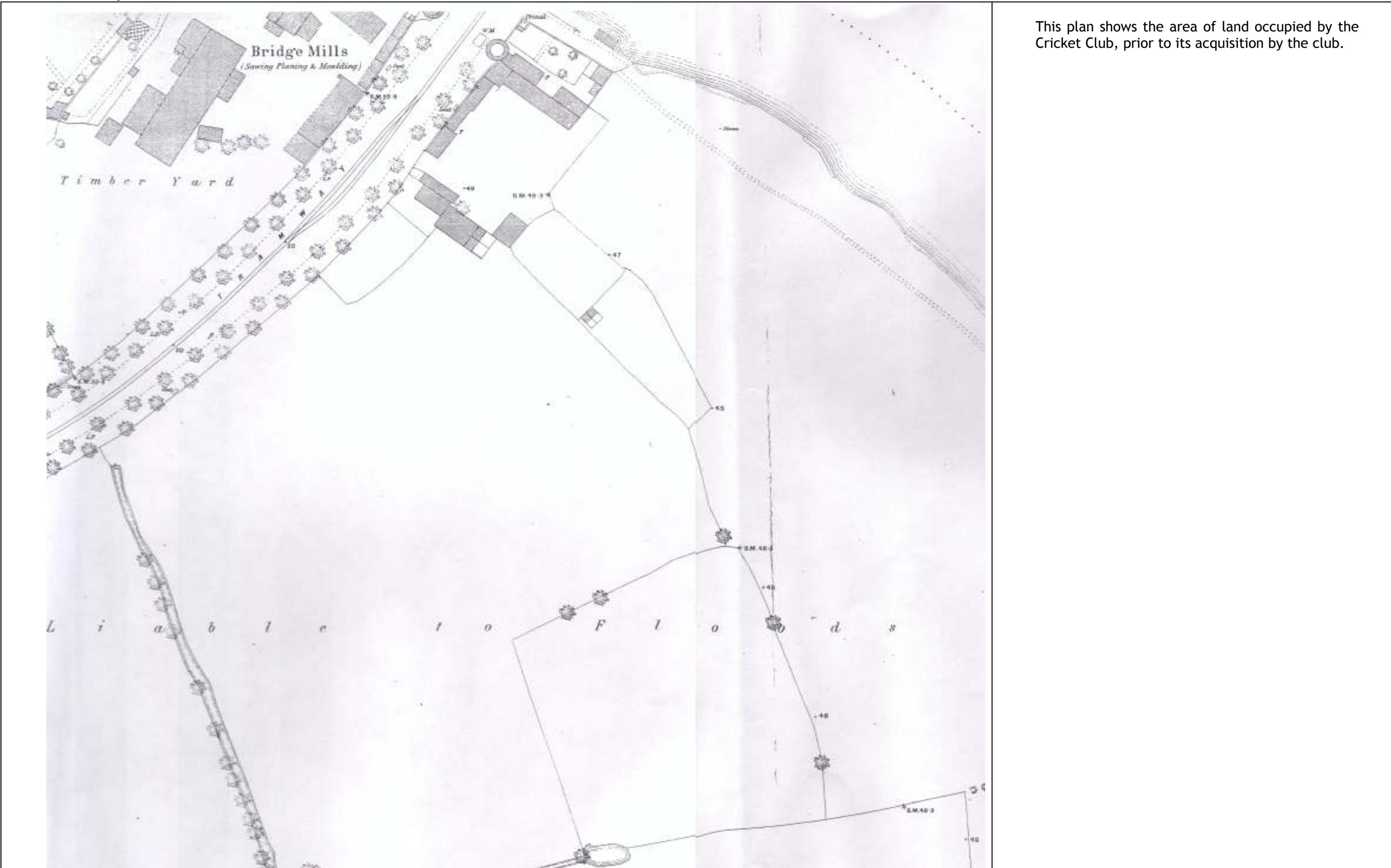
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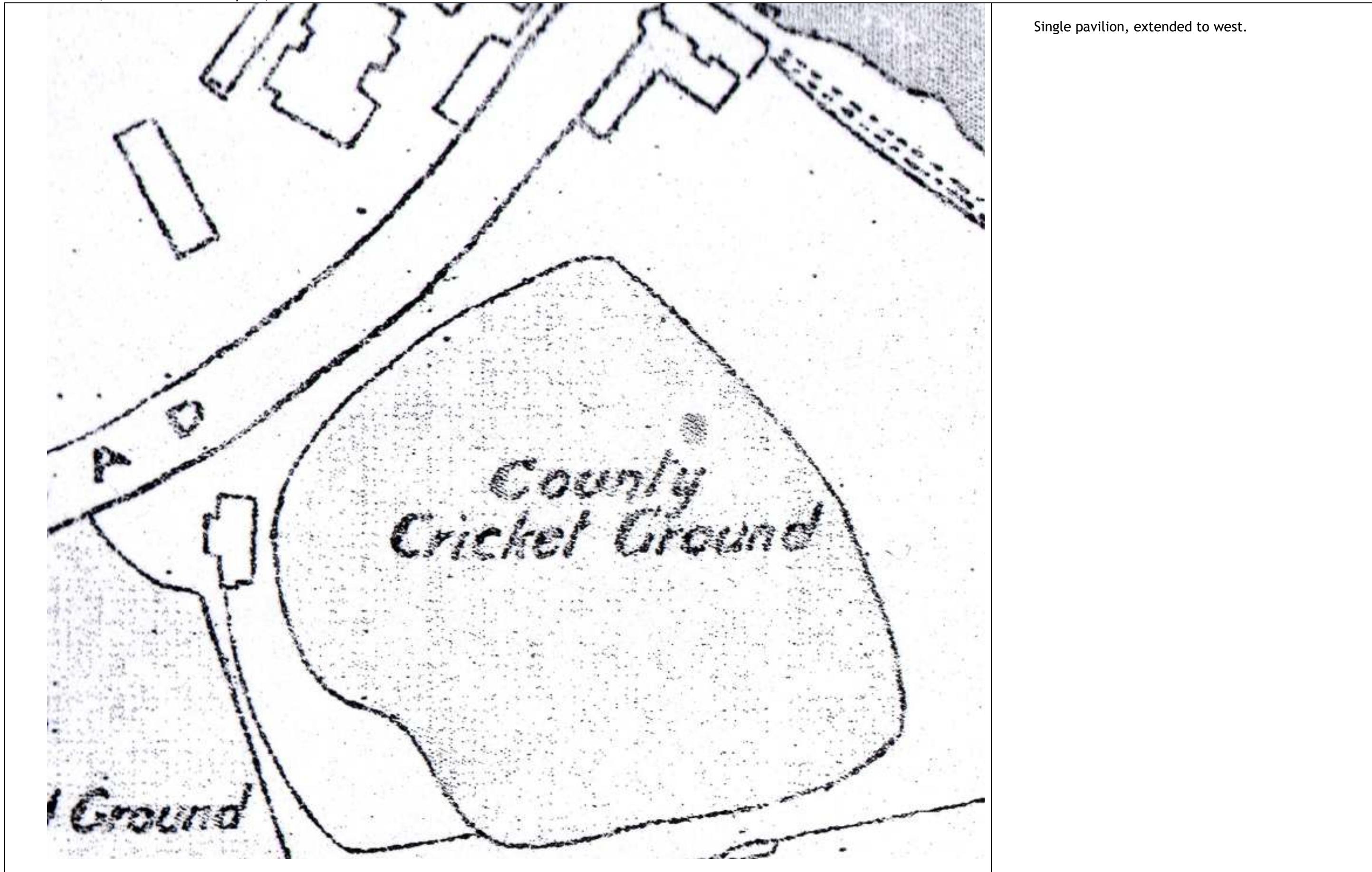
