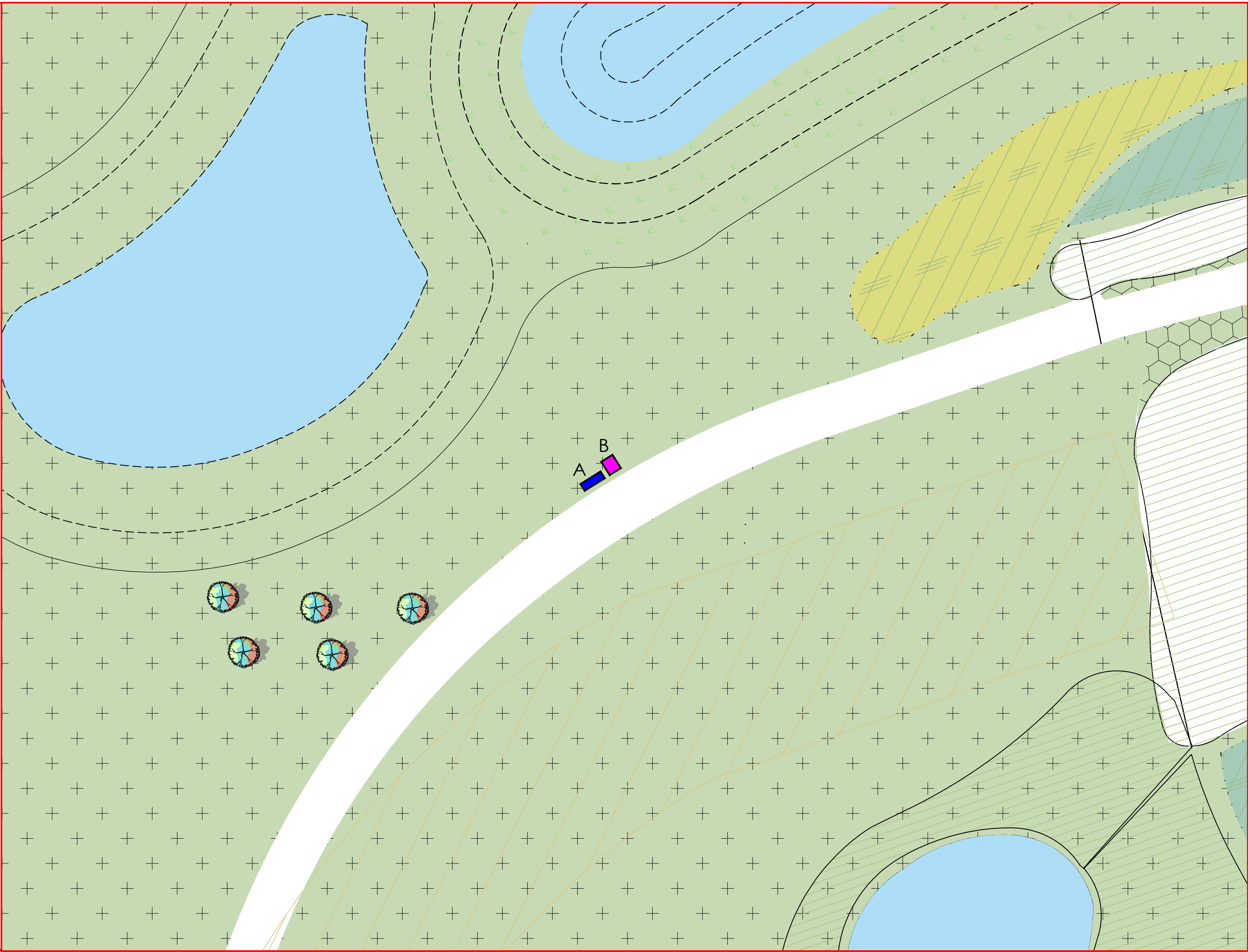




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Location Plan (Scale 1:2500)

Site Plan (Scale 1:250)

DESFORD HERITAGE TRAIL

DESFORD AIRFIELD

In 1884 the land you see before you was Hallfields Farm, owned and worked by the Cart family. The onset of the First World War meant that by 1916, a forty acre field at Hallfields was designated as an emergency night landing strip for the No. 38 Squadron Royal Flying Corps.

The field was swiftly transformed and basic lighting added. With troops stationed there 24 hours a day, it was well used until the end of the war when it was downgraded to a daytime only emergency landing strip.

After the war, the field became agricultural once again but not for long. In 1929, The Leicester Aero Club rented some of the fields at Hallfields, building a small hangar, a clubhouse and installing a fuel store and pump. The aerodrome was officially opened on 24th September 1929 by the then Under Secretary of State for Air along with an impressive air display.

In 1935, the Aero Club moved to new premises and the site, along with an additional 56 acres, was purchased by Reid & Sigrist. Already an established aviation instrument company, Reid & Sigrist had been contracted to create one of thirteen new civilian flying schools as part of the RAF's expansion scheme. To facilitate this, a large new hangar was built along with lecture rooms, office blocks, residential bungalows and a mess block.

