Tips for Map Making:
Make sure your map contains the following:
Place, Name, and Date
Orientation: North/top, West/left, East/right, South/bottom
Scale: Tells how big the objects on the map are (i.e. 1cm = 1meter)
Key: (tells what your symbols mean)

A "Map" shows us what is already there; A "Design" will show us what we want there.
Example: Banda Residence, Area 47, Lilongwe (drawn by: G.P. Phiri, May 17, 2016)

A ‘Key’ tells what your symbols mean

How to Determine ‘Scale’:

19cm
28cm

Plot Size
78m
36m

To determine ‘scale’, divide the longest length of the plot (78m) by the longest length of the paper (28cm). In this example, \( \frac{78}{28} = 2.8 \) This means that your scale will be 1 cm = 2.8 m (or 1:2.8)

To determine how to draw your plot on the paper, take any length of the plot (e.g. 36m) and divide by the ‘scale’. In this example, \( \frac{36}{2.8} = 13 \) cm