



RiverOak Strategic Partners

Ecology Noise Contour Maps

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Examination Document

A faint, stylized illustration of a commercial aircraft in flight, viewed from a low angle, is positioned in the background of the lower half of the cover. The aircraft is white with dark accents on the tail and engines, and is set against a dark purple background.

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Manston Airport DCO application: Note Accompanying Noise Contour Plots

1. Introduction

As part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) process for Manston Airport, RiverOak (the applicant) has had discussions with Natural England to agree a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). The SoCG prepared for Deadline 3 (15/2/19), indicated that Natural England had requested '*Noise contour maps (showing the contours at 5dB intervals, and for both L_{Amax} and L_{Aeg}) superimposed onto the designated sites*'.

The contour plots have been prepared. This note accompanies these providing supporting information in respect of:

- The mix of aircraft types and their relative noisiness;
- Assumptions made in respect of take offs and landings.

2. Summary of Findings

The assessment of effects of aircraft noise on birds presented in the Environmental Statement and Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment considered that a 70dB noise threshold was appropriate and sufficiently precautionary. The contour plots provided here are not intended to suggest that the assessment requires amendment but are intended to provide Natural England with information requested.

Additionally, it is clear from the information provided below that overall numbers of flights will be relatively infrequent during any one day, that the loudest planes make up a relatively small proportion of the forecast fleet and that that only certain flight directions will occur on any one day.

3. Noise Contours Plots Produced

Appendix 3.3 of the Environmental Statement presented the Aircraft Forecast, which included a number of aircraft types being used by 2039 including Boeing 747-400, Boeing 747-800, Boeing 777-200, Boeing 737-800, Airbus 330-200 etc.

Different plane types create different levels of noise. Therefore noise contour plots have been prepared for three types of plane; one considered to be one of the loudest (a Boeing 747-400), one (a Boeing 737-800) considered to be mid-range in respect of noise levels created, and one (an ATR72) considered to be one of the least noisy planes types to be operated from Manston.

The contour plots have been drawn individually for clarity, to demonstrate the differences between representative plane types, and enable analysis of the different effects of different flight paths, as some will occur more frequently than others (see Section 3).

A summary of the figures that have been prepared is presented in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Aircraft Noise Contour Plots Provided to Natural England

Figure Reference	Plane Type	Contours for?
40820-Lon20	-	Aircraft noise – L_{Aeq8h} (night)
40820-Lon21	-	Aircraft noise – L_{Aeq16h} (day)
40820-Lon22	747-400	Arriving from the east
40820-Lon23	747-400	Arriving from the west
40820-Lon24	747-400	Departing to the east
40820-Lon25	747-400	Departing to the west (turning north)
40820-Lon37	747-400	Departing to the west (turning south)
40820-Lon26	737-800	Arriving from the east
40820-Lon27	737-800	Arriving from the west
40820-Lon28	737-800	Departing to the east
40820-Lon29	737-800	Departing to the west (turning north)
40820-Lon38	737-800	Departing to the west (turning north)
40820-Lon32	ATR72	Arriving from the east
40820-Lon33	ATR72	Arriving from the west
40820-Lon34	ATR72	Departing to the east
40820-Lon35	ATR72	Departing to the west (turning north)
40820-Lon36	ATR72	Departing to the west (turning north)

4. Frequencies of Occurrence of the Noise Contours

To provide an indication of the frequency of occurrence of particular noise contour types, the range of aircraft forecast to be in service in 2039 (Year 20, the busiest year forecast) have been allocated into one of 3 relative noise bands as follows:

- Quieter – ATR72, Fokker 70;
- Mid-range – Boeing 737-800, Boeing 757-200, Boeing 757-300, Airbus A320, Airbus A330-200; and
- Louder – Boeing 747-400, Boeing 747-800, Boeing 767-300, Boeing 767-400, Boeing 777-200.

There are forecast to be a total of 26,469 aircraft movements¹ in 2039, with the following approximate mix of aircraft:

¹ An aircraft movement equates to an arrival or a departure.

- Less noisy – 5,766 per annum, or 16 aircraft movements per average annual day;
- Mid-range – 14,746 per annum, or 40 aircraft movements per average annual day;
- More noisy – 5,764 per annum, or 16 aircraft movements per average annual day.

The assessment of airport operation has assumed the following key points:

- Due to the prevailing wind conditions, 70% of flights will land from the east and take off to the west. The implication is that on average 255 days per annum have flights that arrive from the east and depart towards the west.
- Approximately 50% of aircraft taking off towards the west will turn north over the coast whilst the other 50% will turn south (both illustrated in the contour plots).

Based on these key points and the forecast aircraft fleet (in respect of noise generated), Table 4.1 presents the frequency of total occurrences per year. Tables 4.2 and 4.3 illustrate the number of flights per day (7am-11pm) when the prevailing wind is from the west, or from the east respectively.

Table 4.1 Annual Aircraft Movements by Flight Direction

Noise category	Annual movements	Arrive from east	Arrive from west	Depart to west (north)	Depart to west (south)	Depart to east
Less noisy	5766	2018	865	1009	1009	865
Mid range	14939	5229	2241	2614	2614	2241
More noisy	5720	2017	864	1009	1009	864

Table 4.2 Daily Aircraft flights – prevailing wind from the west (approx. 255 days per year)

Noise category	Daily movement	Arrive from east	Arrive from west	Depart to west (north)	Depart to west (south)	Depart to east
Less noisy	16	8	0	4	4	0
Mid range	41	21	0	10	10	0
More noisy	16	8	0	4	4	0

Note: Flight numbers rounded

Table 4.3 Daily Aircraft flights – prevailing wind from the east (approx. 110 days per year)

Noise category	Daily movement	Arrive from east	Arrive from west	Depart to west (north)	Depart to west (south)	Depart to east
Less noisy	16	0	8	0	0	8
Mid range	41	0	21	0	0	21
More noisy	16	0	8	0	0	8

