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The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire,
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People close to nature, in a land rich in wildlife

Huntingdonshire Priority Natural Landscapes



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Ancient woodlands



Floodplain Meadows



Priority species



Wetlands

State of Nature Report

- 44% of species have decreased over the last 10 years
- 1 in 7 species are threatened with extinction from Great Britain
- Climate change is having an increasing impact on nature in the UK

**We are in a
biodiversity crisis!**

**Why we need to
double nature locally!**



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Why Priority Natural Landscapes



- Habitat and species conservation approaches have had some successes, but State of Nature Reports show these are limited.
- Lawton Report: Space for Nature
 - English nature protection system “not fit for purpose.”
 - Species more , habitats change in response to natural factors and Climate Change.
 - Species and habitats present affect natural processes and nature provides essential services to us e.g. flood protection, pollination, soils.
 - We need to think bigger & at a landscape scale...
- **MORE, BIGGER, BETTER & JOINED UP**



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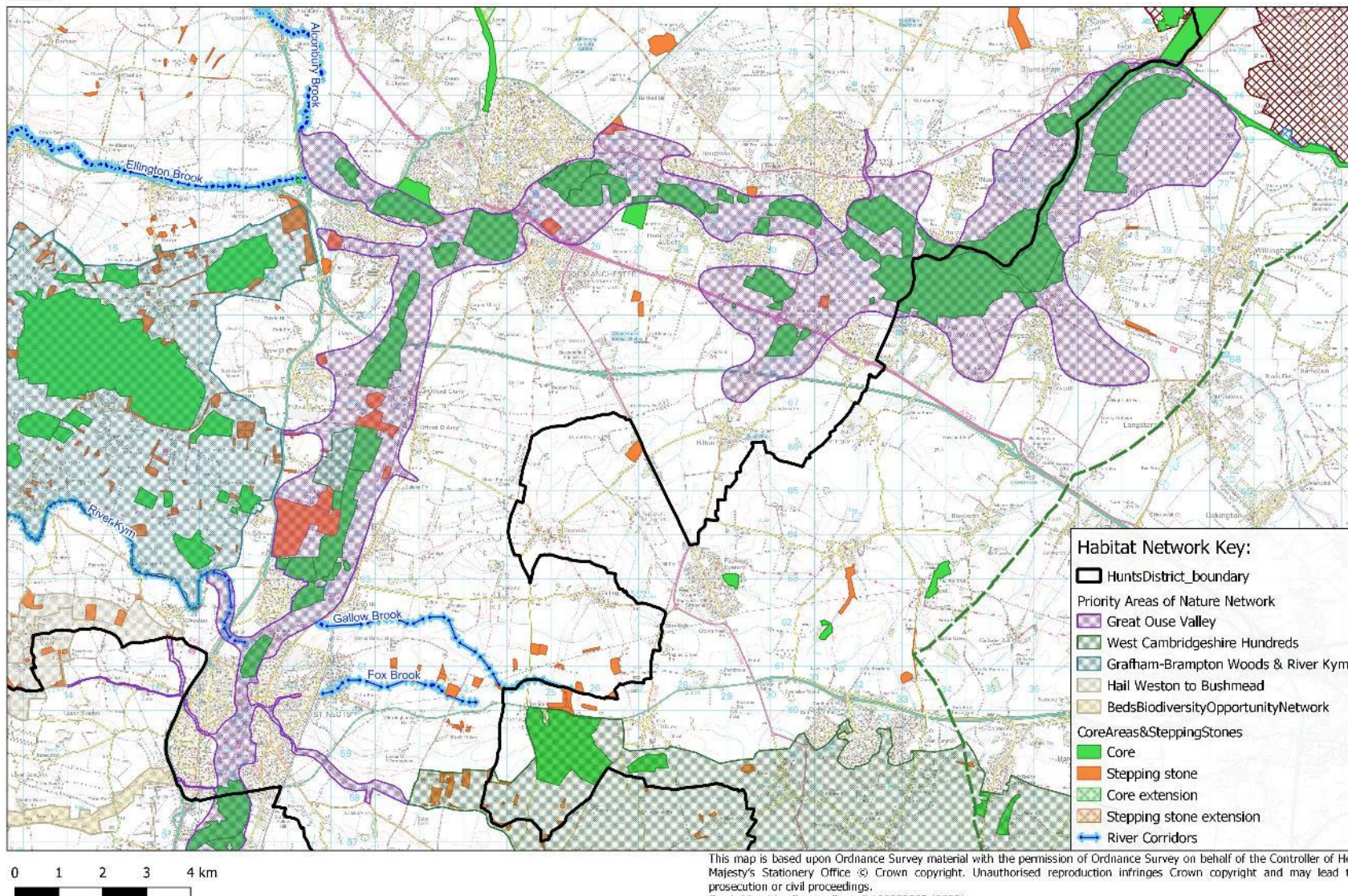
Identifying Priority Landscapes in Huntingdonshire



