

NAME Amport
PARISH Amport
HUNDRED Andover
DISTRICT Test Valley
NGR SU 299443
GEOLOGY Upper chalk, River and Valley gravels to the N and E.

SITE CONTEXT The church area of the village is positioned on a slight E facing slope at between 70 and 80m OD. The Green area of the village is on the S edge of the flood plain of the Pillhill Brook. To the S the land rises to 90m OD and to 100m OD to the W. At Amport the Pillhill Brook changes direction, from flowing S to flowing E.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Regular row with green.

No information about shifted area of the settlement within the park. The present day village lies along the edge of a green with a few houses near the church.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The AHAP encircles the church and covers the site of the earlier Amport House but the AAP extends from this area to the W to cover the immediate grounds of Amport House as it has been suggested by Routh that this is the site of the earlier village which was moved to alongside The Green.

A second AAP covers the line of properties along the S side of The Green and also includes the part of the Green edging the road as there are some slight undulations in this area. The field to the N of the Primary School has earthworks which probably represent the complex of buildings shown on the Tithe map, the date of the buildings being unknown. The earthworks also appear to extend further to the W than the buildings shown on the map and so it is likely that there was once more occupation in this area than is suggested by the C19 map.

The row of cottages along the S side of The Green are all listed and nearly all appear to date from the early-mid C18. Any opportunity to confirm this dating through closer examination of the fabric of the buildings or by small scale excavation should be taken as it has implications in the understanding of the development of the village.

CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD St Mary Restored 1866-7. The churchyard is rectangular and set at right-angles to the road. Along its E side and possibly part of the S side there is a large drop which has led Routh to suggest that the church and former manor house were moated. There is no evidence to suggest this, a more reasonable explanation being that the graveyard has been raised through the amount of burials over its history. Amport appears to have been the mother church for Appleshaw and East Cholderton and would have also received the dead from Sarson (although Routh (1986) suggests Weyhill church as the mother church).

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

- Amport House 1857 II
- Stables and coachhouse 1857 and late C19 II
- Stables and Bothy 100m NE of Amport House c. 1900 II
- Church of St Mary c. 1320 II*
- East Lodge to Amport House 1871 II
- The Firs Late C17 core but many periods II*

Stable block 10m E of The Firs Early C19 II
 White Cottage C17 and late C18 II
 Almshouses 1815 II
 Primary School 1815 II
 The Old Farmhouse Early C19 II
 Stable 20m NW of Old Farmhouse Early C19 II
 Granary 15 SW of Old Farmhouse Early C19 II
 Large granary 20m SW of Old Farmhouse Early C19 II
 Gorki C17, mainly early C19 II
 Rosemary Cottage The Green Late C18 and early C20 II (GV)
 Willow Cottage Early C18 II
 Patches Once 2 1731 II
 Mussett Cottage Mid C18 II
 Brook Cottage incorporates a former barn C18 II
 The Cottage on the Green Once 3 Late C18 with C20 restoration II
 Bridge Cottage Late C18 II
 Marigold Cottage and Slate Cottage C18 and early C19 II
 Fleur de Lys Cottage Late C18 with late C19 outshot along rear II
 Broadwater Late C18 and early C19 II
 Wall of cob between Broadwater and Fleur de Lys Early C19 II

SMR DATA

SU 34 SW

2 30304430 Site of the stocks

SU 24 SE

1 29904461 BA round barrow
 11 29944420 Med church
 31 29904420 Med village mentioned in Domesday Book
 33 29004400 Victorian Park

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1 29964417 Site of Amport House shown on Tithe map
 2 30084432 Site of cottage and outbuilding shown on Tithe map
 3 30094426 Site of several outbuildings
 4 30264431 Site of 2 cottages and outbuildings shown on Tithe map. Represented by earthworks over the S part of the field but most prominently in the SE corner
 5 30354431 Slight 'humps and bumps' along the S edge of the Green
 6 29804410 Possible area of shifted village as claimed by Routh

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES 1:2,500 SU 2844-2944, 3024-3124; Tithe map 21M65/F7/5/2 (1840)

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Hugh of Port. TRE Edric from King Edward in freehold as 1 manor. Then it paid tax for 10 hides; now 6 hides. Land for 5 ploughs. In lordship 2 pl; 7 villagers and 12 smallholders with 5 pl. 3 slaves; a mill at 20s. Half hide of this manor lies in Over Wallop.

