

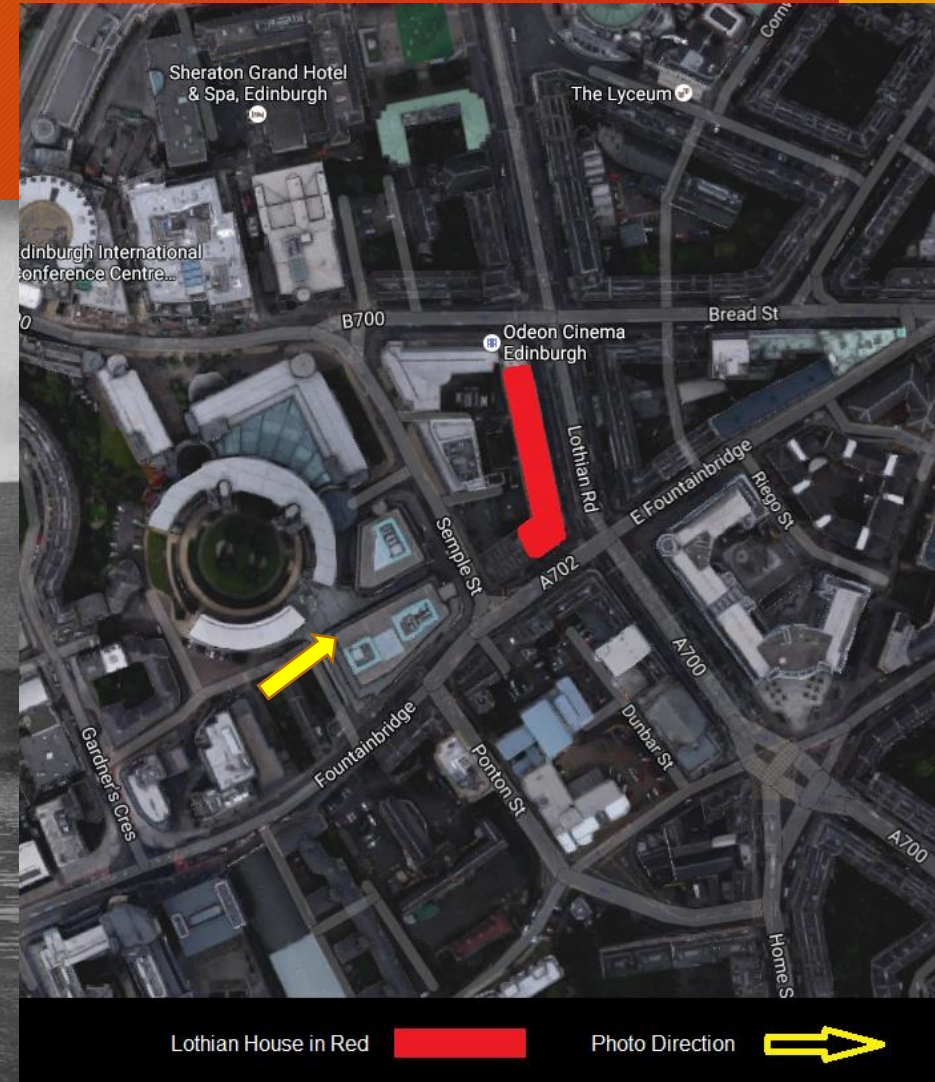
Lothian House

Opened October 1936



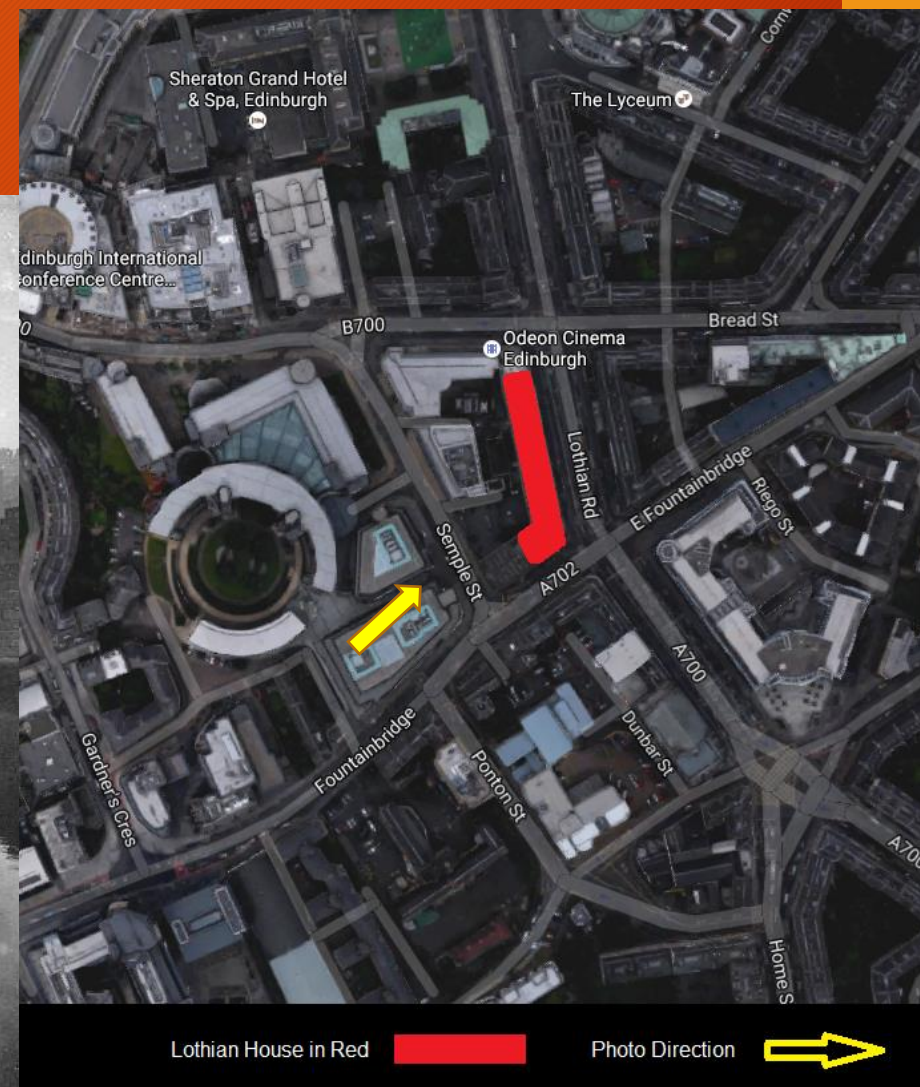
1920s

1920s: in two years time the Union Canal
At Houptoun Port will be drained and closed



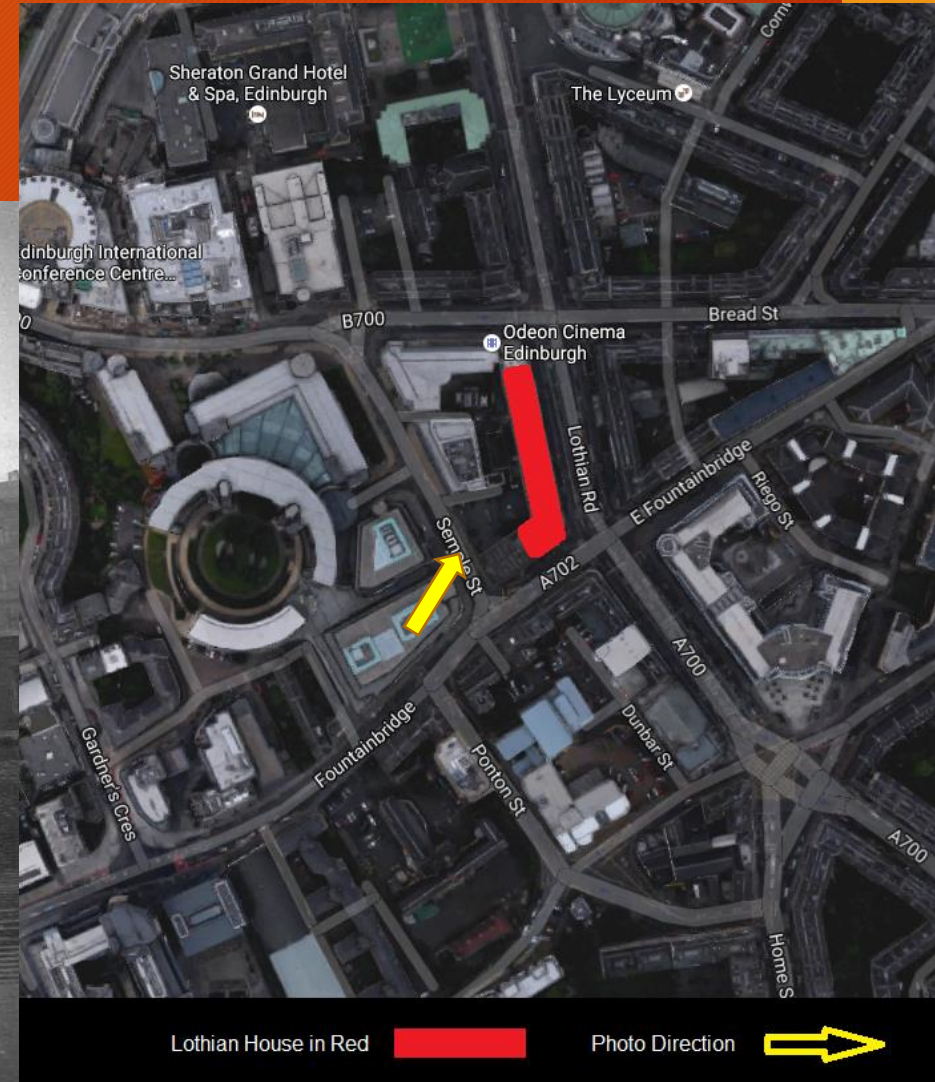
1920s

1920s: Just some of the last pictures taken



1920s

1920s: Houptoun Port, The narrow boats would park Under the building shown and the cargo would be Hoisted off by a crane

