

North Warnborough

- 1.0 PARISH** Odiham
2.0 HUNDRED Odiham
3.0 NGR SU 47320 15150
4.0 GEOLOGY North Warnborough Street: Upper Chalk;
 Bridge Street-Warnborough Green: Reading Beds / Valley Gravel.

5.0 SITE CONTEXT

5.1 North Warnborough is *c.* 1km west-north-west of Odiham. It is a long, straggling settlement (*c.* 1.2km) which is laid out either side of three principal roads. The southern limit of the settlement is at Hockley Farm (*c.* 90m AOD) and from here, North Warnborough Street heads north-eastwards, losing height, for 450m, at which point it reaches a junction with two other roads (81m AOD). Bridge Road continues north-eastwards, to cross the Basingstoke Canal and then the River Whitewater (75m AOD), 0.7km north-east of Odiham Castle. A right turn at the junction takes one south-east along the third road, Dunley's Hill which climbs towards Odiham. Dunley's Hill and Bridge Road together form a section of the B3349 Alton - Reading Road.

5.2 Most of the older buildings are located either side of the North Warnborough Street - Bridge Road axis. Dunley's Hill and much of the east side of North Warnborough is made conspicuous by post-World War II housing.

6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION

Composite: regular row + irregular row + common edge / agglomerations

North Warnborough is a complex settlement which requires a greater depth of study than was possible for this survey. It can be divided into four units which exclude later C20 estates:

- North Warnborough Street from Hockley farm north-eastwards up to Tunnel Lane, a minor road which leads north-west to ford the River Whitewater just above Odiham Castle before joining Hook Road as a public footpath.
- Bridge Road, north of Clevedge House (C17; 473140 151600), an area which includes the Swan Bridge over the Basingstoke Canal up to The Cat (C17; 473200 152030), but also extending south-east from the bridge to Danetree Cottage on the north side of Dunley's Hill.
- Warnborough Green, from The Cat north to Mill House on the south bank of the River Whitewater. Clevedge House, between Tunnel Lane and Bridge Road, can be regarded as a detached (southerly) member of this group.
- Mill Corner on the north bank of the River Whitewater.

6.1 *Warnborough Street; regular row* At the south-west end of North Warnborough Street, settlement begins with two farms, one either side of the road (Adams' Farm [west] and Hockley Farm [east]). It would be tempting to see these two farms as small farm clusters once distinct from the rest of North Warnborough but supporting evidence is not strong. Adams' Farm is of C18 construction and possibly no earlier in origin. Hockley Farmhouse is C16, but fits comfortably into the North Warnborough Street

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settlement layout, and it is not unduly speculative to suggest that its position at the end of the row allowed it to develop into a farm *c.* 1700 or later. From the farms, north-east to Tunnel Lane, North Warnborough Street has the appearance of a planned regular row. The Tithe Map (1839) confirms this impression showing a series of generally regular plots at right angles to the street but with some irregular boundaries at the north-west end. There is a nagging doubt as to whether this was the original pattern of settlement. A group of early buildings is quite evenly spaced along the street: Hockley Farmhouse, Cruck Cottage, Oakholme Tudor Cottage and Springwell House. These could represent the tenancies of an earlier, irregular row disguised by subsequent occupation of the intervening plots.

6.2 C18-C19 irregular row Bridge Road is a section of the B3359, taking a northwards course from the road junction at the centre of North Warnborough (5.0). Within 200m of the junction, the Swan Bridge over the Basingstoke Canal is reached.

6.2.1 Between junction and bridge (*c.* 150m) the buildings are largely Modern. The Tithe Map (1839) shows development on the east side of the road to be confined to just a small group of buildings at the south end, by the road junction. Today, the whole of this east side has been filled with C20 buildings. On the west side of the road, but north of Clevedge House (C17), C19 cottage terraces predominate and these are clearly associated with the canal and related industrial activities. An extension of this group can be identified 300m south-east on the north side of Dunley's Hill where a cluster of buildings is linked to the canal by a public footpath. These buildings include Danetree Cottage, Strolford Lodge (C16), Dunley's and Chapel Terrace Cottages. All are present on the Tithe Map as the only buildings on either side of Dunley's Hill. It is probable that some of them were constructed at the same time as the canal as ancillary workshops or accommodation, but as an adjunct to a pre-existing farmstead.

6.2.2 Immediately north of Swan Bridge and as far as the house known as The Cat (C17), the picture is similar to that described in 6.2.1. On the west side of the road, the Swan is an early C19 canal-side inn; Swan Cottage and Mitchells (north) are probably of similar origin. A small C20 housing / light industrial estate is situated east of the road and adjacent to the canal but there is *c.* 100 linear metres of marshy land north of this and there are no further buildings until Nevill's is reached (C18). In 1839, the whole of the east side 200m north of the bridge was vacant.

6.2.3 In general terms, the buildings either side of Swan Bridge are early C19 or later. This represents a distance of 280m between Clevedge House and The Cat with the canal passing east / west at the mid-point. It is conceivable that the surveyors of the Basingstoke Canal exploited a break in the then extant settlement of North Warnborough, but there are some indications that settlement could have been continuous until construction works began. The Tithe Map provides the best evidence. North of the canal and on the east side of Bridge Road, there is an area of marshy ground (473250 / 51800; 6.2.2). The wetness of the ground here is explained by the close proximity of a drain associated with the canal. However, the Tithe Map shows the presence of some contiguous arc-shaped boundaries within this wetland area (11.0 no. 14), and these are consistent with the adjacent property perimeter of the extant house called Nevill's (north). The most plausible explanation for these otherwise unusual boundaries is that they represent the relict backlands of some houses that were removed during canal construction.

