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Restricted Areas around Malta due to danger of falling rocks (re-issue)

The Ports and Yachting Directorate within Transport Malta advises all mariners, vessel owners, operators, and swimmers of the potential danger posed by falling rocks in various coastal areas around the Maltese Islands.

Due to the geological characteristics of the Maltese Islands and the effects of natural erosion caused by sea waves, strong winds, and rainfall, rocks and boulders may become dislodged from sea caves, sea arches, sea stacks, and cliff faces without warning.

Please note that the list of restricted areas is not exhaustive and may be amended from time to time. In addition, rockfalls can occur at any coastal location around the Maltese Islands in the vicinity of cliff faces or where overhanging rock formations exist. Mariners and swimmers are advised to be diligent and maintain a safe distance from cliff faces at all times.

The coastal areas indicated on the accompanying charts have been designated as restricted areas for both vessels and swimmers and should be strictly avoided.

Mariners are further advised that ropes supported by black and white buoys may be installed along the designated restricted boundaries.

All mariners are therefore requested to:

- Exercise extreme caution when navigating close to cliffs and cave entrances.
- Maintain a safe distance from cliff faces at all times.
- Observe all restrictions and navigational warnings in the affected areas.

The following areas (shown on the attached charts) are restricted to both vessels and swimmers and should be avoided:

Il-Ghar Ghana - Kemmuna - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 1).

A	36° 01'.106	014° 19'.469
B	36° 01'.100	014° 19'.495

Santa Maria Caves – Comino, formed by joining the points A, B, C, D and the intermediate coastline (as shown on the attached chart 2).

A	36° 01'.114	014° 20'.432
B	36° 01'.125	014° 20'.510
C	36° 01'.022	014° 20'.531
D	36° 01'.007	014° 20'.426

Between Il-Ponta ta' Aħrax and Daħlet ix-Xilep – Mellieha - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 3).

A	35° 59'.601	014° 22'.323
B	35° 59'.346	014° 22'.602
C	35° 59'.330	014° 22'.577

Rdum il-Ħmar (Aħrax tal- Mellieħa) – Mellieħa Bay **-** formed by joining the points A, B, C, D, E and the intermediate coastline (as shown on the attached chart 4).

A	35° 58'.908	014° 21'.846
B	35° 58'.886	014° 21'.869
C	35° 59'.252	014° 22'.675
D	35° 59'.346	014° 22'.602
E	35° 59'.330	014° 22'.577

L-Imgiebah – Il-Bajja tal-Mellieha - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 5).

A	35° 58'.132	014° 22'.841
B	35° 58'.089	014° 22'.889

Rdum il Bies - Il-Bajja ta' San Pawl - An area of 50m radius centred on the following approximate position (as shown on attached chart 6).

A	35° 57'.708	014° 23'.766

Il-Veccja – Il-Bajja ta' San Pawl - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 7).

A	35° 56'.833	014° 23'.492
B	35° 56'.858	014° 23'.495

Qala tal-Ghazzelin – Il-Bajja ta' San Pawl - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 8).

A	35° 56'.967	014° 24'.121
B	35° 56'.964	014° 24'.129

Għar id-Dud (Sliema) - The area formed by joining the points A, B, C, D, and the intermediate coastline (as shown on the attached chart 9).

A	35° 54'.772	014° 30'.425
B	35° 54'.772	014° 30'.475
C	35° 54'.730	014° 30'.475
D	35° 54'.703	014° 30'.427

Old Fish-Market Building to Il- Ponta ta' l- Imgerbeb – Il- Belt Valletta - The area formed by joining the points A, B, C, D and the intermediate coastline (as shown on the attached chart 10).

A	35° 53'.848	014° 31'.111
B	35° 53'.818	014° 31'.130
C	35° 53'.808	014° 31'.105
D	35° 53'.827	014° 31'.099

Fort Ricasoli – Rinella - Three separate areas are designated, namely: (i) the area enclosed by a line joining points A and B, together with the intervening coastline; (ii) the area enclosed by a line joining points C, D, and E, together with the intervening coastline; and (iii) the area enclosed by a line joining points F and G, together with the intervening coastline, as shown on the attached Chart 11.

A	35° 53'.861	014° 31'.688	(i)
B	35° 53'.887	014° 31'.617	
C	35° 53'.894	014° 31'.408	(ii)
D	35° 53'.883	014° 31'.393	
E	35° 53'.771	014° 31'.528	

F	35° 53’.697	014° 31’.610	(iii)
G	35° 53’.666	014° 31’.621	

Under Ex-Bighi Hospital in Id-Daħla ta’ Rinella - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 12).

A	35° 53’.645	014° 31’.504
B	35° 53’.652	014° 31’.517
C	35° 53’.600	014° 31’.556

Dawret ix-Xatt – Xghajra - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 13).

A	35° 53’.129	014° 33’.148
B	35° 53’.121	014° 33’.152
C	35° 53’.113	014° 33’.158

Golf l-Abjad – Haz-Zabbar - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 14).

A	35° 52’.891	014° 33’.450
B	35° 52’.888	014° 33’.503

Il-Ponta taz-Zonqor – Il-Bajja ta’ Marsascala - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 15).

A	35° 52’.001	014° 34’.291
B	35° 52’.004	014° 34’.334
C	35° 52’.017	014° 34’.368

Il-Bajja ta’ San Tumas - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C to D and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 16).

A	35° 51’.320	014° 34’.041
B	35° 51’.340	014° 34’.113
C	35° 51’.420	014° 34’.142
D	35° 51’.426	014° 34’.231

Il-Ponta tal-Munxar – San Tumas Inner - The area formed by joining the points A, B, C, D, and the intermediate coastline (as shown on the attached chart 17).

A	35° 50’.992	014° 33’.922

B	35° 50'.999	014° 33'.916
C	35° 51'.013	014° 33'.943
D	35° 51'.005	014° 33'.950

Munxar Window – **Marsascala** - formed by a line joining points A and B together with the intermediate coastline, and a line joining points C and D together with the intermediate coastline (as shown on the attached Chart 18).

A	35° 50'.996	014° 34'.179
B	35° 50'.998	014° 34'.184
C	35° 50'.999	014° 34'.204
D	35° 50'.996	014° 34'.205

Il-Munxar, Marsascala - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 19).

A	35° 50'.970	014° 34'.300
B	35° 50'.677	014° 34'.067

Il-Ħofriet – Delimara - Four separate areas are hereby designated, namely the area (i) enclosed by lines joining points A, B, C and D together with the intervening coastline; the area (ii) enclosed by lines joining points E, F, G, H, I and J together with the intervening coastline; the area (iii) enclosed within a radius of 50 metres centred on point K together with the intervening coastline; and the area (iv) enclosed by lines joining points L, M, N and O together with the intervening coastline (as shown on the attached Chart 20).

A	35° 50'.527	014° 33'.798	(i)
B	35° 50'.509	014° 33'.819	
C	35° 50'.481	014° 33'.781	
D	35° 50'.506	014° 33'.753	
E	35° 50'.298	014° 33'.843	(ii)
F	35° 50'.323	014° 33'.824	
G	35° 50'.344	014° 33'.761	
H	35° 50'.248	014° 33'.831	
I	35° 50'.267	014° 33'.766	
J	35° 50'.313	014° 33'.722	
K	35° 50'.124	014° 33'.617	(iii)
L	35° 50'.043	014° 33'.818	(iv)

M	35° 50’.043	014° 33’.854
N	35° 49’.991	014° 33’.854
O	35° 49’.991	014° 33’.806

Il-Ponta ta' Dellimara - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 21).

	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
A	35° 49’.430	014° 33’.381
B	35° 49’.165	014° 33’.539

Għar Ħasan – **Birżebbuġa -** formed by joining the points A, B, C, D and the intermediate coastline (as shown on the attached chart 22).

A	35° 48’.418	014° 31’.147
B	35° 48’.368	014° 31’.148
C	35° 48’.368	014° 31’.214
D	35° 48’.419	014° 31’.214

Blue Grotto limits of Wied iz-Zurrieq - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 23).

A	35° 49’.272	014° 27’.415
B	35° 49’.307	014° 27’.455

Ghar Lapsi - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C to D and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 24).

A	35° 49’.639	014° 25’.464
B	35° 49’.640	014° 25’.497
C	35° 49’.615	014° 25’.523
D	35° 49’.614	014° 25’.528

Fomm ir-Riħ - The area formed by joining the points A, B, C, D, E and the intermediate coastline (as shown on the attached chart 25).

A	35° 54’.395	014° 20’.454
B	35° 54’.412	014° 20’.413
C	35° 54’.444	014° 20’.400
D	35° 54’.478	014° 20’.404
E	35° 54’.488	014° 20’.415

Ta` Marija Caves - Mgarr - An area of 50m radius centred on the following approximate position (as shown on attached chart 26).

A	35° 55'.089	014° 19'.979

Il-Bajja tal-Gnejna – Qarraba – Two separate areas are hereby designated, namely the area (i) enclosed by lines joining points A to B and the intermediate coastline and area (ii) enclosed by lines joining points C, D and E and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 27).

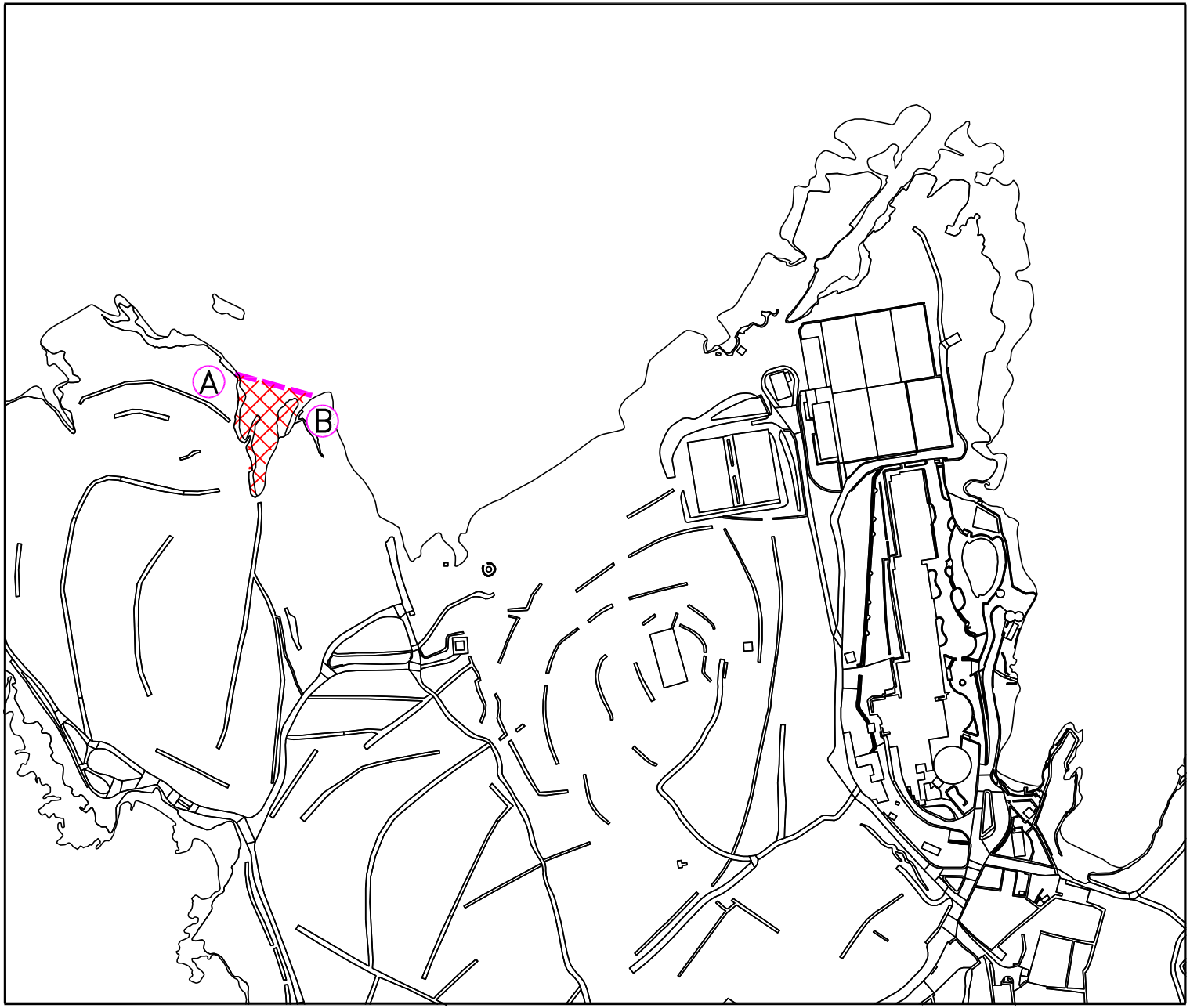
A	35° 55'.310	014° 20'.644	(i)
B	35° 55'.325	014° 20'.643	
C	35° 55'.582	014° 20'.609	(ii)
D	35° 55'.601	014° 20'.570	
E	35° 55'.586	014° 20'.509	

Ir-Ramla ta' Għajn Tuffieħa - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C to D and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 28).

A	35° 55'.845	014° 20'.576
B	35° 55'.832	014° 20'.558
C	35° 55'.807	014° 20'.586
D	35° 55'.802	014° 20'.617
E	35° 55'.819	014° 20'.621

This Local Notice to Mariners is to replace Local Notice to Mariners No 173 of 2026, which is hereby **CANCELLED**.

