

1.0	PARISH	Froxfield
2.0	HUNDRED	East Meon
3.0	NGR	470300 125600
4.0	GEOLOGY	Clay-with-Flints and tertiary debris

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 3)

Froxfield is a relatively large parish but the the settlement that bears its name, Froxfield Green, is situated close to its south-east boundary at 195m AOD. The parish is a recent creation having been a part of East Meon parish until 1868 (Newman, 1987:13). A second major change occurred in 1932 when the parishes of Froxfield and Privett (*q.v.*) were amalgamated. The correct name of the combined parishes is Froxfield-with-Privett. Froxfield Green is situated at 197m AOD, the ground falling gently westwards towards the parish boundary with East Meon. It is approached by two minor roads: Staple Ash Lane from the south and Broad Way (east / west across the Green). It effectively ceased to be the potential parish centre when a new parish church was built at High Cross in 1862 (1.3m north-north-east). The most outstanding feature of the settlement is on its eastern edge where there is a discontinuous series of earthworks, sections of which can be traced for some 2.5km north / south. This feature is discussed in more detail below (Paragraph 6.0).

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3, 4 / 1, 4 / 2, 5 / 1, & 5 / 2)

Irregular agglomeration

6.1 Until 1868 Froxfield was a dependent of All Saints, East Meon (Paragraph 5.0) and had been served by curates. By this time, the Medieval church of St Peter-on-the-Green had been demolished (1861) and the new church of St Peter at High Cross was consecrated the following year. A new parish centre was being created whilst Froxfield was still a part of East Meon and one suspects that these were preliminary moves in the process of separation. All this says much about the settlement of Froxfield Green itself. It is a small group of buildings, one of them a farm, clustered around a triangular green at a road junction. The Tithing Map of *c.* 1844 suggests that the Green might have once been larger; Pound House and Guilles (both C17) have the appearance of being encroachments. However, none of the buildings around the green are known to be earlier than C17 and it is impossible to determine whether the present arrangement substantially preserves a Medieval layout or, perhaps, a post-Medieval re-alignment.

6.1.1 Ventham's Farm is *c.* 300m south of the Green on the west side of Staple Ash Lane. Like many of the buildings at Froxfield it is hemmed between the road and the linear earthworks of the Froxfield Entrenchments. However, there is an additional complication here for in the fields immediately south of the Ventham's are settlement earthworks and Medieval pottery has been recovered from here. The appropriate SMR entry (Paragraph 10.0, Nos. 21A, B & C) suggests that these earthworks might appertain to the manor of Staple Ash. A *settlement* of this name was mentioned in 1327 (Paragraph 17.2) and so this possibility has to be considered. However, the Medieval Staple Ash may have been little more than a farmstead at or near to the site of Staple

Ash Cottages 400m

further south. It is therefore possible that the occupation earthworks at Ventham's Farm indicate a contraction or drift of the settlement called Froxfield.

6.1.2 *The Froxfield Entrenchments* are a series of bank and ditch earthworks (See Map 6). They form a sinuous and discontinuous line from Langrish (south) through Froxfield to East Tisted (north). The ditches are on the west side of the feature. At Froxfield Green the Entrenchments define the west side of the settlement. Staple Ash House (once the bakery), Black Barn, Carpenter's Cottage and Ventham's Farm are all squeezed between the Entrenchments and Staple Ash Lane. Newman's Cottage is sited on the line of the earthworks; the name of the cottage might be significant in this respect. The Entrenchments are dealt with in more detail by Coffin (1976:81) and no further comment is made here except to say that the feature has significantly constrained the westward development of Froxfield Green and that it has been influential in determining the archaeological potential of the settlement.

6.2 *Site visit condition:* Hazy; light rain (26.4.99)

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

7.1 *AsAP*

7.1.1 A large continuous area that encompasses potential settlement areas south of Ventham's Farm, northwards to include the site of the farm itself and the whole of the present settlement of Froxfield Green. Sections of the Entrenchments are regarded as within the AAP (or AsHAP) wherever they form the western limit of settlement, settlement earthworks, or a potential occupation site.

7.2 *AsHAP*

7.2.1 Ventham's Farm and the visible settlement earthworks in the fields to the south. Finds from this site indicate Medieval occupation (Paragraph 10.0, Nos 21A, B & C).

7.2.2 This AHAP includes the church and churchyard (known to be Medieval), and the properties abounding the Green. In spite of the Medieval date for the church, the layout and development of settlement in this area is obscure. All of the present buildings are C17 or later, and any investigative opportunities (including negative evidence) would prove to be invaluable.

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

8.1 *St Peter-on-the-Green, 1887* (*architect:* Sir AW Blomfield)

- Built on site of medieval church (believed to be Saxon in origin), demolished 1861-2;
- The layout of the churchyard suggests that the church was built upon a low knoll;
- C11 arcading in the nave recorded as details on Martineau's sketches (see below);
- Medieval chancel survived demolition and was converted into a mortuary chapel;
- The church was rebuilt in 1887.

