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Chapter 1

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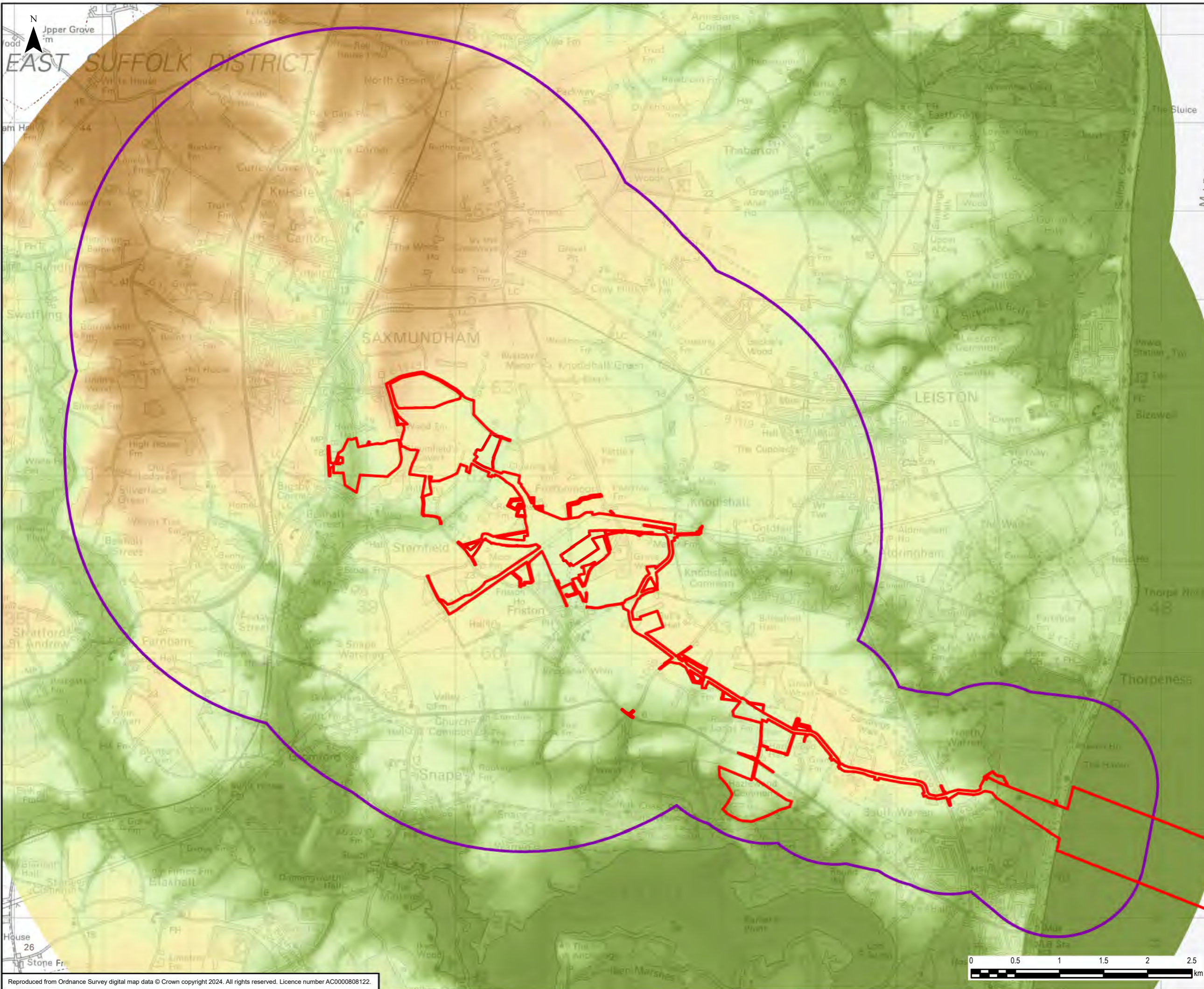
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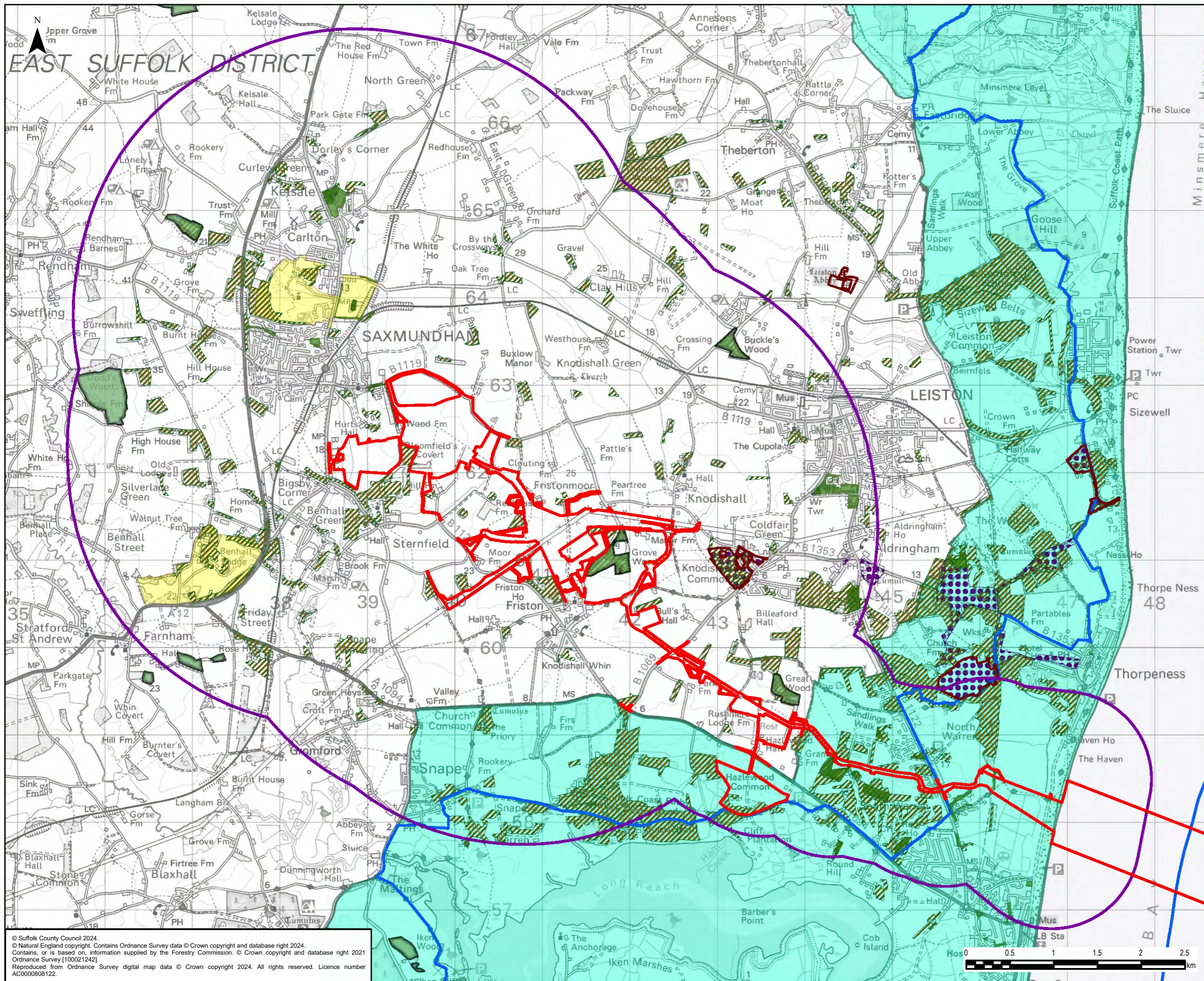
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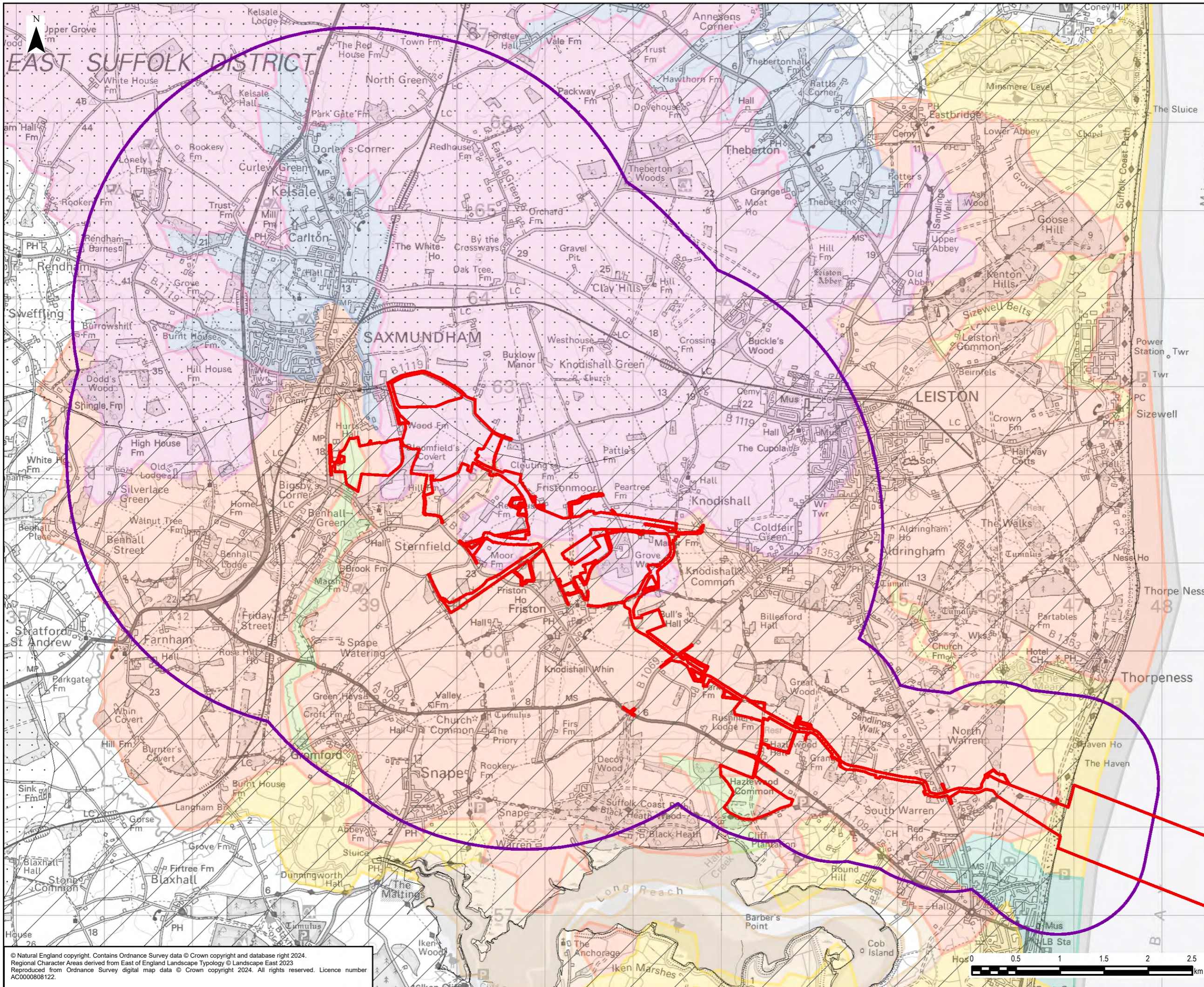


