

Cinque Port Town of New Romney



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28th January 2026

Dear Councillor,

A MEETING OF NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, CHURCH APPROACH, NEW ROMNEY TN28 8AS ON WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 6:45PM.

You are hereby summoned to attend the above-mentioned meeting of New Romney Town Council's Planning and Environment Committee to consider the under-mentioned business.

Signed:

Sadie Walmsley

Miss Sadie Walmsley
Planning Clerk

Email: planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk

The afore-mentioned meeting will commence at 6:45pm.

Members of Public are welcome to join this meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: New Romney Assembly Rooms and New Romney Town Hall have restricted access for people with limited mobility; please enquire for details.

Anyone displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should NOT attend the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. Who can participate in a New Romney Town Council meeting?

Members of the Public and Press may attend this Council meeting, except at such times as certain sensitive personal, legal, or contractual matters may be considered in private and confidential session, when Members of the Public will be required to leave the meeting.

A maximum of THREE members of public may also participate by submitting a question at a meeting. The question must relate to a matter affecting the parish of New Romney and/or its residents. Each submission must last no longer than 3 minutes in total.

Any such question should be delivered to the Council by way of a written statement submitted by email by midday on the day of the Council meeting - to be read out during the meeting. The question submitted should be mindful of the three-minute speaking time available. The reading of the question will allow for any mid-sentence delivery to be completed before being stopped at the three-minute deadline. If any Member of Public does not have access to email, a question can be submitted by email by a representative on their behalf.

Any such questions should be emailed to: planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk by midday on the day of the Council meeting.

2. How and when do I have to let the council know that I want to participate?

You will need to give written notice (via email or post) that you would like to participate by 3pm on the Friday before the meeting, providing your name and contact details and a summary of what your question subject will be. No late notifications can be accepted.

3. What happens if more than three local residents want to participate by submitting questions to the Council?

The system will operate on the basis of “first come, first served” as identified by the Clerk. You will be notified as soon as possible after your ‘notification of wish to participate’ has been received as to whether or not you will be able to participate (by reading out your submission).

4. What will happen at the Council meeting?

Your question will be read aloud during the agenda item: Public Questions. If it is possible for the Chairman to provide a response to your question at the meeting, he/she will do so. If it is not possible to provide a response at that time, a response will be provided in writing – usually within 28 days of the meeting taking place.

Agendas and reports for meetings will be available at least 3 working days and usually 7 weekdays before the date of the meeting on the Town Council website. Any supplementary sheets will be available the day before the meeting and can be viewed at www.newromney-tc.gov.uk

THE LAWS OF LIBEL AND SLANDER

- These laws are very strict.
- If, in public, you say something about a person that is not true, even if you believe it to be true, you may be sued and have to pay compensation. Therefore, you need to be very careful about any criticism you wish to make of people in any written submission.
- Councillors are able to speak more freely and bluntly while in Council or Committee meetings than members of the public.
- You, as a member of the public, do not have the same protection.

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
4th FEBRUARY 2026
AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES:

To receive and note apologies of councillors unable to attend.

2. DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE:

To receive and note any applications granted by the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Town Council, for dispensation to participate in Meetings of New Romney Town Council.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant or Personal Interests they may have in items on the agenda this evening.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

To consider formal adjournment of the meeting of the Committee for a maximum period of fifteen minutes to allow for an allocated public session.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Members of the public may put questions to the Chairman of the Committee for a period of fifteen minutes regarding matters to do with the town of New Romney and its coastal areas of Littlestone and Greatstone, including items on the agenda. Any Councillors who have declared an "Other Significant Interest" in matters to be discussed at this meeting will also have the opportunity to speak within the session set aside for public participation, in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct Item 5(3)(b), which reads as follows:

"Where you have an Other Significant Interest in any business of the Authority, you may... make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose."

6. RE-CONVENING OF MEETING:

To formally re-convene the meeting of the Committee.

- 7. MINUTES: (Encs*)**
To approve the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on: 7th January 2026 (attached hereto).
- 8. PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT: (Encs*)**
To receive and note the Planning Clerk's report.
- 9. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS: (Encs*)**
To consider planning applications attached hereto and including any received subsequent to issue of this Agenda and make any recommendations as deemed appropriate.
- 10. SCHEDULE OF LICENCING APPLICATIONS (Encs*):**
To receive and note schedule of Licencing Applications and take any such action deemed appropriate.
- 11. FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS DECISIONS/MATTERS: (Encs*)**
To received and note Hythe and Folkestone District Council's Reports, Decisions and Matters.
- 12. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS: (Encs*)**
To receive written reports and, within the remit of the Committee, take any such action(s) thereon as may be deemed necessary.
 - (i) Air quality update, if available.
 - (ii) Sea water quality and surface water flooding update, if available.
- 13. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES (Encs*):**
To receive and note the written reports of any working parties reporting to the Planning and Environment Committee and to take any such action(s) thereon as may be deemed necessary.
- 14. STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-27 (Encs*):**
To receive and note the New Romney Town Council Strategic Plan 2023-27 with latest updates and take any such action thereon as may be deemed appropriate.

15. CLAIMED ADDITION TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OF SEVERAL BYWAYS AT ROMNEY MARSH(Encs*):

To receive and note the Claimed addition to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way of various Byways at Romney Marsh and take any such action thereon as may be deemed appropriate.

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MINUTES
of
A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney
on 7th January 2026
Commencing at 6:45pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: K Terry, S O'Hare, J Rivers, J Davies, P Carey.

In the Chair: Councillor K Terry

In Attendance: Planning Clerk - Miss S Walmsley
Members of public - 0

442/2025-26 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Coe – personal reasons.

443/2025-26 **DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**

No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

444/2025-26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Terry declared a personal interest – Follows the applicant of Planning Application 25/2279/FH on social media.

445/2025-26 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

It was not necessary to adjourn the meeting as no questions had been received in writing.

446/2025-26 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

447/2025-26 **RE-CONVENING OF MEETING**

Not applicable.

448/2025-26 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 3rd December 2025

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 3rd December 2025**, a copy of which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

Having duly considered the afore-mentioned minutes, it was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers

SECONDED BY: Councillor Carey

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY– that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 3rd December 2025 be approved and subsequently signed as a true and correct record.

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449/2025-26 **PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT**

The Planning Clerk's report, which included the request for the removal of PHE 5 from the Strategic plan and notification of TPO No.13 of 2025 was duly received and noted.

450/2025-26 **SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor O'Hare

SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that NRTC Planning and Environment Committee comments, including those comments relating to additional planning applications received after publication of the agenda for this meeting, be submitted to FHDC Planning Department:

Application No

Location and Description

- (i) [25/2155/FH](#) 17 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BN
- Listed Building Consent for bricking up 2no windows in rear of property.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend Refusal - due to the possible harm to the listed buildings character, fabric and detailing damaging original features.

Voting:

For Application: 0
Against Application: 5
Abstained: 0

- (i) [25/2178/FH](#) 17 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BN

Withdrawn by Applicant

- (ii) [25/2177/FH](#) 17, High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BN
- Change of use of part ground floor to a flat.

RECOMMENDATION No objection with the conditions that the Flat cannot be sold separately to the retail property and that it cannot be made into additional dwellings.

Voting:

For Application: 5

Against Application: 0

Abstained: 0

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(iii) [25/2279/FH](#)

109-111 Coast Drive, Greatstone,
TN28 8NR

Part single Storey front extension, internal remodelling, rear bi fold doors plus first floor terrace area.

RECOMMENDATION No objection

Voting:

For Application: 5

Against Application: 0

Abstained: 0

451/2025-26 **SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

It was reported that New Premise Licence – application refence: PR202512-126749 was received for Littlestone Convenience Store. It was noted that under Delegated Authority due to lack of time, NRTC recommended to reject the application due to the protection of children from harm. It was rejected by FHDC as a non-valid representation due to there being no evidence and it is a new applicant.

452/2025-26 **FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/ DECISIONS/MATTERS**

A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the periods ending of the 30th November 2025, the 7th December 2025, the 18th December 2025 and the 21st December 2025 were duly received and noted.

453/2025-26 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Wednesday 7th January 2026 which had previously been circulated to all Committee was duly received and noted.

454/2025-26 **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

The Parish Highway Improvement Plan working party report, which had been previously circulated to all Committee Members was received and noted, and as a result it was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers
SECONDED BY: Councillor Terry

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the Clerk is to prepare a press release for the promotion of the upcoming installation of 20MPH speed limit in Zones 1 and 2 of the PHIP and to request to the Town Clerk that it be published in the Village Magazine.

455/2025-26

STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027

The Strategic plan 2023-2027 was received and noted. No action thereon was currently taken , noting that committee was currently awaiting an update from Full Council regarding PHE 5.

