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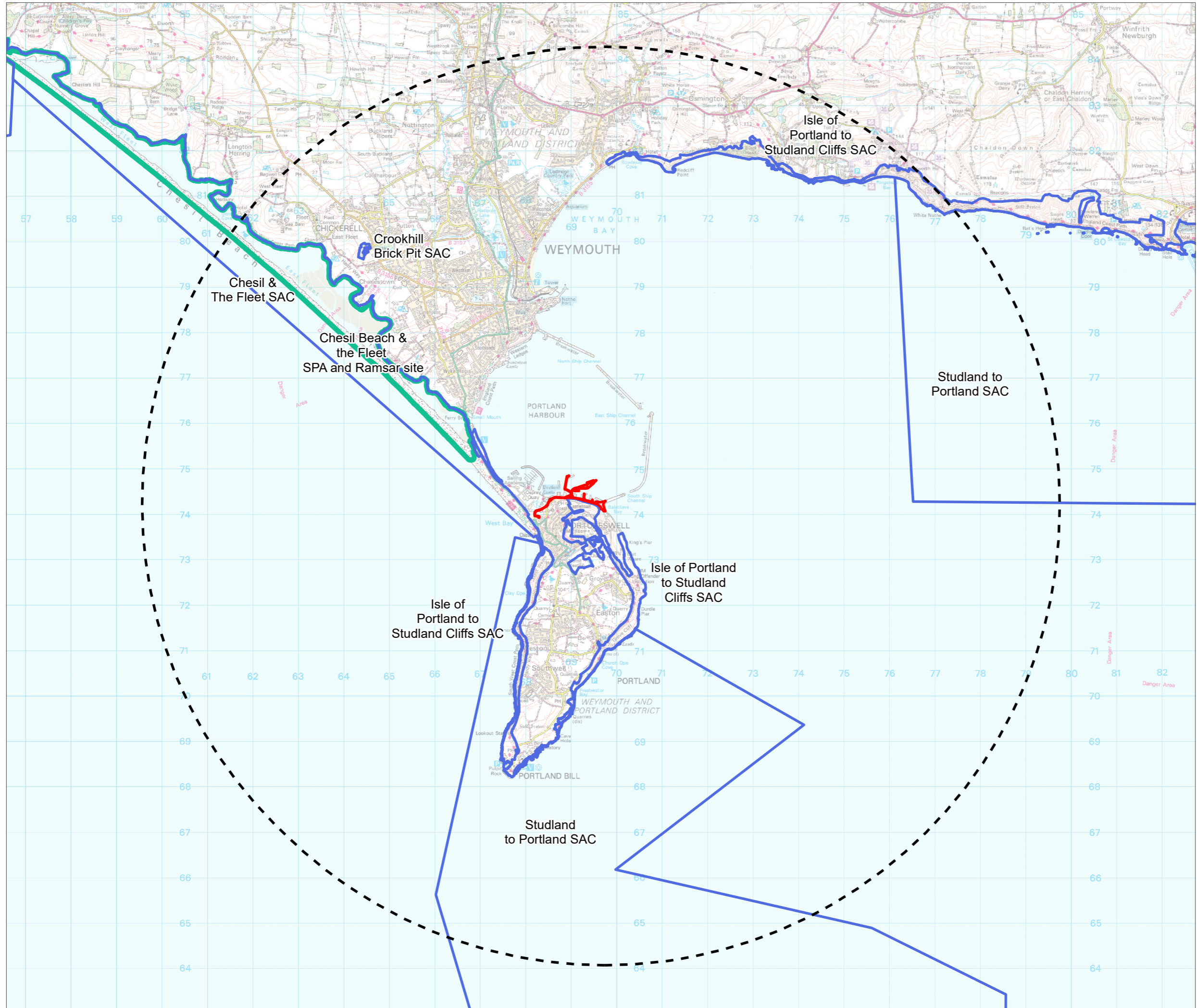
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**PPF20 Appendices to Proof of
Evidence – Habitat Regulations
Assessment**

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APPENDIX JP1: NSN SITES



- Site boundary
- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area and Ramsar site

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Figure 1: NSN sites

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APPENDIX JP2: UPDATED FIGURES AND TABLES

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Dorset Council Appropriate Assessment

- 1.1 Page 27: Figure 6.5.1 should be substituted with figure 1 to reflect changes in background concentrations of NO_x published on APIS.
- 1.2 Page 28: Figure 6.5.2 should be substituted with figure 2 to reflect changes in background concentrations of NH₃ published on APIS.
- 1.3 Page 29: Figures 6.6.1 and 6.6.2 should be substituted with figures 3 and 4 to reflect changes in background deposition rates of nitrogen (mid-year 2020) for moorland vegetation and grid average values as published on APIS.
- 1.4 Page 30: The critical load range for perennial vegetation of stony banks needs updating to reflect the change in the critical load range published on APIS. Baseline nitrogen deposition rates in this section are also out-of-date.
- 1.5 Page 31: The background rate of nitrogen referred to in the text should be updated to reflect the changes in background levels of nitrogen deposition as published on APIS.
- 1.6 Page 31: Table 6.8.1 should be updated to reflect current background concentrations of NO_x and NH₃ and background levels of nitrogen deposition. The current baseline figures (mid-year 2020) are set out in Table 3 (reproduced below).