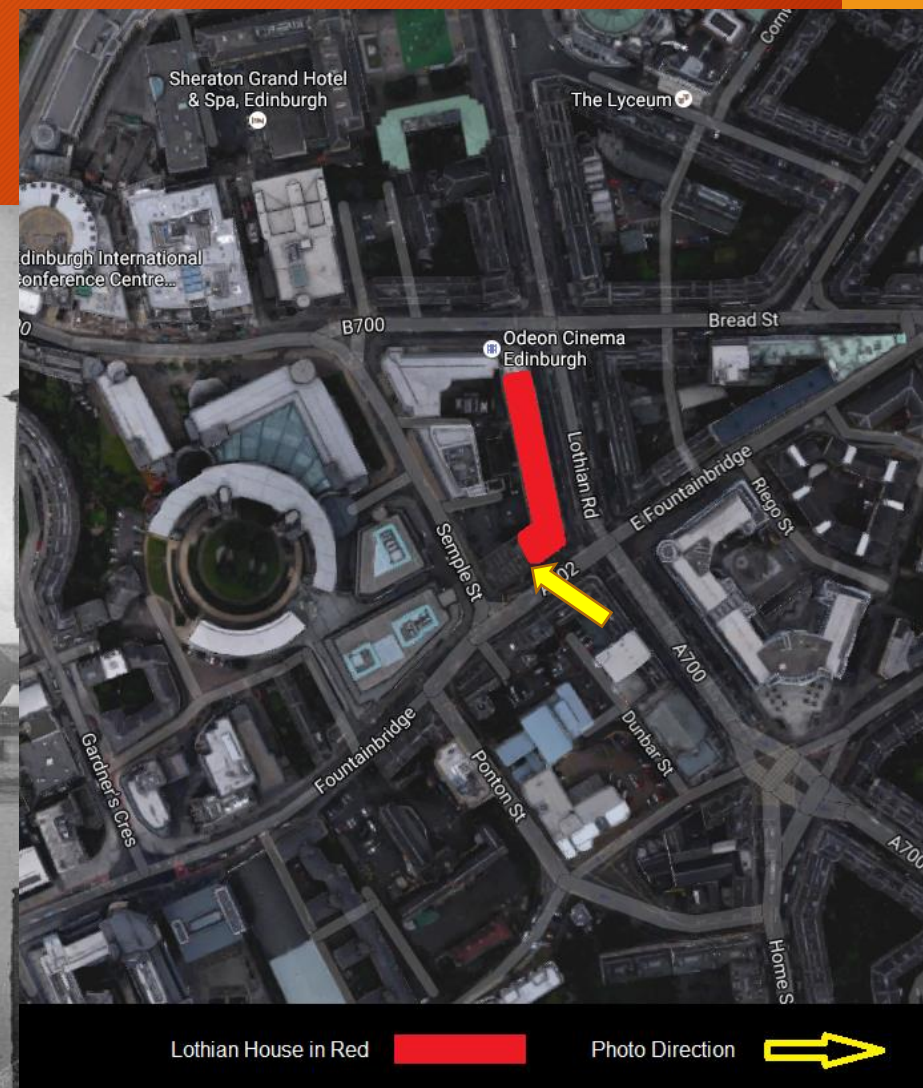


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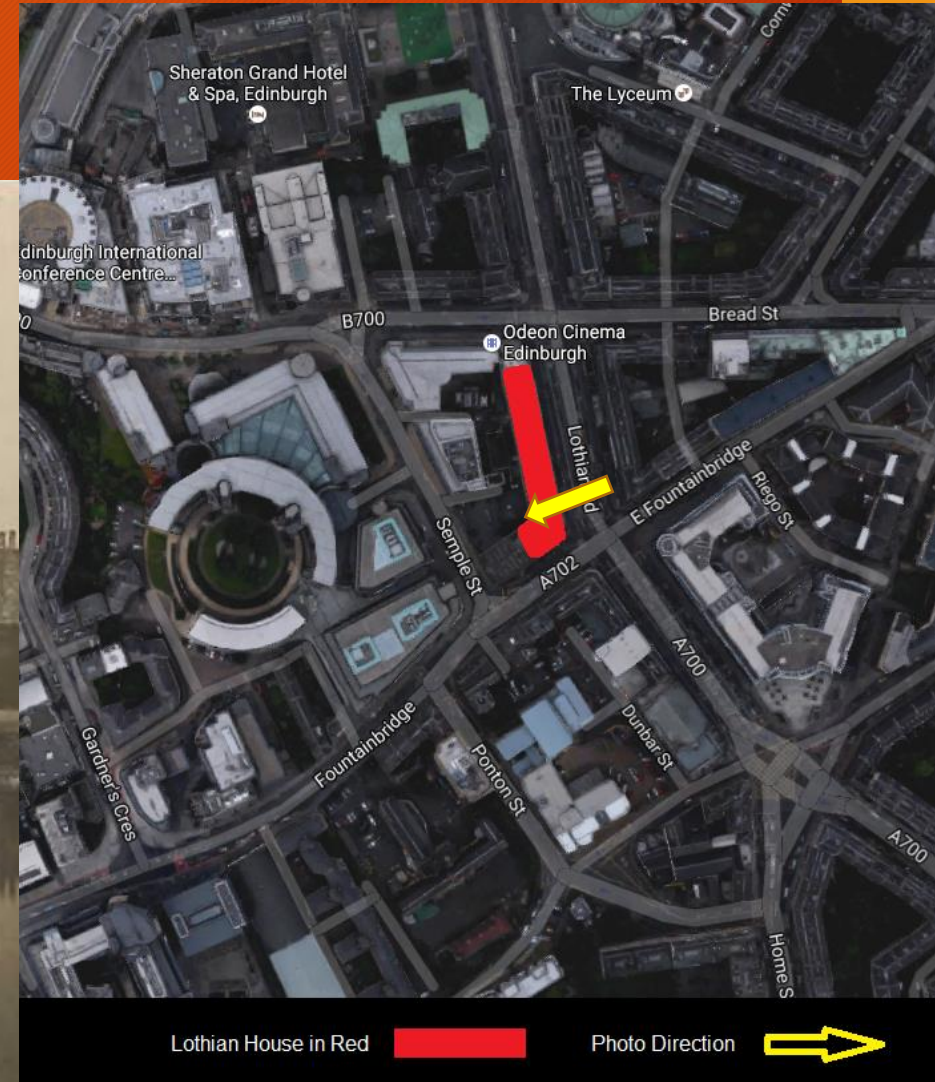
1920s: Some of the last narrow boats using the port just
In front of Houptoun House



1920s



1920s: Every ware so quiet waiting for the water to be drained

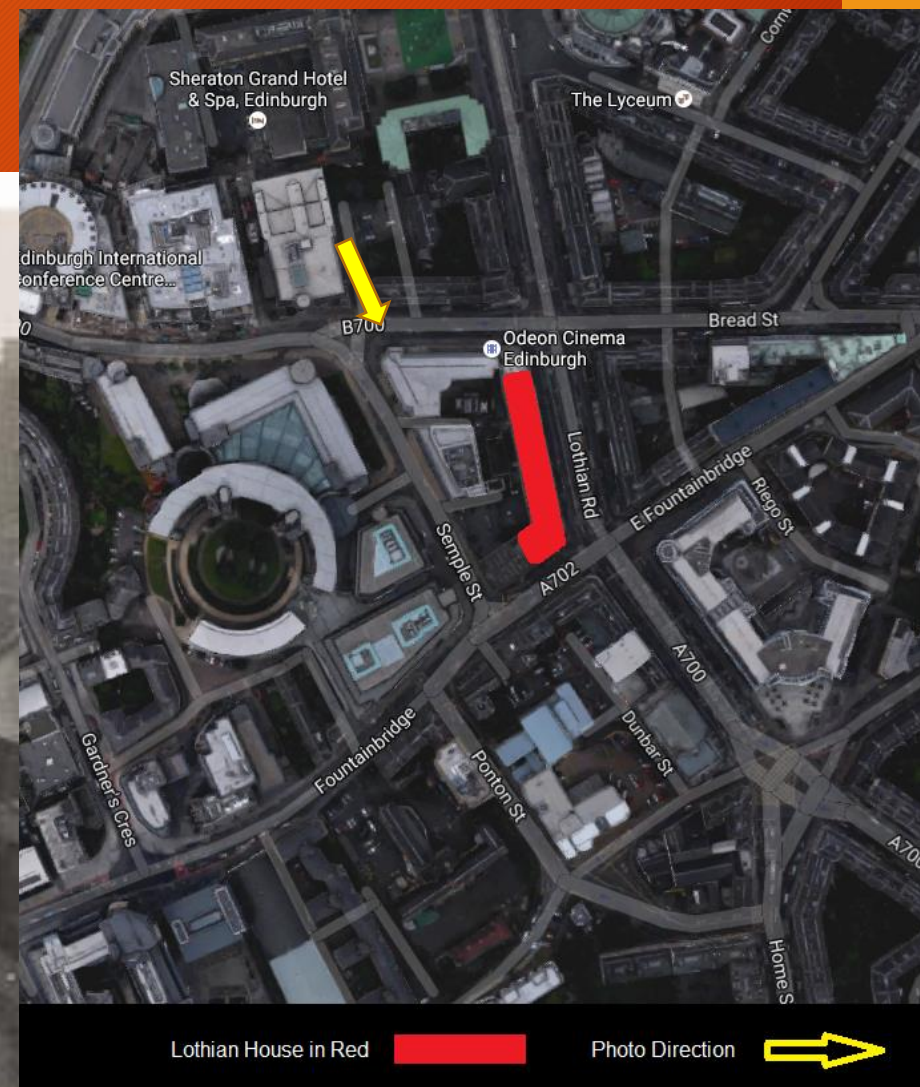


1920s

1922 Hopetoun House, Port Hopetoun from high a window
in Castlebarns just after the water has been drained

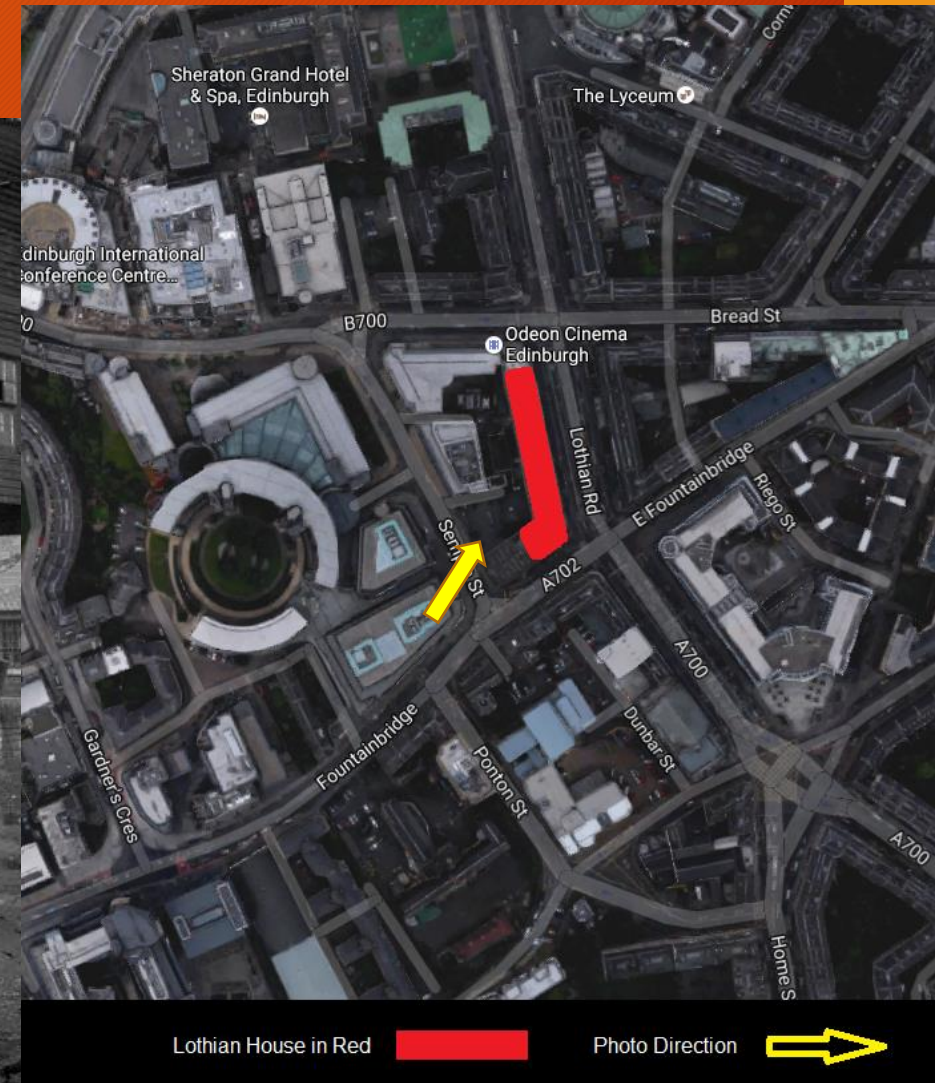


1920s



1922: What is today Lothian House, Barges off loading area

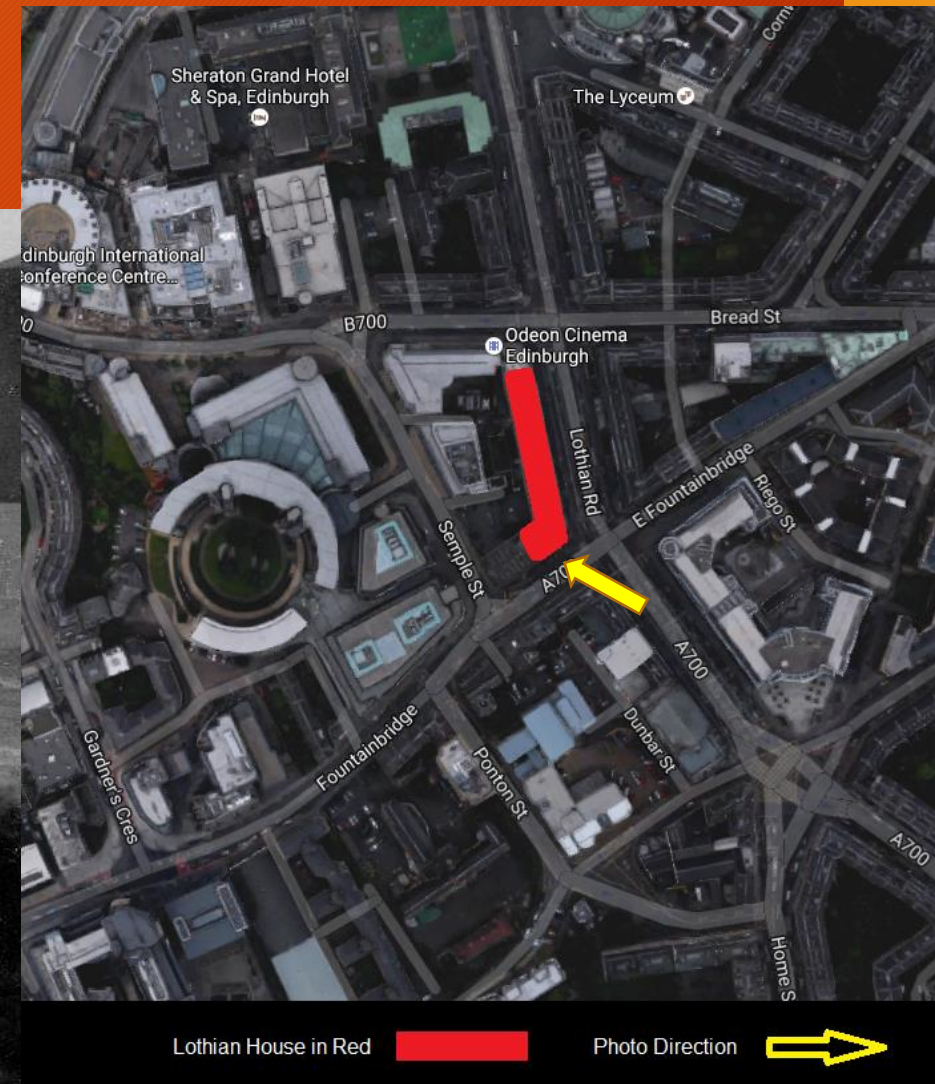
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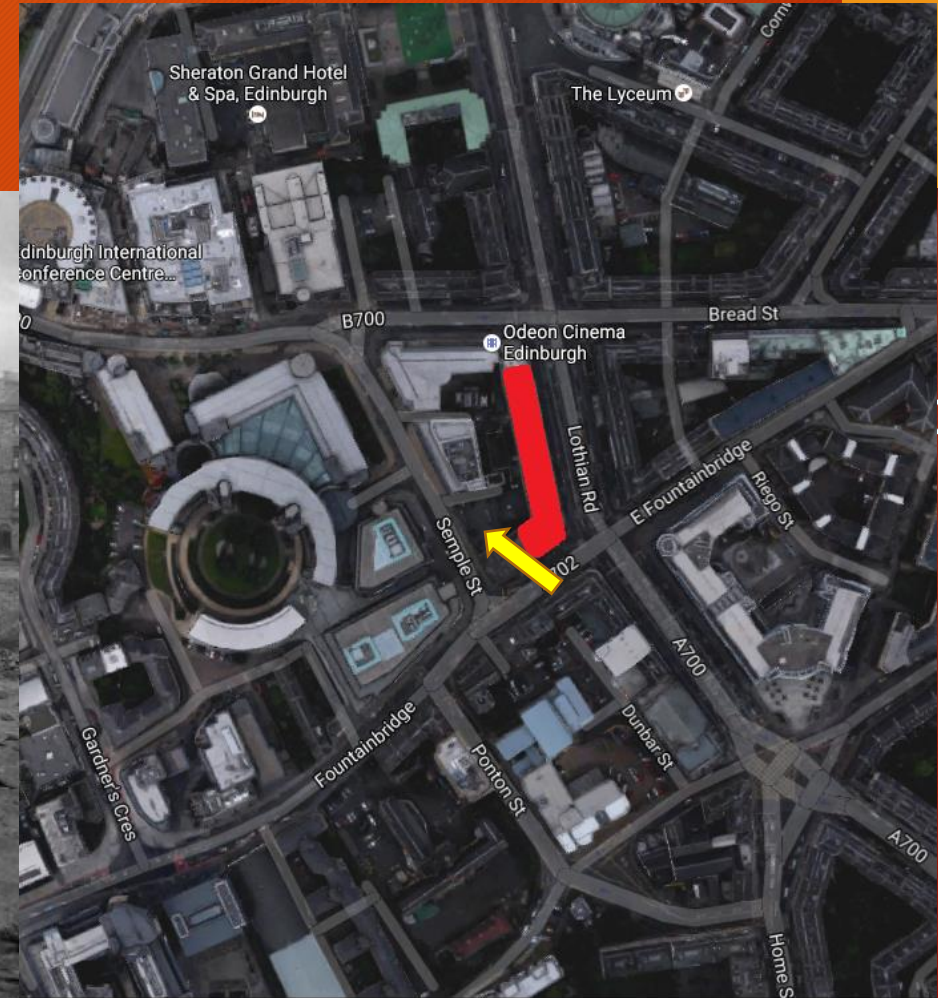
1920s: All gone



