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Acronyms & Abbreviations

A&E	Accident & Emergency
ALC	Agricultural Land Classification
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
BMV	Best and Most Versatile
BUAB	Built-Up Area Boundary
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EU	European Union
GP	General Practice
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
IRZ	Impact Risk Zone
LGS	Local Geological Site
LWS	Local Wildlife Site
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
NCA	National Character Area
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
PP	Policy or Programme
PPG	Planning Practice Guidance
PRoW	Public Right of Way
RPG	Registered Park and Garden
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SAP	Site Allocation Plan
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SHLAA	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
SM	Scheduled Monument
SPA	Special Protection Area
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
SuDS	Sustainable urban Drainage System

1 Introduction

1.1 This report

1.1.1 This screening report has been prepared to determine whether the Quinton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011 to 2031 (NDP) should be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC¹ (SEA Directive) and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004² (SEA Regulations).

1.1.2 This report screens the draft Quinton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011 to 2031³.

1.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment

1.2.1 The basis for Strategic Environmental Assessment legislation is European Directive 2001/42/EC; this has now been brought into UK law. This was originally transposed into English law by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SEA Regulations). Detailed guidance of these regulations can be found in the Government publication 'A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive'⁴ and Paragraph 009 of the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) 'Neighbourhood Planning' section⁵.

1.2.2 Under the requirements of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, certain types of plans that set the framework for the consent of future development projects must be subject to an environmental assessment.

1.3 The Quinton Neighbourhood Development Plan

1.3.1 The creation of neighbourhood development plans started with the Government's Localism Act 2011. The Act set out a series of measures to shift power away from central government and towards local people. One of the Localism Act's key components is the neighbourhood development plan; a new tier in planning policy which enables local people to shape the development of the community in which they live.

¹ SEA Directive. Available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32001L0042&from=en> [Date Accessed: 22/03/21]

² The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. Available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/1633/contents/made> [Date Accessed: 22/03/21]

³ Quinton Parish Council (2021) Quinton Neighbourhood Plan 2011 – 2031 Draft Version (2nd March 2021)

⁴ ODPM (2005) A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive. Available at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/7657/practicalguidesea.pdf [Date Accessed: 22/03/21]

⁵ MHCLG (2020) Guidance: Neighbourhood Planning. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2> [Date Accessed: 22/03/21]

1.3.2 On 19th January 2015, Stratford-on-Avon District Council formally approved the boundary of the designated neighbourhood area of Quinton (see **Figure 1.1**). In 2017, a group of local residents formed a steering committee to develop the NDP.

1.3.3 The NDP⁶ offers a picture of the parish and a vision for the twenty year period between 2011 and 2031. The NDP's vision for 2031 is in context with the objectives and policies of the NDP and is as follows:

- Quinton continues to be a desirable place to live and is thriving with a strong sense of community.
- Quinton remains an attractive and largely rural settlement set in beautiful Cotswold countryside characterised by historic buildings, open views and green spaces featuring the Cotswolds AONB and Meon Hill.
- New building or works to existing buildings reflect and complement the distinctive rural and historic character of the Quinton Area and the Quinton villages.
- The villages of Lower and Upper Quinton maintain their distinct character and boundaries.
- The heritage assets, landscape and green spaces of the Neighbourhood Area are conserved and protected including the open views within and into and out of Quinton.
- Services and facilities are maintained and developed to ensure that future generations are attracted to live in Quinton and that the community is sustained.

1.3.4 The NDP presents a total of 14 planning policies. A summary of the NDP's policies are listed at **Appendix A**. The NDP policies are in context with the following five topics:

- Housing;
- Housing Design and Layout;
- Natural Environment;
- Infrastructure; and
- Heritage and Archaeological Assets.

1.4 Consultation

1.4.1 The NDP is subject to public consultation, which provides an opportunity for the public and local organisations to comment on it. After consultation, responses are taken into account and used to prepare a 'submission draft' of the NDP.

1.4.2 The submission version of the NDP is then subject to inspection by the Independent Examiner. If the Independent Examiner approves the NDP it will then be subject to a local referendum. If 50% or more of people voting in the referendum support the NDP, then the NDP will be adopted, will gain statutory status and will become part of the Development Plan for Stratford-on-Avon District, alongside the Core Strategy.

⁶ Quinton Parish Council (2021) Quinton Neighbourhood Plan 2011 – 2031 Draft Version (2nd March 2021)

1.5 Meeting the Basic Conditions

1.5.1 Only a draft neighbourhood Plan or Order that meets each of a set of basic conditions can be put to a referendum and be made. The basic conditions are set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990⁷ as applied to neighbourhood plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The basic conditions are:

- a. having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the order (or neighbourhood plan).
- b. having special regard to the desirability of preserving any listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses, it is appropriate to make the order. This applies only to Orders.
- c. having special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of any conservation area, it is appropriate to make the order. This applies only to Orders.
- d. the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.
- e. the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area).
- f. the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations as incorporated into UK law.
- g. prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Order (or plan) and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order (or neighbourhood plan).

1.5.2 When considering whether a policy is in general conformity a qualifying body, independent examiner, or local planning authority, should consider the following:

- whether the neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal supports and upholds the general principle that the strategic policy is concerned with;
- the degree, if any, of conflict between the draft neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal and the strategic policy;
- whether the draft neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal provides an additional level of detail and/or a distinct local approach to that set out in the strategic policy without undermining that policy; and
- the rationale for the approach taken in the draft neighbourhood plan or Order and the evidence to justify that approach.

⁷ Available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/enacted> [Date Accessed: 30/03/21]

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- 1.5.3 The NDP must therefore be general conformity with the development plan (Core Strategy⁸) and have appropriate regard to existing policy and guidance, including the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)⁹ and related Planning Practice Guidance advice¹⁰.

⁸ Stratford District Council (2016) Stratford-on-Avon Core Strategy 2011 to 2031. Available at: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-regeneration/core-strategy.cfm> [Date Accessed: 23/03/21]

⁹ MHCLG (2019) National Planning Policy Framework. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2> [Date Accessed: 22/03/21]

¹⁰ MHCLG (2019) Planning Practice Guidance. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance> [Date Accessed: 22/03/21]

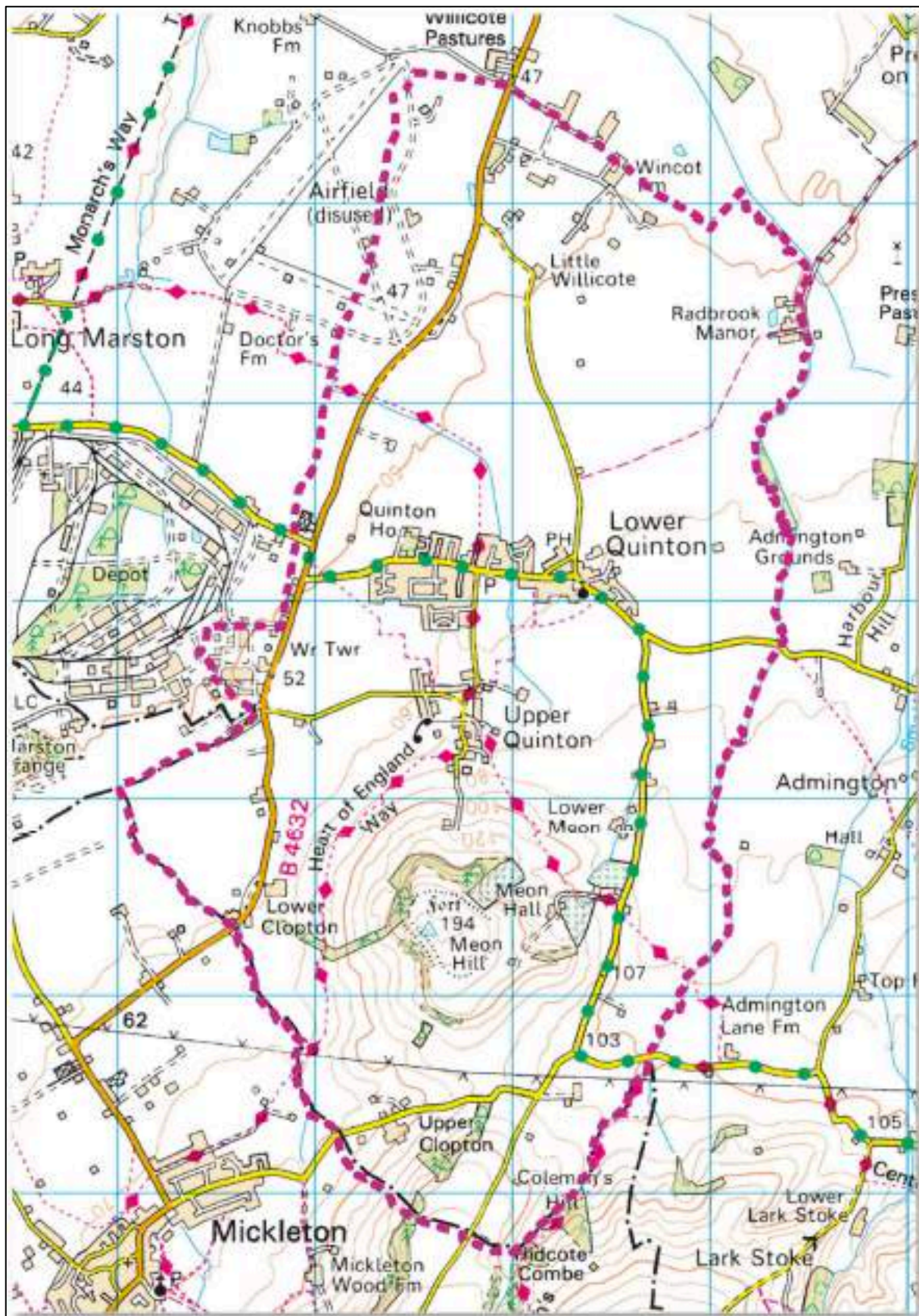


Figure 1.1: Quinton Parish Boundary (source: Quinton NDP)