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NB

- Inside the church are sketches of its predecessor (demolished 1861). The sketches are by Edwin Martineau, architect of St Peters at High Cross and they are dated 1860.
- St Peters at High Cross has a photograph of Froxfield church in the process of demolition in 1861. It shows C11 arcading that was subsequently removed and incorporated into the fabric of the new church at High Cross. It is therefore clear that Martineau's sketches that are now at Froxfield church record the process of the architect planning his work.

8.2 St Peter, High Cross, 1862 (*architect*: EH Martineau)

- Includes 3 Norman arches from St Peter-on-the-Green but reconstructed in the Early English style.

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

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
*	Bower Farmhouse	C19	II
*	Bydean Farmhouse	C17, 19	II
*	Bydean Farmhouse: granary 50m south of	early C19	II
*	Trees Cottage, Bydean Farm,	C14, 16, 17, 20	II*
13313	The Red House, Cockshott Lane (built for <i>Edward Thomas</i>)	1909	II
14093	Barnsley Cottage & attached workshops Cockshott Lane	1908-9	II
14094	Barnsley workshops timber drying sheds	1908-9	II
*	Filmore Hill Farmhouse, Filmore Hill Lane	C18	II
*	Filmore Hill Farmhouse: barn 40m east of	C18	II
*	No 20 (Thatched Cottage) Bailey Green	C17, 19, 20	II
*	Love's Charity (School), Froxfield Green	c. 1730	II
*	Holly Lodge, Froxfield Green	early C19, 20	
II	(the vicarage until 1881)		
*	Guiles, Froxfield Green	C17, 18, 19	II
*	Pound House, Froxfield Green	C17, 18	II
*	Parish Church of St Peter on the Green NB the original chancel survived demolition in 1887 5 x table tombs in churchyard.	1887	II
13324	Church of St Peter, High Cross	1862	II
*	The Slade, High Cross	C18, 19	
II			
*	Week Green House, High Cross Lane	C18, 19	
II			
*	Ivyhouse Farmhouse, Ivyhouse Lane	C17, 19	II
*	King's Cottage, Kings Lane	C16, 17, 18, 19	II
*	Wyke Green Farmhouse (Week Green		

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	Farmhouse), Soalwood Lane	C18, 19, 20	II
*	Spencer's Cottage, Soalwood Lane	C17, 18, 19	II

10.0 SMR DATA SW 470000 125000, NE 471000 126000 (Maps 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

SU 72 NW	No.		
	5	470220 125810	Undated. Earthwork: Froxfield Long Entrenchment. HCC AP ref: run 25e221.
	21A	470270 125080	Medieval. Manor house. Banks and buildings platforms visible. Possibly the Manor of Staple Ash (1968).
	21B	470310 125000	Medieval. C15, C16 pottery sherd finds (site of manor house).
	21C	470310 125000	Medieval. Horse shoe, spur and nails from site of manor house.
	26A	470150 125360	Prehistoric. Flint debitage.
	26B	470150 125360	Prehistoric. Burnt flint find.
	27A	470150 125360	Medieval. Pottery finds.
	27B	470150 125360	Post-Medieval / Modern. Pottery finds.
	30A	470580 125100	Prehistoric. Flint debitage.
	30B	470580 125100	Prehistoric. Burnt flint finds.
	30C	470580 125100	Post-Medieval / Modern. Pottery finds.
	36B	470940 125460	Post-Medieval. Pottery finds.
	108A	470300 125000	Roman. Pottery finds.
	108B	470300 125000	Undated. Oyster shell find.
	108C	470300 125000	Undated. Iron nails.
	108D	470300 125000	Undated. Tile find.
	108E	470300 125000	Flint fragments.

10.2 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

<i>Hants No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>NAR / NMR Nos</i>
131	471490 125060	Froxfield with Privett (SAM 113)	SU72NW11 / 242975
*	470390 124460	Froxfield with Privett	SU72SW13 / 243123

10.3 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

<i>SAM No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Site</i>
42	470400 124700	Froxfield entrenchments
	470000 124500	
	470400 125600	
	470000 124500	
	470500 126300	
	470300 125600	
	470300 126600	
	470100 127200	
	470200 127500	
	471200 126900	
	471900 126900	
	472400 126800	

44	466800 128100	<i>The Jumps</i> group of barrows
	466700 128100	
113	471500 125000	Romano-British earthworks on Stoner Hill, Ridge Hanger

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

1	470640 125640	Earthwork; former boundary
2	470355 125470	Possible house plot but vacant on Tithe Map of c. 1844
3	470450 125150	Large quarry of unknown date
4	470550 125190	Boundary of probable antiquity. Possibly associated with earthworks on the west side of the road
5	470380 125410	Site of cottage and curtilage present on the Tithe Map of c. 1844

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/95/2 (* / 1844)
- GSGB 300 Alresford
- OS 1: 2500 SW 469830 124600, NE 470470 125490 and
SW 470100 125400, NE 470700 126000
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1265 (SU 62/72), Petersfield & the Meon Valley.

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Newman A 1987 *Froxfield & Privett: a Taste of History* Private publication
- HTS 6: 139-146
- VCH 3: 76-77

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book

Not mentioned. Part of the episcopal manor of East Meon.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£4.17.0	
1524	1st survey	£4.1.8	(43 taxpayers)
	2nd survey	Not listed	

14.3 Manorial Documents

Manors recorded: Froxfield; Basing Park

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

151 hearths chargeable (47 houses)
34 hearths not chargeable (23 houses). Total: 70 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

975 x 971 (*æt*) *froxafelda*; 1207, 1245 *Froxefeld(e)*. OE 'frogs' open land'.

