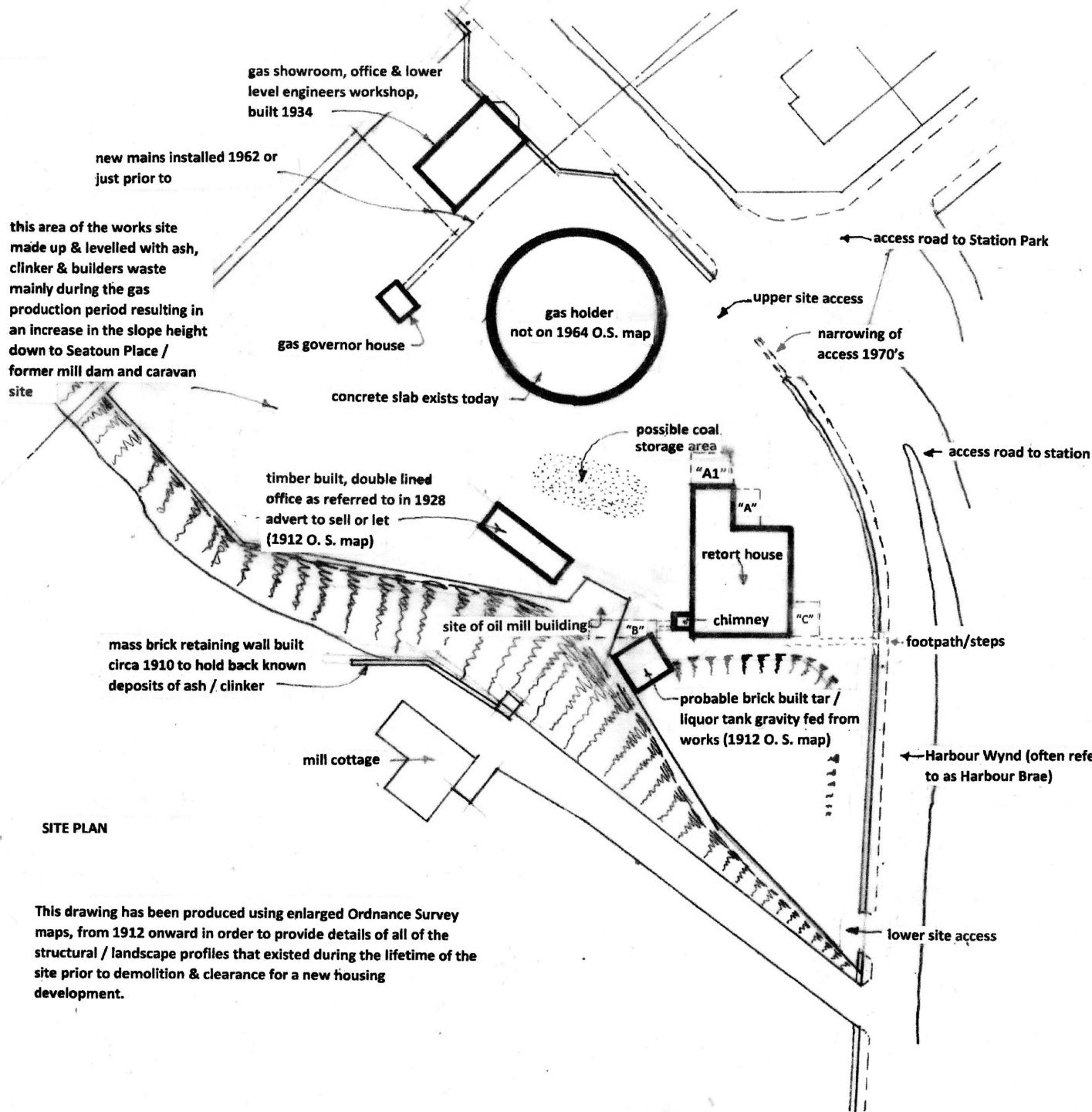


Largo Gasworks, drawing no. 1. November 2018, John Band



CHOICE OF SITE

The best site for a gasworks is a centrally located position within the district it was built to supply. In the case of Largo, the three villages of Upper Largo, Lower Largo & Lundin Links. The central location made the distribution of the gas around the district at the required pressure much easier. The local gas lamp lighter would normally start & finish his round at the works. Access for customers and travelling for engineers also being simplified.

The perfect site for Largo gasworks would have been directly adjacent to the railway station with regards to the delivery of coal, perhaps with its own private siding for direct unloading. However the empty fields which existed next to the station at the time of the works construction were probably unsuitable for two reasons:- (1). The field was flat ie preventing easy access to a sub floor service / ash pit. (2). The prime agricultural land would have been more expensive to buy from Largo estate.

The present site therefore suited the construction better as the gentle slope allowed for the ease of access to the sub floor pit and the relatively small parcel of land was not of the best size or quality for agricultural use and would have been cheaper to buy from the estate.

As the site lay within 200 yards of the station it was still deemed economical with regards to the carting of the coal from the station to the works, and the disposal of the gas manufacturing by-products ie coal tar and liquors, even allowing for all of these materials to be double handled.

RETORT HOUSE EXTENSIONS

"A1" possible original showroom as mentioned in Gas World 1928, later converted to garage

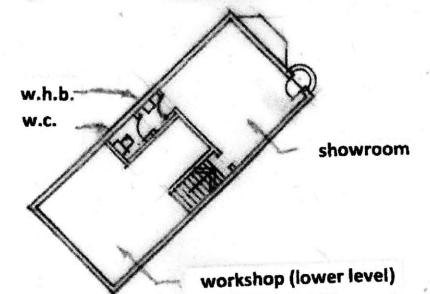
"A" garage with up-and-over door

"B" conveniences for caravan site

"C" conveniences for caravan site, originally a barbers shop

SHOWROOM/WORKSHOP PLAN (SCALE 1:200)

Val. rolls 1966-67 first record as a dwelling (Friday Cottage).



SITE PLAN

This drawing has been produced using enlarged Ordnance Survey maps, from 1912 onward in order to provide details of all of the structural / landscape profiles that existed during the lifetime of the site prior to demolition & clearance for a new housing development.