

1.0 PARISH	Gosport District (formerly Rowner)
2.0 HUNDRED	Titchfield
3.0 NGR	458420 101630
4.0 GEOLOGY	Plateau Gravel, Aluvium on watercourses; Bracklesham Beds.

5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)

The parish church of St Mary the Virgin stands at *c.* 7.3m AOD on an eminence above the course of the river Alver, some 800m to the west. In the early years of the twentieth century VCH 3 (128) described the settlement as *...only a number of old cottages scattered over a long narrow strip of land (the parish) the southern and eastern portions of which have been bought by the War Office...* . Since that time, much of the former parish of Rowner has been saturated by post-World War II municipal housing and the B3334 south-east / north-west Rowner Road has been constructed 250m north of the church. Some green space has been retained, principally in the vicinity of St Mary's and along the east bank of the River Alver.

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

Church and manor house + grange, castle and settlement

6.1 Church & manor house (moated site) The parish church of St Mary stands within a loop in Rowner Lane, formerly the principal route through the settlement. It is reputed that the manor house of Rowner once stood just to the south-west of the church. VCH (3: 218) asserts that the ruins of this building were still visible. They are no longer apparent but excavations recorded in the SMR (Nos 64A to E and 65A & B) produced ample evidence of C13 medieval occupation on this site (Paragraph 10.00). From this evidence it seems clear that this was a church and manor house group and it seems probable that both buildings were enclosed by a moat. The 1841 Tithe Map (Map 3 / 1) shows two oblong ponds to the north-west of the church whilst a heavy shower on the day of the site visit (Paragraph 6.2) caused rapid flooding of a silt-filled enclosure ditch to the south-east (see Paragraph 11.2 and Map

4 / 1). Two semi-detached cottages that stand within the same curtilage are described as C17 (Nos 1 & 2 Church Cottages, or collectively as 176 Rowner Lane). However, the buildings are of different styles and timber-frame features suggest that No. 1 might be the older of the two, perhaps C16.

6.2.1 Grange, castle and settlement Grange Farm (of the monks of Quarr) is of medieval origin and a fragment of window tracery recovered from the site (Paragraph 10.0, No.58) apparently substantiates this. A motte and bailey castle with nearby fishpond lies 250m south of Grange Farm (Paragraph 10.2). The fishpond suggests that this was part of the grange lands, though it is unlikely to have been so when the castle was in commission. The

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de Falaise family held a knight's fee in Rowner as early as 1187 (VCH 3: 218) and originally, this office

probably included responsibility for the castle. It seems likely that the castle was located here in order to protect a ford or bridge over the River Alver, a predecessor of the present Apple Dumpling Bridge. It is not clear why this crossing point would have been of strategic importance but it does give access to the shoreline to the south which would have provided beaching points for ships. If this hypothesis can be accepted, then the strategic demise of the castle might have been linked to a preference for deep-water harbours (*e.g.* Portsmouth, late C12 and Alverstoke / Gosport C13). Whatever the case, it is unlikely that Rowner Castle retained its importance much into the C13 and it was at this time that there was a re-organization of land-holdings in Rowner. In 1240-1 Elias de Falaise obtained 3½ virgates and 63 acres from the prior of St Swithin's (Winchester) in exchange for a comparatively meagre 30 acres in the same parish in 1240-41. Elias also made a grant of 5½ virgates of land in Rowner to the abbot of Quarr (*c.* 1248), and Henry III confirmed this transaction in 1266 (VCH 3: 218). It is conceivable that it was during this period of grants and trade-offs that the castle lands became a part of the grange.

6.2.2 The SMR records the excavations of a settlement *c.* 350m north-east of the motte and bailey (Paragraph 10.0, Nos 34A to O, 35 A & B, and 36). Pottery evidence indicates an occupation span from the late C8 to C10 (Lewis & Martin, 1973).

6.3.1 *Synthesis* There is no evidence to sustain the notion that Rowner was ever a village (Paragraph 10.0, No. 27) but rather an area of dispersed settlement with two important centres. The first of these was the parish church and manor house group in Rowner Lane, a site that was almost certainly moated (Paragraph 6.2). To the south of the church (1.3km) the Tithe Map (1841) shows that the 'lost' Little Grange Lane once connected the Grange to the approximate area of the C8 to C10 settlement. However, there is no substantive evidence to indicate that this settlement survived until the C11. If it did, then a feasible *scenario* is that it was either cleared or went into decline when the motte and bailey defences were constructed (probably in the 1070s).

6.3.2 A model for Rowner based on the available evidence would be a C8 to C10 settlement with a connection to the main north / south road route (Home Road) via the 'lost' Little Grange Lane. Decline of the castle could have prompted the establishment of a new manor house to the north (Paragraph 6.1), seemingly of C13 date, but possibly a century or so earlier. Rowner is listed in Domesday Book but no church is mentioned. St Mary the Virgin has C12 and C13 fabric which is consistent with the other evidence from this site and quite in tune with the vogue period for moated manor house sites.

6.4 *Site visit conditions:* strong sun with cloudy intervals (3.4.2001); hazy sun (4.7.2001).

7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 5 / 1 & 5 / 2)**7.1 AsAP**

7.1.1 An area at the south end of Rowner that is effectively the combined catchment of The Grange, the motte and bailey castle at Apple Dumpling Bridge, and the pre-Conquest settlement as described by Lewis and Martin (1973). The east side of Grange Road in the general area of HMS Sultan is not included in this AAP but it is worthy of consideration in the light of any development proposals.

7.2 AsHAP

7.2.1 The moated church and manor house site described in Paragraph 6.1. Small scale excavations have revealed the extensive archaeological potential of this site.

7.2.2 The Grange (or Grange Farm) is at the south end of Rowner. It is known to be of medieval origin (Paragraph 6.2.1) and is particularly important in the context of the nearby settlement and motte and bailey castle.

7.2.3 The motte and bailey castle near to Apple Dumpling Bridge is clearly of late C11 date.

It is a Scheduled Ancient Monument (Paragraph 10.2). The Scheduled area was enlarged in 1994 but it is still of a modest size. The English Heritage description of the Monument says that there are no known records of archaeological or other excavation of the site. This is an error. An early version of the Ordnance Survey 6-inch map marks a gravel pit at this site (Sheet 83, 1856). However, it remains an important but little understood site.

NB The name Apple Dumpling Bridge is probably derived from the vernacular name for the motte and bailey.

