NATIONAL PARKS AND ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1949

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

SOMERSET WETLANDS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

NO.01 DECLARATION 2022

The land shown un-hatched and shaded yellow on the attached maps has already been declared a National Nature Reserve (NNR) in Bridgwater Bay NNR Declarations No.01 1954, No.02 1954, No.03 1958, No.04 1974 and No.06 2006, Ham Wall NNR Declaration No.01 1995, Huntspill River NNR Declaration No.01 1999, Shapwick Heath NNR Declarations No.01 1961, No.02 1964, No.03 1985, No.04 1995 and No.05 2006, Somerset Levels NNR Declarations No.01 1990 and No.02 2006, and Westhay Moor NNR Declarations No.01 1995 and No.02 2006. Natural England now wishes to extend these National Nature Reserves.

In accordance with section 19(3) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (as amended), and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, Natural England hereby declare that the land having a total area of 1.24 hectares or thereabouts, situated in the District of Mendip in the County of Somerset and shown cross hatched and un-shaded on the attached map no.7 (which land was included in the Shapwick Heath National Nature Reserve No.05 Declaration made by English Nature on the 29th day of September 2006), and the land having a total area of 78.15 hectares or thereabouts and shown cross-hatched and shaded yellow on the attached map no.7 situated in the Districts of Mendip and Sedgemoor in the County of Somerset (which land was included in the Ham Wall No.01 Declaration made by The Nature Conservancy Council for England on the 19th day of July 1995) has ceased to be held and managed by Natural England as a nature reserve.

The land having a total area of 348.33 hectares or thereabouts, situated in the Districts of Somerset West and Taunton, South Somerset, Sedgemoor and Mendip in the County of Somerset and shown single hatched and shaded yellow on the attached maps has been acquired and is held by Natural England and is being managed as a nature reserve.

The land having a total area of 1925.83 hectares or thereabouts, situated in the Districts of Somerset West and Taunton, South Somerset, Sedgemoor and Mendip in the County of Somerset and shown single hatched or cross hatched and shaded yellow on the attached maps is held by Environment Agency, Hawk and Owl Trust, National Trust, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Somerset Wildlife Trust, and Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, bodies approved by Natural England, and is being managed as a nature reserve.

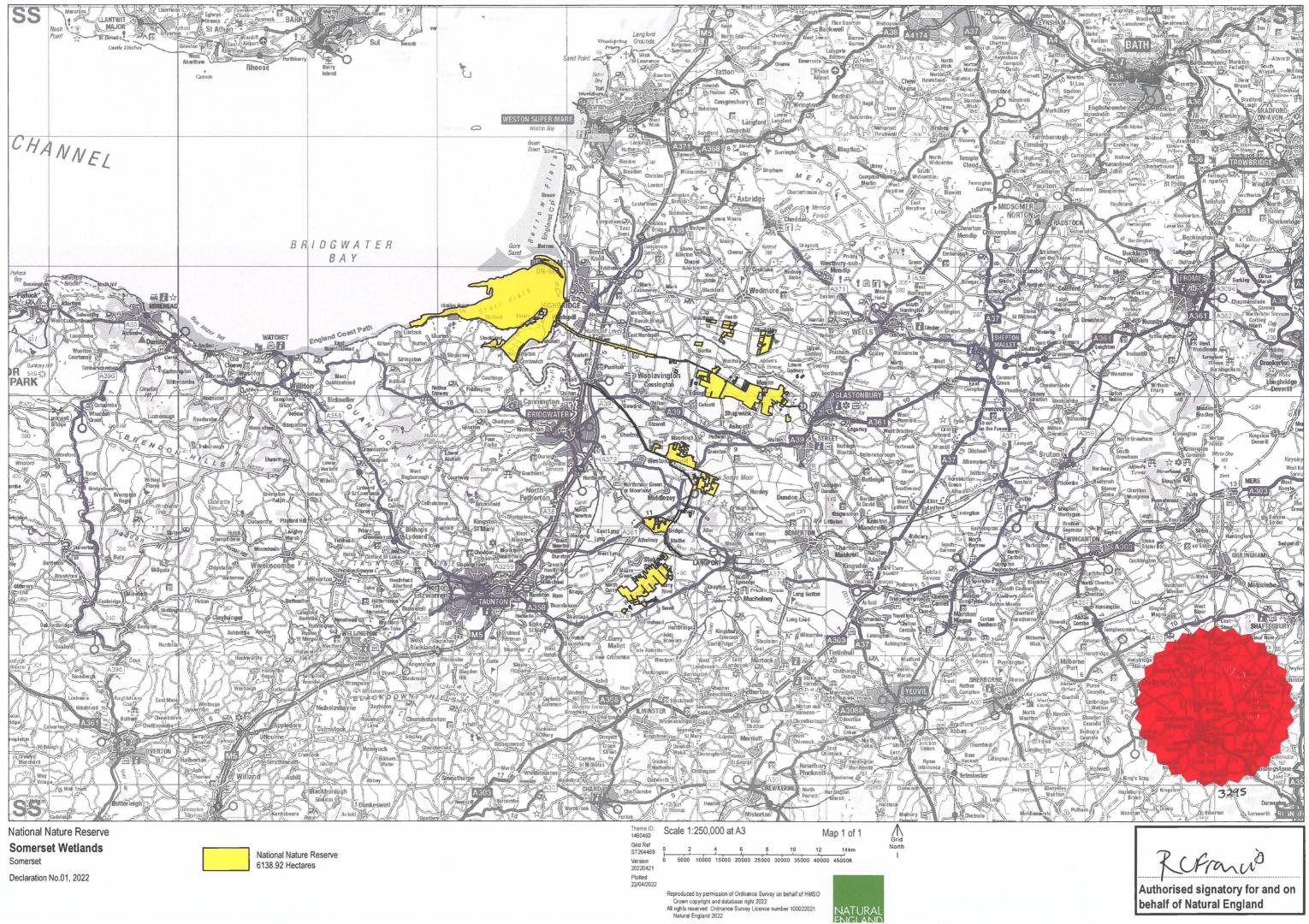
Natural England is satisfied that the land shown edged black on the attached maps having a total area of 6138.92 hectares or thereabouts is of national importance and is to be known henceforth as Somerset Wetlands National Nature Reserve.

