

# Sea Link

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## **5. Non-Statutory Consultation Newsletter**





## National Grid Electricity Transmission is consulting on proposals for Sea Link, a new underground and subsea electricity link between the proposed Friston substation in Suffolk and Richborough in Kent.

### The need for reinforcement

The Government's ten point plan for a green industrial revolution, together with the net zero strategy and the British energy security strategy, is driving unprecedented investment into new renewable and low carbon electricity generation. This includes the target of up to 50 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind generation by 2030.

At the same time, electricity demand is set to increase as other sectors of the economy move away from fossil fuels and increasingly rely on renewable and low carbon electricity.

This will put significant pressure on the national electricity transmission system, the network of pylons, substations and cables that takes energy from where it's generated to where it's used. The network needs to be reinforced so that electricity continues to flow securely and reliably around the UK.

National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) is planning several major reinforcement projects needed to meet this challenge; Sea Link is one of those reinforcements.

### Why Suffolk and why Kent?

A growing amount of low carbon and renewable energy generation is scheduled to connect to the network up and down the east coast including Suffolk. Reinforcing the network here is vital if we are to make efficient use of these new sources of power.

The network in the south of England is experiencing a similar increase in generation. Its proximity to the continent makes Kent an ideal location for interconnectors (undersea electricity links to different countries) and several already operate here.

The network needs reinforcing so that in the future there will be sufficient transmission capacity in the region.

Sea Link creates a shortcut between the electricity network in Kent and Suffolk and offers a mutual benefit to both. It will help carry excess wind generation to the interconnectors in Kent and it will carry interconnector imports from Kent onto the East Anglian network and beyond to meet energy demands.

### What is Sea Link?

#### The Sea Link proposal includes:

- two high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter stations (which converts AC to DC, and vice versa), one in Kent and one in Suffolk
- underground and subsea electricity cables between these two stations
- an underground cable connection to the proposed Friston substation in Suffolk
- an underground cable or overhead line connection to the existing Richborough to Canterbury overhead line in Kent.

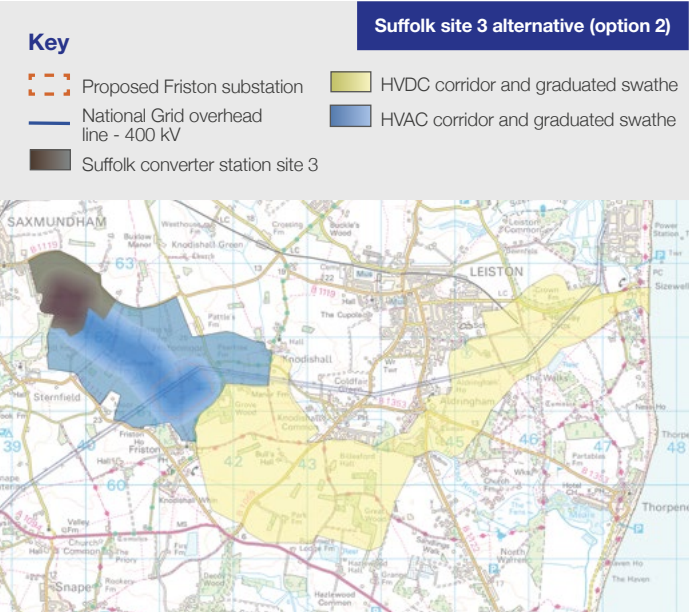
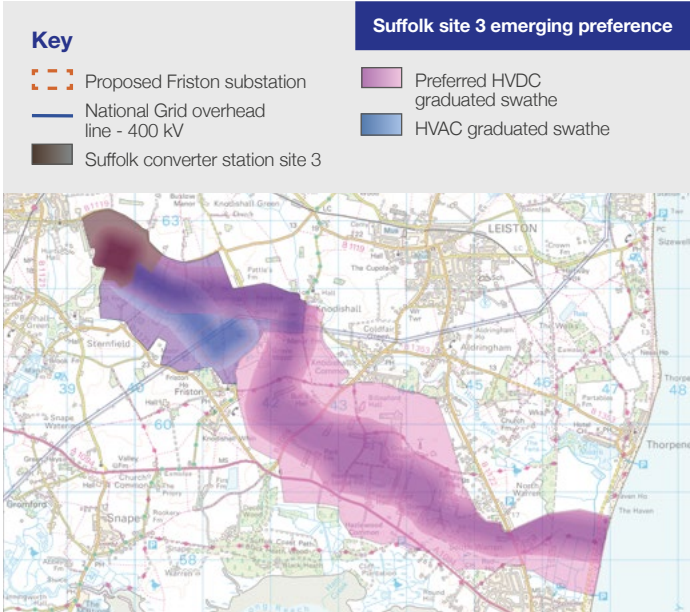
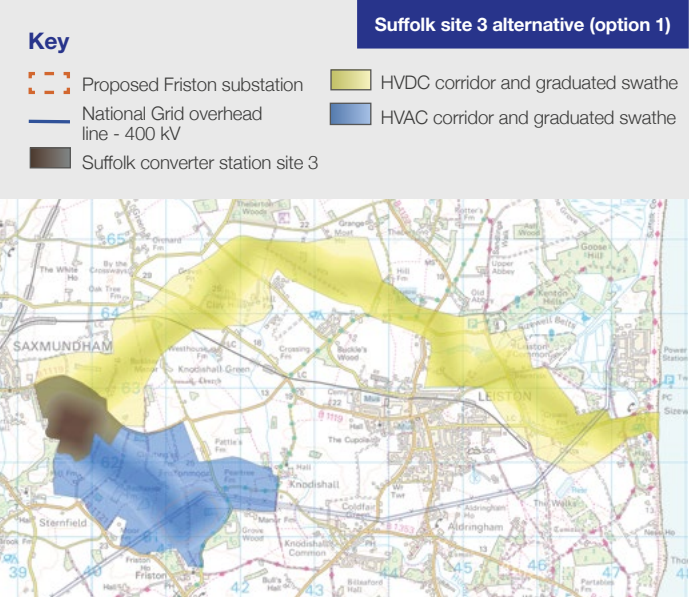
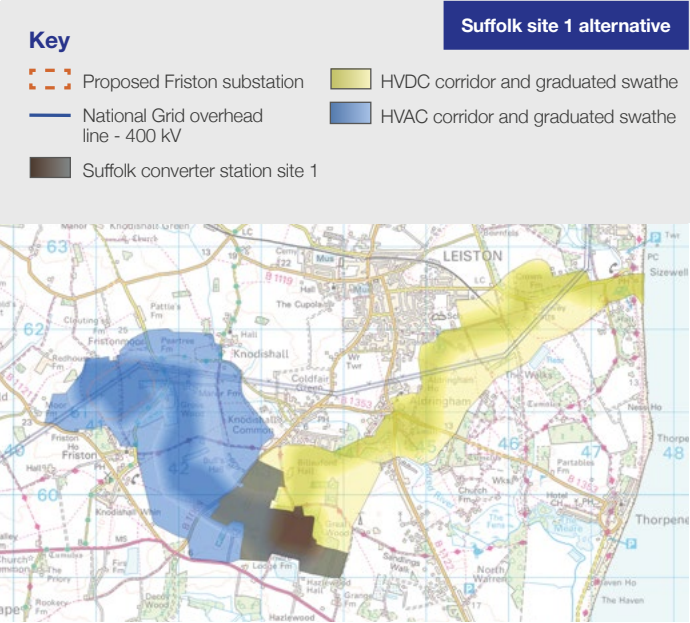
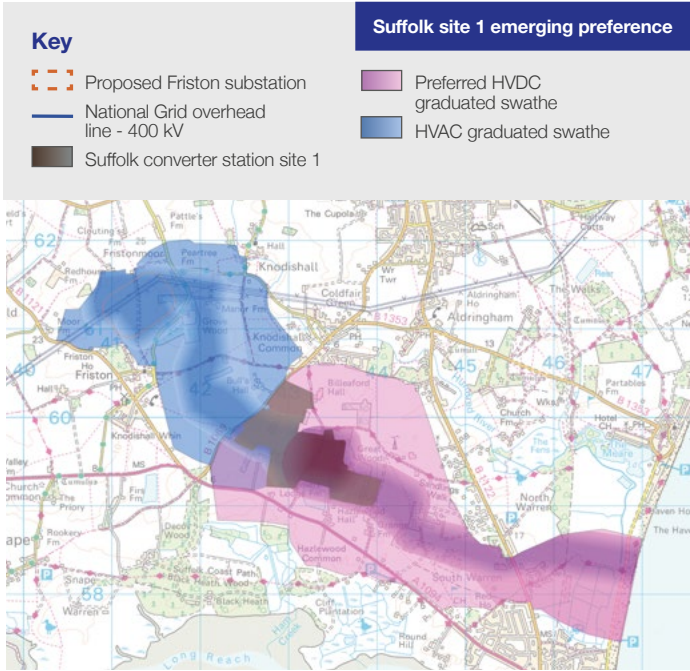


What are the proposals in Suffolk?

In Suffolk we are proposing:

- a 2 GW HVDC converter station
- a high voltage alternating current (HVAC) underground cable connection between the converter station and the proposed Friston substation
- an extension to the proposed Friston substation, typically up to 50 m
- a HVDC underground cable connection between the converter station and a landfall point on the coast, where it transfers to a marine cable.

We are asking for feedback on proposals for where the underground cables and the converter station should go. We have identified five potential cable routes to two potential converter station sites. These are illustrated on maps along with more details on the project in our consultation materials.



Exploring opportunities for coordination

In response to stakeholder feedback, NGET and National Grid Ventures (NGV) are exploring:

- in Suffolk, opportunities to coordinate NGV’s projects, EuroLink and Nautilus, and NGET’s project, Sea Link, including separately consulting on shared: converter station sites; cable route corridors; and landfalls
- opportunities with other developers to minimise the impact of construction on the environment and local communities

- offshore coordination with other developers as part of the Offshore Transmission Network Review

In exploring these opportunities to coordinate, NGV’s Eurolink and NGET’s Sea Link are consulting at the same time. We hope that by sharing our proposals, people feel better informed about how different parts of the infrastructure could fit together and can share their views on each of the projects accordingly.

What are the proposals in Kent?

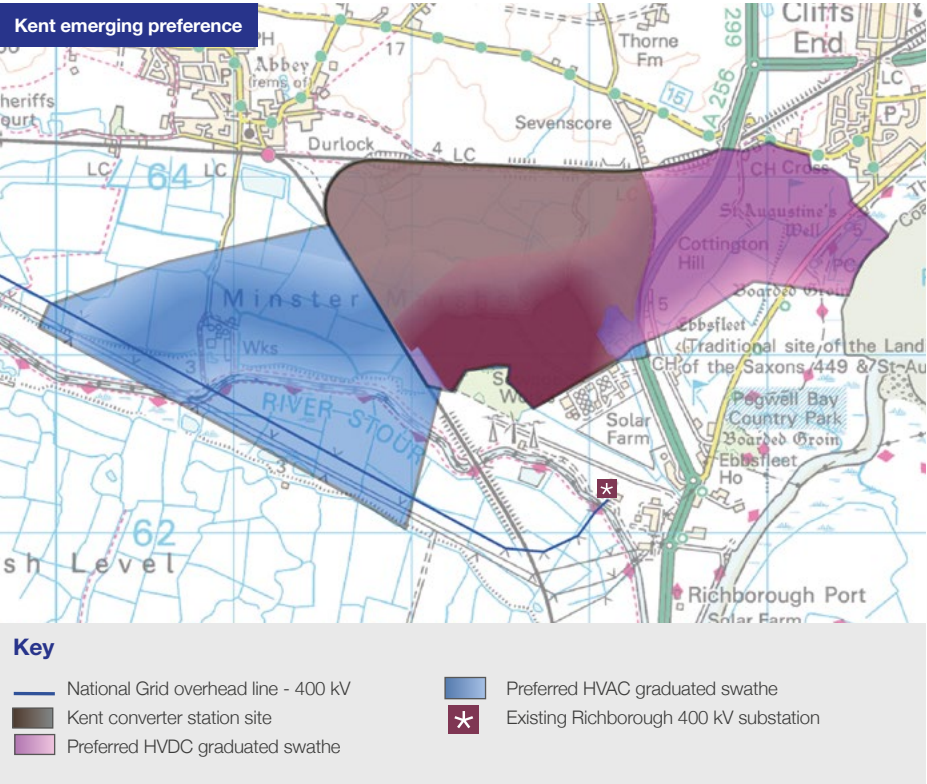
In Kent we are proposing:

- a 2 GW HVDC converter station
- a connection onto the existing Richborough to Canterbury overhead line, which will need to be rewired
- a HVAC underground cable connection, overhead line or a combination of both to connect the

converter station to the Richborough to Canterbury overhead line

- a HVDC underground cable connection between the converter station and a landfall point on the coast at Pegwell Bay, where it transfers to a marine cable.