	DTA baseline	2020 mid-year baseline
Chesil and the Fleet SAC		
N dep (kg/ha/yr) (grid average)	7.8	6.4-7
NO _x (µg/m ³)	9.67	7.1-10.9
NH ₃ (µg/m ³)	1.3	0.9-1
Isle of Portland to Studland Cliffs SAC		
N dep (kg/ha/yr) (moorland)	11	9.1-9.2
NO _x (µg/m ³)	33.78	27.8-9.1
NH ₃ (µg/m ³)	1.1	0.9
Table 3: Baseline pollutant levels used in Dorset Council assessment and current baseline figures		

- 1.7 Page 32: Table 6.9.1 should be updated to reflect changes in baseline critical load ranges that have occurred since the document was produced.

Qualifying feature	NO _x (µg/m ³)	NH ₃ (µg/m ³)	N dep (kg/ha/yr)
Chesil and the Fleet SAC			
Annual vegetation of drift lines	30	Not sensitive	Not sensitive
Perennial vegetation of stony banks	30	3	5-15
Mediterranean and thermo-Atlantic halophilous scrubs (<i>Sarcocornetea fruitcosi</i>)	30	3	10-20
Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae</i>)	30	3	10-20
Coastal lagoons	30	3	10-20
Isle of Portland to Studland Cliffs SAC			
Annual vegetation of drift lines	30	Not sensitive	Not sensitive
Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts	30	3	No comparable load available
Semi-natural dry grassland and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (<i>Festuco-Brometalia</i>)	30	Not present in affected area	10-20
Early gentian (<i>Gentianella anglica</i>)	30	3	10-20

- 1.8 Page 37. Table 6.9.2. The final column requires critical load ranges for habitats to be updated as set out in para 1.7. Note that the correct critical load range for perennial vegetation of stony banks remains 10-15kg/N/ha/yr based on the advice from Natural England and on APIS.
- 1.9 Page 42: Table 7.2.3. Baseline NO_x, NH₃ and nitrogen deposition rates should be adjusted to reflect lower background concentrations and deposition rates than those used (see paragraph 1.6).
- 1.10 Page 44: Table 7.2.5. Baseline NO_x, NH₃ and nitrogen deposition rates should be adjusted to reflect lower background concentrations and deposition rates than those used (see paragraph 1.6).
- 1.11 Pages 45 and 46: Table 7.2.6. Conclusions of DTA further analysis should be updated to reflect lower background concentrations and deposition rates than those used (see paragraph 1.6).
- 1.12 Page 47: PEC percentages for NO_x, NH₃ and nitrogen deposition rates should be adjusted to reflect lower background concentrations and deposition rates than those used (see paragraph 1.6). The NO_x concentrations and PEC percentage referred to in para 7.4.1 do not reflect the current baseline concentrations.
- 1.13 Page 48 and 49: The NO_x concentrations and PEC percentages referred to in these pages do not reflect the current baseline concentrations.
- 1.14 Page 50: The assessment of nitrogen deposition should be updated to reflect the recent changes to critical load range for calcareous grassland. PEC figures and percentages require updating to reflect this change.
- 1.15 Page 53: Critical load ranges in this section should be updated to reflect the recent changes as published on APIS.

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- 1.16 Page 22: Critical load range for semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (*Festuco-Brometalia*) needs changing from 15-25kg/N/ha/yr to 10-20kg/N/ha/yr.
- 1.17 Page 22: Background level of nitrogen deposition needs amending to reflect updated baseline information published on APIS. The 2020 mid year background figure is lower than the one used by the Environment Agency.
- 1.18 Page 23: Figure 7 should be substituted with figure 5 to reflect changes in background nitrogen deposition rates published on APIS.
- 1.19 Page 27: Figure 8 should be substituted with figure 1 to reflect changes in background concentrations of NOx published on APIS.
- 1.20 Pages 31 and 32: Background concentrations of NOx need amending to reflect updated baseline information published on APIS. The 2020 mid year background figure is lower than the one used by the Environment Agency and the applicant.
- 1.21 Page 32: Table 1 should be amended to read as follows (using 2020 mid-year NOx concentrations). Original Environment Agency figures shown struck through.

