

## ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

Frome Road



Main Gates and Serpentine Walling (CD Ref 1725/6)



Fmr Head Keeper's residence (CD Ref 1725/4)

A zoo was started in the Botanic Gardens in 1858 by the director G.W. Francis, but was not promoted until after his death in 1865. The zoo had its inaugural meeting on 23 July 1878 and opened the present zoo on 23 May 1883. Its original aims are reflected in the society's first name, the SA Acclimatisation Society.

The society which became the Royal Zoological Society in 1938 had such notable members as Sir William Milne, Sir George Strickland Kingston, Sir John Morphett, Sir Henry Ayers, J. Fisher, A. Hay, W.J. Magarey, S. Davenport, G.W. Goyder and Dr R. Schomburgk.

The first director R.E. Minchin and his son A.C. Minchin transferred the zoo into zoological gardens both in name and operation. By the time of the death of the first director in 1893,



Rotunda (CD Ref 3971/78)

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Fmr Director's Residence (CD Ref 1725/8)

the Zoological Gardens could proudly draw attention to the '... high praise bestowed on the gardens by writers from Europe, United States and elsewhere'. Indeed, the Adelaide Zoo boasted very similar numbers of animals as the London Zoo which was opened in 1828.

Many of the buildings and structures within the zoo date from those early years of considerable local pride and

private philanthropy. The significant buildings include the Zoological Gardens main entrance gates, piers and serpentine walling, and the head-keeper's lodge, all erected in 1882; as well as the rotunda (erected in 1884 as a result of a donation by Sir Thomas Elder, then president of the society). They also include the substantial director's residence which was erected 1887-88. This was made



Elephant House (CD Ref 3964/56)

possible by a loan of £1000 from the then vice-president of the society the Honourable J.H. Angas. The present kiosk was erected in 1891 as a monkey house and converted to a kiosk in 1936. The Elephant House was erected in 1900 and is suitably Indian in appearance.

MLSA, C733 (map), 1898; PRO GRG35/585/31 (map), 1883. Rix, C.E., *Royal Zoological Society of South Australia 1878-1978*, 1978, pp. 9-15, 46.