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS**17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS****17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters**

- AD 924 for ?824. Egbert, King of Wessex, to Wulfheard, *prefectus*; grant of land on the River Meon, perhaps including Froxfield, Hants (142 / **283**).
- c. AD 968 x 971. Will of Ælfheah, ealdorman, including (bequest) of land at.....Froxfield, Hants, to Ælfwine, his nephew....(415 / **1485**).

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>Map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Barnet Side	1040	470000 128000	1263
Basing Park	1041	468000 128000	1431
Broom Farm	1964		1306
Bydean Farm	1042	470400 126300	1288
Farnfield Farm	1965	468400 127200	967
Fawley Farm	1966	467100 127700	835
Mere Ford	1044	469200 127500	959?
Moore's Copse	1045		1453
Ridge Farm	1047	471200 124900	1245
Slade	1048	471600 126700	1327
Staple Ash	1050	470200 125000	1327
Stock Farm	804	466600 126600	1311
Stoner Hill	2128	472900 129500	1328
Stone(r) Hill	1051	472700 125700	1245
Week Green			
Common	1052	473100 126600	1205

17.3 Enclosures*Parliamentary:*

<i>NEP no.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14058	1803		1805	Wastes called Froxfield Barnett, Portway, Pummel Green, Boxhill Bottom, Week Green, Ashford Hill, Oakshot Hill, Basingdean, Broadway, Laydean, Rings Green, Stoner Hill, Staplish Down, Ewens Green, Old Litten.

Formal Agreements:

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

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

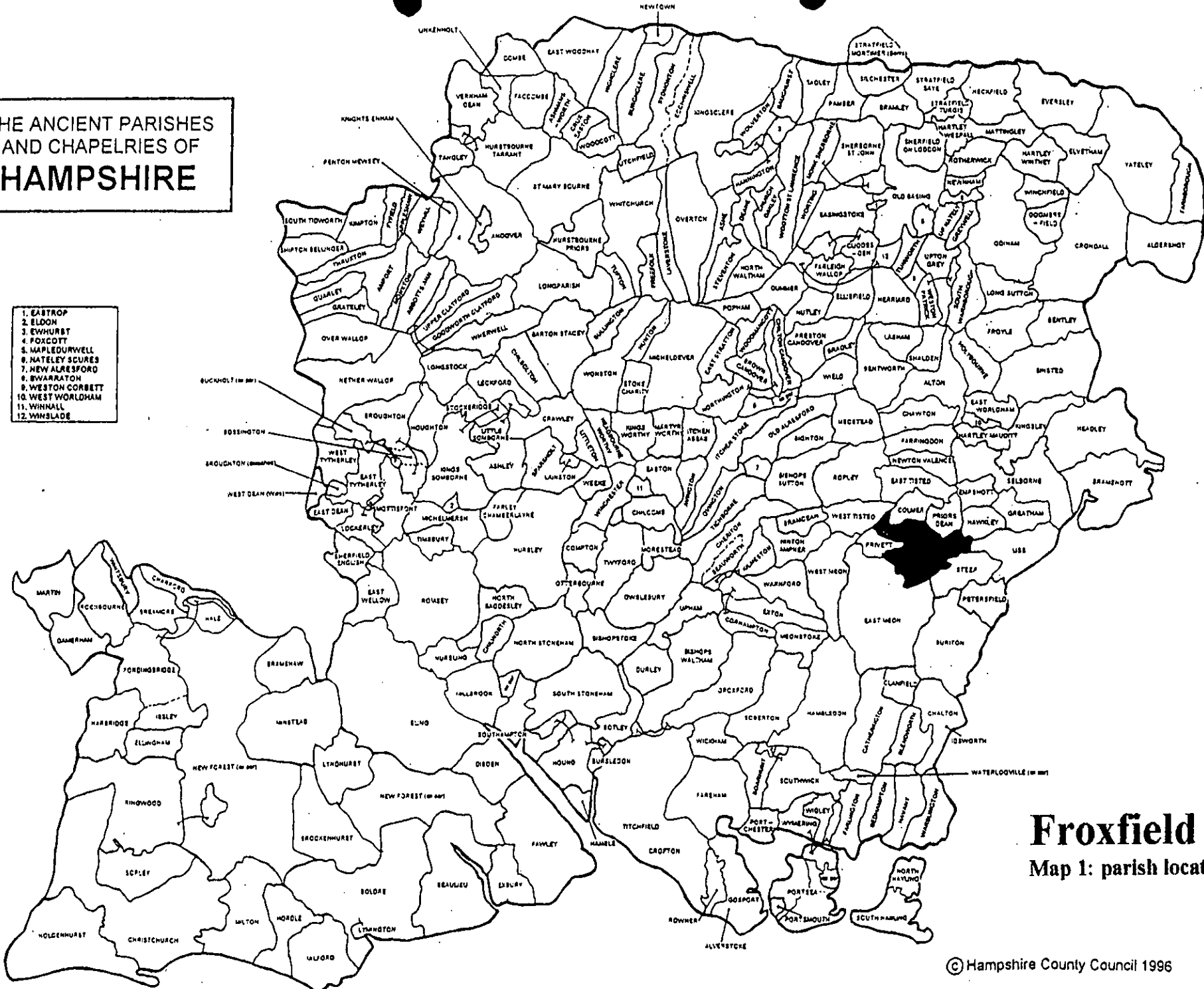
Basing Park takes up a substantial area of the parish.

