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| 1.0 | PARISH | Bishops Sutton (Map 1) |
| 2.0 | HUNDRED | Bishops Sutton |
| 3.0 | NGR | 4606000 1320200 (church) |
| 4.0 | GEOLOGY | Alluvium / River Gravel surrounded by Upper Chalk. |

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

Bishops Sutton is in the valley of the River Alre at *c.* 77 - 81m AOD. The settlement is situated on rising ground above the south bank of the river, flanking both sides of the B3047. This road leads west to New Alresford (*c.* 2km) and east to an intersection with the A31 (*c.* 1km) at which point there is a spring, a source of the river. The west end of the settlement is characterised by a complex of riverside watercress beds, a feature which has given its name to the Watercress (steam railway) Line which is on the north side of the river at *c.* 100m AOD. A cross-downland route descends from the south-west into the settlement from the summit of White Hill (113m AOD).

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 4 / 1, 4 / 2, 5 / 1 & 5 / 2)

There are two principal components.

6.1.1 *Irregular agglomeration* At the west end of Bishops Sutton there is a triangular plot of land that is described by three roads: Church Lane, School Lane and the B3047. The triangular space might once have been a green, but it is now crowded with C18, 19 & 20 buildings. The outer perimeter of this area is also clustered with buildings and two of these are amongst the oldest in the settlement. The C11 / 12 Parish Church is to the north west; Old Ship Cottages (south) are C16, and they occupy the highest point in Bishops Sutton at 81.4m AOD. Sutton Manor House, west of the church is C17, but perhaps the site of antecedents.

6.1.2 There are indicators that this area has long been the focus of Bishops Sutton. It has a major route intersection, the church and possibly a long established manor house site. In more recent times, the Post House and School (both in School Lane) were situated here and by the late C19 there were at least two shops (now closed). The Ship Inn continues to trade. Fieldwork revealed traces of a field system to the west (Paragraph 11.0, No. 1) and earthworks opposite the Inn (Paragraph 11.0 No.2).

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6.2.1 Regular Row Extending eastwards from the irregular agglomeration (Paragraph 6.1) for some 0.5km are the last vestiges of a regular row. It probably developed over a period of time, arranged upon the dry ground above the south bank of the Alre and filling space between the agglomeration and a peripheral farm at White Friars (460930 131835). Tithe Map land boundaries suggest that the row eventually continued on to the eastern boundary of the Modern house called Chestnuts (461120 131750) and the Spring Field opposite. On the north side of the Alre the line of North Street (Paragraph 11.0, No. 11) evidences the presence of contour lynchets.

6.2.2 Late C19 and C20 building has replaced many of the 1840s buildings in Bishops Sutton (Maps 5 and 6) and earlier property boundaries have been re-aligned.

6.3 Site visit condition: Strong, low sun (16.2.99)

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Maps 5 / 1 & 5 / 2)

7.1 AsAP

7.1.1 The regular row as described in Paragraph 6.2.1 and as indicated on Map 8. Late Victorian and C20 building has disrupted and diminished the archaeological potential of this area of Bishops Sutton.

7.1.2 An irregular plot south of the B3047 and c. 300m west of the parish church. The plot has been extended eastwards since the 1840s. However, its shape and location is consistent with similar house plots of this type (e.g. Bighton) and these may be of medieval origin.

7.2 AsHAP

7.2.1 The Bishop's Palace as described in Paragraphs 10.1 number 3A, B, C and Paragraph 10.2, number 5403. A catchment area around the Palace site has been included within this AHAP. It is the site of the Ancient Palace of the Bishops of Winchester (VCH 3: 6).

7.2.2 The irregular agglomeration as described in Paragraphs 6.1.1 and 6.1.2. This AHAP includes the site of the parish church and the present manor house.

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

St Nicholas

The church appears to sit on an earthen platform. There is an OS benchmark at 81.29m AOD. To the north, the ground falls gently but rises again within 50m before dropping into the valley of the River Alre.

- C11 / 12 nave including north and south windows. The north and south doors are of similar date (the north door is blocked) and both are decorated with the beaked heads of birds, each of a different species. The chancel arch is contemporary.
- On the external eastern jamb of the south door is an incised sundial.

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- C1300 west windows of nave
- Late C13 chancel. The exterior north wall of the chancel has within it a squint and a piscina. These belonged to a former north chapel or anchorite's cell.
- C18 font.
- Weather boarded bell turret.
- Brass commemorating an anonymous knight and lady *c.* 1500.

NB There is a blocked aperture of unknown purpose measuring *c.* 0.75m x 0.5m at the west end exterior of the north wall *c.* 1m above ground level.