Note: Flight numbers rounded

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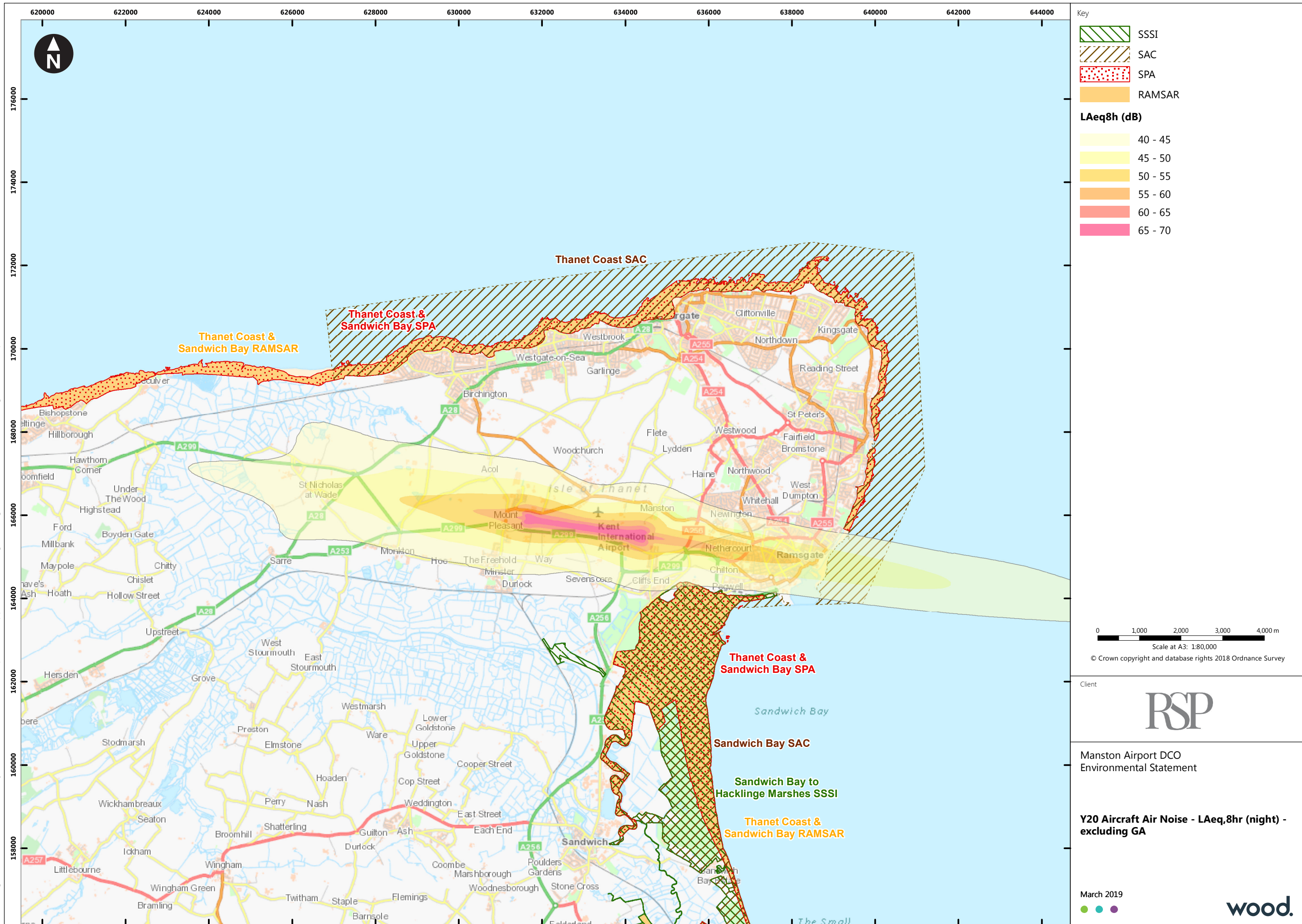
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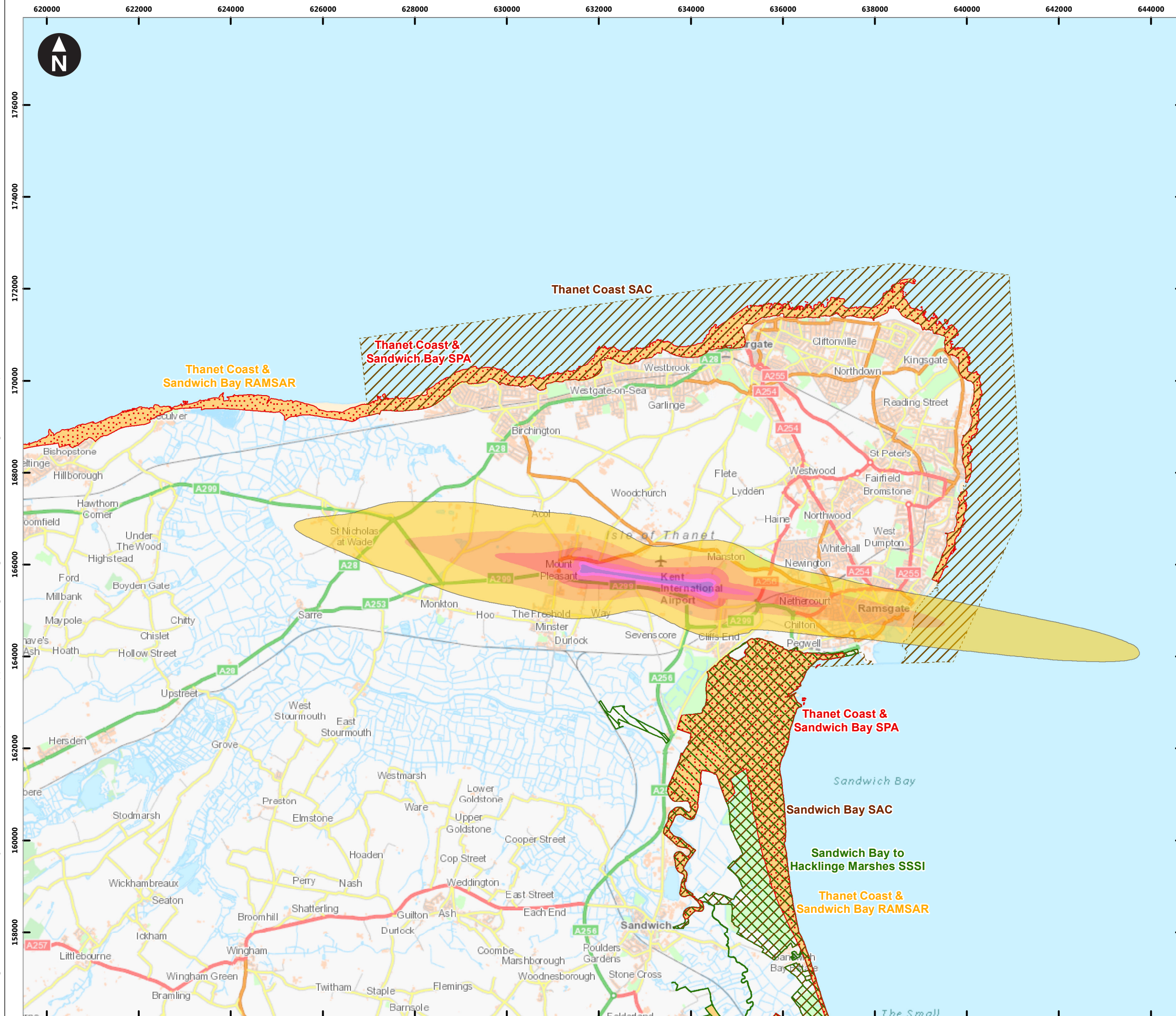
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- SAC
- SPA
- RAMSAR

LAeq16h (dB)

