

Developing a new mapping tool to assess beaver impacts: The Beaver Impact Assessment Toolkit (BIAT)

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Purpose and Background



Purpose: The BIAT has been designed to help you identify possible considerations that beaver activity might impact across England and explore areas of habitat suitability.

- Natural England Evidence Review identified considerations that beavers might impact
- Data layers sourced for considerations
- Pulled into an AGOL tool to with initial assessments for areas of interest
- Assist in supporting beaver reintroductions across England

Use alongside local knowledge, expert judgement, and scientific literature.



Considerations

Designated sites	Habitats and Species Considerations	Hydrological Considerations	Infrastructure Considerations	Land Use Considerations
AONB	Orchards and Deciduous Woodlands	Reduction in Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea due to Defences	National Grid Infrastructure	Best Most Versatile Land
NNR	Ancient Woodland	Internal Drainage Districts	Channels and Culverts	Historic Landfill Sites
Ramsar	Chalk Rivers	Groundwater Recharge Potential	Water Control Structures	Urban Areas
SSSI	Salmonid Migratory Waterways	Modified and Artificial Water Bodies	Spatial Flood Defences	Mines and Quarries
SAC	Freshwater Pearl Mussel Catchments	Consented Discharges to Controlled Waters	Railways	
SPA		Nitrate Vulnerable Zones	Roads	
		Rivers	National Heritage Sites	
			Public Rights of Way	

Basemap



Beaver Impact Assessment Tool (External)

Near Me

BDC Summary

BFI Summary

Location



100

Meters

Search for nearby considerations.

