

- 1.0 PARISH** Hook (formerly Odiham)
2.0 HUNDRED Odiham
3.0 NGR SU 472500 154300
4.0 GEOLOGY Hook: London Clay
 Bartley Heath: Bracklesham Beds

5.0 SITE CONTEXT

The settlement of Hook is situated on sloping ground, falling from *c.* 90m AOD at the western limit down to *c.* 70m AOD on the eastern fringe (a distance of 2.5km). In essence, it is a small, Modern development. The mainline railway to London passes the southern part of Hook and here there is a station and a number of small industrial units and stores. Important road routes to London (A30) and Reading (B3349) intersect at the centre of the settlement, and this area is characterised by late C20 shops. Elsewhere, Modern housing estates abound. Adjacent, and to the south, are Hook Common and Bartley Heath (14.1).

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION

Composite: farmstead(s) + regular row

6.1 *Single farmstead* (?) The Tithe Map (1839) shows just a few buildings arranged either side of the London Road but divided into three groups by the intersecting Reading Road. Virtually at the cross-roads (south side), a group of buildings were arranged around a courtyard and these have largely survived as The White Hart Hotel, thought to have been so-called since *c.* 1839. The White Hart was ideally placed to serve as a coaching inn, but there is a C18 granary, and it is probable that at one time it was a farm. Another possibility is that the White Hart is the site of the manorial buildings of the Domesday manor of Bartley; the site of a Roman building lies within 100m to the south-east (10.0). Bartley Heath is within 1km to the south. The convergence of routes here might be a further indication that this was a site of continued high status occupation.

6.2 *Regular row* Just west of the Reading Road, but on the south side of the London Road, another building stood within its own rectangular plot, and also within a larger trapezium-shaped land unit which contained two other plots with buildings. The principal building of this group remains, and is now known as The Old White Hart. The name suggests that it was once the coaching inn of Hook. Opposite, on the north side of the London Road, was a group of four contiguous land plots. They shared a common rear boundary and were presumably planned. The plot to the extreme south-west is occupied by Foundry Cottage (C18). The two central units have been amalgamated as the yard of a wholesale company. The final unit (north-west) contains Grange Cottage, C18. This group of buildings seems to comprise a somewhat truncated regular row.

6.3 *Synthesis* The overall picture then, is of a farm complex, now the White Hart, sited at an important road junction. A second farm might have been clustered around the Old White Hart *c.* 200m south-west. Both were in a position to exploit the

through-trade of passing road travellers and this brought about a limited expansion of

the settlement. Later C19 and C20 building has now formed a compact agglomeration.

6.4 Site visit conditions: strong, low sun; dry.

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

7.1 AAP (Map 4, page 174)

The single AAP has been drawn to include the following:

- The White Hart which is close to the site of a Romano-British building suggesting that it might be a place of long-standing importance, perhaps associated with the Domesday manor of Bartley (6.1 & 14.1).
- The Tithe Map suggests that the nearby Old White Hart was closely associated with a number of other buildings, probably including those on the opposite side of the London Road, of which Foundry Cottage and Grange Cottage remain. This association is not understood. The area has been much-disturbed by recent development, but important archaeology might yet survive. It is conceivable that settlement was once more extensive, and the AAP has been extended to include the margins of the Reading Road, north of the White Hart, in order to take account of this.

7.2 AsHAP (Map 4, page 174)

There are two AsHAP within the AAP as described in 7.1:

7.2.1 The White Hart and adjacent grounds together with the probable area of the R-B building (Map 3, page 173).

7.2.2 The Old White Hart and the Foundry Cottage / Grange Cottage group.

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

St John the Evangelist C20

9.0 BUILDINGS

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
4076	Hook Mill, Crooked Billet	C17, 18	II
301	Whitewater House	C18	II
4077	Borough Court	C15, 16, 1903	II*
4076	The Holt, Holt Lane	C18	II
1394	Thatch Cottage, London Road	late C18	II
4080	The Grange, London Road	late C18	II
4081	The White Hart Hotel, London Road	C18, 19	II
4082	Pilgrims, London Road	C16, C19/20	II
4083	Lees Farm Cottage, London Road	C17, Modern	II
4084	Lees Farm: barn (now a house)	C18	II
4085	Old Raven House, London Road	1653	II
4086	Hook House, London Road	C18, 19	II
4088	Murrell, Murrell Green	C16, 17	II
4089	Holly Cottage, Morris Street	late 18, 19	II
4090	The Tonings, Newsham Road	c. 1800	II
4091	Oaklands, Newsham Road	early C19	II
unlisted	Old White Hart, London Road (south)		

Centre range of buildings rebuilt 1930. Brewery range to the west probably early C19 including malting and small brick brewhouse (HFC 1970 **27**: 97).

unlisted Foundry Cottage, London Road (north) C17, 18?

10.0 SMR DATA SW 47200 15400, NE 47300 15550

SU75SW	No.		
5A	472650 154240	Roman. Tile and pottery finds. Trial trenches, garden of 10 Church View, revealed further tiles and building floor.	
5B	472650 154240	Roman. CBM and tesserae. Basingstoke Museum Access. no. OC 169 (1967).	
5C	472650 154240	Roman. C3, C4 pottery including Alice Holt wares.	
5D	472650 154240	Roman. Iron objects including nails.	
5E	472650 154240	Roman. Iron nails.	
27	472000 154000	Bronze Age. Palstave. Mortimer Museum, Hull (1956).	
111	472770 154600	Medieval. Rectangular timber building.	

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES

1 The White Hart. Possible location for Bartley manor house.

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/177/2 (1839/41)
- GSGB 284 Basingstoke
- OS 1: 2500 SW 472100 153900; NE 472820 154500
- OS 1:25000 Pathfinder 1204, Basingstoke
- OS 6 inch First Edition 1875. Sheet 19

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book Not mentioned and should not be confused with Hook in Titchfield Hundred. However, this settlement (Hook in Odiham Hundred) might be synonymous with the Domesday manor of **Bartley (Heath)** which is described thus:

69, 5 Godwin holds Bartley. Edwin held it from King Edward in freehold. Then it answered for 1½ hides, now for 1 hide. Land for 2 ploughs. In lordship 1; 4 villagers and 4 smallholders with 2 ploughs. 2 slaves; a mill at 20d; meadow, 3 acres. The value is and was 20s.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

Not mentioned at benchmark dates of 1334 and 1524. Presumably included under Odiham.

14.3 Manorial Documents

No manorial status unless as Hook is the former Domesday estate of Bartley [Bechellei(a)] in Odiham.

14.4 Hearth Tax

Not mentioned under benchmark date of 1665. Presumably included under Odiham.

15.0 PLACE NAME 1223 *Hoc*. OE *hoc* / ME *hok* in a topographical sense ‘angle, nook’. Lies between two tributaries of the Whitewater. (But perhaps more appropriately, formerly in the northern ‘corner’ [nook] of Odiham parish as shown on OS 6 inch First Edition of 1875. IH 1997).

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS**17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS**