1920s



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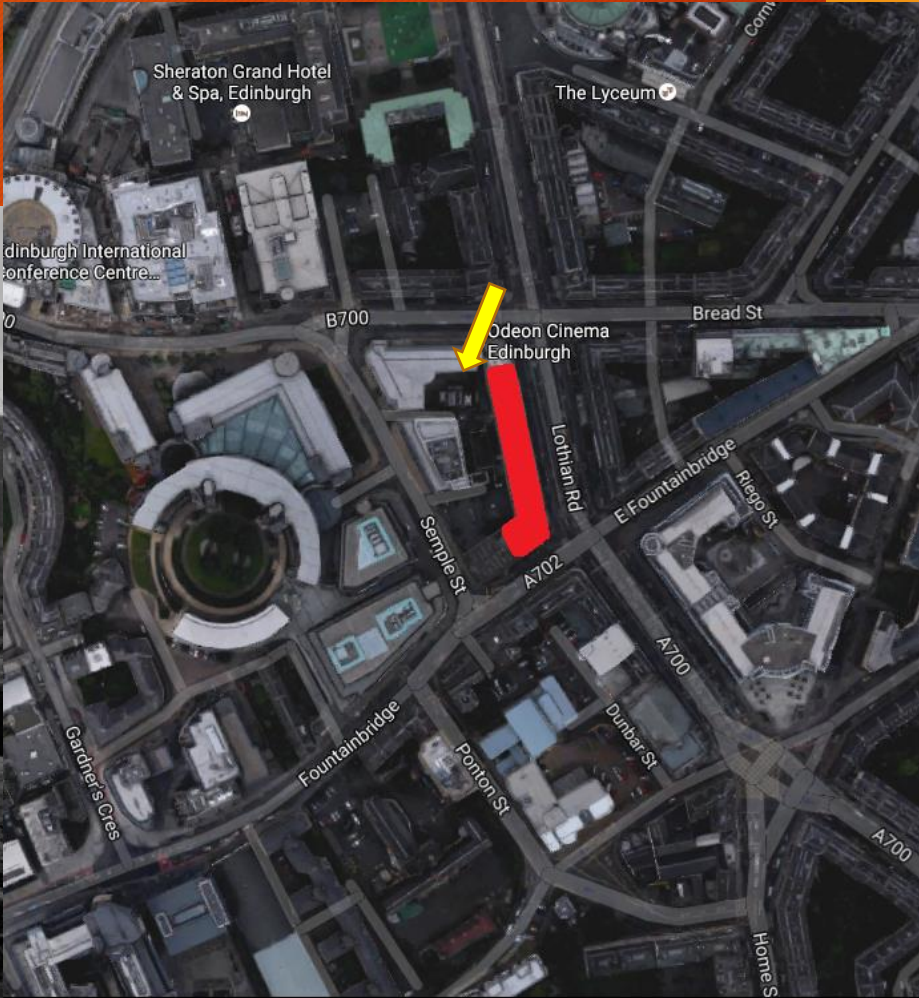
Lothian House in Red



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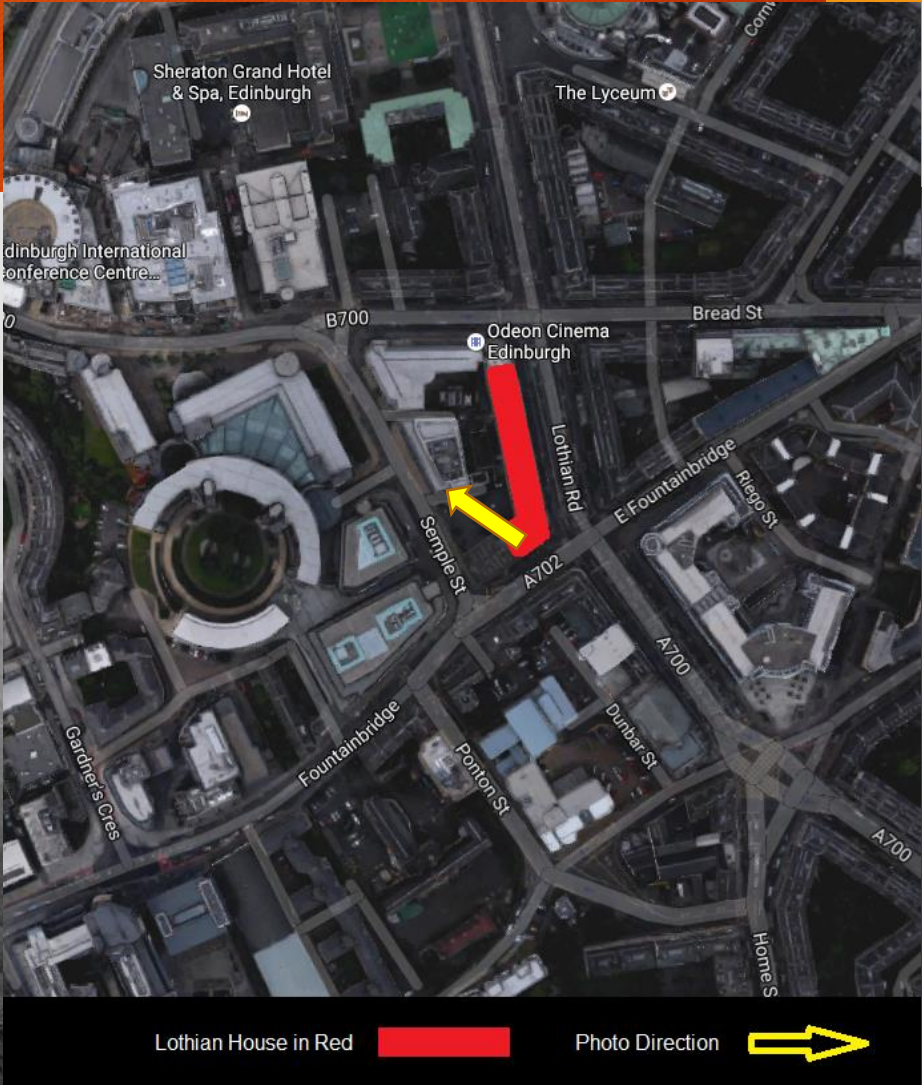
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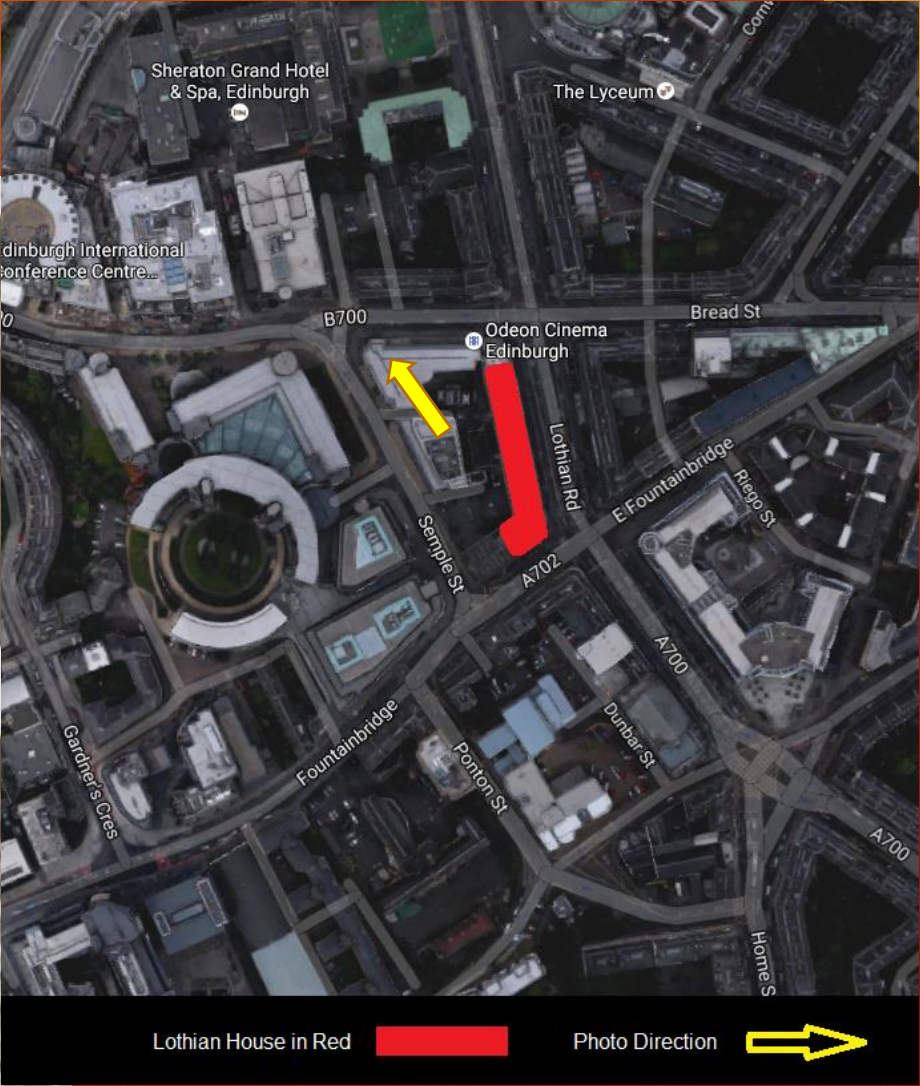
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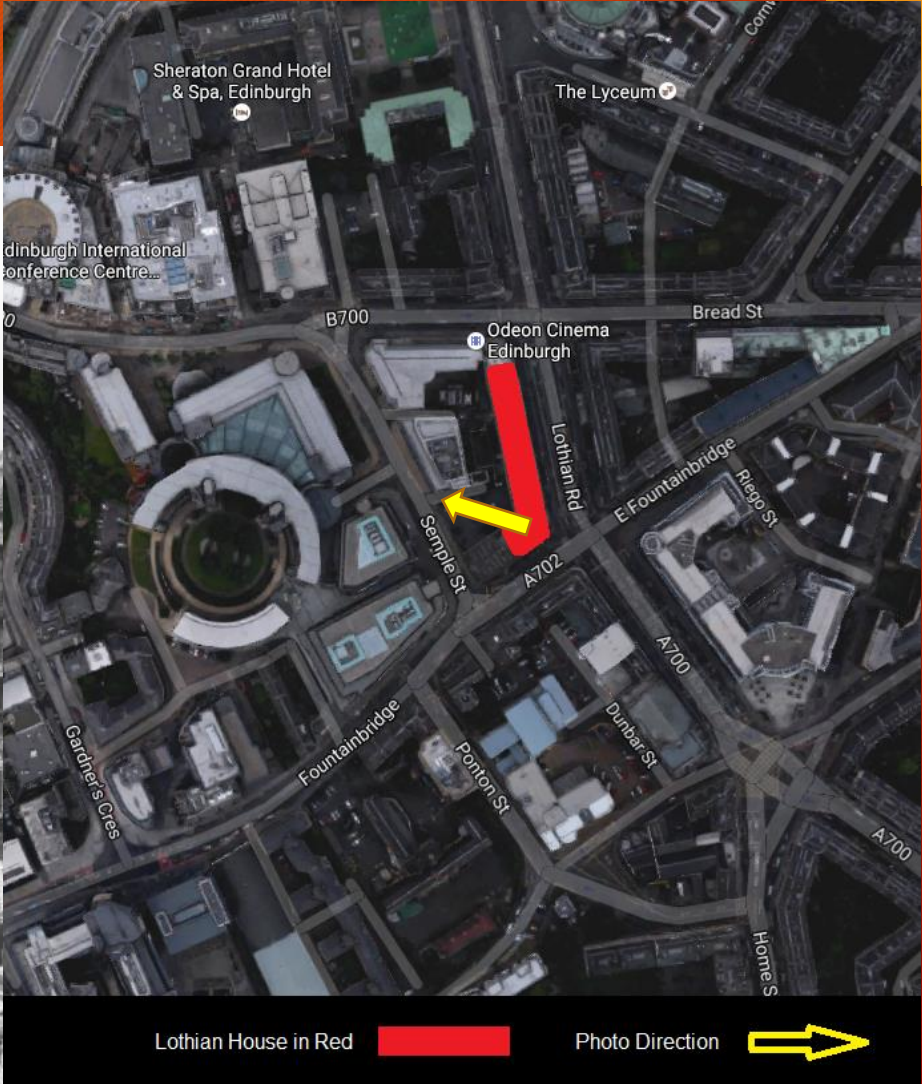


