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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 This document illustrates the locations of specific projects that SZC Co. has agreed to fund in relation to amenity and recreation as defined in the following Deed of Obligation (DoO) funds:

- PROW Fund.
- Leiston Cycling and Walking Contribution.

2 PROW FUND

2.1.1 On or before Commencement, SZC Co shall pay the PROW Fund to Suffolk County Council. (Schedule 16, Paragraph 16 of the DoO).

2.1.2 A PROW Fund value of £2,500,000 has been agreed with Suffolk County Council. A list of 34 projects agreed with Suffolk County Council, with a total value of £1,924,000 have been identified. The additional balance of £576,000 has been provided to allow for the delivery of an amenity route between Minsmere and Aldeburgh as well as dedicated officer support time.

2.1.3 A total of 27 projects are listed in the **Table 2.1** below and include improvements to existing PROW or creation of new PROW at locations identified in consultation with Suffolk County Council. The locations of these are shown on Figure 1 and 2 (Appendix A).

2.1.4 In addition, a number of items are not included within the table or figures as they have no physical location. These projects are as follows:

- Develop walking guides/leaflet to support resilient circular walk routes from Leiston to the coast, Aldringham Walks, Thorpeness. This will total approximately £6,600.
- Funding for developing and promoting new routes including links to local businesses in close proximity to the Sizewell Link Road, including leaflet/web/physical improvement works and signage. £5,300. In addition, the Middleton Promoted circular walks will be promoted as an individual route, costing approximately £6,600.
- Improvement of open access signage and infrastructure at access points on open access land to north and south of the main development site (Aldringham Common, Westleton Walks). £26,400.
- Project Officer: Grade 5 Officer 5-year fixed term contract @£40k/annum (full-on costs). £200,000.

- Staff time over 10 years construction period, equivalent 0.5 FTE G5 over 10 years. £200,000.
- Communications - marketing, PR, promotion, signage, monitoring. £50,000.

Table 2.1: PRow Fund project schedule

Plan Ref.	Location	Proposals / Rationale	SZC Co. Commitment
1	Aldeburgh (FP8, FP9)	Upgrade to bridleway. FP8 and FP9 are at the southern extent of the former Aldeburgh Railway line and this would address both where they are constrained by vegetation and less suitable for accessibility and cycling.	£18,000.00
2	Aldeburgh	Upgrade former railway line to bridleway. This is a very popular and well used route northwards of Aldeburgh providing links to Thorpness and strategically onwards to Leiston and an opportunity for a safe off-road route for both leisure and commuting. The railway line is currently a permissive path and this would formalise its use.	£27,300.00
3	Aldringham-Cum-Thorpe (FP4, FP43, FP42, FP40)	Upgrade / create bridleway. This would formalise use of the former railway line which offers a desire line along a wide, surfaced route for all users including accessibility and cycling.	£14,700.00
4	Aldringham-Cum-Thorpe (BY20, southern end)	Levelling and surfacing works. BY20 is a key route connecting Thorpeness and Sizewell Beach with the potential to meet a wide variety of needs including walking, accessibility, cycling and horse-riding .	£15,900.00
5	Aldringham-Cum-Thorpe (BY20, north of open access)	Levelling and surfacing works. BY20 is a key route connecting Thorpeness and Sizewell Beach with the potential to meet a wide variety of needs including walking, accessibility, cycling and horse-riding .	£63,400.00
6	Aldringham-Cum-Thorpe (BY24, BY25)	Levelling and surfacing works. BY24 and BY25 are a continuation of BY20 with the same potential to meet a wide variety of needs including walking, accessibility, cycling and horse-riding .	£126,800.00