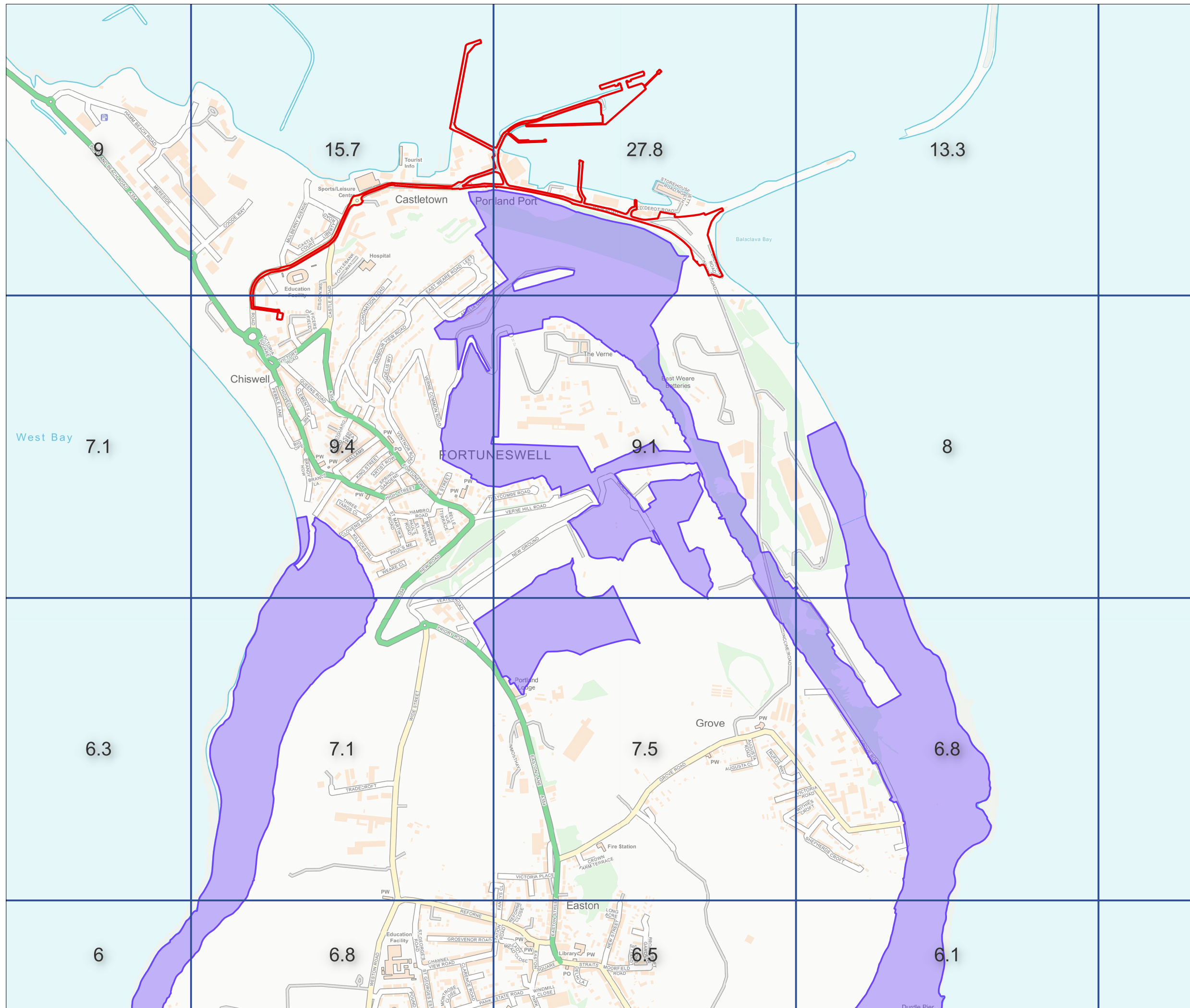
Site	Pollutant	Reference period	Critical level	PC	PC as % of CL	Background	PEC	PEC as % CL
Isle of Portland to Studland Cliffs SAC	NOx	Daily	75	32.6	43.5	34 27.8	66.6 60.4	88.9 80.5

- 1.22 Page 33: Table 2 should be amended to read as follows (using 2020 mid-year NOx concentrations). Original Environment Agency figures shown struck through.

Site	Pollutant	Reference period	Critical level	PC	PC as % of CL	Background	PEC	PEC as % CL
Isle of Portland to Studland Cliffs SAC	NOx	Daily	75	78.1	104.1	34 27.8	112 105.9	149.4 141.2

- 1.23 Page 39: Figure 10 should be substituted with figure 1 to reflect changes in background concentrations of NOx published on APIS.
- 1.24 Page 40: The PEC figure will need to be updated to reflect the revised baseline figure shown in Figure 10.
- 1.25 Page 41: Table 3 replicates the information presented in table 1 and should be updated accordingly. The PC and PEC figures below will need to be updated to reflect the changes in background concentrations of NOx.

- 1.26 Page 43: The PEC for nutrient nitrogen deposition will need to be updated to reflect the change in the critical load range and the lower background level of nitrogen deposition.
- 1.27 Page 44: The background concentration of ammonia needs amending to reflect updated baseline information published on APIS. The 2020 mid year background figure is lower than the one used by the Environment Agency.
- 1.28 Page 45: Figure 14 should be substituted with figure 2 to reflect changes in background concentrations of NH₃ published on APIS.



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 Mid-year (3-year average) for the pollutant maps: 2020 (2019-2021)
 NOx concentration - ug/m3

