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Dear Mr Burns

Kingsbridge Berthing Improvements Project – L/2013/00214

We corresponded towards the end of 2012 when I was in the early stages of applying for an MMO licence for the Kingsbridge Berthing Improvements Project. The Harbour Authority has now been granted a licence with certain conditions.

Licence Condition 3.1.2 states that the licence holder must ensure that the specific moorings to be removed from within the Salcombe and Kingsbridge Estuary SSSI should be identified and agreed with Natural England prior to removal. The purpose of this letter is to propose which moorings the Harbour Authority will remove.

The licence application proposed the removal of six moorings, two from the South Sands area and four from Frogmore Creek. It is now proposed to increase the number of moorings to be removed from the areas of eelgrass to four and reduce the number in the mud at Frogmore to two.

It is proposed to remove three moorings from South Sands; these are W (private mooring which has been relinquished), TR9 and SX22, see Enclosure 1 the working document and Enclosure 2 the revised layout following the removal of the three moorings.

It is proposed to remove one mooring (U2) from the eelgrass beds along the Salcombe Foreshore. This mooring licence has been given up and it is proposed not to reallocate it. See Enclosure 3.

It is proposed that the final two moorings will be removed from the head of Frogmore Creek; moorings X677 and X706 have been identified. See enclosure 4.

For your information the Salcombe Harbour Authority has agreed to facilitate and fund an element of a national trial into ecologically friendly moorings within areas of eel grass

being managed by the National Marine Aquarium. This trial is planned to start in the spring of 2014.

Please let me know if Natural England is content with the proposed mitigation.

Yours sincerely

Ian Gibson
Harbour Master

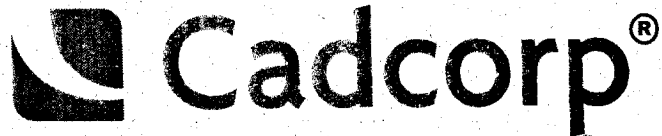
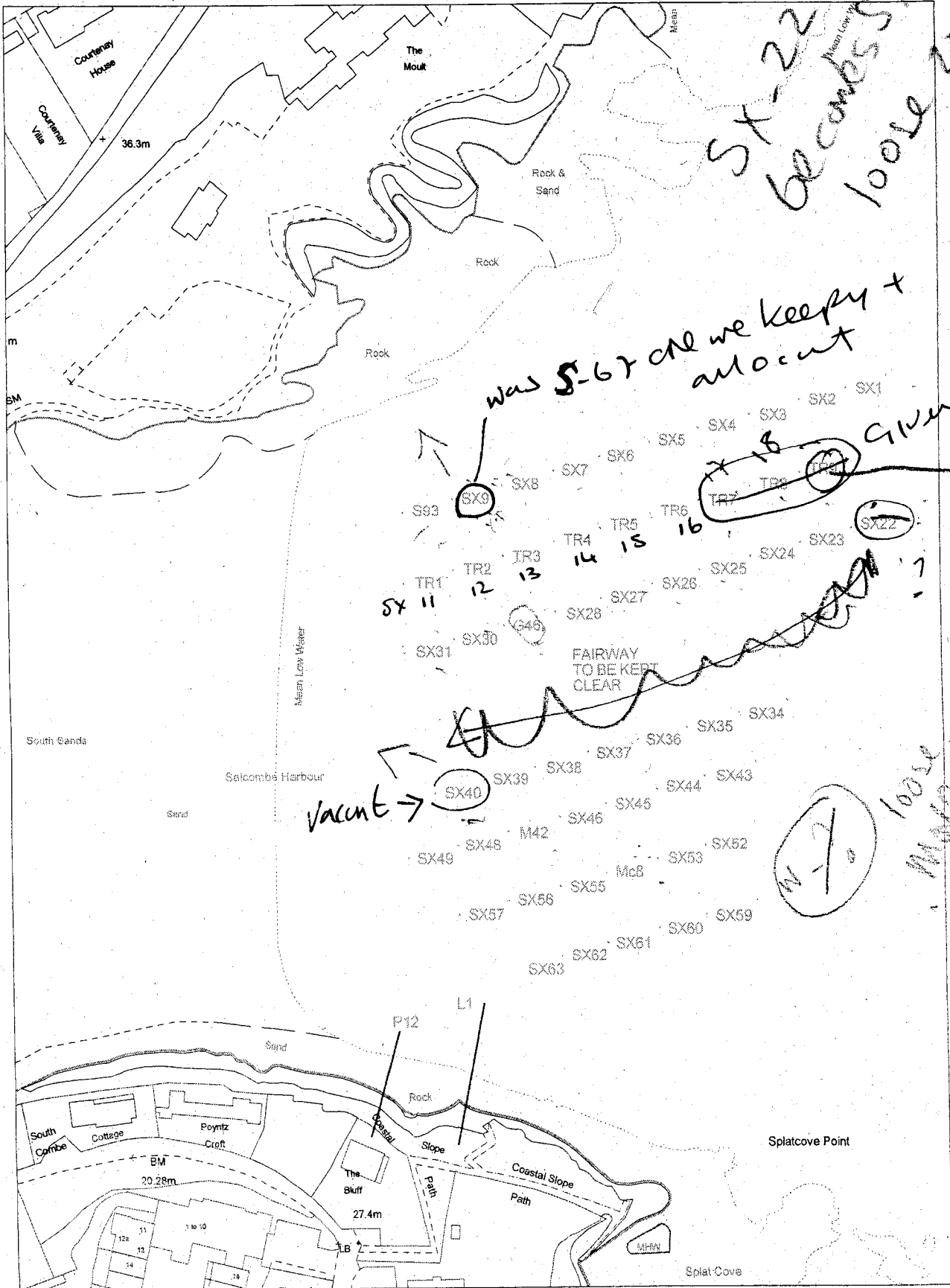
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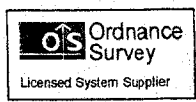
1. South Sands – Working Document to identify 3 x moorings as mitigation.
2. South Sands Moorings post removal of 3 moorings as mitigation for Kingsbridge Pontoon Project.
3. Salcombe Foreshore – Removal of 1 mooring as mitigation for Kingsbridge Pontoon Project.
4. Frogmore – Removal of 2 moorings as mitigation for Kingsbridge Pontoon Project.