1.6 The Parish of Quinton

- 1.6.1 Quinton Parish is located to the south west of Stratford-on-Avon District, in Warwickshire, and is approximately 21km south west of Royal Leamington Spa, 32km south east of Worcester and 27km north west of Banbury. The parish contains two ancient settlements; Upper Quinton and its larger counterpart, Lower Quinton. Settlements in the remaining parish area include a proportion of Meon Vale, farms and small hamlets.
- 1.6.2 The majority of the parish is rural in nature, with a large proportion in the south coinciding with the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), including Meon Hill. There are no major roads passing through the Parish, but a number of minor roads including 'Main Road' which passes west to east through Lower Quinton village, and 'Campden Road' (B4632) which passes north to south along the western edge of the parish, and provides access to the newer residential area in Meon Vale. There are no railway lines within the Parish, with the nearest main line station being Stratford-upon-Avon, approximately 5.7km north of the parish.
- 1.6.3 The parish has an estimated population of 2,656 as of 2019¹¹. Some of the facilities in the parish include a convenience store and farm shop, Meon Medical Centre, Quinton Primary School, St Swithin's Church and a village hall.

1.7 Relationship with the Core Strategy

- 1.7.1 The NDP is a land use plan, prepared for town and country planning purposes. It sets out a framework for future development consents within Quinton Parish. As noted above, once adopted, the NDP will form part of the Development Plan for the district, alongside the Core Strategy and supplementary planning documents.
- 1.7.2 NDPs are smaller in geographic scale than Core Strategies and Local Plans and serve to add further detailed policies and proposals to these documents. The Quinton NDP and the Stratford-on-Avon District Core Strategy will form part of the development plan for the area once the NDP is 'made'.
- 1.7.3 Paragraph 13 of the NPPF¹² states that "*Neighbourhood plans should support the delivery of strategic policies contained in local plans or spatial development strategies; and should shape and direct development that is outside of these strategic policies*".
- 1.7.4 The NDP sets out in Policy H0.1 support for new developments in the parish within the Built-Up Area Boundary (BUAB), with development only permitted in the surrounding countryside in exceptional circumstances. The BUAB is shown in **Figure 1.2**, as proposed within the emerging Site Allocations Plan (SAP) Preferred Options of October 2020¹³.

¹¹ Office for national statistics (2019) Parish population estimates. Available at: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/adhocs/12324parishpopulationestimatesformid2001tomid2019basedonbestfittingofoutputareastoparishes> [Date Accessed: 22/03/21]

¹² MHCLG (2019) National Planning Policy Framework. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2> [Date Accessed: 22/03/21]

¹³ Stratford-on-Avon District Council (2020) Site Allocations Plan Regulation 18 Preferred Options Consultation – October 2020. Available at: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/doc/209801/name/Composite%20version%20v3.pdf> [Date Accessed: 30/03/21]

- 1.7.5 There is one reserve site, shown in **Figure 1.3**, for the development of 30 dwellings within Quinton as outlined in NDP Policy HO.2. The site was identified within the Stratford-on-Avon 2020 SAP Preferred Options document¹⁴ as a possible location for development, should Stratford-on-Avon District Council require additional sites to be brought forward to meet the 5-year housing needs. This reserve site has been selected by the Parish Council¹⁵, following an evaluation process taking into consideration the findings of the SAP evidence base including the assessment of land parcels within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)¹⁶.

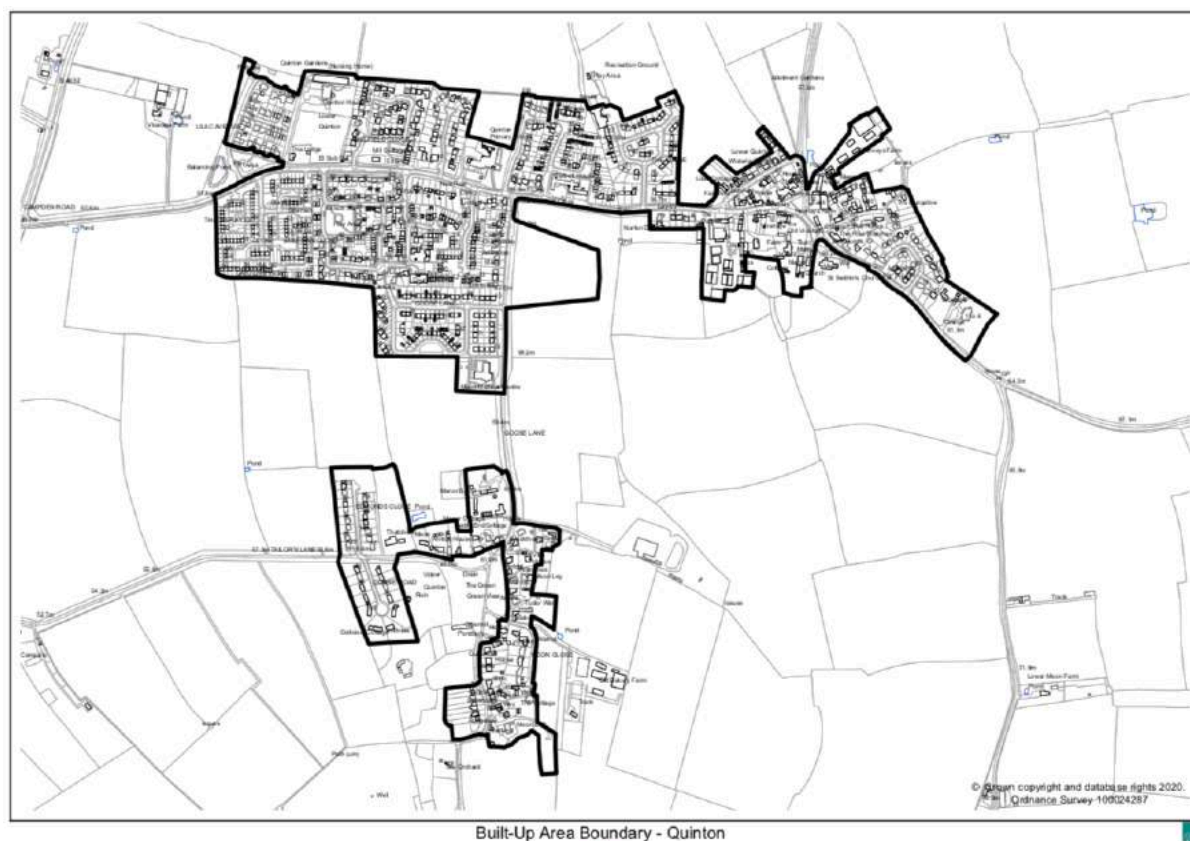


Figure 1.2: Quinton Built-Up Area Boundary (source: Quinton NDP)

¹⁴ Stratford-on-Avon District Council (2020) Site Allocations Plan Regulation 18 Preferred Options Consultation – October 2020. Available at: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/doc/209801/name/Composite%20version%20v3.pdf> [Date Accessed: 30/03/21]

¹⁵ Quinton Parish Council (2021) Quinton Neighbourhood Plan 2011 – 2031 Draft Version (2nd March 2021). Paragraph 6.1.35: “In selecting Site 8, the Parish Council carefully considered all of the potential ‘orange’ sites as identified in the SHLAA proposals and SAP preferred options against the Plan’s objectives. It should be noted that Site 8 in the SHLAA 2019 proposals is shown as Site D in the SAP Preferred Options document of October 2020.”

¹⁶ Stratford-on-Avon District Council (2020) SHLAA 2020 – SHLAA Schedules and Maps: Mappleborough Green – Shipston. Available at: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/shlaa.cfm> [Date Accessed: 30/03/21]

