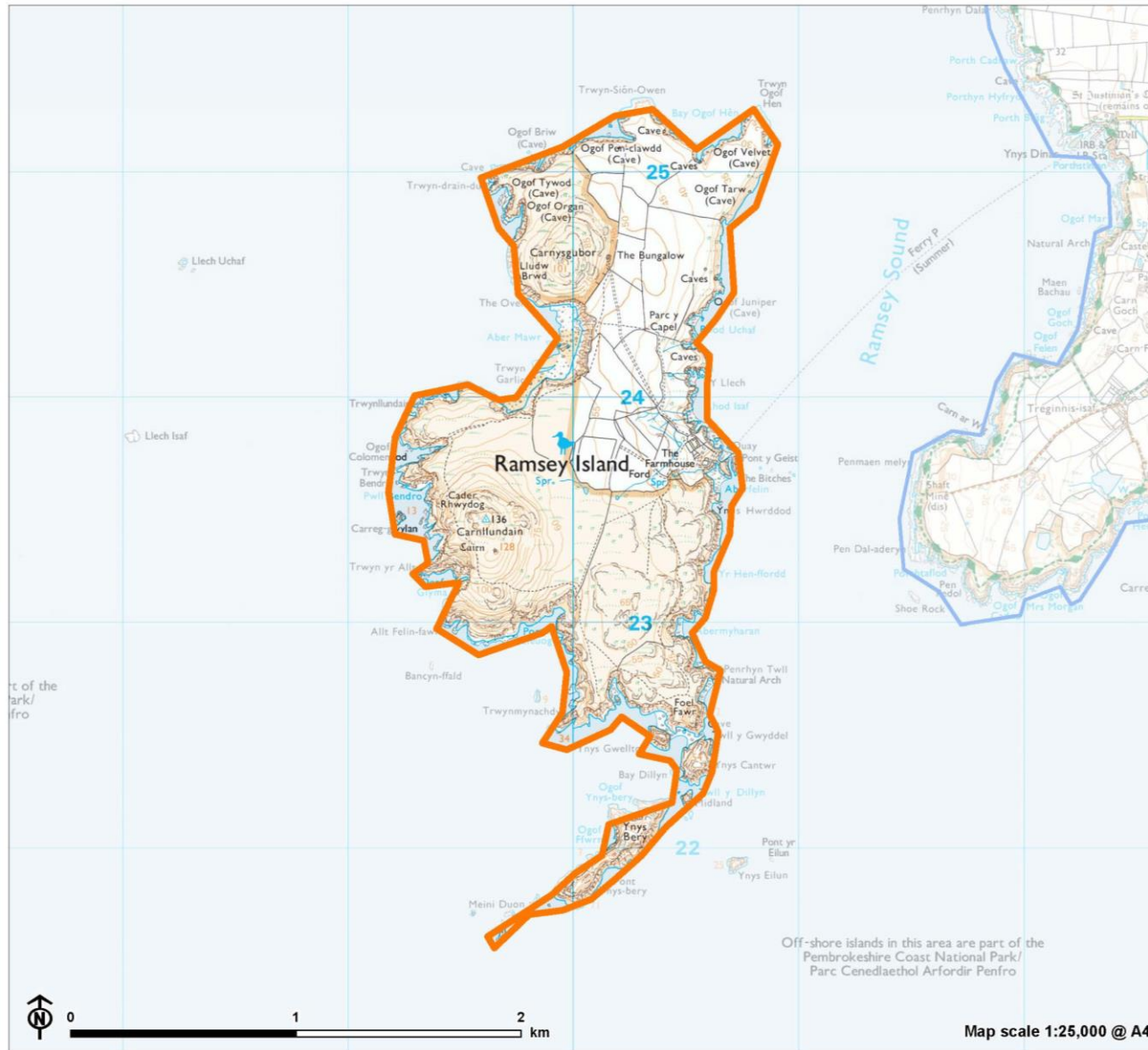




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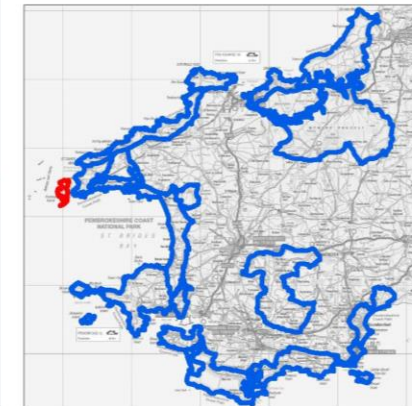
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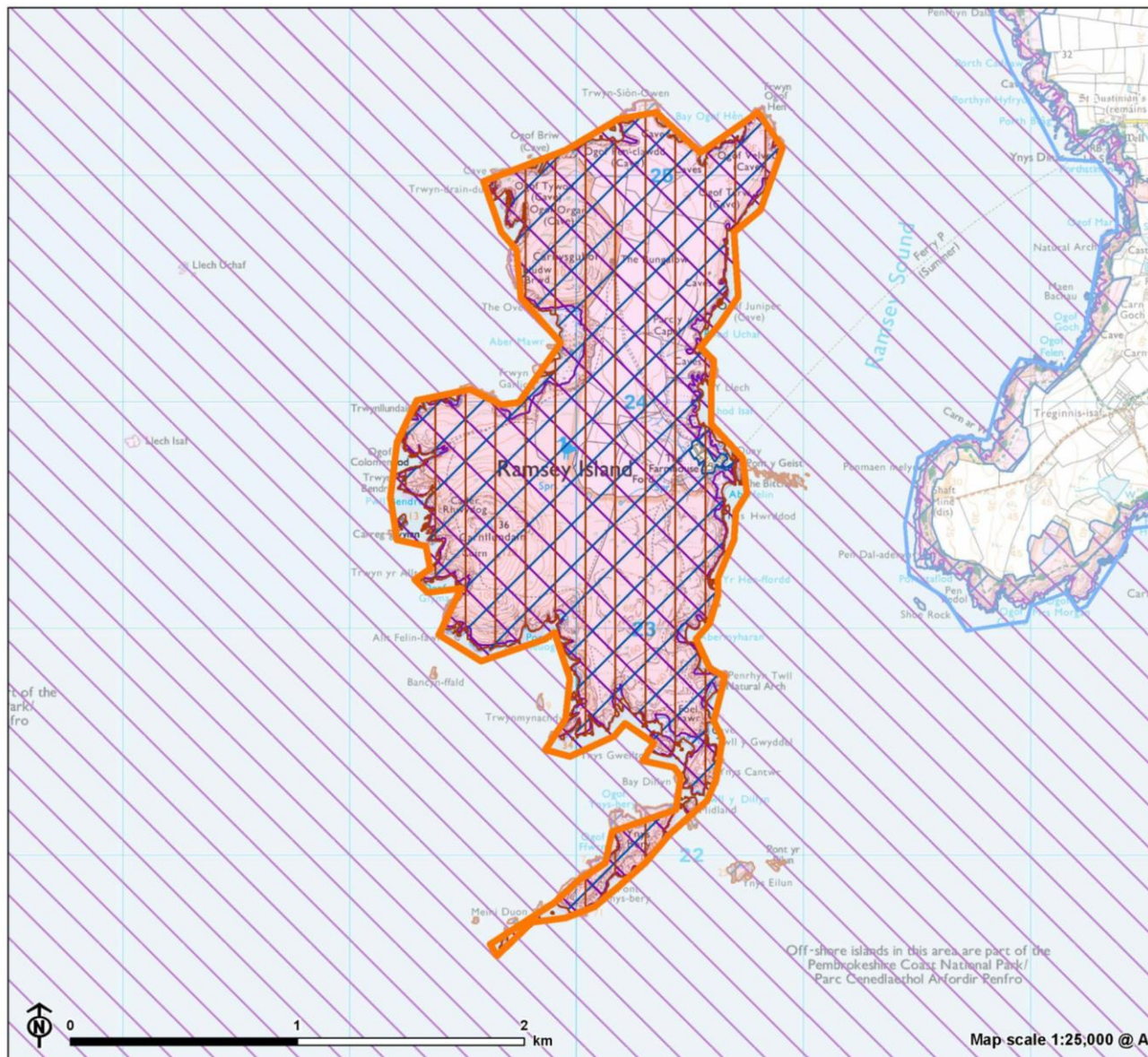
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*The NFI definition of woodland is a minimum area of 0.5 hectares



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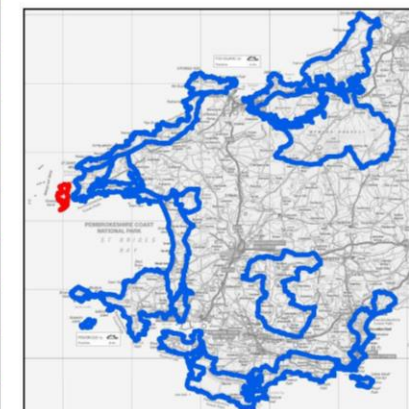


