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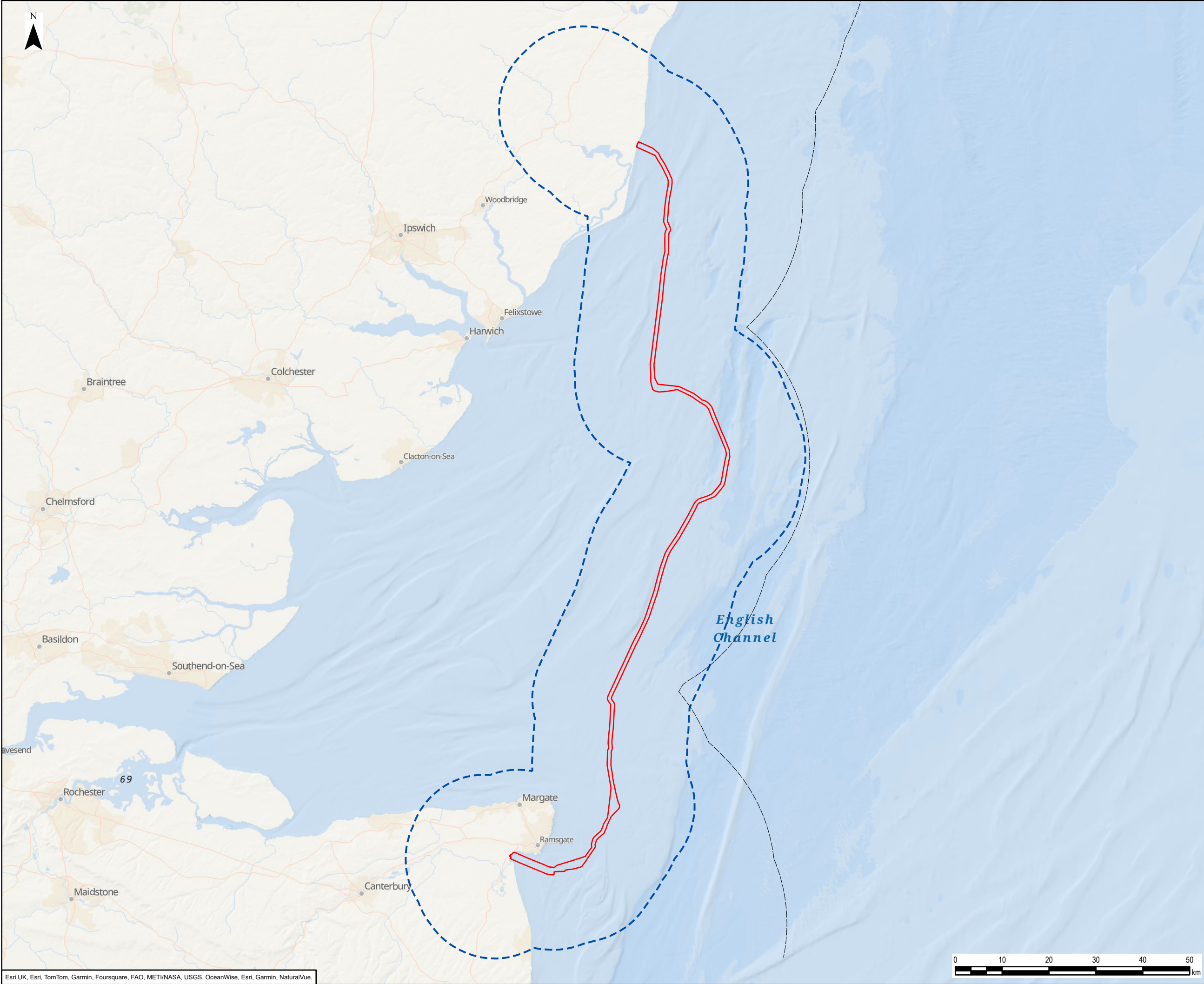
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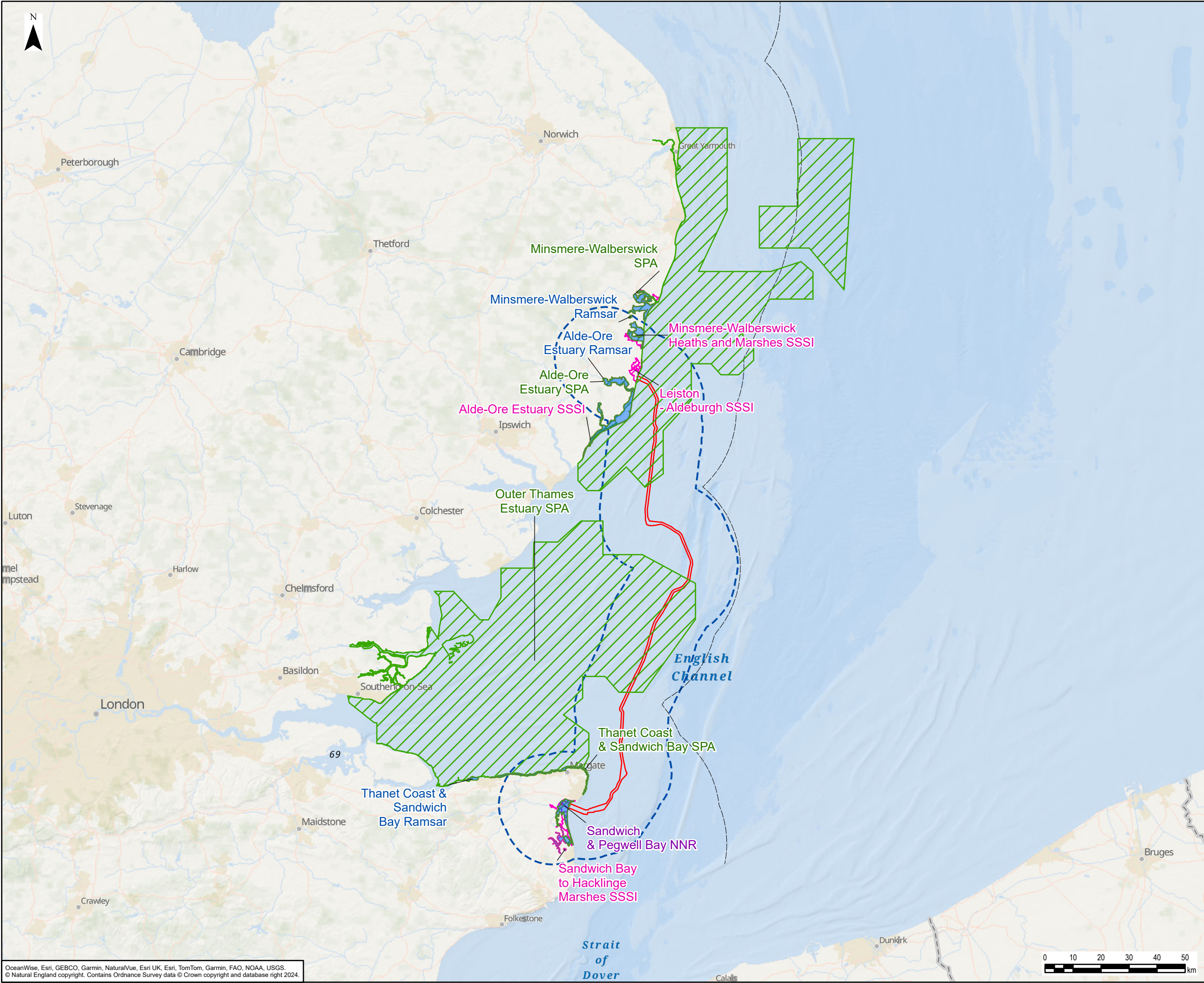
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- Offshore Scheme Boundary
 - Study Area
 - UK Territorial Sea Limit - 12 nm

