

# East Worldham

<b>1.0 PARISH</b>	Worldham (formerly two parishes: East and West Worldham)
<b>2.0 HUNDRED</b>	Alton
<b>3.0 NGR</b>	475100 138100
<b>4.0 GEOLOGY</b>	Upper Greensand

## 5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

The settlement of East Worldham is astride the B 3004 from Alton (c. 3km west). This road is known as Caker's Lane west of the settlement and Green Street to the East. Minor roads lead north to Wyck (2km) and south to West Worldham (1.4km). The parish church was built upon a north-facing spur at 150km AOD. However, the drop is relatively gentle in this direction but steep eastwards: towards Kingsley, there is a fall to 85m AOD within 1km of the church. Modern housing development has occupied many former open spaces north and west of the parish church.

## 6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3, 4 & 5) Church (& manor house?) + farmstead cluster

**6.1 Church (& manor house?)** The situation of the parish church is interesting. It is visible for some 2 to 3 km when approached from the east; its position is dominant. The church might be within an early enclosure. There is a series of earthworks on the steep slope downwards from the churchyard within 100m east of the church.

**6.1.1** St Mary's is also located close to two ancient roads. The B3004 was a Turnpike but at the point where it passes due south of the church, and c. 10m below it, the traces of an old route intersection can be determined. One of these tracks leads off north-east, behind the former C19 school, before veering north and following a hanger to the Romano-British villa site at Wyck (1.5km). This track is known as Pookles Lane and it can also be traced southwards between Park Farm (east) and Manor Farm (west) *en route* to Priory Farm at Selborne. This southern section of the route is represented by a footpath alongside a hanger.

**6.1.2** A section of the Roman road to Holybourne crosses Pookles Lane 0.5km north-east of the church. It should be noted that *Roman* building materials have been recovered from a point close to the south-west perimeter of the churchyard (Paragraph 10.0, Nos 36 A & B).

**6.1.3** East Worldham is recorded as having been a manor but the location of the Medieval manor house is open to doubt. East Worldham House (C18 / 19), immediately south of the church, was formerly the vicarage. On the south side of the B3004 is East Worldham Manor but this was formerly Manor Farm. Old House Farm (C17) 150m west of the church might preserve a tradition of a former manor house building on the site. A parallel case would be Old Place Farm at East Tisted (*q.v.*).

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**6.2 *Farmstead cluster*** The Tithe Map of c. 1842 shows a relatively small settlement of five components (Map 3):

**6.2.1** A small cluster of buildings immediately south of the church. This group included the vicarage (now East Worldham House), and associated buildings;

**6.2.2** Four Farms - Smith's Farm, Manor Farm; Old House Farm and Park Farm. Of these, Park Farm is shown as being in two different places on the Pathfinder Map (Map 2). Park Farm is at the intersection of the B3004 and Blanket Street (a drove road) on the western edge of East Worldham. Smith's Farm is opposite the former village school at the eastern outskirt of the settlement. Park Farm became the site of a number of small-scale industrial buildings during the C18 & 19 (a forge, hop kilns) and an inn was built for the convenience of travellers on the turnpike (C19).

**6.3 *Site visit condition:*** Hazy sun (9.3.99)

## 7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 5)

### 7.1 *AsAP*

**7.1.1** Little is known of the origin of the four East Worldham farms or the traditional site of the manor house complex. Old House Farm is C17. Its name and relatively close proximity to the church could indicate the site of earlier buildings.

**7.1.2** An area that includes the church and churchyard but also the context of the pre-turnpike route intersection of the B3004 and Pookles Lane. Here, Heather Cottage is C17 and it is possible that a small agglomeration could have existed at this road junction before the turnpike. The triangular layout of the former road junction suggests a possible settlement green (Map 3).

### 7.2 *AsHAP*

The church and churchyard is an AHAP but the presence of earthworks noted in Paragraph 6.1 suggests that there might have been a much larger enclosure. The recovery of Romano-British building materials close to the churchyard serves to underline the potential importance of this area.

## 8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

### St Mary

- C13 nave, chancel and former apse;
- C13 lancet windows, north & south doorways and priests' door;
- 1865 substantial restoration (*architect:* David Brandon); the work included the rebuilding of much of the nave and chancel (apse removed); vestry and south porch added;
- Monument: C14 medieval tomb recess on south wall of nave to Philippa Chaucer;
- C19 font;
- Arc of earlier churchyard boundary visible to the west-north-west.

