

Bishopstoke

1.0 PARISH	Eastleigh (formerly Bishopstoke)
2.0 HUNDRED	Fawley
3.0 NGR	446600 119200
4.0 GEOLOGY	Bracklesham Beds surrounded by Bagshot Sands; Alluvium in river valley to the west.

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

The traditional centre of Bishopstoke stands on the east bank of the River Itchen at c. 15m AOD. Eastleigh railway station and yards is 1km WSW. Church Road is the axial route through the settlement and this gains height as it heads northwards. Until the late C19 Bishopstoke was the central place of a parish that included Fair Oak and Stoke Park. Local Government reforms reduced its size when Fair Oak was formed as a Civil Parish in 1895. Stoke Park became a separate parish in 1899 (VCH 3: 308).

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3, 4 & 5)

Church & manor

Until the second part of the C19 Bishopstoke was a relatively small settlement but the growth of the railway engineering works at nearby Eastleigh gave impetus to the building of housing to accommodate the workforce (VCH 3: 9). The result of this development is most obvious on the eastern side of the settlement where formal rows of Victorian red brick terraces can be seen.

6.1.1 The original core of Bishopstoke is at the south end of Church Road close to its junction with the B 3037. Here, the course of the Itchen has been modified to form the Itchen Navigation but the original course of the river loops north and then east around the Manor House. There was once a second loop just to the south of the Manor House, effectively placing it upon an island; a natural moated site. This southern loop was severed when the navigation channel was constructed. It then became a fish pond.

6.1.2 One hundred and eighty metres south-east of the Manor House is a building that was formerly the mill. It stood upon its own separate island between the divided course of the Itchen, but in 1840 it was accessible from Church Road and from the Manor House grounds (Map 3). A mill is listed under the Domesday entry for Bishopstoke (paragraph 14.1) and it is possible that it was either on, or close to the site of the present building.

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6.1.3 The parish church of St Mary once stood 80m north of the Manor House but not upon its island. The church was of medieval origin and stood on rising ground above the course of the river. According to VCH 3: 9 it was totally rebuilt in 1825. The burgeoning late C19 population of Bishopstoke demanded a larger church and a replacement was opened in 1891 uphill, and at the north end of Church Road. The earlier church has been demolished in phases.

6.1.4 Taken as a group, the Manor House, original church site and the mill indicate the position of the medieval centre of Bishopstoke. A church is mentioned in Domesday and pre-Conquest charters (paragraph 17.1) attest to an early association of the settlement with the bishopric of Winchester. The Domesday church is likely to have occupied the site of the old church of St Mary, near to the Manor House. The bishops of Winchester had a deer park at the north end of the parish (Stoke Park). On the opposite side of Church Road to the Manor House is a row of buildings that pre-date the period of C19 expansion. These include two inns (one now closed), probably associated with the development of the Itchen Navigation.. However, the Tithe Map of 1840 shows that at least one of these buildings had an S-shaped bound, probably indicative of the former presence of a ridge and furrow field system (Map 3). Site inspection revealed traces of ridge and furrow within the recreation ground to the north of these buildings (paragraph 11.0, *no 3*) though these might be of post-Medieval date.

6.1.4 Bishopstoke can be interpreted as a church & manor settlement with occasional dispersed cottages and farmsteads such as the C17 *nos* 117 and 119 Spring Lane. It was probably an important crossing point on the Itchen; there are several footbridges to the north of the present road bridge.

6.2 *Site visit conditions:* Hazy, sometimes bright sun (14.3.2000)

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

7.1 *AsAP*

A single area that includes land at the south end of Church Road on both the east and the west sides. On the west side, the site of the original parish church, the Manor House and the mill are included in addition to a buffer zone to the north of the former church yard. The east side of Church Road includes the residual field system within the recreation ground and the pair of late medieval cottages in Spring Street.

7.2 *AsHAP*

Within paragraph 7.1 above but specifically including the church and manor house group in addition to the mill and its grounds.

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8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

8.1 St Mary

- Medieval origin;
- 1825 rebuilt;
- 1891 nave and chancel demolished;
- 1965 tower demolished.
- Foundations remain.

