



# Rampion 2

WIND FARM

Informal Consultation Analysis

Interim Report July 2021

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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background

From 14 January 2021 to 11 February 2021, Rampion Extension Development Limited (RED) on behalf of its joint venture partners RWE, a Macquarie-led consortium (25.0%) (comprising Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund 5, the Green Investment Group and the Universities Superannuation Scheme) and Enbridge (24.9%) undertook a non-statutory consultation on the early proposals for Rampion 2.

The purpose of this report is to summarise the primary comments and concerns raised in the responses made to this informal consultation. Feedback from this consultation, together with preliminary environmental impact assessments and discussions with local authorities and other key stakeholders, has informed the proposals presented in the Formal Public Consultation from 14 July to 16 September 2021. Full details of this consultation can be viewed at [www.rampion2.com/consultation](http://www.rampion2.com/consultation).

The informal consultation presented information about the proposals online, along with a consultation questionnaire which included open questions (i.e. free text responses) to encourage qualitative feedback. People were invited to give their views either by filling in the questionnaire online or via post or email.

## 1.2 Objectives

The informal consultation had a particular focus on gathering views on our proposals that would inform decisions regarding the boundary for preliminary environmental impact assessments. We asked the public to tell us what we should take into account within our scoping stage onshore and offshore areas of search to further refine our proposals.

The primary objectives of the consultation were as follows:

- To garner early insight on the key interests, priorities and issues that communities have in advance of formulating more refined proposals with smaller areas of search and options to consider;
- To unearth additional local considerations and constraints that may not previously have been known to the project development team, to inform further environmental impact assessments;
- To increase awareness of the project among local communities and the wider public, to drive more wide-spread interest in the formal consultation.

### 1.3 Format of the consultation

The consultation was conducted at a time when project design was still in at an early stage and proposals were still subject to preliminary environmental impact assessment. However, we aimed to ensure that we provided sufficient project and background information to enable communities to provide informed responses to the consultation, while encouraging them to raise issues and suggestions that they would like us to consider as the proposals developed. In order to achieve this, we provided a suite of materials to support the consultation, including:

Consultation Document	Description
Virtual Village Hall Exhibition "information boards"	<p>Information about our proposed onshore and offshore infrastructure, including rationales for our decisions taken to date and key considerations that resulted in the locations of work being proposed. The information boards contained the following key topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why we're considering expanding Rampion</li> <li>- The Development Process</li> <li>- Rampion 2 Initial Proposals</li> <li>- Connecting to the grid</li> <li>- Onshore Cable Route</li> <li>- Cable route construction &amp; Onshore substation</li> <li>- Project benefits</li> <li>- Current Status &amp; next steps</li> <li>- How to respond to the consultation and contact the team</li> </ul>
Maps and plans	<p>4 detailed maps which showed an overview of the substation search areas being consulted on and each individual option. 5 maps showing the proposed cable route and options being consulted on.</p>
Videos	<p>4 videos to explain the consultation and project proposals in a easy-to-digest format, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A welcome video explaining the purpose and scope of the consultation;</li> <li>- An introductory video explaining the need for Rampion 2 and the process for developing proposals and seeking consent;</li> <li>- A route flyover showing explaining our early thinking and decisions taken regarding cable route alignment and substation site options;</li> <li>- A construction video depicting the methods for constructing Rampion 1.</li> </ul>
Additional documents and FAQs	<p>Additional information was provided for those who would like more details not covered in the information boards, maps and videos. The additional documents included in the Virtual Village Hall included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information for Landowners</li> <li>- the Rampion 2 Scoping Report</li> <li>- Information about the Rampion fund and the Rampion Visitors Centre</li> <li>- FAQs</li> </ul>
Consultation feedback form	<p>A digital form with unlimited space for respondents to express their views and submit instantly to the project team. Consultation responses were also accepted via email and mail.</p>

The full suite of consultation materials used during this consultation can be viewed in [Appendix A](#).

## 2.0 CONSULTATION RESPONSE THEMES

The consultation consisted of 6 questions about the proposals which people could respond to. In addition, the consultation requested people to identify whether they were responding on behalf of an organisation, business or campaign group, or if they were a person or business that has an interest in land around the indicative underground cable route or route options, or a similar interest in land around the three search area options we have identified for the new substation. Finally, a series of questions about the demographics of the respondent was asked and analysed to help ensure the Formal Consultation adopted adequate measures to engage and consult with a diverse range of people and groups across the population in the project area.

Code frames were developed to categorise the responses and codes were grouped into themes. The code frames enabled the number of comments regarding particular issues to be quantified.

### 2.1 Offshore turbines

In the consultation feedback form, we asked for comments on the proposed offshore area of search for wind turbines. This question was in open text format, allowing people to write in their views in an open text box.

#### Positive comments

Support for the offshore turbines could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals were welcomed, without further explanation as to the reason;
- Support on the basis of encouraging renewable energy projects or wind energy in particular;
- Support on the basis of concern over climate change.

#### Negative comments

The primary concerns about the offshore turbine proposals could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals were not acceptable, without further explanation as to the reason;
- Concerns about the size of the turbines in relation to the existing Rampion project, in particular with regards to the visual impact to coastal communities;
- Concerns about the noise impacts to local communities during construction (i.e. night time drilling);
- Comment that the area as a whole is not appropriate for further development and/or should be located at Dogger Bank or elsewhere in the UK;
- Concerns on the basis of the proximity of the turbines to the coast, particularly on the basis of negative visual impacts;
- Concerns about the impacts to the local fishing industry.

### Neutral comments

Some responses to this question could not be classified as either positive or negative because of the phrasing or tone, or because they posed a question or suggestion. These could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals seemed adequate;
- A desire to avoid impacts to the Sussex coast, but understanding of the need for the project;
- Requests to ensure that we prioritise remediation, restoration, and/or enhancement of the underwater environment;
- Suggestions to locate turbines where the impact to the heritage coast is minimised.

## **2.2 Offshore export cable**

In the consultation feedback form, we asked for comments about the area of search for the subsea offshore export cables. This question was in open text format, allowing people to write in their views in an open text box.

### Positive comments

Support for the offshore export cable proposals could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals were welcomed, without further explanation as to the reason;
- Support on the basis of constraints described as part of the consultation which have resulted in the proposed area of search as opposed to alternative locations;
- Support for the proposals on the condition that measures be taken to protect underwater habitats;

### Negative comments

The primary concerns about the offshore export cable proposals could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals were not acceptable, without further explanation as to the reason;
- Concerns about the effects of construction to the fish population and subsequent impacts on the fishing industry;
- Statements of opposition on the basis that the offshore wind farm should not be built, in particular references to relocating the project to Dogger Bank;
- Concern about the proximity to the Marine Conservation Zone, in addition to statements about the negative impacts to the seabed and sea life;

### Neutral comments

Some responses to this question could not be classified as either positive or negative because of the phrasing or tone, or because they posed a question or suggestion. These could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals seemed adequate;
- Requests to ensure that impacts to sea life and the seabed are avoided and minimised;
- Suggestions to include within our proposals commitments to enhance the underwater environment, with particular requests to invest in restoration of sea grass and kelp forests;
- Suggestions to consider how we can minimise impacts to the fishing industry and shipping lane;
- Request to ensure that these proposals are future-proofed to avoid any additional impacts from further expansions not yet planned.

## **2.3 Landfall**

In the consultation feedback form, we asked for comments on the proposed landfall at Climping Beach. This question was in open text format, allowing people to write in their views in an open text box.

### Positive comments

Support for the landfall at Climping Beach could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals were welcomed, without further explanation as to the reason;
- Support on the basis of the proposed approach to use horizontal directional drilling (HDD) under the beach to minimise impacts to the beach;
- Support on the basis of perceived effort taken to minimise impacts to the environment and wildlife and positive example of Rampion 1;
- Support on the basis of there not being another suitable location for the landfall.

### Negative comments

The primary concerns about the offshore turbine proposals could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals were not acceptable, without further explanation as to the reason;
- Statement of opposition on the basis that the offshore wind farm should not be built;
- Concerns about construction impacting the ability to use and enjoy the beach or interrupt public rights of way;
- Concerns about the impact of the proposals on the environment and wildlife, with particular comments about the beach being a designated SSSI;
- Concern about disruption during construction local residents, including noise, loss of amenity and traffic;
- Statements that the original Rampion project should have planned for this future expansion so the existing landfall site could be reused.

### Neutral comments

Some responses to this question could not be classified as either positive or negative because of the phrasing or tone, or because they posed a question or suggestion. These could be summarised by the following top themes:

- Queries as to what would be visible or what the experience would be during construction;
- Suggestions to include proposals to improve the beaches flood defences / mitigate existing coastal erosion as part of the project;
- Statements that the proposal is acceptable provided that the cable is drilled at the beach and/or construction activity is kept to a minimum;
- Statements that the construction impacts to the environment / wildlife must be avoided or kept to a minimum;
- Requests to avoid night time drilling / construction activity;
- Suggestions to investigate an alternative landfall site at Goring Gap, or to use the existing landfall location used to build Rampion 1.

## 2.4 Onshore cable route

In the consultation feedback form, we asked for comments on the indicative onshore cable area of search and route options presented in our flythrough video. This question was in open text format, allowing people to write in their views in an open text box.

### Positive comments

Support for the onshore cable route could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals were welcomed, without further explanation as to the reason;
- Support on the basis that the Rampion 1 construction and remediation was performed well;

### Negative comments

The primary concerns about the onshore cable route could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals were not acceptable, without further explanation as to the reason;
- Statements that the cable route should not be placed within South Downs National Park;
- Assertions that the route is not acceptable on the basis that the wind farm should not be located in this region;
- Concerns that there wasn't enough foresight during planning of the original Rampion 1 project to future proof infrastructure requirements for Rampion 2;
- Concerns that the cable route is too long, resulting in unnecessarily large impacts, and that a shorter, more direct route to the National Grid should be sought.
- Concerns about the business and community impacts of route options around Washington Parish, particularly with options B and C.

### Neutral comments

Some responses to this question could not be classified as either positive or negative because of the phrasing or tone, or because they posed a question or suggestion. These could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals seemed adequate;
- Requests for more detailed plans on avoiding, minimising and/or mitigating impacts to the South Downs National Park, SSSI, and ancient woodlands

- Requests to ensure that we prioritise remediation, restoration, and/or enhancement of the environment;
- Suggestion to drill the entire length of the route to avoid surface impacts;
- Suggestion to route the underground cable south of Sullington Hill to minimise impacts to the sensitive environmental features and wildlife;
- Preference for a cable route via the Kent Street/Bolney Road substation option, to minimise further impacts to the community around Wineham Lane, who have been subject to the construction of Rampion 1.

## 2.5 Potential substation locations

In the consultation feedback form, we asked for comments on the pros and cons of each of the three search areas identified for the proposed onshore substation, including any comments on helping identify the least impact site for the substation equipment within each search area. This question was in open text format, allowing people to write in their views in an open text box.

### Positive comments

Support for the onshore cable route could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals were welcomed, without further explanation as to the reason;
- Support on the basis that the Rampion 1 construction and remediation was performed well;

### Negative comments

The primary concerns about the onshore cable route could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals were not acceptable, without further explanation as to the reason;
- Concerns about local community impacts on the basis that the construction of the substation for Rampion 1 is / was a poor experience;
- Concerns about noise, dust, construction traffic and lights that would result from construction and operation of the 2 Wineham Lane substation site options;
- Specific concerns about the impacts of construction to the Royal Oak Pub business.

### Neutral comments

Some responses to this question could not be classified as either positive or negative because of the phrasing or tone, or because they posed a question or suggestion. These could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the proposals seemed adequate;
- Preference for the Kent Street/Bolney Road options, due to the other options' proximity to residences and feeling that the local community has experienced enough development and disruption during construction of Rampion 1;
- Requests to avoid construction works at night;
- Requests to provide sufficient screening/landscaping or take other measures to minimise visual impacts of the infrastructure in a rural area.

## 2.6 Quality of the consultation

In the consultation feedback form, we asked for comments on about this consultation? Specifically, we asked respondents if they had any feedback on the Virtual Village Hall platform as a method for communicating project information digitally during Covid-19 restrictions.

### Positive comments

Supportive comments could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that the consultation was welcome due to their support of the proposals;
- Comments that the Virtual Village Hall platform was well presented and accessible;
- Comments that the platform provided a suitable alternative to traditional engagement methods during Covid-19.

### Negative comments

The primary concerns about the quality of the consultation could be summarised by the following top themes:

- General comments that respondents did not like the virtual platform;
- Comments that the platform was difficult or slow to navigate and concerns that it wasn't accessible for those who have limited IT skills, or those viewing it on smaller tablet or smartphone screens;
- Concerns that public consultation should not take place in an exclusively virtual format and should only proceed when we are able to engage with communities face-to-face;
- Comments that respondents found it difficult to find the place where they could submit their consultation response.

### Neutral comments

Some responses to this question could not be classified as either positive or negative because of the phrasing or tone, or because they posed a question or suggestion. These could be summarised by the following top themes:

- Suggestions to provide the materials in PDF format for those without IT know-how;
- Requests for additional information about the proposals to address anticipated concerns, such as more specific commitments to the environment, landowners and communities.

## 3.0 ONGOING DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

Whilst development of our proposals is ongoing and no final decisions have been made, the following section sets out how we've used the feedback from the informal consultation to explore, learned from build upon our proposals as presented in the July 2021 formal public consultation:

### 3.1 Offshore proposals

As part of the July 2021 consultation, we have reduced the offshore Area of Search from 315km<sup>2</sup> at Scoping phase, to 270km<sup>2</sup>, which includes reducing the area on the east side to reduce the impact on the Sussex Heritage Coast.

We also developed consultation materials which provide more specific, easy-to-digest information about the background to determining the location of the offshore wind farm and how the proposed offshore infrastructure could be constructed, building upon best practices and lessons learned from Rampion 1. See our consultation factsheets titled [Overview of Proposals](#) and [Offshore Construction Methodologies](#) located on our website [Rampion2.com/consultation](https://Rampion2.com/consultation).

In addition, we produced for consultation an Outline Code of Construction Practice, which sets out our proposed working practices for managing the construction impacts of Rampion 2. See our [Outline Code of Construction Practice](#), located on our website [Rampion2.com/consultation](https://Rampion2.com/consultation).

In order to provide more clarity on the potential look of the offshore turbines, we produced a video which explains our approach to measuring the potential maximum visual impacts. See our [Offshore Visual Impacts video](#) located on our website [Rampion2.com/consultation](https://Rampion2.com/consultation).

## 3.2 Onshore proposals

As part of the July 2021 consultation proposals, some of the key refinements and commitments we are now making includes:

- 1) Commitment to drill underneath Clymping Beach, in order to minimise disturbance to people and the environment;
- 2) Reduced the two westerly route options at Warningcamp to minimise impacts to environmental sensitivities;
- 3) Removal of one of the Norfolk Clump route options, which we currently believe to have greater archaeological features;
- 4) Commitment to drill under Sullington Hill and Washington Parish recreation ground, to minimise environmental and community impacts;
- 5) Removed the Winehem Lane South Substation site option from consideration to minimise local community impacts.

All of these changes to our proposals are presented in a [fly-over video](#) located on our website [Rampion2.com/consultation](https://Rampion2.com/consultation).

We also developed consultation materials which provide more specific, easy-to-digest information about how the proposed onshore infrastructure could be constructed, building upon best practices and lessons learned from Rampion 1. See our consultation factsheets titled [Managing Construction Impacts - onshore](#) located on our website [Rampion2.com/consultation](https://Rampion2.com/consultation).

In addition, we produced for consultation an Outline Code of Construction Practice, which sets out our proposed working practices for managing the construction impacts of Rampion 2. See our [Outline Code of Construction Practice](#), located on our website [Rampion2.com/consultation](https://Rampion2.com/consultation).

## 3.3 Consultation approach

As part of the July 2021 formal consultation, we have redesigned our website to present the consultation materials in a way that is navigable and using more traditional PDF formats. This is to ensure that those with less IT knowledge are able to view, access and download the information that they are interested in.

As part of the July 2021 consultation, we are also exploring opportunities to supplement virtual engagement with small group or 1:1 meetings with members of the community with those that feel that they would like face-to-face engagement with members of the project team in order to understand the proposals and express their views.

Appendix A:



**Rampion 2**  
**WIND FARM**



**Welcome**

**Click to watch the welcome video on YouTube**

# 1

## Why we're considering expanding Rampion

### We must urgently tackle climate change.

UN IPCC Climate Scientists say we have until the end of the decade to keep warming below 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, to prevent catastrophic and irreversible impacts on climate change.

The UK Government has formally declared a Climate Emergency.

