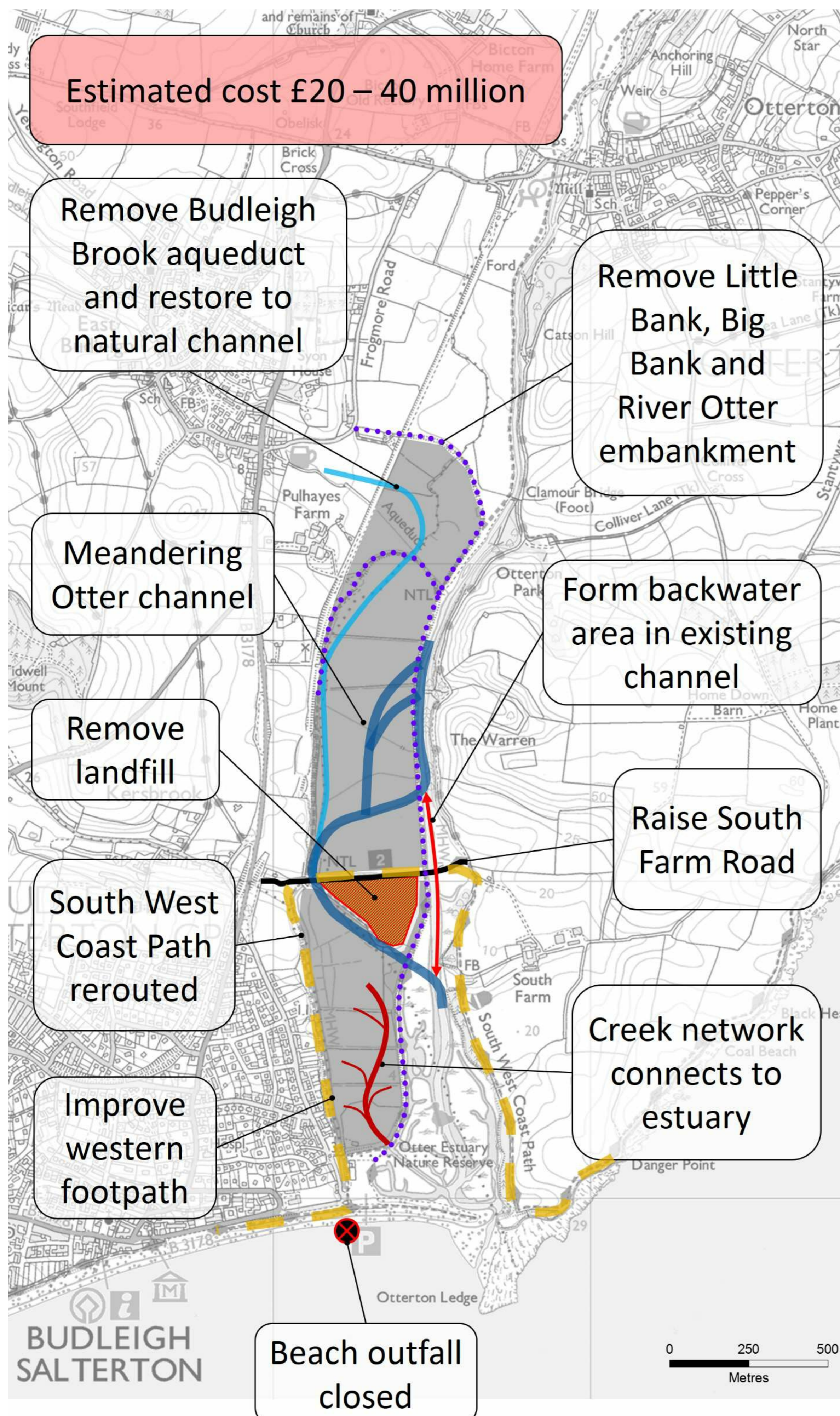


Lower Otter Restoration Project

Option 1 – Full Scale Restoration

This option involves realigning the main river along a more meandering route through its floodplain by digging new river channels. All manmade obstructions in the floodplain are removed, including the old municipal tip and embankments. South Farm Road is raised on a bridge, the South West Coast Path diverted, and the cricket field moved off site.



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Pros:

- Restores the lower Otter valley to a near-natural state.
- Enhances intertidal and freshwater habitats.
- Removes the old municipal tip with land available for additional intertidal habitat.
- Reduces risk of flooding to South Farm Road.

Cons:

- Requires bridge spanning the estuary for South Farm Road.
- Reduces public access.
- Restricts access along lowered embankments by flooding.
- Moves large volumes of material off site.

Risks:

- Contamination from landfill removal.
- Impact on drinking water supplies from groundwater.