- Identify location of nature sites and other priority habitats.
- Understanding underlying soils, geology and hydrology.
- Application of published Nature Recovery Principles
 - Identify core habitats
 - Identify stepping-stone habitats and corridors
 - Aim for core habitats of at least 40 Ha and ideally 100 Ha
 - Reduce gaps between habitat patches to 200m or less for habitat specialist species, or 1 Km for generalist species
 - Identify connectivity measures such as nature friendly farming



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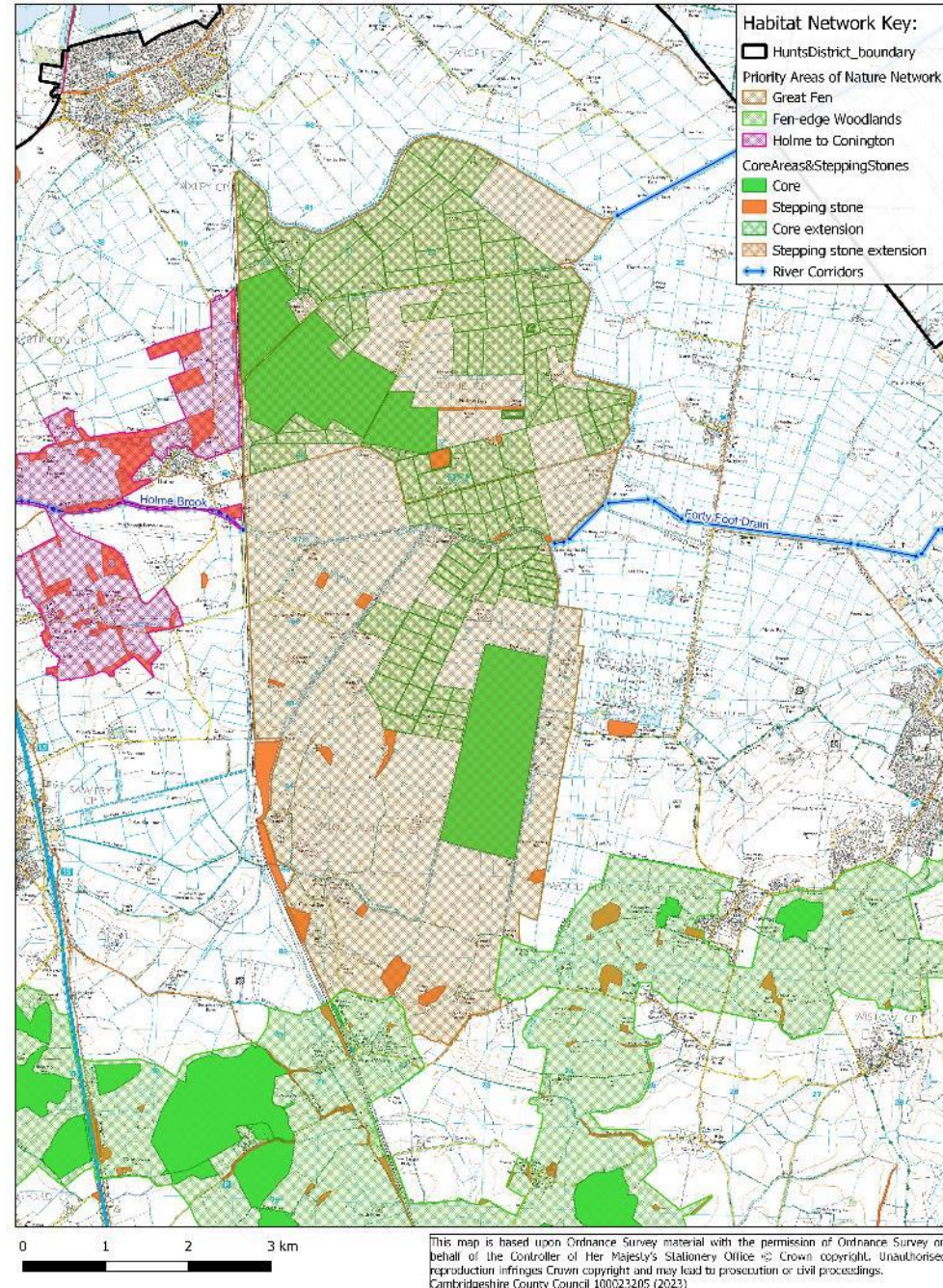
Great Fen:

Lawton principles in action.