#### UK Government target for offshore wind

40 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind capacity by the end of this decade. This equates to a quadrupling of offshore wind capacity from around 10 gigawatts (GW) in 2020, to 40GW by 2030.

#### Securing our energy supplies

Around 5% of UK electricity is still generated by coal but this is going to be phased out in the next 2 – 3 years and requires clean, green energy to replace it.

#### Electric Vehicles and hydrogen

Great strides have recently been taken in securing a greener future for transport, aviation and heating, through advancements in battery technology and applications for hydrogen fuel. However, these technologies are only carbon neutral if the electricity needed to charge batteries and produce hydrogen, comes from renewable energy sources.

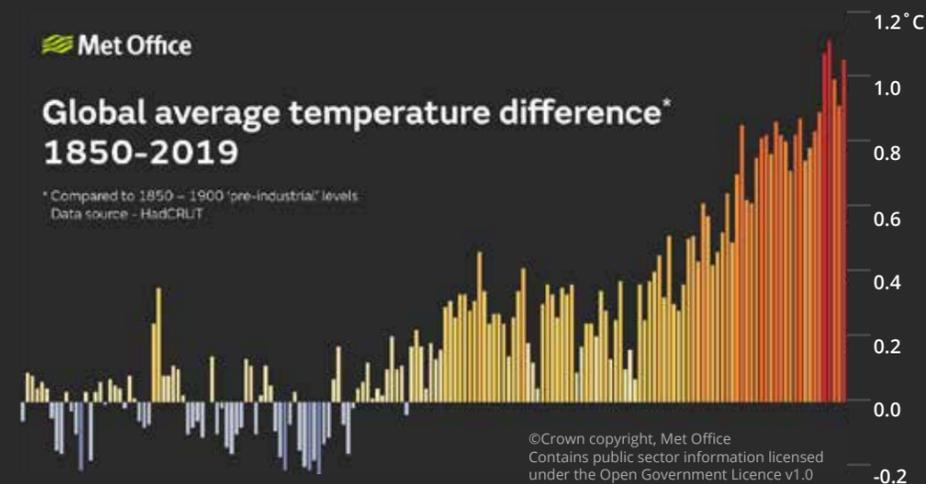
### Why off the Sussex coast?

There are 40 offshore wind farms around the UK. Only one of these is on the south coast – Rampion. Yet the south east of England is one of the most densely populated regions in Europe and therefore has a massive electricity demand, so it makes sense to generate the power where the demand centre is located.

Met Office

### Global average temperature difference\* 1850-2019

\* Compared to 1850 – 1900 'pre-industrial' levels  
Data source - HadCRUT



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### Did you know?

- The UK is the windiest country in Europe.
- Wind energy currently supplies 20% of the UK's electricity (10% from onshore and 10% from offshore wind).
- Wind is leading the way for renewable energy.
- The cost of offshore wind has halved in the last few years and is now cheaper than nuclear and coal.

### WIND POWER ... A RENEWABLE SOLUTION

The UK is an island benefitting from the jet stream, which offers a temperate climate and our famous wet and windy weather. The UK is the windiest country in Europe so it makes sense to harness this wind to generate our electricity!

- ✓ Wind is a renewable resource - there's no need for finite fossil fuels.
- ✓ Wind is carbon neutral - there's no fuel to burn and no emissions.
- ✓ Wind is clean green - there's no need to import or transport fuel.
- ✓ Wind turbines are very efficient - there's no loss of energy to heat.
- ✓ Wind is quiet - there's no noise.

Pitch  
Gears



Rampion Visitor Centre, Brighton

Find out more about climate change, the history of electricity and wind energy technology, at our Rampion Visitor Centre:  
[www.rampionoffshore.com/visitor-centre](http://www.rampionoffshore.com/visitor-centre)

# The Development Process

## The Consenting Process

As the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm will generate over 100 megawatts (MW) of power, it is defined as a **Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project** (NSIP). This means that the development consent application (like a planning application) is assessed and determined under the **Planning Act 2008**.

The development consent application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination, following engagement and consultation with important consultees such as local authorities, key stakeholders and the local community, to help shape the proposals. The final decision is made by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

## Consultation

We are taking this early opportunity to carry out a voluntary **informal consultation** exercise, to raise awareness of the project and invite feedback on any issues you think we should be taking into account. We will consider this feedback alongside the results of our technical and environmental surveys, to produce our refined draft proposals. However, this is only the first opportunity for you to have your say.

Under the Act, we are required to carry out **formal consultation** with communities and statutory organisations, before an application can be made. We will therefore be formally consulting on our

refined draft proposals in late spring. This will include more detailed information, including a defined onshore cable route and information on how we intend to construct the project and mitigate impacts.

We will accommodate feedback wherever we can. Otherwise we will explain the technical, environmental or other reasons why we were unable to do so.

A detailed analysis of the feedback and the subsequent changes we make will be set out in our **Consultation Report**. This will form an integral part of the development consent application.

## Environmental Impact Assessment

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, our proposals are subject to an **Environmental Impact Assessment** (EIA) before the application can be made. The purpose of the EIA is to:

- Look at current environmental conditions
- Identify potential significant environmental effects that may arise
- Propose ways to reduce impacts through mitigation by design or other measures

The ultimate aim is to design a project with minimal environmental impact or disruption to the community during construction and operation. We have conducted a review of environmental designations and a full suite of environmental surveys to establish the baseline for assessing the project and determining the impacts on e.g.

- Birds & ecology
- Traffic & transport
- Fish & marine ecology
- Archaeology
- Shipping & navigation
- Socioeconomic
- Landscape
- Seascape



Examples of mitigation techniques to protect wildlife include badger sets [left, top] and Great Crested Newt fencing [left, bottom]

# 3

## Rampion 2 Initial Proposals

A wind farm project is made up of several major physical components:

- Wind turbines and foundations
- Offshore substation(s)
- Inter-array cables
- Offshore export cables
- Landfall (where cables come ashore)
- Onshore cable circuits
- An onshore substation

Every physical component is integral to a wind farm project and without any one of these the wind farm wouldn't work. Each individual component requires a different section of land or sea and each may encounter unique engineering and environmental challenges.

If a project of this scale is to be successfully consented and built, the physical components must be collectively designed such that they work together as a unit, while being individually assessed to mitigate and minimise impacts on the environment and the community.

The first step in the development process is to understand hard or fixed constraints, which cannot be overcome. These constraints may restrict a particular project component to a specified location or may prevent a project component from being located in a particular local area.

How many turbines will there be?

It's too early to say how many turbines there will be. However, the operating Rampion Wind Farm has 116 turbines and there will be no more than an additional 116 turbines for Rampion 2.

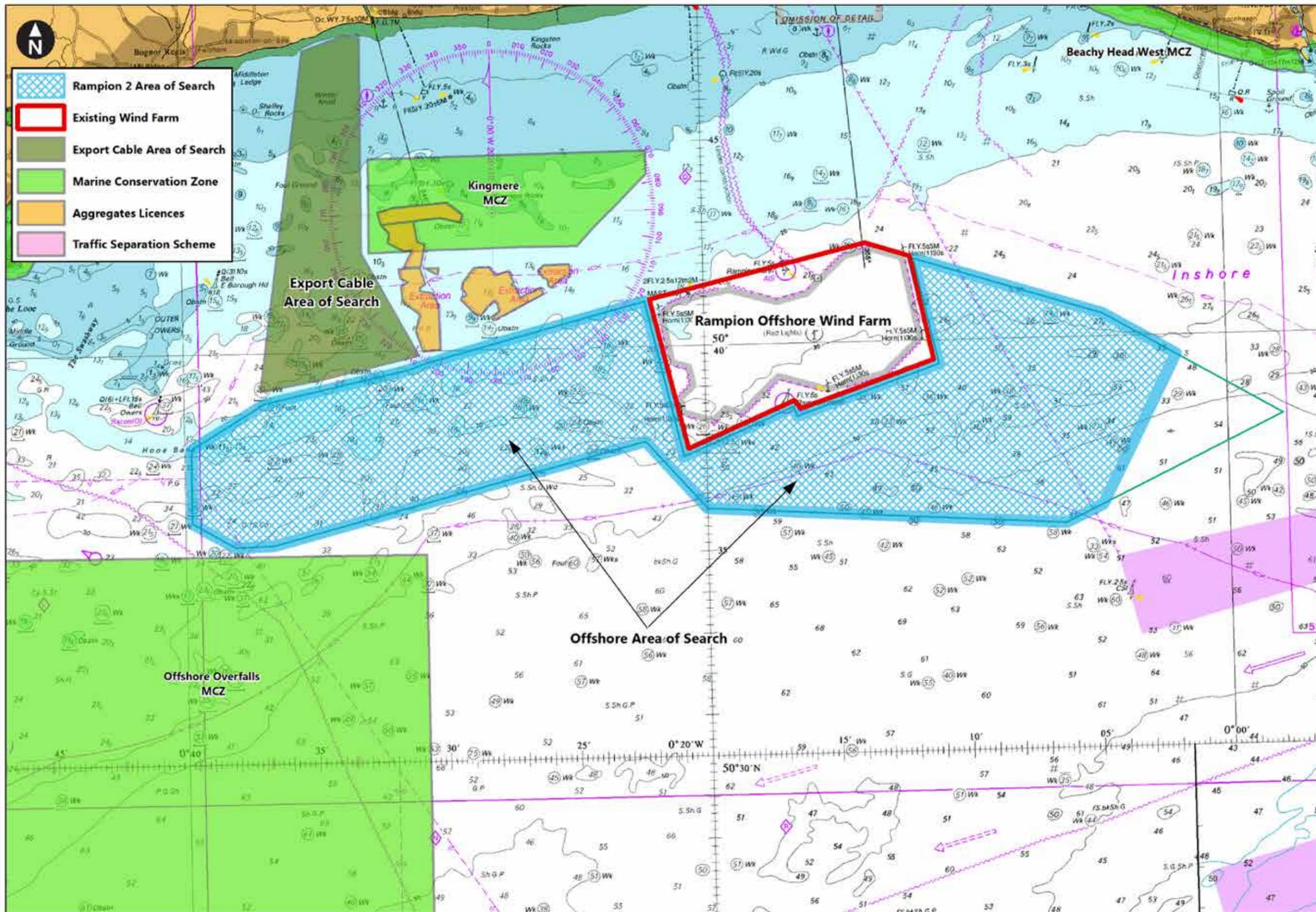
### Offshore Area of Search

The chart on the next exhibition panel shows the Area of Search (AoS) for the Rampion 2 offshore wind farm. This does not mean that turbines will be erected everywhere across the AoS, but rather that we need to explore all the constraints in order to identify the best and optimum site for a wind farm somewhere within the AoS.

This will be determined following consultation with stakeholders and communities, alongside the data collected from a range of technical and environmental surveys.

**Technical surveys** will assess precise water depths, tidal flows, seabed geology and ground conditions, areas of shallow gas, wrecks and potential unexploded bombs.

**Environmental surveys** will assess the benthic (seabed) environment, marine mammals, birds, fish and shellfish.



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### Why can't the turbines be located further offshore?

The English Channel is the busiest shipping lane in Europe, which is situated between the two pink areas on the AoS chart. The pink areas themselves show the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS), which must be kept clear of permanent obstructions as it acts as a safety buffer between the English Channel shipping lane and the Inshore Traffic Zone.

To the west of the TSS is the shipping lane that takes traffic between the English Channel and Portsmouth & Southampton ports, so there is no option to extend the Area of Search to the south.

# 4

## Connecting to the grid

One of the first requirements for a wind farm development is to establish where the power can be connected to the national grid network.

Rampion 2 could generate **three times the amount of power as the operating Rampion wind farm**, making it equivalent to the size of a large power station.

While we would like to connect the power nearer the coast, a project producing this level of power generation can't connect to the distribution grid, which serves our homes and businesses. There isn't the available capacity and if there were, it would require a number of offshore cables connecting into various populated locations, each requiring a new substation.

### Connection options and Connection Agreement

We commissioned National Grid to conduct a Feasibility Study for connection into their system and we also investigated a number of alternative connection points at different 'nodes' along the transmission grid. Other options involved more lengthy and costly offshore export cables, which are 5-10 times the cost of onshore cables and would render the project commercially unviable.

At the second closest connection node at Lovedean in Hampshire, we looked at some potential onshore cable routes but not only were they 10km longer, they would also require a significantly longer section through the South Downs National Park and were more environmentally challenging.

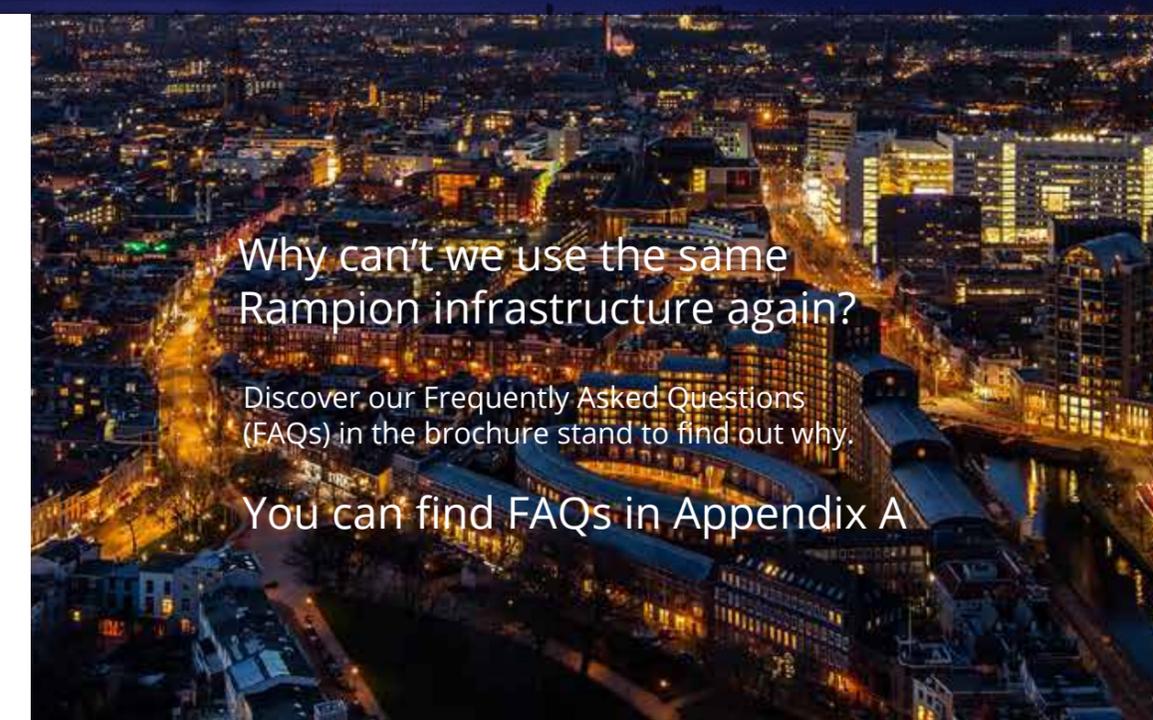
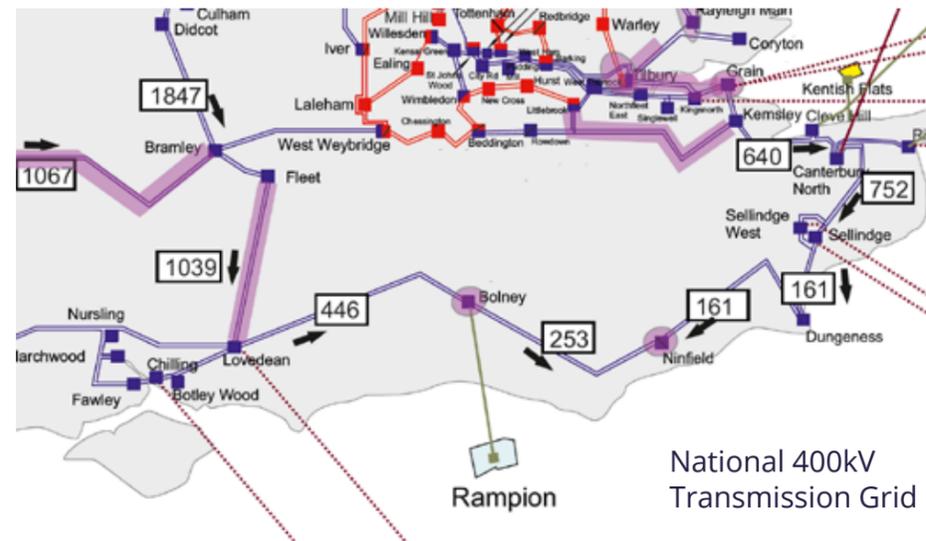
National Grid, who makes the decision on where we can connect to their system, determined the connection point as Bolney in Mid Sussex. This was based on technical criteria and Grid Code obligations to the regulator (Ofgem). Our agreement is for a connection in 2028/29.