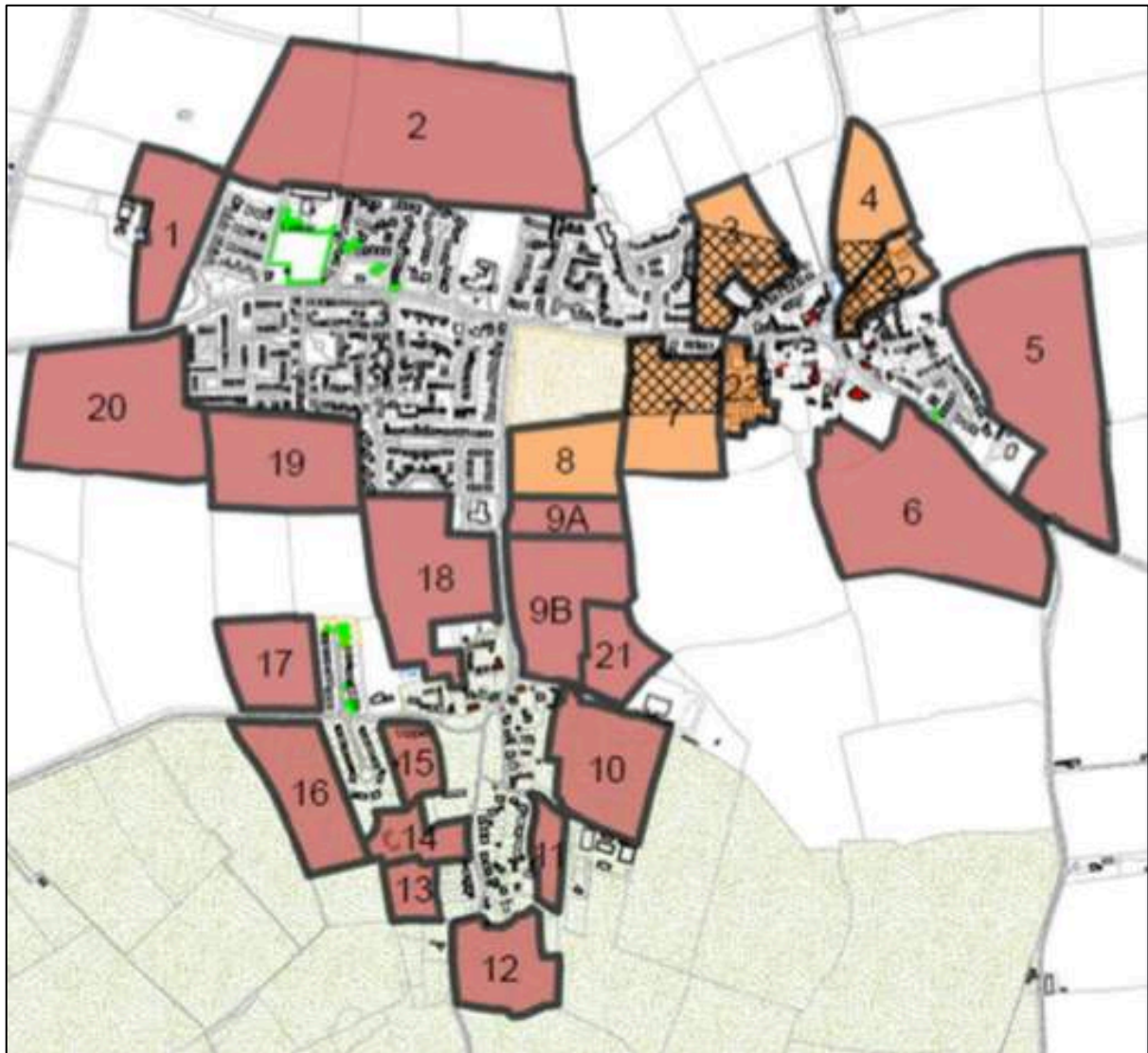


Figure 1.3: Location of the reserve site (Site 8) (source: Quinton NDP)

2 The Screening Process

2.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment screening

2.1.1 SEA seeks to ensure that environmental considerations are part of the process of preparing certain plans and programmes. Its purpose is to provide for a high level of protection of the environment and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes, with a view to promoting sustainable development. It helps to ensure that, in accordance with the Regulations, an environmental assessment is carried out of certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment.

2.1.2 The process for determining whether or not an SEA is required is called 'screening'. In order to screen, it is necessary to determine if a plan is likely to have significant environmental effects using the criteria set out in Schedule I of the SEA Regulations. A determination cannot be made until the three statutory consultation bodies have been consulted: the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England.

2.1.3 Within 28 days of its determination, the local planning authority, by virtue of its legal responsibility for NDPs, must publish a statement, setting out its decision. If the authority determines that an SEA is not required, the statement must include the reasons for this.

2.2 The screening process

2.2.1 **Figure 2.1** presents a diagram prepared by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) (2005). This shows the application of the SEA process to plans and programmes. The sequential approach in the flow diagram can be used to screen the Quinton NDP.

2.2.2 **Table 2.1** uses the questions presented in **Figure 2.1** to establish whether there is a need for SEA for the Quinton NDP.

Table 2.1: Establishing whether there is a need for SEA

Stage	Y/N	Reason
Is the PP (plan or programme) subject to preparation and/or adoption by a national, regional or local authority OR prepared by an authority for adoption through a legislative procedure by Parliament or Government? (Art. 2(a))	Yes	The plan constitutes an NDP, which will be subject to independent examination and brought into legal force if it receives 50% or more affirmative votes at referendum. The NDP would form part of the statutory development plan for Stratford-on-Avon District.
Is the PP required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? (Art. 2(a))	No	Communities and neighbourhoods have a right to produce an NDP, however it is not required by legislative, regulatory or administrative bodies. If the NDP is adopted it would become part of the statutory development plan for Stratford-on-Avon District, meaning it should continue to be screened under the SEA Directive.
Is the PP prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use, AND does it set a framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II to the EIA Directive? (Art 3.2(a))	No	The NDP is a land-use plan and sets the framework for future development consents within Quinton Parish. However, the NDP is unlikely to set a framework for consent of projects in Annex 1 of the EIA Directive.
Will the PP, in view of its likely effect on sites, require an assessment for future development under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive? (Art. 3.2 (b))	No	See Chapter 3 and Chapter 4
Does the PP set the framework for future development consent of projects (not just projects in Annexes to the EIA Directive)? (Art 3.4)	Yes	The NDP does set the framework for future development consent of projects.
Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment? (Art. 3.5)	No	See Section 2.5 – 2.12 and Chapter 4
Is the PP's sole purpose to serve national defence or civil emergency, OR is it a financial budget PP, OR is it co-financed by structural funds or EAGGD programmes 2000 to 2006/7? (Art 3.8, 3.9)	No	Not applicable.

2.3 Relevance to the SEA Directive

2.3.1 Question 8 within the ODPM guidance (see **Figure 2.1**) refers to whether the NDP would have a significant effect on the environment. The criteria from Annex II of the SEA Directive and Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 can be used to consider the relevance of the Plan to the SEA Directive. **Sections 2.5 – 2.12** consider the likely environmental effects of the plan.

Table 2.2: *Quinton NDP and the SEA Directive*

Criteria (from Annex II of SEA Directive and Schedule I of Regulations)	Response
The characteristics of plans and programmes	
(a) the degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	The NDP is prepared for town and country planning purposes and will form a part of the development management framework for Quinton once made.
(b) the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy	The NDP must be in general conformity with the strategic planning policies set out in the Stratford-on-Avon District Core Strategy 2011 – 2031 and the National Planning Policy Framework. The NDP forms part of the statutory development plan for Stratford-on-Avon District.
(c) the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	There are opportunities to integrate environmental considerations within the Quinton NDP. The NDP contains policies that aim to improve facilities and services, as well as preserving the character of the Neighbourhood Area whilst maximising sustainability benefits and protecting the natural environment (see Appendix A).
(d) environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme	No environmental issues were identified relevant to the plan.
(e) the relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection)	The NDP is a land use plan and sets the framework for future development consents within the Quinton Neighbourhood Area. It also sets out policies which planning applications within the NDP area will need to adhere to.
Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected	
(a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	The NDP is not expected to result in any significant environmental effects.
(b) the cumulative nature of the effects	The NDP is not considered to have any cumulative effects and is not thought to contribute to cumulative

Criteria (from Annex II of SEA Directive and Schedule I of Regulations)	Response
	impacts in combination with the Stratford-on-Avon District Core Strategy.
(c) the transboundary nature of the effects	The NDP is not expected to give rise to any significant transboundary environmental effects.
(d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	There are no anticipated risks of the NDP on human health.
(e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects outlined in (a) are not thought to extend further than the Plan area.
(f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values (iii) intensive land-use 	It is considered unlikely that the NDP would adversely impact the special natural characteristics or cultural heritage features within the Neighbourhood Area. The NDP would not be expected to cause exceedances of environmental standards or lead to intensive land use.
(g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status	The NDP is unlikely to result in any adverse impacts on protected landscapes.

2.4 Determination of likely significant effects

2.4.1 A summary of baseline conditions and an assessment of the potential effects of the NDP against each of the topics set out in Annex I (f) of the SEA Directive is presented in the following sections. The NDP policies are set out in **Appendix A** and consultation comments (once received following consultation) will be set out in **Appendix B**.

2.5 Biodiversity, flora and fauna

- 2.5.1 The closest European designated biodiversity site to Quinton Parish is Bredon Hill, a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), located approximately 18.3km south west of the parish. European sites are discussed further in **Chapter 3**.
- 2.5.2 There are no Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) within the parish. The nearest is Ailstone Old Gravel Pit SSSI located approximately 2.8km north east, Campden Tunnel Gravel Pit SSSI approximately 3.2km south and Racecourse Meadow SSSI 4km north of the parish.
- 2.5.3 The whole of the parish is within an Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) which does not indicate residential and non-residential development as a particular threat to surrounding SSSIs.
- 2.5.4 There are no nationally designated biodiversity sites within the parish. However, nearby ancient woodlands include 'Mickleton Wood' adjacent to the southern western parish boundary area, as well as 'Old Coppice' approximately 1km to the south west, as shown on **Figure 2.2**.
- 2.5.5 There are several Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs) in the parish, including 'Meon Hill', 'Upper Quinton Meadows' and 'Upper Quinton Orchard', as well as one Local Geological Site (LGS), known as 'Meon Hill Barn' (see **Figure 2.2**). Furthermore, there are several areas of priority habitat within the parish including deciduous woodland scattered throughout the area, traditional orchard in the south and a small proportion of good quality semi-improved grassland also to the south of the parish.
- 2.5.6 NDP Policy NE6, entirely dedicated to biodiversity within the parish, seeks to ensure any future development will not be supported unless it protects, enhances and/or restores habitat biodiversity. NDP Policy INF.1 states that any proposals should "*include opening any existing culverts for greater amenity and biodiversity benefits where practicable*" when addressing flood risk.
- 2.5.7 Reserve Site 8 does not coincide with any biodiversity assets and would not be expected to have a significant impact on biodiversity within the parish.
- 2.5.8 Due to the requirements of policies set out above and in the Core Strategy, and as the NDP does not allocate any sites for development, the Quinton NDP would not be expected to lead to any likely significant effects on the biodiversity, flora and fauna within the Plan area.

