

We write further to earlier representations submitted to the non-statutory and statutory consultations concerning the proposed solar farm on land at Bracon Ash, Norfolk.

The solar farm is to be built on land proposed to be crossed by oversail between pylons RG18 and RG19.

Previous representations submitted have requested that National Grid move this section of the alignment east to reduce the impact on the land proposed for the solar farm as shown in red on the plan attached, which accompanied the Design Change Request of 21-08-2023. These requests were ignored by National Grid, and no change of alignment has been made.

Planning permission was granted to Ralos Projects Ltd (wholly owned by [REDACTED]) for the solar farm on 4 July 2025, reference number 2023/1055F. Please see layout plan attached.

The anticipated construction commencement date is quarter 3 2026, with anticipated completion in quarter 2 2027 so the solar development will probably be in full operation prior to the commencement of any physical works associated with the Norwich to Tilbury Project (if approved).

The proposed oversail will cross part of the solar farm area so, again, it is requested that the span between RG18 and RG19 is realigned to the east to reduce the impact of the oversail on the solar project, preferably avoiding the solar farm site altogether but any movement of the line eastwards would reduce the impact on the solar farm.

It should also be noted that any movement of the alignment eastwards would move the line away from Bracon Ash village.

We do not believe the two projects are compatible and, therefore, the prospect of oversail on the solar farm should be removed by the realignment of the line as we have previously and are currently requesting.

As we have had no meaningful response from National Grid concerning the request to move the alignment to the east, we have considered the implications of the pylon line as proposed on the solar farm to be constructed as follows:

- What are the constraints and impacts for consideration with the National Grid overhead lines running across the site?
 - o Can the lines be run over the panels so no impact?
 - o Is an exclusion corridor required – width?
 - o Can National Grid confirm that the Suspension / Tension Towers are not on the solar site
 - o How will installation of the overhead lines be undertaken? Methodology
 - o What is the duration of the works?
 - o How will National Grid access the site?
- Commercial impacts
 - o Financial loss during installation – peak generation times need to be avoided
 - o Financial loss due to shading from overhead lines towers
 - o Ongoing financial loss due to the removal of panels for a National Grid exclusion corridor
 - o Financial impact of adjusting EPC design to incorporate National Grid considerations
 - o§ Potential inefficiency in design required to facilitate National Grid
 - o§ Will roadways have to be adjusted?
 - o Loss of economy of scale on the following if less assets have to be installed
 - o§ Panels
 - o§ Transformers
 - o§ Inverters
 - o Costs associated with removal of panels
 - o§ Panel removal
 - o§ Disposal
 - o§ Remediation of site
 - o§ Management of power outages
 - o§ Financial loss from outages to facilitate the work

We have agreed a Statement of Common Ground with National Grid, but all the key issues are subject to “ongoing discussion with key points yet to be discussed/resolved”.

We have tried to engage with National Grid to discuss and address the above issues but, despite our efforts, no meaningful responses have been received to date, albeit we are continuing to try and move such discussions forward. It should be noted that National Grid have had two years to consider the implications of their proposed pylon line on the solar farm.

We have also sought clarification/requested information on the following:

- Plans available that would assist in understanding National Grid’s proposals
- The proposed programme for the works
- The design and scope of works to include how the pylon line is to be installed over the solar farm land
- Any restrictions the land under/adjacent to the overhead lines will be subject to when the overhead lines are in place

Again, no meaningful information has been provided on these issues.

In summary, it should be noted that the existence of the proposed solar farm was notified to National Grid’s agents at the time of the initial meeting with them to discuss the route for the pylon line and, therefore, National Grid have had ample opportunity to take the solar farm into consideration in planning their route.

