

The definition of Historic Environment Character Zones created from the combination of key HE and landscape GIS data:

- County Historic Environment Records
- County Landscape Character Assessment
- Designated historic assets
- Selected environmental themes

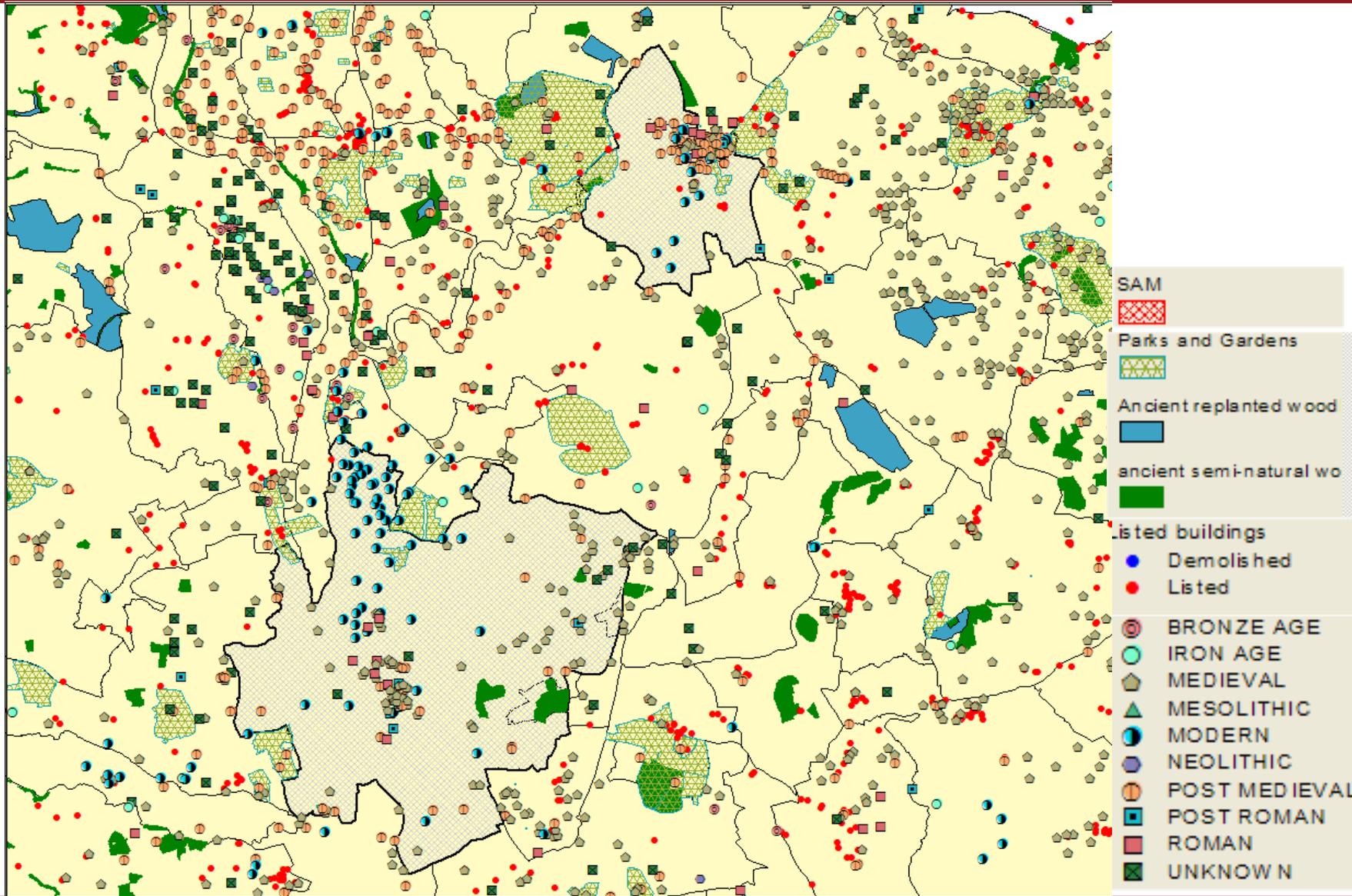
Assessment criteria for each HECZ (Historic Environment Character Zone)

Each character zone assessment is supported by short statements that describe the key historic landscape and archaeological character attributes for the zone. This is prefixed by an introductory summary to set the context.

Each criteria scored between 1 – 3 (3 being the highest value)

- Survival
- Potential
- Documentation
- Diversity
- Group value
- Amenity value
- Sensitivity

Each heading is supported by a short character validation statement.