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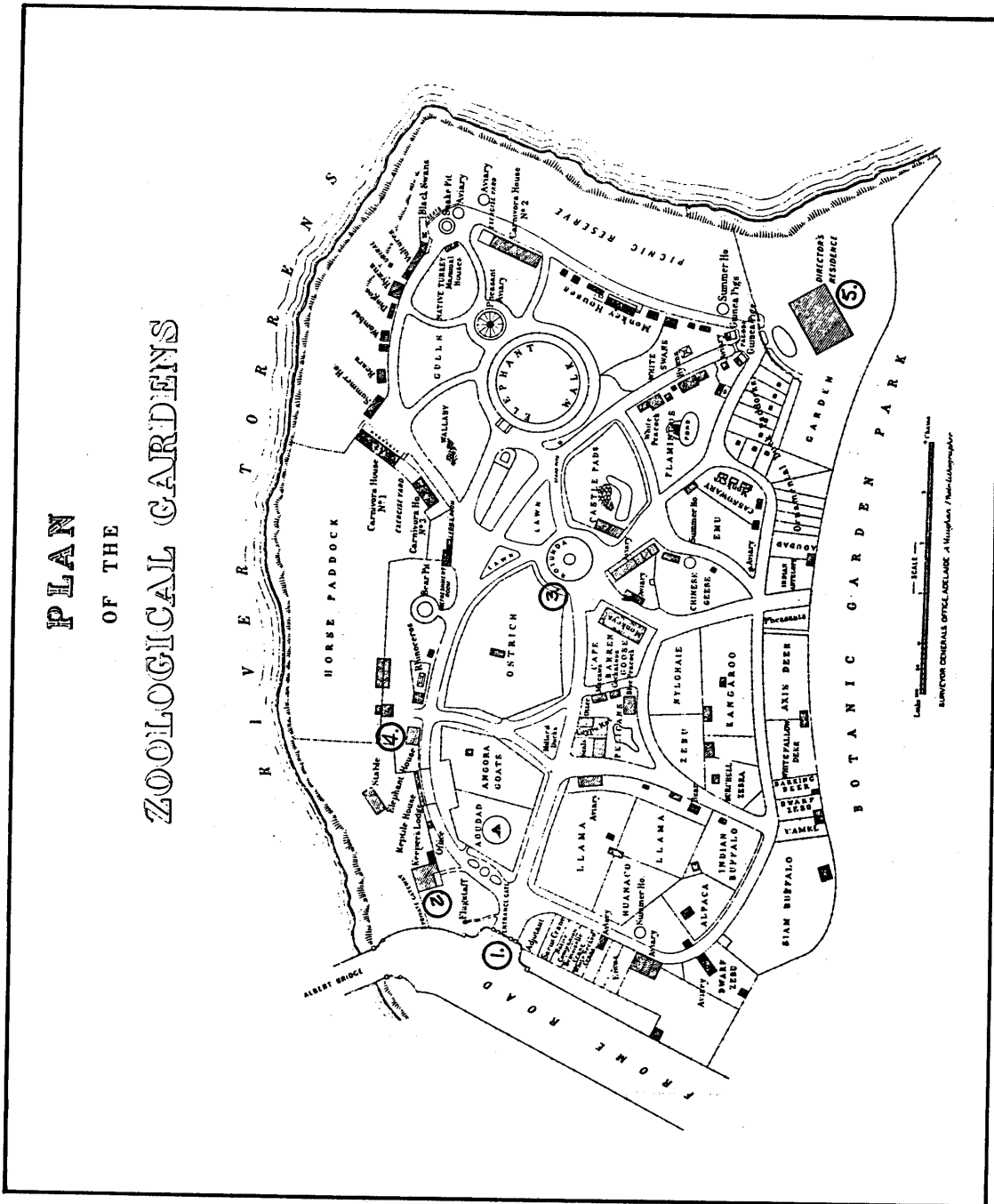


# CITY OF ADELAIDE HERITAGE STUDY

## The City Heritage Register - Definition of Items

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Item	ADELAIDE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS	Building No
Address	Location of items recommended for the City Heritage Register	



