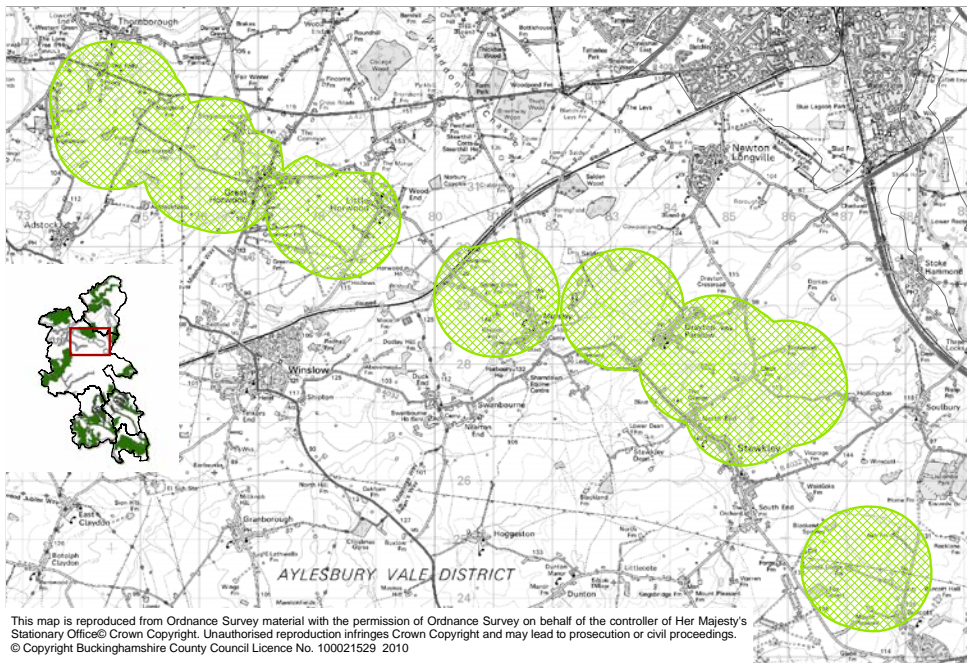


## North Bucks Fens Local Biodiversity Opportunity Area Statement



<b>Area Coverage</b>	2933 ha
<b>Number of Designated Sites</b>	Local wildlife sites 10 SSSI 1
<b>BAP Habitat</b>	Lowland Meadow 13 ha Fens 11.5 ha

*The area covers the North Bucks fens on the ridge running north west / south east between Thornborough and Soulbury.*

**Joint Character Area** Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Claylands

**Landscape Types** Wooded agricultural land.

**Geology** Mudstone with overlying till, head and sand and gravel deposits.

**Topography** A ridge running NW – SE. With gentle slopes running into the Great Ouse Valley to the north.

**Biodiversity** Fens - There are many small isolated fens on the spring line created by the geology of the ridge

Lowland Meadows – Pilch Field is a Lowland Meadow SSSI. There are two Lowland Meadow LWSs in Stewkley

**Access** There is a good network of footpaths throughout the area. Most of the fens are on private land and inaccessible.

**Archaeology**

**Targets** Fens – Management , Restoration

Hedgerows - Management , Restoration, Creation  
Lowland Meadows - Management , Restoration, Creation  
Woodlands - Management , Restoration, Creation  
Ponds – 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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