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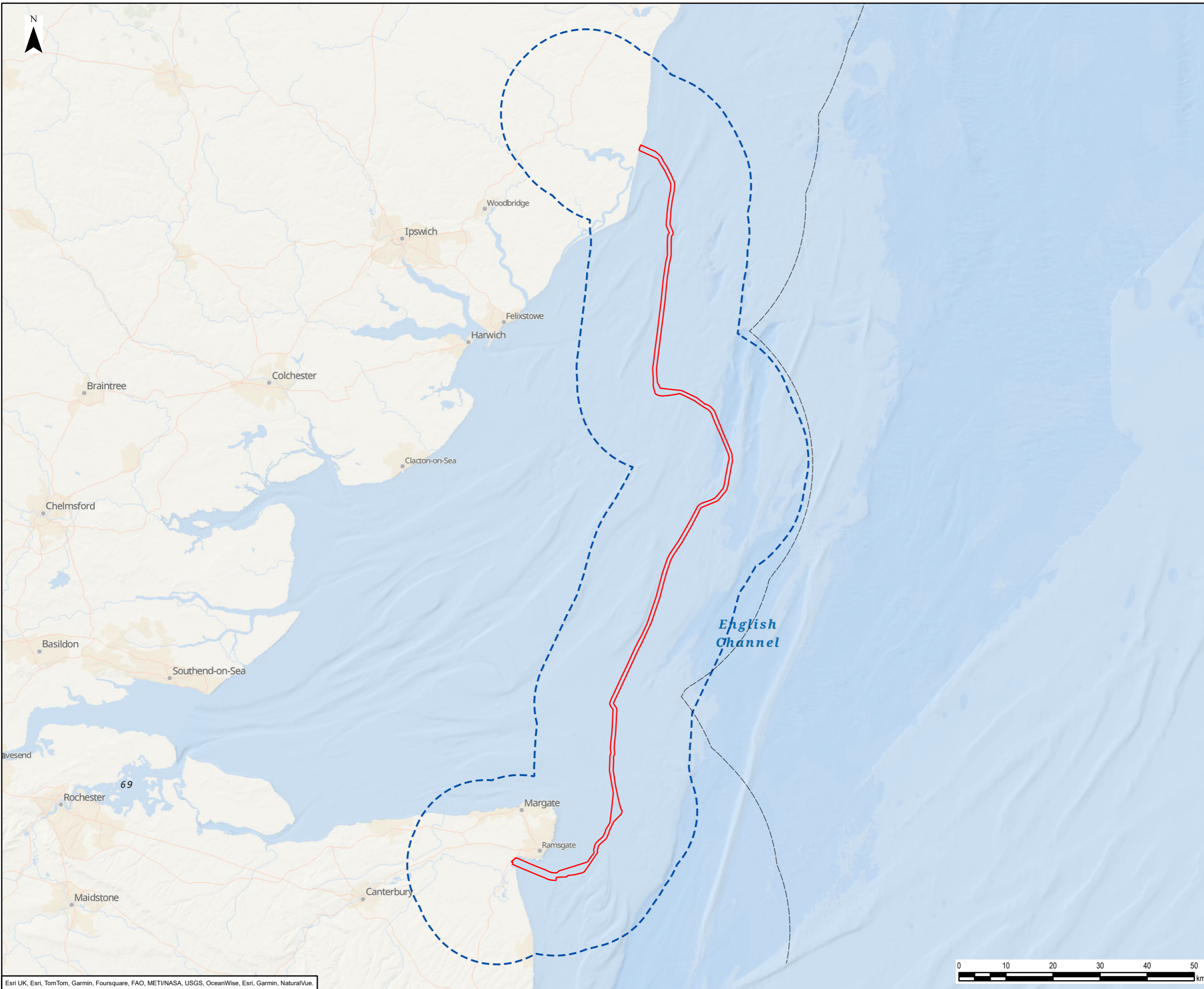
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 - Study Area
 - UK Territorial Sea Limit - 12 nm

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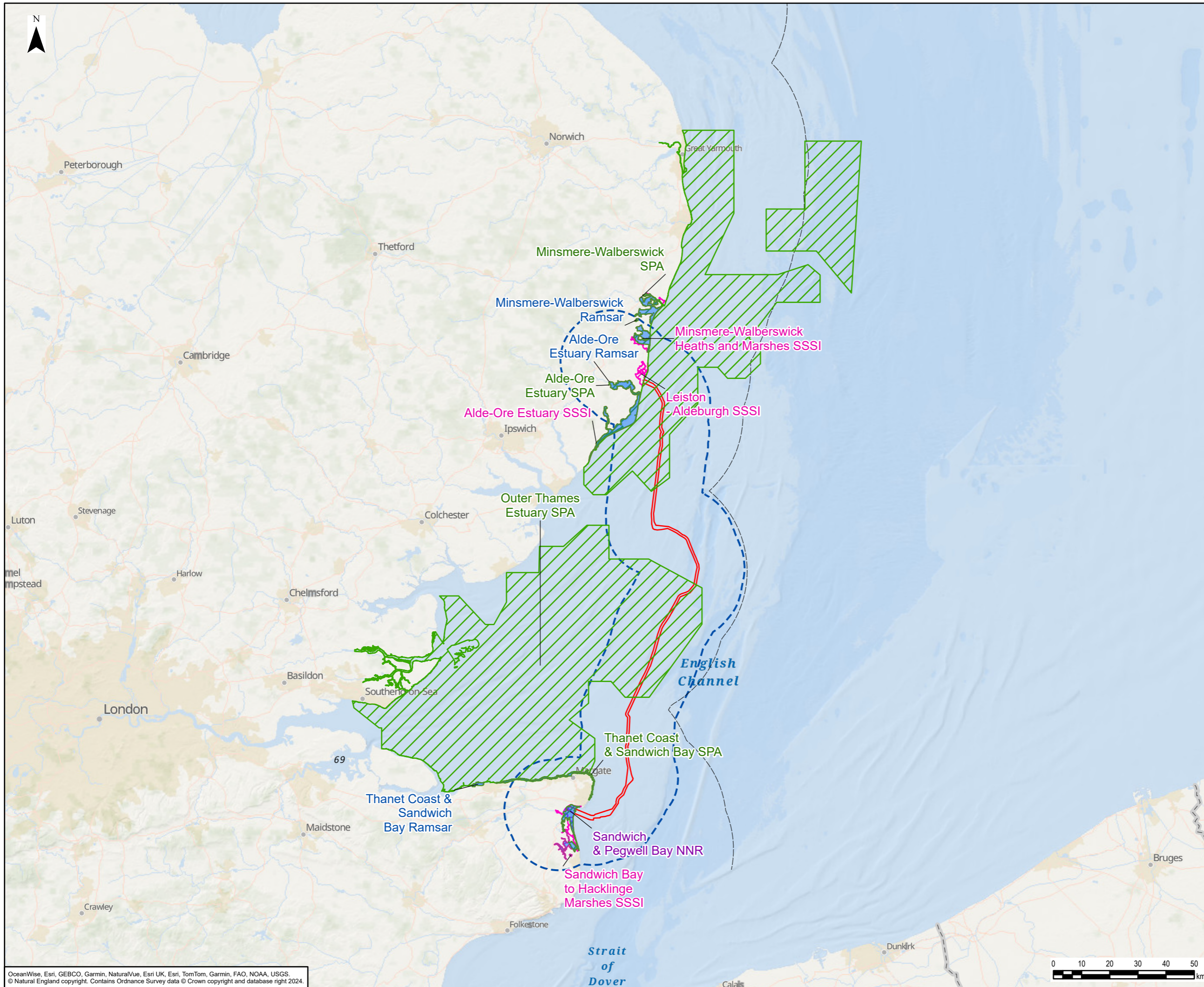
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 - National Nature Reserve (NNR)
 - Special Protection Area (SPA)
 - Ramsar Site
 - Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