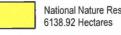
And in pursuance of section 35(1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, Natural England hereby declares the land referred to herein and more particularly shown on the maps attached hereto a National Nature Reserve.

This Declaration may be referred to as Somerset Wetlands National Nature Reserve No.01 Declaration 2022.

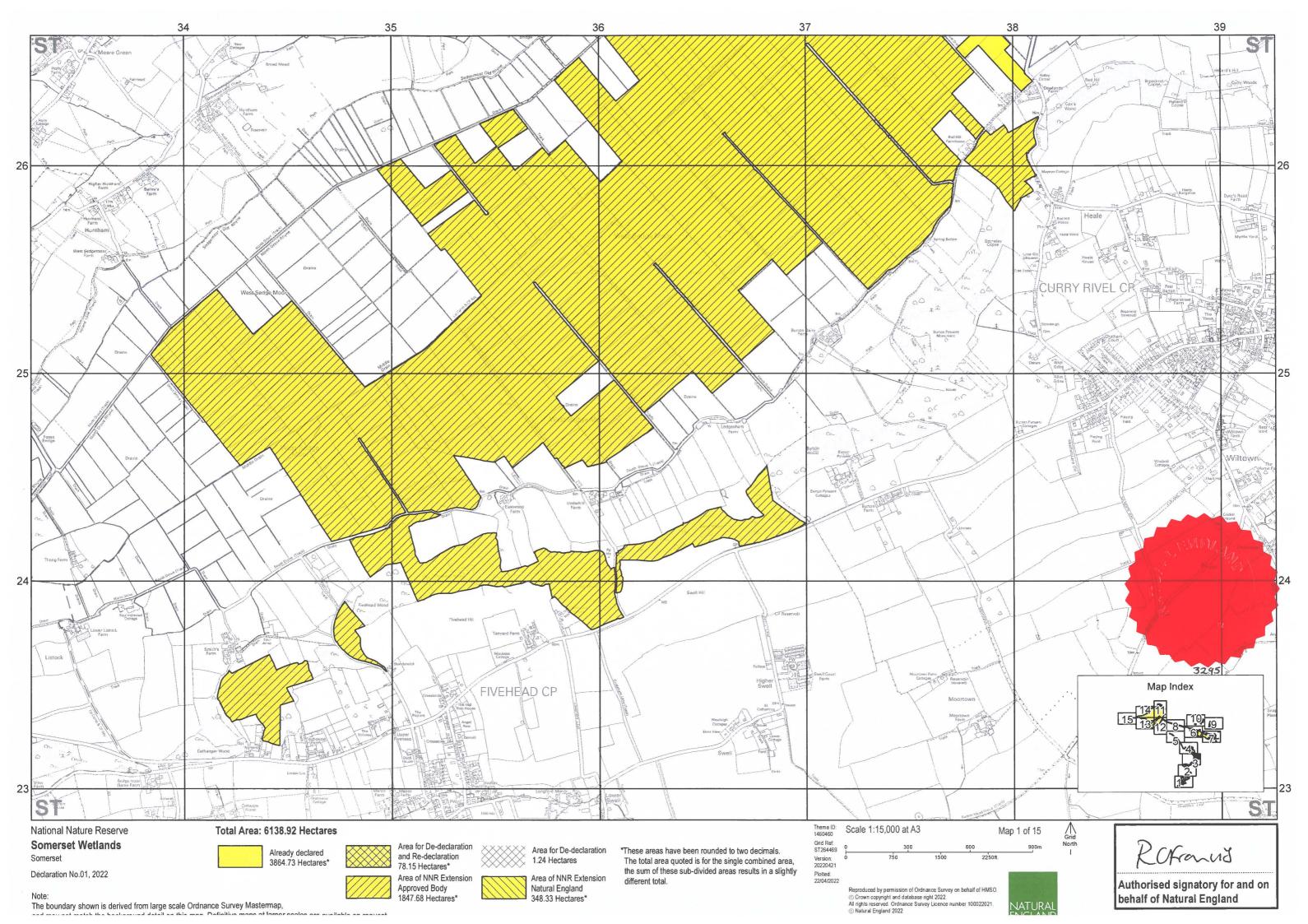
The Common Seal of Natural England affixed to this Deed is authenticated by:-