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## 9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 4)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
*	1, 2 & 3 Sandals Cottages	C17, 18	II
*	The Old Forge (5 & 6 Blanket Street)	C17, 18	
	II		
*	Clay's Farmhouse, Clays Lane	C19	II
*	Parish Church of St Mary	C13	II*
*	Parish Church: table tomb 10m SE of	early C19	
	II		
*	East Worldham House	C18, 19	
	II		
*	East Worldham House: coach house 5m north of	early C19	II
*	Heather Cottage	C17, 20	II
*	The Old Farmhouse, Shelley's Lane	C17, 19	II
	Smith's Farm	C18?	Not listed

**NB** See also entries under Hartley Mauditt & West Worldham.

## 10.0 SMR DATA SW 474000 137500, NW 476000 138800 (Map 4)

SU 73 NE	No.		
	24A	475580 137720	Iron Age. Two storage pits revealed during excavations on King John's Hill. The hill is thought to be the site of a Medieval hunting lodge.
	24B	475580 137720	Iron Age pottery associated with 24A. Alton Museum, 1956.
	24C	475580 137720	Iron Age. Iron Age ring-headed pin associated with 24A. Alton Museum, 1956.
	25A	475580 137720	Medieval. C13, C14 pottery.
25B	475580 137720		Medieval. Building material associated with 25A.
	26A	4475580 137720	Post-Medieval. Wall foundations and building materials.
	26B	475580 137720	Post-Medieval. Oven.
	36A	475040 138120	Roman. Building material including flue and hypercaust tiles from the old part of St Mary's churchyard. Alton Museum, 1956.
	36B	475040 138120	Roman. Sherd of pottery associated with 36A.
	66	475060 138130	Parish Church (see 8.0).
SU 73 NW	24	474060 137980	Neolithic. Flint axe, part polished. HCMS Acc. no. 1974.2.
**m	40	474880 138140	Post-Medieval. Oast House (1872). The SMR map reference (474800 138200) was found to be inaccurate and has been

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62      amended.  
474800 138100      Medieval. Domesday reference.

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## 10.2 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

<i>Hants No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>NAR / NMR Nos</i>
137	475040 138120	Worldham	SU73NE24 / 243297

## 10.3 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

<i>SAM No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Site</i>
465	475500 137700	Camp on King John's Hill

## 11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

1	475120 138200	Earthworks
2	475160 138140	Linear earthworks
3	475260 138090	Hollow-way. Pre-turnpike road to Wyck Farm
4	475100 138070	Precipitous drop in height from the level of East Worldham House to road.
5	475000 137950	Earthworks
6	474520 137810	Field shown to be laid out as ridge & furrow on Tithe Map of c. 1842
7	475260 137880	Earthworks

## 12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/73/2 (\* / 1842)
- GSGB 300 Alresford
- OS 1: 2500 SW 474420 137735, NE 475320 138340
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1244 (SU 63/73) Alton & Four Marks.

## 13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

- HTS 6: 327-331 (includes West Worldham)
- VCH 2: 518-21

## 14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

### 14.1 Domesday Book

62, 2 (Land of Geoffrey the Marshal). Geoffrey holds (East) Worldham. Alwin held it from King Edward in freehold. Then it answered for 5 virgates of land; now for 1 virgate. Land for 1 plough. In lordship 2 ploughs; 2 villagers and 12 smallholders with 1½ ploughs. A mill at 6s 8d; meadow, 10 acres. Value before 1066 and later 20s; now 40s.

### 14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£1.5.3	
1524	<i>1st survey</i>	£2.1.2	(26 taxpayers)*
	<i>2nd survey</i>	£1.4.6	(14 taxpayers)

\*The first survey probably included West Wordlham. There is one survey for West Worldham in 1524 (the second) and this reads £0.17.6 (10 taxpayers). This seems to explain the discrepancy of 12 taxpayers between the first and second surveys of East

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Worldham (IH.ix.99).

## 14.3 Manorial Documents

Manor recorded: East Worldham

## 14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

31 hearths chargeable (12 houses)

12 hearths not chargeable (10 houses). Total: 22 houses.