Bolney is by far the closest connection point requiring the shortest onshore and offshore cable routes with the shortest route through the national park and the least disturbance to local ecology, marine features and other sea users.

### The Transmission Grid or 'electron motorway'

We must connect to the high voltage (400kV) transmission grid, what we sometimes call the, 'electron motorway', which is designed to take power from large generating plant.

The transmission system runs west to east inland from Hampshire, through Sussex to Kent and ultimately to London, to carry the power. Every so often along the network are 'nodes' where major generators can connect their power and where lower voltage distribution networks (like the equivalent of A and B roads) can tap into the power to feed the southeast region, one of the highest electricity demand centres in the country.



Why can't we use the same Rampion infrastructure again?

Discover our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in the brochure stand to find out why.

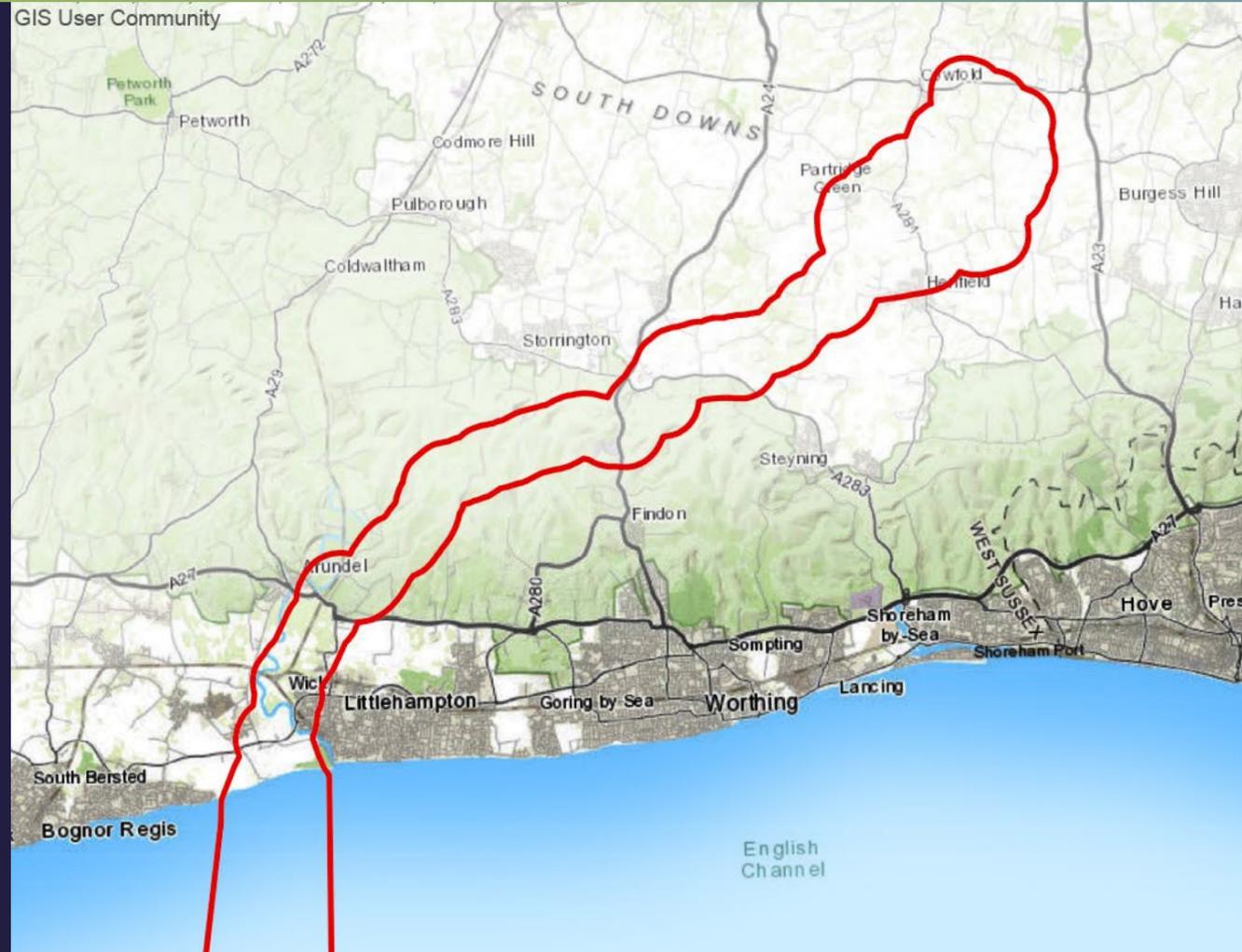
You can find FAQs in Appendix A

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## Onshore Cable Route

The ultimate objective is to connect the power from the wind farm to the transmission grid at Bolney using the shortest, least-impact cable route.

The cable circuits will be buried underneath the seabed and we will bury the onshore cables underground for the entire cable route, so the impacts will be temporary in nature during construction only and there will be no pylons.



### Cable route scoping boundary

The cable area of search or 'scoping boundary' sets out a broad envelope within which we assess the technical constraints and environmental sensitivities, to identify the least impact 50m-wide cable route. This process involves input from statutory bodies and other stakeholders to help inform what assessments and sensitivities need to be taken into account.

### Landfall

The first challenge is to identify where we can bring the cables ashore, known as 'landfall', where the offshore cables are joined to the onshore cables. Ideally, this location would be in the most direct path between the wind farm and Bolney. However, the Sussex coastline is a densely populated linear urban development, which severely restricts the number of potential landfall options.

Why can't we take the same route as the existing Rampion infrastructure?

See our FAQs in Appendix A

While at first sight it may appear that there are one or two areas of open space along the coast e.g. Goring Gap, as the cables move further north they would hit a dead end as they meet settlements which we are unable to drill under.

The open space that is closest to a direct line between the offshore Area of Search and Bolney, that also has the potential for a cable route to continue north, is Climping Beach just to the west of Littlehampton Harbour. We're aware of flood risks in this location, so we will be drilling under the beach to the agricultural land beyond. Having identified the optimum landfall location, we then set out to investigate a broad corridor between Climping and Bolney.

Due to the east-west linear nature of the South Downs National Park, crossing it with the cable route will be unavoidable. We are designing the route to be as short as possible through the South Downs and we will introduce construction methods to ensure swift and successful reinstatement of the landscape.

To date, we have carried out a constraints mapping exercise and a number of site surveys to identify sensitive or challenging features, such as:

- Steep slopes
- Ancient Woodland
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)
- Chalk grasslands
- Wildlife habitats
- Archaeology
- Local Nature Reserves

Where possible, we will avoid these sensitive locations but in short sections where it may be unavoidable, we will introduce construction methodologies and other mitigation measures to protect wildlife, landscape and archaeology during construction.

Onshore cable route



During construction

After reinstatement

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## Cable route construction

The underground cable route is constructed in a way to minimise impacts, as far as possible.

To bury the cable, we will use a trench and ducting methodology, whereby we dig trenches, install ducting and backfill the trenches to allow for quick reinstatement of the landscape. We will come back at a later date to pull the cable through the ducting, using small joint bays at approximately 1km intervals along the route, as the cables come in rolls of 1km sections.

To cross particularly challenging obstacles such as rivers, railways and major roads, we will use a horizontal directional drilling (HDD) technique to tunnel below these features. This avoids impacts on the river environment, while keeping traffic and trains running throughout construction.

Watch the flyover video of our proposed indicative cable route which we believe is the least impact. The video also includes a number of multiple branch options in some sensitive locations, where we are seeking feedback as we further refine the route.

## Onshore substation

Somewhere near the connection point at Bolney, a new Rampion 2 onshore substation is required to transform the power from the wind farm up to the required voltage (400kV), in order to connect to the transmission grid.

The onshore substation would be the **only permanent onshore above-ground structure** for the entire project, which requires an area of 4.5 hectares for the substation itself, in addition to areas for landscaping, access and drainage, plus construction laydown areas, compounds and access tracks.

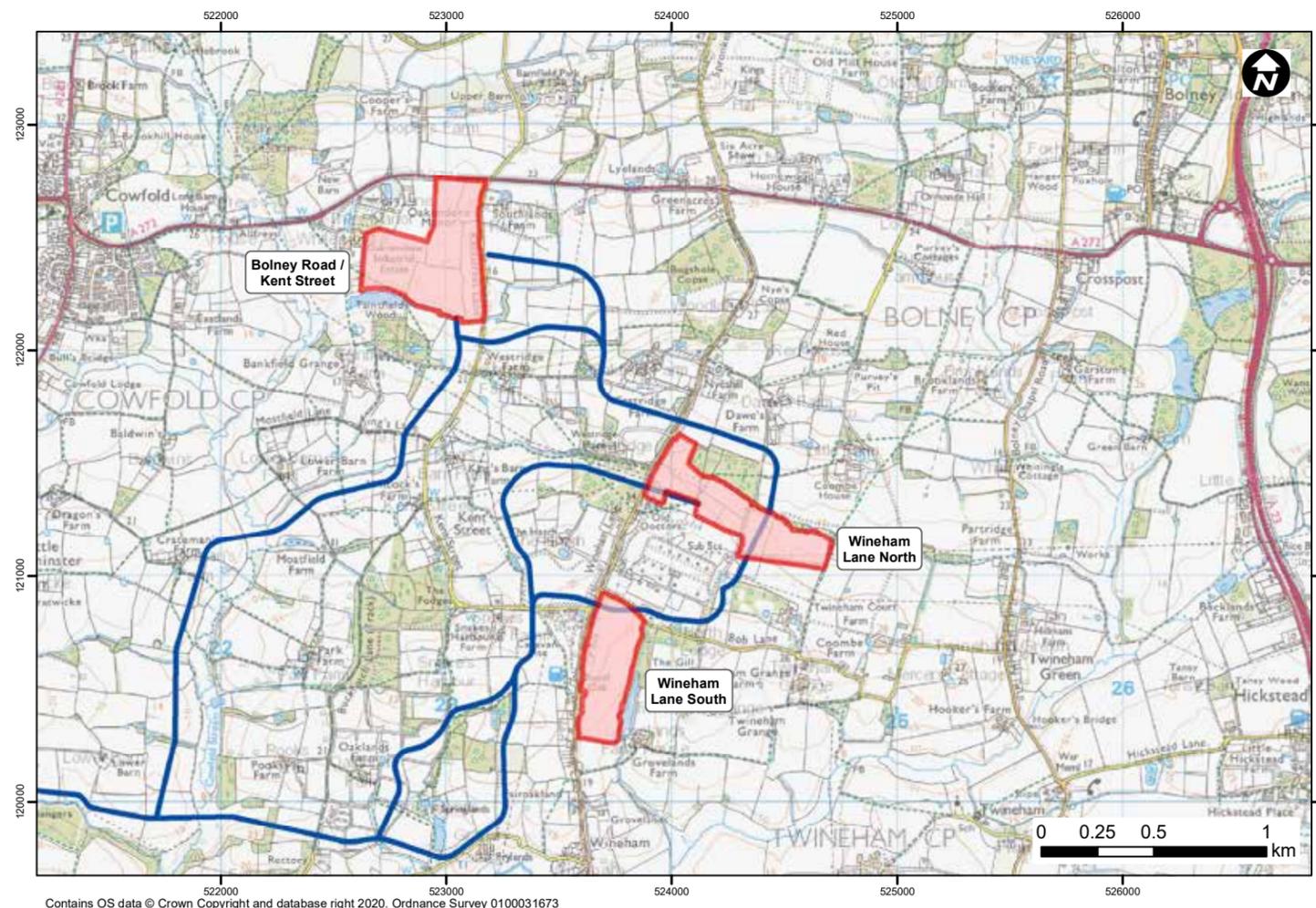
We initially investigated seven substation search areas within 5km of the Bolney connection, to seek to identify the site of least impact. Four of these have now been discounted for a combination of reasons, such as:

- Ancient Woodland and biodiversity
- Flood Zones and associated watercourses
- Sewage works and potential ground contamination
- Insufficient overall size to support the construction activities and landscaping
- Proximity to existing properties

A more detailed explanation of the assessment and ranking / selection will be included in the EIA (Alternatives Considered chapter) in due course.

We are liaising with the parish councils local to the **three remaining substation search areas** and seeking feedback through the informal and formal consultations, to understand local community concerns. We are inviting feedback on the pros and cons of the three search areas, while also seeking input to help identify any parts of those areas that are more or less favourable for locating the permanent substation equipment.

Taken together with the results from our technical and environmental surveys, we will then be in a better position to progress the least impact search area and identify the best site for the substation equipment



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# Why Rampion 2?

Explore the reasons why we need more wind power

Learn about the consenting & consultation process

Discover how we connect power to the grid

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# Onshore Cable Route Flyover

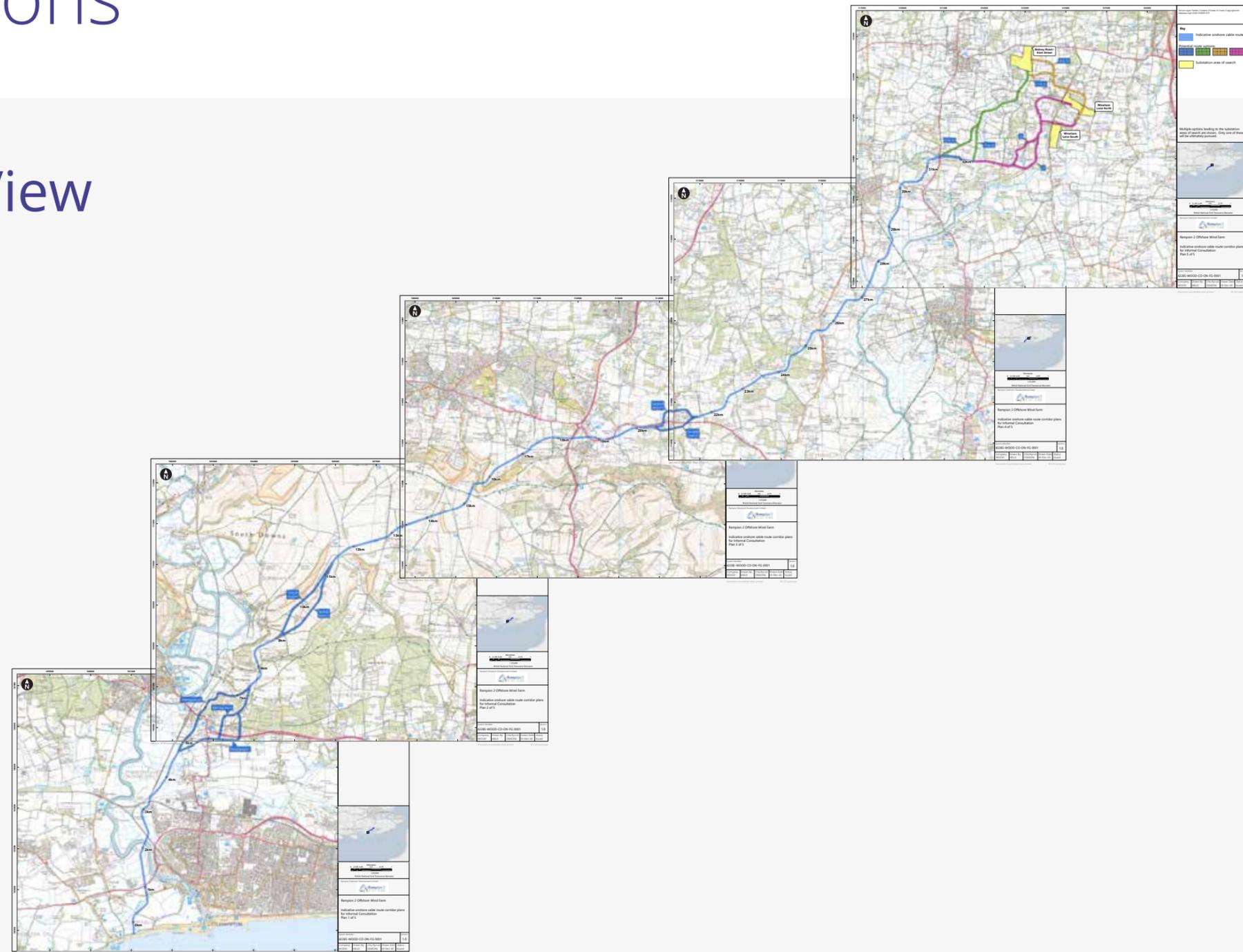
Discover how we identify the best cable route

