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## Glossary

Term	Meaning
CRoW Act 2000 – Section 4 Conclusive Open Country	Land mapped as Conclusive Open Country under the Country Side and Rights of Way Act 2000.
Definitive Map Modification Order	A legal process used to modify existing Public Rights of Way set out in the definitive map of Public Rights of Way.
Mean High Water Springs	The height of mean high water during spring tides in a year.
Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets	The offshore and onshore infrastructure connecting the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm to the national grid. This includes the offshore export cables, landfall site, onshore export cables, onshore substations, 400 kV grid connection cables and associated grid connection infrastructure such as circuit breaker compounds. Also referred to in this report as the Transmission Assets, for ease of reading.
Long Distance Footpath	These are designated public footpaths typically measuring 20 miles or more in length.
National Cycle Route	These are routes listed on the National Cycle Network, which comprises a UK-wide network of signed paths and routes for walking, wheeling, cycling, and exploring outdoors.
Public Open Space	A collective term used for any land laid out as a public garden, or used for the purposes of public recreation, or land being a disused burial ground. registered parks and gardens, playing fields, allotments, playgrounds, and public beaches.
Public Rights of Way	A right by which the public can always pass along linear routes over land, including footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways, and byways.
Recreational resources	A collective term used for recreational facilities (e.g. livery yards and stables, coastal areas, airports, golf courses and sports facilities), Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and other promoted routes (e.g. National Cycle Routes (NCRs), Long Distance Footpaths)
Study area	This is an area which is defined for each environmental topic which includes the Transmission Assets Order Limits as well as potential spatial and temporal considerations of the impacts on relevant receptors. The study area for each topic is intended to cover the area within which an impact can be reasonably expected.
Survey area	The area within which each survey has been undertaken. This may differ from the Study Area as a Survey Area will be based on species or survey-specific guidance on the extent of survey required, which may be limited by, for example, habitat conditions, or be defined in terms of buffer areas around an area of potential impact.
Transmission Assets Order Limits: Onshore	The area within which all components of the Transmission Assets landward of Mean High Water Springs will be located, including areas required on a temporary basis during construction and/or decommissioning (such as construction compounds).  Also referred to in this report as the Onshore Order Limits, for ease of reading.

## Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
CRoW	Countryside and Rights of Way
Defra	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
DMMO	Definitive Map Modification Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
MAGIC	Multi-agency Geographic Information for the Countryside
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
NCR	National Cycle Routes
PRoW	Public Rights of Way

## Units

Unit	Description
m	Metre

# 1 Published recreational resources plan technical report

## 1.1 Introduction

1.1.1.1 This document forms Volume 3, Annex 6.3: Published recreational resources plan technical report of the Environmental Statement (ES) prepared for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets (referred to hereafter as ‘the Transmission Assets’). The ES presents the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the Transmission Assets.

1.1.1.2 This report provides details of the published recreational resources, within or in proximity to the Onshore Order Limits. This information has been used to inform relevant sections of Volume 3, Chapter 6: Land use and recreation of the ES.

## 1.2 Methodology

### 1.2.1 Study area

1.2.1.1 The land use and recreation study area (referred to hereafter as ‘the study area’) comprises all land within the Onshore Order Limits, landward of Mean High Water Springs (MHWS). The following aspects of the environment have been considered within or in proximity to the study area.

- Recreational resources, including recreational facilities (e.g. livery yards and stables, coastal areas, airports, golf courses and sports facilities), Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and other promoted routes (e.g. National Cycle Routes (NCRs), Long Distance Footpaths).
- Users of recreational resources, including pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians and other forms of recreational activities.
- Land used by the local communities, including public open space (e.g. registered parks and gardens, playing fields, allotments, playgrounds and public beaches) and common land and village greens, which are either owned by the Local Authority, privately owned, or belong to the UK Government.

1.2.1.2 The location and geographic extent of the study area is presented in **Figure 1.1** to **Figure 1.6** of this report below.



## 1.2.2 Desktop study

1.2.2.1 Information on recreational resources within or in proximity to the study area was collected through a detailed desktop review of existing studies and datasets. These sources are summarised at **Table 1.1** below.

