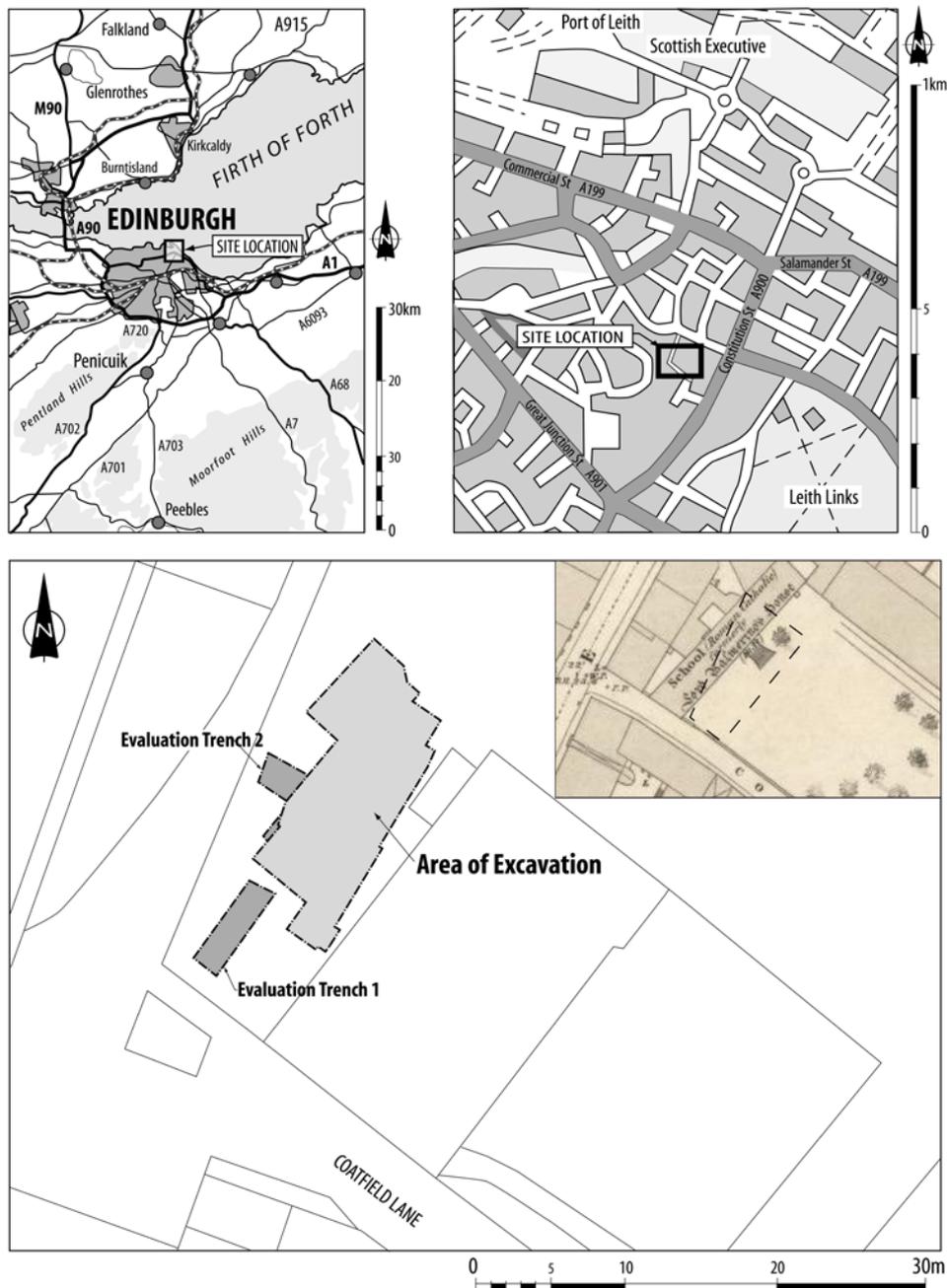


2 INTRODUCTION

Excavations carried out at St Mary's Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church, Constitution Street, Leith (illus 1, NGR NT 2711 7616) identified the remains of Balmerino House, as well as areas of late to post-medieval activity, including a burial site. The work was carried out in advance of the construction of a new church hall.

An evaluation (White 2004) was undertaken in February 2004 and uncovered the remains related to the eastern elevation of Balmerino House. Based on these results an excavation was conducted to uncover the extent of the remains within the footprint of a new building to be erected next to the existing presbytery. An area measuring approxi-



Illus 1 Site location plan, with inset showing location of the plot and Balmerino House on the 1st Edition OS map