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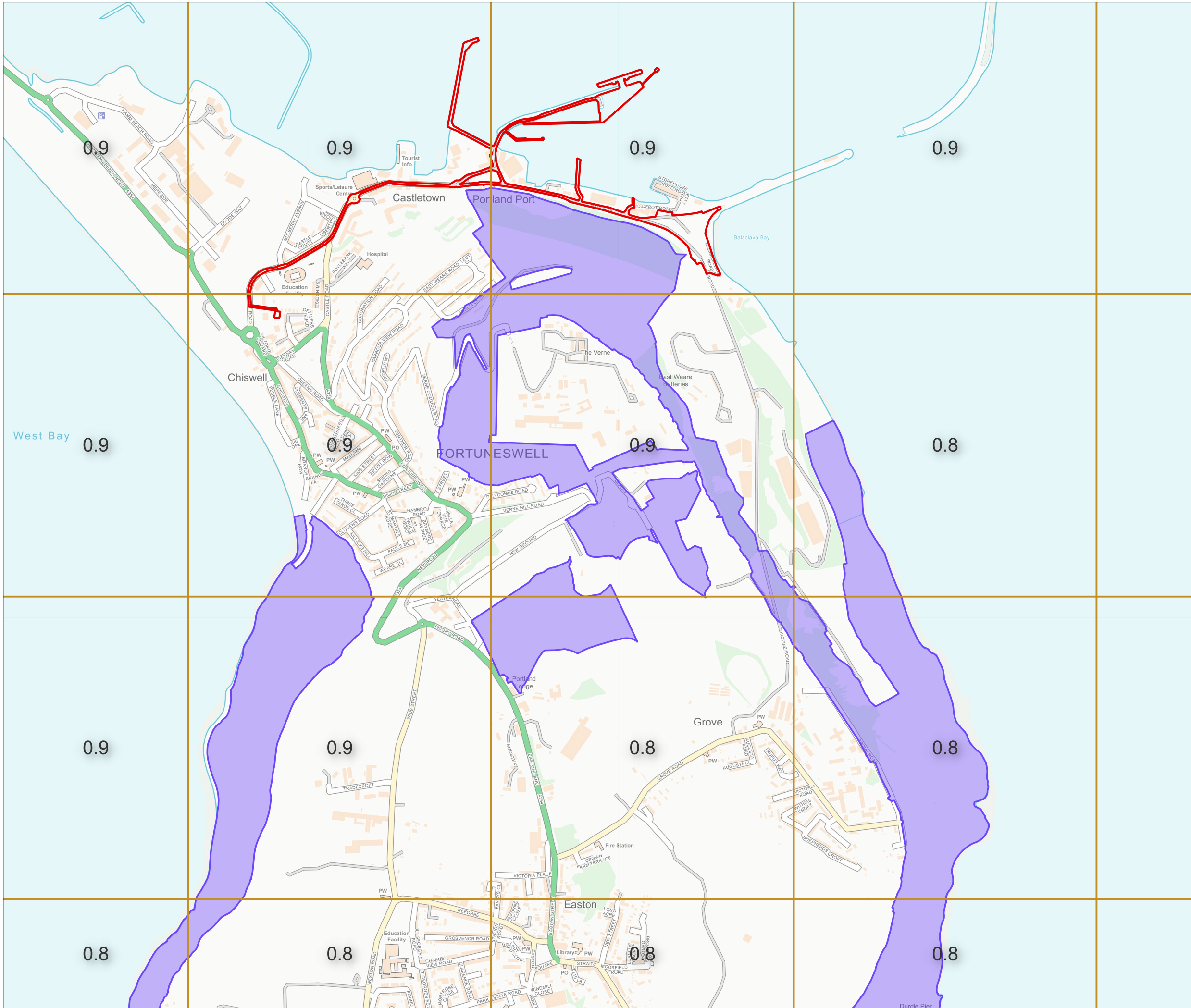
Figure 1: Replacement for figure 6.5.1 in the DTA report and figure 8/10 in the EA report

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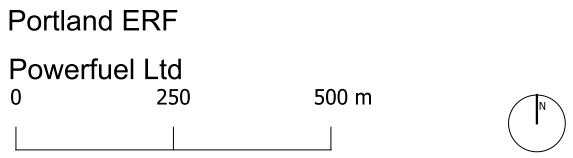
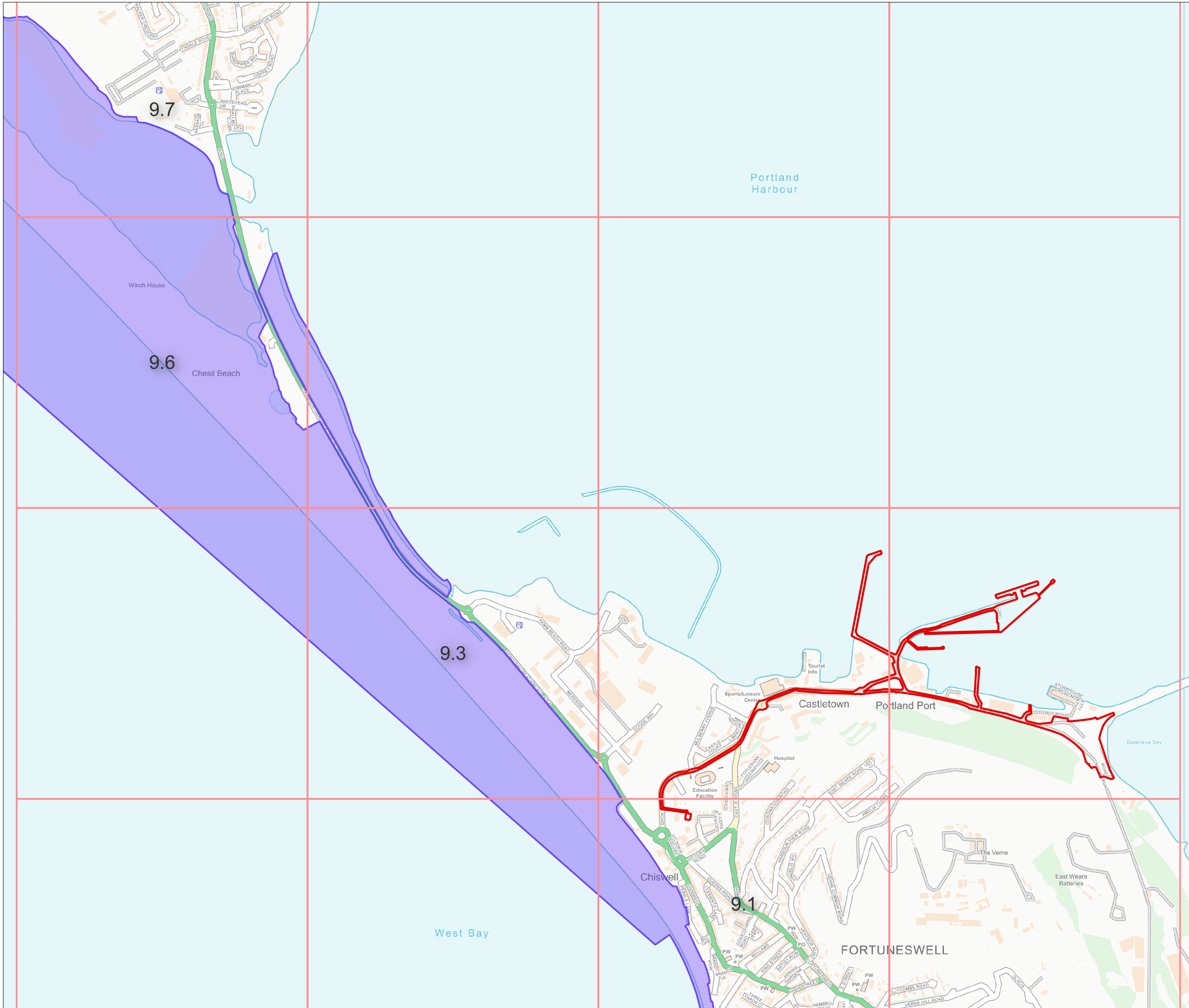


