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| 1.0 PARISH | Liss |
| 2.0 HUNDRED | Liss (Abbas): Meonstoke (until 1831, then Finchdean) Liss (Turney): Odiham |
| 3.0 NGR | Liss (Abbas): 477500 128400 Liss (Turney): 477500 127900 |
| 4.0 GEOLOGY | Liss / Burgates Folkstone Beds. |

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Maps 2 & 3)

The present 'town' of Liss has been sub-divided into 'East' and 'West' Liss. However, these sub-divisions appertain to Modern development east and west of the railway; they have no relevance to the medieval manor estates of Liss Abbas and Liss Turney. These manors are associated with settlement areas that lie north-north-west of Liss station by 1.4km and 1.2km respectively.

5.1 Liss Abbas is represented by the site of Lyss Place (*c.* 70m AOD). It is the site of post-Conquest medieval fishponds and the remains of a monastic grange of St Mary's, Winchester.

5.2 Liss Turney is less easy to identify than Liss Abbas. The best indicators of the manorial centre are the Church of St Peter at Burgates (Farm) and the area now known as Upper Green, but called Liss Green on the Tithe Map of 1840. In reality, the manor of Liss Turney is unlikely to have had a clear-cut geographical boundary. In this survey it is used a term of convenience for the settlement area that includes Burgates Farm, The Plestor, and Upper Green. This group is sometimes known as West Liss but this is a vague term of relatively recent origin.

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 4 / 1, 4 / 2, 5 / 1, 5 / 2, 6 / 1 & 6 / 2)

6.1.1 Liss Abbas: *monastic grange* Lyss Place is now a single farmstead and as such it would not normally fall within the scope of this survey. Nevertheless it demands inclusion for the following reasons:

- The Domesday entry for Liss is probably specific to this site (Paragraph 14.1). Except in the case of towns, Domesday listings rarely identify a precise geographical location. The monastic grange was probably functioning on the same site by, or soon after 1086.
- Modern Liss is a complex amalgam of settlement elements that include a C19 'new town'. To understand the development of Liss it is necessary to be familiar with each of its component parts.

6.1.2 Lyss Place is clearly an important monastic site. The manor formed part of the endowment of the nuns of St Mary, Winchester. The original form of the name was Liss Abbess. The present farmhouse incorporates a stone-built range of C14 date (Pevsner & LLoyd, 1967: 320), thought to have been the refectory of the monastic building. Pride of place goes to the network of three medieval fish ponds that extend for *c.* 0.5km

immediately to the south-east of the farmhouse. In a field to the north-west, low

earthworks might be associated with the grange complex (Paragraph 11.0, No. 1). The manor reverted to the Crown after the Dissolution but from 1610 it passed into the hands of a series of lay owners.

6.2 Liss Turney (Burgates): polyfocal (church & farm + agglomeration)

6.2.1 Church & farmstead The C13 church of St Peter together, together with Burgates Farm (C17 or earlier) form the core of this settlement. They stand just east of the north / south Farnham Road at *c.* 76m and *c.* 73m AOD respectively. The name of the farm is now synonymous with that of the settlement but at the time of the Tithe Map (1840) it was known simply as Liss, or perhaps Liss Burgates, in order to distinguish it from Liss Abbas. The use of the name *Burgates* has led to a misconception. It has been confused with the Royal manor of Burgates (New Forest) that is mentioned in Domesday. Liss Burgates (or Turney) is not mentioned, unless indirectly (see Paragraph 10.0, No. 19 & Paragraph 14.1). East of the church, on the north side of Church Street, there is a row of C18 cottages and workshops (all unlisted). Approximately 0.75km east of the St Peter's is Kippences, first mentioned in documentary sources in 1327 (Paragraph 17.2). It was probably a capital messuage or a small farm. A house still occupies the site.

6.2.2 Agglomeration Two hundred metres south of St Peter's the Farnham Road veers eastwards and at this point the Hawkley Road once headed first west, then turning at right angles twice, before continuing to Lyss Place (see Map 4 / 2). The space between the two roads is now known as Upper Green, but it was formerly Liss Green. At the north end of the Green at the junction of the Farnham and Hawkley Roads, a small agglomeration developed. The buildings included The Spread Eagle Inn and Plestor House, both C18. The Blue Bell Inn, on the east side of Upper Green is another C18 encroachment. On the strength of this evidence, it is likely that the whole of the Upper Green agglomeration dates to the post-Medieval period. The Hawkley Road junction has been realigned since 1840 (compare Maps 4 / 2 and 5 / 2) and at least one of the 1840 buildings has been lost in the process.

6.3.3 C19 new town The Modern aspirant town of Liss developed around a railway station 1.2km south-east of St Peter's Church. The new building stock developed around Lower Green and this remains in residual form as public open space with attendant pond. Other parts of the Green survive as school playing fields and allotment gardens. The allotments are a reminder of the common management of the Green (see Map 3).

6.4 Site visit condition: overcast; hazy sun (26.4.99)

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Maps 6 / 1 & 6 / 2)

7.1 Liss Abbas (Map 6 / 1)

7.1.1 AsAP A large area has been defined that includes Liss Place and associated outbuildings, the group of medieval fish ponds plus open areas to the west, east and north. However, the true extent of the monastic grange is not known but it is likely to have included ancillary buildings, gateways, precincts and boundaries. The area of

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archaeological potential could be much greater than that shown but it would be imprudent to recommend anything less (see Paragraph 11.0, No. 1). The ponds alone, take up a

large area and these must be regarded as archaeological features in their own right. Sluices, dams and other water management apparatus must have been provided.