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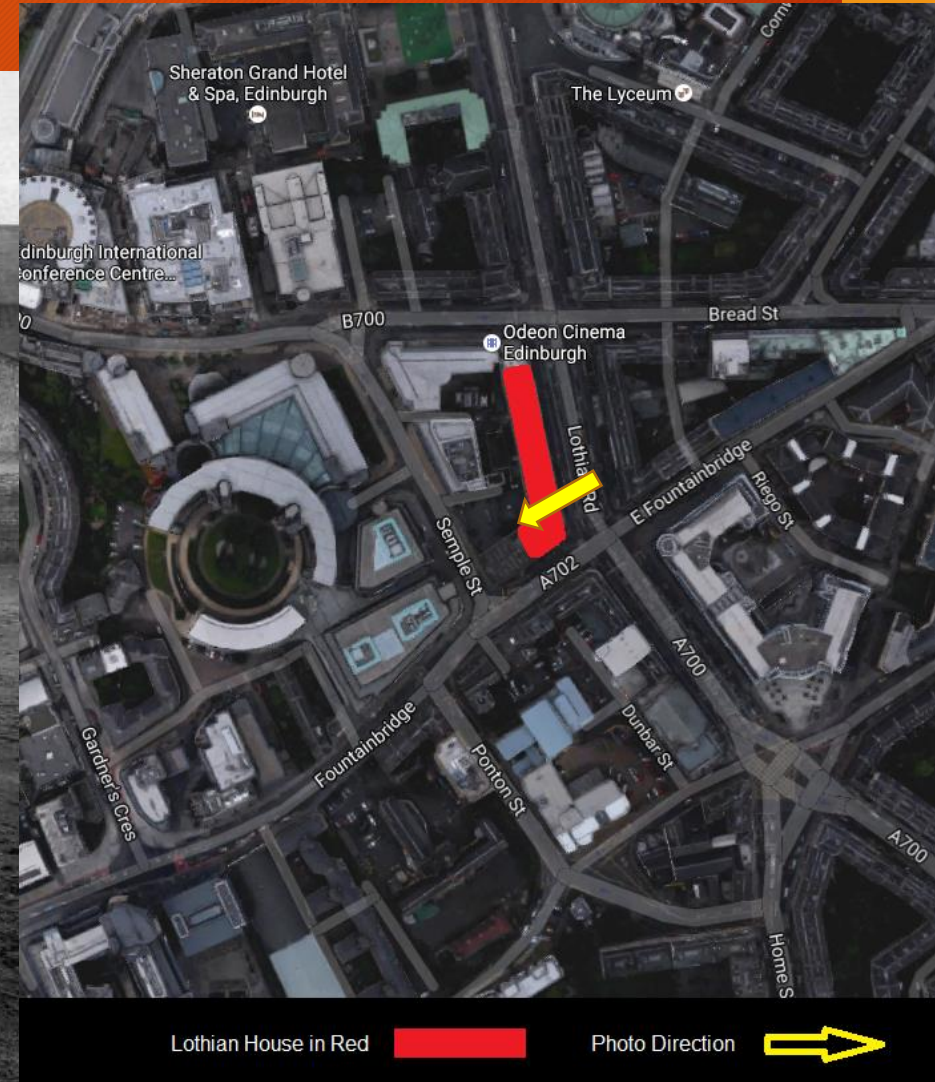


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1922: Looking across at Semple Street



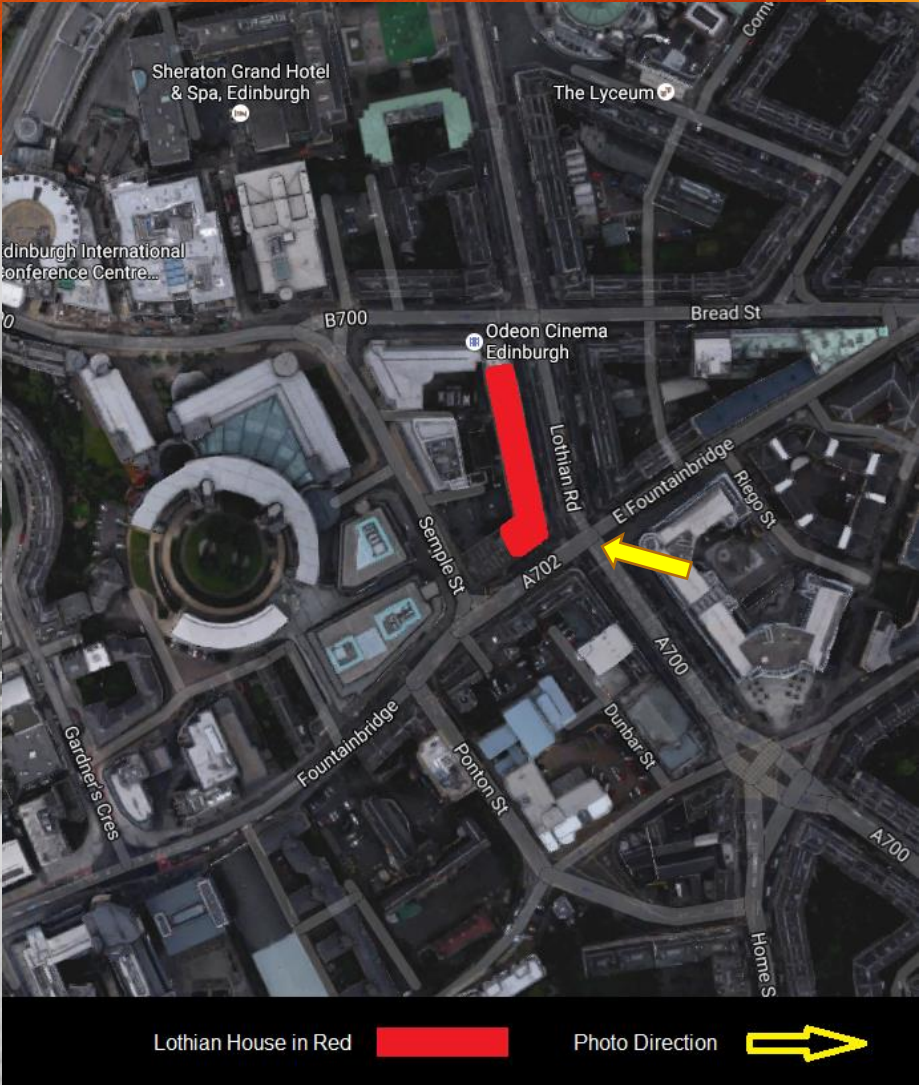
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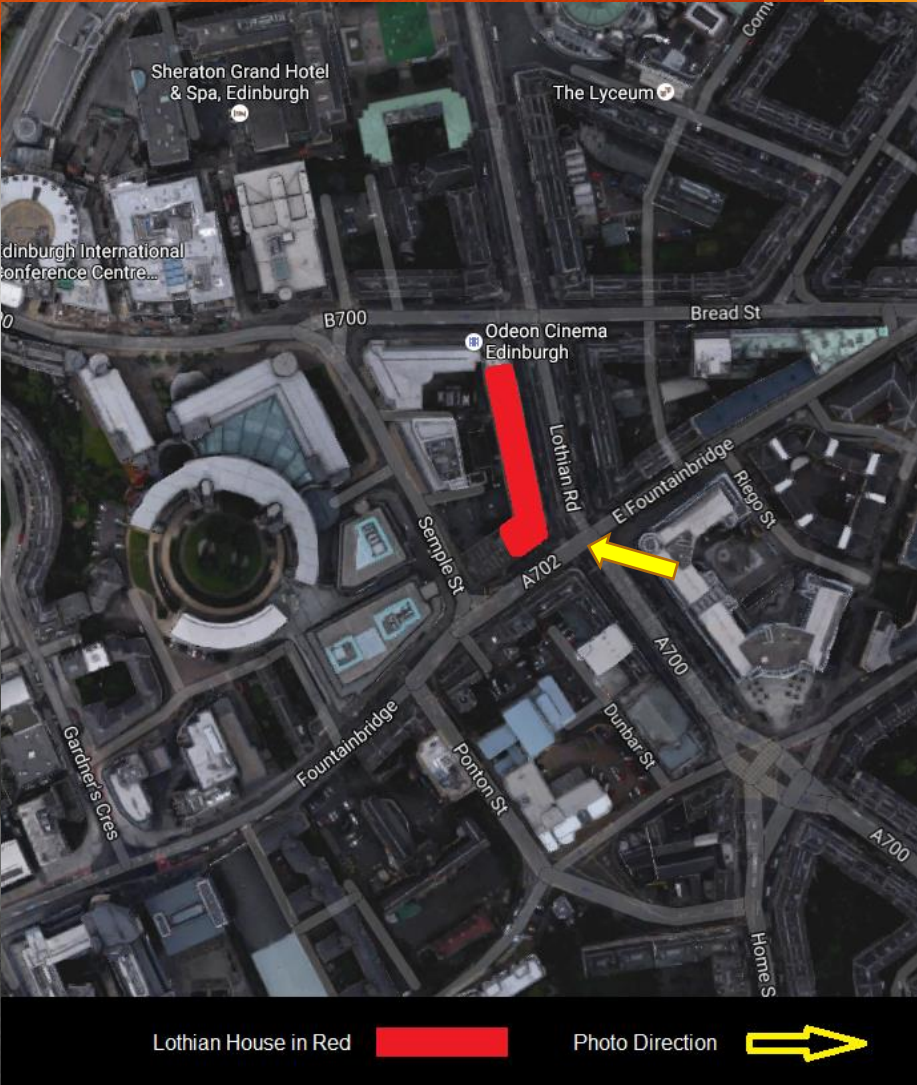


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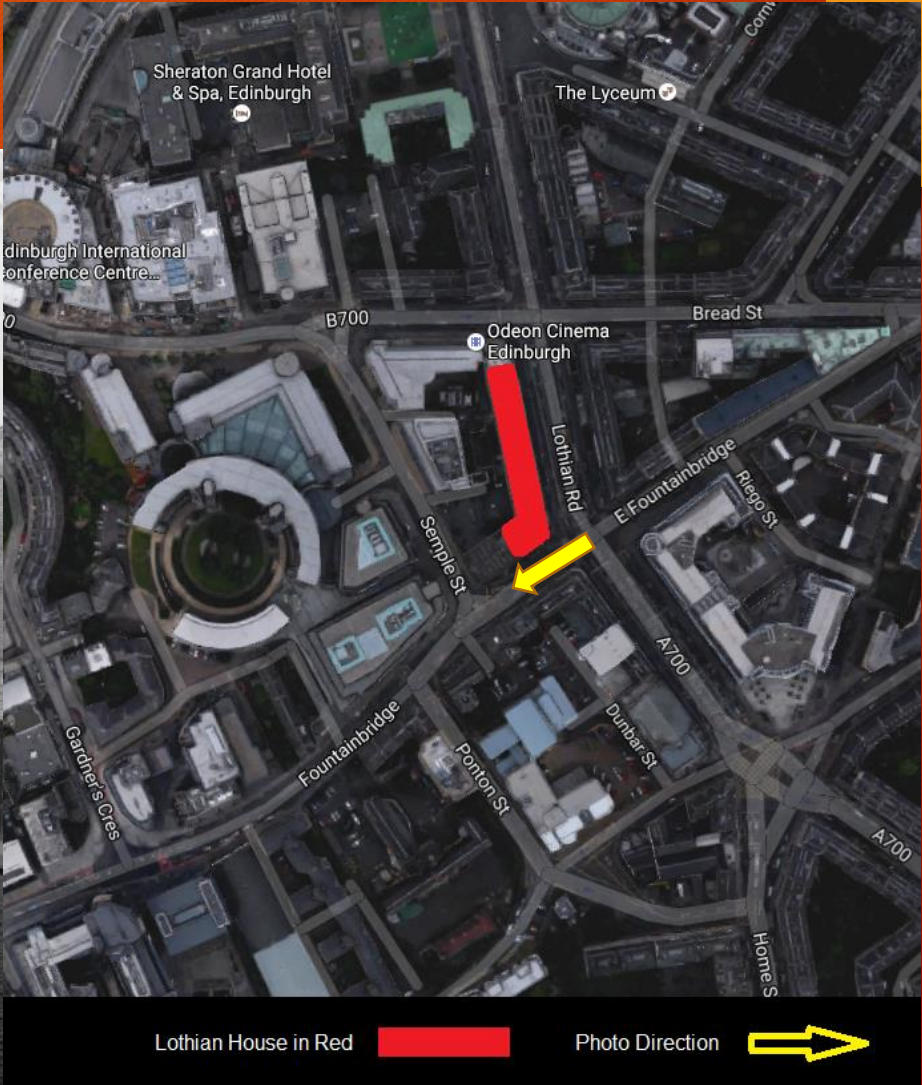




