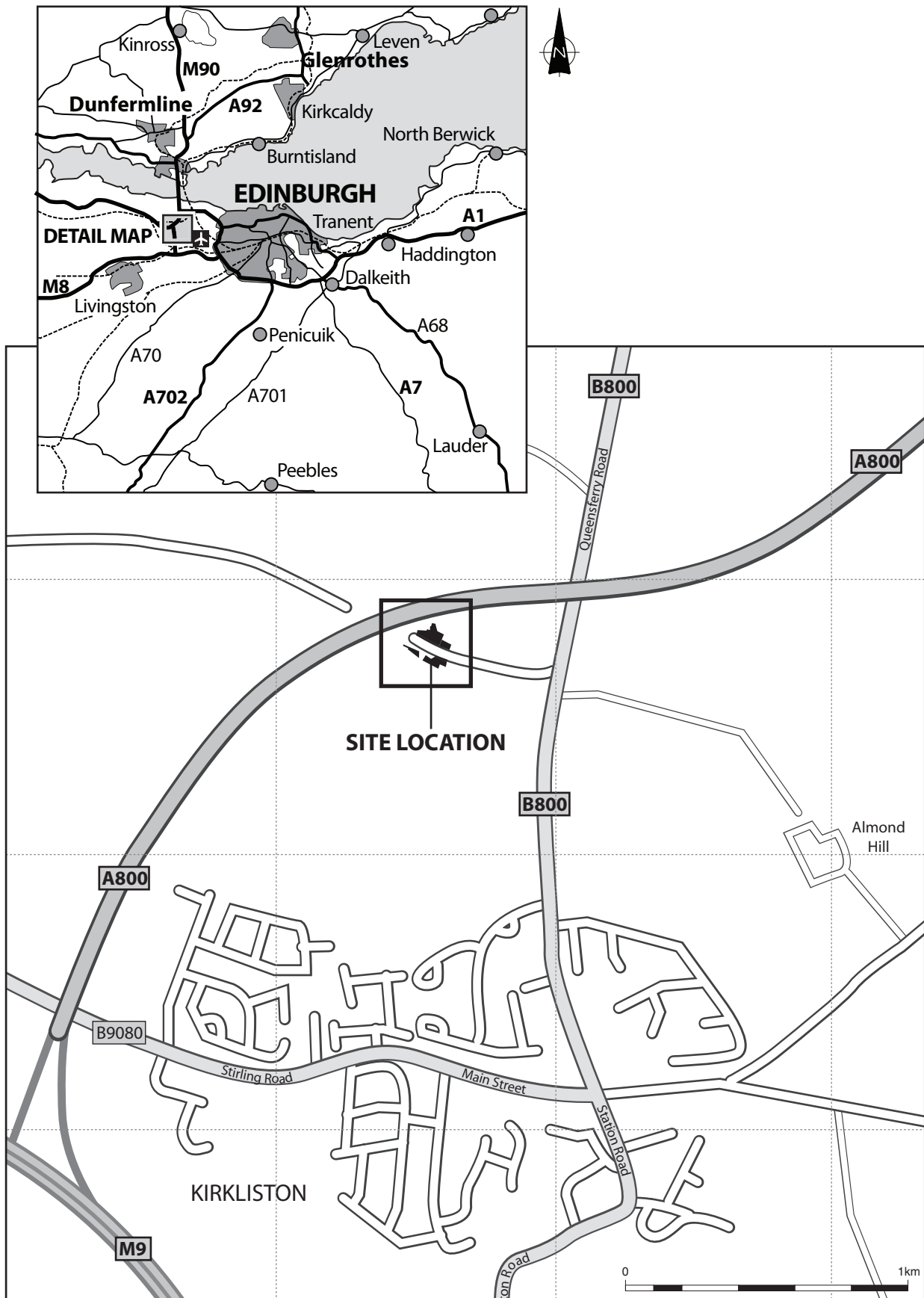

2 INTRODUCTION

An excavation of terraced cottages of 19th-century origin at Jack's Houses, Kirkliston (NT 1235 7540; [illus 1](#)) was carried out by CFA Archaeology Ltd during October 2003. The excavation was the third phase of archaeological study and comprised mitigation work required by John Lawson of the City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS) following an initial desk-based assessment and walk-over survey conducted by Kirkdale Archaeology prior to and during October 2001, and an evaluation ([Mitchell & Suddaby 2003](#)) which identified upstanding remains of Jack's Houses

and associated deposits. The work was carried out in advance of the proposed construction of the M9 Spur extension and associated A90 upgrading works on the eastern outskirts of Edinburgh. The route of the new road passed directly over the area occupied by Jack's Houses, thus any potential archaeological information contained within this part of the road corridor was at significant risk. The project provided a rare opportunity to link detailed social historical research directly with archaeological evidence for an aspect of the 19th century that has often been ignored archaeologically in the past.



Illus 1 Location map