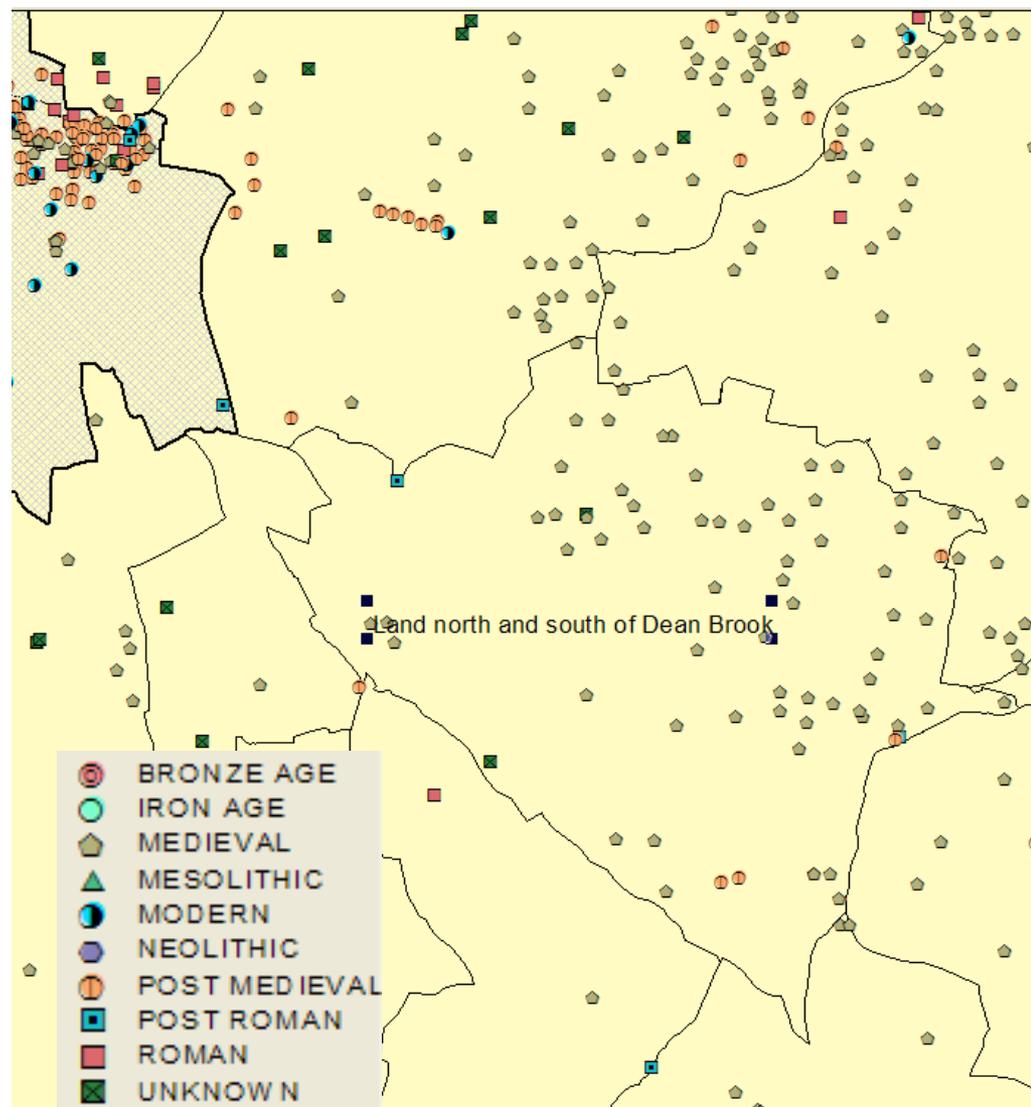
Summary: An area of lias clay, with poorly draining soils and an intermediate, rolling topography. The settlement pattern is dispersed with a field pattern that has evolved from post-medieval piecemeal enclosure of former grazing meadow and medieval communal open-fields. The zone has an extensive range of medieval historic environment features associated with settlement and farming.