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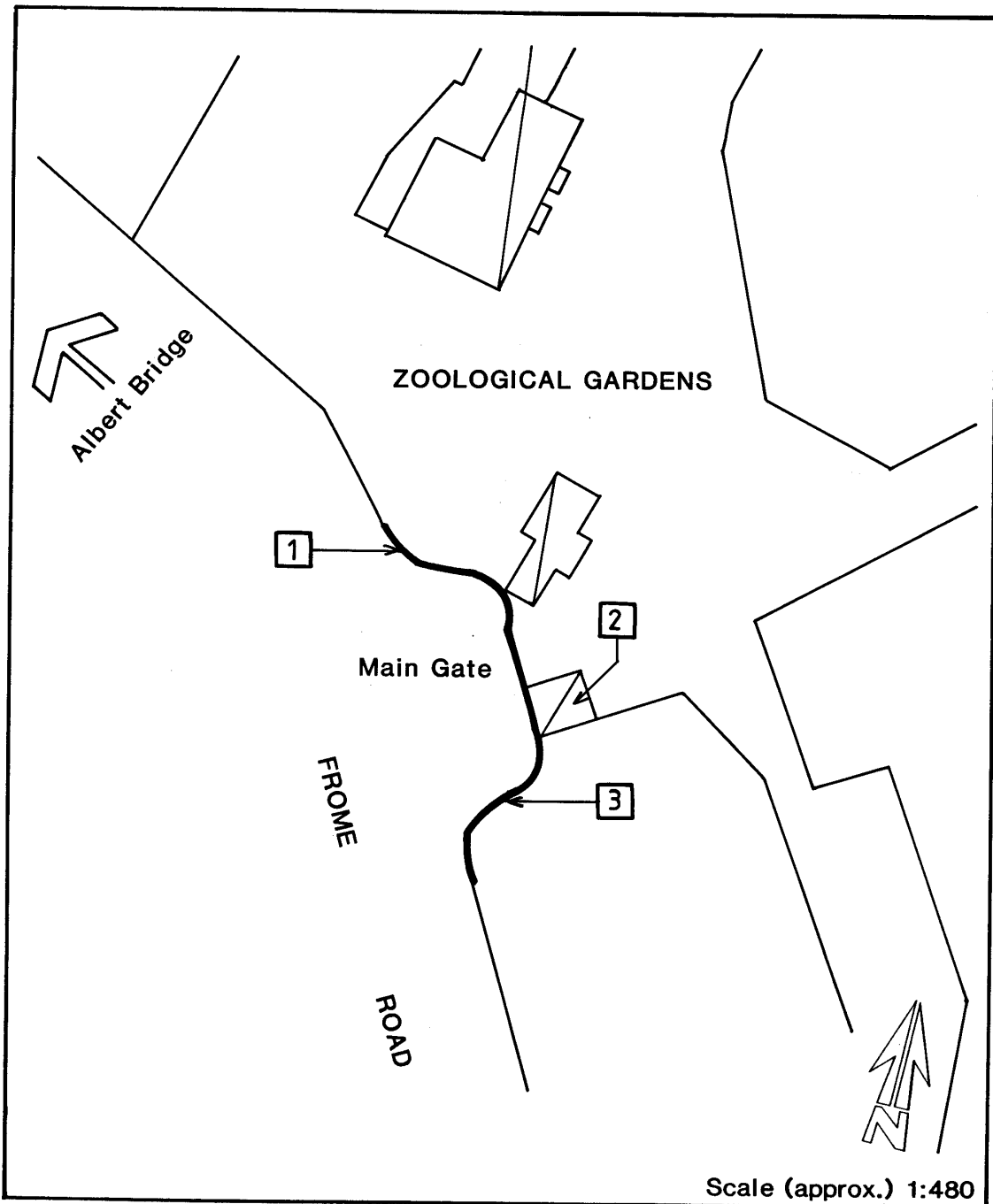


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Item	MAIN GATES AND WALLING	Building No 11 2002
Address	Zoological Gardens, Frome Road (Park 11.20)	



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Item MAIN GATES AND WALLING

Building N<sup>o</sup>

11 2002

Address Zoological Gardens, Frome Road (Park 11.20)

### NOTES:

1. Note: Replacement of some bricks with incorrect colours.
2. Unsympathetic ticket office.
3. Serpentine brick walling with polychrome brick in diaper pattern.