7.2.4 Excavation of this C8 to C10 Saxon settlement has been limited (Paragraph 6.2.2) and it is not well understood. In particular, the extent of the settlement remains undetermined and evidence for domestic structures is absent. This site is of pivotal importance to understanding the development of Rowner.

8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD**St Mary the Virgin**

- C12 (early) nave & chancel with narrow north aisle and wide north chapel;
- C13 two-bay nave arcade of two orders
- C17 aisle widened to become a new nave with old north chapel as chancel;
- 1874 restored (*architect*: FE Thicke);
- Wall paintings were noted and copied during the restorations of 1874 and it is thought that some of the originals were removed to the Rectory (VCH 3: 219; see Paragraph 11.6).
- C19 present chancel arch

- Rocky-textured C19 finish;
- A late C20 nave (architects: Potter and Hare) has been added to the medieval nave which now acts as an extended chancel;
- Tomb on north side of present chancel to a member of the Brune family (lords of the manor) dated 1559.

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

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
546	Church of St Mary the Virgin	C12, 13, 19, 1965	I
5842	Rose Cottage, Brune Lane, south-west side	C18	II
6212	Shoot Farmhouse, Shoot Lane, north-west side	C18, 19	II
6213	Former Barn at Shoot Farm,	C18 or earlier	II
6406)	Nos 3, 4 & 5 Grange Farmhouse, off Howe Road	late C16	II
6407)	No 4, Grange Farmhouse		II
6408)	No 5 Grange Farmhouse		II
6419	Fort Grange, Military Road	c. 1860	II
6448	No. 1 Church Cottages, 176 Rowner Lane	C17, 18	II
6449	No. 2 Church Cottages, 176 Rowner Lane	C17, 18	II

10.0 SMR DATA SW 458000 101000; NE 460000 104000 (Map 4 / 1 & 4 / 2)

SU 50 SE	No.		
	11	458430 101630	Medieval. Parish church of St Mary the Virgin (see Paragraph 8.0).
	19	458000 102000	Prehistoric. Flint finds.
**	27	458400 101600	Medieval. Deserted village. Correction: there is no evidence of shrinkage or desertion and it is probable that Rowner was a dispersed township (IH/1/2001).
	29	459300 101100	C19. Fort Rowner. Symmetrical six-sided polygon c.1860.
	30	459700 102000	C19. Fort Brockhurst constructed 1858-63.
	32	459900 102900	C19. Fort Nelson. An irregular hexagonal fort of c. 1889.
	34A	458750 100250	Early medieval. Settlement dated late C8 to
C10.	34B	458750 100250	Early medieval. Floor of flint cobbling
associated			34A.
	34C	458750 100250	Early medieval hollow 2.4m wide. Associated with 34A.

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34D	458750 100250	Early medieval rubbish pits, one of later medieval date.	
34E	458750 100250	Early medieval hearths associated with 34A.	
34F	458750 100250	Early medieval post and stake hole features associated with 34A.	
34G	458750 100250	Early medieval shells found in various locations associated with 34A.	
34H	458750 100250	Early medieval charcoal and burnt material from various locations associated with 34A.	
34I	458750 100250	Early medieval animal bones associated with 34A.	
34J	458750 100250	Early medieval highly polished double ended bone implement associated with 34A.	
34K	458750 100250	Early medieval dark grey lava quern fragments associated with 34A.	
34L	458750 100250	Early medieval Greenstone fragments associated with 34A.	
34M	458750 100250	Early medieval pottery sherds that have been instrumental in dating 34A.	
34N	458750 100250	Early medieval fired clay associated with 34A.	
34O	458750 100250	Early medieval gully associated with 34A and 34B.	
35A	458750 100250	Medieval rubbish pit associated with 34A.	
35B	458750 100250	Medieval. Single fragment of pottery associated with 34A.	
36	458750 100250	Roman. Two sherds of Samian Ware associated with 34A.	
37	458400 101590	Medieval. Manor house site near to the church.	
38	458330 100330	Historical references to Grange Farm (see Paragraph 6.2).	
40	459700 102400	Modern. Pillbox.	
41	459400 102000	Modern. Pillbox.	
53	459350 102250	Modern. Tank Trap.	
**m	58	458400 101000	Medieval. Grange Farm, Rowner. C13 window tracery fragment. See No. 38 above. (The map reference given here is not for Grange Farm which is 458350 100340. If the find spot is as given then the find cannot be associated with Grange Farm).
59	458600 100500	Undated. Linear ditch.	

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62	458500 100300	Mesolithic tranchet axe from Grange Farm (now in Portsmouth Museum).
64A	458340 101580	Medieval. Drain to the west of the church.
64B	458340 101580	Medieval. CBM found in association with 64A.
64C	458340 101580	Medieval. C13 pottery found in association with 64 A & B.
64D	458340 101580	Medieval. 89 animal bones found in association with 64 A, B, C.
64E	458340 101580	Medieval. Sea shells found in association with 64A to D.
65A	458340 101580	Medieval. Feature interpreted as a rubbish pit.
65B	458340 101580	Post-medieval. Pottery.
66	459200 102100	Modern. Anti-aircraft battery.
73	458900 102700	Medieval. Place-name <i>atte Brigge</i> recorded 1327. Probably Lower Bridgemary.
74	459600 101200	Medieval. Brockhurst (Brook Hurst) first recorded AD 1200.
77	458200 101800	Medieval. <i>ruwan origna gemære</i> place-name first recorded in AD 948.

10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

<i>Hants No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>NAR / NMR Nos</i>
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None identified though a single sherd of Samian Ware pottery is recorded in the SMR (Paragraph 10.0, No. 36).

10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

<i>SAM No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Site</i>
24322	458430 000100	Motte and bailey castle near Apple Dumpling Bridge.
26712	459610 102060	Fort Brockhurst.

