

BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN SCHEME KINGSLAND FARM, HUNTINGDON



Delivering a range of habitats at landscape scale in the distinctive Fen landscape, this scheme will support habitat connectivity and contribute to local environmental priorities with the creation of over 500 biodiversity units.

Local Planning Authority

Huntingdonshire

National Character Areas

Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Claylands and The Fens

Distances

- 12 km from Huntingdon
- 16 km from Peterborough

Biodiversity units for sale



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Developers with off-site BNG requirements can contribute to the creation and management of this habitat scheme through the purchase of biodiversity units.

Location

The site is located approx. 12 km north of Huntingdon, within the Huntingdonshire Local Planning Authority Area. It sits across The Fens National Character Area and the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Claylands National Character Area. The scheme will buffer and connect existing priority habitats, including ancient woodland, deciduous woodland, floodplain wetland mosaic and wood-pasture and parkland.

Landscape character

The site is surrounded by predominantly arable land with areas of residential land and commercial buildings. Lines of trees and woodland stands are scattered across the landscape. The Great Fen is approximately 2 km to the northwest and features a range of habitats including wet woodland, reedbeds and lowland fen.

Land size

The BNG site is 156 hectares (385 acres).

Current use and baseline habitats

The majority of the site was previously intensively farmed, with a mixture of cereal and non-cereal crops. There is a parcel of ancient woodland in the south of the site.

Habitat creation

The site has potential to create the following habitats:

Very high distinctiveness

- Grassland

Medium distinctiveness

- iGrassland
- Heathland and shrub
- Woodland
- Lake
- Individual trees
- Hedgerow

Land management

Habitat delivery has been planned to maximise ecological benefit with consideration of the specific characteristics of the site. A robust and flexible long-term management structure is in place, with detailed plans setting out how the scheme will be managed for nature into the future.



Method and terms of sale

Biodiversity units which meet developer compensation requirements in terms of habitat types and extents can be purchased 'off-the-shelf.' An option for the purchase of biodiversity units will be granted to purchasers, allowing them to secure planning consent before providing the funds for physical habitat creation.

Environmental outcomes

This scheme will contribute to a range of ecosystem services through habitat creation, including:

- Expansion of wildlife corridors
- Improved air and water quality
- Carbon sequestration

Scheme benefits

There are huge advantages in developers delivering their BNG requirements through this scheme, including:

- Providing significant contributions to recognised local ecological priorities
- Surety of where offsets are being delivered
- Contribution to landscape scale enhancements
- Greater confidence in the security of long-term sustainable management beyond the requisite contractual 30-year period

The scheme will become a showcase for the effective delivery of BNG, demonstrating how offsetting development through habitat creation on a landscape scale is most efficient, cost-effective and maximises environmental outcomes.

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Project website

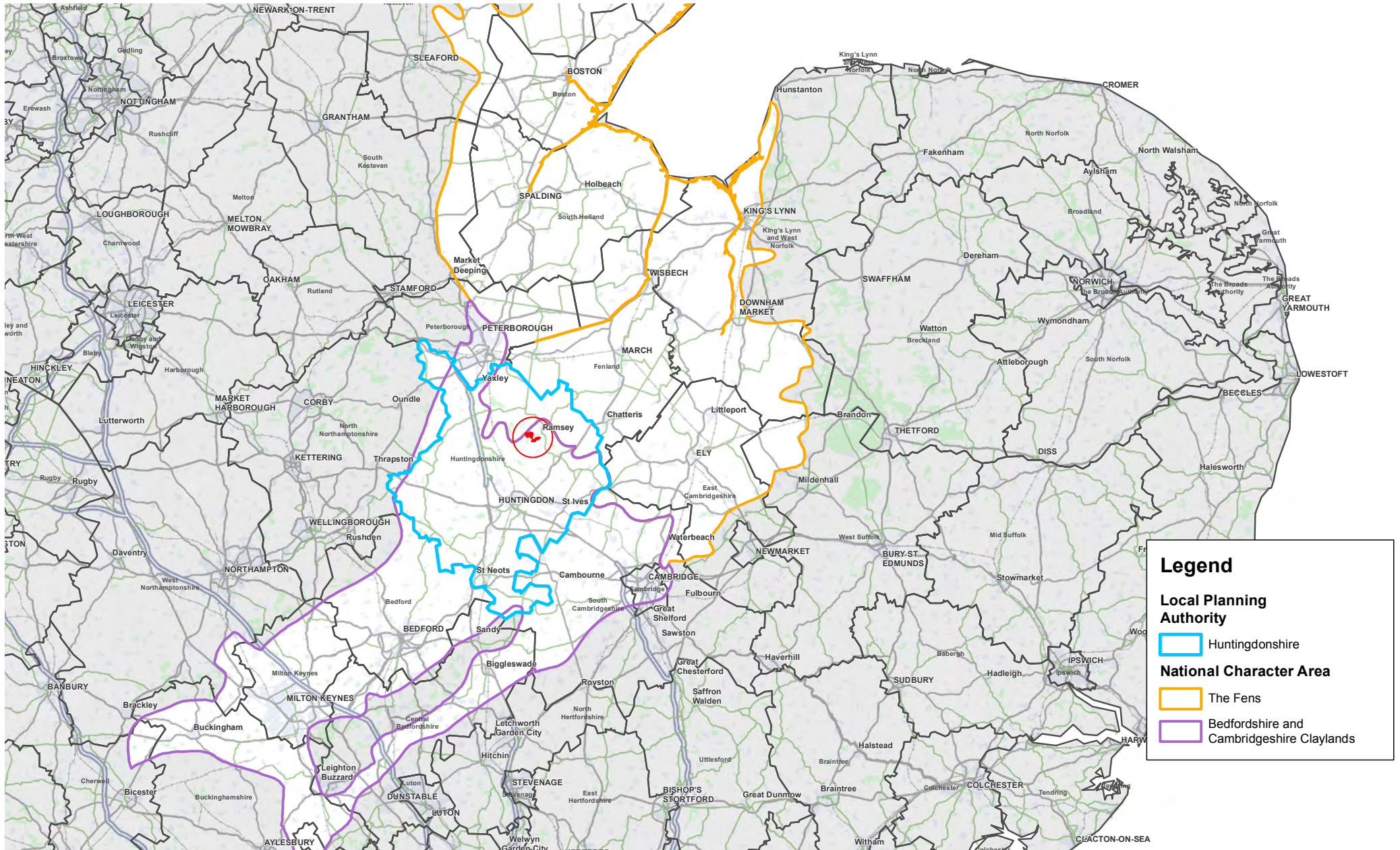
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Regional context



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