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October 8, 2021

I, Dr David Ormerod of Mill House, 7 Mill Lane, Swaffham, Norfolk PE37 7EU hereby apply for an order under section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the definitive map and statement for the area by registering the continuation of Dersingham FP12. This highway, with a number of others, was inappropriately extinguished on the Sandringham Estate, in Dersingham and Sandringham parishes during the original deliberations regarding the formation of the Definitive Map. As the N.C.C. Definitive Statement website for Sandringham Parish explains, the Sandringham Estate administration alleged they were part of the Crown Estate, that is exempt from public rights of way, because the Estate was part of the Crown Estate. In fact, it is a private estate of Her Majesty the Queen, and was not entitled to claim exemption. The involved public ways are well away from Royal residences, occurring mainly on land leased by tenant farmers. Seventy years later, and neither the Estate nor the Surveying Authority have corrected this error. With the cut-off date on January 1, 2026, it is now imperative that these public rights of way are re-established as otherwise they will be inadvertently lost in perpetuity.

This public highway starts on the ancient Dersingham Common and passes over former waste of the manor in a southerly direction through wooded and enforested areas of Sandringham Estate to end on Scotch Belt (Road), now at the Sandringham Public Car Park, in line with St Nary Magdelene Parish Church. The footpath is essentially on its historical roadbed and, although effectively stopped-off, continues to be used by the local general public. There is no Sandringham Estate signage or mapping of this footpath.

It is admitted by the Norfolk County Council that this highway has been improperly extinguished and that the old public rights of way continue. It is apparent that discussions with the Sandringham Estate are urgently necessary to correct this miscarriage of the law, in as frictionless a way as possible.

I attach copies of the following documentary evidence in support of this application:

- Ordnance Survey composite 2nd Series 25-inch maps of E&W, Norfolk Sheets 23.1 and 23.5 and 60SE, 1905.
- Definitive Map of Dersingham Common and Sandringham.

- Norfolk County Council Online Rights of Way Gazetteer, 2021, showing the application route.
- Google Earth Satellite View of Dersingham FP12 and its ongoing extinguished section on Sandringham Estate.
- Finance Act (1909-10) Duties on Land Values map, Dersingham and Sandringham
- Photograph (August 2021) of the entrance to Dersingham FP12 on Dersingham Common, with the information board in the foreground.
- Photograph (August 2021) of the map on the Dersingham Common Information Board.
- Photograph (August 2021) looking back up Dersingham FP12, just prior to its extinction where it enters the Sandringham Estate - still in Dersingham parish.
- Photograph (August 2021) showing the start of the Sandringham Estate section of the application route.
- Photograph (August 2021) looking to the south along its fairly long transit through rhododendron woodland.
- Photograph (August 2021). looking back to the north in a small glade situated close to Docking Drove.
- Photograph (August 2021) from Docking Drove, looking northwards from Docking Drove into the entrance of the old footpath. The trail turns to the west for 40 yards, before continuing its traverse to the south through forestry.
- Photograph (August 2021), of the entrance to the application route from the tar-macked highway running northward from the NE corner of the Sandringham Public Car Park. The barrier to the public car park is 80 yards to the south from this point along the road.
- Faden's Map of Norfolk, 1797.
- Charles Budgen's O.S. pen & ink Map of Castle Riding, 1815.
- Ordnance Survey 1st Series 1-inch Map of E&W, Sheet 69, 1824.
- Bryant's Map of Norfolk, 1826.
- Sandringham Estate Sale Map of the late Henry Hoste Henley, 1836.
- Tithe Map for Sandringham Parish, 1839.
- Tithe Map of Dersingham Parish, 1839/40.
- Dersingham Parish Enclosure Award and Map, 1858.
- Ordnance Survey 6-inch Map of E&W, Norfolk Sheet 23NW, 1885.
- Bartholomew Half-inch map of England and Wales, Norfolk Sheet 15, 1903.
- Ordnance Survey composite Second Series 25-inch Map of E&W, Norfolk Sheets 23.1 and 23.5, 1905.
- Finance Act (1909-10) IRS Duties on Land Values Map, Norfolk Sheets 23.1 and 235
- Ministry of Food National Farm Survey Map, Norfolk Sheets 23.1 and 23.5, 1943.
- Aerial Photograph of Dersingham and Sandringham, 1946.

- Ordnance Survey 6-inch Map of E&W, Norfolk Sheet 23NW, 1952.
- Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 Map TF62-B, 1955.
- Google Earth Internet Footpath Map, 2021.
- Tour Norfolk Map of Sandringham, 2021.

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Applicant's Reference: **EH 067**

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the County of Norfolk

Certificate of Service of Notice of Application for Modification Order: Proposal to re-establish the improper loss of continuity of Dersingham FP12 and its extension on the Sandringham Estate, in Dersingham and Sandringham Parishes

To: Norfolk County Council
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I, Dr David Ormerod of Mill House, 7 Mill Lane, Swaffham PE37 7EU hereby certify that the requirements of paragraph 2 of Schedule 14 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 have been complied with.

