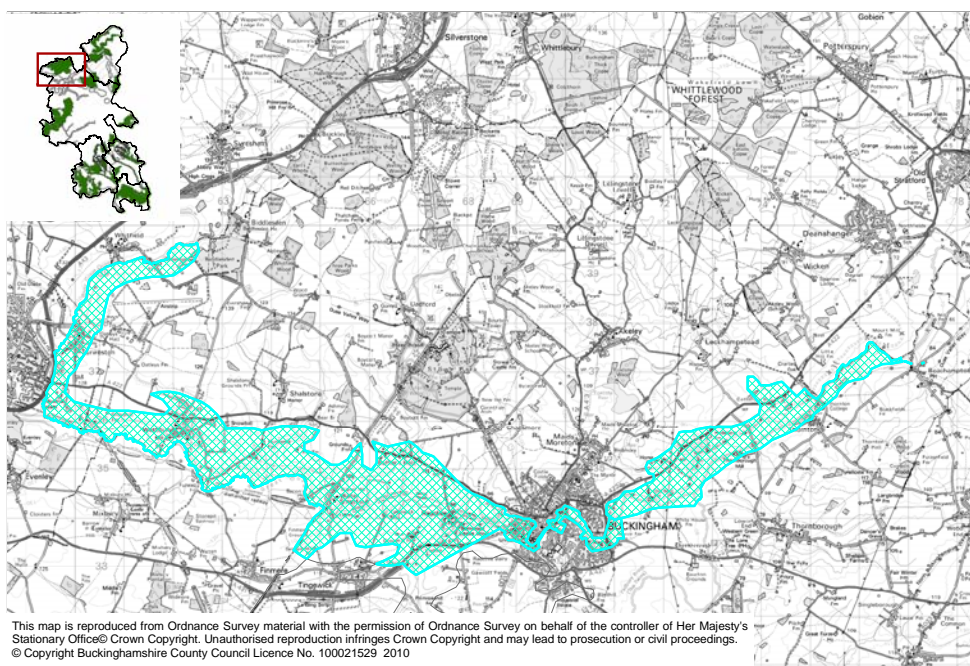


Ouse Valley Extension Local Biodiversity Opportunity Area Statement



Area Coverage	1920 ha
BAP Habitat	Lowland Fen 3.5ha Coastal & Floodplain Grazing Marsh 31 ha
Number of Designated Sites	Local wildlife sites 4

The Ouse Valley runs right across the county from Whitfield in the west to Olney in the east. The stretch of the Ouse Valley in Milton Keynes only is included in the BOA. This local BOA covers the stretch in Aylesbury Vale District.

Joint Character Area Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Claylands

Landscape Types Predominantly agricultural unwooded.

Geology Mudstone overlain by sand, silt and gravels.

Topography A narrow meandering river valley

Biodiversity Rivers & Streams – The Ouse is a predominantly natural river flowing across the county and creating a corridor for the dispersal of biodiversity. Otters have been spotted along its entire length in Bucks and MK.

Lowland Fen – there is a Lowland Fen at Turweston Manor

Floodplain Grazing Marsh – Areas near Thornborough and Water Stratford have been identified as Floodplain Grazing Marsh.

Hedgerows – There are potential BAP hedgerows in the area

Access Stony Stratford Nature Reserve and it is owned by Milton Keynes Parks Trust. There are riverside walks in Buckingham and some sections north of Milton Keynes.

Archaeology

Targets Rivers & Streams –Management, Restoration
Lowland Meadows - Restoration, Creation
Woodland – - Restoration, Creation
Lowland Fen – Management, Restoration, Creation
Reedbeds – Creation
Hedgerows – Management, Restoration, Creation
Ponds – Management, Restoration, Creation



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