Charts affected: BA 36, 177, 194, 211A, 211B, 1537, 2538



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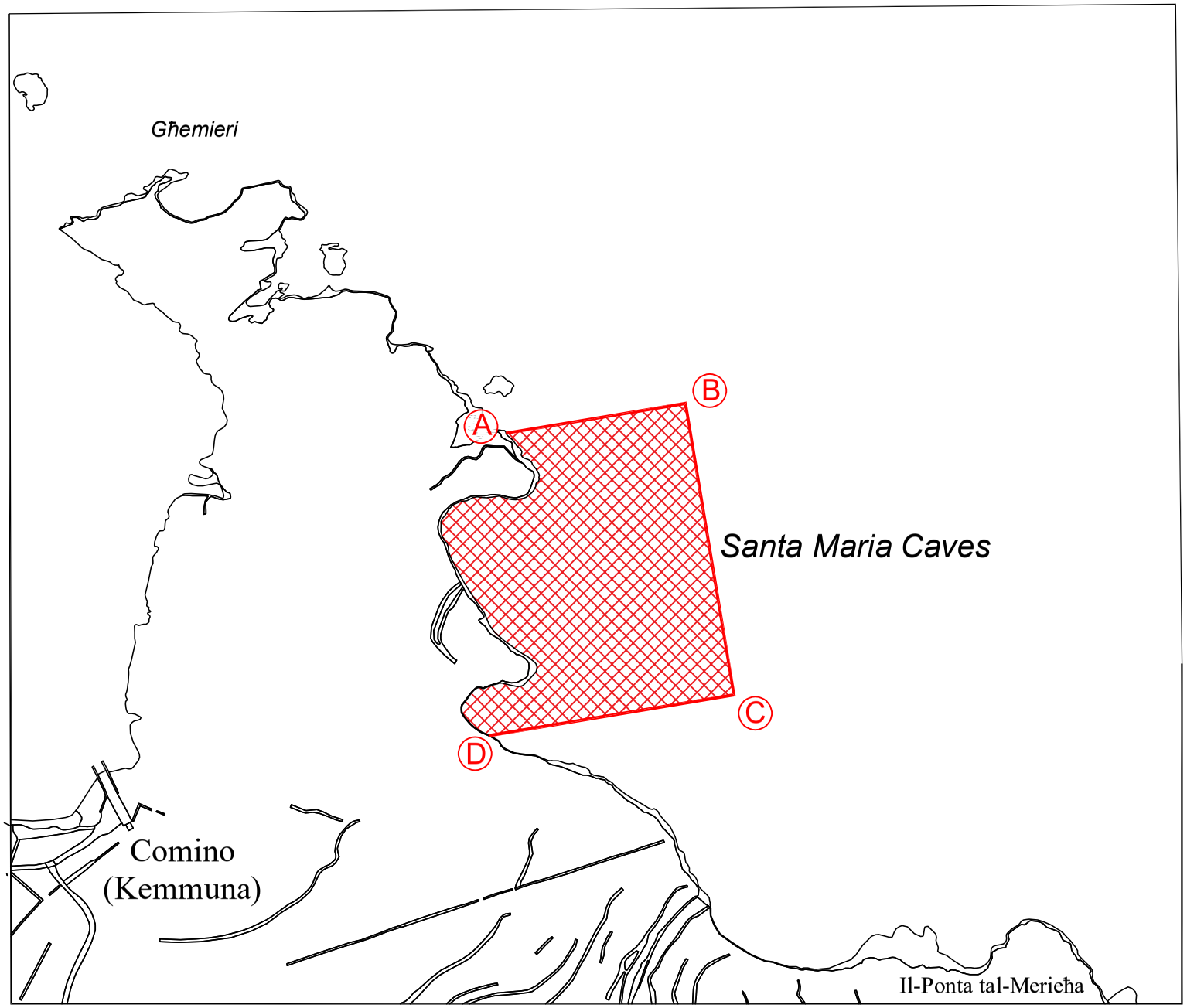

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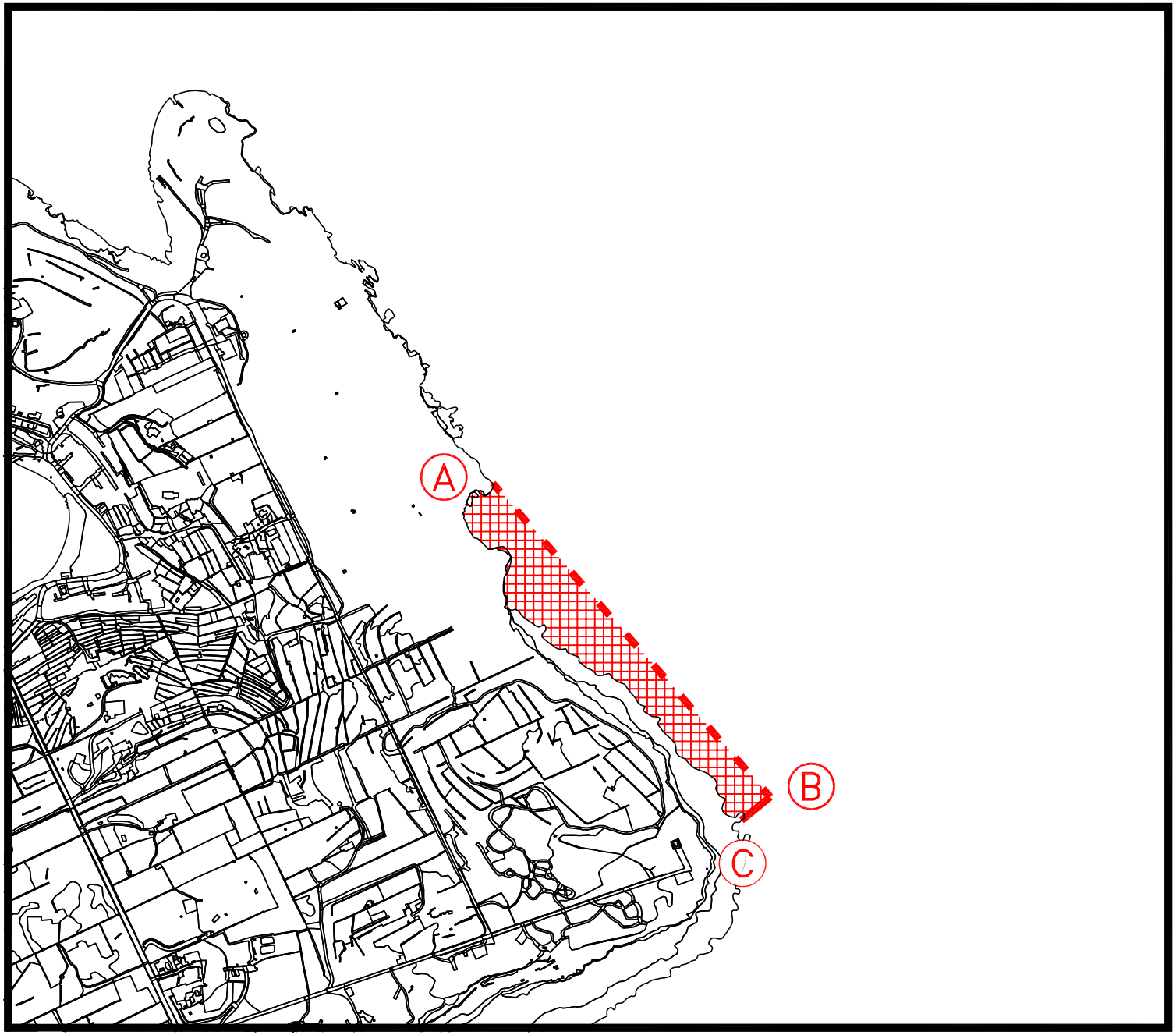

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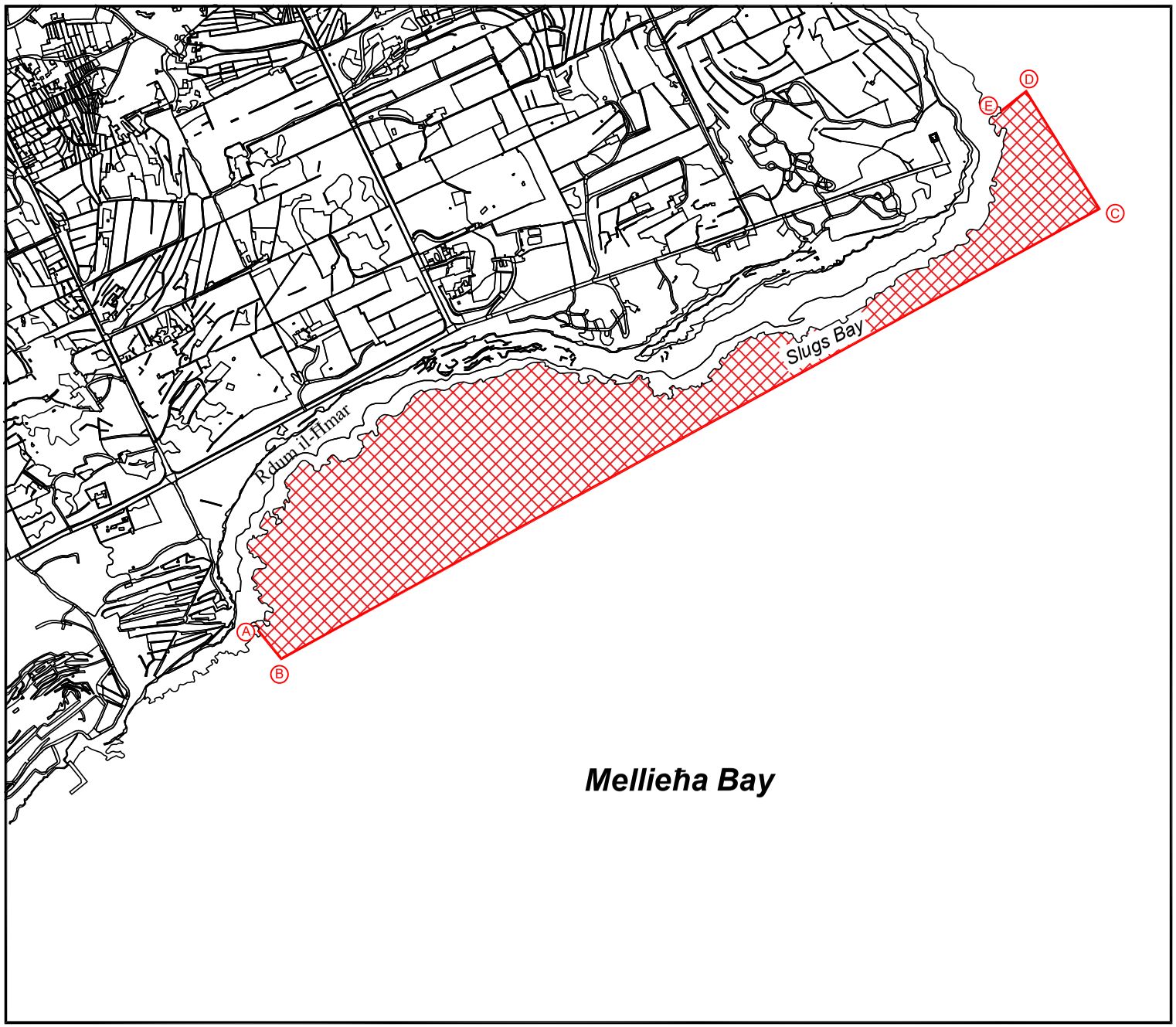

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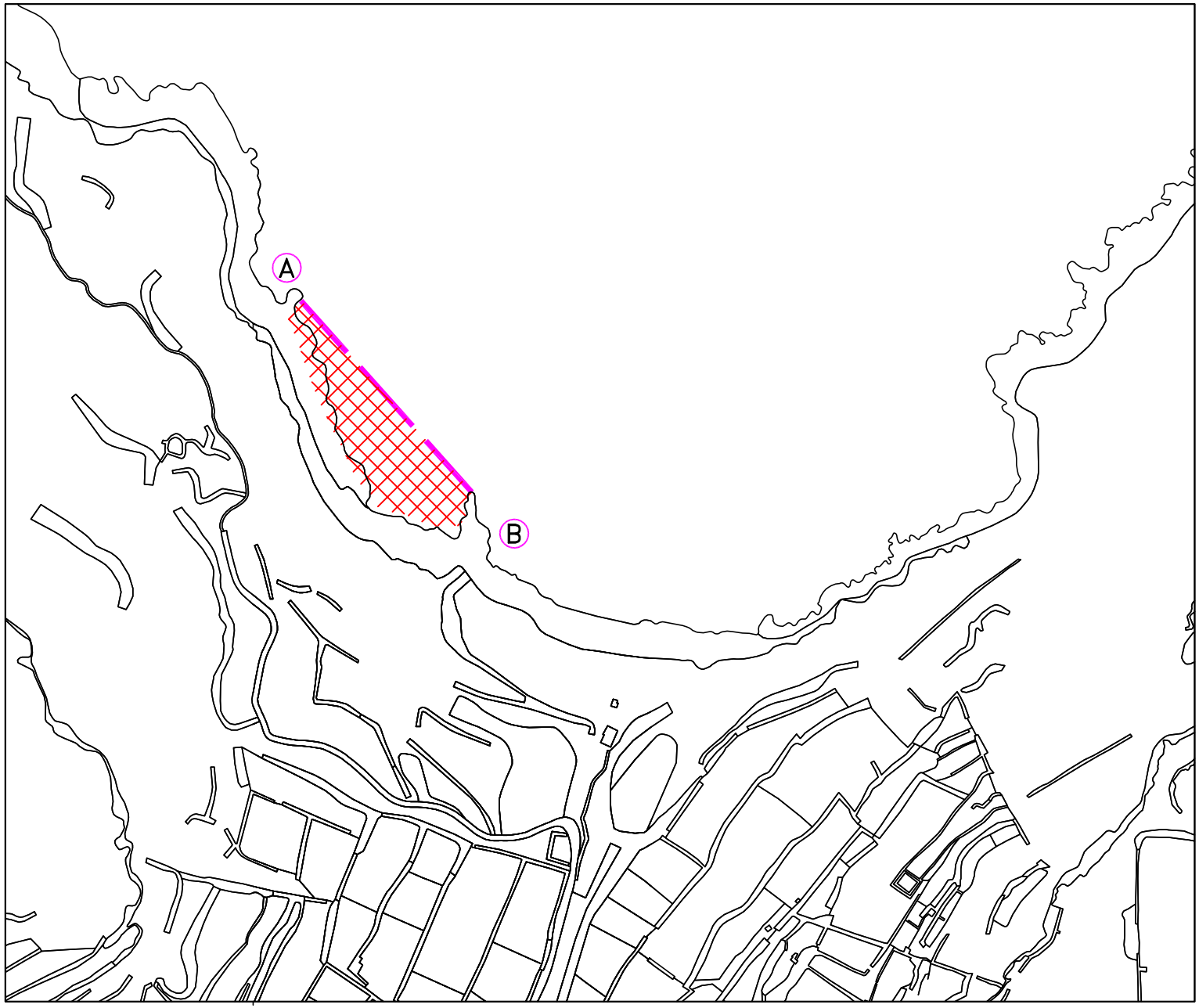