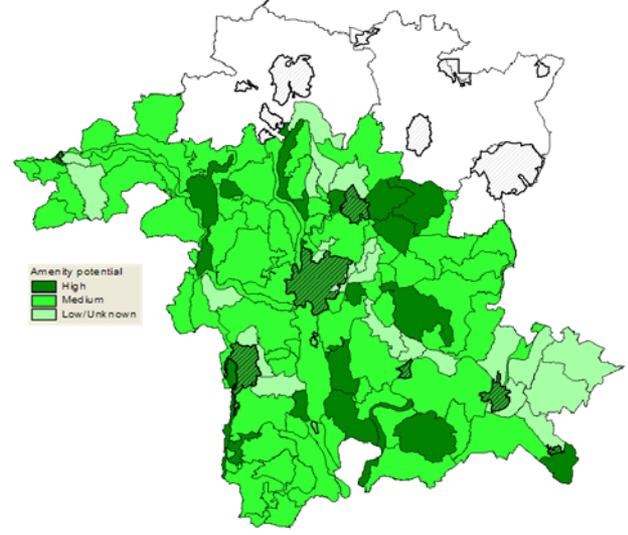
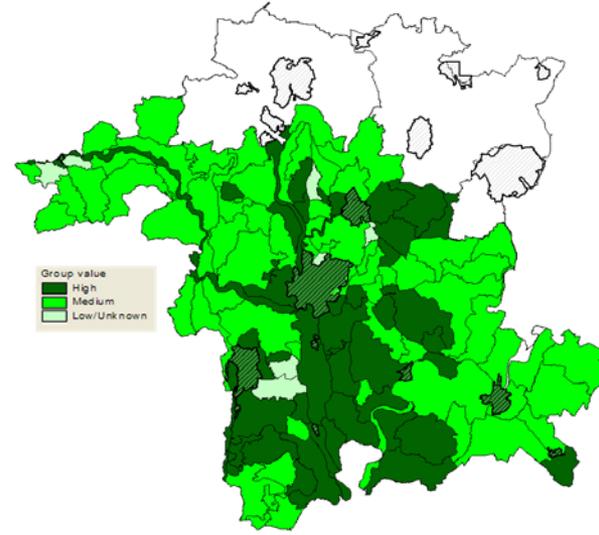
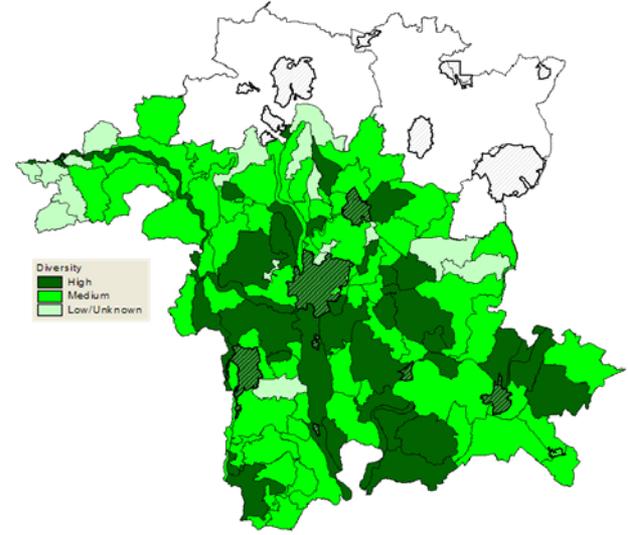
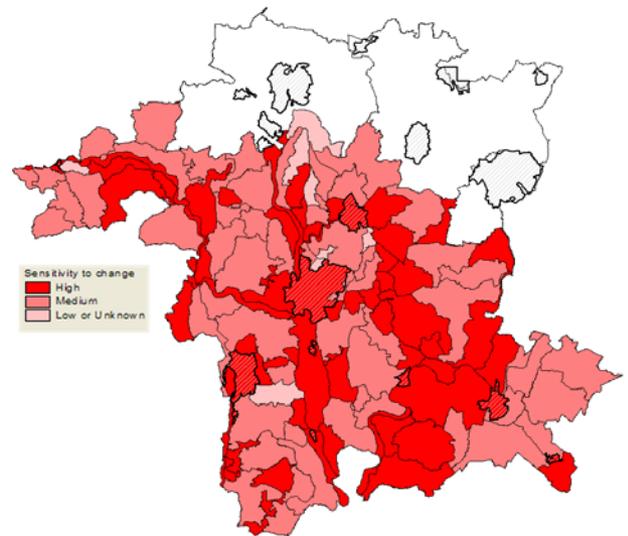
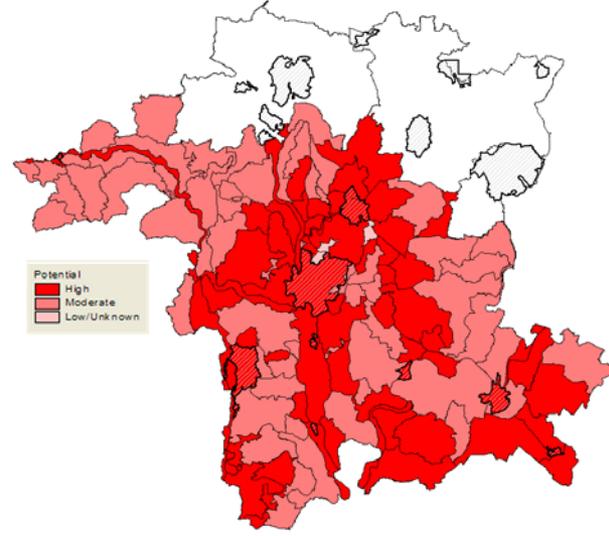
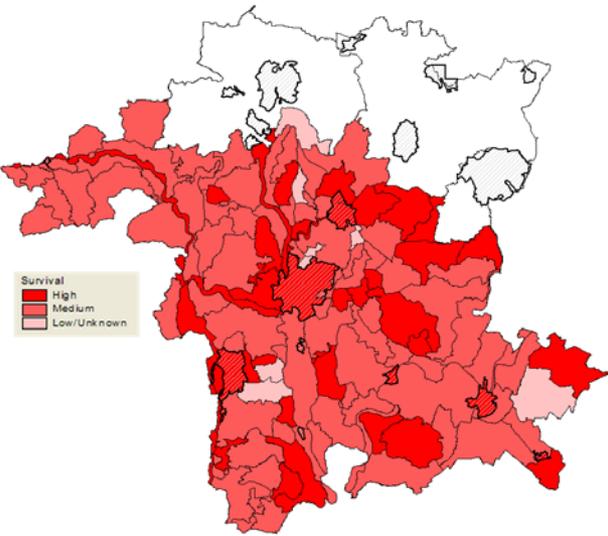
Historic Landscape: The zone is characterised by a distinctive post-medieval field pattern, which has resulted from a process of piecemeal enclosure marking the shift away from communal farming during the 17th – 19th centuries. The radial field pattern surrounding Phepson largely represents enclosures based on the furlongs that once characterised the open-field. The land either side of the Dean Brook is dominated by enclosed meadows that were formerly more extensive and open in character. The settlement pattern is comprised of small, dispersed hamlets and wayside farms. The large block of semi-ancient natural woodland, which combines Goosehill, Little Goosehill and Puckhill woods, dominates the central part of this zone.

Archaeological Character: The zone is associated with extensive medieval historic environment features. Phepson was a larger settlement during the medieval period. The settlement declined during the later 18th century, however, extensive earthworks are present around the existing farms and there is a high potential for surviving below ground archaeology. Areas of medieval ridge and furrow survive throughout the zone indicative of the former communal farming system. Land either side of the brook was the subject of managed irrigation during the post-medieval period. Some watercourses and drains have survived to become modern field boundaries. A range of listed and non-listed historic buildings characterise the small hamlets that populate the margins of this zone.

Table 27: Land north and south of Dean Brook

HECZ Criteria	Description	Score
Survival	Overall settlement pattern, road network and historic woodlands survive well.	2
Potential	Likelihood of medieval and post-medieval below ground archaeology within the zone.	3
Documentation	HER, historic and cartographic research.	2
Diversity of historic environment assets	A range of medieval and post-medieval buildings and landscape features survive.	2
Group value association	Coherence of settlement, communications, medieval cultivation earthworks.	3
Amenity value	Historic landscape has a high amenity potential.	3
Sensitivity to change	Coherent historic landscape and preserved below ground archaeology highly sensitive to change.	3
Overall score		18





Green Infrastructure and the Historic Environment

A key objective in GI provision, as part of site master planning should be the development of opportunities to conserve HE features and landscapes and promote their contribution towards defining identity and a sense of place.