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The chairman thanked the committee, and the meeting concluded at **7:21PM.**

AGENDA ITEM 8

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
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PLANNING CLERKS REPORT

The Planning Clerk has been informed that PHE 5 has been formally withdrawn from the Strategic plan.

NRTC have issued the adjacent press release to update the residents of New Romney with the achievements during 2025 within the Parish Highway Improvement Plan.



New Romney Town Council Press Release



Parish Highway Improvement Plan Update January 2026

New Romney Town Council would like to take this opportunity to update its residents on actions being taken in the Parish Highway Improvement Plan and to share the good news of the upcoming installation of the new reduced 20mph speed limits to be implemented in Zones 1 and 2. Following a number of public consultations and after a lengthy process New Romney Town Council is delighted to announce that the scheme is due to be completed in Spring 2026.

The cost of the Scheme was £36,293.07; Kent County Council contributed £6,293.07 and the remaining funding was obtained through the receipt of C.I.L (Community infrastructure Levy) money from Folkestone and Hythe District Council.

On the 29th November 2025, a well-attended Public Engagement event was held to discuss the remaining zones 3 to 6 and on the 14th January 2026 Kent County Council bid for funding to support New Romney Town Council through the next stages of the PHIP. The Town Council is now awaiting further information regarding any potential funding to be awarded.

The Town Council held a public consultation in March 2025 for the Kent County Council proposed Double Yellow Lines scheme on the St Mary's Road and Fairfield Road Junction; this scheme was approved in August 2025 and completed on the 18th December 2025.

New Romney Town Council would like to thank all those who contributed to the development of New Romney's Parish Highway Improvement Plan with comments or suggestions and continued support to the Town. Your feedback has been invaluable and together we will make our local Highways safer.

Updates to the Highway Improvement Plan will be uploaded to the Town Council website to keep all informed and up to date on any progress.

To request any further details, please contact:

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NTRC have received the following notice from the Office for Nuclear Regulation with the attached EIADR “Put Simply” explainer for your information.

The Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) is expecting to receive a request for a Pre-Application Opinion under the Nuclear Reactors (Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning) Regulations (EIADR) from EDF Energy for its proposed decommissioning project at Dungeness B nuclear power station in Kent.

To support the Pre-Application Opinion request, EDF Energy will submit a scoping report to ONR that will provide a high-level description of the decommissioning project and describe the scope of the environmental impact assessment that will be carried out for the future application for consent under EIADR.

ONR is expecting to receive the scoping report in early March 2026 and we will be seeking comments on the report via a consultation to inform our Pre-Application Opinion

Following the Pre-Application Opinion stage, EDF Energy will be making an application for consent under EIADR by submitting an environmental statement to ONR; this will be consulted on in due course and you will have the opportunity to comment on this.



Q1: What is EIADR and why is it important?

A: EIADR stands for the [Nuclear Reactors \(Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning\) Regulations](#). It ensures that before any nuclear reactor is decommissioned, its potential environmental impacts are carefully assessed and managed. This protects local communities and the environment from unintended consequences.

Q2: Who oversees the EIADR process?

A: [The Office for Nuclear Regulation \(ONR\)](#) is responsible for administering EIADR. They review environmental statements, consult with stakeholders, and decide whether a decommissioning project can proceed.

Q3: Will the public be consulted before a nuclear site is decommissioned?

A: Yes. [Public consultation is a key part of the EIADR process](#). Local communities, environmental groups, and other stakeholders are invited to review and comment on the environmental statement before ONR makes a decision.

Q4: What kind of environmental impacts are assessed?

A: The assessment looks at potential effects on a broad and comprehensive range of environmental aspects; air, water, soil, ecology and biodiversity, human health, and local infrastructure. [It also considers how these impacts can be avoided, reduced, or offset.](#)

Q5: What happens if the project changes after it starts?

A: If there's a significant change or extension to the project, the [licensee must reassess the environmental impact and seek a new determination from ONR under Regulation 13](#). This ensures ongoing protection of the environment

Q6: What happens if a site doesn't follow EIADR rules?

A: Non-compliance can result in enforcement action by ONR. The regulations are legally binding, and failure to meet requirements can halt a project or lead to penalties

Q7: How will I find out when the consultation is live and the venues to be used

A: The SSG will be provided with an update. In addition to this EDF plan to do a [social media campaign and promote the event through letter drops and similar](#).



PUTSIMPLY

EIADR: Environmental Impact Assessment for Nuclear Reactor Decommissioning



THE TOPIC

- EIADR is a UK legislation that ensures the environmental impacts of decommissioning nuclear reactors are thoroughly assessed before any decommissioning work begins.
- EIADR ensures transparency, environmental protection, and public involvement in nuclear decommissioning. It helps maintain high safety and environmental standards while supporting responsible project delivery.
- EDF Energy have commenced work on the Dungeness B EIADR application this year.
- EDF plan to consult with the public on the decommissioning proposals in the first half of 2026, concurrent with making a preapplication scoping opinion request to ONR (dates/venues TBC to be communicated in due course).



THE KEY POINTS

1

Consent Required before Start Decommissioning:

Any nuclear reactor decommissioning project started after 19 November 1999 must obtain consent from the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) before work begins

2

Environmental Statement:

Applicants must submit a detailed environmental statement outlining potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures

3

Public and Stakeholder Consultation:

EIADR mandates early engagement with the public, local authorities, environmental bodies, and other stakeholders to inform the assessment process

4

Monitoring and Reporting:

Once consent is granted, licensees must implement an Environmental Management Plan (EMP), report progress annually, and update mitigation strategies as needed

5

Changes to Projects:

If a project changes or extends in a way that could significantly affect the environment, a new determination and possibly a fresh assessment are required under Regulation 13

6

Key planned dates:

- Preapplication Scoping Opinion to ONR/Rd 1 Public Consultation – Feb/March 26
- Rd 2 public consultation – Oct 26
- Environmental Statement submission to ONR – Jul 27



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SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application No

Location and Description

(i) [26/0042/FH](#)

151 Littlestone Road, Littlestone,
New Romney, TN28 8QB

Works to trees subject of TPO No. 05 of 1994 comprising of T1 Holm Oak, carry out partial crown reduction by a maximum of 2.5 metres north side over and reduce lateral spread south side by max of 1 metres, lift canopy to gain 2.5 metres maximum over driveway, secondary growths only.

RECOMMENDATION

No Objection - sent by Delegated Authority.

(ii) [26/0007/FH](#)

88 Queens Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8JY

Existing rear extension to be raised in height to accommodate A 2.4m ceiling height with the introduction of a roof light, together with changes to fenestration, including the installation of a Juliette balcony at first floor.

RECOMMENDATION

No Objection - sent by Delegated Authority.

(iii) [26/0010/FH](#)

44 Blenheim Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8PR

Construction of single storey side extension, construction of summer house.

RECOMMENDATION

(iv) [26/0016/FH/TCA](#)

No Objection - sent by Delegated Authority.

St Martins Field, Ashford Road, New Romney.

Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 common lime, prune to previous heights, 6 metres vertically and latterly. T2 English Elm prune by 2 metres to previous points., 8 metres above ground level. T4 sycamore, raise canopy to 6 metres above ground level, by removing the north facing branch arising at height 3 metres above ground level, the west facing branch arising at height 4 metres above ground level, along with reducing west facing lateral branches by a maximum of three metres.

RECOMMENDATION

(v) [26/0035/FH](#)

Abstained / NRTC Application - sent by Delegated Authority.

New Inn, 37 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BW

Erection of two semi detached houses facing on to Church Road.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(vi) [26/0063/FH](#)

St Martins Field, Ashford Road, New Romney.

Works to the tree subject to TPO no.22 of 2008 comprising of T1 Lime Tree to remove all regenerating growth back to the parent east facing stem, which will involve removing approximately 1.5 metres of lateral growth.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(vii) [25/2293/FH](#)

103 Queens Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8LT

Removal of rear extension, erection of rear and side single storey extension and external porch. Installation of solar panels to the front elevation, amendments to windows, render to front and side elevation and widening of existing driveway.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(viii) [26/0060/FH](#)

57 Rolfe Lane, New Romney, TN28 8JP

Proposed side/rear extensions and conversion of garage to habitable room.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(ix) [26/0078/FH](#)

West Knoll, Lydd Road, New
Romney, TN28 8DH

Erection of a detached dwelling.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

AGENDA ITEM 10

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SCHEDULE OF LICENSING APPLICATIONS

NONE.