7.1.2 AsHAP The high potential area within 7.1.1 are:

- Lyss Place, its outbuildings and gardens. Any disturbance to ground or buildings will constitute a threat to the archaeology of the site. Lyss Place is an the site of an important medieval religious house.
- The complex of ponds. These have been alluded to in 7.1.1. In addition it should be noted that fish ponds will contain sediments rich in archaeological and archaeo-environmental data. Evidence of fish traps and other stock management devices may be contained within the deposits. Ponds are also depositories discarded artefacts and waste.

7.1.3 Given its importance, it is perhaps surprising that Lyss Place has not been afforded a greater degree of legal protection.

7.2 Liss Turney (Burgates) (Map 6 / 2)

7.2.1 AsAP There are two of these.

- The first takes in an extended area around the medieval church that includes Burgates Farm, Berry Grove House, Church Street and land to the south up to and including the Spread Eagle. Earthworks (Paragraph 11.0, No. 3) and a tumulus are notable features in this area.
- The second area is at the north end of Upper Green around The Plestor and opposite the Spread Eagle. It has been noted that this agglomeration is likely to be of post-Medieval origin (Paragraph 6.2.2) but this assumption is conditional given the sparse nature of the evidence.

7.2.2 AsHAP The medieval church, churchyard, Burgates Farm and Church Street. This area is probably the nucleus of the medieval lay manor at Liss. The tumulus to the west might be included if a broader view is taken.

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

8.1.1 St Mary, East Liss, 1891-2 (architect: Sir A Blomfield)

8.1.2 St Peter, West Liss (Burgates)

- Church (Burgates) attached to Odiham until 1867; now little used.
- C13 west tower of Basingstoke Conglomerate (lower tier), weatherboard & shingle upper tier
- C13 chancel & south door
- 1639 porch
- C17 south aisle & west window

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9.0 BUILDINGS (Maps 5 / 1 & 6 / 1)

| PRN | Details | Dates | Grade |
|-------|--|----------------------------|-------|
| * | Brewell's Farmhouse, Brewell's Lane | C17, 18, 19 | |
| | II | | |
| * | Little Brewell's West & Little Brewell's East, Brewell's Lane | C18, 19 | II |
| * | Parish Church of St Peter, Farnham Road, | C13, 14, 15 17, 18 1834 | II* |
| * | Table tomb 3m south of the Church | | |
| * | Burgates Farmhouse: barn 40m south-west of, Farnham Road | C17 | II |
| * | Burgates Farmhouse: small barn 30m west of | C17 | II |
| 243 | Lyss Place (Liss Place Farmhouse), Hawkley Road (monastic site; remains of refectory attached) | C14, 19 | II |
| 1628 | Pophole Farmhouse, Hill Brow Road | C16, 19 | II |
| * | Clark's, Hunt's Bottom Lane | C18, 19 | II |
| * | Manger's Farmhouse, Manger's Farm Road | C16, 19, 20 | II |
| * | Knight's Cottage, Rake Road | C16, 17, 19, 20 | II |
| 1691 | Giddy Hall, Rake Road | early C17, 19 | II |
| 344 | Barn Place, Rake Road | C16, 17, 19 | II |
| 1313 | Old London, Rake Road | C17, 19 | II |
| 342 | Church of St Mary, Station Road | 1891, 1930 | II |
| * | Pruett's, Stodham Lane | C17, 20 | II |
| * | Plestor House, West Liss | C18 | II |
| * | Wheatham Farmhouse, Wheatham Road | C17, 19 | II |
| 14680 | Stodham Park, Stodham Lane (north-west side) | 1827 | II |

10.0 SMR DATA (Maps 5 / 1 & 6 / 1)

| | | | |
|----------|-----|------------------------------------|--|
| | | 476000 127800 SW, 476750 128500 NE | Liss Abbas |
| | | 476750 128000 SW, 477500 129000 NE | Liss Turney |
| SU 72 NE | No. | | |
| | 2 | 476930 128680 | Bronze Age. Barrow. |
| | 3 | 477050 128680 | Medieval. Parish Church (see 8.0). |
| | 4A | 476440 128180 | Medieval. Monastic grange. Surviving refectory C14 & 19. |
| | 4B | 476500 128100 | Medieval. Fish ponds associated with 4A. |
| ** | 19 | 477000 128800 | Medieval. Domesday reference to <i>Burgates</i> but this is incorrect. The <i>Burgates</i> of Domesday Book is a reference to a Royal estate of that name in Fordingbridge |

Hundred. This entry should be deleted
(IH / 99).

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| 20A | 477020 128250 | Roman. Grey ware (Alice Holt?) pottery find. |
| 20B | 477020 128250 | Roman. Tile find (ceramic?). |
| 53 | 477000 129000 | Iron Age. Single sherd of pottery. |
| 54A | 477000 129000 | Medieval. 2 x sherds of pottery. |
| 54B | 477000 129000 | Post-Medieval & Modern. 25 sherds of pottery. |
| 55A | 477000 129000 | Prehistoric. Flint debitage; 133 pieces. |
| 55B | 477000 129000 | Prehistoric. Burnt flint; 5 pieces. |
| 58A | 477300 128700 | Medieval. Pottery finds; 12 sherds. |
| 58B | 477300 128700 | Post-Medieval. Pottery finds; 93 pieces. |
| 67A | 477300 128700 | Prehistoric. Flint finds; 112 pieces. |
| 67B | 477300 128700 | Prehistoric. Burnt flint; 9 pieces. |
| 71 | 476860 128370 | Medieval & Post-Medieval pottery finds. |
| 72 | 477190 128130 | Medieval. Pottery scatter. |
| 73 | 477090 128020 | Roman. Scatter of tile. |
| 74 | 477200 128050 | Prehistoric. Flint debitage. |
| 78 | 476980 128100 | Roman. Various CBM. |