GI and HE networks: hedgerows, green lanes, canals, disused railway lines

GI and HE open space/green space: orchards, designed landscape (e.g. parkland), permanent pasture with earthworks (e.g. ridge and furrow), land with extensive below ground archaeology, ASN/AR Woodlands.

GI and HE water features: ponds, water filled quarries and clay pits, canals, bogs



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Accessible Greenspace and Routes –
Planning, Mapping and Management



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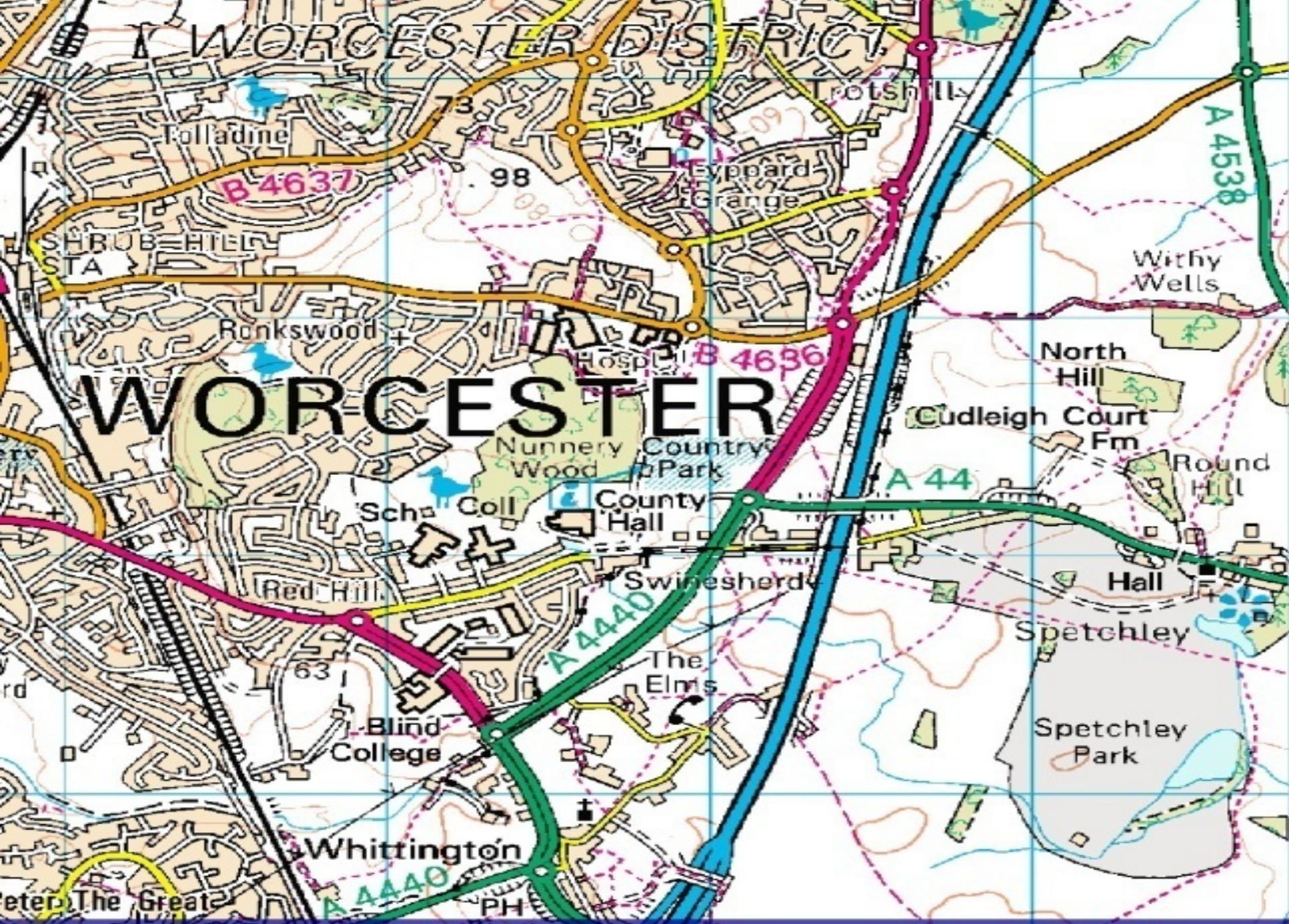
Outcome 2 and 2.1

Outcome 2

- *People are inspired to value and conserve the natural environment*

Target 2.3.1

- *Achieve a strategic understanding of accessible greenspace and route provision in terms of assets, quality, needs and demand*