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DELEGATED DECISIONS OF FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT
COUNCIL

For the period ending 1st January 2026

- (i) 25/2178/FH 17 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BN

DECISION

Withdrawn by Applicant

For the period ending 11th January 2026

- (i) [24/1709/FH/CON](#) Plot B, Land Rear 15, Collins Road, New Romney, TN28 8LH

DECISION

Approved

- (ii) [25/2087/FH](#) PA RH&DR New Romney Station, New shed, (engine shed), 2 Littlestone Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8PL

DECISION

Prior approval not needed

- (iii) [25/2088/FH](#) PA RH&DR New Romney Station, Exhibition and Cafe, 2 Littlestone Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8PL

DECISION

Prior approval not needed

- (iv) [25/2091/FH](#) PA RH&DR New Romney Station, Permanent way shed, 2 Littlestone Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8PL

DECISION

Prior approval not needed

for the period ending 18th January 2026

(i) [25/2093/FH](#)

West End. 1 Blenheim Road,
Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8PR

DECISION

Approved with Conditions

(ii) [25/2125/FH](#)

19-25 High Street, New Romney,
TN28 8BN

DECISION

Approved with Conditions

(iii) [25/2147/FH](#)

111 Queens Road (Land Adjoining
113, Queens Road). Littlestone, New
Romney, TN28 8LT

DECISION

Approved with Conditions

for the period ending 25th January 2026

(i) [25/2094/FH](#)

Annexe 2, Near miss, Cockreed
Lane, New Romney TN28 8TE

DECISION

Approved with Conditions

(ii) [25/2172/FH](#)

17 Coast Drive, Greatstone, New
Romney, TN28 8NX

DECISION

Approved with Conditions

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast

Today	Air quality within the post code region TN28 is forecast to be Low
Tomorrow	Air quality within the post code region TN28 is expected to be Low tomorrow

The probability of pollution levels being within the four main bandings is shown in the table below.

Air Pollution Level	Today	Tomorrow
Low	10%	>95%
Moderate	90%	<5%
High	<5%	<5%
Very High	<1%	<1%

Recommended Actions and Health Advice

Air Pollution Banding	Value	Accompanying health messages for at-risk individuals*	Accompanying health messages for the general population
Low	1-3	Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.	Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.
Moderate	4-6	Adults and children with lung problems, and adults with	Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.

		heart problems, who experience symptoms , should consider reducing strenuous physical activity, particularly outdoors.	
High	7-9	Adults and children with lung problems, and adults with heart problems, should reduce strenuous physical exertion, particularly outdoors, and particularly if they experience symptoms. People with asthma may find they need to use their reliever inhaler more often. Older people should also reduce physical exertion.	Anyone experiencing discomfort such as sore eyes, cough or sore throat should consider reducing activity, particularly outdoors.
Very High	10	Adults and children with lung problems, adults with heart problems, and older people, should avoid strenuous physical activity. People with asthma may find they need to use their reliever inhaler more often.	Reduce physical exertion, particularly outdoors, especially if you experience symptoms such as cough or sore throat.

*Adults and children with heart or lung problems are at greater risk of symptoms. Follow your doctor's usual advice about exercising and managing your condition. It is possible that very sensitive individuals may experience health effects even on Low air pollution days. Anyone experiencing symptoms should follow the guidance provided below.

Further information about health and air quality can be found here:

<https://kentair.org.uk/faq>

Further details about current air quality and the forecast are available - [here](#)

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REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES

Residents Enquiry received for the PHIP working party

Hello

I wanted to feed into the above, as I was unable to make the engagement meeting in November.

I am all for the slowing down of traffic through The Churchlands to 20mph. However, I would like to understand how this would be enforced for drivers who exceed the limit, could you please advise?

Also, I also believe other works need to take place before the 20mph speed limit comes in to force. Such as the following:

If there were areas that were natural passing points in the Churchlands and in other roads on the estate, we may not suffer with speeding cars quite so much. Cars speed in order not to give way to oncoming traffic, if there is a need to give way, rather than reverse backwards, cars will drive onto the pathways, thus damaging the pathways long-term. If there were yellow lines in place and cars were able to turn into and pause to give way at junctions, this would help to reduce speeding cars and stop cars parking at the tip of a junction enabling a better flow of traffic. By doing so, it would also ease cars passing along Church Road and reduces the build-up of cars outside the sorting office.

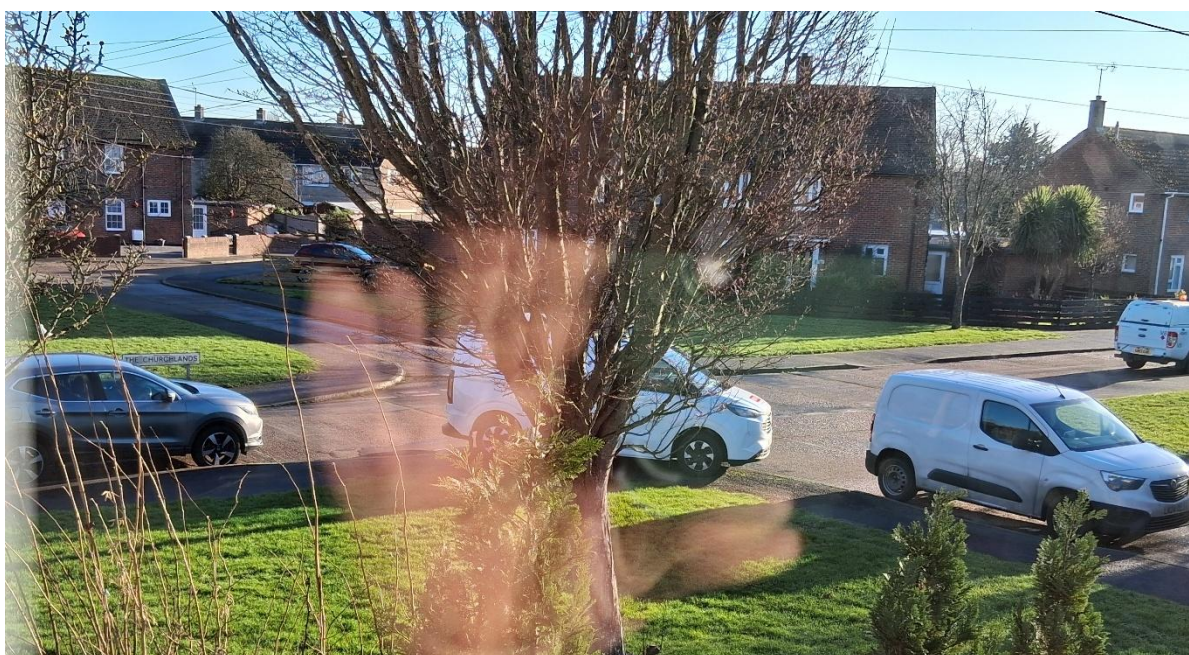
Due to the new traffic restrictions in the High St and surrounding roads, The Churchlands now suffers from an influx of parked cars, mainly staff from surrounding businesses. This in turn impacts on the residents who cannot park nearby to their home if they do not have a drive, so, residents are now parking on the pathways, green areas and/or makeshift drives at their homes, without putting in place dropped kerbs etc. Which is not only unfair but dangerous to those walking and drivers. Makeshift driveways are not the answer as they impact the local area in other ways and are restrictive.

I recognise that cars are able to park on The Churchlands as there are no restrictions, but I would urge you to consider how restrictions could help and improve the car parking for residents as you undertake this plan.

Where there is natural narrowing of roads, why not put in chicanes which stop people driving up the pathways rather than giving way, such as the narrowing in Church Road. Introduce a formal chicane it would mean cars stopping to let others pass or introduce a one-way system to improve traffic flow and reduce the number of cars using the pathways as a road.

I am sure there are other areas around the areas highlighted in the Public Plan that could also be used as part of the traffic calming measures.

I look forward to hearing from you. Photos attached for reference





Grit bin provision

The resident also had a further enquiry regarding the placement of additional salt bins in the community. The Resident has Checked the KCC map and there should be two salt bins in the Churchlands but upon checking the locations there is not a bin.

Update from KCC

There has been an update from KCC highways to confirm that following the public consultation held in November 2025, the bid for funding for the remainder of the 20mph scheme was successful and the scheme will now go to the design phase.

KCC have also issued works notices for the installation of the 20mph limit for Zones 1 and 2. Work is to commence on the 17th March 2026.

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-27



STRATEGIC PLAN

2023 - 2027

New Romney Town Council



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Foreword

Welcome to New Romney Town Council's Strategic Plan. The Plan describes the Council's vision, what we are trying to achieve during the current Term of Office and what our objectives and key priorities are between now and 2027.



*The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney,
Councillor John Rivers
July 2023*

The Strategic Plan explains clearly to Councillors, staff, residents, businesses, and our partners exactly what the Council aims to achieve between now and the next election. New Romney Town Council is an ambitious Council and, as Members, we are all committed to helping make New Romney, Littlestone and Greatstone (*now called 'New Romney' in this report*) a better place to live, work and visit.

