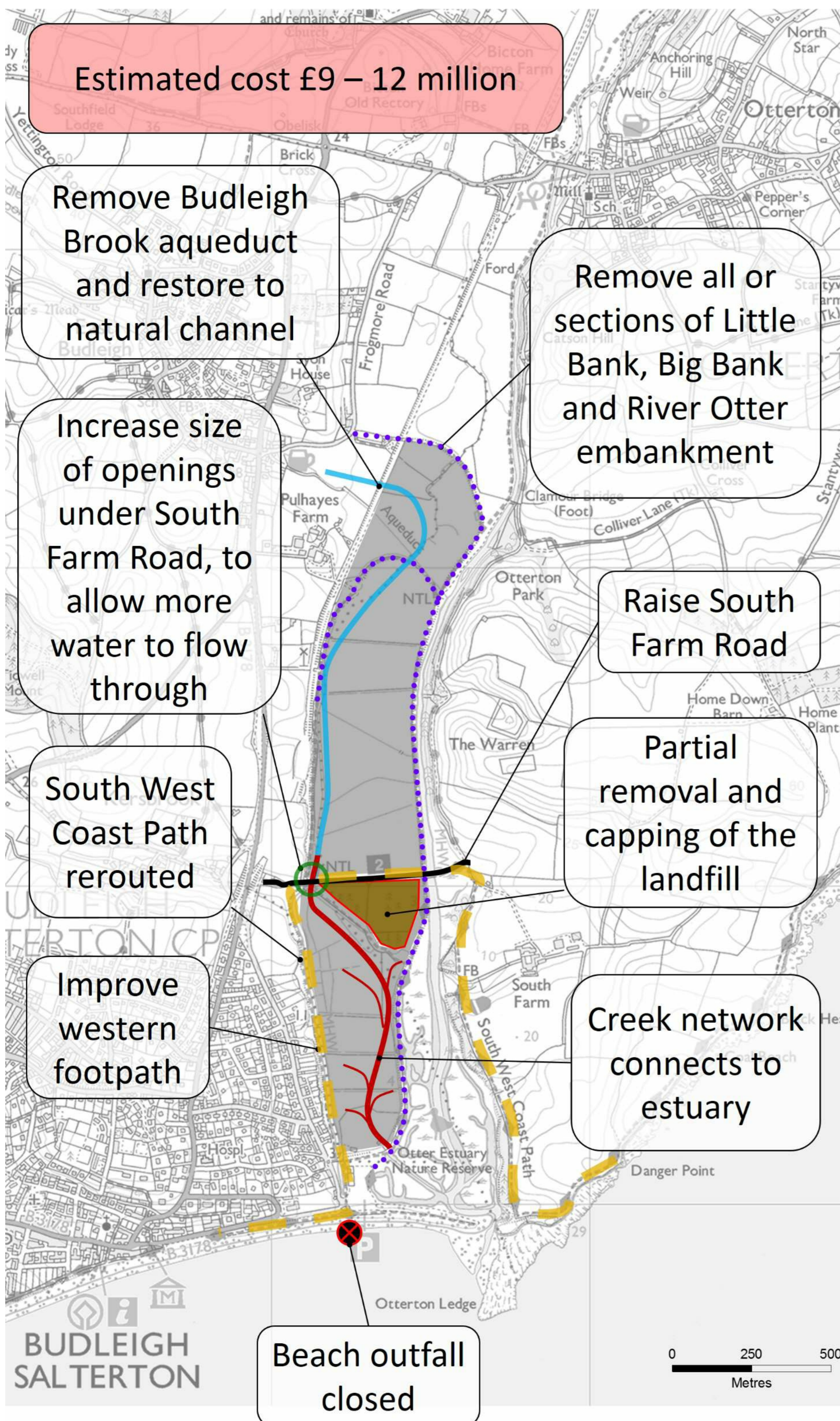


Lower Otter Restoration Project

Option 2 – Assisted Natural Recovery

This option is similar to Option 1, but does not involve creating a new meandering channel for the River Otter. Instead, it removes obstructions, such as the embankments and part of the old municipal tip. South Farm Road is raised, the South West Coast Path diverted, and the cricket field moved off site.



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Pros:

- Allows the lower Otter valley to adapt naturally to climate change.
- Enhances intertidal and freshwater habitats.
- Reduces risk of flooding to South Farm Road.

Cons:

- Reduces public access.
- Restricts access along lowered embankments by flooding.
- Moves large volumes of material off site.

Risks:

- River Otter responds unpredictably, changing its course.
- Erosion of landfill leading to contamination.
- Impact on drinking water supplies from groundwater.