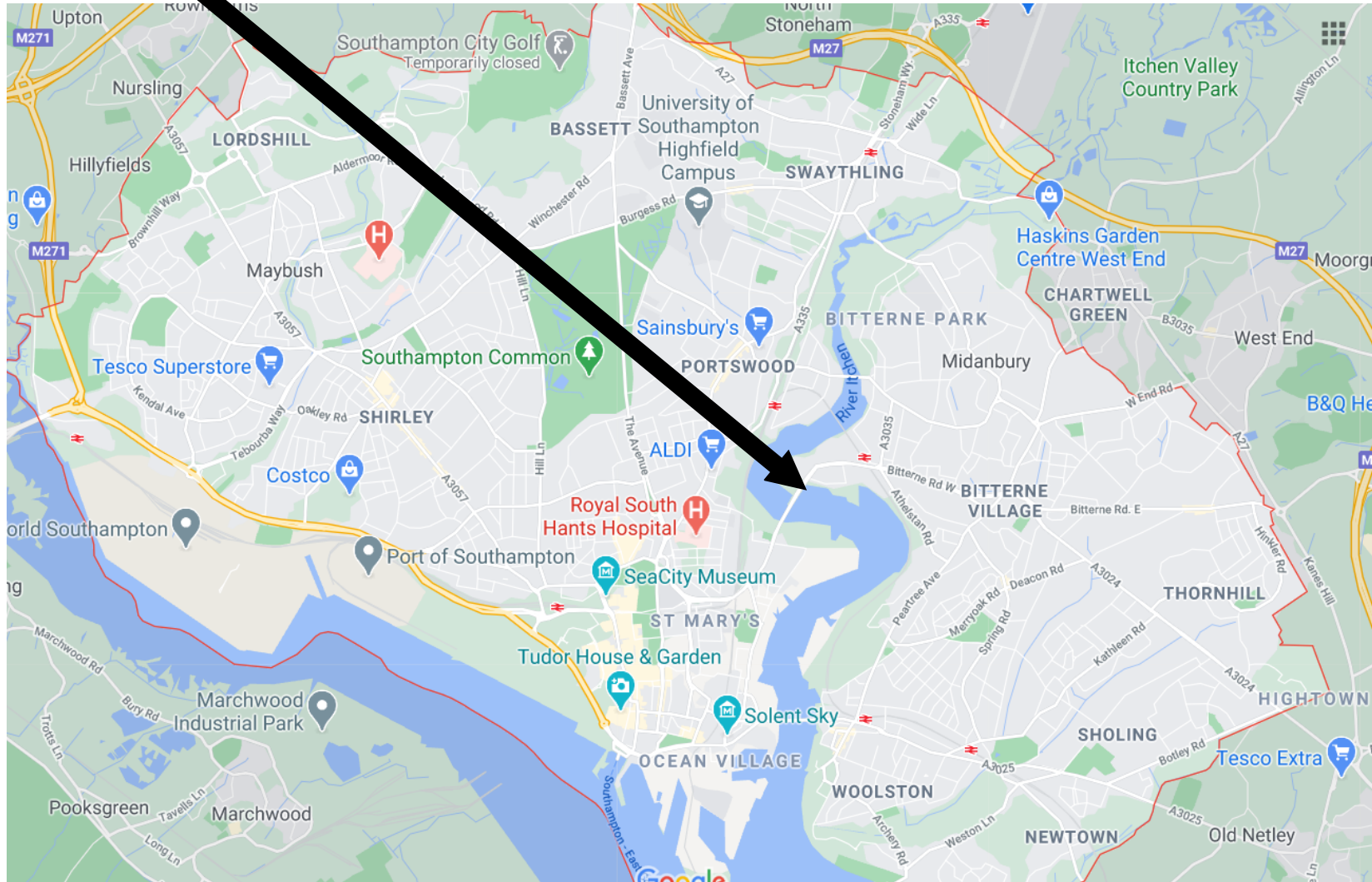