Dated: October 8, 2021

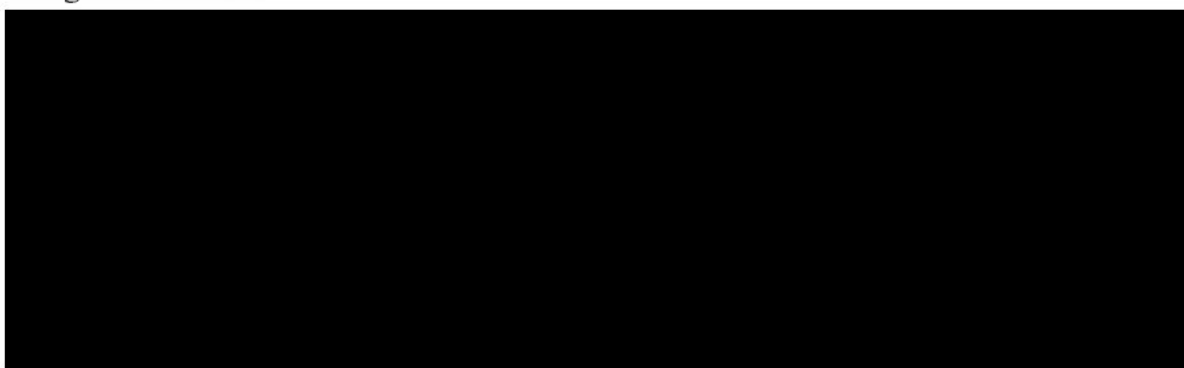
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NCC Reference:

Schedule of persons on whom notice was served

The owners, occupiers, and interested parties of the land crossed by the transit of Dersingham FP12 and its loss of continuity on the Sandringham Estate in Dersingham and Sandringham Parishes.