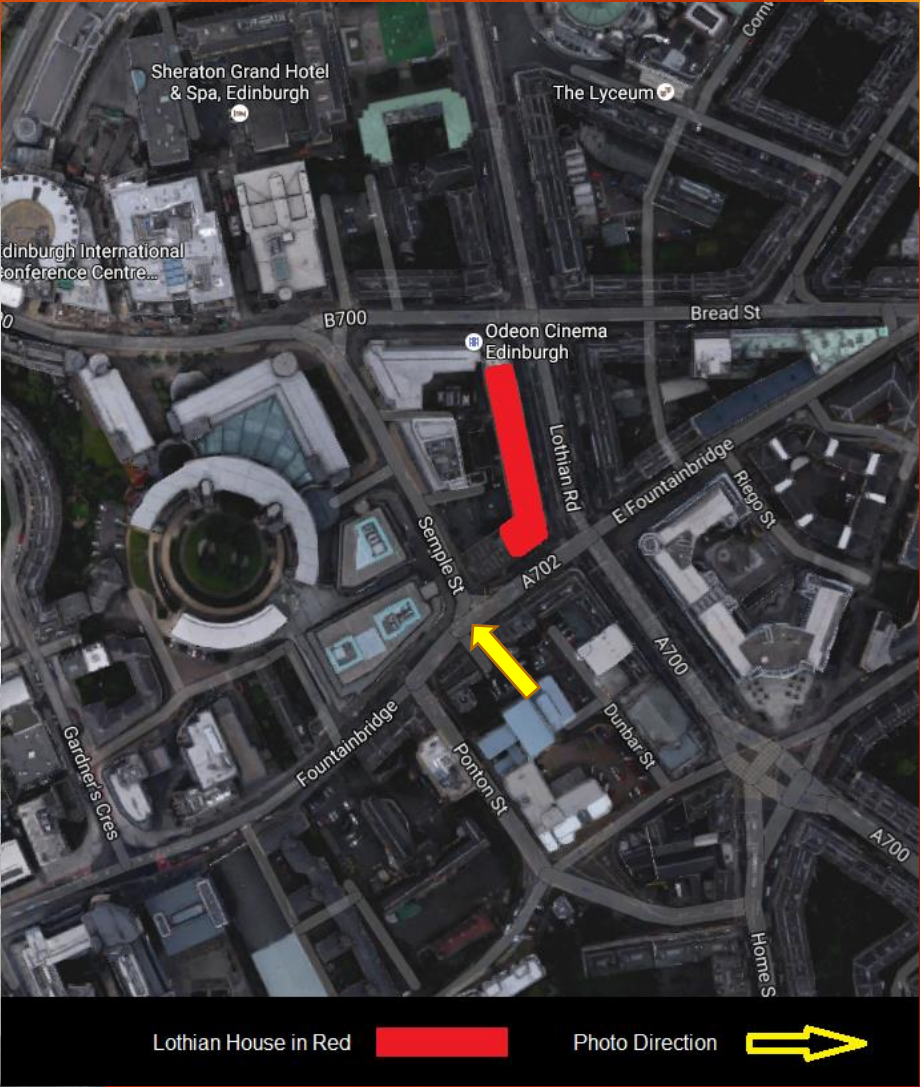
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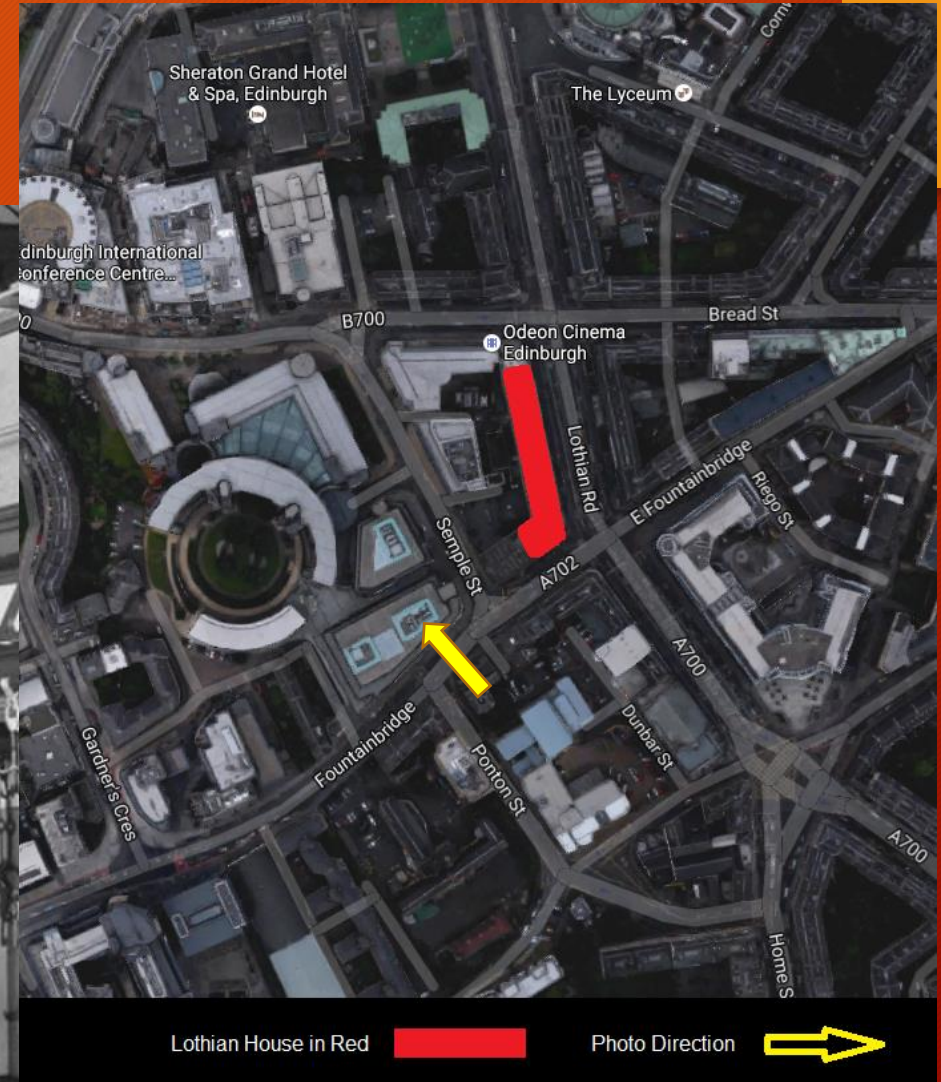
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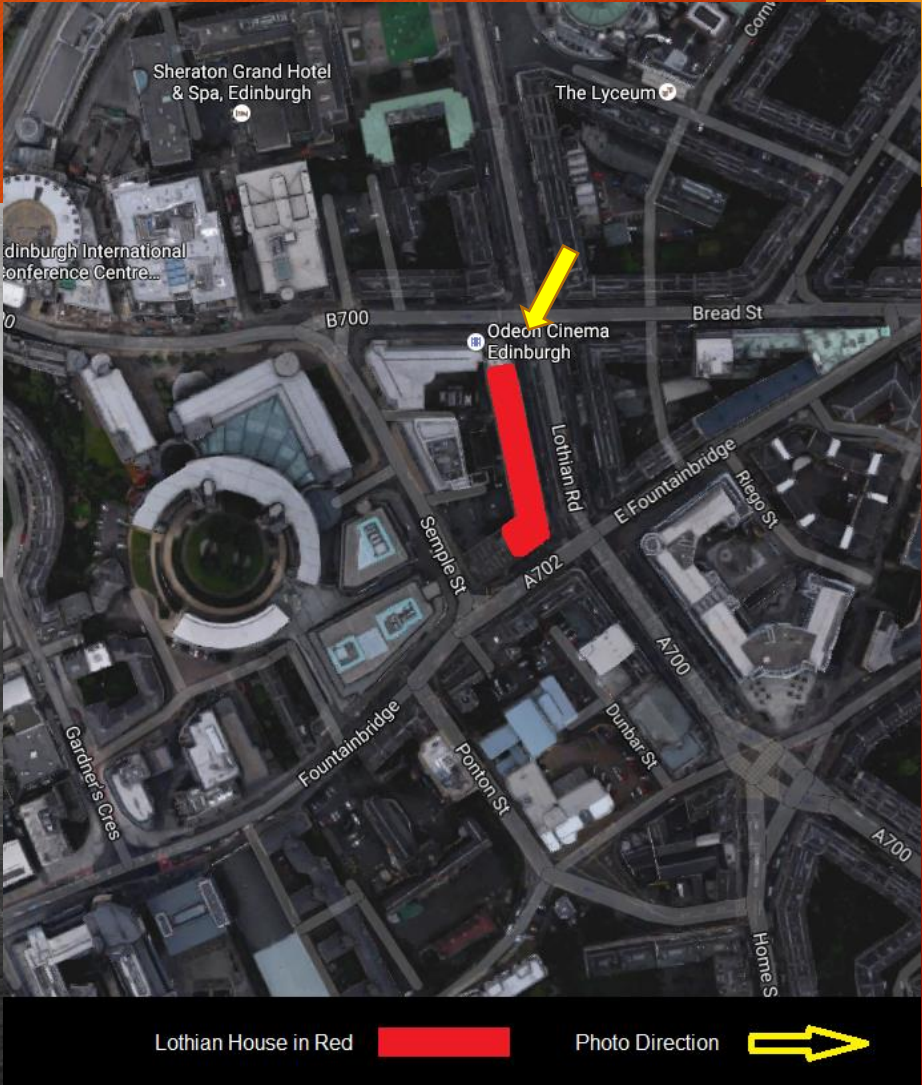


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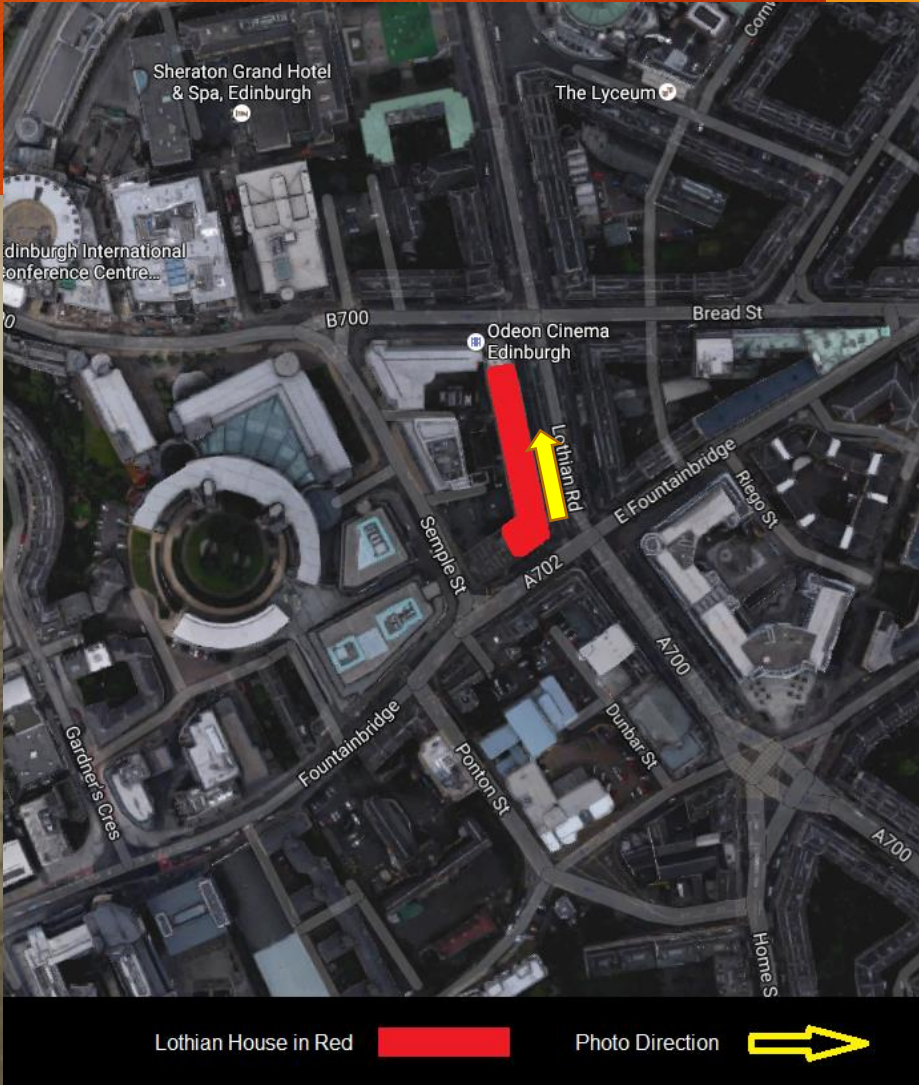


Lothian Road and Morrison Street, Our front door

1920s



1920s





1938

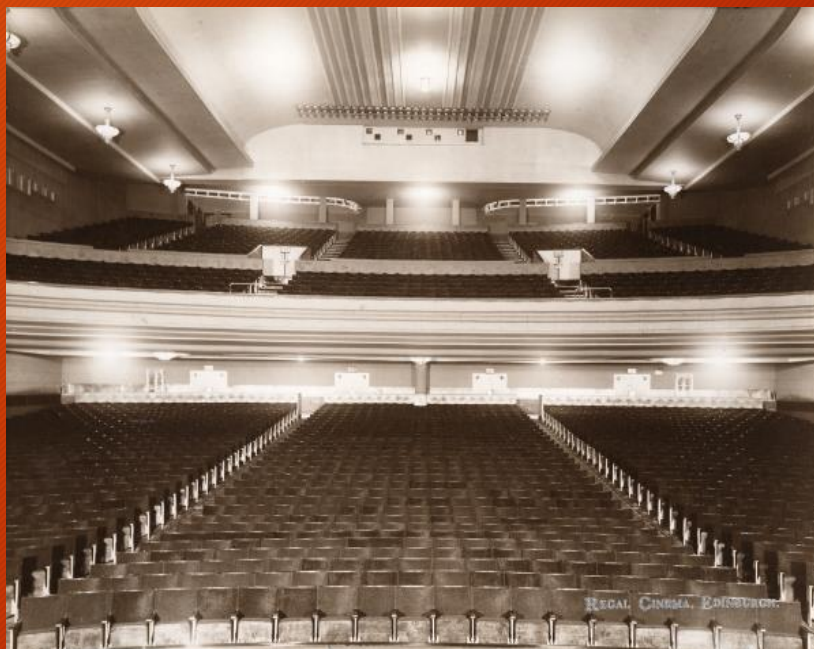
Opened by Associated British Cinemas(ABC) on 10th October 1938 with Charles Laughton in “Vessel of Wrath”. Originally it had 2,769 seats (1,086 in the circle, 1,683 in the stalls), it included full stage facilities which were used for number one presentations until 1969. Originally named Regal Cinema (one of ABC’s preferred names for its theatres), it changed to simply the ABC in 1961.

