

The Gibraltar Blue Badge Scheme

Rights & Responsibilities





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<https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/driver-and-vehicle-licensing-department>

Printed copies are available at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department



Your Blue Badge

**Record useful information on this table
so that it is always at hand**

Badge Serial Number	
Name of Holder	
Issued by (Name of Issuing Authority)	
Badge Expiry Date	

Recording your Blue Badge information in the table above, will be useful to the holder or user of the parking card in the event that your badge is lost or stolen.



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The Blue Badge Scheme

A Blue Badge will allow you to park close to your destination as either a passenger or driver. The Badge provides a parking concession to use designated Disabled Parking Bays.



1. Your Responsibilities as a Blue Badge Holder

It is down to the user of the Blue Badge to use the parking card properly. The badge and its concessions will help you to park close to your destination either as a passenger or as driver and is for your use only.

It is an offence for the holder or anyone else to misuse the badge. Doing so could lead to a fine or revocation of the badge. Making sure that the scheme is not abused will benefit genuine badge holders such as yourself.

If you are using the parking concessions as a passenger, it is your responsibility to make sure that the driver is aware of all the rules set out in this leaflet.

How do I use the Blue Badge Properly?

1. You must never give the badge to friends or family to allow them to have the benefit of parking in disabled parking bays.
2. You must never copy or duplicate a badge or attempt to alter the details on a badge.
3. You may only use a duplicate badge that has been issued by the Issuing Authority.
4. The Blue Badge remains the property of the Issuing Authority. If the badge is being misused, the Issuing Authority can ask for the badge to be returned.



Who can use the Badge?

The badge is for the use and benefit of the person to whom it has been granted by the Issuing Authority. It must only be displayed if you are travelling in the vehicle as a driver or passenger, or if someone is collecting you or dropping you off and needs to park in the closest Disabled Parking Bay to where you are being collected or dropped.

You must not allow other people to use the badge to do something on your behalf, such as shopping or collecting something for you.

- You must never give the Blue Badge to friends or family to allow them to park for free.
- You should not use the badge to allow a non-disabled person to take advantage of the benefits while you sit in the car.
- It is an offence to misuse a badge. This includes people other than the badge holder taking advantage of the parking concessions provided under the Blue Badge Scheme.



How to Display the Blue Badge

When using a Disabled Parking Bay you must display the badge on the dashboard or fascia panel of the vehicle where it can be clearly read through the front windscreen. If there is no dashboard or fascia panel in your vehicle, you must still display the Blue Badge in a place where it can be clearly read from outside the vehicle. The front of the badge should always face upwards. The side showing the photograph should NOT be visible through the windscreen.

You must also ensure that the details on the front of the Blue Badge remain legible. If they become unreadable as a result of fading or wear and tear you must return the badge to the Issuing Authority so they can issue you with a replacement. Displaying a badge that is illegible may result in a parking fine.





Blind (severely visually impaired) Blue Badge holders need to ensure that people displaying the badge or parking clock on their behalf understand how to display them correctly.

Incorrectly displaying the Blue Badge or parking clock may result in a parking fine.





When you Need to use a Parking Clock

When you park in a Disabled Parking Bay with a time restriction, the blue parking clock will need to be displayed.

The parking clock is provided by the Issuing Authority together with your Blue Badge. If you lose or misplace the parking clock, you can get a replacement clock from the *Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department*.

If you need to use the parking clock, you must display it on the vehicle's dashboard or facia panel so that the time can be seen clearly through the front windscreen. The clock should be set to show the quarter hour period during which you parked in the time restricted bay. If there is no dashboard or facia panel in your vehicle, you must still display the clock in a place where it can be clearly read from the outside of the vehicle.





Power to Inspect and Retain the Badge

An officer of the Royal Gibraltar Police or a Parking Management Officer has the power to inspect a Blue Badge.

If an enforcement officer asks to see the badge, you must show it to them. If you do not, you will be breaking the law and could be fined. A Parking Enforcement Officer also has the right to retain the Blue Badge without police presence if they have reasonable grounds to do so.





Reapplying for a Badge

It is recommended that you apply for a renewal of your Blue Badge at least 90 days before the expiry of your current badge. It is important when reapplying for a renewal that the application form is properly completed and that you provide accurate contact information should the Issuing Authority need to get in touch with you.

You must not use an expired Blue Badge as this is an offence and you could be fined. Your old Blue Badge must also be handed in when receiving the new one.

Disabled Persons Badge Application Forms are available online. Printed copies are available at the *Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department*.



Returning a Badge

You must return the badge to the *Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department* (as the Issuing Authority) if:

- The Blue Badge has expired;
- Your medical condition or mobility improves and you are no longer eligible;
- A replacement badge has been issued for one that is lost or stolen and the original is found or recovered (then the original badge must be returned to the Issuing Authority);
- The Blue Badge becomes damaged or faded to the extent that it is illegible;
- The badge is no longer required, for example in circumstances where you are confined to the house and are no longer able travel.

Please note that the Blue Badge should be returned to the Issuing Authority on the death of the badge holder.

If you continue to display the Blue Badge when you no longer need it, you are committing an offence and you could be fined.



Drivers who hold a Blue Badge

If you are a driver and your disability is likely to affect your ability to drive (even if your car is adapted), the law requires you to inform the *Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department*.

Driver and Vehicle Licencing Department
HM Government of Gibraltar
Eastern Beach Road
Gibraltar
GX11 1AA

Tel: (+350) 20051603

Fax: (+350) 20077984

driverinfo@gibraltar.gov.gi

www.gibraltar.gov.gi



Further Advice and Information

You should always inform the Issuing Authority if your circumstances change, such as when:

- The Blue Badge is nearing its expiration date;
- The badge is lost, stolen or damaged;
- You change address;
- You change your name (e.g. by marriage, civil partnership or deed poll).

The Blue Badge Scheme is administered by the *Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department* (as the Issuing Authority) and you can contact them for further information on the scheme. Please visit the HM Government of Gibraltar website on the link below for general information and to download electronic copies of this booklet and the application form for a Blue Badge:

<https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/driver-and-vehicle-licensing-department>



2. Where can I Park?

If you do not drive yourself, it is important that you share this information with anyone who will be driving you as a passenger.

Disabled parking bays throughout Gibraltar are marked on the public highway in yellow line demarcations with the wheelchair symbol in the centre. These designated bays are signposted with the standard signage as below.

Time restricted disabled parking bays stipulate the maximum stay time restriction and no return period.



'Disabled Badge Holder' parking signage



'Time Restricted Disabled Badge Holder' parking signage



Where can you Park?

The following table shows the parking concessions available to you as a Blue Badge holder. However, you must always check the parking signs to see what rules or restrictions apply in designated parking spaces:

Place	Conditions
On-street Disabled Parking Bays (signs and parking demarcations have a wheelchair symbol)	<p>You may park free anywhere in Gibraltar (including within Residential Parking Zones) and, as long as you need to. Unless signs say otherwise, you may park without time limit.</p> <p>You must display the Blue Badge on the dashboard or facia panel of the vehicle where it can be clearly read through the front windscreen.</p>
On-street Disabled Parking Bays – <u>With</u> Time Restriction (blue parking clock) (signs and parking demarcations have a wheelchair symbol)	<p>You may park for free (including within Residential Parking Zones) for a maximum of 'three hours' and must display your Blue Badge and blue parking clock showing the quarter hour period during which you arrived.</p> <p>You must display the Blue Badge and blue parking clock on the dashboard or facia panel of the vehicle where it can be clearly read through the front windscreen.</p>

The only concession afforded when displaying a Blue Badge, is to allow the user to park on a Disabled Parking Bay. Only a vehicle properly displaying a Blue Badge (and blue parking clock where necessary) is allowed to park in a designated Disabled Parking Bay.



Residential Parking Schemes

Residential Parking Schemes (RPS) are normally implemented throughout Gibraltar in areas where there is more demand for parking than spaces available. However, although many of our on-street Disabled Parking Bays throughout Gibraltar are within Residential Parking Zones, these are NOT restricted to RPS Permit holders. You may park free in any Disabled Bay throughout Gibraltar including within RPS Zones for as long as the Blue Badge (and blue parking clock where applicable) are correctly displayed.

Provided that an applicant meets the requirements for a Residential Parking as stated in Residential Parking Schemes Application Booklet for each Zone, Disabled Badge Holders will be eligible for the 'First Permit per Household' for an RPS Zone free of charge. Further information on Residential Parking Schemes may be obtained from Gibraltar Car Parks Ltd:

Unit 99, Harbours Walk
New Harbours
Rosia Road Gibraltar
Email: admin@gibcarparks.com
Contact Telephone Number: 200 49202



Safe and Responsible Parking

A Blue Badge is not a licence to park anywhere. Like other road users, you must obey the rules of the road as set out in the Highway Code.

Do not park where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. Examples of obstructive and dangerous parking are:

- School entrances or bus stops;
- Parking opposite or within 10 metres of a junction;
- Where it would make the road narrow and would hold up traffic;
- Where it would block vehicle entrances;
- Where the kerb has been lowered or the road is raised to help wheelchair users;
- On a pavement or public footpath where pedestrian passage would be obstructed.

Always Remember

If you do not drive yourself, you should share the information in this leaflet with the person who will be driving you around as a passenger.

You should always be aware that parking in prohibited areas or where it would endanger or obstruct other road users or pedestrians is an offence that could result in a parking fine. You could also be prosecuted or have your car towed away and have your Blue Badge withdrawn.



3. Badges for Organisations

Organisations that care and transport disabled people would qualify for a Blue Badge and may apply to the *Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department* for an organisational Blue Badge. This badge may be used by the organisation when transporting disabled people who would be eligible for a Blue Badge in their own right.

The parking concessions afforded to users of organisational Blue Badges are the same as those available for Blue Badges issued to individuals.



Rules that Apply to Organisations

An organisational Blue Badge will have the stamp or logo of the organisation on the reverse of the badge, rather than a photograph. This side will be hidden from view when the Blue Badge is on display.

Organisational Blue Badges may only be used when persons who would qualify for a badge in their own right are being transported. The Blue Badge must only be displayed when employees of the organisation are dropping off or picking up eligible disabled people from the place where the vehicle is parked.

Organisations must never use a copied Blue Badge to park or attempt to alter any details on a badge. The Blue Badge remains the property of the Issuing Authority throughout the validity of the document. The *Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department* can ask for the Blue Badge to be returned if it is being misused.

All employees of the organisation that holds an organisational Blue Badge, who are responsible for transporting disabled people, need to be made aware of the rules governing the Blue Badge Scheme.



Misuse of an organisational Blue Badge is an offence, the user could be fined, and the badge revoked from the organisation.



Rules for Returning an Organisational Badge

An organisational Blue Badge must be returned securely to the *Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department* (as the Issuing Authority) if:

- The organisational Blue Badge has expired;
- A replacement badge has been issued for one that is lost or stolen and the original is found or recovered (then the original badge must be returned to the Issuing Authority);
- The Blue Badge becomes damaged or faded to the extent that it is illegible;
- The organisation has ceased to exist; or
- The organisation no longer cares for people who would qualify for a Blue Badge in their own right.

If an employee of an organisation or any other unauthorised person continues to display the Blue Badge when the organisation no longer requires it, they would be causing an offence and could be fined.



4. Travelling Abroad

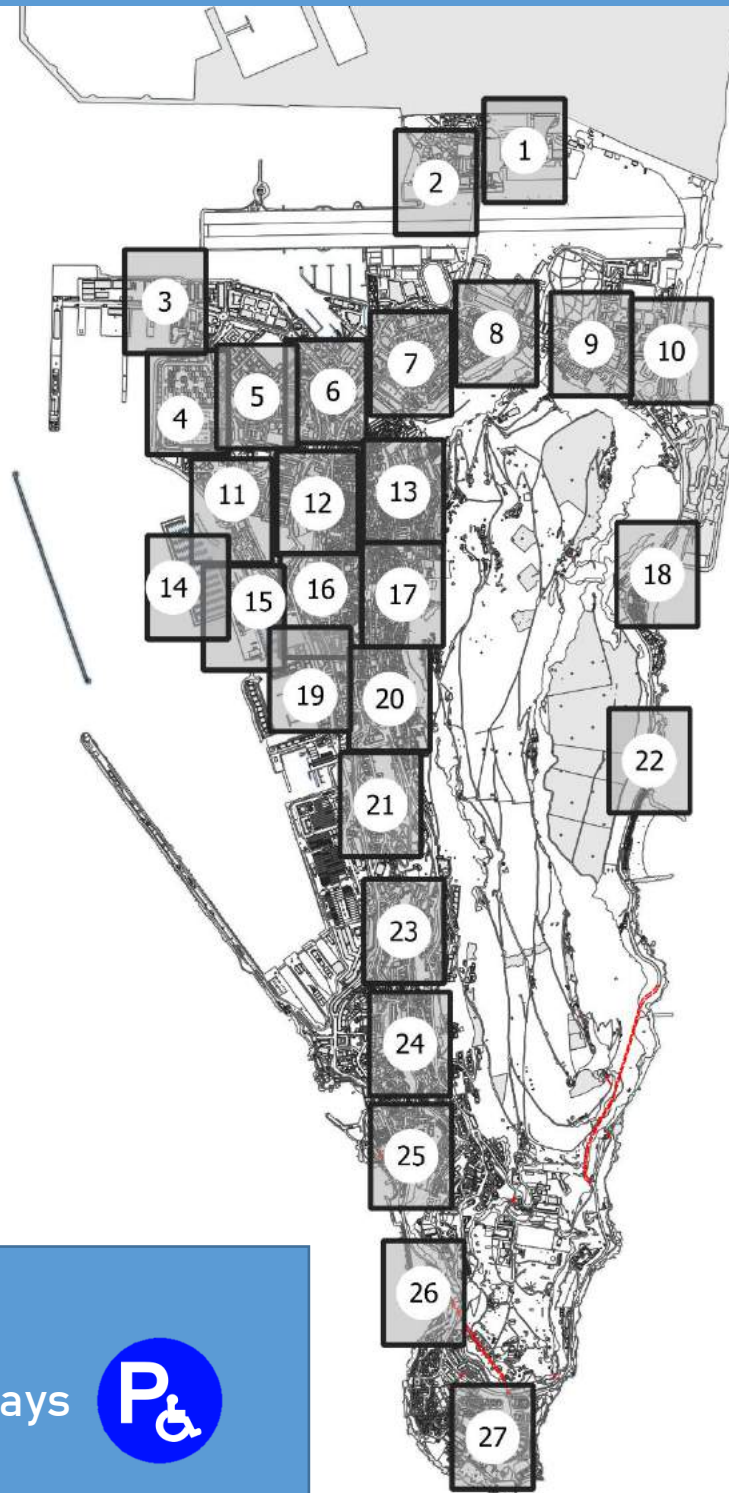
The Blue Badge is recognised throughout the European Union (EU). This means that you can take advantage as a Blue Badge holder of the parking concessions available in all other EU countries.