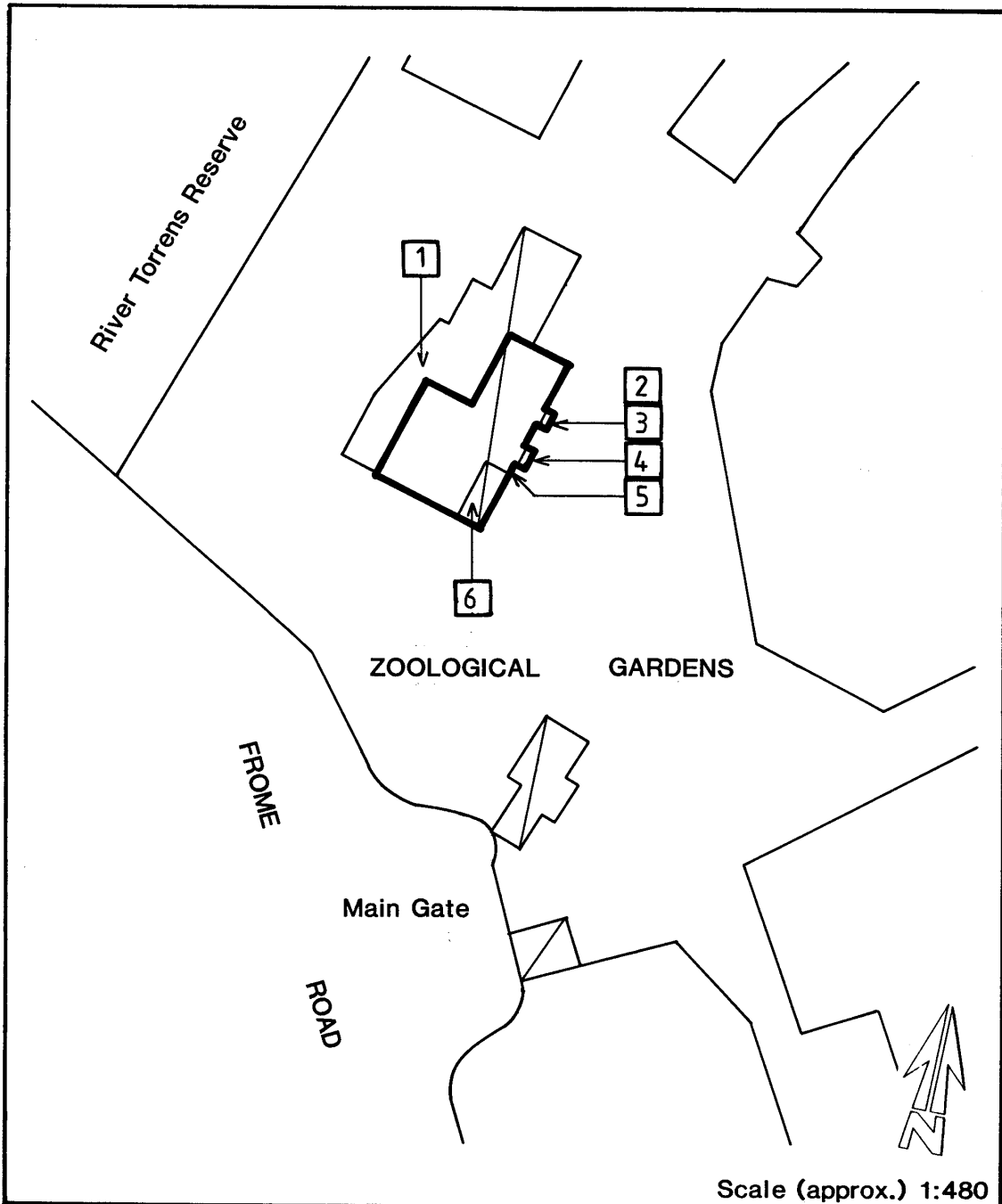


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Item	Former HEAD-KEEPER'S COTTAGE	Building No
Address	Zoological Gardens, Frome Road (Pk. 11.20)	112001



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Address	Zoological Gardens, Frome Road (Pk. 11.20)	112001

### NOTES:

1. Concrete block additions.
2. Note: Brick parapet and string courses.
3. Small portico.
4. Bay window.
5. Cream brick with red brick quoins in lozenge pattern all set over bluestone plinth.
6. Enclosed verandah.