8.2 St Mary, 1890-1 (*architect*: EP Warren)

- Replacement church for 8.1

9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 4)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
5698	Old Rectory, Church Road, Bishopstoke	early C19	II
1318	Church of St Mary, Church Road, Bishopstoke	1889, 1909	II
2038	Stoke Lodge, Church Road, Bishopstoke	C18	II
199	No. 148 (Weymouth House), Bishopstoke	c. 1830	II
5707	Manor House, Riverside, Bishopstoke	C18 / 19	II
5708	Itchen House, Riverside, Bishopstoke	c. 1840	II
5711	Nos 117 & 119 Spring Lane (formerly 75 & 77)	C17	II
5716 / 7	Nos 1 & 2 West Horton Cottages, West Horton Lane	C17, 1930s	II
5718	The Old George public house, Botley Rd, Fair Oak	C19	II
5719	The Bush, Botley Road, Fair Oak	C17, early C19	II
306	Saxon Court, Burnett's Lane, Fair Oak	C17, 18, 20	II
1188	Ramblers Cottage, Chapel Grove, Fair Oak	C17	II
5720	The Cockpit, Durley Road, Fair Oak	Mid / late C19	II
5721	Firtree Farmhouse, Firtree Lane, Fair Oak	C18	II
5722	East Horton Farmhouse, Knowlehill Lane, Fair Oak	C16, 17	II
5723	East Horton Farmhouse: barn to south of (Old Barn)	undated	II
5724	Mortimers Farmhouse, Mortimers Lane, Fair Oak	C17, 18	II
5725	Mortimers Farmhouse: barn south-west of	C18	II
5726	Mortimers Farmhouse: granary west of	C18	II
5727 / 8	No. 1 (Poplar Cottage) & No. 2 (Pyle Hill Cottage), Winchester Road, Crowdhill	C17	II

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5729	No. 3 (Willow Cottage) Winchester Road, Crowdhill	C19	II
5730	Crowdhill Farmhouse, Winchester Road, Crowdhill	C16 & later	II
5731	Stroudwood Farmhouse, Winchester Road, Lower Upham	C18, 19	II

10.0 SMR DATA SW 446200 119000, NE 447300 120000 (Map 4)

SU 41 NE No.

18	446700 119400	Post-Medieval. Watermill, now demolished but two water turbines and some gearing remain in a shed.
25	446500 119400	Medieval. Remains of St Mary's Church (see Paragraph 8.0).
33	446500 119400	Domesday reference.
36A	446400 119900	C19 / 20 ornamented garden & deer park.

10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

None is listed as being within the bounds of the former parish but traces of occupation have been noted nearby, apparently within the Eastleigh Railway Works yards.

<i>Hants No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>NAR / NMR Nos</i>
44	446680 118290	Eastleigh	SU41 NE5 230023

10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

<i>SAM No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Site</i>
20001	449080 120580	Park Pale at Marwell, south of Fisher's Pond. (Now parishes of Fair Oak & Horton Heath).

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

1	446720 119910	Site of cottage building on 1840 Tithe Map.
2	446620 119465	Bank and ditch boundary, possibly associated with ridge and furrow field system
3	446600 119400	Ridge and furrow field system evident on public recreation ground. Possibly associated with <i>no</i> 2 above.

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/21/2 (1840 / 1840)
- GSGB 315 Southampton
- OS 1: 2500 SW 446200 119000, NE 447300 120000
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1264 (SU 42 / 52 and 41 / 51), Winchester (South) & Eastleigh;
Outdoor Leisure 22, New Forest

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13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Coates R 1989 *Hampshire Place-names* Southampton, Ensign Publications
- VCH 3: 308-310

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book

2,6 The Bishop (of Winchester) himself holds *Bishopstoke* in lordship. It was always in the Bishopric. Before 1066 and now it answered for 5 hides. Land for 5 ploughs. In lordship 2 ploughs; 6 villagers & 5 smallholders with 3 ploughs. 6 slaves; a mill at 10s. A church; meadow, 74 acres; woodland at 10 pigs. Value before 1066 and later £6; now £8.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		Not listed.	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£4.2.4	(49 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£3.4.6	(43 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

Bishopstoke was a single manor.

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

166 hearths chargeable (55 houses)
15 hearths not chargeable (16 houses). Total: 181 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

959 (C14) *itinstoken*; 960 (C12) *æt yting stoce*; 1086 *Stoches*; c. 1270 *Stoke Episcopi*. OE *stoc* 'grange farm', whereas *yting* might preserve OE *yte* for 'Jute'. The manor of Bishopstoke was held by the bishops of Winchester.