Please note however that concessions afforded in other EU countries may not be the same as in Gibraltar. You should therefore always check parking signage and road demarcations to understand the parking restrictions that apply to the parking bay whenever you use your Blue Badge.

As concessions in other EU countries may change over time, we advise that you check what concessions are available before travelling.

There are no current arrangements for you to use your Blue Badge in countries outside the European Union. This does not mean that they may not recognise your badge; however, we advise that you check what concessions are available before travelling to a non-EU country.

Blue Badge Parking Locations



Key

Disabled Bays



Time Restricted
Disabled Bays



Note: Drawings correct at time of going to print. Approximate locations are displayed

Blue Badge Parking

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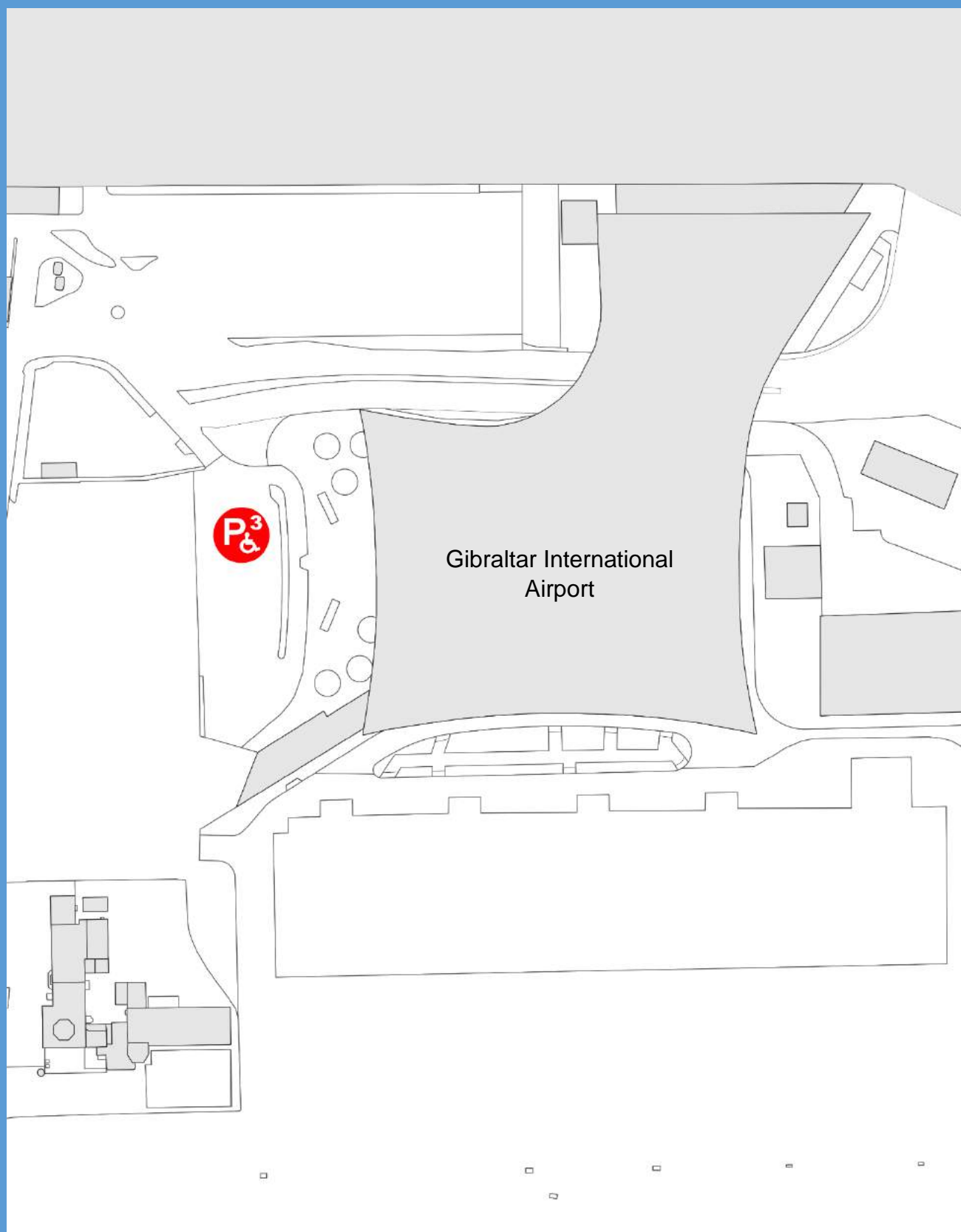