We have identified an emerging preference for the location of the underground cables and the converter station, we are asking for feedback on these proposals.



Our public consultation: 24 October – 18 December 2022

We want to ensure that people interested in the proposals have an opportunity to understand it and give us their views. All feedback will be carefully considered. We will hold a second round of public consultation in 2023 before we finalise the plans.

We have arranged a programme of face-to-face events and webinars, details of which are in this newsletter. You can also visit our website or call a member of the team for more details.

Sea Link is a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP). This means that we are required to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate, which we aim to do in 2024. They in turn will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for a final decision.

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What are the proposals offshore?

We are proposing a marine corridor route that is approximately 130 km in length. We have identified emerging preferences for landfall in Kent and Suffolk, as well as an alternative landfall option in Suffolk.

The routes we are proposing have been designed to minimise interactions with designated environmental sites and other offshore infrastructure, such as wind farms and other cables. The exact alignments of the cables will be further informed by additional marine surveys.



## Public consultation events

Our programme of in-person events and online webinars will provide you with the opportunity to find out more about the proposals and offer your feedback. Please find the full list of events and webinars below.

Date	Time	Location
<b>Suffolk</b>		
Thursday 10 November	1pm – 8pm	Old Generator Station, King's Field, Aldeburgh, IP15 5HY
Friday 11 November	1pm – 8pm	Friston Village Hall, Church Road, Friston, Saxmundham, IP17 1PU
Saturday 12 November	10am – 5pm	Fromus Centre, The Saxmundham Hub, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL
<b>Kent</b>		
Thursday 17 November	9am – 4pm	Guildhall, Cattle Market, Sandwich, CT13 9AH
Friday 18 November	1pm – 8pm	Newington Community Centre, Princess Margaret Avenue, Ramsgate, CT12 6HX
Saturday 19 November	10am – 5pm	Cliffsend Village Hall, 55 Foads Lane, Cliffsend, Ramsgate, CT12 5JH
<b>Webinars</b>		
Tuesday 22 November	6pm – 7pm	Our proposals in Suffolk
Tuesday 23 November	6pm – 7pm	Our proposals in Kent
Thursday 24 November	6pm – 7pm	Marine route proposals
Tuesday 29 November	6pm – 7pm	Our proposals in Suffolk
Wednesday 30 November	6pm – 7pm	Our proposals in Kent
Thursday 1 December	6pm – 7pm	Marine route proposals

## Have your say

Our consultation runs from 24 October 2022 to 18 December 2022.

Consultation documents will be available online. Additionally, we will place paper copies of our consultation documents at publicly accessible locations along the route of our proposals, known as deposit points. Details of these locations can be found online, or by calling the team.

To find out more information on Sea Link and provide your feedback on the project, you can contact us using any of the following methods:

### Complete a feedback form

Paper copies of our feedback forms can be collected from any of the deposit points. You can also download and print a copy of the feedback form from our website. Alternatively, please get in touch and we will post one to you.

### Send us a letter

Please send a letter / or completed feedback form to FREEPOST SEA LINK (no stamp or further address details are required).

### Email us

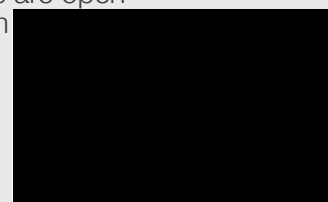
If you prefer to send us your comments via email, you can send them to [contact@sealink.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@sealink.nationalgrid.com)

### Call us

Freephone 0808 134 9569 (lines are open Monday to Friday 9am – 5.30pm)

### Visit our website

[nationalgrid.com/sealink](https://nationalgrid.com/sealink)



## **6. Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Forms (Suffolk and Kent)**



# Sea Link

Consultation feedback form

Kent

October 2022



## We are seeking your views on our work to date.

The feedback we receive at this consultation will help with the development of detailed proposals. We will then present our updated proposals at a future round of public consultation. This will include a summary of how your feedback has helped to influence the design of the project.

We have published a set of consultation documents, that will provide you with information to help inform your feedback response, including:

- project background document
- corridor and preliminary routeing and siting study.

The deadline for submitting your response to our consultation is on **Sunday 18 December 2022**.

How to provide your feedback:

- complete and return a feedback form at a consultation event
- complete a feedback form online at [nationalgrid.com/sealink](https://nationalgrid.com/sealink)
- email us your completed feedback form at [contact@sealink.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@sealink.nationalgrid.com)
- return this feedback form, free of charge in the freepost envelope provided or by writing to Freepost SEA LINK.

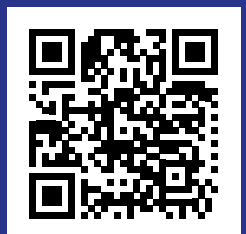
## Contact us

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**0808 134 9569** - call us to request paper copies of the materials

You may also leave feedback via our website [nationalgrid.com/sealink](https://nationalgrid.com/sealink)





# How to provide your feedback

You are welcome to answer all or only some of the questions in this feedback form, depending on the issues that are most important to you. We'd like to know if there are any other issues you think are important that we should consider and, importantly, why.

All feedback received before the deadline will be considered as we develop our proposals further. As part of our future application for development

consent, we will produce a consultation report that sets out the feedback received and how we have taken it into account.

So that we can make the most of your thoughts and feedback, please give as much detail as possible in your response. If you need additional space please use extra paper, clearly marking which question you are responding to.

## Data privacy statement

National Grid is committed to protecting your personal information. Whenever you provide such information, we are legally obliged to use it in line with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

### How will National Grid use the information we collect about you?

We will use your personal data collected via this consultation for a number of purposes, these are:

- to analyse your feedback to the consultation
- to produce a Consultation Report, based on our analysis of feedback (individuals will not be identified in the report)
- to keep up-to-date records of our communications with individuals and organisations
- with your consent we will write to you with updates about the Sea Link project. Please note you can withdraw your consent by contacting us at any time.
- we need to keep records of our communications with individuals and organisations during development of the project. These are kept no longer than necessary and in line with our retention periods.

Any personal information you include in this form will be processed by (or made available to) the following recipients to record, analyse and report on the feedback we receive:

- the Planning Inspectorate (which will consider our application for consent to build Sea Link – any details published as part of this process will be anonymised)
- our appointed external consultants working on Sea Link.

### What rights do I have over my personal data?

Under the terms of the UK GDPR you have certain rights over how your personal data is retained and used by National Grid. For more information, see our full data privacy statement at [nationalgrid.com/privacy-policy](https://nationalgrid.com/privacy-policy).





# Sea Link proposals in Kent

1.

As we develop, refine and narrow down our proposals for a converter station site, do you have any views or local knowledge you would like us to take into account?

(please be as specific as possible in your response)

Add your comments here:

2.

As we develop, refine and narrow down our proposals do you have any views or local knowledge that you would like us to take into account about the cable corridors?

(please be as specific as possible in your response)

Add your comments here:

3.

As we develop, refine and narrow down our proposals do you have any views or local knowledge that you would like us to take into account about the landfall at Pegwell Bay?

(please be as specific as possible in your response)

Add your comments here:

4.

The electrical connection between the converter station site and the existing Richborough to Canterbury overhead line will either be an overhead line connection or an underground cable connection.

(please tick your preference and explain why)

☐ Overhead line

☐ Underground cable

☐ Unsure

Add your comments here:

## Sea Link marine proposal

Our proposed marine cable route is made up of three separate marine corridors:

- Suffolk marine corridor – which includes both an emerging preference and alternative marine corridor
- central marine corridor
- Kent marine corridor.



5. As we develop, refine and narrow down our marine proposals do you have any views or local information that you would like us to take into account?

(please be as specific as possible in your response)

Suffolk marine corridor

1. Emerging preference
2. Alternative

Please tick your preference and explain why

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ Unsure

Add your comments here:

Central marine corridor

Add your comments here:

Kent marine corridor

Add your comments here:

6. Additional comments

Do you have any other comments about our proposals that you have not already mentioned?

Add your comments here:



About you

Your details

We would be grateful if you could please provide your details so that the location and age range of respondents can be captured as part of our consultation.

☐ Please tick here if you would like us to use your contact details to keep you updated about our proposals

Age group (please tick):

☐ Under the age of 13\*

☐ 13-17      ☐ 18-24      ☐ 25-34

☐ 35-44      ☐ 45-54      ☐ 55-64

☐ 65-74      ☐ 75-84      ☐ 85+

\* under UK GDPR parental consent must be sought for anyone under the age of 13

Your contact details

We will only use these details to contact you and update you on the proposals. You don't have to fill in this section if you'd rather we didn't contact you.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

7. In what capacity are you responding to the consultation?

- ☐ Local resident
- ☐ Local supplier/contractor
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Affected landowner or occupier
- ☐ Community representative
- ☐ Prescribed consultee
- ☐ Local organisation  
(Name of organisation: \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Why do you have a particular interest in this/these section(s) of the proposed route?

Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ I live in the local area
- ☐ I work in the local area
- ☐ I have friends and family who live in the local area
- ☐ I regularly travel in the local area
- ☐ I use this area recreationally
- ☐ Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

PIL reference (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

How are we doing?

Please let us know your views on the quality of our consultation materials, the accessibility of our consultation, how we have notified people about our proposals, and anything else related to this consultation.

9. Please let us know how you heard about this consultation by ticking one or more of the following boxes:

☐ Informed by a local representative

☐ Saw social media coverage

☐ Received a letter from National Grid

☐ Saw coverage in local and/or national media

☐ Received a leaflet from National Grid

☐ Word of mouth

☐ Received an email from National Grid

☐ Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Received information from a local authority

☐ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Saw an advert in the local and/or national media
10. Please rate the information included as part of this consultation in terms of how clearly it was presented and how easy it was to understand:

☐ Very good    ☐ Good    ☐ Average    ☐ Poor    ☐ Very Poor    ☐ Unsure
11. Please rate how well this consultation was promoted and advertised to the public:

☐ Very good    ☐ Good    ☐ Average    ☐ Poor    ☐ Very Poor    ☐ Unsure
12. Which consultation documents have you viewed during the consultation process?

Please tick all that apply.

☐ Project background document

☐ Corridor and preliminary routeing and siting study

☐ Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Inclusion and diversity

National Grid would be grateful if you could answer the following inclusion and diversity questions. We will use the information we receive to help understand whether our consultation has been useful to people of different backgrounds and requirements.

We may publish a summary of the results, but no information about an individual would be revealed. The answers you provide to these questions are defined as ‘special category data’. If you agree to provide Inclusion and Diversity Information, you can withdraw your permission at any time. To withdraw your details, please contact us via email at **contact@sealink.nationalgrid.com** or Freephone **0808 134 9569**.

13. What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to say

14. Do you consider yourself a person with a disability?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

15. How would you describe your ethnic background?

- ☐ White English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British

☐ Bangladeshi
- ☐ Irish

☐ Chinese
- ☐ Gypsy or Irish Traveller

☐ Any other Asian background
- ☐ Any other White background

☐ Black, African, Caribbean or Black British
- ☐ Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups

☐ African
- ☐ White and Black Caribbean

☐ Caribbean
- ☐ White and Black African

☐ Any other Black, African or Caribbean background (please state)
- ☐ White and Asian

☐ Arab
- ☐ Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background (please state)

☐ Any other ethnic group (please state)
- ☐ Asian or Asian British

☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Indian or Pakistani

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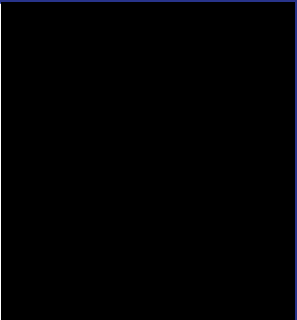
## Contact us

If you have any difficulties completing this feedback form or accessing the consultation documents, or require the documents in an alternative format, please contact the project team via the contact details.

