

1. Introduction

This document is Volume 4a of the ES and sets out the key features relating to the baseline environment, the project works and the impacts mapping for each route window in the central route section. This volume should be read in conjunction with the corresponding ES text. The assessment for the central route section can be found in Volume 2.

The central route section has, for the purposes of assessment, been broken down into component route windows. The route windows are mapped as follows:

- the key environmental features, such as ecological designations and listed buildings, are shown on maps C1(i) to C13a(i);
- worksite locations, and temporary impacts are shown on maps C1(ii) to C13a(ii); and
- the permanent land take requirements (including the main physical components of the project) and the permanent impacts, are shown in maps C1(iii) to C13a(iii).

Route-wide, cumulative impacts, reported in Chapter 7 of the ES, are not shown on the Maps.

The definitions, sources and extent of the various features mapped are summarised in the following tables.