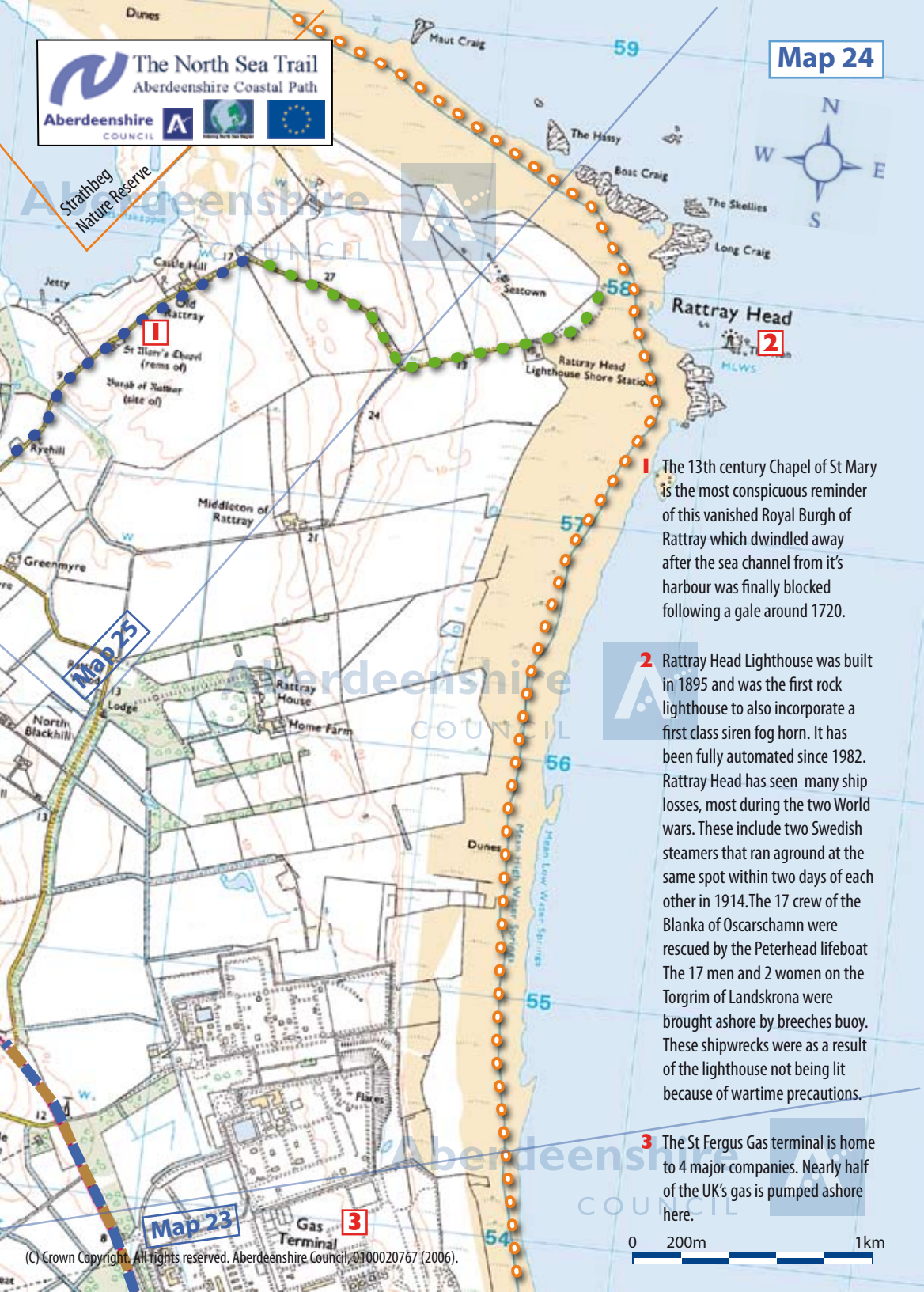


Strathbeg
Nature Reserve



1 The 13th century Chapel of St Mary is the most conspicuous reminder of this vanished Royal Burgh of Rattray which dwindled away after the sea channel from its harbour was finally blocked following a gale around 1720.

2 Rattray Head Lighthouse was built in 1895 and was the first rock lighthouse to also incorporate a first class siren fog horn. It has been fully automated since 1982. Rattray Head has seen many ship losses, most during the two World wars. These include two Swedish steamers that ran aground at the same spot within two days of each other in 1914. The 17 crew of the Blanka of Oscarshamn were rescued by the Peterhead lifeboat. The 17 men and 2 women on the Torgrim of Landskrona were brought ashore by breeches buoy. These shipwrecks were as a result of the lighthouse not being lit because of wartime precautions.

3 The St Fergus Gas terminal is home to 4 major companies. Nearly half of the UK's gas is pumped ashore here.