Information

Elevation Profile

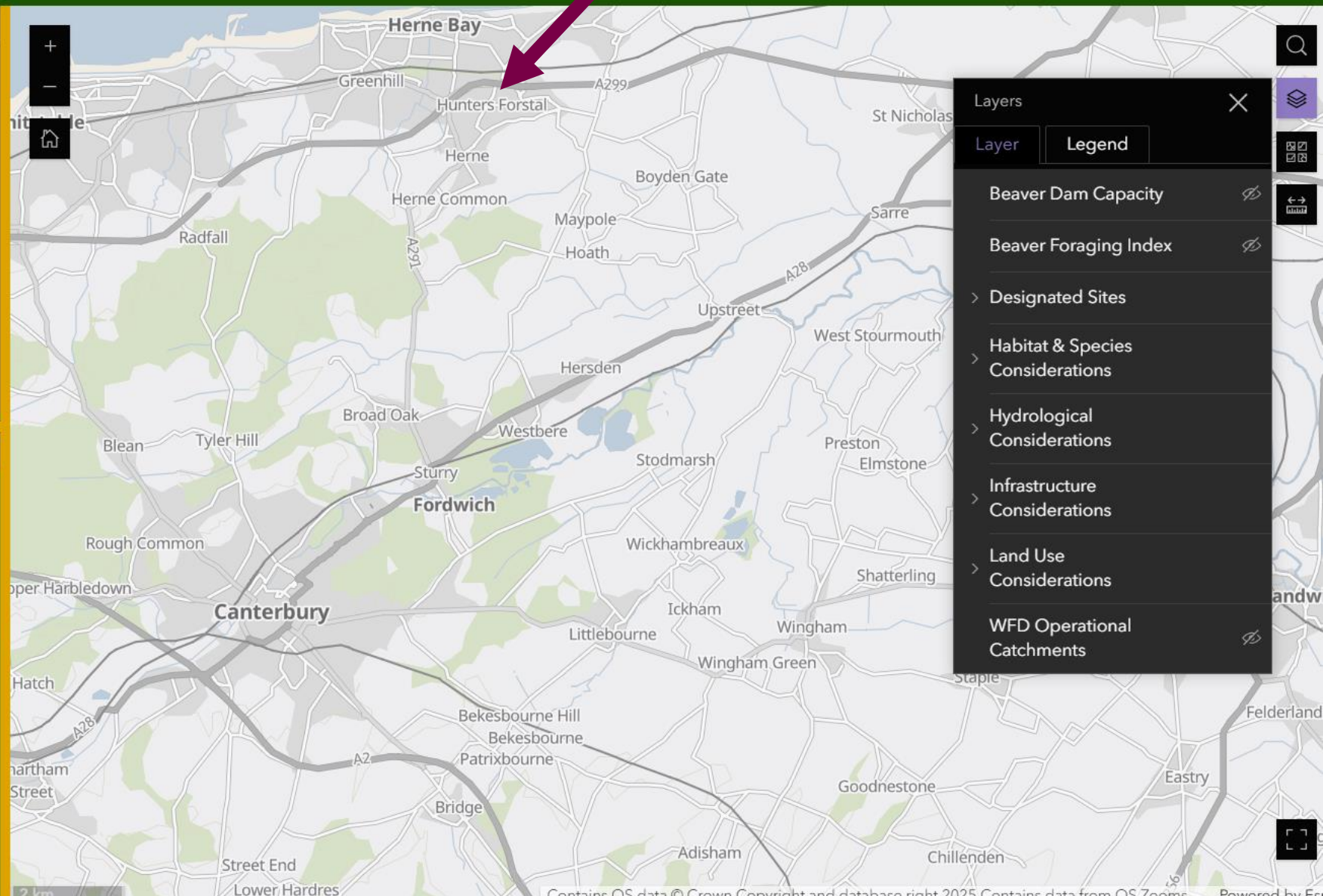
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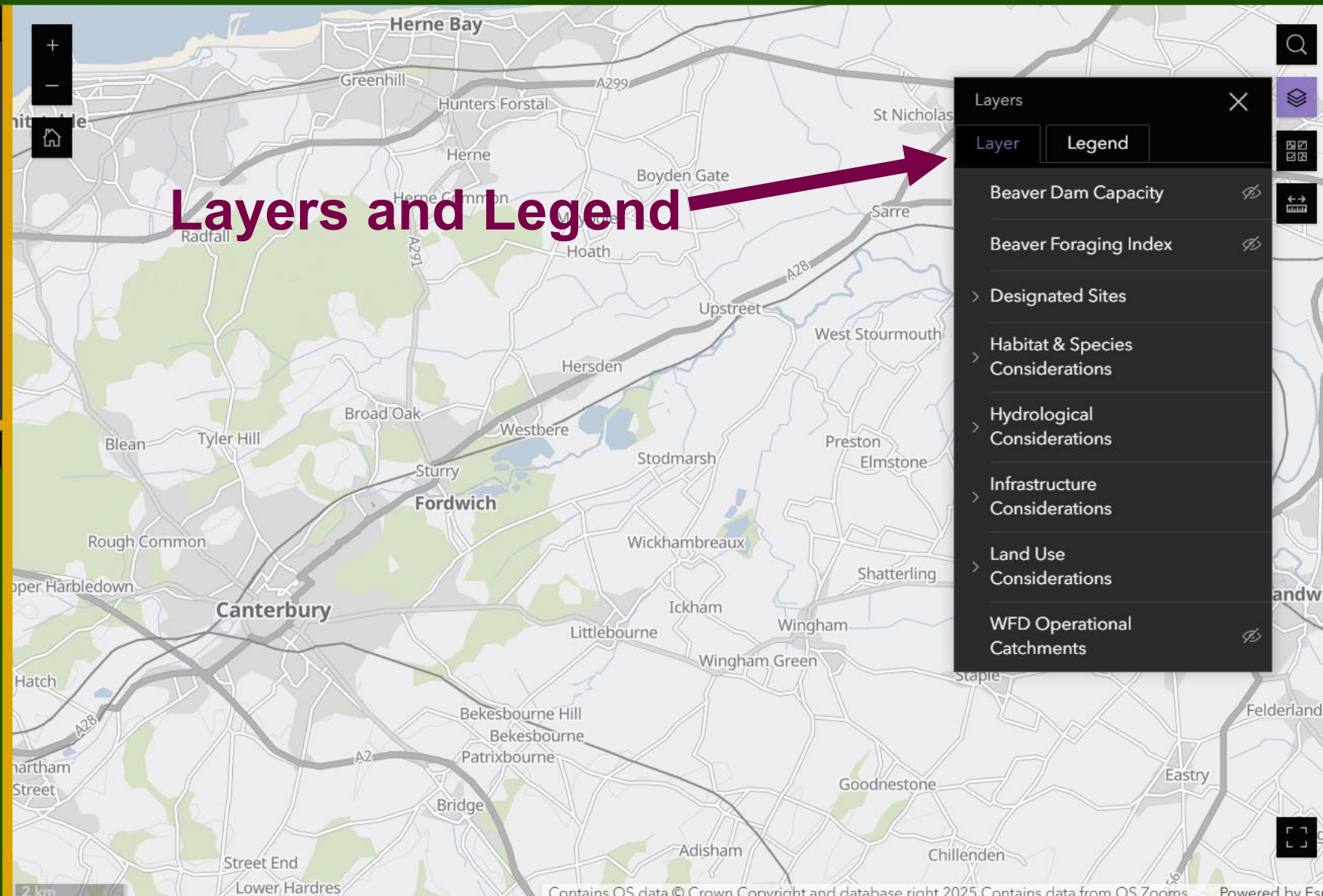
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20 m