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

- AD 960. King Edgar to his kinsman Brihthelm, bishop; grant of land at Itchen Stoke, Hants. Latin with English bounds. Identified as Bishopstoke (227 / **683**).
- AD 963 x 975. King Edgar to the bishopric of Winchester; ...restoration of land at...Bishopstoke, Hants... Latin (259 / **818**).
- AD 963 x 975. King Edgar to the church of Winchester; confirmation of land at...Bishopstoke...Hants. Latin (260 / **827**).

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17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Breach Farm (clearing / assart?)	HIMSPO 295	446300 120450	1233
(on) Brenting (stream name?)	HIMSPO 296		960
Mill Cross (atte Mulle)	HIMSPO 297		1341

17.3 Enclosures

Parliamentary:

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
None recorded.				

Formal Agreements:

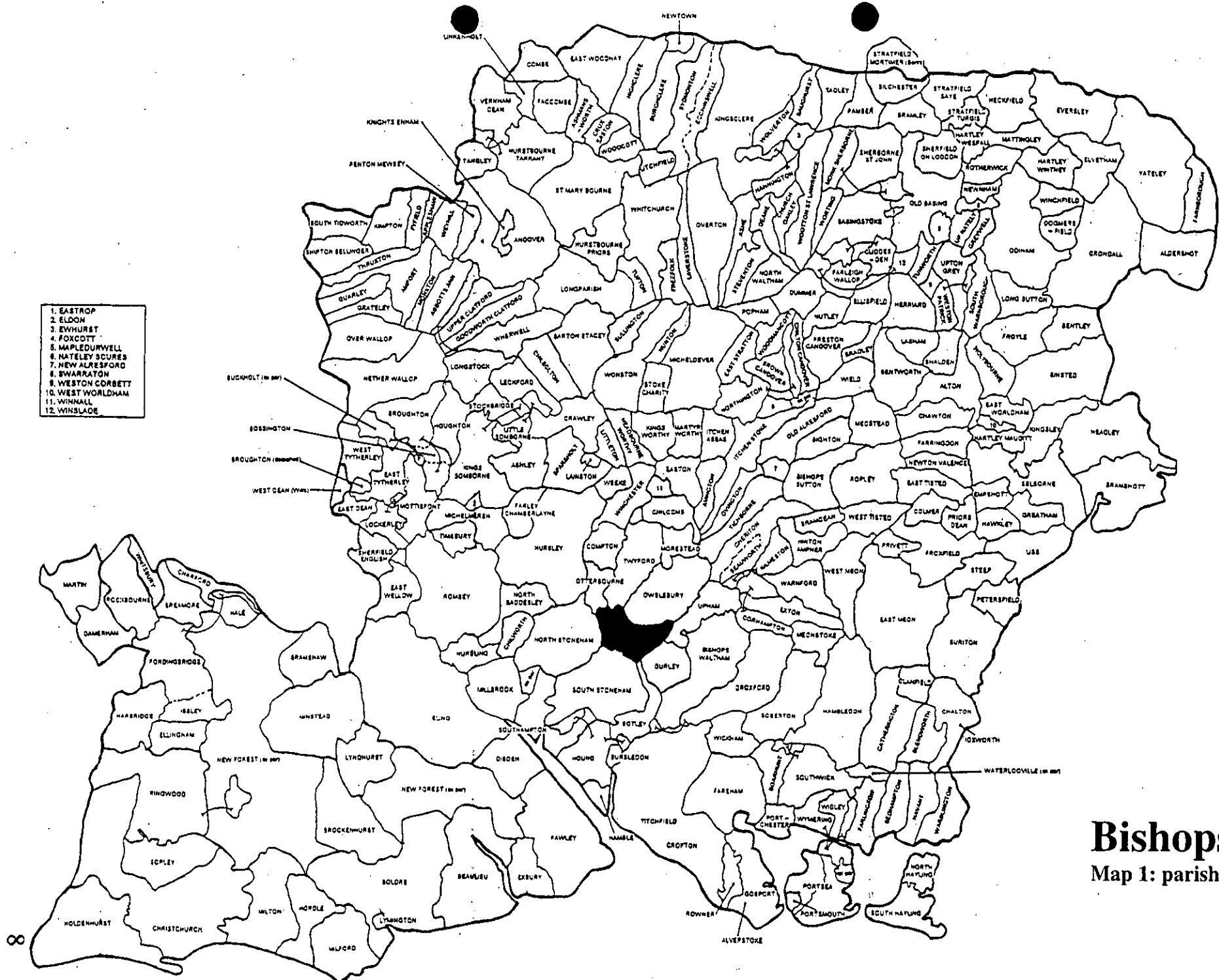
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None recorded.			