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

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|---|---------------|--|
| 1 | 458670 101670 | Former course of Rowner Lane |
| 2 | 458465 101610 | Part of a ditched enclosure that might represent a section of a moat (see Paragraph 6.1) |
| 3 | 458325 101640 | One of two linear ponds visible on the Tithe Map of 1841. Probably a section of a medieval moat. |
| 4 | 458380 101680 | One of two linear ponds visible on the Tithe Map of 1841. Probably a section of a medieval moat. |
| 5 | 458300 101575 | Site of pound as marked on the Tithe Map of 1841 |
| 6 | 458345 102070 | Site of Rectory. Wall paintings recovered from the parish church of St Mary the Virgin were kept here (see Paragraph 8.0). |
| 7 | 458460 100100 | Approximate site of quarries as indicated on the 1856 Ordnance Survey map. |

12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 10M71/F7/167/2 (1841 / 1844)
 NB This Tithe Map is a draft version, or a fair copy of the original, that is bound into the front of the Schedule. There are no known official versions of this map but there are a number of alterations to the Apportionment that accompany the Schedule.
- GSGB 331 Portsmouth
- OS 1: 2500 sw 458100 101200, NE 458700 102200
- OS 1: 25000 Explorer: Meon Valley, Portsmouth, Gosport & Fareham

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14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES**14.1 Domesday Book**

35,1 William Mauduit holds *Rowner*. Colman held it from King Edward. Then it answered for 5 hides; now for 2½ hides. Land for 4 ploughs. In lordship 1½ ploughs; 2 slaves; meadow, 1 acre; woodland at 4 pigs. 10 villagers and 2 smallholders with 2½ ploughs. Value before 1066, 70s; later 30s; now 70s.

14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£3.16.6	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£8.6.4	(14 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£8.7.4	(9 taxpayers)

14.3 Manorial Documents

Crofton was a manor of Rowner (C14)

14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

29 hearths chargeable (10 houses)

3 hearths not chargeable (2 houses). Total: 12 houses.

15.0 PLACE NAME

948 (C12) (*oD*) *ruwan oringa (gemære)*; 1086 *Ru(g)enore*. OE *rugan oran* 'at (the) rough bank'. The Saxon form, from the bounds of Alverstoke means; up the boundary of the people of Rowner (Coates, 1989: 141). For discussion of the *oringa* element in the place-name see Pile, 2000: 3-7.

16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

- Flooding at church and manor house site (Paragraph 6.1).

17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS**17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters & Writs**

None.

17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
Brigemary	0031	458900 102700	1327
Brockhurst	0032	459600 101200	1200

17.3 Enclosures

Parliamentary:

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
None known.				

Formal Agreements:

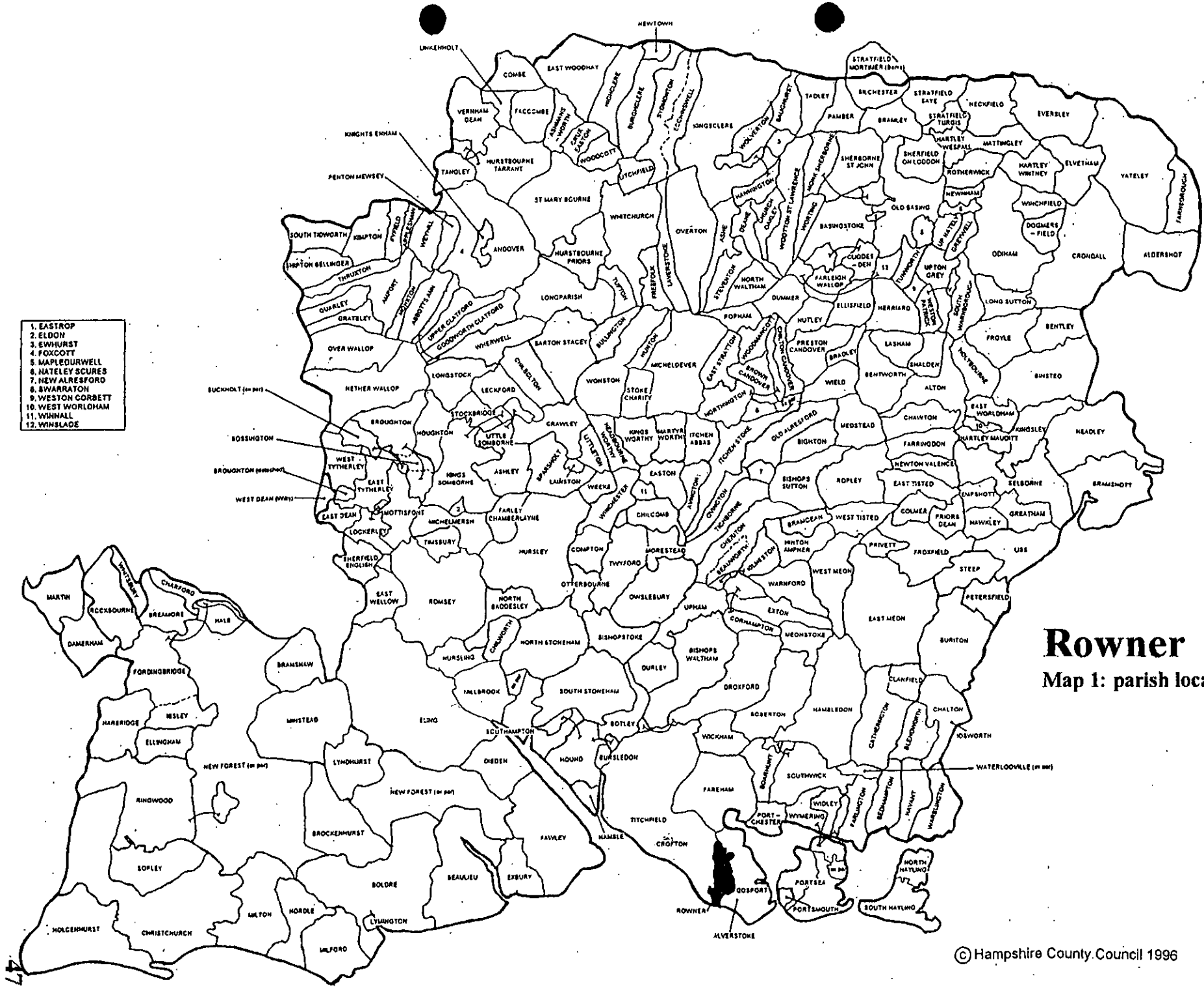
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17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)

Chark Common and Peel Common are on the west bank of the river Alver in Fareham District.