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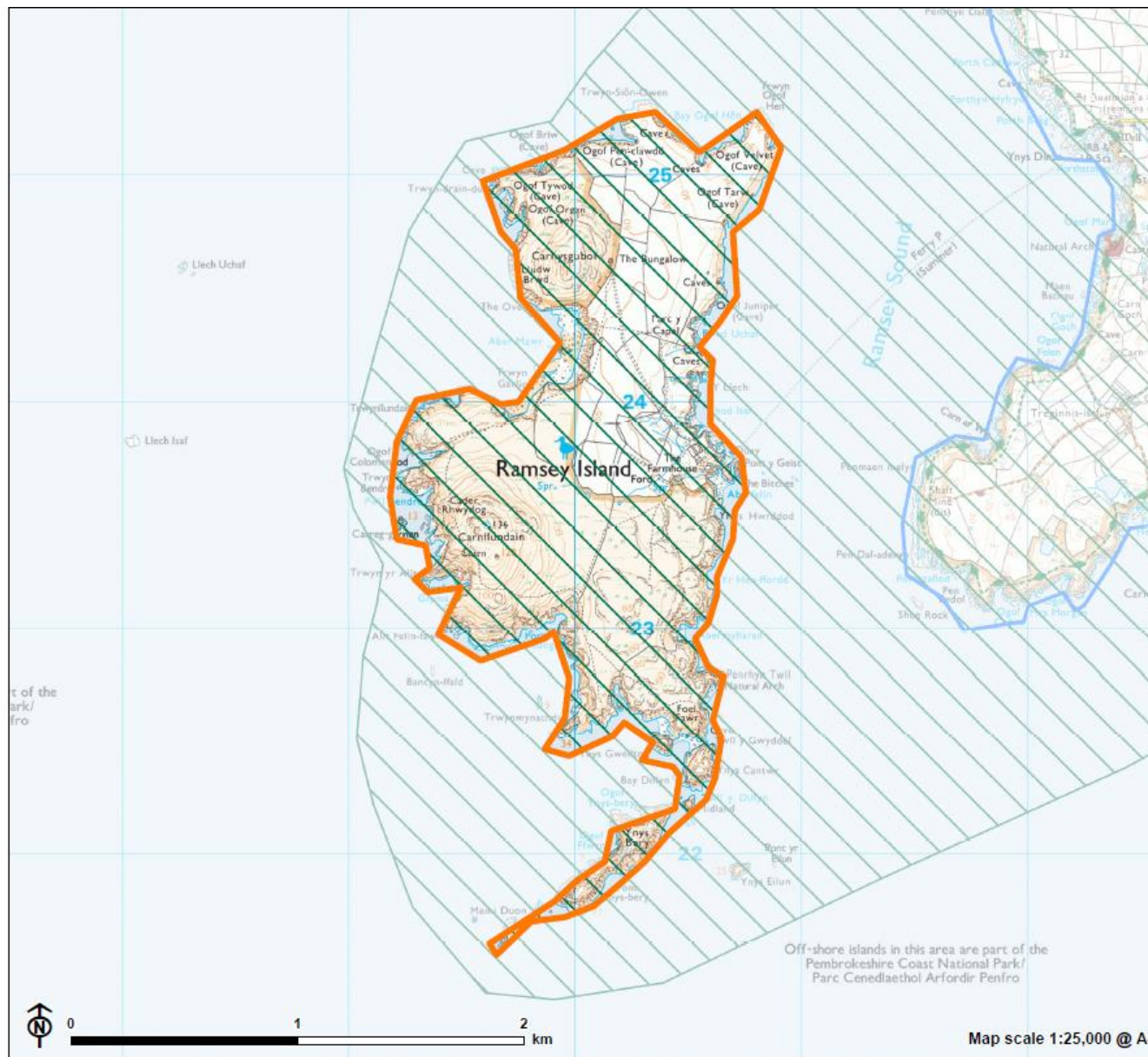
LCA 19 nature conservation designations

- LCA 19: Ramsey Island
- Neighbouring LCA
- National Nature Reserve
- Special Protection Area
- Special Area of Conservation
- Site of Special Scientific Interest



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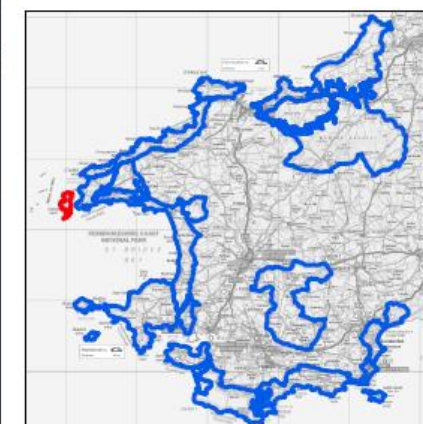


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LCA 19 Historic Environment Designations

- LCA 19: Ramsey Island
- Neighbouring LCA
- Outstanding Historic Landscape
- Scheduled Monument



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Existing woodland coverage within the LCA



Views west to Ramsey Island from the mainland at St Justinian's.

