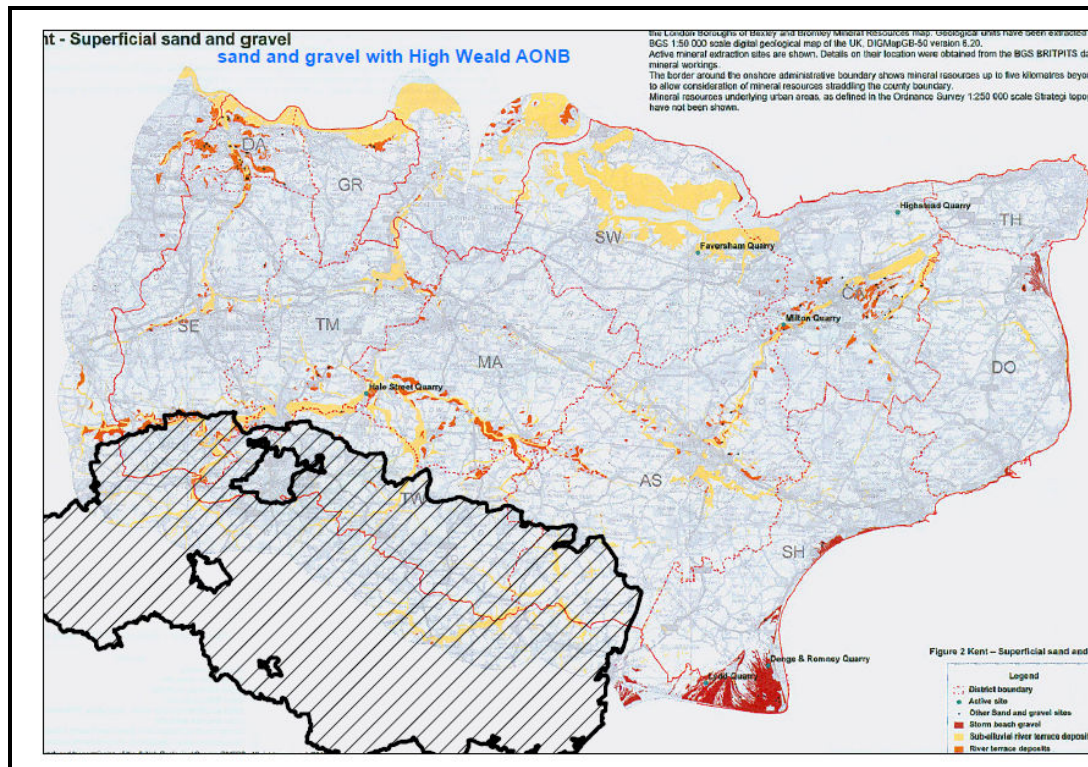


Mineral Safeguarding in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

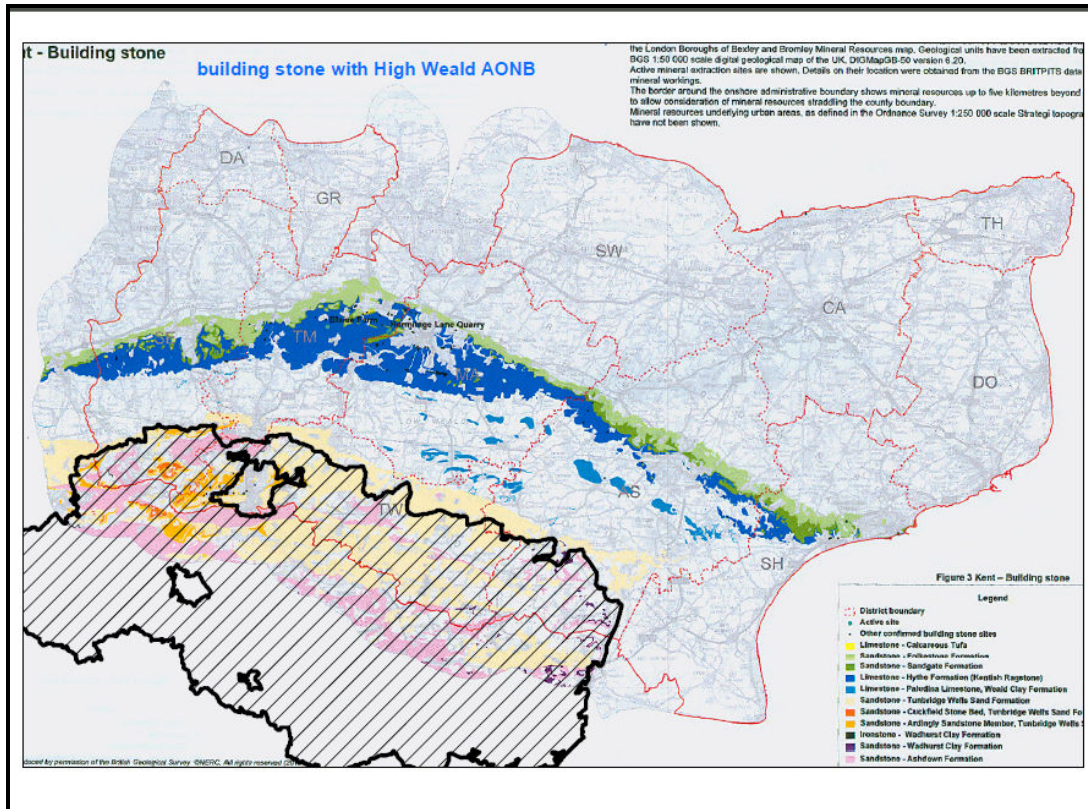
Mineral safeguarding is a national planning policy requirement to protect a finite resource for future generations. Kent is mineral rich with economic minerals located throughout the county. The aims and objectives of AONBs will in the main protect the identified economic minerals from being sterilised by other developments, However, development does occur within AONBs and the safeguarding of economic minerals within the AONBs is necessary to ensure that considerations about the protection of a finite resources are taken into account when planning applications are determined. The designation of a mineral safeguarding area simply identifies a geological resource and in no way earmarks an area for quarrying.

1. **Sand and Gravel within High Weald:** There are pockets of this across the AONB. The north/north western area of the High Weald (southern part of Sevenoaks District and around Tunbridge Wells/Tonbridge urban area).
2. **Building Stone within High Weald:** There are many areas with sandstone.
3. **Silica Sand within High Weald:** There are no areas in High Weald with silica sand.
4. **Crushed Rock within High Weald:** There are no areas in High Weald with crushed rock.
5. **Brickearth within High Weald:** There are no areas in High Weald with brickearth.
6. **Sand and Gravel within Kent Downs:** Areas affected are mid Sevenoaks District, north/north east of Ashford Town and some small pockets elsewhere.
7. **Building Stone within Kent Downs:** Areas affected by Ragstone/Sandstone are mid Sevenoaks district and western part of Tonbridge & Malling and Shepway district near Folkestone/Channel Tunnel line.
8. **Silica Sand/Construction Sand within Kent Downs:** Areas affected are mid Sevenoaks, mid/north Tonbridge & Malling and construction sand around Folkestone/Channel Tunnel.
9. **Crushed Rock within Kent Downs:** Area in Kent Downs affected is a section in eastern Tonbridge and Malling.