- 50 - 55
- 55 - 60
- 60 - 65
- 65 - 70
- 70 - 75
- > 75

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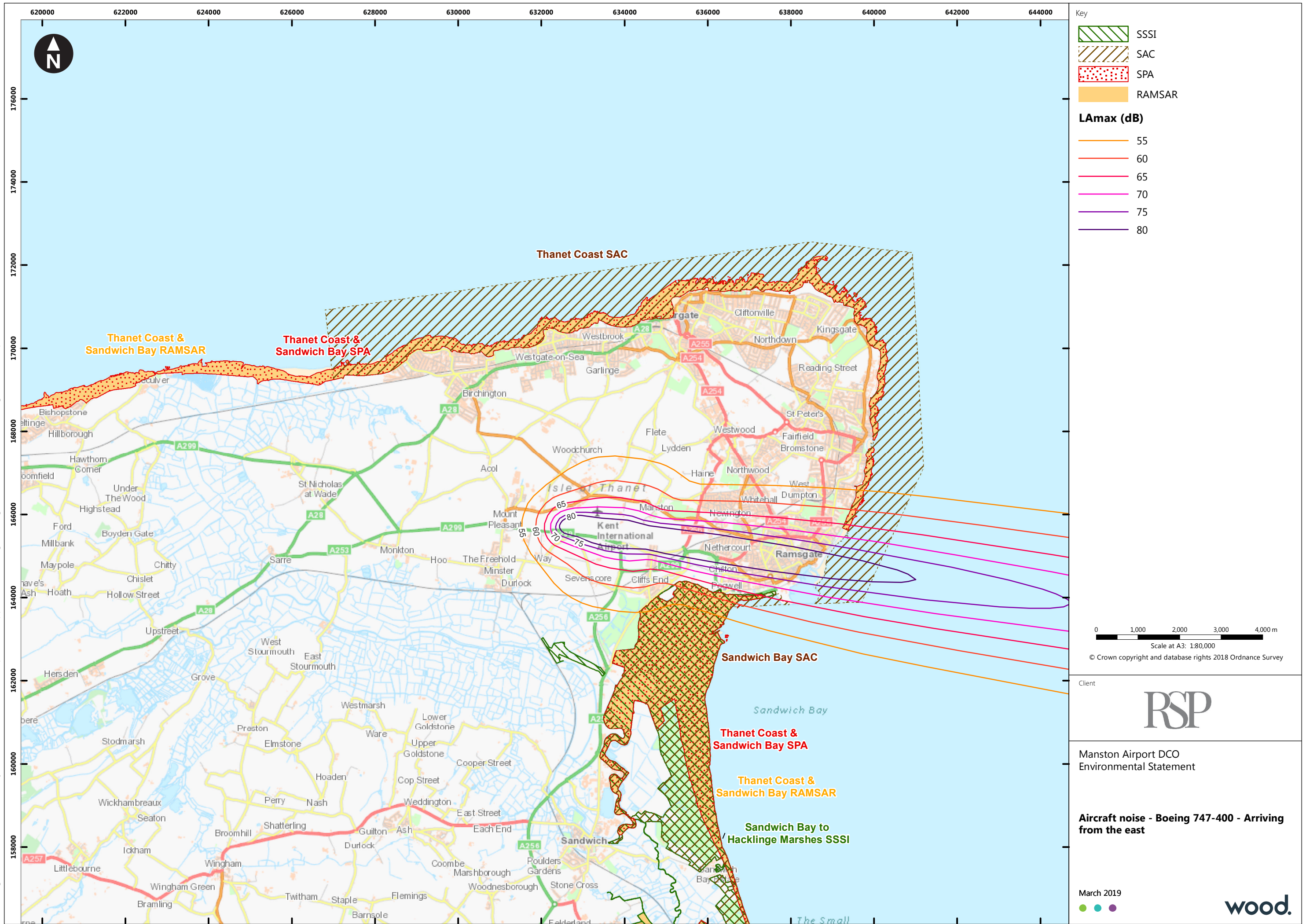
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**Y20 Aircraft Air Noise - LAeq,16hr
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