**Table 1.1: Summary of key desktop sources**

Title	Source	Year published	Author
Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000 – Access Layer - land mapped as Access Land under the CRoW Act 2000	Natural England	2023	Natural England
CRoW Act 2000 – Section 4 Conclusive Open Country - land mapped as Conclusive Open Country under the CRoW Act 2000.	Natural England	2023	Natural England
Lancashire County Council PRow mapping data, which provides definitive PRow data for Fylde Council and Preston City Council.	Lancashire County Council	2024	Lancashire County Council
Multi-agency Geographic Information for the Countryside (MAGIC).	MAGIC	2024	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra)
National Trails mapping data	National Trails	2024	National Trails
NCR map data of signed paths and routes for walking, wheeling, cycling and exploring outdoors.	Sustrans	2024	Sustrans
Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 mapping, including Open Green Space and Golf Courses.	Ordnance Survey website	2024	Ordnance Survey
South Ribble Borough Council PRow mapping data.	South Ribble Borough Council	2024	South Ribble Borough Council
The Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.	Historic England	2024	Historic England

## 1.3 Desk study – baseline characterisation

### 1.3.1 Recreational resources

1.3.1.1 The recreational resources (excluding PRow) located within the study area are set out in **Table 1.2** below. However, some recreational resources, such as livery yards and stables, are located beyond the study area but likely to utilise recreational resources (e.g. bridleways) within the Onshore Order Limits. Therefore, recreational resources located in proximity to the study area have also been included in **Table 1.2**, where appropriate.

**Table 1.2: Recreational resources located within or in proximity to the study area**

Description	Recreational resource
Coastal Area	St. Annes North Beach
CRoW Act 2000 Designated under Section 4	South west of Lea and north of the River Ribble
Open greenspace	Squires Gate – Blackpool Football Club Training Ground
	St. Annes Old Links Golf Course
	Playing fields north of Blackpool Airport
	Blackpool Road Playing Field and Recreation Ground south of Blackpool Airport
Canals and Rivers Trust Waterways	Ribble Link
Blackpool Airport	Recreational flying facilities
	Spitfire Visitor Centre Hangar 42
Caravan and Holiday Parks	Eastham Hall Caravan and Holiday Park
	Greenfield Park Caravan Park
Livery yards and stables	Rigby's Woodside Stables, Lytham St. Annes
	Wrea Green Equitation Centre
	Livery yard and stables, north of West Moss Lane, Higher Ballam
	Livery yard and stables, west of Bryning Lane, Bryning
	Livery yard and stables, south of Newton-with-Scales
	Private stables, west of Lower Lane, Hall Cross
	Private stables, south of Strike Lane, Freckleton
	Private stables, south of Blackpool Road, Newton-with-Scales
	Private stables, west of Parrox Lane, Newton-with-Scales
	Livery yard and stables, south of the River Ribble, Penwortham
	Livery yard and stables, south of Ratten Lane, Hutton
	Private stables, south of division lane, Great Marton Moss
	Woodstock forge livery yard and stables, north of division lane, Great Marton Moss
	Private stables, junction of Midgeland Lane and Division Lane, Great Marton Moss
Midgeland riding school, west of Midgeland Road, Great Marton Moss	

1.3.1.2 The location and geographic extent of recreational resources located within or in proximity to the study area are presented in **Figure 1.1** to **Figure 1.3**. The PROWs located within the study area, including footpaths, bridleways and other promoted routes (e.g. NCRs, Long Distance Footpaths) are set out in **Table 1.3** below.