6.2.4 The southern section of Bridge Road up to The Cat has a straightness which

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suggests that this part of the route was re-aligned when Swan Bridge was built across the canal.

6.3 *Warnborough Green, from The Cat north to Mill House; irregular row / common edge / agglomeration* The Tithe Map shows that the western margin of Bridge Road, just south of The Cat, forms a boundary which continues northwards before starting a westwards curve at the property known as Albion (473210 151910). From here the boundary passes The Thatched Cottage, gently undulating, eventually meeting the River Whitewater some 500m west of Bridge Road. The long, curvilinear nature of this boundary suggests that it is of some antiquity. It has a ditch on its north side which serves as a drain. Between the boundary and the River Whitewater the land is known as Warnborough Green (The Green). This helps to explain the odd alignment of the houses known as Albion and The Thatched Cottage. Rather than fronting onto Bridge Road as might be expected, they instead sit just south of the long boundary facing onto Warnborough Green. The Tithe Map shows four enclosures (two with cottage) north of the boundary, that is to say on The Green, and presumably these represent squatter encroachment on common land (common edge / irregular agglomeration). In 1839, there was no roadside occupation on the west side of Bridge Road between the Warnborough Green boundary (south) and the mill by the Whitewater (C17, 18) and this situation had not changed by 1997. On the east side of Bridge Road a continuous row of properties faces onto The Green, much the same as in 1839, although some buildings have been replaced since then. The original settlement in this area might have been confined to a cluster around Strete Farm (C16), perhaps associated with the site of an earlier mill. South of the farm (*ie* immediately north of Nevill's) is the C16 row of Castle Bridge Cottages and in this formal arrangement one sees a degree of manorial control (common edge / irregular row).

6.3.1 Allowing for the late C18 intrusion of the Basingstoke Canal, there are good reasons for supposing that the whole of Bridge Road comprised attenuated settlement, with Clevedge House (C17) representing the only surviving property south of Swan Bridge.

6.4 *Agglomeration* North of the Whitewater, on the west side of the B3349 is a small road-bound settlement known as ***Mill Corner***. The name suggests that there was once a mill on this side of the river around which the settlement developed.

6.5 *Site visit conditions:* hazy sun; dry.

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

7.1 *AsAP* (south to north)

7.1.1 The regular row of *North Warnborough Street* includes late medieval buildings and limited inspection revealed earthworks at the rear of some street-fronting properties. The AAP extends from Hockley Farm (south-west) and continues northwards beyond Tunnel Lane and the junction with Dunley's Hill to include Clevedge House (C17). The AAP terminates *c.* 200m south of the Basingstoke Canal (Map 5, page 215 and Map 7, page 217).

7.1.2 The properties group around *Sholford Lodge* (C16) as defined in 6.2.1. This is a probable medieval farmstead site. The public footpath which leads north-west from here

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might once have continued beyond the Basingstoke Canal, joining the present Bridge Road close to The Cat (Map 7, page 217).

7.1.3 North of the Canal is *Warnborough Green* where there is common edge settlement, principally on the east side of the B3349. This AAP includes the features described in 6.3 (Map 10, page 220).

7.1.4 An AAP enclosing Mill Corner as described in 6.4. Possibly an early mill site (Map 12, page 222).

7.2 *AsHAP*

7.2.1 *Warnborough Street* Essentially the same as for 7.1.1 (AAP) but excluding areas where C20 buildings have intruded and areas which are vacant now and were so in 1839 (eg south and east of Tunnel Lane). In the Hart District, it is a rare example of a regular row (Map 5, page 215 and Map 7, page 217).

7.2.1 *Sholford Lodge* and grounds (7.1.2 and Map 7, page 217).

7.2.3 *Warnborough Green* as in 7.1.3 from The Cat (C17) northwards to the River Whitewater. This AHAP includes the late medieval buildings of Castle Bridge Cottages (C16) and Strete Farmhouse (C16). See Map 10, page 220.

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

No church. A C16 chapel -of-ease is thought to have existed at, or close to, North Warnborough (10.0, No 8) but the site has not been identified.

9.0 BUILDINGS

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
4243	The Cottage, North Warnborough	early C18	II
4169	Clevedge House, Bridge Road	C17, 18, 19	II
4170	Clevedge House: barn S of	C18	II
4171	Swan Inn, Bridge Road	early C19	II
4172	Burleigh (Cat Cottages; The Cat), Bridge Road	C17 & 1714	II
4173	Albion House, Bridge Road	C16, 19	II
4174	The Thatched Cottage, Bridge Road	C17, 18	II
1321	The Mill & House, Bridge Road	C18	II
4175	The Mill & House: small barn at	C18	II
4176	The Mill & House: outbuildings	C17	II
1322	Lanes Corner, Bridge Road	C18	II
4177	Nevill's, Bridge Road	C18	II
398	7 Castle Bridge Cottages, Bridge Road	C16, 17, 20	II
4179-89	1-6, 8-12, Castle Bridge Cottages	C16, 17, 20	II
399	Street (Strete) Farmhouse, Bridge Road	C16, 19	II
4190	Street Farmhouse: granary	C18	II
4191	Queen's Barn, Bridge Road	C17, 20	II
4192	Mill House Cottages, Bridge Road	C17	II
4193	White Water House, Bridge Road	C18	II
4194	White Water Cottage barn, Bridge Road	C18	II
4195	Damson Cottage, Broad Oak Lane	C17, 18, 19	II
4406	Cedar Tree House, N. Warnborough St. (east)	late C18	II
2031 & 3	1 & 3 Brain's Cottages, N. Warnborough St. (east)	early C19	II

