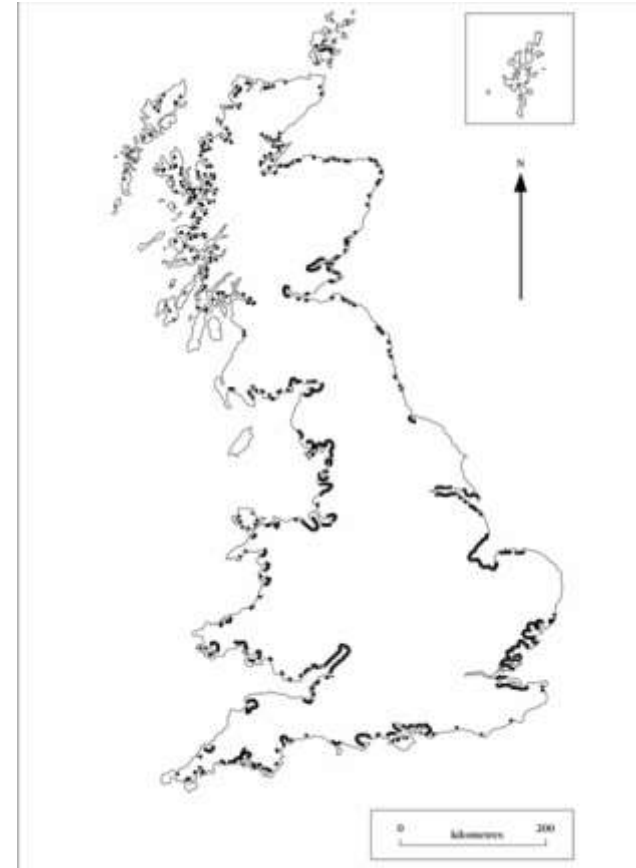


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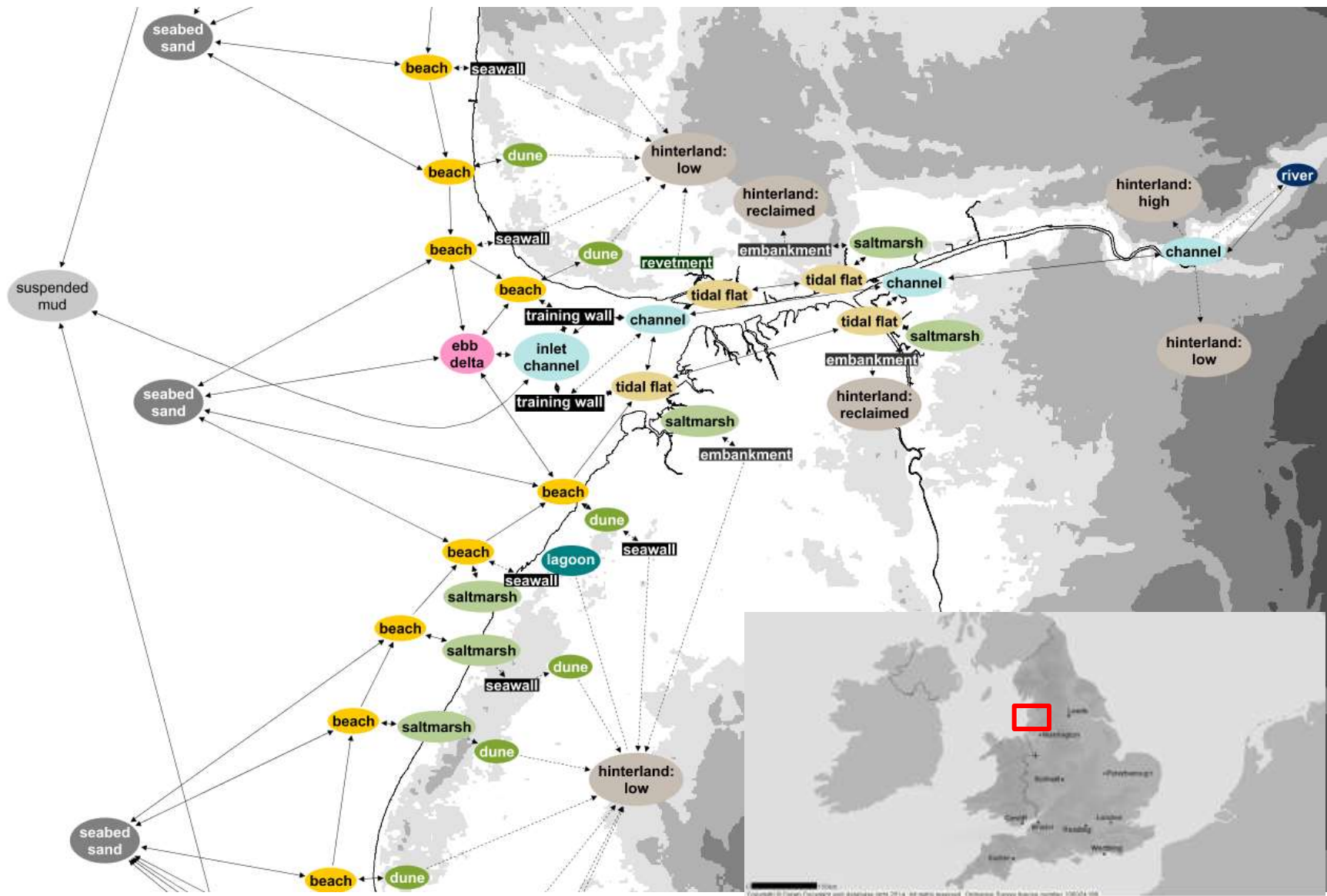