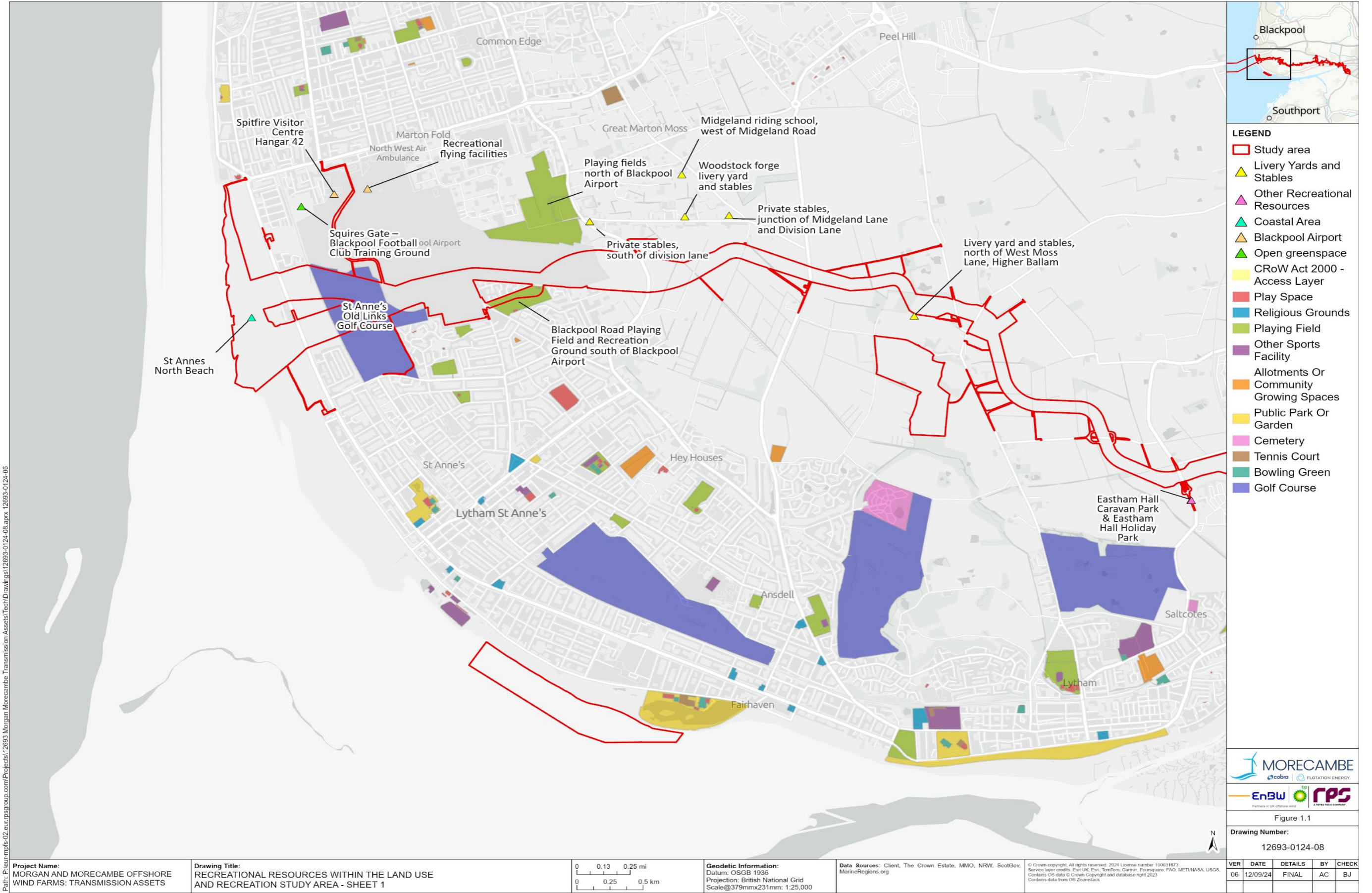


1.3.1.3 The location of PRowS, including footpaths, bridleways and other promoted routes located within the study area are presented in **Figure 1.4** to **Figure 1.6**.