Plan Ref.	Location	Proposals / Rationale	SZC Co. Commitment
7	Aldringham-Cum-Thorpe (BY26)	Levelling and surfacing works. BY24 and BY25 are a continuation of BY20 with the same potential to meet a wide variety of needs including walking, accessibility, cycling and horse-riding	£253,500.00
8	Leiston FP21	Surfacing (e.g. grids) at locations along the beach front towards Dunwich Heath NT. This is a strategic walking route along the Suffolk coast, currently a section of the Suffolk Coast Path and due to become a section of the Suffolk part of the England Coast Path National Trail.	£13,200.00
9	Leiston (FP21), Aldringham (FP31)	Improve resilience and accessibility of the cliff top path - Leiston FP21 & Aldringham FP31 (e.g. revetment, surfacing, steps, signage). FP21 and FP31 form an important continuous and direct north-south link between Sizewell Beach and Thorpness.	£33,000.00
10	Leiston (FP21) Aldringham (FP31)	Creation of heritage trail for coastal WW2 structures including the restoration of cliff pillbox, interpretation and artworks (e.g. mural on pillbox). The Suffolk coast is famous for its visible military heritage with the opportunity to interpret these features for the benefit of tourists and locals.	£26,400.00
11	Leiston (BR24, BR26), Aldringham (BR27)	Improve signage, accessibility and resilience. Leiston BR24, BR26 and Aldringham BR27 provide a continuous off-road link between Sizewell Gap road and Grimsey's Lane offering a direct route for walking and cycling.	£63,400.00
12	Aldringham (FP30)	Improve signage, accessibility and resilience. FP30 provides a link between the England Coast Path National Trail and the inland PROW network with connections to Leiston.	£11,900.00
13	Leiston-Cum-Sizewell (BR15), Aldringham-Cum-Thorpe (BR6, BR10, BR5, BR11)	PROW surfacing and diversions across golf course. There is strong demand from the Leiston community to see an effective and direct off-road link between Leiston and Aldeburgh and potentially BR15, BR6, BR10, BR5 and BR11 could provide that link.	£133,400.00

Plan Ref.	Location	Proposals / Rationale	SZC Co. Commitment
14	Abbey Lane	Temporary footpath from Abbey Road towards Cakes & Ale to be retained permanently and upgraded to bridleway and suitably surfaced to provide safe off-road route. It is important to retain what will likely become a very well-established and used link that brings economic benefits to local businesses and provides safe access.	£95,700.00
15	Sandlings Walk	Creation of public footpath from BR19 at Kenton Hills to the coast path (this is currently proposed as permissive path only). The strategic importance and popularity of this link needs to be addressed by creating a public right of way and safeguard the link for the future.	£7,000.00
16	Leiston (BR27)	Improve surface condition, signage and accessibility on Grimsey's Lane (Leiston BR27) to link to Sizewell Gap Road - cycling link access to sports facilities.	£105,600.00
17	Leiston (BR19)	Levelling and compaction works. BR19 is a key route and strategic link between natural and built attractions north and south of Sizewell, providing access for walking, accessibility, cycling and horse riding, thereby meeting the needs of a very wide audience.	£47,500.00
18	Eastbridge	New off-road bridleway with fencing connecting Eastbridge Road to Eels Foot Inn. There is a need to provide a safe off-road link between BR19 and the Eels Foot Inn to avoid the very narrow Eastbridge Road which has been identified as hazardous.	£87,000.00
19	Westleton (FP25)	Improve surface condition, signage and accessibility. FP25 is a key connection between Middleton and Eastbridge.	£13,200.00
20	Westleton (FP25)	Create a new public footpath to link the west end of FP25 (Reckford Run) with BR26 - in interest of safety and improved connectivity.	£22,300.00
21	Leiston (FP20)	Improve surface condition, signage and accessibility. FP20 is a key link between the coast and the England Coast Path National Trail, and the inland PROW	£19,800.00