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Trotts Hill

Byppard
Range

A 4538

Withy
Wells

Ronkswood

Hosp

B 4636

North
Hill

Cudleigh Court
Fm

Nunnery Country
Wood Park

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County
Hall

Round
Hill

Scha Coll

Swinesherd

Hall

Red Hill

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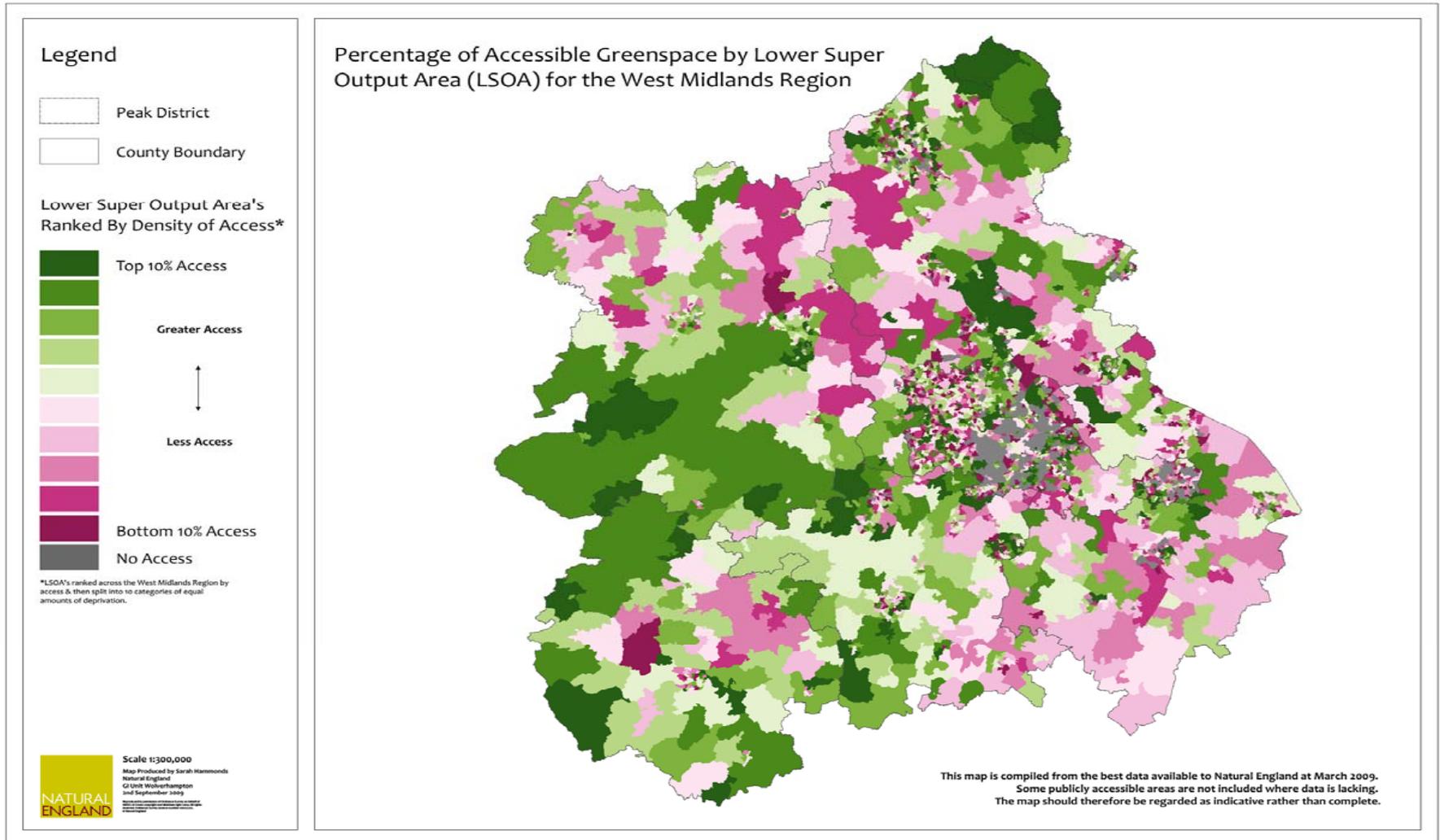
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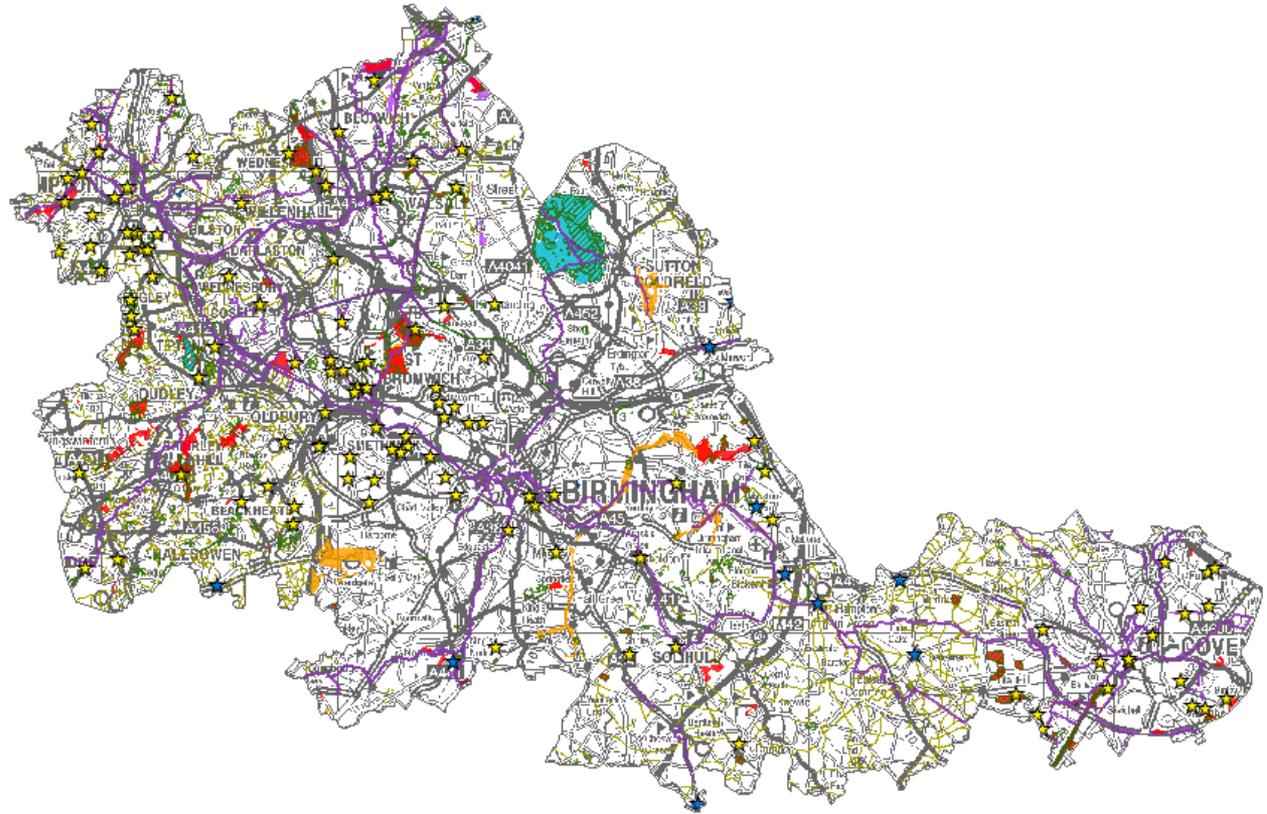