Learn about the technical & environmental considerations

Explore our three onshore substation search areas

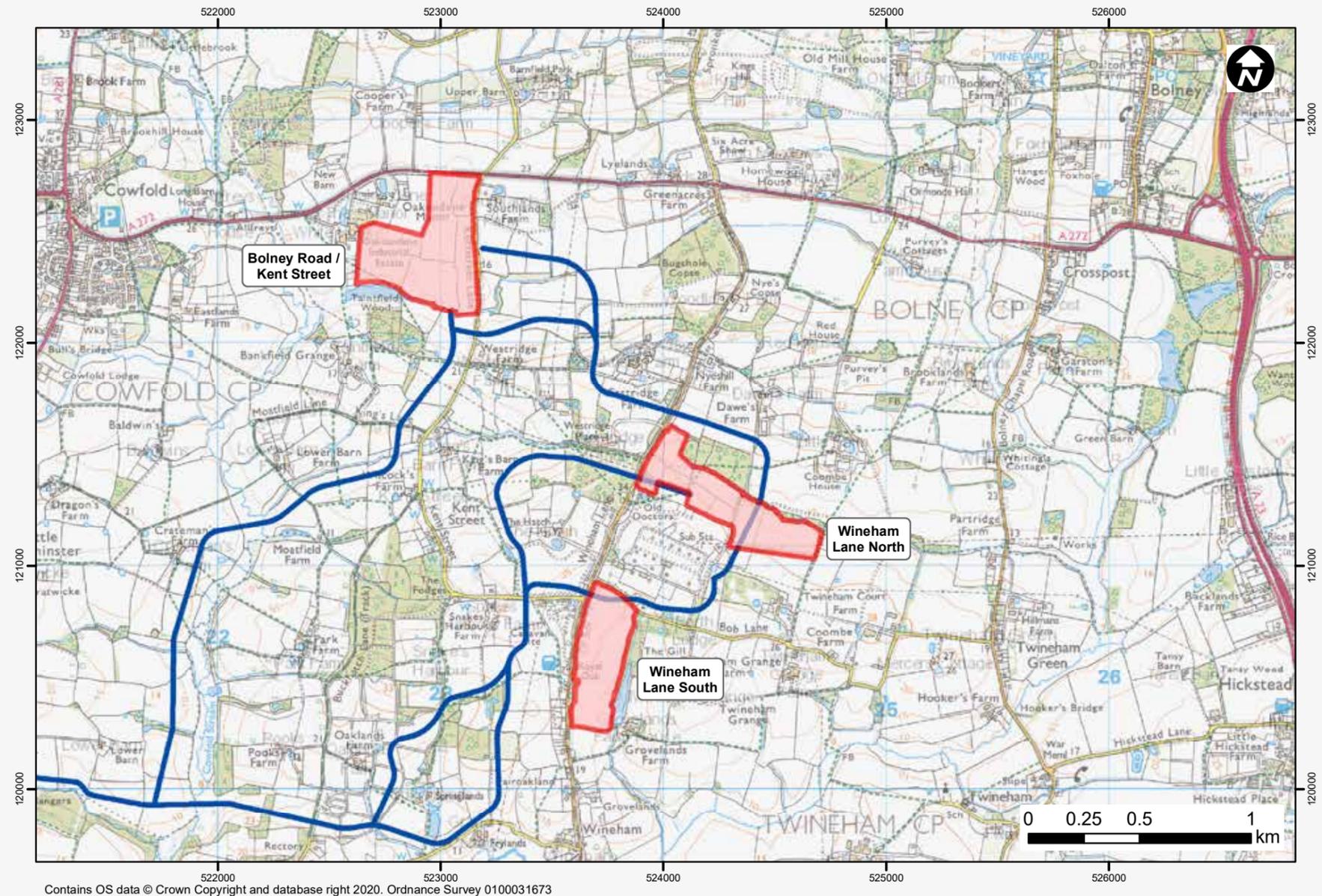
# Cable Route Options

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5 maps in large scale



# Substation Search Areas

Go to Appendix C to view the 3 search areas in large scale



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## Project Benefits

The existing Rampion project:

Supplies clean, green electricity for the equivalent of almost 350,000 homes, that's around half the homes in the whole of Sussex.  
Saves around 600,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> every year.

The Rampion 2 project could:

Produce clean, green electricity for the equivalent of over 1 million homes!  
Save around 1.8 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> each year.

This would make a significant contribution to meet Government targets for offshore wind and help tackle climate change.

## Technological advancement

Wind turbine technology has rapidly advanced in recent years, producing much more power per unit.

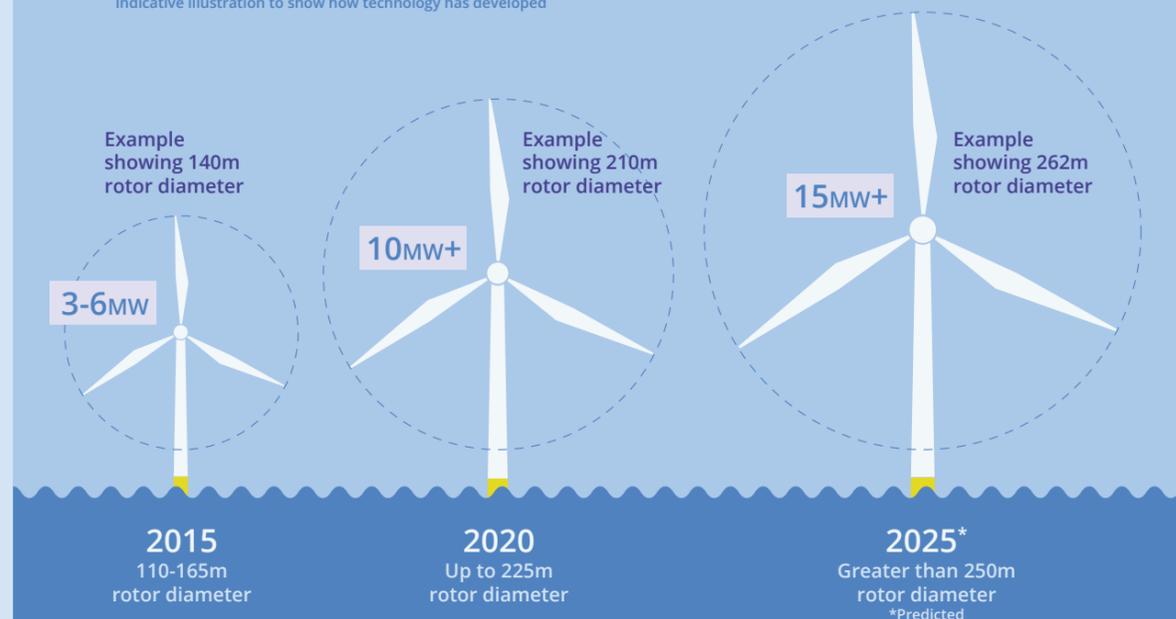
A 50% increase in tip height more than doubles the power output of a wind turbine and the power of offshore turbines has increased 5-fold in just 20 years.

It's early days in the development process and a few years before we'll be in a position to order turbines. So, for the purpose of our EIA we are assessing a worst-case scenario for up to 2.3 x the existing Rampion turbine height, but in reality it's unlikely to be more than double the height.

With an assumption that the turbines will be 75% taller than the existing turbines, the power output per turbine would be around 3 x the existing Rampion turbines.

## Turbine technology development

Indicative illustration to show how technology has developed



## Rampion in the community

Rampion has already:

- Employed **65 full time, permanent staff** at the Operations Base in Newhaven Port
- Supported **8 students** on our graduate scheme and took on **8 apprentices** by 2019, some of whom are now fully qualified turbine technicians
- Acted as a catalyst for the **regeneration of Newhaven Port**
- Spent **£1.6 million to support 114 community projects** from our £3.1 million Rampion Fund, benefiting almost 1 million people across Sussex, with the remaining Fund available until 2027
- **Opened a Visitor Centre** on Brighton seafront, which is free for all, to tell the climate, energy and Rampion story in a fun and engaging way



## Did you know?

Wind is now an essential renewable resource for powering our modern world with clean, green energy and the UK is the European and World leader in offshore wind generation.

In 2019, UK wind energy:

- Generated electricity to power the equivalent of nearly 18m homes
- Became the second largest power source, providing 20% of electricity
- Reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by nearly 29 million (m) tonnes, saving 14m tonnes from offshore wind alone

In 2020, UK wind energy:

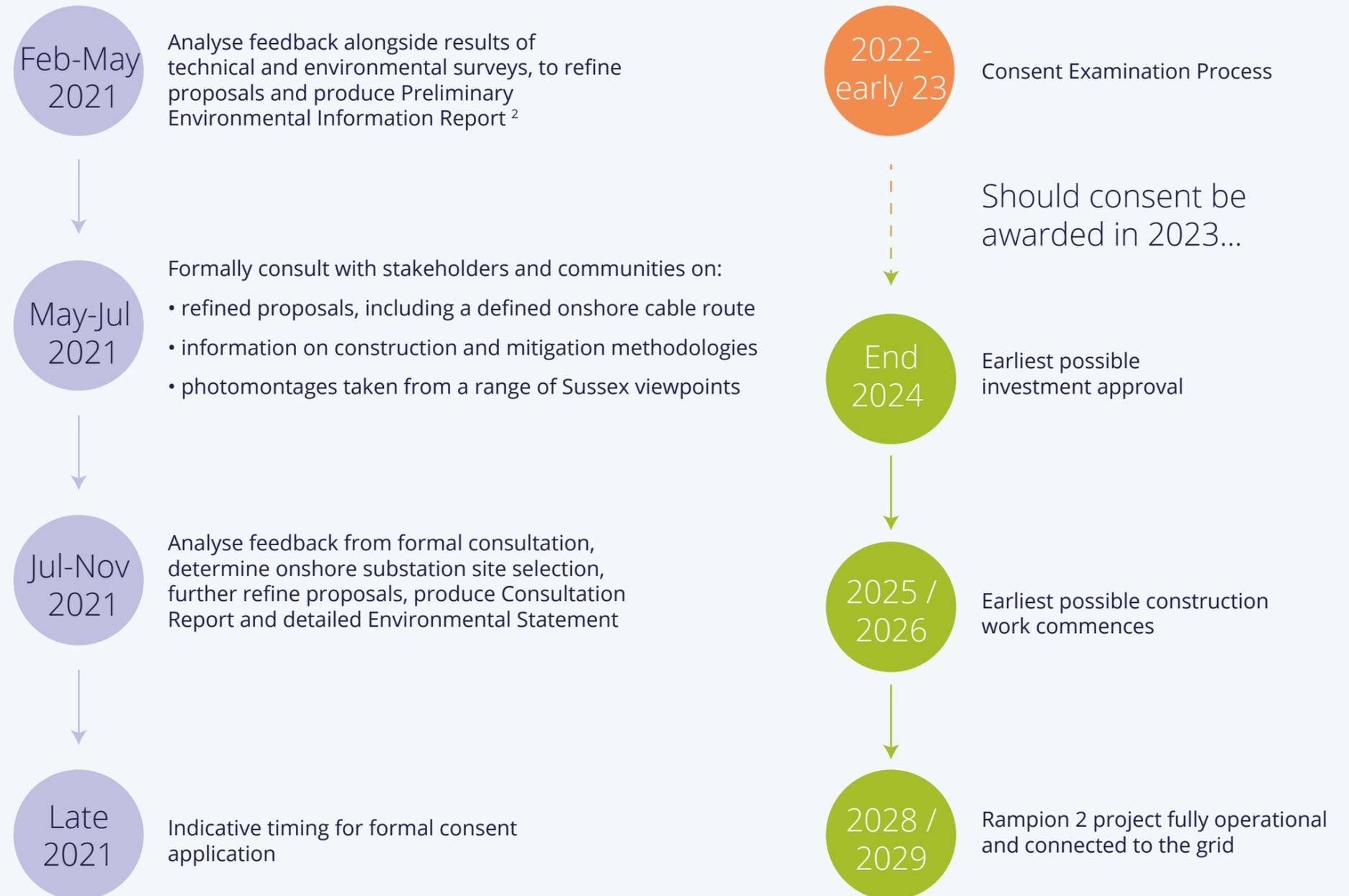
- Broke a record to provide 40% of our electricity on one day
- Contributed to coal-free electricity generation for a record 67 days in a row

The offshore wind industry aims to double jobs to over 27,000 and invest nearly £50billion in UK infrastructure by 2030.

# Current Status

- Seabed agreement for lease signed with The Crown Estate (landlord of the seabed), within which a refined wind farm proposal will be formed over the coming months
- National Grid have confirmed a Connection Agreement into the high voltage 400kV transmission grid at Bolney, in 2028/2029
- Early discussions held with 11 Local Planning Authorities, Parish Councils, MPs, South Downs National Park Authority, Marine Management Organisation, Natural England, Historic England and other national bodies
- Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate informing what is required to be assessed
- A number of technical and environmental surveys carried out, informing the onshore and offshore project elements e.g. full offshore site geophysical survey, vessel traffic and ecological surveys
- Early assessment of an onshore cable route Area of Search, leading to identification of an indicative cable route and some options for consideration
- Informal consultation underway, seeking feedback of local issues in relation to the onshore and offshore Areas of Search

# Next Steps<sup>1</sup>



1. This is an indicative project timetable, which is subject to change, particularly in light of the continuing Covid situation. We will only be carrying out activities where it is safe to do so and will use virtual consultation tools until it is safe to meet face to face.

2. We will be carrying out an assessment of construction traffic impacts (transport, noise, air quality) in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, which will be available during the formal consultation. This will include a cumulative assessment taking into consideration other local construction projects that are likely in the timeframe of the construction of Rampion 2.

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## We want to hear from you

For this first round of consultation, we are keen to hear any local Issues and constraints you think we need to take into account within the onshore and offshore areas of search, as we look to refine the proposals.

What are the local issues that matter to you?

Is there anything you think we may have missed?



### Online feedback form

The best way for you to give your feedback is by using the feedback form: [Click here to complete your feedback form](#)



### Email or phone

Should you have any questions or points of clarification about the project or consultation, you can:

Email us at [rampion2@rwe.com](mailto:rampion2@rwe.com)

Call us on 0800 2800 886 (Freephone)



### Book a virtual meeting

Should you wish to have a virtual meeting with members of the Project Team, please use our interactive booking system [here](#).

If you are a member of a community group or should you have any family, friends or colleagues who you think may be interested, please feel free to convene a group meeting with us, as it will help us maximise our reach to a wider audience.



### Covid19 Restrictions

We are all working in unusual times and while we would much prefer to meet you face to face, we have had to close our Worthing Office since March and unfortunately, we are unable to hold public exhibitions as we did for the original Rampion project.

We hope you have found our Virtual Village Hall a useful tool to learn about the development process, explore our initial proposals and provide your feedback.

## Meet the team

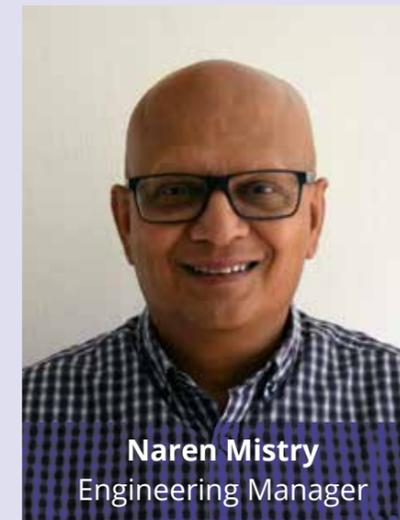
We would like to build on our existing relationships from the Rampion project, while also reaching new communities who weren't so involved the first time around, so we can remain a long-term, good neighbour of the Sussex community.



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# How we constructed The Rampion Wind Farm



# Appendix

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- F** Rampion Fund + Visitor Centre information

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Offshore Wind Farm

### ? Why more wind turbines off the Sussex coast and not somewhere else?

There are 40+ offshore wind farms around the UK but only one on the south coast of England – Rampion. Yet, the southeast of England is one of the most densely populated regions in Europe and is therefore a huge demand centre for electricity, so we believe this site has potential to make a greater contribution to electricity generation, close to where the demand centre is located.

Elsewhere on the south coast, there are constraints to the west of the Isle of Wight such as the Jurassic Coast and deeper waters, whilst the grid is less robust given the lower population density in the southwest. There are constraints further east as the English Channel narrows off the Kent coast, which is also a very busy shipping area.

### ? What is an Area of Search and why are they so large?

An Area of Search is initially identified for investigation, to find the optimum site for a wind farm or cable route. We need to carry out a number of technical and environmental surveys, which may discount areas from being suitable for development and we will also consider consultation feedback to help identify the best site for the project components, somewhere within the Area of Search.

### ? Why is the project forecast to be so much bigger than Rampion?

The original Rampion Wind Farm was consented for up to 700 megawatts (MW) but in the end we built 400MW, being the optimum scheme for the technology and installation capabilities at that time. Since then, turbines have become more powerful, there have seen significant improvements in what can be technologically achieved, and a larger scheme reduces the cost of deployment thereby reducing cost to the end consumer.