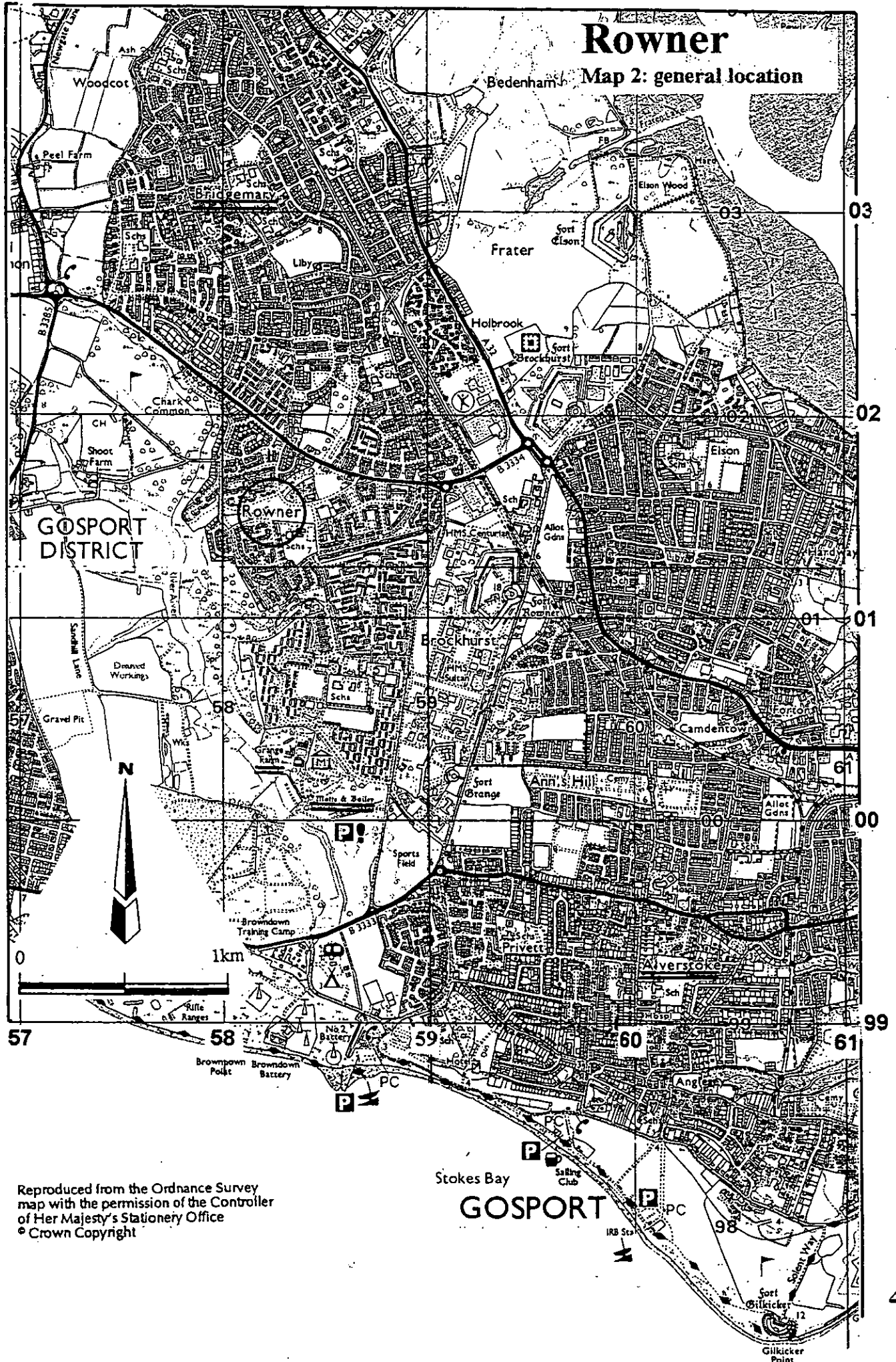
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- 1. EASTROP
- 2. ELDON
- 3. EWHURST
- 4. FOXCOTT
- 5. MAPLEDURWELL
- 6. NATELEY SCURES
- 7. NEW ALRESFORD
- 8. SWARRATON
- 9. WEST WORTHAM
- 10. WEST WORTHAM
- 11. WHNALL
- 12. WHSLADE