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## **7. Non-Statutory Consultation Webpage Announcement**



Sea Link

Home > Network and Infrastructure > Infrastructure projects – delivering a greener future

As part of the UK’s climate commitments, the Government has set ambitious targets to deliver up to 50 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind by 2030, have the UK powered entirely by clean electricity, subject to security of supply, by 2035 on the way to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The UK electricity industry is evolving at pace to help lead the way in meeting the climate challenge, whilst also creating a secure energy supply based on renewable and low carbon technologies.

The demands on the electricity network are set to grow as other sectors of the economy diversify their energy consumption from using fossil fuels towards cleaner forms, the move towards electric vehicles being just one example.

Where we’re getting our power from is changing and we need to change too. The new sources of renewable and low-carbon energy are located along the coastline. We need to reinforce existing transmission network and build new electricity infrastructure in these areas in order to transport the power to where it’s needed. This is the case along the whole of the East Coast including Suffolk and Kent.

To allow this increase in energy generation, we need to reinforce the electricity transmission system. Sea Link helps to reinforce the electricity network across Suffolk and Kent.

Our proposals include building an offshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) link between Suffolk and Kent with onshore converter stations and connections back to the national electricity transmission system.

Our public consultation

The Sea Link project will seek to obtain a development consent order (DCO) under procedures governed by the Planning Act 2008.

We will submit an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate, who will assess it and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will decide on whether a DCO should be granted for the project.

We want to ensure that all stakeholders, including local communities, are engaged in the development of our proposals and have the opportunity to comment on these proposals at key decision making points.

Take part in our public consultation

From Monday 24 October until Sunday 18 December, we are holding our first stage of public consultation. Our consultation will introduce the project, explain why additional capability is needed on this part of the network, outline the process that we have been through so far to present our preferred route corridor and gather public feedback.

We are holding a range of online and in-person consultation events, and this is your opportunity to comment on our proposals at an early stage of the project development.

It is important that we hear the views of local people. Knowing what matters to you, matters to us, so that we can take it into account, where possible, as we develop our plans. Please therefore take time to give us your **feedback on these proposals**.



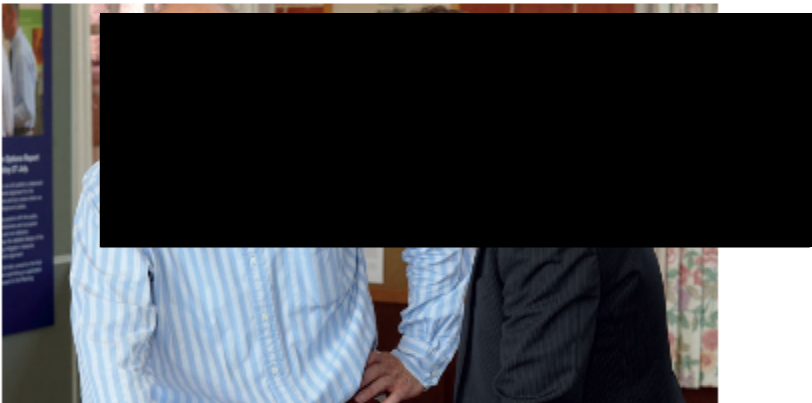
About Sea Link

Why the project is needed



Need for Sea Link

Find out more about the need for reinforcement



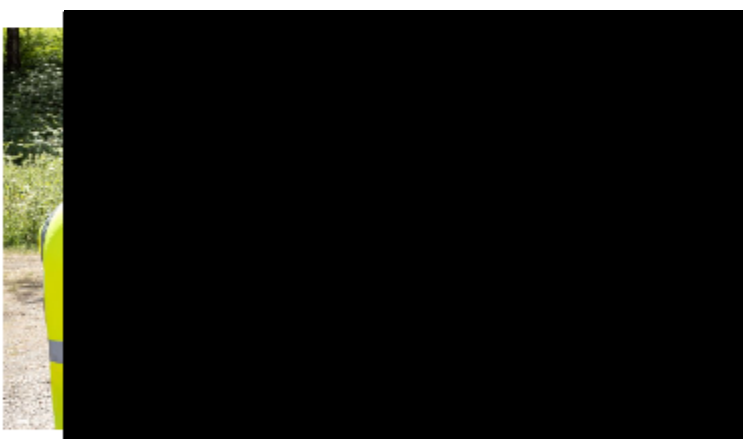
Consultation and next steps

Register to receive updates about the Sea Link project



Document library

View all consultation documents and materials for Sea Link



Frequently asked questions

Find answers to our most asked questions



Have your say

Register to receive updates about the Sea Link project

Contact us

Please get in touch if you have any questions or comments on the Sea Link development.

Call our Community Helpline: 0808 134 9569 (Lines are open Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:30pm)

Email us: contact@sealink.nationalgrid.com

Write to us: Freepost SEA LINK (No stamp or further address details are required)



## **8. Non-Statutory Consultation Social Media Campaign**



**National Grid UK**

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The world we live in is changing

As we move into a cleaner, greener future, our electricity transmission network needs updating. Our proposed Sea Link project would see a new subsea electricity cable between Suffolk and Kent

Visit our website to find out more about what this would mean for Kent and make your voice heard



About this ad

# Have your say

On the Sea Link project proposal

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**Find out more about Sea Link**

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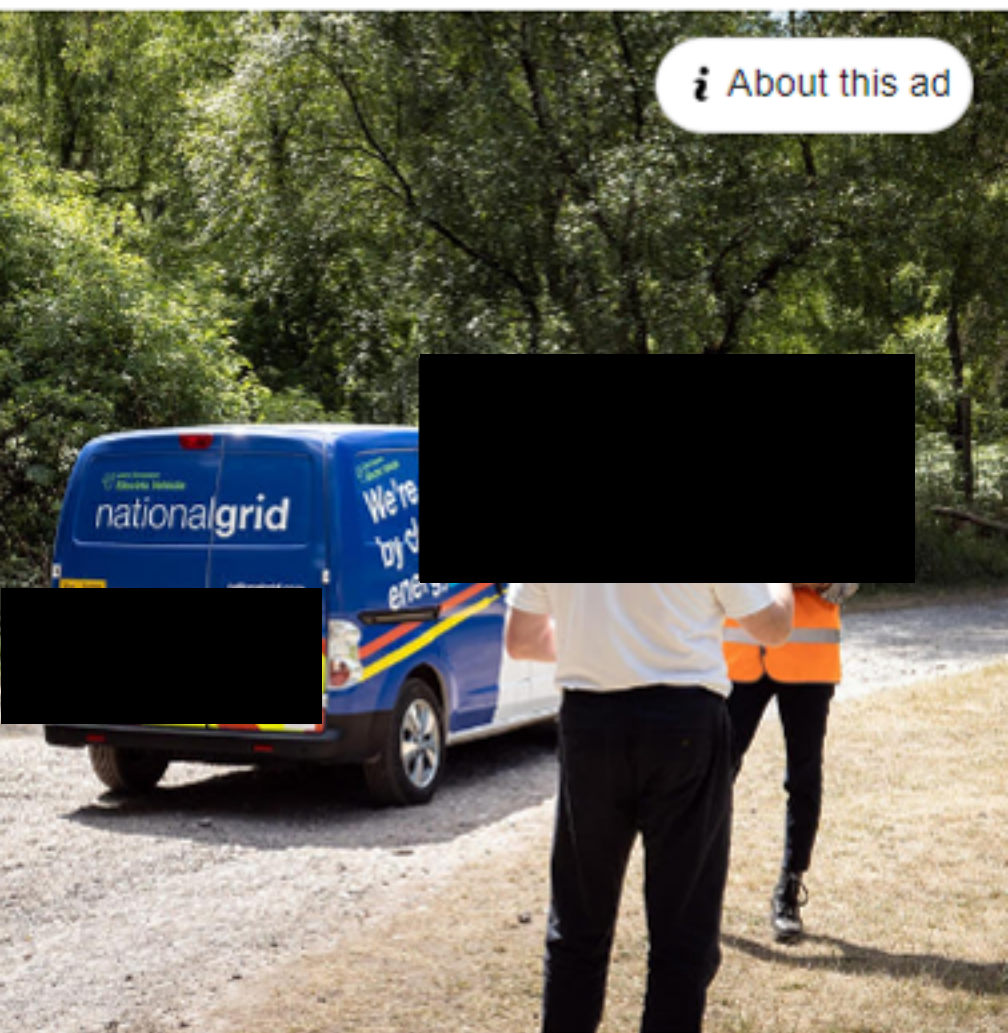
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Listening to our community gives valuable feedback and insight, as we develop our proposals for the Sea Link and EuroLink projects.

Click the link below to learn about our projects proposed in your area and how you can give feedback

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**Learn more**










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Don't miss your chance to have your say on our proposals for Sea Link and EuroLink  

 Your feedback will help refine our plans as our infrastructure projects develop

Visit our website now, to learn more about both projects  

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**Give your opinion – find out how on our website**

**Contact Us**



# Have your say

On the Sea Link and  
EuroLink proposals

Learn more



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We want your opinion about our two proposed projects in your area, SeaLink and EuroLink 💡



To achieve the UK's net zero target, we're working to connect more clean energy to the grid, powering homes and businesses across Suffolk and beyond



Click the link below for more information about the Sea Link and EuroLink projects, and how to provide feedback to both public consultations 📄👉

## **9. Non-Statutory Consultation Advertising Report**



# National Grid

Half Page Print Campaign

November 2022

# Anglian Daily Times inc Ipswich Star

- Ad published: 3<sup>rd</sup> November, page 18
- Circulation: 11,346

**EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES**  
Since 1874  
Thursday, November 3, 2022

**Ed's secret Suffolk video shoot**  
Page 6

**Drivers will not get away with it now!**  
New cameras to crack down on rule breakers

**nationalgrid Sea Link**

**Hollywood stars' Suffolk film release**

**The Bacton Bears**  
Something to treasure

**Little Bunny Floral**  
£20.90

**Coco Cat**  
£25.00

**Storn Gintley Bear**  
£25.00

**Apollo Owl**  
£27.90

Visit or buy online at [bactonbears.co.uk](http://bactonbears.co.uk)

**News**  
**New lease of life for historic seafront ice cream stall site**

**DOMINIC BARKER**  
The historic site of a long-standing Suffolk ice cream stall, which had stood empty for a number of years, has now returned to life following the installation of a new kiosk.

A team working on the new facility, a modernised and extended version of the original kiosk, is now in place. The new kiosk, which has been built by the Council, is a modernised and extended version of the original kiosk, which has been built by the Council. The new kiosk, which has been built by the Council, is a modernised and extended version of the original kiosk, which has been built by the Council.

**Public events**

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 10 November 2022	10am - 4pm	100 Garden Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 3JG
Friday 11 November 2022	10am - 4pm	100 Garden Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 3JG
Saturday 12 November 2022	10am - 4pm	100 Garden Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 3JG

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Saturday 12 November 2022	10am - 4pm	100 Garden Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 3JG

**Public events**

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Council sites could be the next two former schools library at Attleborough, the former Fakenham College site and former schools in Thetford and Hethersett.

Greg Peck, left, the council's cabinet member for commercial services and asset management, has previously said the council's economic "well-being" was dependent on the "regeneration" of assets the council no longer needs.

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# IPFPA: ‘More fisheries inspectors in Ireland than France and Spain combined’

The Irish Fish Producers' Exporters' Association (IFPEA) says the number of IFPEA inspectors posted to Ireland has more fisheries officers there than France and Spain put together, reports **Peter Scott**.

**IPFPA COO** Brendan Byrne said the data from the EU of IPFCA inspectors shows that Ireland has 241 Sea Fisheries Protection Authority officers, compared to France with 105 officers and Spain with 105.