18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

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- 2 Map 2: Settlement location at 1: 25000
- 3 Map 3: c. 1844 Tithe Map transcribed at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 4 Map 4 / 1: Development & archaeological features (south) at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 5 Map 4 / 2: Development & archaeological features (north) at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 6 Map 5 / 1: Areas of archaeological potential (south) at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 7 Map 5 / 2: Areas of archaeological potential (north) at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 8 Map 6: Local earthworks, The Froxfield Entrenchments (Coffin, 1976: 78). Not to scale

**THE ANCIENT PARISHES
AND CHAPELRIES OF
HAMPSHIRE**

- 1. EASTROP
- 2. ELDOH
- 3. EWHURST
- 4. FOXCOTT
- 5. MAPLEOURWELL
- 6. NATELEY SCURES
- 7. NEW ALRESFORD
- 8. SWARRAYTON
- 9. WESTON CORBETT
- 10. WEST WORLDHAM
- 11. WINNALL
- 12. WHSLADE



Froxford
Map 1: parish location

Froxfield

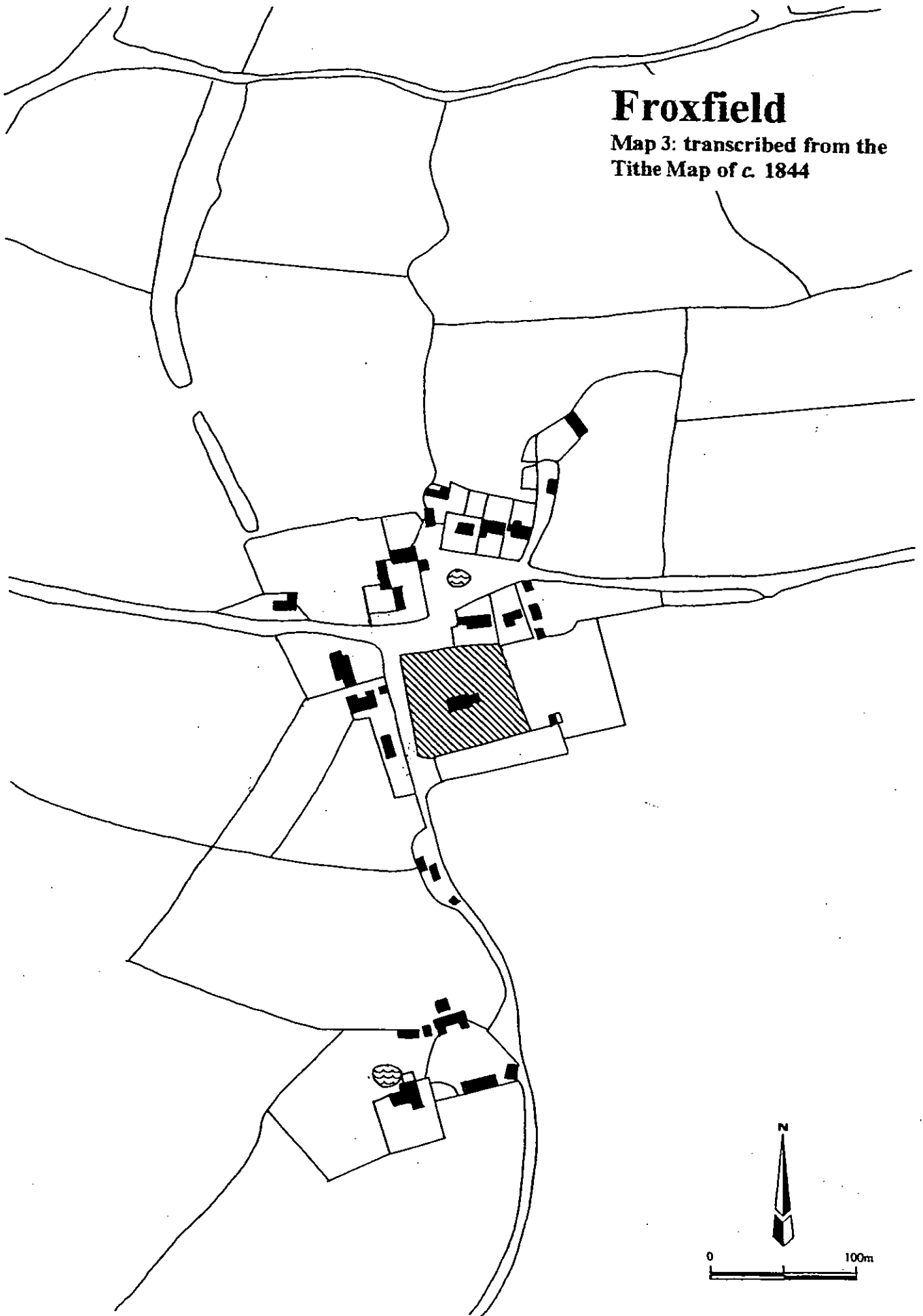
Map 1: general location



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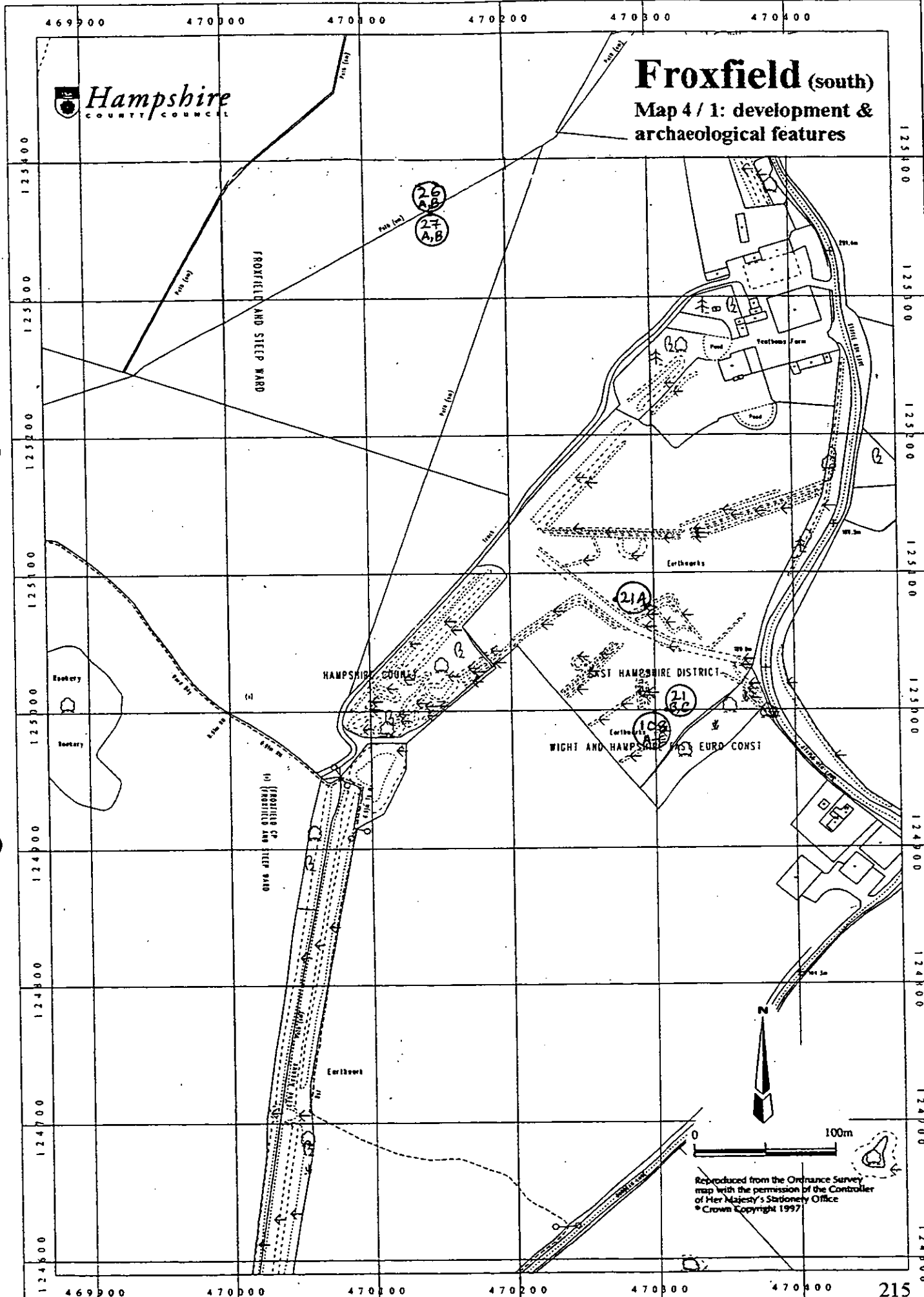
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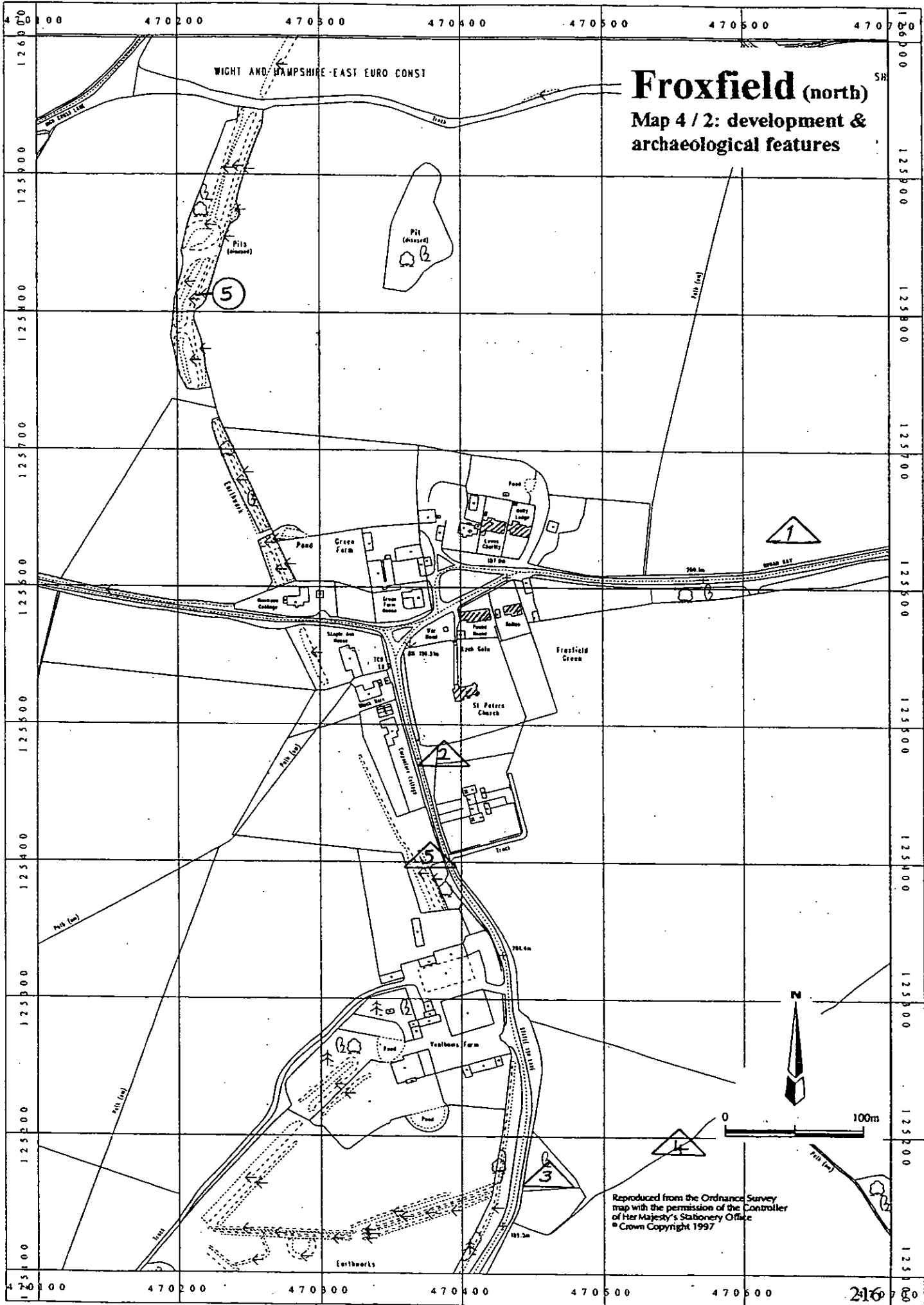
Map 3: transcribed from the
Tithe Map of c. 1844