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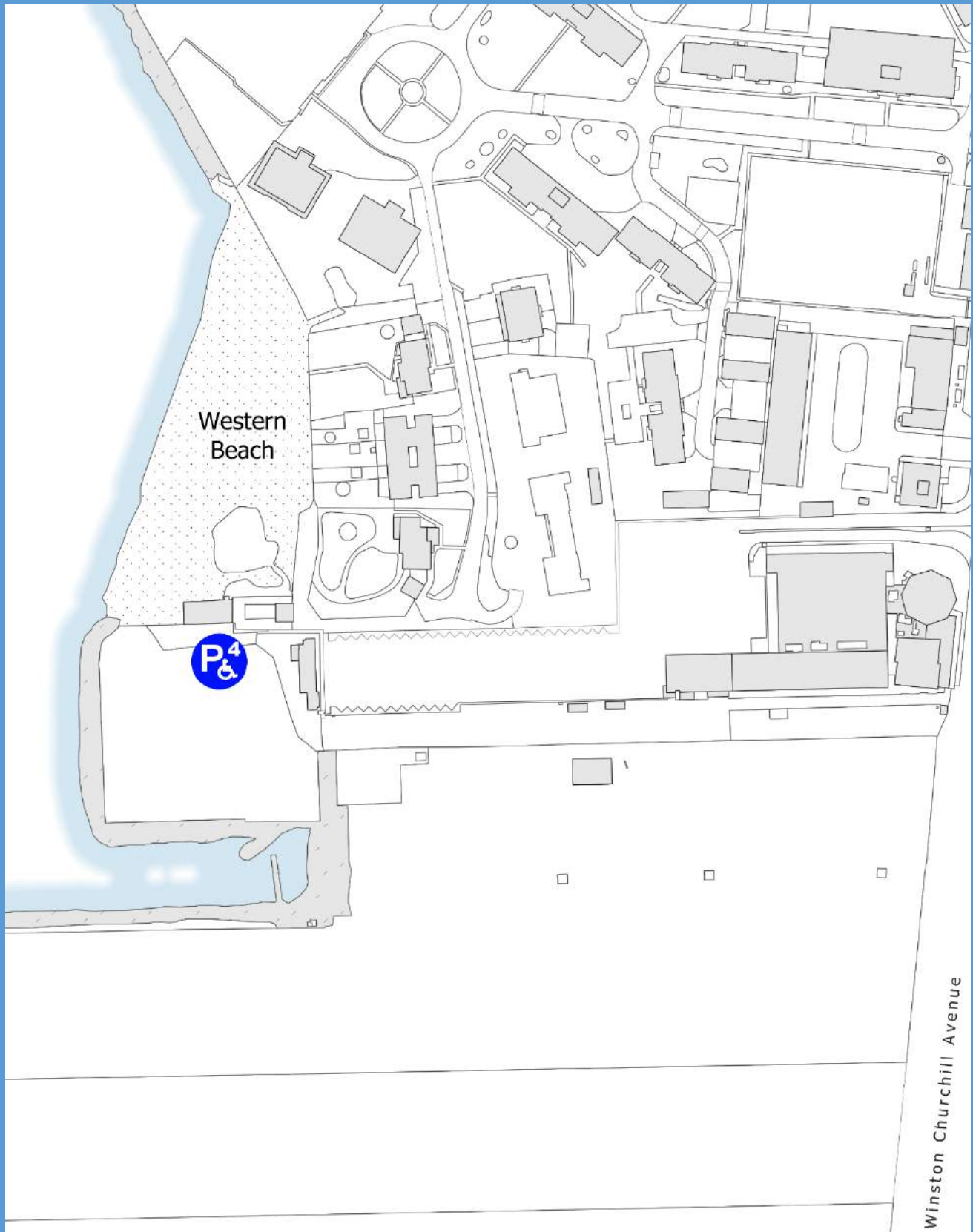
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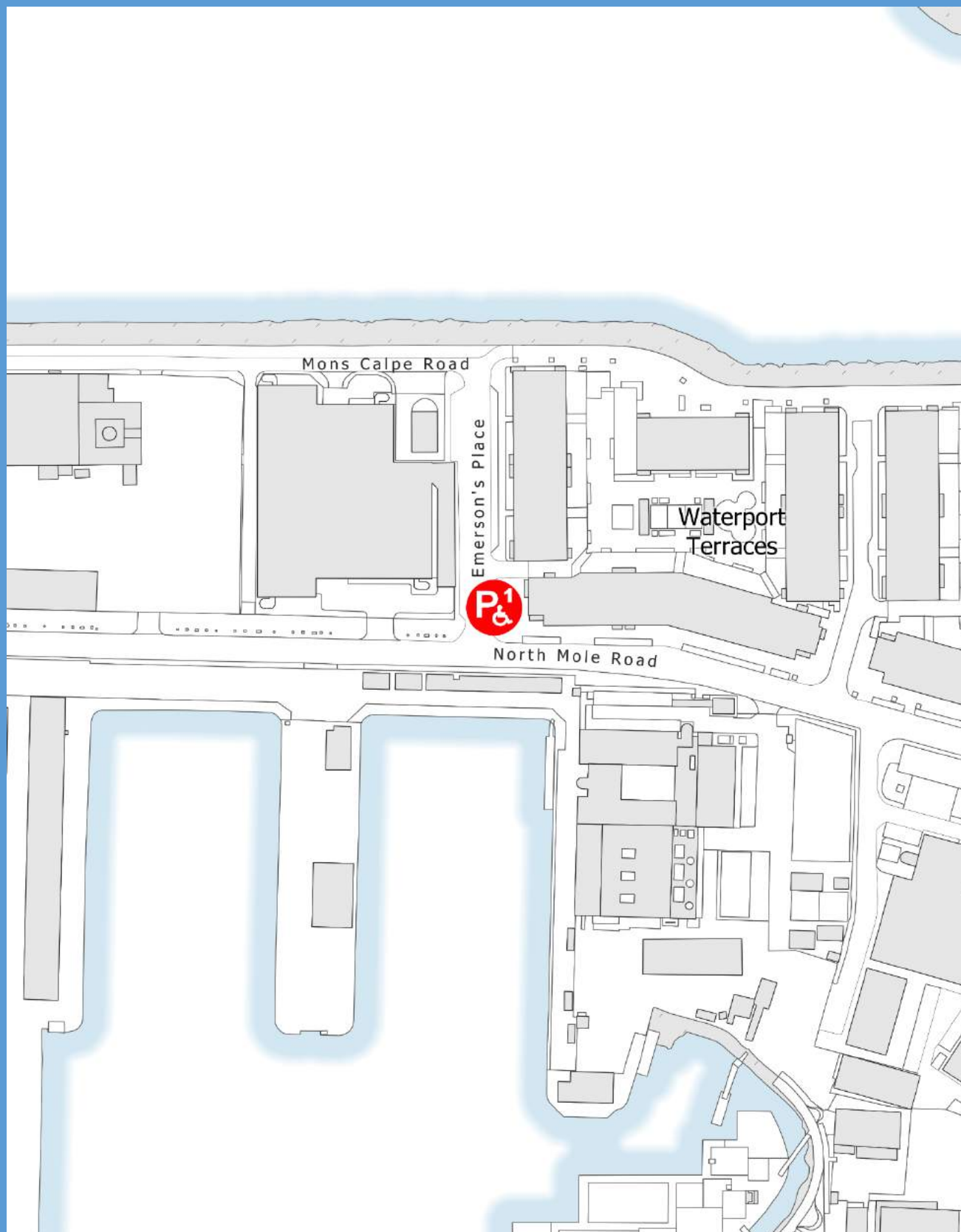
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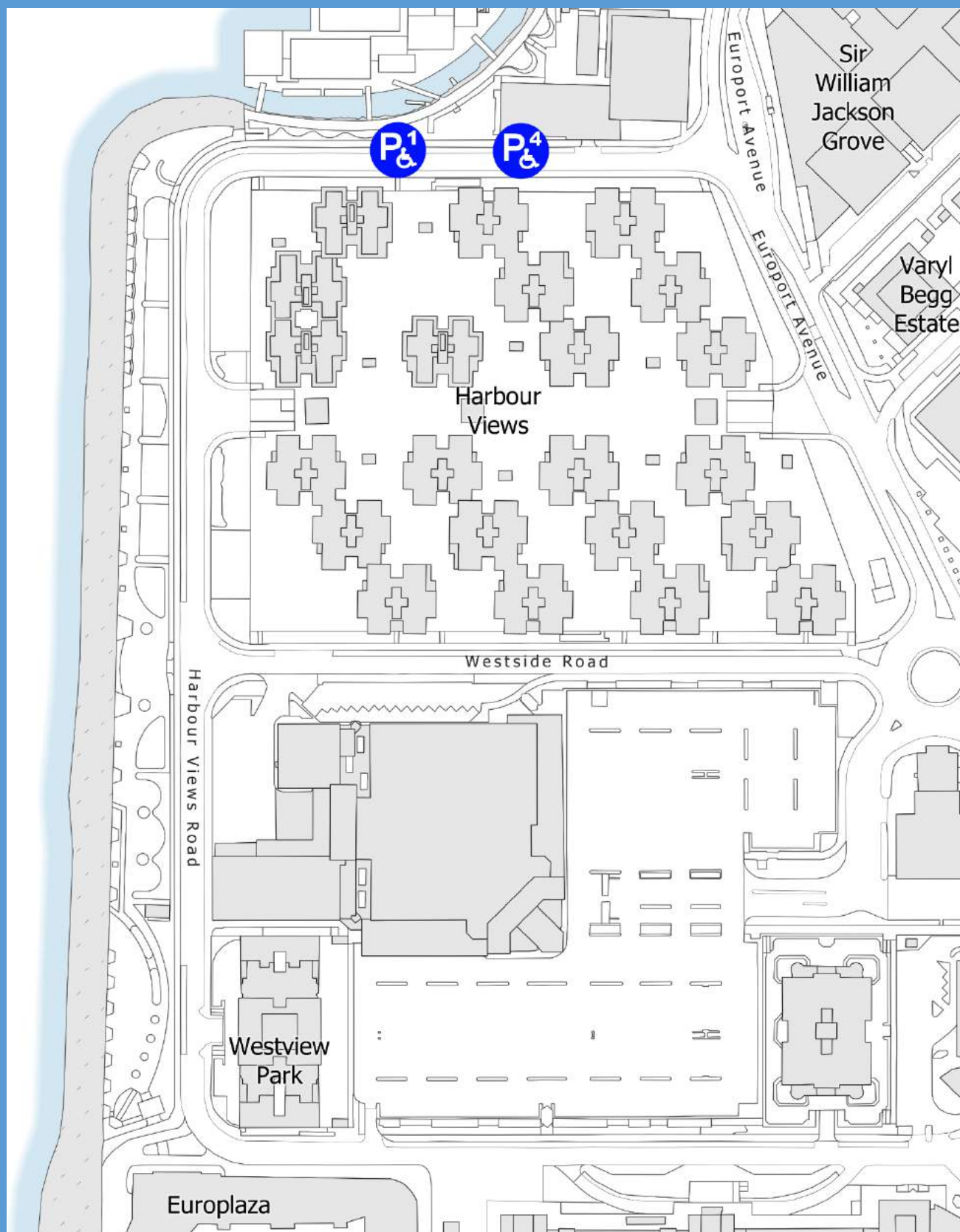
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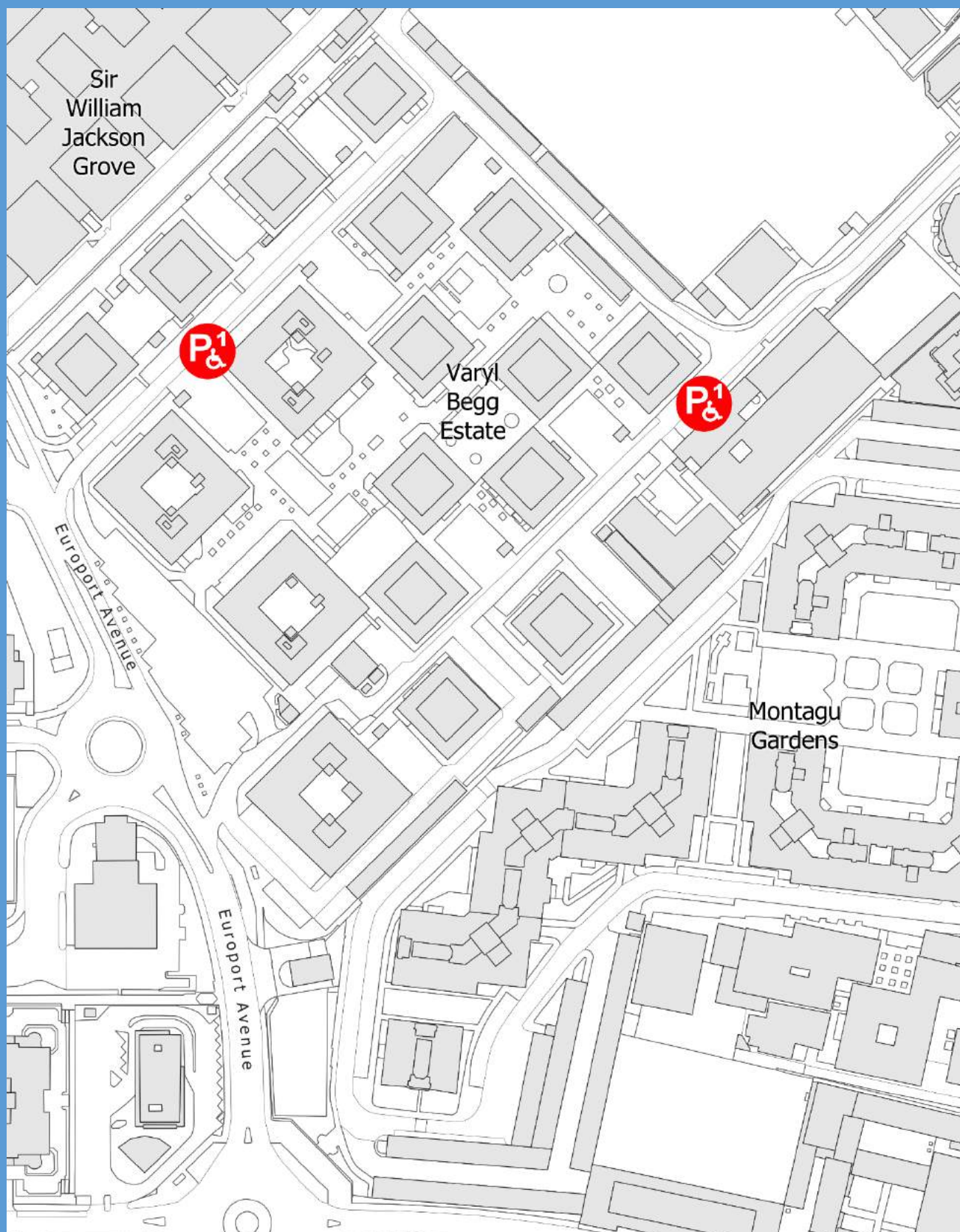
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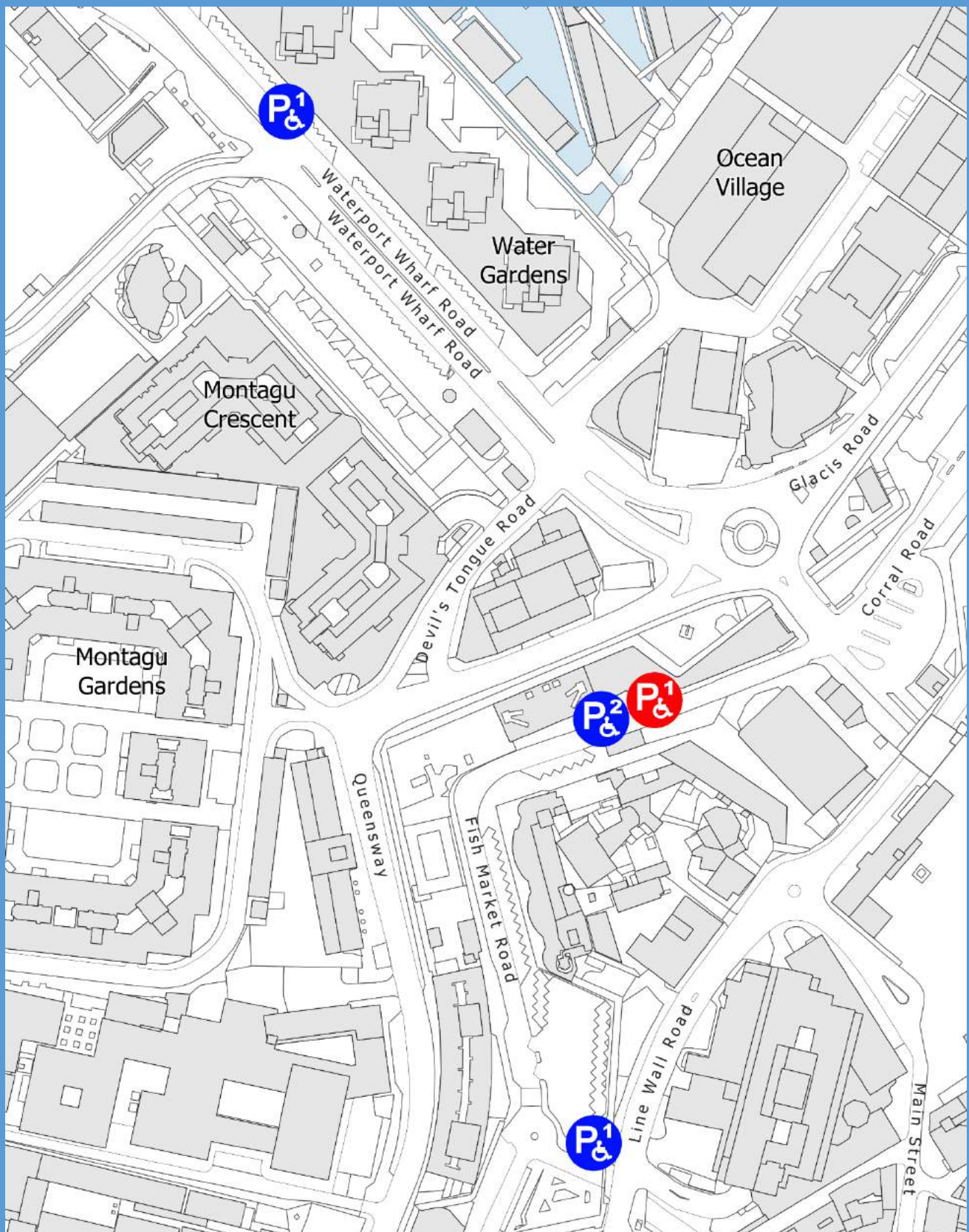
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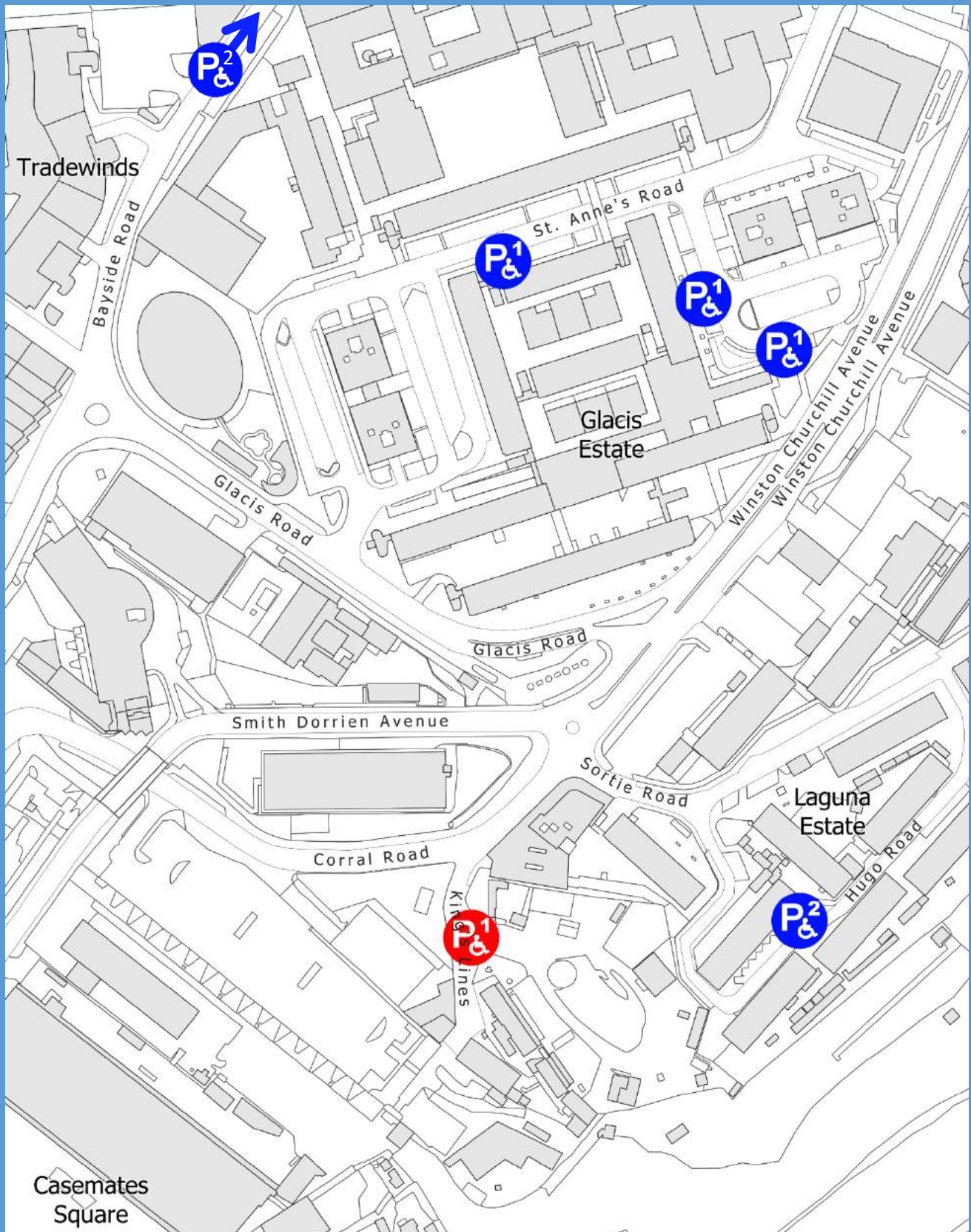
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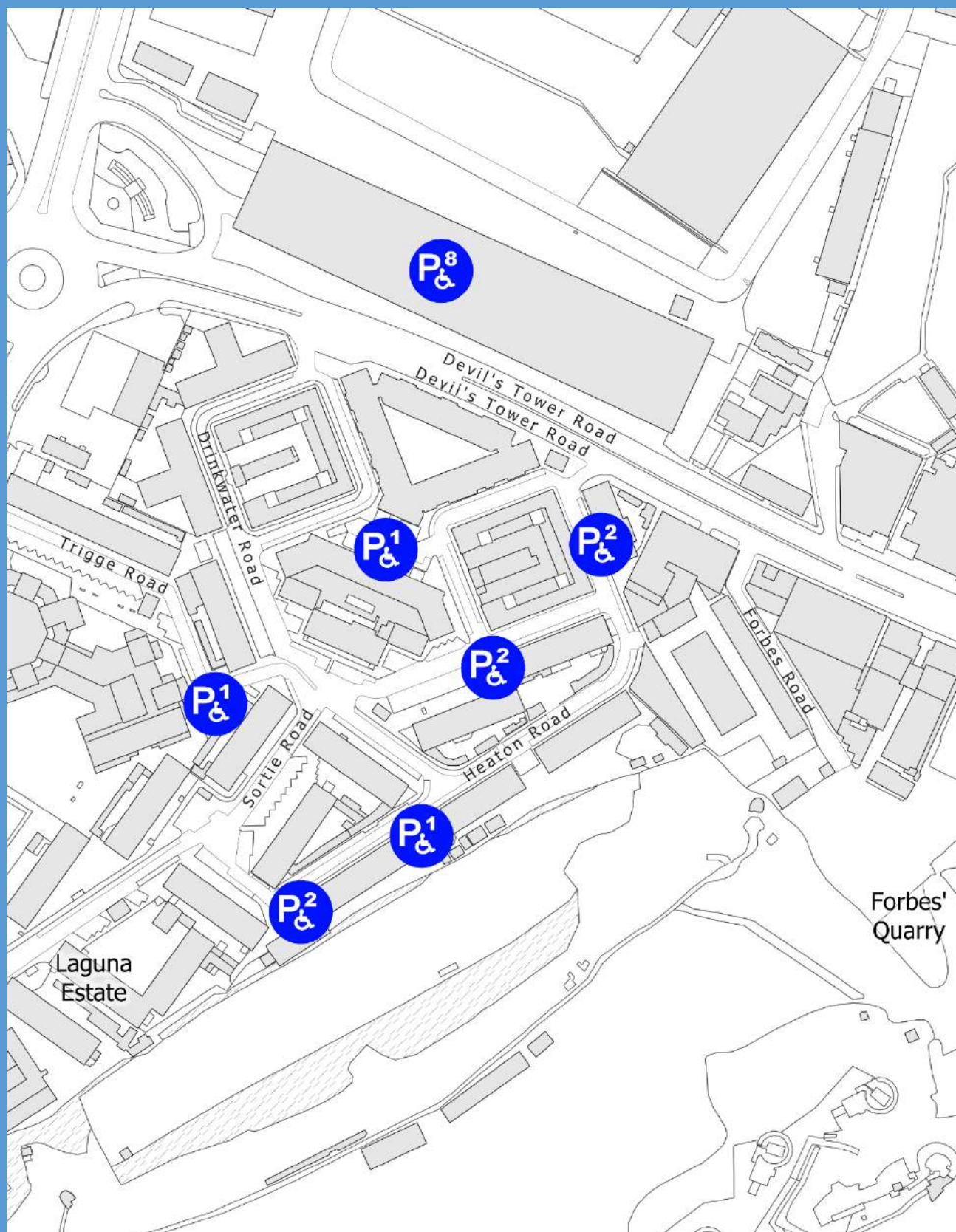