Rowley
Map 1: parish location



Rowner

Map 2: general location

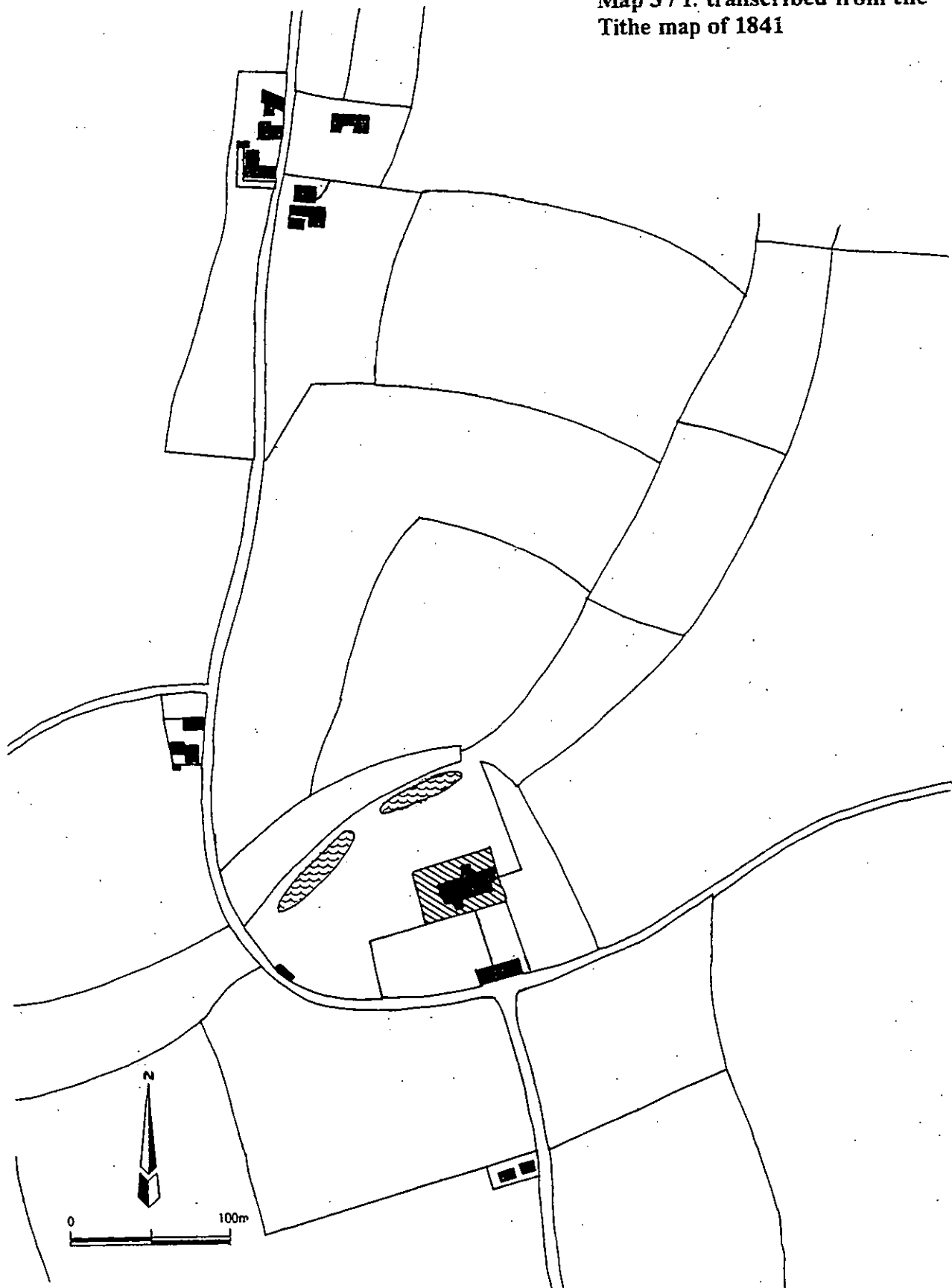
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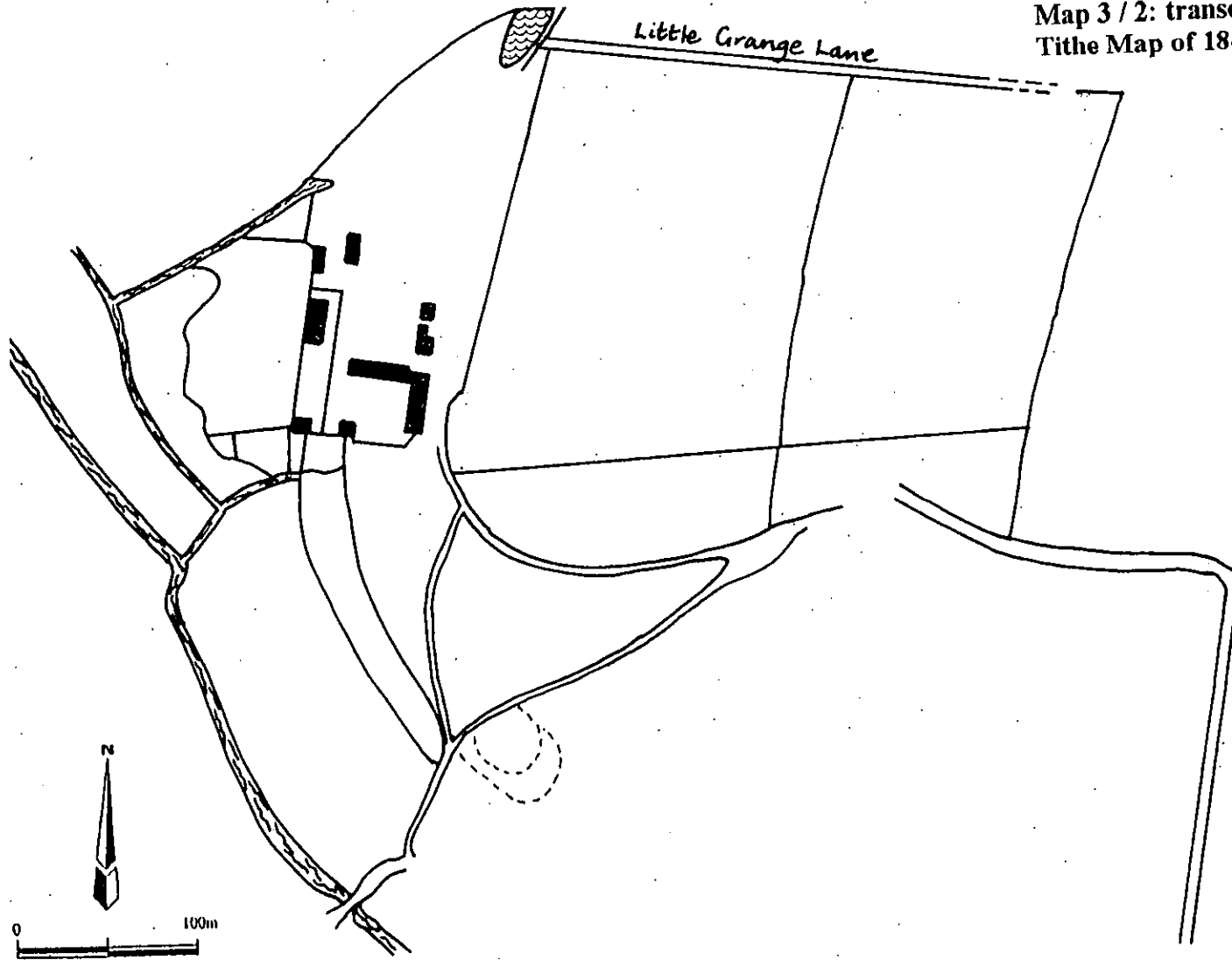