15 m

10 m

5 m

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0.2 km 0.4 km 0.6 km 0.8 km 1 km 1.2 km

Terrain3D (Reference)

← Reset

New profile

Measurement Tool



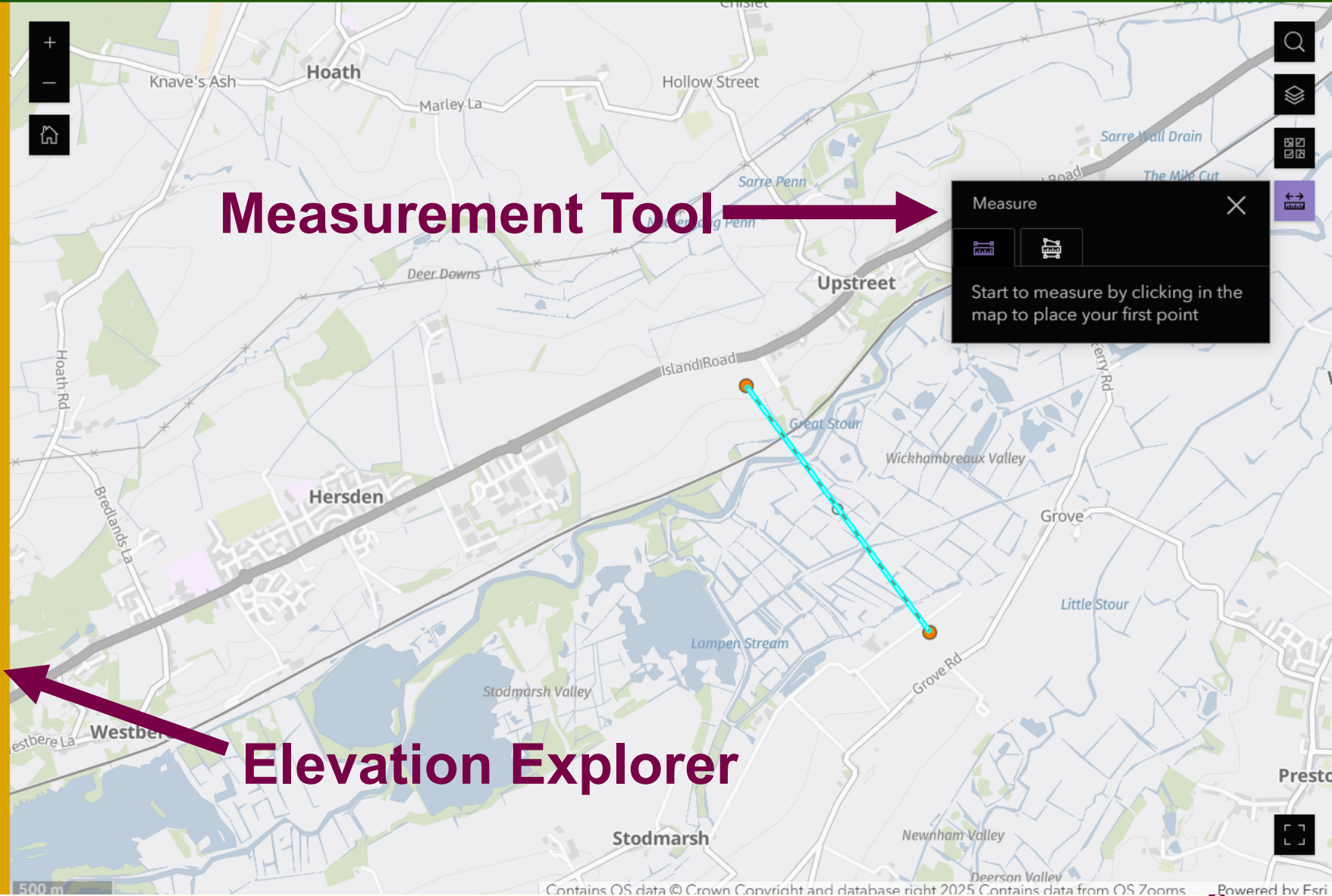
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Start to measure by clicking in the map to place your first point