Legend

- ★ WHI Projects
- ★ Village Greens
- PRow
- National Trails
- Sustrans
- Agri-Environment Schemes Permissive Access
- Agri-Environment Schemes Open Access
- Doorstep Greens
- ▨ Woodlands For People
- Millennium Greens
- Accessible National Nature Reserves
- Local Nature Reserves
- CRoW (Including A3, A7 & Section 16)
- Country Parks

Scale 1:150,000
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WebMap

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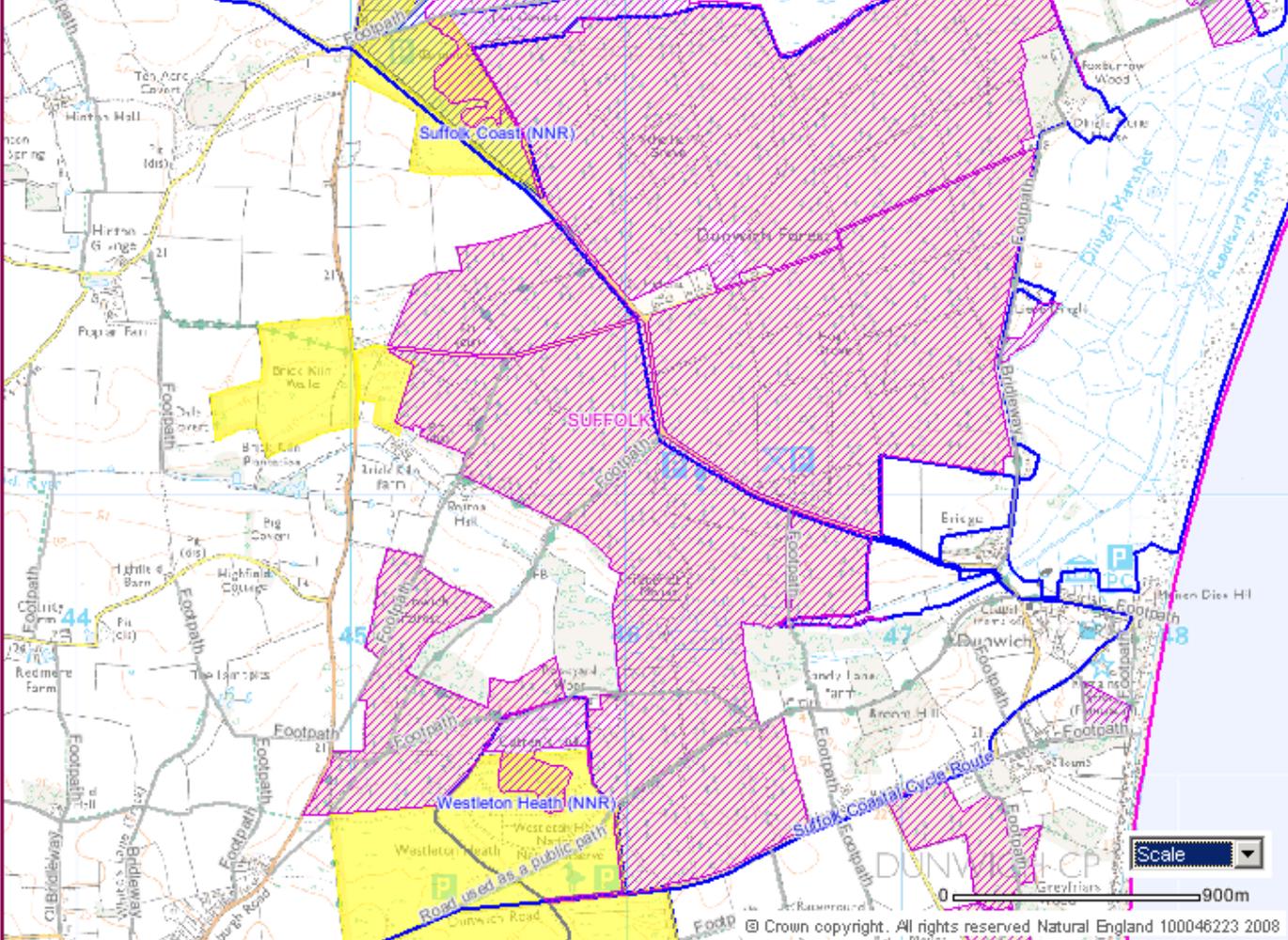
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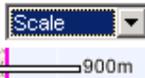
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- Least deprived
- Area of Deficiency (GLA)
- Rural/Urban classification ?
 - Urban > 10K
 - Town and Fringe
 - Village, hamlet, isolated dwellings
- Accessible woodland
- CSS access option
- ES access option
- National Trust access 24 hrs
- National Trust access limited
- Population 2001
- ST ward ?
- Super Output Area IMD rank
 - IMD score 0
 - IMD score >0 - <5
 - IMD score 5 - <15
 - IMD score 15 - <30
 - IMD score 30 - 80
- Public Right Of Way
- Birds**
- Photographs**



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Raising standards for visitors to Greenspace

- We support quality greenspace management, so that greenspace provides enjoyable, participatory & inspirational visitor experiences
- We support three key standards for all greenspaces
 1. Quality – the Green Flag Award
 2. Quantity and Accessibility – the Access to Natural Greenspace Standards (ANGSt)
 3. Visitor Service Standards – currently for National and Local Nature Reserves and Country Parks
- Our emphasis is on the provision of a variety of well managed and welcoming greenspaces

Agree Joint Actions

- Accessible Greenspace & Routes maps
- Quality/Standards Assessment
- Costed Greenspace Network Mgt Plan
- Co-od with Cde team RoWIP/LAF/LTP3
- Participate with WMR Greenspace Forum
- Others???