10.2 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

| <i>Hants No.</i> | <i>NGR</i> | <i>Parish</i> | <i>NAR / NMR Nos</i> |
|------------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|
| None listed. | | | |

10.3 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

| <i>SAM No.</i> | <i>NGR</i> | <i>Site</i> |
|----------------|---------------|--|
| H299 | 478300 126480 | Polygonal enclosure on Farther Commons |

11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Maps 5 / 1 & 6 / 1)**11.1 Liss Abbas**

| | | |
|---|---------------|--|
| 1 | 476050 128330 | Multiple earthworks of unknown date & purpose |
| 2 | 476160 128360 | Site of pond shown on the Tithe Map of 1840 |
| 3 | 476570 128370 | Earthwork representing a former west / east curvilinear boundary represented on the Tithe Map of 1840. |

11.2 Liss Turney (Burgates, West Liss)

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| 1 | 477310 128750 | Probable headland shown as a north / south boundary on the Tithe Map of 1840 but now much reduced |
| 2 | 477035 128665 | Former western churchyard boundary visible as an earthwork |
| 3 | 477085 128550 | Earthworks |
| 4 | 477260 128600 | Substantial west / east bank boundary. Represented on the Tithe Map of 1840 |

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5 477300 138300

Site of former building shown on the Tithes Map of 1840.

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/143/2 (1840 / 1843)
- GSGB 300 Alresford
- OS 1: 2500 Liss Abbas: SW 476000 127900, NE 476750 128500
Liss Turney (Burgates): SW 476800 128000, NE 477500 128900
- OS 1: 25000 Pathfinder 1265 (SU 62/72), Petersfield & the Meon Valley.

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14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES**14.1 Domesday Book**

14,1 (Land of St Mary's, Winchester). The Abbess of Winchester holds *Liss*. It was always in the (lands of the) Abbey. Before 1066 it answered for 5 hides; now for 3 hides. Land for 4 ploughs. 16 villagers with 3½ ploughs. A mill at 16s; meadow, 1½ acres; woodland at 15 pigs. Value before 1066, later, and now 50s; however, it pays £4 of revenue.

NB The above would appear to refer to *Liss Abbas*. The additional tax obligation referred to in the final line might be an allusion to a joint return which included *Liss Turney* (IH). They should not be confused with those listed under the Royal estate of *Burgates* in Domesday (Fordingbridge Hundred).

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

Liss Abbas (Meonstoke Hundred):

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|------|-------------------|--------|---------------|
| 1334 | | £2.4.9 | |
| 1524 | <i>1st survey</i> | £0.9.8 | (6 taxpayers) |
| | <i>2nd survey</i> | £0.9.8 | (6 taxpayers) |

Liss Turney (Odiham Hundred):

| | | | |
|------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1334 | | £3.19.1 | |
| 1524 | <i>1st survey:</i> | Not listed. | |
| | <i>2nd survey:</i> | £2.6.0 | (31 taxpayers) |

14.3 Manorial Documents

Manors: Liss Abbas, Liss Turney. **NB** Latterly, Liss Abbas was a tithing of Liss (Turney).

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665*Liss Abbas (Meonstoke Hundred):*

24 hearths chargeable (8 houses)

23 hearths not chargeable (17 houses). Total: 25 houses.

Liss Turney (Odiham Hundred):

90 hearths chargeable (29 houses)

24 hearths not chargeable (18 houses). Total: 47 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME1086 Lis; 1174 Lissa; 1175 *Lisse*. British *lisso* or PrW *lis* (West Lis) ‘palace, large estate, main place in a district’.**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> |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Burgates Farm | 1482 | 477100 129700 | 1281 |
| Flexcombe | 1483 | 477600 127100 | 1281 |
| Kippences | 1484 | 477700 128600 | 1327 |
| Liss / Liss Green | 1485 | 478000 127600 | 1086 |
| | | (probably same as Burgates IH/99) | |
| Palmers Farm | 1487 | 479400 128500 | 1281 |
| Pophole | 1488 | | |
| Princes Bridge | 1489 | 477100 126800 | 956 |
| Reeds Farm | 1490 | 477900 128700 | 1281 |
| Stodham | 1491 | 477000 125000 | 1245 |
| Tignalls Farm | 1492 | | 1327 |
| Wheatham Farm | 2651 | 475200 126900 | |
| Wheatham Farm | 1493 | 475100 127300 | 1233 |

17.3 Enclosures*Parliamentary:*

| <i>NEP no.</i> | <i>Act</i> | <i>Order</i> | <i>Award</i> | <i>Details</i> |
|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| 14083 | | 1856 | 1864 | Hurst Common, Woolshers Lower Common, Liss Green, Upper Common, Wild Green, Manor Bounds, Brows, & South Common. |
| 14157 | | 1858 | 1866 | Woolmer Forest in which Liss had rights. |

Formal Agreements:

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

17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

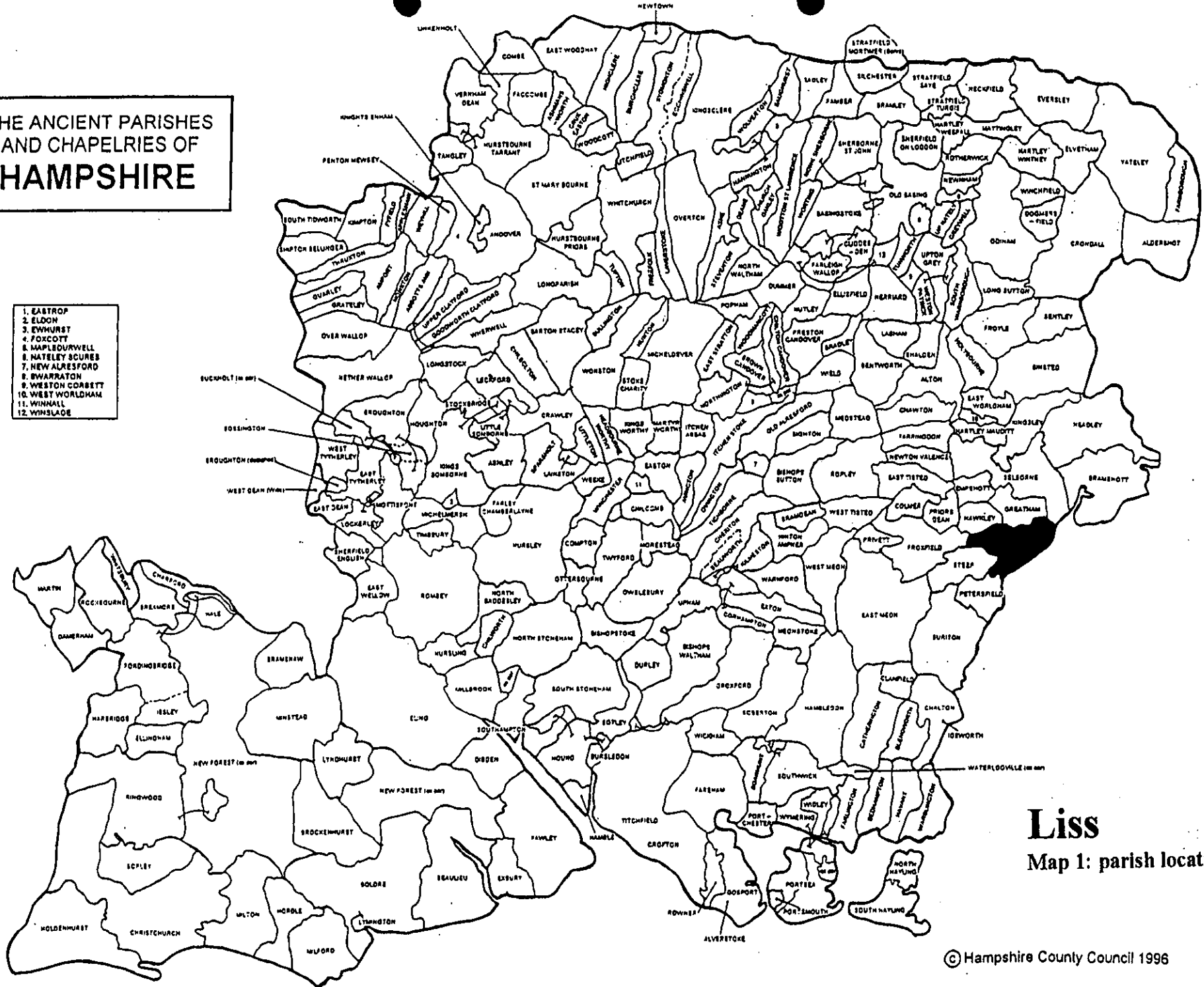
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| Farther Commons | 478300 126500 |
| Upper Green (formerly Liss Green) | 477150 128400 |
| Lower Green | 478030 127520 |

