

The Chess Valley Walk

A 10 mile walk in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Circular Walk

Directions

- The Chess Valley Walk is approximately 10 miles long and can be completed in a day or followed in short sections. You can return to the start points by train from the Metropolitan Line stations at Chalfont & Latimer, Chorleywood or Rickmansworth.
- For information on train times and fares, contact Transport for London www.tfl.gov.uk. Bus and train information can be obtained from Traveline www.traveline.org.uk.
- The route can be followed in either direction and is clearly waymarked. Most of the route is on public footpaths but there are short sections on roads.

Features of Interest

1 The area known as 'The Moor' is actually a large island. It was created in the 10th century by Lady Elgiva who diverted the Chess and built a mill here as recorded in the Domesday Book.



2 Latimer Park Farm is the site of a Roman Farm Villa, dating from the 1st century AD.



3 Built in 1838, Latimer House occupies the site of the original 16th century manor house. Lancelot 'Capability' Brown is thought to have been involved in the design of the surrounding parkland.

4 The brick tomb surrounded by iron railings marks the final resting place of William Liberty, who died in 1777. Many of his family are buried at the site of Flaunden Church between here and the river.

5 The 15th century, Chenies Manor played host to both Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. The house and gardens are open to the public at certain times.



6 Frogmore Meadows are home to plants, such as ragged robin, marsh marigold and meadowsweet. Water voles and little egrets may also be seen.

7 Sarratt Bottom Watercress Beds provide a habitat for herons, grey wagtail and the elusive water rail.



8 The terraced field rising up the valley side is thought to date from the 9th century. The characteristic steps, or 'strip lynchets' formed by the action of ploughing along the slope, may have been the site of mediaeval vineyards.

9 Chorleywood House Estate is an area of open access land owned by the local council. The house itself is now in private ownership, but the grounds provide an ideal place to stop for a picnic. The Edwardian sunken garden, historic parkland, woodland and meadows offer a range of fascinating features and wildlife habitats.

Follow the Countryside Code:

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Further Information:

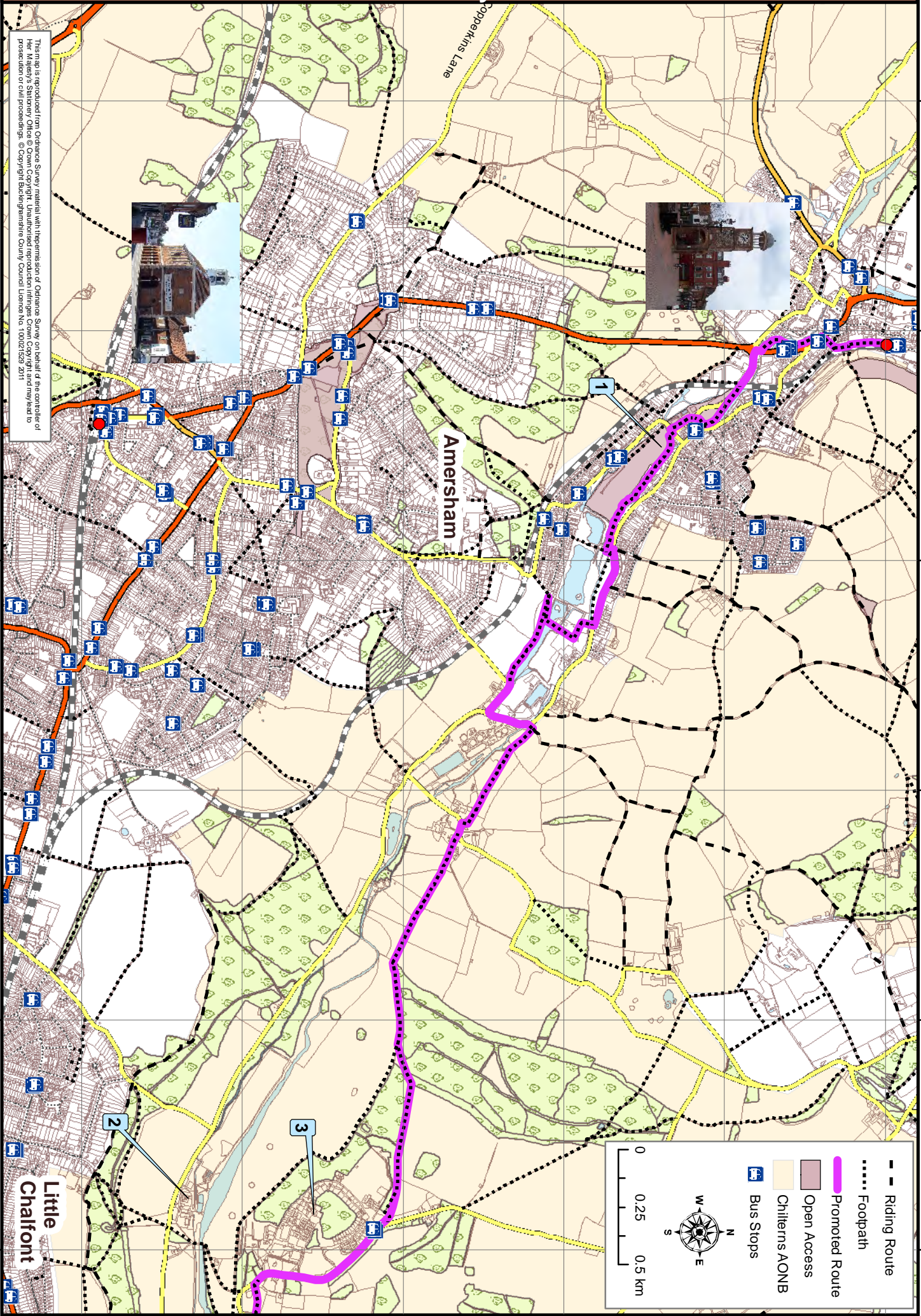
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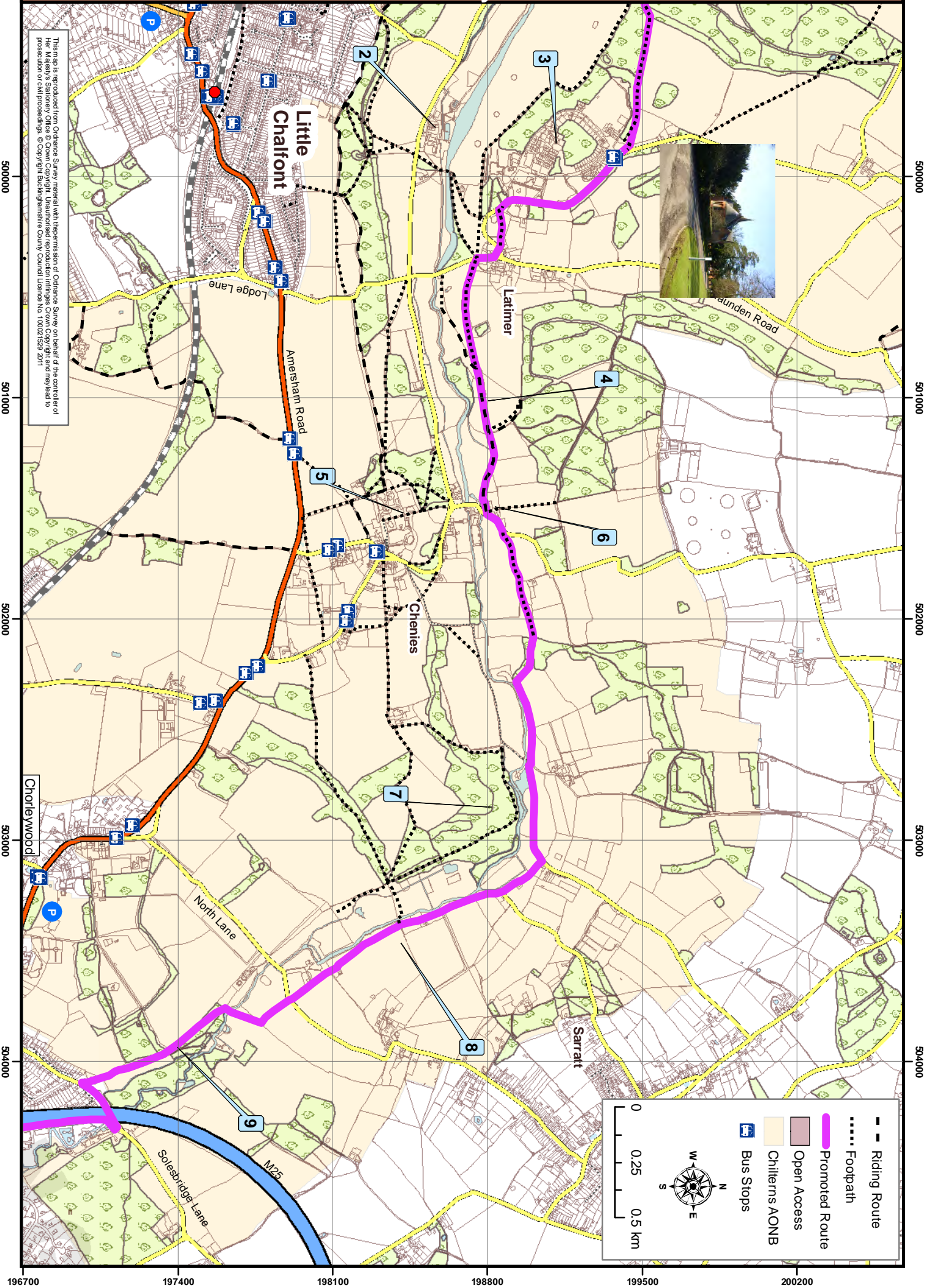