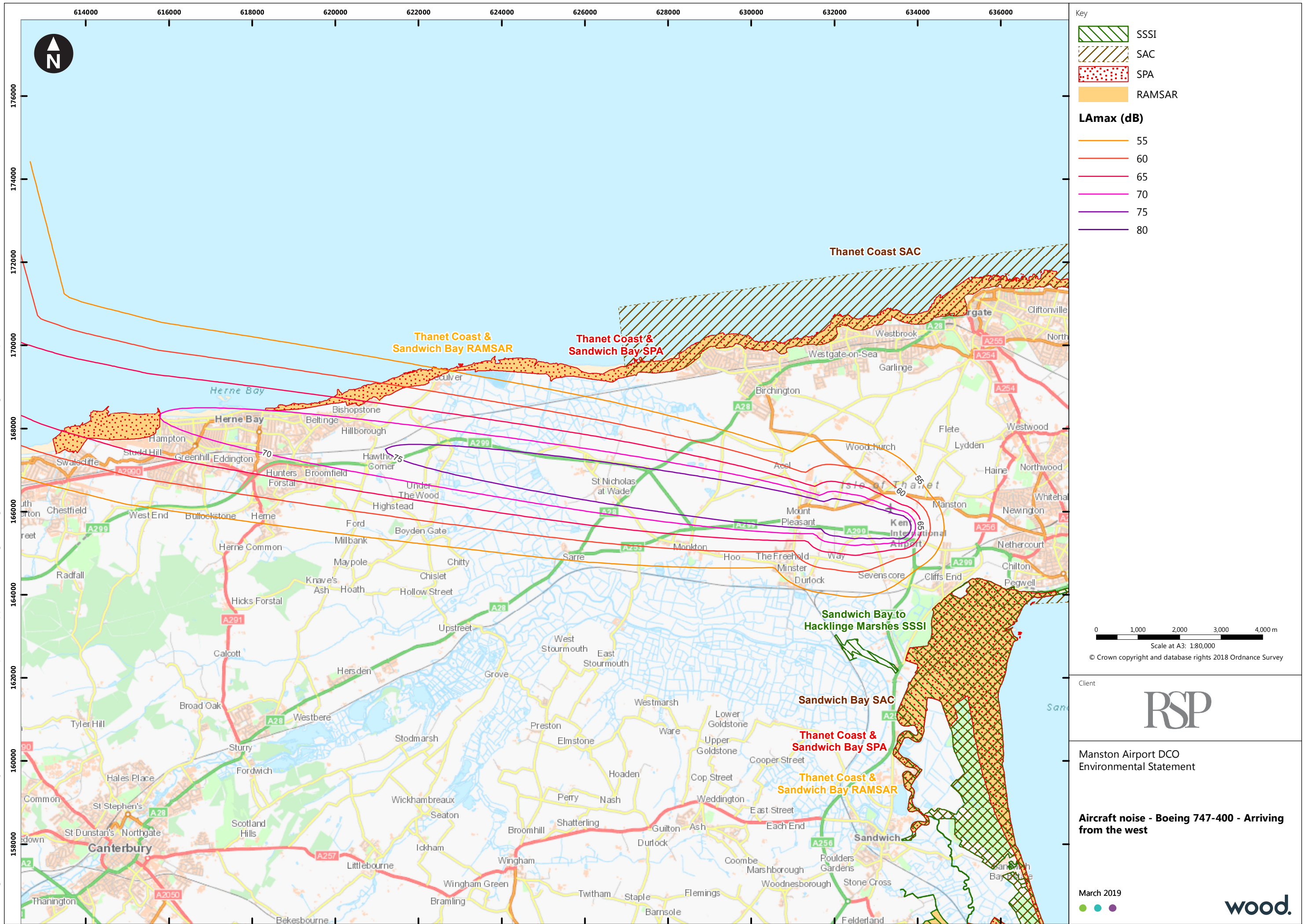
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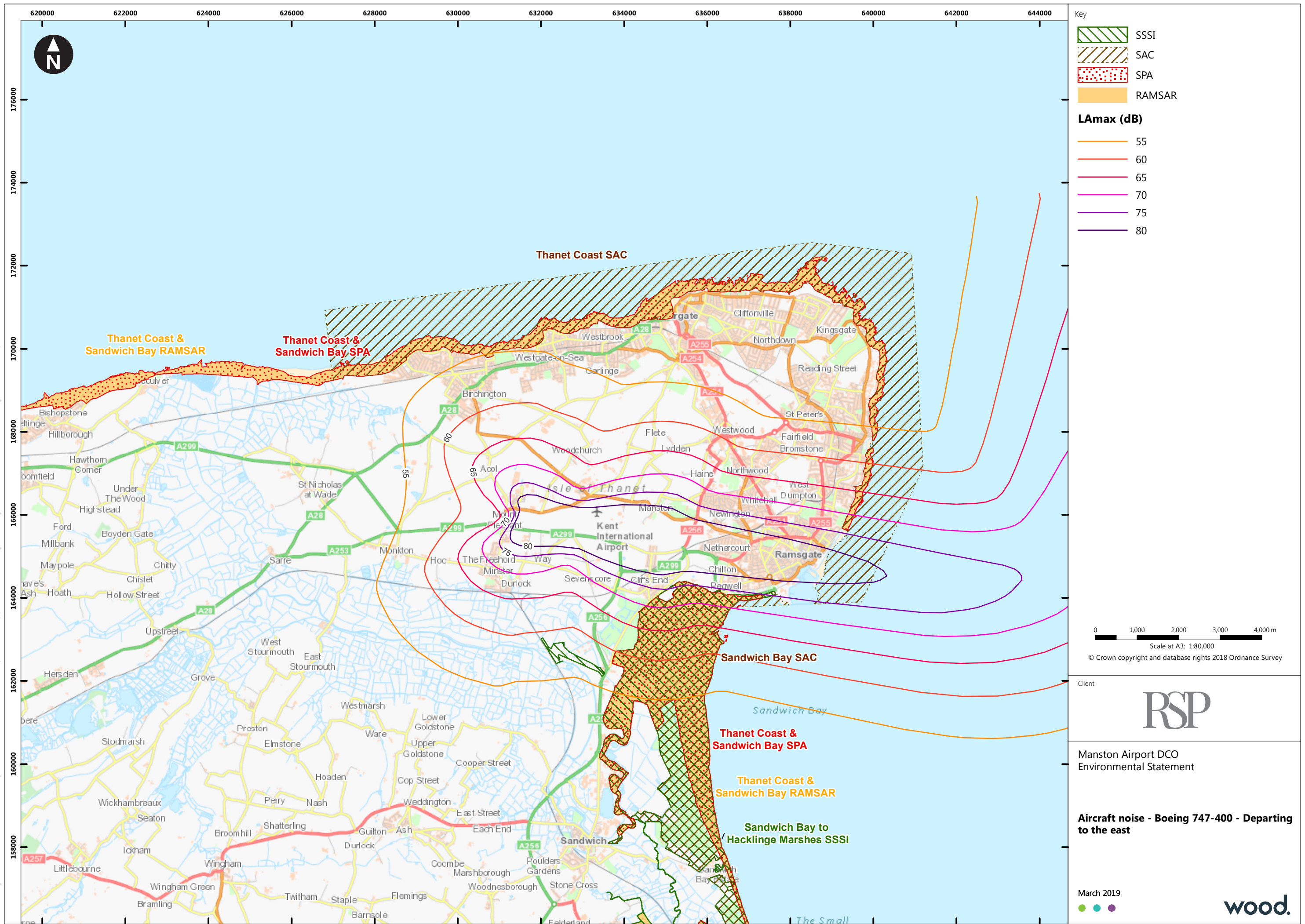
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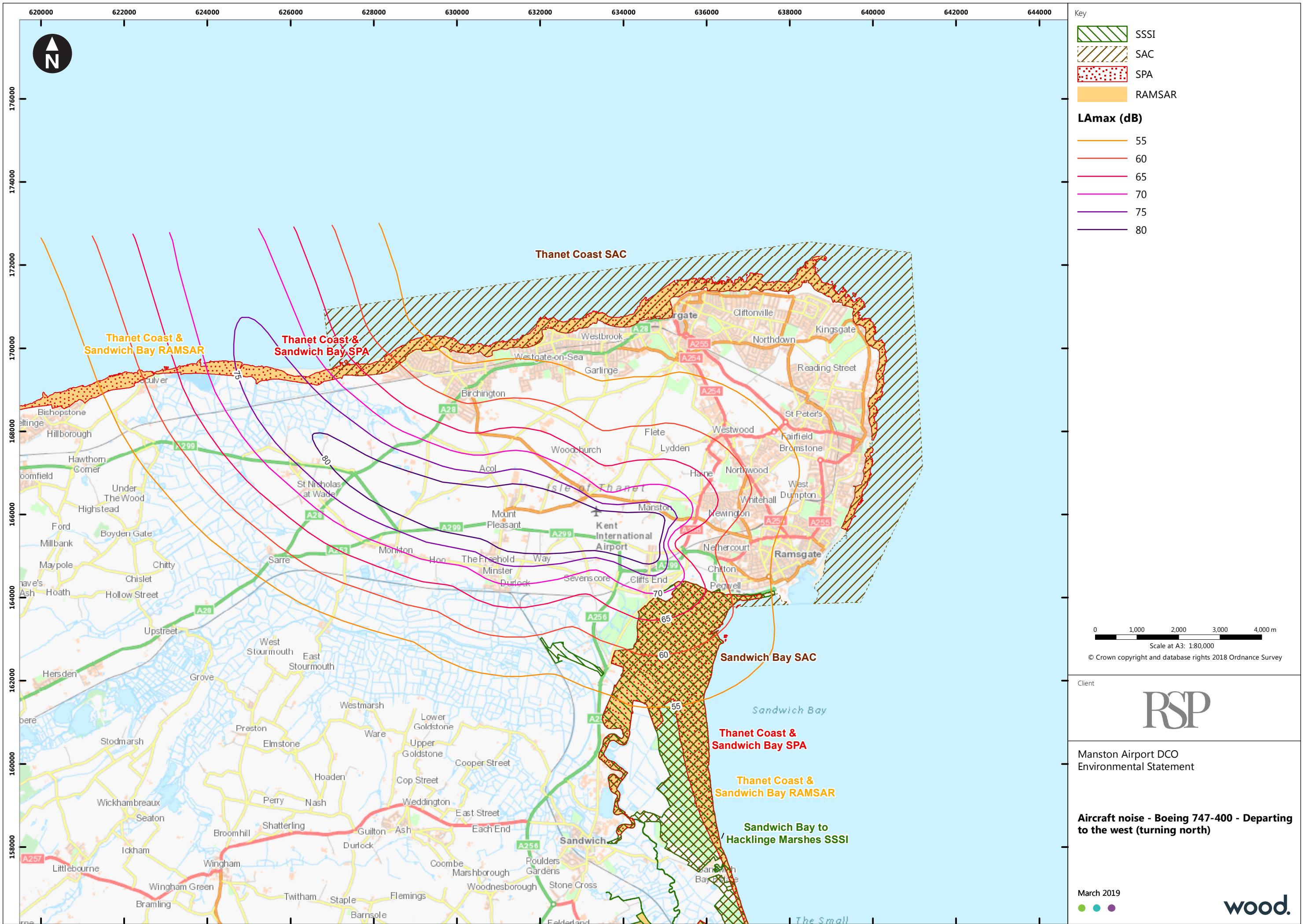
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