This Landscape Character Area (LCA) is an offshore island characterised by tall coastal cliffs and rocky outcrops. Land cover is primarily semi-natural grassland and heathland with scrub. The island is devoid of woodland. There are some juniper bushes located on the south-facing cliffs of the island.

Designated features and valued attributes within the LCA		
<i>The focus of this Guide is on the sensitivity and opportunities for woodland creation in relation to landscape character. It can only play an advisory role in the weighing of potential benefits of woodland creation against likely impacts on non-woodland habitats and cultural heritage assets, which should be considered in more detail at site level. Please refer to the main report for more detail.</i>		
Natural heritage	SAC, SPA, SSSI NNR, LNR (including Wildlife Trust/ RSPB reserves) RIGS Ancient woodland	There are three SACs which collectively cover 349.8 (100%) of the LCA. There is one SSSI in the LCA which covers 283.8 ha (92.2%) of the LCA. Ramsey Island NNR covers 273.2ha (88.7%) of the LCA. Ramsey Island RSPB Reserve covers 257.5ha (83.6%) of the LCA.
Cultural heritage	National Park Register of Historic Landscapes Scheduled Monuments, Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings and HER data	St David's Peninsula and Ramsey Head is a Landscape of Special Historic Interest in Wales which covers 307.9ha (100%) of the LCA. There is one listed building in the LCA. The LCA includes 55 HER records, which cover a range of archaeological and historical features, including scheduled and undesignated monuments, listed and non-listed historical buildings and locations of finds. These features date from prehistory up to recent times.

Landscape sensitivity to new woodland planting					
Key sensitivities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The varied landform of the offshore island, with prominent rocky outcrops rising on the western edge including Carnysgubor and Carnllundain.■ The predominance of naturalistic landcover and internationally and nationally valued wildlife habitats, including heathland and maritime cliffs, along with the presence of sea bird colonies. The island has multiple designations including a Special Area of Conservation, Site of Special Scientific Interest, National Nature Reserve and RSPB Reserve.■ The north-eastern part of the island is divided into fields. Although farmed for centuries, the field patterns are likely relatively modern, originating in the last century.■ The presence of internationally important archaeological and historic remains, including the medieval chapel and prehistoric round barrows.■ The inclusion of the island as part of the St. David's Headland and Ramsey Head Registered Landscape of Outstanding Historical Interest in Wales.■ The prominence of the island which has high levels of intervisibility with the mainland across Ramsey Sound and is also a distinct landmark in views from the sea.■ The open, exposed character and absence of human settlement creating a strong sense of place.				
Overview	<p>Ramsey Island forms a characteristic landmark in views to and from the sea, with the rocky outcrops creating a distinctive profile. The island is valued for the naturalistic landcover which includes large swathes of internationally significant habitats such as heathland and maritime cliffs and for the presence of internationally important archaeological features.</p> <p>The whole of this LCA is highly sensitive to any scale of woodland creation as planting would significantly alter the character of the island and could have an adverse effect on the special qualities of the landscape.</p> <p>Landscape sensitivity to all scales of mixed woodland for this LCA is high.</p>				
Landscape Sensitivity Scores					
Small-scale broadleaved woodlands (≤5ha)					High
Small-medium scale broadleaved woodlands (>5- 15ha)					High
Medium-scale broadleaved woodlands (>15-30ha)					High
Large-scale broadleaved woodlands (>30ha)					High



Views west to Ramsey Island from the mainland at St Justinian's.



Views west to Ramsey Island from the mainland at St Justinian's, showing a lack of tree cover.

Opportunities for future tree and woodland coverage within the LCA

- Ramsey Island is highly sensitive to any scale of woodland planting, therefore no opportunities have been included.

Strategic guidance for new woodland / tree planting

- This LCA is assessed as having high landscape sensitivity to any new woodland creation and therefore no guidance has been included.