17.1 Common: Hook Common 472000 153000

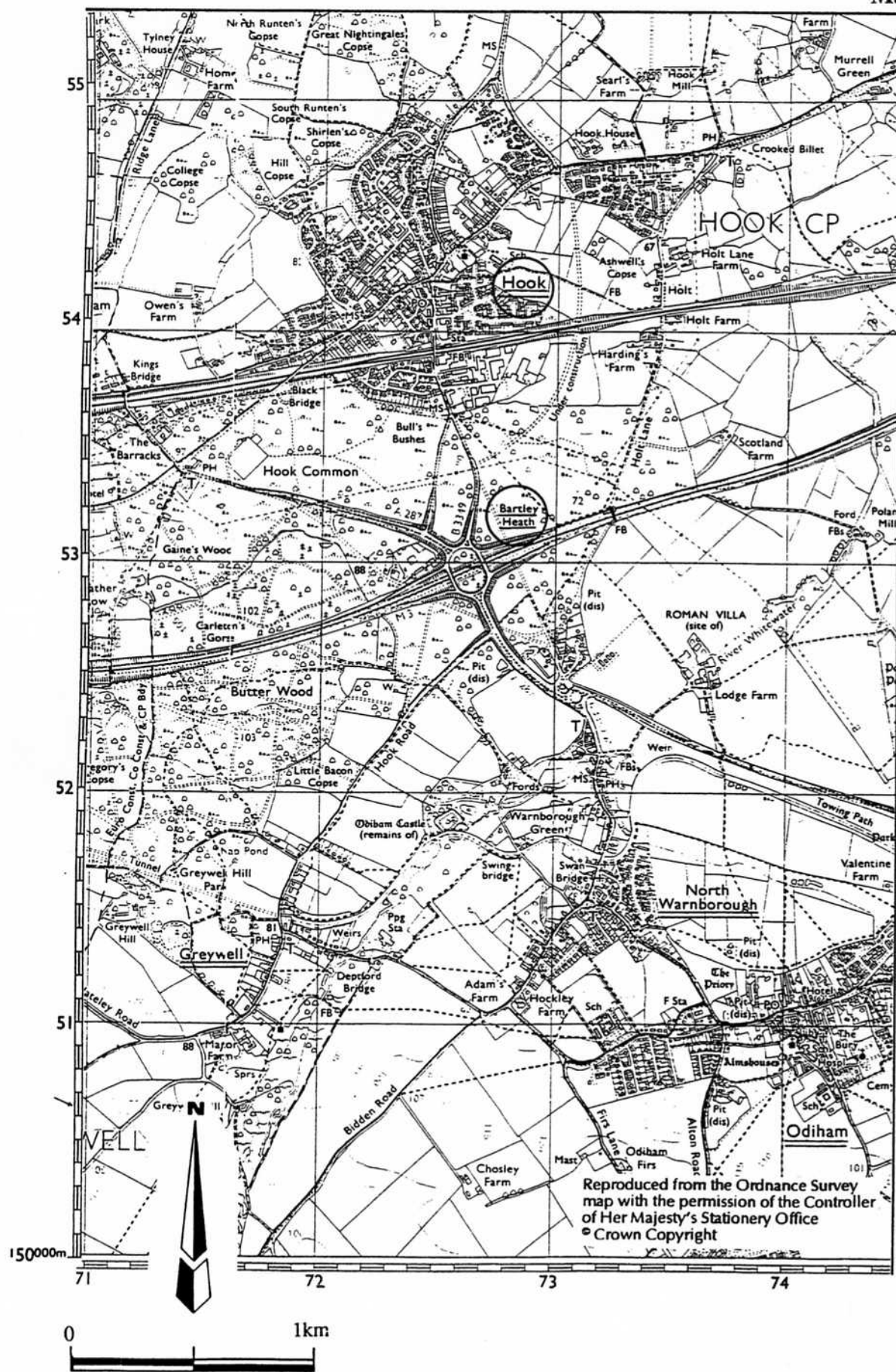
17.2 Other parish settlements include:

Bartley Heath 472700 153000	1086, Bechellei(a); birch tree wood.
Borough Court 473800 155900	1420, Broke Court; brook / stream with later corruption.
Murrell Green 474300 154900	1167, Morhale; marshy corner of land.
Scutt's Farm 474100 155200	1248, le Scut; associated with the farm of John le Scut.