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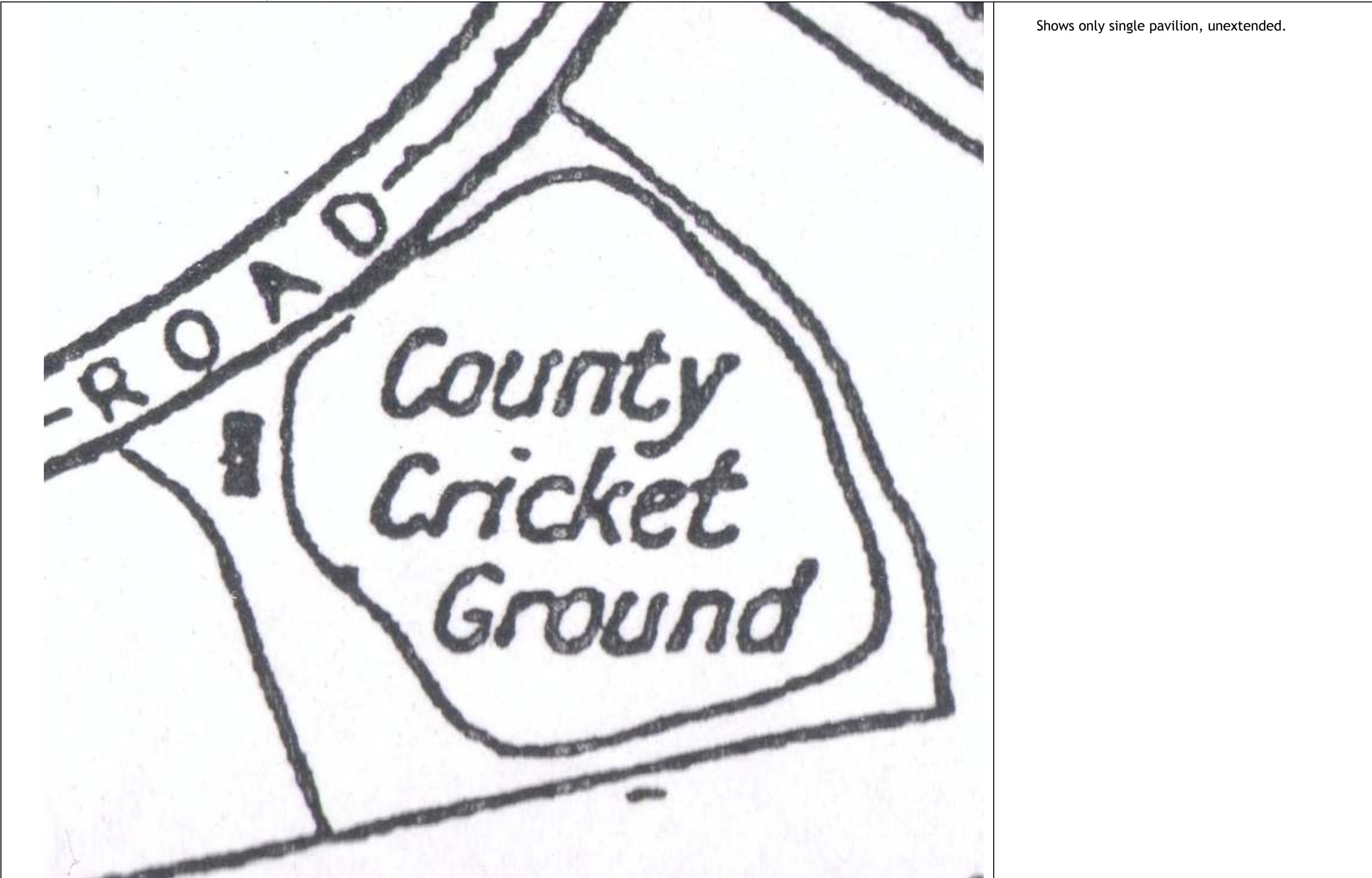