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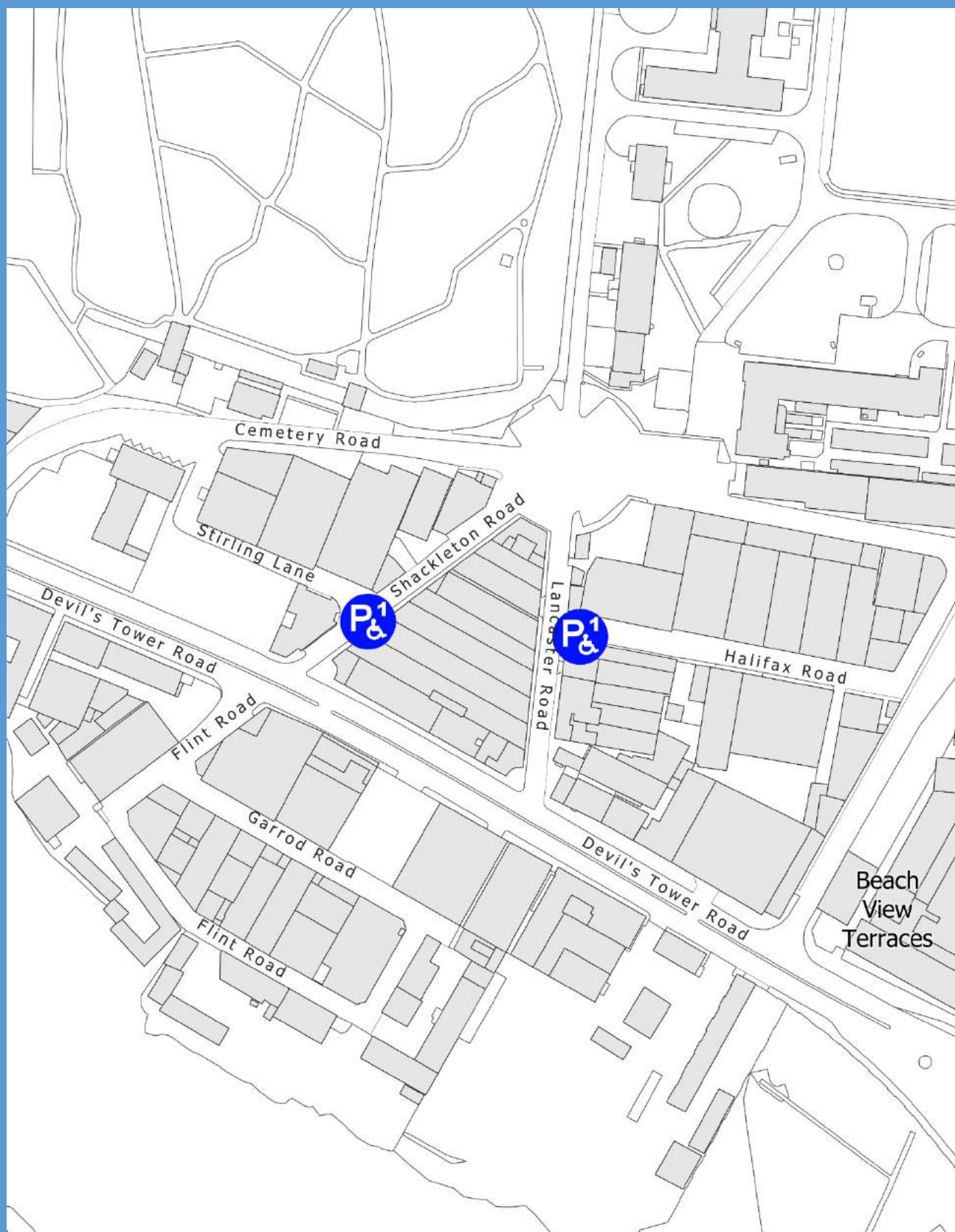


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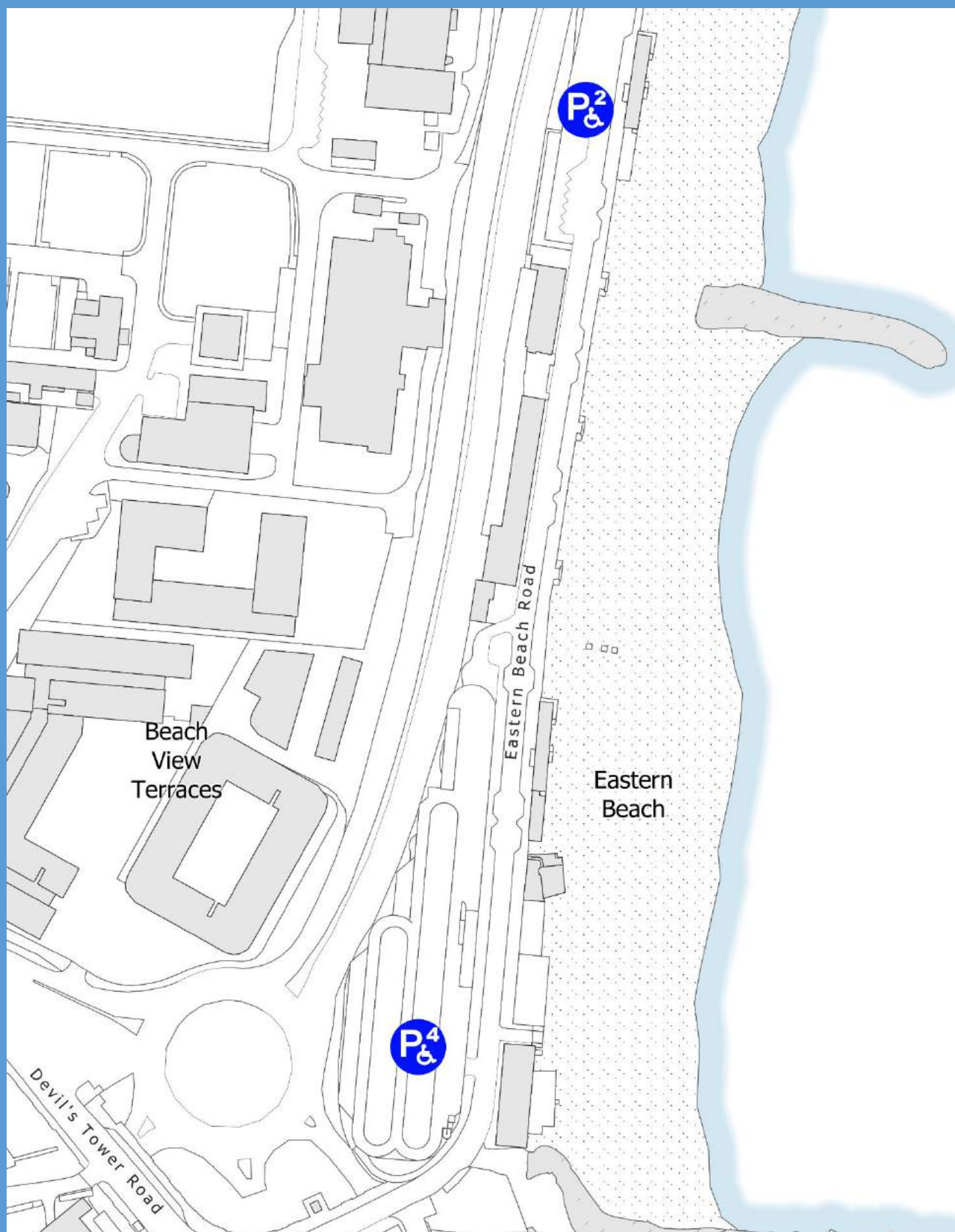


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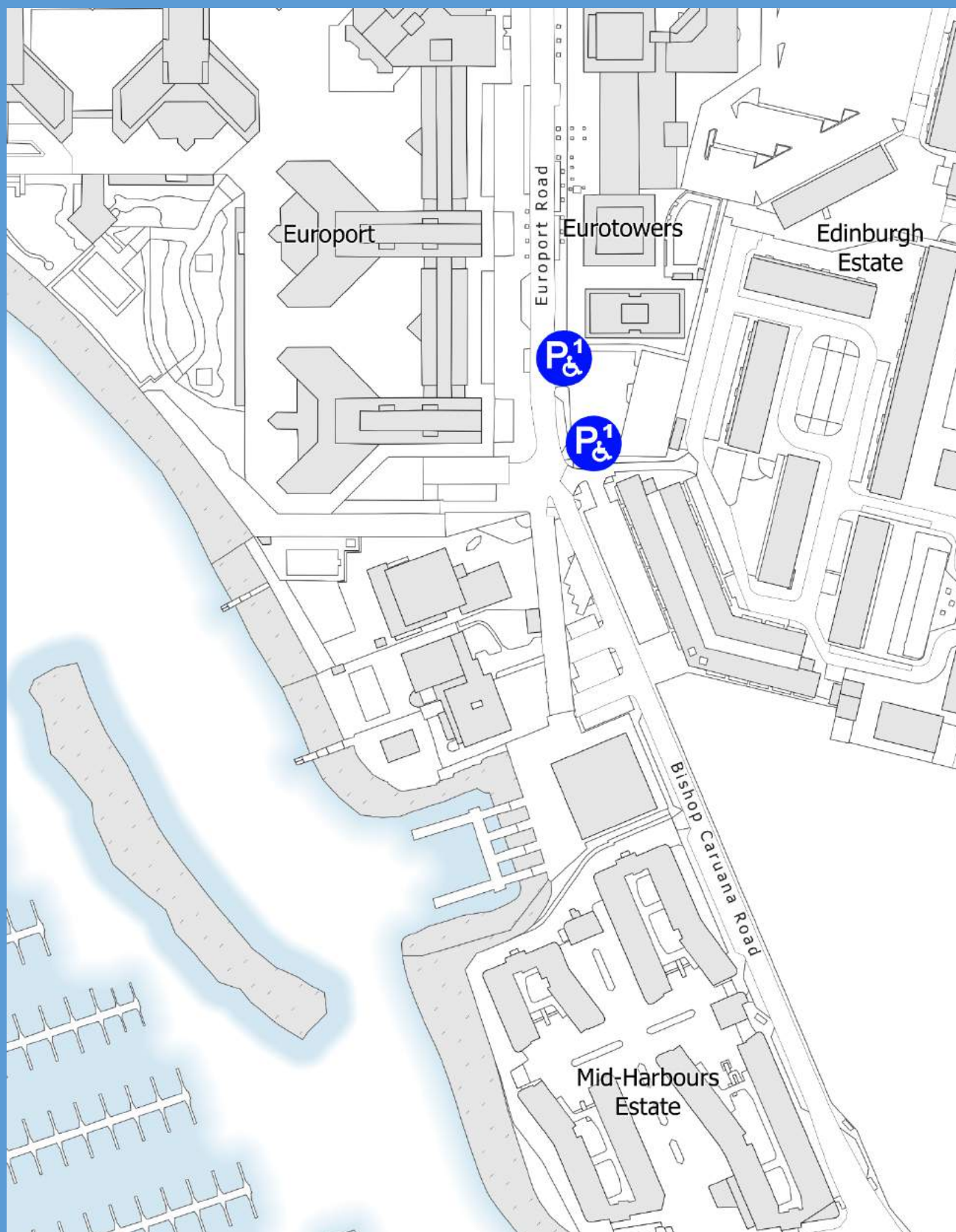