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- Order Limits
 - Landscape and Visual Study Area
 - Tree Preservation Orders
 - Ancient Woodland
 - National Forest Inventory - Woodland
 - Registered Common Land
 - CRoW Section 15 Land
 - Parks and Gardens of Historic or Landscape Interest
 - Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
 - Suffolk Heritage Coast (note this is defined rather than designated)

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- Landscape and Visual Study Area
- National Character Areas**
- South Norfolk and High Suffolk Claylands
- Suffolk Coast and Heaths
- Regional Character Types**
- Landscape Character Type 0: Urban
- Landscape Character Type 8: Forested Estate Sandlands
- Landscape Character Type 12: Valley Settled Farmlands
- Landscape Character Type 16: Wooded Plateau Claylands
- Landscape Character Type 19: Valley Meadowlands
- Landscape Character Type 25: Coastal Levels
- Landscape Character Type 26: Saltmarsh and Intertidal Flats
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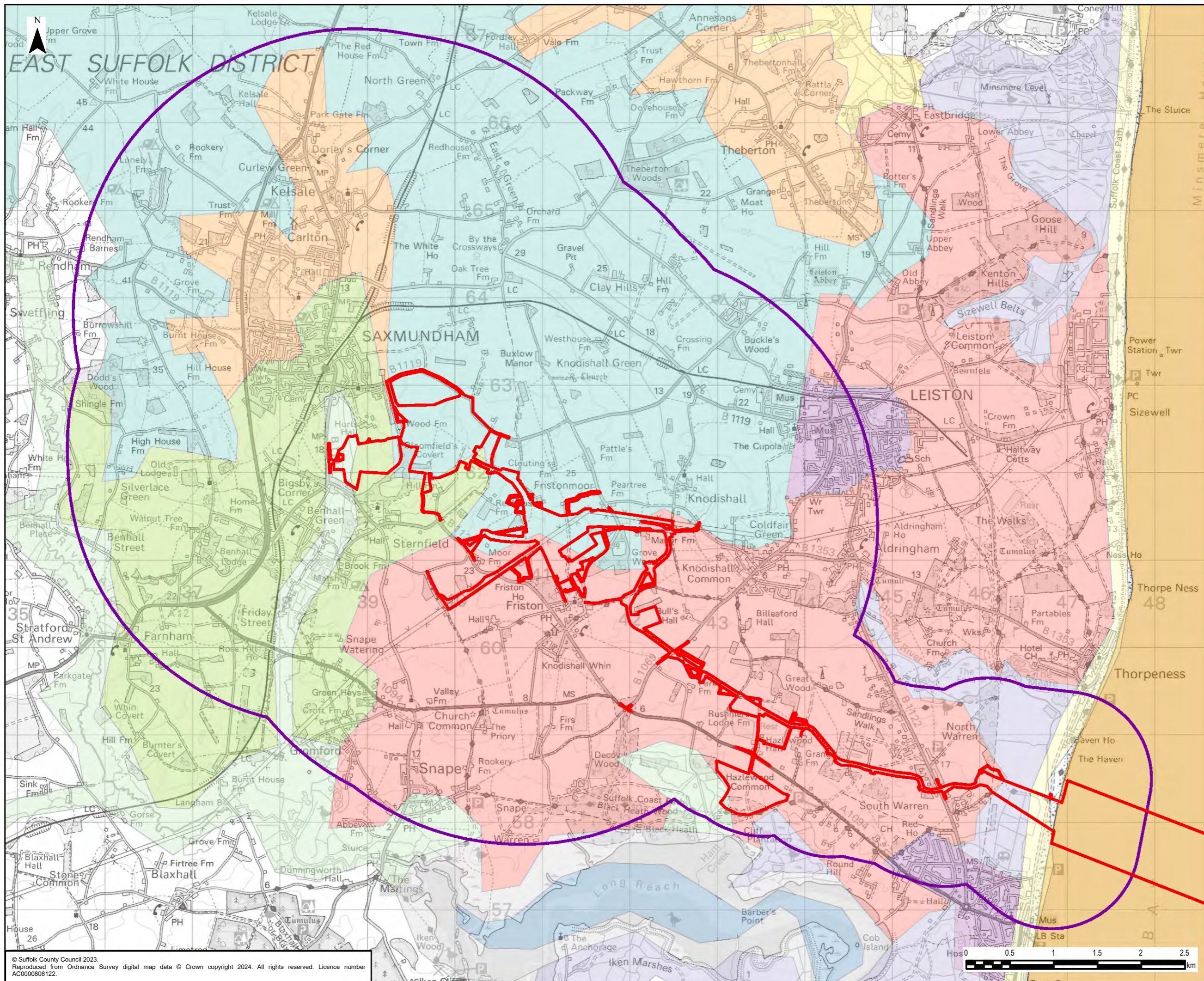
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- Order Limits
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- County Character Areas**
- Ancient estate claylands
 - Coastal dunes & shingle ridges
 - Coastal levels
 - Estate Sandlands
 - Inland navigable waters
 - Rolling estate claylands
 - Rolling estate sandlands
 - Rolling valley claylands
 - Saltmarsh & inter-tidal flats
 - Urban
 - Valley meadowlands
 - Valley meadows & fens
 - Nearshore Waters