9.0 BUILDINGS (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
9698	Western Court Farmhouse, A31	C16, 18, 19	II
9699	Sutton Manor House, A31	C17, 18, 19	II*
9700/1	Yeoman' Cottage & Tavy Cottage, A31 (north)	early C18, 19	II
9702	Sutton Manor House: garden wall in front of	C18, 19	II
9703/4	1 & 2 Old Ship Cottages, A31	C16, 18	II
9705	Ship Inn, A31	C18, 19	II
9706	Newhouse Farmhouse, A31	C17, 18	II
9707	Grove Cottage, A31	C17, 18	II
9708	Bassett's Farm Cottage, Bassett's Farm	C18, 19	II
9709	Bassett's Farm Cottage: granary 10m north-west of	C18	II
9710	Dairy Cottage, Bassett's Farm	early C19	II
9711	St Nicholas' Church, Church Lane	C12, 13, 14, 18, 19	I
9712	1, Church Lane	C18 or earlier	II
9713	2, Church Lane	C18	II
9714	Old Mill House, Mill Lane	C17, 18	II
9715	Manor Farmhouse, Old Park Road	C17, 18, 20	II
88	The Old Post House (not Office), School Lane	C17, 18	II
9716	Honeysuckle Cottage, Sutton Wood Lane	C17, 18, 20	II
9717	Cobb's Farm, Sutton Wood Lane	C17, 18	II
89	Rose Cottage, Sutton Wood Lane	C17, 18	II

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10.0 SMR DATA SW 460000 I31700, NE 461500 I32400 (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

SU 63 SE	No.		
	49	460360 I33190	Undated. Linear feature. HCC AP refs: run 20e 21.84.101, 21e008.
SU 63 SW	1	460020 I33030	Bronze Age. Bowl Barrow 34m diam. x 0.6m high. Possibly Wibba's Barrow which stood at SW corner of Bighton parish.
	3A	460650 I32200	Medieval. Bishop's Palace held by Bishop of Winchester from AD 1136. Adjoined by a pond or moat.
	3B	460650 I32200	Undated. Flints and CBM form site of 3A.
	3C	460650 I32200	Medieval. Silver Penny of William I from site of 3A. WCMS Acc. No. 40 1984.
	5	460600 I32010	Medieval. Parish Church (see para. 8.0).
	14	461400 I31700	Bronze Age. Round Barrow.
	15	460120 I32340	Medieval. C16 timber-framed building (Western Court Farm).
	18	460360 I32330	Post-Medieval water mill destroyed C19. Mill house remains.
	19	460600 I32030	Domesday reference.
	24	460490 I32000	Medieval. Sutton Manor. Earlier timber building rebuilt C17.
	25	460580 I31920	Medieval. C16 rectangular timber building.
	50	461300 I31700	Undated. Possible semi-circular enclosure with rectilinear feature to the south. HCC AP ref: run 22e 214.
	71	461270 I31730	Medieval. Farm first documented AD 1318. Perhaps associated with 50 (& 49 [unlisted]) & / or 14.

10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

None listed.

10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

SAM No.	NGR	Site
None.		

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

1	SW 460300 I31800, NE 460400 I32000 (approx.)	Traces of lynchets.
2	460560 I31965	Earthworks, perhaps garden features, in plot opposite & WNW of the Ship Inn.
3	460620 I32065	Earthwork: line of C19 churchyard boundary.
4	460665 I32045	Site of barn shown on Tithe Map of 1847.
5	460700 I32010	Site of building shown on Tithe Map of 1847.

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| 6 | 460860 I31880 | Site of building shown on Tithe Map of 1847. |
| 7 | 461025 I31810 | Site of building shown on Tithe Map of 1847. |
| 8 | 461250 I31750 | Cobbs Farm first mentioned 1318 and listed in Hampshire County Council SMR as SU 63 SW No. 71 and perhaps associated with 49, 50 & / or 14. |
| 9 | 461300 I31700 | Enclosures listed in Hampshire County Council SMR as SU 63 SW No. 50. |
| 10 | 461400 I31700 | Round Barrow listed in Hampshire County Council SMR as SU 63 SW No. 14. |
| 11 | 460600 I32375 to 461200 I32080 | Possible lynchet line, a part of which is also the line of North Street, Bishops Sutton. |
| 12 | 461060 I32000 | Site of building and curtilages shown on the Tithe Map of 1847. |

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/22/2 (1847 / 1849)
- GSGB 300 Alresford
- OS 1: 2500 SW 460000 I31700, NE 461500 I32400
- OS 1: 25000 OS Explorer 132: Winchester, New Alresford & East Meon.

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- VCH 3: 41-5

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book

20,1 (The land of Count Eustace). Count Eustace holds (*Bishop's*) Sutton from the King. Earl Harold held it. 25 hides there; now it answers for 10 hides, and did so before 1066, as the Hundred states. Land for 50 ploughs. In lordship 5b ploughs; 60 villagers and 60 smallholders with 23 ploughs. A church with 1 hide; 3 slaves; 4 mills at 35s; meadow, 6 acres; woodland at 100 pigs from pasturage. Value before 1066 £50; later and now £60; however, it pays £80 at face value.