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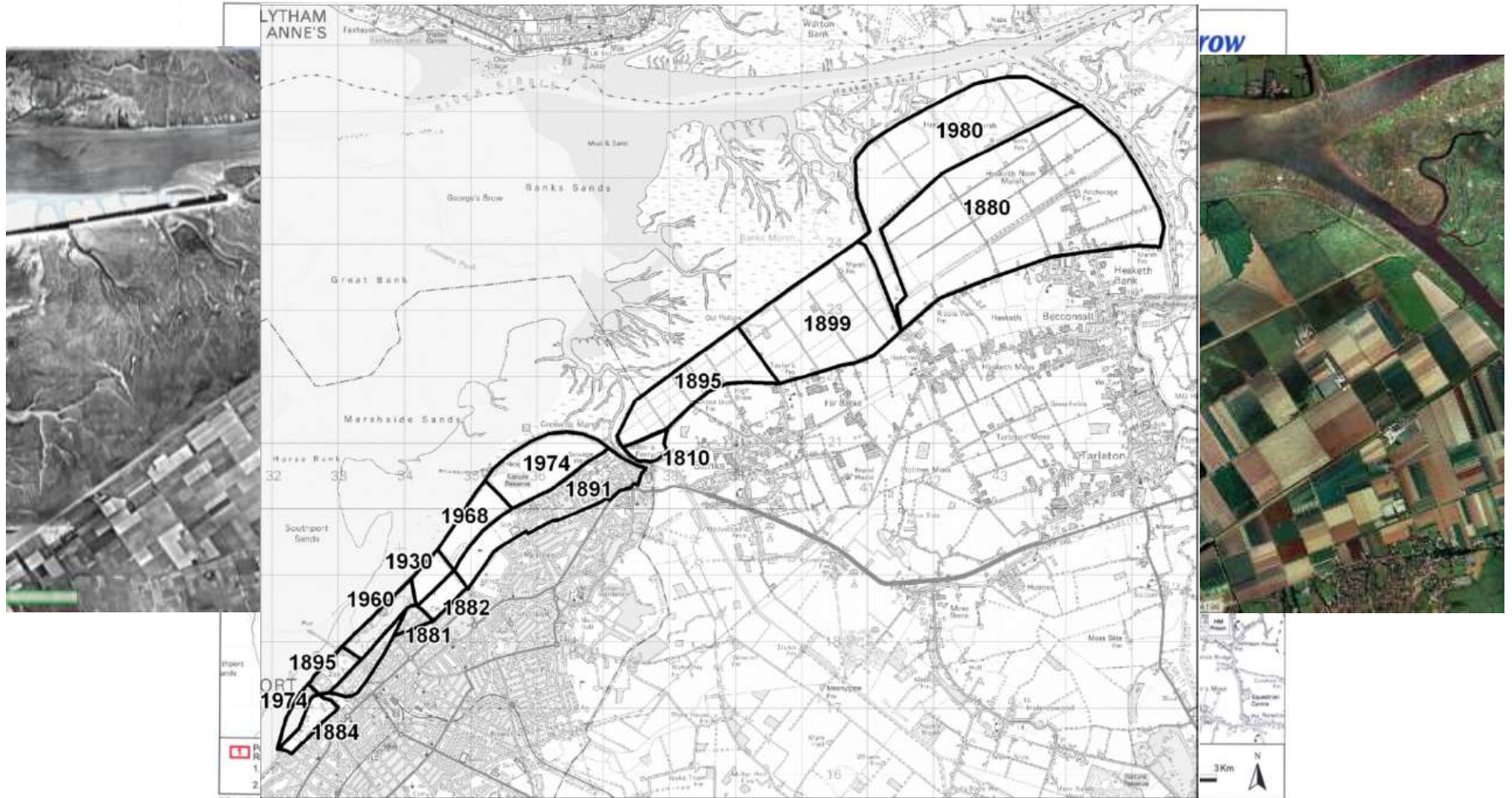