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4407 & 1	now amalgamated as Malthouse Cottages, North Warnborough Street (east)	not given	II
4408-9	4 & 5 Brain's Cottages, N. Warnborough St. (east)	C19	II
4410-11	Compass Cottage, N. Warnborough Street (east)	C17, 18	II
4412	Hockley House, N. Warnborough Street (east)	C16, 18	II
4413-4	Timberlea & Butler's (Butler's Cottages), N. Warnborough Street (east)	C17, 18	II
4415	Hockley Farmhouse, N. Warnborough St. (east)	C16, 18	II
4416	Hockley Farmhouse: barn south-west of	C18	II
4418	Walnut Tree Cottage, N. Warnborough St. (east)	C18	II
4417	Cholsley House, N. Warnborough St. (west)	C18, Mod	II
4419	Cholsley House: barn at	C18	II
4420	Springwell House (Red House), N. Warnborough St. (west)	C16, 1773	II
4421	Springwell House: wall, gate, gate piers	c. 1900	II
4422	Springwell Cottage, N. Warnborough St. (west)	early C19	II
4423	The Anchor Inn, N. Warnborough St. (west)	c. early C19	II
401	Tudor Cottage, N. Warnborough St. (west)	C15, 16, 18	II
4424	Orchards, N. Warnborough St. (west)	C18	II
4425	Brent House, N. Warnborough St. (west)	c. early C19	II
1635	Oakholme, N. Warnborough St. (west)	C16, 17	II
1360	Shepherd's Cottage, N. Warnborough St. (west)	C16, 17	II
4426	The Thatched Cottage (Thatch Cottage; now Cruck Cottage?), N. Warnborough St. (west)	C15	II
4427	Moor Cottage, N. Warnborough St. (west)	C18	II
400	Adam's Farmhouse, N. Warnborough St. (west)	C18	II

Not to be confused with 4174, The Thatched Cottage, Bridge Road.

10.0 SMR DATA SW 47250 15100, NE 47400 15300

SU75SW	No.	
8	47300 15100	C16 chapel-of-ease. Site not established (1956)
9A	47390 15030	Medieval Deer Park mentioned, under Odiham, AD 1130-1. Last documentary evidence AD 1669. Boundaries still visible (1967).
10A	47361 15263	Roman C4. Courtyard Villa excavated 1929 and 1930. Extension to site found during fieldwalking (M. Millett).
10B	47361 15263	Roman bath house. Included hypocaust system, painted wall plaster and tessellated floor (1967).
10C	47361 15263	Roman pottery find (1956).
10D	47361 15263	Roman coins (71) principally 3rd & 4th centuries AD.
10F	47361 15263	Undated worked bone, probably Romano-British.
10G	47361 15263	Roman bronze objects.

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- 10H 47361 15263 Roman. Various iron finds.
- 11 47363 15257 Medieval lodge, now Lodge Farmhouse. C14, 15, 16 & 18 (Med Arch 39: 91-106).
SAM 207
- 12 47255 15187 Medieval castle, early C13.
- 13 47291 15132 IA coin find *c.* 30 BC.
- 45 47386 15105 Post-medieval building C15, 18 & 19. Formerly open medieval hall with cross wings.
- 74 47300 15110 Prehistoric unspecified date. Flint debitage find.
- 76A 47340 15260 Prehistoric unspecified date. Flint debitage find. HCMS Acc. No. A1980.26.85.86.87.
- 76B 47340 15260 Roman pottery find. HCMS Acc. No. A1980.26.85.86.87.
- 76C 47340 15260 Medieval pottery find. HCMS Acc. No. A1980.26.85.86.87.
- 76D 47340 15260 Prehistoric unspecified date. Pottery find. HCMS Acc. No. A1980.26.85.86.87.
- 81A 47350 15230 Unknown date. Pit.
- 81B 47350 15230 Unknown date. Burnt flint find.
- 81C 47350 15230 Unknown date. Pottery find. Basingstoke Museum Acc. No. 1979.11B.
- 88 47356 15234 Unknown date. Linear feature, perhaps natural. HCC AP ref: run8e102; AP ref: 7352/11/32.
- 91 47256 15173 Unknown date. Curvilinear features. HCC AP ref: run9e57.
- 100 47287 15109 Medieval, C16, 18. Rectangular timber building.
- 108 47291 15123 Medieval, C15. Cruck-framed building.
- 109 47291 15126 Medieval, C16, 17. Irregular timber building.
- 114 47398 15108 Medieval, C16. Irregular timber building. C17, 19 extensions.
- 115 47350 15143 Medieval, C16. Irregular timber building. C 17, 19 alterations.
- 116 47318 15208 Medieval. Rectangular timber building.
- 117 47325 15195 Medieval, C16. Irregular timber building. C18, modern additions.
- 118 47318 15191 Medieval, C16. Rectangular timber building. C19 exterior.
- 119 47300 15140 Medieval, C16. Rectangular timber building. Some interior wall paintings.
- 120 47305 15148 Medieval (late). Rectangular timber building; in part, a timber-framed hall. C18 additions & alterations.