This document will help to ensure that the Council continues to focus on delivering excellent, value for money services for the Town and its residents.

This Strategic Plan sets out the Council's overall vision - which is to continually work on improving the quality of life for all residents, improving our local environment, conserving and promoting the Town's heritage and retaining financial security.

The overarching Strategy is underpinned by 11 Corporate Priorities supported by 52 Key Objectives. The Corporate Plan will be reviewed annually and updates on the Council's achievements will be reported at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Council will ensure that adequate resources (financial, staffing, training, equipment etc) are made available to achieve the Objectives detailed within this Plan.

New Romney Town Council Strategic Plan

To continually work on improving the quality of life for all residents, improving our local environment, conserving and promoting the Town's heritage and retaining financial security.

Our overarching Strategy is underpinned by the following:

- **5** Areas of Focus
- These include **13** Strategic Priorities
- These are supported by **53** Key Objectives
- Each Objective will be progressed and monitored by the relevant Council Committee

1. *Financial Management*

- To develop and manage a sustainable budget which maximises use of Town Council assets, optimises revenue streams and provides optimum spending opportunities whilst maintaining financial security and recognising the impact on residents

2. *Planning, Highways & Environment*

- To ensure that New Romney (see above) can develop economically whilst safeguarding its natural environment
- To optimise the ability for people and goods to move around the Town safely and in a more environmentally friendly manner
- To keep New Romney clean and pleasant for residents and visitors alike

3. *Recreation & Amenities*

- To optimise and encourage the use of all local sports, play and exercise facilities
- To maintain and improve a range of amenities and services to support a good quality of life in New Romney's Wards

4. *Health & Wellbeing*

- To develop and maintain a community infrastructure in New Romney that nurtures a safe, supportive and inclusive place to live, work and visit

5. *Town & Community*

- To develop and maintain a community infrastructure in New Romney that nurtures a safe, supportive and inclusive place to live, work and visit
- To support local businesses and economic development in New Romney
- To effectively communicate, consult and engage with our residents, partners, employees, local businesses, visitors and other public sector organisations (eg local authorities, health and education)
- To make sure that New Romney continues to attract tourists to the area
- To actively promote the arts and culture in New Romney
- To maintain and improve a range of amenities and services to support a good quality of life in New Romney

1. Financial Management

To develop and manage a sustainable budget which maximises use of Town Council assets, optimises revenue streams and provides optimum spending opportunities whilst maintaining financial security

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
FM1: Review and update Rolling Maintenance Plan to assist in Maintaining optimum property values of NR properties	F&GP	2023-24	Commenced: Review and Update by Finance Officers currently in hand. Updated document to be presented to F&GP Committee By end March 2026
FM2: Undertake review of revenue streams and develop a plan to optimise income with which to support longer-term spending options whilst retaining financial security. To investigate funding and grants available to the Town Council	F&GP	2023-24 2026-27	Not Yet Commenced: Deferred to 2026-27 Due to take into Account potential Impact of Local Government Reorganisation

2. Planning, Highways & Environment

To ensure New Romney can develop economically whilst safeguarding its natural beauty

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
PHE 1: Carry out a wants / needs survey re local new build developments to understand local housing needs and the impact on the Town from new developments with a vision of using the data to influence local planning outcomes	Planning & Environment	2023-24	Commenced: Train and Explain Public Engagement To be organised in 2026 to educate Public about the Planning Process Prior to ensuing Consultation Questionnaire.
PHE 2: Develop and adopt a Policy Statement / Planning Protocol identifying the Town Council's commitment to preserving local open spaces	Full Council	2023-24	COMPLETED – POLICY APPROVED & ADOPTED SEPT 2024

2. Planning, Highways & Environment

*To ensure New Romney remains
a clean and pleasant place to
live, work and visit*

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
PHE 3: Establish a process by which NRTC receives regular feedback re local air quality monitoring	Planning & Environment	2023-24	COMPLETED Information being Received Routinely on annual Basis.
PHE 4: Complete the upgrade of NRTC waste disposal contracts and waste receptacles at New Romney Town Hall and Assembly Rooms to facilitate waste recycling	F&GP	2024-25	COMPLETED Re-cycling bins in-Situ at Town Hall and waste disposal contract upgraded for re-cycling collection
PHE 5: Complete Area Action Plans for all NRTC open spaces linked to the adopted Environment Policy	Planning & Environment	2024-25	WITHDRAWN Not felt that any specific environmental action is required at any NRTC open space currently
PHE 6: Re-distribute trees from NRTC tree nursery for planting appropriately around the parish	Planning & Environment	2025-26 2026-27	Re-scheduled Awaiting growth to Adequate maturity.
PHE 7: Identify potential areas of NRTC Land for re-wilding and consult local residents on proposals	Planning & Environment	2025-26 2026-27	Re-Scheduled To take into Consideration Land assets following LG Reorganisation
PHE 8: Investigate potential for Supporting local up-cycling and re-cycling projects and organisations	Planning & Environment	2026-27	COMPLETED Implemented by KCC at Mountfield Road Recycling Centre

2. Planning, Highways & Environment

To optimise the movement of people and goods around the Town safely and in a more environmentally friendly manner

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
PHE 9: Identify and secure funding to implement the New Romney Parish Highways Improvement Plan	Planning & Environment	<u>2023-27</u>	PHASE 1 COMPLETED Phase 2 Commenced CIL funds to be allocated By F&GP Committee ON-GOING
PHE 10: Implement 20MPH zones within the Parish as identified within the New Romney Parish Highways Improvement Plan	Planning & Environment	<u>2023-27</u>	PHASE 1 COMPLETED PHASE 2 IN HAND CIL funds to be allocated By F&GP Committee ON-GOING
PHE 11: Implement improvements to junction of Ashford Road / New Romney High Street as identified within the New Romney Parish Highways Improvement Plan	Planning & Environment	2024-25	Commenced: Works approved by Kent Highways and identified in Pentland Homes Improvements to Highways in vicinity of residential development ON-GOING
PHE 12: Continue negotiations with FHDC Re adopting one of the two town centre car parks with a vision of utilising revenue to support funding of local improvements	Full Council	2025-26	Commenced: In discussion Under LG Reorganisation Programme ON-GOING
PHE 13: Lobby Government and KCC for improved local public transport. Investigate links with other Councillors (Parish, District, and County) to consider a Community Bus service with links to hospitals and other major sites/venues	Full Council	2023-24	COMPLETED – COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE IN PLACE

3. Recreation & Amenities

To optimise and encourage use of all Town Council sports, play and exercise facilities

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
RA 1: Provide more varied outdoor play equipment for children	Full Council	2024-25 2026-27	Re-Scheduled Town Clerk / RFO To prepare Consultation with St. Nicholas Academy Spring 2026
RA 2: Seek and secure funding to expand the New Romney Skate Park	Full Council	2025-26	Put on hold – Consider following Local Government Reorganisation
RA 3: Complete adoption of Station Road Area and secure funding to upgrade the equipment on the rear half of the site	Full Council	2024-25	Commenced: In discussion Under LG Reorganisation Programme ON-GOING

3. Recreation & Amenities

To maintain and improve a range of amenities and services to support a good quality of life in New Romney

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
RA 4: Provide picnic benches at Perimeter of St Martin's Field	F&GP	2024-25	Paused: Put on hold due To police advice Re anti-social Behaviour
RA 5: Replace planters around perimeter of St Martin's Field with self-watering planters	F&GP	2024-25	COMPLETED - PLANTERS IN PLACE
RA 6: Prepare a development plan and secure funding to upgrade The Greens as a Destination Coastal Park for play and recreation (eg addition of petanque strip, crazy golf, themed adventure playground, further picnic benches)	Full Council	2025-26 2026-27	Re-scheduled - To be considered Following Local Government Reorganisation
RA 7: Seek and secure funding or loan/ Lease project to provide a NRTC Caretaker van to improve safety and efficiency in maintaining Town Council lands and premises	Full Council	2024-25	COMPLETED - VAN PURCHASED
RA 8: Deliver the completed Community Hall, Sports Pavilion and Nursery project	Full Council	2025-26	COMPLETED - MAUDE COMMUNITY CENTRE NOW OPEN
RA 9: Refurbish or replace railings at The Greens, Littlestone and install inset safety barriers at all pedestrian access points	Full Council	2025-26	Commenced Refurbishment on-going (Posts and rails being replaced in accordance with condition priority)

4. Health & Wellbeing

To develop a community infrastructure in New Romney that nurtures a safe, supportive and inclusive place to live, work and visit