20, 2 The Count himself (Eustace) holds 5 hides in Headley which answered for 3 hides before 1066. Earl Godwin held it. They account it in (*Bishop's*) Sutton.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£1.9.5½	
1524	<i>1st survey</i>	£4.11.0	43 taxpayers
	<i>2nd survey</i>	£4.11.8	41 taxpayers

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14.3 Manors

Manors recorded are Bishops Sutton; Western Court Farm. The latter was formerly a messuage (VCH 3: 43).

14.4 Hearth Tax

1665 45 hearths chargeable (22 houses)
18 hearths not chargeable (18 houses). Total: 40 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

982 (C14) *sudtunam*; 1086 *Sudton(e)*. OE *suðtun* 'south farm'. It is south-east of Old Arlesford.

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

None taken.

17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

None listed by Sawyer, 1968.

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP no.</i>	<i>Map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Cobbs Cottages Farm	279	461300 131800	1318
Sutton Common (Winley)	281		1292
Western Court	282	460100 132300	1327

17.3 Enclosures

Parliamentary:

<i>NEP no.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14118	1709		None	Commons in manors of Ropley & Bishops Sutton

Formal Agreements

<i>NEP no.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14552	1661	None	Sutton or Windley Common

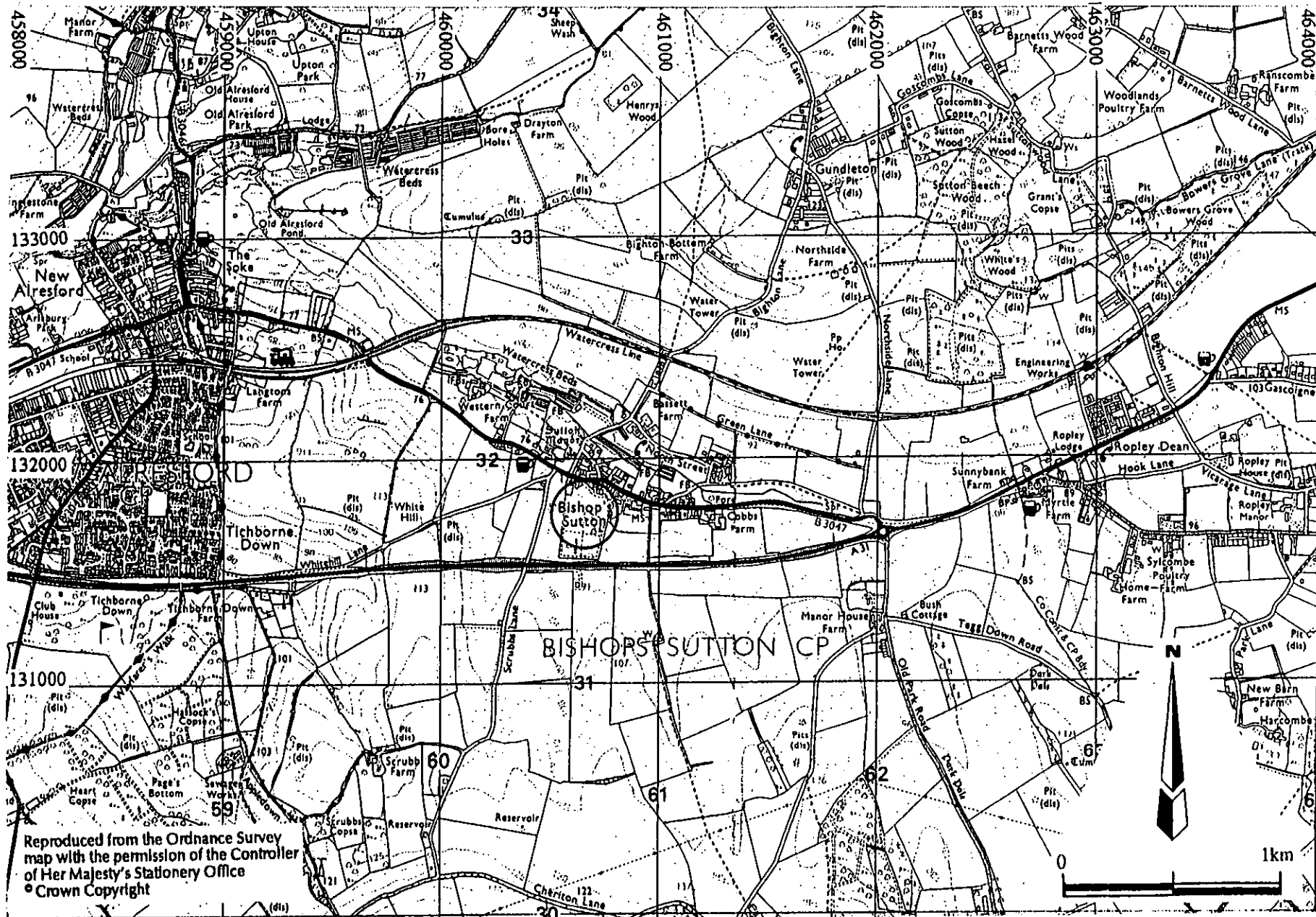
17.4 Commons and Greens (residual)

- Total area extant in 1873 according to House of Commons survey:
Parish: 3,729 acres though this applies to the parish of Crawley and may not be relevant to Bishops Sutton.

