

Legend

- Leziatite sand resource-highest potential for glass sand
- Mineral Safeguarding Area (Silica Sand)
- Mineral Safeguarding Area (Carstone)

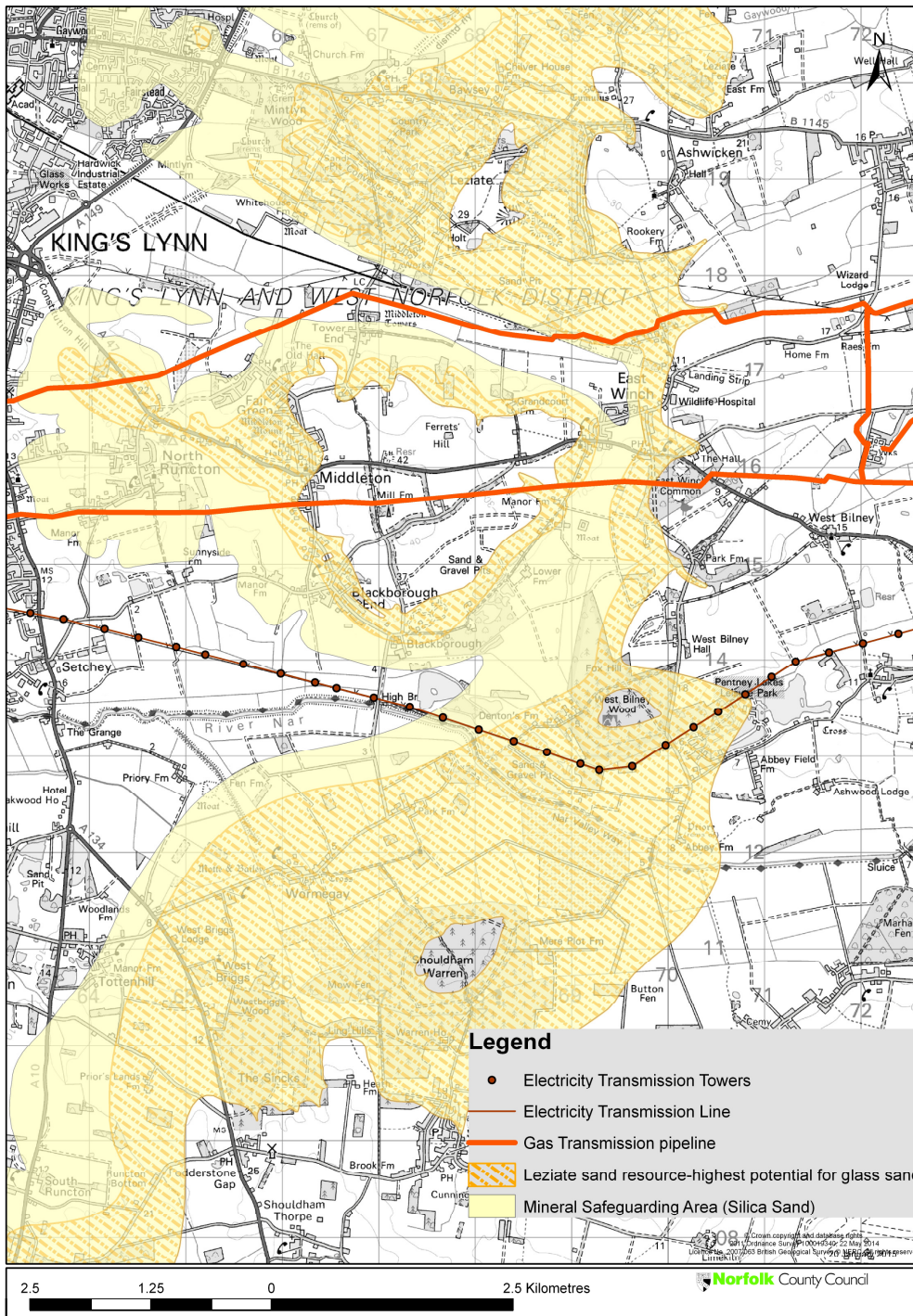
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2.5 1.25 0 2.5 Kilometres



15. Electricity and Gas Transmission, and water infrastructure

15.1 High pressure gas transmission pipelines and electrical transmission lines cross the silica sand resources, as do a number of water mains. However, previous experience with silica sand workings has indicated that these do not form a significant barrier to extraction if the resource is of sufficiently high quality. In previous instances works to divert water mains, or working schemes which have allowed the winning of silica sand around transmission towers have been approved and implemented.



16. Landowner willingness

16.1 Landowner willingness for mineral extraction to take place is a key factor in deliverability. If a landowner is willing for silica sand extraction to take place they have an opportunity to put forward land as a potential specific site allocation. The proposed silica sand site allocation MIN 39 was withdrawn by the landowner on the eve of the examination hearings for the Minerals Site Specific Allocations Plan and it transpired that while an agreement had been reached with a mineral operator this was only an exploration agreement and was not for mineral extraction.

16.2 Equally it is also important to know, especially in defining Preferred Areas/Areas of Search, land where the owner is unwilling to consider mineral extraction under any circumstances.

Question 16: If you are a landowner of over 10 hectares in the silica sand resource area and would be **unwilling** for silica sand extraction to take place on your land under all circumstances, please respond to us with details and a plan showing your land holding. This information would be used in defining Preferred Areas/Areas of Search only, and is valid for the purposes of this review only.