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11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES

1	473080 151400	Earthworks at rear of Cedar Tree
2	473110 151540	Site of agricultural buildings, 1839
3	472130 151560	Site of buildings (3), 1839
4	472880 151700	Site of cottage and plot, 1839
5	473060 151760	Site of buildings (2), 1839
6	473130 151730	Site of buildings (3), 1839
7	473110 151780	Site of buildings (2), 1839
8	473130 151940	Site of buildings in rectangular plot, 1839
9	473130 151960	Site of buildings in irregular plot, 1839
10	473000 151950	Site of building with irregular plot, 1839
11	473120 152065	Site of building, 1839
12	473225 151900	Site of building in irregular plot, 1839
13	473360 151400	Site of pond, 1839
14	473300 151850	Pre-canal property boundaries (spot point).

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/177/2 (1839/41; Odiham)
- GSGB 284 Basingstoke
- OS 1:2500 SW 472800 151000; NE 473500 152400
- OS 1:25000 Pathfinder 1204 (SU 65/75), Basingstoke

13.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

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14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

14.1 Domesday Book Not mentioned. Probably included with Odiham.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£2.17. 6	
1524	Listed as 'Warnborough'		
	<i>1st survey:</i>	Not listed.	
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£6.12. 2	(44 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

A manor of Odiham, others of which included Stapely, Bullocks, Bowers, Newlands, Polling, Murrell, Borough Court, Sturtons, Parkers (or Gerrards) and *Berchelei* (VCH **4**: 90).

14.4 Hearth Tax

1665	90 hearths chargeable (40 houses), 31 hearths not listed (28 houses). Total: 68 houses.
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15.0 PLACE NAME 1276 *Northwargheburne*. OE *Weargaburna* 'felons' stream' or *wergburna* 'willow stream'

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16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