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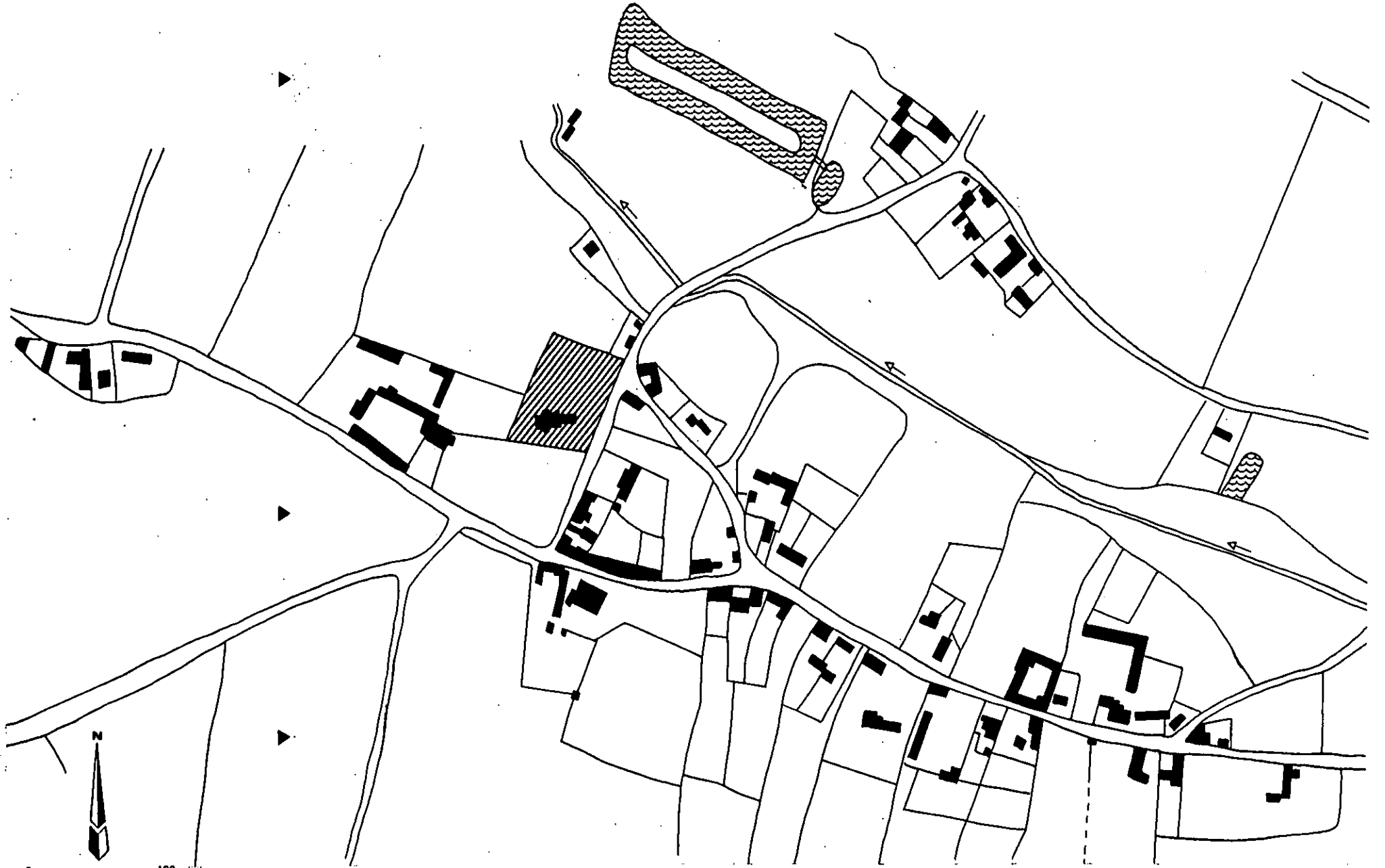
18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