### ? Why is the maximum height of the turbines so much larger than the existing project?

Rampion 2 is effectively 10 years on from the original project and if consented, we will be placing turbine orders a decade later than we did for Rampion, with turbines not being installed until 2027 at the earliest. Technology has already advanced apace, so we need to make a sensible forecast of what the available turbine technology might be several years from now, to avoid consenting a technology that may no longer be available in the marketplace.

We therefore need to assess what we think will be the maximum turbine height when we come to construction, but we won't necessarily end up building that maximum case, e.g. Rampion had consent for 210m turbines, yet the Rampion turbines we built are 141m tall, two-thirds of the consented figure.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Offshore Wind Farm

### ? Why are there no visual representations of what the wind farm could look like?

At this stage we're still focusing on issues and constraints within the areas of search, to identify what the boundary for the scheme will be. This site boundary will be refined in response to constraints, the results of technical and environmental surveys and stakeholder feedback. We will be preparing visualisations once the scope and boundary has been sufficiently refined and these will form part of the second consultation in late spring/summer.

Of note, a wind farm is a low density development with around 1km spacing between the turbine towers, which are themselves only around 10m in diameter.

### ? How has the operating Rampion Wind Farm been received by the Sussex community?

In 2010, we commissioned an independent survey to gauge the feeling of the Sussex community to the prospect of a wind farm off the Sussex coast. 80% felt positive. We carried out the survey again in 2019 after the turbines had been up and running for 18 months and 85% of the respondents support the wind farm with only 4% opposing the scheme.

## Onshore Electrical Infrastructure

### ? Why didn't the original Rampion project include cables that could accommodate more electrical capacity?

At the time of investment in 2015, there was no immediate prospect of future Crown Estate leasing rounds for this area. The Crown Estate first suggested a round for extension proposals in 2018. The industry regulator requires every project to be designed and invested in an economic and efficient manner, to minimise cost to the end consumer, which prevents us from building speculative/spare capacity. The cables for the original Rampion project were therefore rated at a maximum capacity of 400MW.

### ? Why can't the original Rampion cable route be used again, with the Rampion 2 cables running in parallel?

There are a number of pinch points where the land is congested with other constraints. The original landfall location at Brooklands Pleasure Park, in Lancing, is highly congested with underground pipes and services, as well as cables from the original Rampion scheme. There is insufficient remaining space to cross Teville Stream and drilling is not an option due to the location of an old landfill site.

Further north at Tottington Mount, the original cable route has utilised the available width on the crest of the hill, such that a parallel route would require 'benching' into the side of a hillside (such as used for roads/railways running across slopes), which is not an option due to visual and habitat sensitivities.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Onshore Electrical Infrastructure

### ? How much area is needed for the permanent onshore substation equipment?

The area to site the permanent substation equipment will be no greater than 4.5 hectares (ha). To put this into context, the three search areas for the substation are:

- Bolney Road/Kent Street – 21ha
- Wineham Lane North - 16ha
- Wineham Lane South - 13ha

### ? How will you manage the noise, air quality, traffic and other disturbances during construction?

As far as possible, construction activity would be planned to minimise disruption to residents and businesses in the local area. We will be carrying out an assessment of construction impacts (transport, noise, air quality) in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report and we will consult on our proposed measures to minimise and mitigate impacts in a second, formal consultation in late spring 2021. This will include a cumulative assessment taking into consideration other local construction projects that are likely in the timeframe of the construction of Rampion 2.

### ? Will the power be used in Sussex?

The electricity generated feeds into the National Grid system and is therefore distributed to where there is demand. Given the power is connected in Sussex, it is likely that much of the electricity generated by Rampion 2 will be consumed across a broad area covering Sussex. It's impossible to track electrons but the grid ensures the energy is not wasted, so on occasions when local demand is low and the wind farm is operating at peak, the power may be used further afield.

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## More about wind power

### ? Isn't offshore wind power expensive?

Major strides have been made in the past few years, effectively halving the cost of offshore wind with advances in technology, supply chains and economies of scale.

Offshore wind is becoming widely known as an established cost-effective low carbon source of generation, which will continue to play a vital role in helping the power sector decarbonise over the coming decade and beyond.

### ? What happens when the wind doesn't blow?

Offshore wind speeds are higher and more consistent than onshore and whilst output will vary over time, offshore wind farms generate electricity around 85% of the time. If wind is not blowing in one region of the UK then it is likely to be generating power elsewhere in the country, and the national transmission grid has a diverse mix of other energy generators to ensure that supply and demand are always in balance.

### ? What is the lifetime of the project?

Offshore wind turbines were forecast to have a lifetime of 20-25 years but as the first commercial offshore turbines have already been operating for nearly 20 years and technology has continued to advance, the predicted lifetime has increased to nearer 30 years. At the end of their life, the wind turbines will be removed from the seabed and if wind energy is still an essential requirement for our energy mix, they may be repowered with the latest technology of the day, but that would be subject to a new consent application and consultation at that time.

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## Consultation questions

### ? How will my feedback be used?

We very much welcome and value feedback from everyone and we will analyse all feedback to identify local issues and take them into account in shaping the project. The consultation feedback will be documented in a Consultation Report, which will be published to form an integral part of the consent application. Whilst we may not be able to accommodate every suggestion, we are committed to responding to issues raised in a fair and transparent manner.

### ? If this is decided by central government, can local stakeholders really influence the project?

Although it's ultimately the Planning Inspectorate who examine the final application and make their recommendation to the Secretary of State, local authorities and other local stakeholders are statutory consultees to this process and their views hold a lot of weight. We also consider feedback from local communities across a wide area and will accommodate feedback where we can but if this is not possible, e.g. for technical, environmental, commercial or community reasons, we will explain why this is the case. The Consultation Report will record what we've taken into account, the changes we have made, and if we can't take feedback into account we will explain the reasons why we have been unable to do so.

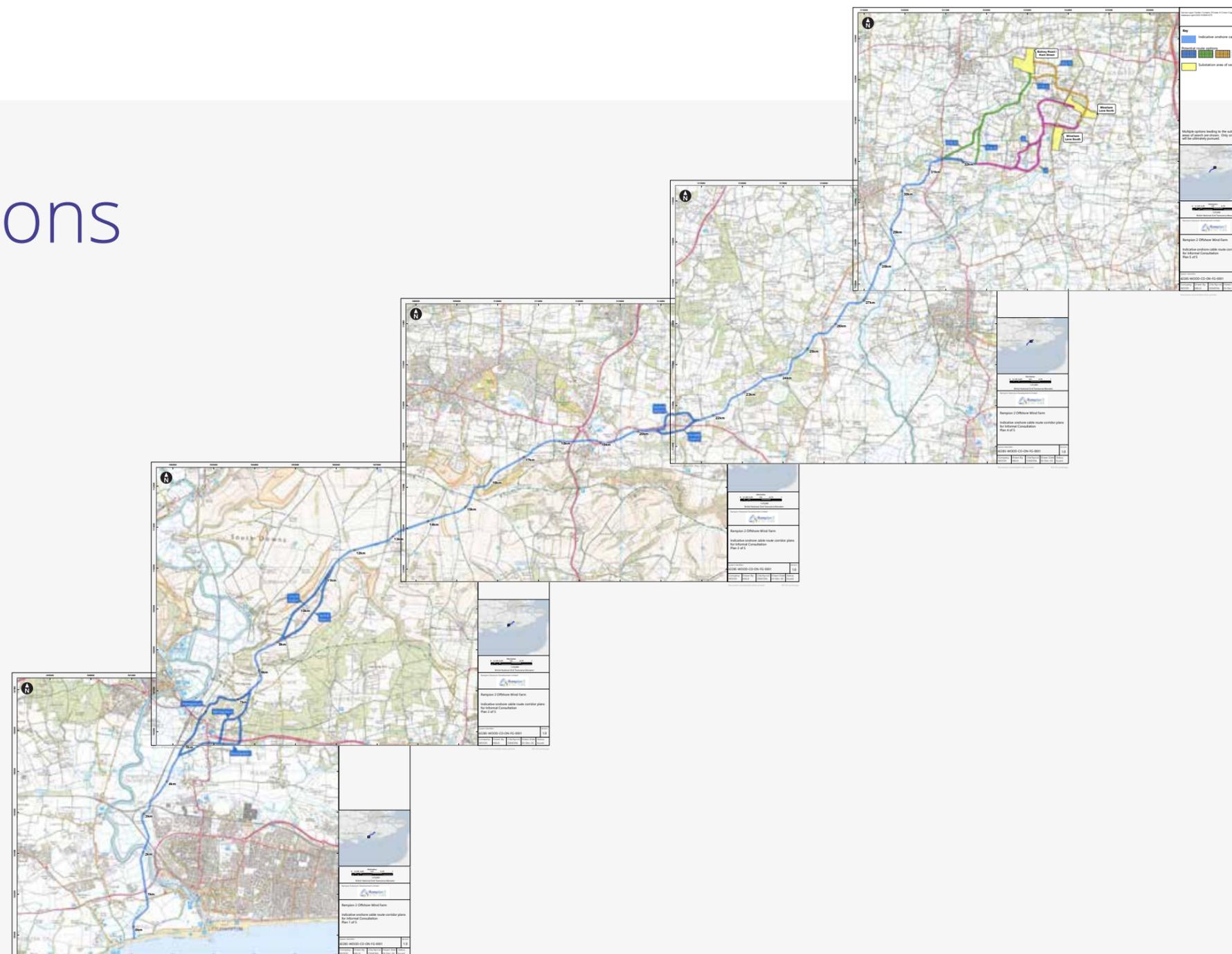
### ? Is this my only opportunity to have my say?

No, this is only the first consultation where our intention is to attract high-level feedback on the general scope of the project and the local issues you think we should be taking into account in the areas of search. We will then refine our proposals in light of this feedback and the results from our technical and environmental surveys, before publishing more detailed plans for a second consultation in late spring / summer. We are currently working with local authorities to agree how this will be conducted to ensure a comprehensive and meaningful process, which we will publish in a Statement of Community Consultation in the spring.

# Appendix B

## Cable Route Options

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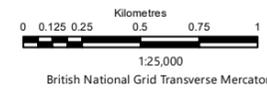
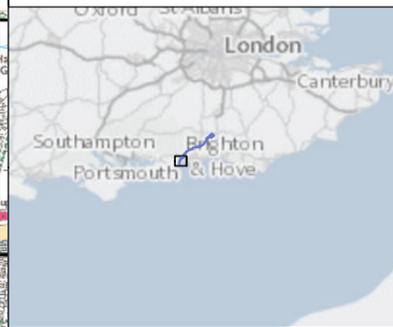


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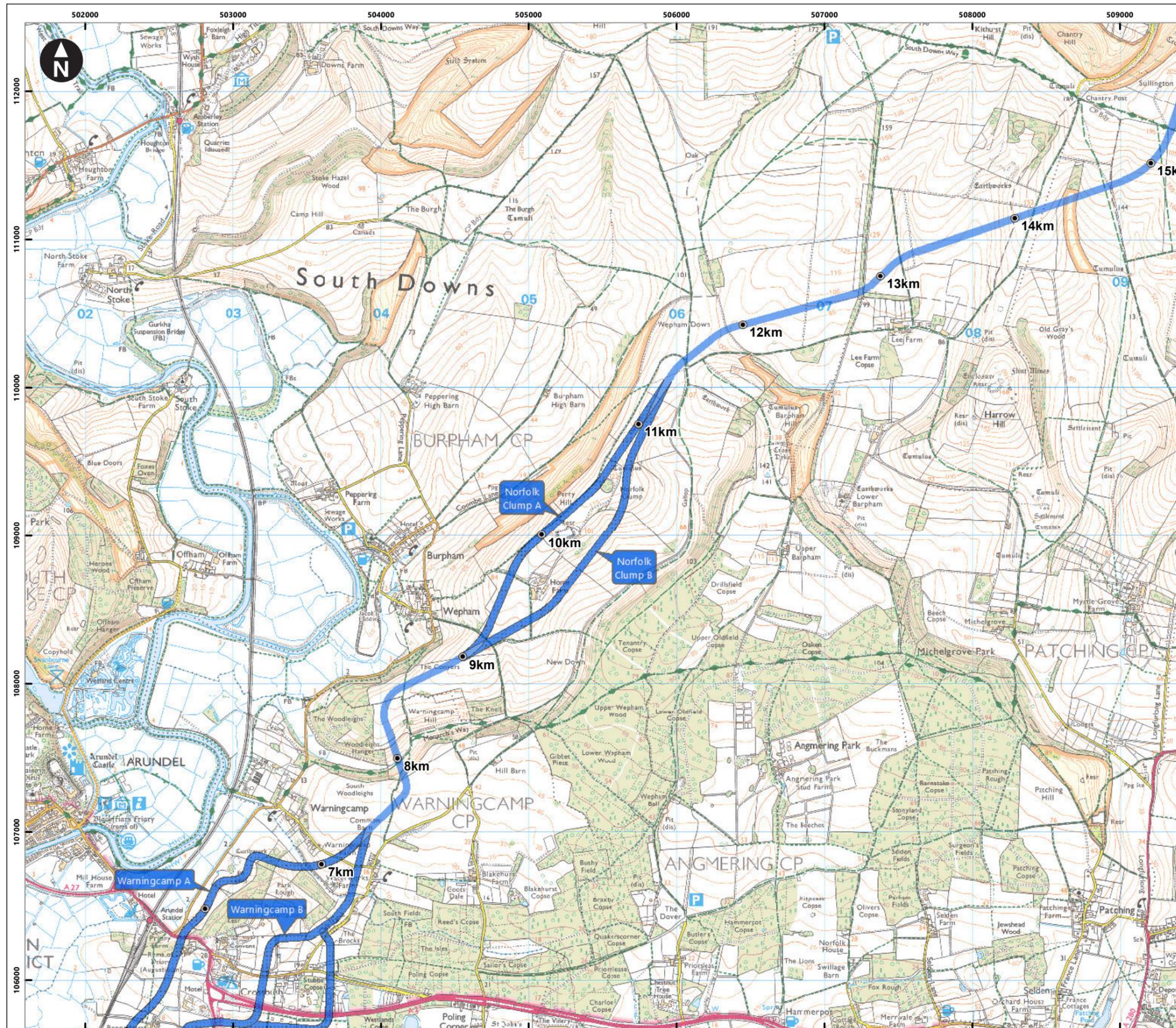


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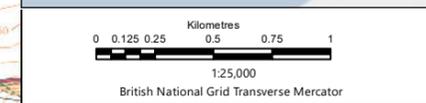
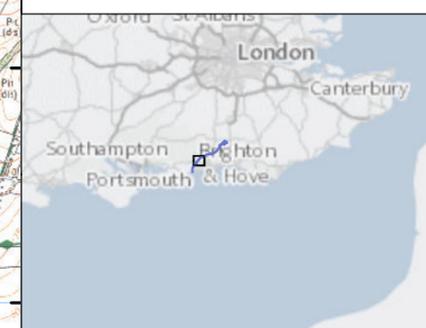
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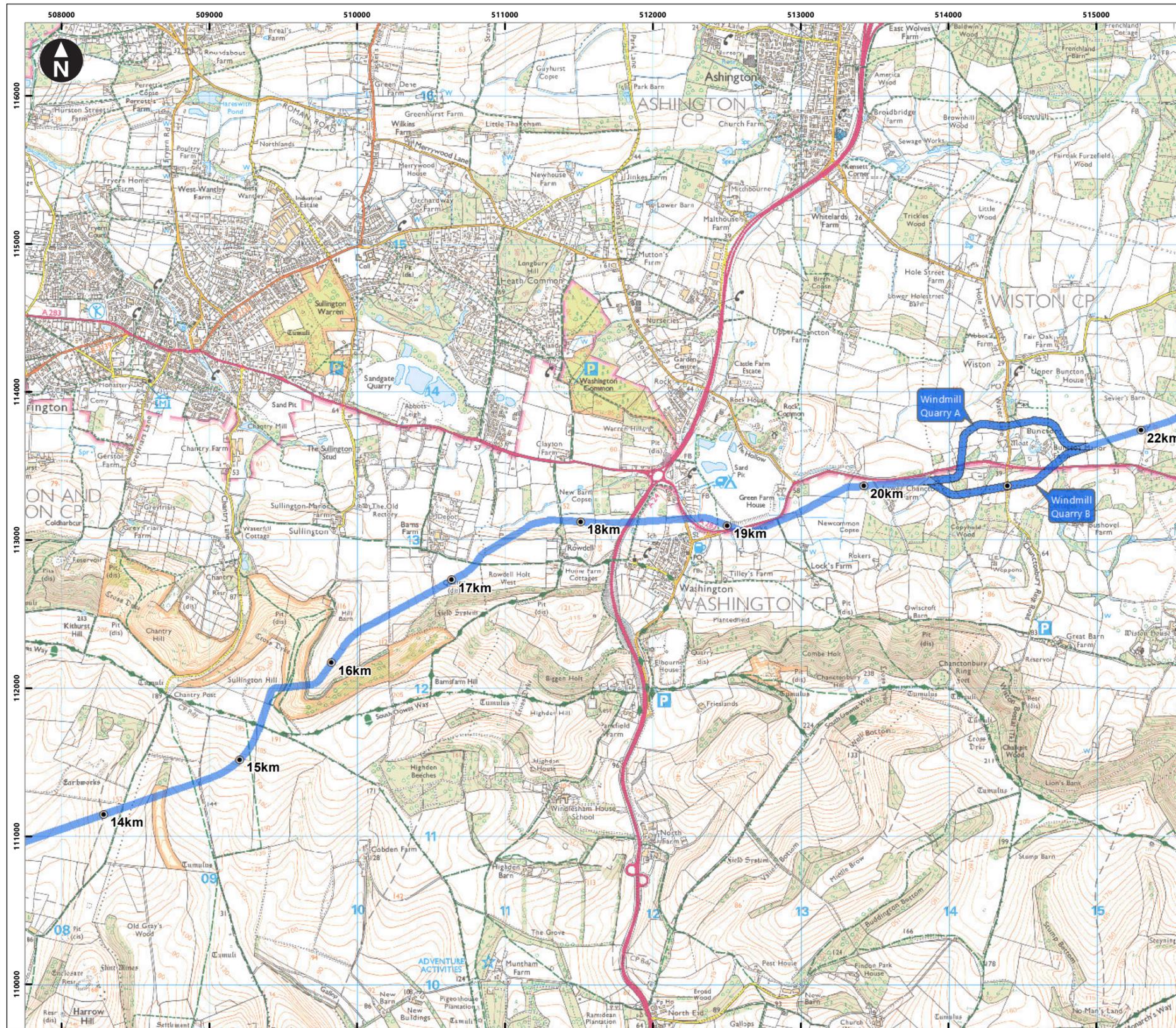