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12. Appendix: Map Regression Exercise

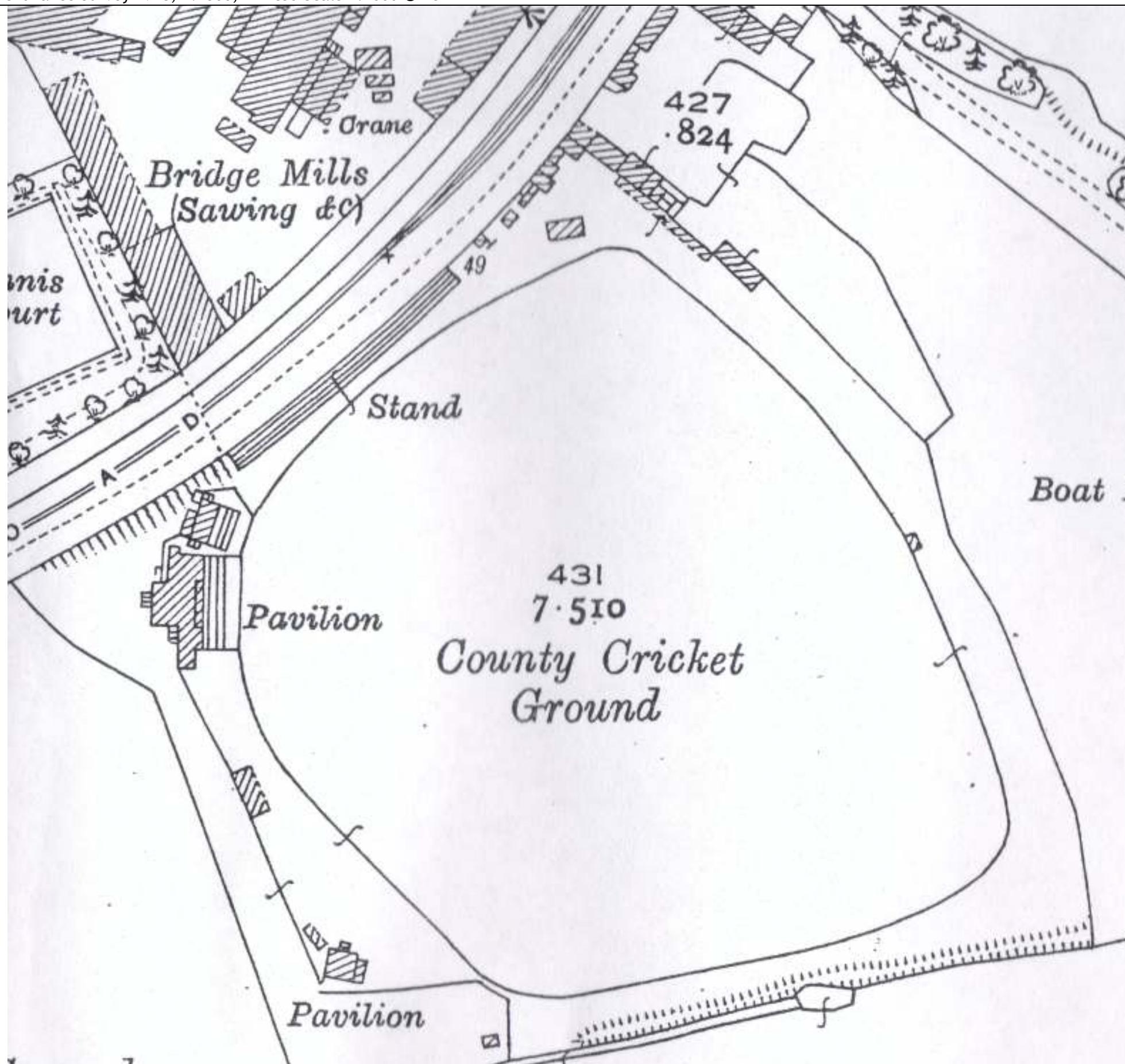