Tripled at a cost of 500,000 pounds in 1969 (a fortune then), it was the first such conversion in Europe and its new capacities were 870, 738 and 318 (still large). The complex had two large licensed bars as well as 70mm facilities in the two largest auditoria.

Closed by Odeon in December 2000 (they had their own theatre operating at that time on Clerk Street), the building was demolished, apart from the facade in January 2001. A four-screen ‘miniplex’ is housed in the basement of the new office development now occupying the site which incorporates the original building’s facade. This opened as the Odeon Lothian Road on 5th September 2003. This would not exist but for a covenant on the building which stipulated that any new development must incorporate a cinema. But for this, Odeon would surely not have bothered as Edinburgh is rapidly becoming (like many parts of the United Kingdom) vastly overscreened.

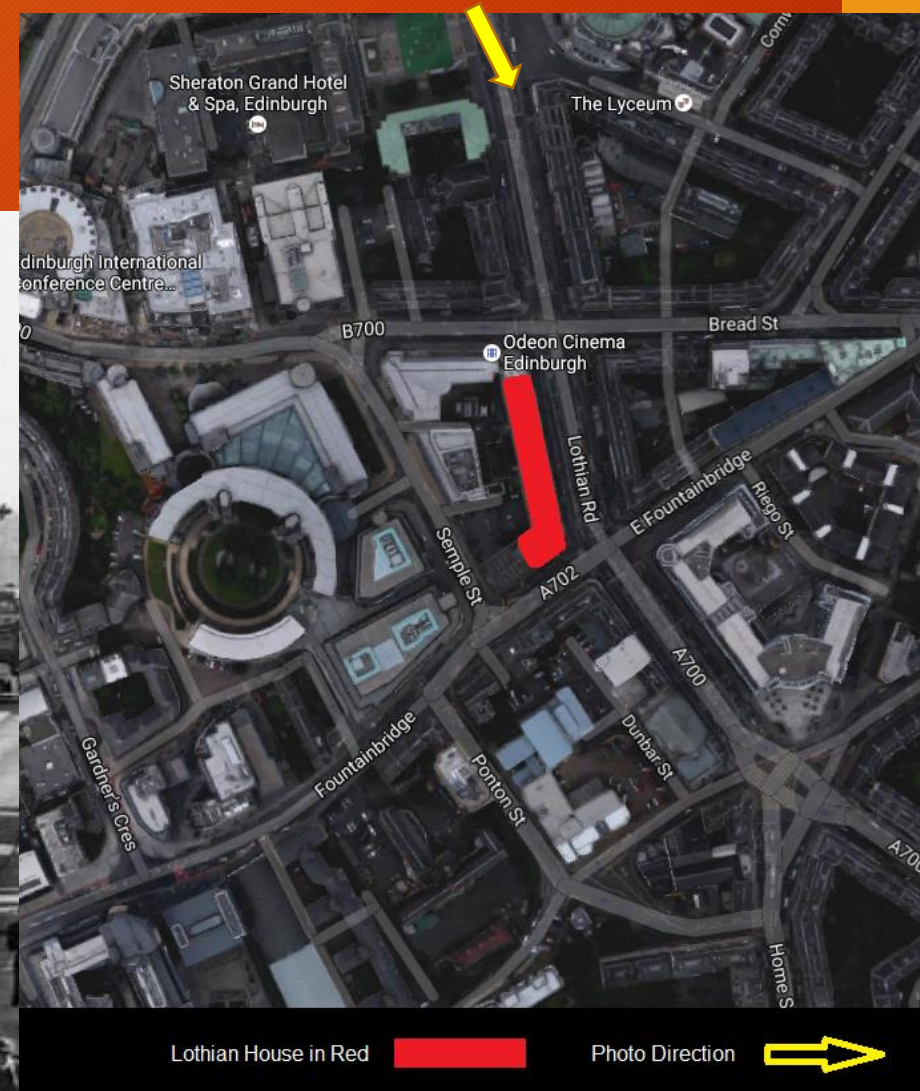
On 19th March 1993, Historic Scotland designated the facade of the ABC a Grade B Listed building.

1938



Lothian Road South towards Tollcross

1950s



Lothian House in Red

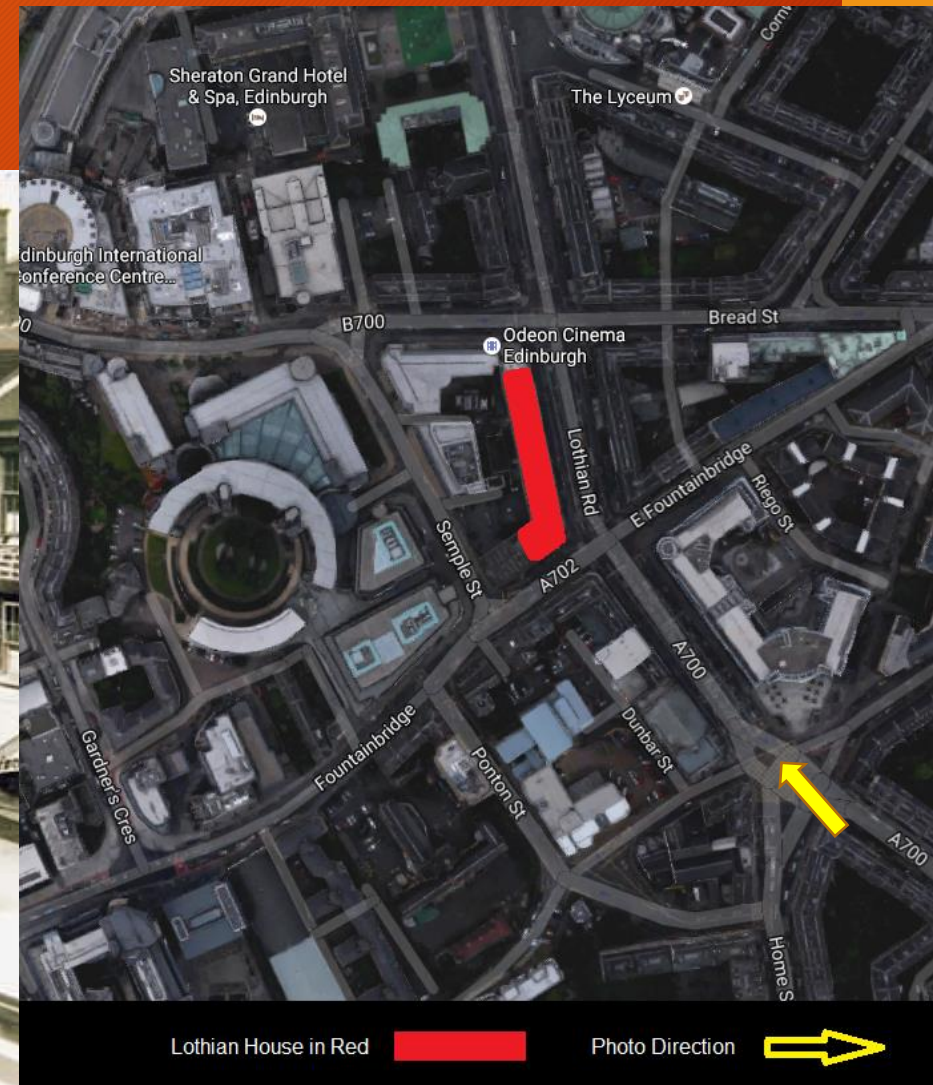


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Earl Grey street looking onto Lothian House

1950s



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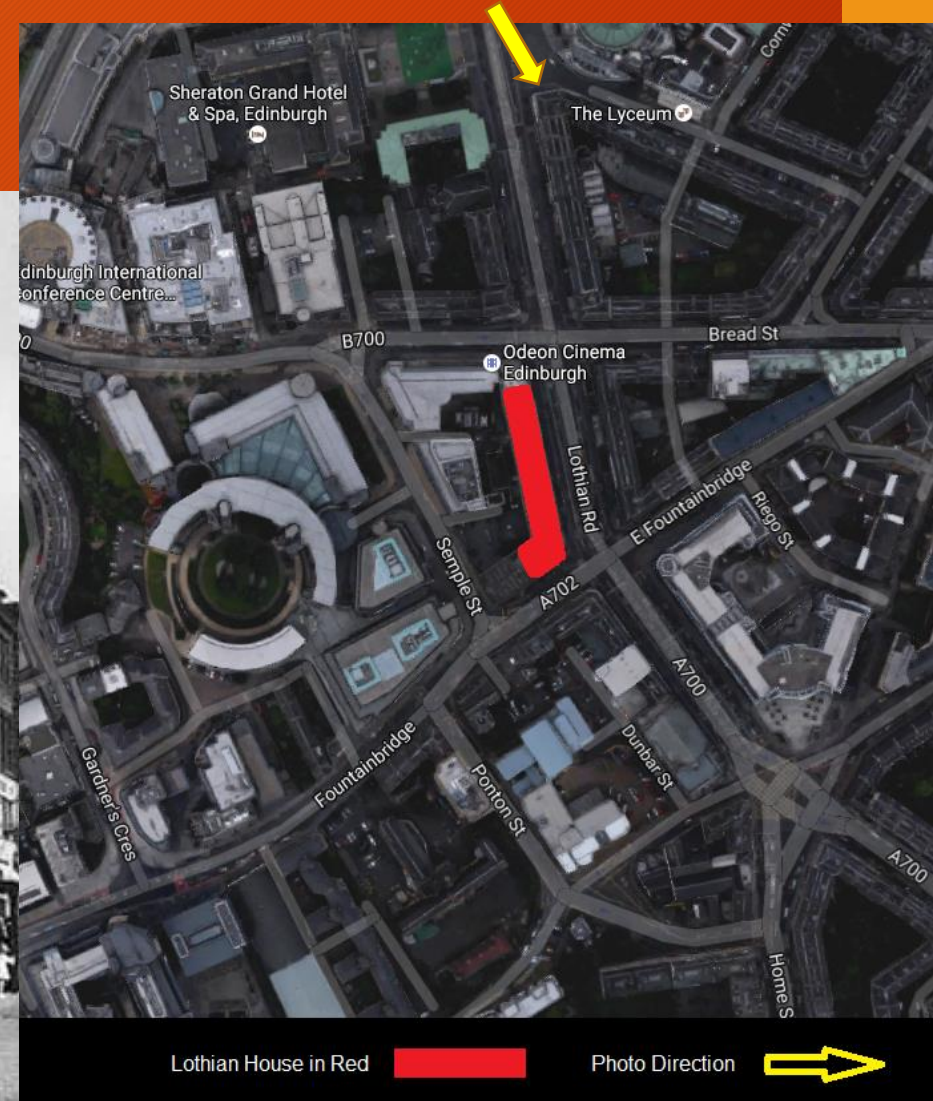


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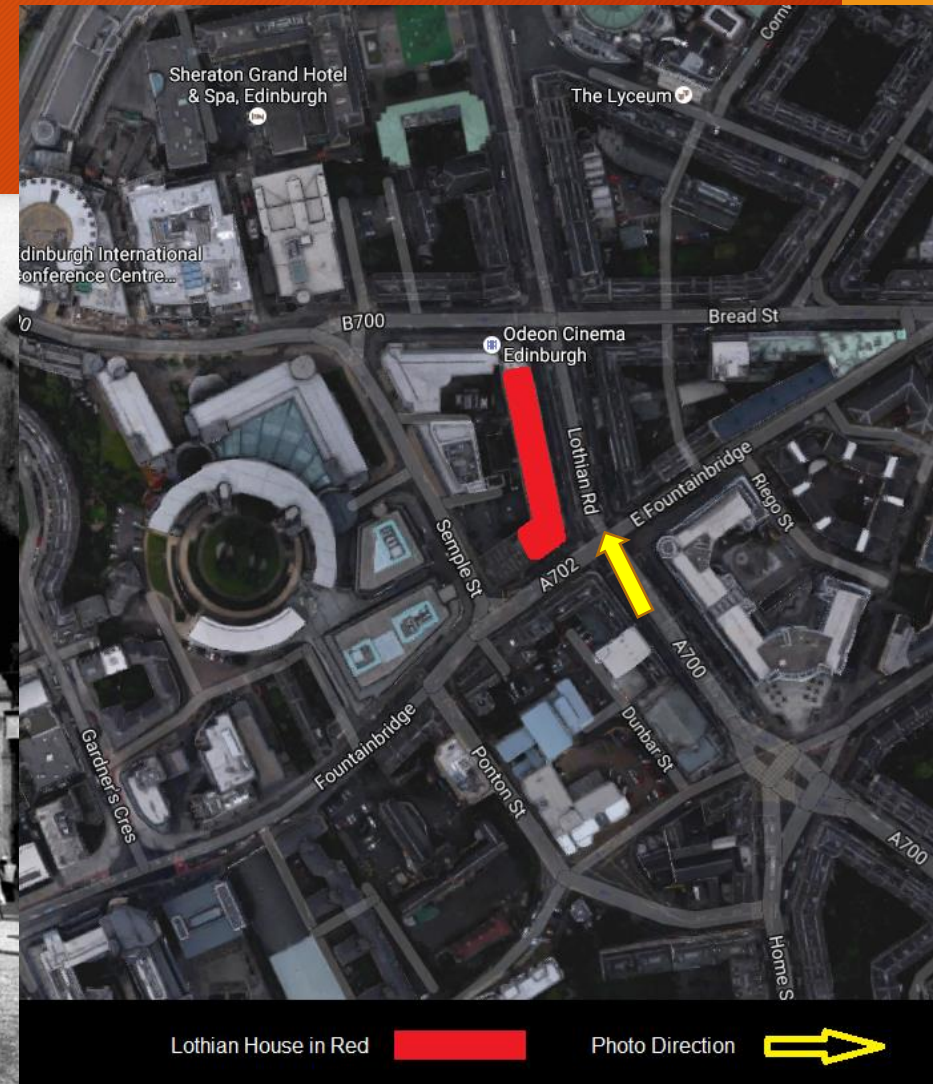
Looking up Lothian Road just past the Odeon

