

Site Analysis

Architecture

What to record on a site, sorted into what you can measure and what you must judge.

Record first, interpret second. Keep the two apart in the drawing.

Measurable

Boundaries, levels and existing structures

Orientation and the sun path across the year

Prevailing wind, shelter and exposure

Access points, traffic and public transport

Trees, drainage, services and ground conditions

Planning constraints and any heritage designation

Judgement

Where people already walk and where they stop

What the site is quiet or noisy from

Views worth keeping and views worth blocking

The grain and scale of what is next door

What the place is used for at different hours

What the neighbourhood would miss if it changed

Educational reference. Planning constraints, rights of light and ground conditions need professional survey and advice.