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Nitrogen Deposition for moorland (short vegetation) - KgN/ha/yr

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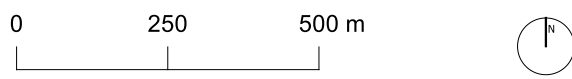


Figure 3: Replacement for figure 6.6.1 in the DTA Report

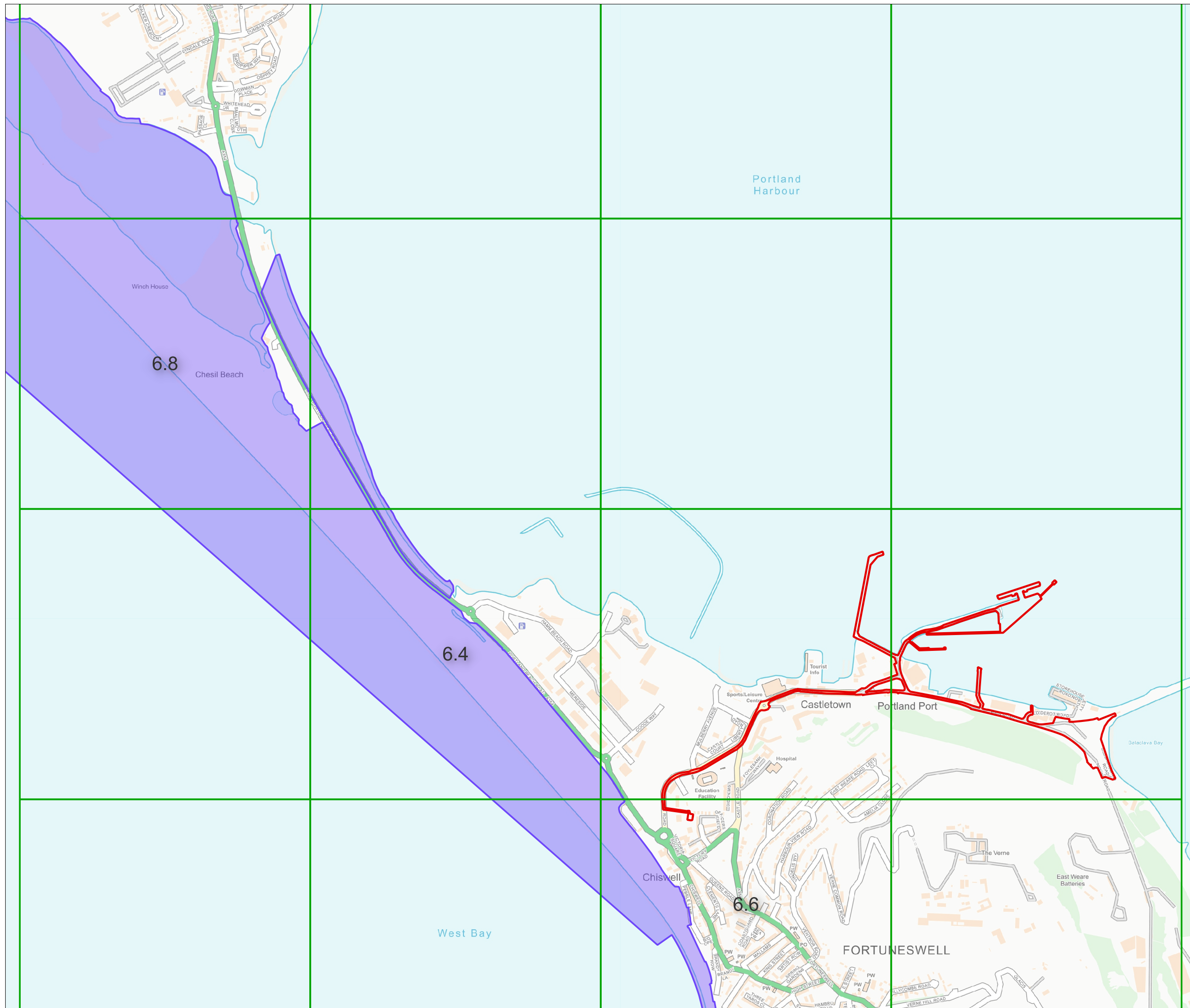
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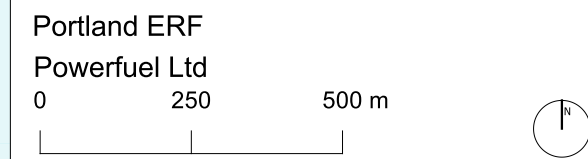