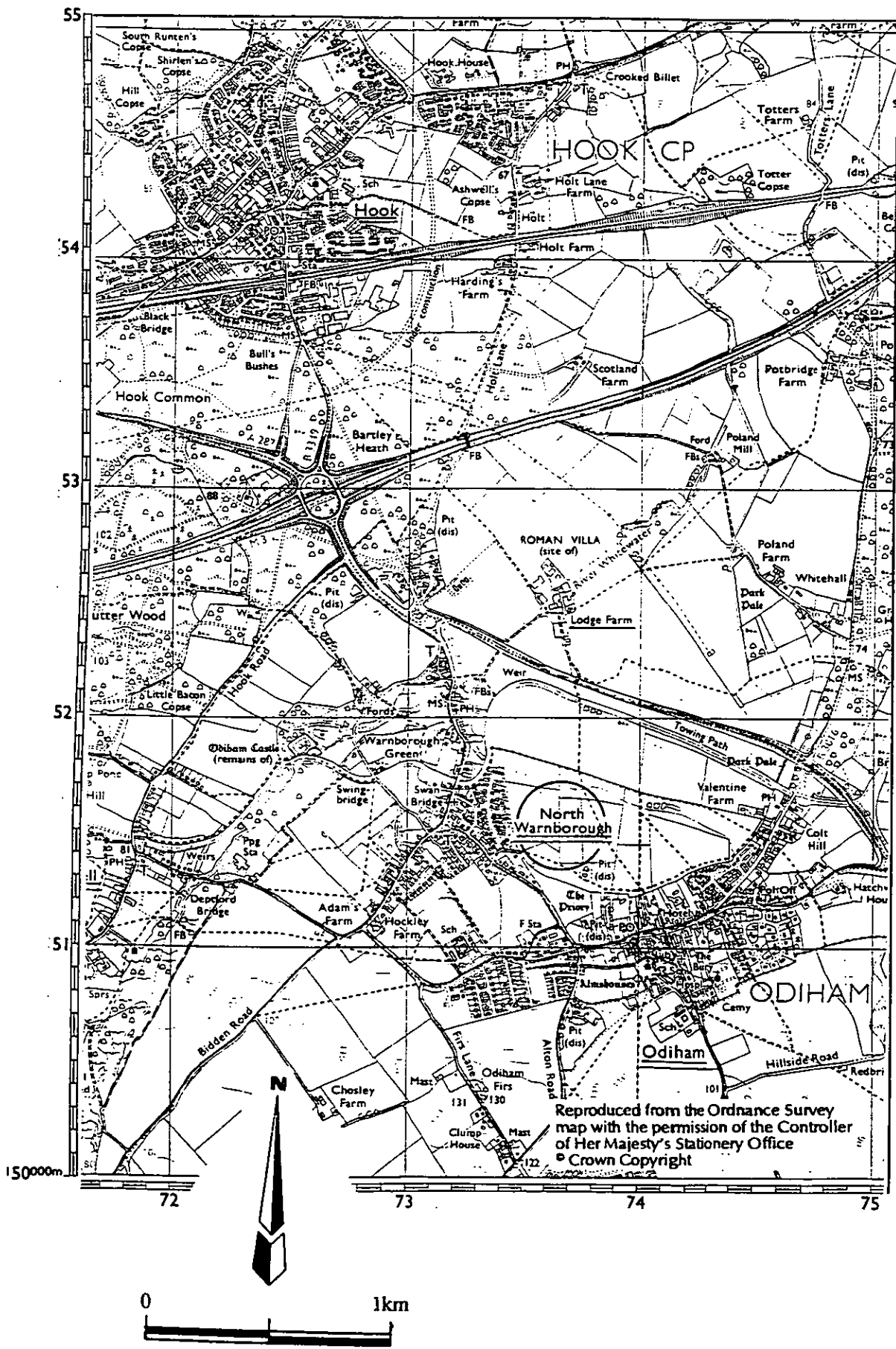
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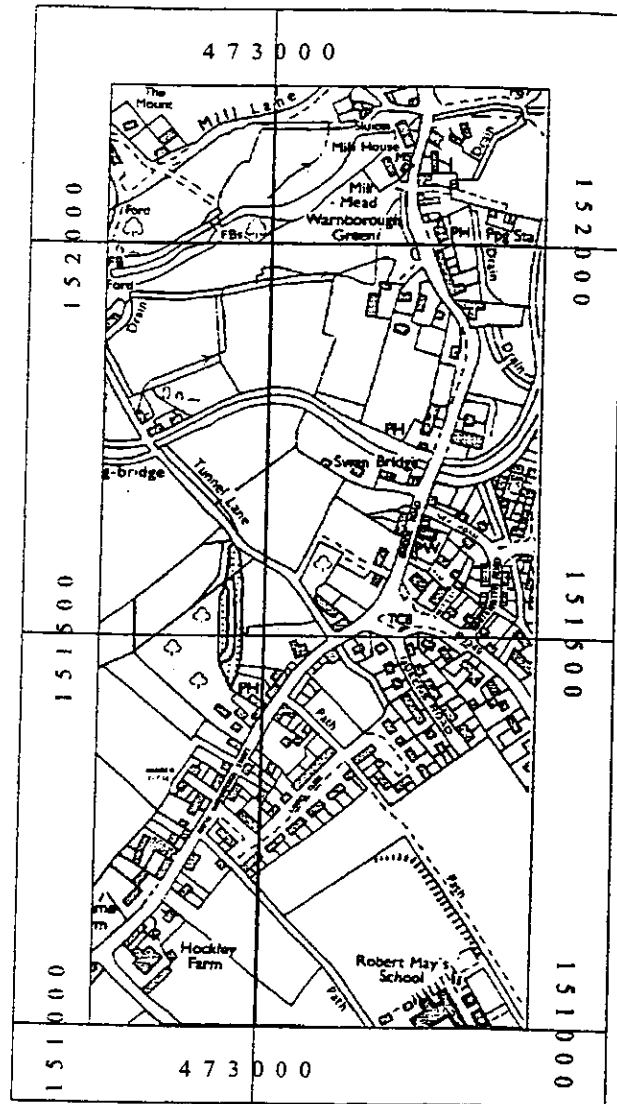