- 1 Parish location map (not to scale)
- 2 Settlement location map at 1: 25000
- 3 1847 Tithe Map (west) transcription at 1: 2500 (reduced to 71 %)
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- 5 Map: Development and Archaeological Features (west) at 1: 2500 (reduced to 71 %)
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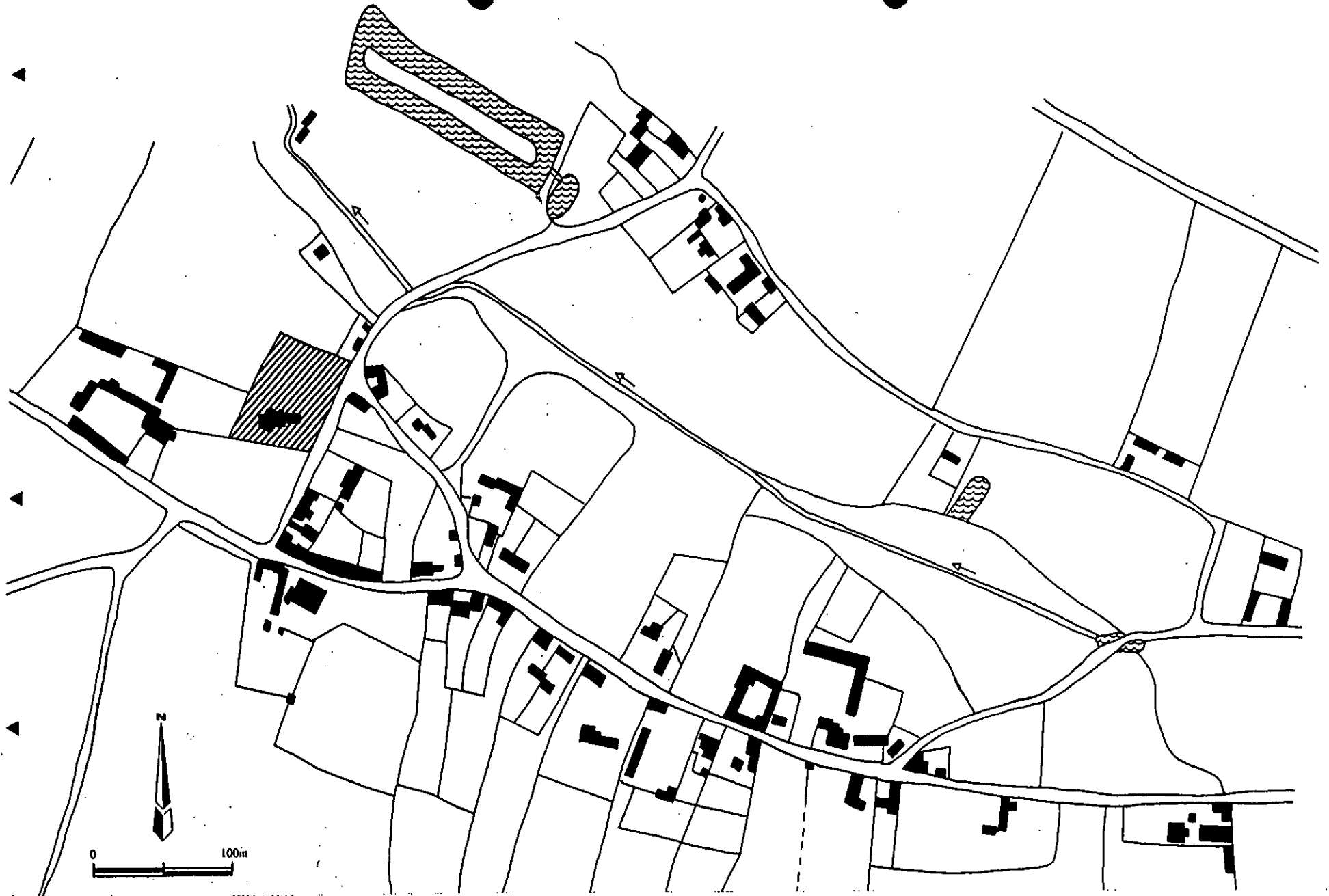