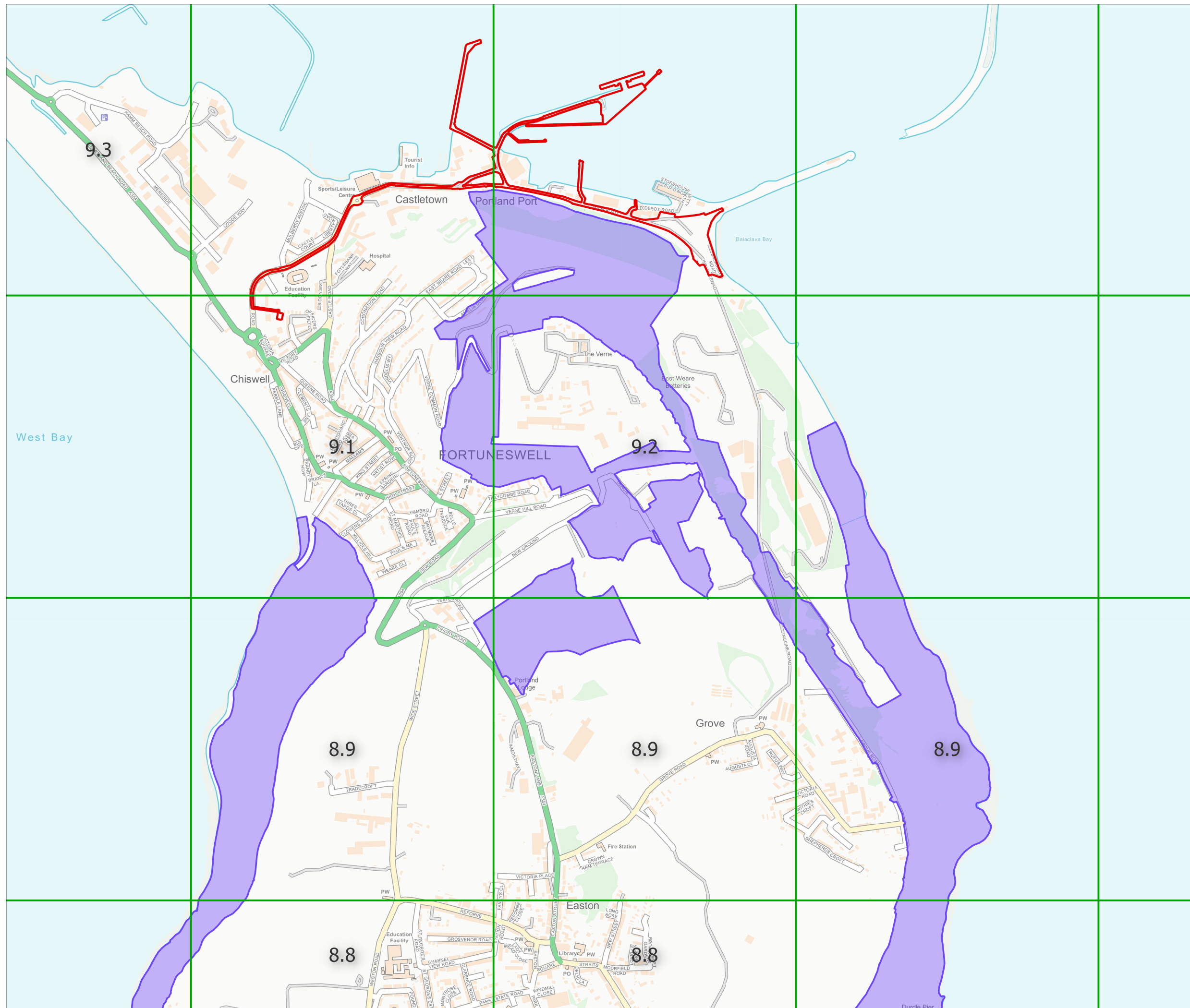
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Figure 5: Replacement for figure 7 in the EA report

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Dear Mrs Hart, Mr Rendle

Planning consultation: Construction of energy recovery facility with ancillary buildings/works incl. gatehouse & weigh-bridge, cable routes to ship berths and existing off-site electrical sub-station
Location: Portland Port, Castletown, Portland DT5 1PP

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Holding objection sustained

Natural England has confirmed that the Councils Appropriate Assessment of air pollution impacts is agreed and hence this is no longer a reason for an objection.

It is also agreed that the application its self does not result in direct land take to the SSSI and SAC sites nearby so no objection is sustained.

It is understood that the Environment Agency is still in the process of carrying out its element of the Appropriate Assessment into the air pollution effects of the ERF incineration process. At this time therefore Natural England maintain a **holding objection** subject to the statutory consultation under Regulation 63 (3) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

I enclose a note of a recent meeting (Annexe 1) with the applicants ecological advisor concerning the draft Statement of Common Ground (now withdrawn) about which concerns relating to proposed palisade fencing were raised. This matter is now no longer a reason for objection as the proposal is withdrawn.

Natural England advise the authority that the level of biodiversity enhancement (net gain) proposed by the applicant does not appear to be proportionate to the scale of the development proposed. It is a concern that, if approved, the net gain delivered would not be compatible with the statutory new gain requirements which are likely to come into force later this year. However as the BMEP is signed off by the Council this remains a matter for your consideration.

I trust this advice will be of assistance to the Council.

Yours sincerely

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Conservation and Planning Senior Advisor

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Annexe 1

13/3/2023

Note following discussion with J Picksley (JP) Power Fuels ecological advisor

The main subject of discussion was the draft SoCG and recent Natural England advice.

JP confirmed the dSoCG was now withdrawn and that the applicant would not be providing the footpath link and doing any fencing, either palisade or stock fencing within Unit 33 of the SSSI/SAC.

I confirmed that Natural England had no objection in principle to the footpath link and in the absence of further details can only confirm that the proposed view point would be considered if a proposal was submitted in the future.