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- Offshore Scheme Boundary
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- UK Territorial Sea Limit - 12 nm
- National Nature Reserve (NNR)
- Special Protection Area (SPA)
- Ramsar Site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

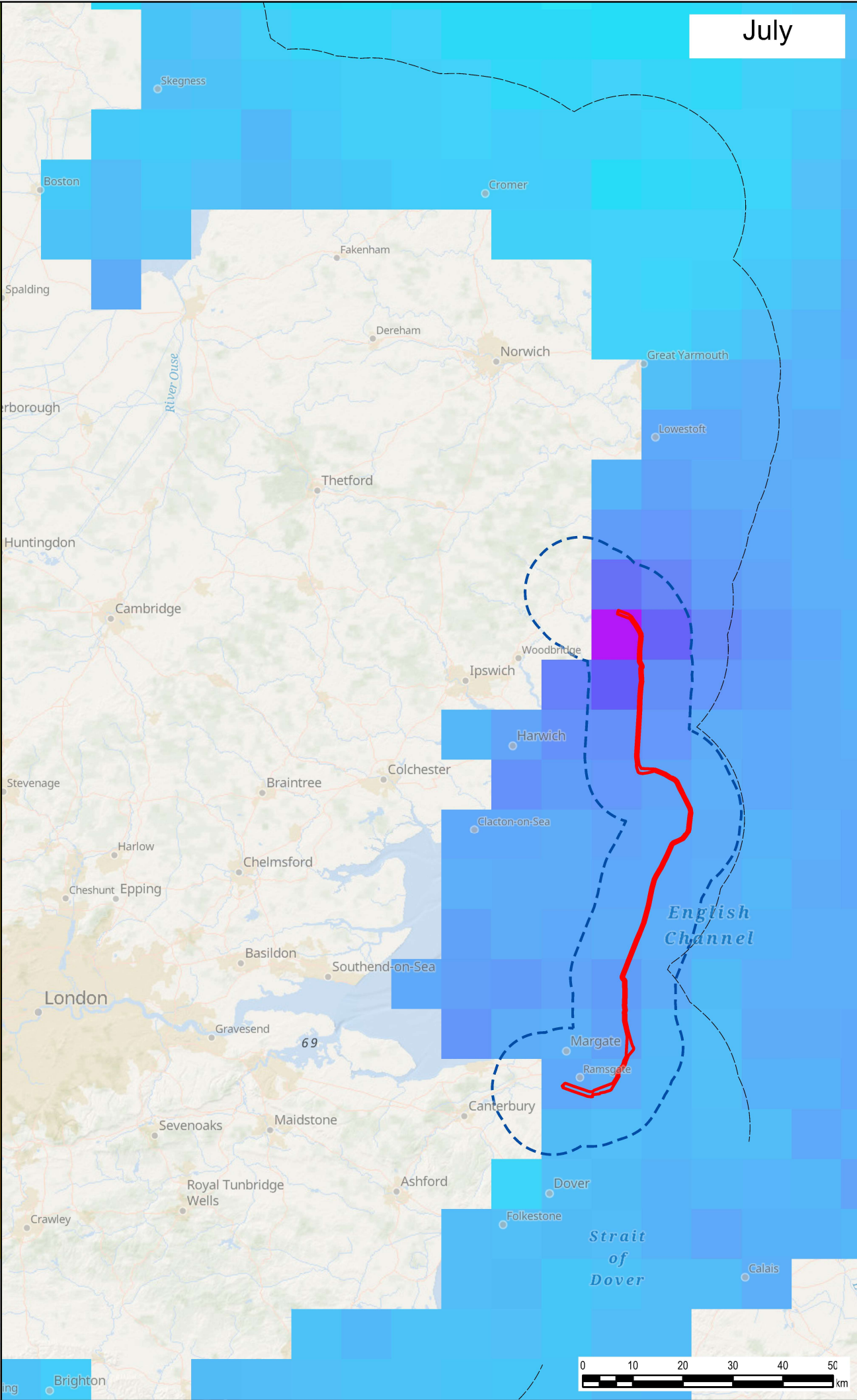
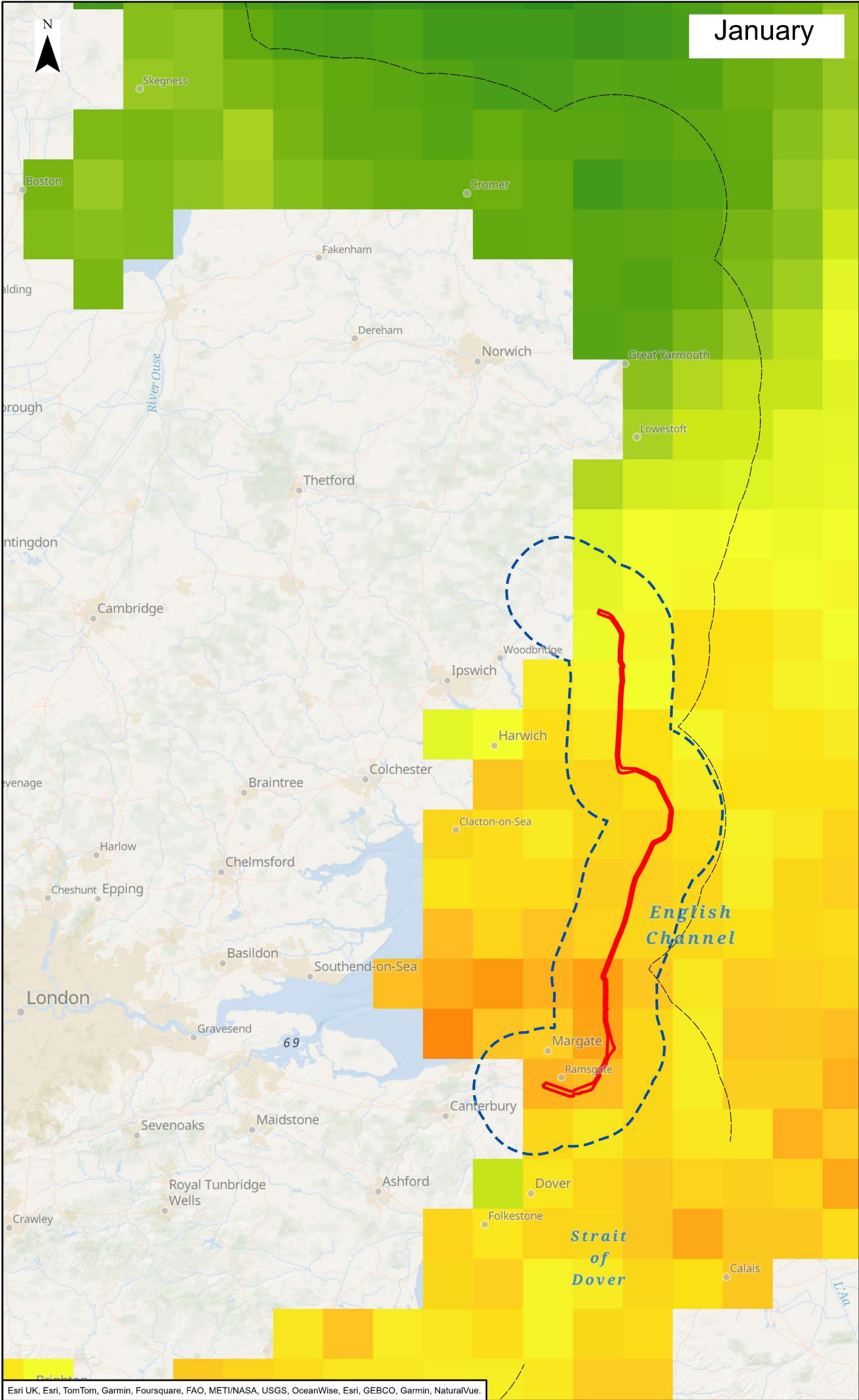
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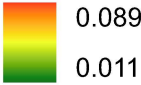