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 Map 2: General Location



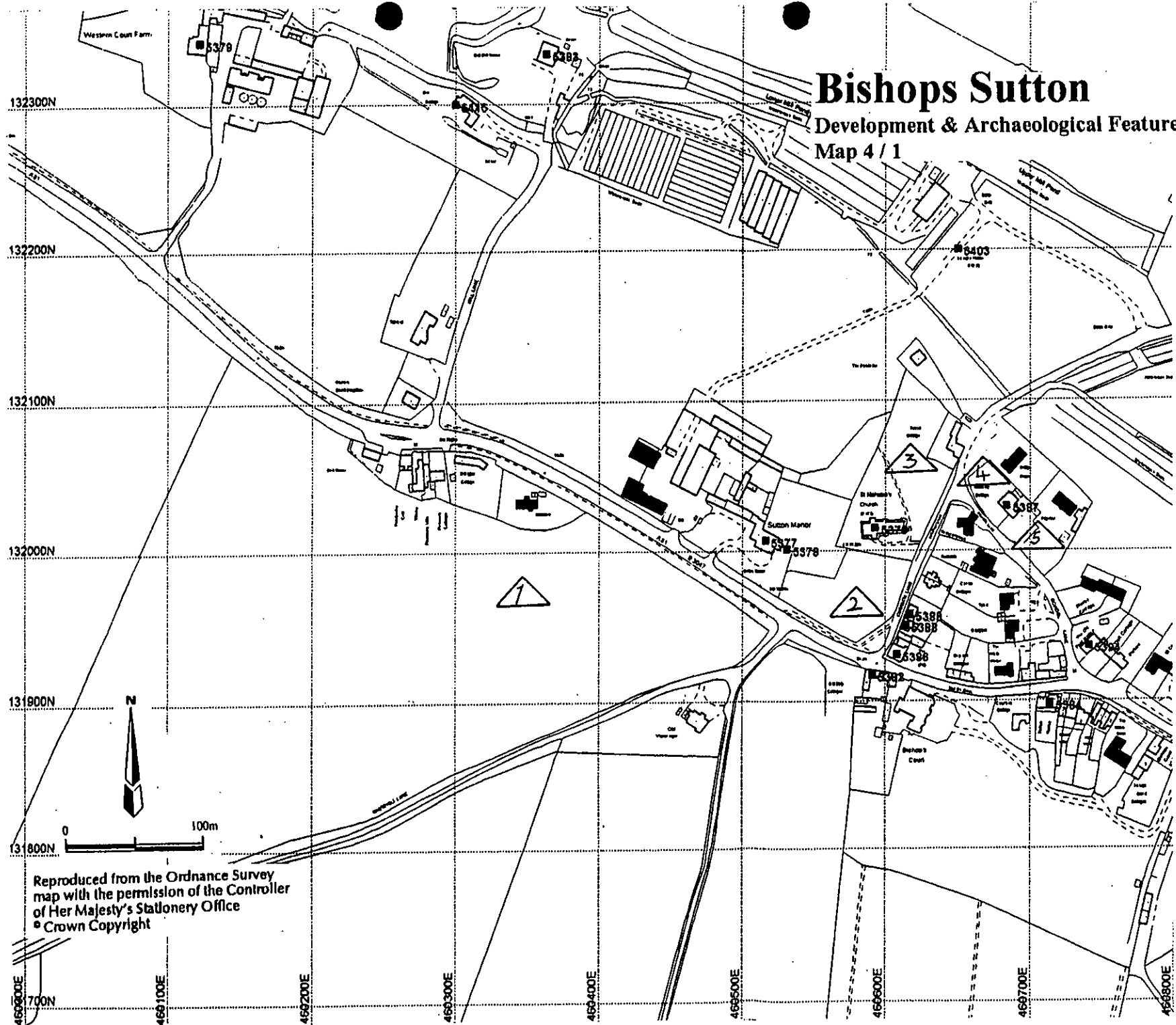
Bishops Sutton (west end emphasis)
transcribed from the Tithe Map of 1847
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Bishops Sutton (east end emphasis)
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Development & Archaeological Features (west)
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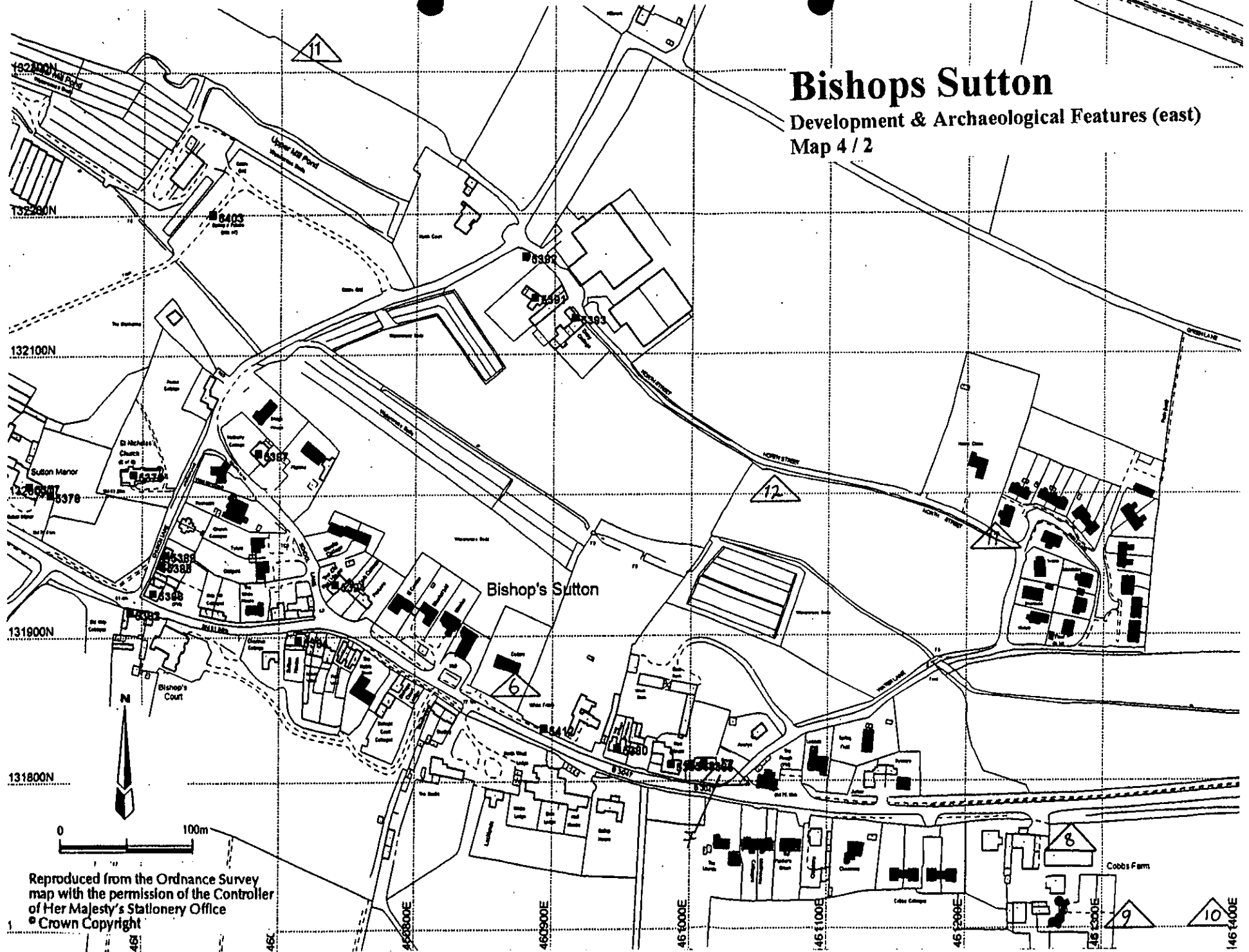