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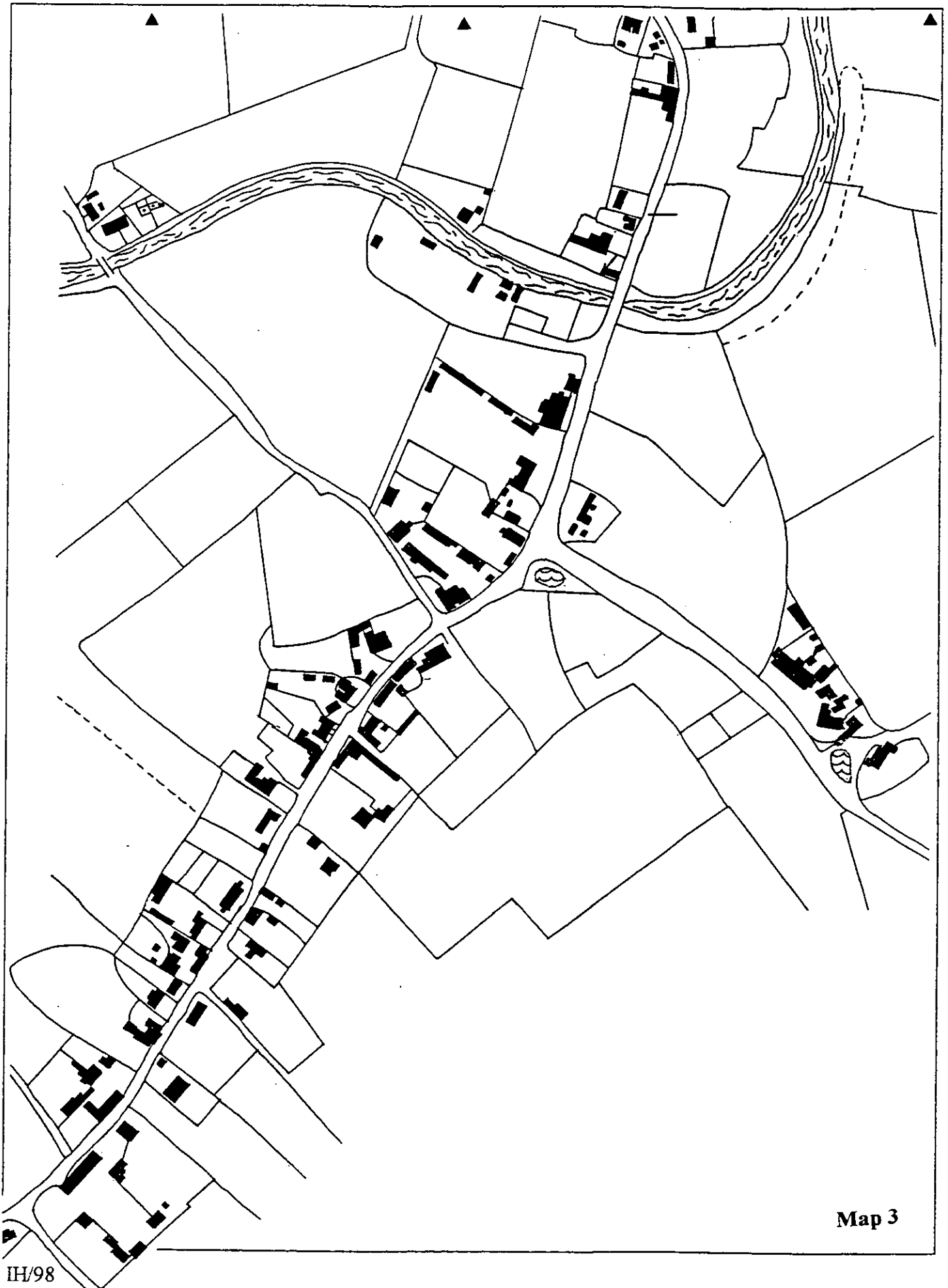
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North Warnborough, south