1956



Lothian Road North towards Princes Street

1959



Lothian House in Red

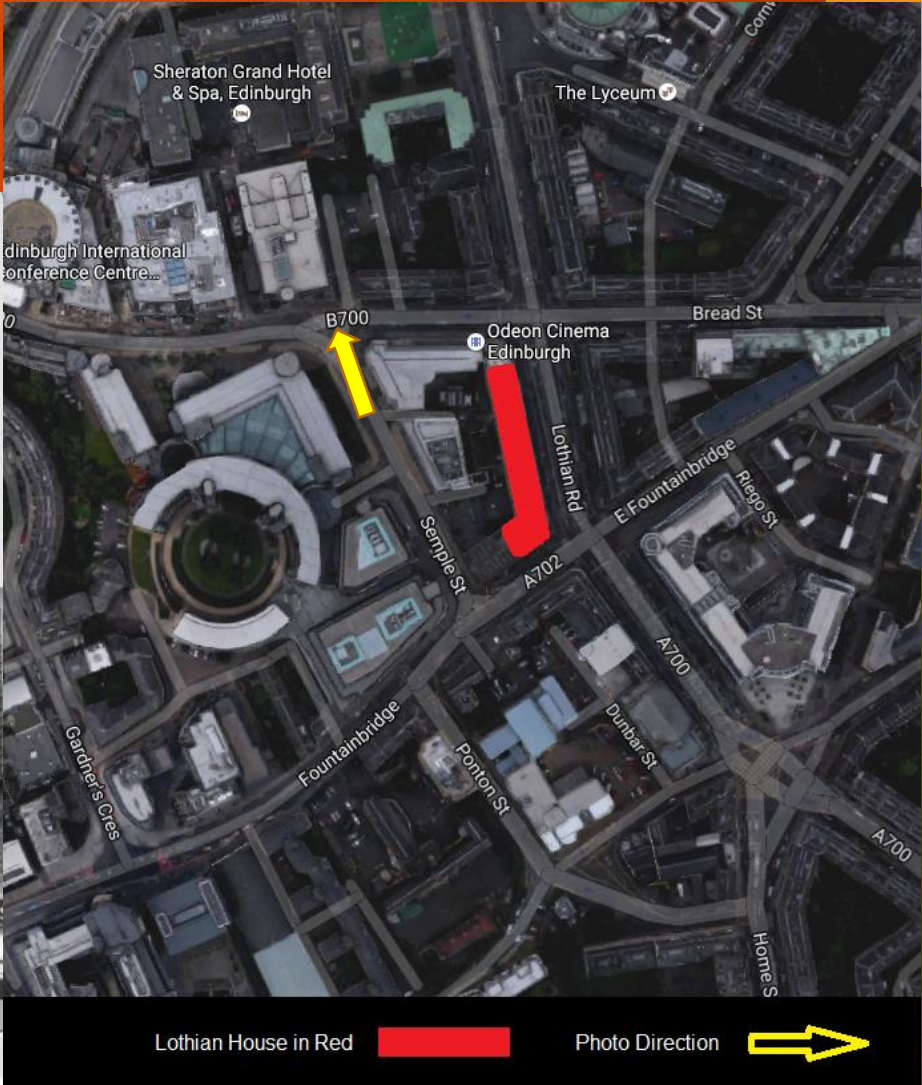


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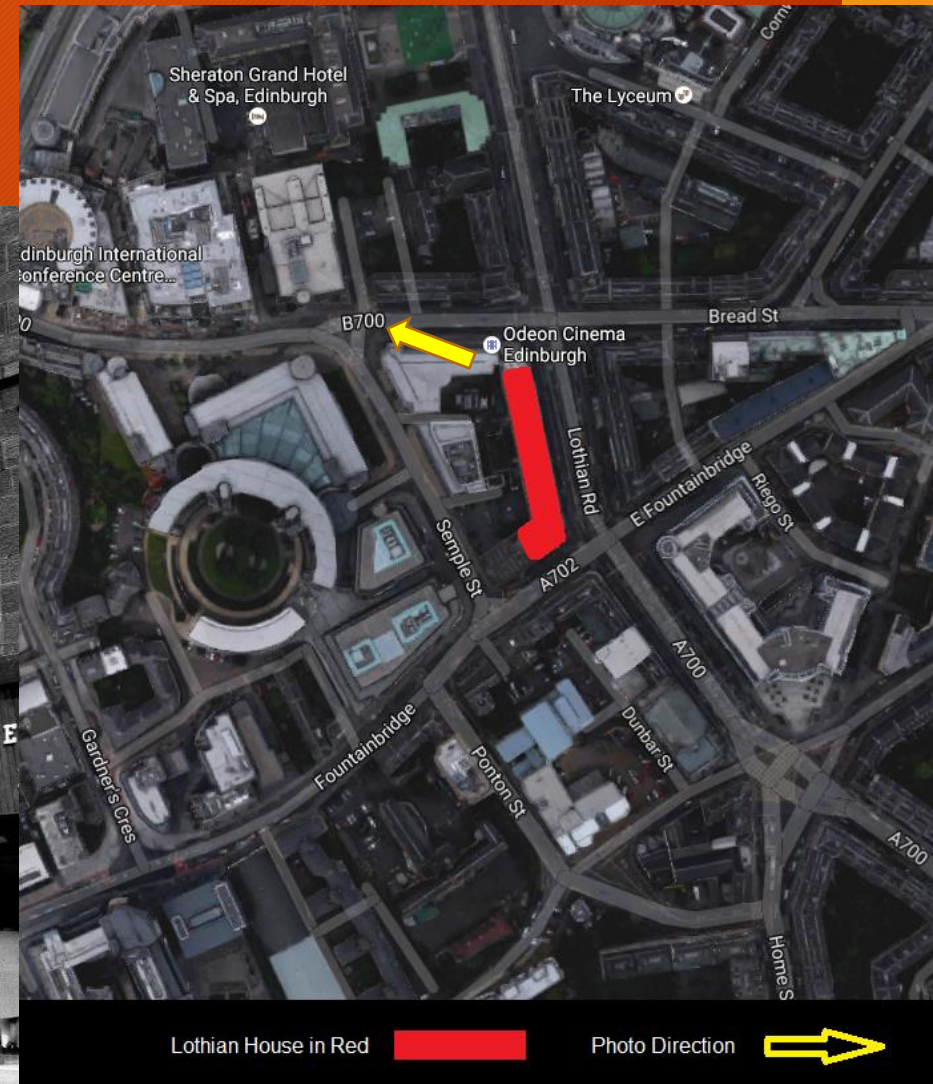
Morrison street

1960s

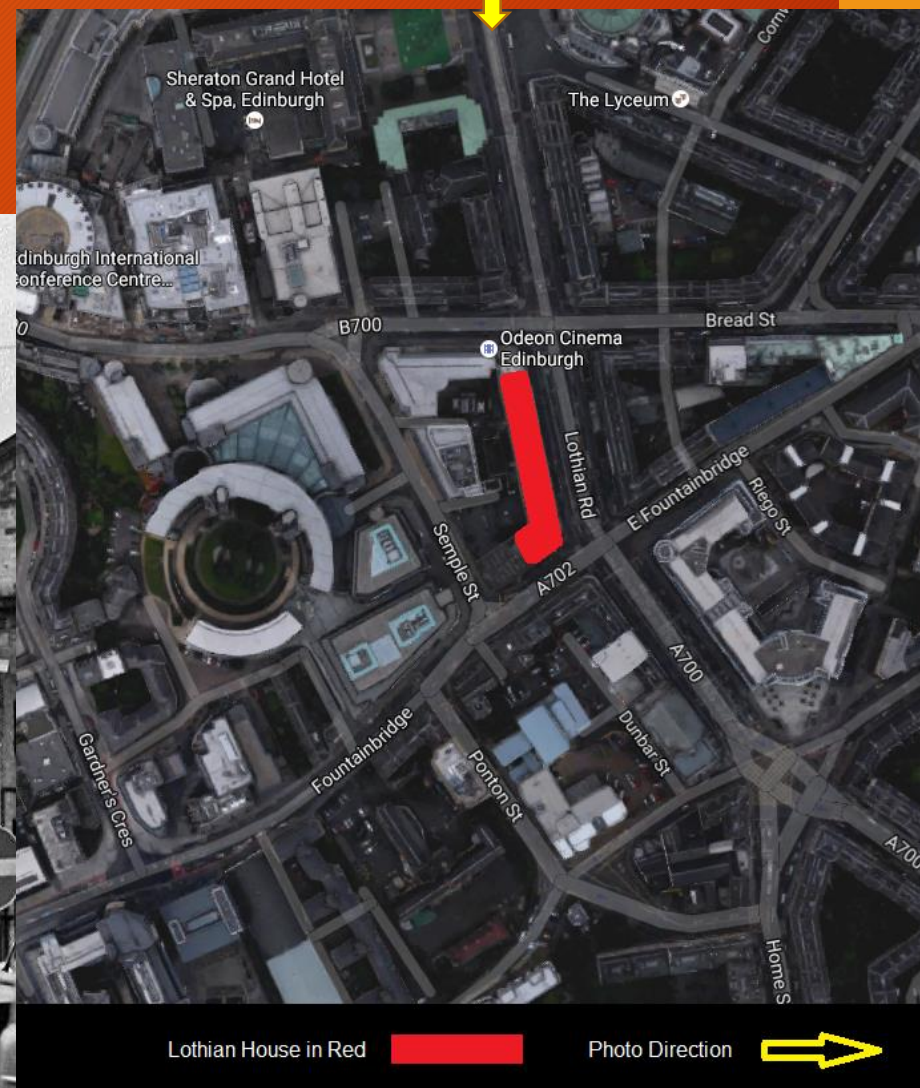


Morrison street

1960s



Opposite the Usher Hall looking south to Tollcross



1960s

Fans queue along Morrison Street and Semple Street to see the Beatles at the ABC Cinema



1964

1964 29th April The Beatles

1964 21st May The Rolling Stones

1964 22nd May Freddie & The Dreamers,

1964 29th September Billy J Kramer & The Dakotas, The Ronettes Cliff Bennett & The Rebel Rousers, The Yardbirds, and The Nashville Teens or The Kinks,

1964 19th October The Beatles



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1964
ABC
Cinema

Morrison street
ABC Cinema

1964



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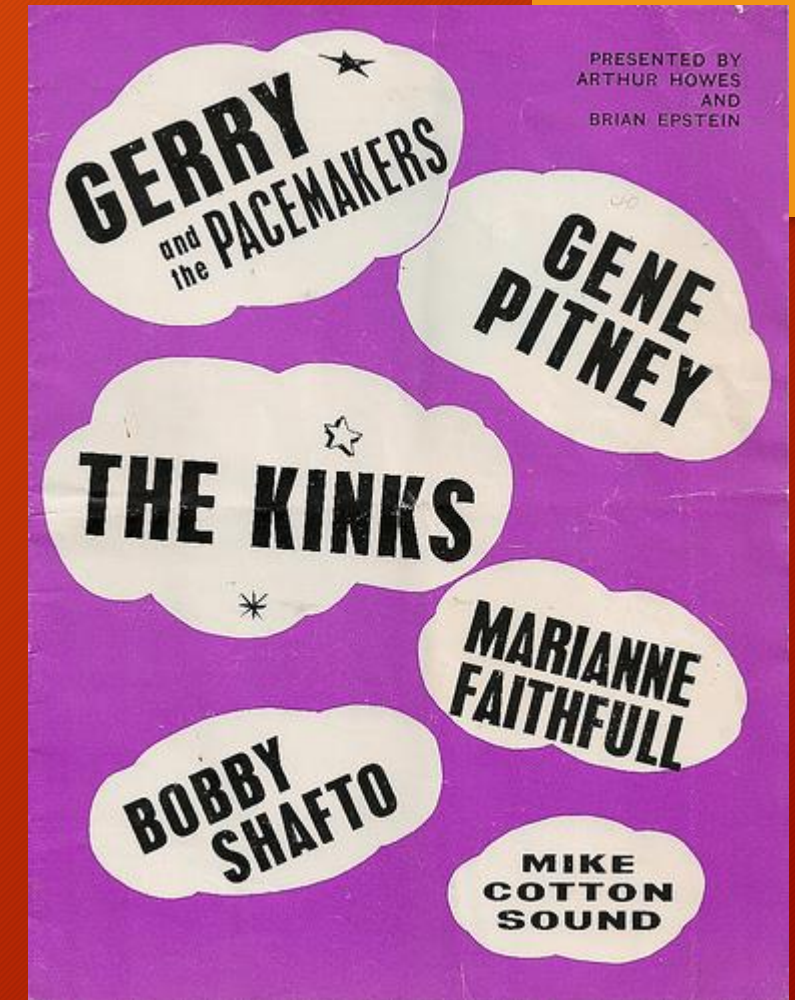
Morrison
street
Waiting
for the
Beatles