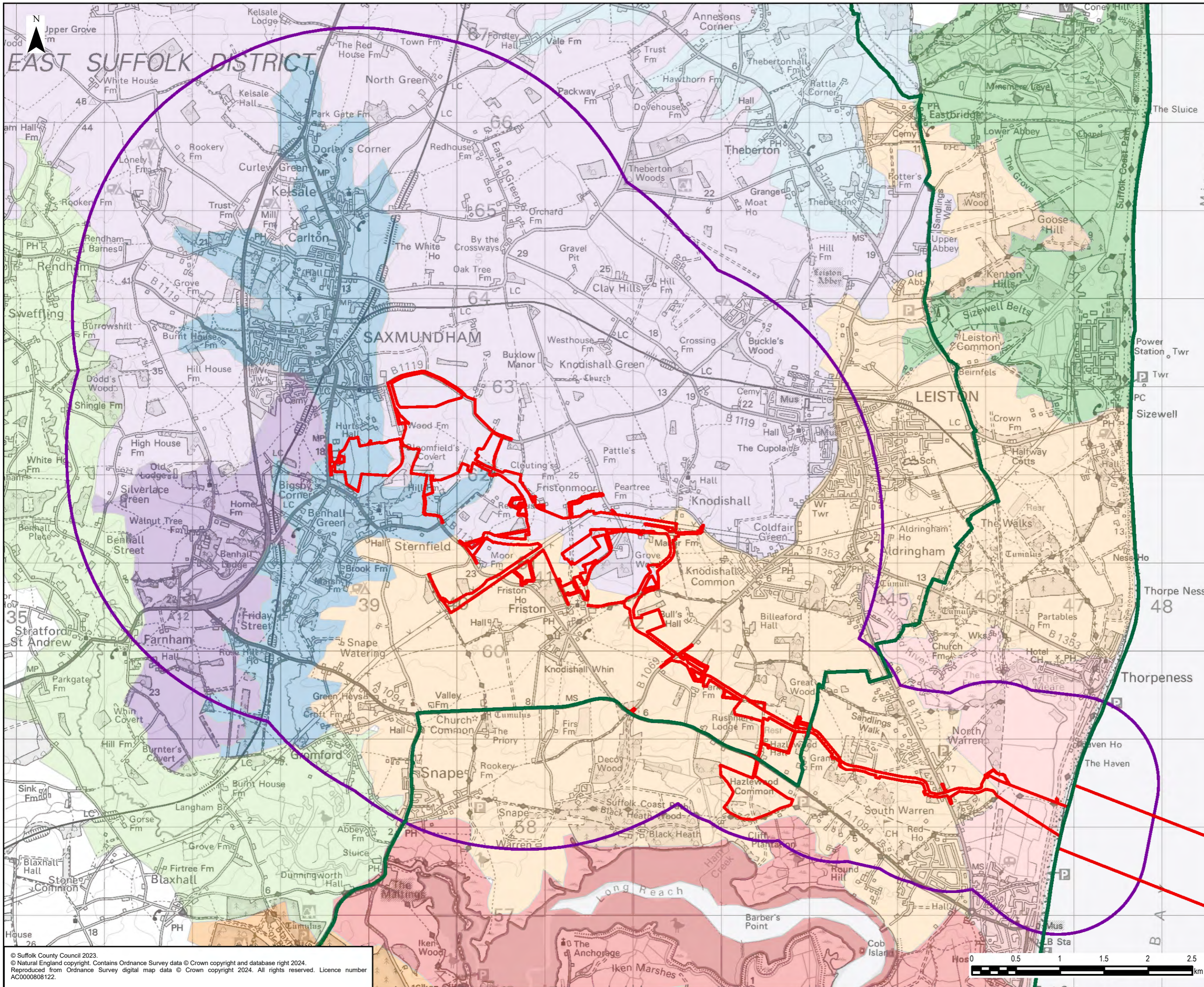
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- Order Limits
- Landscape and Visual Study Area

Suffolk Coastal Landscape Character Assessment

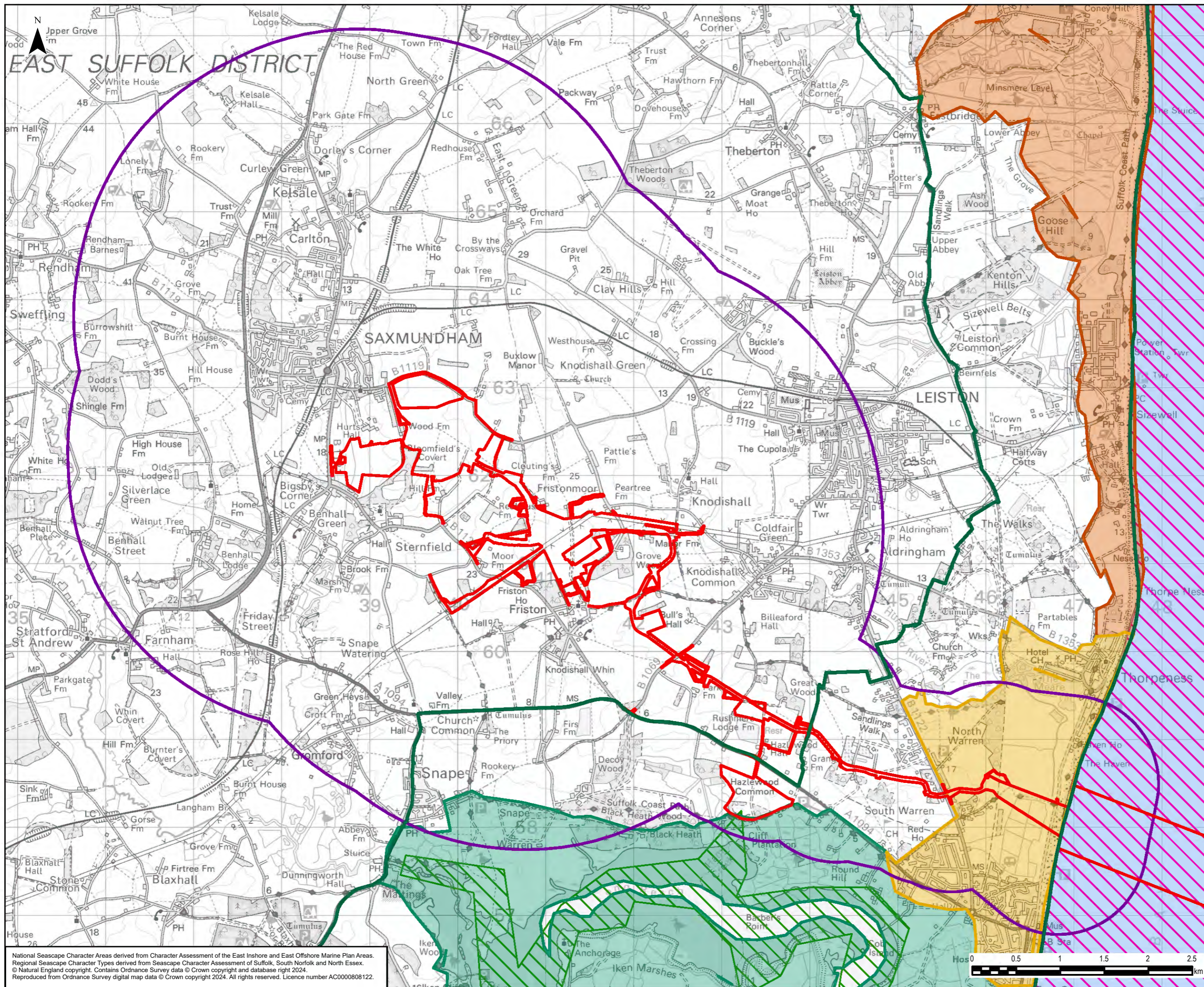
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- K3: Aldringham and Friston Sandlands
- K4: Rendlesham and Tunstall Sandlands
- L1: Heveningham and Knodishall Estate Claylands
- O1: Benhall Estate Sandlands

Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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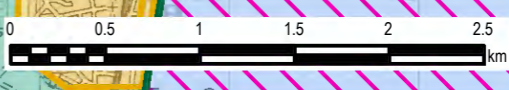
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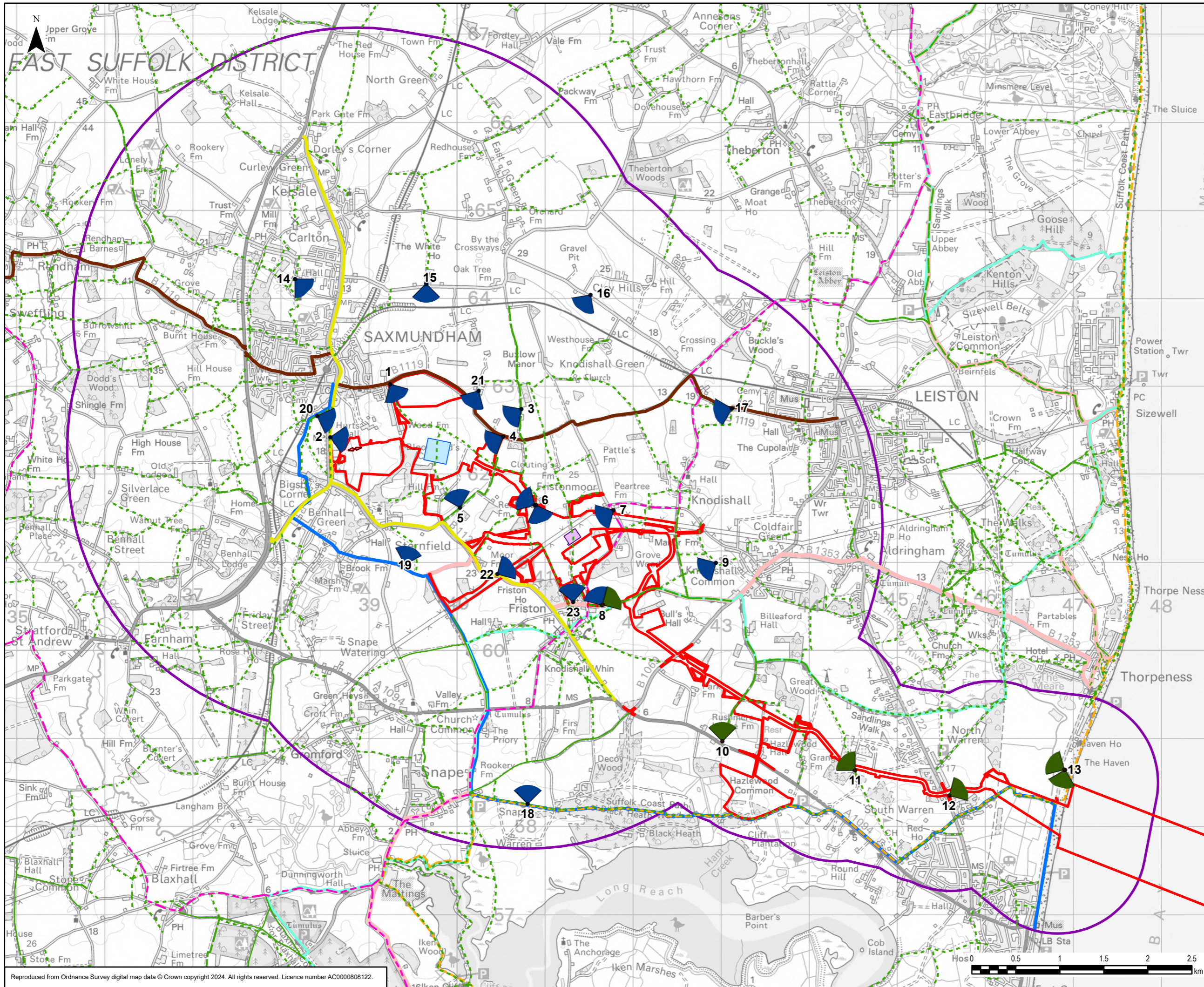


