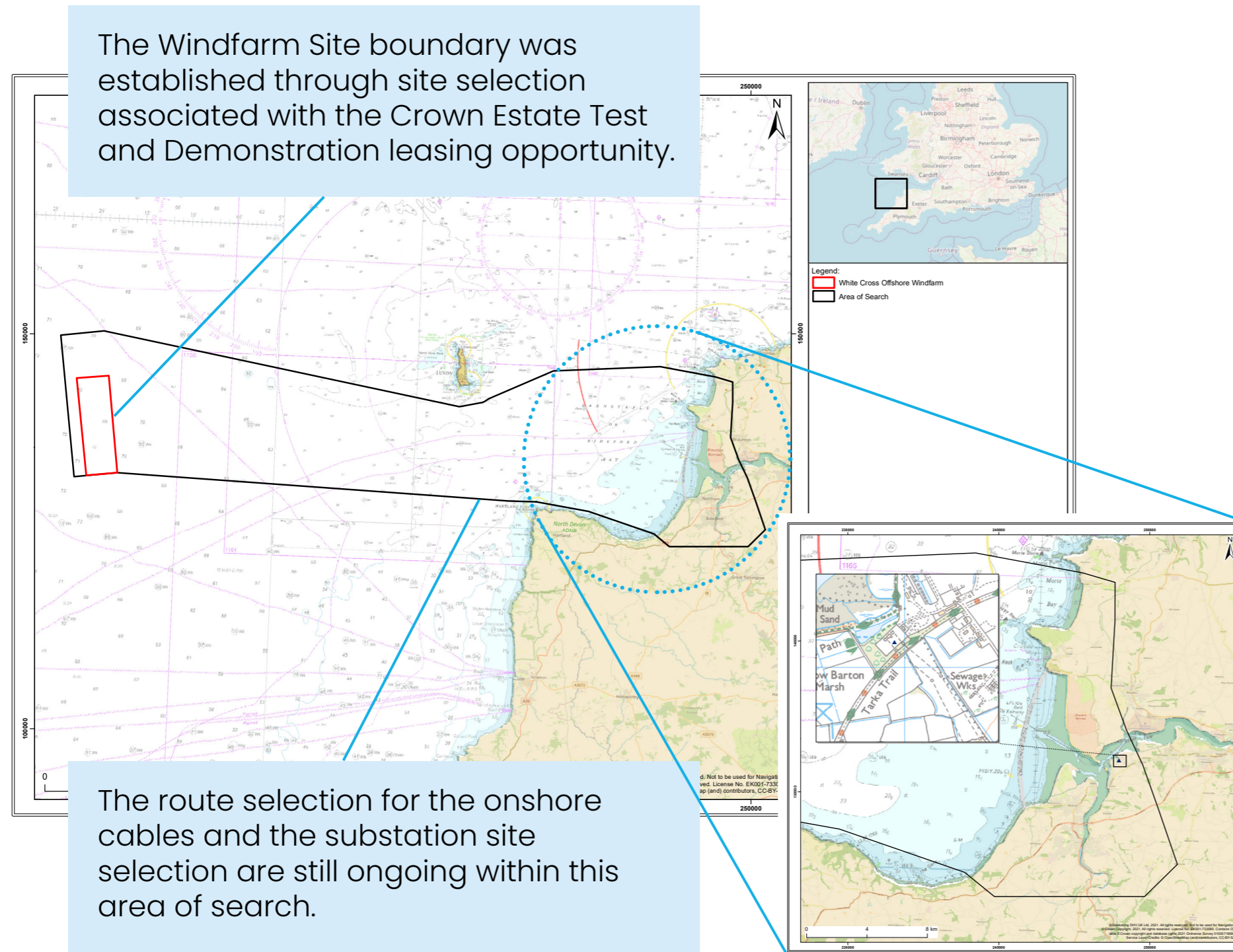


## White Cross Offshore Windfarm infrastructure

The windfarm will export electricity to shore through cables that run under the seabed until they reach landfall. From there, they will be buried underground until they join the electricity network (which transmits electricity to homes and businesses) at East Yelland Substation.

A detailed optioneering process considered the technical, economic and environmental constraints within the area of search shown below.



**Question 1:** To help us select our cable route and substation location are there any other factors:

- you would like us to take into consideration when we are looking at our areas of search?
- which are important locally which you would like to make us aware of?

Over the last 6-12 months feedback received has informed our decision making and has helped us to evaluate the onshore and offshore cable route. The two governing onshore cable routes being considered are:

- a shorter route that passes through/under the Braunton Burrows Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- a second route that circumvents the Braunton Burrows SAC with landfall at the Northerly end of Saunton Sands beach

On option 1, there are many examples of permanently buried cables and pipelines running through sensitive beach and sand dune areas. After on-site discussions and consultation, it emerged that 'biodiversity net gain' within the SAC might be possible by working with key stakeholders.

However, we are respectful of the sensitivities associated with development involving the SAC and retain an alternative option.