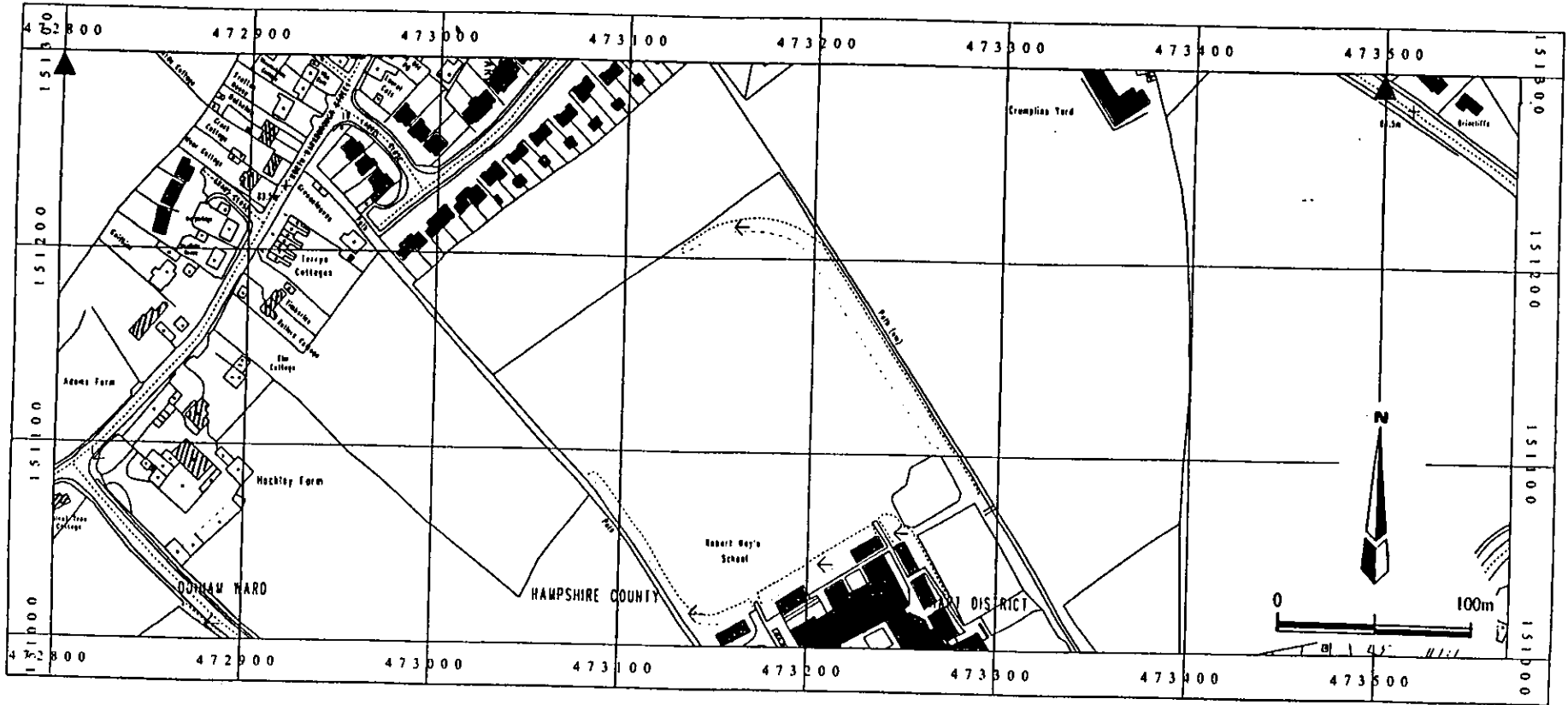
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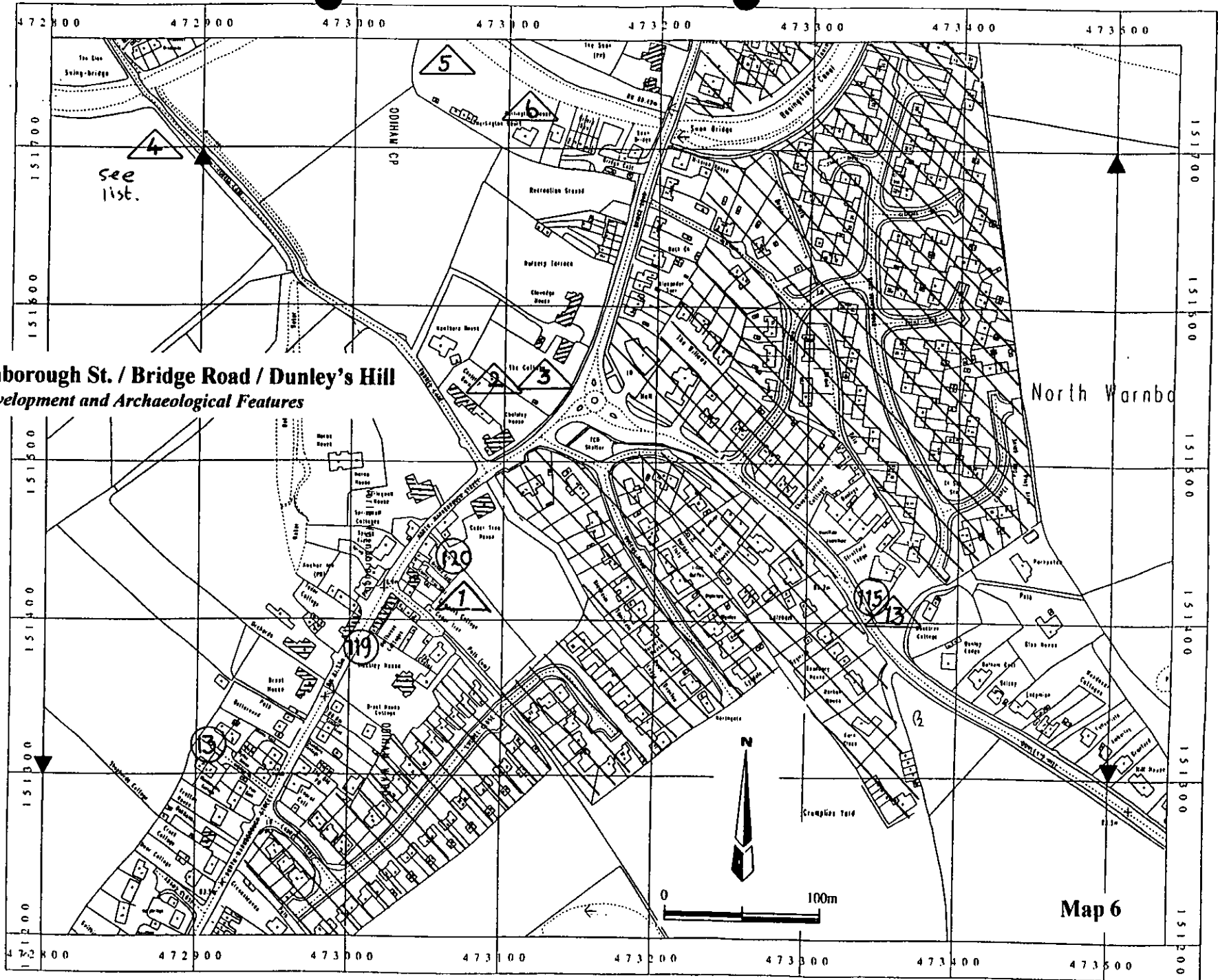
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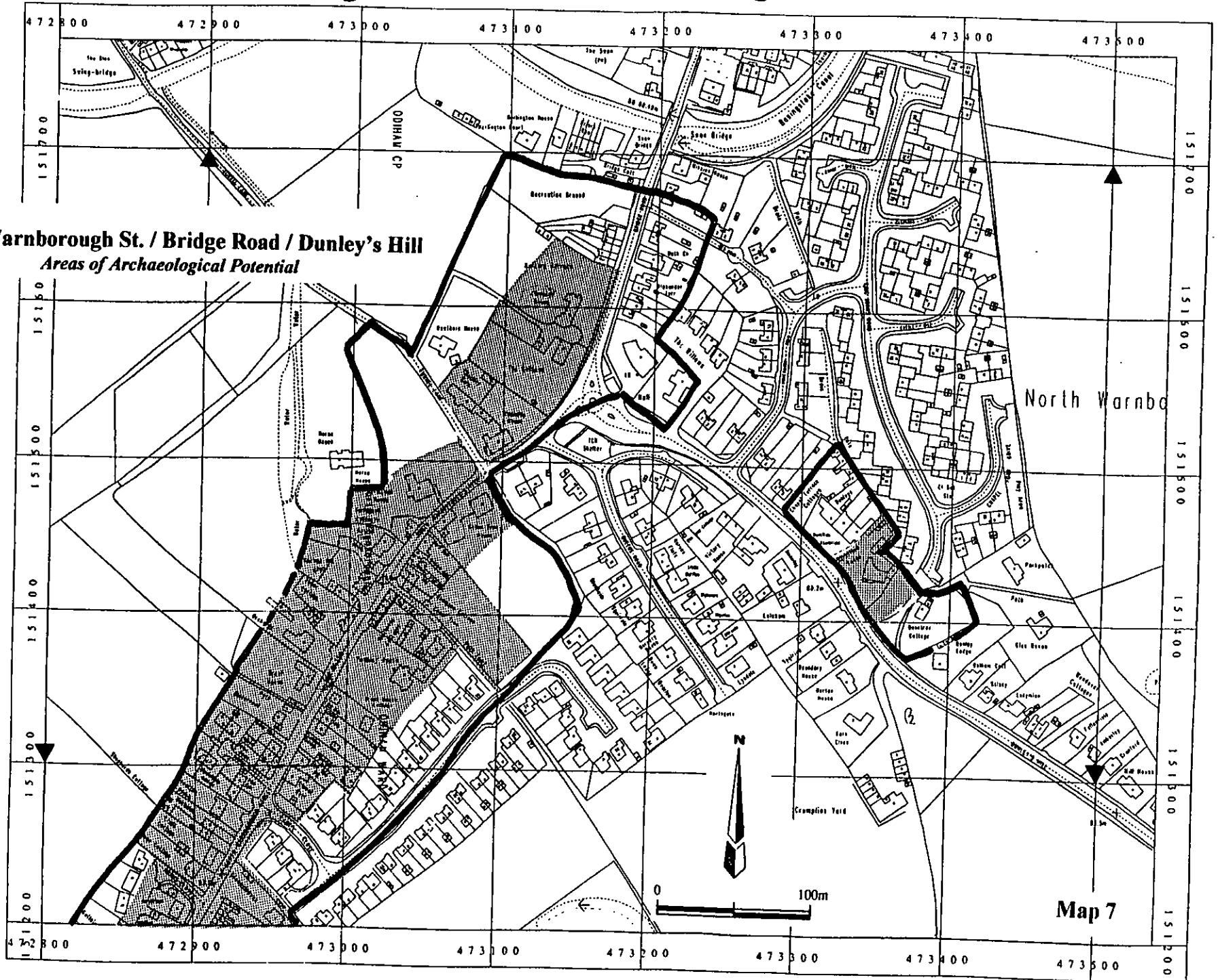
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