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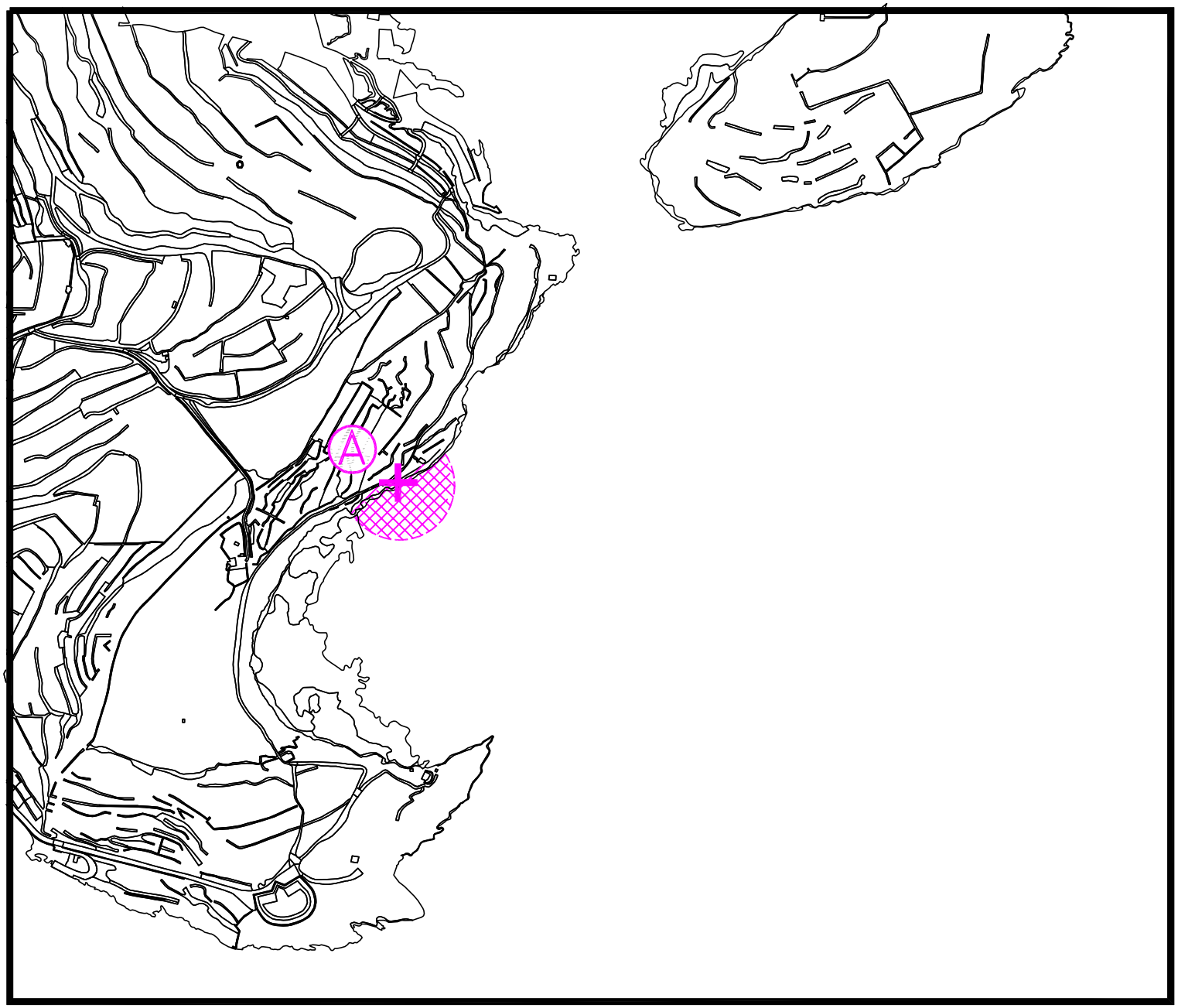

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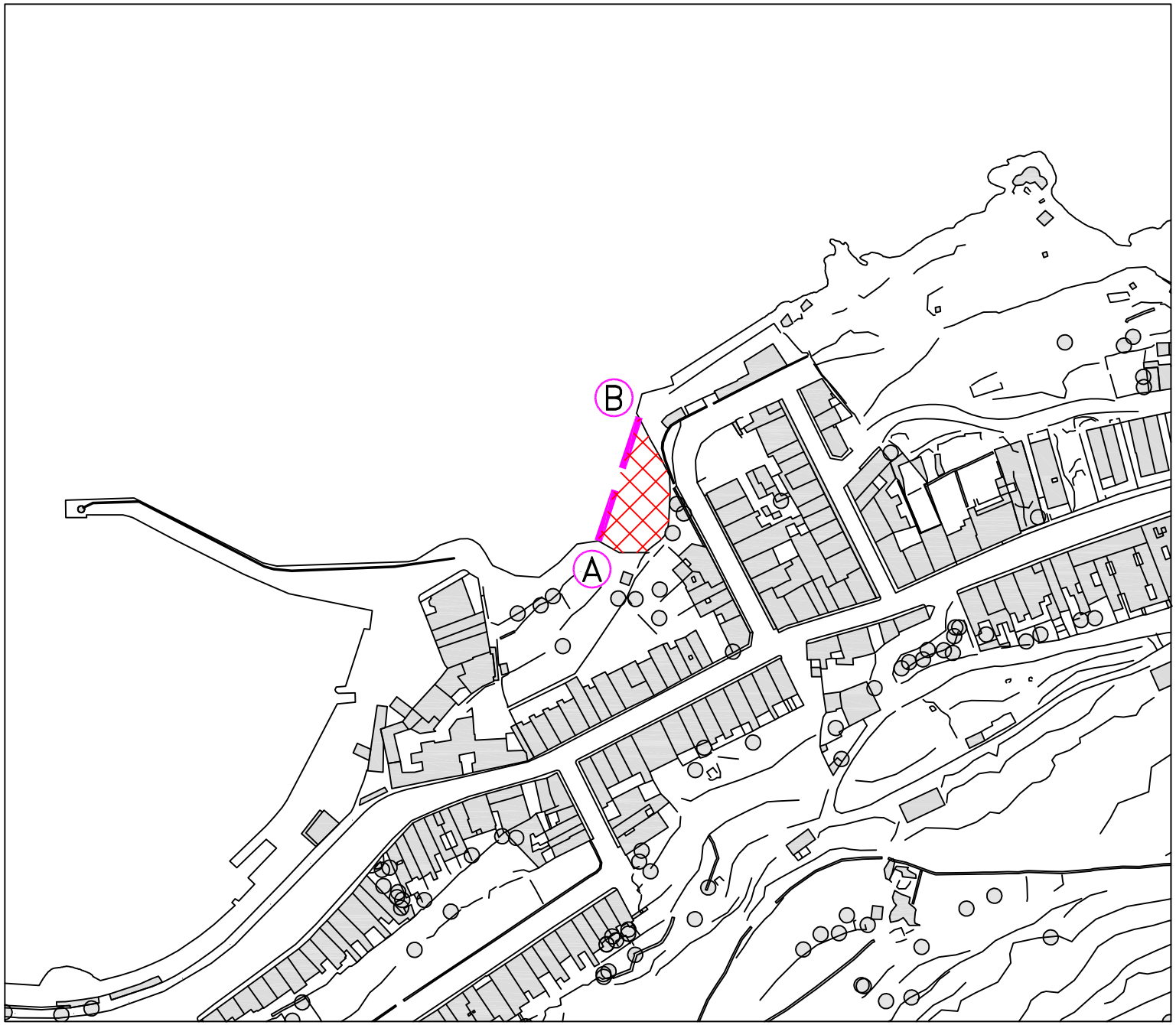

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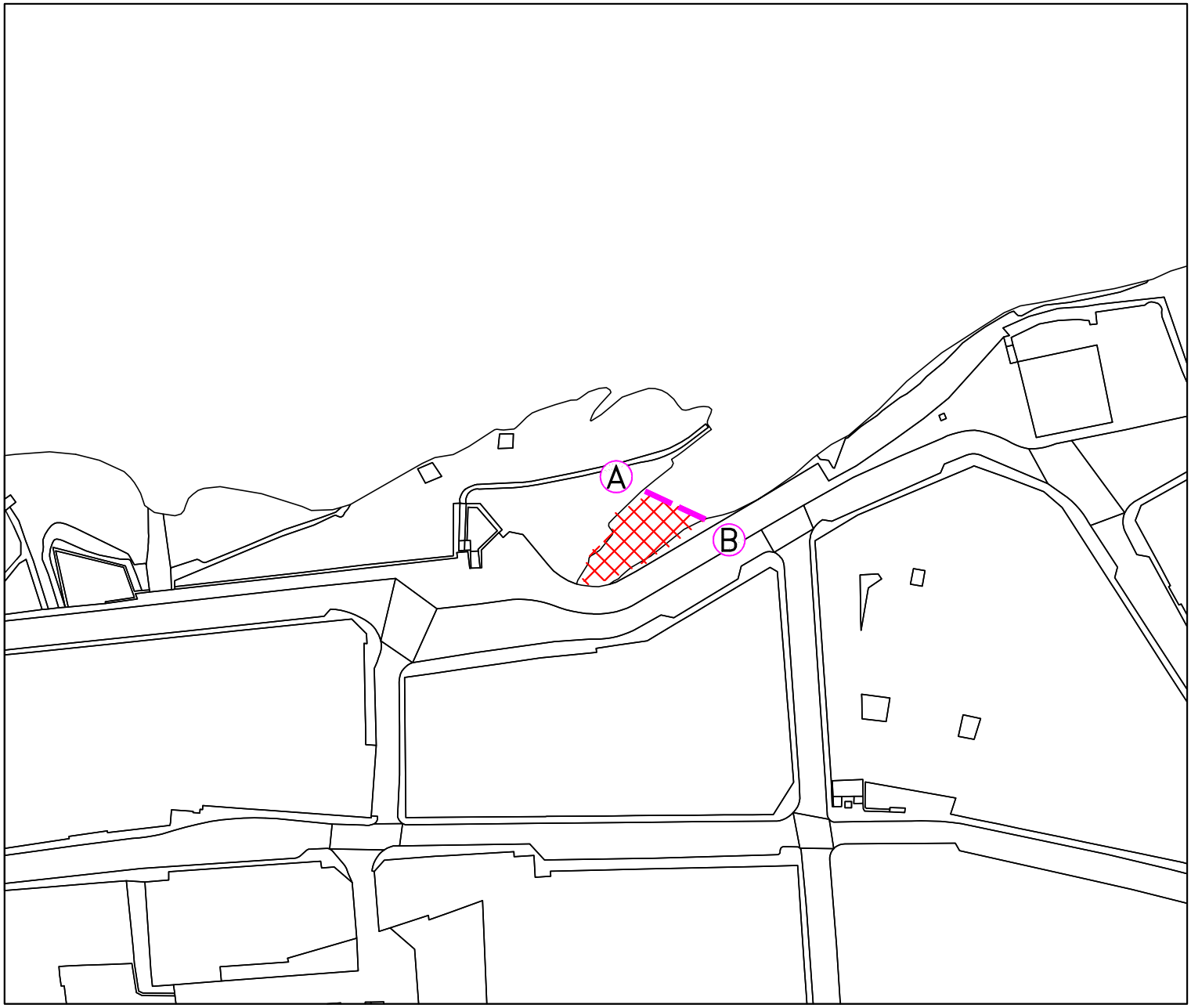