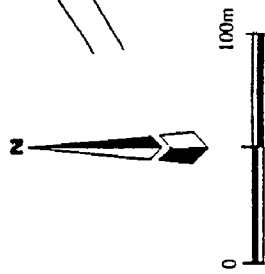
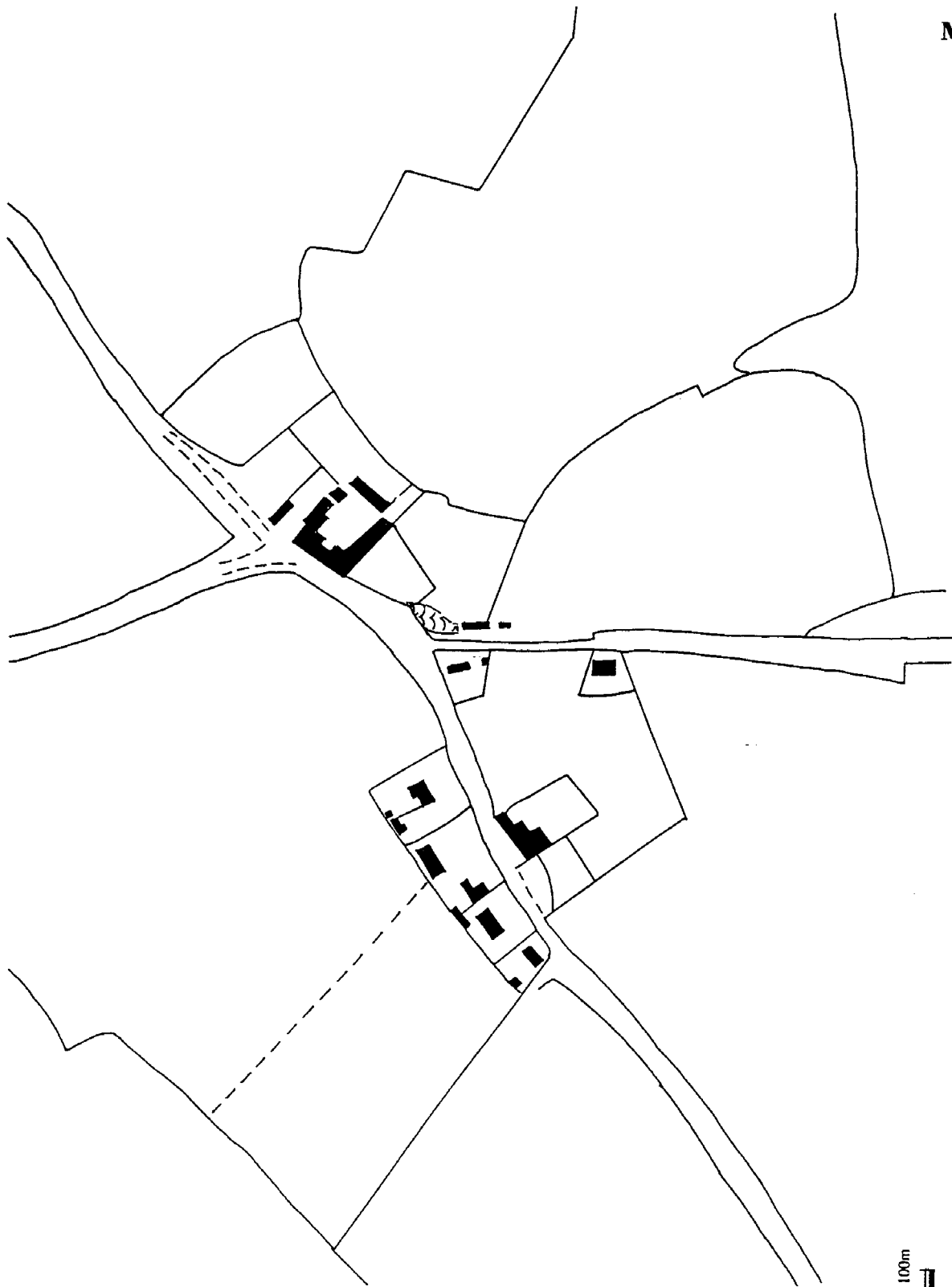
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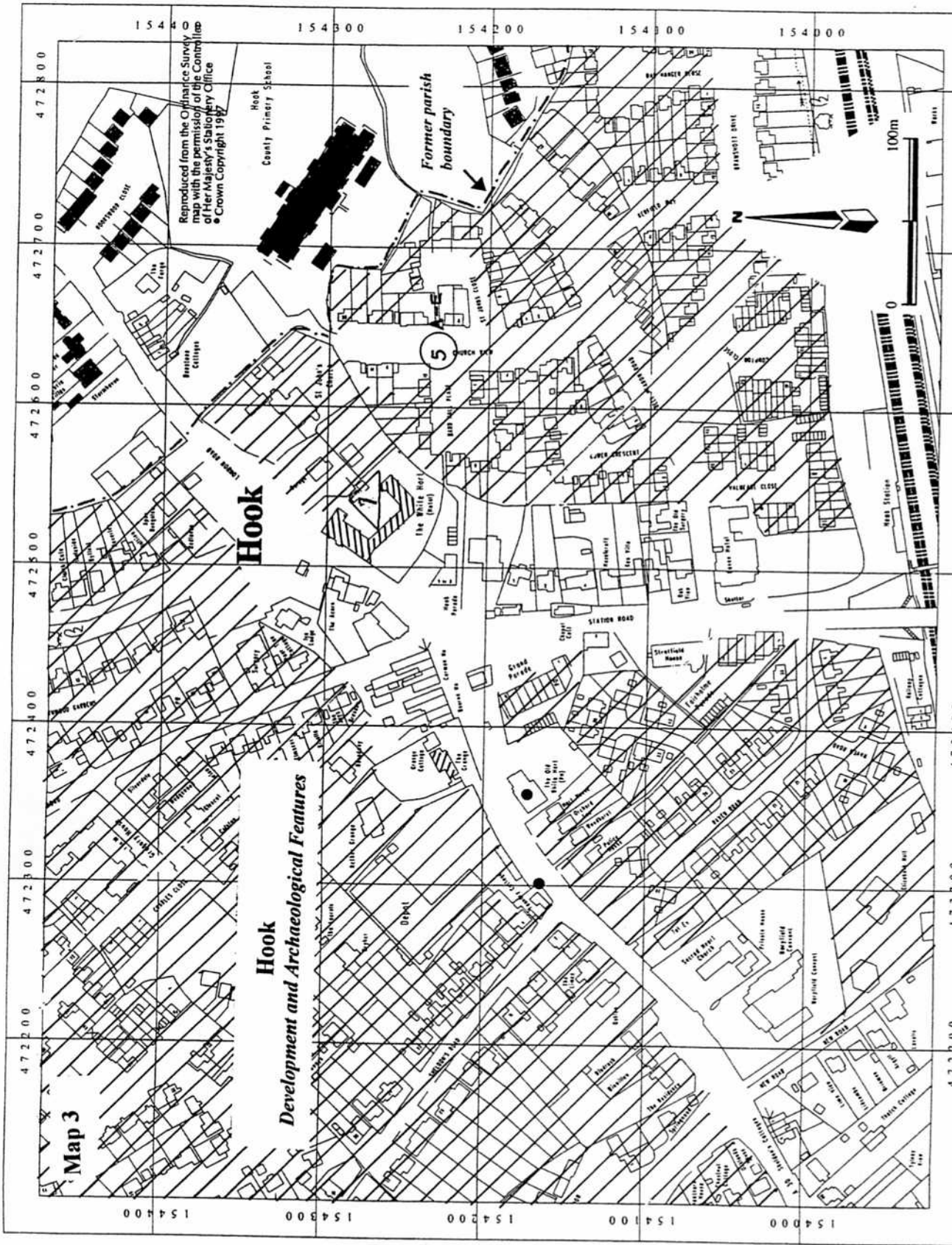
- 1 Location map at 1: 25000
- 2 Tithe Map transcription at 1: 2500
- 3 Map: Development and Archaeological Features at 1: 2500
- 4 Map: Areas of Archaeological Potential at 1: 2500