18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS

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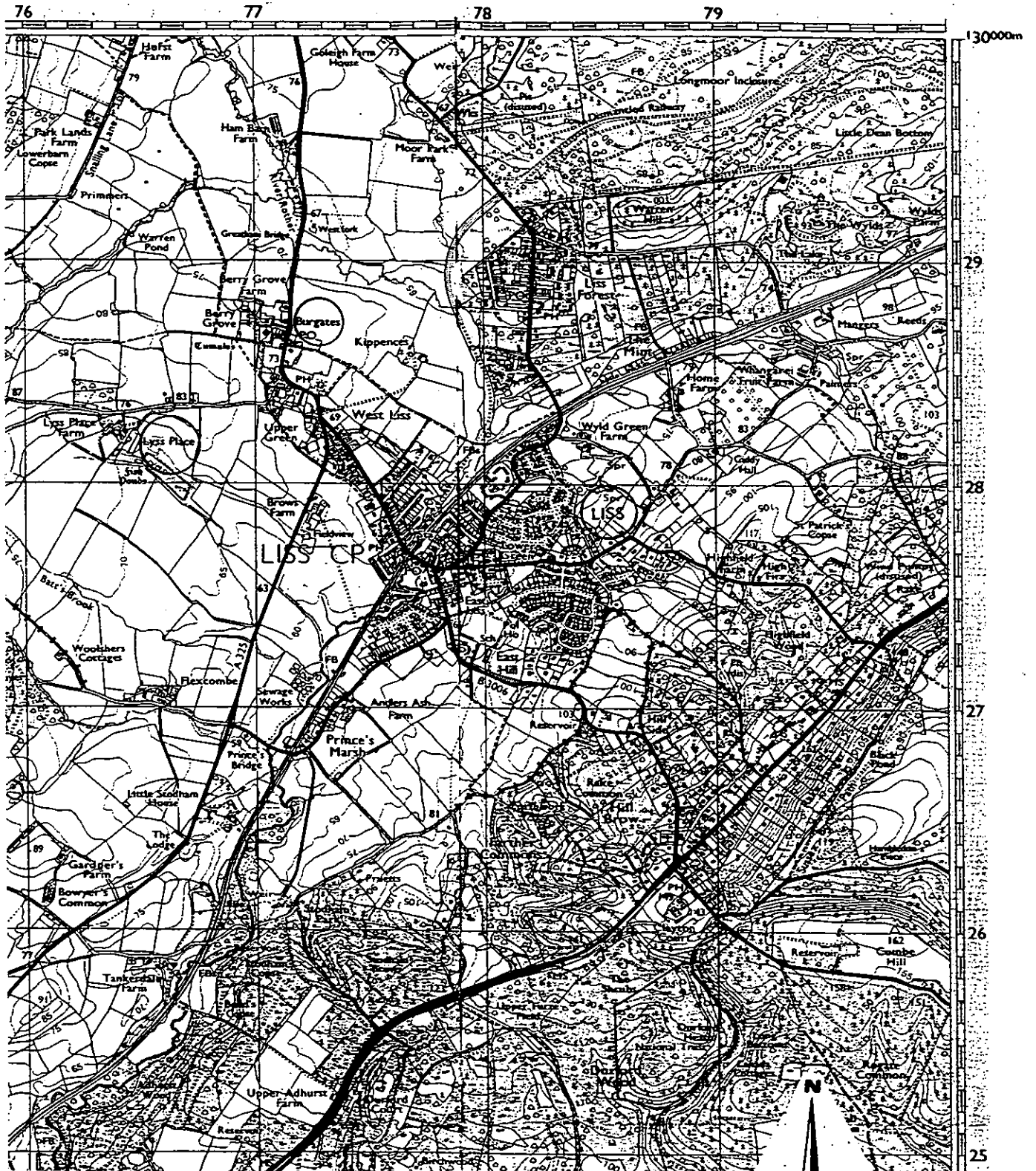
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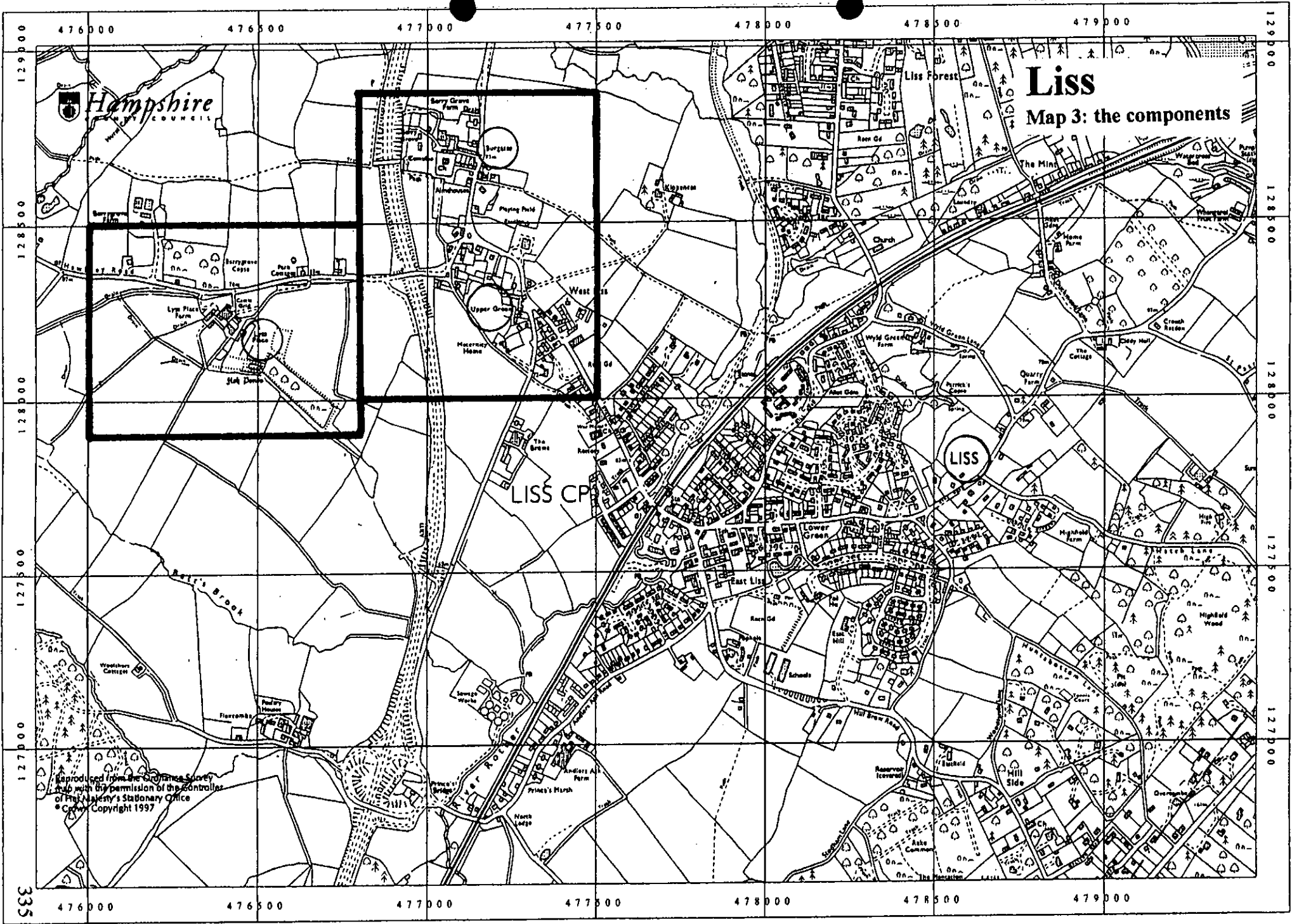