Reid and Sigrist Staff

Trainee pilots would fly one of the school's bright yellow de Havilland Tiger Moth dual cockpit and dual controlled planes. As this flying school grew in size and success, it was re-named No. 7 Elementary Flying Training School, Desford.

PERMIT No. 1507
Occupation: Ground Engineering
Section: Flying School
Address: 11 NEWBOLD RD, DESFORD.
To Enter: REID & SIGRIST LTD.
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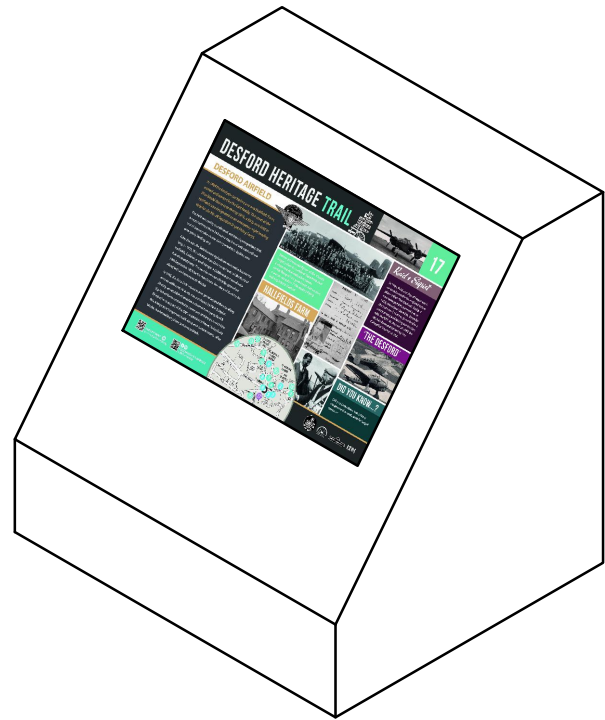
'THE DESFORD'

Did you know there was a firing range near this spot, used for target practice?

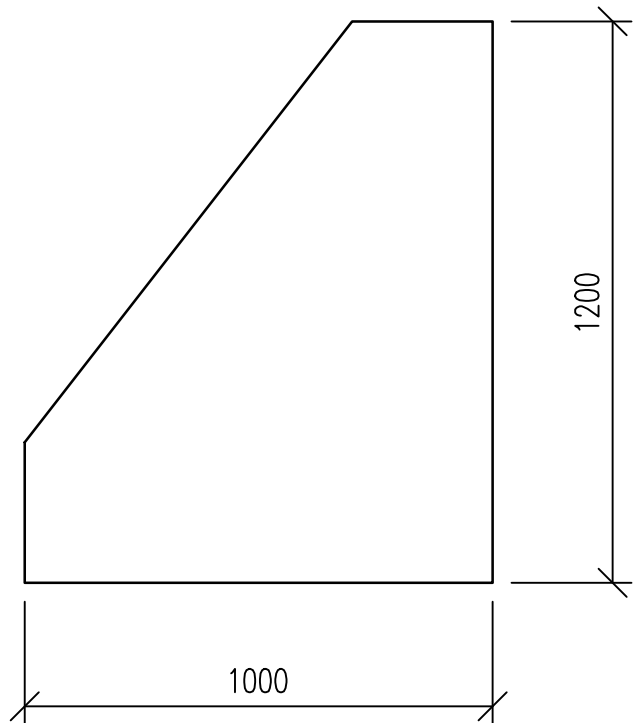
HALLFIELDS FARM



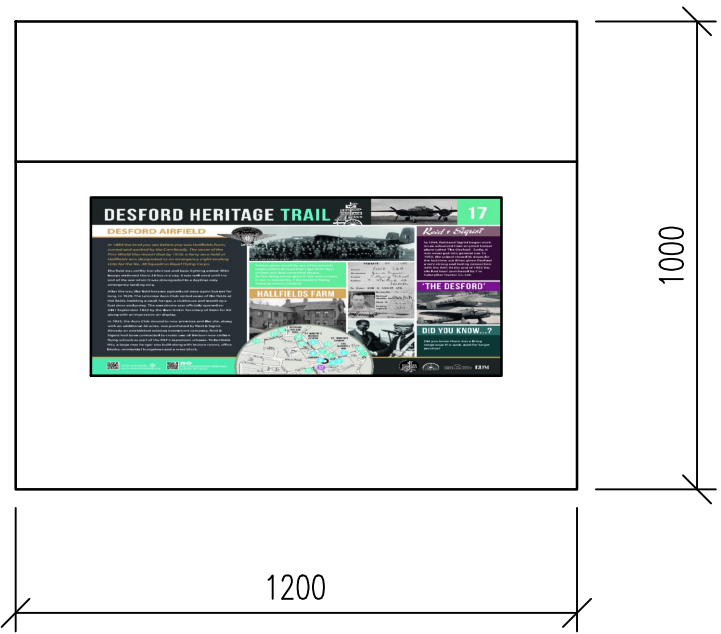
- A - Seat facing attenuation pond.
- 1800 x 605 x 840(h) mm
 - Cast iron frame
 - Mild steel slats
 - Colour: black



B - Shooting Range Model - Isometric (Scale 1:20)



Side View (Scale 1:20)



Plan View (Scale 1:20)

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