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- Offshore Scheme Boundary
- Study Area
- UK Territorial Sea Limit - 12 nm

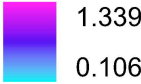
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Individuals per km²



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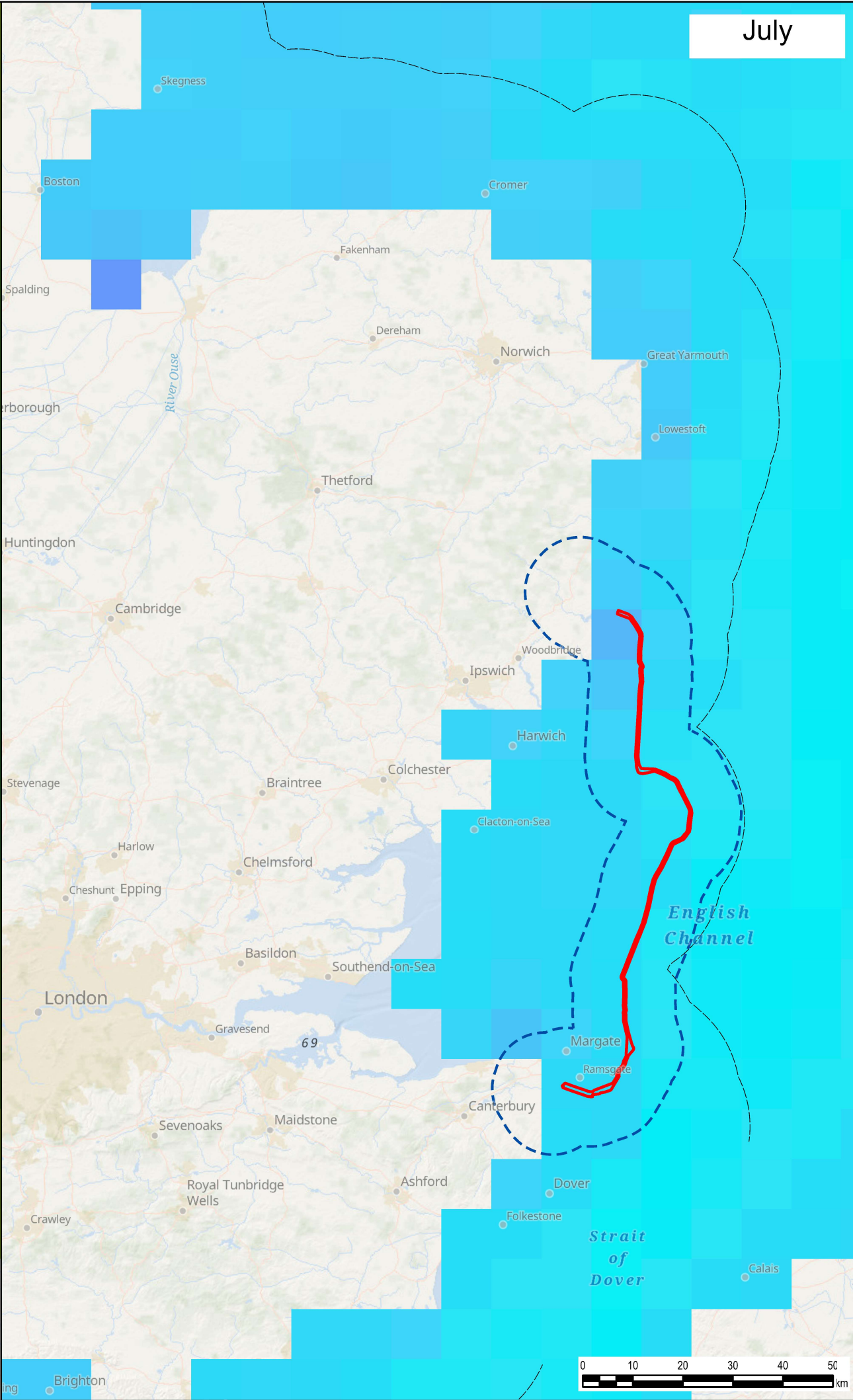
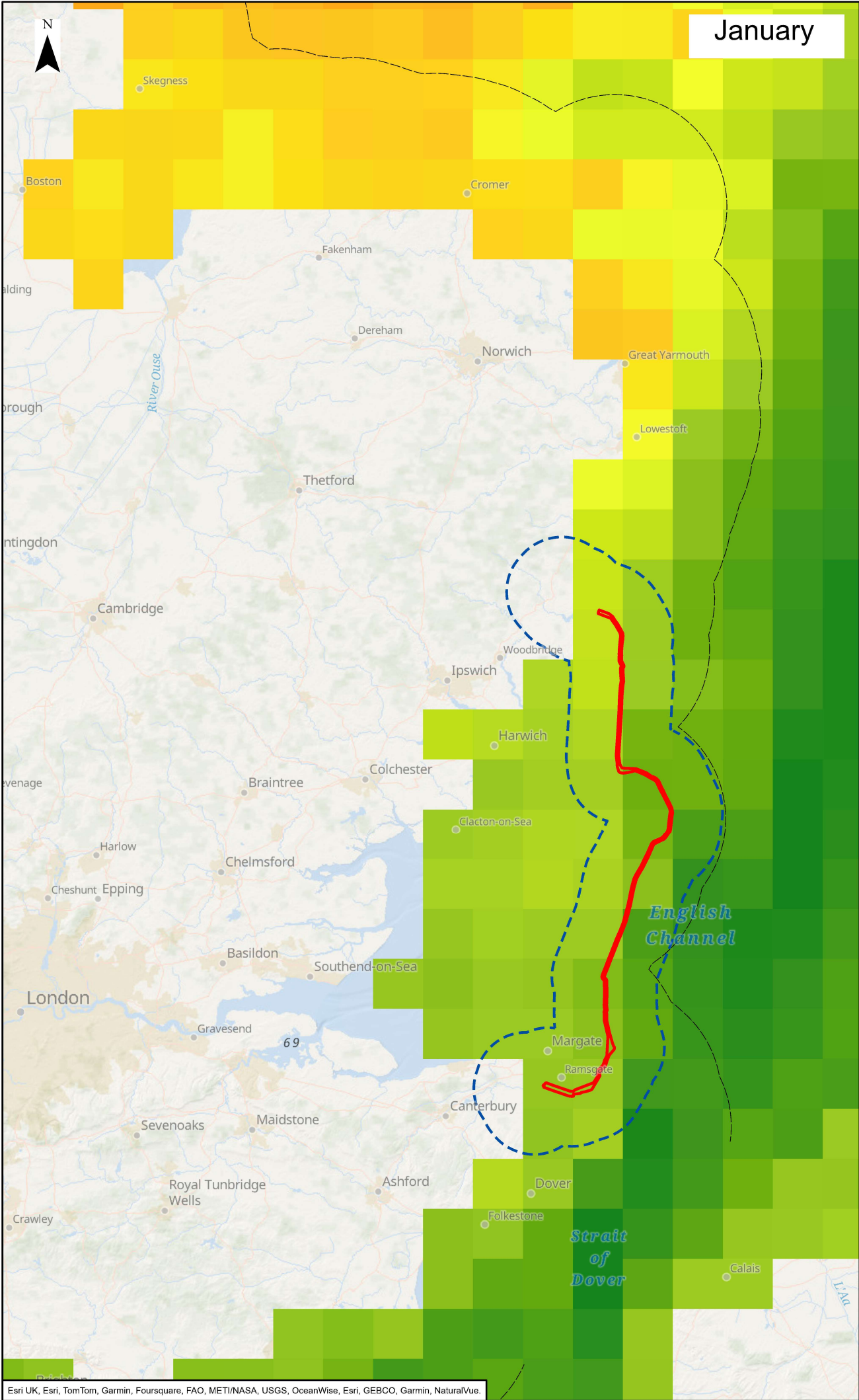
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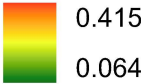


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- Offshore Scheme Boundary
- Study Area
- UK Territorial Sea Limit - 12 nm