South Sands

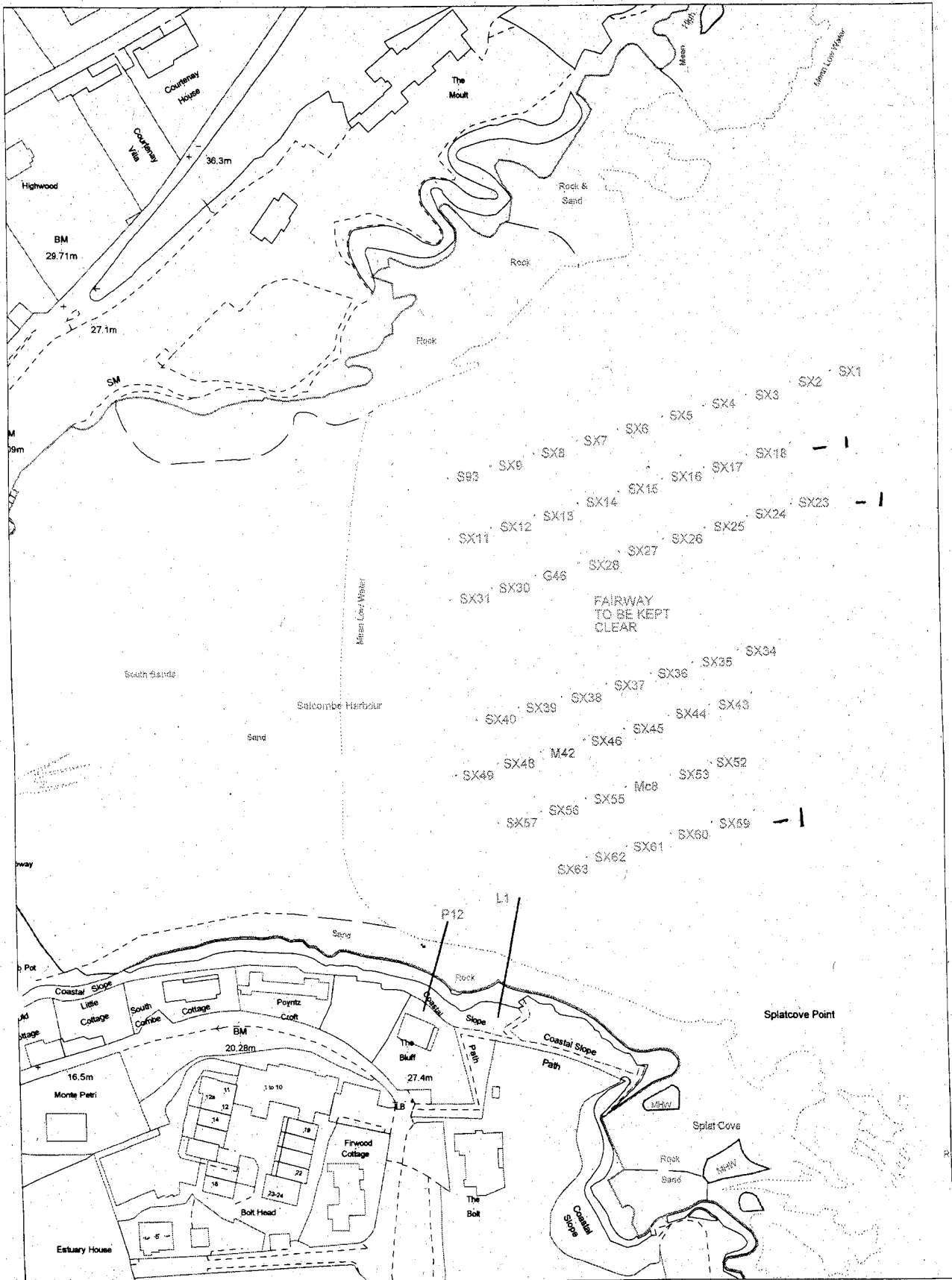


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**SOUTHSANDS
WORKING DOCUMENT TO
LOOSE 3x MOORINGS
or RE-NUMBER**

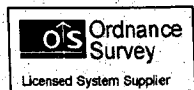