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

None known and a nil return was made to the Copyhold, Inclosure and Tithe Commissioners in 1873.

18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

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- 4 Map 4: Development and archaeological features at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 5 Map 5: Areas of archaeological potential at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%.

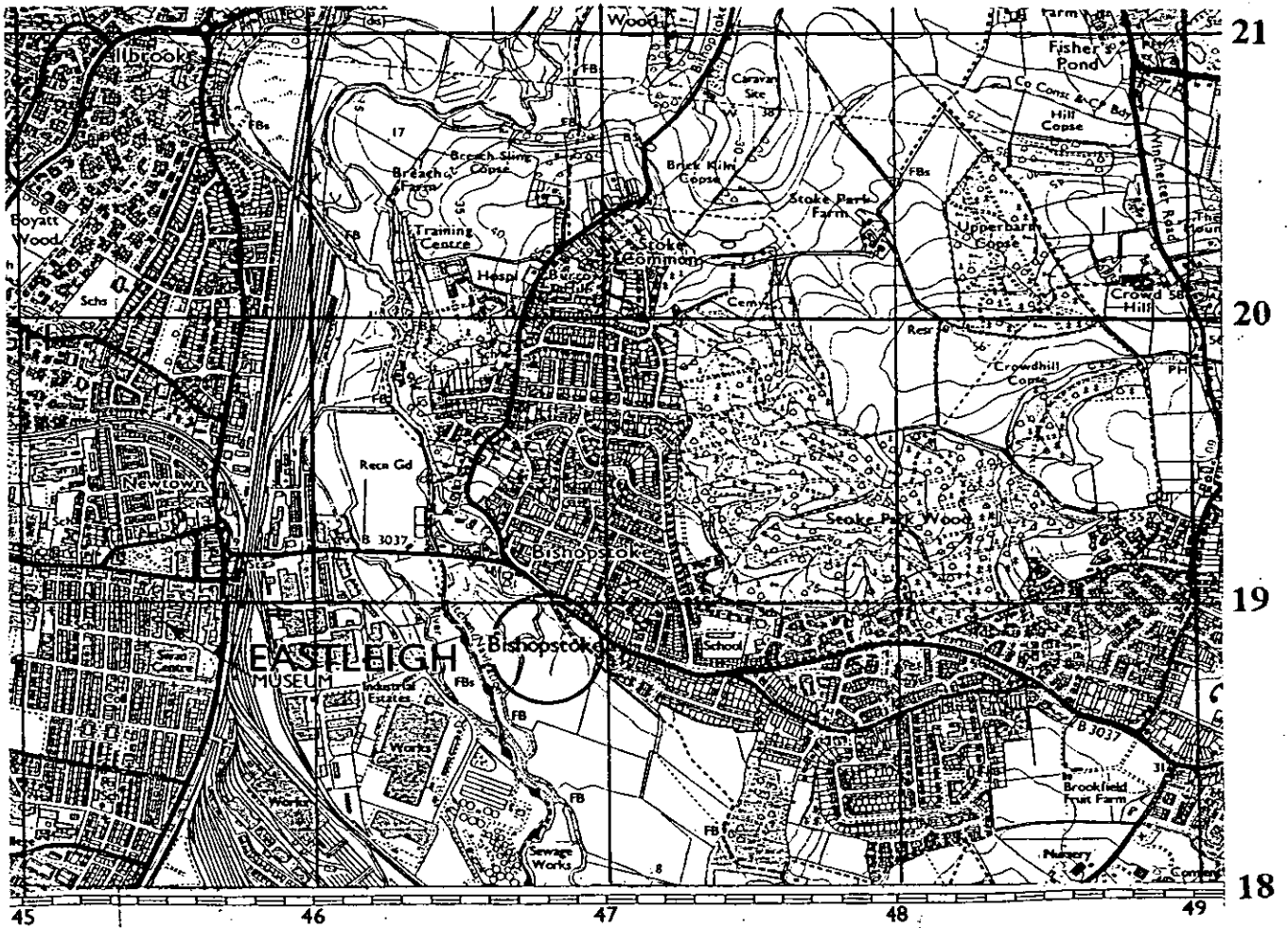


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3. EWHURST
4. FOXCOTT
5. MAPLEDURWELL
6. HATELEY SCURES
7. NEW ALRESFORD
8. SWARATON
9. WESTON CORBETT
10. WEST WORLDHAM
11. WINNALL
12. WINSLADE