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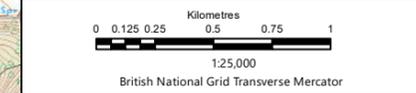
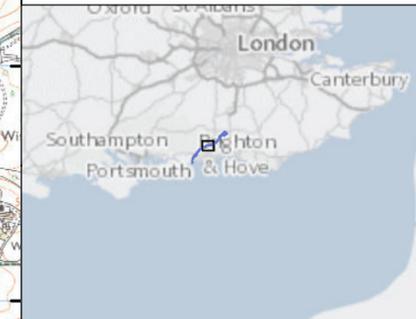
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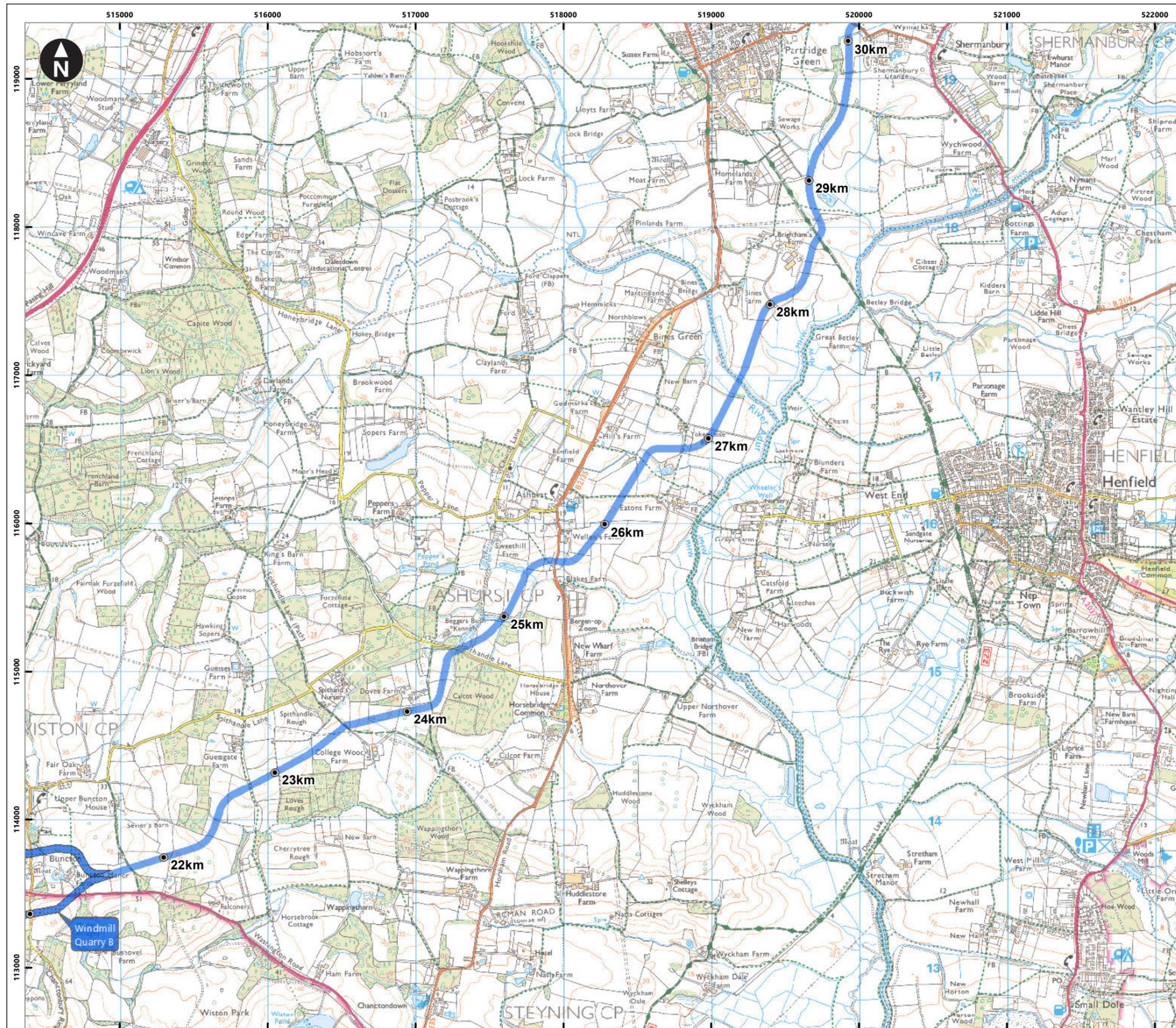


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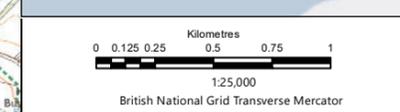
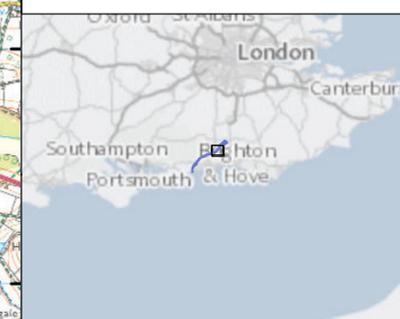
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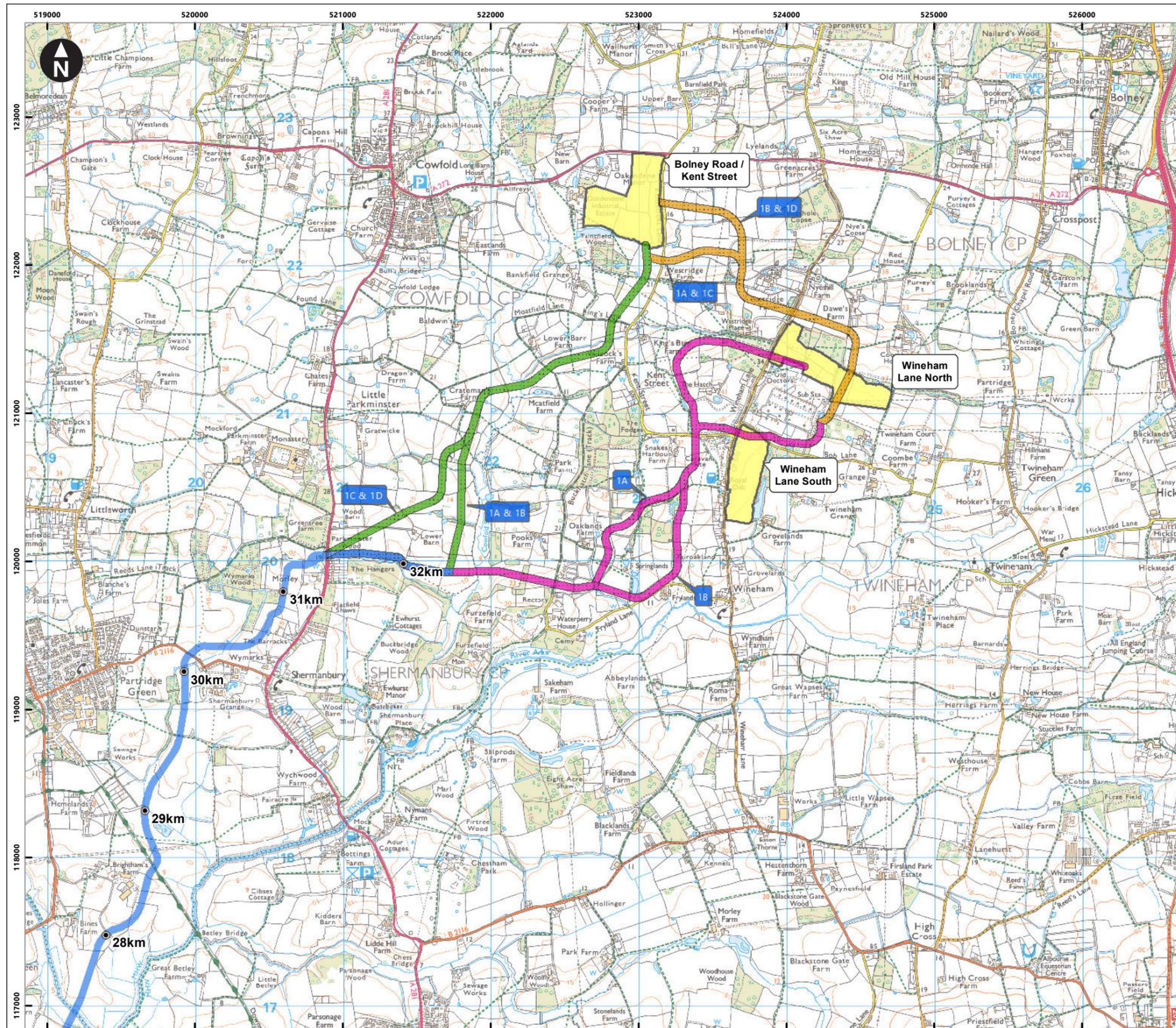


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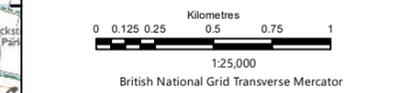
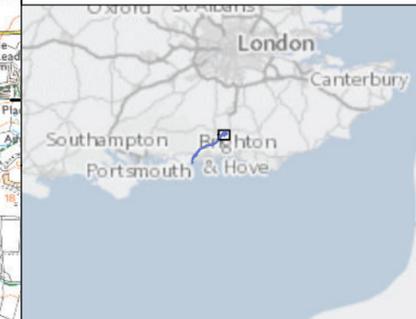


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Multiple options leading to the substation areas of search are shown. Only one of these will be ultimately pursued.