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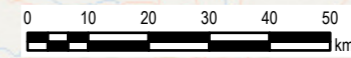
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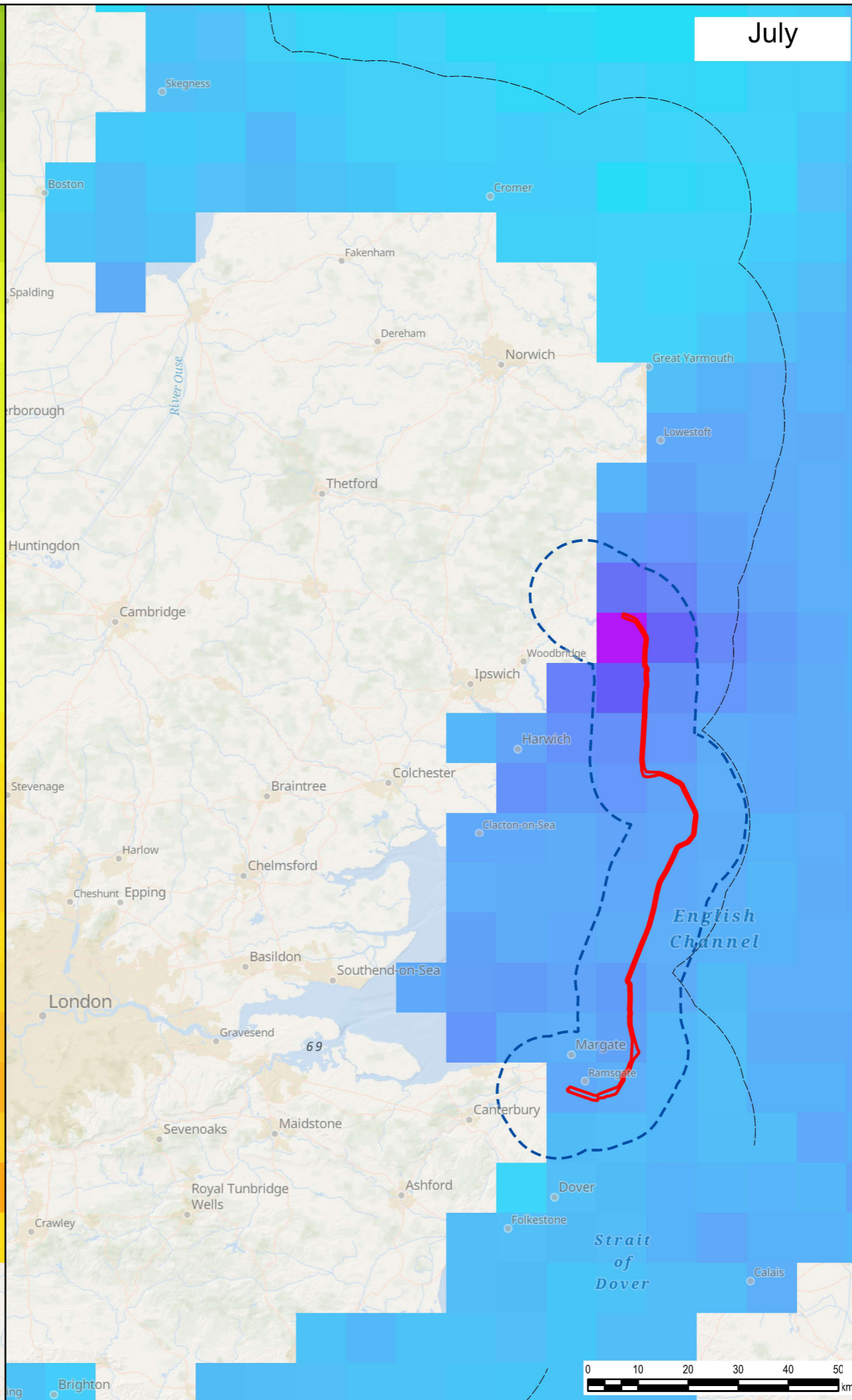
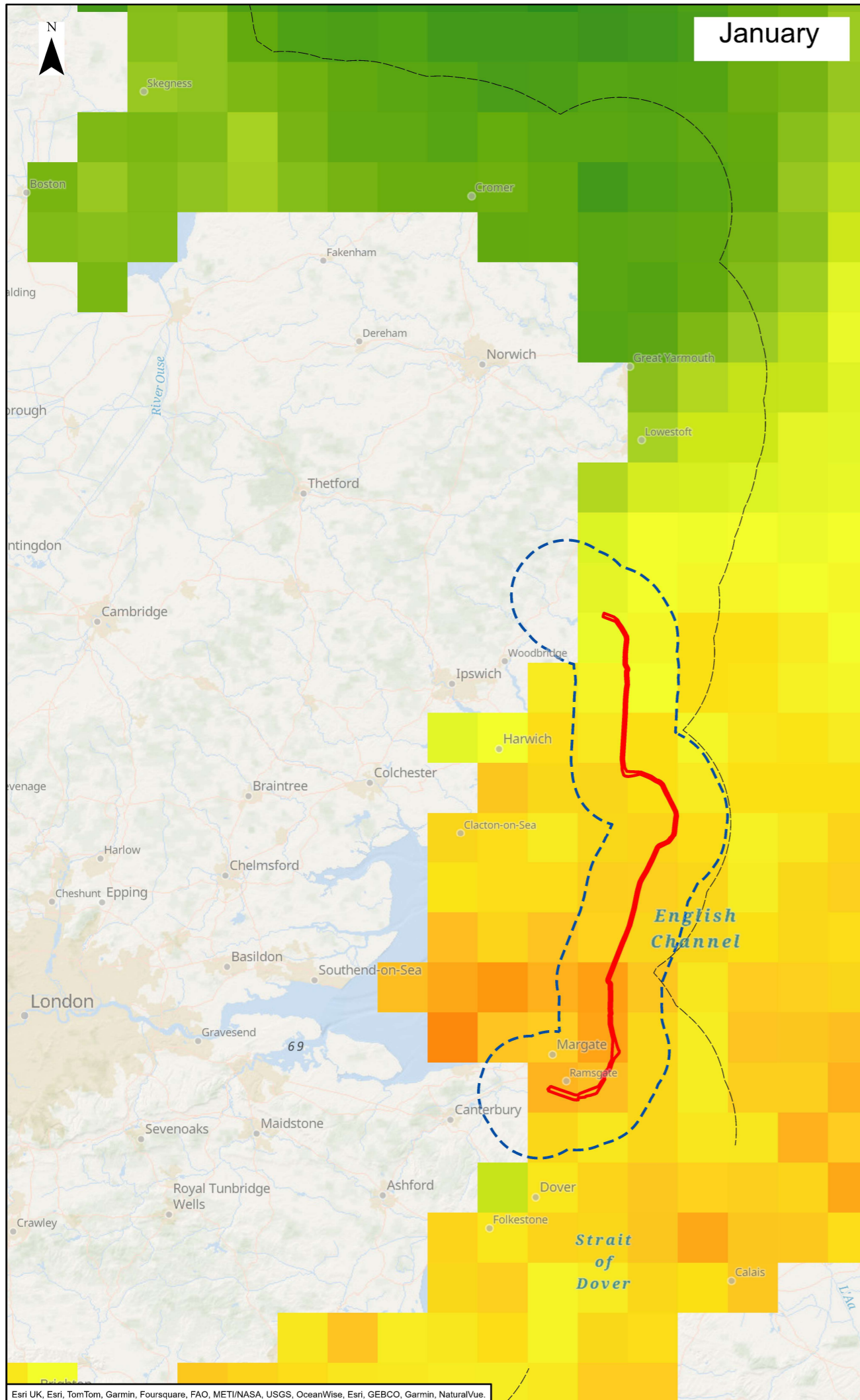