## 15.0 PLACE NAME

1086 *Werildeham*; 1212 *Worildham*; 1204 *Werldham*. Probably OE *wærhildeham* 'estate of *Wærhild*' (female). Alternatively 1280 *Wordeleham*, 1789 *ward-le-ham*. This latter form might suit East Worldham (church site) or King John's Hill.

## 16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

## 17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

### 17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

None.

### 17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>Map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Marshgreen Farm	893		1398
Sandles Farm	894		1333

**NB** See also Hartley Mauditt & West Worldham

### 17.3 Enclosures

*Parliamentary:*

<i>NEP no.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
None.				

*Formal Agreements:*

<i>NRP no.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
None.			

**NB** Informal enclosures only.

### 17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

Binsworth, Green Heath & Shortheath remain in the combined parishes of East & West Worldham.

## 18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

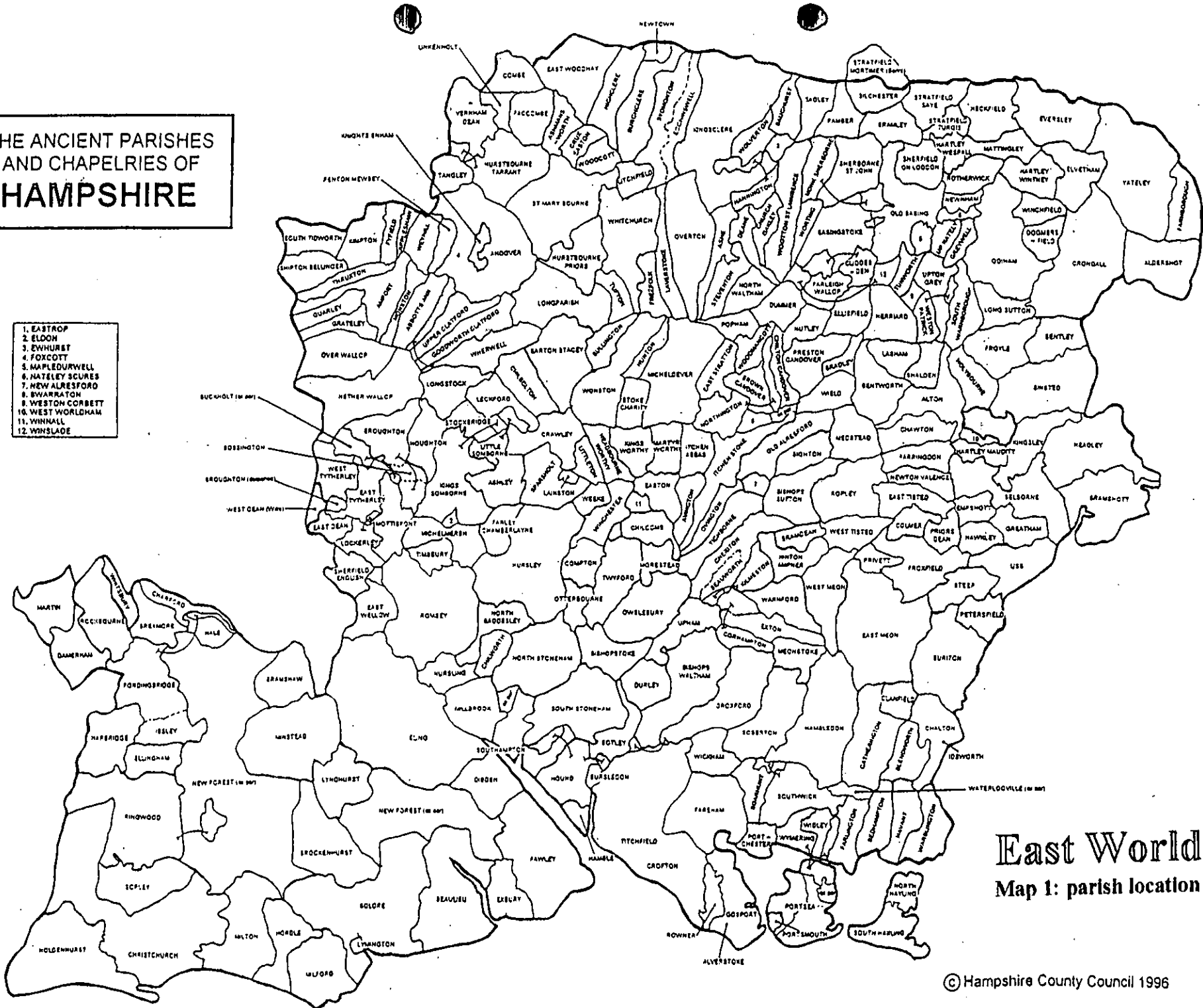
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- Map 2: Settlement location at 1: 25000
- Map 3: 1842 Tithe Map transcribed at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- Map 4: Development & archaeological features at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%

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5 Map 5: Areas of archaeological potential at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%.