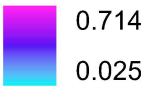
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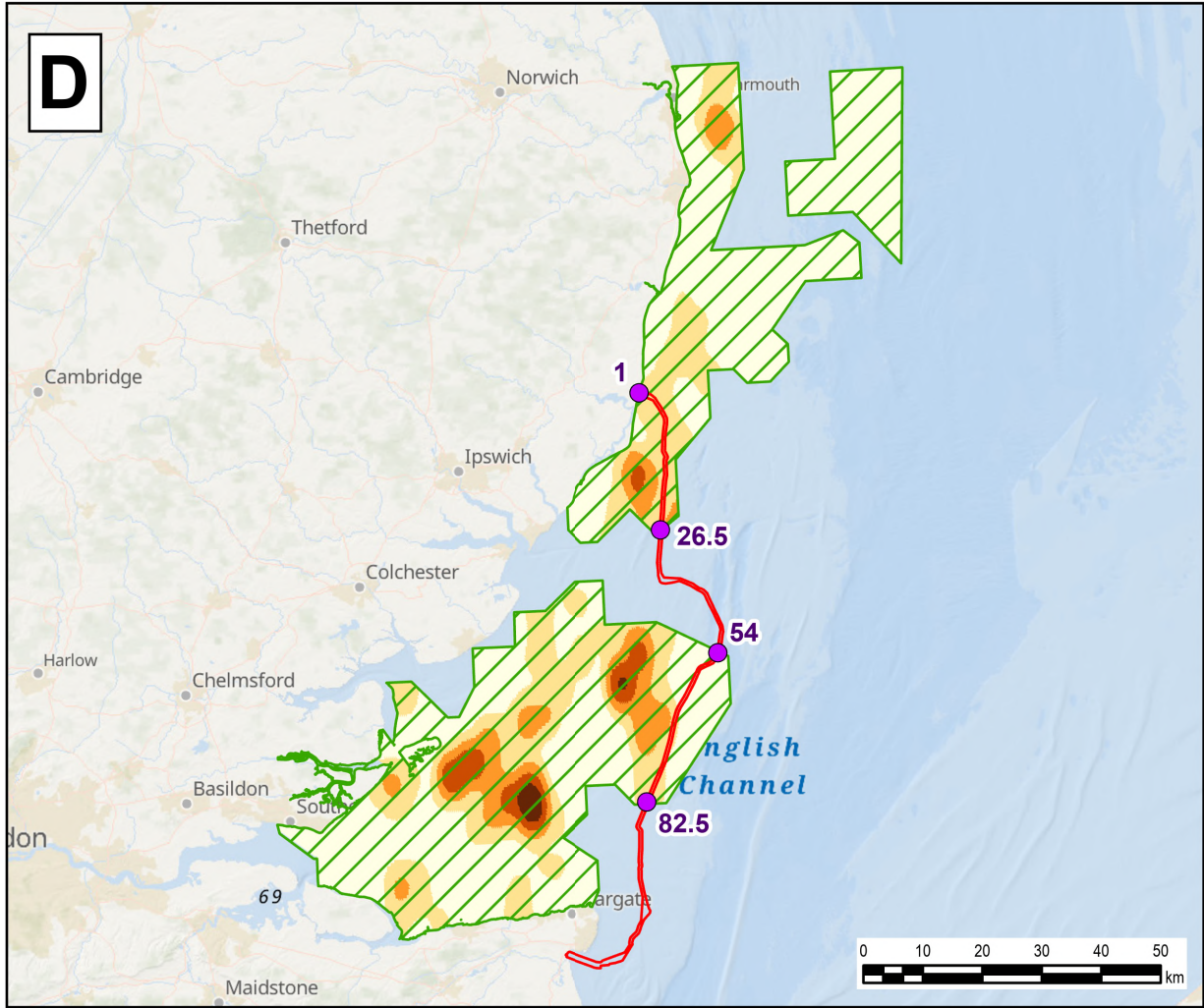
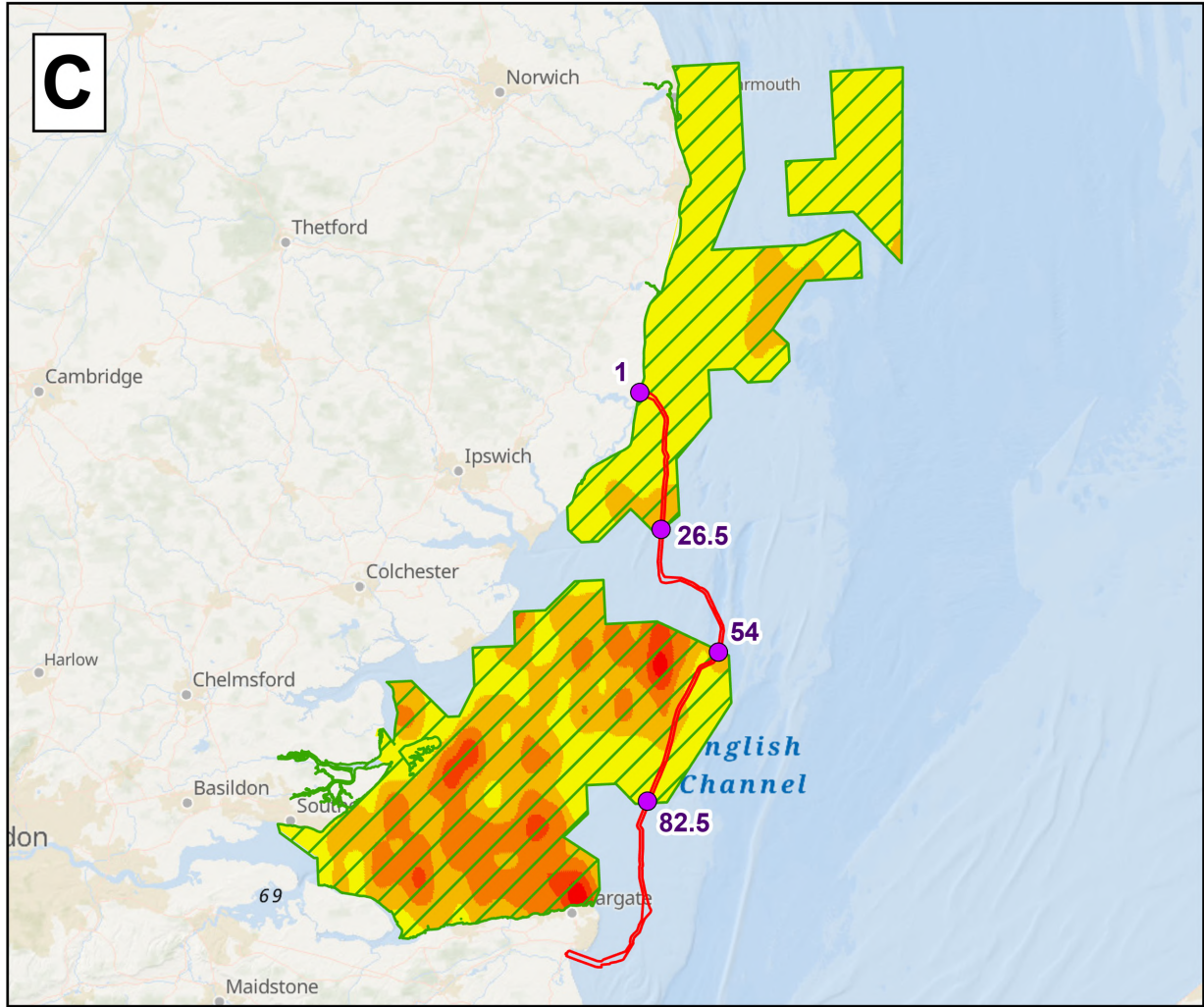