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Distribution of Lesser Black Backed Gull - January (Waggit et al 2019)

Individuals per km²

0.089

0.011

Distribution of Lesser Black Backed Gull - July (Waggit et al 2019)

Individuals per km²

1.339

0.106

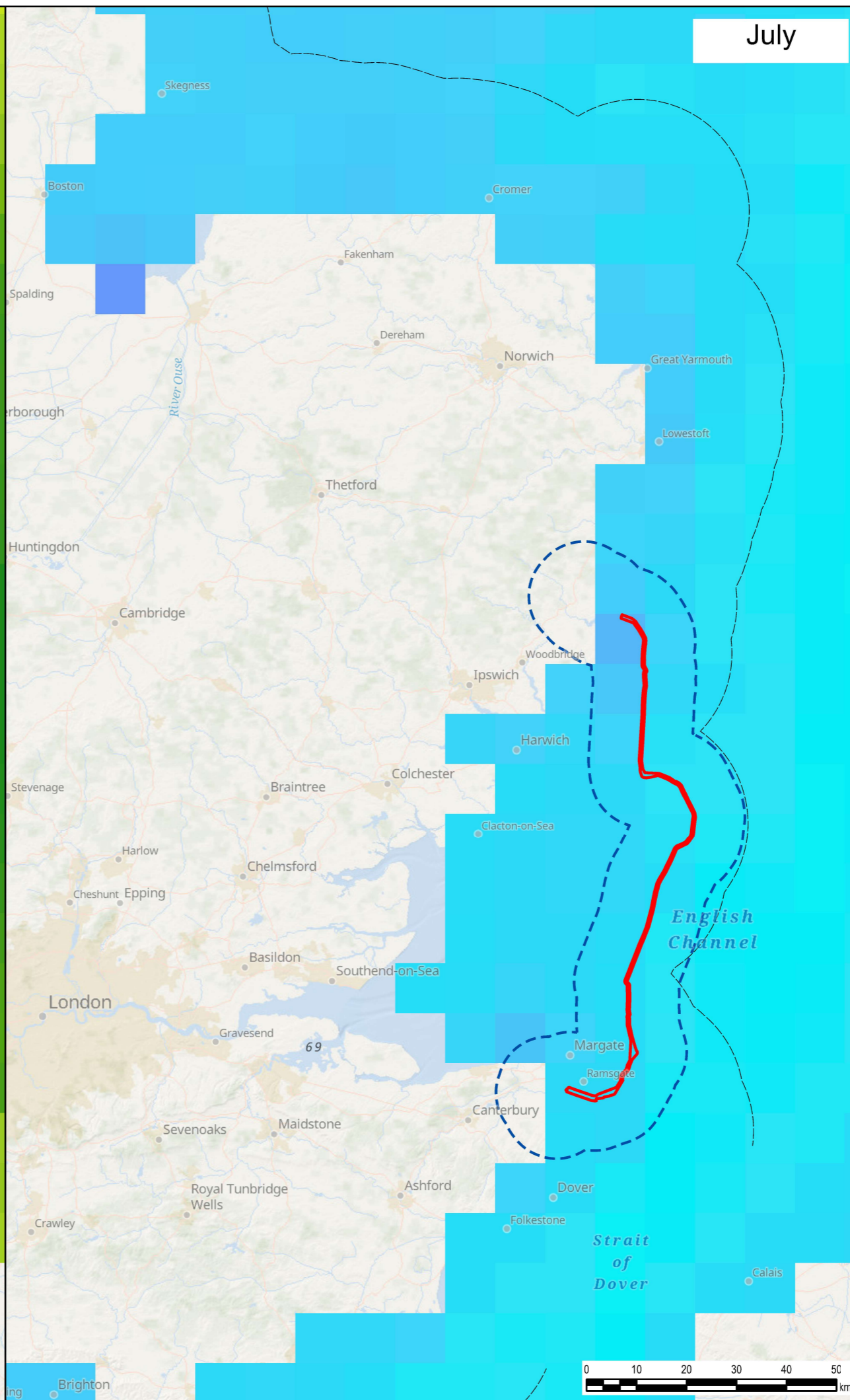
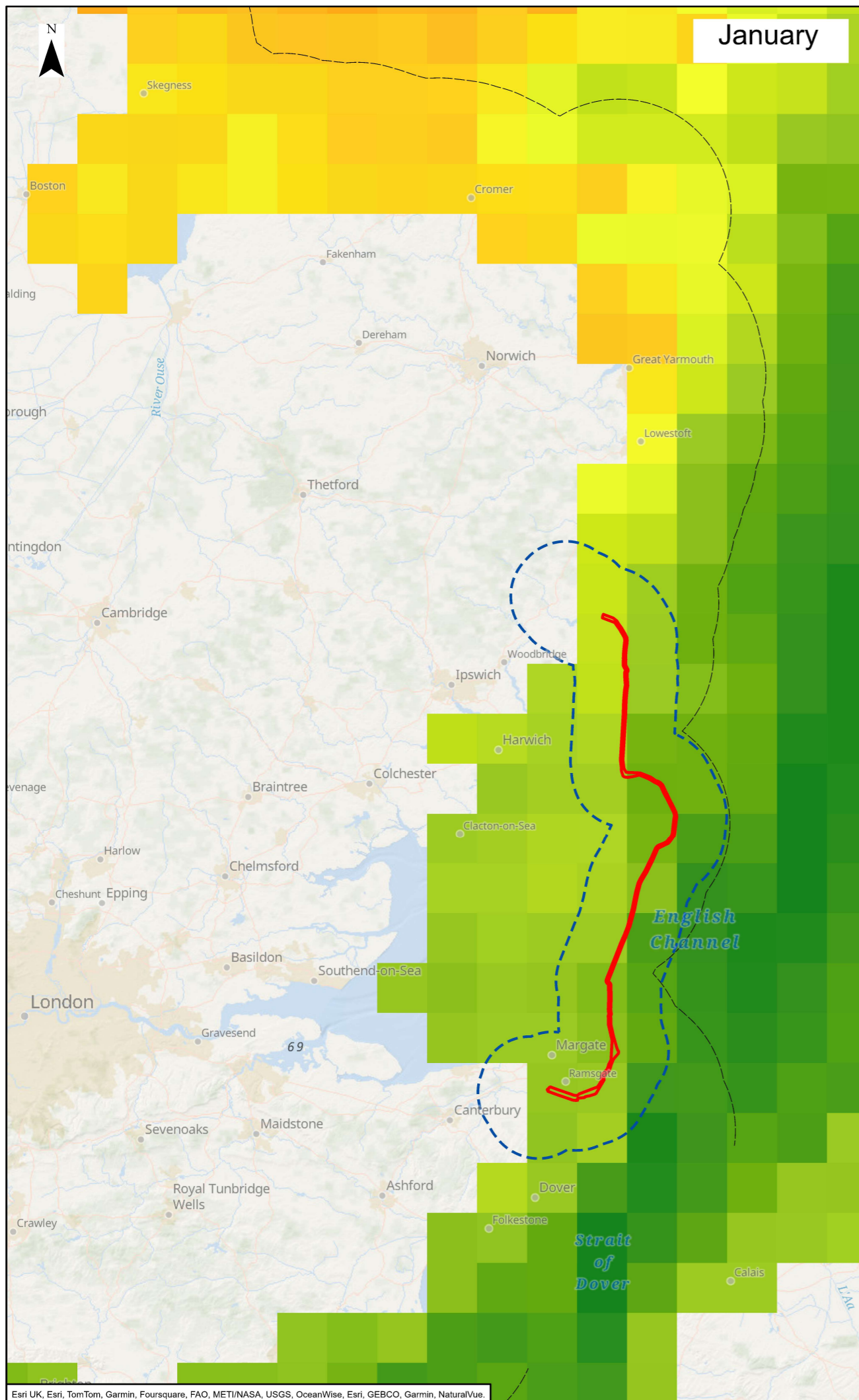
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Distribution of Herring Gull - January (Waggitt et al 2019)