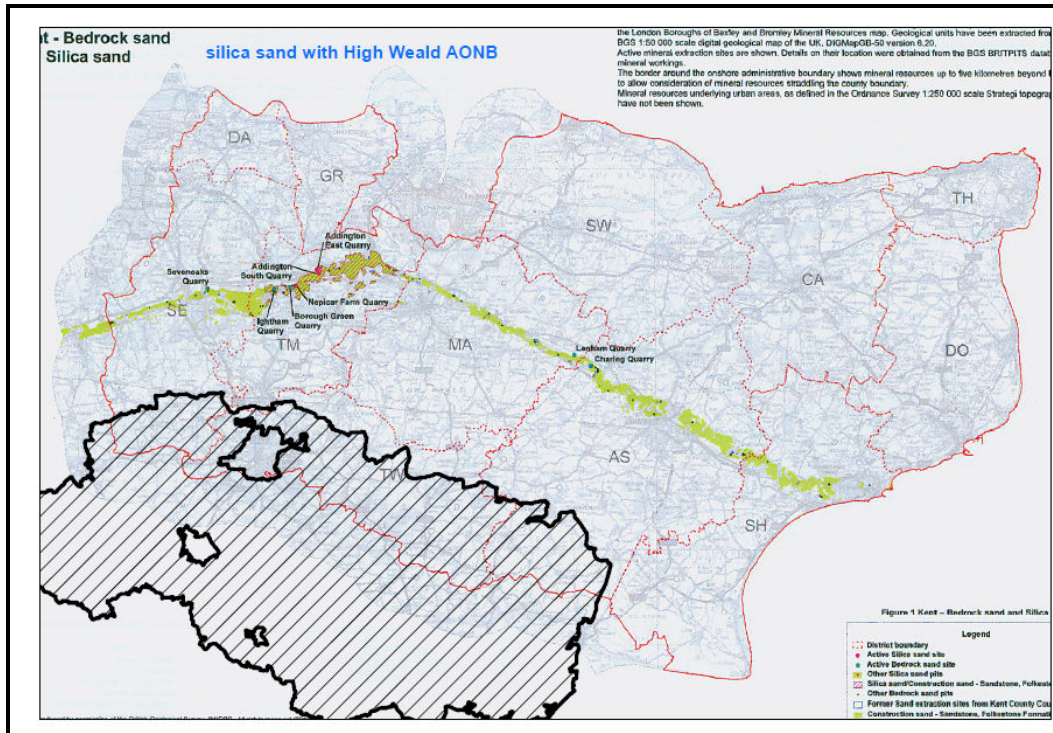
10. Brickearth within Kent Downs: Areas affected are the mid Downs (north Ashford Borough and southern Swale) and eastern (Canterbury, Dover and Shepway District)