Blue Infrastructure part of the Green Infrastructure network

Natasha Friend
Principal Planner





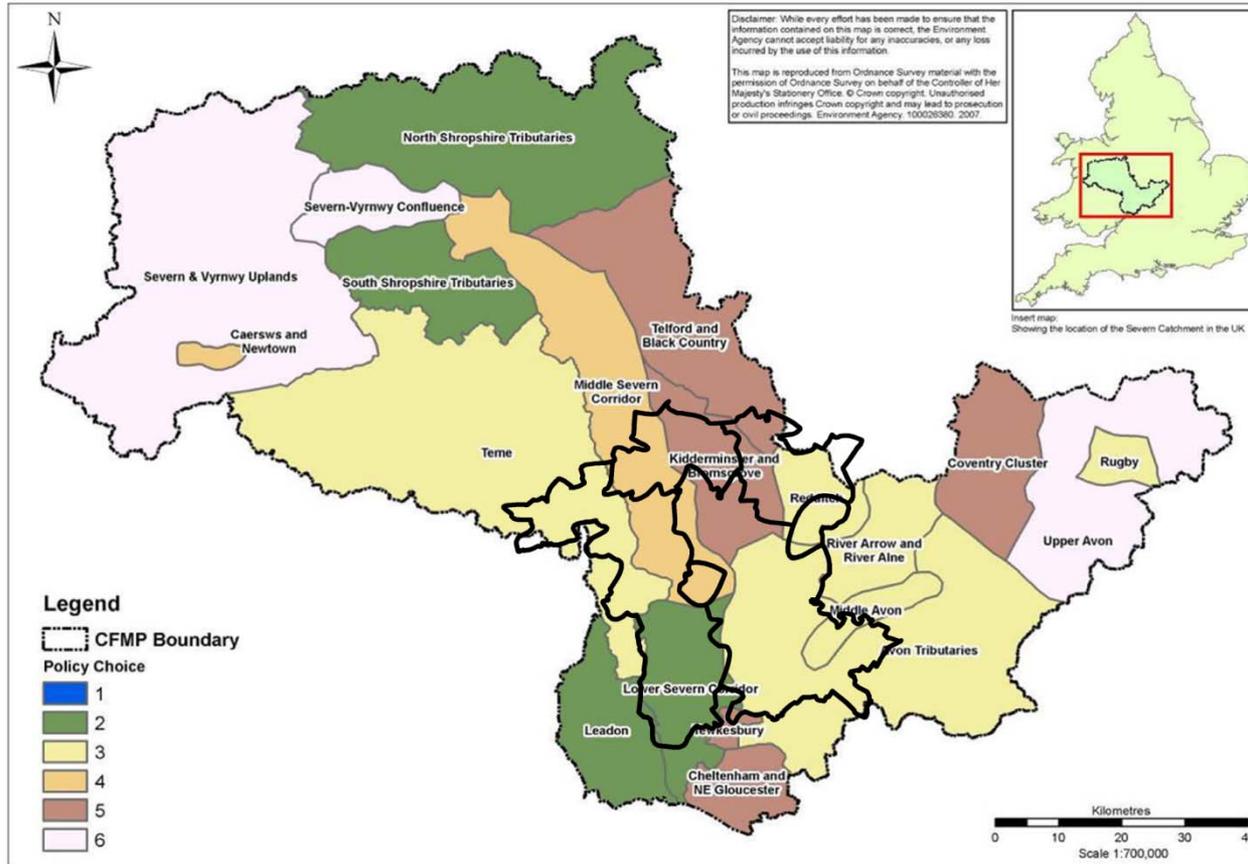
Blue Infrastructure is

based on rivers, lakes, ponds and the strips along these rivers, lakes and ponds. It is also made up of canals, wetlands and other water related features such as wet woodlands.