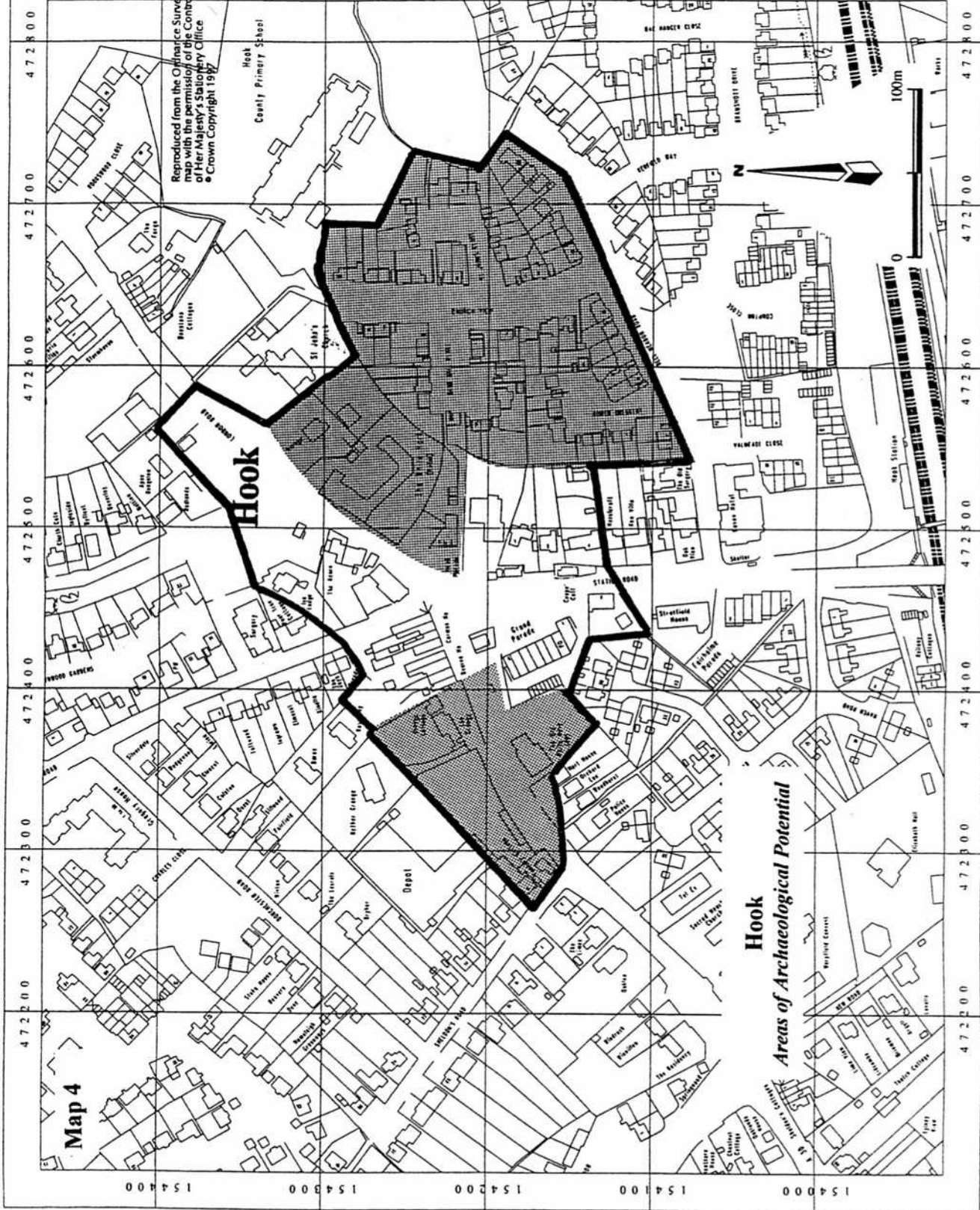
Map 1



Map 2







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