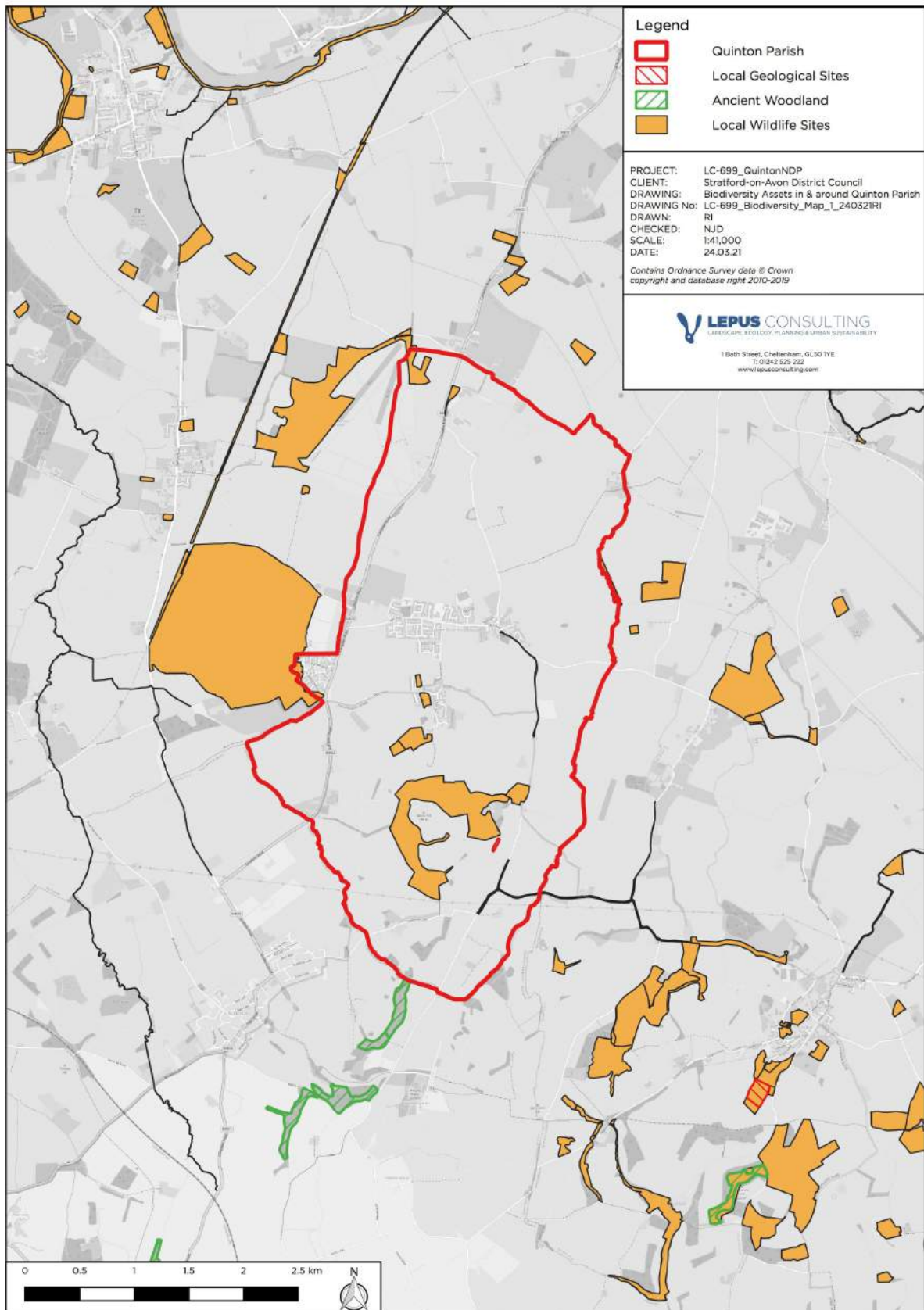


Figure 2.2: Biodiversity assets in and around Quinton Parish (source: Natural England and Stratford-on-Avon District Council)

2.6 Population and human health

- 2.6.1 Quinton Primary School is located in Lower Quinton. Local shops and services in the parish include Lower Quinton Post Office & HK Stores, and Lower Clopton Farm Shop in the southern Parish area. Meon Vale Londis convenience store is also located nearby, just outside the parish boundary in the west.
- 2.6.2 Community facilities within Quinton Parish include St Swithin's Church, a community centre, playing fields and allotments. There is one public house in the parish, the College Arms. Most of these services are located in Lower Quinton.
- 2.6.3 Meon Medical Centre is located in Lower Quinton, and the nearest leisure centre is Meon Vale Leisure Centre, located just outside of Quinton Parish to the north of Meon Vale. The nearest hospital with an A&E department is Alexandra Hospital, located approximately 18.7km to the north west of the parish.
- 2.6.4 A total of 14 Local Green Spaces have been designated under Policy NE.1 of the NDP, including allotments and recreational areas. The policy seeks to protect these green spaces in the parish from development, for the enjoyment of current and new residents. Access to these spaces would be expected to help encourage active lifestyles and exercise, whilst also having benefits to residents' mental health.
- 2.6.5 Policy HD.1 outlines design principles which will be supported by the NDP, including guidance for the provision of good quality housing, incorporation of open and green spaces, and ensuring development is of suitable orientation, layout and scale. This policy could help to ensure that future development within the parish is of a suitable mix and tenure to meet the identified needs of local residents.
- 2.6.6 Policy INF.3 of the NDP is in relation to the footpaths, cycleways and bridleways of the parish. The policy demonstrates that the NDP will not support proposals which adversely impact walking and cycling routes nor if they do not encourage new walking and cycling opportunities within the area. This policy would therefore be expected to improve connectivity and promote community well-being, and have a positive impact on the population. There is no large-scale employment or business development within the parish, therefore the policies within the NDP are likely to have a negligible impact on economic development.
- 2.6.7 Reserve Site 8 would be expected to have good access to local facilities, such as Quinton Primary School and Meon Medical Centre, as well as good access to the surrounding countryside and PRow network.
- 2.6.8 Overall, the NDP is not expected to lead to any adverse likely significant effects on the local population or human health.

2.7 Transport and accessibility

- 2.7.1 Whilst not an Annex 1(f) topic in itself, transport and accessibility interacts with a number of the topics such as population and human health, material assets and climatic factors.
- 2.7.2 There are several bus services which pass through Lower and Upper Quinton with routes to Stratford-upon-Avon, Moreton-in-Marsh and Shipston-on-Stour. There are no railway stations within the parish. The nearest station to Quinton Parish is Stratford-upon-Avon Station, approximately 5.7km to the north. From here, residents can journey to Birmingham, London and Manchester.
- 2.7.3 The B4623 (Campden Road) passes through the parish from north to south and 'Main Road' passes through west to east. These roads link up with the strategic road network, including the A429 and A46, with the closest motorway being the M40 Junction 14, situated approximately 15.5km to the north east. Residents would be expected to have suitable access via the road network to Worcester, Coventry, Banbury and nationally.
- 2.7.4 Policy CS.26 of the Stratford-on-Avon Core Strategy states that development should make provision for *"contributions towards local public transport services and support for community transport initiatives"*. This would help to ensure that future development in the parish has access to sustainable transport options.
- 2.7.5 Policy INF.3 of the NDP states that *"proposals which either adversely affect existing walking and cycling routes or do not encourage appropriate new walking and cycling opportunities will not be supported"*. Any future development proposals, including Reserve Site 8, would therefore be expected to encourage walking and cycling in the local area, although there is likely to be some reliance on car use due to the rural location of the parish.
- 2.7.6 The NDP and Core Strategy policies would be expected to help prevent adverse impacts in regard to transport and accessibility occurring due to future development within Quinton. Overall, the NDP is not expected to lead to any likely significant effects on transport or accessibility.

2.8 Soil, water and air

- 2.8.1 The majority of Quinton Parish is situated on Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Grade 3 land (see **Figure 2.3**). Some areas to the north and south of the parish have been identified as Grade 4 ALC, with some Grade 2 ALC land in the south, and the Meon Vale area in the west is identified as 'Urban'. Reserve Site 8 is situated upon ALC Grade 3 land, and as such development of this site could result potentially in the loss of 'Best and Most Versatile' (BMV) agricultural land, if this land is found to be Subgrade 3a¹⁷.

¹⁷ Natural England (2009) Agricultural Land Classification: protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land. Available at: <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/35012> [Date Accessed: 26/03/21]

- 2.8.2 Policy AS.10 of the Stratford-on-Avon Core Strategy seeks to prioritise “*the re-use of brownfield land*”, supporting the redevelopment of brownfield land within the identified BUAB (see **Figure 1.2**) in line with the criteria set out in the policy and in NDP Policies HO.1 and HO.3. This would be expected to help reduce the volume of greenfield land lost due to development and protect BMV land in the parish.
- 2.8.3 As Quinton contains no major roads or Air Quality Management Areas, air quality within the parish is expected to be generally good.
- 2.8.4 No major rivers pass through the parish, however the Marchfont Brook flows along the eastern boundary of the parish, and the Gran Brook lies adjacent to Meon Vale in the west. There are areas of Flood Zone 2 and 3 in the north eastern area alongside and within the parish boundary (see **Figure 2.4**). There are also areas of high surface water flood risk associated with this area, as well as significant extents of low, medium and high surface water flood risk across the area, particularly in the west and north west of the parish, along roads and field boundaries (see **Figure 2.5**).
- 2.8.5 Reserve Site 8 is located wholly within Flood Zone 1, however the majority of the site coincides with land at risk of surface water flooding, including a proportion of high surface water flood risk in the centre of the site.
- 2.8.6 In conformity with Policy CS.4 of Stratford-on-Avon’s Core Strategy and the NPPF, development proposals must follow guidelines set out in relation to the water environment and management of flood risk within the parish in order to address fluvial and pluvial flooding issues. Future development must not exacerbate flood risk in surrounding areas and, where appropriate, should be supported by a site-specific flood risk assessment.
- 2.8.7 Policy INF.1 of the NDP highlights the importance of new developments to “*satisfactorily identify and address the risk of flooding in line with the provisions of the NPPF and associated Planning Practice Guidance both national and local*” whilst also ensuring that “*Appropriate Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) will be proportionally incorporated in all scales of development*” in order to manage and reduce surface water flood risk.
- 2.8.8 Overall, the NDP is not expected to have any significant effects on soil, water or air in the parish area.