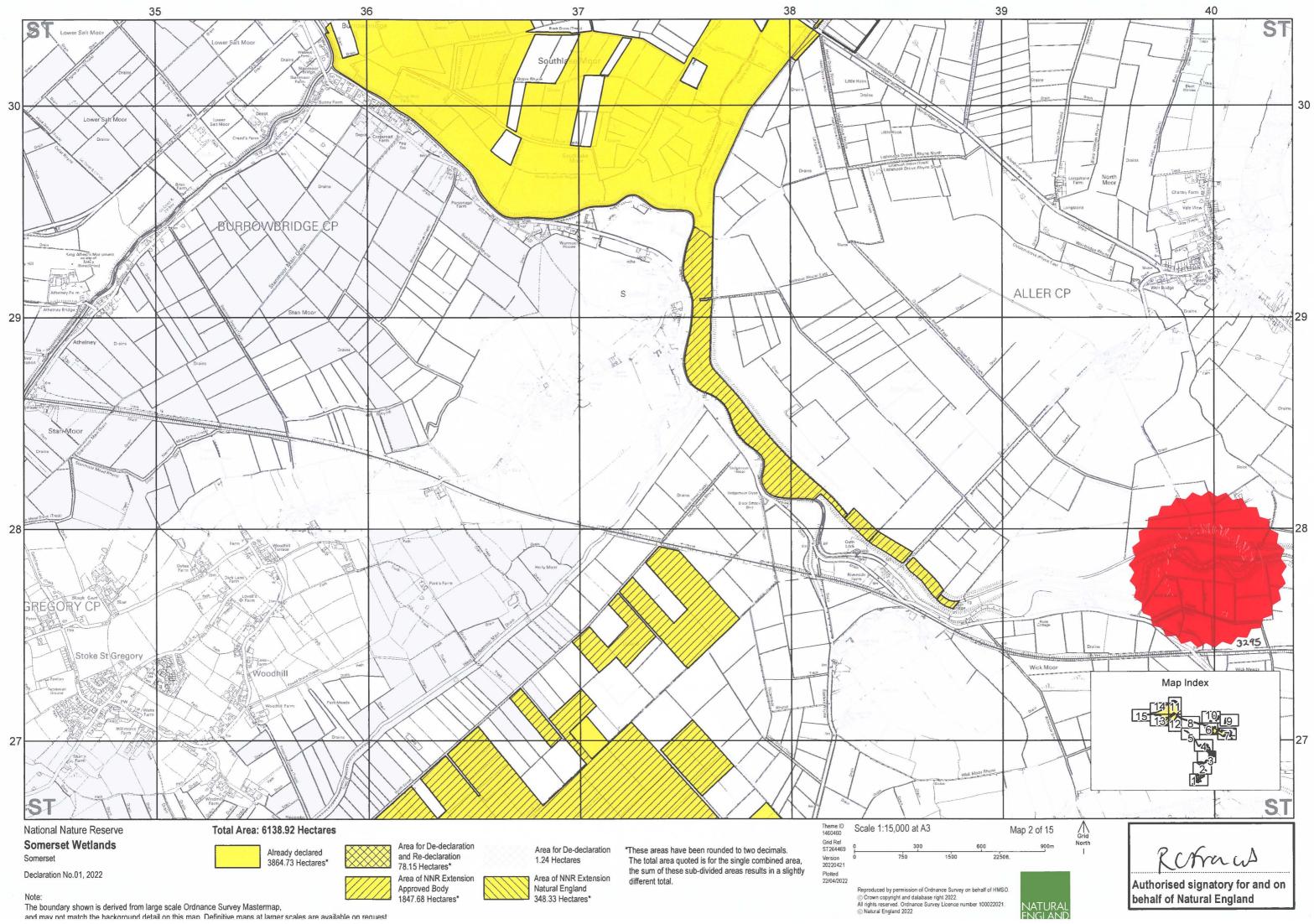
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