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
HW 1: Provide Dementia Awareness training for all New Romney Town Council Members and Staff	Full Council	2023-24	COMPLETED Several rounds of Training provided
HW 2: Complete all remaining criteria to be accredited as a Dementia Friendly Council	Full Council	2023-24	Commenced: Clerk to review remaining criteria ON-GOING
HW 3: Continue adaptations to New Romney Town Hall and Assembly Rooms to make them more dementia friendly (upgrade Town Hall lighting / repaint door frames in both buildings in contrasting colour in line with rolling maintenance programme)	F&GP	2024-25	Commenced: Décor-related change Undertaken in line With rolling maintenance programme ON-GOING
HW 4: Support Primary Care Network with sharing of healthcare communications and provision of additional building space for delivery of healthcare services	Health & Wellbeing	2024-25	COMPLETED: Health & Wellbeing Committee established and opportunities for assisting with communicating local healthcare matters discussed via this committee ON-GOING
HW 5: Expand links on NRTC website to include details of more local support organisations	Health & Wellbeing	2024-25	COMPLETED: Additional appropriate links to local support organisations added to NRTC website as they are identified ON-GOING

5. Town & Community

To develop a community infrastructure in New Romney that nurtures a safe, supportive and inclusive place to live, work and visit

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 1: Lobby Government/KCC/Kent Police to re-establish a visible local police presence and to retain KCC Community Wardens	Full Council	2023-24	OUTDATED – WITHDRAWN KCC Community Wardens Team stood down prior to adoption of this Strategic Plan; named Kent Police Officer for local area already established
TC 2: Create disabled parking bay(s) on NRTC land at the end of The Greens, Littlestone to improve accessibility of this open recreational space	Full Council	2026-27	
TC 3: Provide funding support for the retention of local youth club provision	F&GP	2025-26	WITHDRAWN – No youth club to Support financially
TC 4: Organise a Community Service event to publicise what is on offer to local residents in terms of volunteer support and services	Health & Wellbeing	2024-25 2026-27	Re-scheduled and Amended: NRTC to man a table at RMCH Community Service Event to promote NRTC as source of Resident support
TC 5: Establish a Youth Council to engage and respond to the needs of local young people	Full Council	2024-25	Commenced: Youth Council Constitution adopted. ON-GOING – TO BE RE-VISITED

5. Town & Community

To support local businesses and encourage economic development in New Romney

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 6: Install an electronic information board in the Town Centre area to promote the Town and advertise local businesses with a vision of generating additional revenue from advertising	F&GP	2025-26	WITHDRAWN – Not viable as Existing competition In High Street (2 already in Place)
TC 7: Develop a plan for increased use of St. Martin's Field, and the Greens, for community events with a long term vision of establishing a community events calendar (eg to include annual community picnic, annual Armed Services Day event, annual Pride event etc) or a New Romney Festival Week	Full Council	2024-25 2026-27	Re-scheduled and Amended – Increase existing events To include Annual Community Picnic Commencing Spring 2027

5. Town & Community

To effectively communicate, consult and engage with our residents, partners, employees, local businesses, visitors and the public sector (eg local authorities, health and education)

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 8: Return Council meetings to the Town Hall Council Chamber and revert to Monday evening meetings to reduce clashes with District Council meetings	Full Council	2023-24	COMPLETED Council Chamber Available for meetings – Regular use hindered by lack of heating; in hand
TC 9: Routinely publish links to details of local planning applications on NRTC social media	Planning & Environment	2023-24	COMPLETED On-going practice now established to highlight local planning apps via NRTC social media
TC 10: Establish a policy of submitting regular monthly articles for publication in Romney Marsh Community Ad magazine which is delivered directly to every local household	Full Council	2023-24	COMPLETED Policy of utilising monthly Community Ad publication for publicising NRTC activity established and implemented
TC 11: Create video recordings of all Civic Services and Ceremonies for publication on Town Council social media to increase civic engagement	Full Council	2024-25	COMPLETED Commenced with Recordings of D-Day 80 events posted on NRTC social media. ON-GOING
TC 12: To establish other social media means by which we make the Council more accessible and engaging	Full Council	2024-25	COMPLETED Options investigated & not feasible at present

5. Town & Community

To effectively communicate, consult and engage with our residents, partners, employees, local businesses, visitors and the public sector (eg local authorities, health and education)

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 13: Re-instate Town Centre NRTC noticeboard in High Street	F&GP	2024-25	COMPLETED Noticeboard Installed in High Street
TC 14: Develop and adopt Policy Statement that places an expectation on Town Council Members to attend Civic Services and Ceremonies / Town Council events to (i) demonstrate commitment to the Town and its residents and (ii) engage with members of the community and increase visibility of the Council	Full Council	2024-25	COMPLETED - POLICY APPROVED & ADOPTED

5. Town & Community

To make sure that New Romney continues to attract tourists to the area

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 15: Complete and publicise (via NRTC website/social media and leaflets) the Town Trail	F&GP	2024-25	COMPLETED Installation of Town Trail completed; Leaflets received And distributed.
TC 16: Develop a Policy for utilisation of The Cinque Ports brand	Full Council	2024-25 2026-27	Re-scheduled & Commenced: Clerk to adapt existing Policy for NRTC. Cinque Ports Crest to be added to all formal docs and press/ publicity materials
TC 17: Replace Town signage at entry points to the Town ('Welcome' gates with crest / reference to 'Ancient Cinque Port Town')	Planning & Environment F&GP/ Full Council	2024-25 2026-27	Re-scheduled & Commenced: Cost estimates sought - provision subject to CIL funding availability
TC 18: Prepare a Business Plan for potential provision of a summer tourist road train	Full Council	2025-26	WITHDRAWN – Not feasible at the current time; staff focus on Local Government Reorganisation
TC 19: See RA6 (P11) Upgrade of The Greens as a Destination Coastal Park	Full Council	2025-26 2026-27	Re-scheduled To consider following Local Government Reorganisation

5. Town & Community

To promote the arts and culture in New Romney

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 20: Actively promote established local events on NRTC website and social media (eg JAM on the Marsh, New Romney Country Fayre, Light Up New Romney)	Full Council	2023-24	COMPLETED All established local events are Actively promoted via NRTC website and social media page
TC 21: Install a Town Sign in the Town Centre/historic centre of the Town to Identify with the Town's history	Full Council	2024-25	Commenced: Cost estimates sought

5. Town & Community

To maintain and improve a range of amenities and services to support a good quality of life in New Romney

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 22: Lobby FHDC to re-develop the Disused play area in Dagleish Close	Full Council	2025-26	WITHDRAWN Outdated due to FHDC Play Strategy
TC 23: Undertake a post-community hall project review of NRTC buildings use	F&GP	2026-27	Commenced; Project review meeting Date currently being Arranged with project Management team
TC 24: Install 2x Town benches (currently In storage) in New Romney High Street	F&GP	2024-25	COMPLETED – 2X BENCHES NOW IN SITU
TC 25: Re-develop the toilet block on The Greens, Littlestone, to provide a café facility with external public toilet(s) and generate revenue to support local improvements	Full Council	2026-27	Commenced: Discussion opened With Interested party and Natural England

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NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
4th FEBRUARY 2026

CLAIMED ADDITION TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP OF PUBLIC RIGHTS
OF WAY OF SEVERAL BYWAYS AT ROMNEY MARSH

New Romney Town Council have received a request from KCC for comment on the claimed addition to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way of several Byways at Romney Marsh. The County Council has received several applications, made on behalf of the British Horse Society, under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the legal record of public rights of way, known as the Definitive Map, by adding at Byway Open to All Traffic status the following routes:

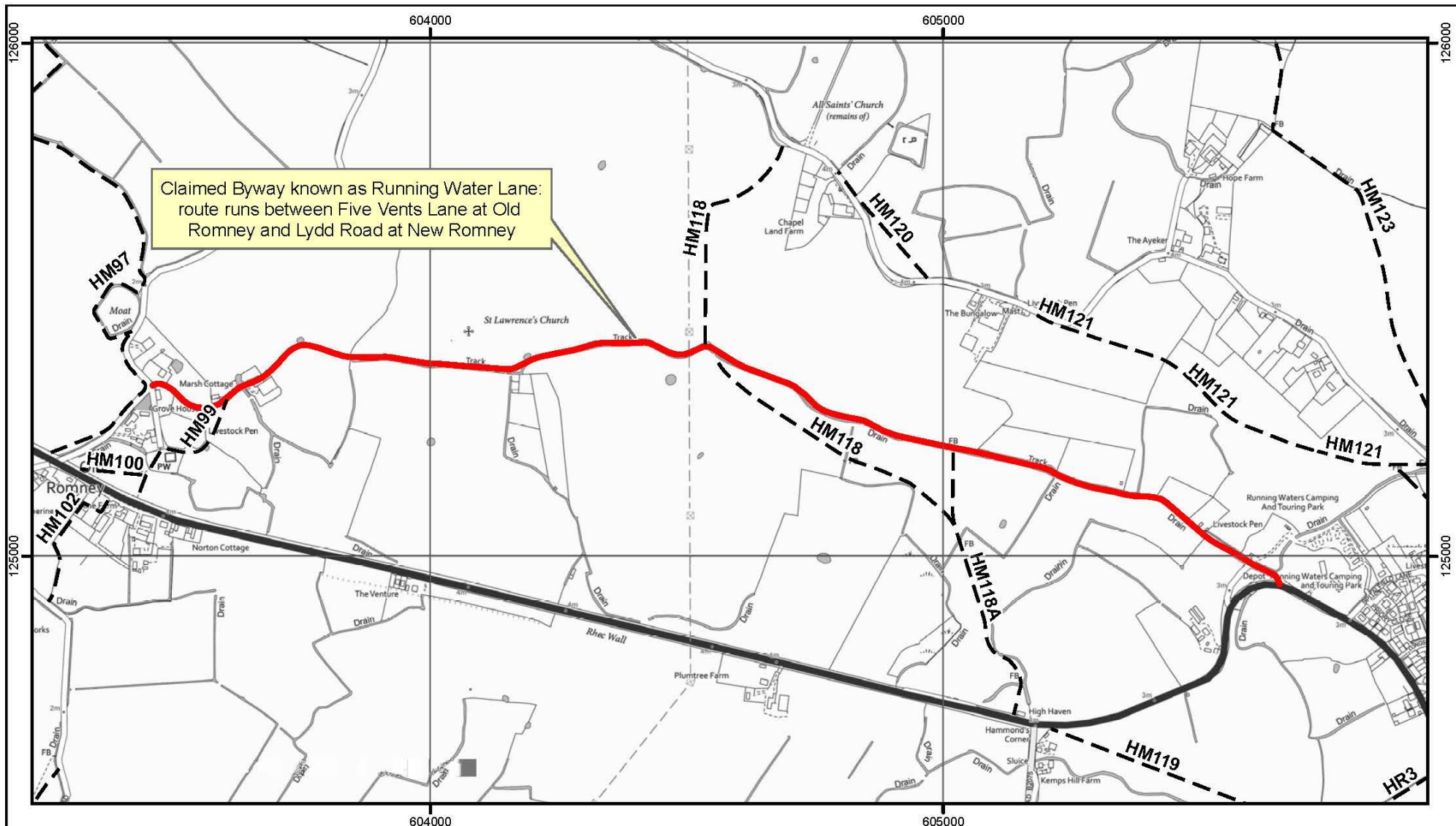
- A route running between Five Vents Lane at Old Romney and Lydd Road at New Romney, known as Running Water Lane (application reference C479);
- A route running between Kennards Lane at Snargate and King Street at Brookland, known as Saddler's Well Lane (application reference C480);
- A route running between Beggarsbush Lane at Old Romney and Barnhouse Lane at Ivychurch, known at its northern end as Eighteen Acres Lane and at its southern end as Mountain Lane (application reference C481);
- A route running between Ashford Road and Rhee Wall at Old Romney, known as Yoakes Lane (application reference C482);
- A route running between Wenhams Lane and Yoakes Lane (above), known as Yoakes Bridge Lane (application reference C483);
- A route running between Rhee Wall and Beggarsbush Lane at Old Romney, known as Millbank Lane (application reference C497);
- A route running between Romney Road in Lydd and Swamp Road in Old Romney, known as Kingsmarsh Lane (application reference C498); and
- A route known at its eastern end as Washington Lane and its western end as Narrowbush Lane in the parishes of Ivychurch and Old Romney (application reference C522).

Under section 53(5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, any person may apply to the County Council to have the Definitive Map modified where it is considered that a public right of way which is not shown on the map is reasonably alleged to

subsist. In this case, the application has been made on the basis that it is alleged the evidence available indicates that the ways listed above were historically old roads and continue to be so. Please note that all of the routes in question are already recorded on the County Council's List of Streets as highways maintainable at public expense (see <https://www.findmystreet.co.uk/map>).

The County Council has a legal duty to investigate all such applications and, as part of this process, I would appreciate your comments on this applications, together with any substantiating evidence that you feel it might be worthwhile the County Council considering. Should you wish to make any representations or submit any evidence (either in support of or in opposition to all or any of the applications), I would be grateful if you could ensure that these reach me no later than Monday 23rd February 2026. Please clearly state to which application(s) your representation relates when responding.

Please see attached plans showing the routes in question for your information.

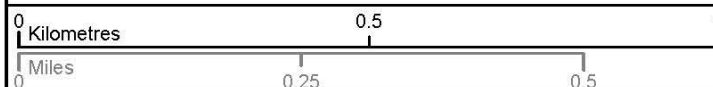


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- Claimed Byway

Claimed Byway Open to All Traffic known as Running Water Lane in the parishes of Old Romney and New Romney