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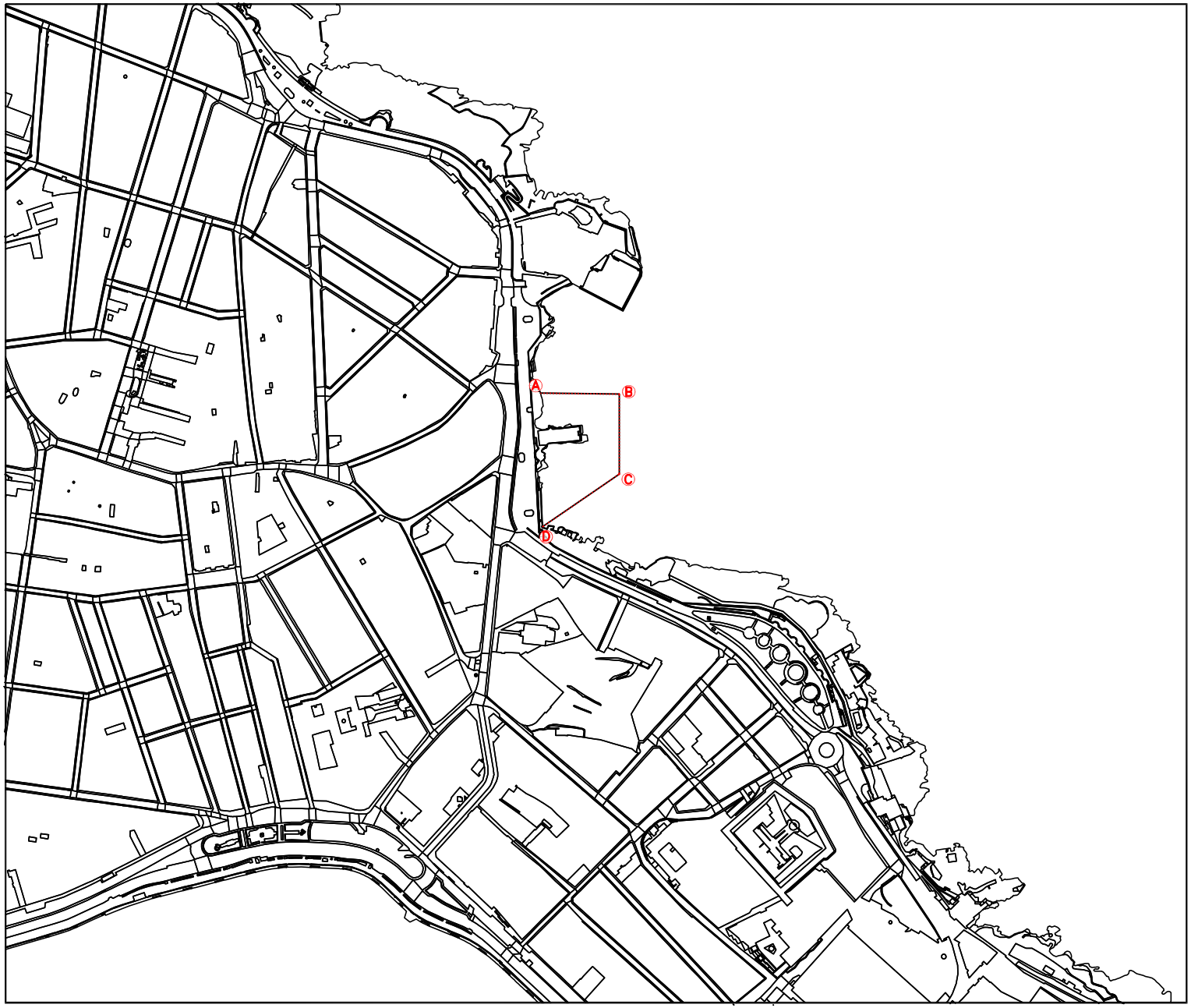

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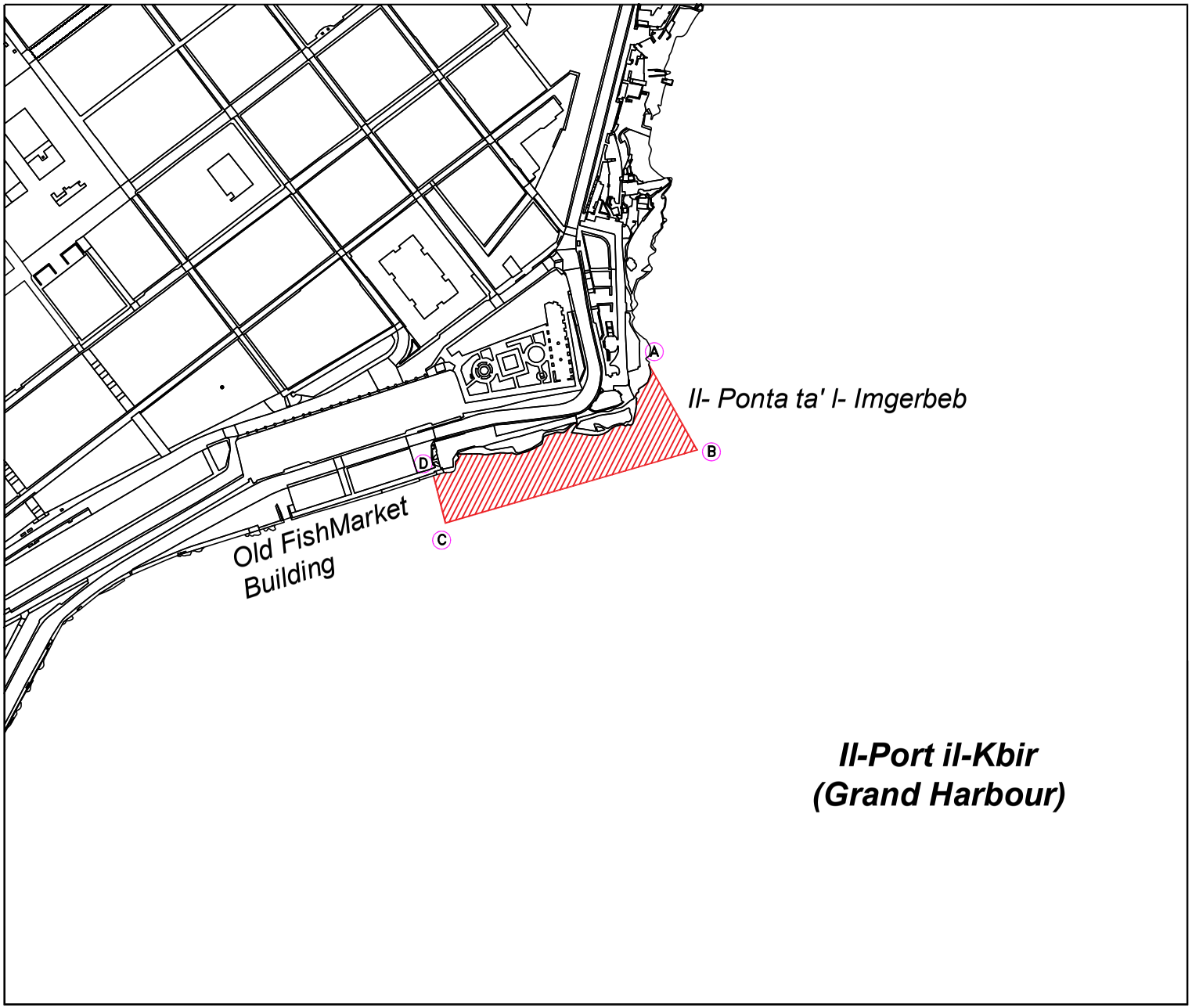

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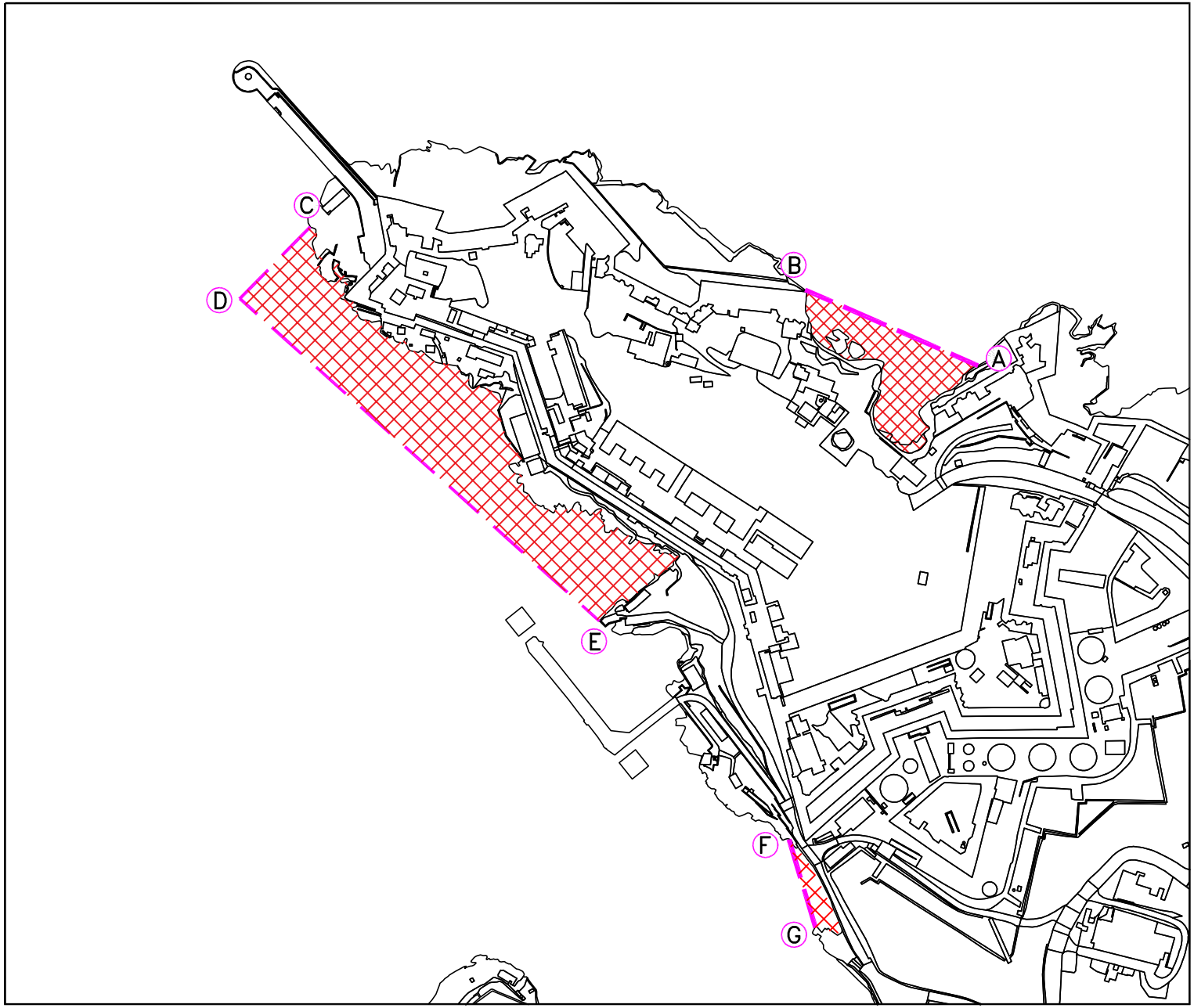

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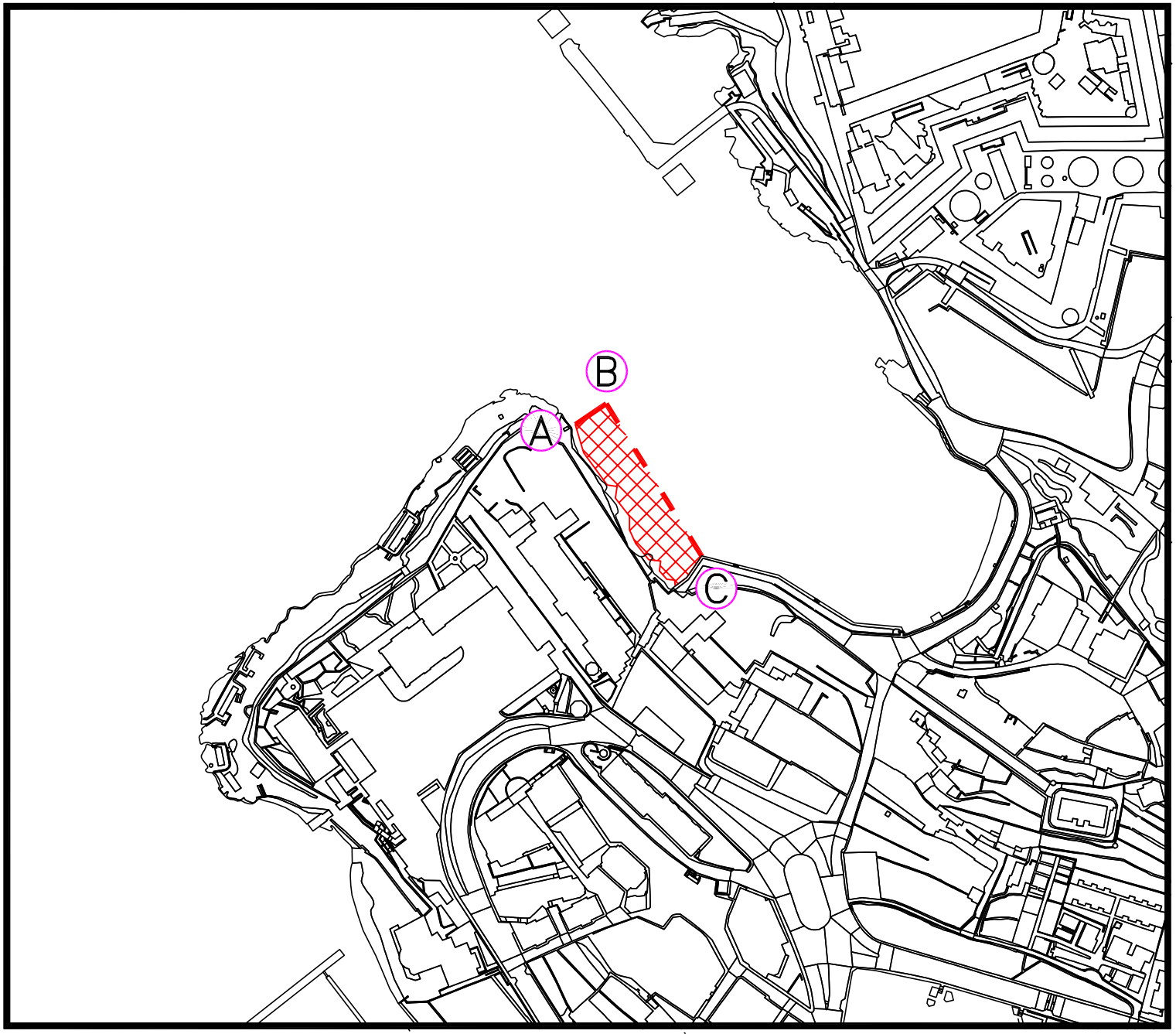