Plan Ref.	Location	Proposals / Rationale	SZC Co. Commitment
		network, RSPB Minsmere, Eastbridge and the Eels Foot Inn.	
22	Westleton (BR22)	Construct ramp and slope from road. BR22 is part of the promoted long distance Sandlings Walk and provides a link between RSPB Minsmere and NT Dunwich Heath and this work will make a section of BR22 accessible to all users.	£9,900.00
23	Dunwich (FP13)	Upgrade section to bridleway. FP13 provides a safe off-road route between NT Dunwich Heath and Dunwich Beach and its upgrade would secure a safe off-road link for cyclists in an area very popular for cycling.	£11,600.00
24	Dunwich (FP13)	Create alternative BR route through woods from gate to Westleton Road. An alternative route to FP13 is sought if upgrading FP13 proves undeliverable.	£26,400.00
25	Westleton (BR16)	Extend Westleton BR16 adjacent to Dunwich Road to RSPB access road. BR16 ends at the Dunwich Road leaving users to continue their journey along the road. The Dunwich Road is very straight with a kink and the straight section encourages fast driving which is hazardous to cyclists and walkers. The objective is to extend BR16 westwards along existing tracks within the Westleton Heath and offer a secure, off-road and safe route for all users. At its western point, BR16 would meet the junction of the Dunwich Road and the access road to RSPB Minsmere.	£47,500.00
26	Wickham Market	Creation of public footpath alongside B1078 as part of the Wickham Market Circular Walk. This is a missing link in the PROW network.	£2,000.00
27	Pakenham (FP1, FP2, FP3)	Improve surface condition and furniture. To mitigate against expected increased use.	£132,000.00

3 LEISTON CYCLING AND WALKING CONTRIBUTION

3.1.1 A sum of £728,185 is committed for five projects, for improvements for walking and cycling, including closure of part of Valley Road to vehicle traffic, and other improvements to provide safe off-road cycle routes and improved pedestrian routes. These are shown in Table 3.1 below. In addition, these have been represented visually on Figure 3 (Appendix A).

3.1.2 On or before Commencement, SZC Co will pay to Suffolk County Council the Leiston Cycling and Walking Contribution for the purpose of the Leiston Walking and Cycling Scheme (Schedule 16, Paragraph 8 of the DoO).

Table 3.1: Leiston Cycling and Walking Contribution project schedule

Plan Ref.	Location	Proposals / Rationale	SZC Co. Commitment
2, 2b	Lover's Lane, Valley Road, Allotments, exiting at Sizewell Road / King George's Avenue	Closure of Valley Road will facilitate safe route from Leiston and the camp site for construction workers. Legacy route for residents and tourists accessing Aldhurst and route onto Suffolk Coast Path to Aldeburgh via new tourist cycle route along the old railway line.	£194,160.00
3	Lover's Lane, Sizewell Road, King George's Avenue, Exiting at Grimsey Road	Joins existing cycle path to Sizewell. Joins new tourist route to Aldeburgh. Joins SZC Co. route along Lovers Lane. Joins route through the Town centre. Safe route into Town and for workers accessing LEIEE. Final section of route provides access for many children and families to the Primary School and recreation ground..	£260,400.00
5, 5b	Grimsey Road, Through town centre, Cross Street, Victory Road, Waterloo Avenue	Main route through town linking east with west, avoiding busy/unsafe routes; Haylings Road, Park Hill and White Horse junction.	£75,250.00

