

PIER at MINNIS BAY Proposed in 1880-1890

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Birchington - View of planned new estate - No date - c. 1880-1890

Printed plan showing the proposed estate (a "bird's-eye view") to be built at Birchington by the Birchington Bay Freehold Land and Estate Company (1 Plan)

This 'bird's-eye view' of Minnis Bay and Birchington was drawn up by an architect in 1880-1890, as part of a plan for selling off the land which once belonged to Lower Gore End Farm. Only three of the large terraces of houses were ever built, two of which stand in Minnis Road and one in Alfred Road.

The proposed Pier was indeed a 'pipe-dream', as it would have been far too short to accommodate the paddle steamers shown docking beside it and the Church which stands at the south end of a set of greens beyond the Dip was also never built.

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A letter has been written to The City Archivist, Dundee City Archives, Dundee, Scotland, enquiring how they came to have the plan - and to send very grateful thanks for sending it down to Whitfield!