

## The building of a new school for Kings Worthy - late 1940s/early 1950s

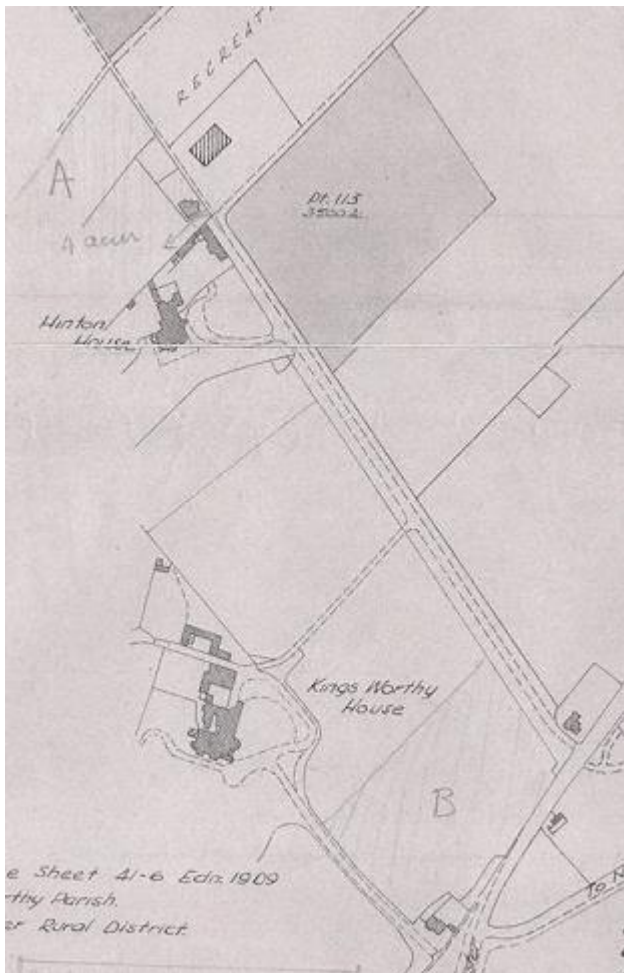
The Springvale estate was originally known at the Hookpit estate.

**July 1947** - The County Education Officer wrote to The County Planning Officer regarding King's Worthy, Headbourne Worthy & Easton Schools. He wrote: "The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. Flowerdown informed me that a site has now been agreed at Hook Pit for the erection of 140 houses (prefabricated) to house the families of Civilian Wireless Operators at Flowerdown Station. I should be glad if you could let me have a [map?] to show the site which has been chosen.

Our own development plan proposes that the existing schools at Headbourne Worthy and Easton and Kings Worthy should eventually be closed and replaced by two schools, one in the Hook Pit area and one in the Kings Worthy-Easton area. I should be glad to know of any proposals you may have for the sites of these schools [which?] shall need a site of at least two acres for the King's Worthy-Easton School and possibly up to three and a half acres for the Hook Pit School."

**September 1947** - A Planning Officer was investigating potential sites and wrote to the County Planning Officer on 30<sup>th</sup> September: "The Planning Schemes Committee of the Council and the Council have considered the matter and recommend for the Hookpit school 2 alternative sites immediately adjoining the Kingsworthy Recreation Ground. It is considered that either site would be suitable, but the Council have a preference for the triangular site to the north of the Recreation Ground. It is considered that this site, being on higher ground, will be healthier for the children and as access can be gained from all directions by public footpaths the public safety aspect is of a high standard. Highway access can no doubt be constructed to join on to either the Stoke Charity Road or the land leading from the Basingstoke Road past Hinton House. Presumably the Hookpit site would serve the village of Kings Worthy as well as Hookpit."

(See Map below, the area shaded A is the triangular site which was preferred. The other site is shaded B.)



The Planning Officer also reported that a Sub-Committee had been formed to look for a site for the Martyr Worthy School.

**October 1947** - The Planning Officer wrote to the County Planning Officer regarding the site proposed for the new school to serve Martyr Worthy, Abbots Worthy and Easton. They had identified a possible site on the B3047 road between Abbots Worthy and Alresford opposite Grace's Farm. The 2-3 acre site was considered to be: "within reasonable distance of all the areas to be served."