"On a recent trip to the EU institutions, the EU authorities there made us to point out that Ireland has the highest size of inspectors in all of Europe. In fact Ireland, I was told, has as many inspectors as France and Spain combined in the world's largest fish catching nation by sea inspection area, Ireland has 241 Sea Fisheries Protection Authority officers, compared to Belgium, Portugal, Netherlands and Denmark combined," said Brendan Byrne.

"I challenged the validity of our claim and they told me believe what I was saying and I was duly dismissed with

the list of Union Inspectors pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 224/2009. It was the publication of 17 January last, so I need tonight to be the most recent data available."

Brendan Byrne said that although harmonised control is a central theme of the CPD and sustainability and conservation of stock is supported, a closer look was needed to assess "what is really going on".

"Ireland within their own seven catch areas approximately 15% to 19% of the fish caught within the Irish EEZ. In other words, it is other member states that catch 81% of the fish stocks in the region or 89% of the fish stocks in the Celtic Sea."

"The Irish fish processing sector has been hit hard since the recent EUREGIOSTAT figures, over €622m, while the French sector is worth €4,827bn, Spain €5,630m, Germany €4,200m, Portugal €1,354bn, Netherlands €1,294bn and Belgium

€961m, which is only 67km of coastline, equal in length to Co Wick's coastline."

"No need to ask for a comprehensive analysis of the fishing capacity in reality to number of inspectors in the different member states at the moment in Ireland. Let's look at Belgium's processing activity of 90m tonne & 4 inspectors – that is equal to one inspector to process one tonne of processing activity in that member state."

"Ireland has one fishery industry representing 0.22m of fishing activity generated." He said that from a political perspective, the entire Irish fishing industry requires the immediate reversal of the political impasse, which would mean the removal of people employed given to the industry before it reaches a recovery over the next decade.

He added that while the industry has given in the majority of other member states, it is time to change "we will be the last generation, equal in size to our near west".

## Scott West Coast Regional Indus­try Fisheries Group chairman Simon Macdonald says it is 'disgusted' that the MCA is carrying out a consultation to extend the use of the British Summer 20, October/ British Summer's 2nd period for fish(er)s."

The card proves the holder is a reporter. Timming they can have shore access and access to medical care facilities, also assists when travelling.

"I'm surprised it hasn't been brought earlier – the industry is very concerned about rescheduling of crew," he said. "It is just a matter of a few days now."

"They used to call it the Blue Book Licence, it's recognised in management terms."

countries, and it's virtually make life a lot easier if you get them.

Crewing is a big issue now, with concerns over training issues and the difficulties of employing crew from the EU after Brexit, and it's open the door for us to get our fleet offside."

"Reading the consultation document, I'm quietly optimistic it may well be the way forward, because something is desperately needed. Every little helps – any restriction on the number of crews on boats is yet another restriction on the fishing industry. The industry is just being squeezed on cost and on availability of crew – the whole thing is being bit at both sides now."

The consultation can be accessed directly via the link below. Responses can be made until 28 November.

## Interim chair for Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority

The Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority (NIFA) has appointed its interim chair for the previous board member Alan McKenna to the position of interim chair.

Mr McKenna is the position of interim chair, improvement, arrangement is expected to last for around nine months, while a public appointment process is undertaken to fill the

vacancy, following the resignation of the previous chair Robert Brown.

NIFA has responsibility for the improvement, management and maintenance of Northern Ireland's three main fishing harbours, Carrickfergus, Killybeggs and Portlough.

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## GEORGIAN PROPERTY DESTROYED

# Shock as historic home gutted by fire

By Sean Axtell  
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A historic Georgian home went up in "flames and explosions" on bonfire night.

Julian Thatcher was abroad when he received messages on Sunday morning showing his property in Ash, near Canterbury, gutted by fire.

A neighbour told how she banged on doors as flames metres high engulfed the house, known as Rose Hill, which is understood to have been occupied by intruders.

Five fire engines and a height vehicle attended the blaze at the derelict building shortly before 2am.

Crews fought the fire using main jets, hose reel jets and water from hydrants.

Mr Thatcher, who does not live at the property in The Street, believes a "rogue firework" or "unlucky car" may have caused the building's destruction.

He said: "I imagine there will be an investigation into how the fire was caused and I think there must have been some kind of human intervention."

"It was bonfire night so it could have been a rogue firework, arson or an accident where people were behaving with undue care."

"It was upsetting seeing those images and I feel really sorry for the neighbours who witnessed the house burn down."

"At the moment we're on a family holiday in the Canary Islands and woke up to various upsetting messages from people telling me what happened."

Mr Thatcher told how the property has been plagued by intrusions and internal damage after having stood empty.

And he described how, a year ago, a mysterious fire was discovered in a barn on the building's one acre of land.

"It was originally my grandparents' home and, after various life events, the house was left empty for years and years - my wife and I eventually bought it."

"But during that time there have been multiple intrusions by multiple intruders, with the police called on various occasions," he explained.

"There was an incident about a year ago where it seemed the barn was almost set on fire."

"Over the years intruders got inside the house and destroyed the interior - they left it looking like a bomb had gone off."

As smoke billowed, the fire tore through the home, with various neighbours calling the emergency services.

Corys Stone, who lives nearby and dashed off to neighbours' doors after seeing the house she has walked past for years succumb to the flames in minutes.

She said: "When I first arrived the fire was large, but it seemed to be mostly on the ground floor - I really hoped that we had got there in time for the building to be saved."

"But in a matter of five minutes, it had spread and engulfed the whole house, the roof was collapsing."

Ms Stone continued: "The fire was pretty loud and there was consistent rumbling of the flames."


"The part that shocked me was all the exploding sounds coming from within the grounds, they were so loud, sounding like herd scares."

Ms Stone said she was alerted to the inferno after smelling burning and, when she went outside, the "road was covered in smoke."

"Once I got there the fire department was immediately called, and I proceeded to knock on all the neighbours' doors to alert them of the danger," she said.

"I was in a state of shock, and my priority at the time was making sure everyone in the proximity was safe."

"There were no reported injuries and the cause is not yet known."

Rose Hill in Ash, after the fire

Picture: Kate Russell

The building went up in flames

Picture: Corys Stone

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## Taco Bell set to open new branch

MEXICAN FAST FOOD RESTAURANT IS COMING TO TONBRIDGE

By SAM HONEY  
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A BRAND new Taco Bell restaurant is coming to West Kent. The next branch of the Mexican-inspired fast food chain to arrive in the Garden of England will set up shop in Tonbridge.

This latest expansion will find a home on the town's High Street, occupying units 12b-14. Previously, this spot was occupied by a McDonald's branch which has since permanently closed.

A job notice has also been listed on employment website Indeed, advertising the need for team members for this new restaurant.

The position has also been marked as 'urgently needed'.

Currently, it is not yet known when the new branch is set to open its doors to the public.

Kent has seen a number of Taco Bell restaurants pop up around the county recently, with a new branch having just opened in Folkestone.

The Folkestone branch celebrated its arrival by giving away free tacos to the first 100 customers when it opened on November 2.

Taco Bell restaurants currently operate in Chatham, Dartford, Dover, Folkestone and Maidstone.

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### Local competition adds spice to this year's Asian Curry Awards

FIVE curry houses in the county, all of them in the West Kent area, have been named among the best in the country.

The shortlist for the Asian Curry Awards 2022 has been revealed. There will now be an online public vote before judges pay the sites a visit to determine the eventual winners. There will then be an awards ceremony hosted at London's Grosvenor House on November 20, which will be sponsored by Just Eat.

Shampani At The Spinning Wheel in Westerham and The Rajdani in West Kingsdown - which was a winner last year - are on the shortlist, as are The Cinnamon Square in Hildenborough, Indira in Tonbridge and Turmeric Gold in Tudeley.

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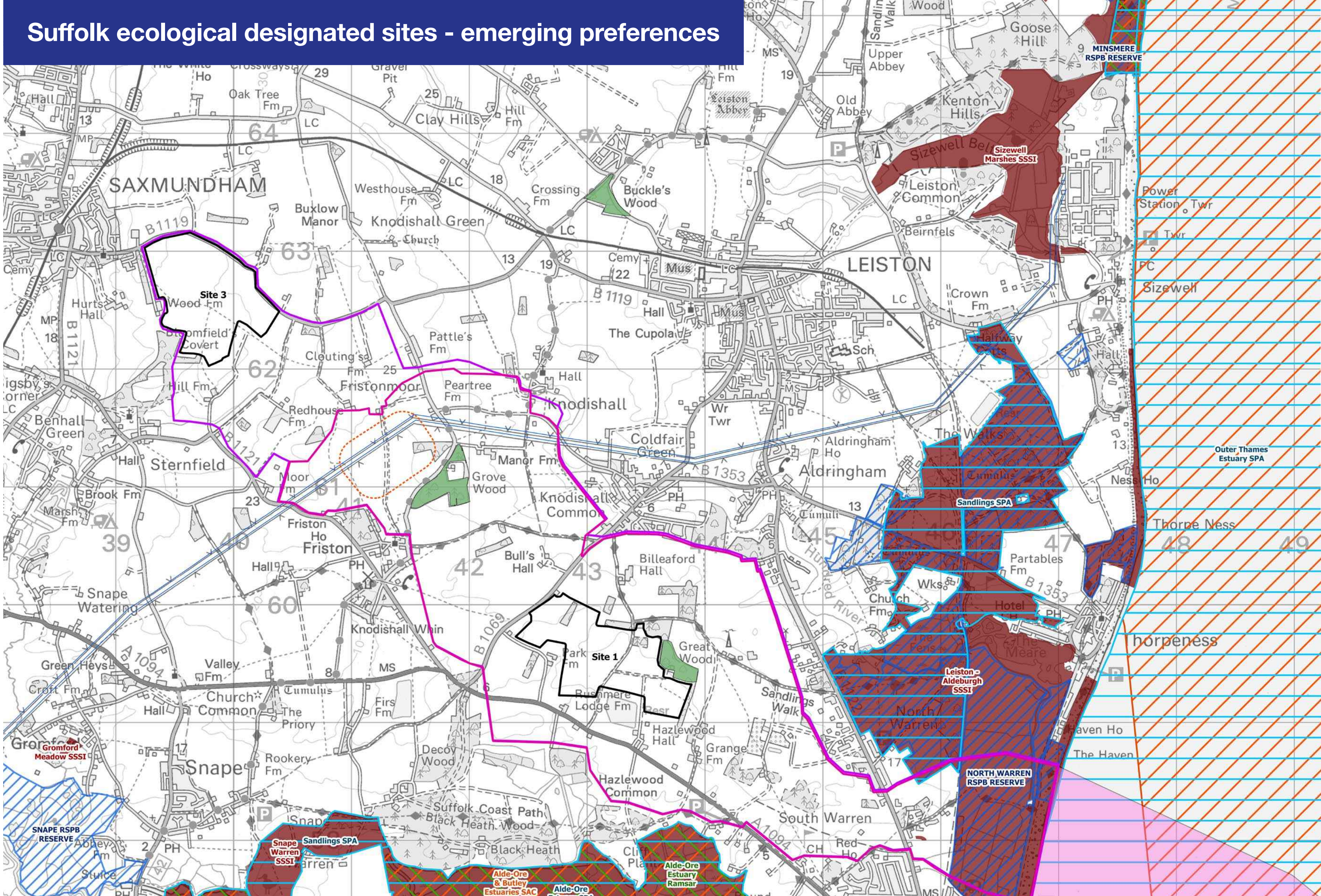
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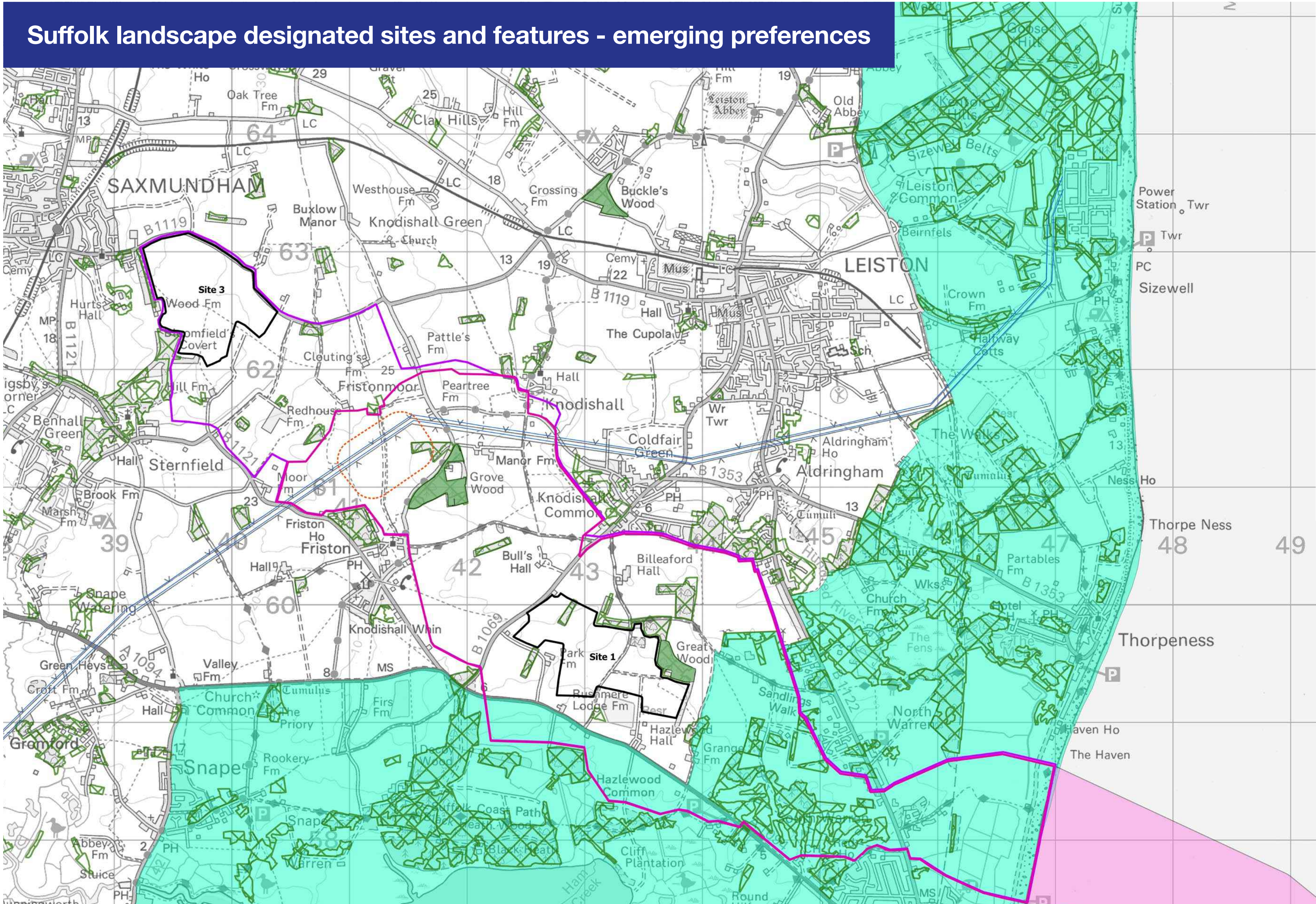