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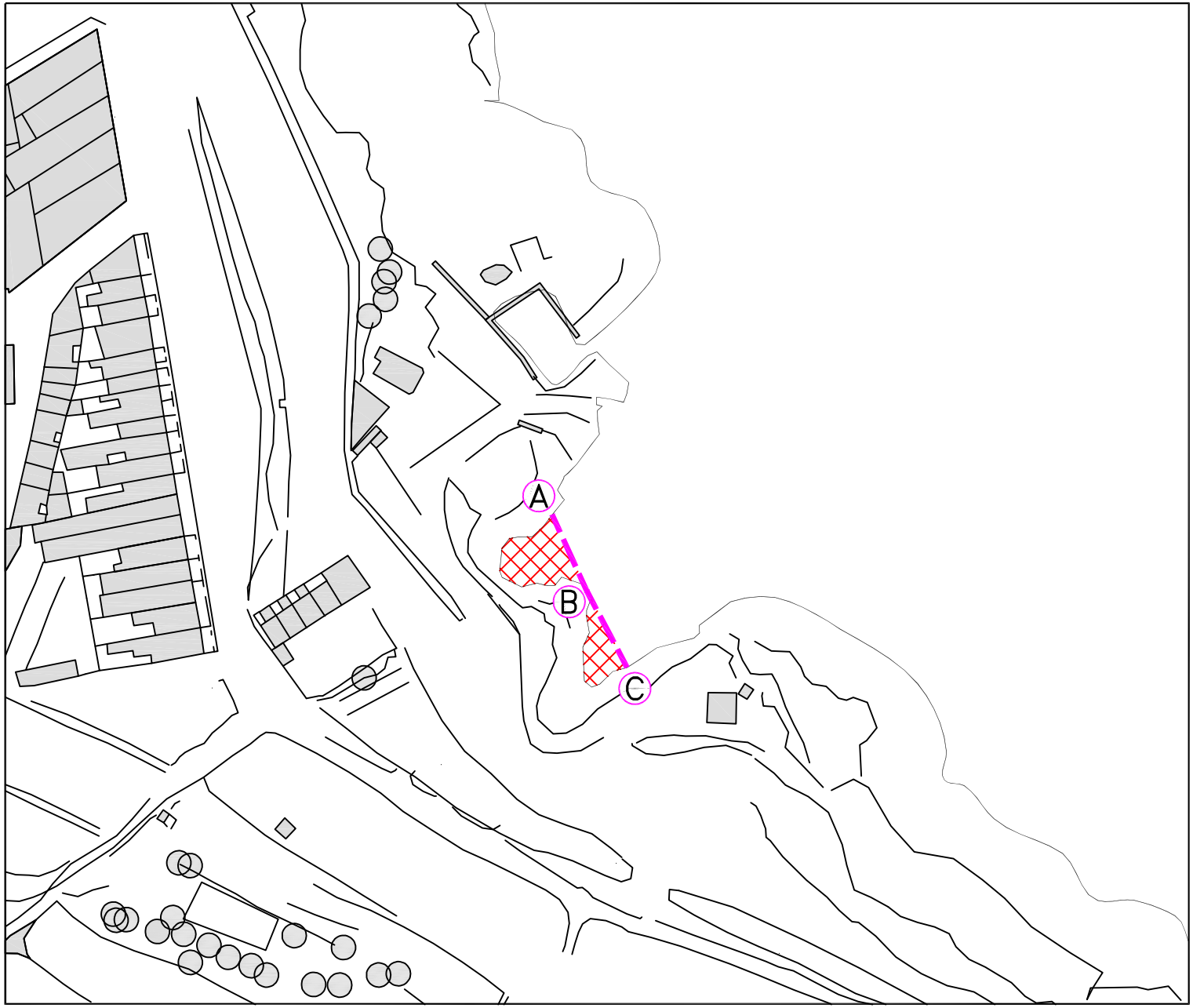

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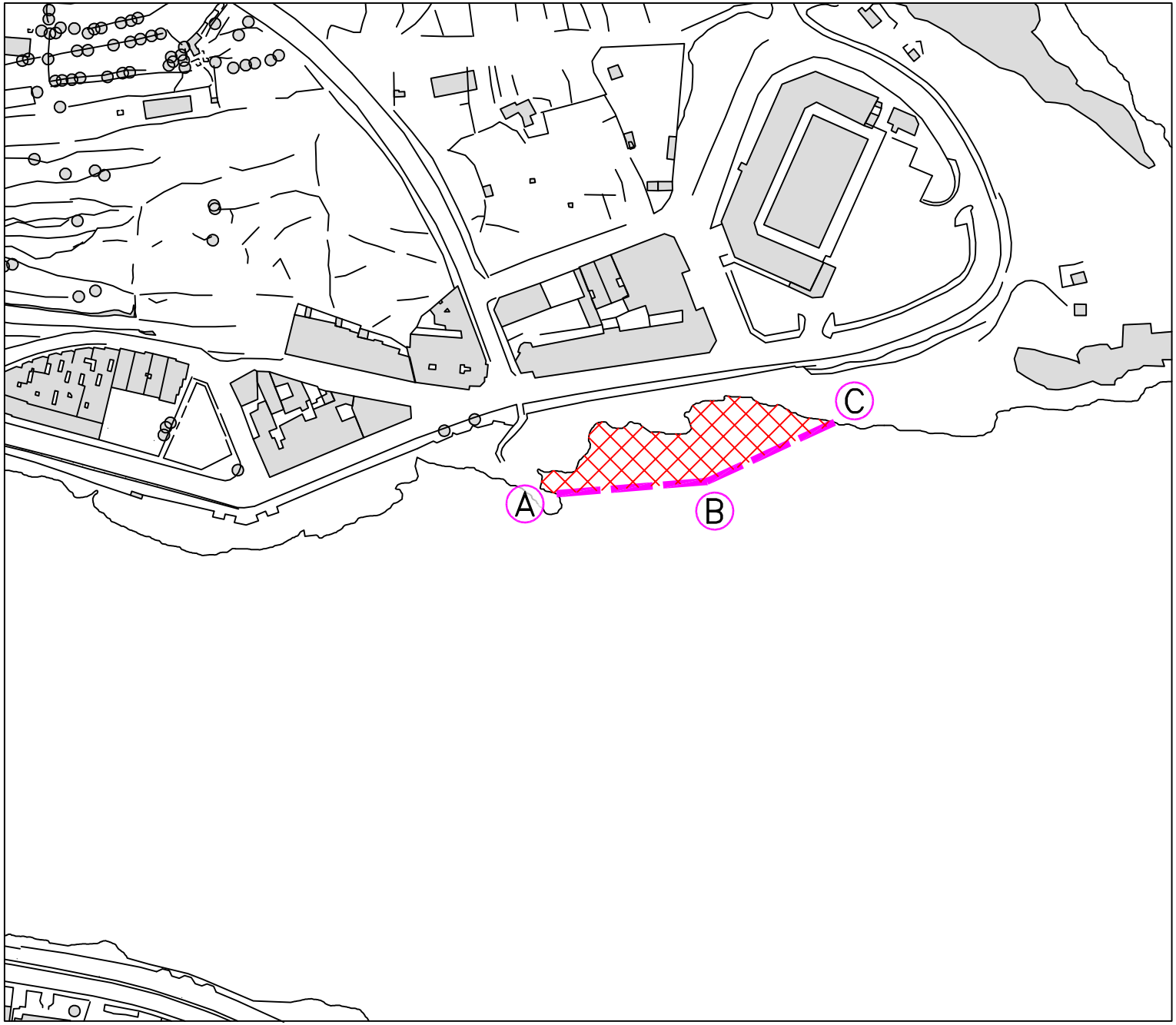

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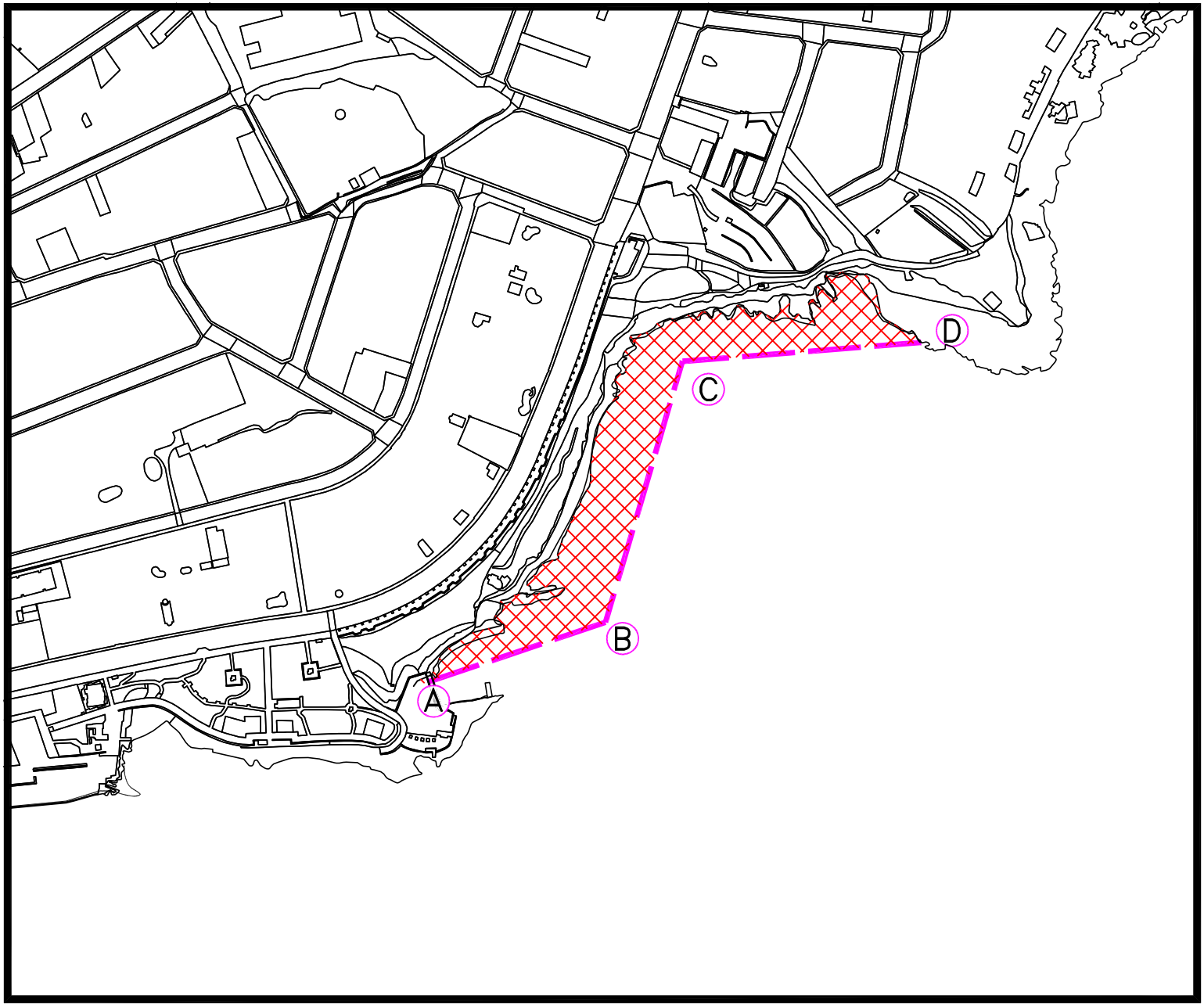