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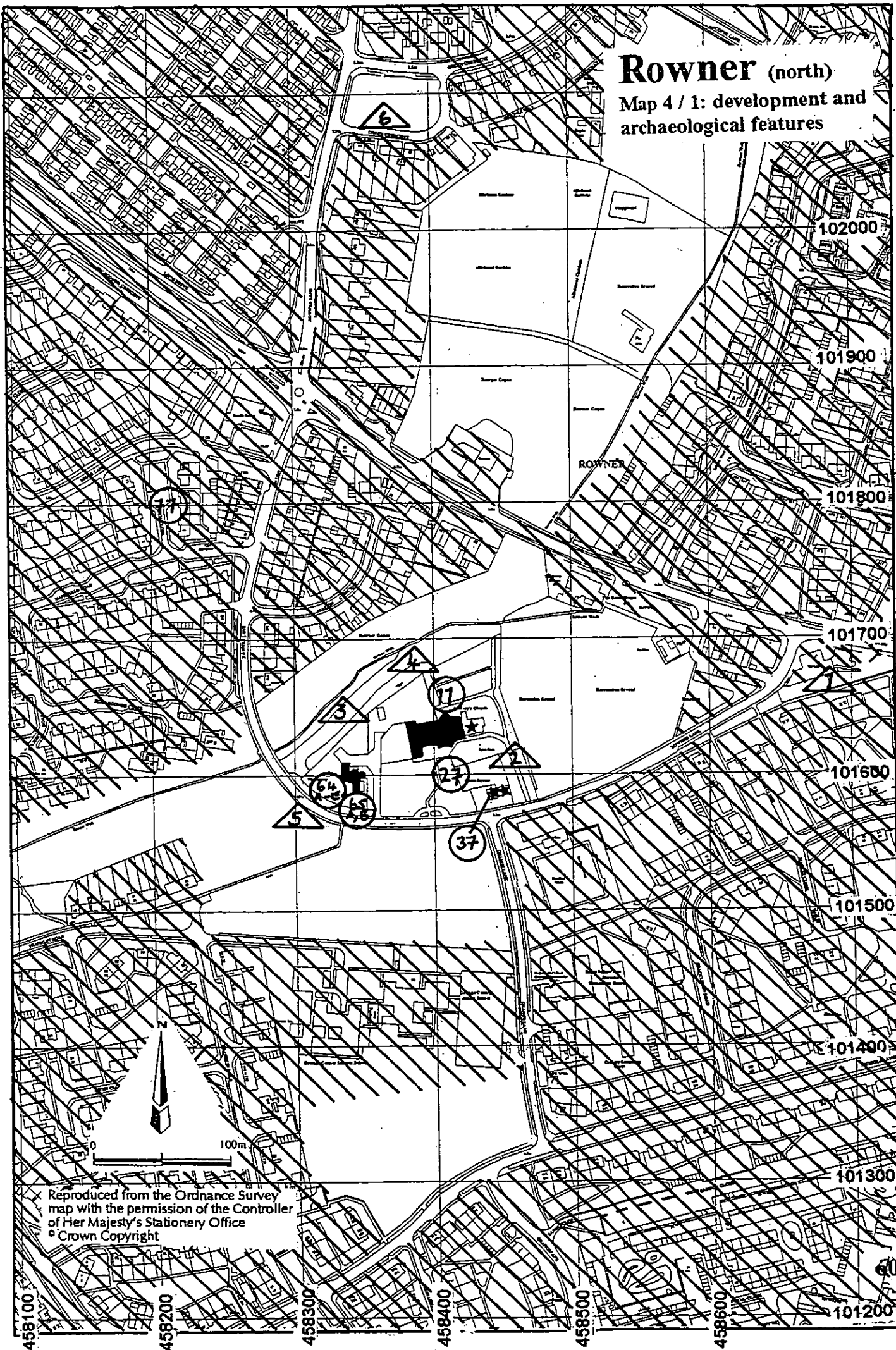
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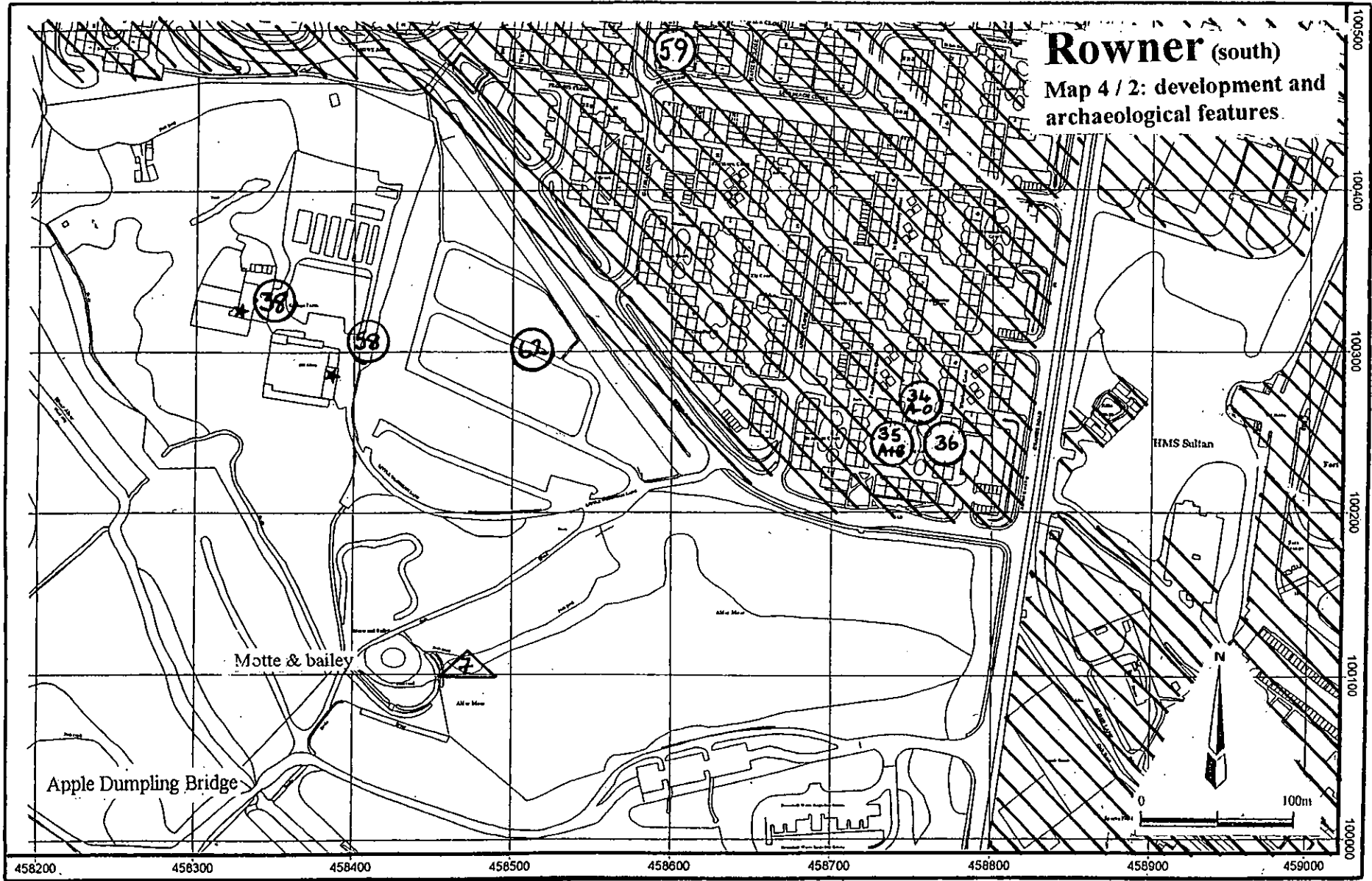