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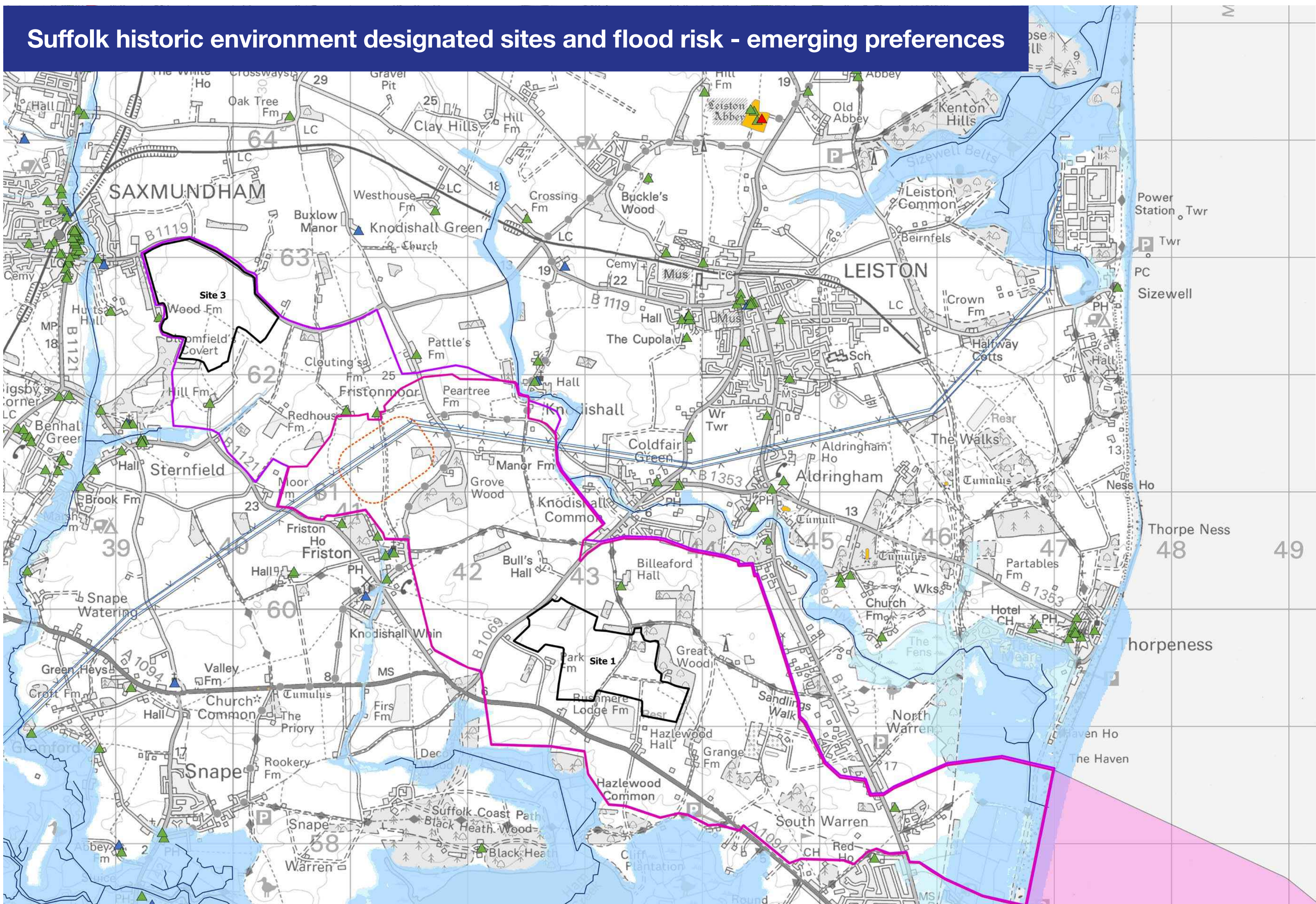
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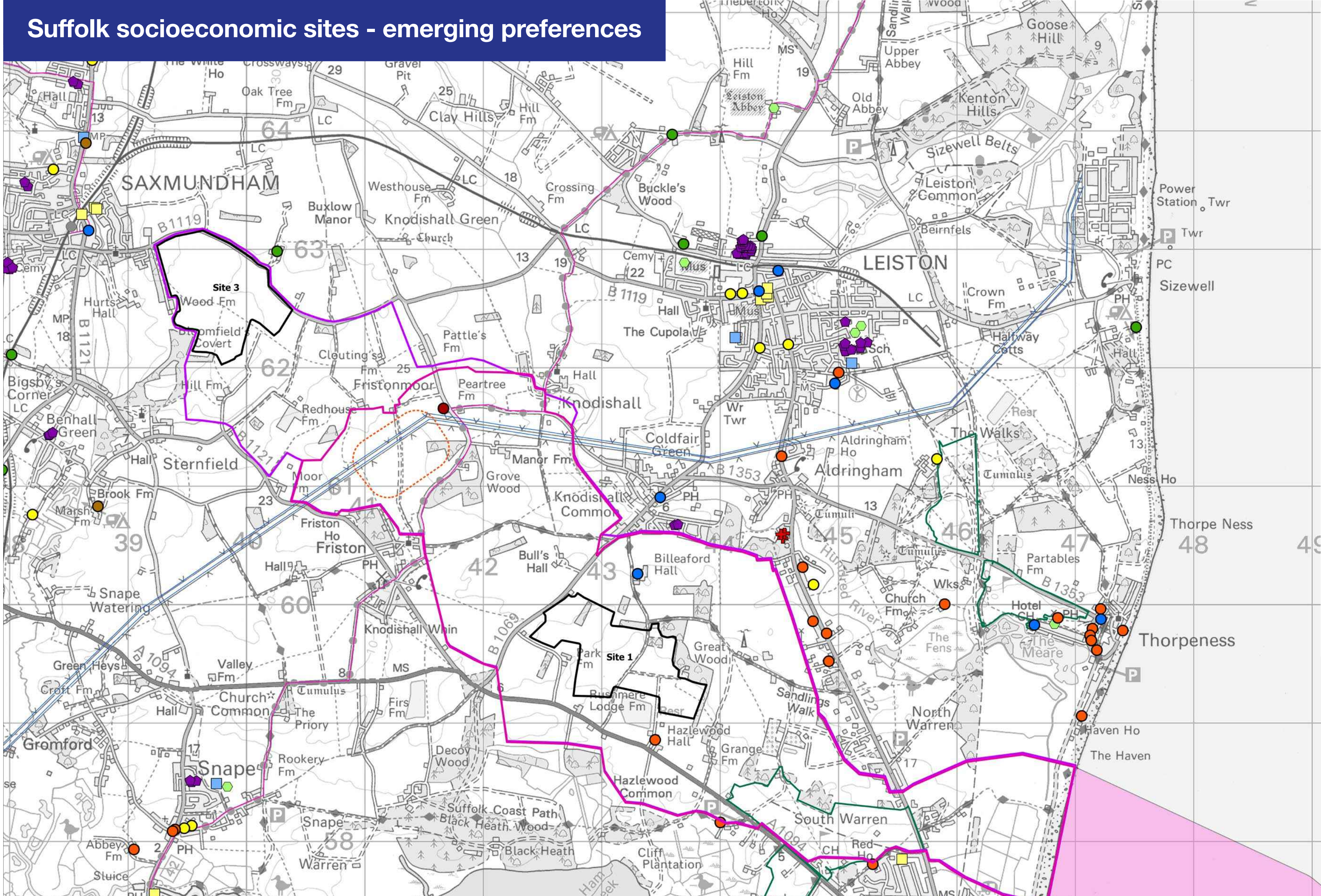
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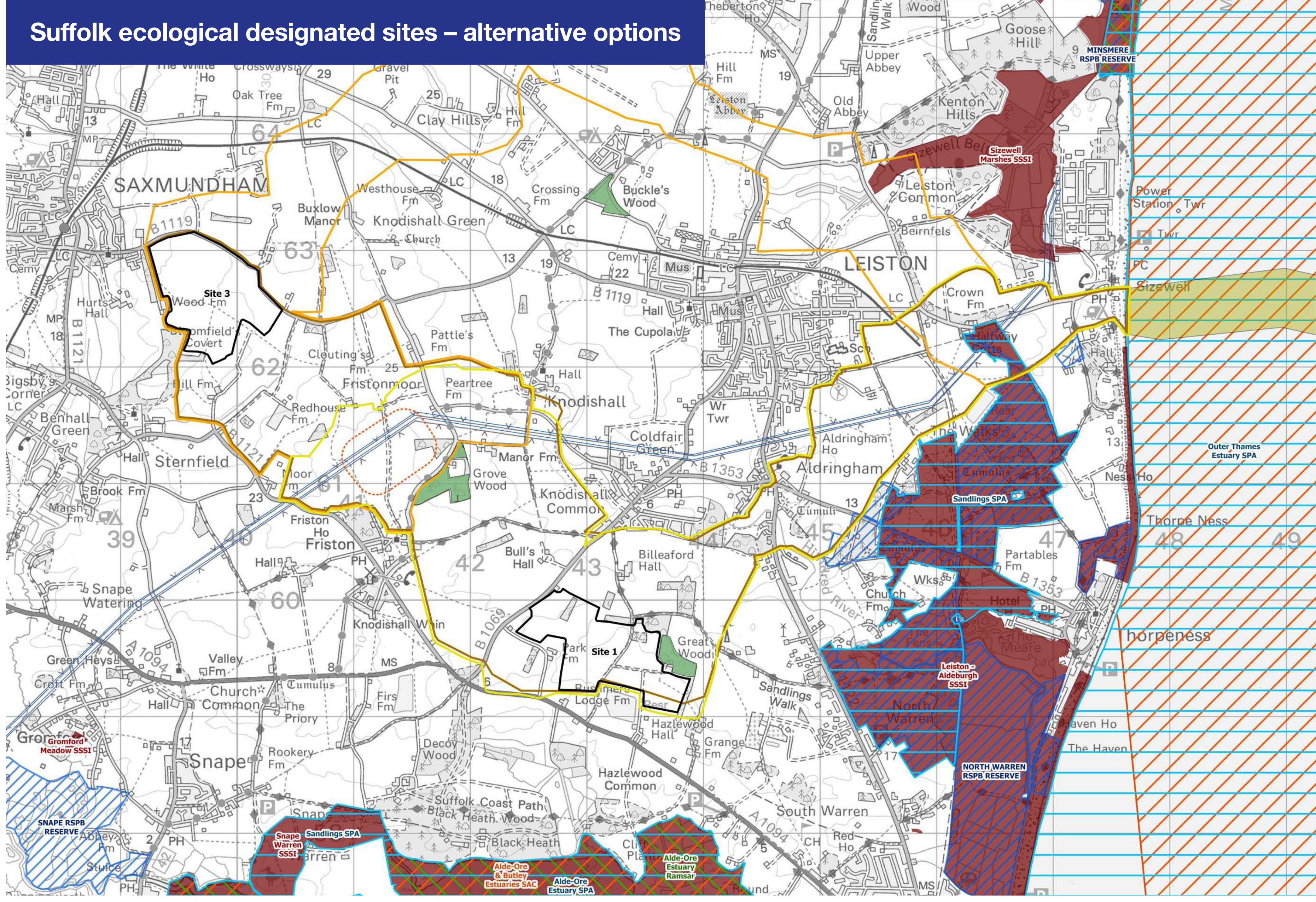