Individuals per km²

0.415

0.064

Distribution of Herring Gull - July (Waggitt et al 2019)

Individuals per km²

0.714

0.025

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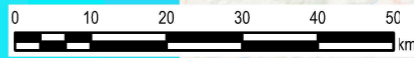
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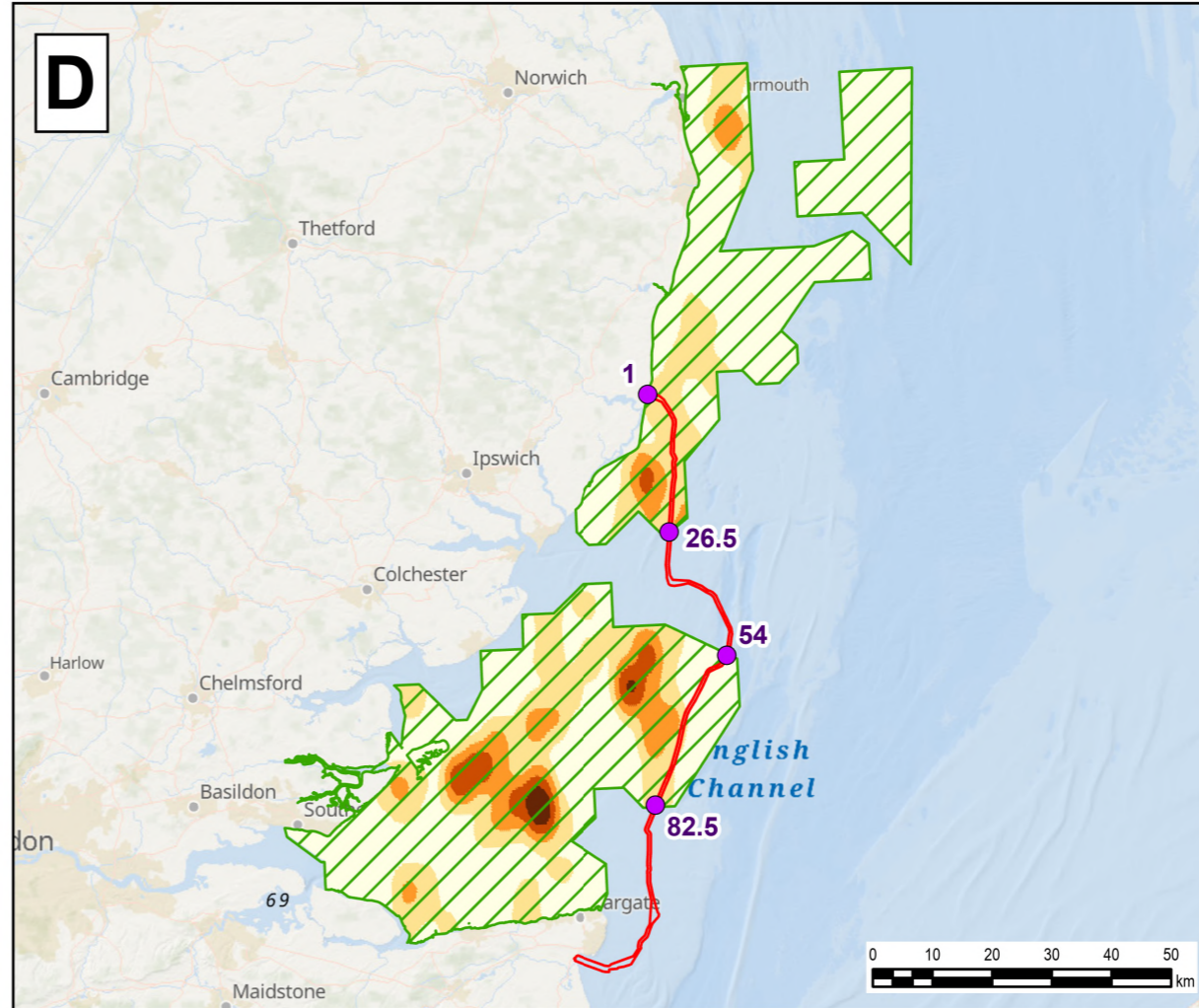
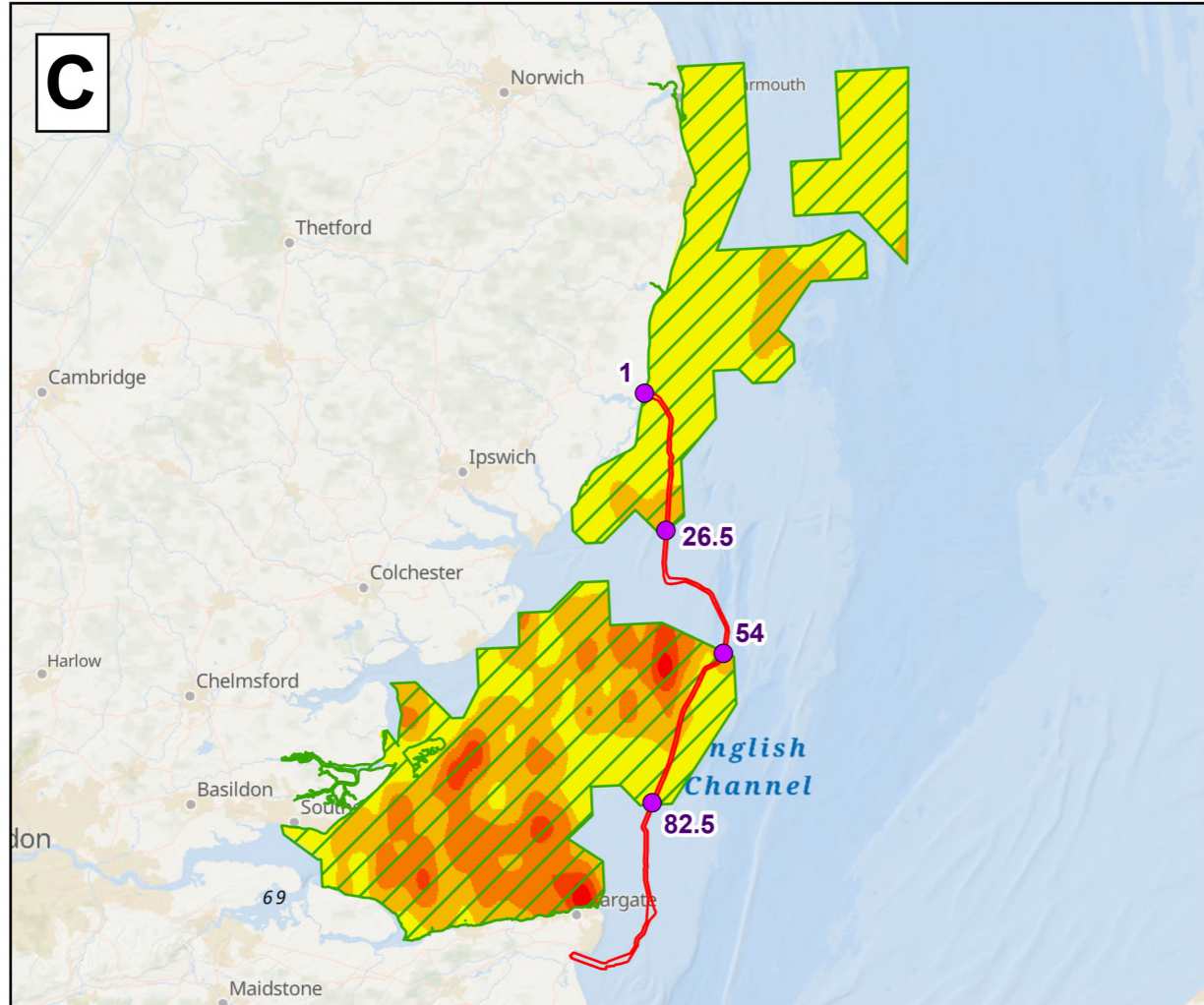
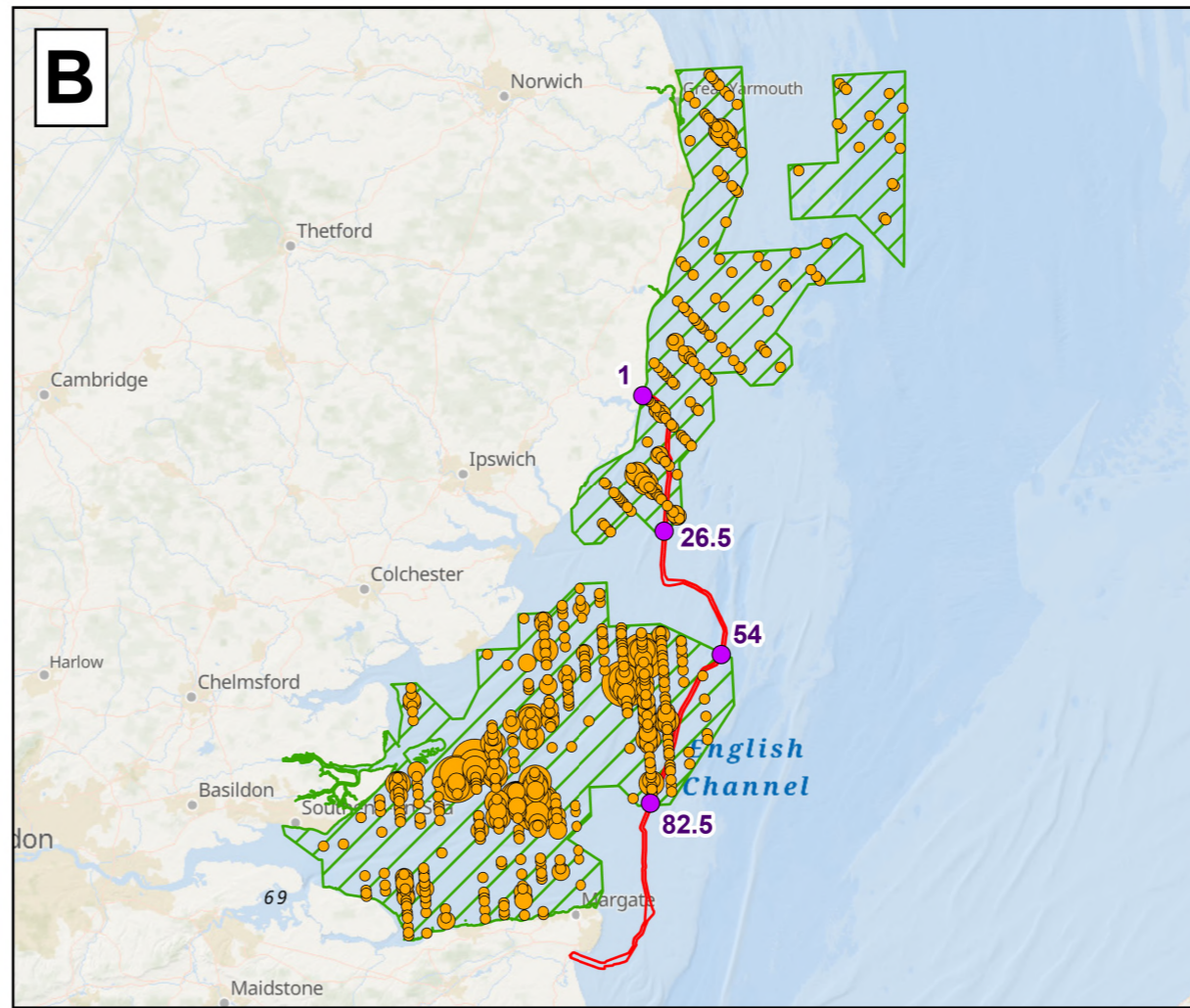
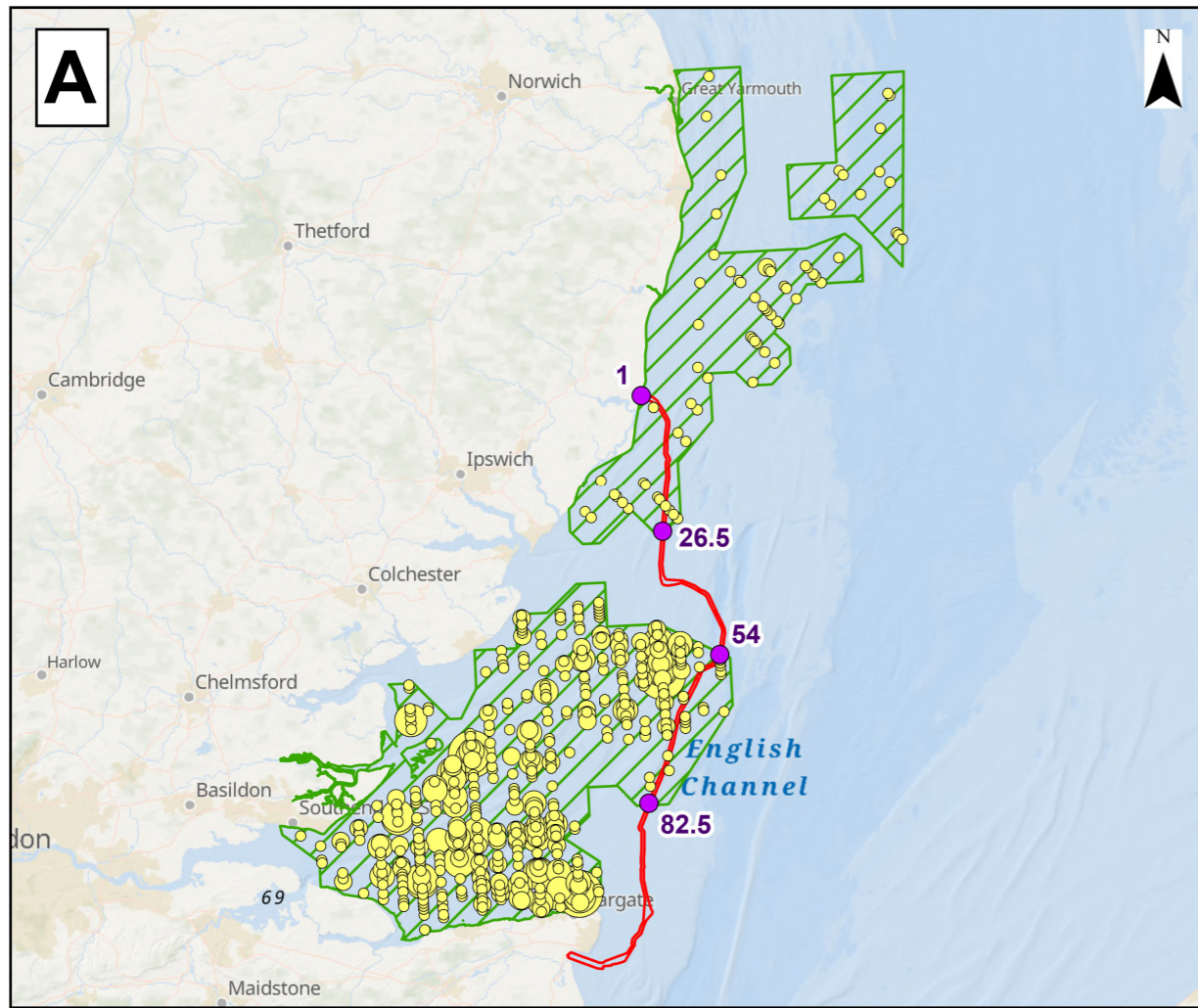
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Offshore Scheme Boundary