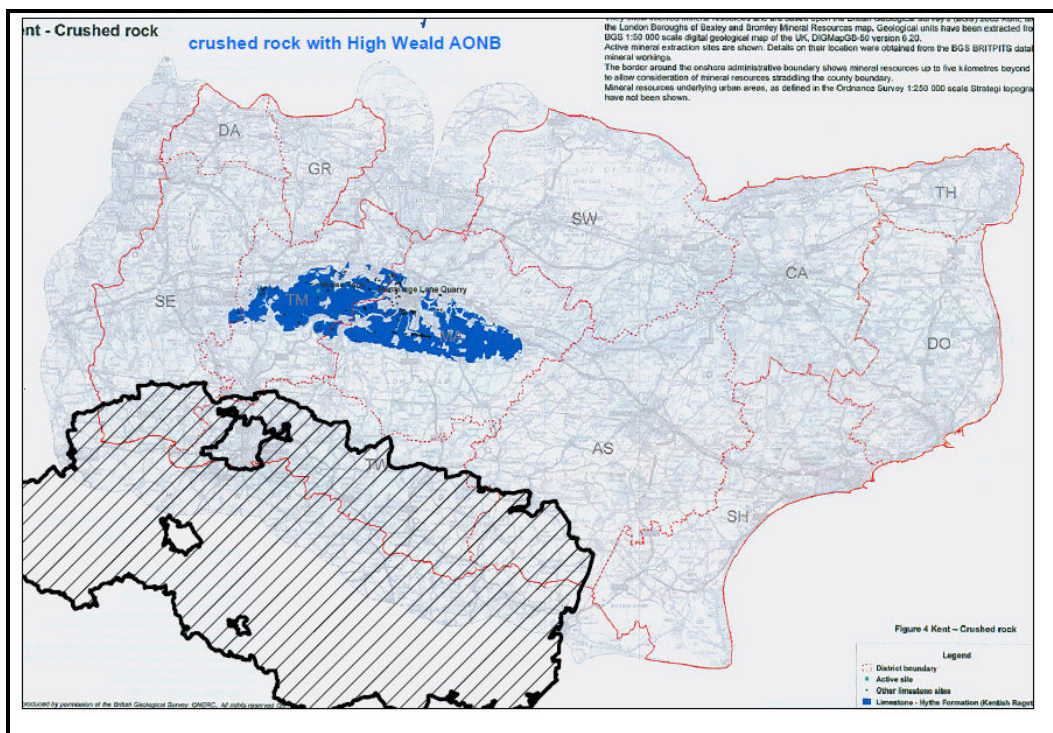
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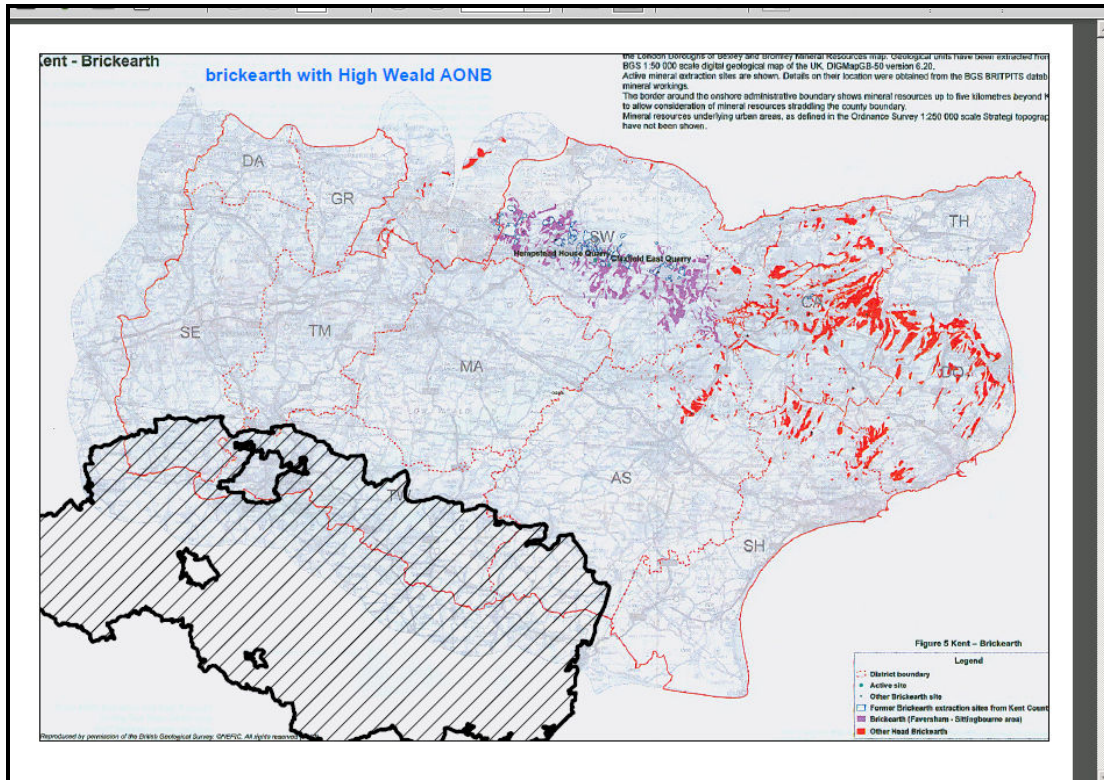