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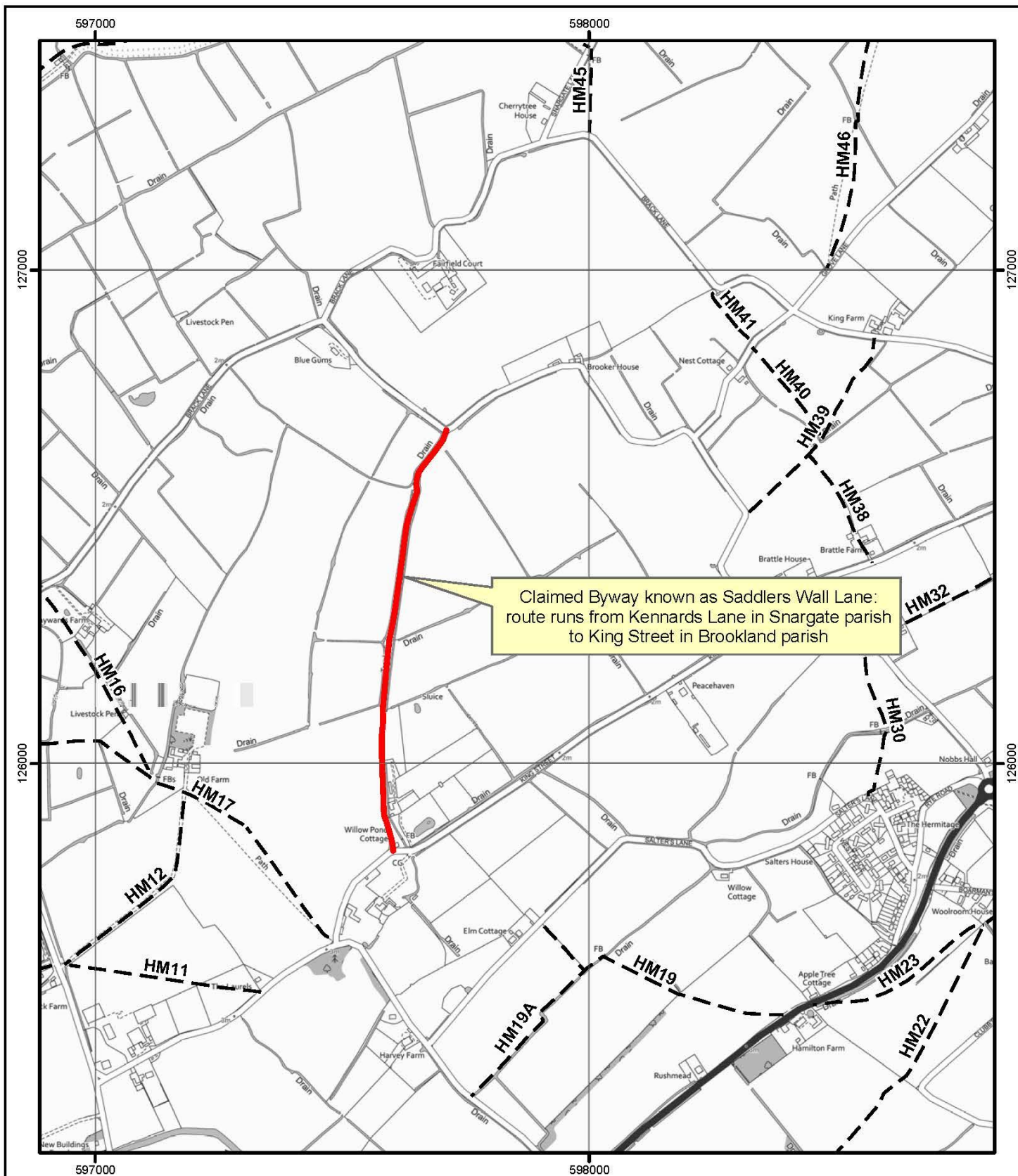
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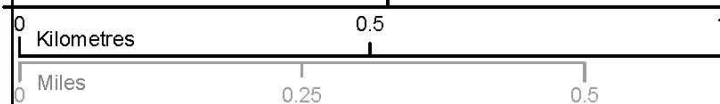
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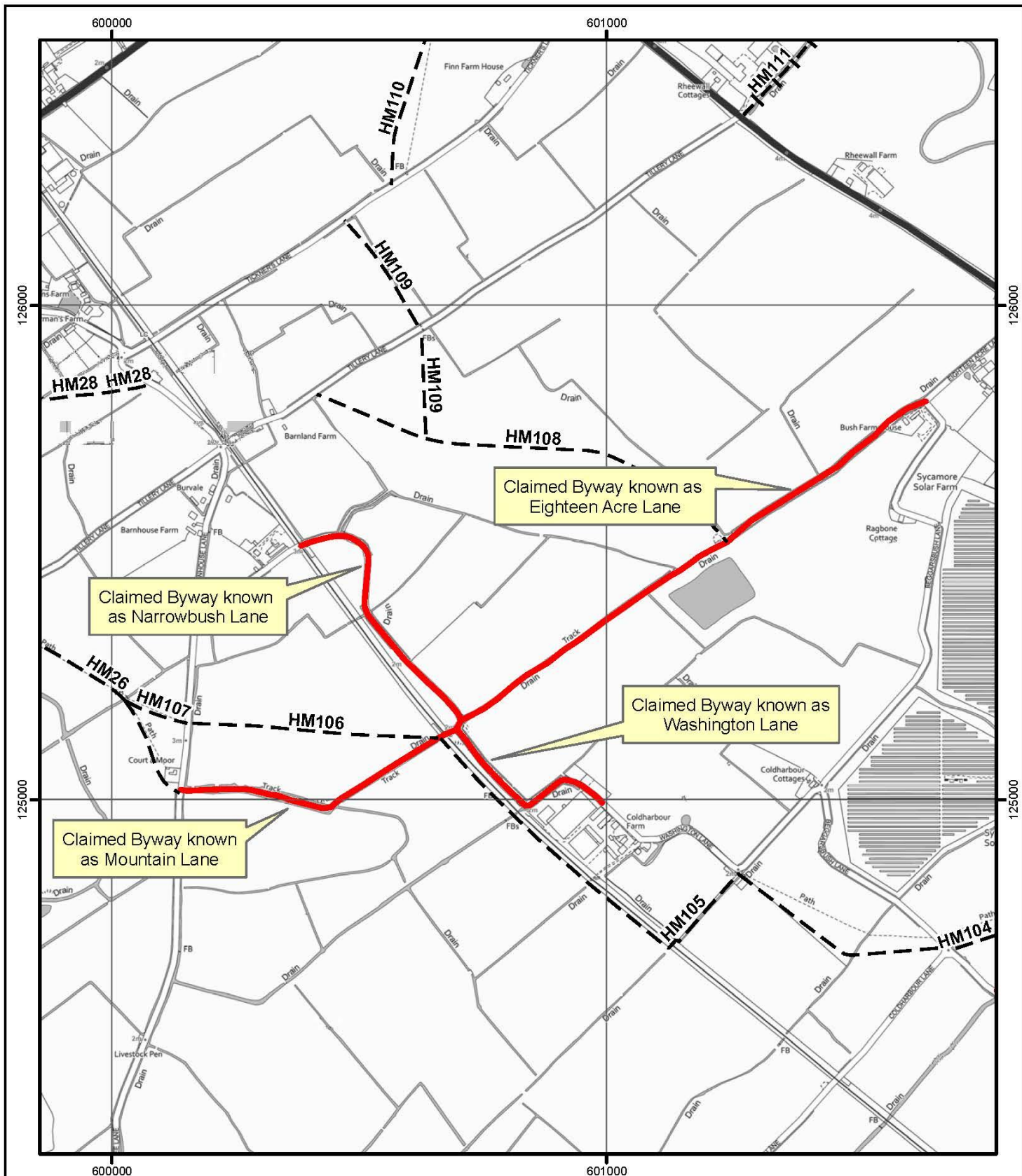


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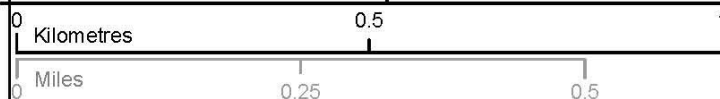
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Claimed Byways Open to All Traffic in the parishes of Ivychurch and Old Romney

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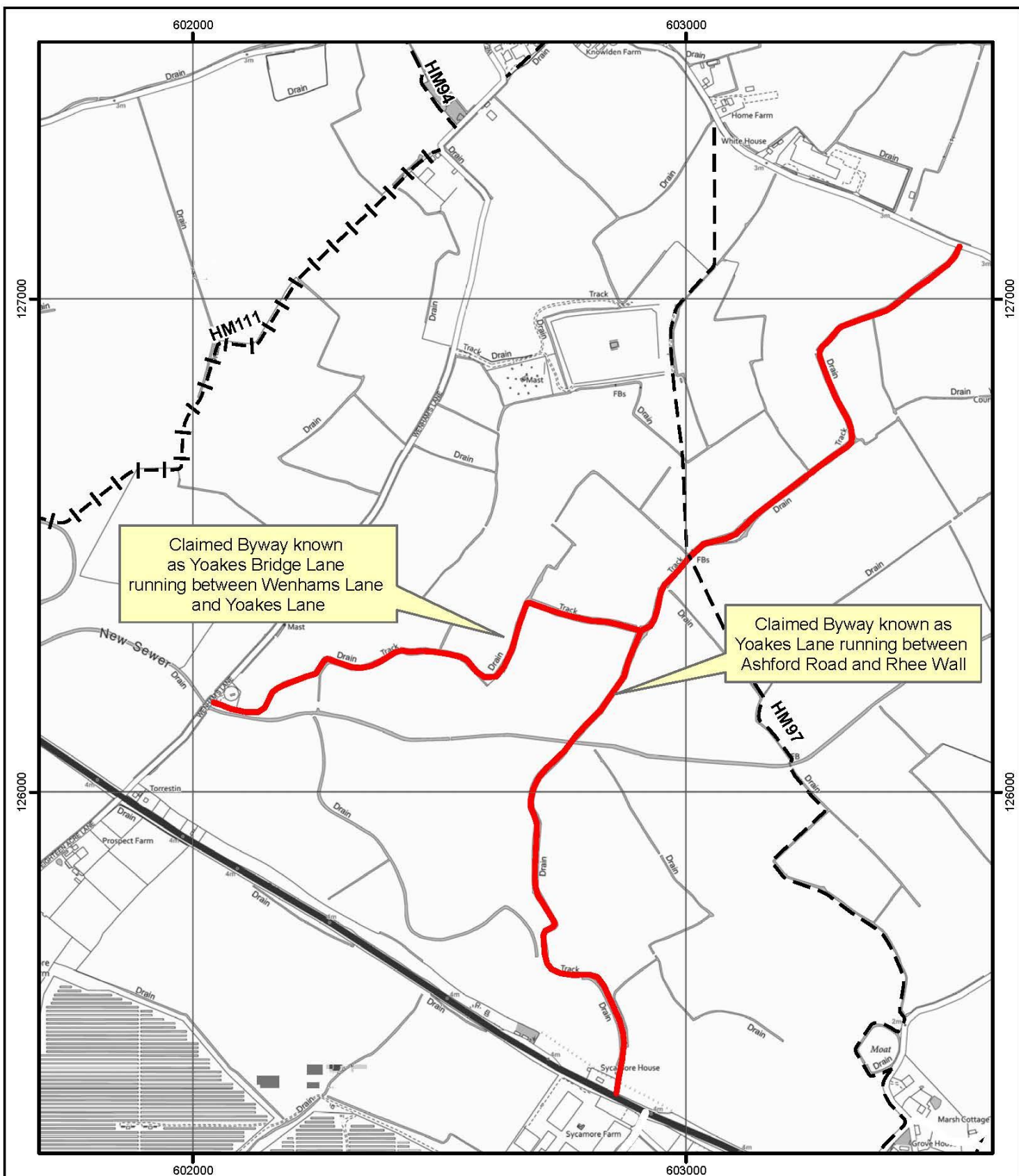


