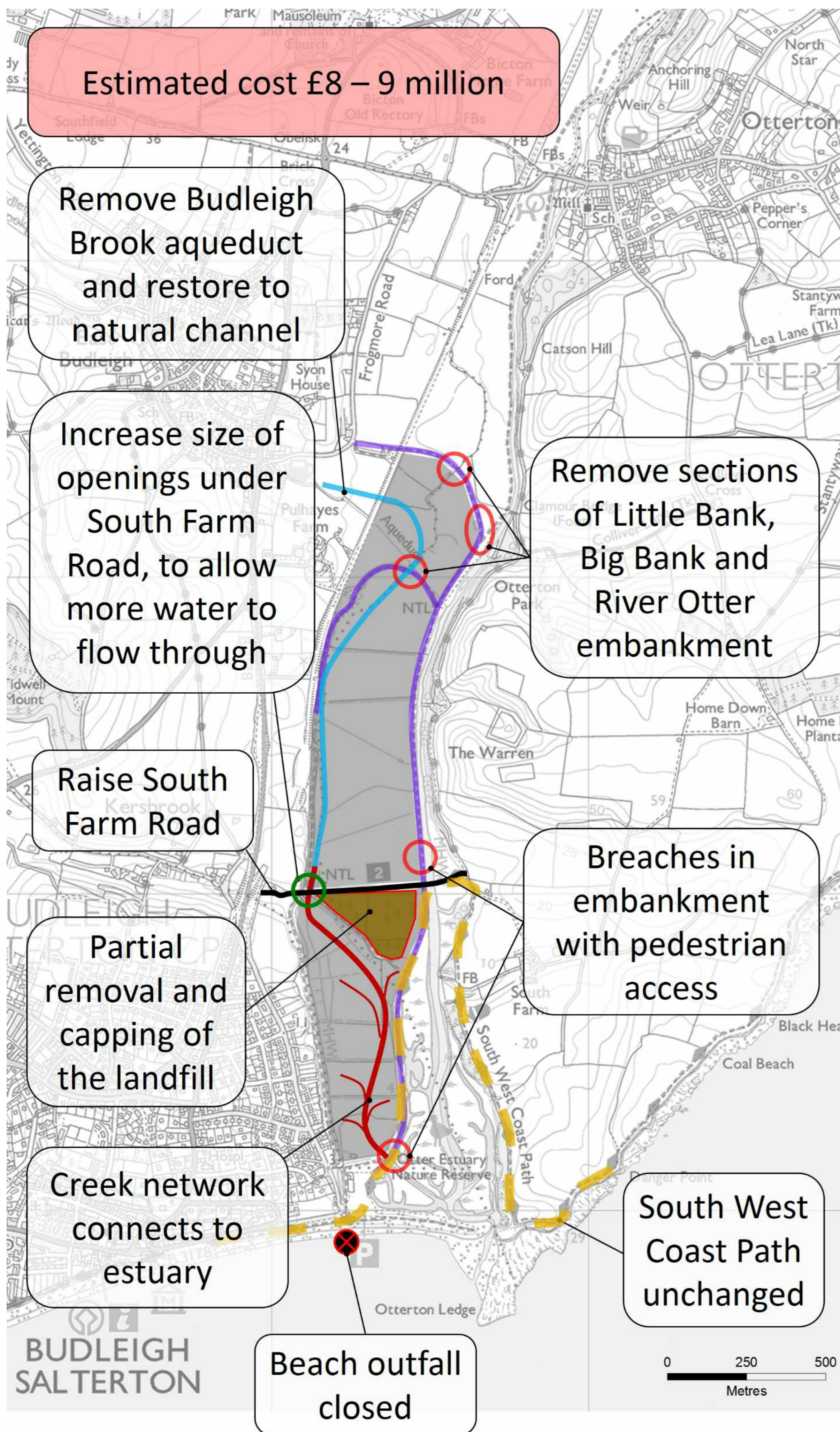


Lower Otter Restoration Project

Option 3 – Big and Little Marsh Floodplain Restoration

This option is similar to Option 2, but keeps most of the embankments where they are. Breaches in Little Bank, Big Bank and the River Otter embankment allow water to flow through the line of the embankments. South Farm Road is raised and the cricket field moved off site.



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Pros:

- Enables sustainable functioning of the lower Otter valley in the long term.
- Enhances intertidal and freshwater habitats.
- Maintains current route of South West Coast Path.
- Reduces risk of flooding to South Farm Road.

Cons:

- Less naturally functioning than Options 1 and 2.
- Restricts access along lowered sections of Little and Big Bank by flooding.

Risks:

- Erosion of landfill leading to contamination.
- Impact on drinking water supplies from groundwater.