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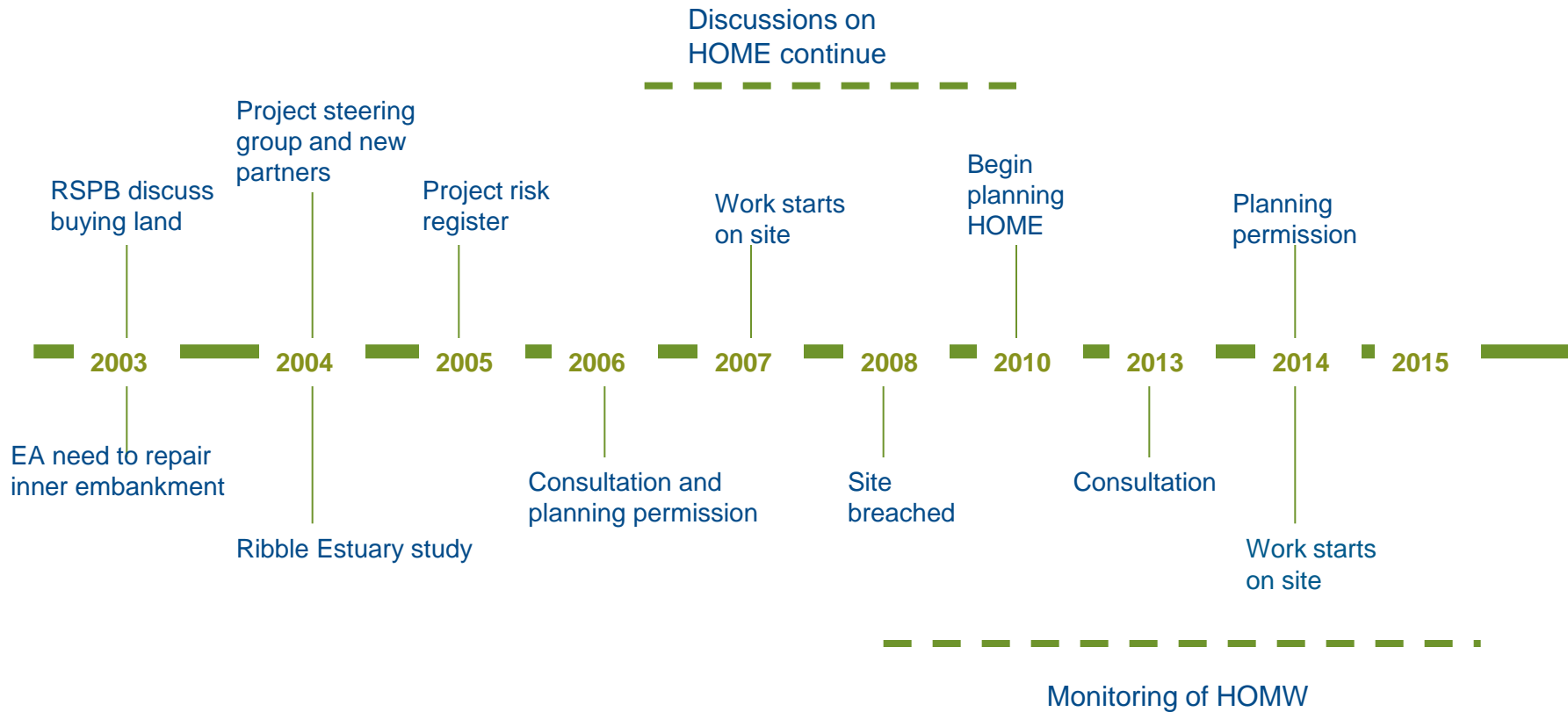


Project objectives

- Habitat creation
- Create bird reserve
- Hold the existing line of defence
- Maintain the public Right of Way



Project timeline




Consultation


	HOMW	HOME
Style of consultation	Decide – defend	Options – Consult – design – consult – decide
Consultees	Residents, farmers, anglers, ramblers, shellfishers, wildfowlers	+ Canal and Rivers Trust, Air base, Airport
Concerns	RoW, drainage, flooding, bathing water	Bird strikes, loss of navigation
Objections	None	Bird strikes, loss of navigation
Outcome		Extra time and cost to resolve

Overcoming barriers

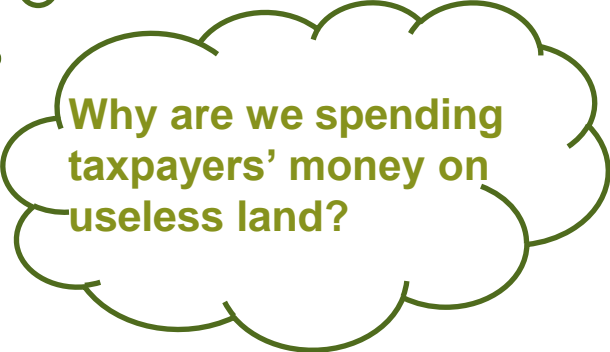
- Perception
- Conflict of interest
- Cost




Why are we bringing water closer to homes?