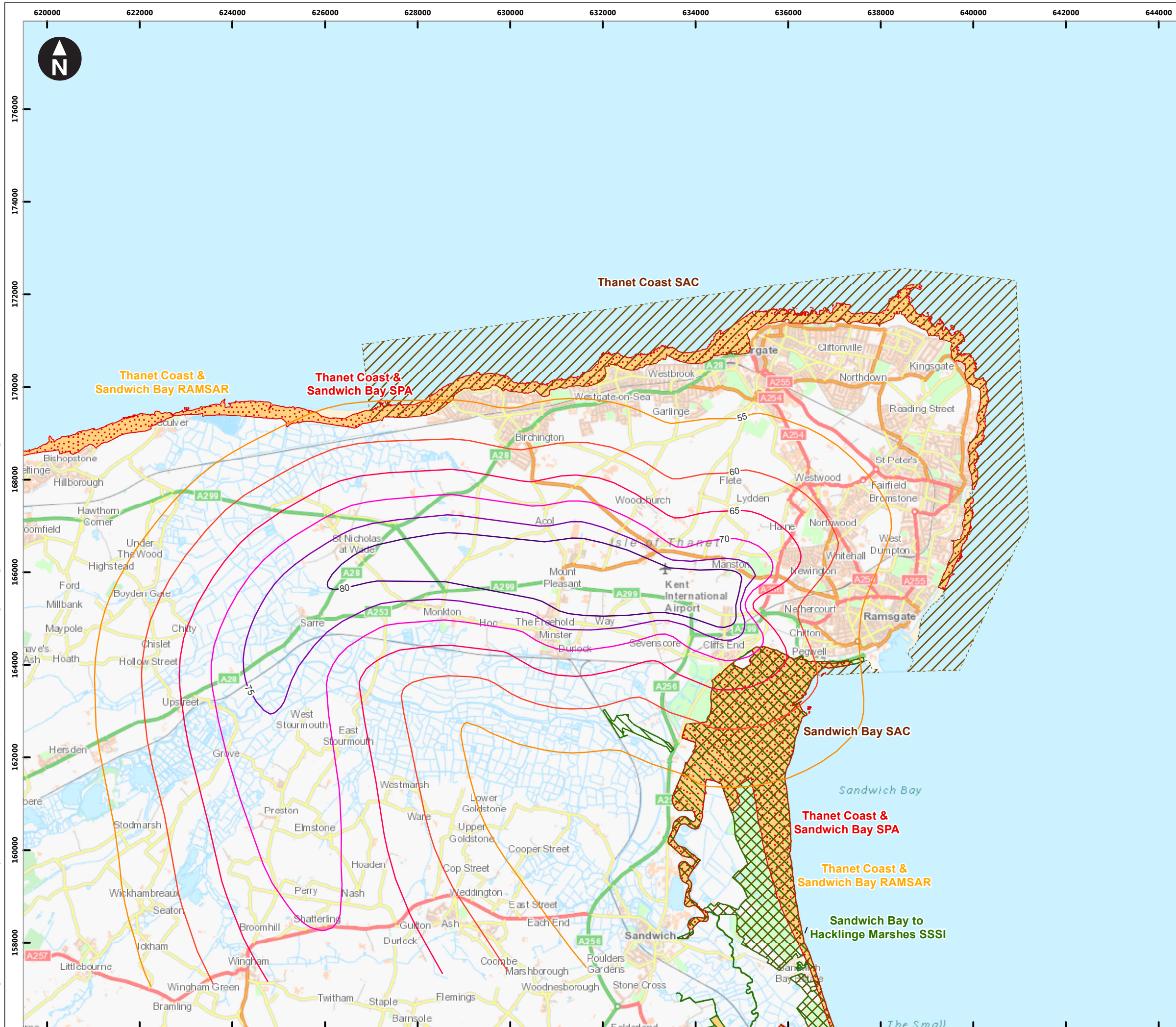
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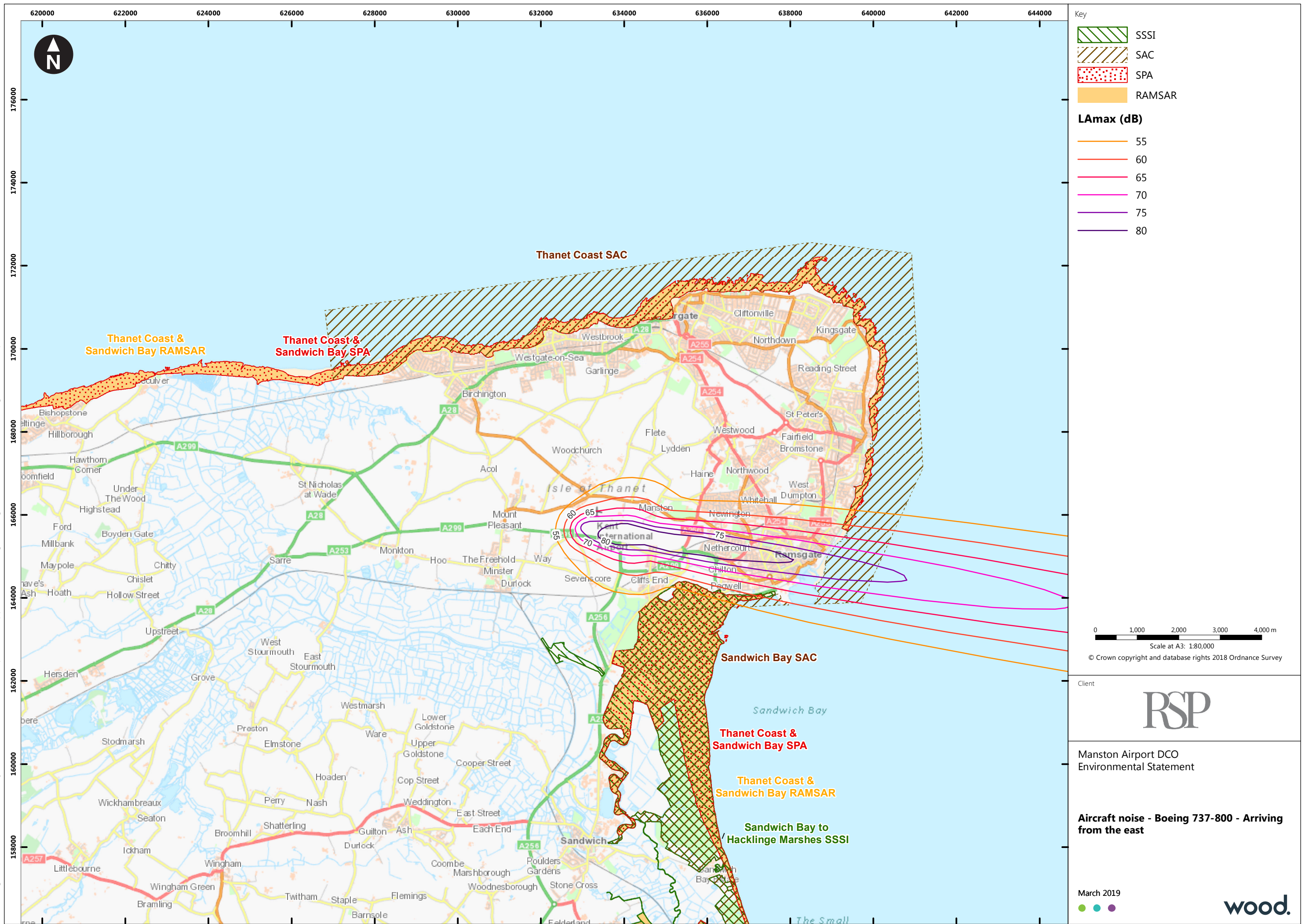
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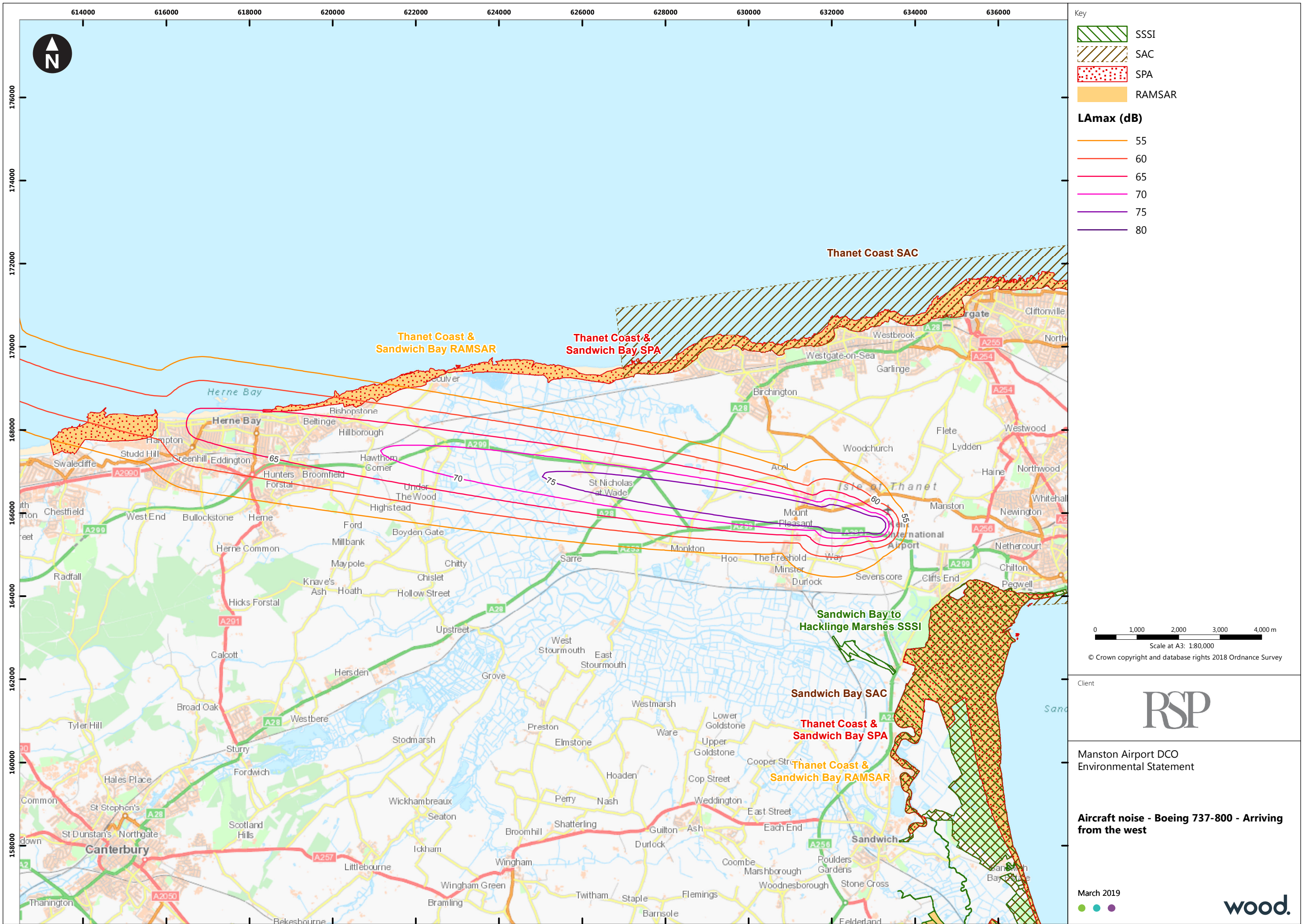
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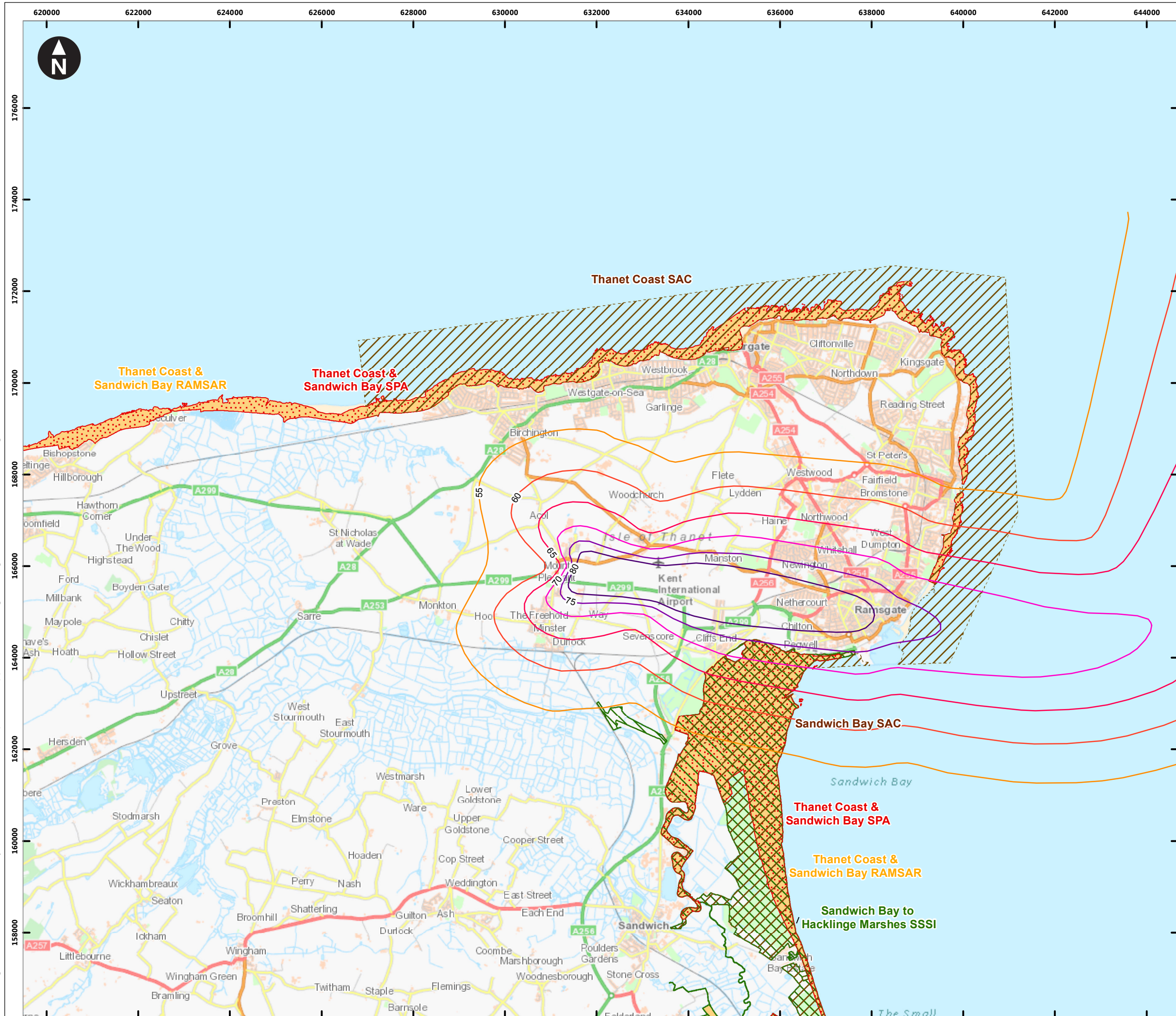
