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A Watching Brief was undertaken by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd in August 2002 in accordance with a specification issued by English Heritage during the excavation of a cable trench to carry a new electricity main from the substation in Castle Garth to a print works situated south-east of Masonic Lane, Thirsk, North Yorkshire (Figs. 1 & 2: SE 4281 8200).

The proposed electricity cable trench followed the route of a previous cable trench excavated in 1994 from the electricity sub-station at the eastern edge of the Scheduled Area along the edge of the public footpath through Castle Garth. Only modern activity was recorded during this exercise as the depth of the excavations were not deep enough to encounter the Anglo-Saxon deposits/features recorded during the excavations for the new substation in Castle Garth in 1994 by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd, when an Anglo Saxon cemetery of Sixth century date was found (MAP 1995).

The line of the earlier trench was followed exactly from the sub station to the western end of the footpath in order to avoid disturbing previously unseen archaeological deposits. Only one stretch of new excavation was carried out from the western end of the footpath to the eastern side of the works. In this area 0.5m – 0.6m of fine loam topsoil covered a layer of demolition material consisting of modern brick and roof tile.

No archaeological features or finds were recovered in the excavation of the cable trench.

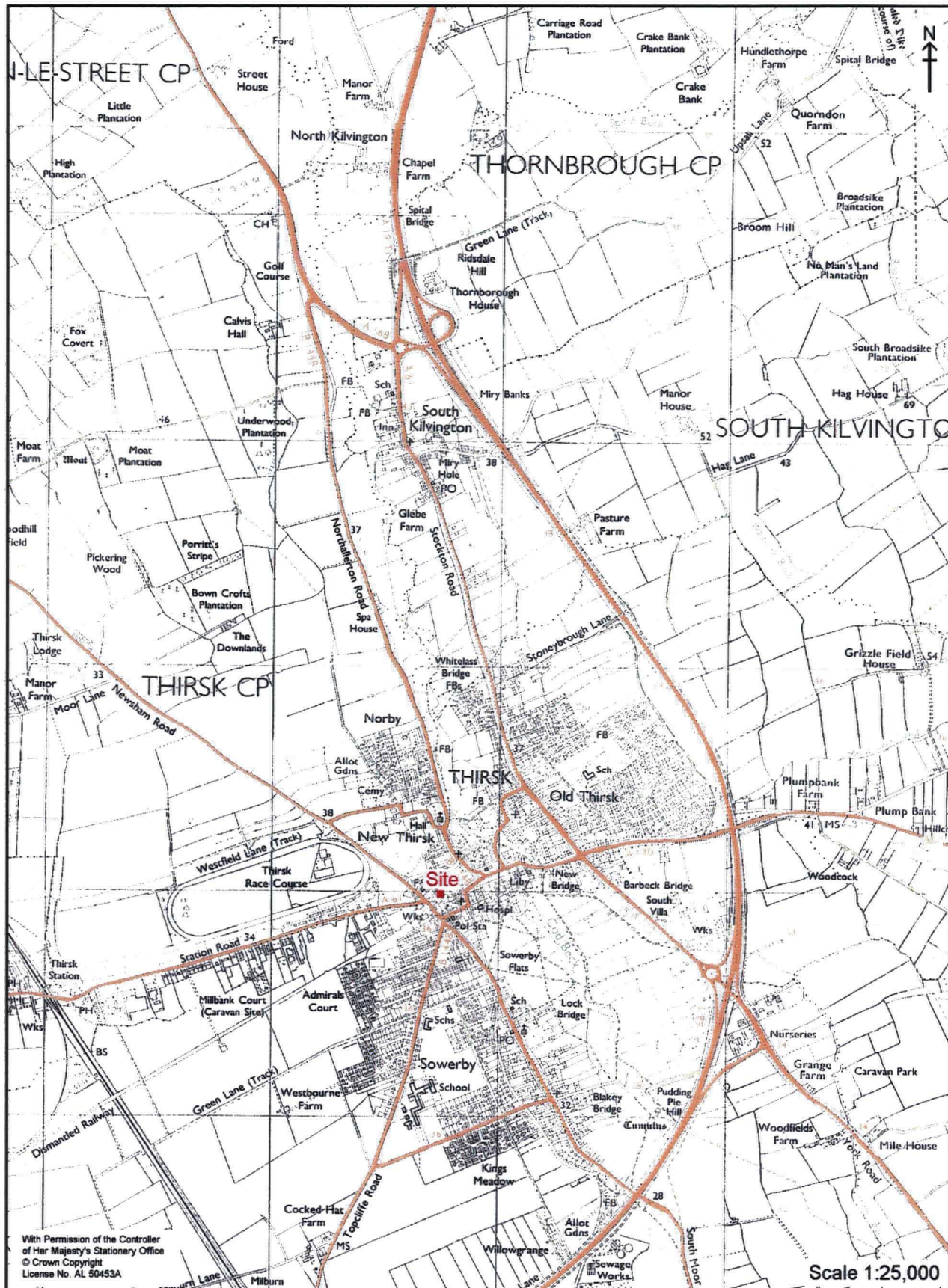


Figure 1. Site Location

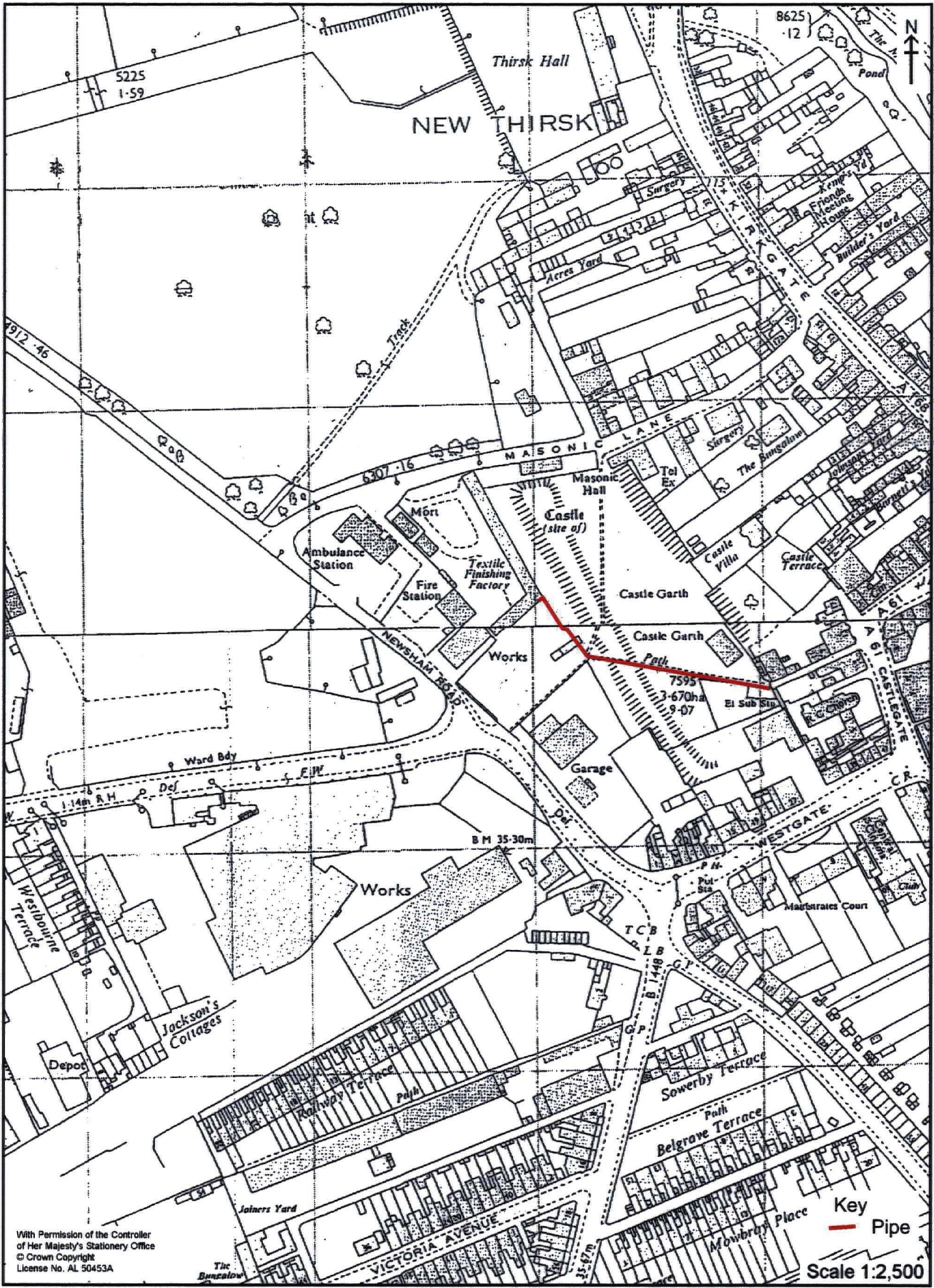


Figure 2. Pipe Location