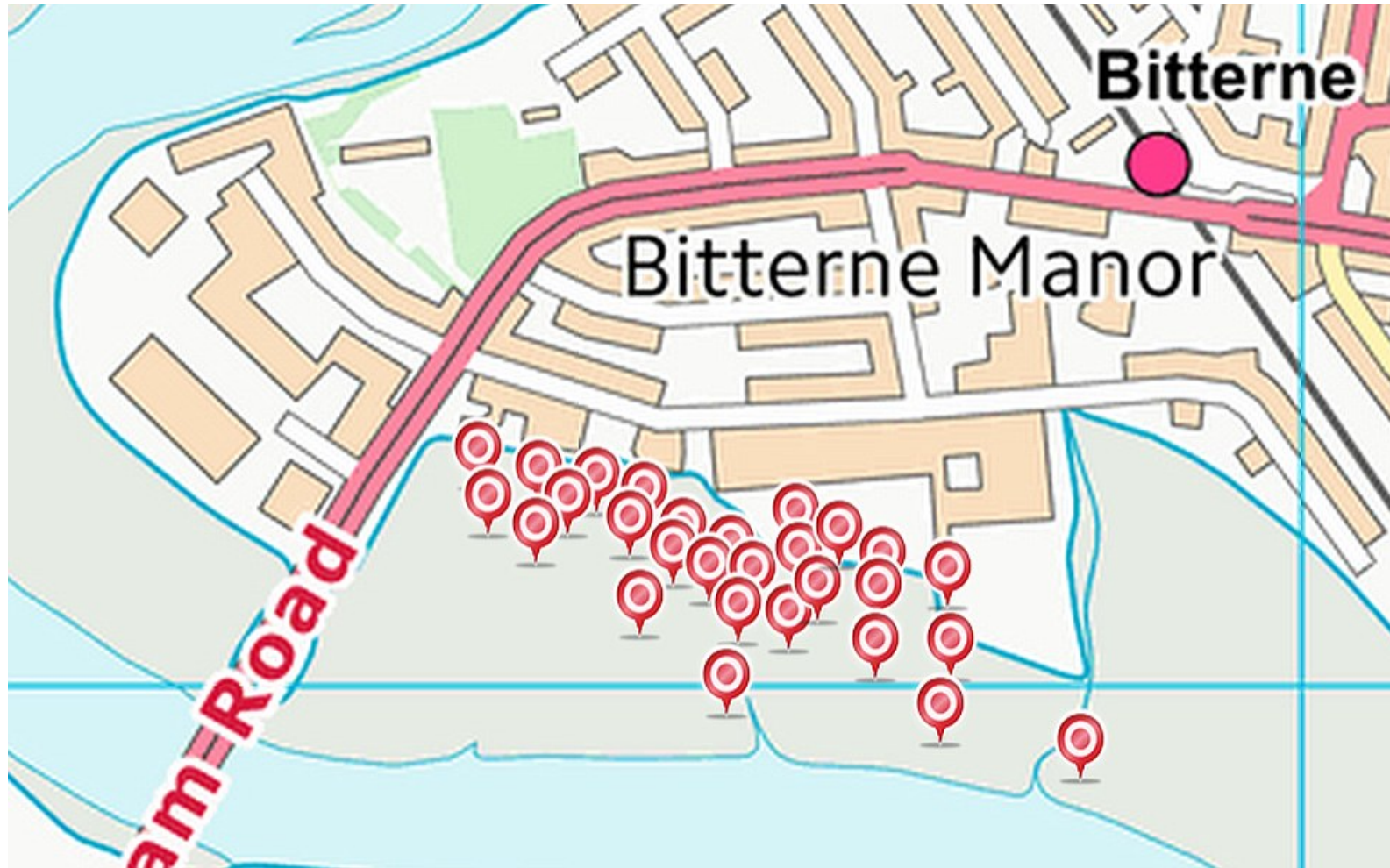