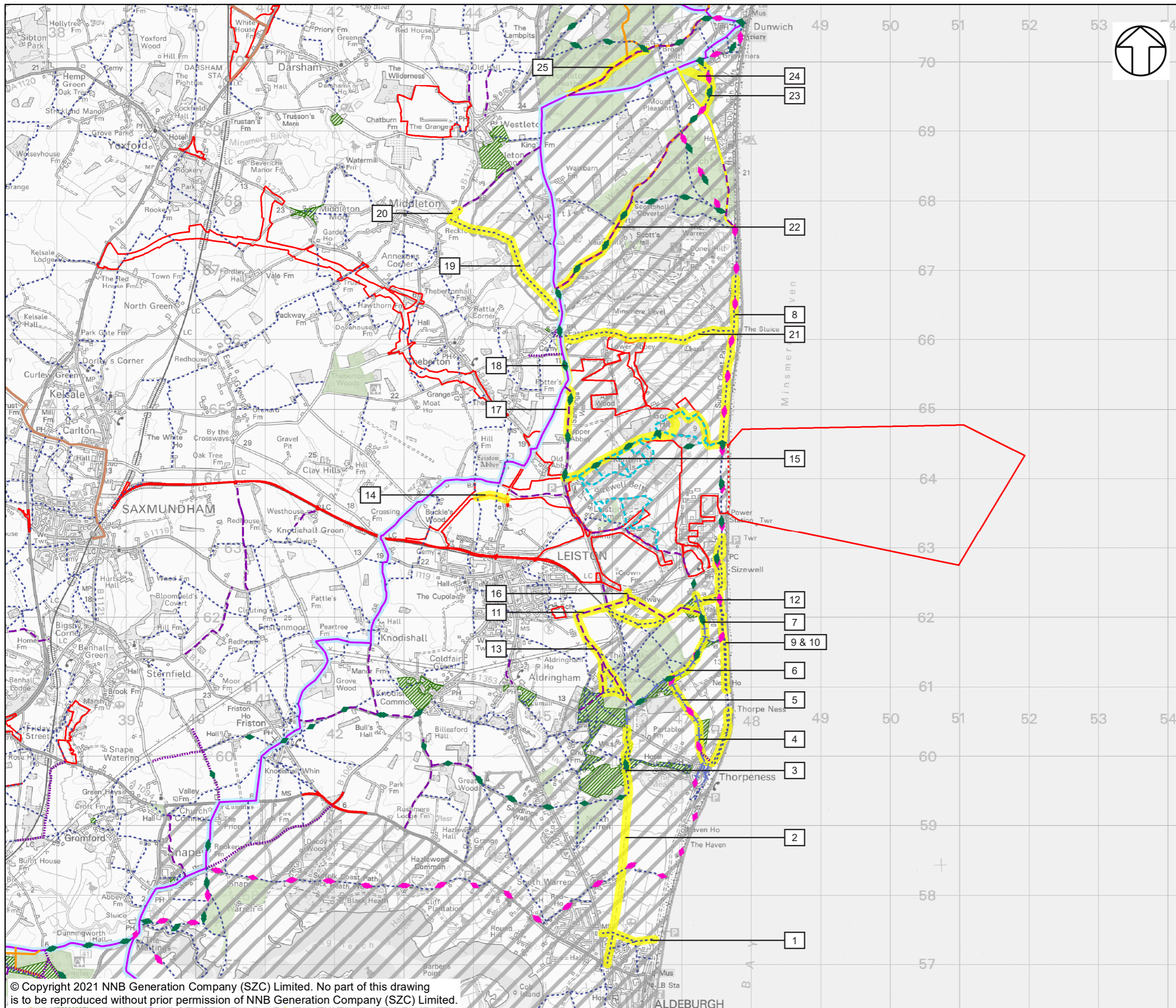
6, 6b	Goldings Lane, Aldeburgh Road, Through town centre to White Horse (Waterloo Avenue / Station Road junction)	Main route through the town from south to north.	£91,425.00
7, 7b, 8	Aldeburgh Road, Seaward Avenue, Sylvester Road	Safe route to travel to Alde Valley Academy (Secondary School) and Avocet Academy (Primary School) avoiding Town centre. Important link for route from south to north of town for workers and residents/tourists.	£106,950.00

APPENDIX A: FIGURES

Figure 1: Public Rights of Way and Access Enhancements

Figure 2: Public Rights of Way and Access Enhancements

Figure 3: Leiston Walking and Cycling Contribution



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- SIZEWELL C MAIN DEVELOPMENT SITE BOUNDARY
- DEMARCATION LINE
- PROW ENHANCEMENT
- AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (AONB)
- REGISTERED COMMON LAND
- OPEN ACCESS LAND
- RECREATIONAL ROUTE: SANDLINGS WALK (LONG DISTANCE WALKING ROUTE)
- RECREATIONAL ROUTE: SUFFOLK COAST PATH (LONG DISTANCE WALKING ROUTE)
- SUSTRANS REGIONAL CYCLE ROUTE (RCR) (31/41/42)
- SUSTRANS LINKS TO NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE (ON-ROAD AND OFF-ROAD)
- SUFFOLK COASTAL CYCLE ROUTE
- OFF ROAD CYCLE ROUTES
- ALTERNATIVE CYCLE ROUTES/SHORT CUTS/DETOURS ON ROAD
- PERMISSIVE PATHS IN EDF ENERGY ESTATE (ADAS)

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY (SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL)