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 - Landscape and Visual Study Area
 - National Seascape Character Areas**
 - Suffolk Coastal Waters
 - Regional Seascape Character Types**
 - SCT 01: Inland Navigable Waters
 - SCT 03: Nearshore Waters
 - Touching the Tide District Level Coastal Character Area**
 - Alde Estuary
 - Dunwich to Sizewell Coast
 - Thorpeness to Aldeburgh Coast
 - Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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- Order Limits
- Landscape and Visual Study Area
- Proposed Project Friston Substation - 18m Height
- Converter Station - 26m Height
- Fromus Bridge - 6m Height

Representative Viewpoint

- ▼ Type 1
- ▼ Type 1 and Type 3

Cycle Routes

- Suffolk Coastal Cycle Route
- Wolf Way Cycle Route
- Sailors' Path
- Sandlings Walk
- Suffolk Coast Path

Public Rights of Way

- Footpath
- Bridleway
- Restricted Byway
- Byway Open to All Traffic

Road

- B1119
- B1121

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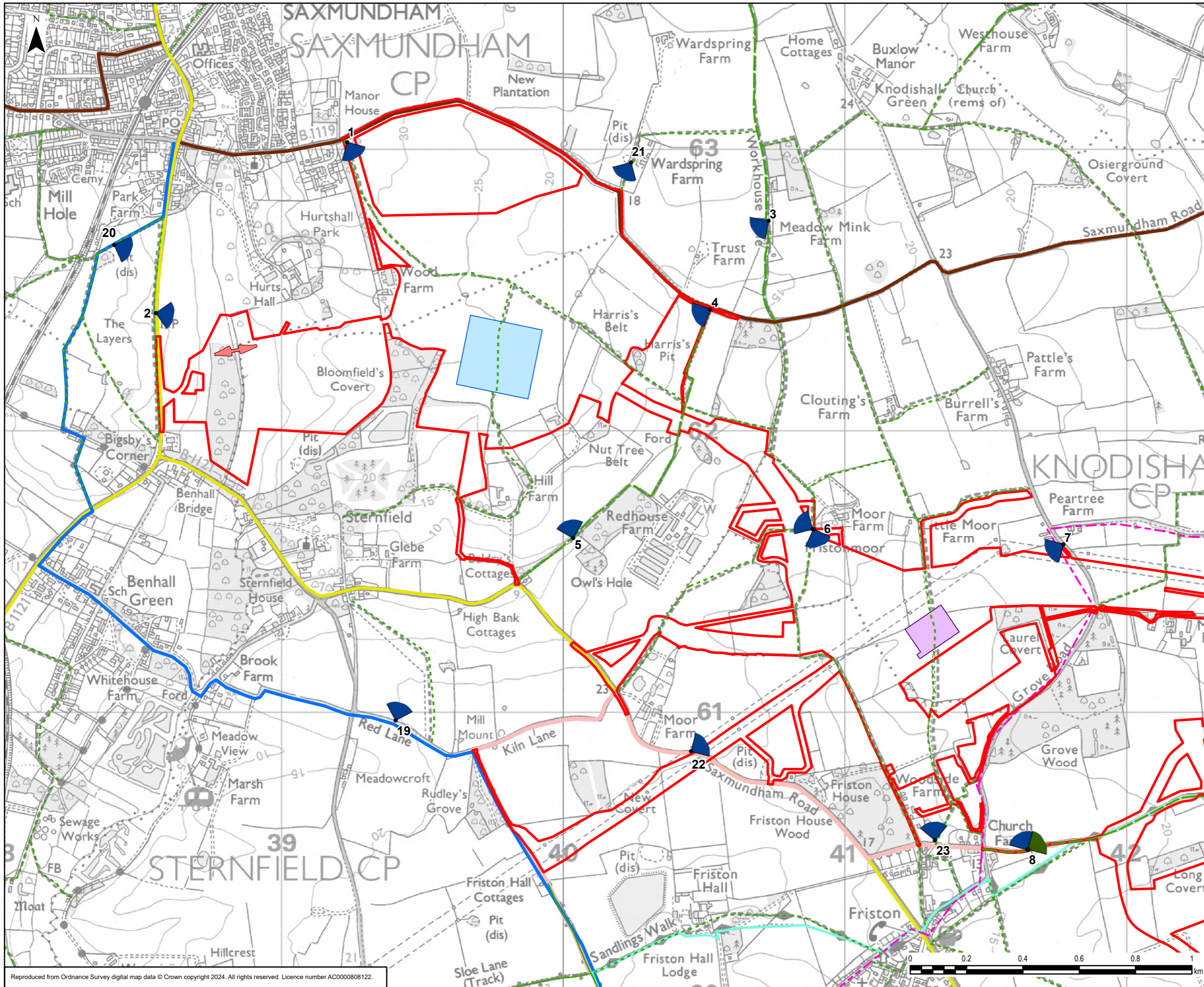
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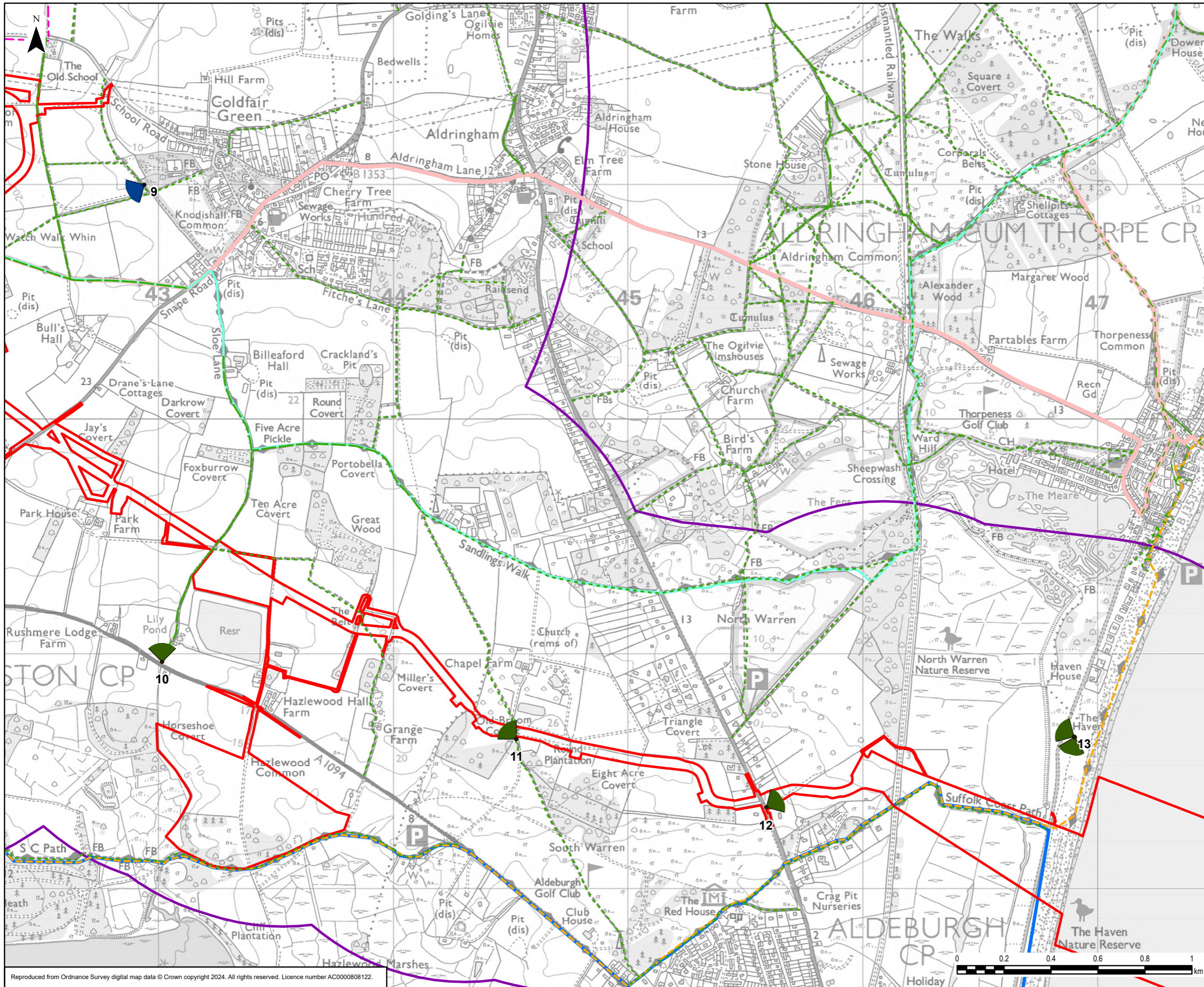
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- Legend**
- Order Limits
 - Proposed Project Friston Substation - 18m Height
 - Converter Station - 26m Height
 - Fromus Bridge - 6m Height
- Representative Viewpoint**