**Table 1.3: PRowS located within the study area**

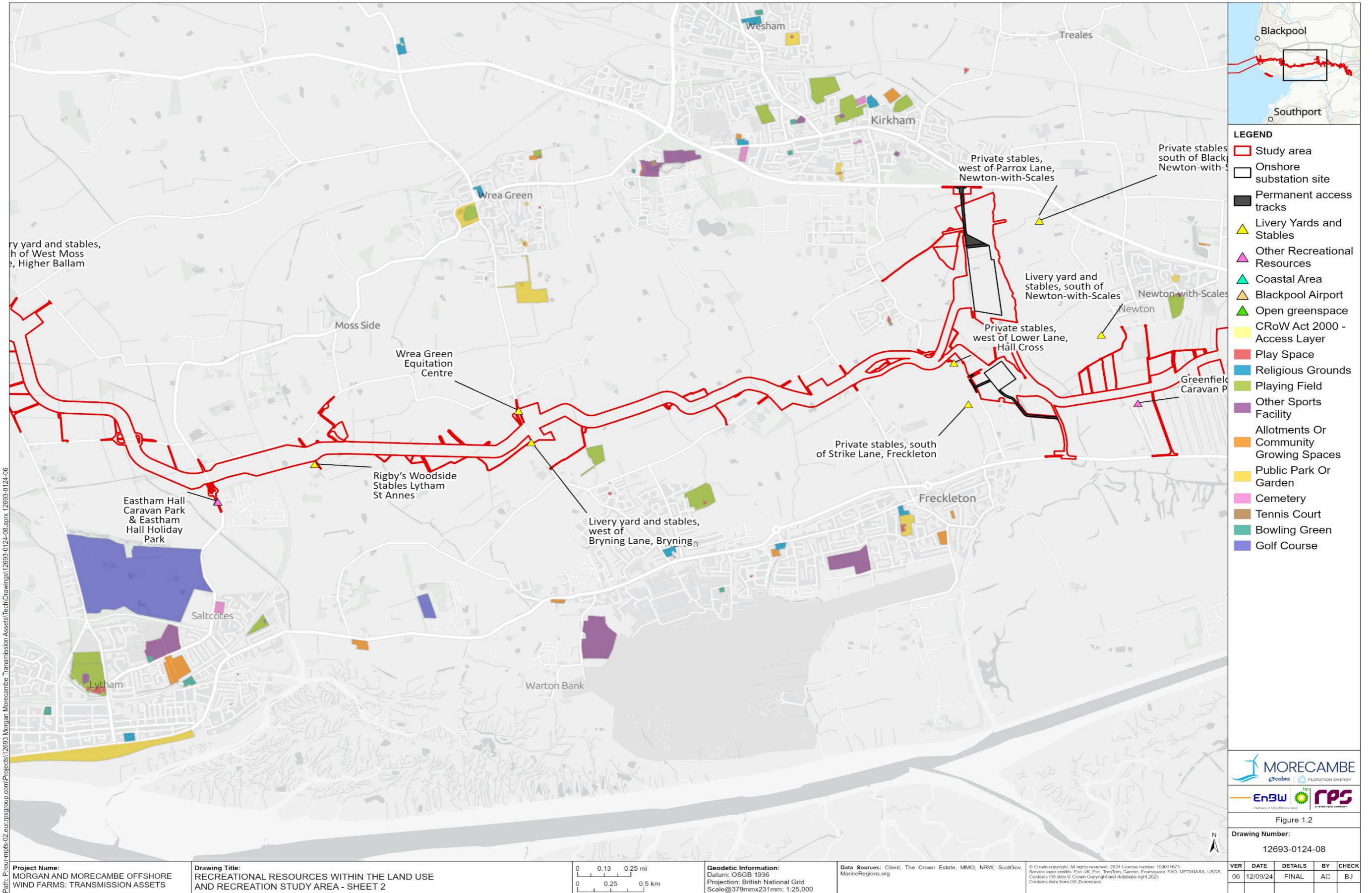
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Bridleway	Fylde	5-2-BW 16	100
		5-2-BW 11	462
		5-2-BW 12	294
		5-3-BW 12	229
		5-2-BW 13	423
		5-9-BW 12	485
		5-5-BW 16	1541
Definitive Map Modification Order	South Ribble	7-9-DMMO	53
Footpath	Fylde; South Ribble	5-3-FP 2	931
	Fylde	5-9-FP 9	4
		5-5-FP 2	22
		5-9-FP 7	76
		5-5-FP 3	208
		5-2-FP 8	518
		5-3-FP 4	297
		5-9-FP 8	78
		5-5-FP 4	22
		5-9-FP 5	643
		5-3-FP 5	169
		5-9-FP 6	8
		Preston	6-8-FP 21
	South Ribble	7-9-FP 4	278
		7-9-FP 5	638
		7-9-FP 9	603
		7-9-FP 7	488
		7-9-FP 10	449
		7-9-FP 3	7
	7-9-FP 11	28	
Long Distance Footpath	Fylde; Blackpool	Lancashire Coastal Way	591