Elevation Explorer





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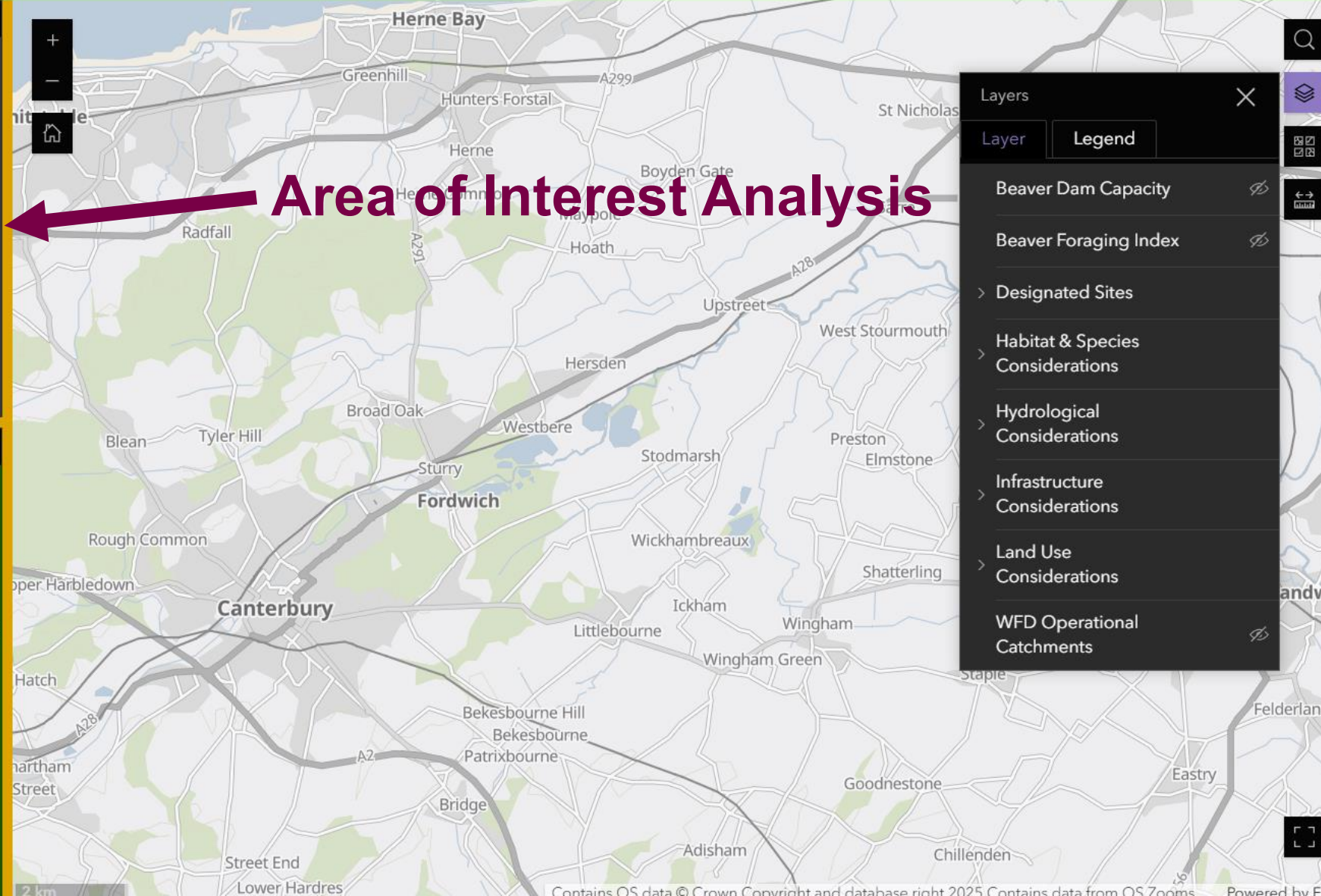
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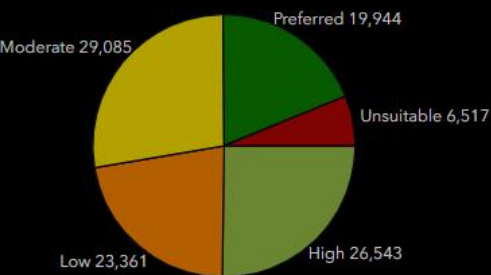
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Approximate length of nearby waterways by BFI category (m)