A discussion about the list of actions set out in the dSOCG clarified that these were intended to be examples of actions which could be funded by the BMEP compensation fund signed off by the NET. However now the dSOCG is withdrawn the applicant will be responsible for making the agreed financial contribution as well as installing the agreed bird and hedgehog boxes set out in the signed BMEP.

It was concluded that funded biodiversity compensation works should not be carried out within the designated sites rather in other locations on the Isle of Portland as close to the application site as is practical. Natural England will work with the Council on suitable projects.

Works proposed within the SSSI/SAC Unit 33 comprising scrub removal within the SAM area are agreed in principle subject to a suitable survey and method statement.

AONB advice set out in earlier correspondence was discussed and the applicant has not made any provision for moderation/enhancements as they assess that the proposal will not impact on the AONB.

Other matters identified to be secured through planning conditions as set out in advice dated 8 March were agreeable in principle.

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EPR/AP3304SZ/A001 - SY 69607 74248 - 11/04/2023**

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the above Environmental Permit.

Natural England agree with the assessment approach used for the EDG.

Natural England agree with the four atmospheric pollutants identified as relevant to assessing atmospheric impacts (NO_x, SO₂, NH₃, HF).

Natural England agree with the use of the more conservative 24 hour Critical Level of 75 µg/m³ for ammonia and the use of the lowest CL or CLo for assessment purposes in principle.

Natural England concur with the risks which have been screened out and those screened in.

Stage 1

Chesil and the Fleet SAC

Natural England concur with the assessment for N deposition of no likely significant effect (PC = 0.073kg/ha/yr).

Natural England concur with the conclusions reached for habitat loss and toxic contamination.

Chesil and the Fleet Ramsar

Natural England concur with the assessments conclusion for the Ramsar.

Chesil and the Fleet SPA

Natural England concur with the assessments conclusion for the SPA.

Crookhill Brick Pit SAC

Natural England concur with the assessments conclusion for the SAC

Isle of Portland to Studland Cliffs SAC

Natural England concur with the assessments conclusion for acidification.

Natural England concur with the assessments conclusion for N deposition (> 1% CLo) which is to progress to Stage 2.

Habitat loss Natural England concur with the assessments conclusion for N deposition, ammonia and short term NOx emissions.

Natural England concur with the assessments conclusion for ammonia (> 1% CL) and short term NOx emissions (> 1% CL) which is to progress to Stage 2.

EDG

Natural England concur with the assessments conclusion for short term NOx emissions (> 1% CL) which is to progress to Stage 2.

Studland to Portland SAC

Natural England concur with the assessments conclusion.

Section 8.

Main stack, Natural England concur with the assessments conclusion to take consideration of N deposition, ammonia and short term NOx emissions through to stage 2.

EDG, Natural England concur with the assessments conclusion to take consideration of short term NOx emissions through to stage 2.

Section 9. In combination assessment

Natural England concur with the assessments conclusion to take consideration of N deposition, ammonia and short term NOx emissions through to stage 2.

Section 12

Natural England concur with the conclusions reached regarding habitats sites which may be scoped out and those which are scoped through to stage 2.

Section 14

Natural England concur with the adverse effects and habitats site to be considered.

Stage 2

Section 17 : alone

Natural England agree that this stage should focus on : Isle of Portland to Studland Cliffs SAC.

NOx

Main Stack, the PEC is 42.23% of the Cle for NOx. Natural England concur with the assessment in the report that no further specific measures are required

EDG, the position of the generator and its 8m stack leads to a degree of uncertainty concerning local air turbulence (the cavity region behind the buildings). Natural England agree that this leads to uncertainty.

Natural England note the reference to our previous advice and advise that the Agency seek a permit condition which restricts the testing of the generator to weather conditions which will disperse the exhaust in a direction away from the SAC eg only during south westerly winds. This would reduce the risk of any effects further. The Agency is best placed to consider if it would be appropriate to consider a further constraint such as only when the wind speed is above a certain minimum speed?

Natural England concur with the conclusion reached by the report that it is possible to reach a conclusion of no adverse effect on the integrity of the SAC.

N deposition

Natural England has provided initial advice at Annexe 1. In this advice Natural England highlighted that additional N deposition *could* cause enhanced and undesirable vegetation growth on the SAC habitats. This may be addressed through enhanced grazing pressure on the site. It is now understood that the Dorset Council one of the landowners is in a position to address this through a stewardship scheme and the other landowner, Portland Port has statutory obligations to secure

positive management on their land which may also be enforced. Provisions for this matter are therefore likely to be resolved through the planning system should the application be taken to appeal. Since the applicant cannot operate the permit without the planning permission Natural England is satisfied that no further consideration is required in this process.

Natural England concur with the conclusion reached by the report that it is possible to reach a conclusion of no adverse effect on the integrity of the SAC.

Ammonia

The use of the SNCR reduces the ammonia emission limit to 8mg/m³. Natural England note that there will be an increase of 3% of the Cle and that the background levels already exceed the 1µg/m³ Cle. Natural England has considered the best available data relating to sensitive species of bryophytes and lichens and conclude that these species are located at a level and location which is at or below the height of the main stack and the 1% contour and hence the risk of adverse effects is reduced.

Natural England concur with the reports conclusion that it is possible to reach a conclusion of no adverse effect on the integrity of the SAC.

Section 18 : In combination

Natural England note the report has screened in two permissions for consideration.

Natural England concur with the conclusion reached in the assessment of other permissions, plans or projects that it is possible to reach a conclusion of no adverse effect on the integrity of the SAC.

Section 22

Natural England advise that we have no further comments on the reports relating to the habitats sites and SSSI and advise that the permission sought may be granted.

I trust this advice will assist the Authority.