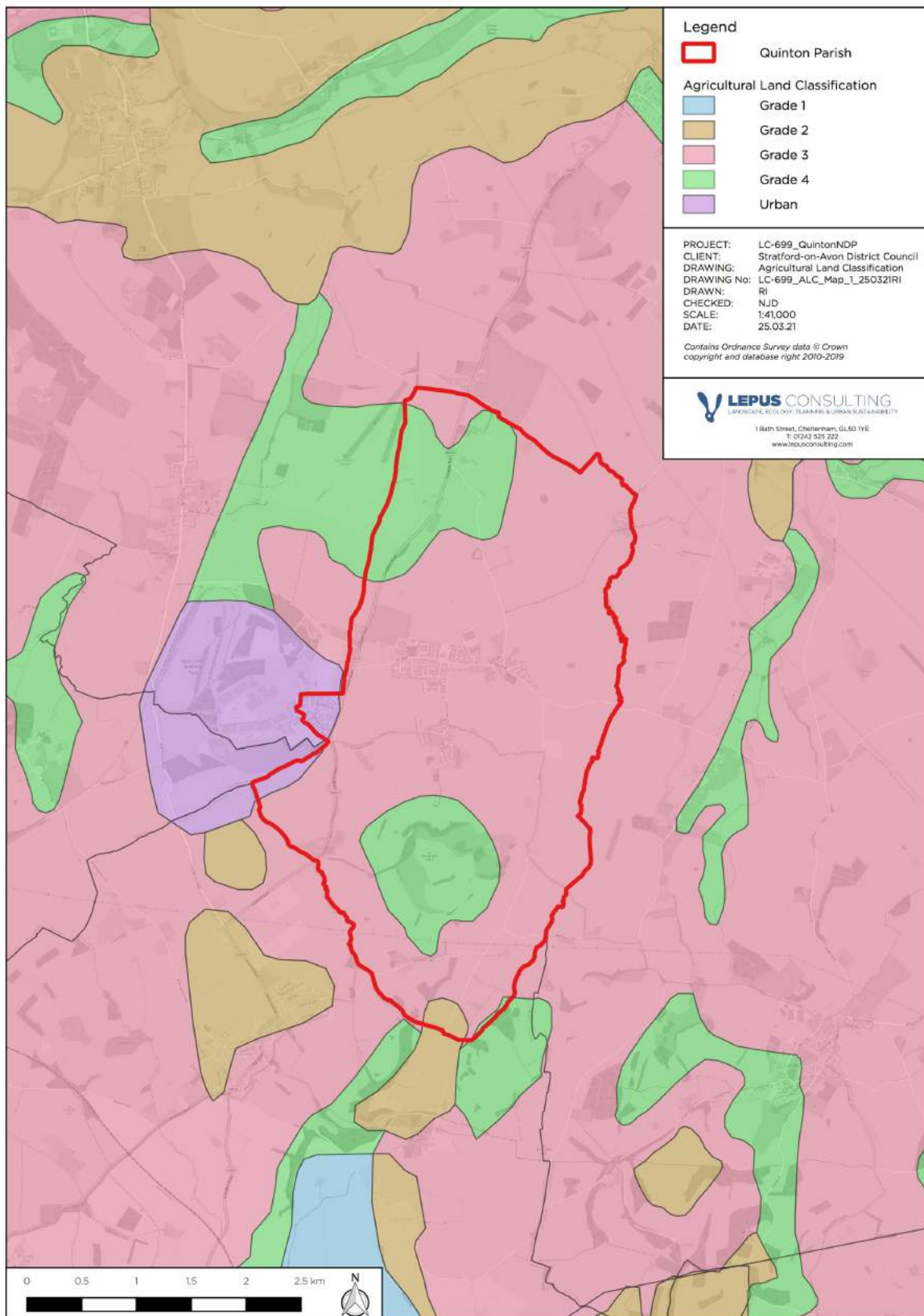


Figure 2.3: Agricultural Land Classification in and around Quinton Parish (source: Natural England)

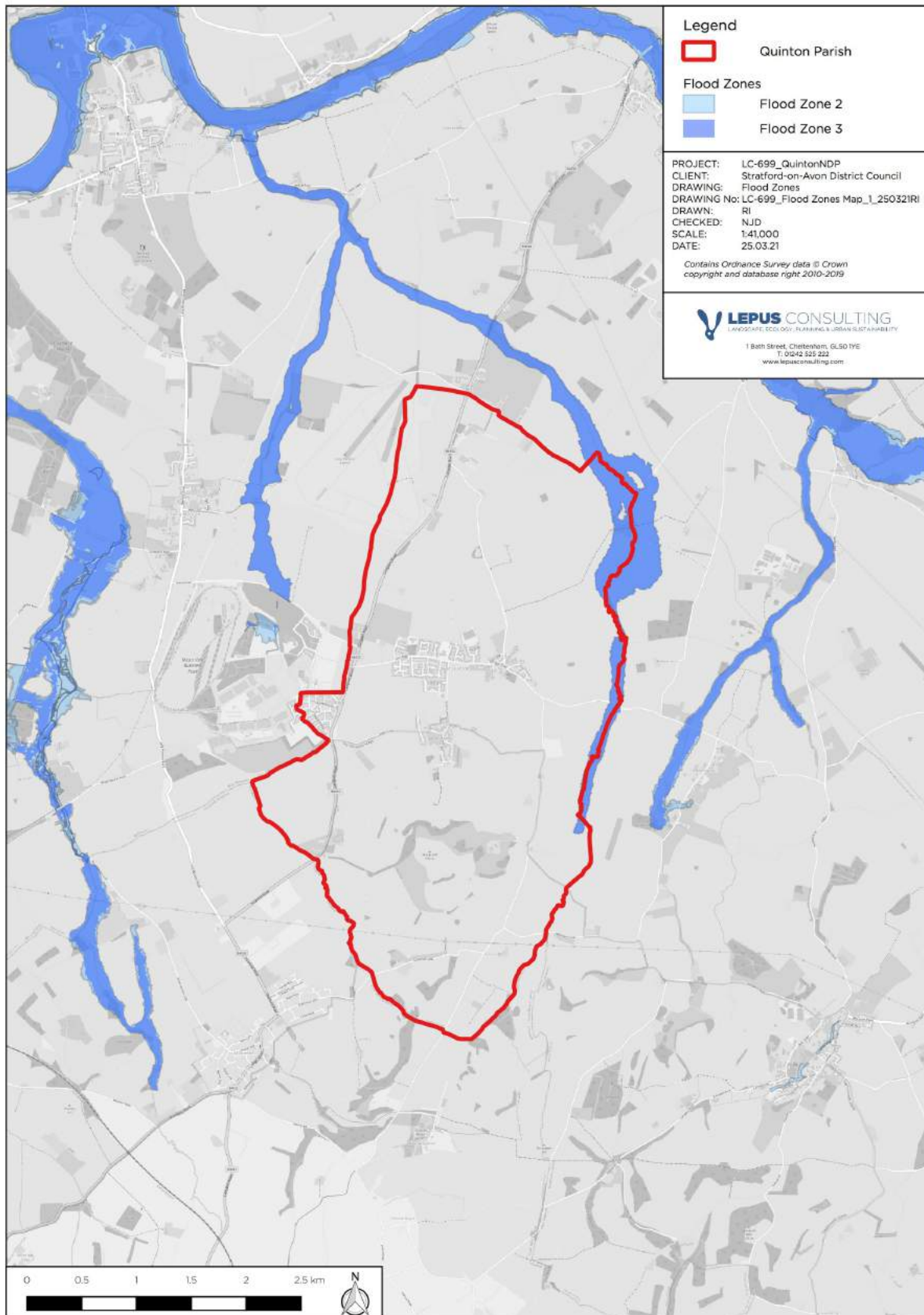


Figure 2.4: Flood Zones in and around Quinton Parish (source: Environment Agency)