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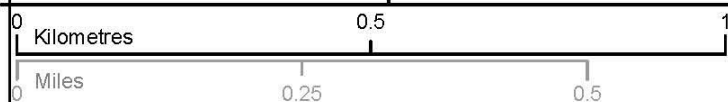
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Claimed Byways Open to All Traffic known as Yoakes Lane and Yoakes Bridge Lane in the parishes of Ivychurch and Old Romney

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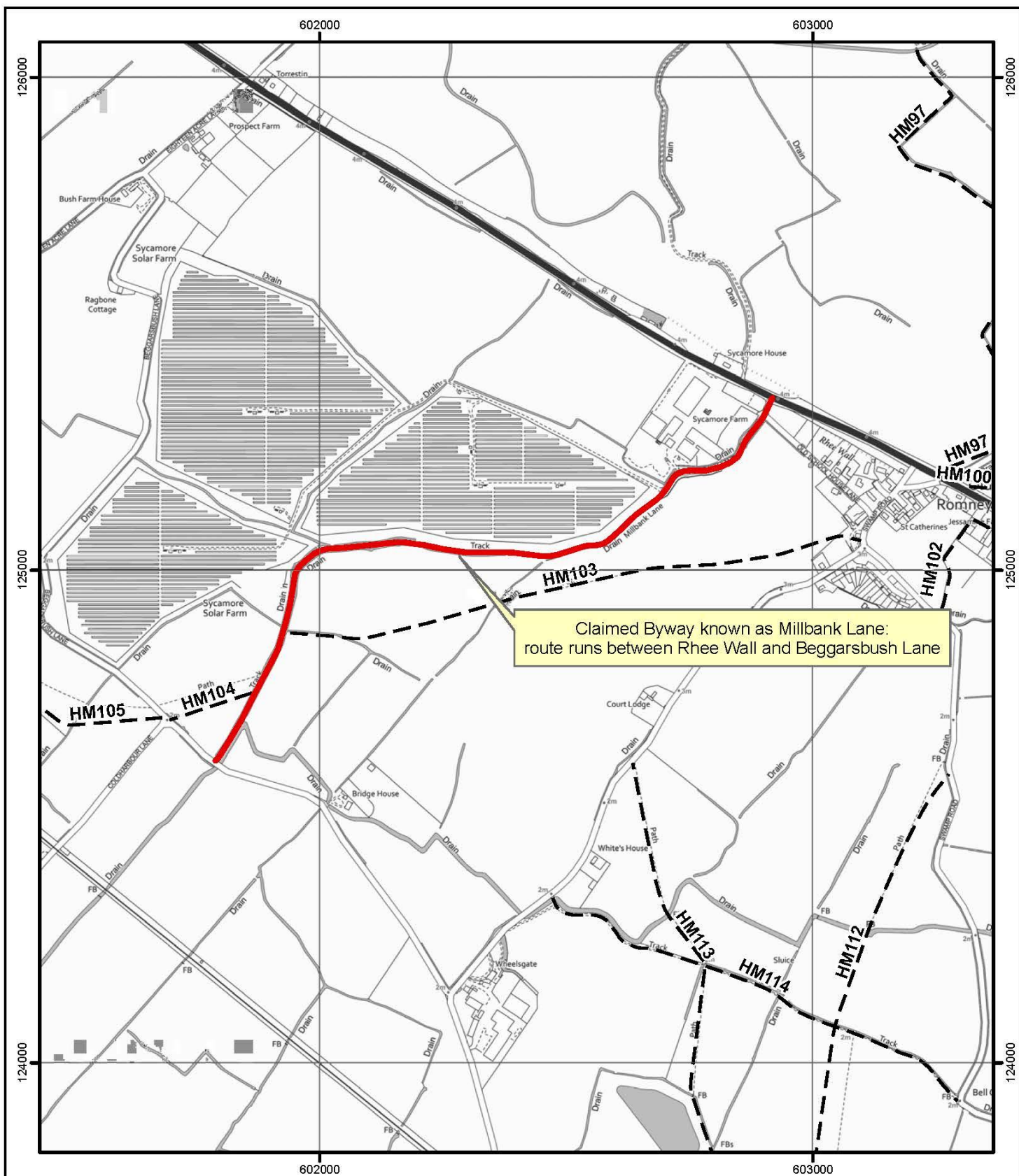


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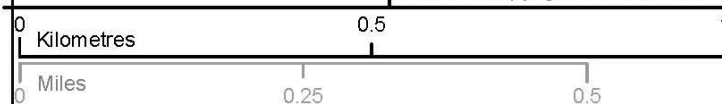
Claimed Byway Open to All Traffic known as Millbank Lane at Old Romney

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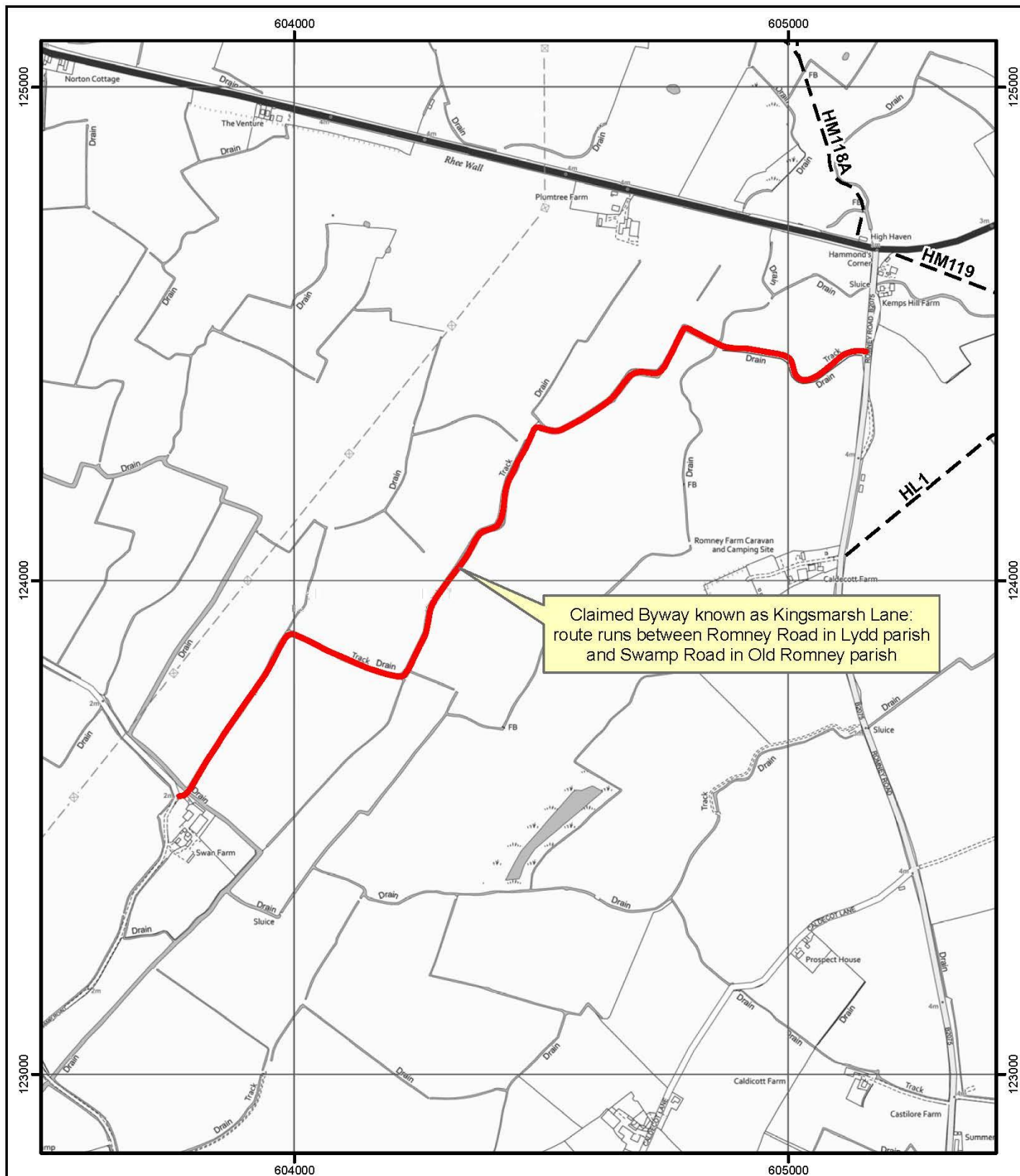


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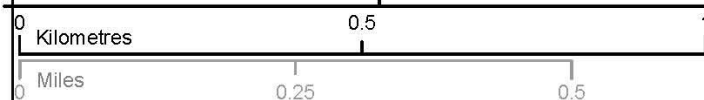
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- Claimed Byway

Claimed Byway Open to All Traffic known as Kingsmarsh Lane in the parishes of Old Romney and Lydd

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