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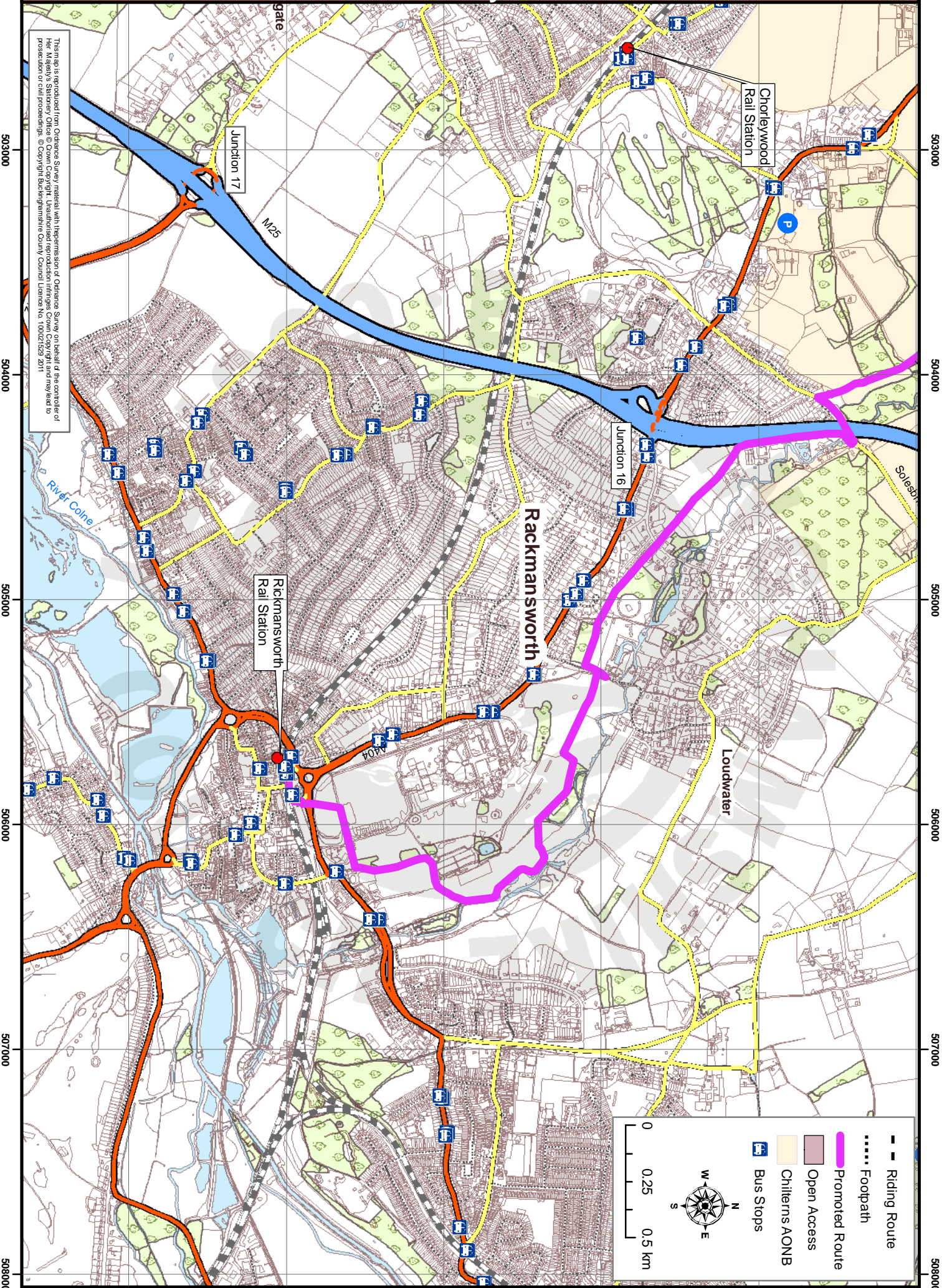
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