# THE ANCIENT PARISHES AND CHAPELRIES OF HAMPSHIRE

1. EASTROP
2. ELOOH
3. ENHURET
4. FOXCOTT
5. MAPLEDURWELL
6. HATELEY SCURES
7. NEW ALRESFORD
8. BWARRATON
9. WESTON CORBETT
10. WEST WORLHAM
11. WINNALL
12. WINSLADE

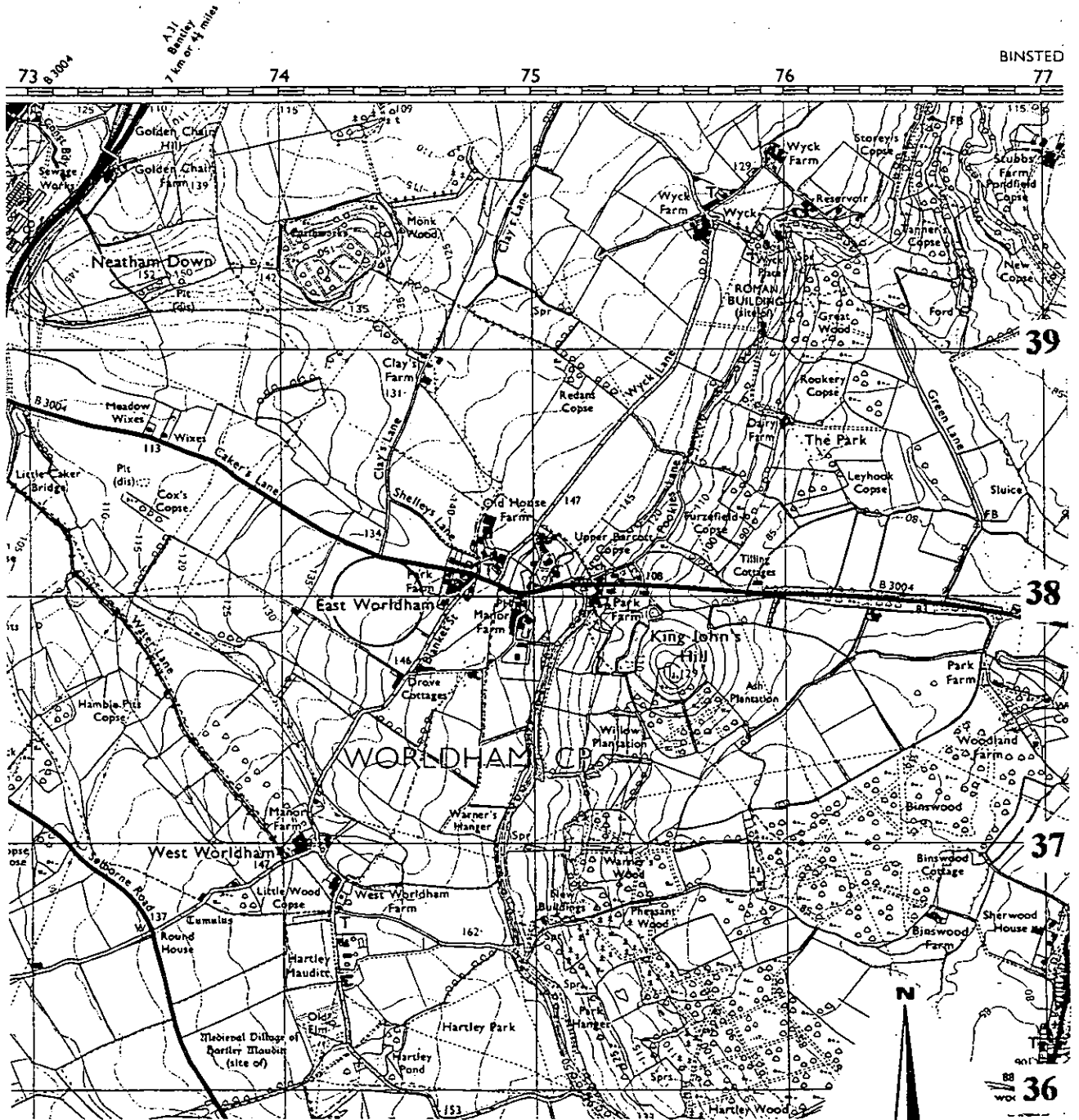


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Map 1: parish location



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