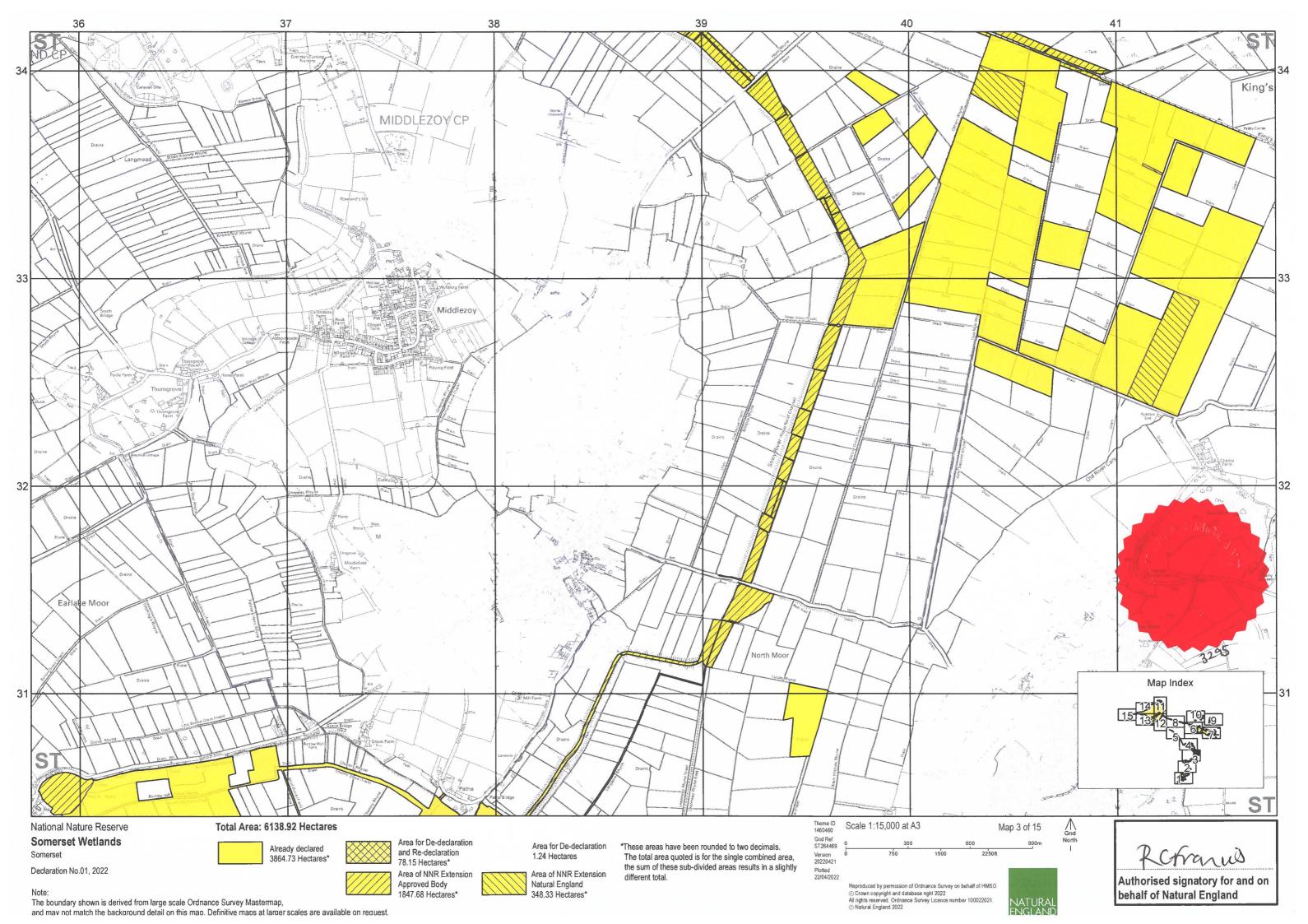