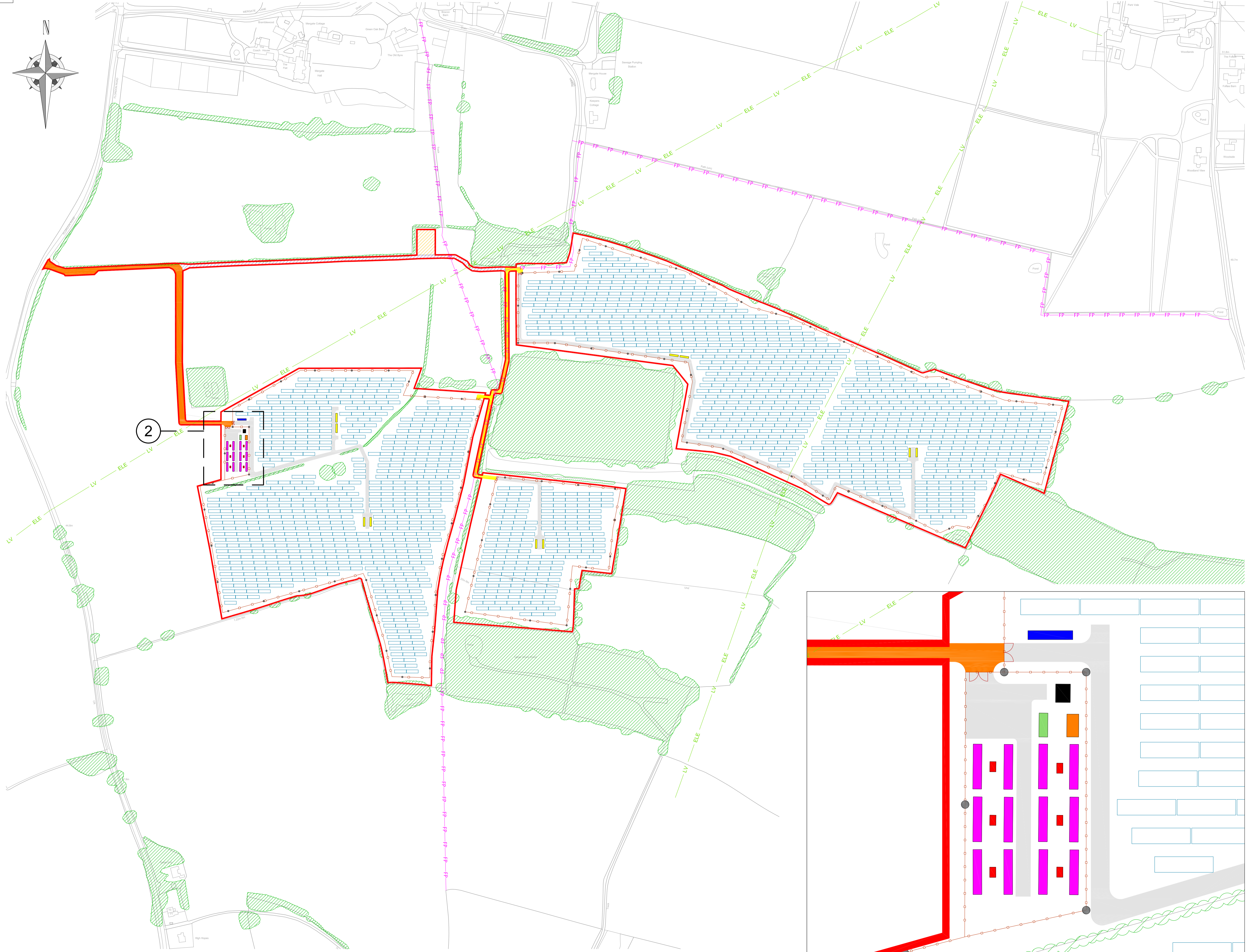
We, therefore, request again that the route of the overhead line be moved to the east to avoid the proposed solar farm as shown on the layout plan attached as any works undertaken on the site that are associated with the Norwich to Tilbury project will impact the proposed solar farm’s operational capability.

We request to speak at the appropriate hearings as the enquiry proceeds if we can be notified please of dates/further information on these hearings as it becomes available

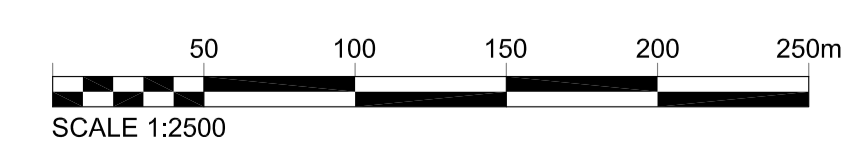
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06	10.02.23	Amendments to Site Layout	GF	EJ
07	02.03.23	Amendments to Panels	GF	EJ
08	10.03.23	Vegetation Added And Layout Amended	GM	EJ
09	23.03.23	Revised	CS	EJ