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Map 1: parish location

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Map 2: general location





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Map 3: the components

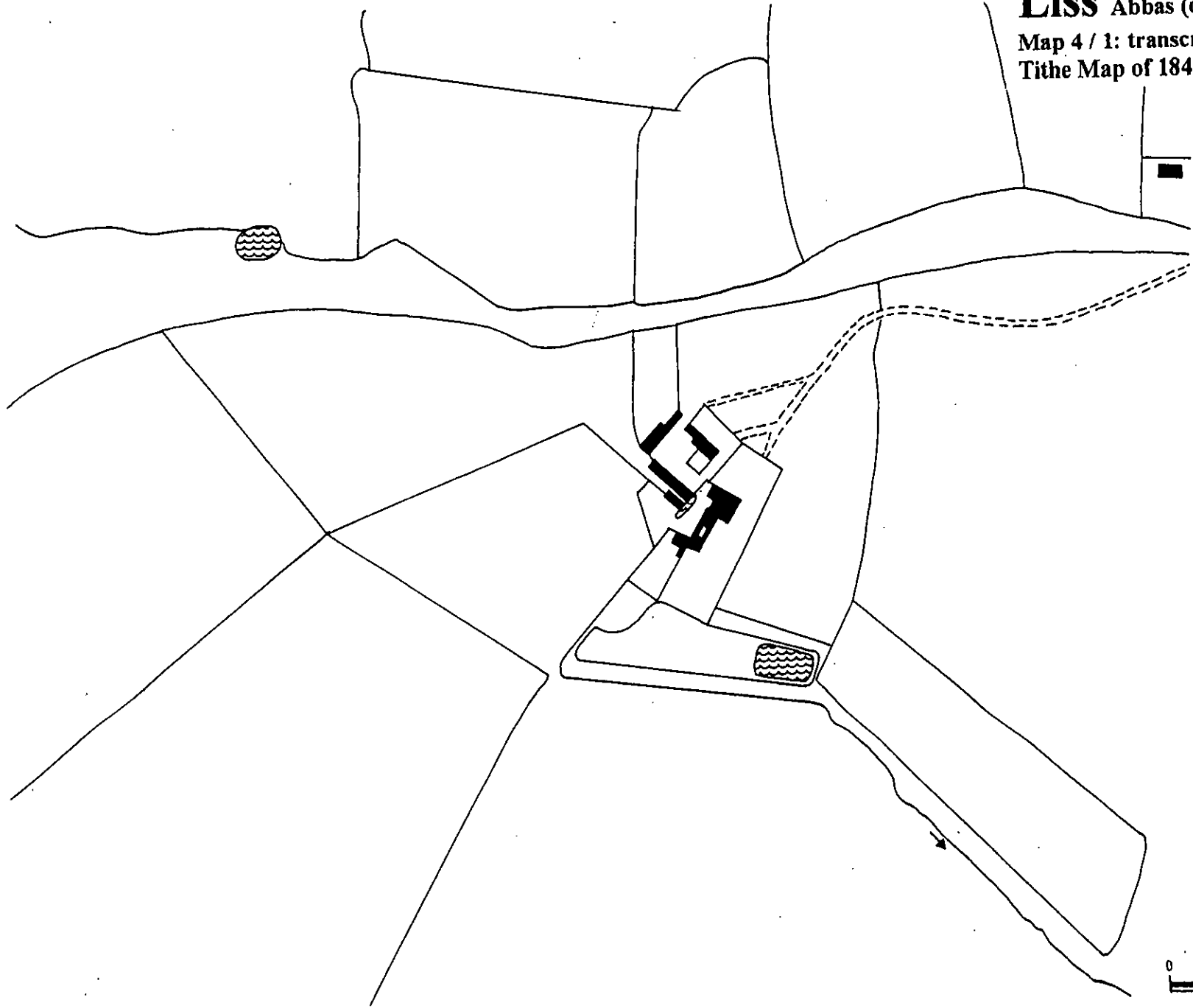