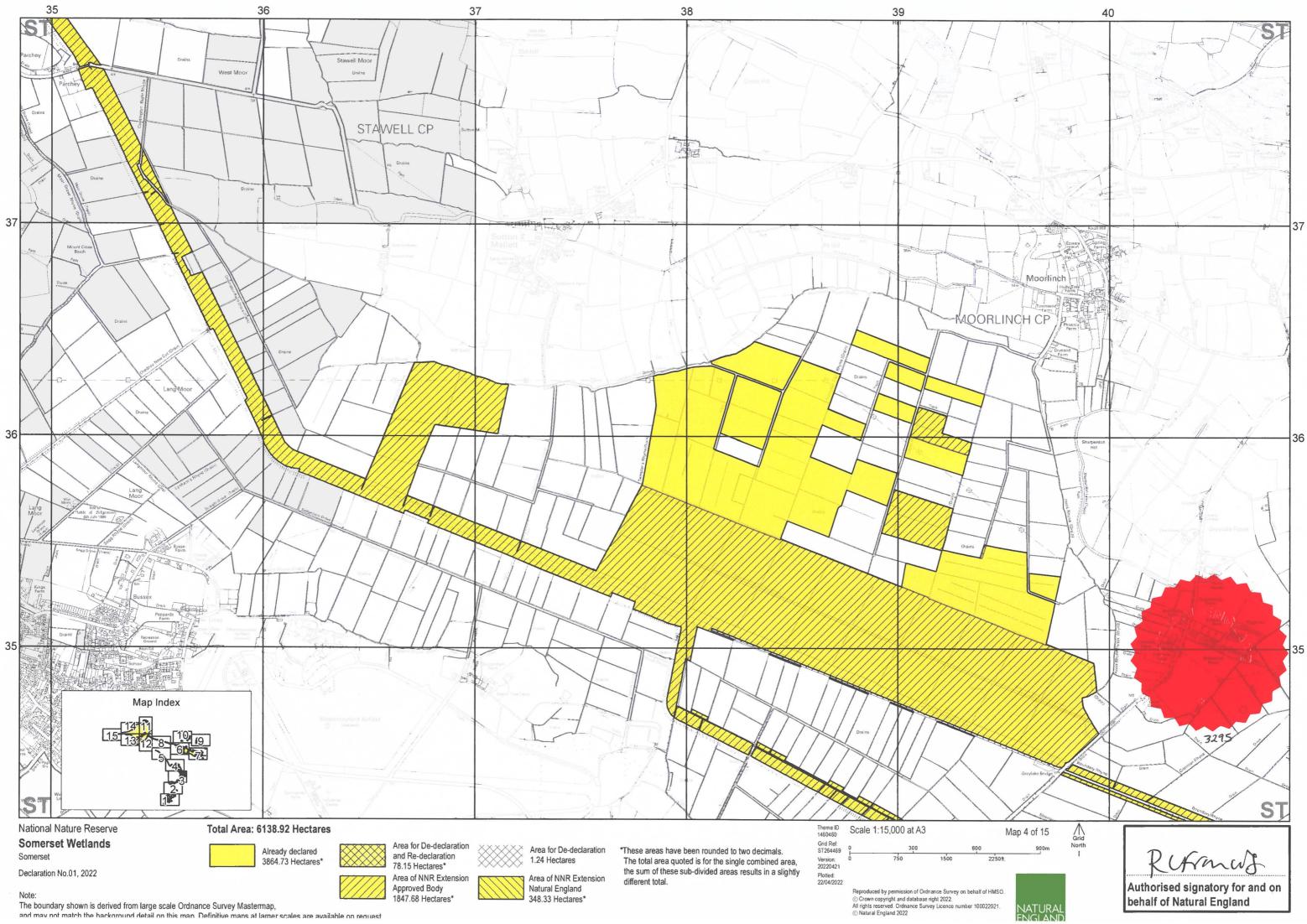


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The boundary shown is derived from large scale Ordnance Survey Masternap,

and may not match the background detail on this man. Definitive mans at larger scales are available on request