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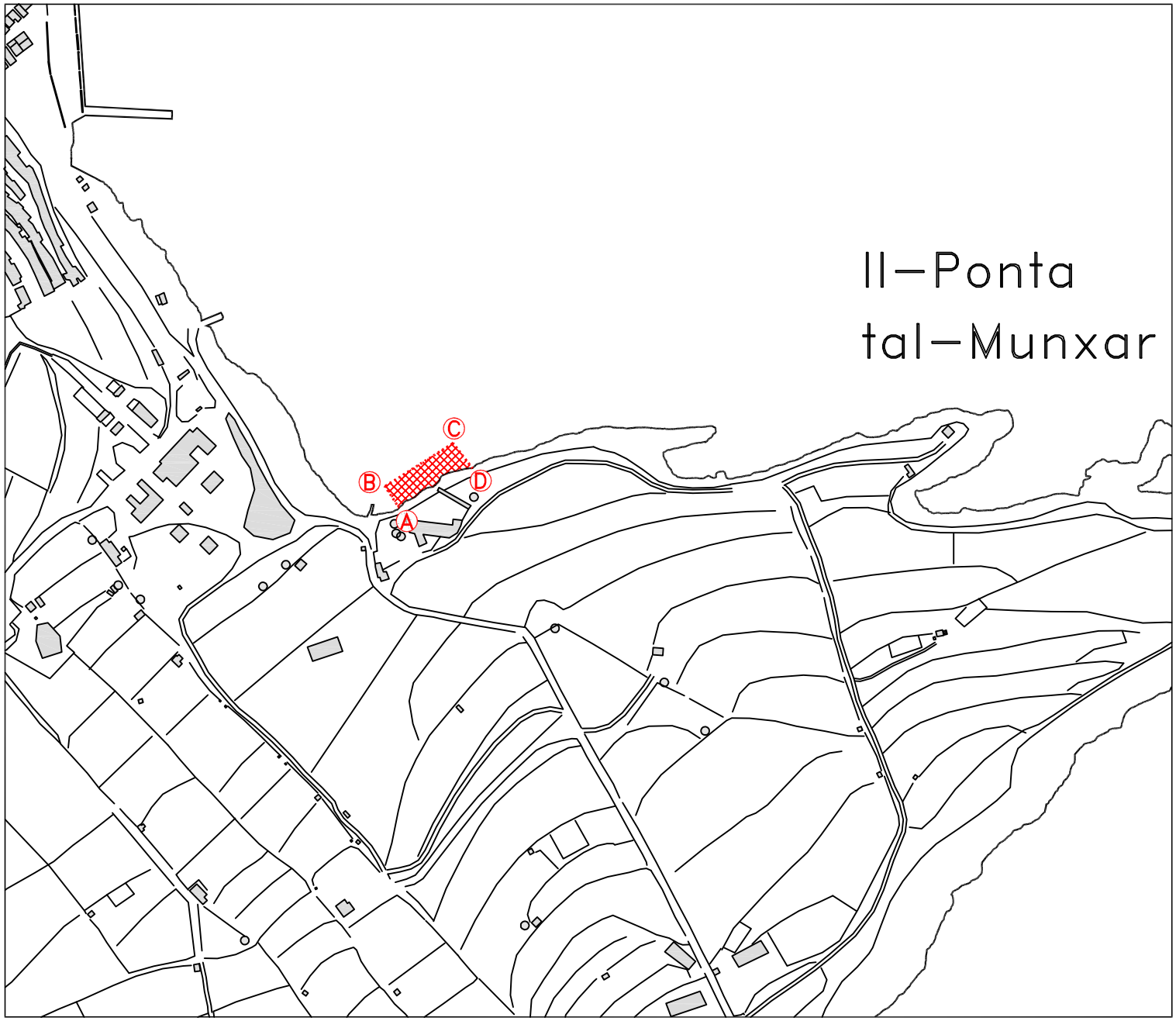

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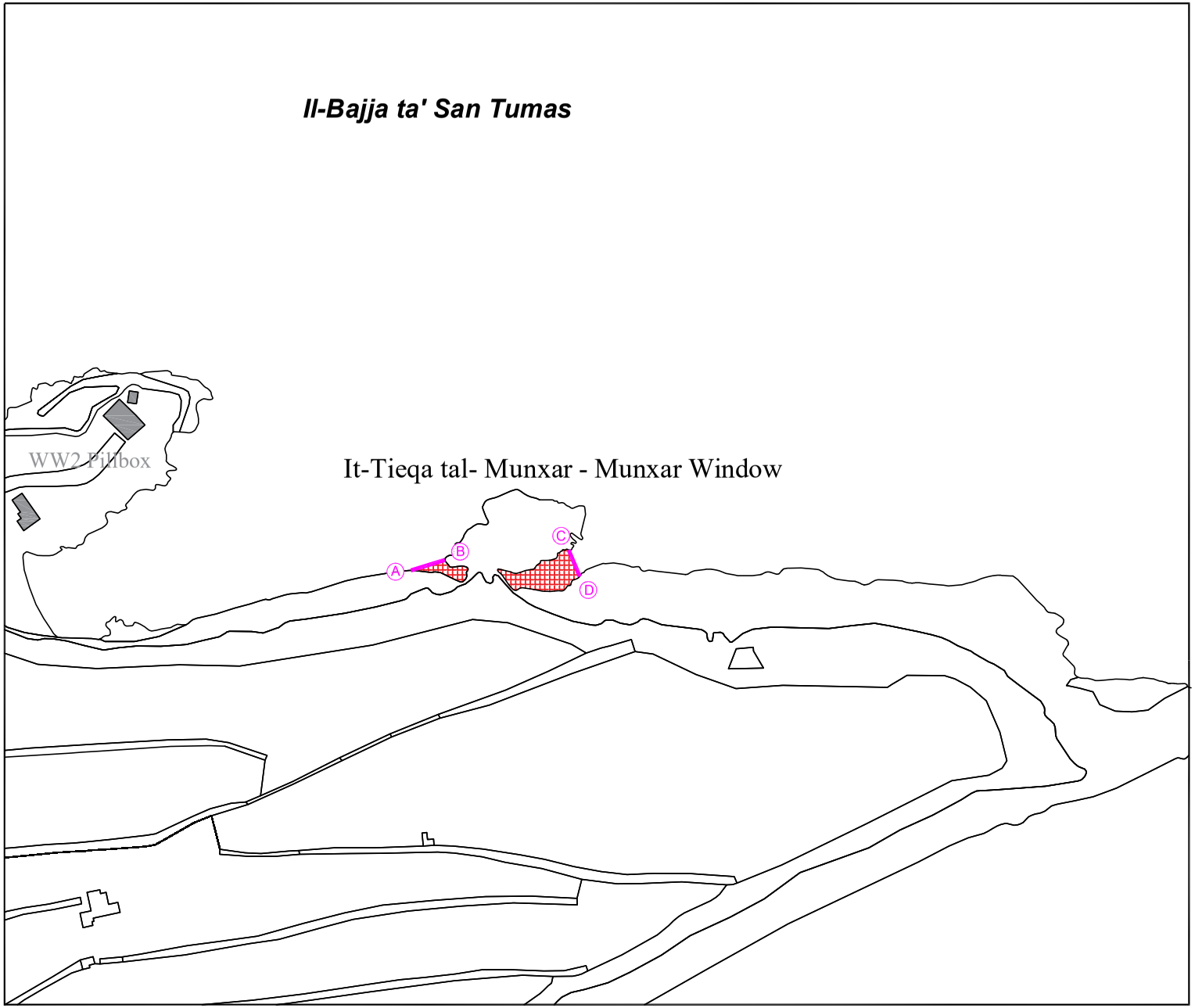

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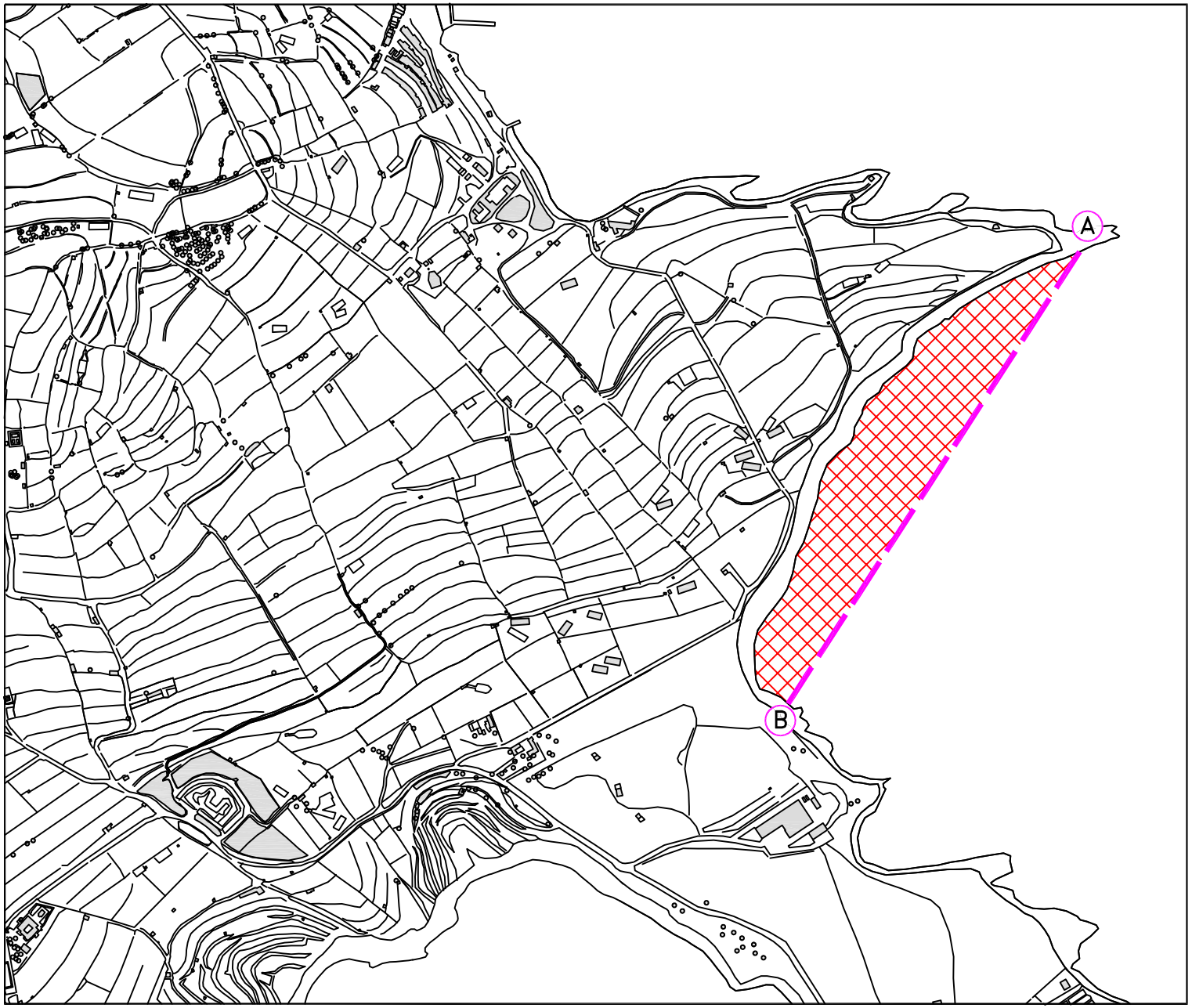

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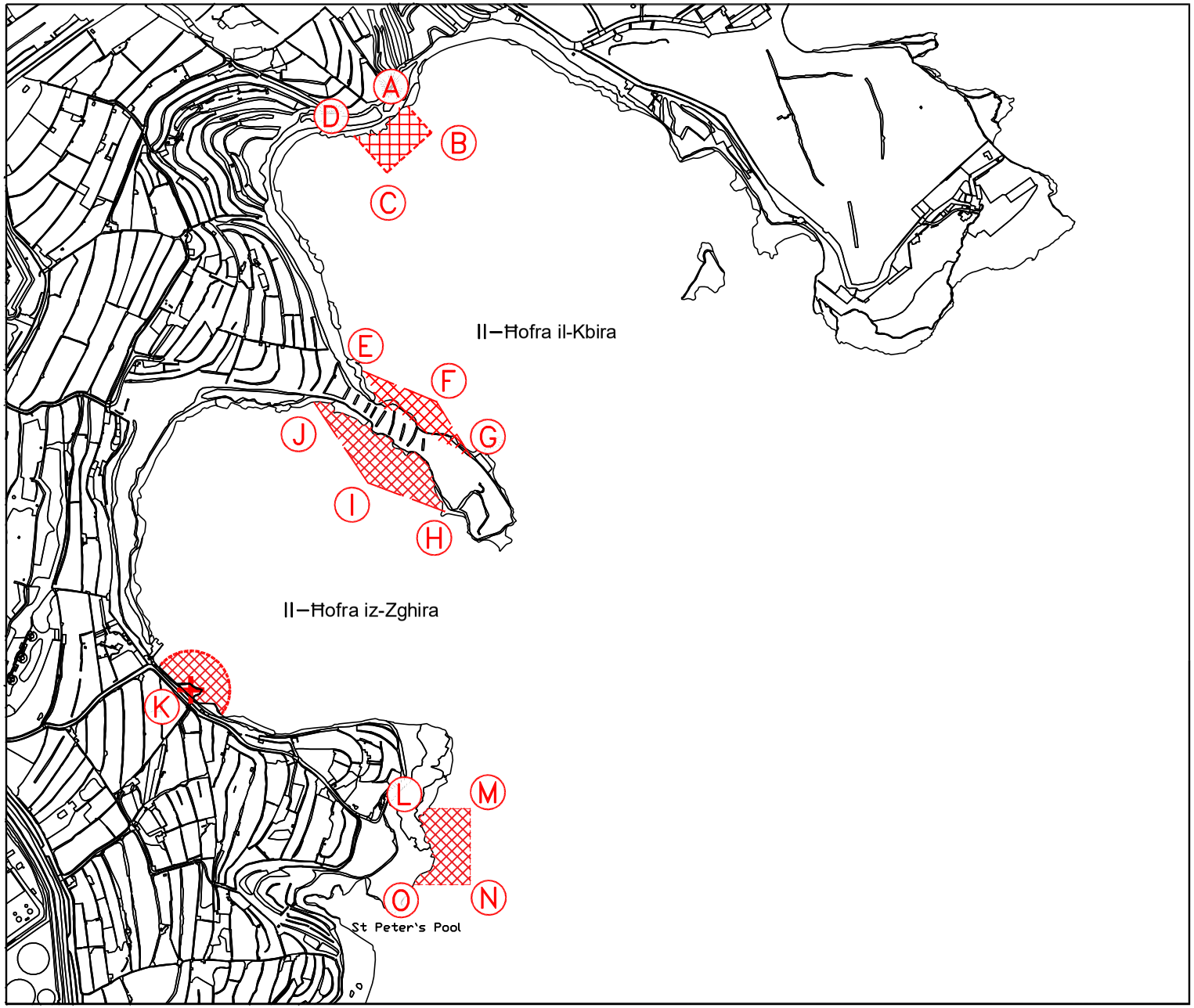