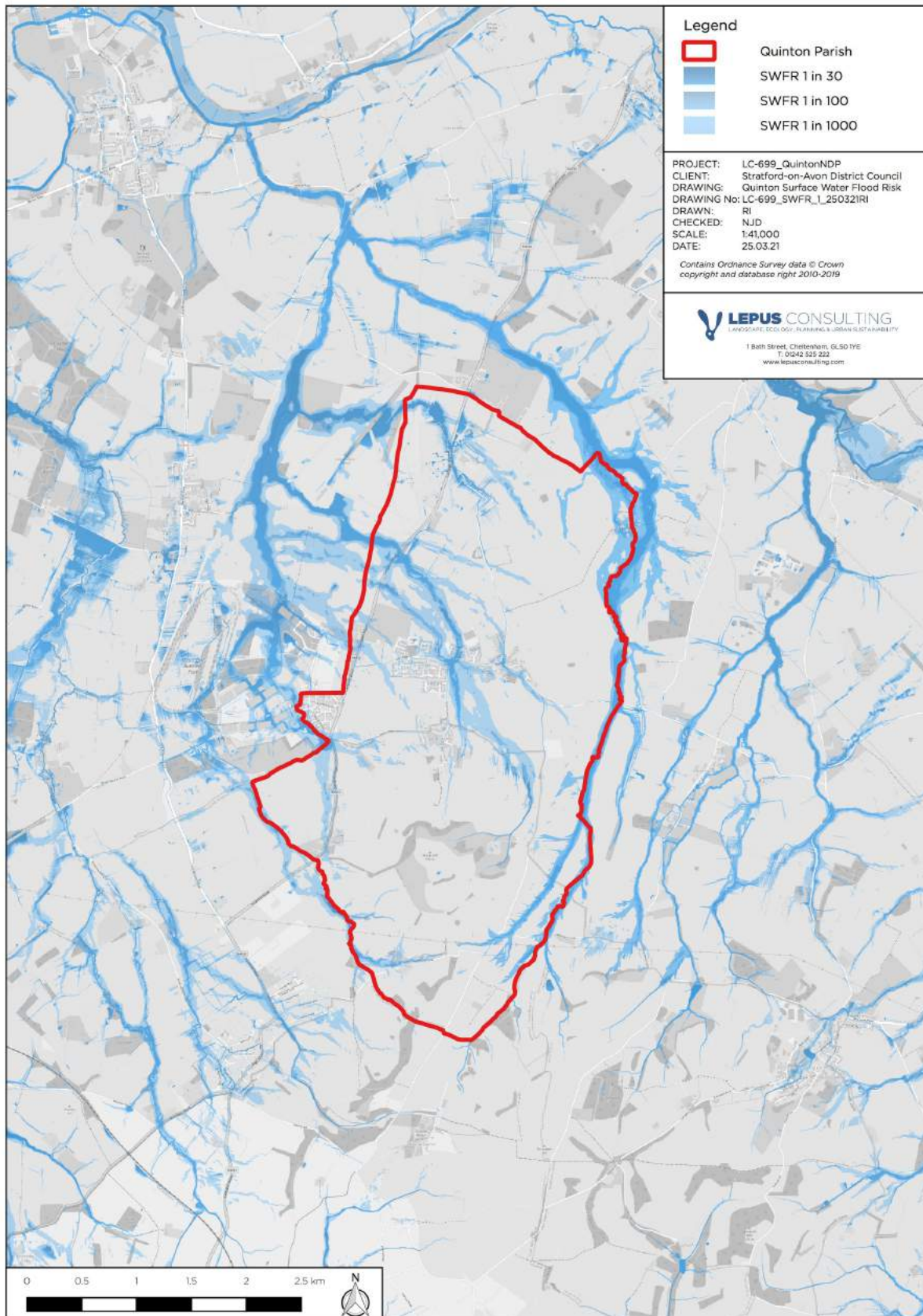


Figure 2.5: The risk of surface water flooding extent within Quinton Parish (source: Environment Agency)

2.9 Climatic factors

- 2.9.1 In conformity with the Core Strategy Policy CS.2, development proposals (including those for Reserve Site 8) must demonstrate climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, including designs that reduce carbon emissions and promote renewable energy schemes. Policy CS.3 of the Core Strategy states that *“small-scale community led initiatives for renewable and low carbon energy will be encouraged by the Council”*.
- 2.9.2 There are no direct references within the NDP relating to reducing carbon emissions and the impacts of climate change. The NDP could potentially be strengthened by embedding climate change mitigation and adaptation measures into the objectives and/or policies. However, the NDP acknowledges that historic flooding events within the parish area, coupled with climate change and the expectation of extreme weather events, mean that there is concern for the Neighbourhood Area regarding foul water drainage mitigation as shown within NDP Policy INF.2. Therefore, development in line with this policy which promotes sustainable use and management of water would be supported by the NDP.
- 2.9.3 Policy INF.3 aims to support new development which demonstrates how walking and cycling opportunities have been prioritised and connections have been made to existing routes. These measures could potentially help to decrease the number of petrol or diesel powered vehicles on local roads, reducing carbon emissions and improving local air quality.
- 2.9.4 Furthermore, NDP Policy HD.1 would require new development to incorporate green spaces and new trees/hedgerows, where appropriate. Enhanced green infrastructure provision can have multiple benefits including mitigation of extreme temperatures and flooding, which would be expected to contribute towards mitigating climate change.
- 2.9.5 These policies would be likely to have a positive impact on combatting climate change. Overall, the NDP is not expected to lead to any likely significant effects on climate change.

2.10 Material assets

- 2.10.1 The material assets topic considers social, physical and environmental infrastructure. This sub-section should be read alongside ‘Population and human health’, which details health and social infrastructure implications of the NDP; ‘Climatic factors’, which considers transport infrastructure in terms of sustainable transport; ‘Soil, water and air’, which considers water infrastructure and agricultural land classification; and the ‘Biodiversity, flora and fauna’ sub-section, which considers environmental infrastructure.
- 2.10.2 There are a range of local shops and businesses within the parish, including the upscale inn College Arms, Lower Quinton Post Office, Seaspray takeaway and Lower Clopton Farm Shop, as well as farming and agricultural businesses. Other nearby employment sites include Meon Vale Business Park, located adjacent to the parish in the west. Current and future residents are expected to have good access to a range of employment opportunities.
- 2.10.3 Although there are no direct policies relevant to local economy, the vision for Quinton in 2031 set out in the NDP includes ensuring *“services and facilities are maintained and developed to ensure that future generations are attracted to live in Quinton and that the community is sustained”*. If achieved, this would be likely to have a positive impact on the local economy, encouraging residents to shop locally and providing local job opportunities.

- 2.10.4 It is considered unlikely that the NDP would have significant adverse impacts on material assets within Quinton Parish.

2.11 Cultural heritage

- 2.11.1 There is one Grade I Listed Building in the parish, 'Church of St Swithin', located within Lower Quinton and two Grade II* Listed Buildings, 'Radbrook Manor with attached wall and gates' and 'Manor House' are located in the north east of the parish and Upper Quinton areas respectively. There are 22 Grade II Listed Buildings within the parish, concentrated in the villages of Lower and Upper Quinton as well as the Meon Hill area and one, 'Wincot Farmhouse', located in the north of the parish on the boundary (see **Figure 2.6**).
- 2.11.2 Reserve Site 8 is situated on previously undeveloped land and therefore development at this site could potentially affect views of or from Listed Buildings within Upper and Lower Quinton, such as the Grade II Listed Building 'The Chestnuts'.
- 2.11.3 There is one Scheduled Monument (SM) located within the parish area (see **Figure 2.6**). 'Multivallate hillfort on Meon Hill' SM is located in the south of the parish on the summit of Meon Hill, which dates to the Iron Age period¹⁸. This SM is listed on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register, which indicates that the SM's condition is "*generally satisfactory but with significant localised problems*", and states the principle vulnerability to be "*arable ploughing*"¹⁹.
- 2.11.4 There are no other designated heritage assets within the parish, however, nearby there are several Registered Parks and Gardens (RPG) including 'Hidcote Manor' RPG and 'Kiftsgate Court' RPG, situated approximately 390m and 730m to the south of the parish respectively (see **Figure 2.6**).
- 2.11.5 NDP Policy HA.1 seeks to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan Area's "*historic environment will be protected and enhanced for its inherent value for the enjoyment of present and future residents and visitors*". This includes the protection of non-designated heritage sites such as the Ridge and Furrow features within the parish area, which is also covered by NDP Policy NE.5 which states that "*proposals which would result in the partial or complete loss of ridge and furrow will only be permitted if there are exceptional circumstances*". These policies would help to ensure that future development within the parish, including at Reserve Site 8, is considerate of heritage features in relation to their settings, and contributes positively towards the local historic character.
- 2.11.6 Overall, the NDP is not expected to lead to any likely significant effects on cultural heritage.

¹⁸ Historic England (2021). Available at: <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1011372> [Date Accessed: 23/03/21]

¹⁹ Historic England (2020) Heritage At Risk: Multivallate hillfort on Meon Hill, Quinton – Stratford-on-Avon. Available at: <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/search-register/list-entry/45309> [Date Accessed: 24/03/21]