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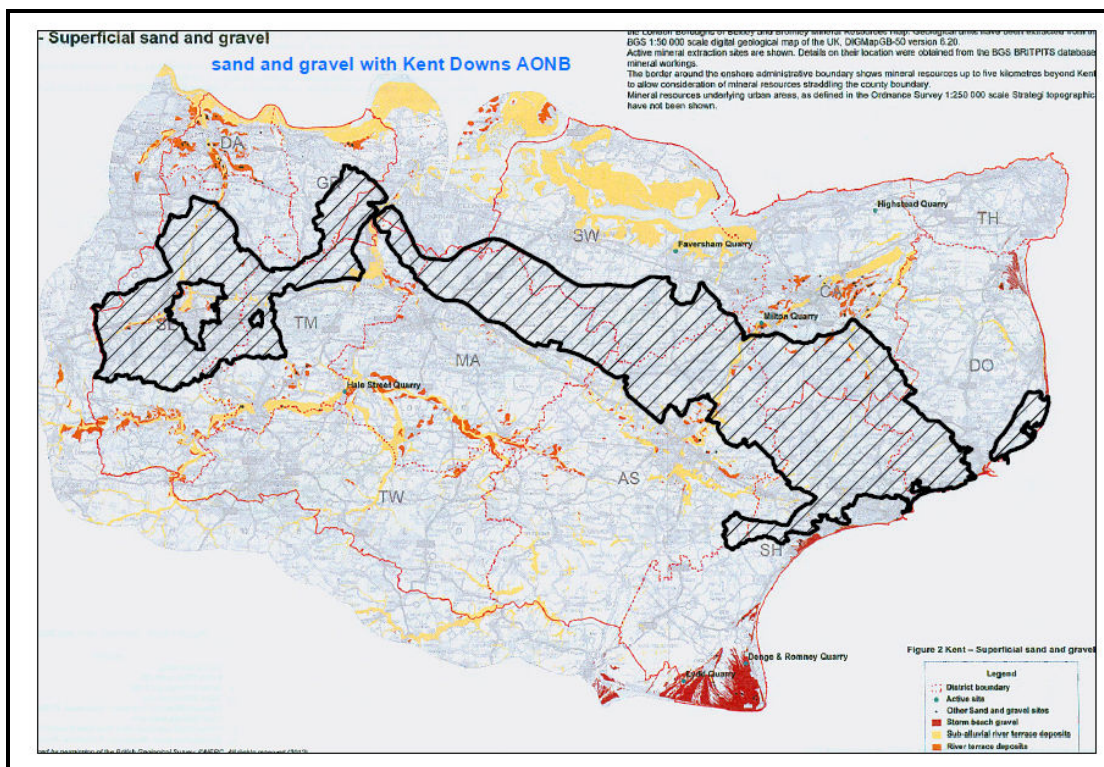
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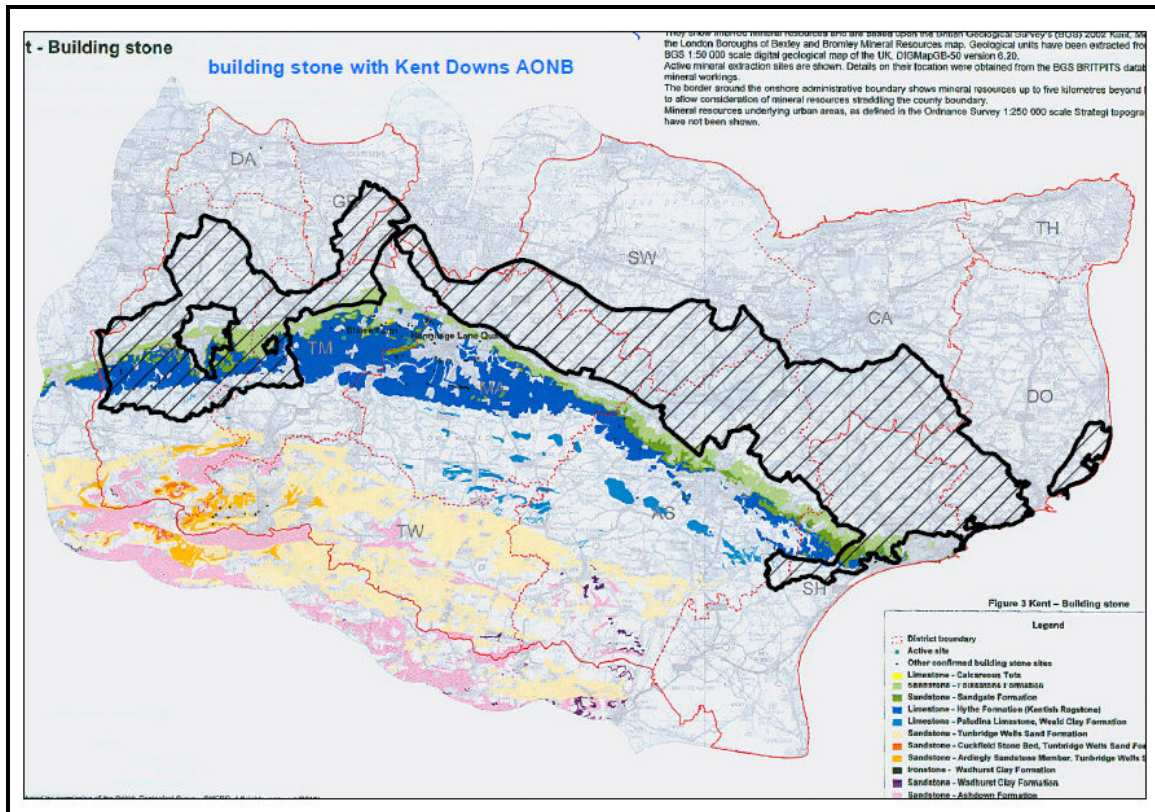