Type	Local Authority Area(s)	Reference	Total length affected (m)
	South Ribble	Ribble Way	224
National Cycle Route	Fylde; Blackpool	NCR 62	1019
	Preston	NCR 622	364



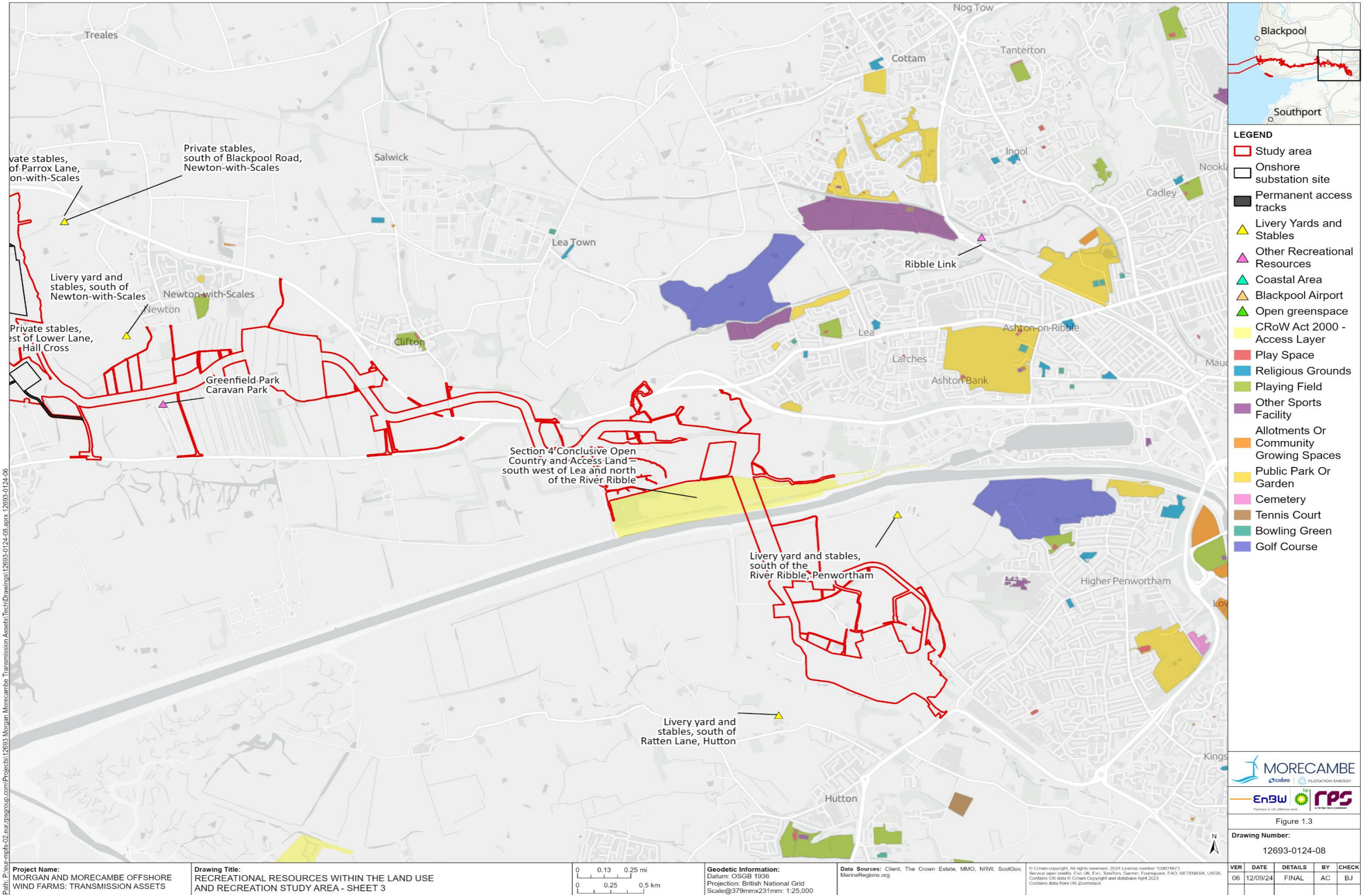
**Figure 1.1: Recreational resources within or in proximity to the study area (sheet 1)**