- ▼ Type 1
 - ▼ Type 1 and Type 3
- Public Rights of Way**
- Suffolk Coastal Cycle Route
 - Wolf Way Cycle Route
 - Sailors' Path
 - Sandlings Walk
- Public Rights of Way**
- Footpath
 - Bridleway
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- Road**
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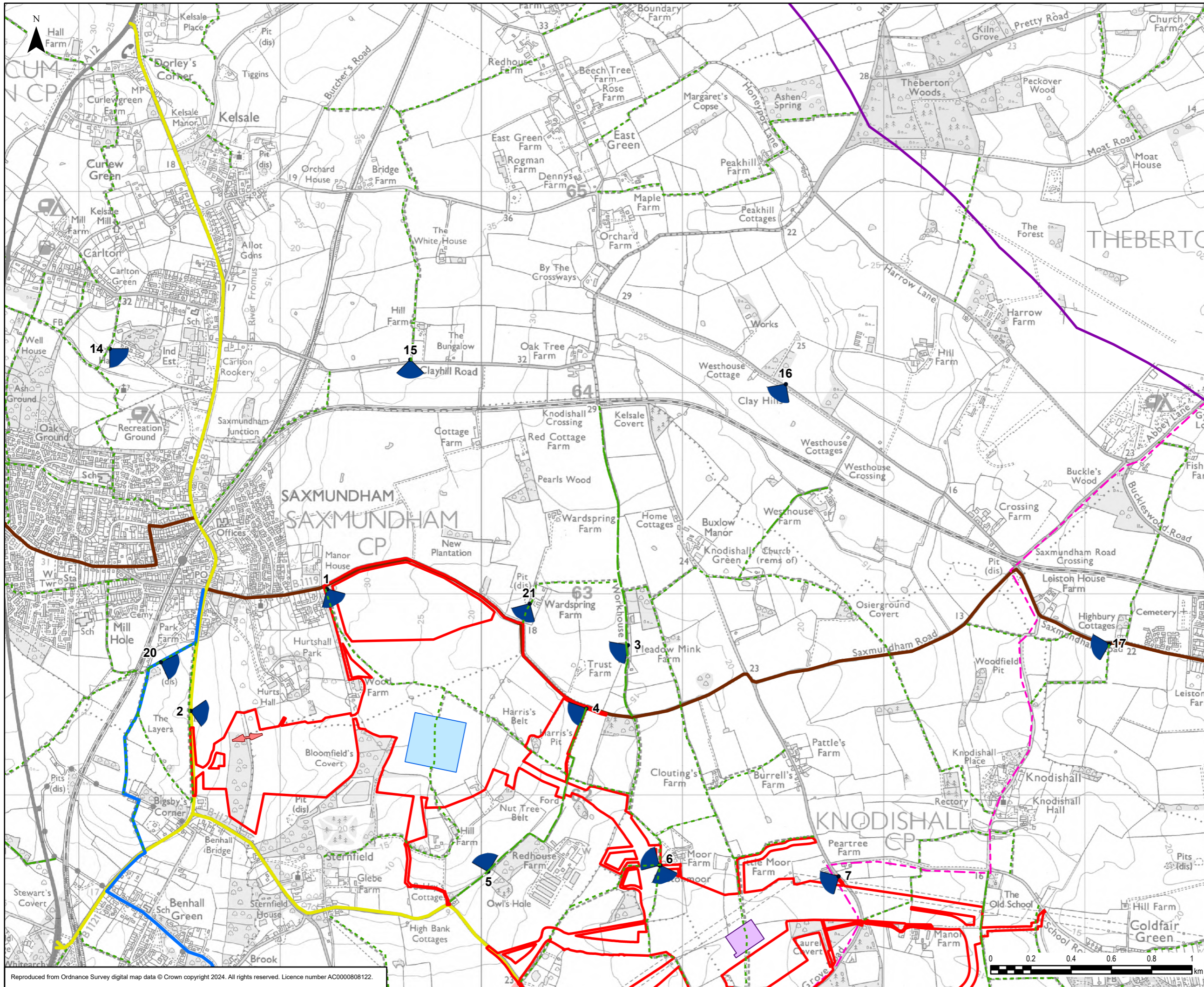


- Legend**
- Order Limits
 - Landscape and Visual Study Area
- Representative Viewpoint**
- ▼ Type 1
 - ▼ Type 1 and Type 3
- Public Rights of Way**
- Suffolk Coastal Cycle Route
 - Wolf Way Cycle Route
 - Sailors' Path
 - Sandlings Walk
 - Suffolk Coast Path
- Public Rights of Way**
- Footpath
 - Bridleway
 - Restricted Byway
 - Byway Open to All Traffic

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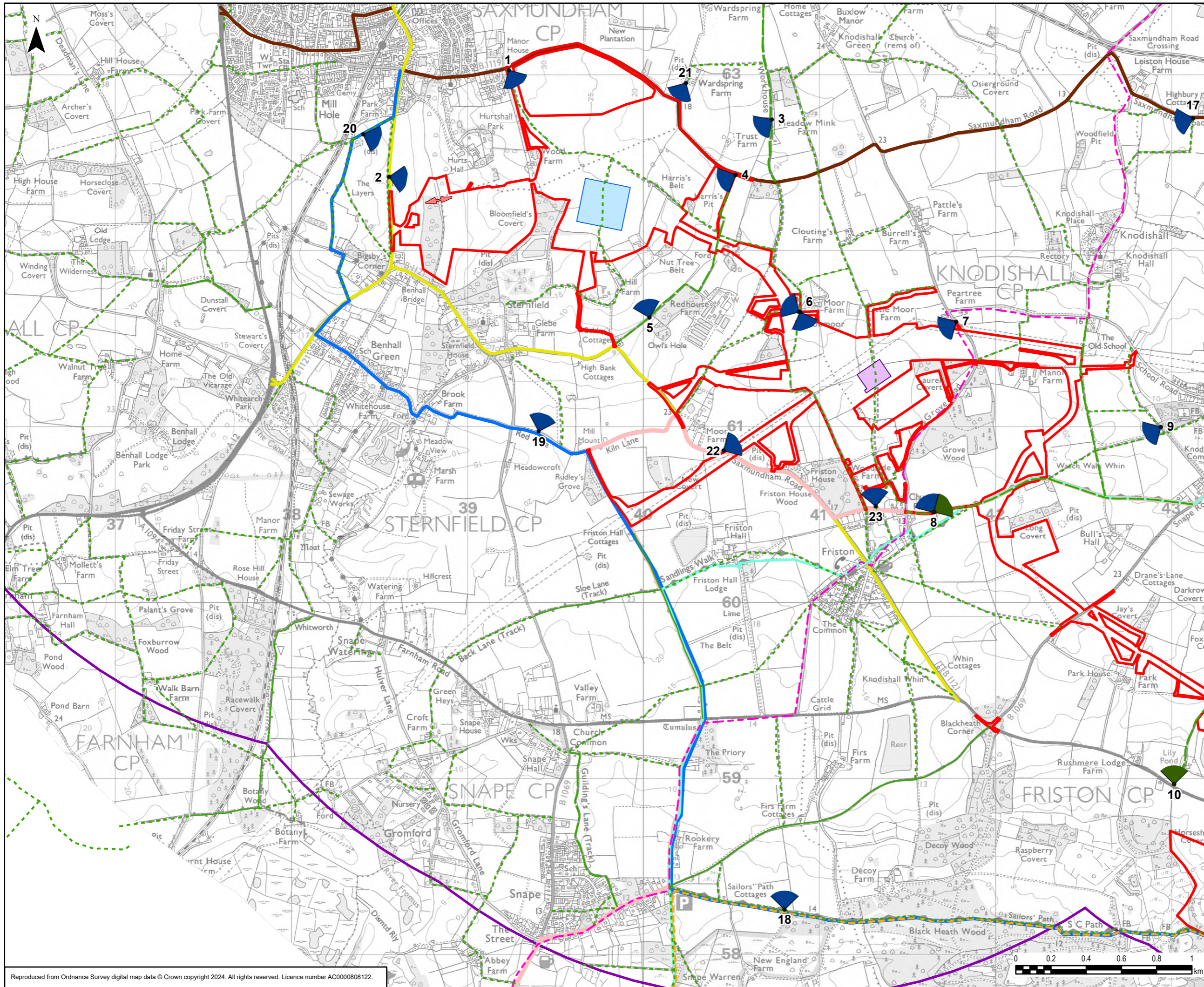
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- Order Limits
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 - Converter Station - 26m Height
 - Fromus Bridge - 6m Height
- Representative Viewpoint**
- ▶ Type 1 and Type 3
 - Suffolk Coastal Cycle Route
 - Wolf Way Cycle Route
 - Sailors' Path
- Public Rights of Way**
- Footpath
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- Road**
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- Proposed Project Friston Substation - 18m Height
- Converter Station - 26m Height
- Fromus Bridge - 6m Height