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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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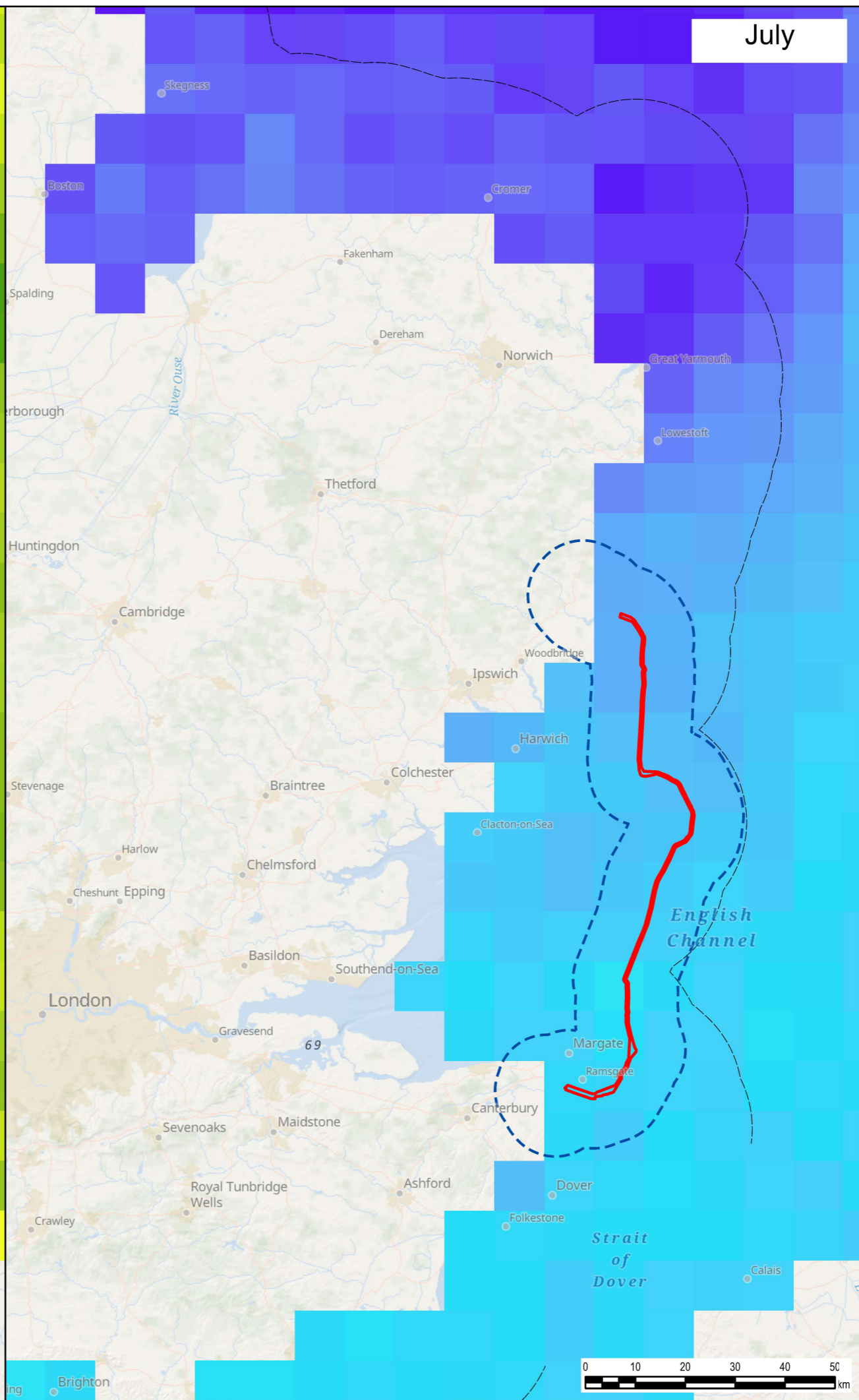
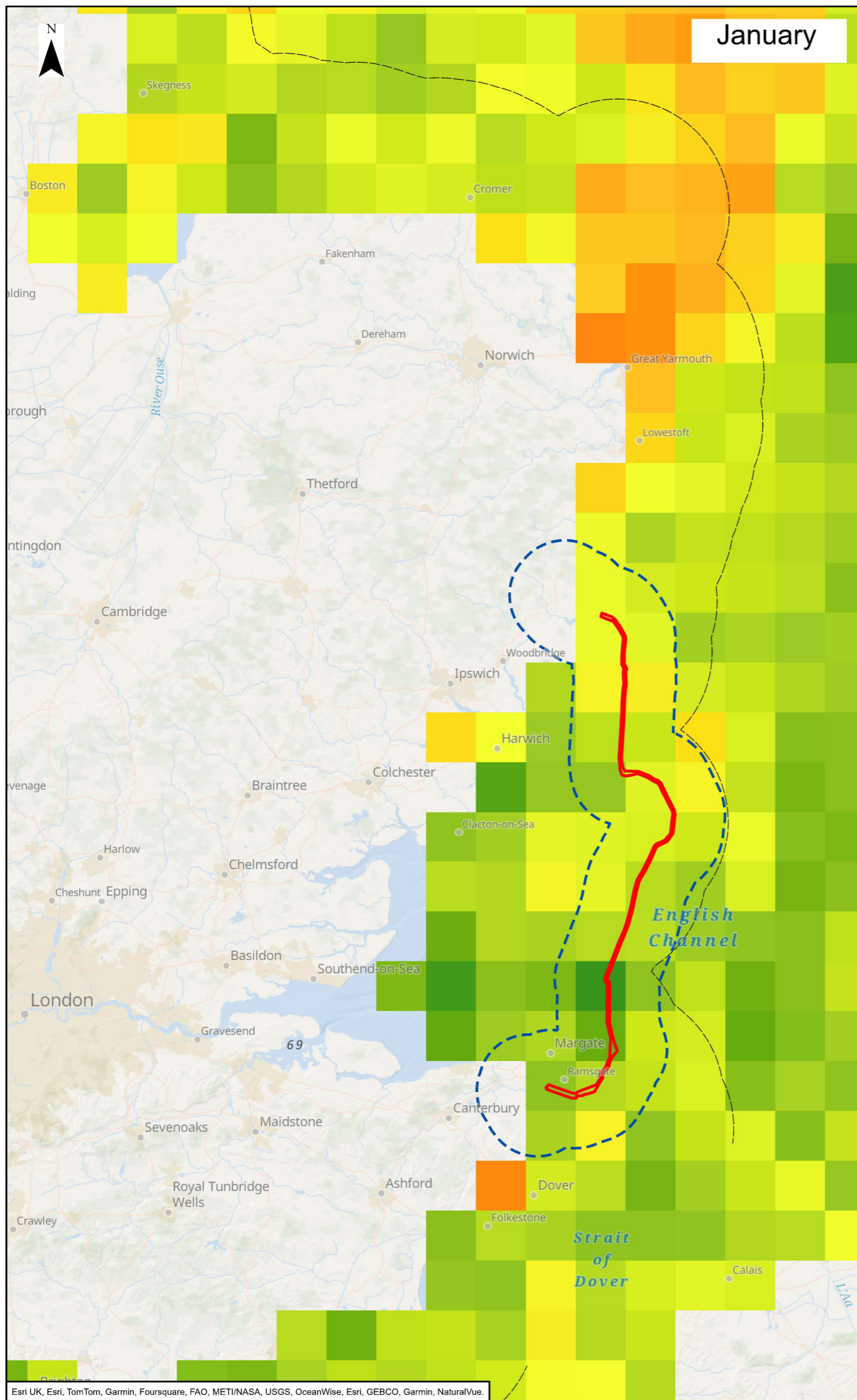
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RED-THROATED DIVER COUNTS (INDIVIDUALS) AND DENSITIES (NUMBER/KM²) IN THE OUTER THAMES ESTUARY SPA (RECORDED BY NATURAL ENGLAND IN FEBRUARY 2018)