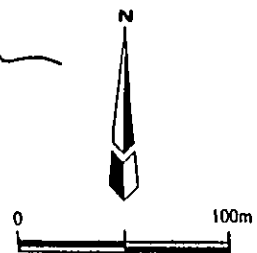
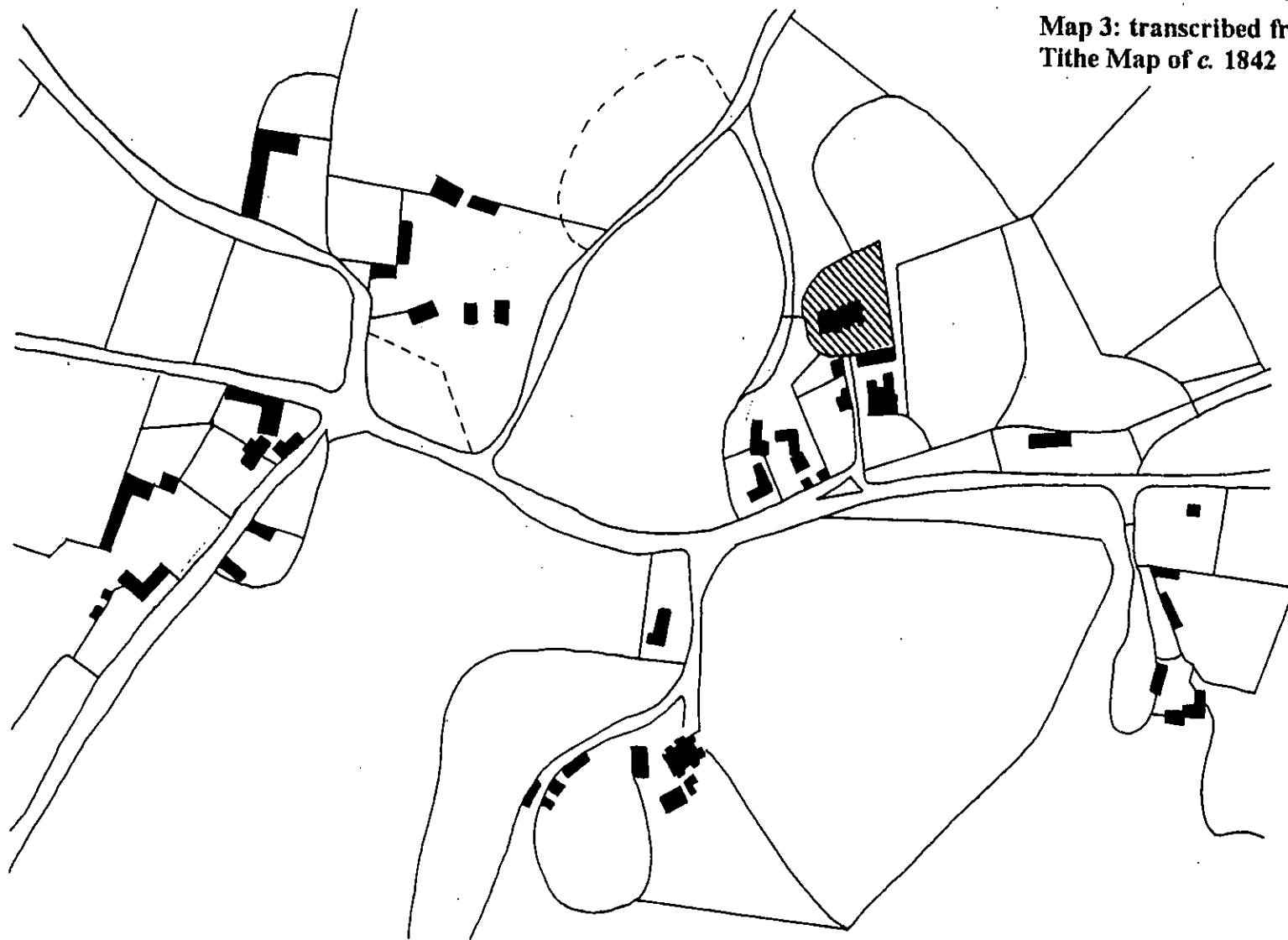
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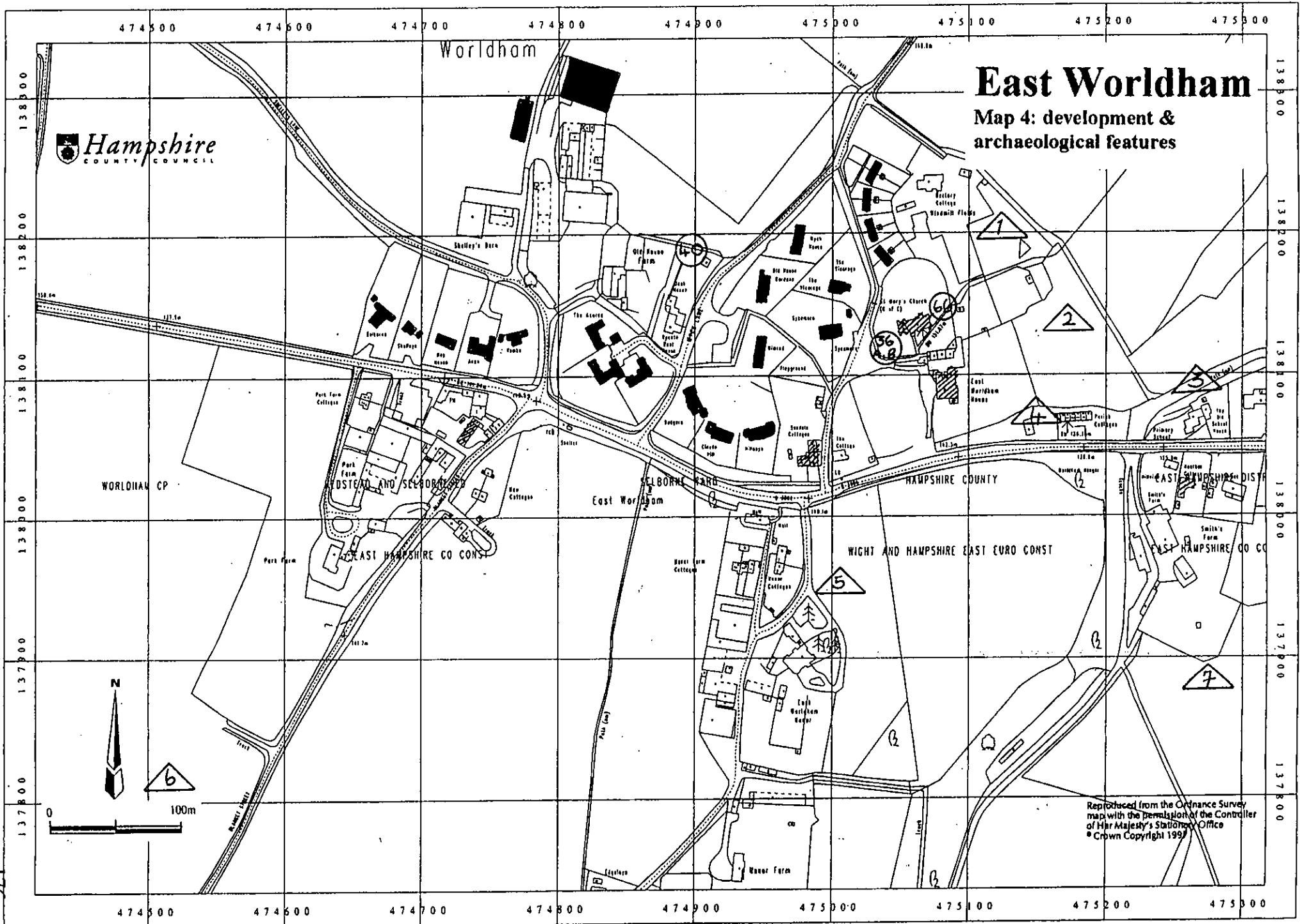