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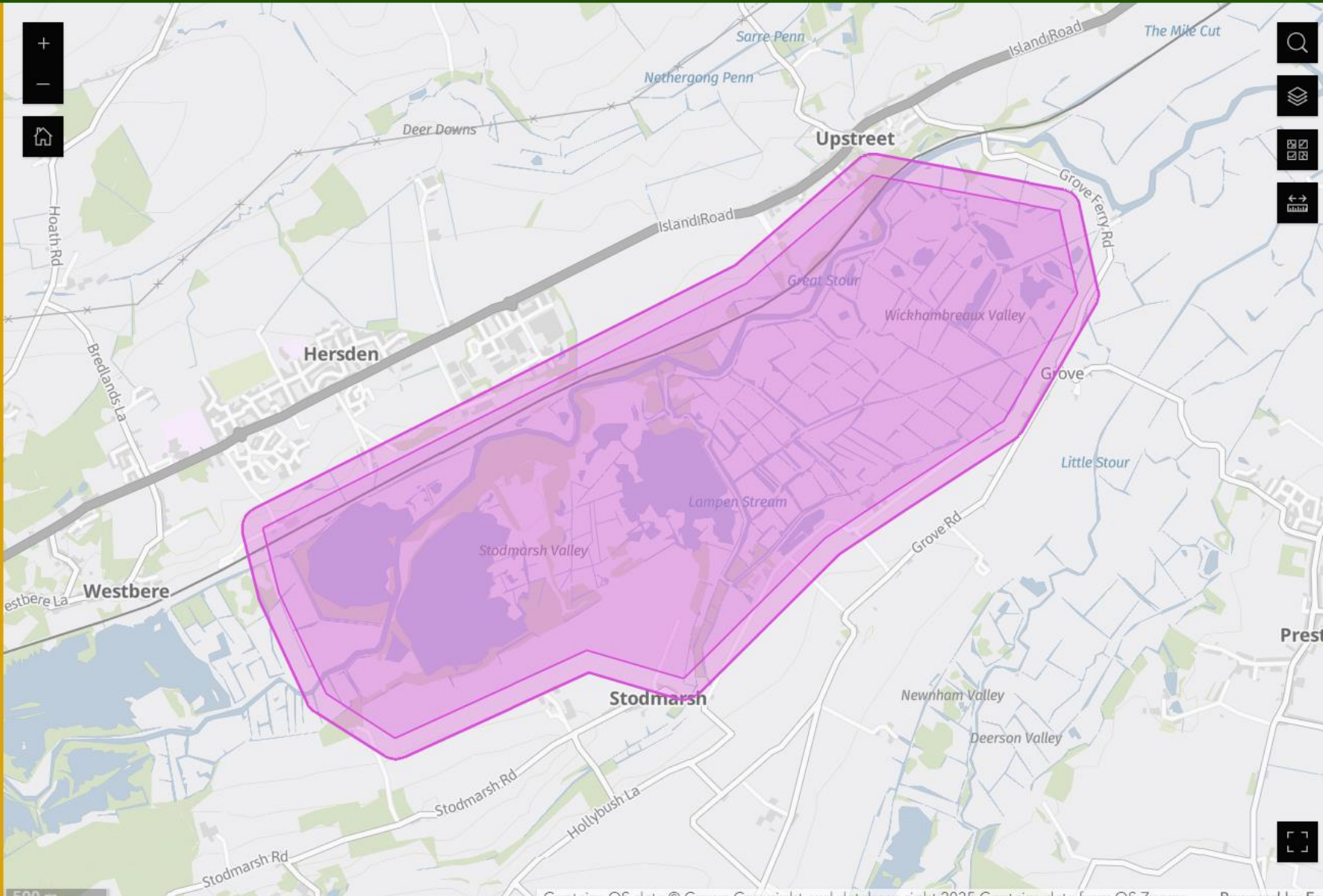
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Availability of the BIAT



- Currently only available internal to NE and EA
- Working with Beaver Trust for external launch
- Launching in Autumn 2025



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