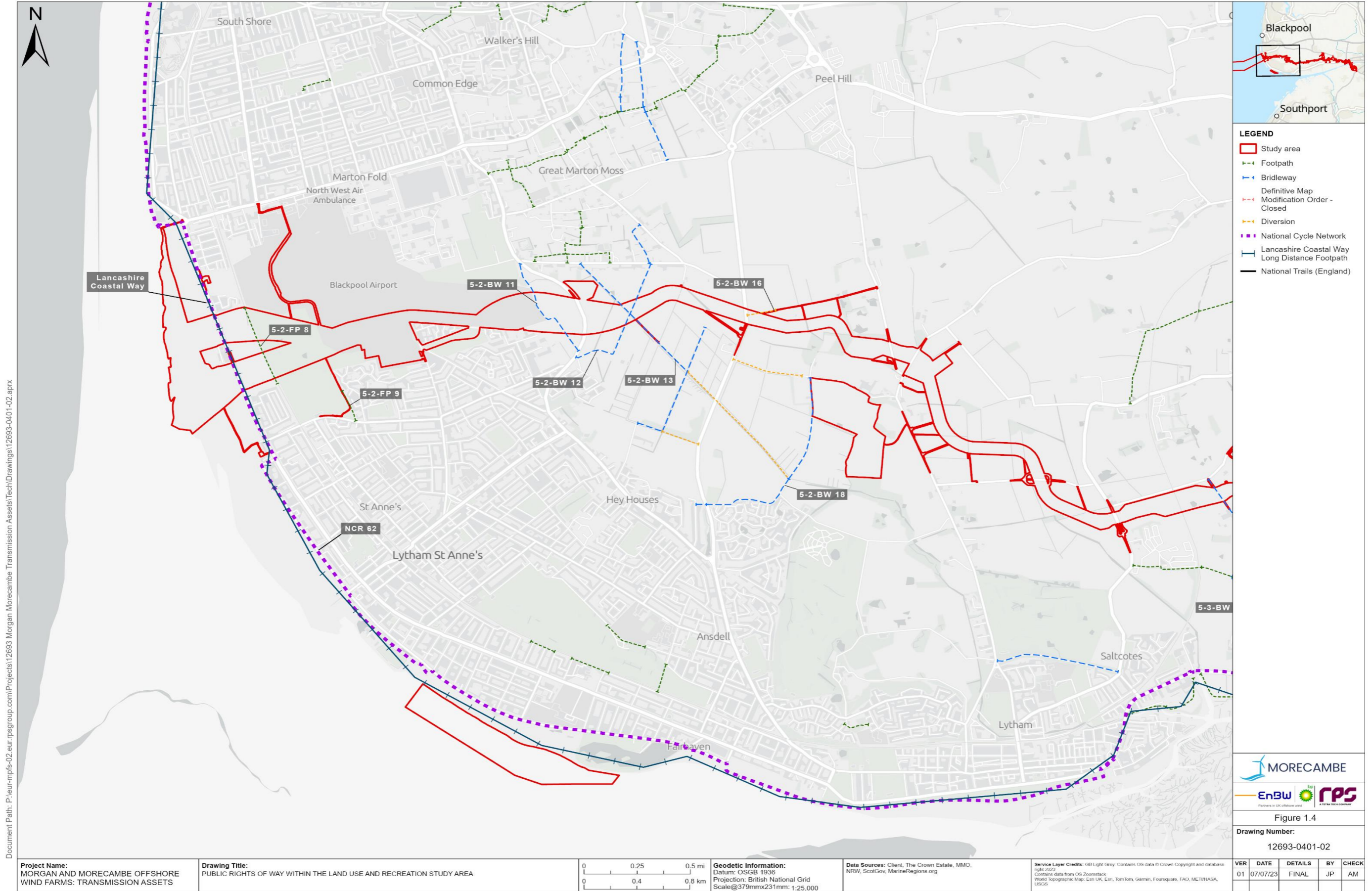
**Figure 1.2: Recreational resources within or in proximity to study area (sheet 2)**