Representative Viewpoint

- ▼ Type 1
- ▼ Type 1 and Type 3

Public Rights of Way

- Footpath
- Bridleway
- Restricted Byway
- Byway Open to All Traffic

Road

- B1119
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Other Features

- Suffolk Coastal Cycle Route
- Wolf Way Cycle Route
- Sailors Path to the Coast at Aldeburgh
- Sandlings Walk
- Suffolk Coast Path

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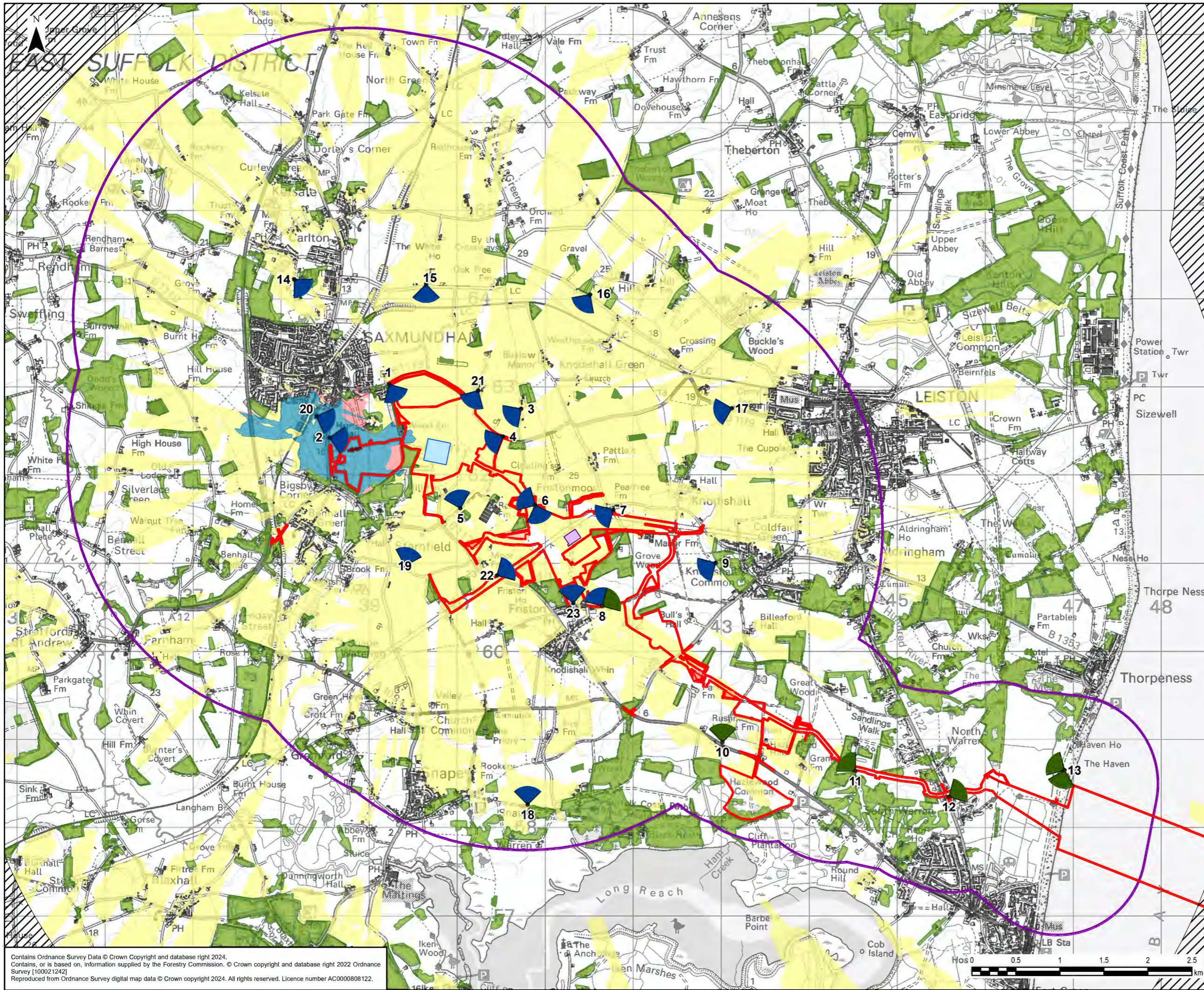
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 - Proposed Project Friston Substation - 18m Height
 - Converter Station - 26m Height
 - Fromus Bridge - 6m Height
 - No 5m Digital Terrain Model Coverage
 - Existing Building - 7.5m Height
 - National Forest Inventory - Woodland - 10m Height
- Representative Viewpoint**
- ◀ Type 1
 - ◀ Type 1 and Type 3
- Zone of Theoretical Visibility**
- Converter Station only
 - Fromus Bridge only
 - Converter Station & Fromus Bridge

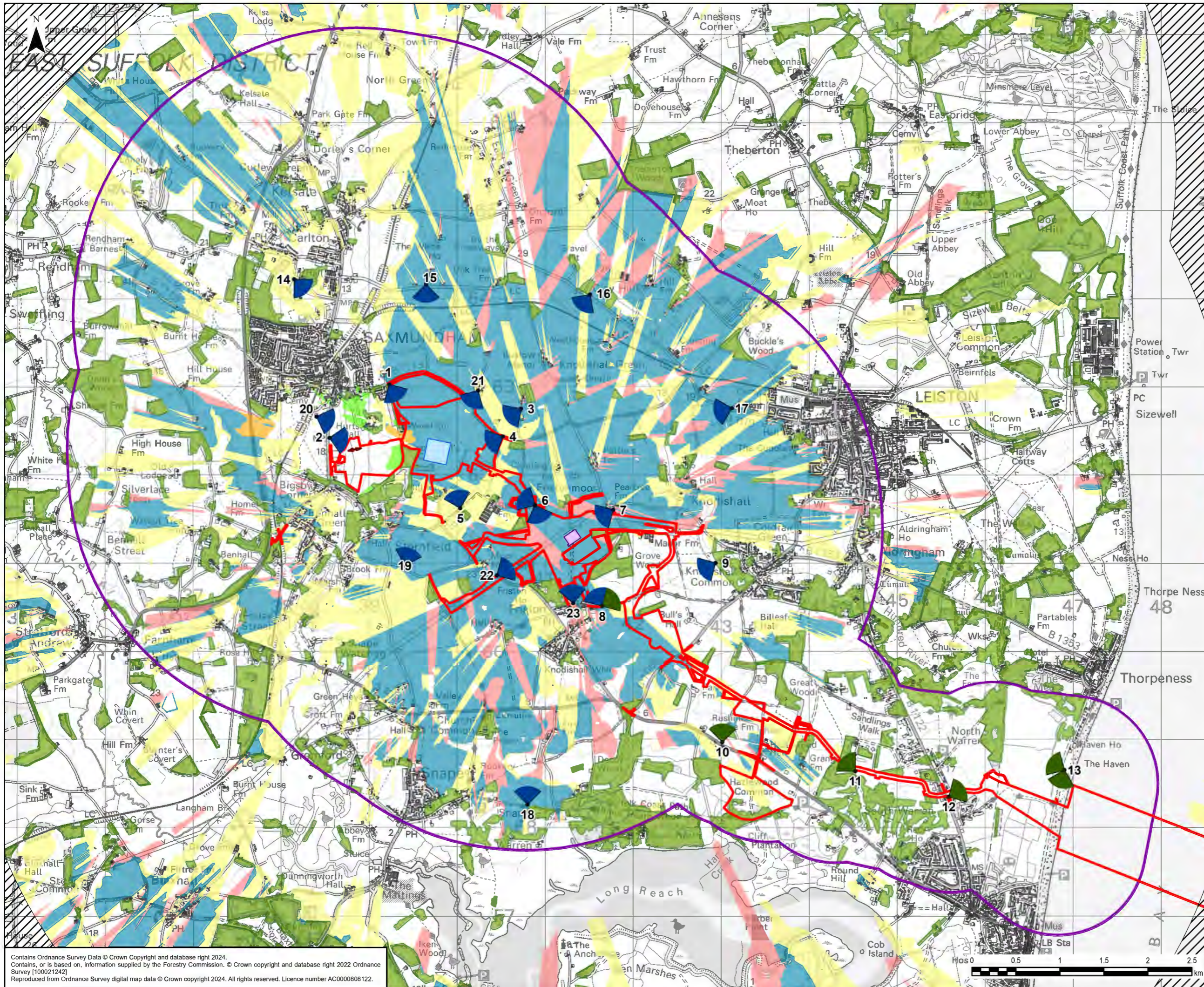
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 - Proposed Project Friston Substation - 18m Height
 - Converter Station - 26m Height
 - Fromus Bridge - 6m Height
 - No 5m Digital Terrain Model Coverage
 - Existing Building - 7.5m Height
 - National Forest Inventory - Woodland - 10m Height
 - Representative Viewpoint**
 - Type 1
 - Type 1 and Type 3