Rowner (north)

Map 4 / 1: development and archaeological features



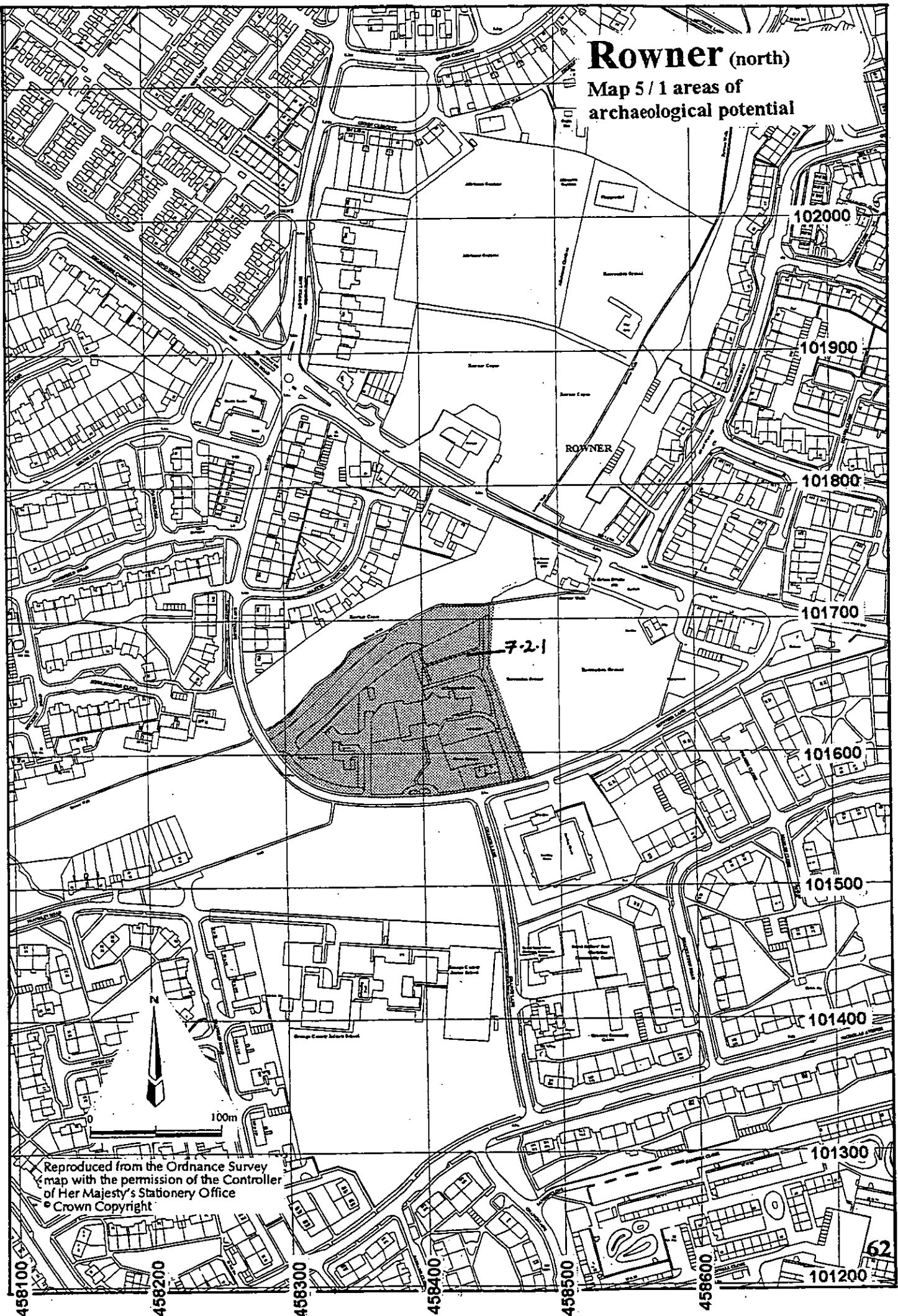
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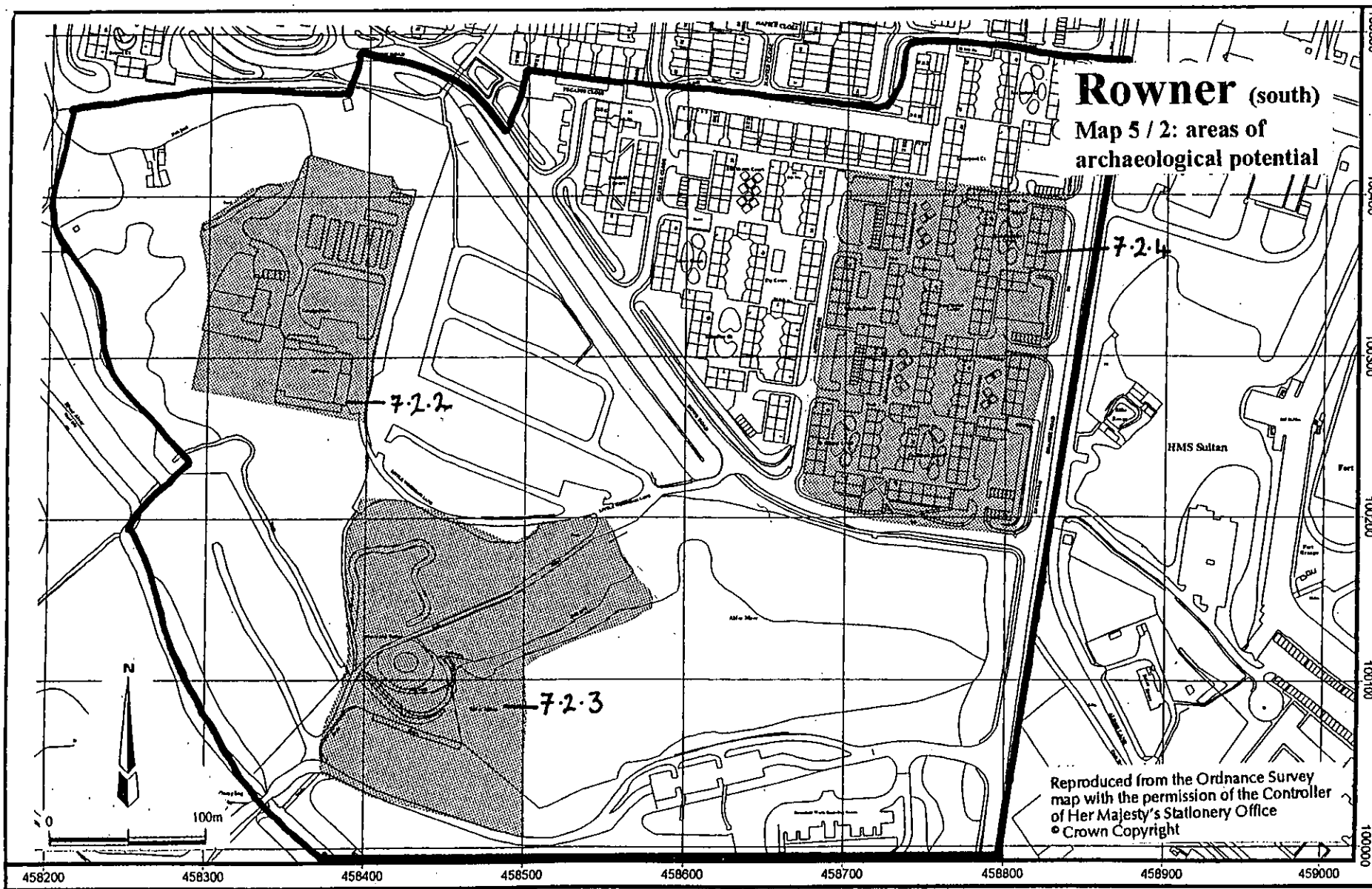
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Rowner (north)