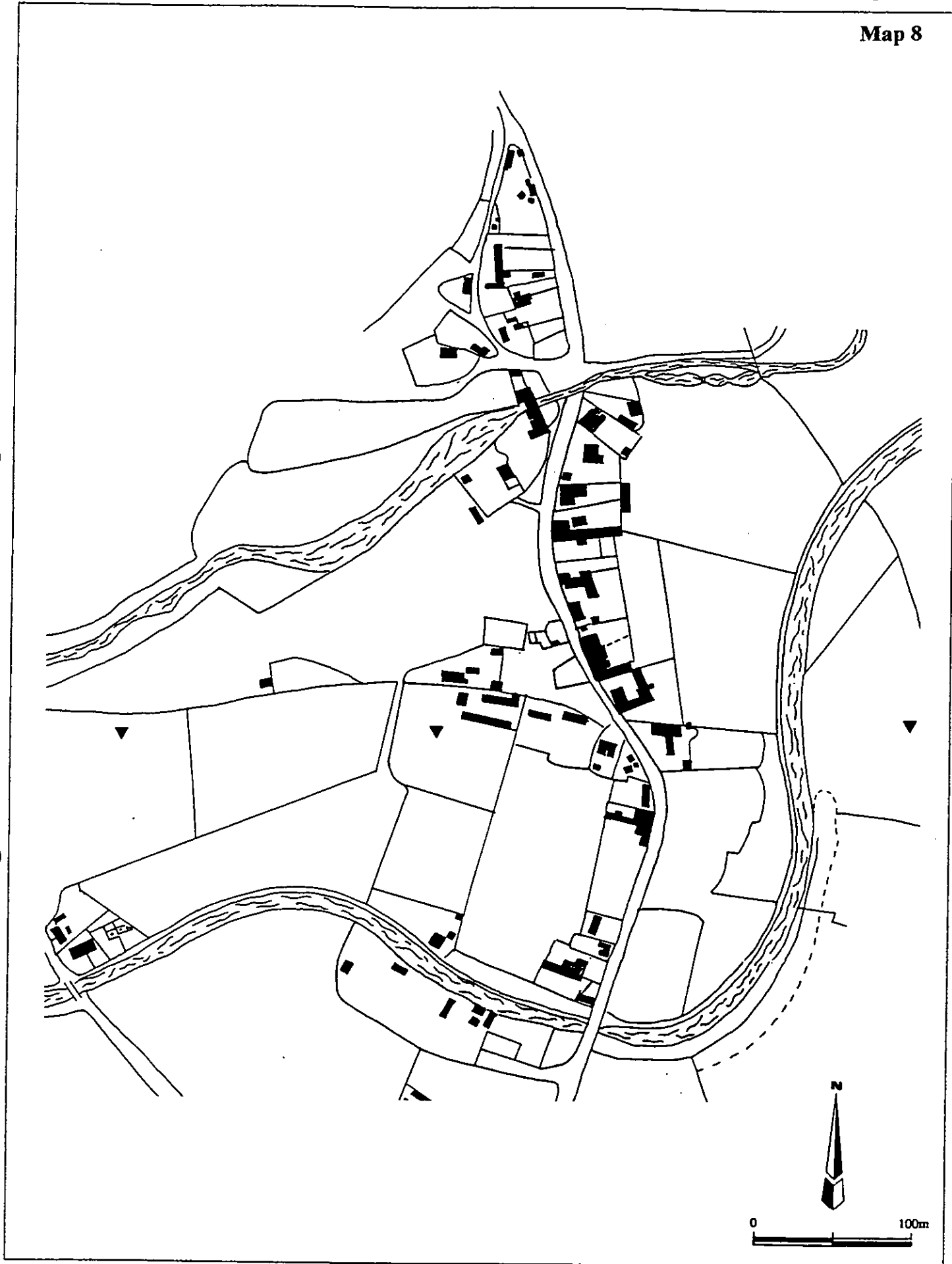
North Warnborough St. / Bridge Road / Dunley's Hill Areas of Archaeological Potential



North Warnborough, north

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North Warnborough (south-west) Areas of Archaeological Potential