Yours sincerely

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Annexe 1

Natural England advice 11 May 2023

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Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the above Environmental Permit. These are some initial comments as discussed on our call today.

Stage 1 and Stage 2 Habitats Regulations Assessment

Natural England advise that the Agency in our view that the document has not applied the Regulations correctly in respect of the required tests. It is evident from the regulations that the Competent Authority must consider the effect of proposals both alone and then in-combination with other plans or projects. This approach has been taken by Dorset Council in their Appropriate Assessment and is compliant with a number of legal judgements such as at the Waddenzee case as well as at the Wealden DC Public Inquiry (CO/3943/2016 Wealden District Council v Secretary Of State For Communities And Local Government, <http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2017/351.html>) which specifically considered the appropriate use of thresholds in relation to in-combination assessments.

Our internal advice on this case states:

“the Court concluded that where the likely effect of an individual plan or project does not itself exceed the threshold of 1000 AADT (or 1%), its effect must still be considered alongside the similar effects of other live plans and projects to check whether their added or combined effect on a site could be significant.”

I think it would help the document to make reference to the Dorset Council AA report where appropriate as it is for the same project. This can help to minimise extra work at this time.

Natural England is concerned that there are exceedances in the Critical Load and Level thresholds at the designated sites at the Isle of Portland SSSI which are likely to lead to more vigorous promotion of vigorous grass species. This may be counteracted by grazing areas, this can only be achieved through funded infrastructure as well as livestock which had been agreed with Dorset Council through their consideration of the application. I do not know how this might be secured through the Permitting mechanism.

I understand that it was proposed that Dorset Council might carry out some baseline air quality monitoring but that this has fallen away with the application. Given the difficult topographical and environmental conditions Natural England advise that monitoring should be a requirement of any permit to provide an accurate baseline as well as informing avoidance measures such as grazing levels.



Appendix 4

As noted on our call there seems to be a word missing (highlighted) in the paragraph considering noise, I enclose an example. This occurs several times in the document.

Nicodemus Heights SSSI

The possible effect of noise from the proposed development, as a cause of disturbance to fauna, has been screened **in**. The features listed for the Nicodemus Heights SSSI are not birds or mammals, therefore disturbance from noise can be screened out as not applicable.

Yours sincerely


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Annexe 2

EA advice email dated 15 June 2023

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Noise wording: I've changed the relevant wording in the SSSI assessment. It now reads "The possible effect of noise from the proposed development, as a cause of disturbance to fauna, has been **assessed**" rather than screened. Updated document attached for reference.

In-combination methodology: the reason we don't consider insignificant emissions is outlined in both AQTAG 21 (see bullet points under 'threshold for long term effects' and 'threshold for shorter term effects') and AQTAG 17 (see first point of 'key principles'). Essentially, the levels at which pollutants screen out as insignificant are considered suitably conservative to conclude no likely significant effect both alone and in-combination (regardless of background concentrations). This is compounded by the fact that once you get below 1% of the EQS you introduce a lot of uncertainty.

Additional measures: We can require an operator to commit to certain operating techniques, but I'm seeking some specific advice from our Habitats Team around the points you mentioned - monitoring and grazing etc to see what scope we have for these within permitting.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Update from Natural England

Hi [REDACTED],

Natural England have agreed with our conclusions (*"Natural England concur with the conclusion reached in the assessment of other permissions, plans or projects that it is possible to reach a conclusion of no adverse effect on the integrity of the SAC"*) – the same applies to the SSSI assessment.

They have suggested I make some amendments to the HRA, but these are to add further explanation/ clarification in places and will not change our conclusions. I've actioned all but one of these changes now.

The only point raised in their final response that I need to pass onto you is as follows – *Natural England advise that the Agency seek a permit condition which restricts the testing of the generator to weather conditions which will disperse the exhaust in a direction away from the SAC eg only during south westerly winds. This would reduce the risk of any effects further.*


Also, the points I previously mentioned following their interim response have been withdrawn with respect to the permitting process (*"...Natural England highlighted that additional N deposition could cause enhanced and undesirable vegetation growth on the SAC habitats. This may be addressed through enhanced grazing pressure on the site. It is now understood that the Dorset Council one of the landowners is in a position to address this through a stewardship scheme and the other landowner, Portland Port has statutory obligations to secure positive management on their land which may also be enforced. Provisions for this matter are therefore likely to be resolved through the planning system should the application be taken to appeal. Since the applicant cannot operate the permit without the planning permission Natural England is satisfied that no further consideration is required in this process"*).

Kind regards,

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Hi [REDACTED],

As NE provided its response a couple of weeks ago, we assume that the EA has been able to finalise its position on the assessment of habitats impacts on ecological features?

Can you please provide an update, so that we can update the project team.

In particular, the project team would like to understand whether Natural England has raised any objections to the Appropriate Assessment?

Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

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Hi [REDACTED],

We received a response from Natural England this week. I'll give you a more detailed update next week once I've had a chance to read through it, but I just wanted to let you know that we've got it.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Hi [Redacted],

We didn't get a response from NE last week as I was expecting. I've chased this up a few times this week and have just heard from the officer that they are working on it. So, it should be with us soon. If it isn't with us by the end of next week then we will assume they have no further comments.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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Reference: S2953-0310-0091

Hi [Redacted],

I hope that you are well.

As I recall you returned from annual leave earlier this week. Please can you advise on the status of the response from NE?

We assume that it will have been received, given previous commitments.

Many thanks,

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Hi [REDACTED],

I spoke to Natural England earlier and they have assured me that their consultation response will be submitted to us next week at the latest. So, I'm expecting it to be there when I get back from leave.

They are aware that I'm updating you on these delivery timescales and were happy for me to do so.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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