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Map 3: transcribed from the  
Tithe Map of c. 1842



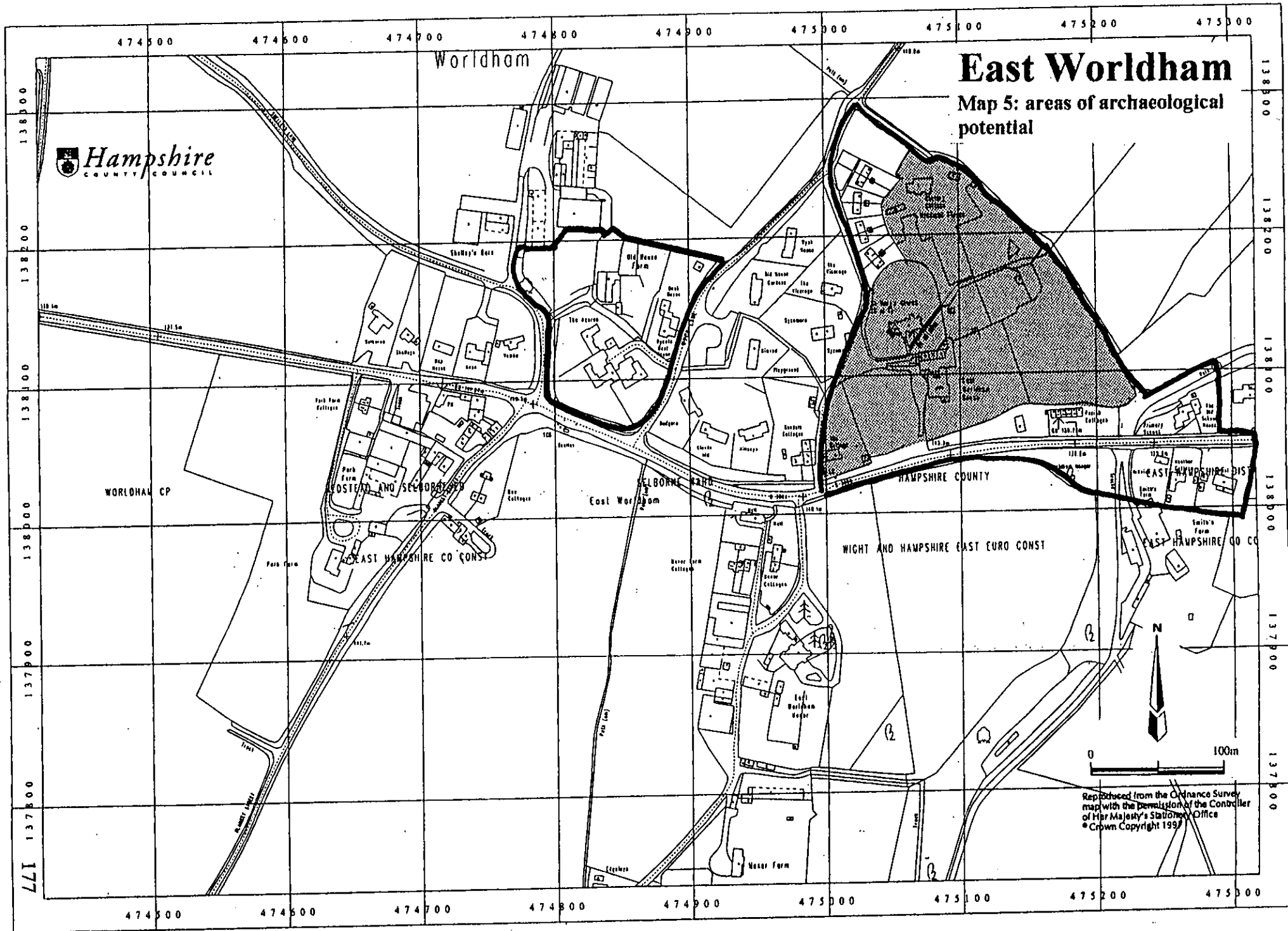


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## Map 4: development & archaeological features



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## Map 5: areas of archaeological potential

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138500  
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137700

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WORLDHAM CP

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

EAST HAMPSHIRE CO CONST

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