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Distribution of Razor Bill - January (Waggit et al 2019)

Individuals per km²

- 0.321
- 0.136

Distribution of Razor Bill - July (Waggit et al 2019)

Individuals per km²

- 0.101
- 0.008

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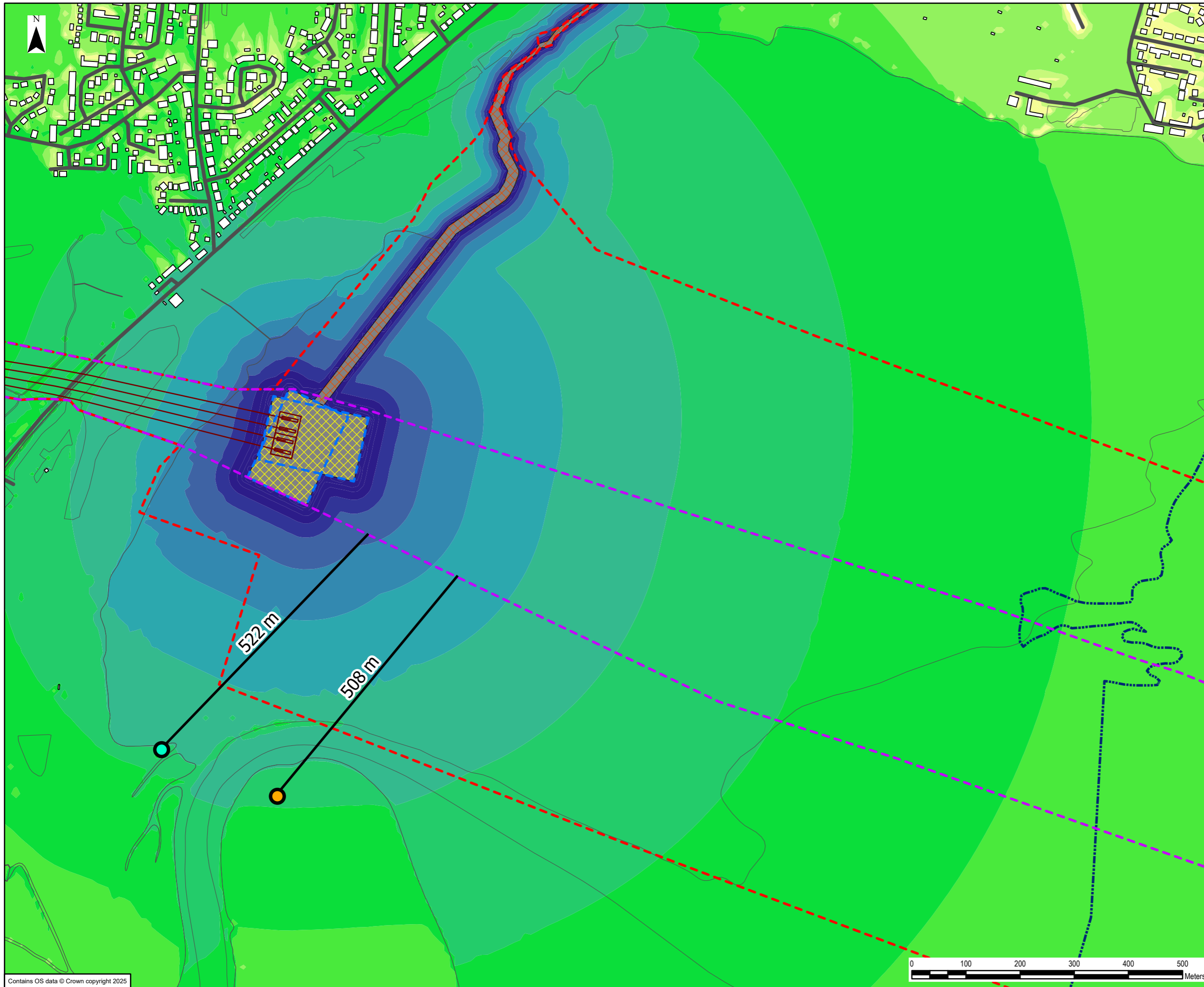
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- - - Order Limits
- - - Limits of Deviation
- . . . Mean Low Water Spring
- Site plan
- - - HDD exit
- Illustrative access route corridor
- HDD working area
- Beach high tide roost location at mouth of River Stour
- Saltmarsh high tide roost location at mouth of River Stour

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_{AFmax} at 10 m 91 dB) operating anywhere in HDD exit area and construction vehicles (source level L_{AFmax} 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)