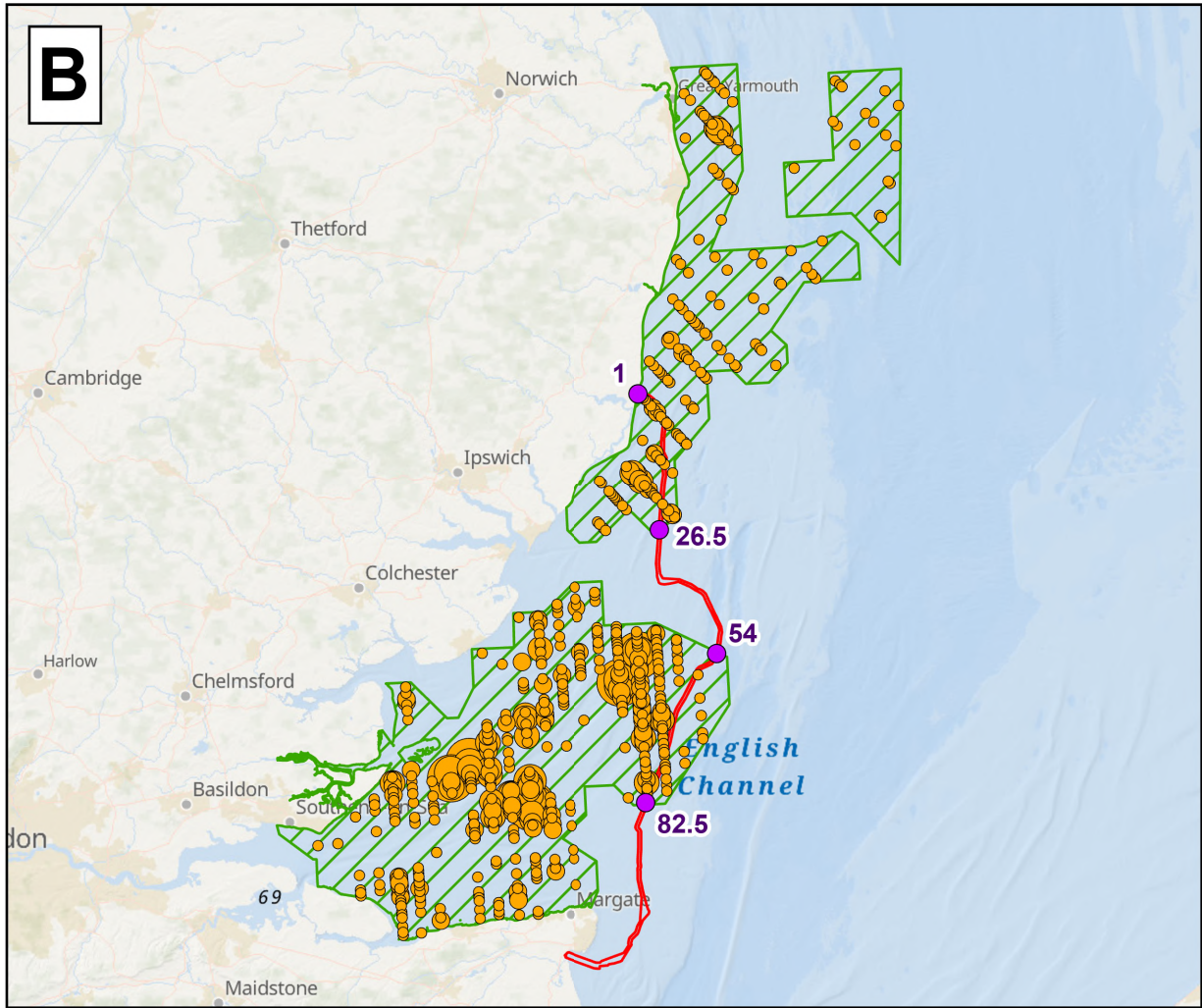
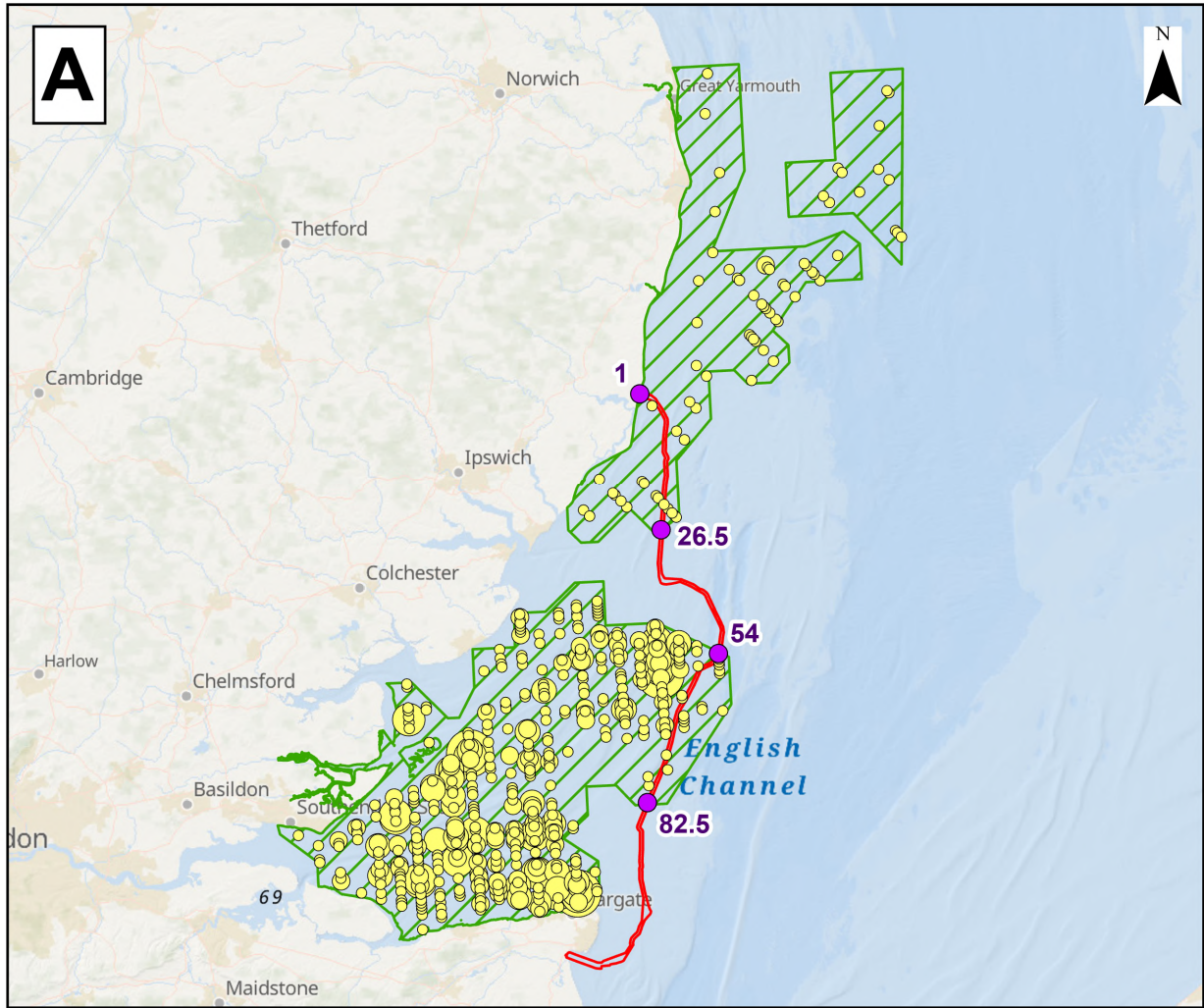