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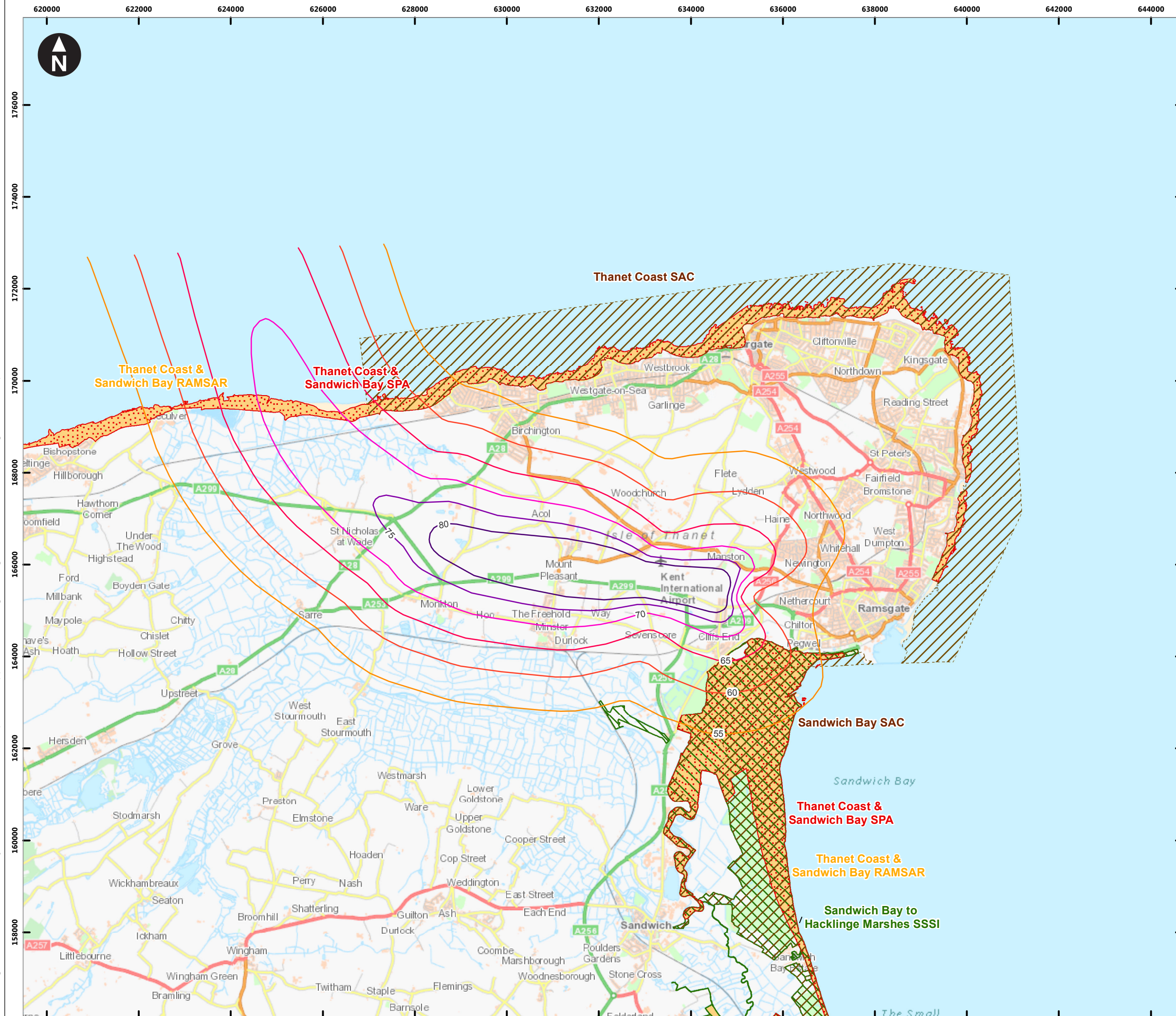
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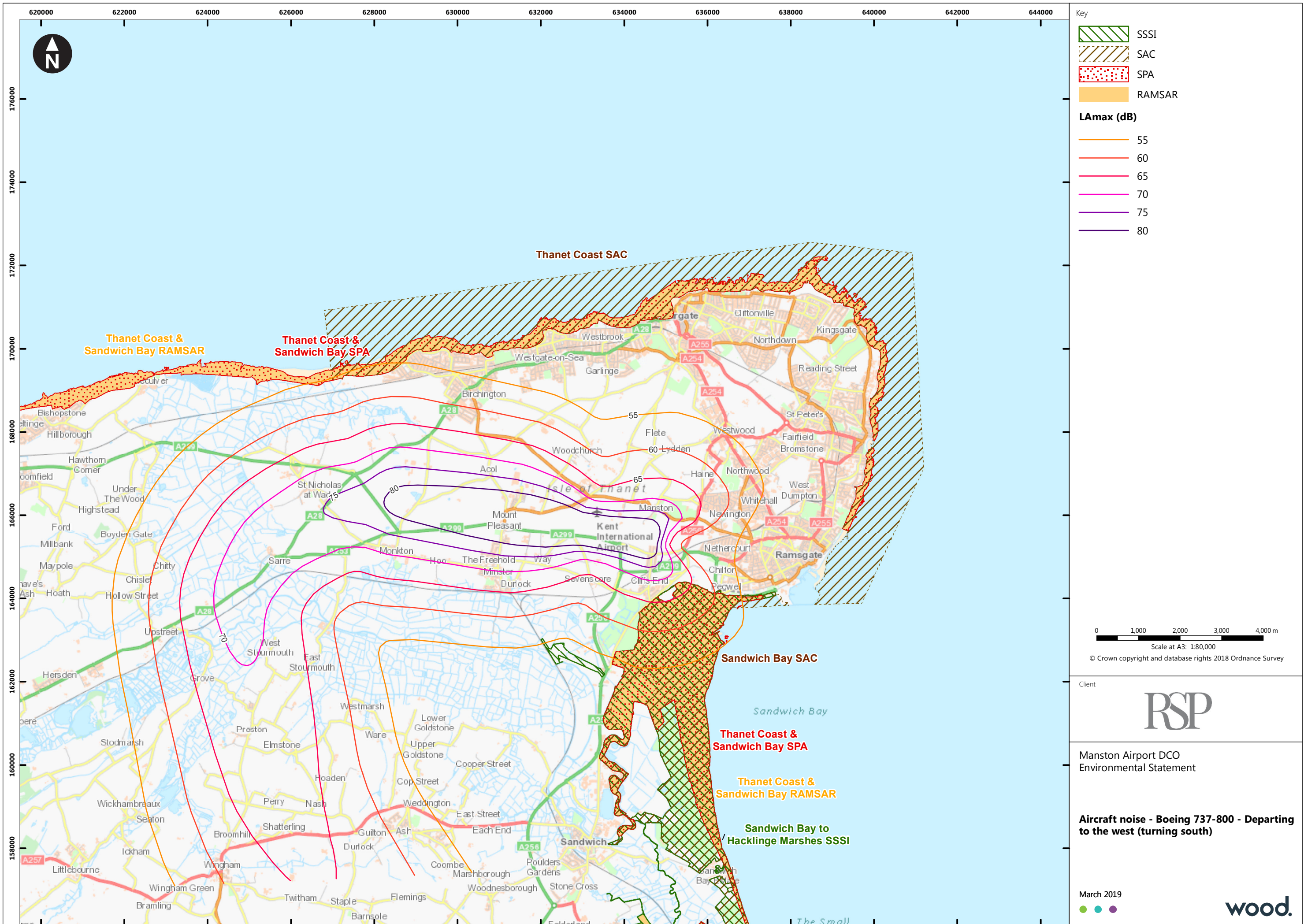
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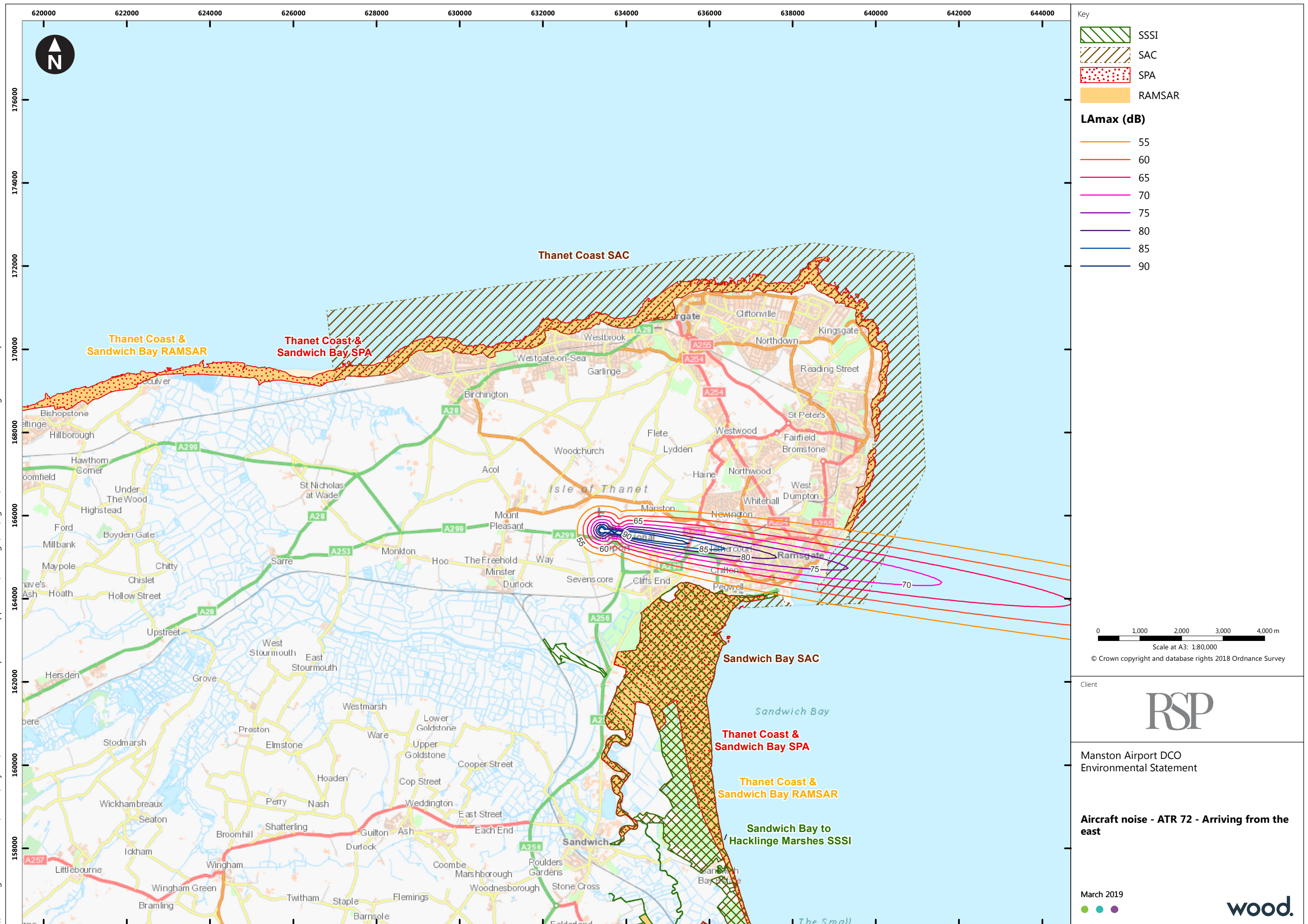