Map 5/1 areas of archaeological potential



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Archaeological sites and find spots in the Rowner area.

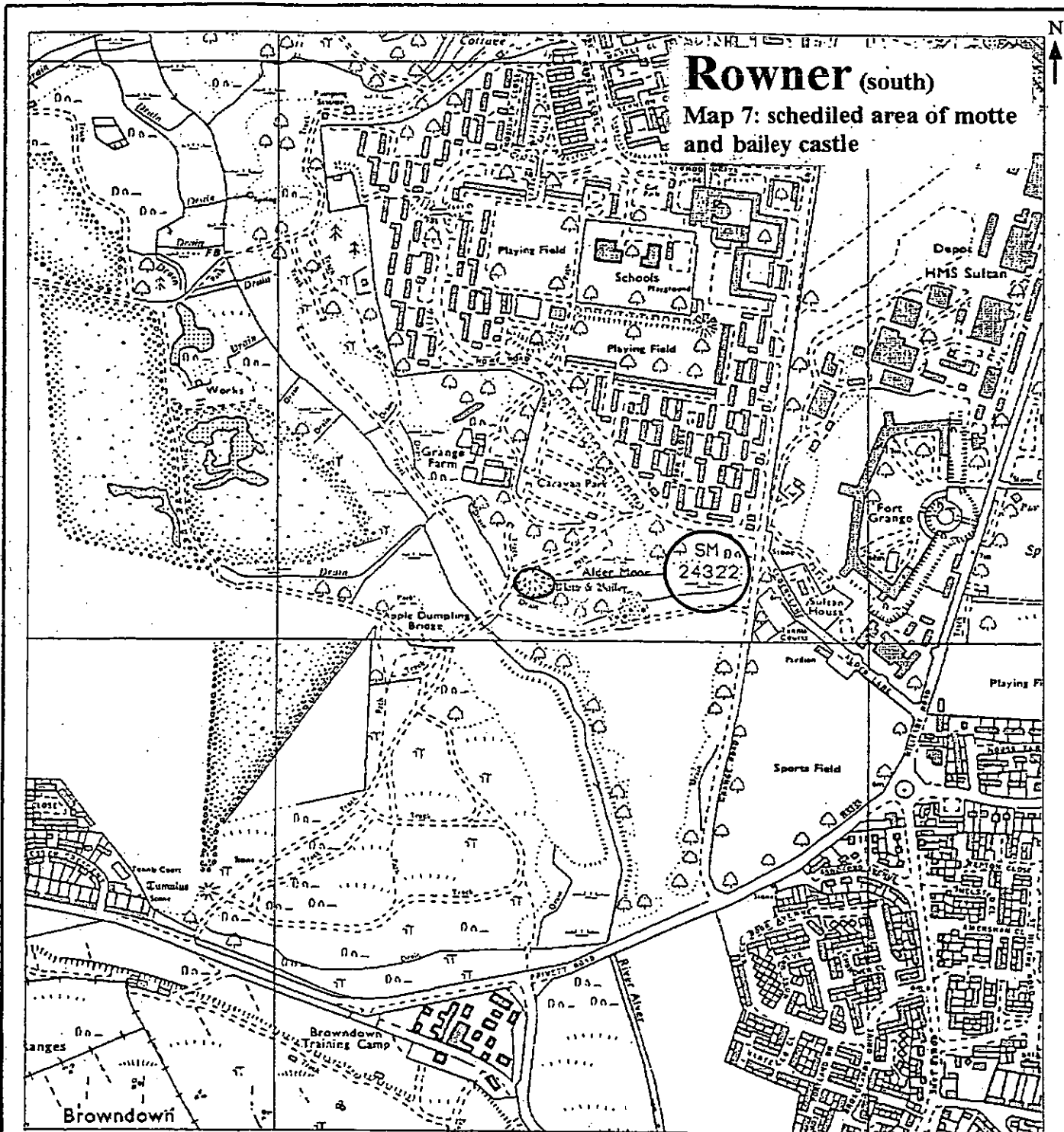


Key

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- HCC District Boundaries 1992



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Site Name: Motte and bailey castle near Apple Dumpling Bridge, S of Rowner

County: Hampshire

District: Gosport

Parish: Gosport

Notes:

For exclusions - see text record

Key: Monument No. Location/extent of site



Scale: 1:10000 Derived from: 1:10000

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