- Zone of Theoretical Visibility**
- Converter Station only
 - Proposed Project Friston Substation only
 - Fromus Bridge only
 - Converter Station and Proposed Project Friston Substation
 - Converter Station, Proposed Project Friston Substation and Fromus Bridge

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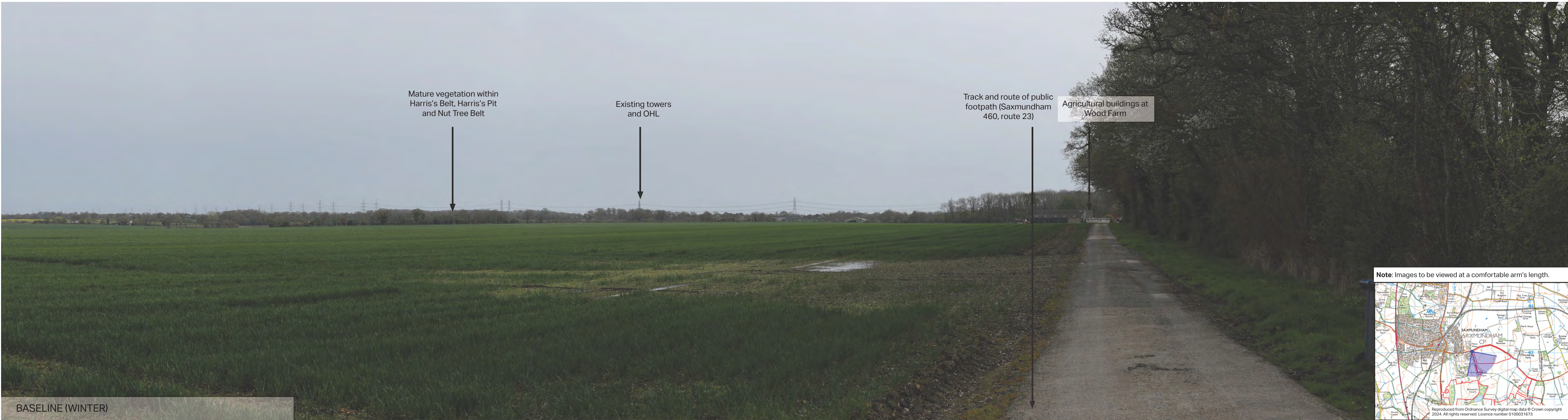
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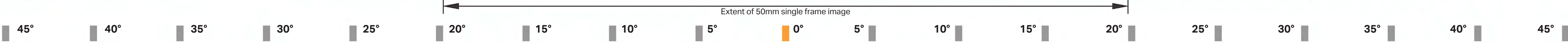
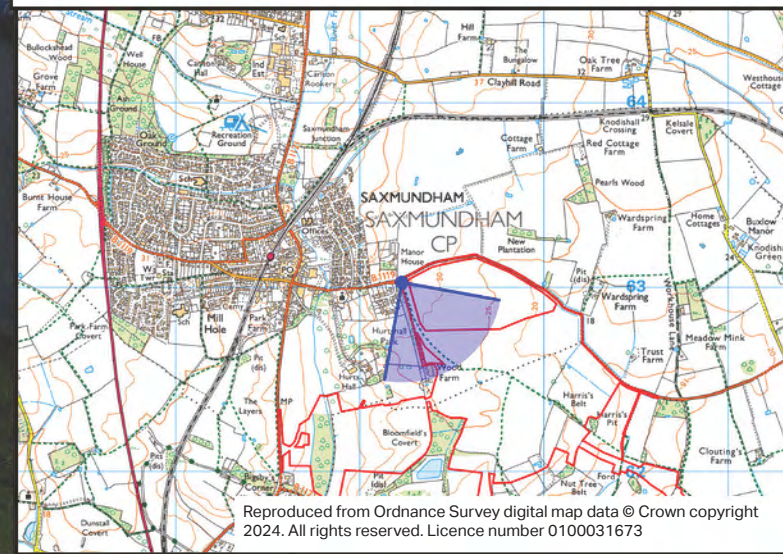
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BASELINE (WINTER)

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Sea Link Suffolk Onshore Scheme
Viewpoint 1: Public Footpath (Saxmundham 460, route 23), east of Saxmundham, looking southeast

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OPERATION WITH FRISTON SCENARIO 1 (WINTER YEAR 1)



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Sea Link Suffolk Onshore Scheme
Viewpoint 1: Public Footpath (Saxmundham 460, route 23), east of Saxmundham, looking southeast

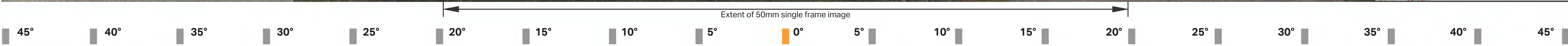
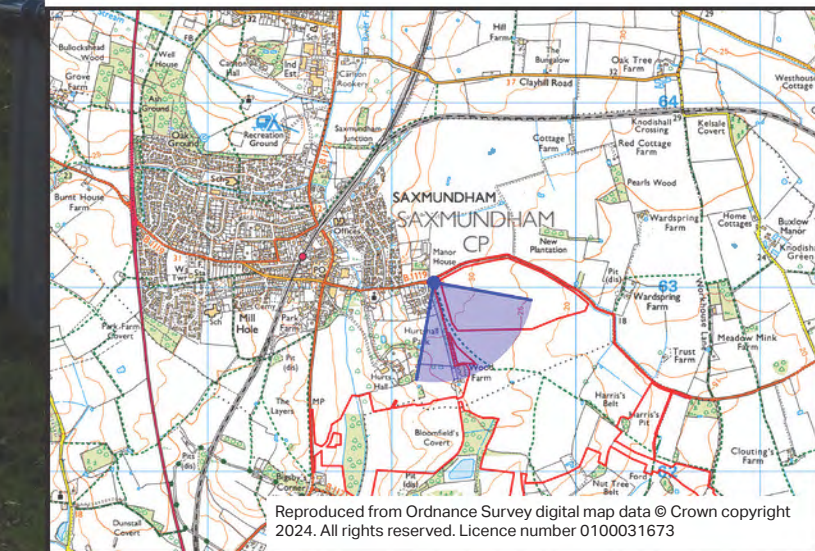
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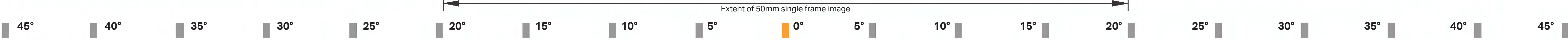
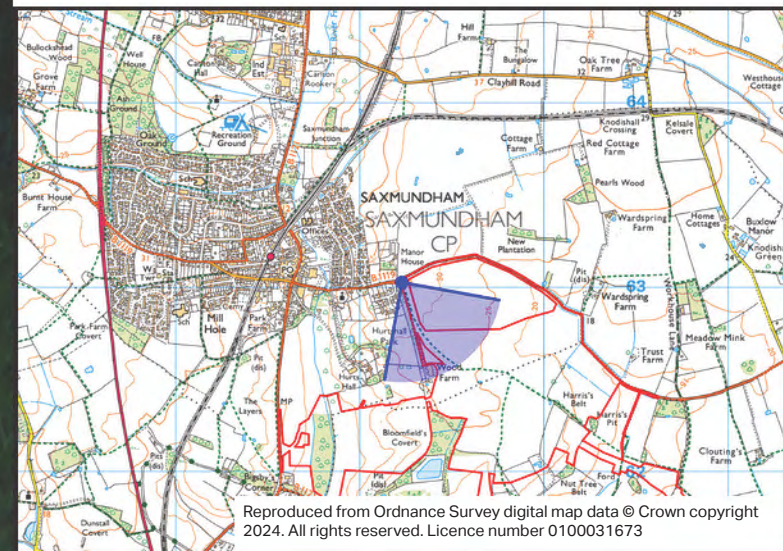
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Viewpoint 1: Public Footpath (Saxmundham 460, route 23), east of Saxmundham, looking southeast