Froxfield (south)

Map 4 / 1: development & archaeological features

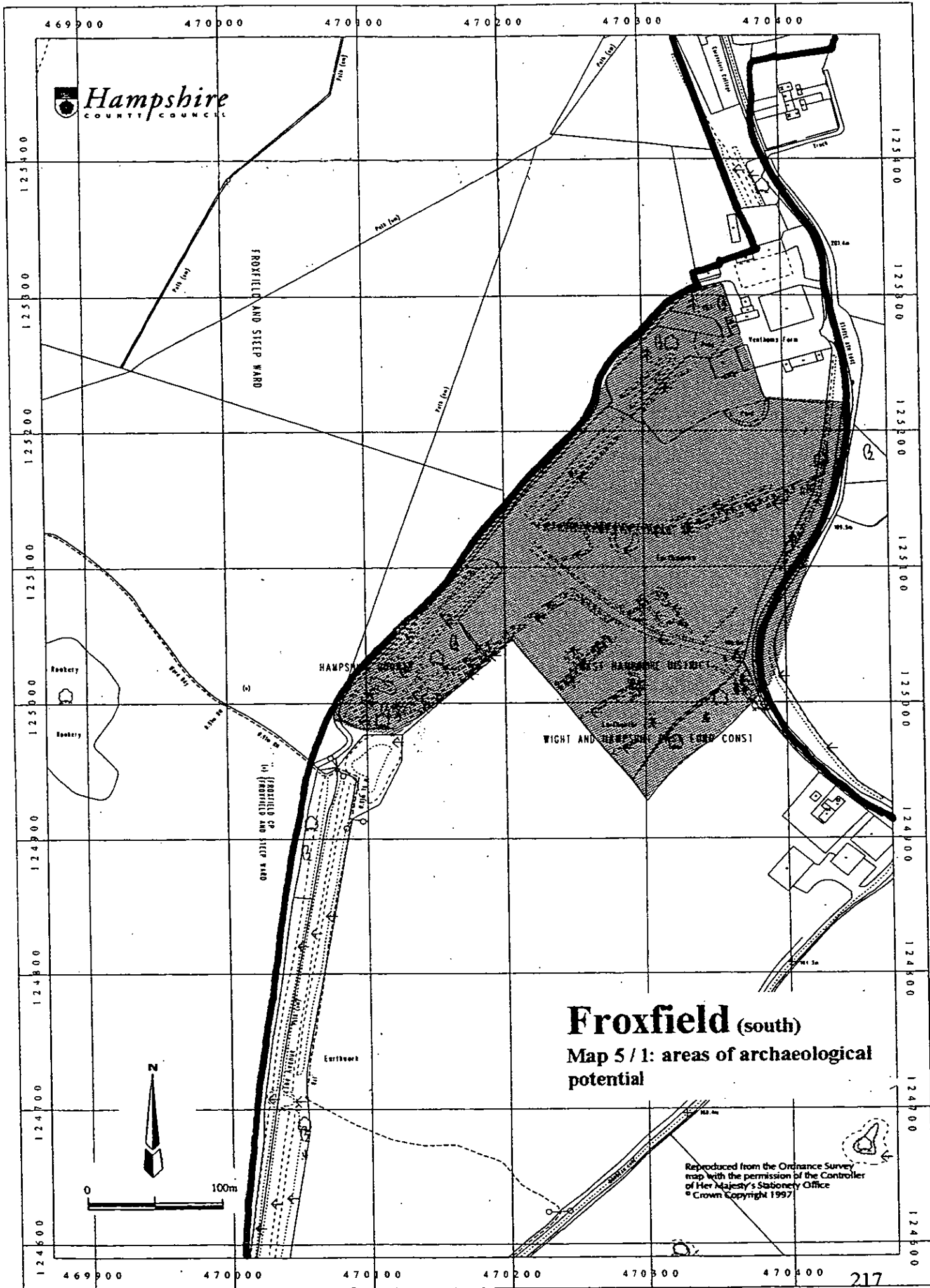