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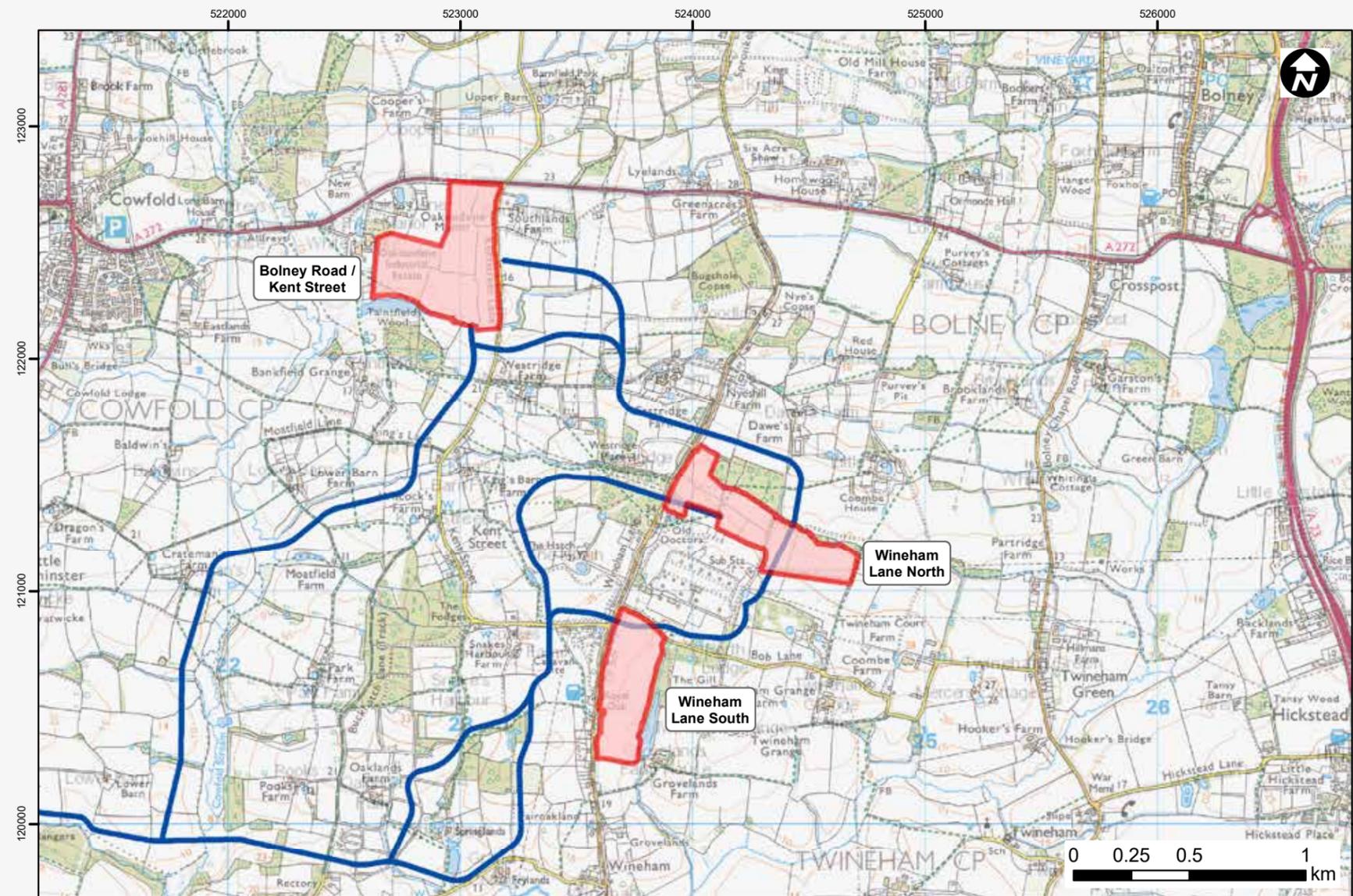
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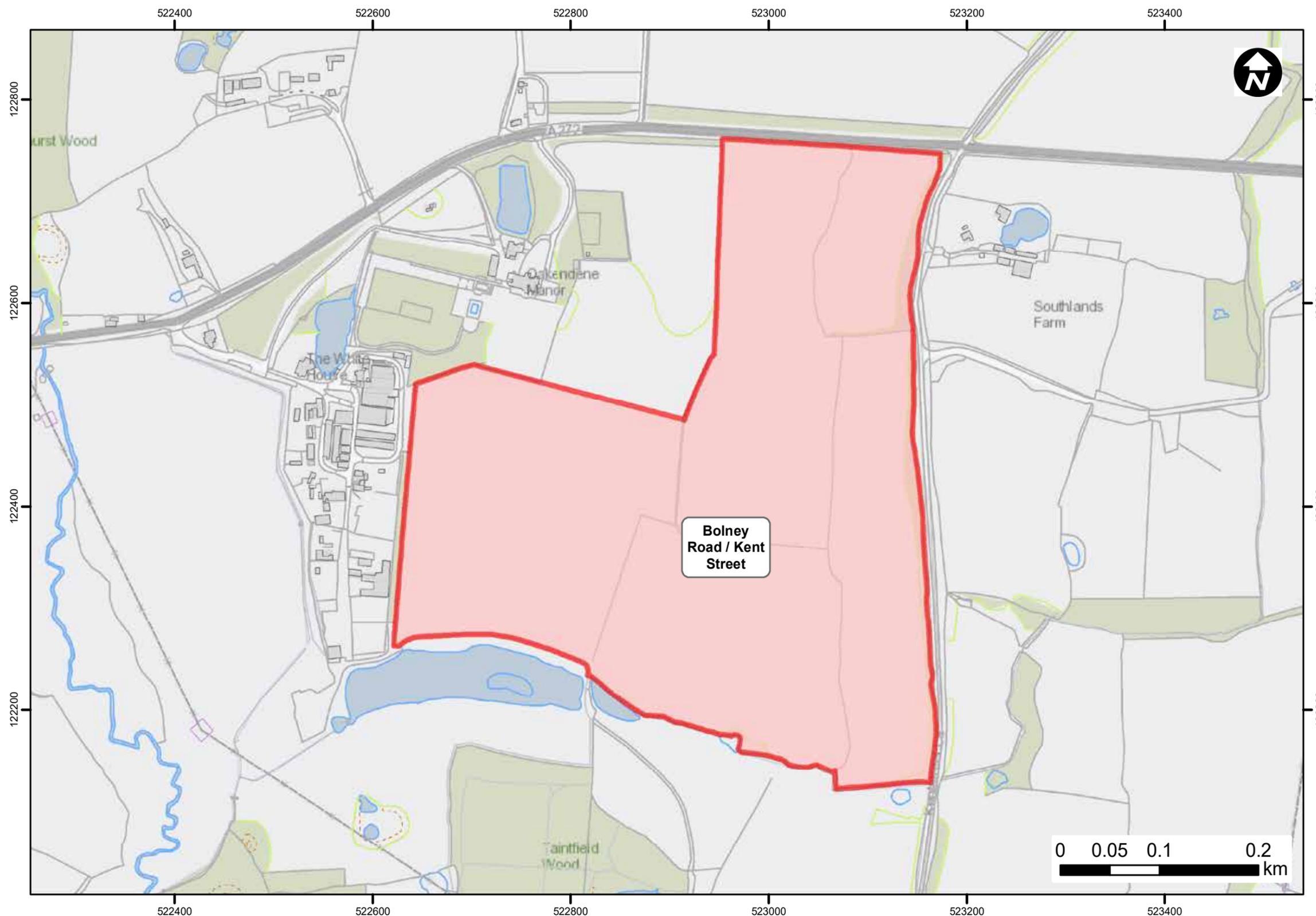
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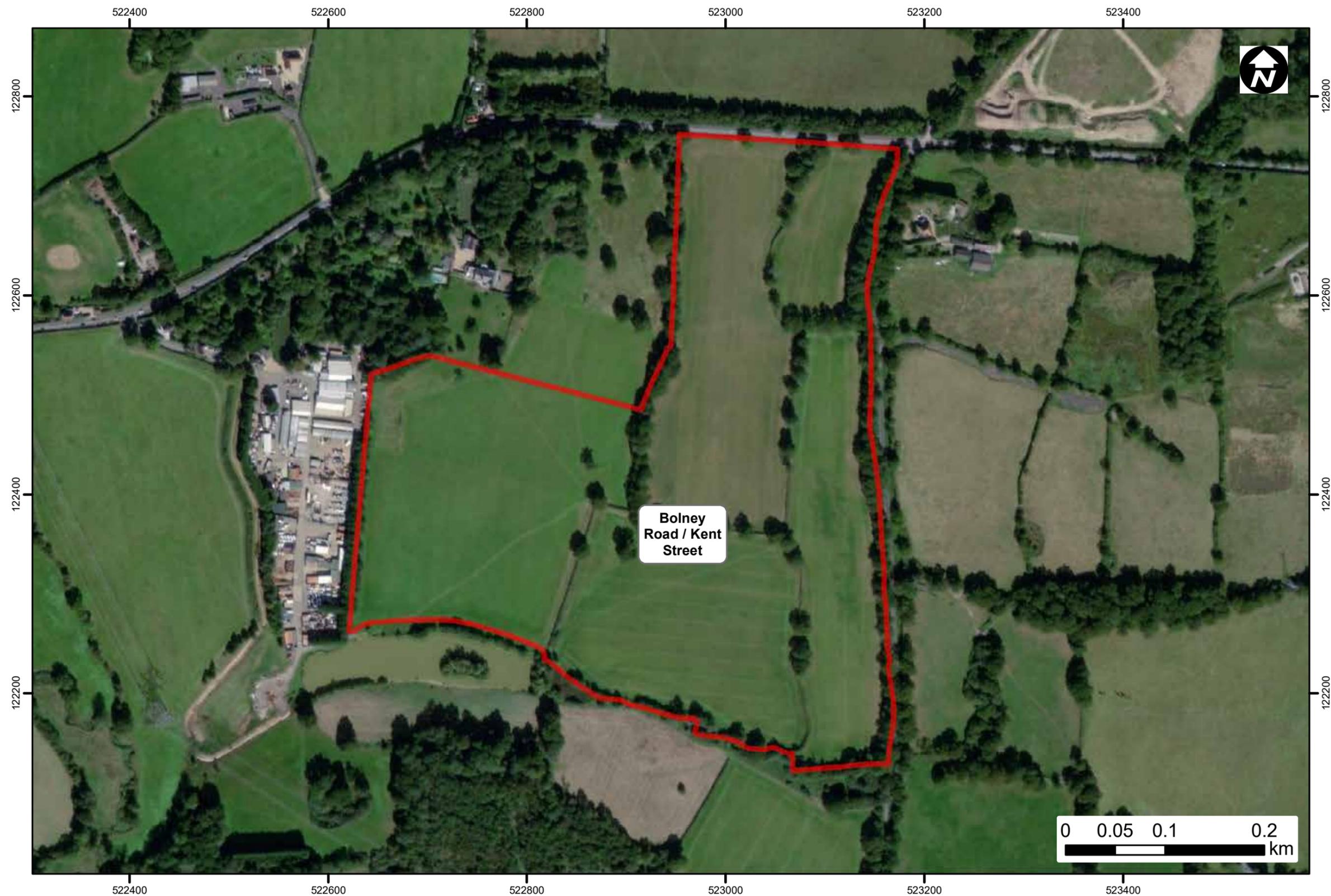
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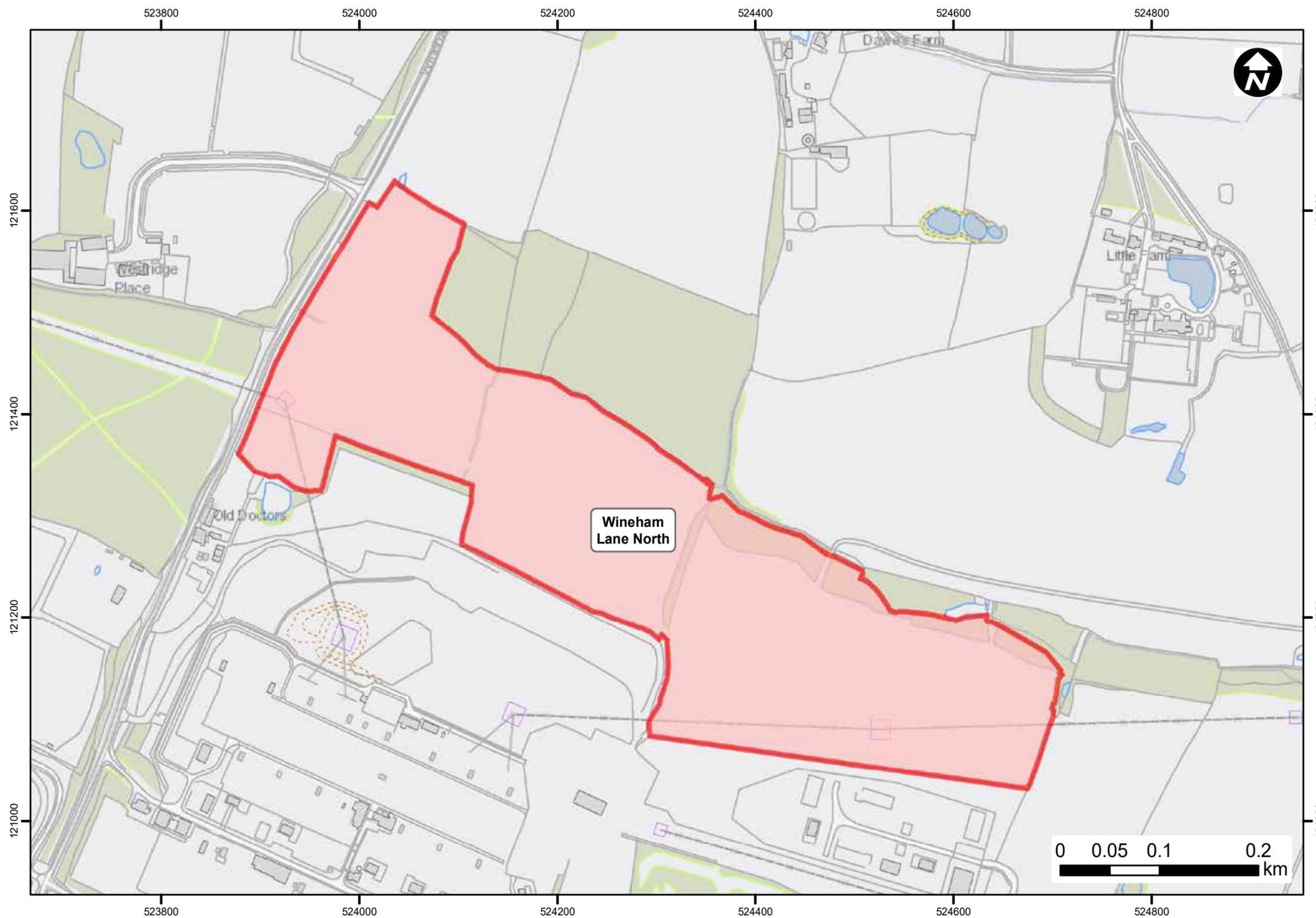




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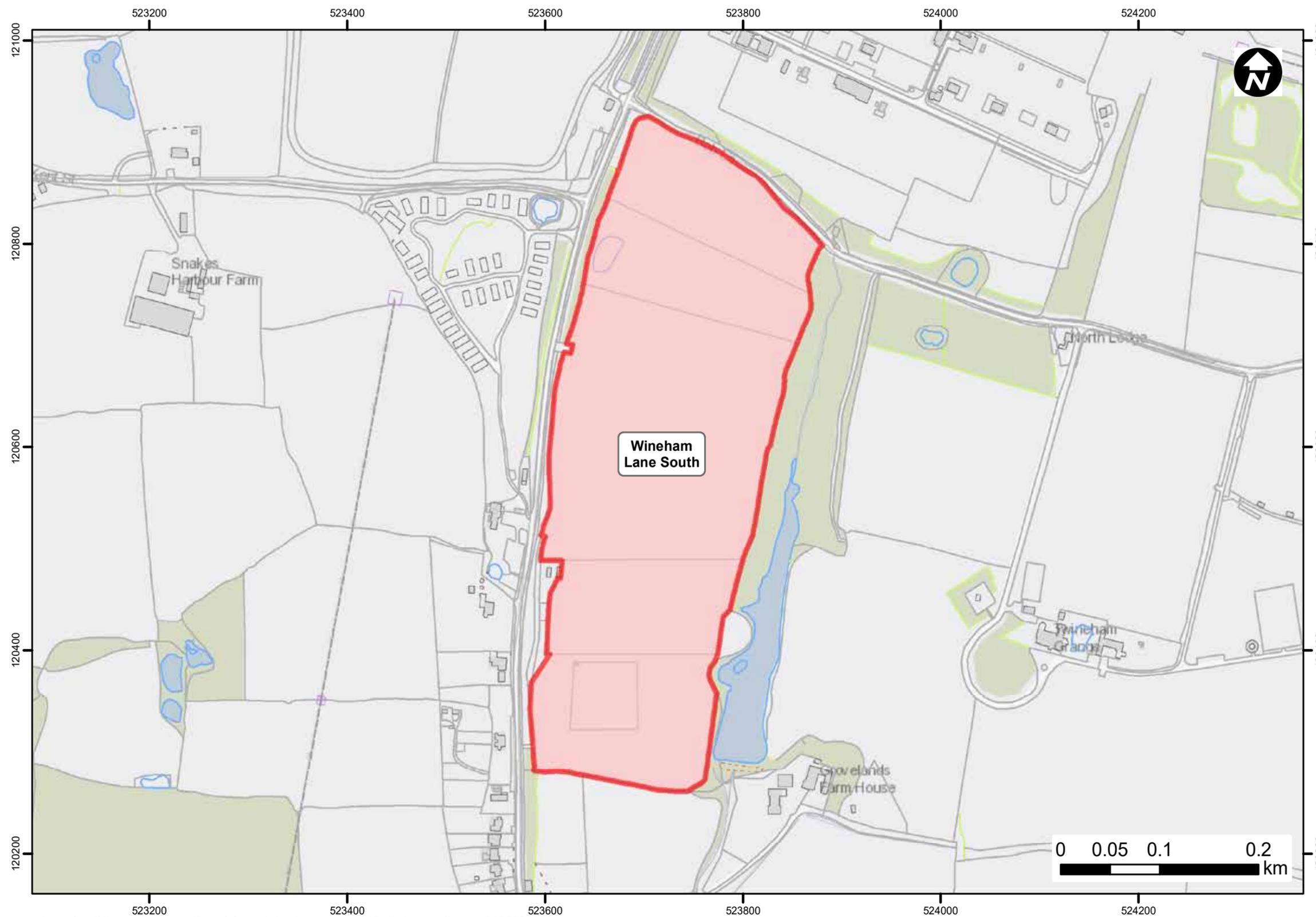
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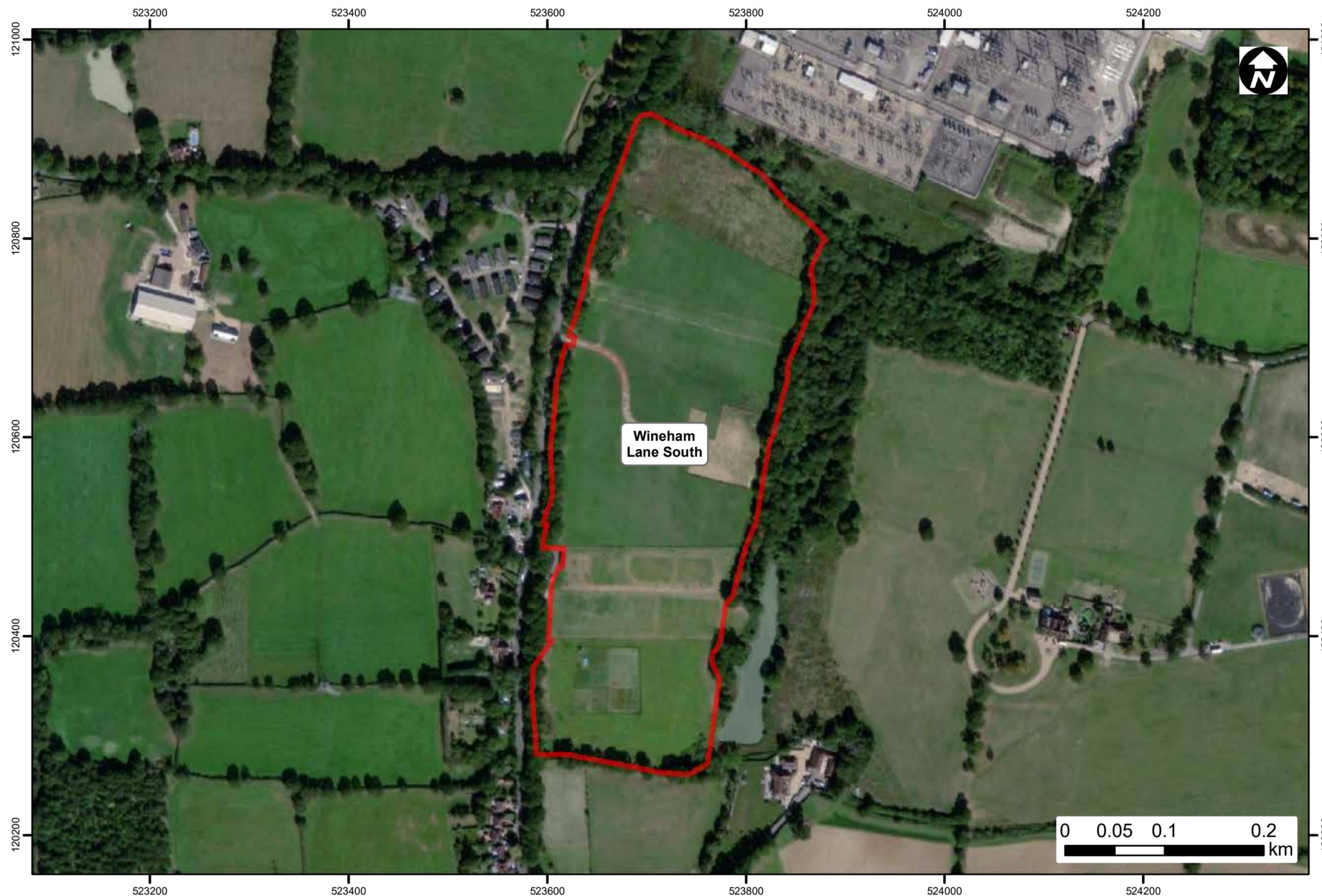
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## Information for Landowners