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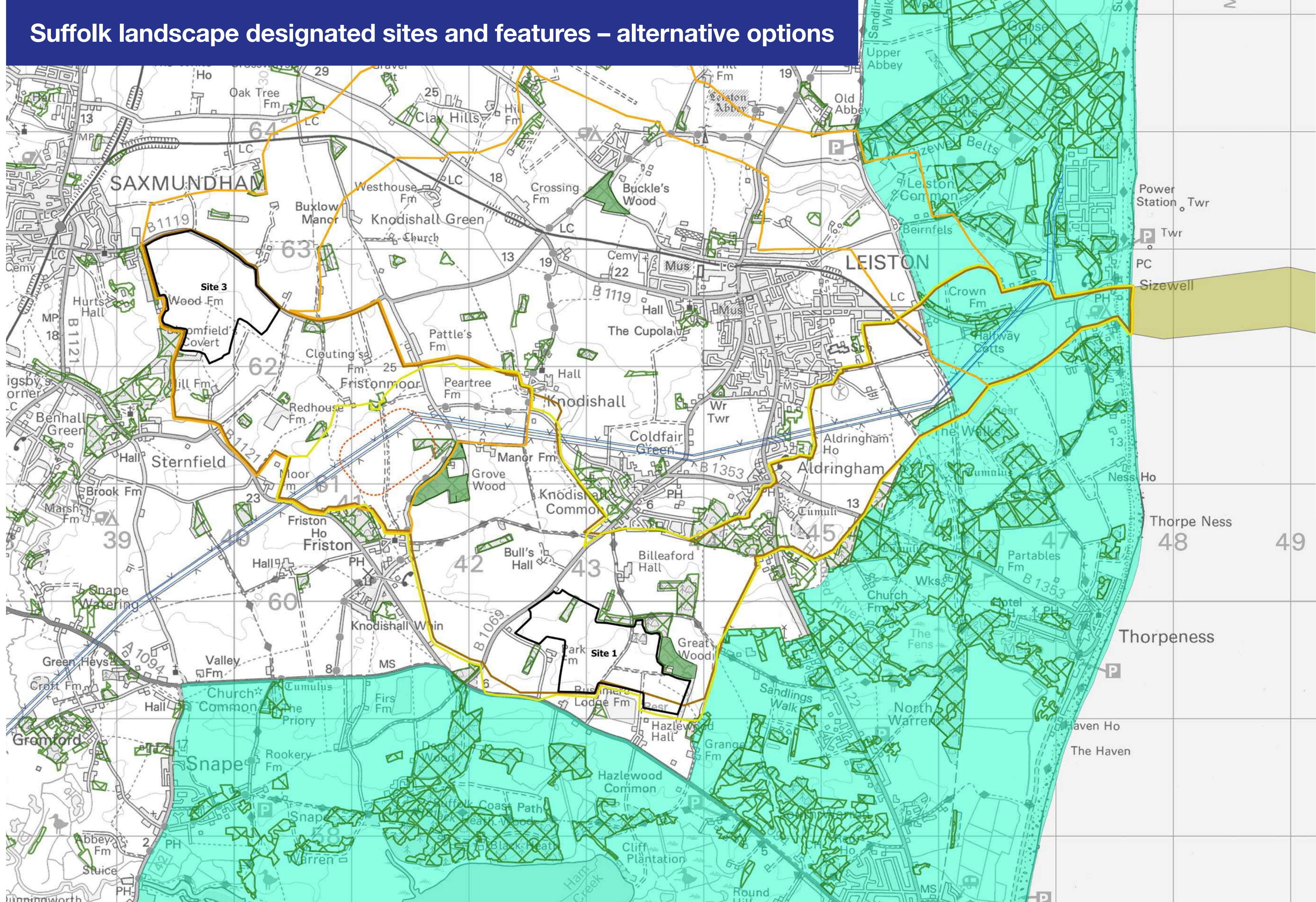
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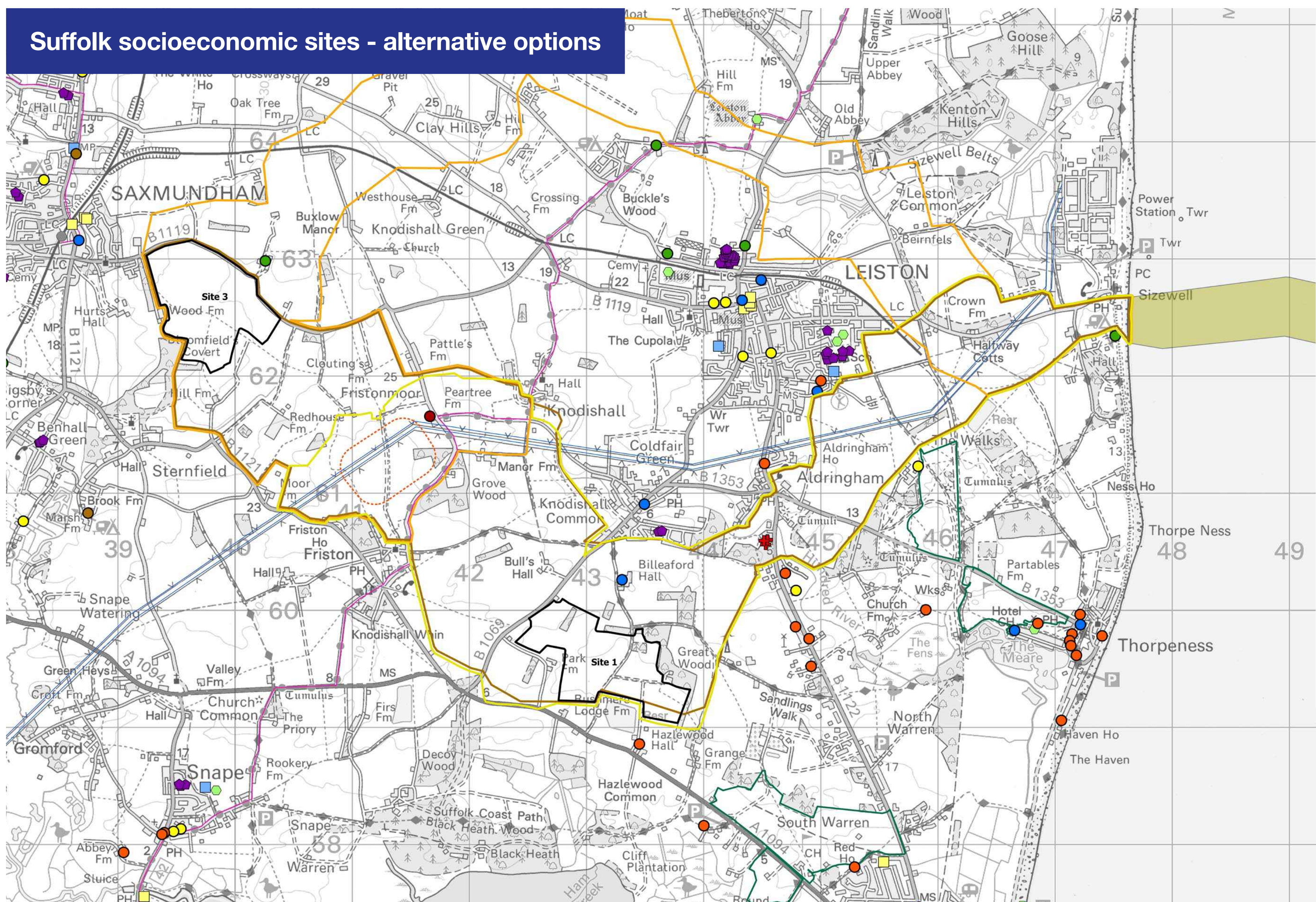
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