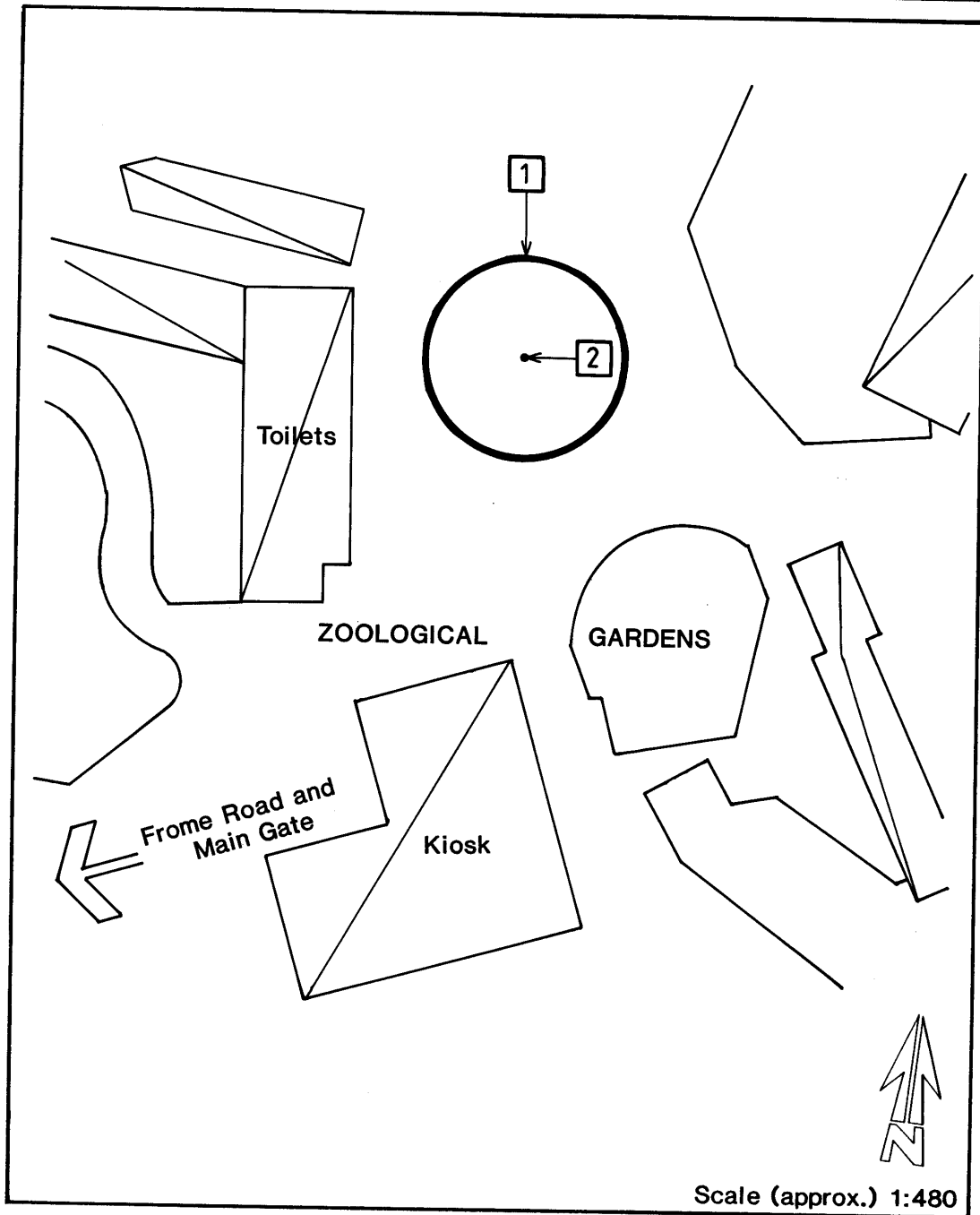


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Item	ROTUNDA	Building N <sup>o</sup>
Address	Zoological Gardens, off Frome Road (Pk. 11.20)	- 112003



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### NOTES:

1. Decorative cast iron balustrades, frieze spandrels and columns.
2. Cast iron central support column and finial.

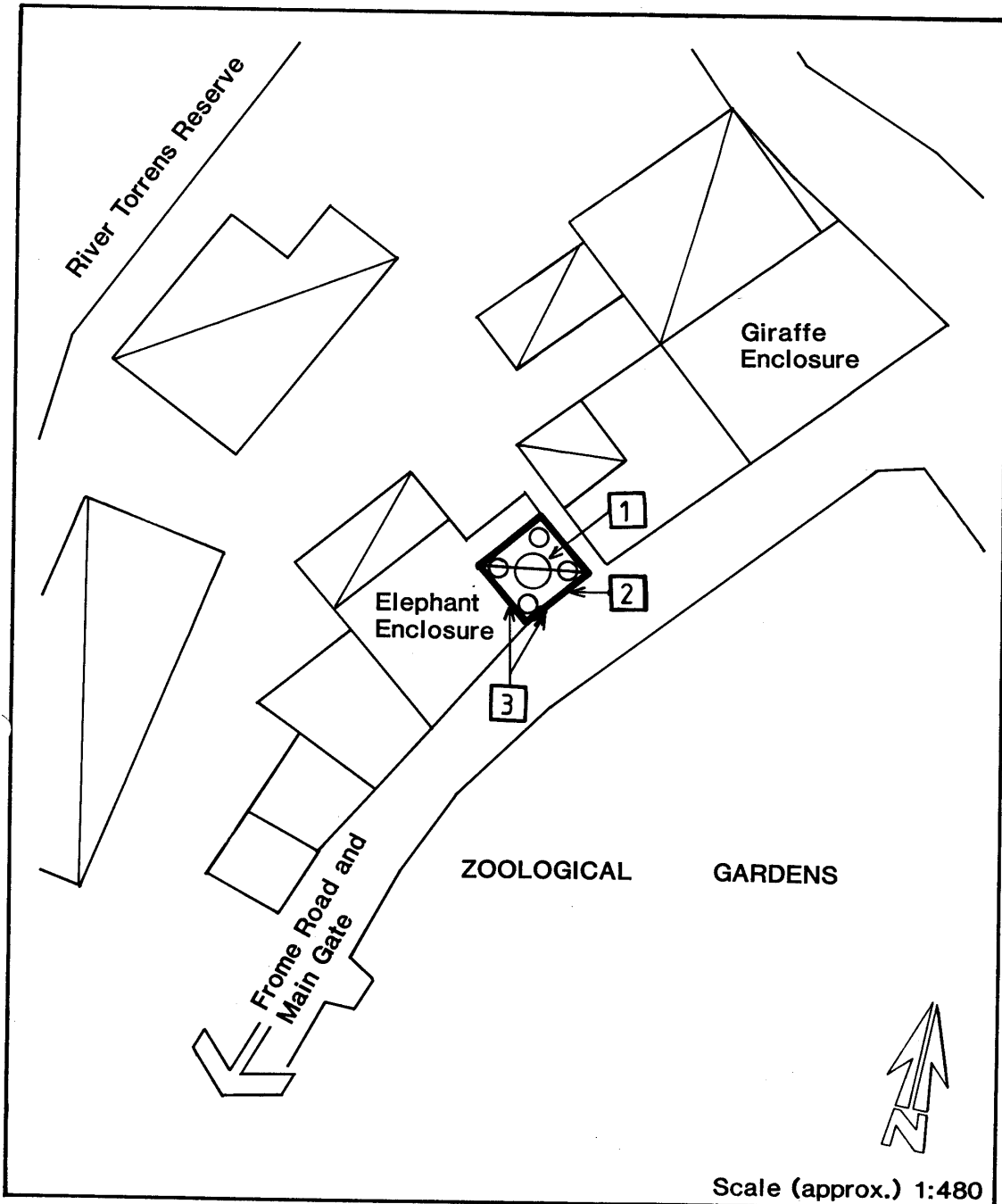


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Item	ELEPHANT HOUSE	Building N <sup>o</sup>
Address	Zoological Gardens, off Frome Road (Pk. 11.20)	112004



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### NOTES:

1. Note: Elaborate domes.
2. Rendered internal walls, brick externally.
3. Open sided.

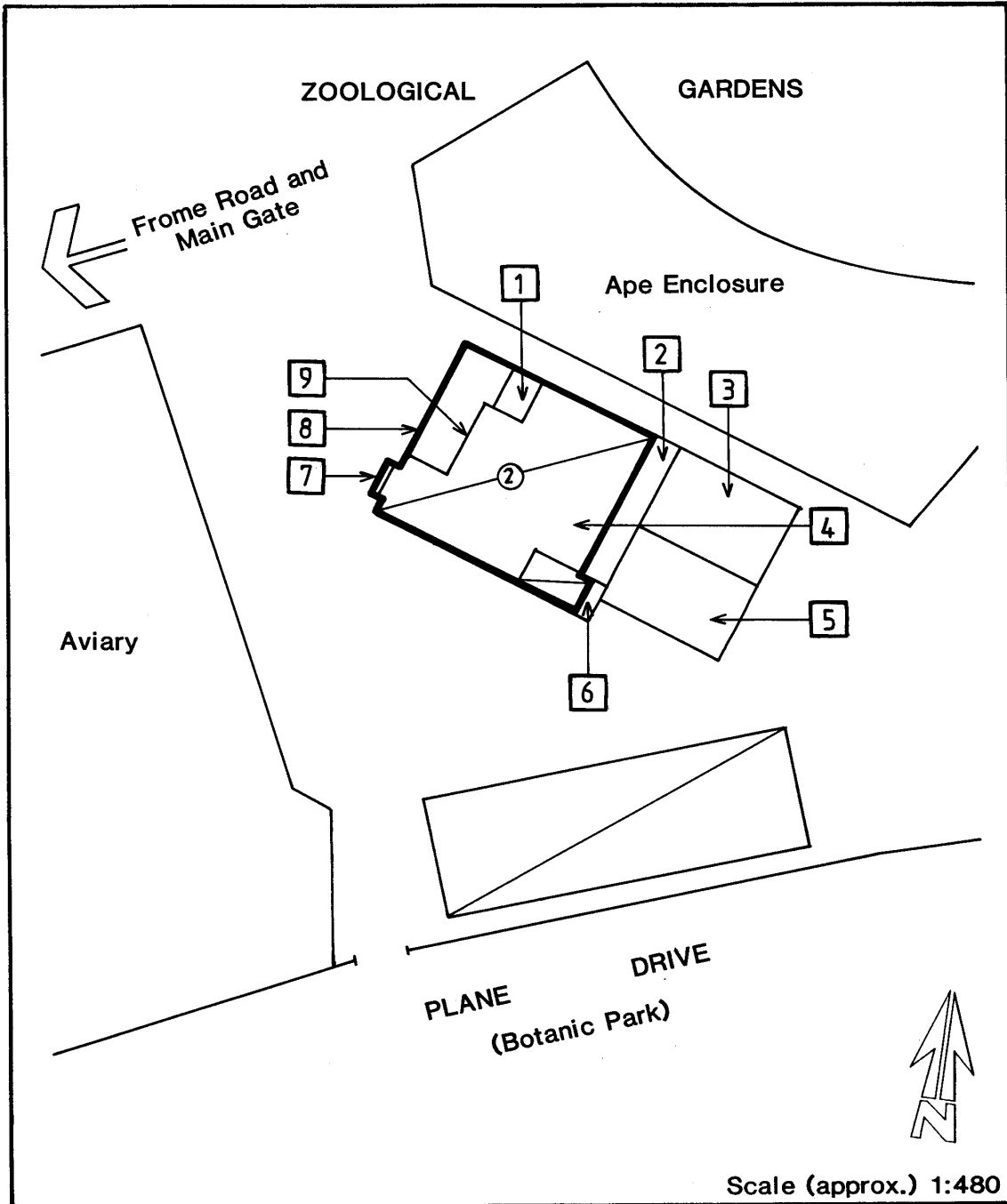


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Item	OFFICE (former DIRECTOR'S RESIDENCE)	Building No
Address	Zoological Gardens, off Frome Road (Pk. 11.20)	112005



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<b>Address</b>	<b>Zoological Gardens, off Frome Road (Pk. 11.20)</b>	<b>112005</b>

#### NOTES:

1. Stuccoed in-fill of verandah.
2. Verandah.
3. Garage.
4. Roof valley filled-in.
5. Carport.
6. Brick addition.
7. Two storey brick bay window.
8. Cast iron balustrade, frieze and spandrels.
9. Squared sandstone with brick quoins.