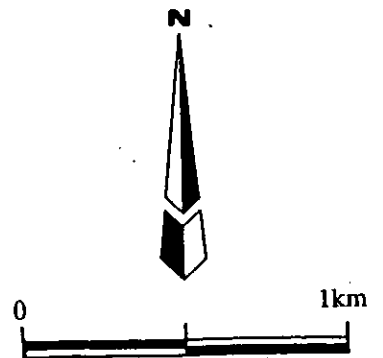
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 Map 1: parish location

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Map 2: general location

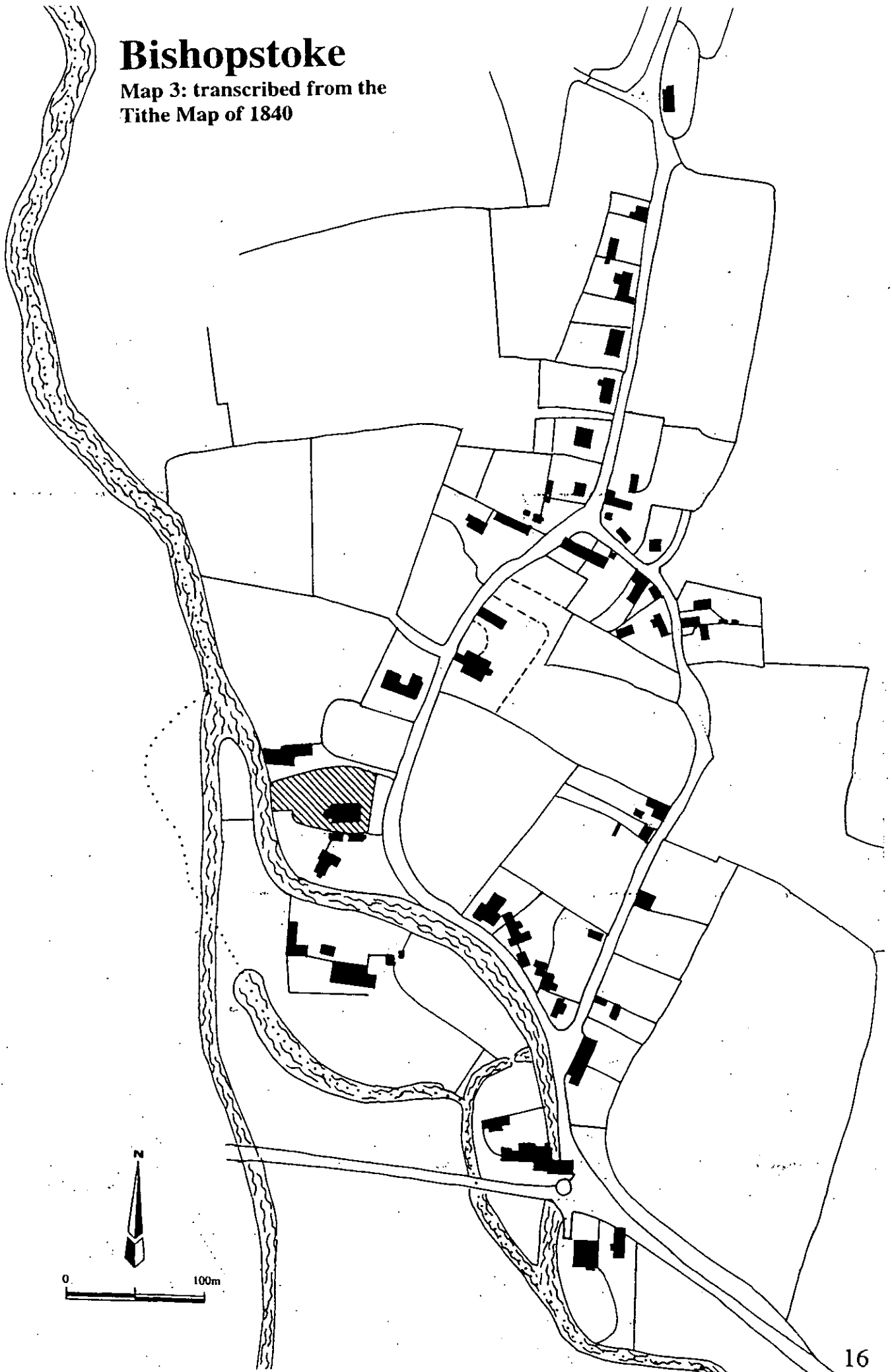


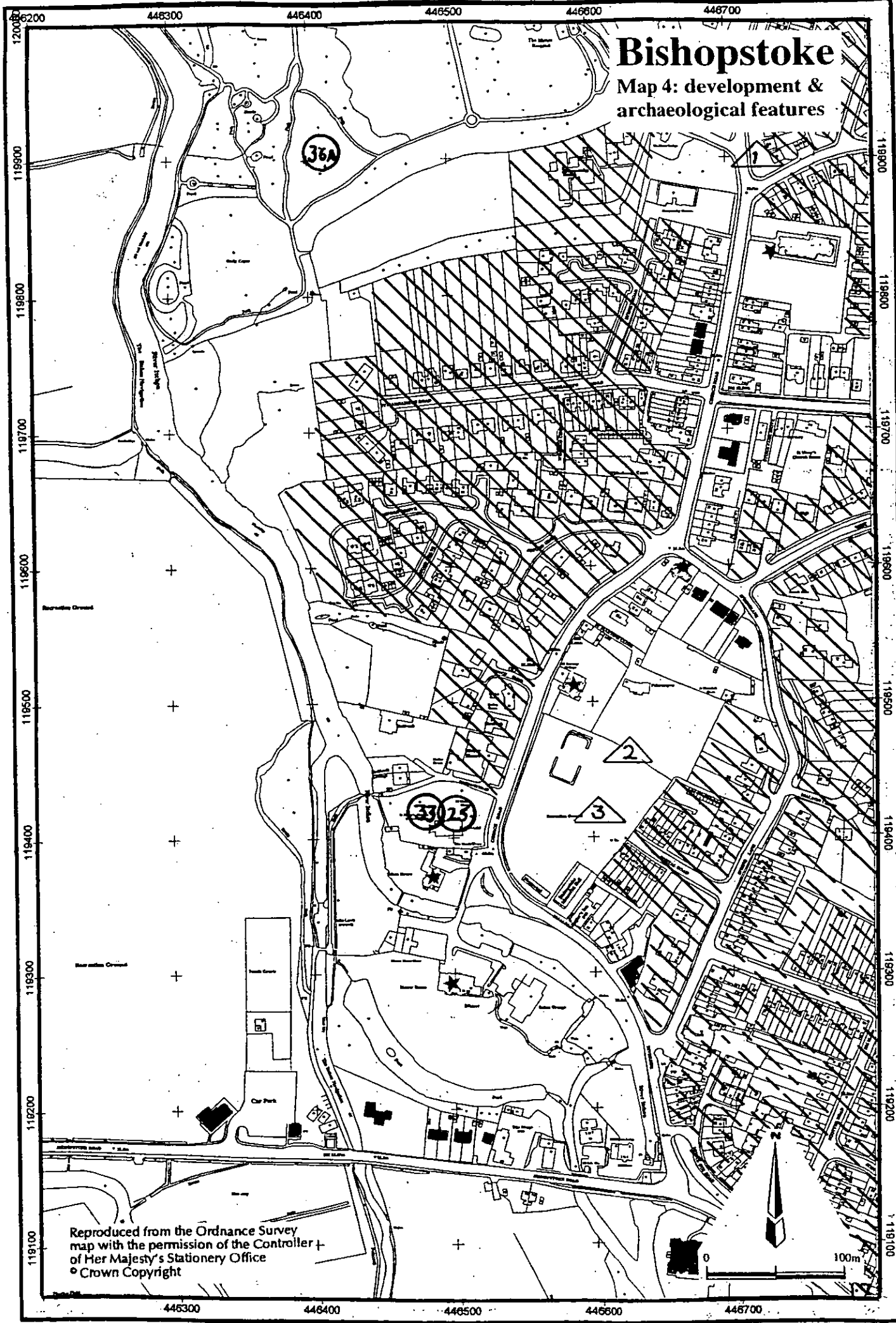
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Map 3: transcribed from the
Tithe Map of 1840