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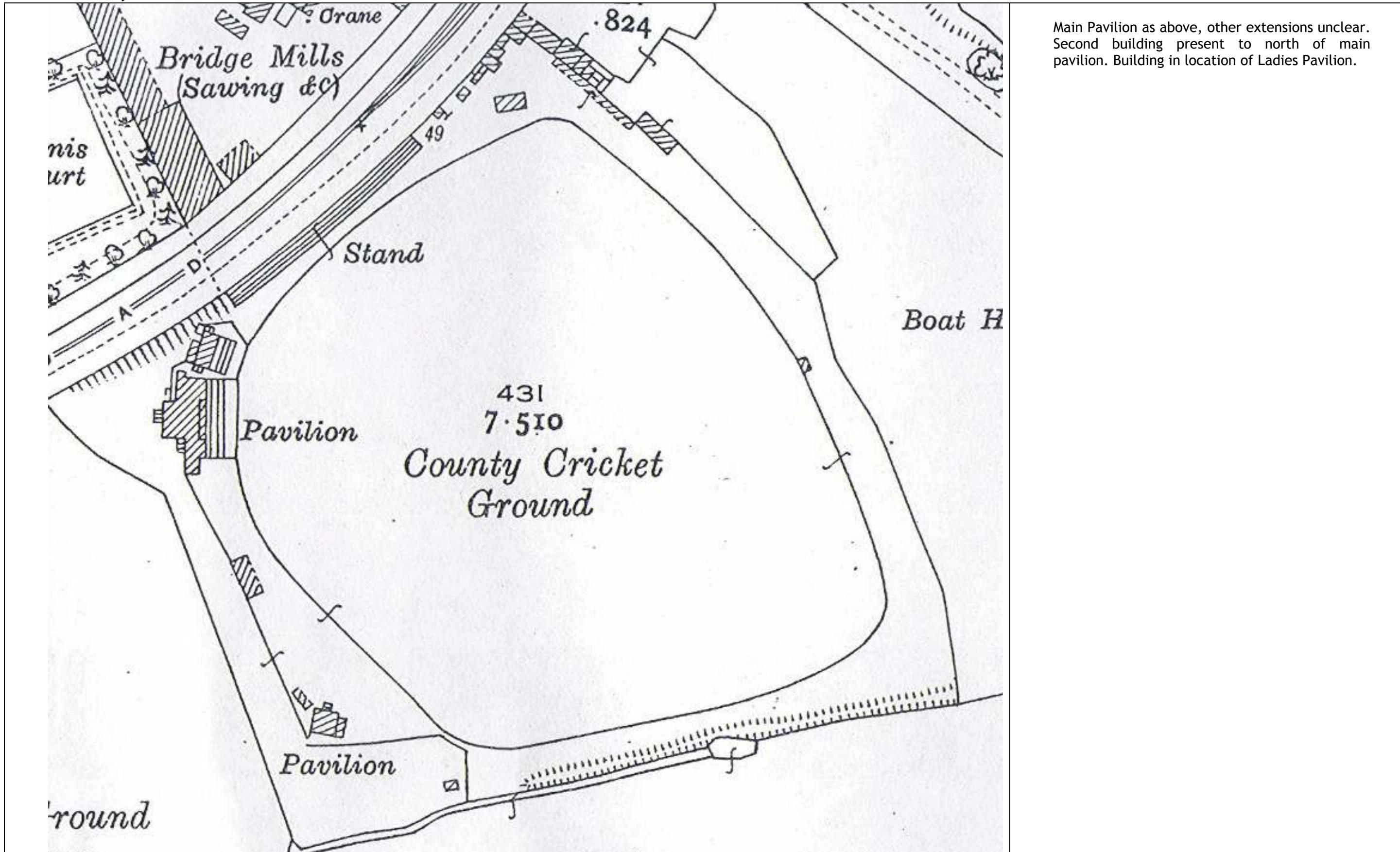


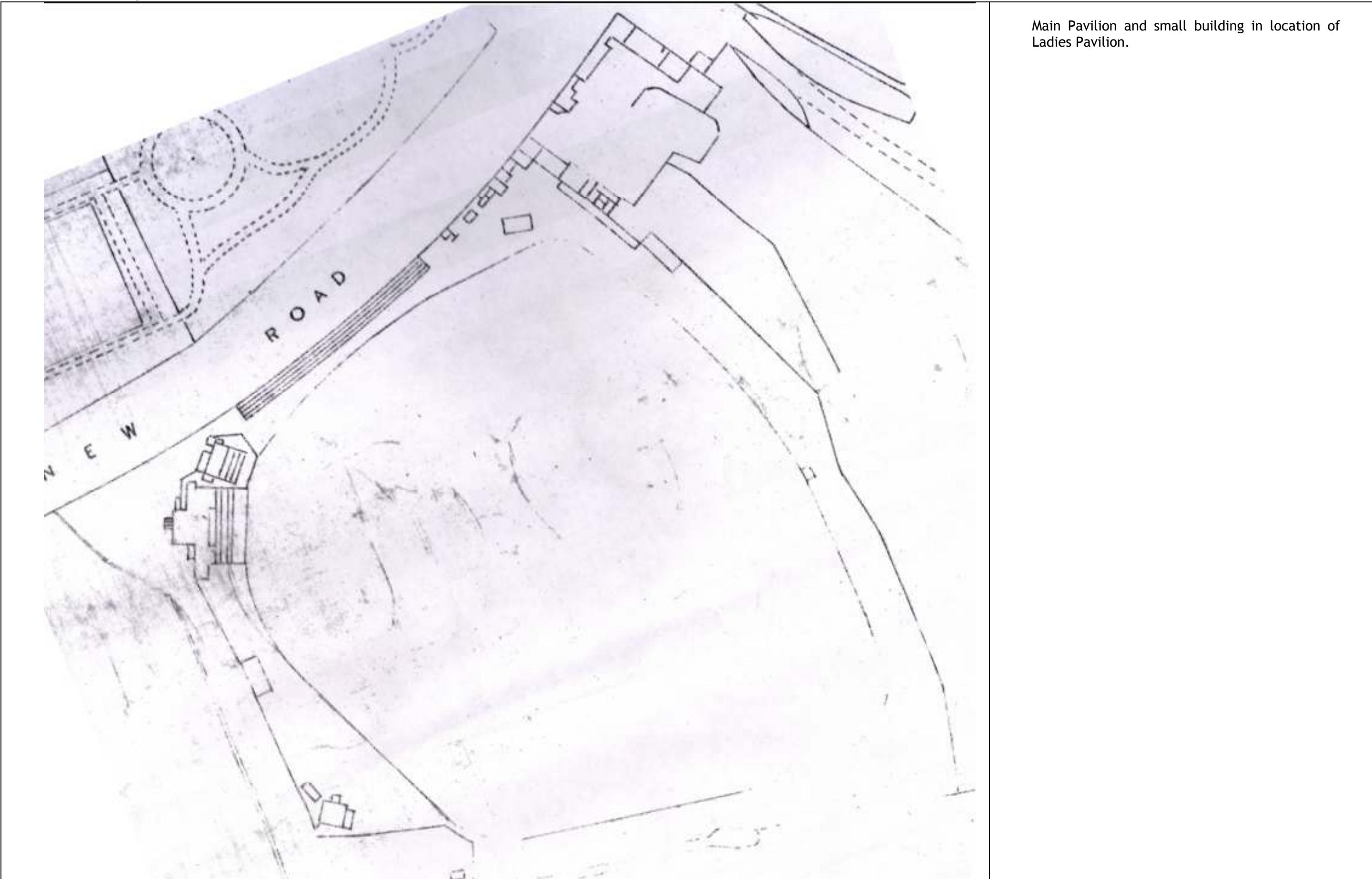