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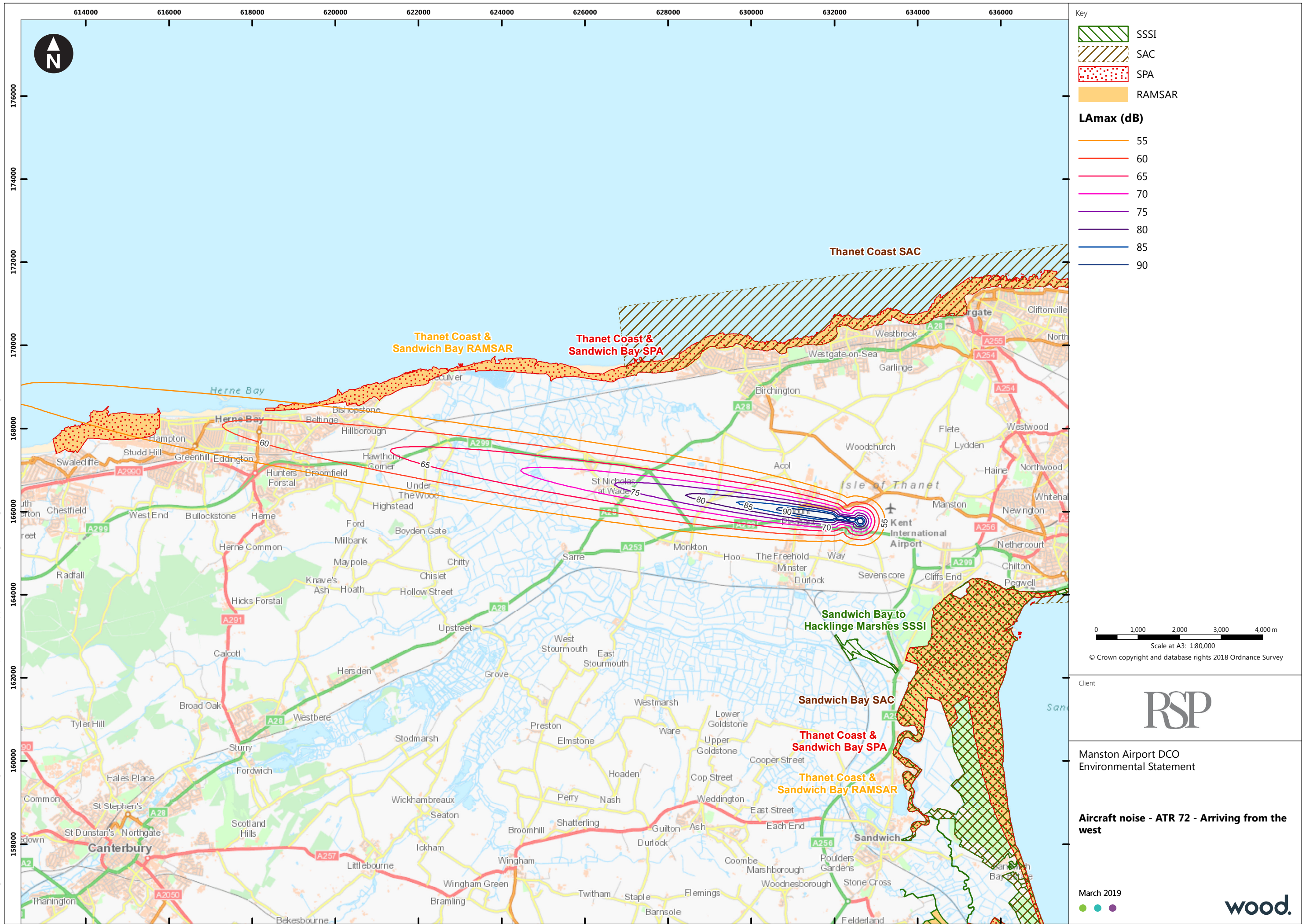
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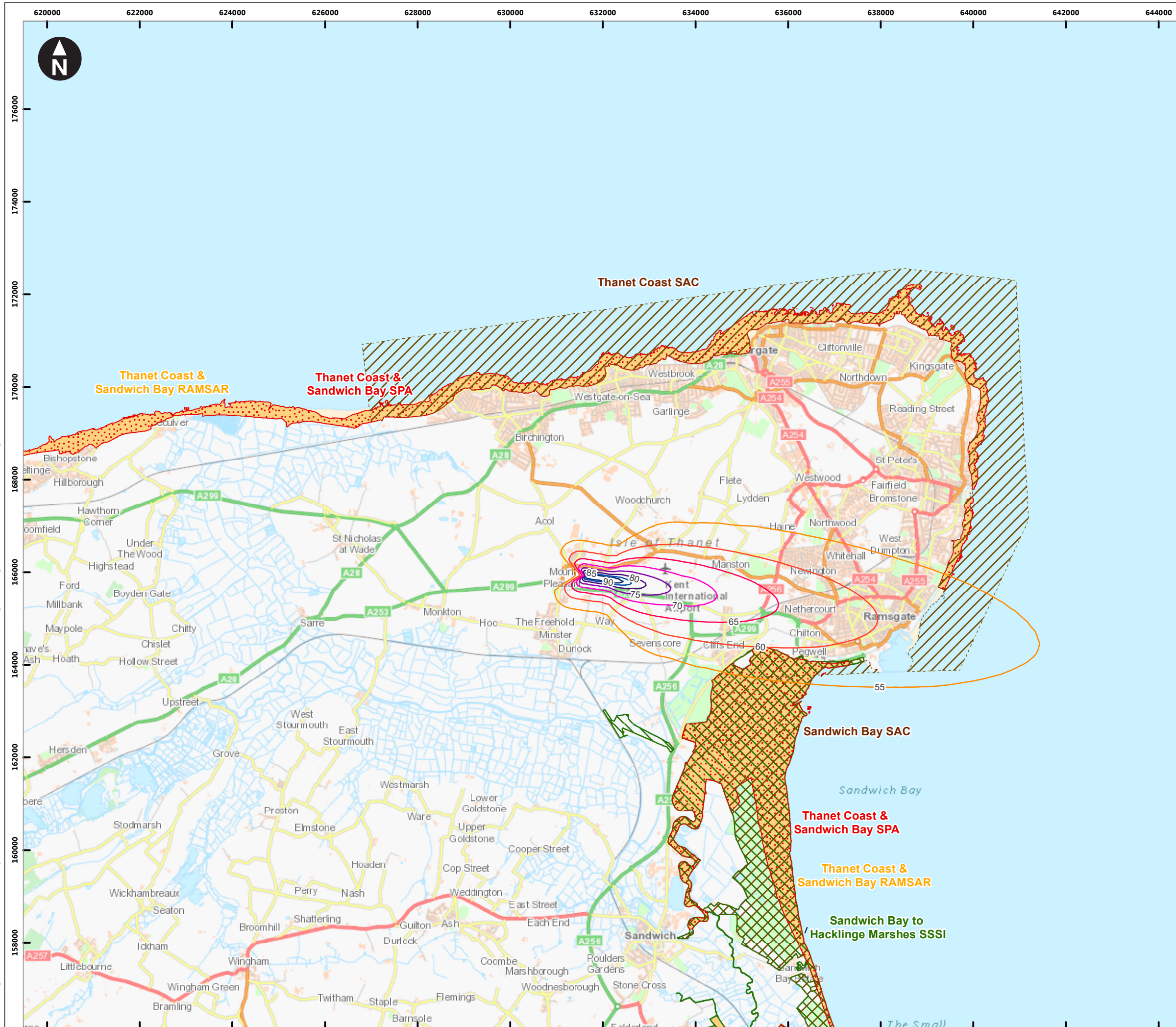
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L_Amax (dB)