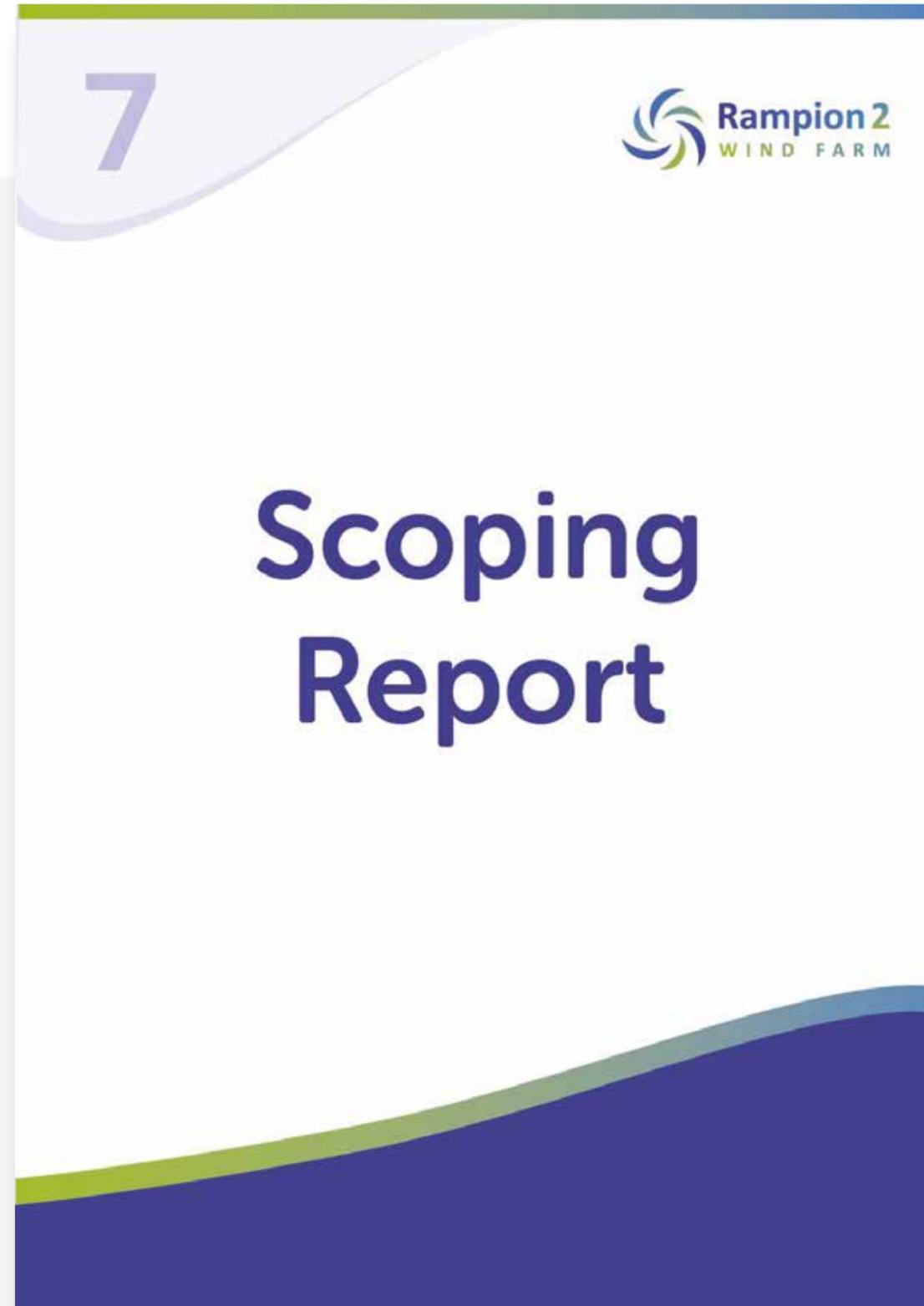
The Rampion 2 Team is aware that other land agents have simply taken the Scoping Boundary for the onshore cable route and written generic letters to all properties in the area, offering their professional services to landowners in any negotiations.

As the Rampion 2 Team refine a cable route within the Scoping Boundary, their land agent, Carter Jonas, will contact the respective landowners individually and directly. No other land agent works for the Rampion 2 Team.

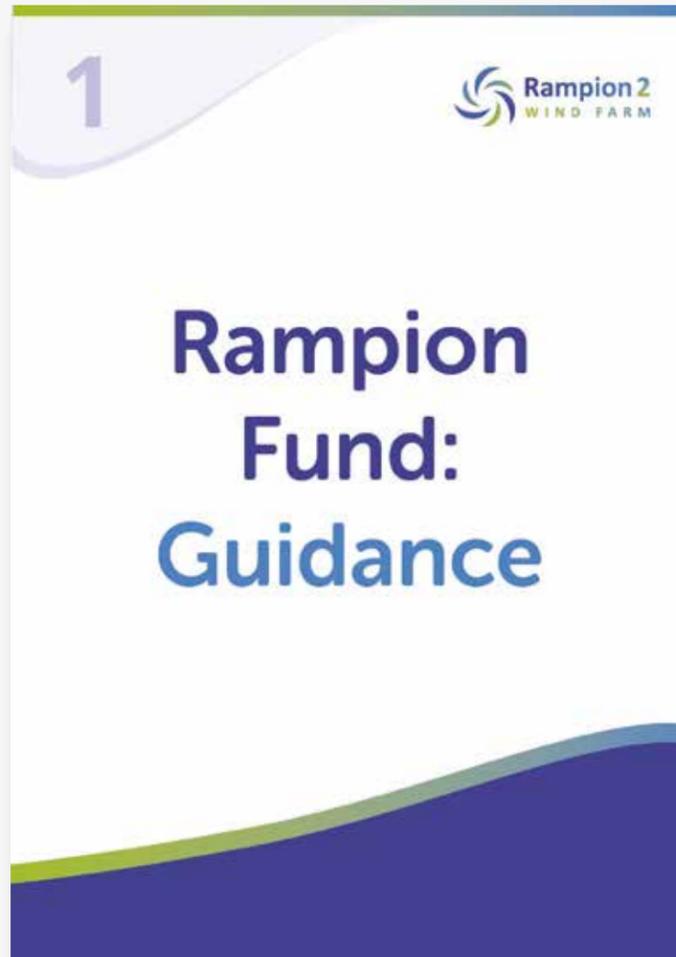
The Rampion Team have also highlighted that they reached agreements with all landowners that they identified along the 27km cable route for the original Rampion project, and did not compulsorily purchase any land or property against the wishes of any owners.

The Team emphasise that they work closely with landowners and the local community to minimise impacts during construction, and wish to highlight that the impact along the cable route would be temporary in nature, during construction only, with the land restored to at least the same standard upon completion of the cable installation.

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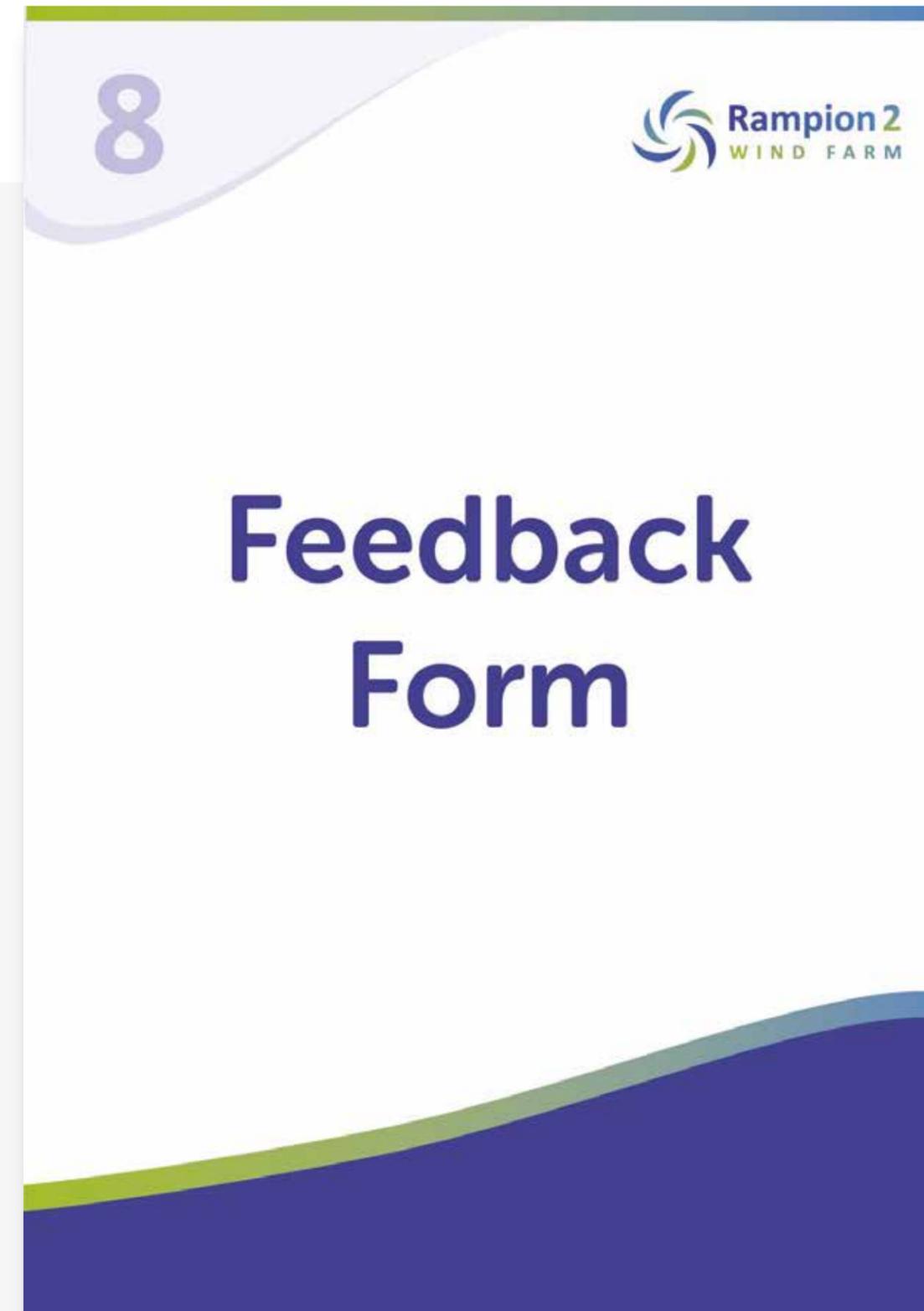


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**Appendix B : Informal Consultation Questionnaire**

# Rampion 2 Consultation Feedback Form

*Fields marked as **▲ MANDATORY** must be completed. Failure to do so may result in your answers not being counted as part of the survey.*

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## Have your say on our early proposals

We welcome all comments and feedback on our proposals. It is particularly helpful for us to know what you think we should take into account within our onshore and offshore areas of search as we further refine our proposals. Responses to consultation may be made publicly available, but any personal information will be kept confidential and will be safeguarded and processed in accordance with the requirements of privacy and data protection legislation and in line with the Rampion 2 Privacy Policy. The feedback form consists of three pages. The first page provides an opportunity to comment on our proposals and the quality of our consultation. The second page includes short questions regarding your demographics that we would like to collect for the purpose of monitoring the equality of our consultation. The third page is where you actively submit your response after you've provided your name, email address and post code and confirmed that you've read the Rampion 2 Privacy Policy. Rampion 2 and our trusted third party suppliers will use your personal information for the purpose of administering this consultation and assessing the responses. Using your email address, we may contact you to let you know when the results of the consultation are published.

### **Offshore turbines**

Do you have any comments on the proposed offshore area of search for wind turbines?

**Offshore export cables**

Do you have any comments about the area of search for the subsea offshore export cables?

**Landfall**

Do you have any comments about landfall at Climping beach?

**Onshore cable route**

Do you have any comments on the indicative onshore cable area of search and route options presented in our flythrough video?

**Potential substation locations**

Do you have any comments on the pros and cons of each of the three search areas identified for the proposed onshore substation, including any comments on helping identify the least impact site for the substation equipment within each search area?

**If responding in an official capacity on behalf of an organisation, business or campaign group, please provide us with the name of that organisation and your position within it.**

Please only complete if you are responding in an official capacity.

**If responding as a person or business that has an interest in land around the indicative underground cable route or route options, or a similar interest in land around the three search area options we have identified for the new substation, please provide us with your Party ID.**

The Party ID is provided in the package of information mailed to people we have identified as having an interest in these areas of land. If you have an interest in land (such as a tenancy agreement or a right of way) but have not received a package from us, or you otherwise can't provide a Party ID, please let us know in the comment box below.

### **Quality of this consultation**

Do you have any comments about this consultation? Specifically, we'd like to know if you have any feedback on the Virtual Village Hall exhibition as a method for communicating project information digitally during Covid-19 restrictions.

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## Equality monitoring

Information about your demographics is treated as Special Category Personal Data. It will be anonymised and will not be associated with your consultation feedback, name or any other personal details you have provided. We are asking these questions to ensure our consultations reach all sections of the community and to improve our effectiveness when we communicate with stakeholders. You do not have to provide any personal information if you don't want to.

### Age

Please select **only 1** option

- Under 15**
- 16-20**
- 21-25**
- 26-30**
- 31-35**
- 36-40**
- 41-45**
- 46-50**
- 51-55**
- 56-60**
- 61-65**
- 66-70**
- 70+**

## Gender

Please select **only 1** option

**Male**

**Female**

**Trans female**

**Trans male**

**Gender neutral**

**Prefer not to say**

**Other**

(No more than 100 characters)

## Ethnic group

Please select **only 1** option

- Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi**
- Asian or Asian British - Chinese**
- Asian or Asian British - Indian**
- Asian or Asian British - Pakistani**
- Asian or Asian British - Other**
- Black or Black British - African**
- Black or Black British - Caribbean**
- Black or Black British - Other**
- Mixed - Other**
- Mixed - White and Asian**
- Mixed - White and Black African**
- Mixed - White and Caribbean**
- Other Ethnic Group - Arab**
- Other Ethnic Group - Kurdish**
- Other Ethnic Group - Latin American**
- Other Ethnic Group - Turkish**
- White - British**
- White - Irish**
- White - Other**
- Prefer not to say**

**Other**

(No more than 100 characters)

### **Sexual Orientation**

Please select **only 1** option

**Heterosexual**

**Bisexual**

**Gay man**

**Lesbian**

**Prefer not to say**

**Other**

(No more than 100 characters)

### Religious faith

Please select **only 1** option

**Buddhist**

**Christian**

**Hindu**

**Muslim**

**Sikh**

**Jewish**

**No religion**

**Prefer not to say**

**Other**

(No more than 100 characters)

### Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a disability?

Please select **only 1** option

**Yes, limited a lot**

**Yes, limited a little**

**No**

**Prefer not to say**

**Other**

(No more than 100 characters)

## **What happens next?**

On the next page you will be asked to provide your name, email and postcode and submit the information you have completed in this consultation.

We will review the feedback and assess the responses. We will report back to respondents on what we have heard during the consultation and how we have refined our proposals in light of the issues and ideas raised. A second, more detailed round of consultation will be carried out in late spring 2021 as part of the statutory consenting process, when we will be seeking feedback on the merits of our refined draft proposals.

The feedback will help us finalise detailed proposals for our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, which we intend to submit to the Secretary of State in late 2021.

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## Your details

### First name

 MANDATORY

### Last name

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### Email address

 MANDATORY

## Demographic Data

### Postcode

 MANDATORY

## Newsletter Subscription Status

Please select **only 1** option

**No Response**

**Subscribed**

**Unsubscribed**

## Event Subscription Status

Please select **only 1** option

**No Response**

**Subscribed**

**Unsubscribed**