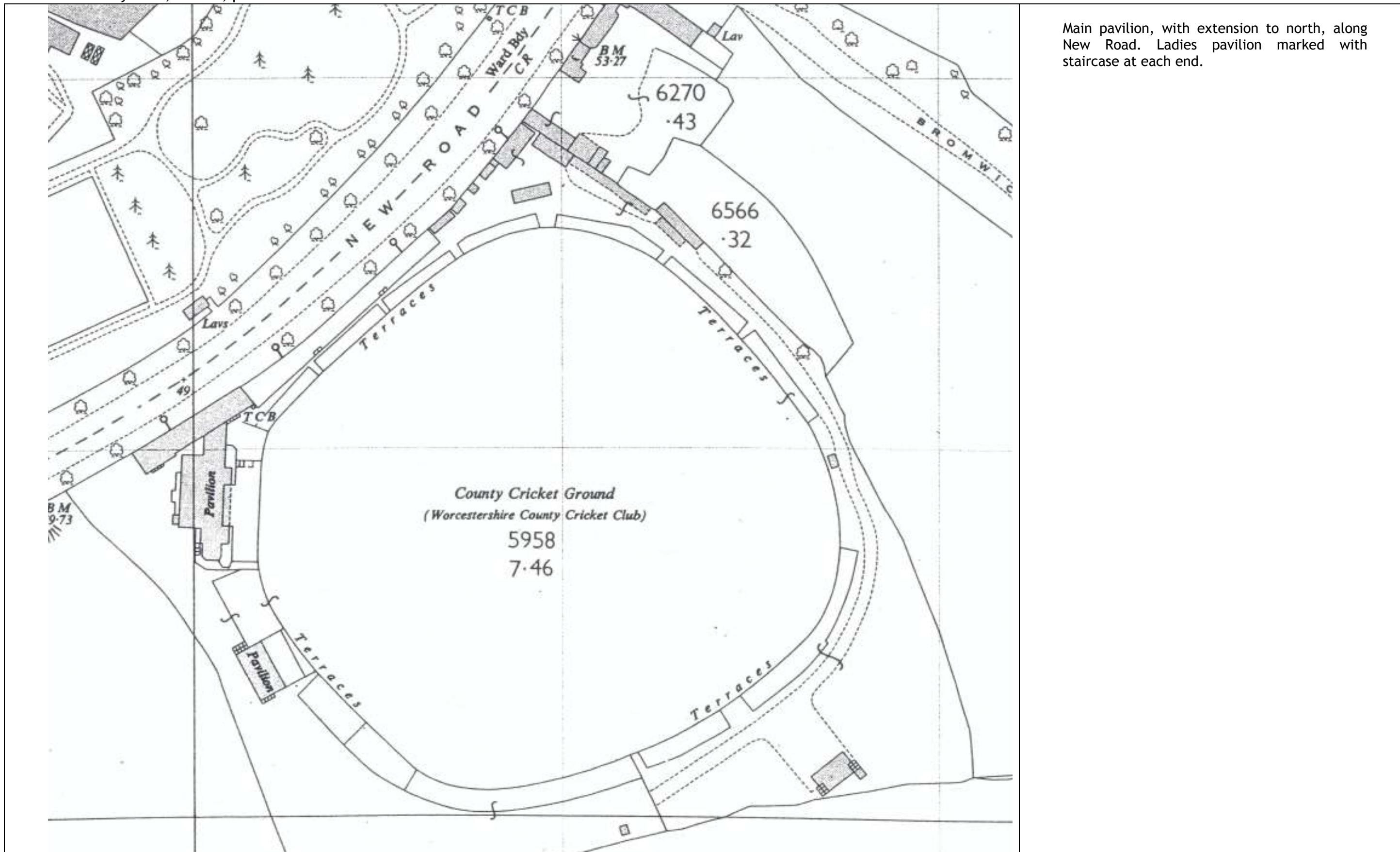
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Main Pavilion, marked 'pavilion' extended to west and south. Additional building to immediate north of main pavilion. Small building present in location of Ladies Pavilion.







Main pavilion, with extension to north, along New Road. Ladies pavilion marked with staircase at each end.