Value before 1066 and later £4; now £6. To this manor belong 5 hides which Ralph of Mortimer holds. A brother of Edric held it under an agreement that as long as he behaved well towards him, he would hold the land from him; if he wished to sell, he was not permitted to sell or grant it to anyone except the man from whom he held it. The Hundred testifies this.

Ralph de Mortimer. Ingelrann from him. TRE Edric. Then and now it paid tax for 5 hides. Land for 3 pl. In lordship 1 pl; 7 villagers and 6 smallholders with 2 pl. 3 slaves; a mill at 25s; meadow, 2 acres; woodland without pasturage. Value before 1066 £12; later £10; now £6.

Subsidy Rolls

1334	1. 19. 6
1524	3. 2. 4 (17 taxpayers)

Manorial Documents

DCAD Vol VI 6281 Stephen de Appletrefeld conveyor to Gilbert de Appletrefeld the manor of Amport. A rose rent and £10 after his Stephens death. 20 Ed I.

Hearth Tax

1665	49 hearths chargeable (22 houses) 20 hearths not chargeable (20 houses) Total 42 houses
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PLACE NAME Obscure. Port is from the Domesday owner Hugh de Port and is recorded as *Anne de Port* in 1248. *An* may be an old area/estate name.

PHOTOGRAPHS 4/36-42

OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

A mill was recorded in 1205 and 1349. In 1783, there is mention of a meadow called 'Millhamby' in Amport near the old mill (VCH Vol IV p 337).

The fold of land E of the park has a heavy scatter of knapped flint which are probably from foundations.

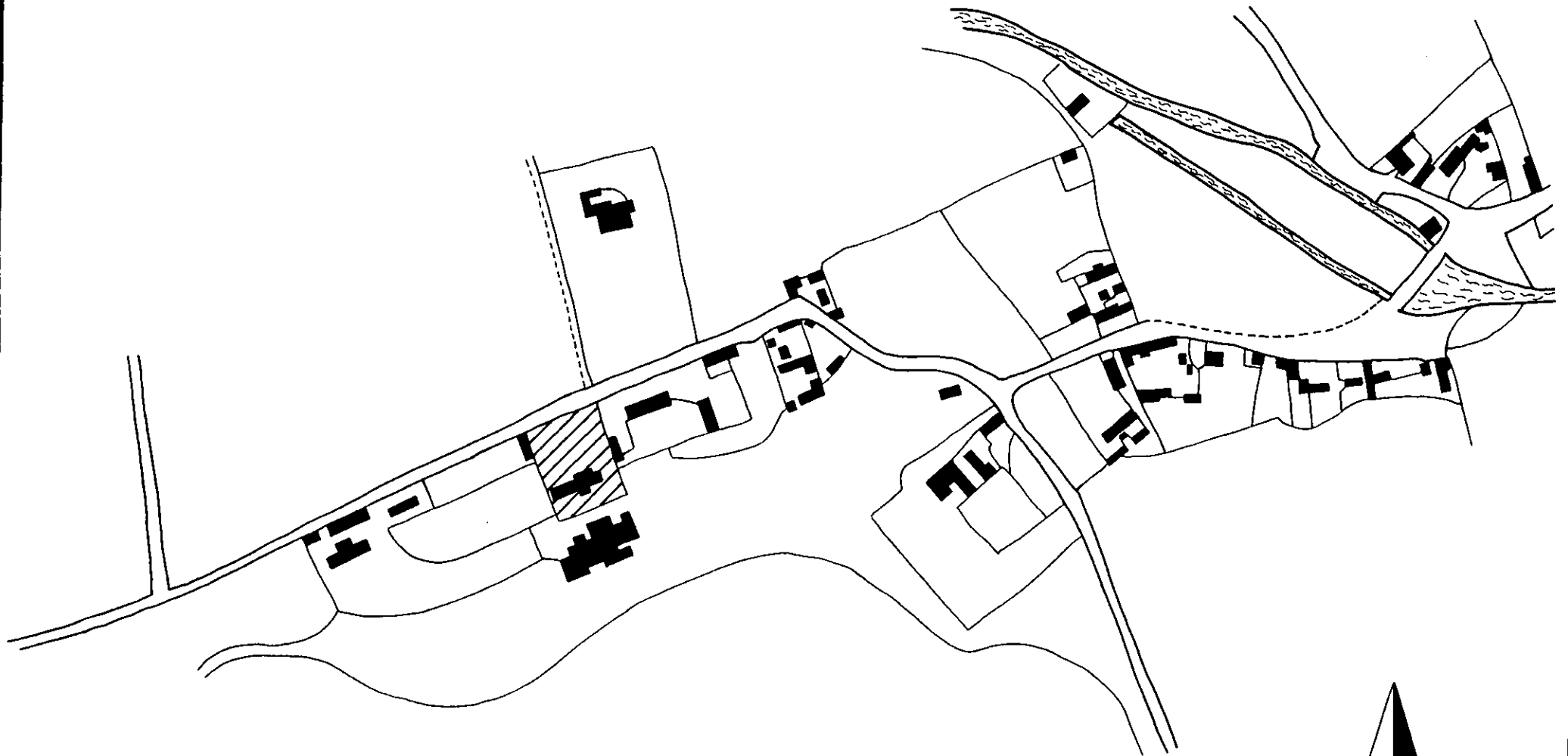
In 1693 there was a N field, S field and Church field. The demolished manor house was built in 1806 and demolished in the 1850's.