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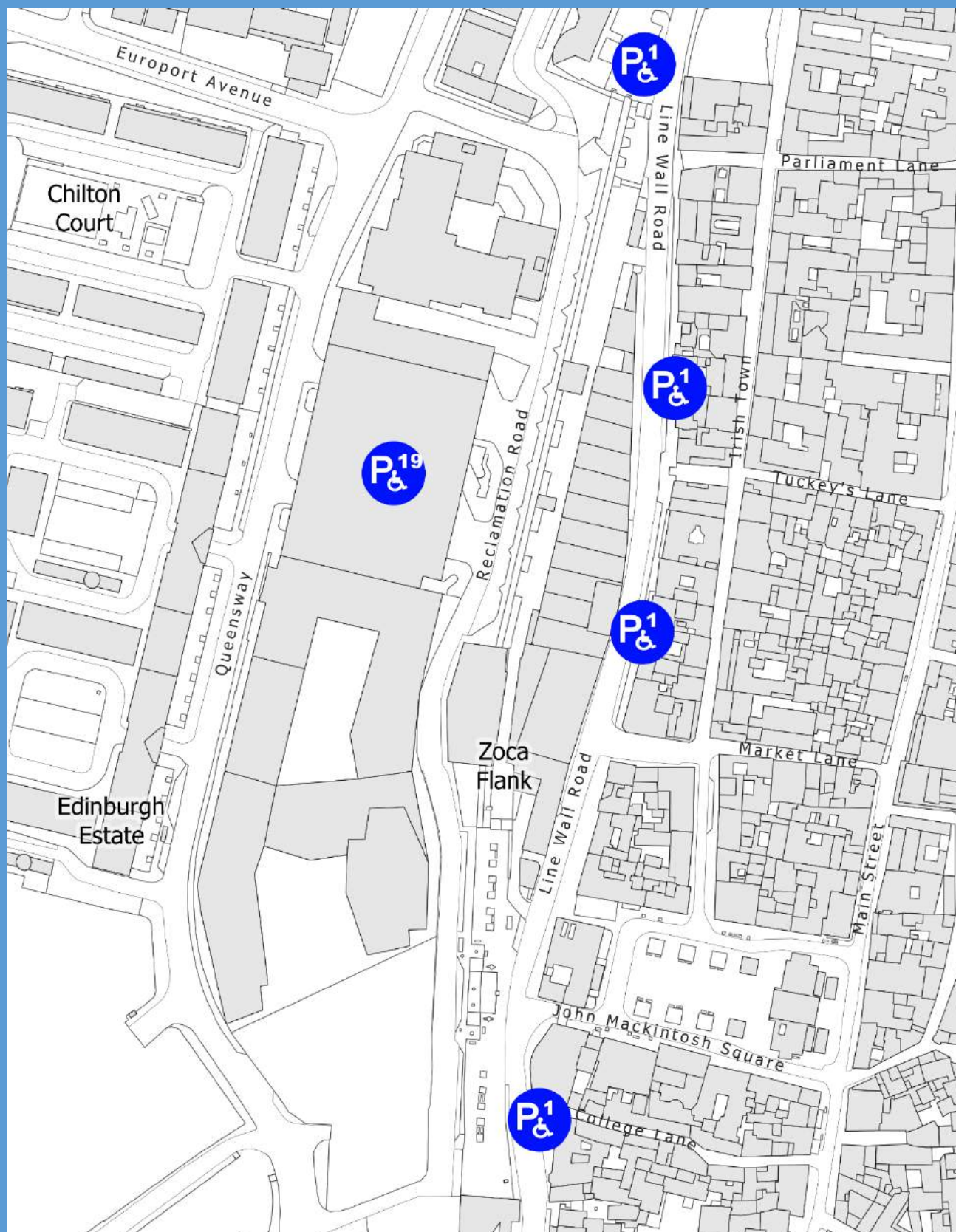
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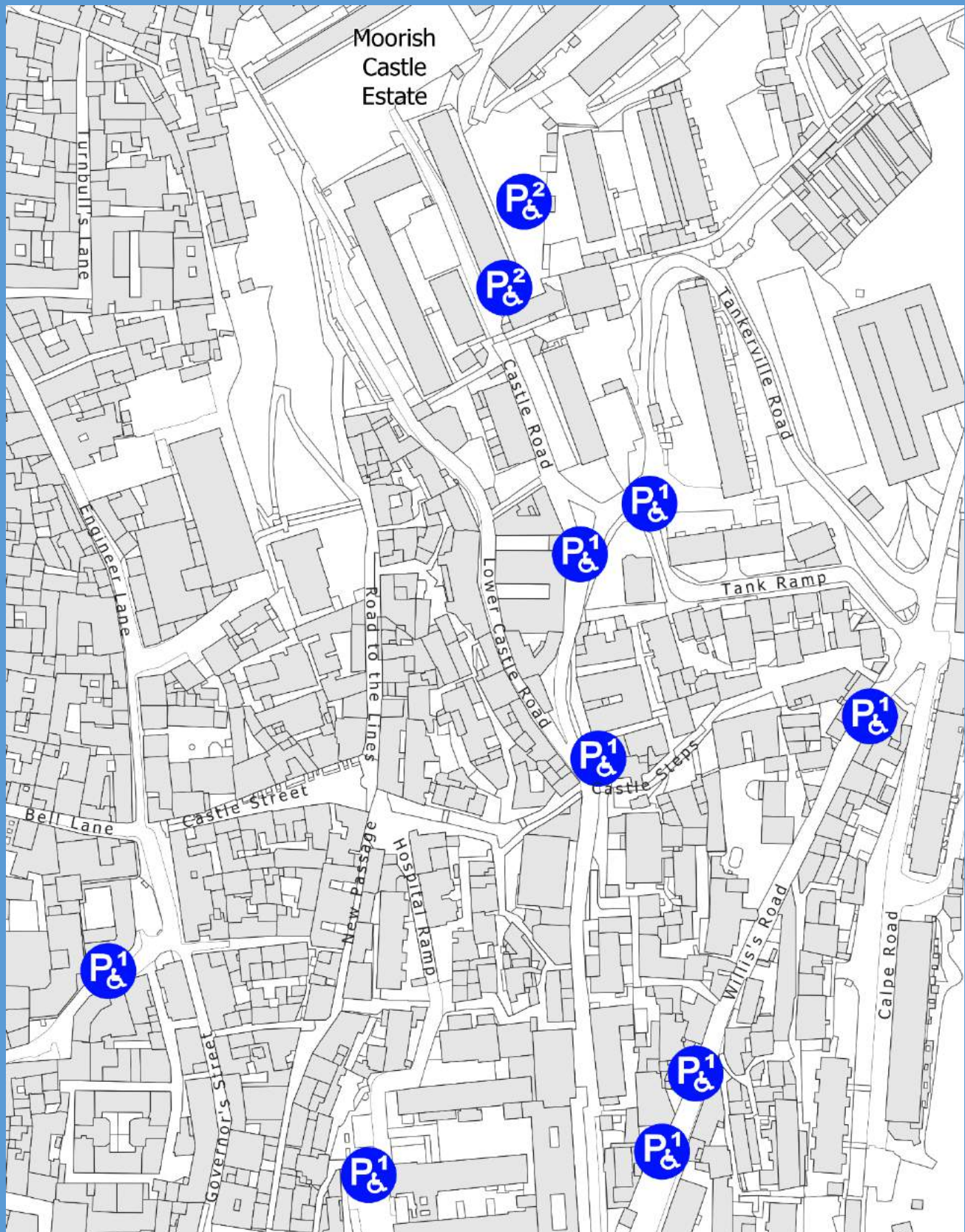


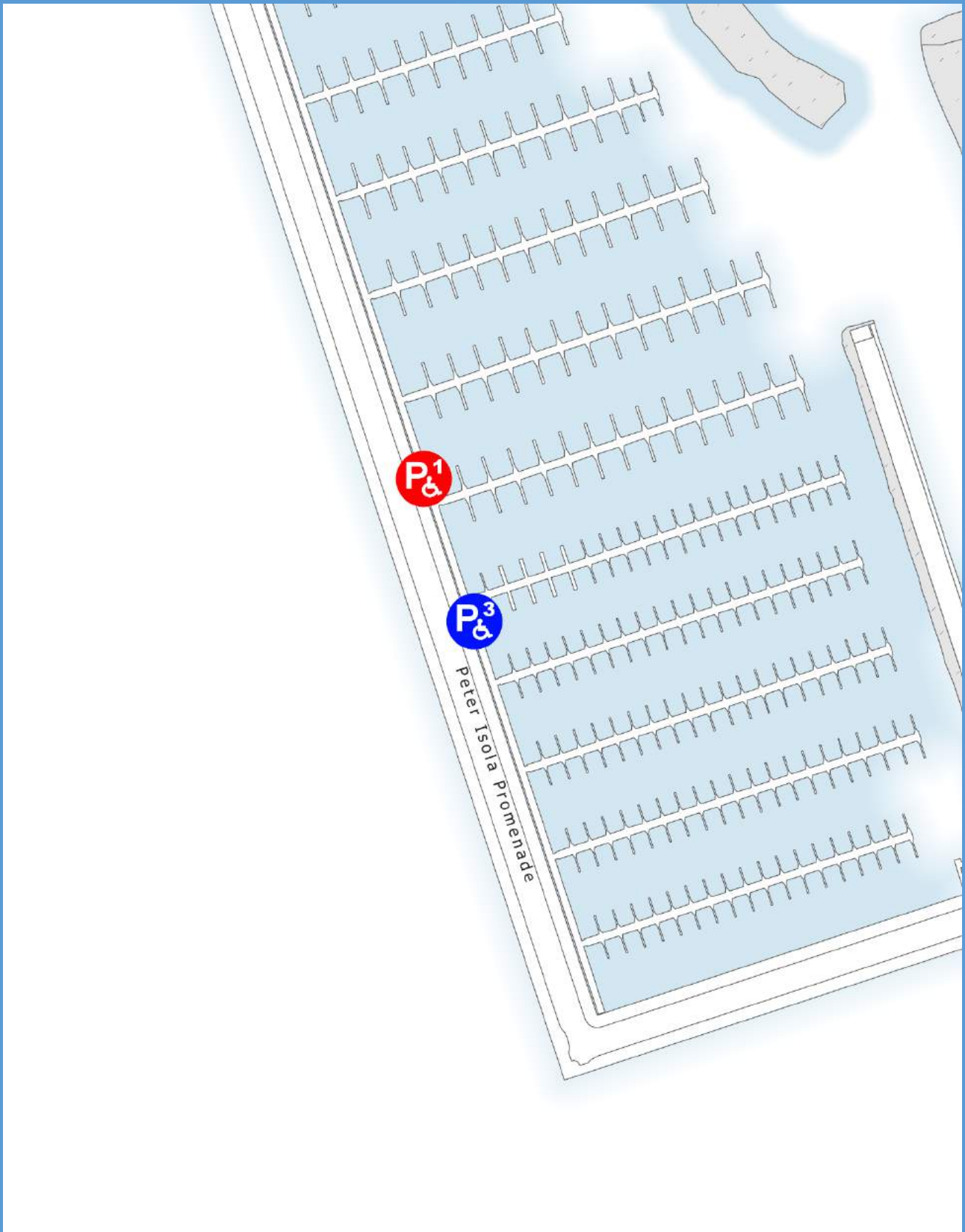
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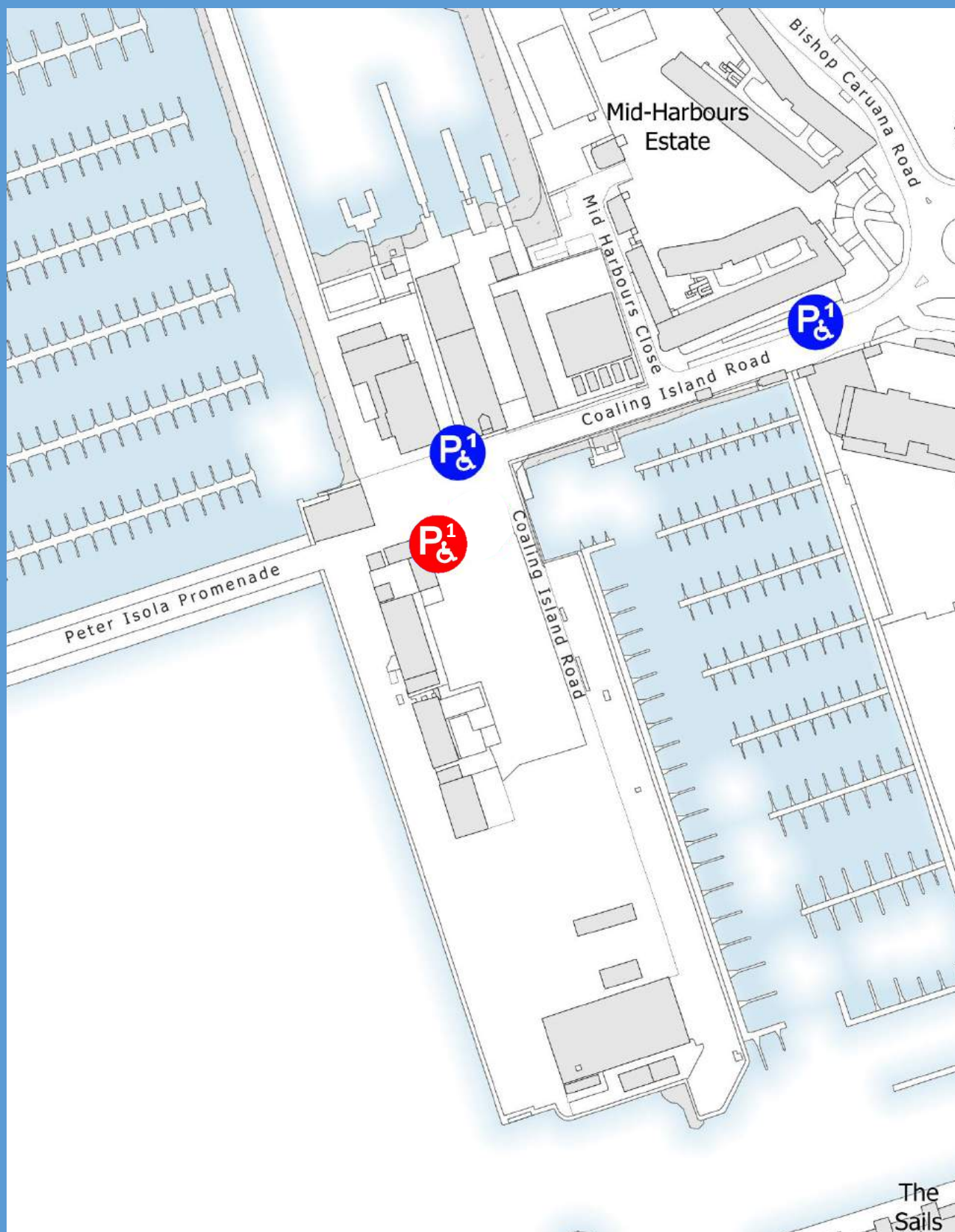