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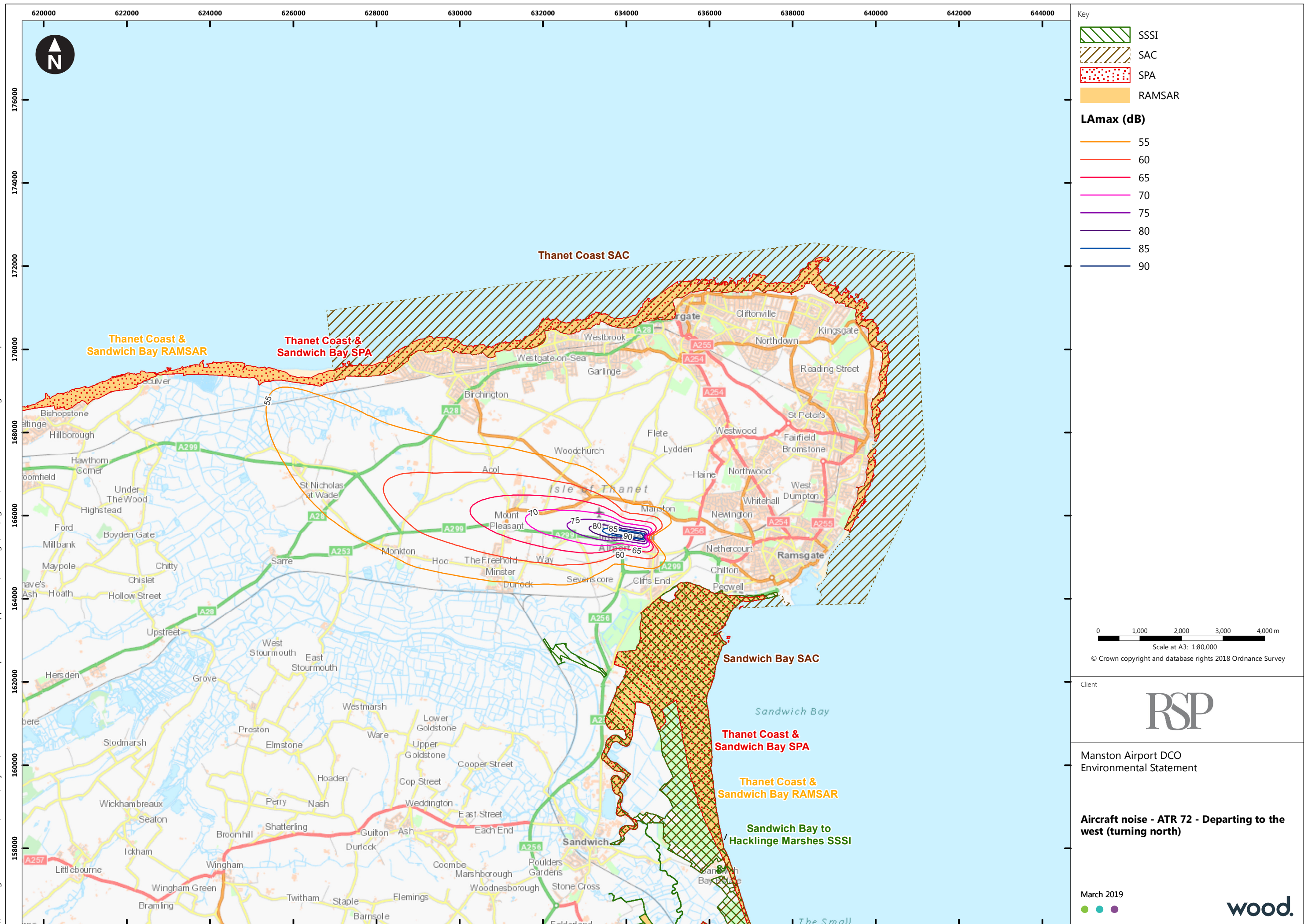
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