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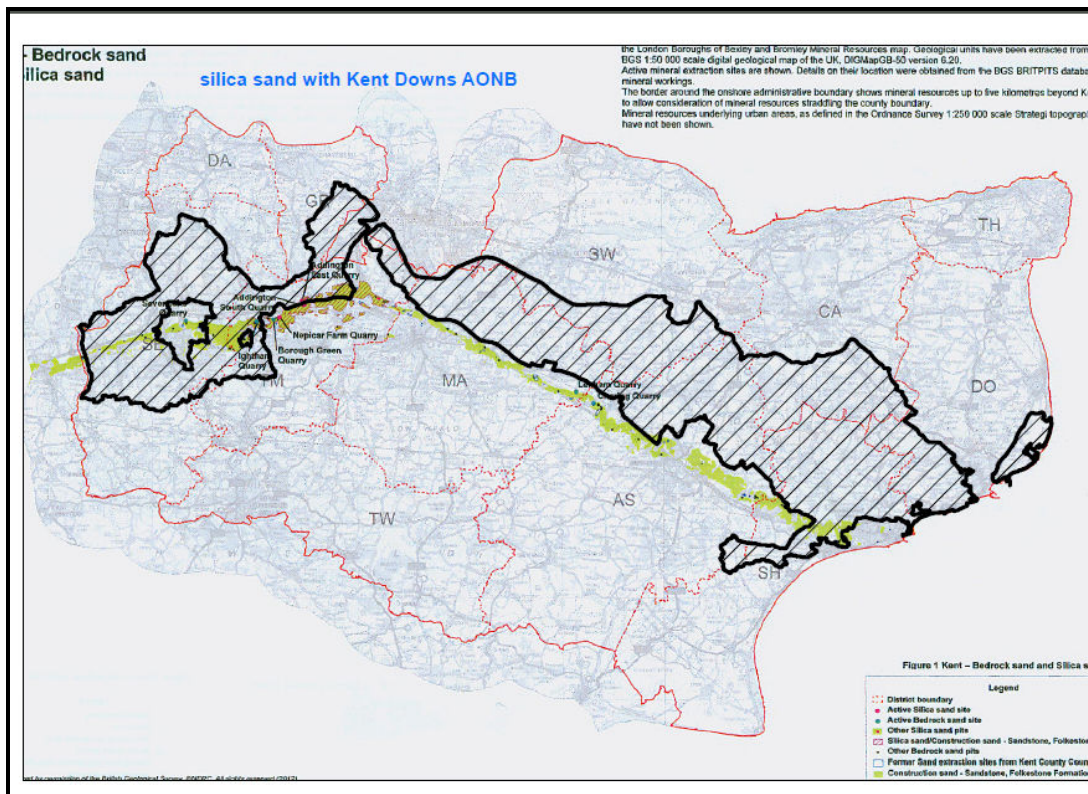
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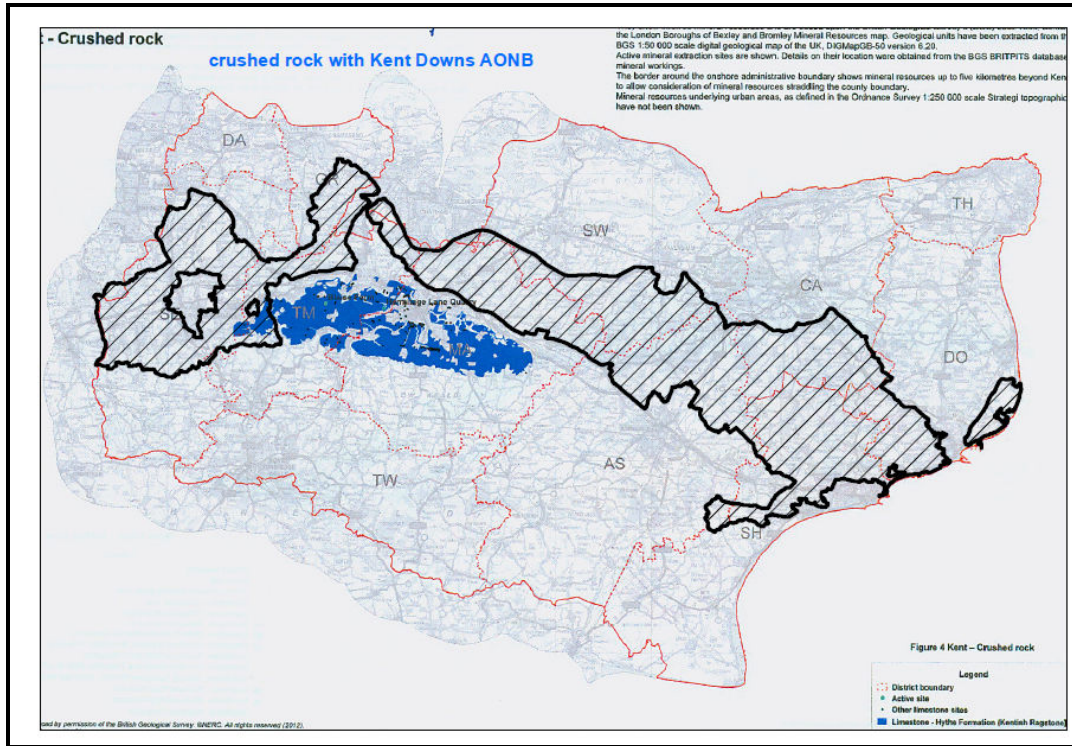