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Development & Archaeological Features (east)

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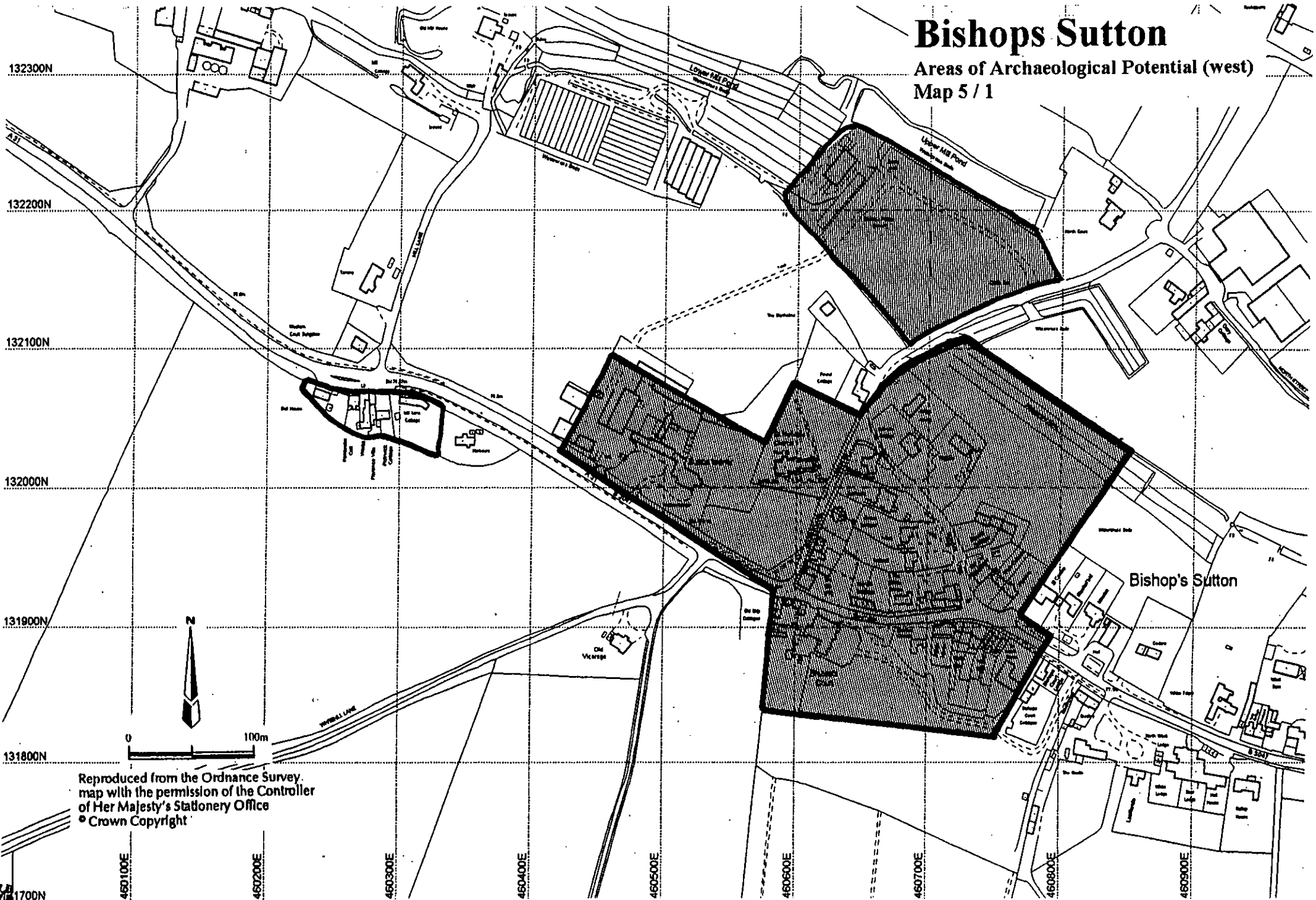