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BASELINE (SUMMER)

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 Canon EF50mm f/1.8 STM
 90°
 South East
 E639225 N263029

Eye level: 33.3m
 Height of Camera: 1.6m

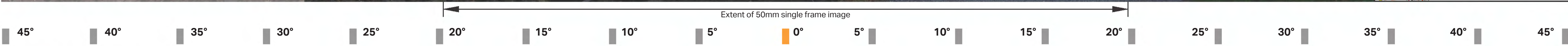
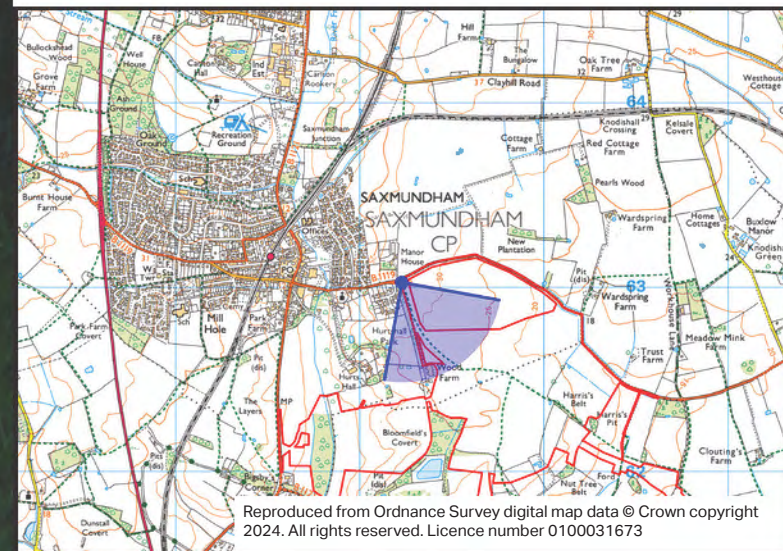
Sea Link Suffolk Onshore Scheme
Viewpoint 1: Public Footpath (Saxmundham 460, route 23), east of Saxmundham, looking southeast

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OPERATION WITH FRISTON SCENARIO 1 (SUMMER YEAR 15)

Note: Images to be viewed at a comfortable arm's length.



Visualisation Type: 3
 Projection: Cylindrical
 Enlargement Factor: 96%
 Paper Size: A1
 Date / Time: 13/09/2023, 15:33

Camera: Canon EOS 6D
 Lens: Canon EF50mm f/1.8 STM
 Horizontal Field of View: 90°
 Direction of View: South East
 Location: E639225 N263029

Eye level: 33.3m
 Height of Camera: 1.6m

Note:
 The block photomontage shows the maximum parameters for the Proposed Development. The block photomontage assumes under Friston Scenario 1 that Friston Substation has been constructed under the SPR consent, so is not shown in the photomontage.

Sea Link Suffolk Onshore Scheme
Viewpoint 1: Public Footpath (Saxmundham 460, route 23), east of Saxmundham, looking southeast

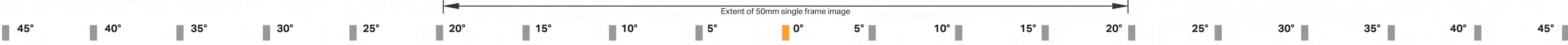
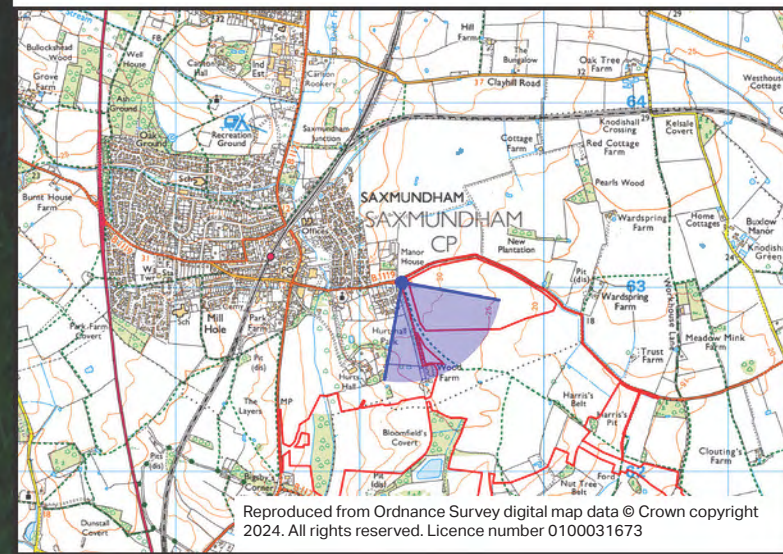
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KEY:
 - - - NGET Friston Substation (not visible)

OPERATION WITH FRISTON SCENARIO 2 (SUMMER YEAR 15)

Note: Images to be viewed at a comfortable arm's length.



Visualisation Type: 3
 Projection: Cylindrical
 Enlargement Factor: 96%
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Camera:
 Lens: Canon EOS 6D
 Horizontal Field of View: Canon EF50mm f/1.8 STM
 Direction of View: 90°
 Location: South East
 E639225 N263029

Eye level: 33.3m
 Height of Camera: 1.6m

Note:
 The block photomontage shows the maximum parameters for the Proposed Development. The block photomontage assumes under Friston Scenario 2 the construction of the NGET Friston Substation and two new pylons, and the removal of one pylon.

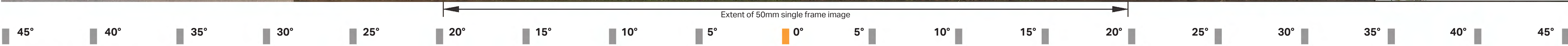
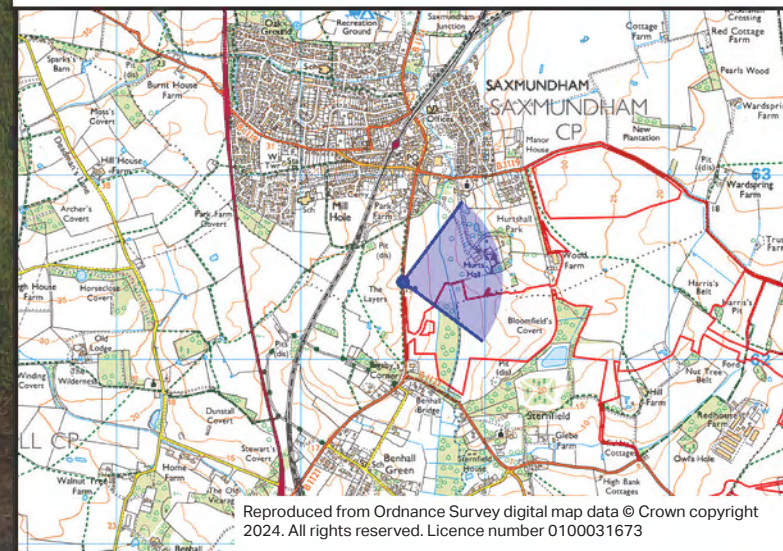
Sea Link Suffolk Onshore Scheme
Viewpoint 1: Public Footpath (Saxmundham 460, route 23), east of Saxmundham, looking southeast

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BASELINE (WINTER)

Note: Images to be viewed at a comfortable arm's length.



Visualisation Type: 3
 Projection: Cylindrical
 Enlargement Factor: 96%
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 Date / Time: 21/03/2023, 16:45

Camera:
 Lens: Canon EF50mm f/1.8 STM
 Horizontal Field of View: 90°
 Direction of View: East
 Location: E638551 N262419

Canon EOS 6D
 Canon EF50mm f/1.8 STM
 90°
 East
 E638551 N262419

Eye level: 17.4m
 Height of Camera: 1.6m

Sea Link Suffolk Onshore Scheme
Viewpoint 2: B1121, south of Saxmundham, looking east
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