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Individuals per km²



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- Offshore Scheme Boundary
- Kilometre Point
- Red Throated Diver 1 - Raw Data
 - 1 - 2
 - 3 - 5
 - 6 - 9
 - 10 - 14
 - 15+
- Red Throated Diver 2 - Raw Data
 - 1 - 4
 - 5 - 12
 - 13 - 25
 - 26 - 50
 - 51+
- Red Throated Diver 1 - Density
 - 0.7 - 1.4
 - 1.5 - 4.2
 - 4.3 - 9.8
 - 9.9 - 18
 - 19+
- Red Throated Diver 2 - Density
 - 0 - 3.3
 - 3.3 - 11.97
 - 11.97 - 29.04
 - 29.04 - 57.47
 - 57.47+
- Outer Thames Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA)

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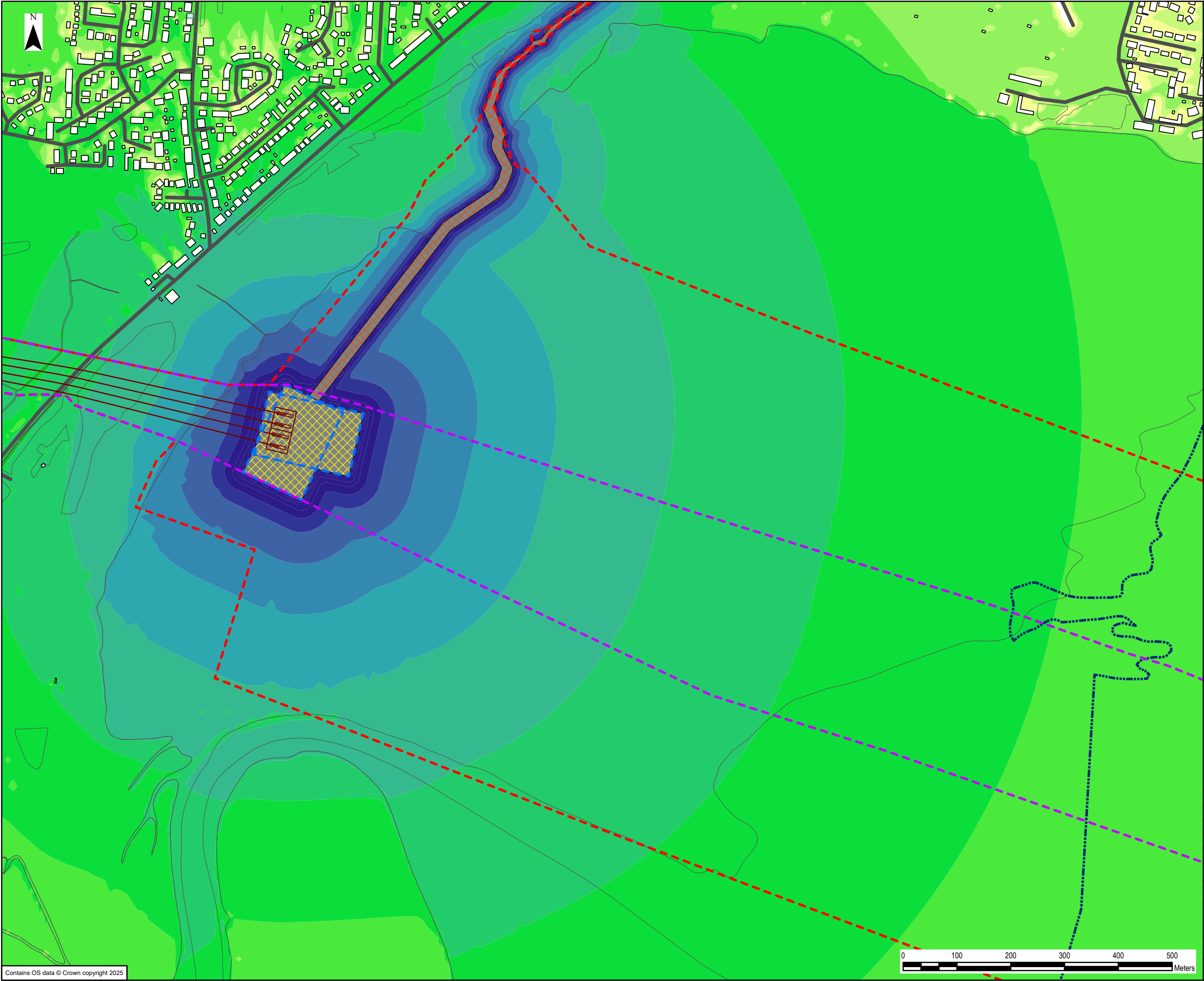