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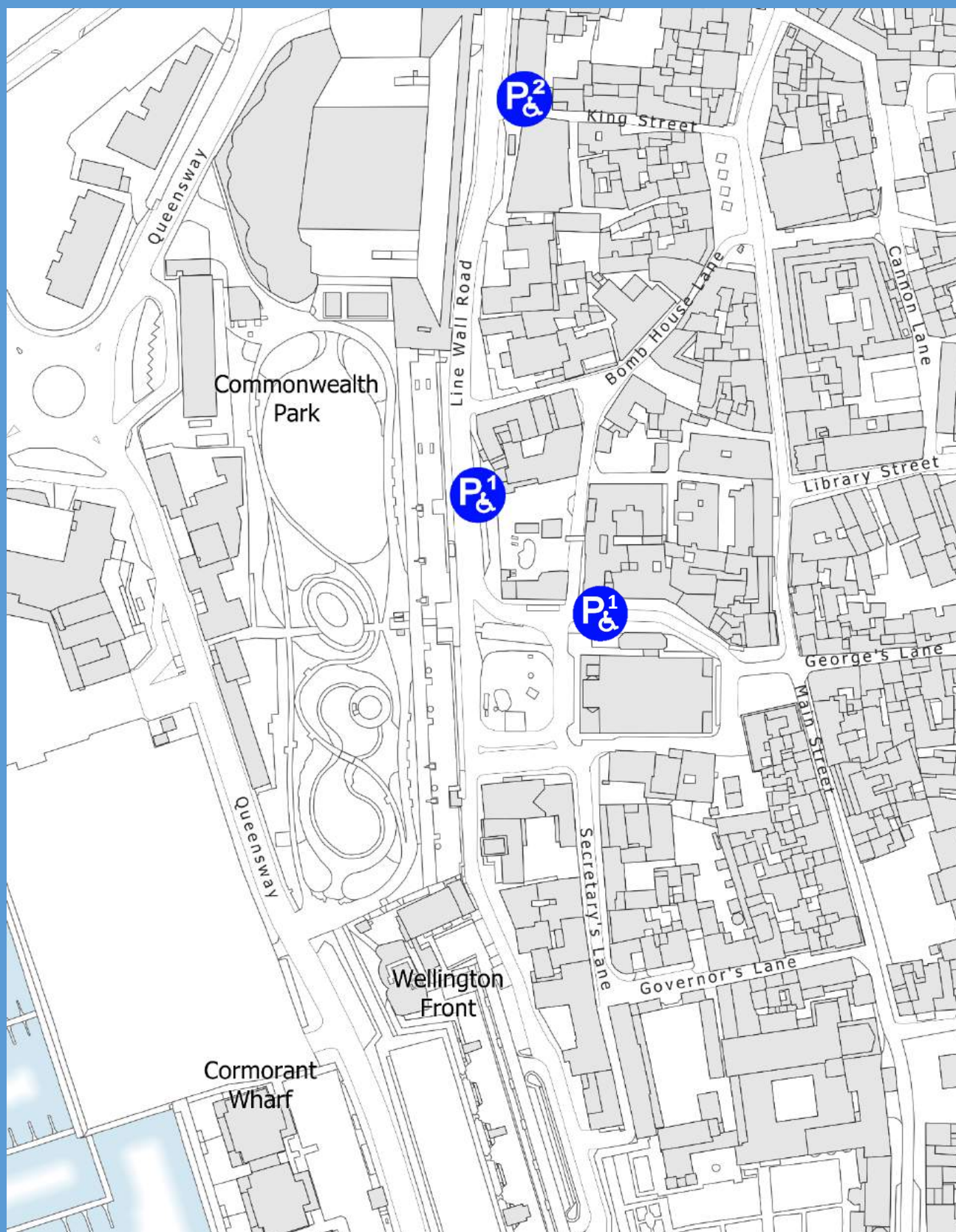


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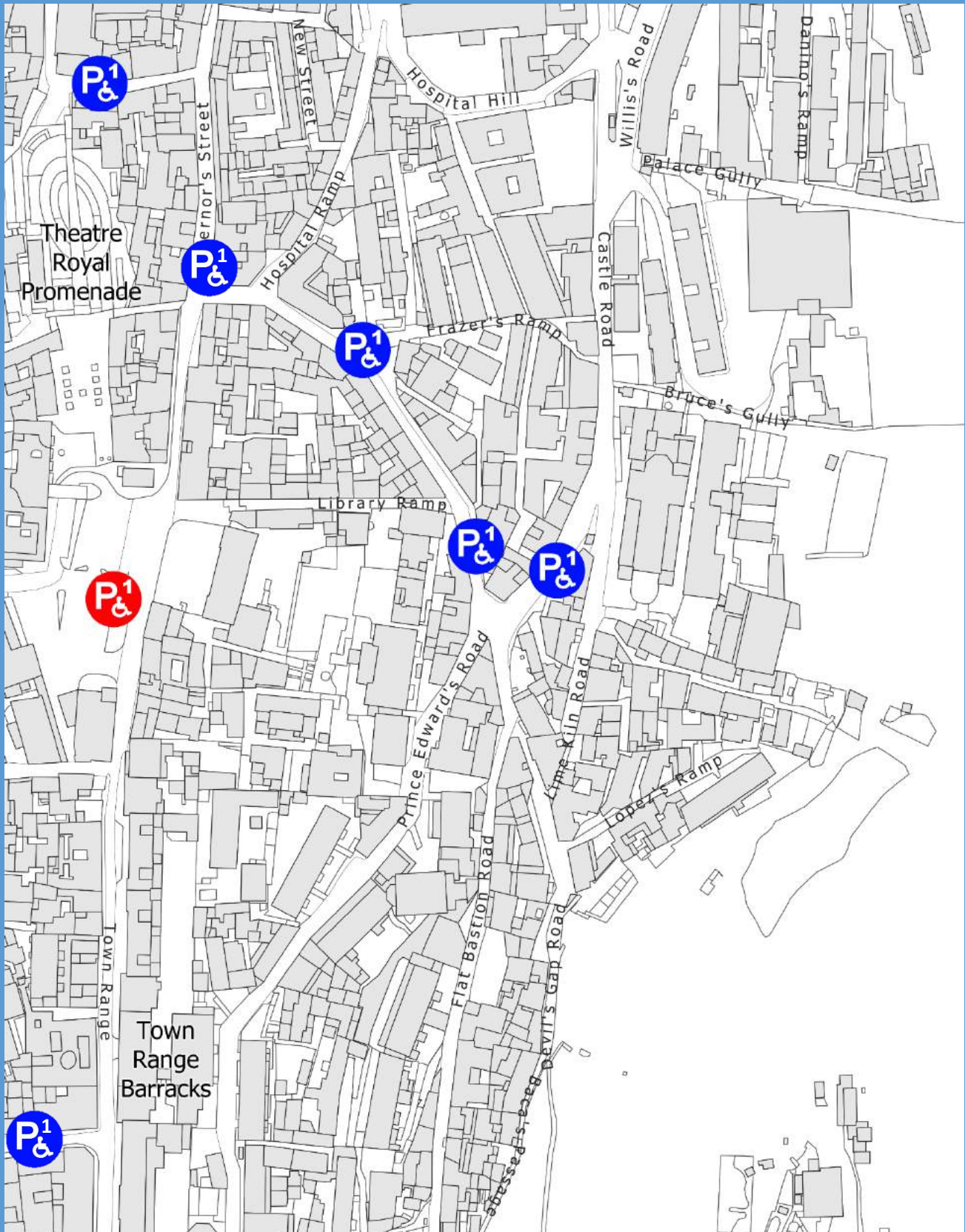
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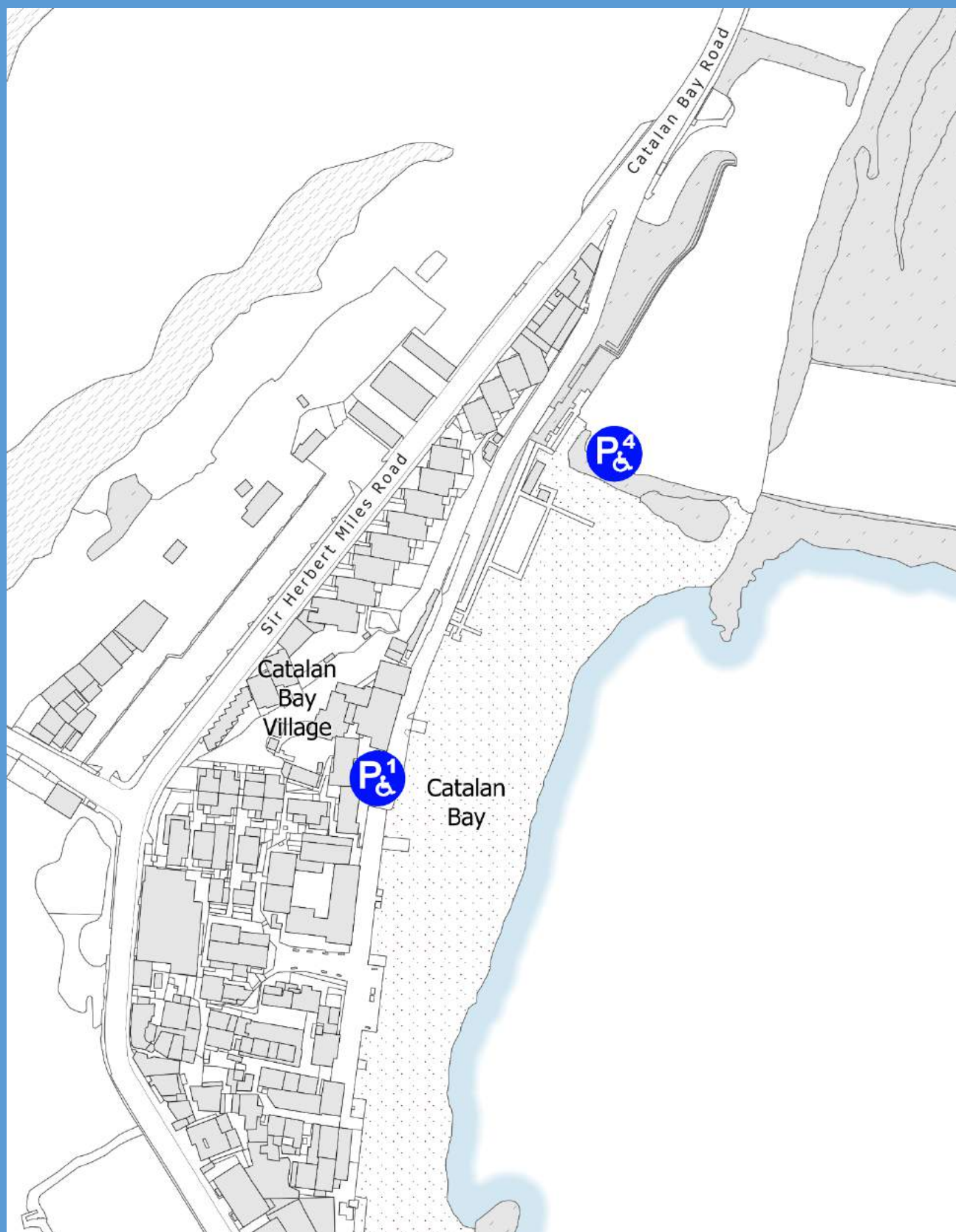


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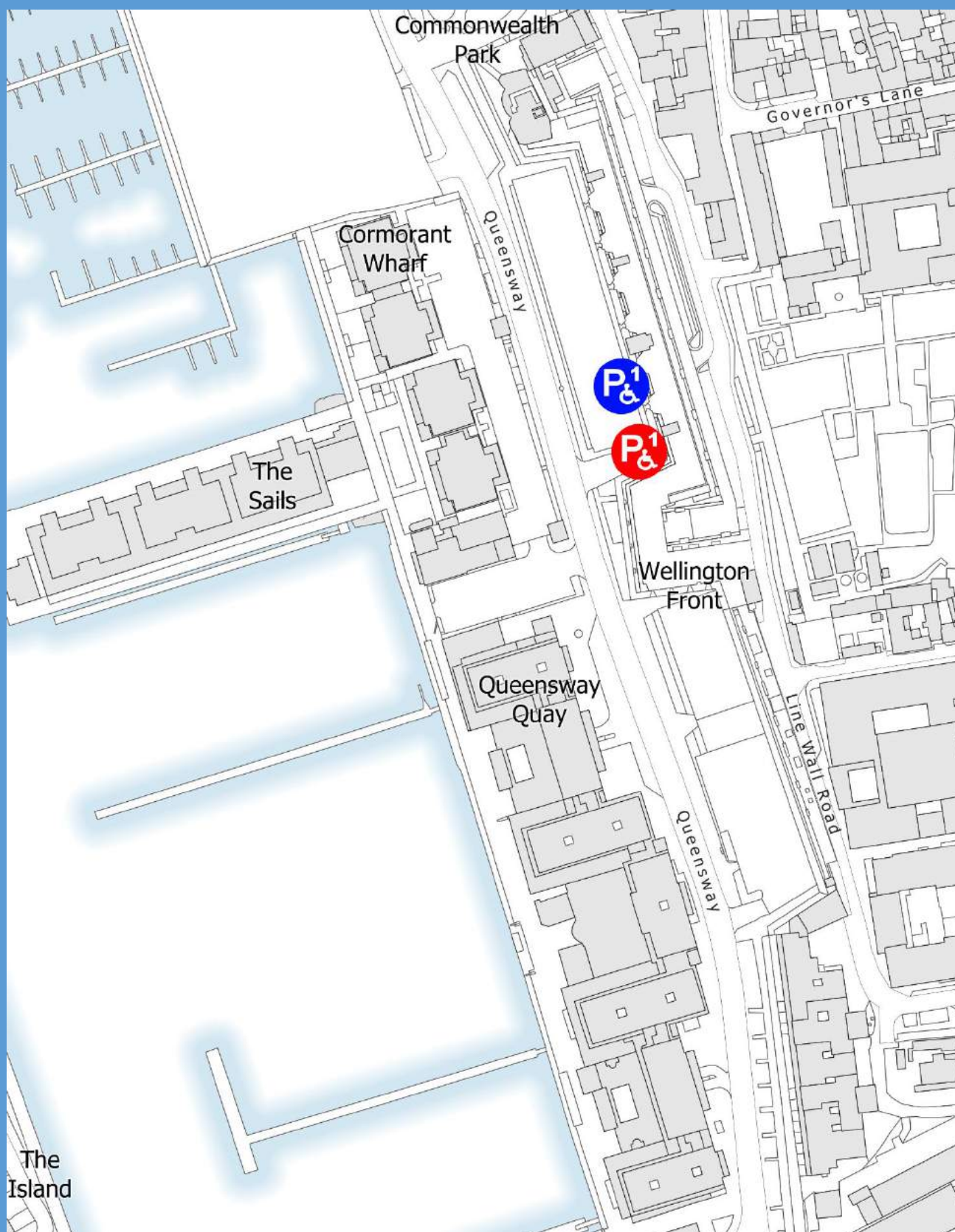
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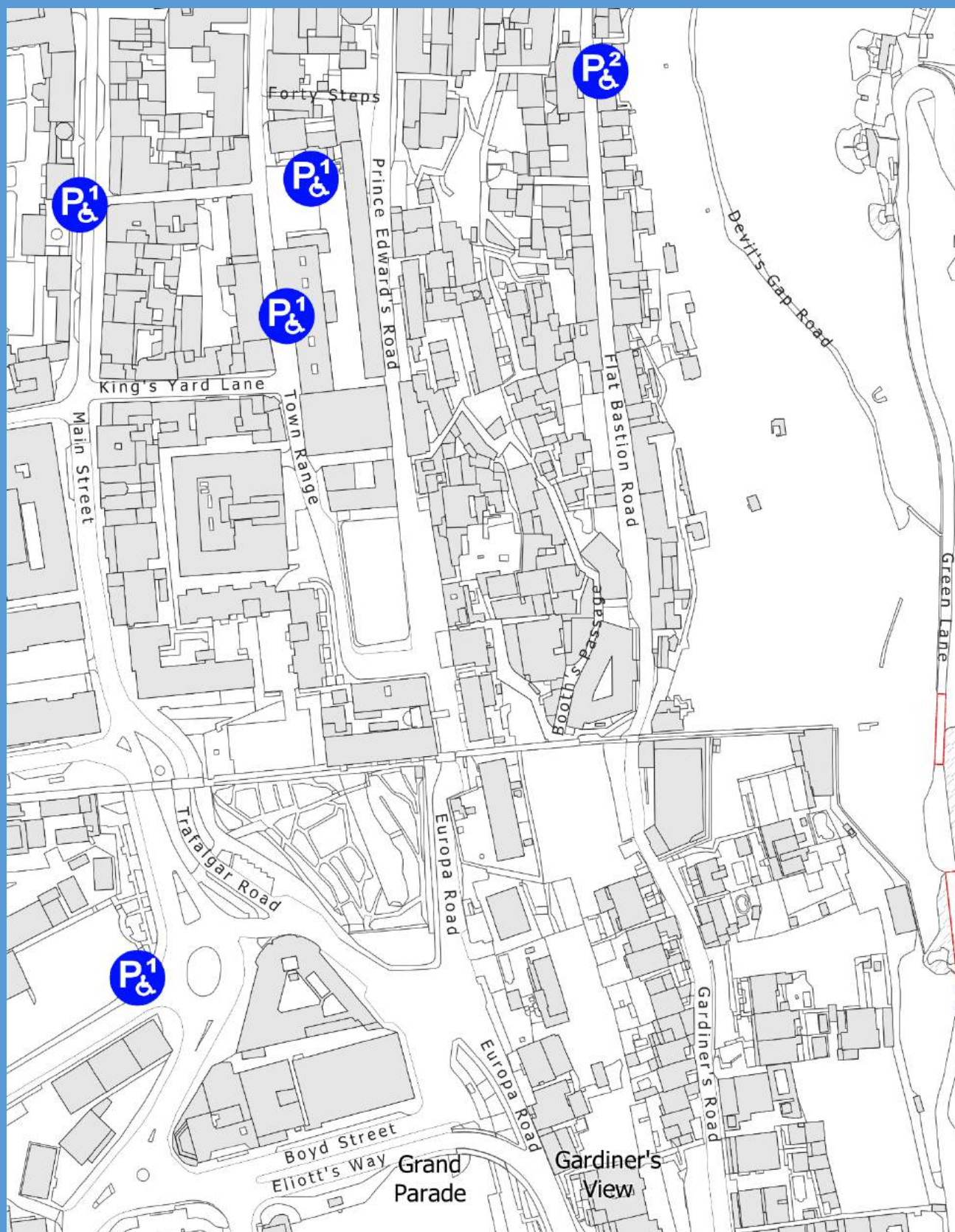