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Areas of Archaeological Potential (west)

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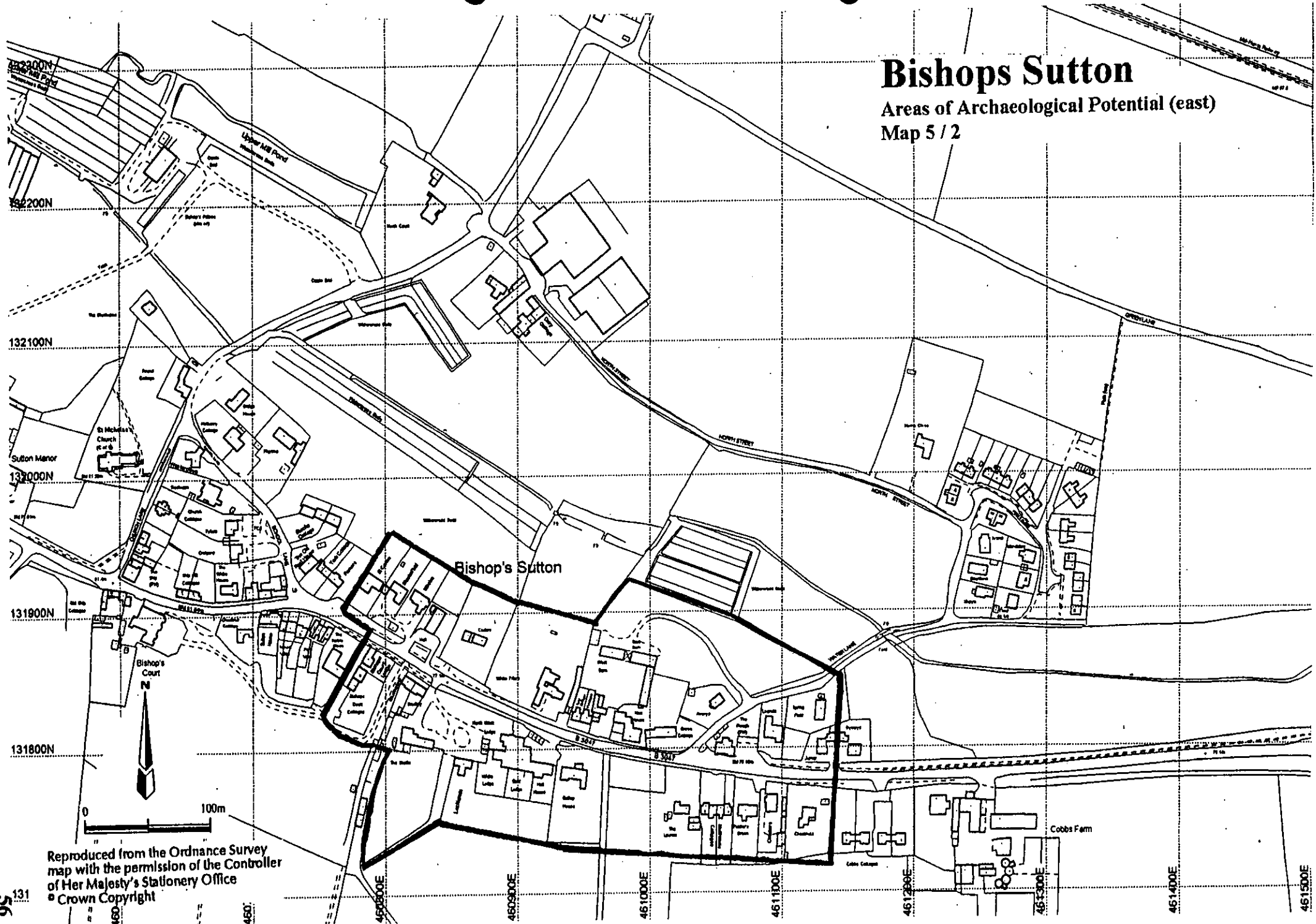


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Areas of Archaeological Potential (east)

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