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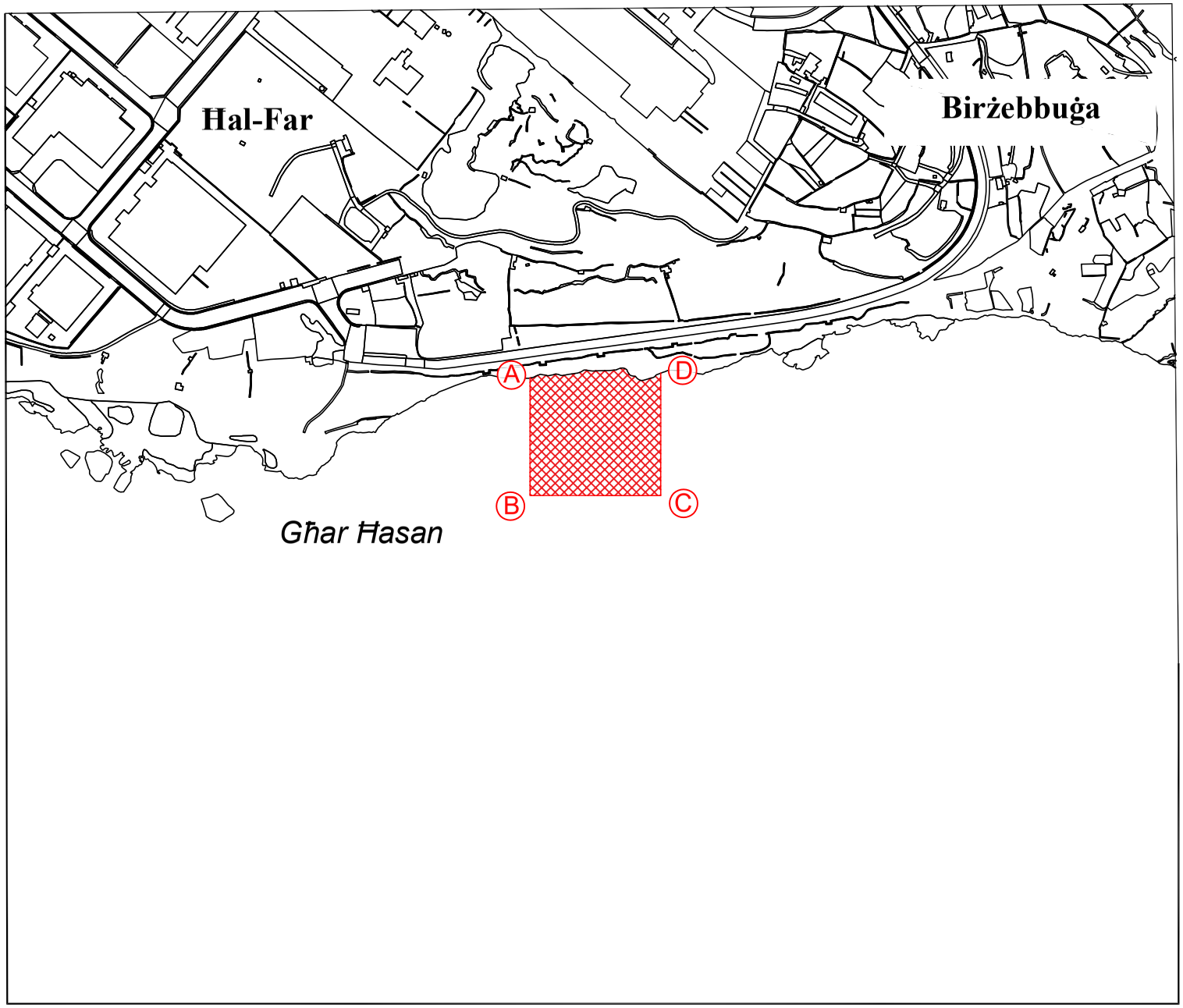

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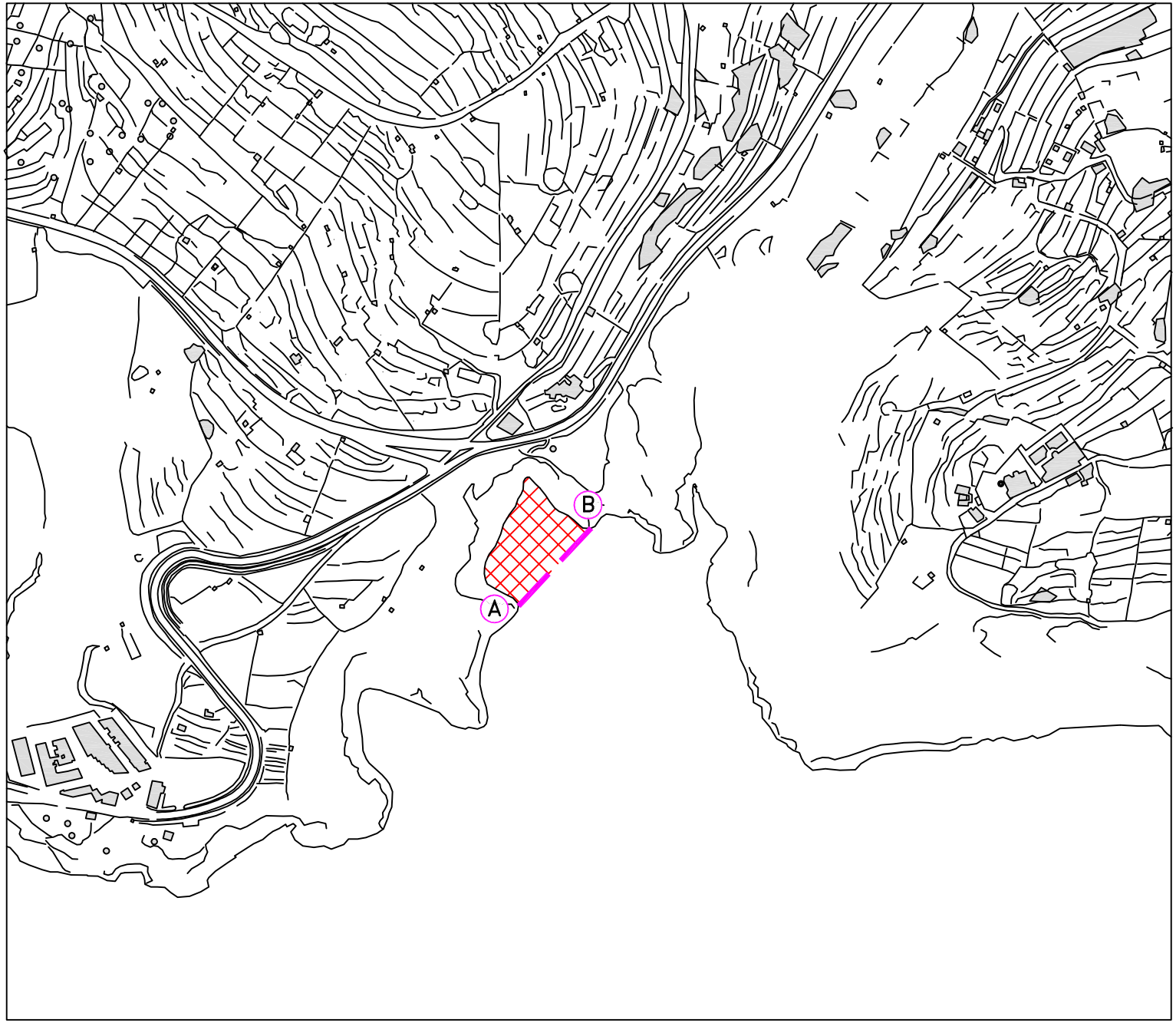

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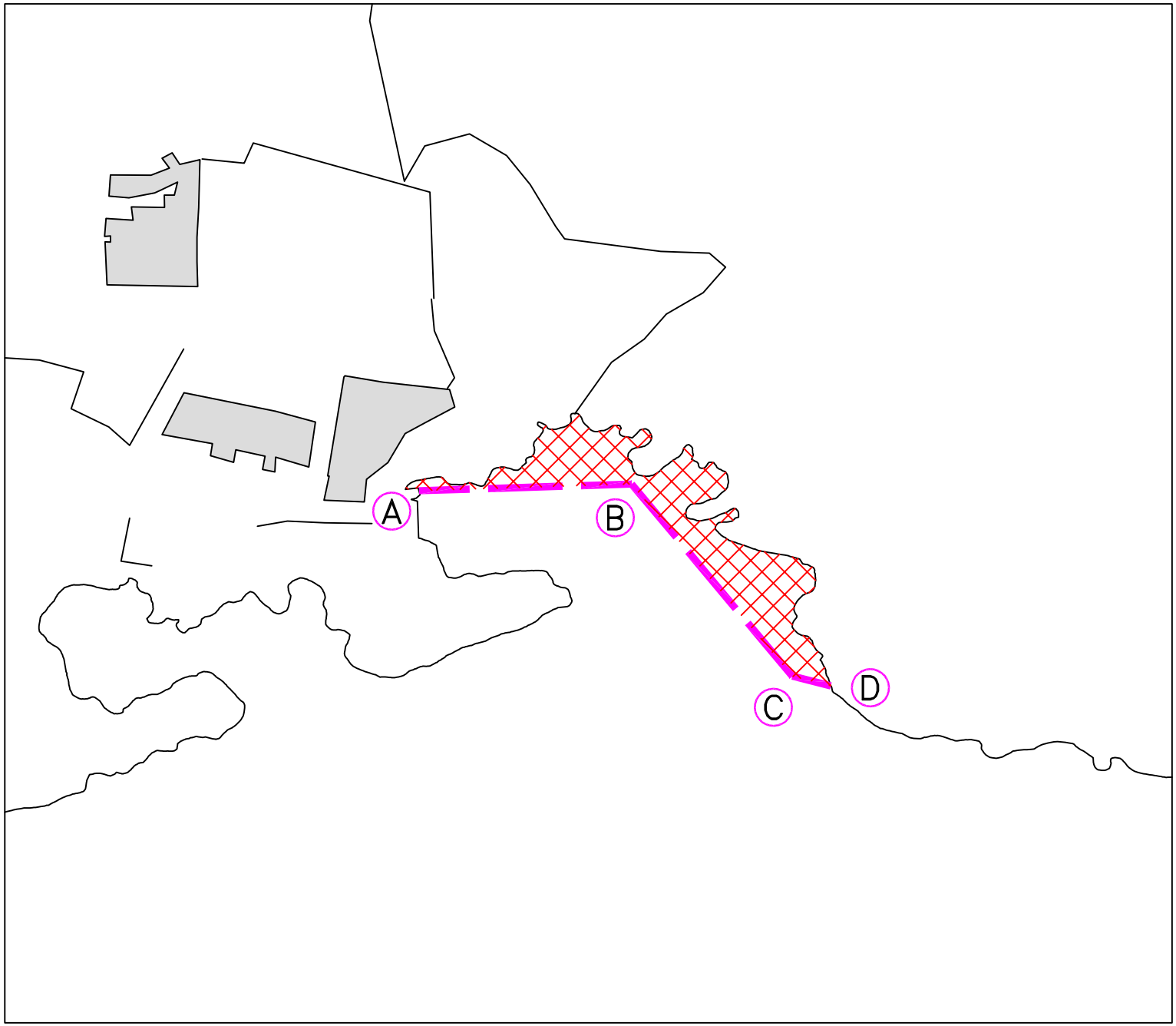