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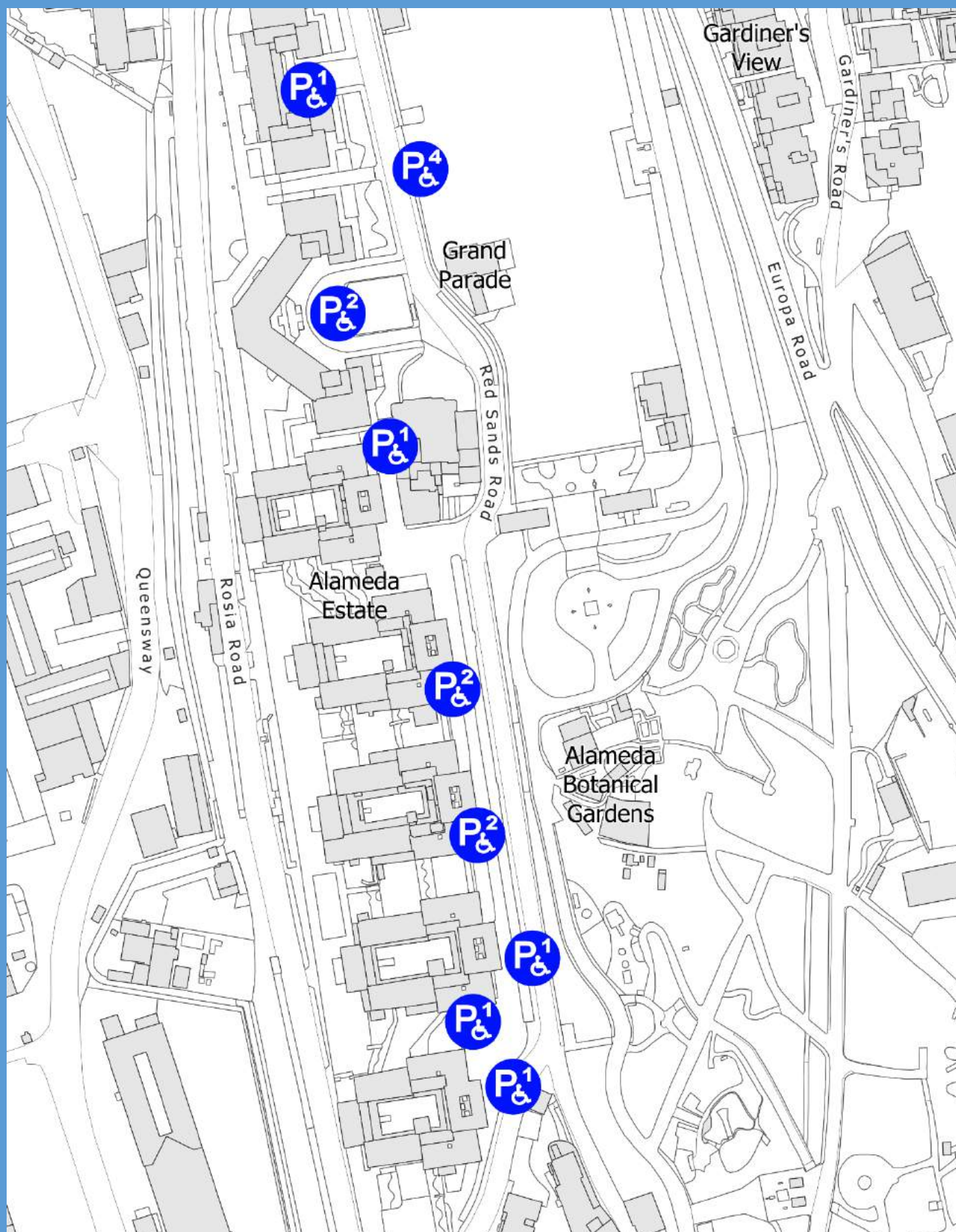


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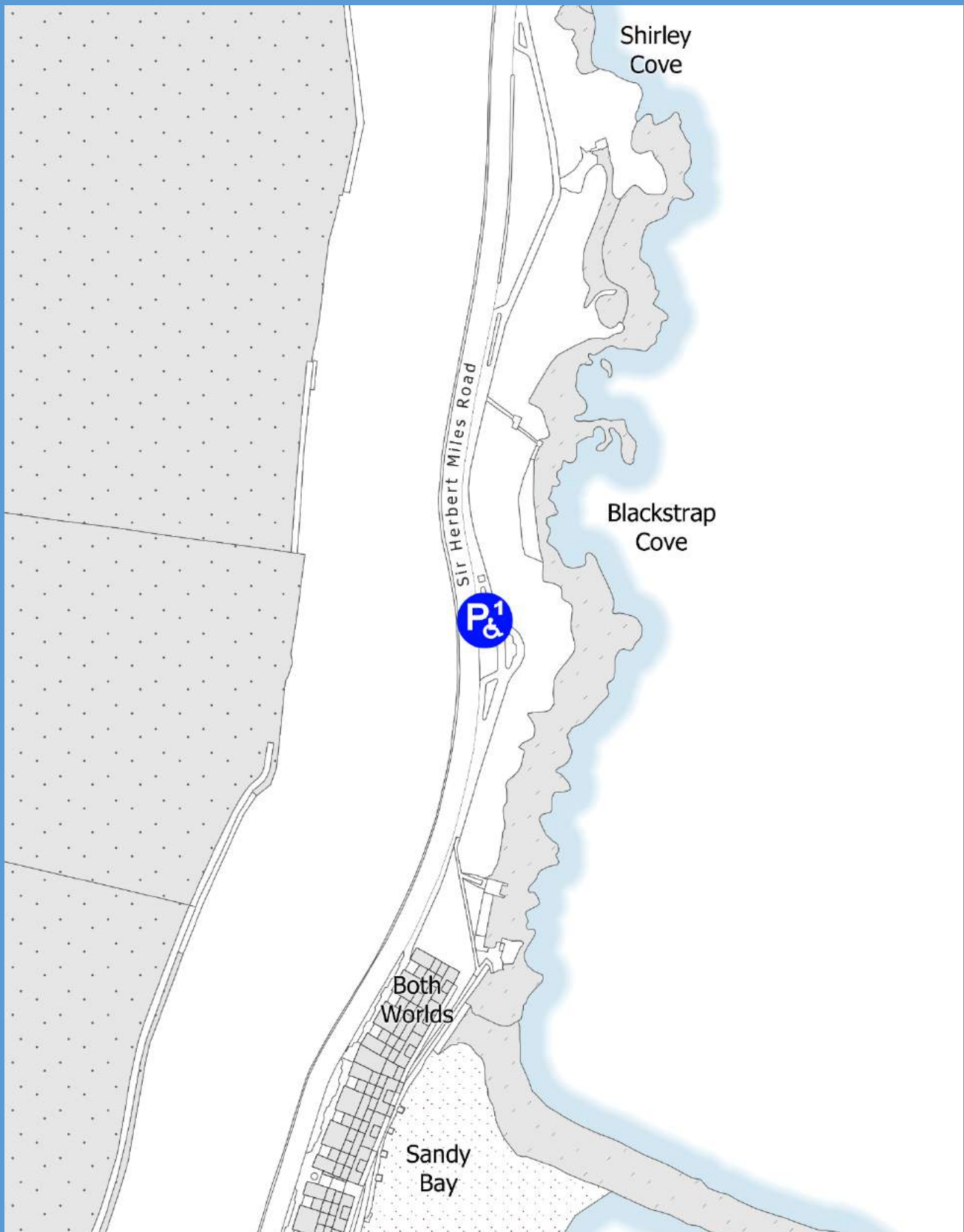


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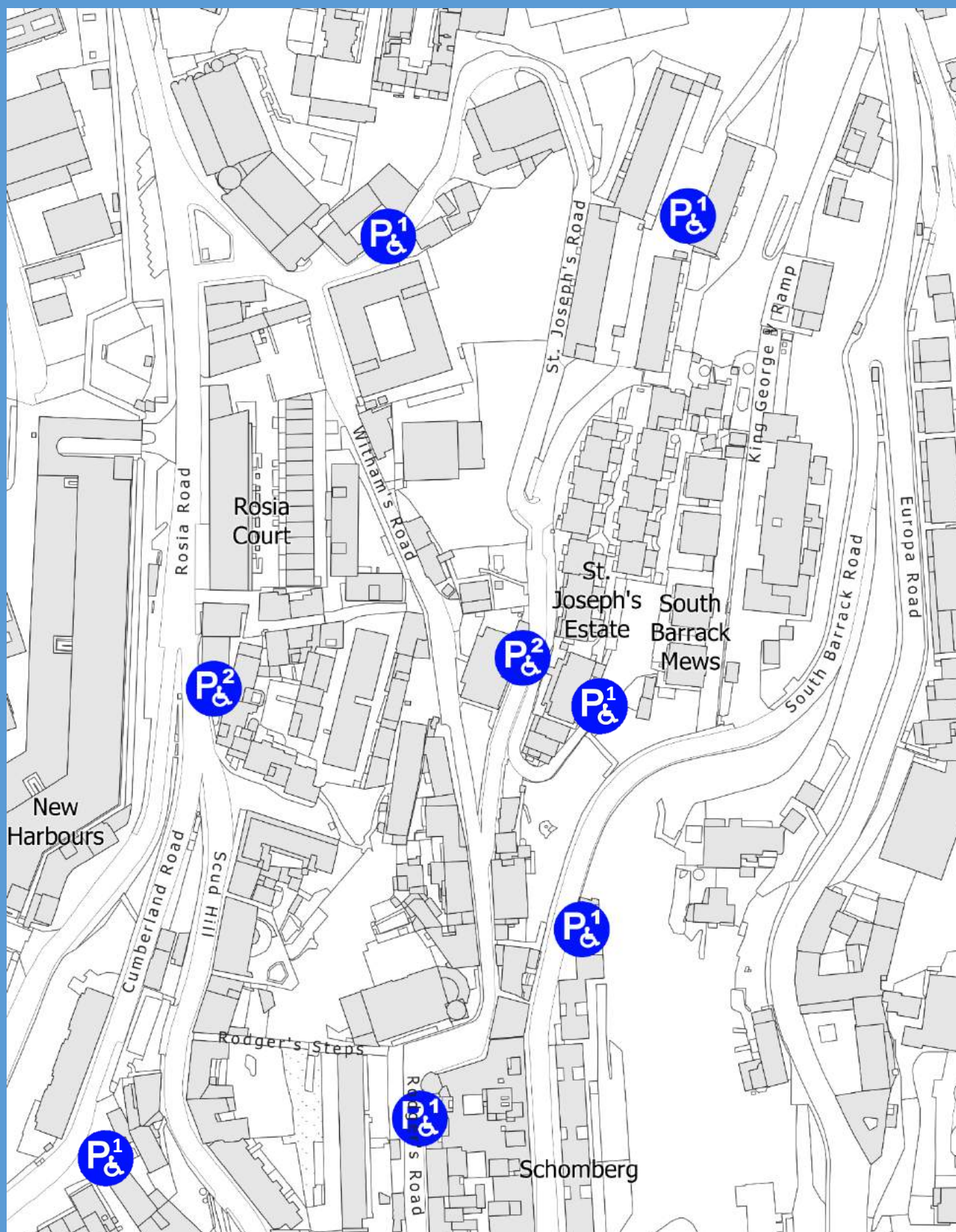