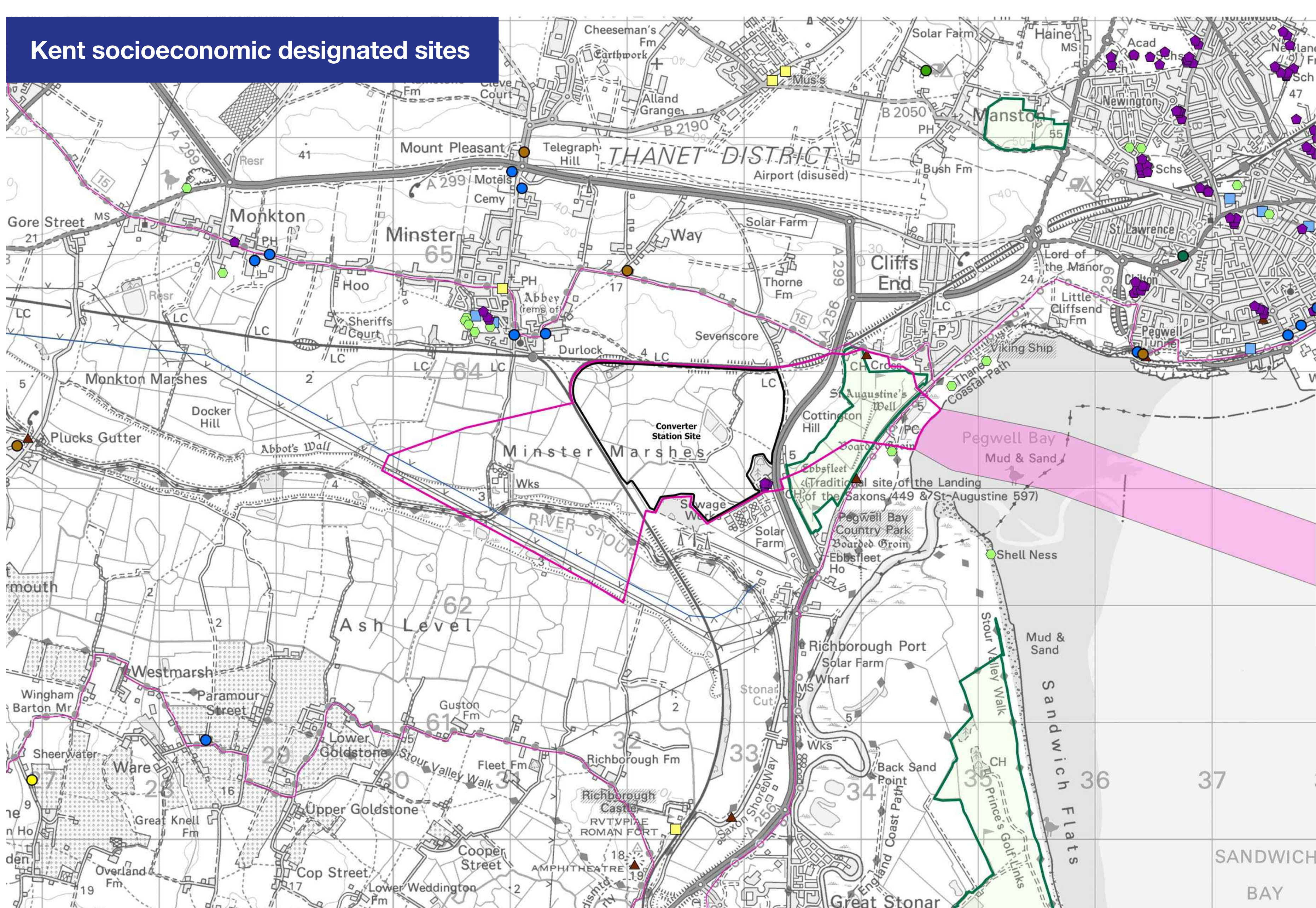
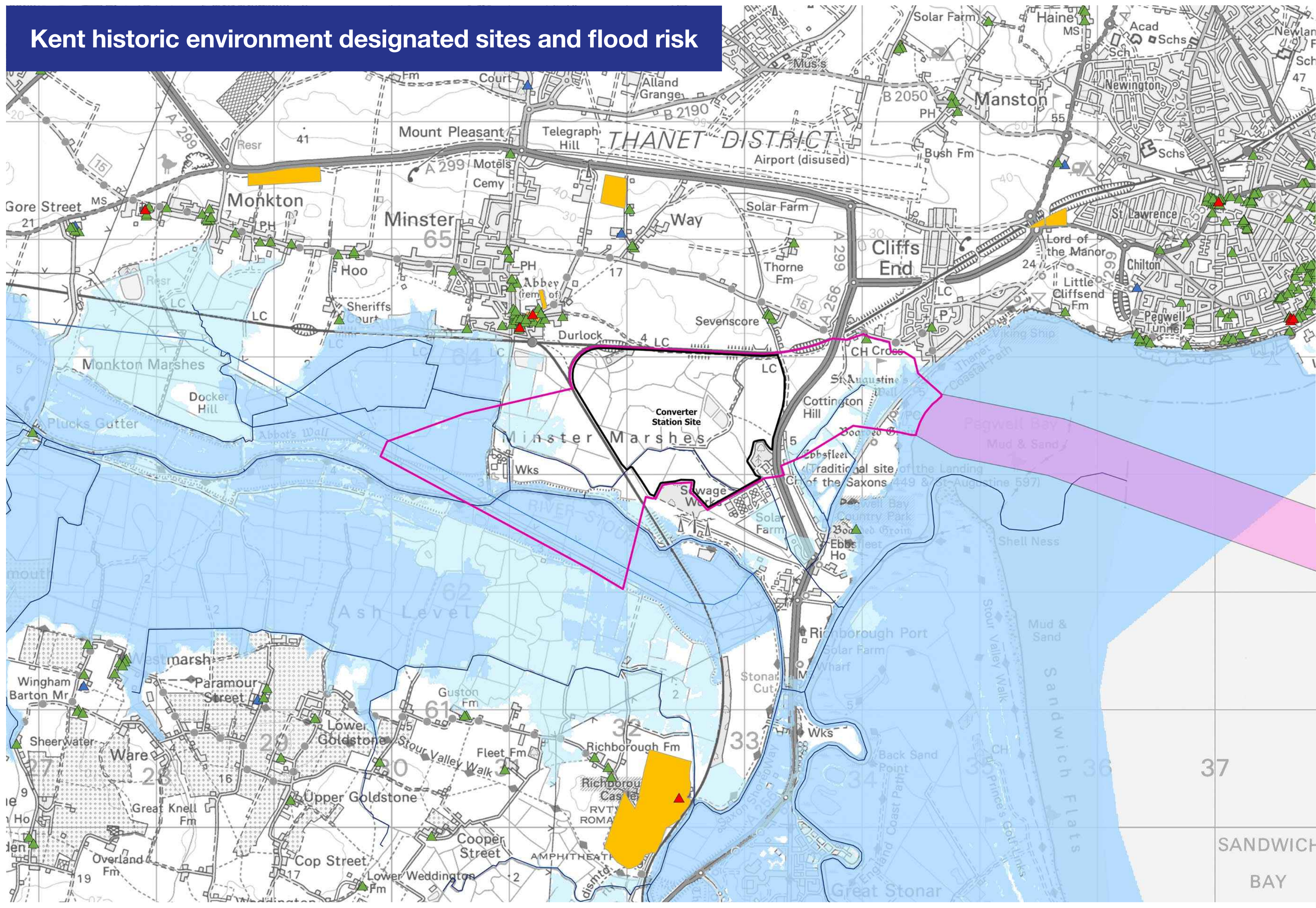
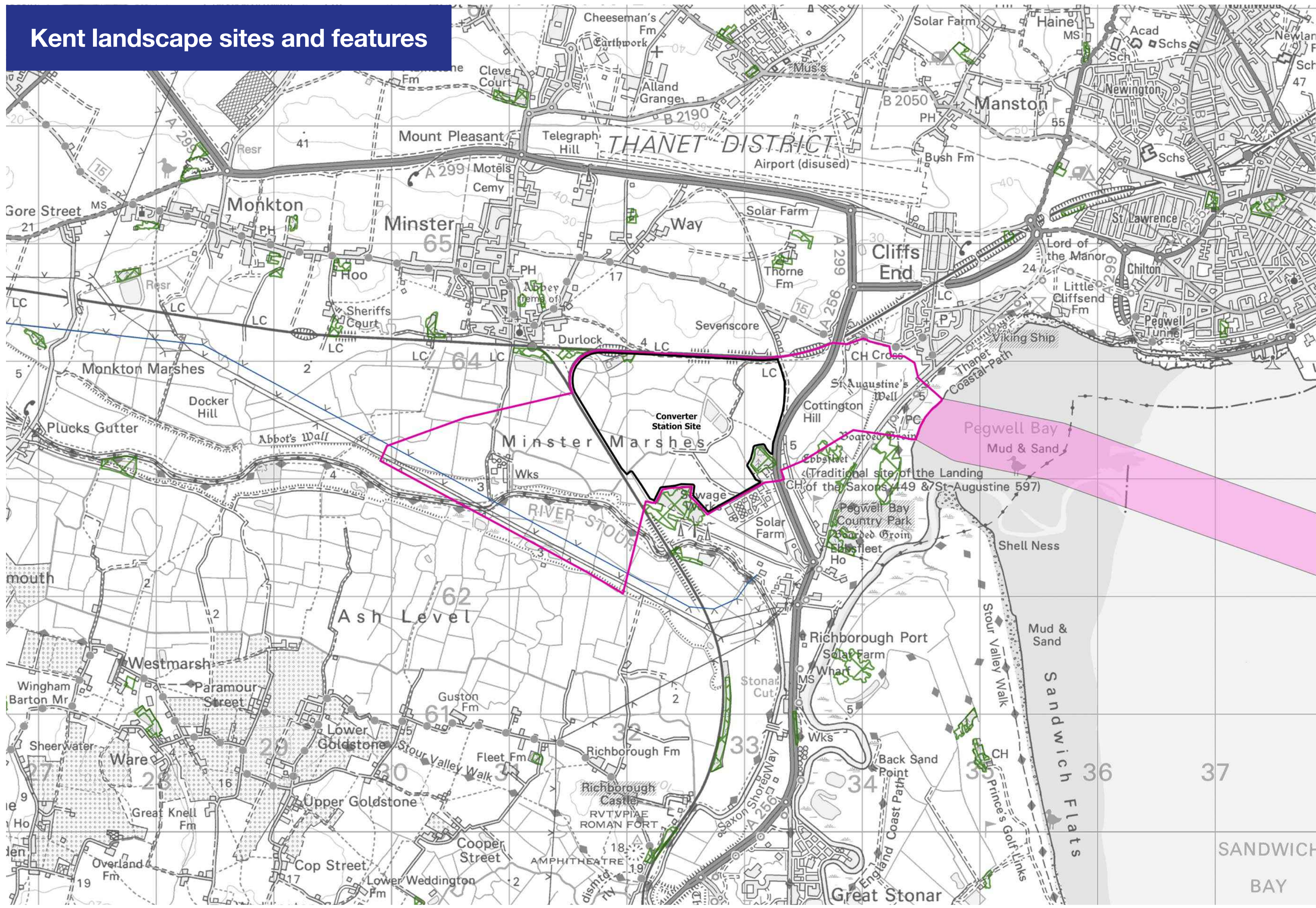
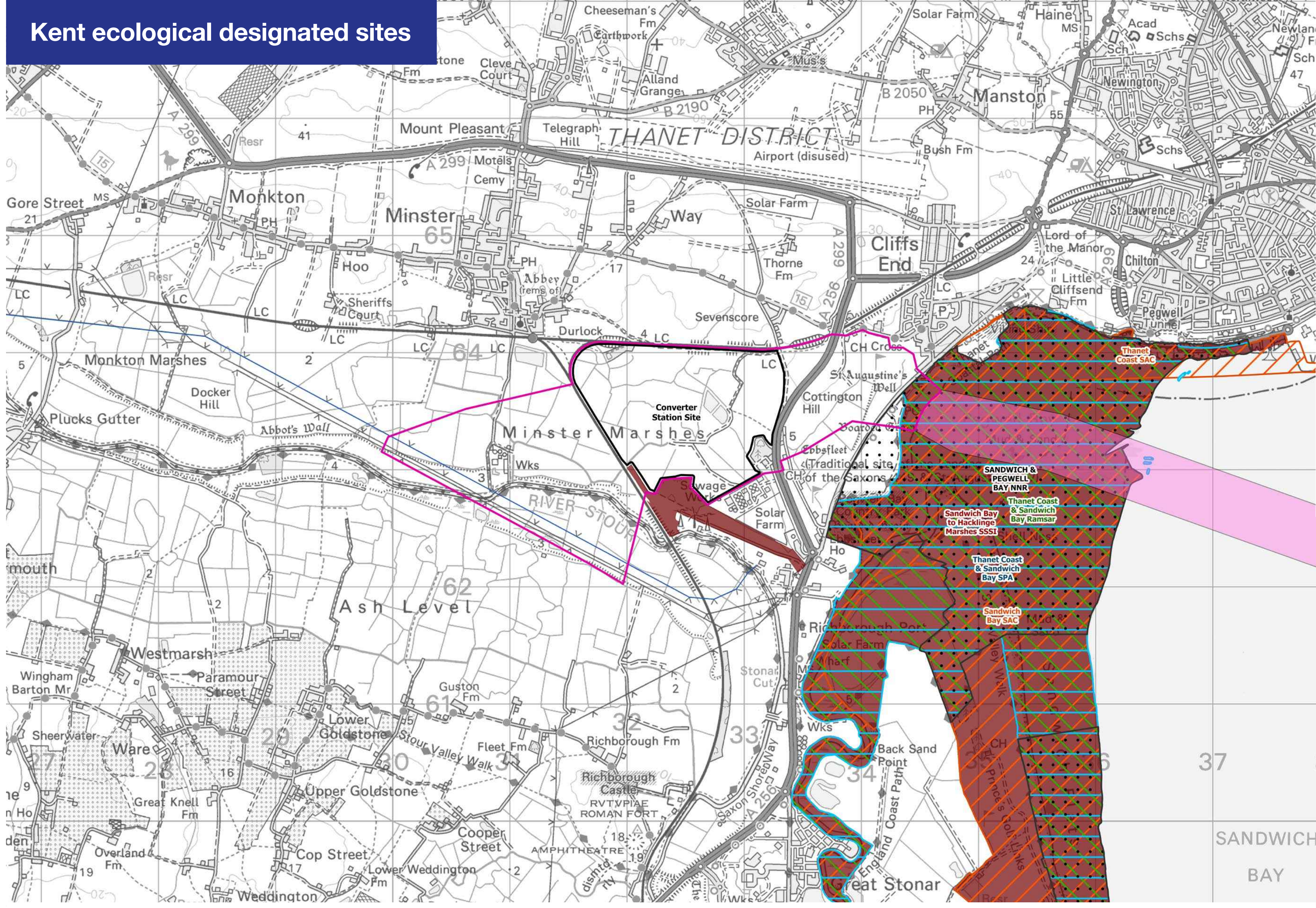
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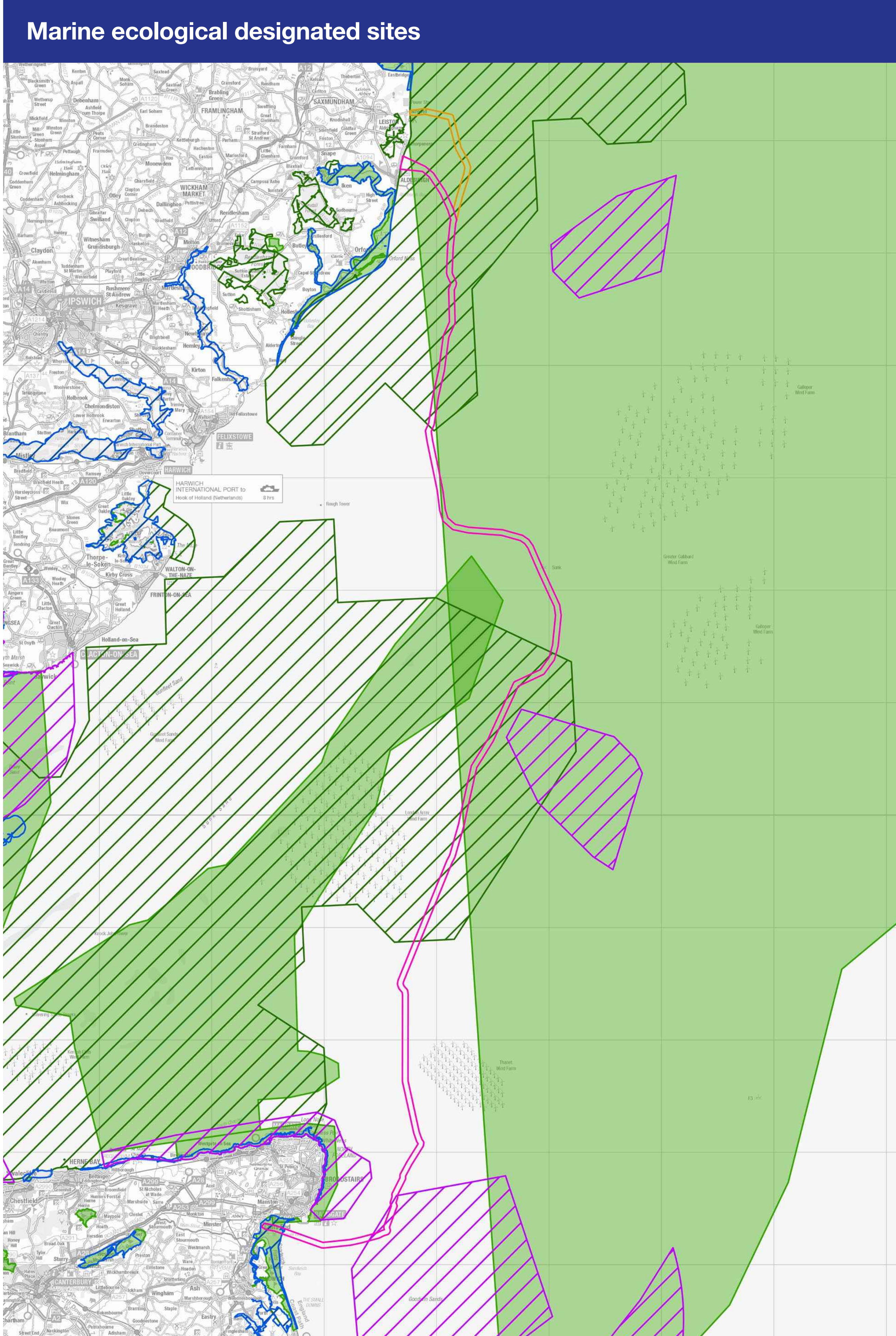