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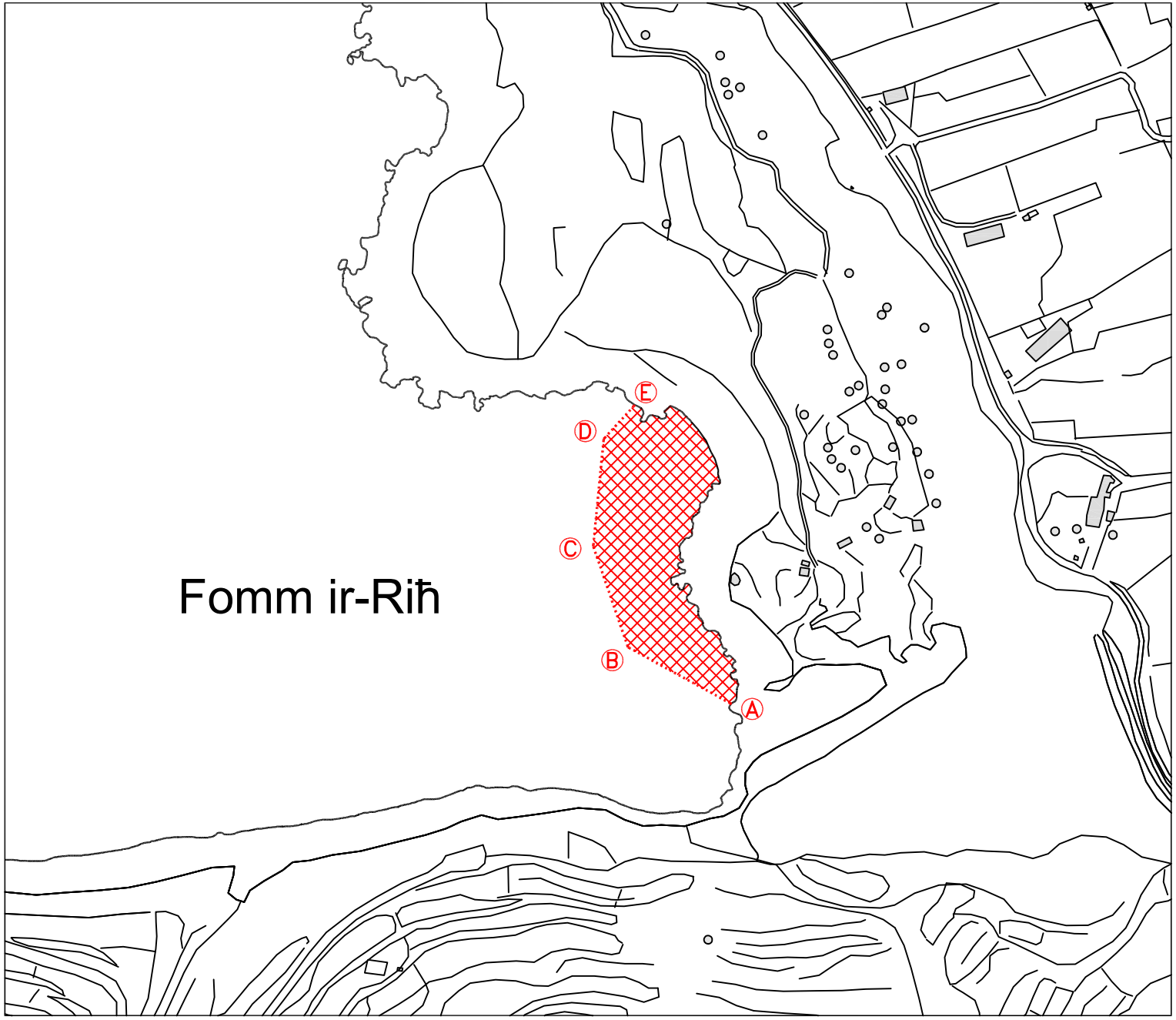

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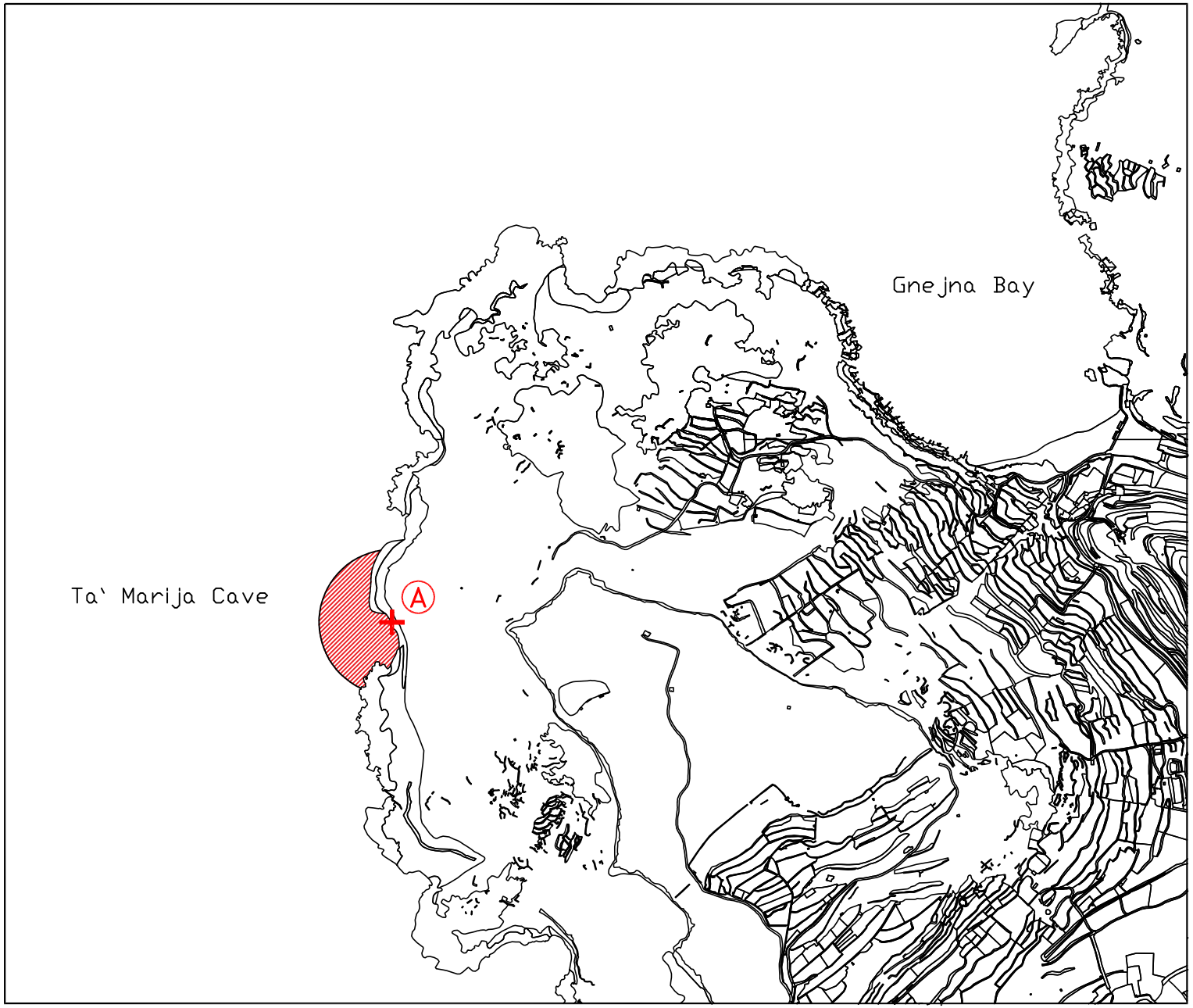

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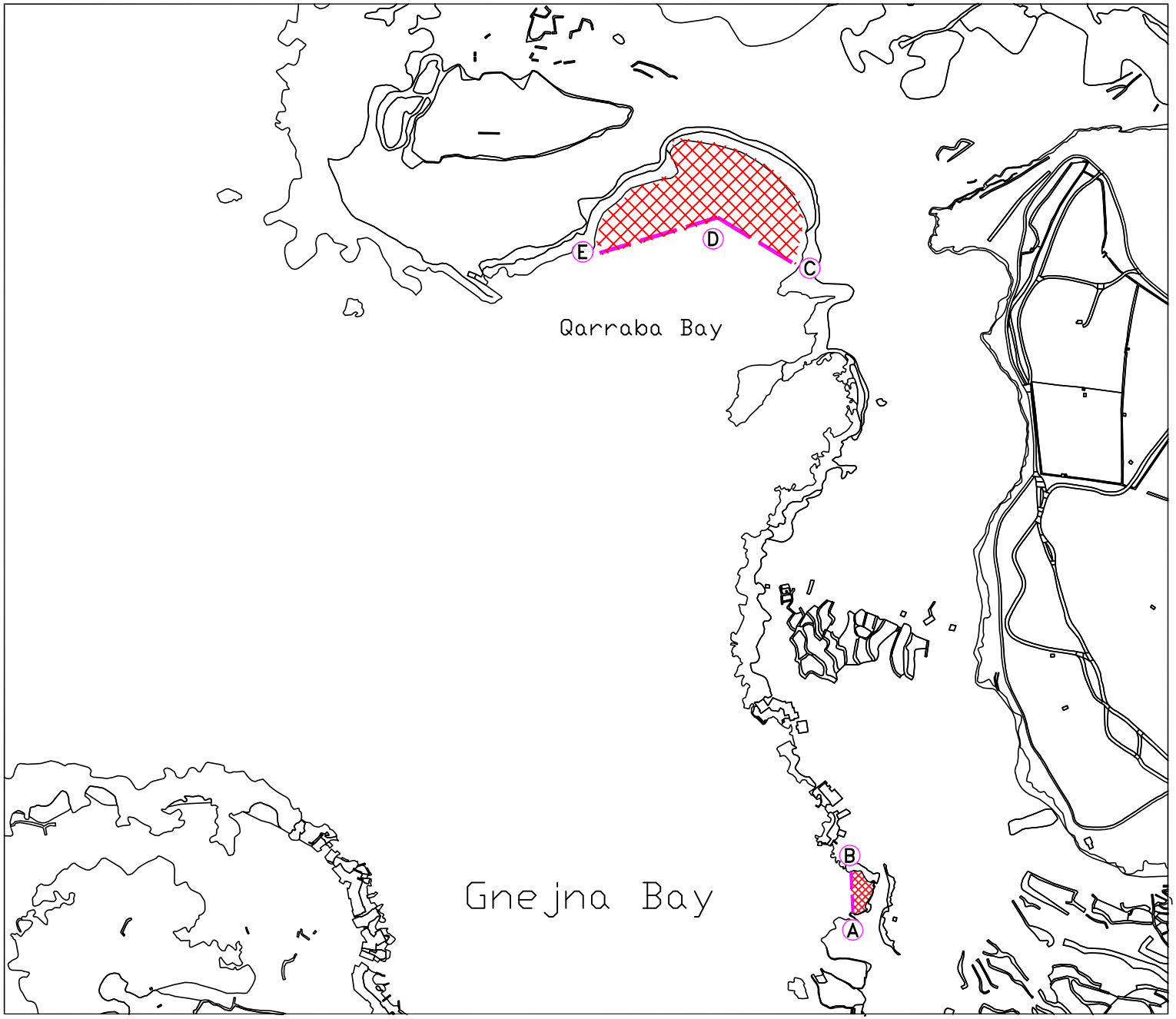

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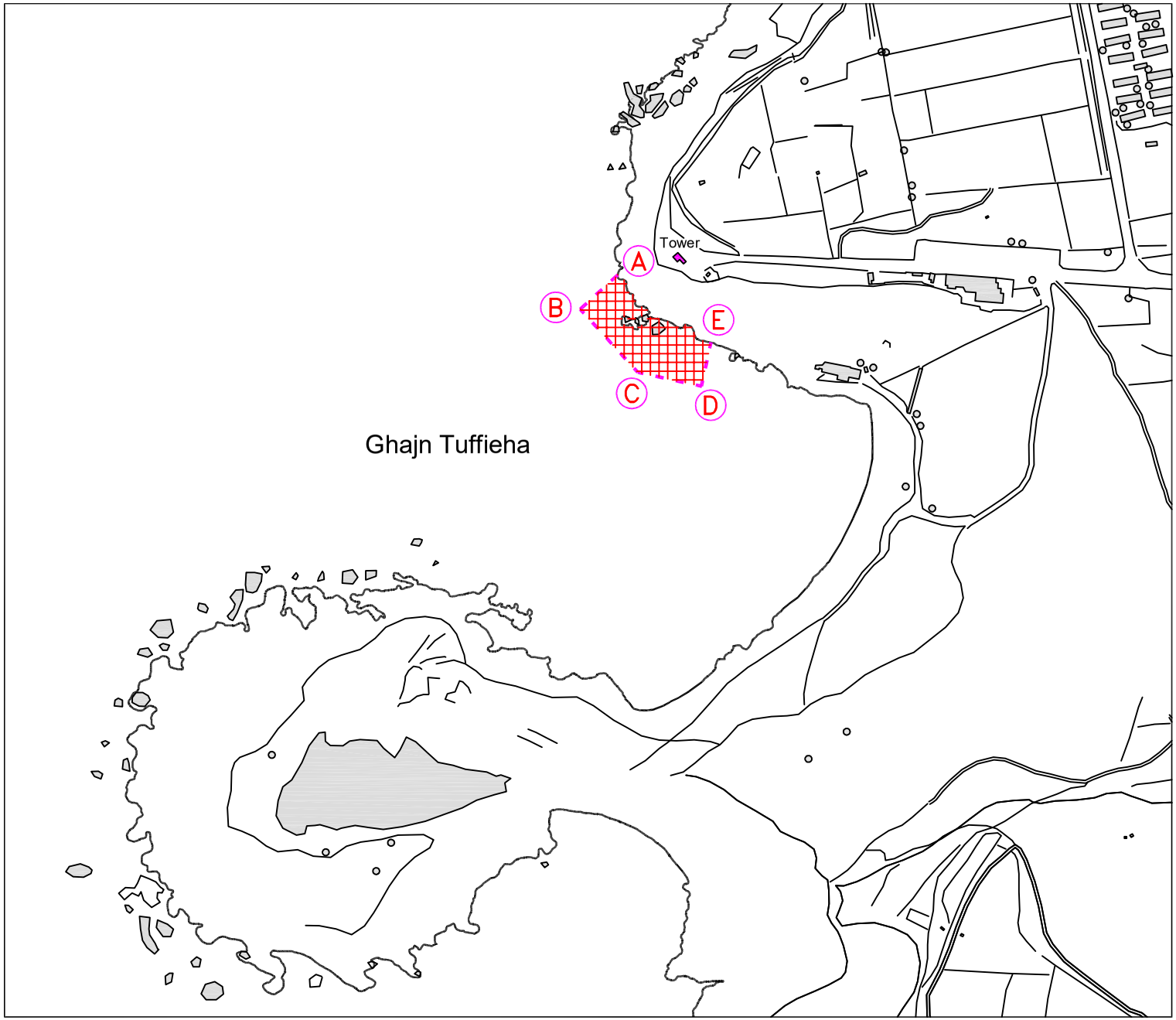

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