- FOOTPATH
- BYWAY
- BRIDLEWAY
- RESTRICTED BYWAY

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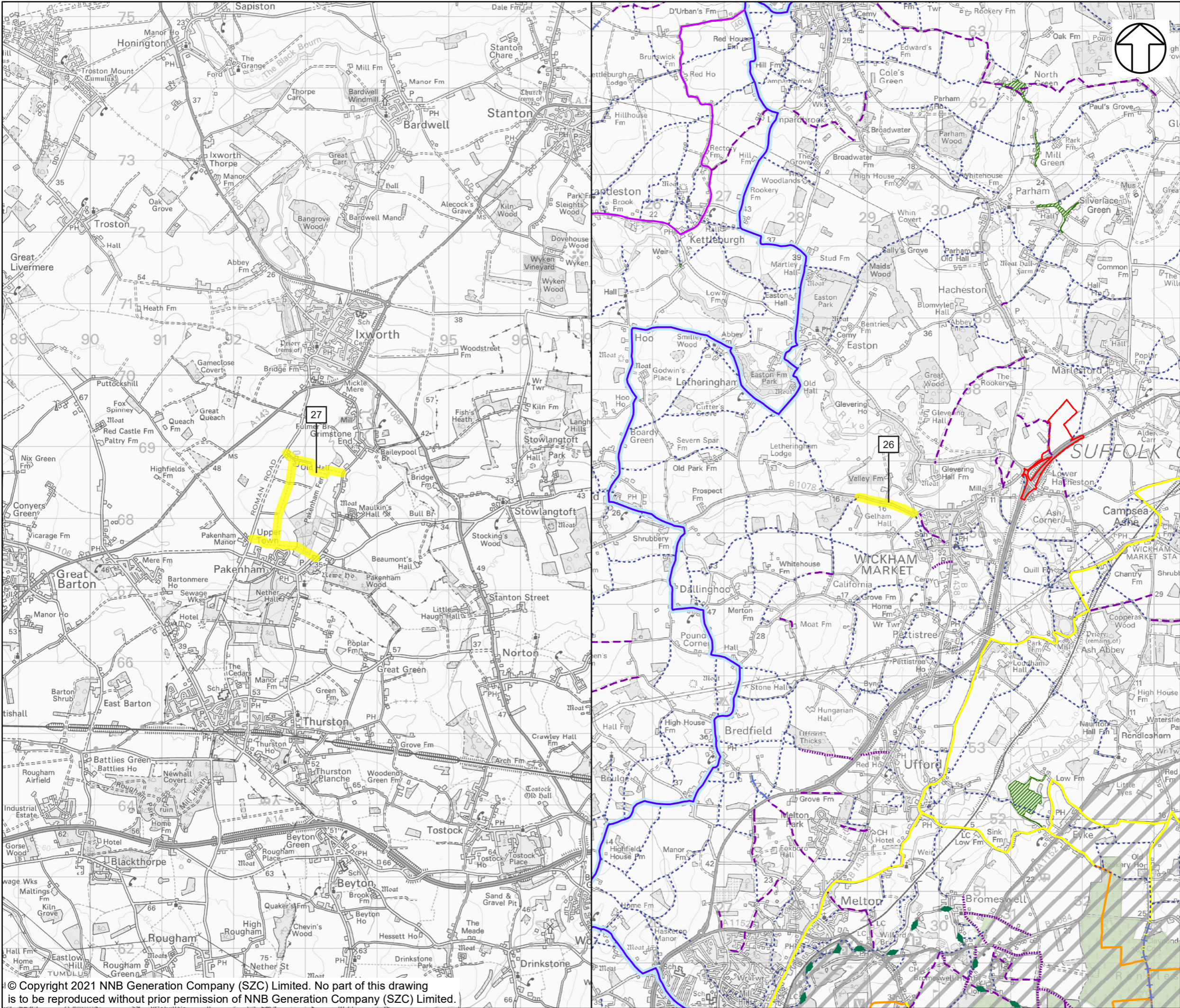
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- PROW ENHANCEMENT
- AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (AONB)
- REGISTERED COMMON LAND
- OPEN ACCESS LAND
- RECREATIONAL ROUTE: SANDLINGS WALK (LONG DISTANCE WALKING ROUTE)
- SUSTRANS NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE (NCR) (1)
- SUSTRANS REGIONAL CYCLE ROUTE (RCR) (40)
- SUFFOLK COASTAL CYCLE ROUTE
- OFF ROAD CYCLE ROUTES
- ALTERNATIVE CYCLE ROUTES/SHORT CUTS/DETOURS ON ROAD