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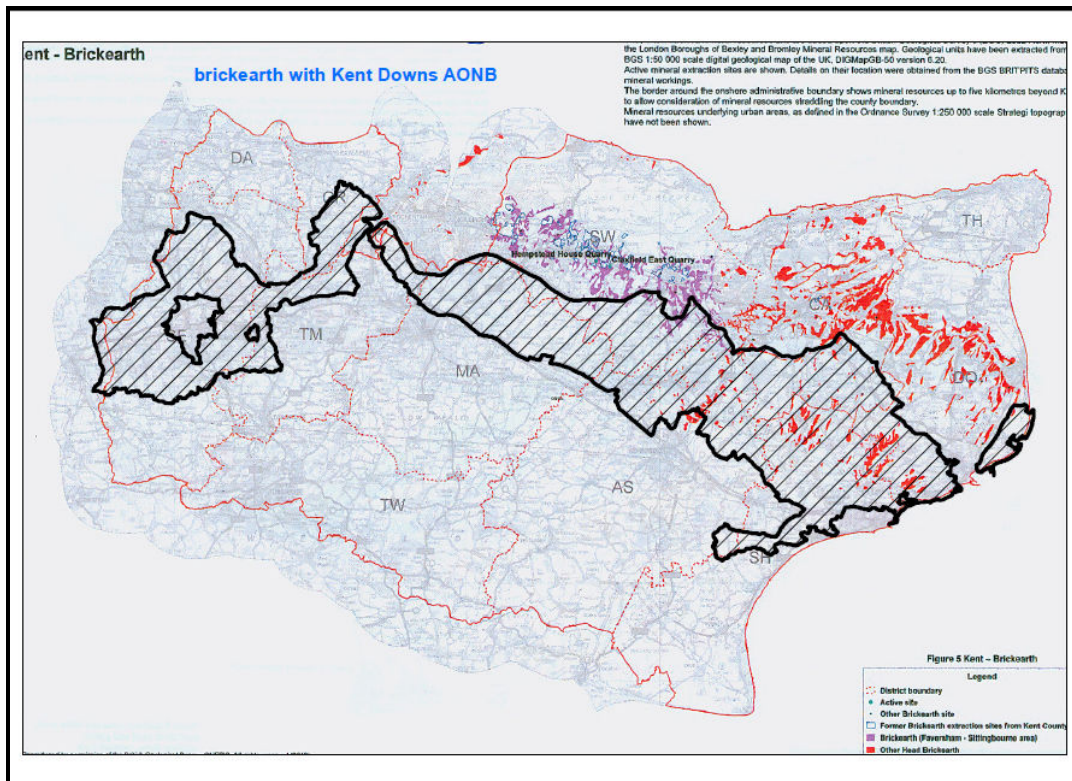
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10. Brickearth within Kent Downs (hatching)