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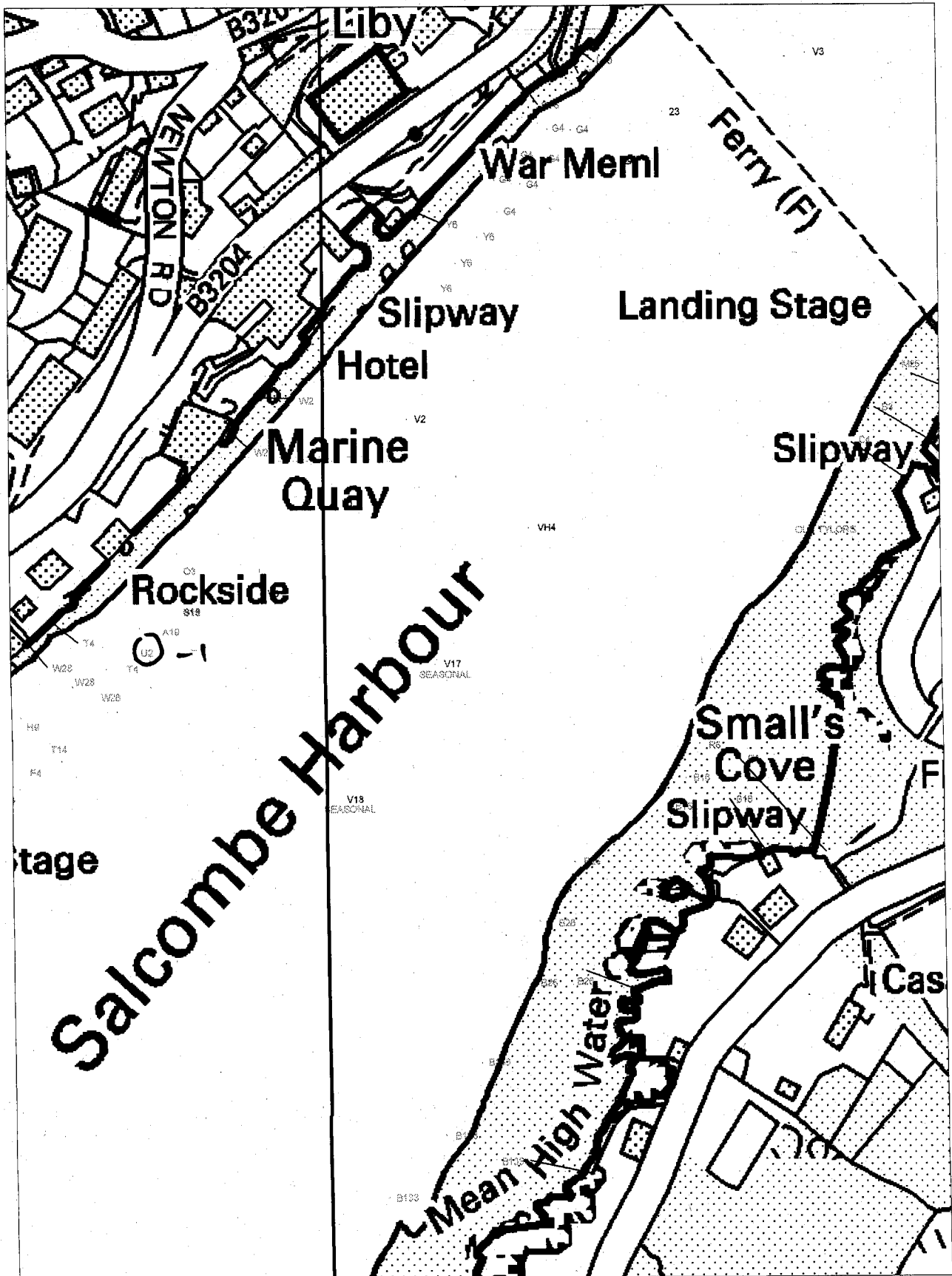
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*SOUTH SANDS
FOLLOWING REMOVAL
OF 3x MOORINGS FOR
KINGS BRIDGE PONTON PROJECT MITIGATION*