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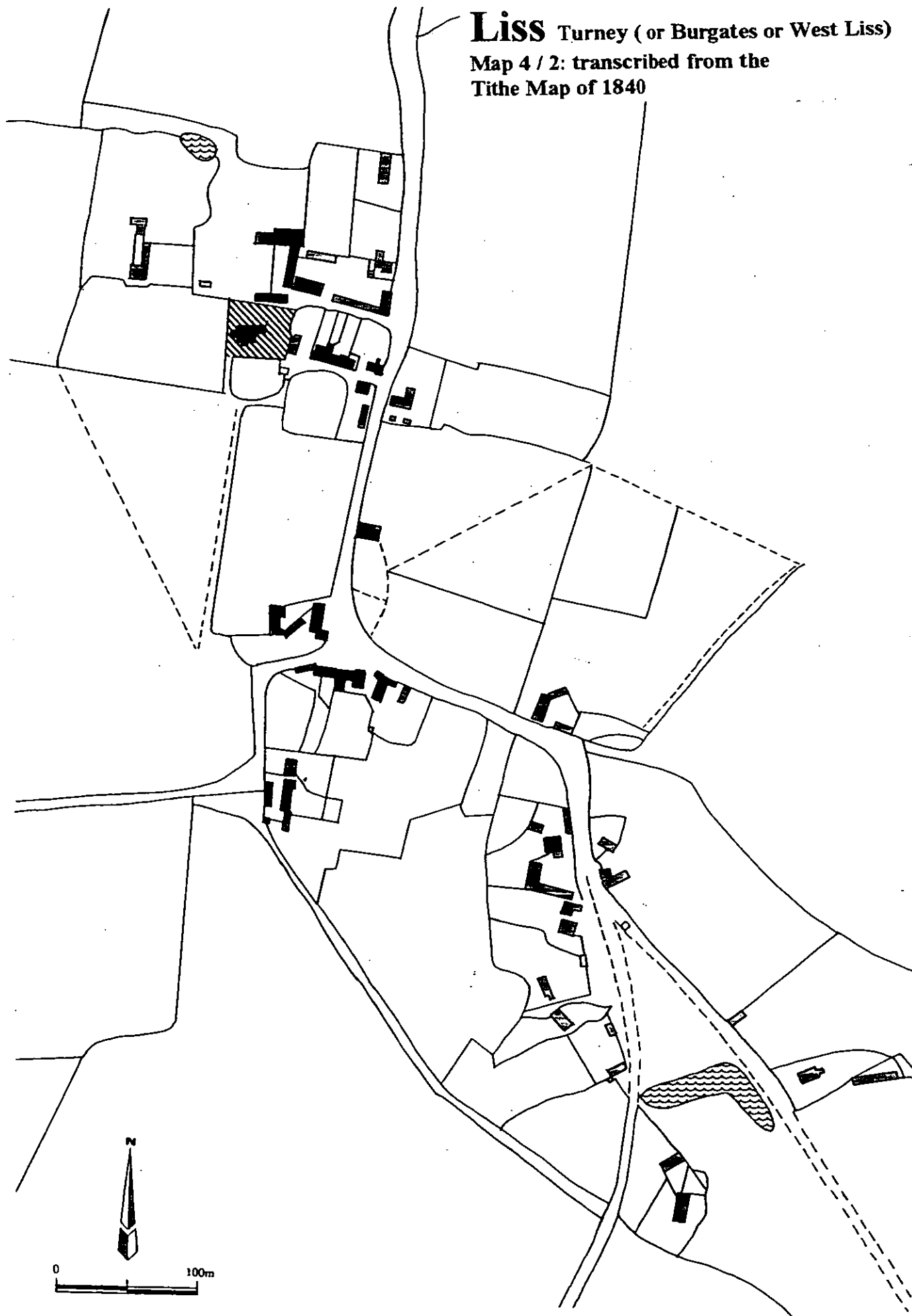
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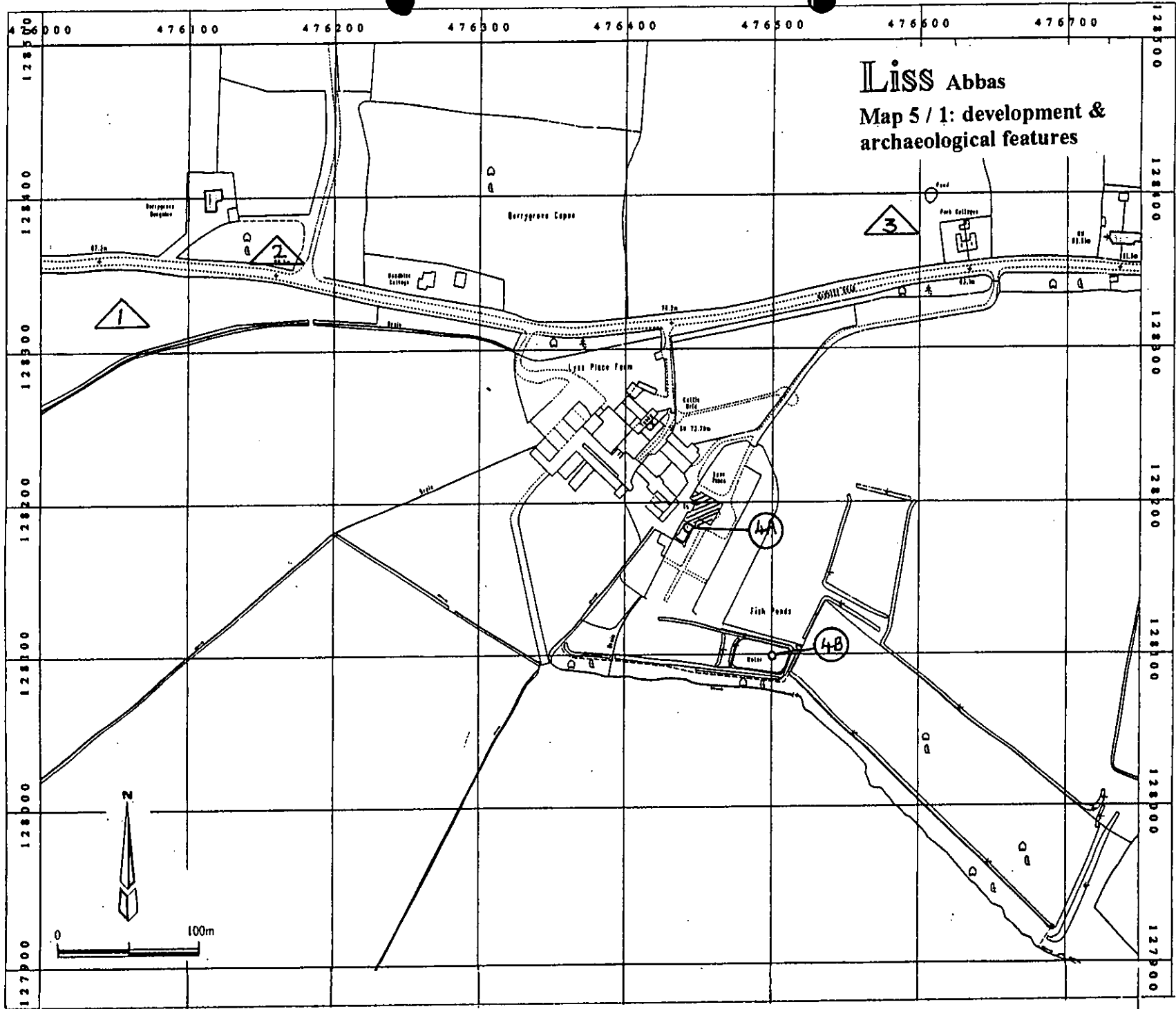
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Liss Abbas (or Abbess)
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Tithe Map of 1840