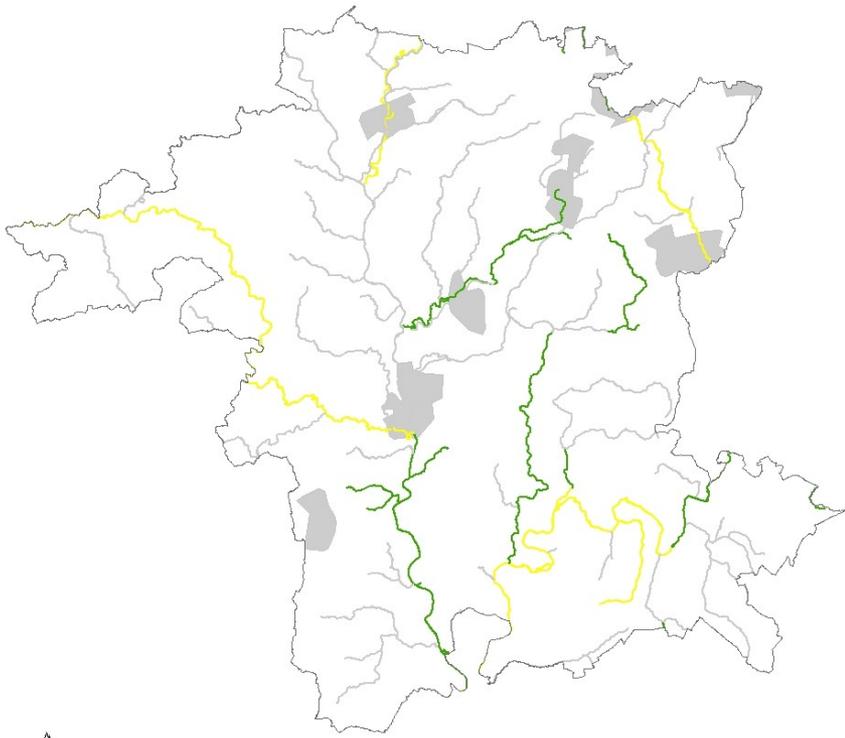
Main sources of information

- Catchment Flood Management Plan (CFMP),
- River Basin Management Plans (RBMP)
- Catchment Abstraction Management Strategies
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessments & Water Cycle Studies (SFRA),
- Flood and Water Management Bill
- Planning for Water in Worcestershire Technical Research Paper

Flooding



Water Framework Directive - Chemical Status of Rivers and Canals in Worcestershire in 2009

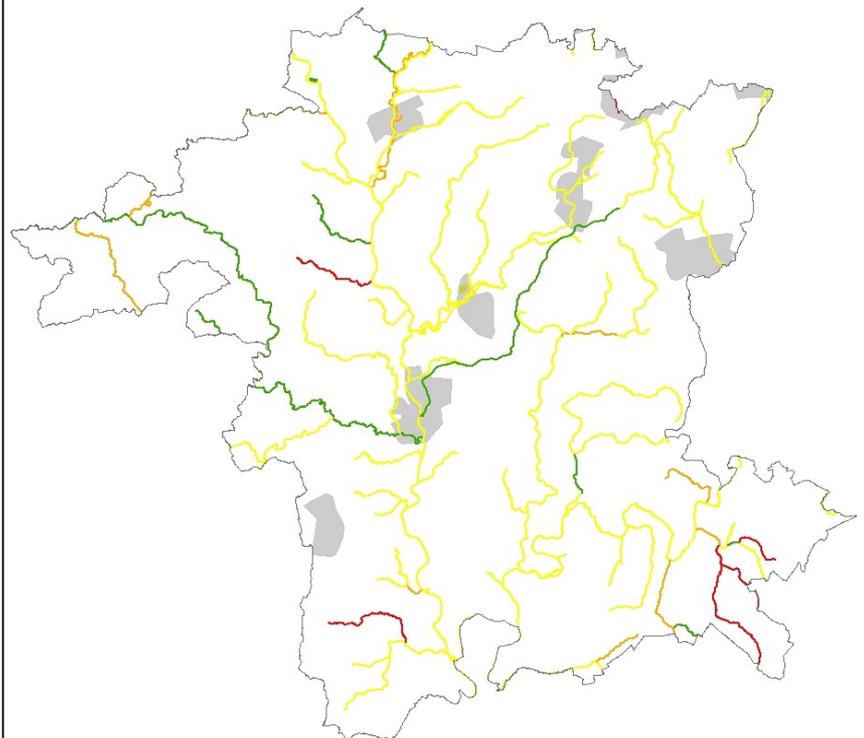


**Chemical Status
(Priority Hazardous
substances)**

- Good
- Fail
- Does not require assessment
- Major Urban Areas

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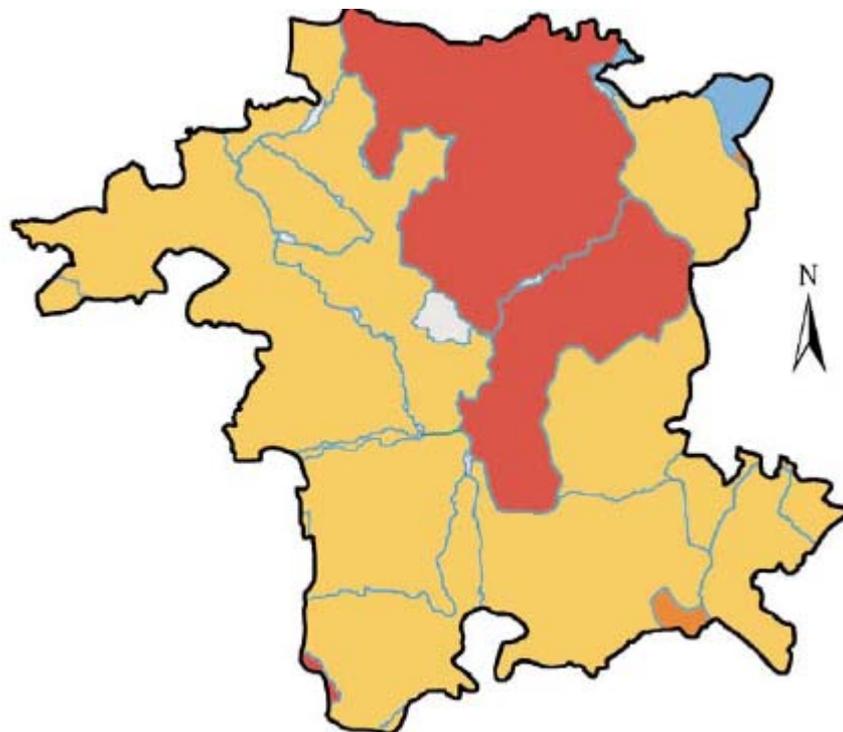


**Ecological Status
or Potential**

- High
- Good
- Moderate
- Poor
- Bad
- Major Urban Areas

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