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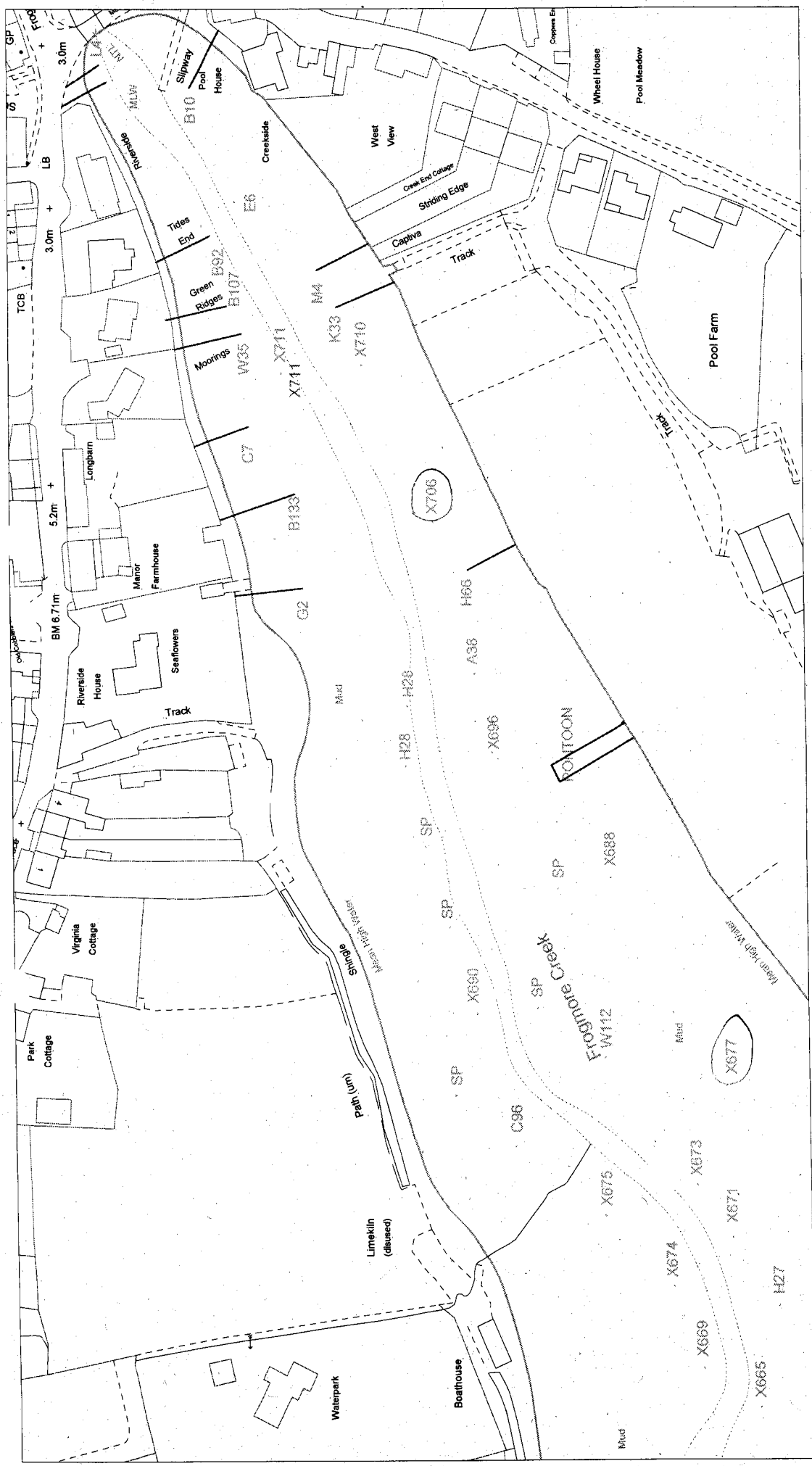
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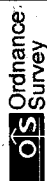
*SALCOMBE FORESHORE
REMOVAL OF 1x MOORING
KINGS BRIDGE PONTOON PROJECT MITIGATION*



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Top of Frogmore Creek




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Frogmore
REMOVAL OF 2 X MOORINGS
FOR KINGS BRIDGE PONTON PROJECT MITIGATION


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