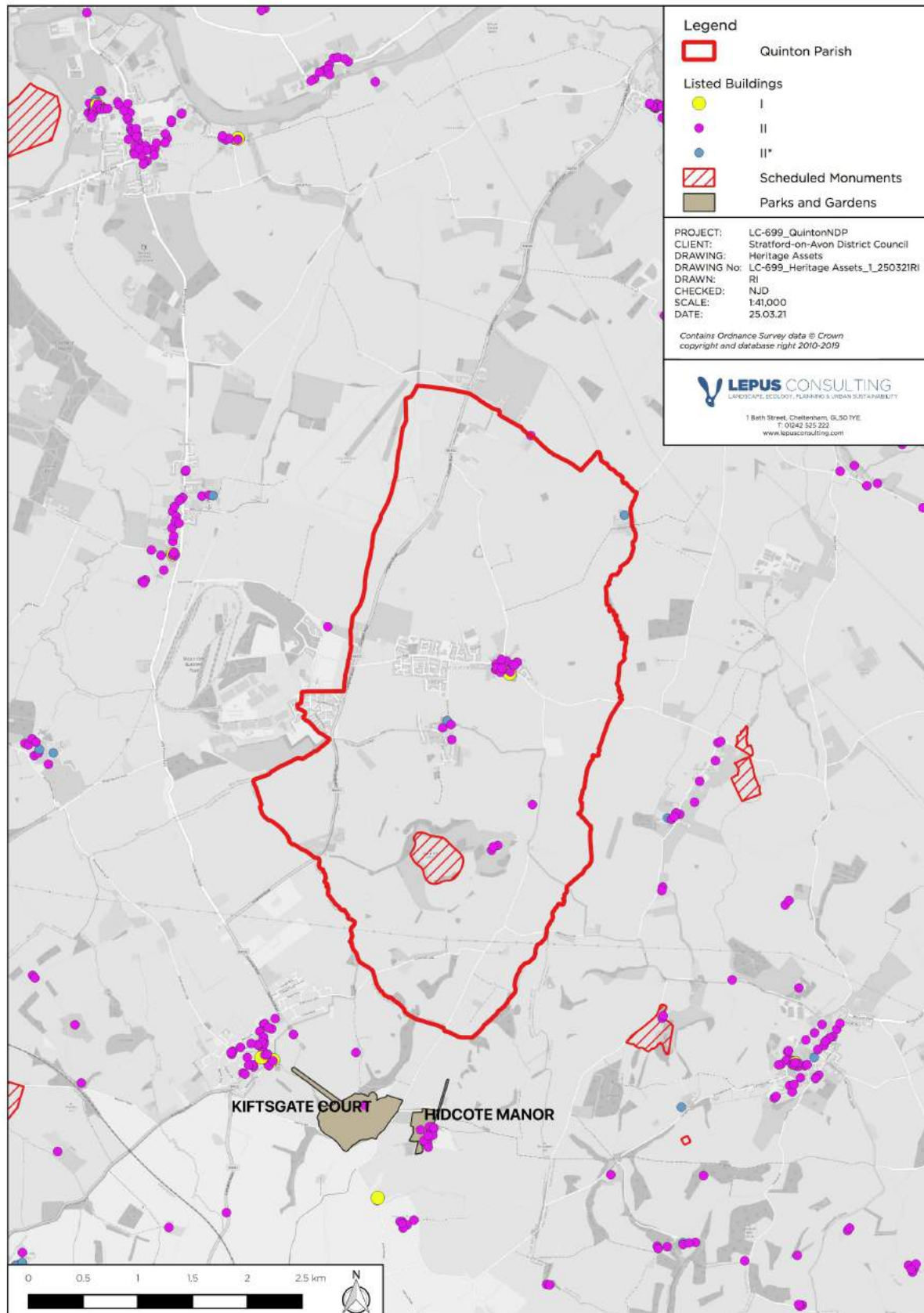


Figure 2.6: Heritage assets located in and around Quinton Parish (source: Historic England)

2.12 Landscape

- 2.12.1 A large proportion of Quinton is located within the ‘Severn and Avon Vales’ National Character Area (NCA)²⁰. A key characteristic of this landscape includes *“a diverse range of flat and gently undulating landscapes strongly influenced and united by the Severn and Avon rivers which meet at Tewkesbury”*. A portion of the southern parish area is within the ‘Cotswolds’ NCA²¹, with a key characteristic of this landscape being *“arable farming dominates the high wold and dip slope while permanent pasture prevails on the steep slopes of the scarp and river valleys with pockets of internationally important limestone grassland”*. Additionally, a small area in the south east of the parish coincides with NCA ‘Dunsmore and Feldon’²² which is identified by *“mainly large fields, with regular or rectilinear shapes, although some smaller fields also feature. Numerous areas of remnant ridge and furrow and earthwork remains of medieval settlements”* such as at Lower Tysoe, Radwell and Napton.
- 2.12.2 The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is coincident with much of the southern half of the parish, as shown in **Figure 2.7**. Reserve Site 8 is located approximately 200m north of the AONB. Any future development within, or in close proximity to, the AONB should seek to conserve and enhance the special qualities of the AONB, in line with the requirements of the Cotswolds AONB Management Plan²³.
- 2.12.3 A Landscape Sensitivity Study has determined the sensitivity of land to housing and commercial development around Lower Quinton village²⁴ (see **Figure 2.8** and **2.9**). Reserve Site 8, for residential use, is located within zone ‘Q01’ which is identified as being at ‘medium’ sensitivity to housing development. According to the study, Q01 comprises *“fields of arable land and pasture with ridge and furrow on the very gently undulating vale at the foot of Meon Hill which lies to the south”*.
- 2.12.4 The study further states that *“housing development may be acceptable in the field east of Goose Lane, no further south than existing housing west of Goose Lane”* on the condition that a hard semi-urban edge is avoided and instead edges are *“well vegetated to ensure that the setting of the AONB is not affected and also so the older settlement pattern to the east is respected. This might be achieved with larger residential plots or a belt of woodland with public access”*. The inclusion of the reserve site at this location may have local landscape impacts, however, the landscape assessment evidence concludes that it is possible to mitigate these impacts and those that might arise in association with the setting of Meon Hill and the AONB.

²⁰ Natural England (2014) National Character Area profile: 106. Severn and Avon Vales. Available at: <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/1831421?map=true&category=587130> [Date Accessed: 23/03/21]

²¹ Natural England (2015) National Character Area profile: 107. Cotswolds. Available at: <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5900626?map=true&category=587130> [Date Accessed: 23/03/21]

²² Natural England (2013) National Character Area profile: 96. Dunsmore and Feldon. Available at: <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/4878893332824064?map=true&category=587130> [Date Accessed: 23/03/21]

²³ Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2018-2023. Available at: <https://www.cotswolds-aonb.org.uk/planning/cotswolds-aonb-management-plan/> [Date Accessed: 24/03/21]

²⁴ White Consultants (2012) Landscape Sensitivity Assessment of Local Service Villages (Oxhill – Salford Priors) Available at: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/doc/205844/name/Landscape%20Sensitivity%20Assessment%20LSVs%20Oxhill%20Salford%20Priors.pdf> [Date Accessed: 30/03/21]

Recommendation: Notwithstanding the findings of the 2012 landscape sensitivity assessment, it would be helpful if the NDP policies include a requirement for an updated landscape appraisal as part of any planning application submission for the reserve site. The NDP policies should also refer explicitly to the setting of the nationally important AONB.

- 2.12.5 The NDP sets out several policies which would be expected to conserve and enhance the character and tranquillity of the parish. For example, Policy HD.1 of the NDP, 'Design Principles', seeks to ensure that the *"rural landscape setting should be conserved"* and that new housing must be sensitive to the surrounding landscape character. Policy HO.3 seeks to enhance the *"special character of the Neighbourhood Area and its villages and hamlets"* by supporting new development which meets criteria such as contributing positively to the character of the village, whilst being modest and in context of the surrounding area. Additionally, Policy NE.2 of the NDP states that *"development proposals should ensure that any impacts on valued landscapes, and important views and skylines ... are minimised, and mitigated especially where they relate to heritage assets, rising land, village approaches, settlement boundaries and to and from the AONB"*.
- 2.12.6 Overall, the NDP is not expected to lead to any likely significant effects on landscape.

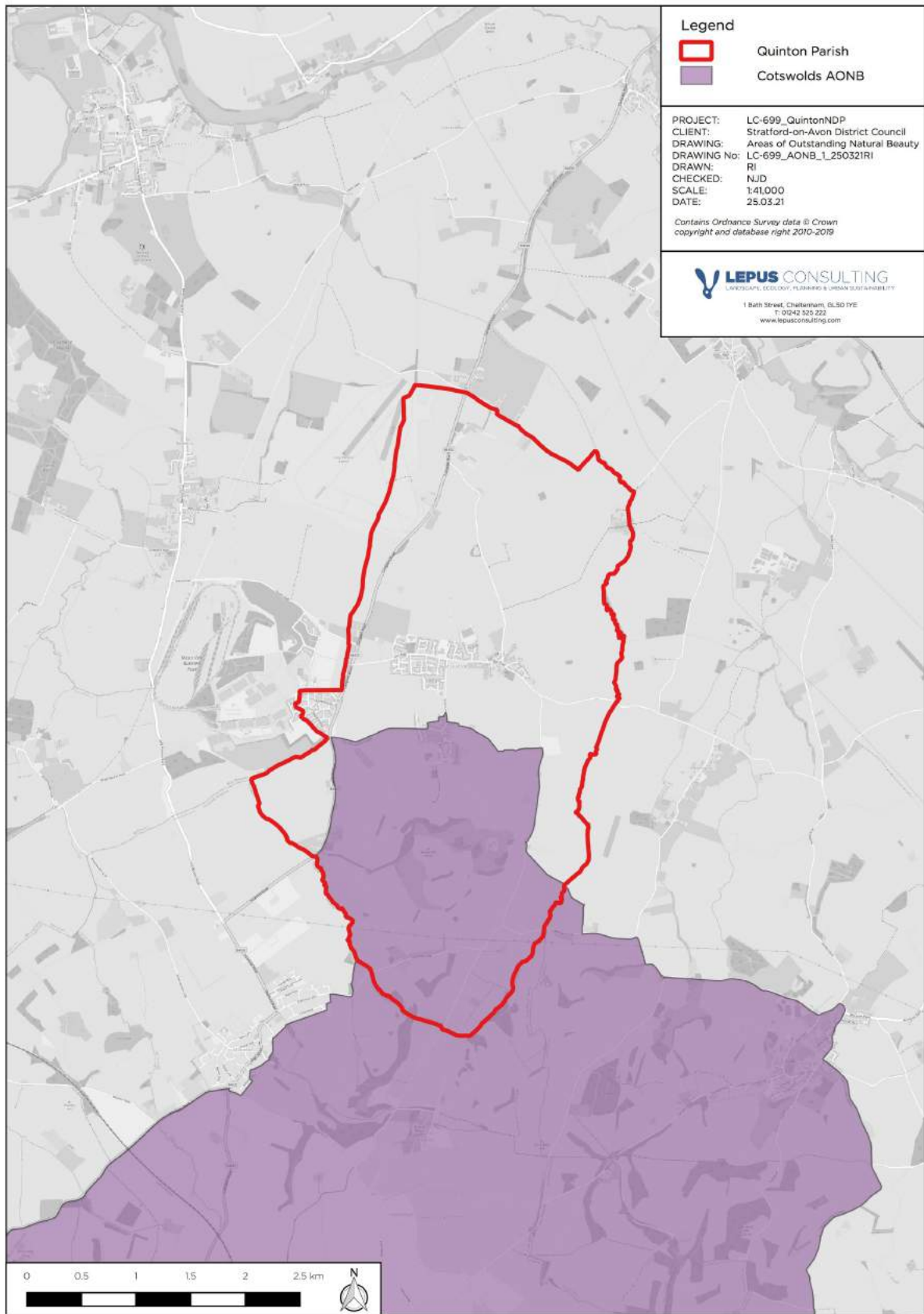


Figure 2.7: Location of the Cotswolds AONB in relation to Quinton Parish (source: Natural England)