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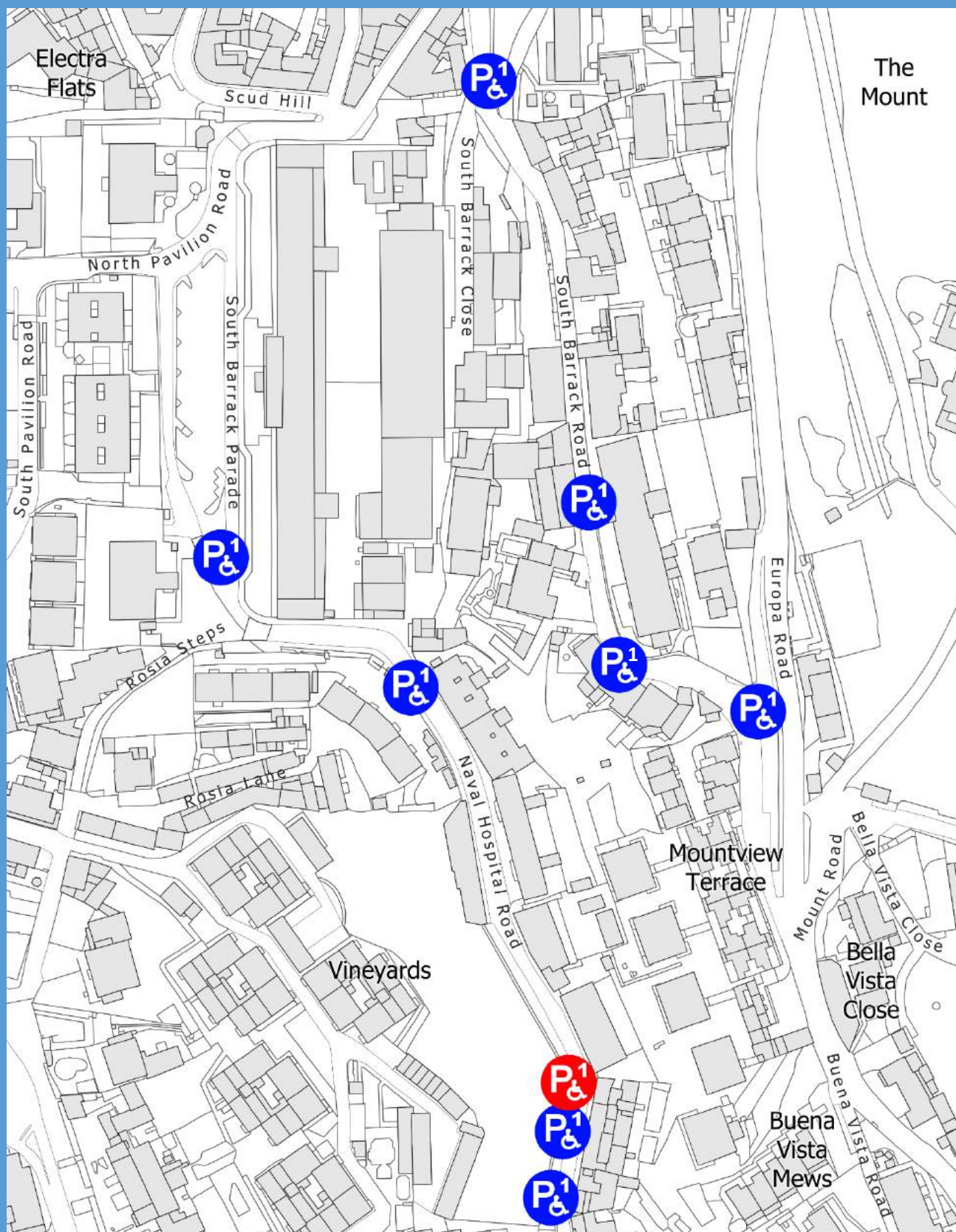


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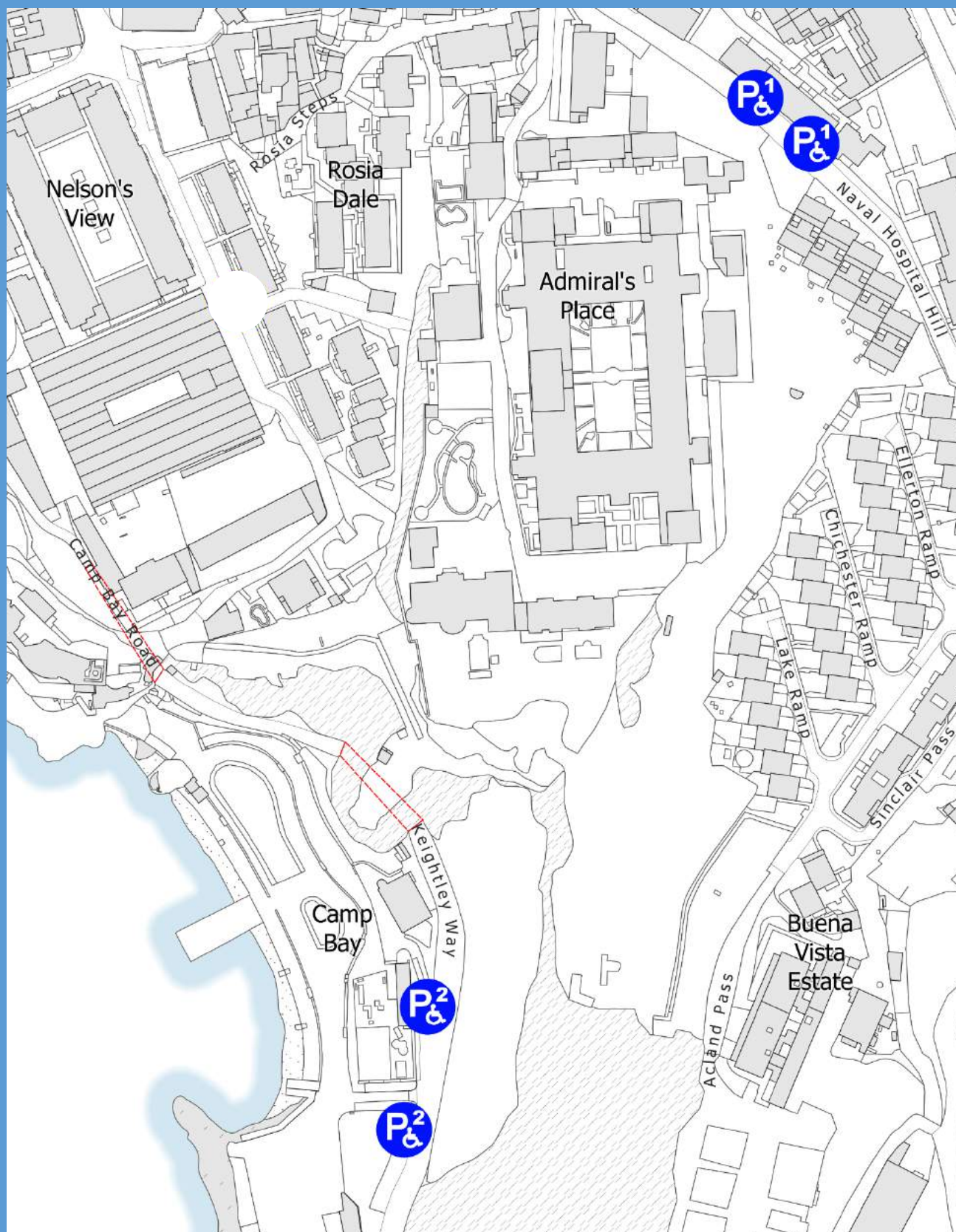


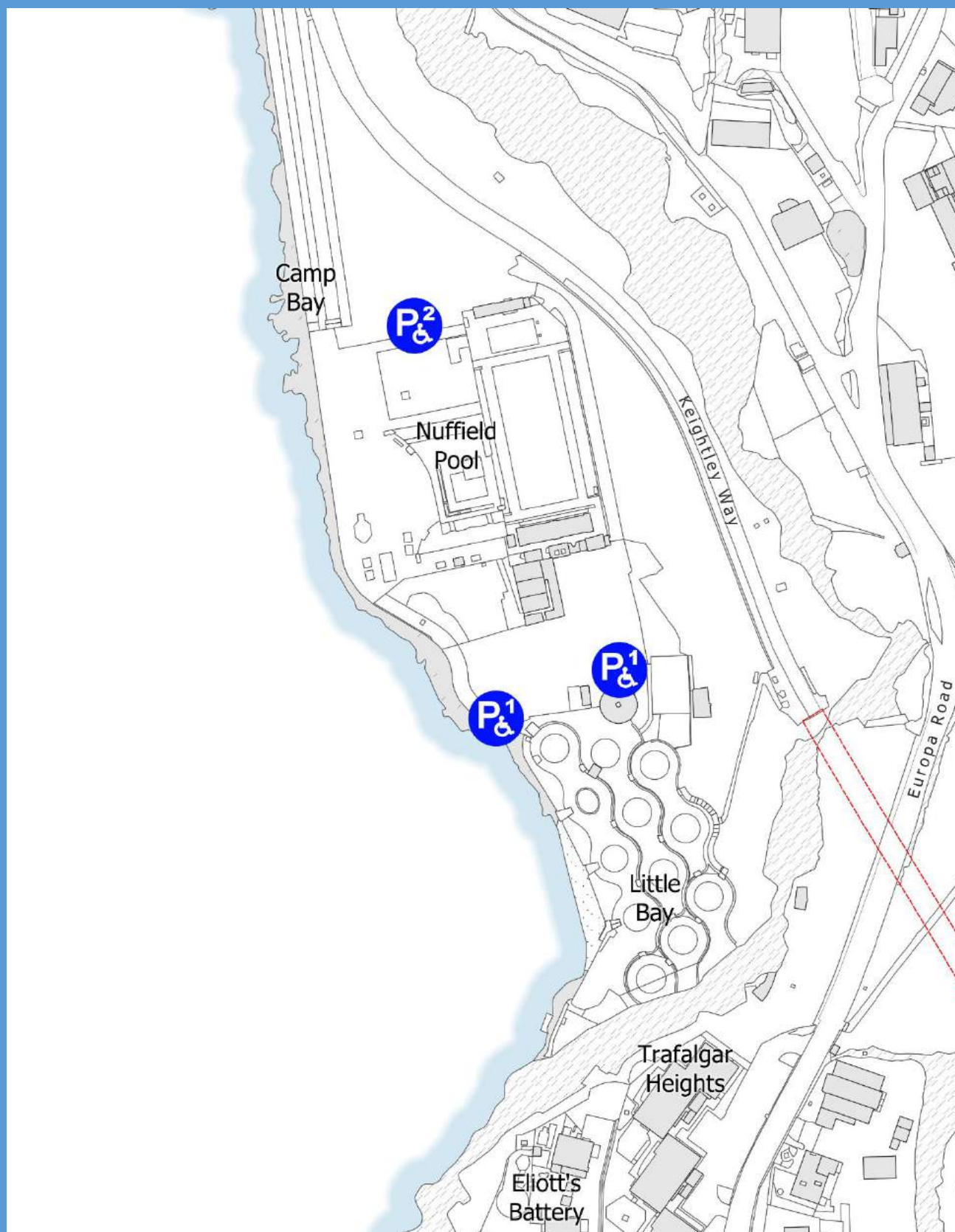
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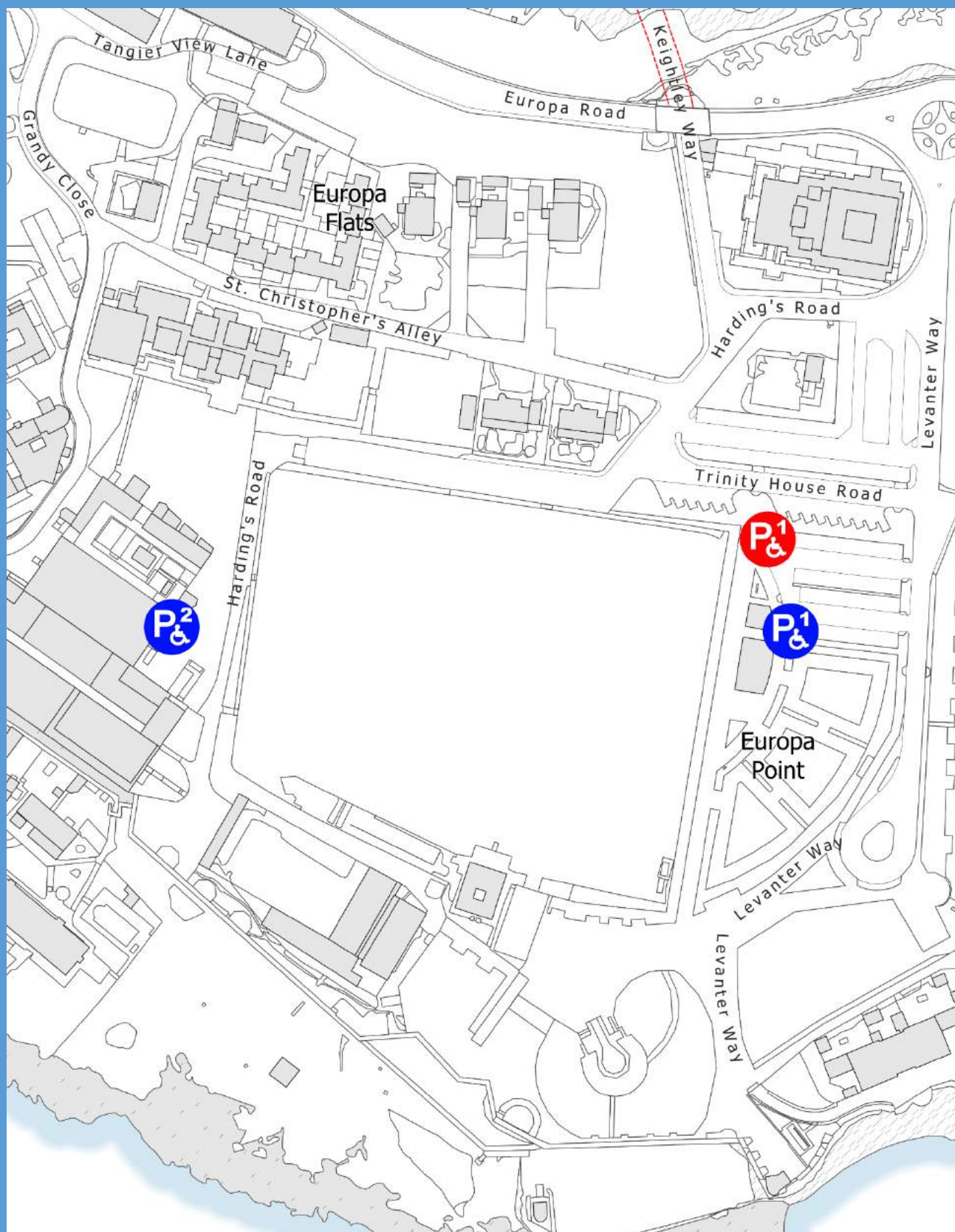
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