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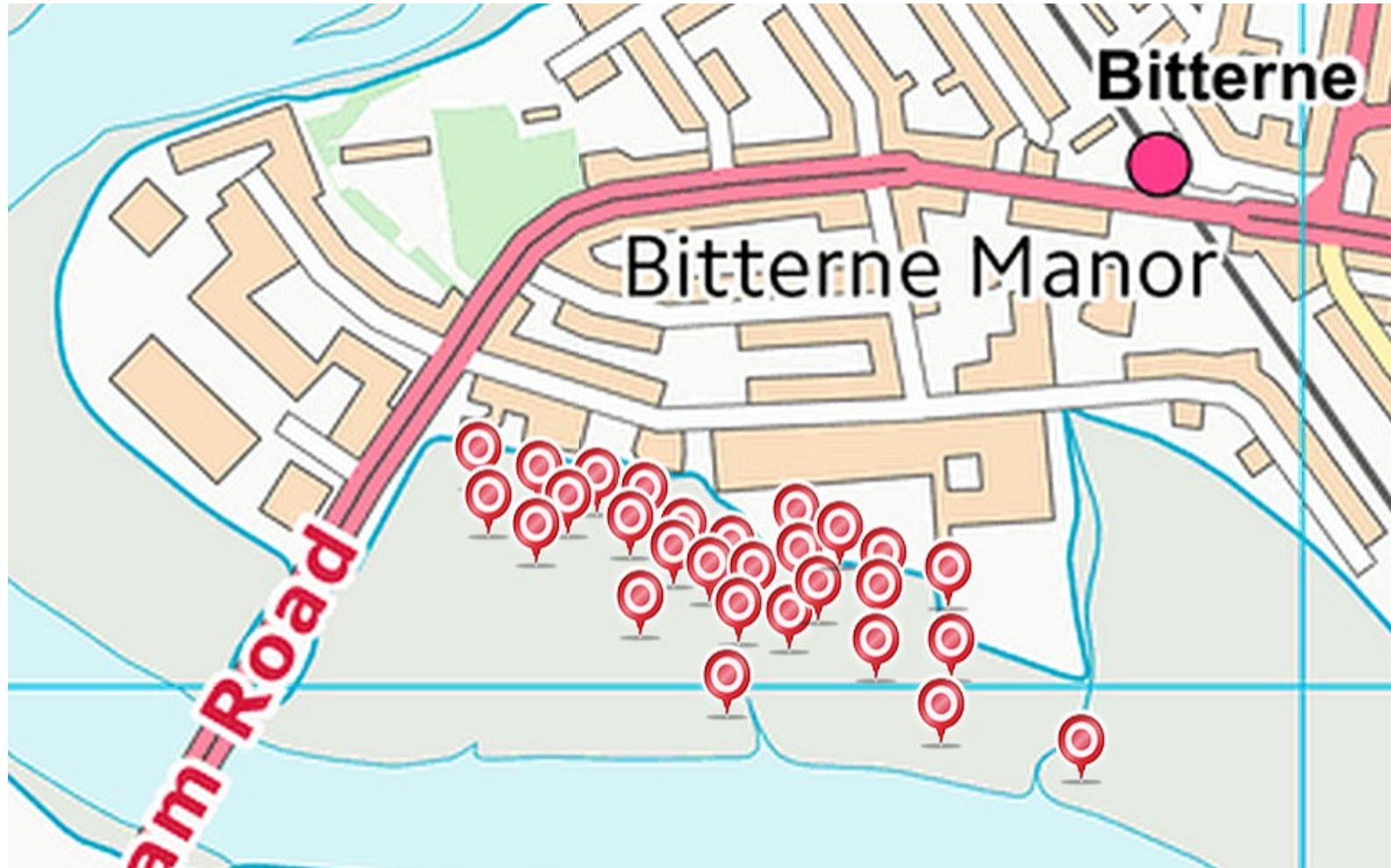
Here is a map of Southampton. We are going to zoom in here:



What do you think this section of the map is showing us?



Why do you think this particular area was targeted by German bomber planes?



This was the spitfire factory at Southampton based in Bitterne Manor.



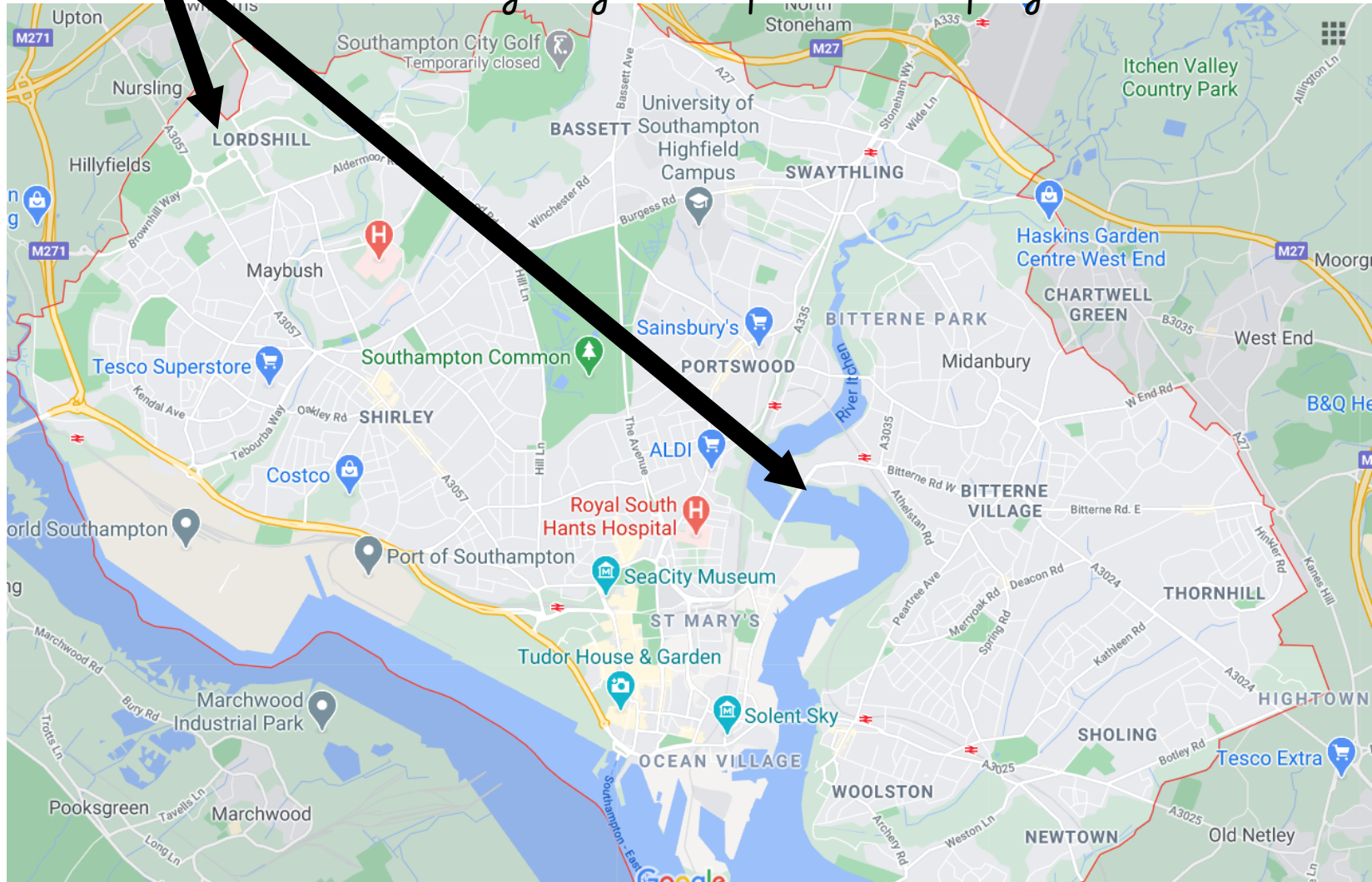


The Spitfire -

The most widely produced single British single seat fighter plane

How far away is this location from Lordshill?


Use google maps to help you!





Southampton was a clear target for the Luftwaffe and the stylish Woolston factory was obvious from the air, even at night. Easily identified with its large Art Deco frontage and in close proximity to the Itchen plant, Thornycroft shipbuilders, the gasworks, electric power station and railway (near where St Mary's Football Stadium stands now.) By September 1940 this area was systematically bombed by the Luftwaffe.

On September 15, 12 tonnes of bombs were dropped over the Supermarine Works and surrounding areas – little damage was inflicted upon Supermarine's factories but surrounding houses were destroyed and civilians lost their lives.

Luftwaffe - German air force

 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/why-do-we-love-the-spitfire/z7p4f4j>

 <https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/amys-aviation/how-planes-work/the-spitfire/>

 <https://sites.google.com/site/primaryschoolhistory/world-war-ii/the-spitfire>

Use these links above, what you have learned in today's lesson and complete your own research if you wish to complete a poster, leaflet, powerpoint presentation or information pack about the history of the Spitfire.