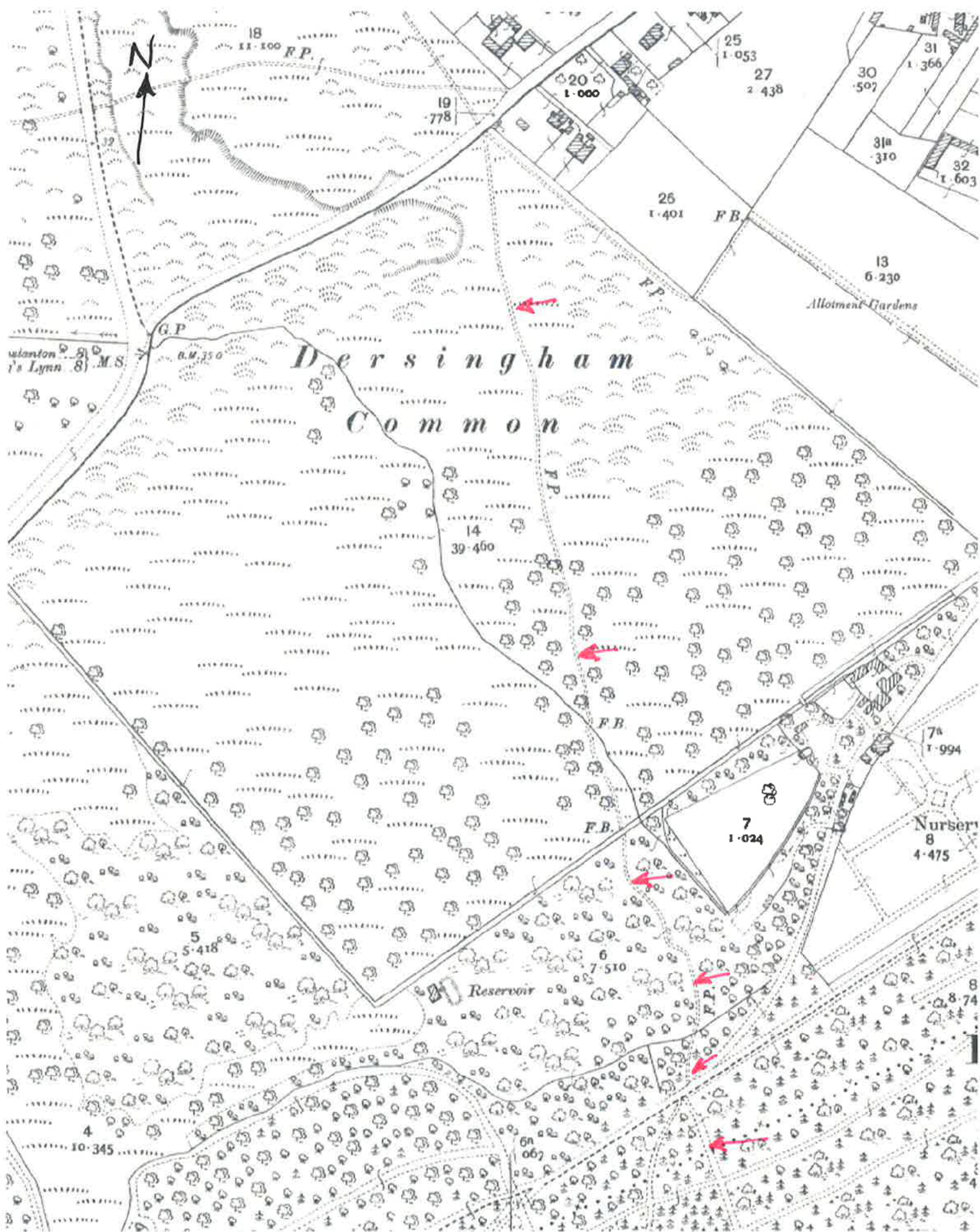


FIGURE 1A. ORDNANCE SURVEY 2ND SERIES 25-INCH MAP OF ENGLAND & WALES, NORFOLK SHEET 23.1, 1905.

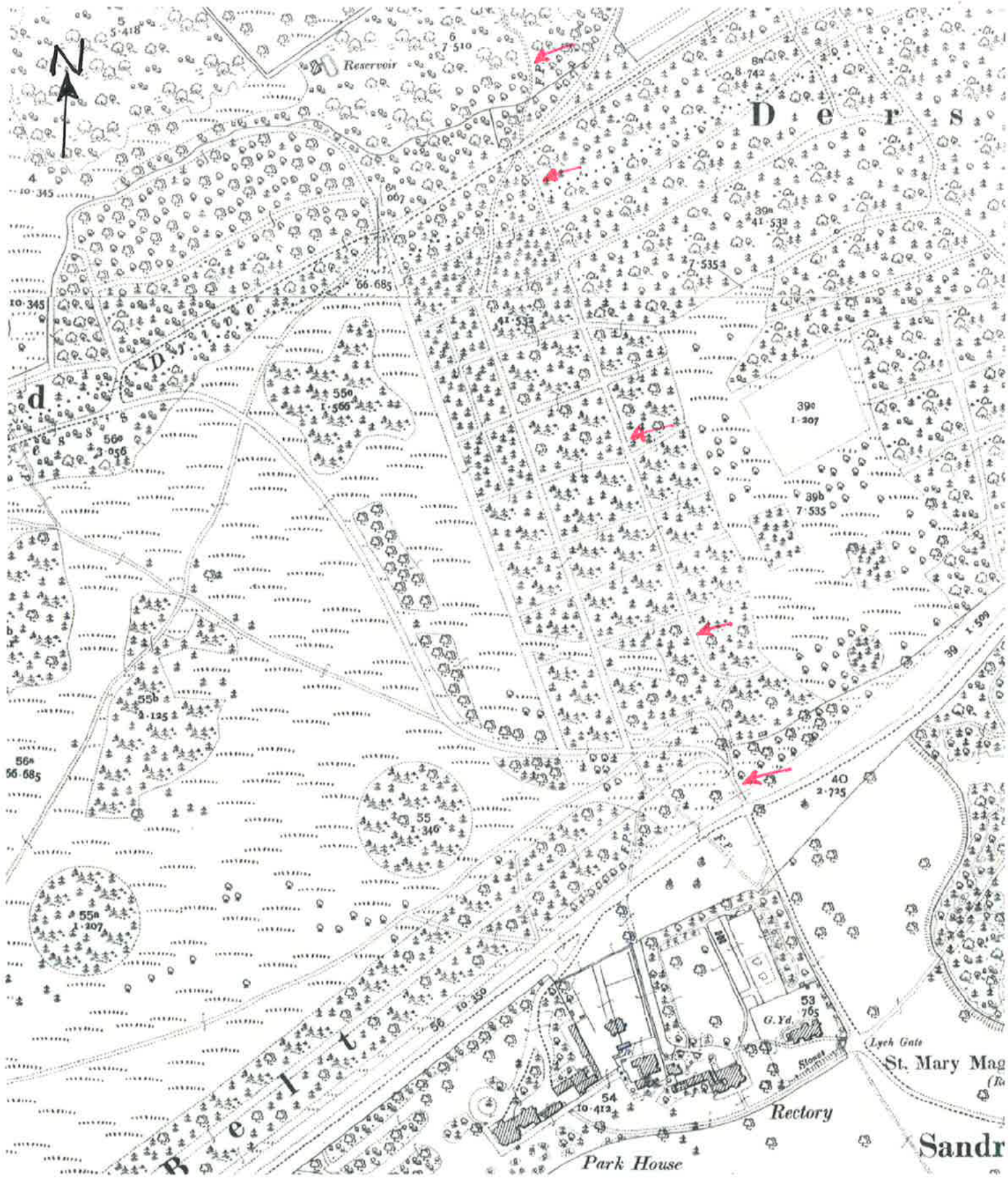


FIGURE 1B. ORDNANCE SURVEY 2ND SERIES 25-INCH MAP OF ENGLAND & WALES, NORFOLK SHEETS 23.5, 1905.