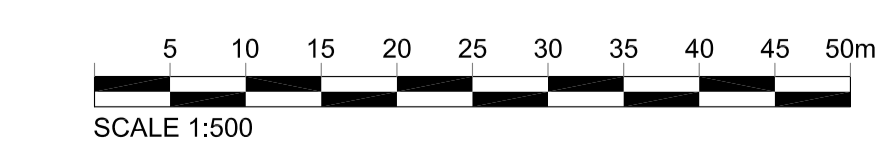
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 - INVERTER / TX
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 - SPARES CONTAINER
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1 LAND AT BRACON ASH: SITE LAYOUT PLAN
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2 BATTERY SITE
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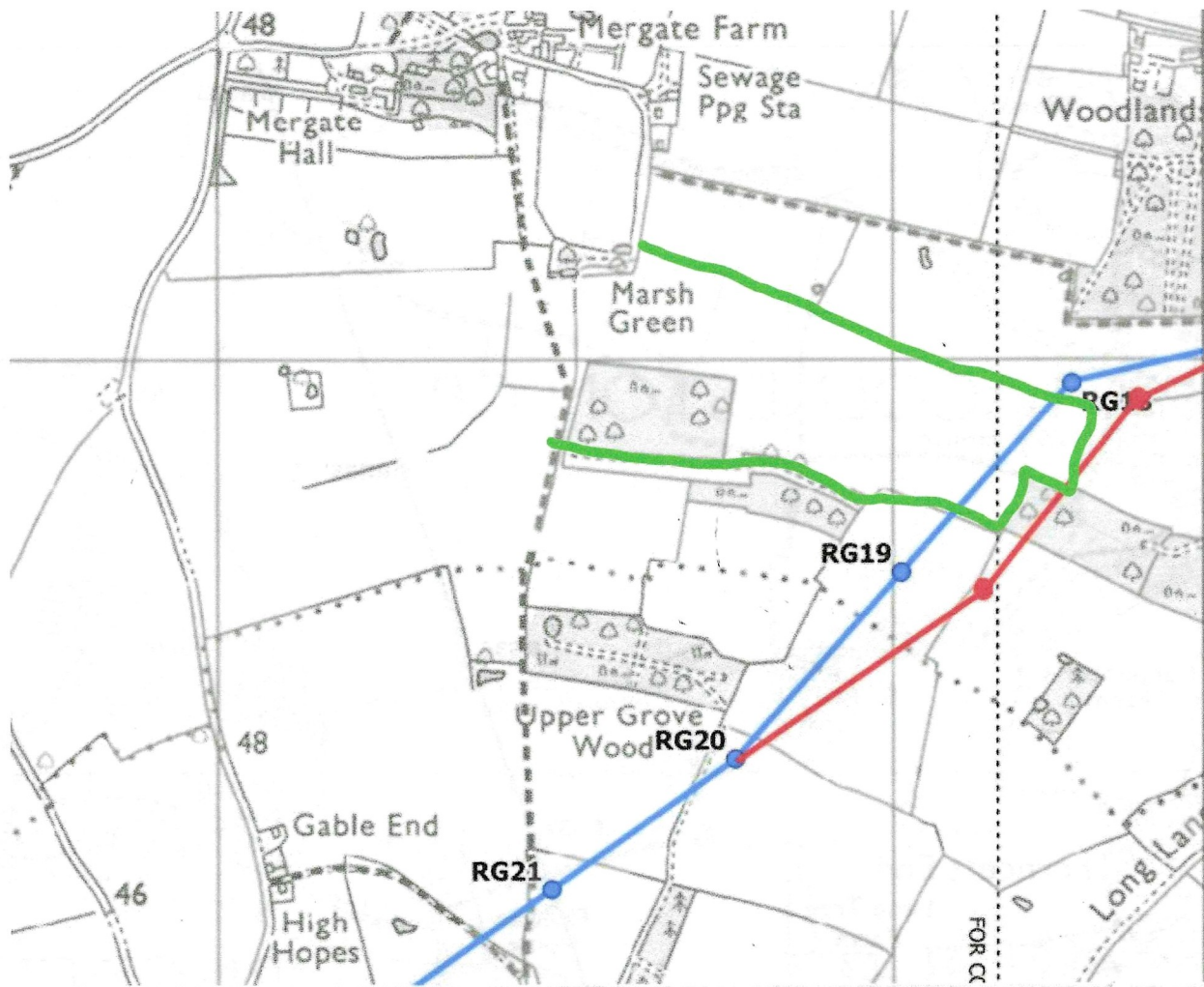
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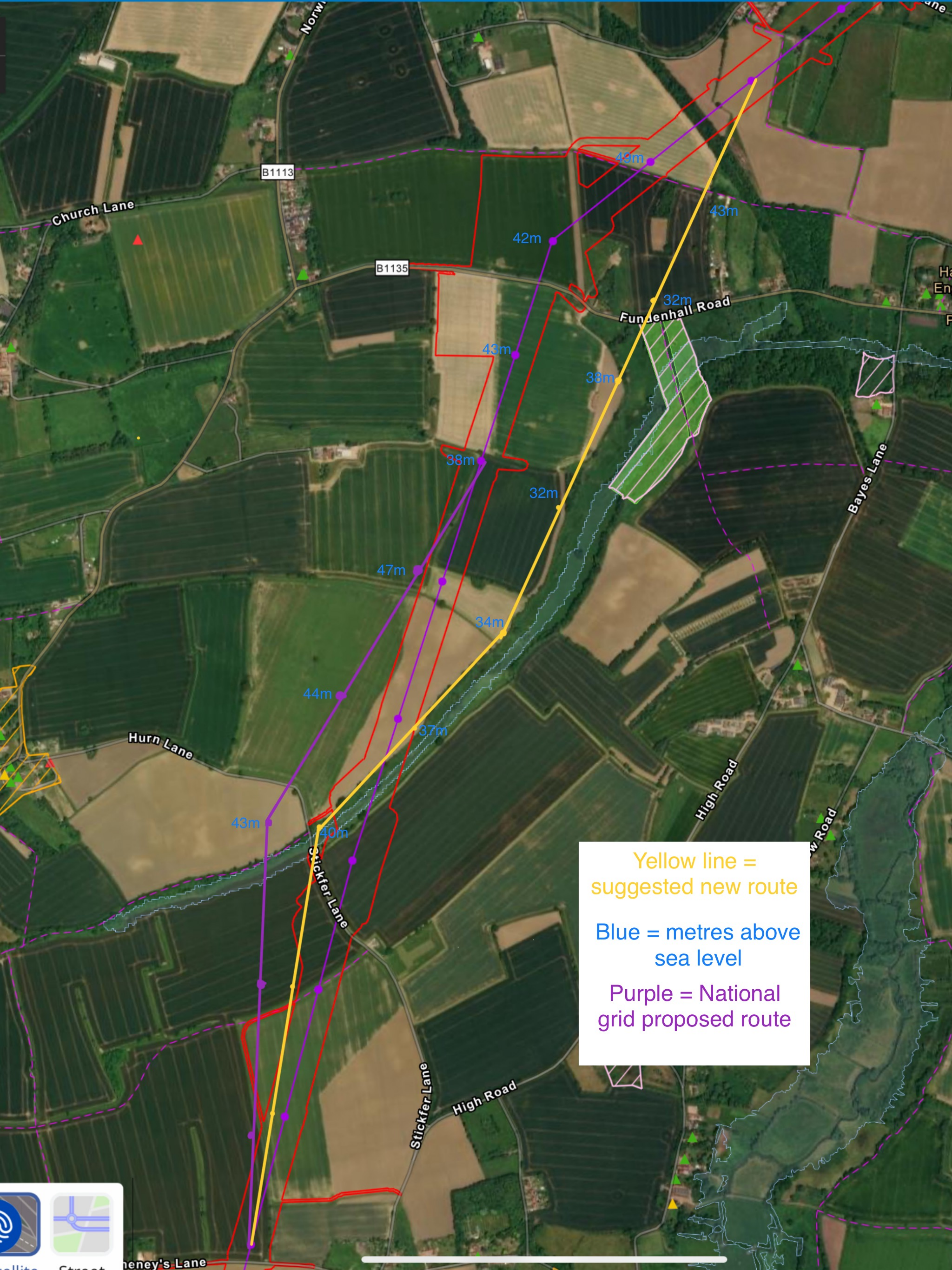
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