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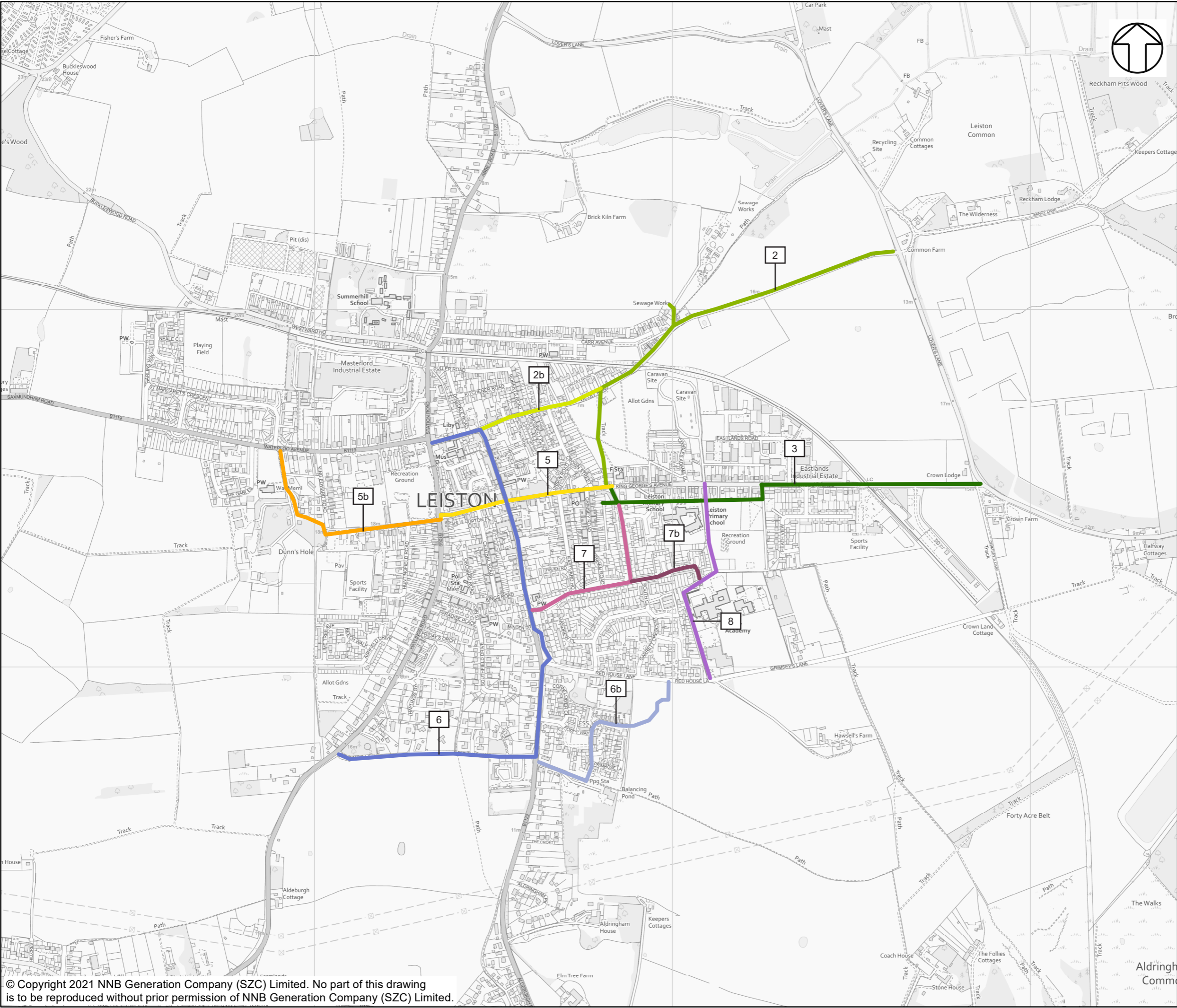
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