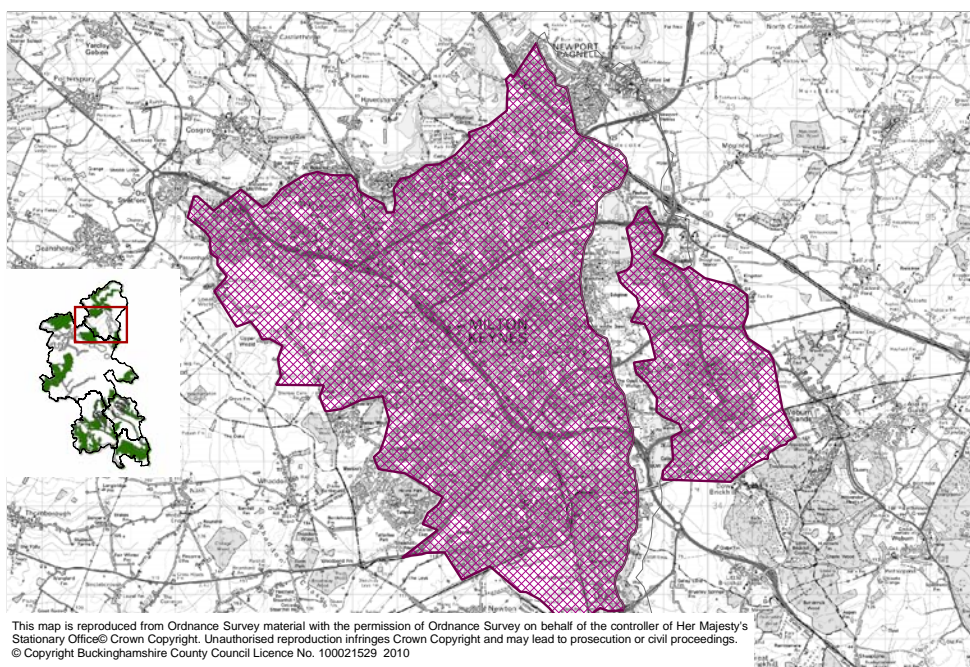


Milton Keynes City Local Biodiversity Opportunity Area Statement



Area Coverage	8048 ha
Number of Designated Sites	Local wildlife sites 2
BAP Habitat	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland 36 ha Reedbeds 3 ha

This area covers the urban area of Milton Keynes, excluding the Ouzel Valley.

It connects with the Ouzel Valley, Greensand Ridge, Ouse Valley and Whaddon Chase BOAs

Joint Character Area Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Claylands

Landscape Types Urban. The western fringes are wooded agricultural land while the area east of the Ouzel valley is unwooded agricultural land

Geology

Topography Milton Keynes sits on a low gently sloping hill with the Ouse Valley to the north and the Ouzel Valley to the east. At its highest point it is 115m (approximately 55m above the valley bottoms). A narrow valley runs through the centre of the city. To the east of the Ouzel the land is very flat.

Biodiversity Woodland – Howe Park Wood is a woodland SSSI. There is 1 woodland LWSs.
Eutrophic Standing Water – a small stretch of the Grand Union Canal at Stanton Low is designated as LWS (designated due to the emergent and

floating flora). There are many lakes in the area which are valuable for birds

Ponds – Milton Keynes contains many ponds – some of which are likely to meet BAP quality and many are home to Great Crested Newts

Traditional Orchards – There are a few remaining traditional orchards spread across the city

Urban Habitats – Milton Keynes City contains a network of Green Corridors. Though these are unlikely to contain BAP habitat they do enable the dispersal of biodiversity throughout the city and many BAP species such as Song Thrush, Hedgehog and House Sparrow are beneficiaries

Rivers and Streams – Shenley Brook and Loughton Brook are important green corridors

Access

Howe Park Wood is owned by Milton Keynes Council. Linford Wood is owned by Milton Keynes Parks Trust. All lakes are publically accessible

Archaeology

Targets

Lowland Meadows –Restoration, Creation

Woodland – Management, Creation

Eutrophic Standing Waters – Management, Restoration

Ponds – Management, Restoration, Creation

Traditional Orchards - Management, Restoration, Creation

Rivers and Streams – Management, Restoration

Reedbeds – management, Restoration, Creation



The Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (BOAs) map depicts the regional priority areas of opportunity for restoration and creation of Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) habitats. This is a spatial representation of the BAP targets and the BOAs are areas of opportunity, not constraint. The BOAs shown in the map do not include all the BAP habitat in the region, nor do they include all the areas where BAP habitat could exist. In particular, more work is needed to develop approaches in urban and in marine environments.

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