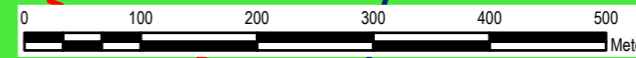
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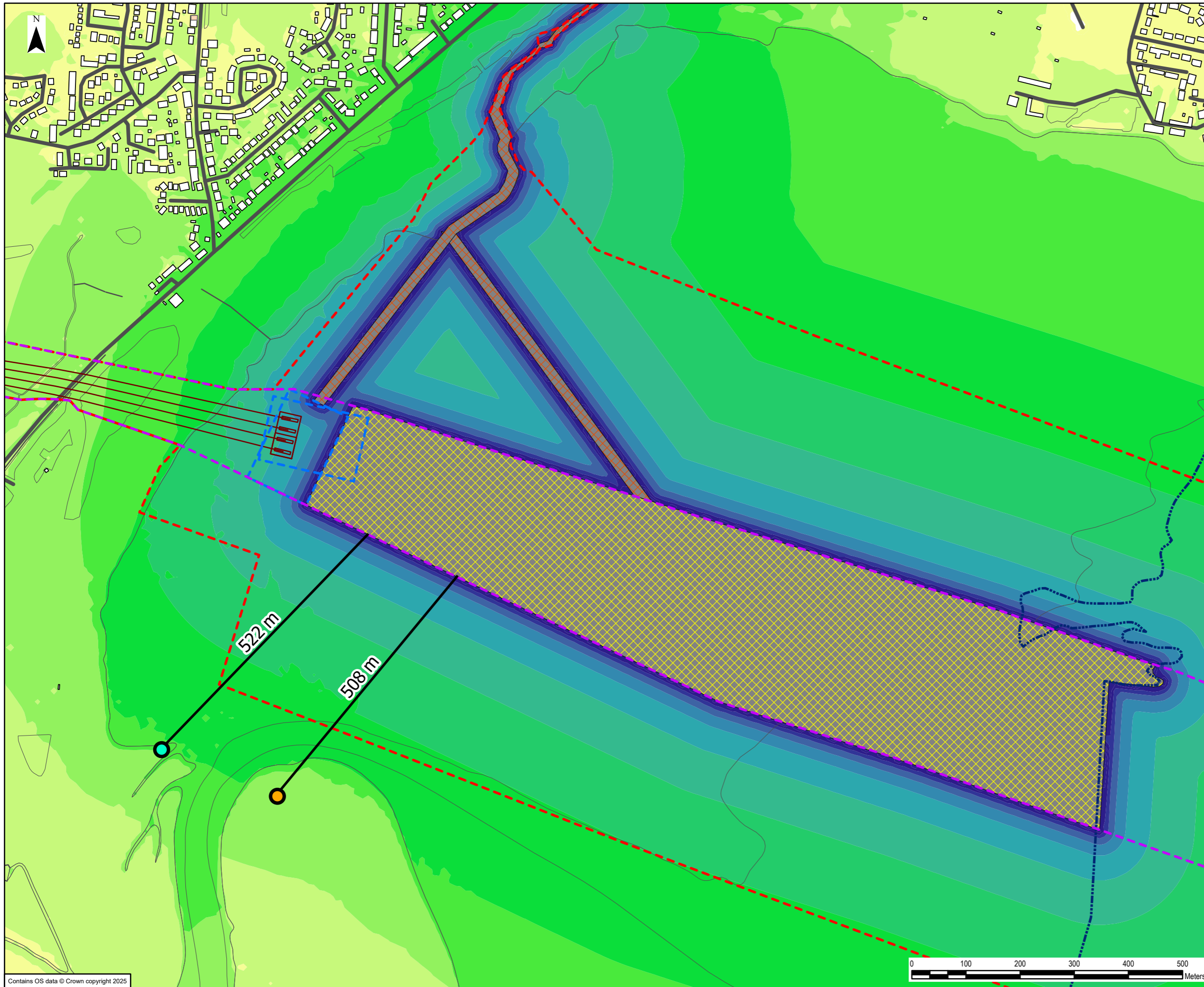


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Legend

- - - Order Limits
- - - Limits of Deviation
- - - Mean Low Water Spring
- Site plan
- - - HDD exit
- Illustrative access route corridor
- Cable pull in working corridor
- Beach high tide roost location at mouth of River Stour
- Saltmarsh high tide roost location at mouth of River Stour

Noise level (dB)

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

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

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