- More.
- Bigger.
- Better
- Joined Up



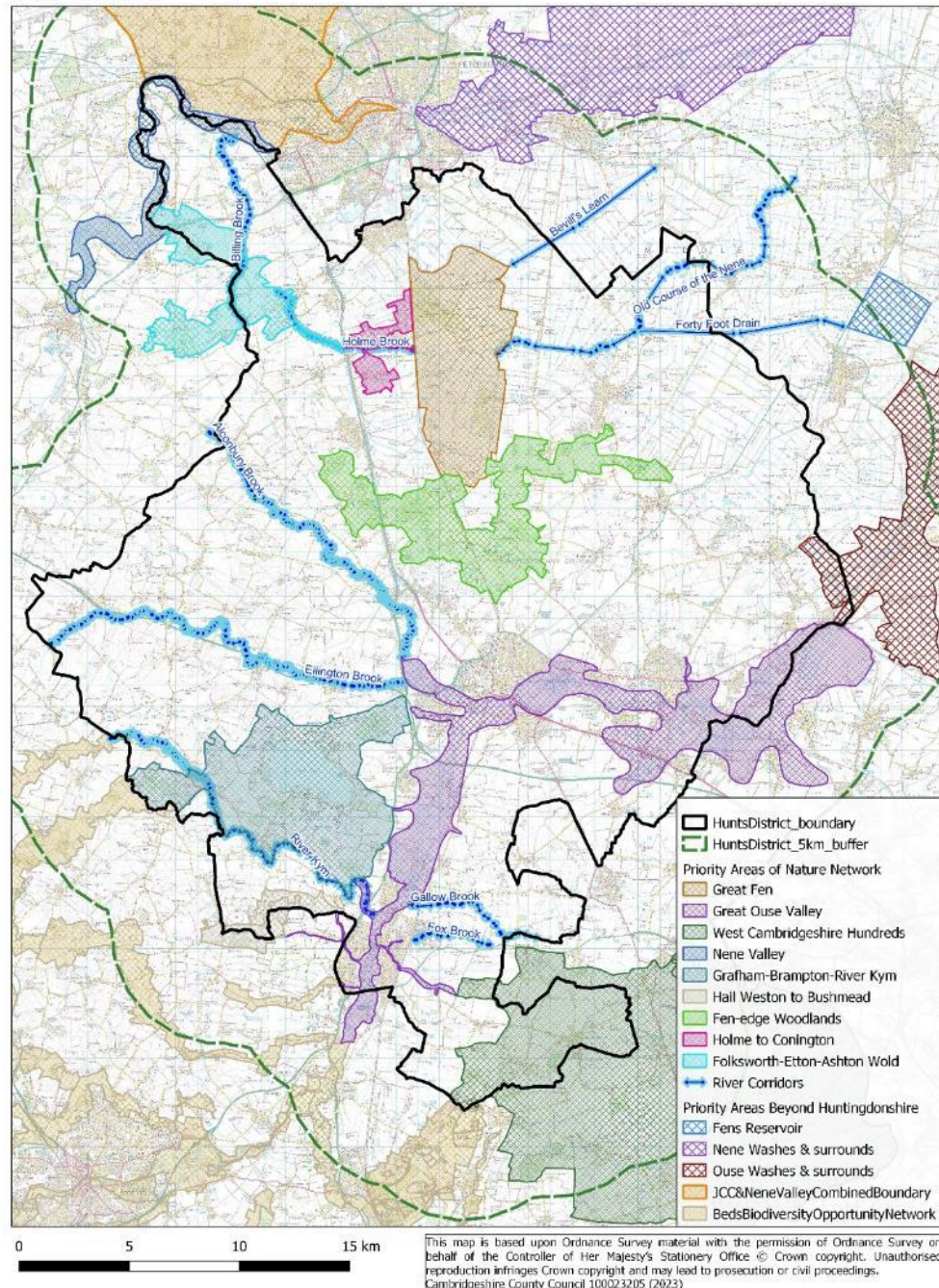
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Next Steps:

- Influence statutory Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
- Direct locations of Habitat Banks & off-site BNG.
- Nature Friendly Farming.
- Influence parish, town & individual actions through Biodiversity for All.



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