Most of the village was cleared away for the creation of the park and the cottages rebuilt alongside the green.

Thought that the church and original manor house may have been in a moated enclosure due to the drop of the wall.

Isaac Taylors map of 1759 shows two roads from the Portway converging on the church but they had gone by 1791 (Routh, 1986).

East Cholderton to the N of Amport was also a tithing in Amport parish. It received several mentions in Domesday Book.

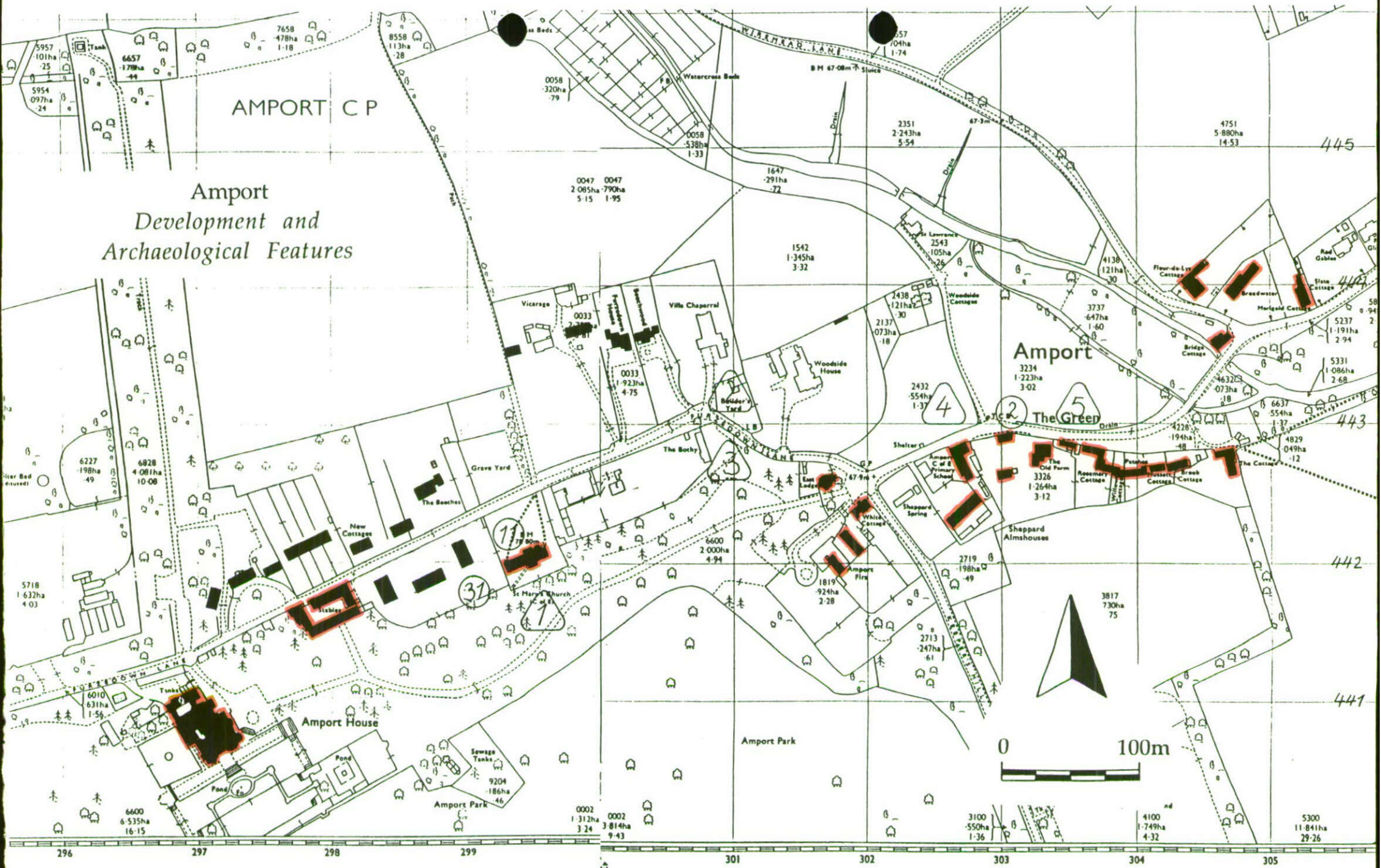


Amport
Based on Tithe Map of 1839



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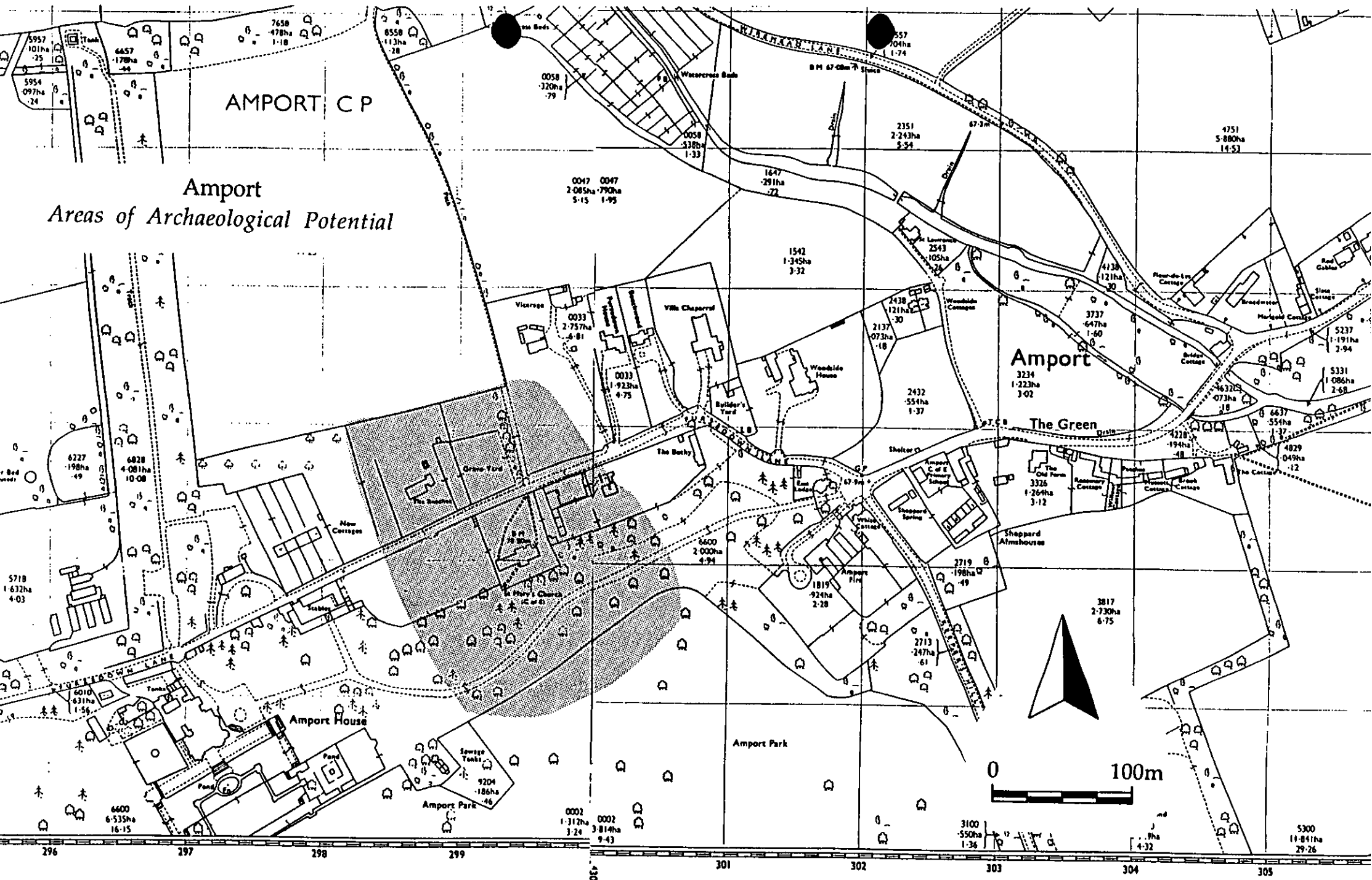


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