Liss Turney (or Burgates or West Liss)
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Tithe Map of 1840

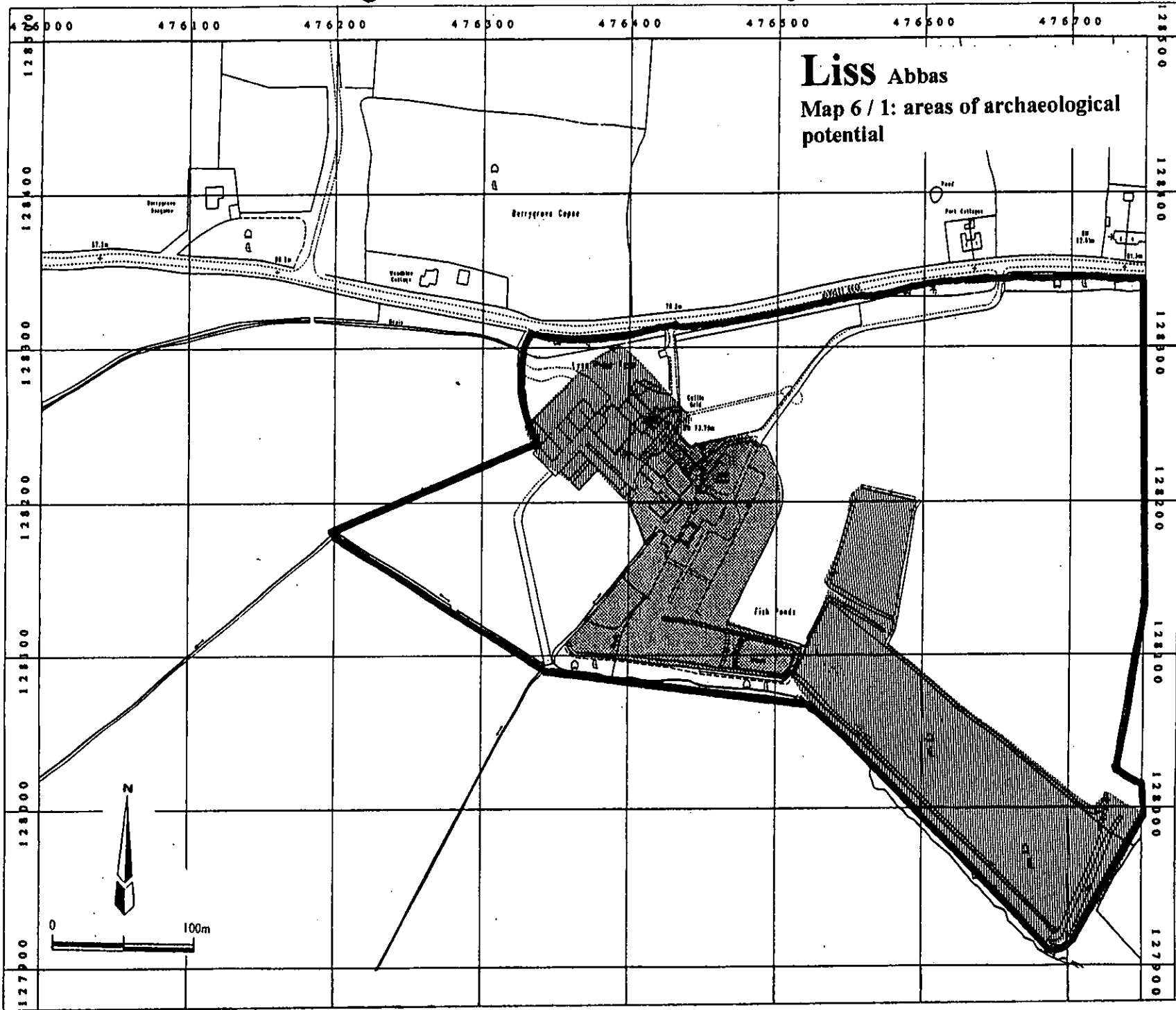




Liss Turney

Map 5 / 2: development & archaeological features





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Map 6 / 2: areas of archaeological potential