1964 4th November Cliff Richard, The Shadows, Faye Fisher, Johnny Hawkins & His Orchestra,

1964 3rd December Gerry & The Pacemakers, Gene Pitney, The Kinks, Marianne Faithfull, Mike Cotton Sound, Bobby Shafto, and a certain Davie Jones & The Manish Boys. Later, Davie Jones would of course transform himself into David Bowie

1965 12th February Cilla Black, Tom Jones & The Squires



1964



1965 5th March Roy Orbison

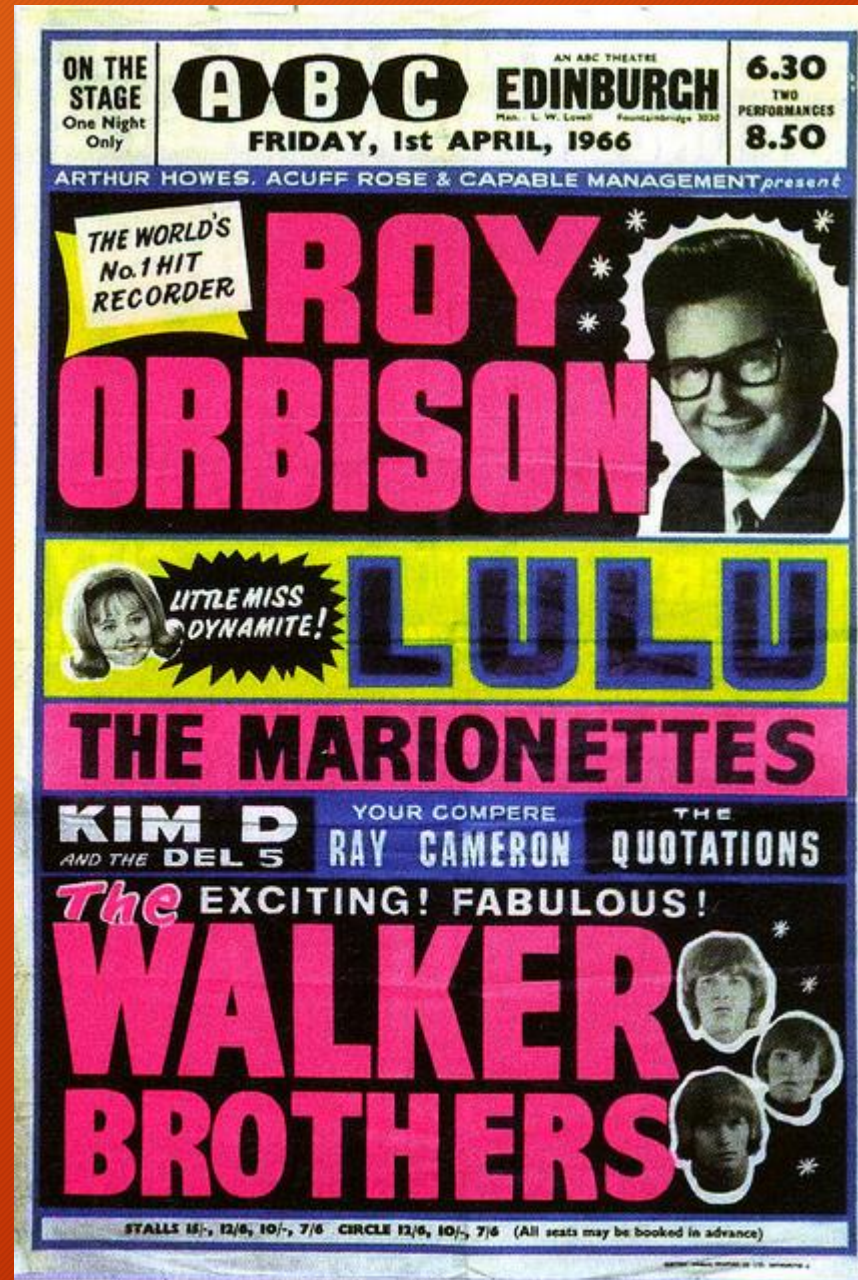
1965 12th October The Everly Brothers
& Cilla Black

1965 28th October Gene Pitney, The
Rockin' Berries, Lulu & The Luvvers,
Peter & Gordon, The Mike Cotton
Sound, The Quiet Five, Syd & Eddie aka
Little & Large

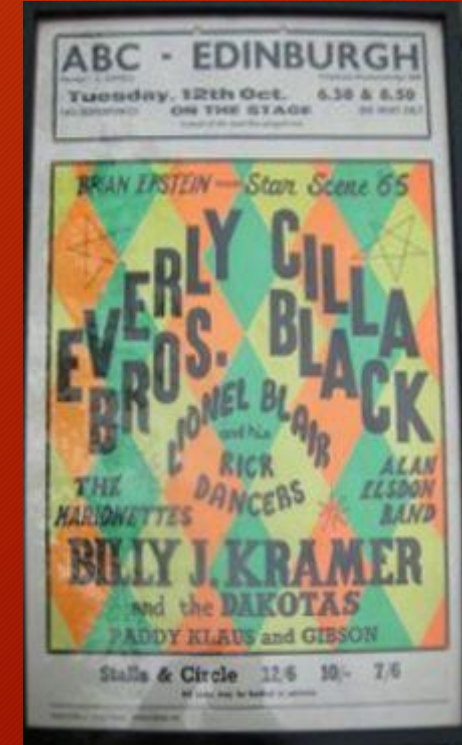
1966 1st April Roy Orbison, The Walker
Brothers, Lulu & The Luvvers, The
Marionettes, Kim D

1967 10th May The Beach Boys

1967 7th November Tom Jones



1965
To
1967



1969



Roger Moore
Arriving in Edinburgh
To visit the
ABC Cinema

1979



1998



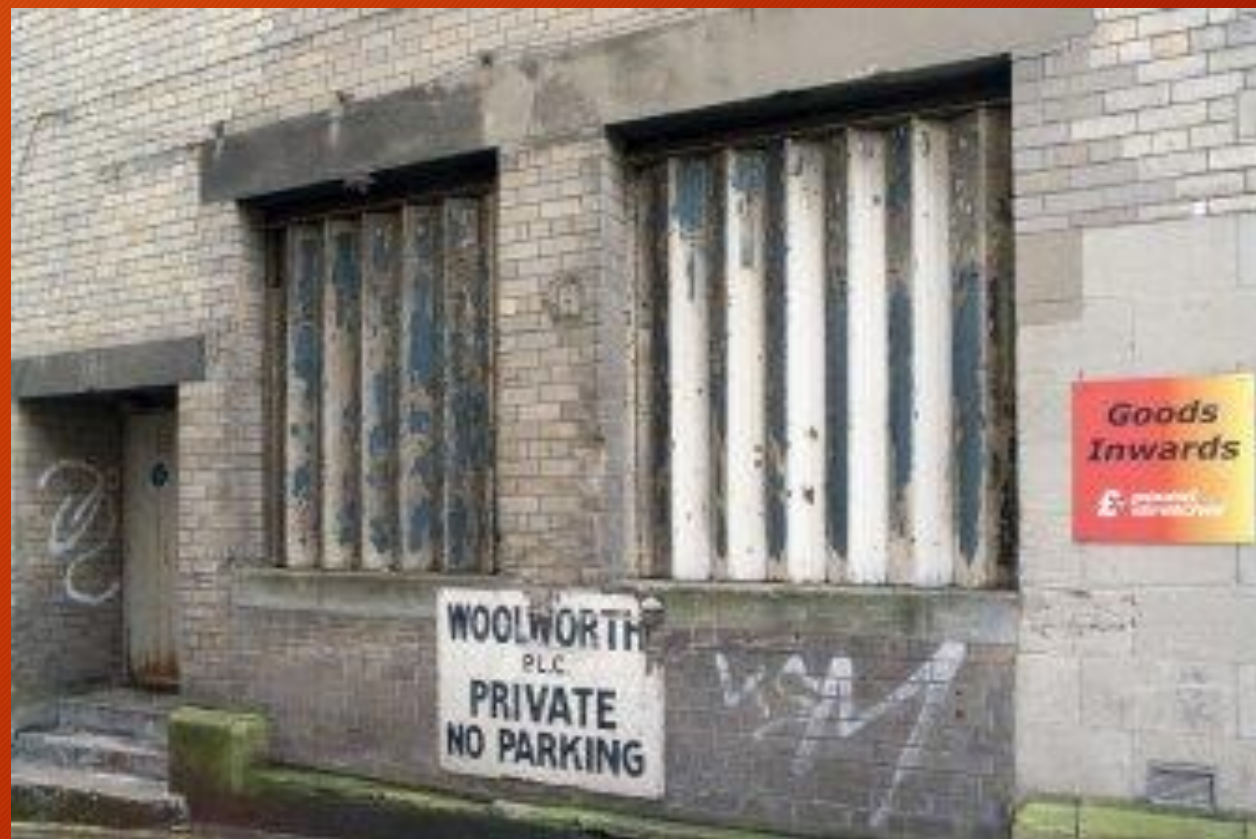
What we have lost



Main
Entrance

What we had
and what we
lost, Now gone





4th Floor



3th Floor





2nd Floor

1st Floor



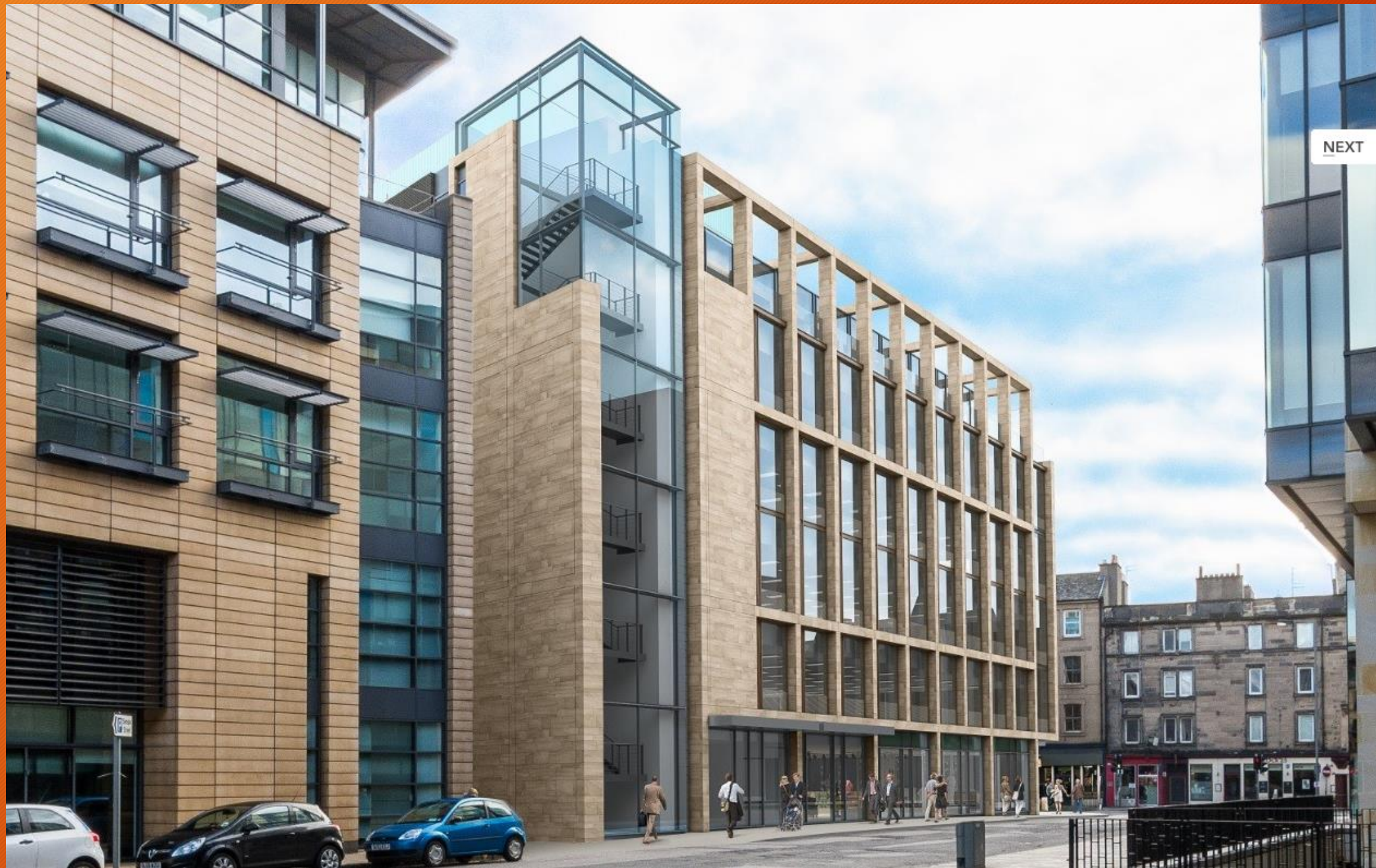


Ground
Floor

2018

Fountainbridge
and Semple
Street





2018

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