What about bird strikes on aircraft?



Why are we spending taxpayers' money on useless land?



Conflicts of interest

Gull cull?

Air travel

Military
Defence

Agriculture

Recreation

Upgrade
land
drainage

Delay
breach

Flood risk

Navigation

Fishery

Agree to
dredge

Bathing
waters

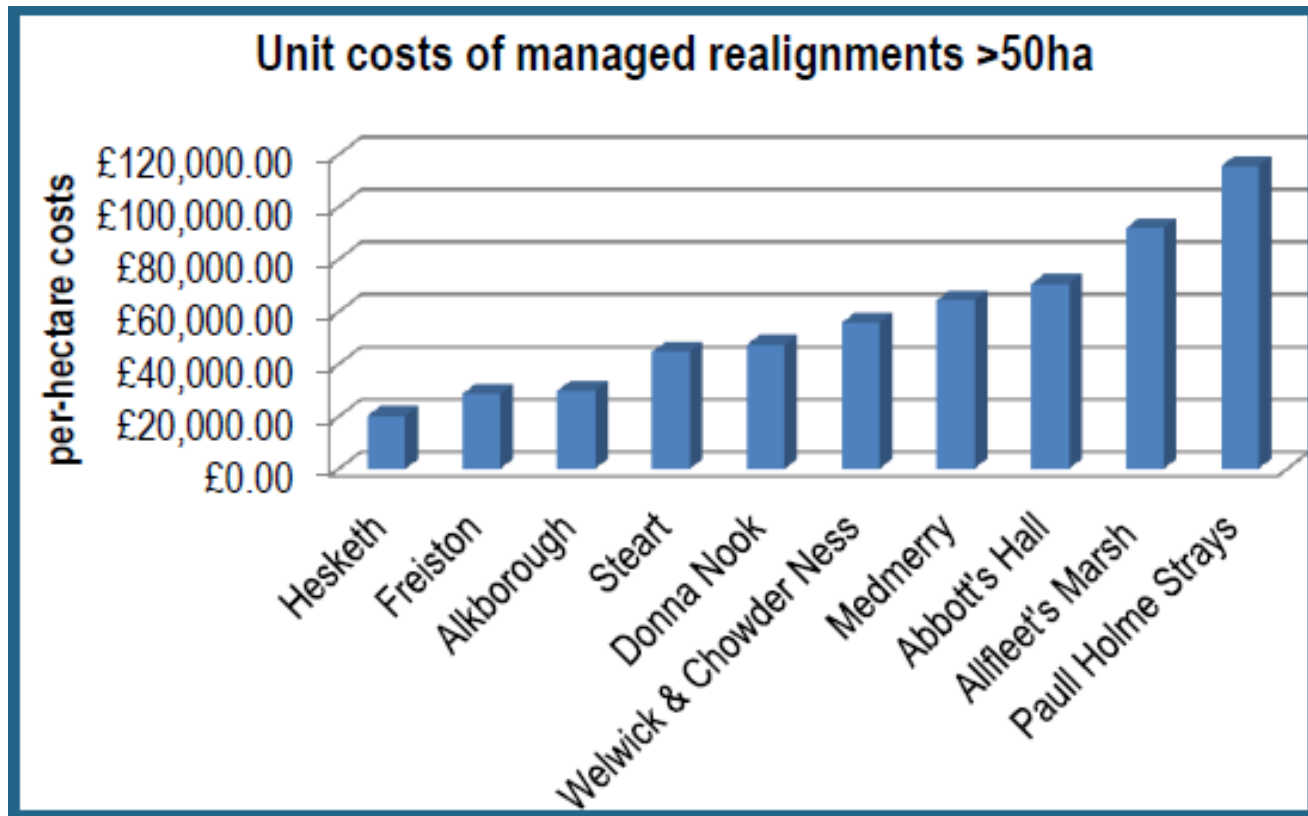
Protected habitats
and species

Grazing
agreement

Accept bird
gardening



Cost



Nature vs people?

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Proposition

Promote human benefits and downplay nature conservation aspects to make managed realignment more acceptable