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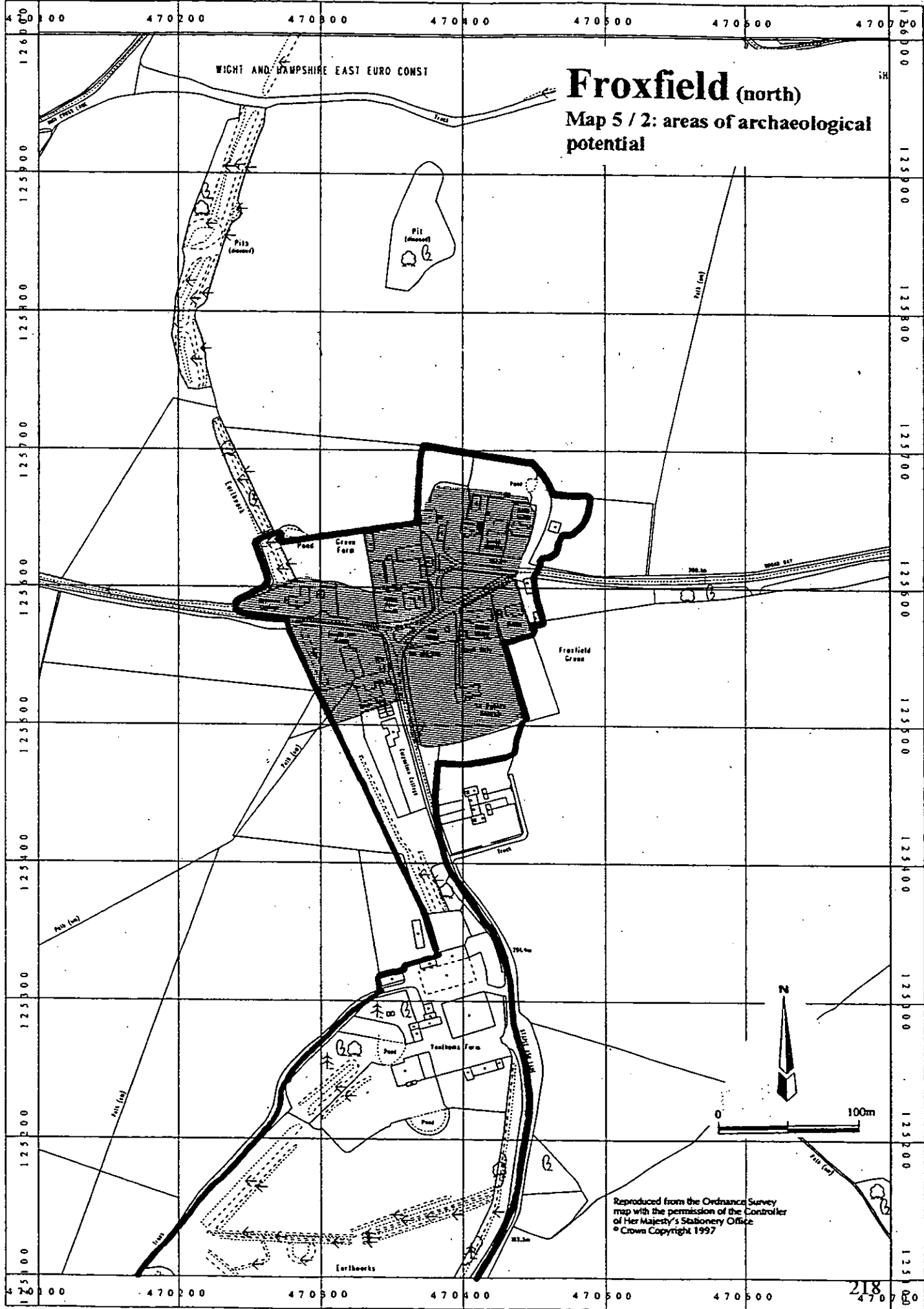
Map 4 / 2: development & archaeological features