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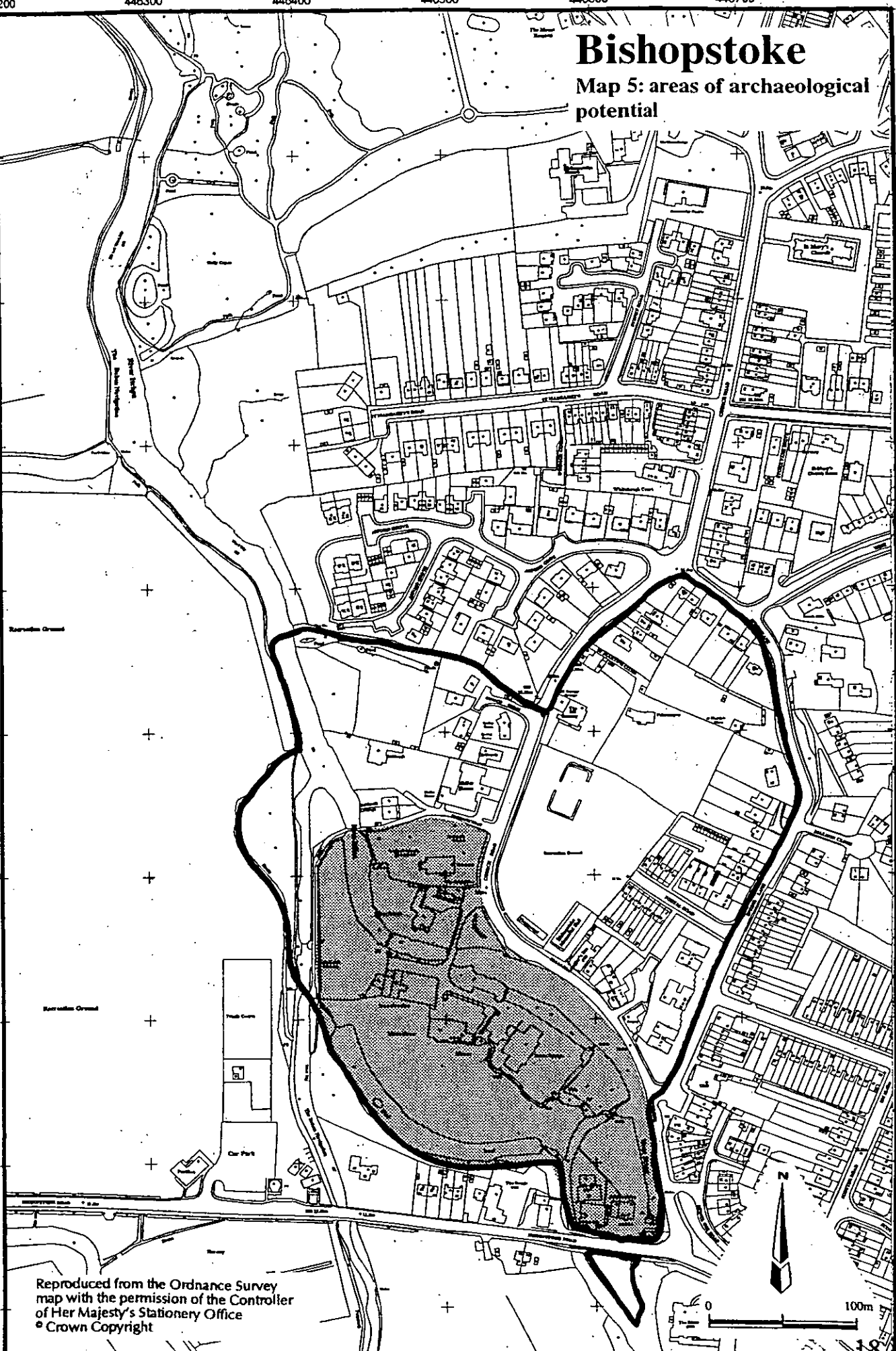
Map 4: development & archaeological features

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Map 5: areas of archaeological potential



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