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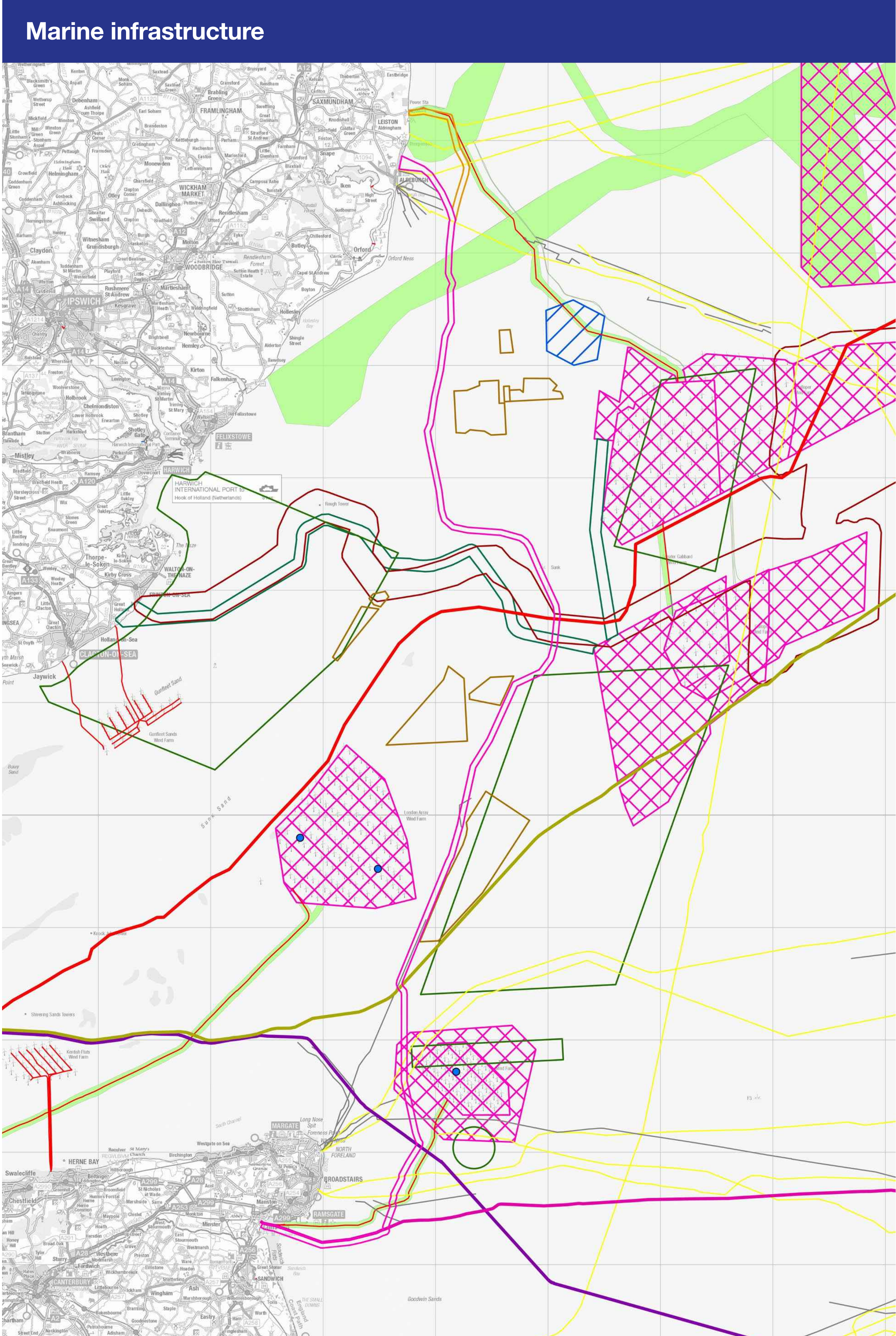
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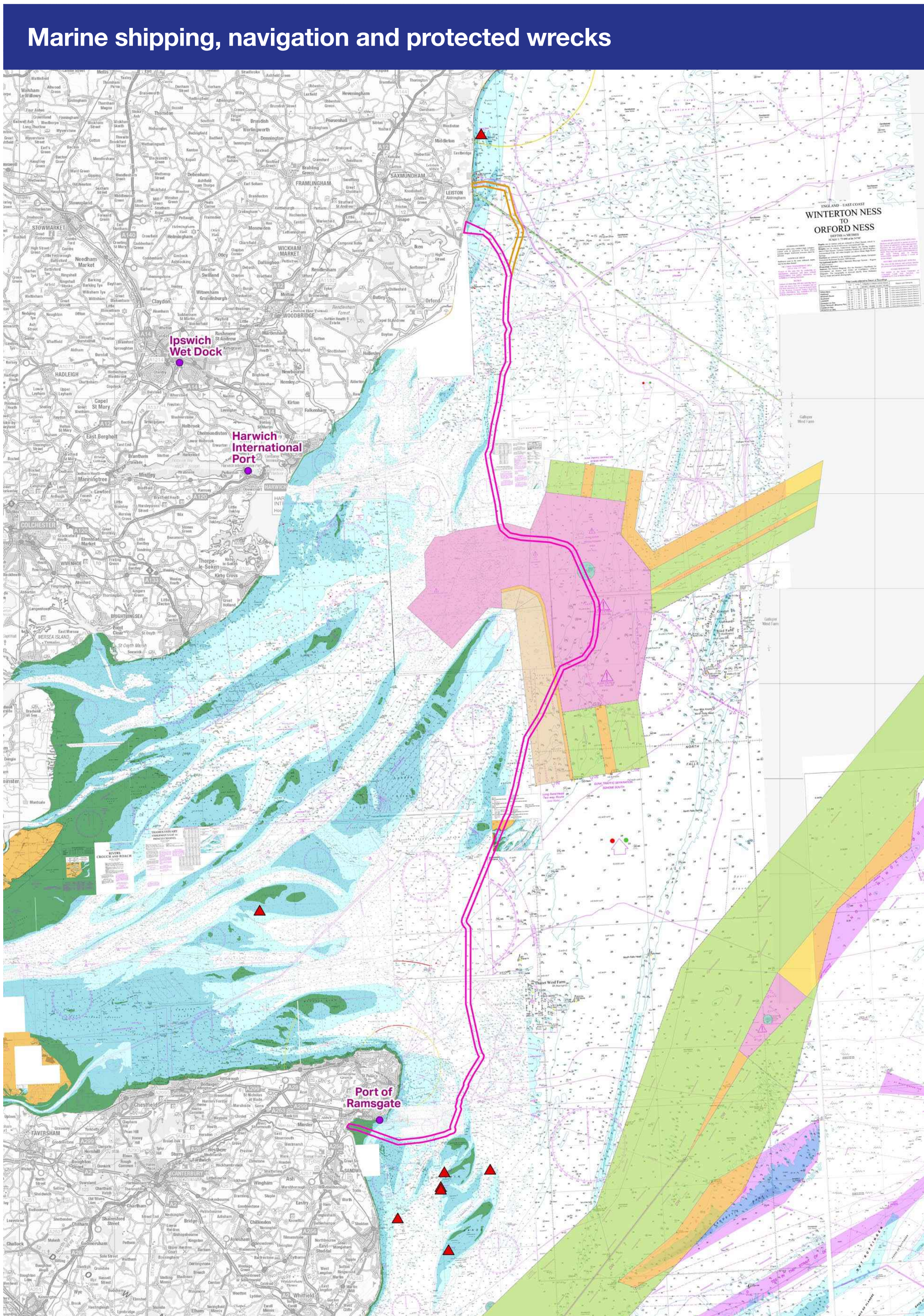
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