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Froxfield (south)
Map 5 / 1: areas of archaeological potential

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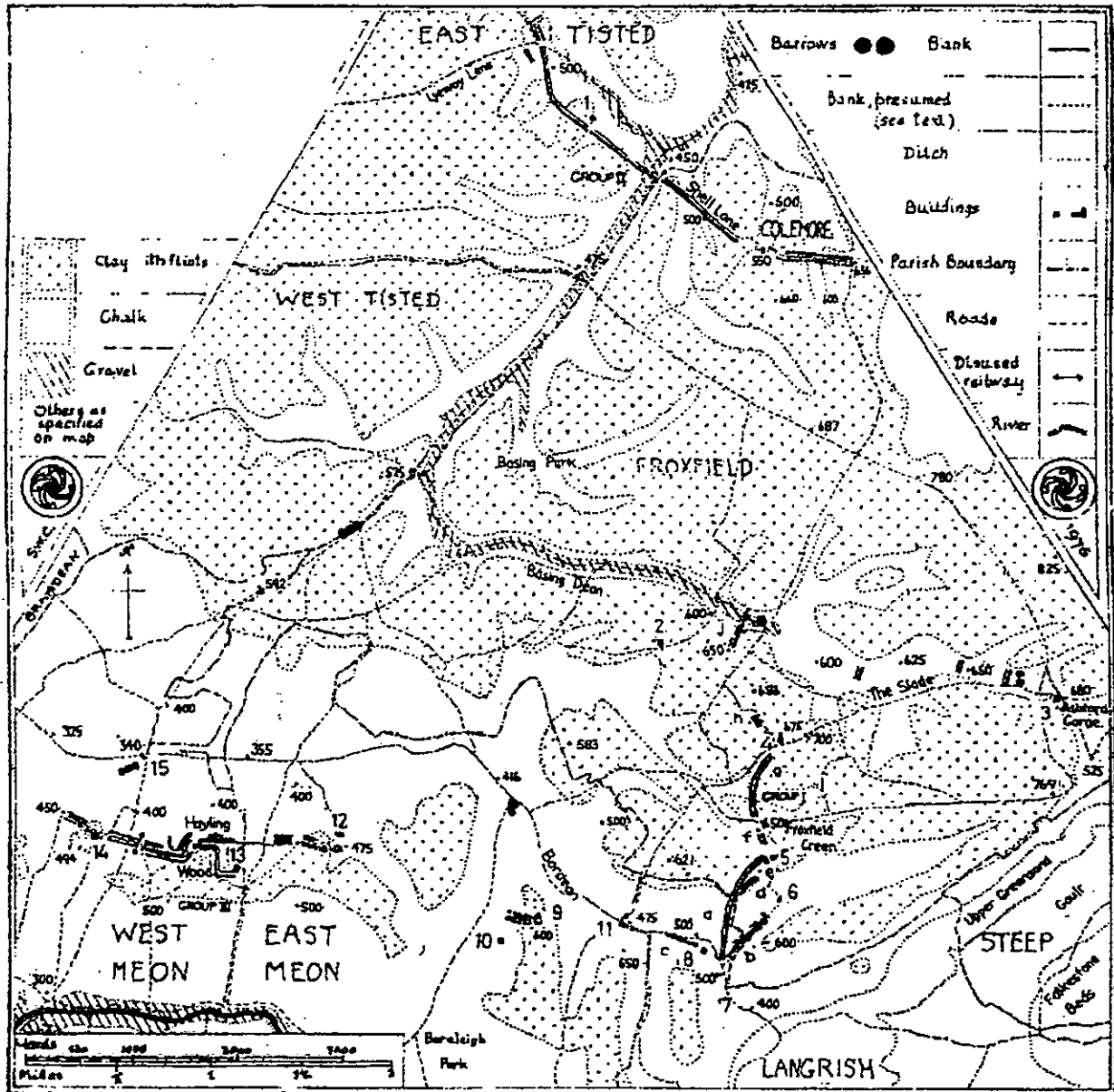


Froxfield (north)
 Map 5 / 2: areas of archaeological potential

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Map 6: local earthworks
(Coffin, 1976: 78)



1. Plain Farm, 2. Hurst Farm, 3. Week Green Farm, 4. Bydean Farm, 5. Ventom's Farm, 6. Staple Ash Cottages, 7. Bordean Gorge, 8. Bordean House, 9. Mare Pond, 10. Tigwell Farm, 11. Lower Bordean, 12. Peak Farm, 13. Parr's Barn, 14. Marlands, 15. West Meon Hut. Based on the OS 1:25000 Map (Crown Copyright reserved).