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- Order limits
- Limits of deviation
- MLWS
- Site plan
- HDD exit
- Illustrative access route corridor
- HDD working area

Noise level (dB)

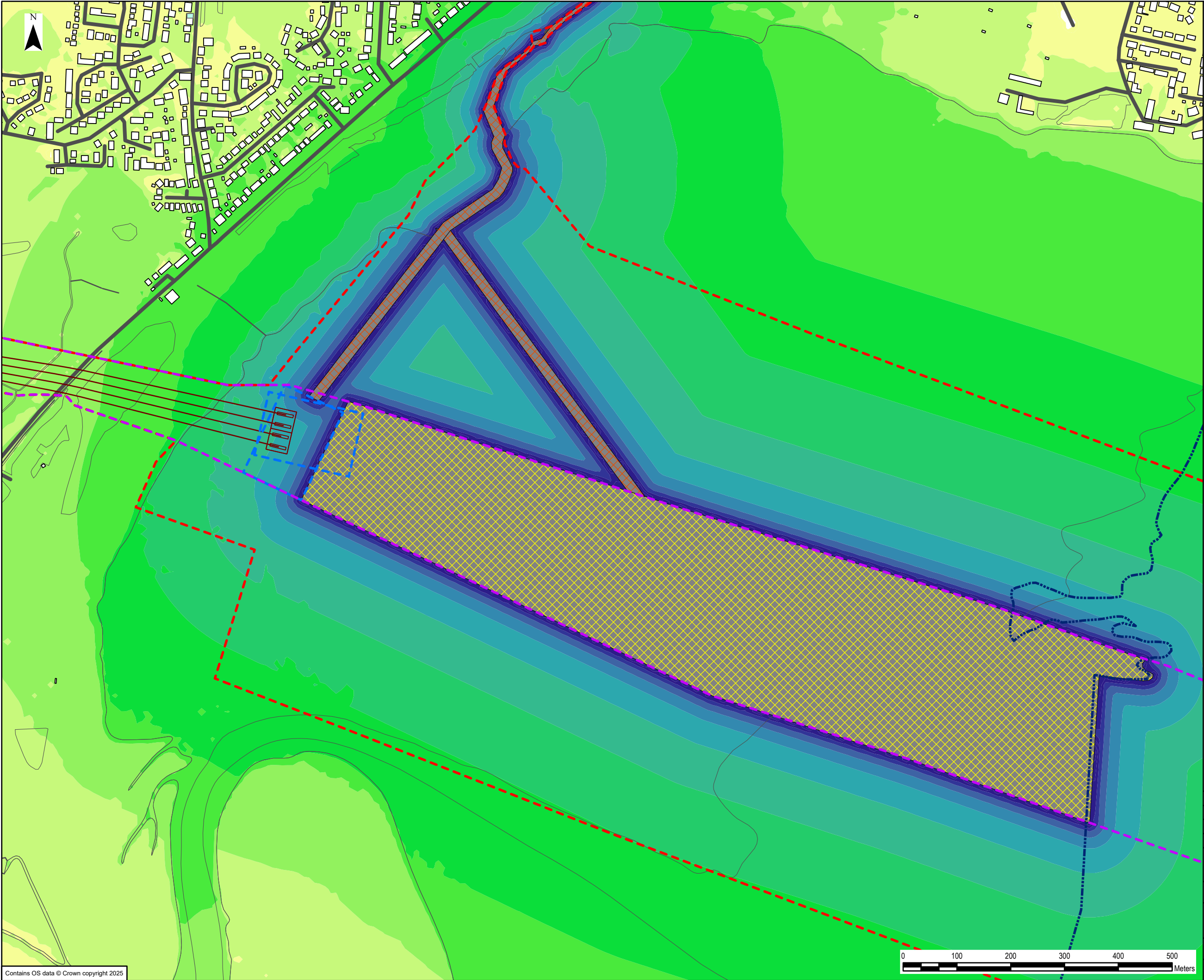
- < 20
- 30 to <35
- 35 to <40
- 40 to <45
- 45 to <50
- 50 to <55
- 55 to <60
- 60 to <65
- 65 to <70
- 70 to <75
- 75 to <80
- >=80

Illustrative scenario assuming piling rig (source level $L_{A_{Fmax}}$ at 10 m 91 dB) operating anywhere in HDD exit area and construction vehicles (source level $L_{A_{Fmax}}$ at 10 m 79 dB on access route

Vehicle access routes are INDICATIVE ONLY for the purposes of noise modelling. The final access routes and widths will be determined pre-construction and will be informed by a pre-construction saltmarsh survey

For the purpose of completeness the modelling assumes that the vehicles will gain access to the mudflats via the front edge of the hoverport (as included in the Order Limit change)

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- Order limits
- Limits of deviation
- MLWS
- Site plan
- HDD exit
- Illustrative access route corridor
- Cable pull in working corridor

Noise level (dB)

- < 20
- 30 to <35
- 35 to <40
- 40 to <45
- 45 to <50
- 50 to <55
- 55 to <60
- 60 to <65
- 65 to <70
- 70 to <75
- 75 to <80
- >=80

Illustrative scenario assuming construction vehicles / excavators (source level L_{AFmax} at 10 m 79 dB) operating anywhere in cable pull in area and on access routes

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