**Figure 1.3: Recreational resources within or in proximity to the study area (sheet 3)**





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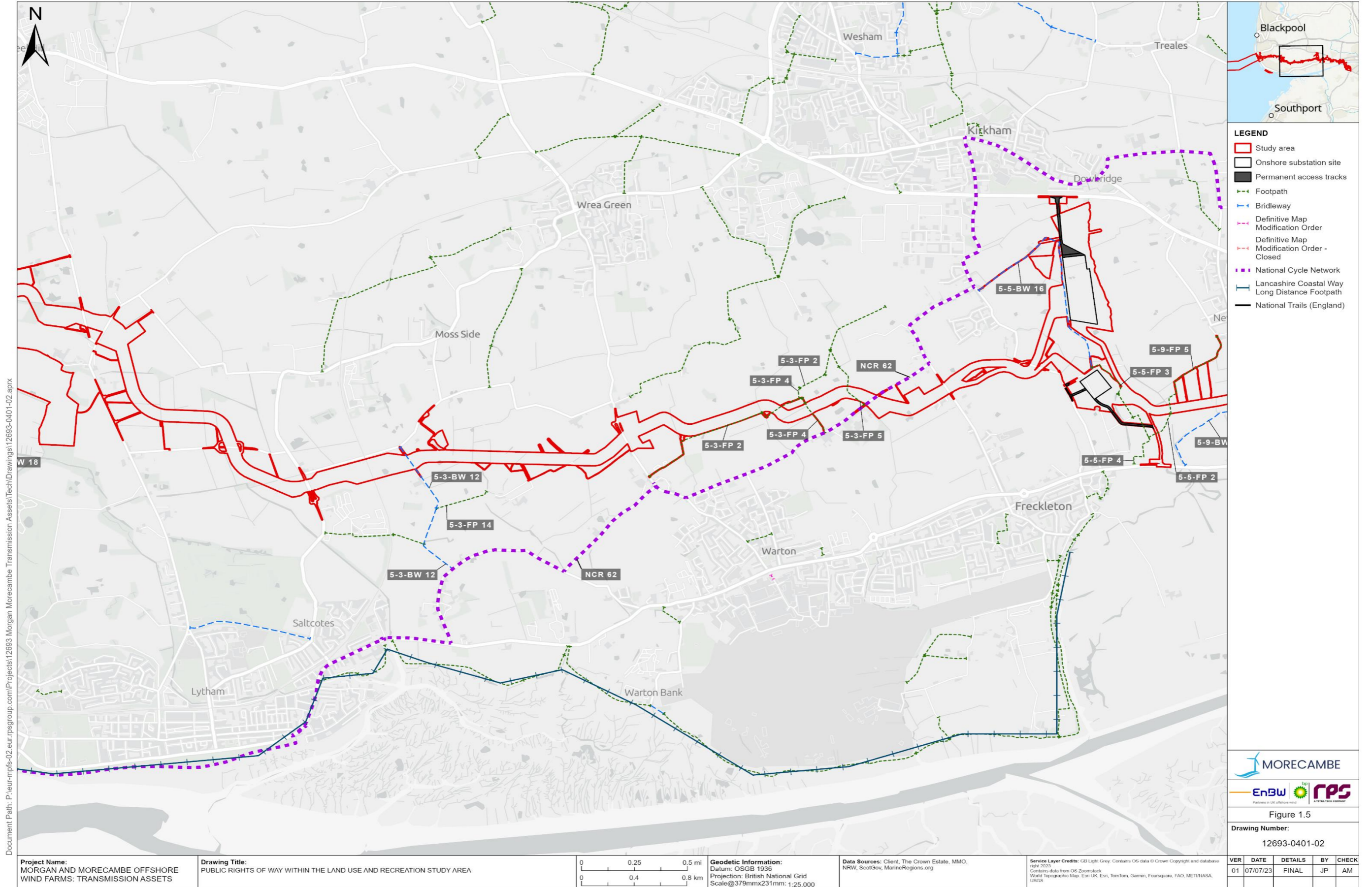
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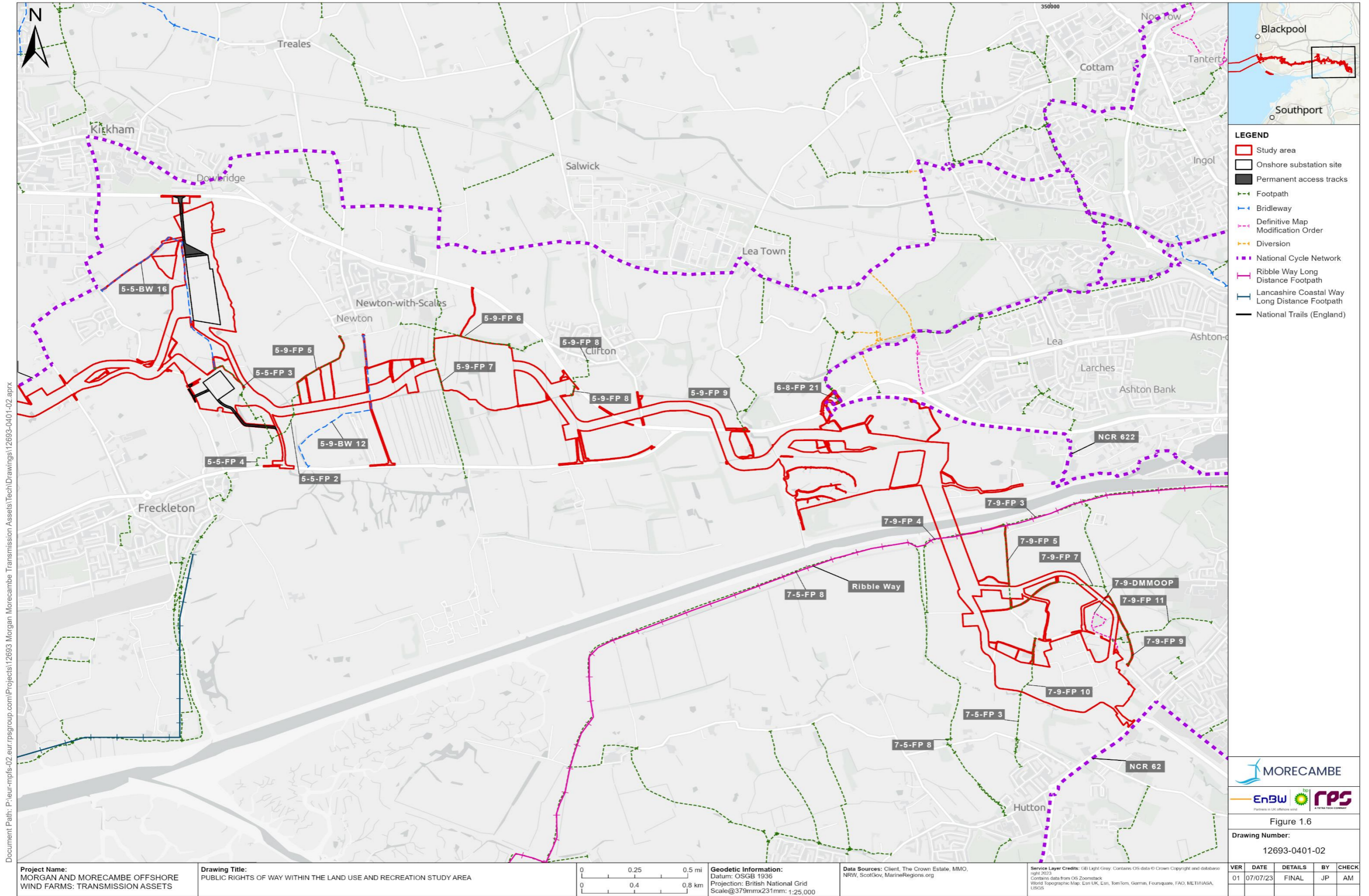
**Figure 1.4: PRoWs within the study area (sheet 1)**





**Figure 1.5: PRoWs within the study area (sheet 2)**





**Figure 1.6: PRoWs within the study area (sheet 3)**

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