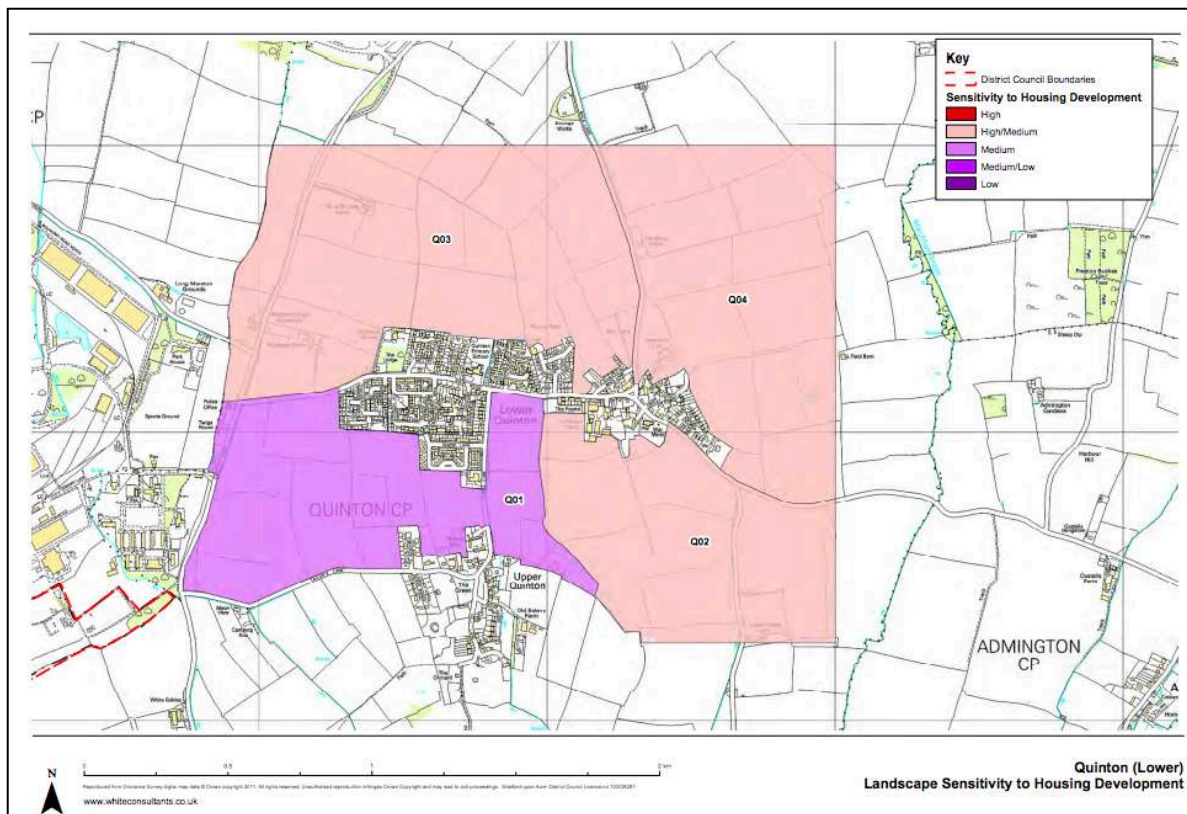


Figure 2.8: Landscape Sensitivity to Housing Development in Quinton (source: White Consultants)

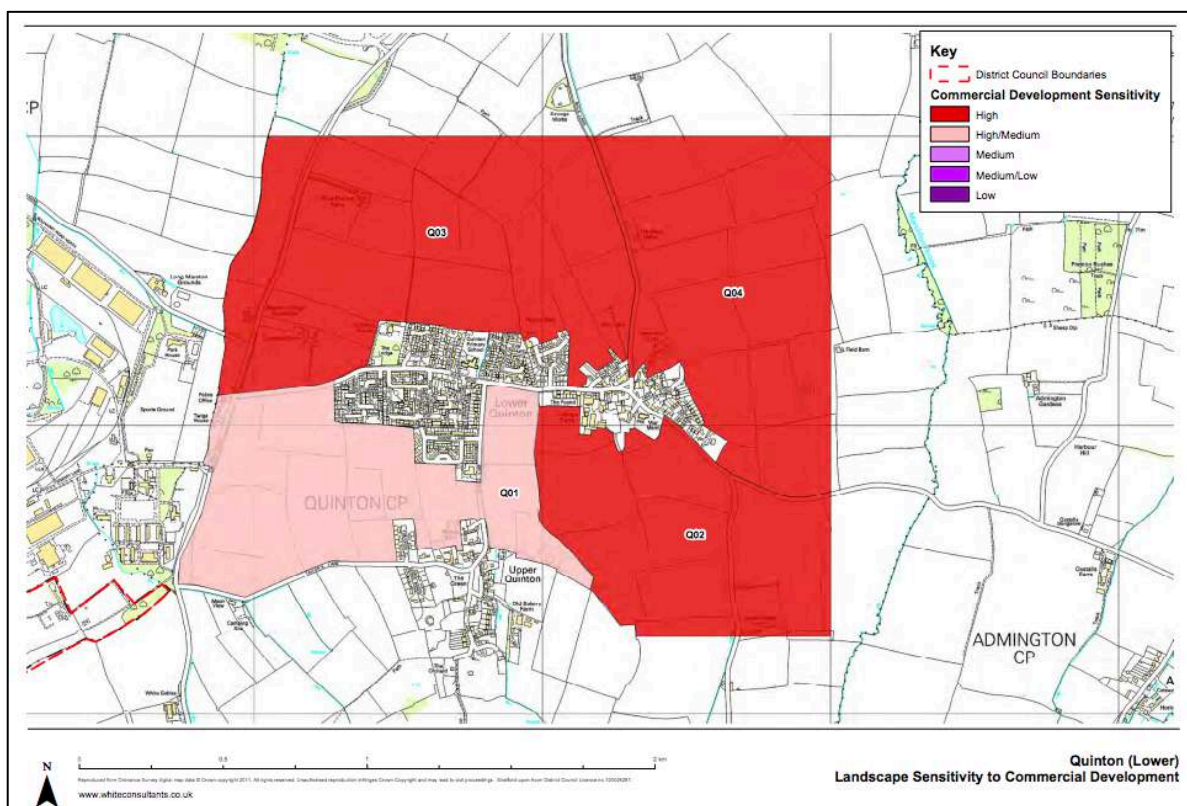


Figure 2.9: Landscape Sensitivity to Commercial Development in Quinton (source: White Consultants)

3 HRA Screening Process

3.1 Habitats Regulations Assessment screening

- 3.1.1 HRA screening is a requirement of Regulation 105 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017²⁵.
- 3.1.2 HRA considers the potential adverse impacts of plans and projects on designated Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), classified Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and listed Ramsar sites. This is in accordance with the Habitats Directive²⁶ and the Birds Directive²⁷. SACs, SPAs and Ramsar sites are collectively known as the Natura 2000 network.
- 3.1.3 Should a development, plan or project be considered likely to have a significant impact on a Natura 2000 site, the HRA proceeds to an Appropriate Assessment. If likely significant effects cannot be avoided, mitigated or compensated to the extent that the conservation status of the EU site will not be undermined, the HRA proceeds to Imperative Reasons of Overriding Interest (IROPI).

3.2 Determination of likely significant effects

- 3.2.1 The nearest Natura 2000 site to Quinton Parish is Bredon Hill SAC, located approximately 18.3km to the south west. No development is currently proposed within the NDP. No impact pathways have been identified between the NDP and this site, and due to the nature of the policies contained within the Core Strategy, there is unlikely to be any impact on this SAC. Based on the available information, a significant impact of the NDP on any Natura 2000 site can therefore be objectively ruled out at this stage.

²⁵ Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. Available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/1012/regulation/105/made> [Date Accessed: 23/03/21]

²⁶ EU Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora. Available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A31992L0043> [Date Accessed: 23/03/21]

²⁷ EU Council Directive 2009/147/EC on the Conservation of wild birds. Available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32009L0147> [Date Accessed: 23/03/21]

4 Conclusions

4.1 SEA Screening outcome

4.1.1 This screening report has explored the potential effects of the proposed Quinton NDP with a view to determining whether an environmental assessment is required under the SEA Directive.

4.1.2 In accordance with topics cited in Annex 1(f) of the SEA directive, significant effects on the environment are considered to be unlikely to occur as a result of the NDP.

4.1.3 It is recommended that the Quinton NDP should **not** be screened into the SEA process.

4.2 HRA Screening outcome

4.2.1 This screening report has explored the potential effects of the proposed Quinton NDP with a view to determining whether a habitats regulations assessment is required.

4.2.2 It is recommended that the Quinton NDP should **not** be screened into the HRA process.

4.3 Consultation

4.3.1 This report will be subject to consultations with Natural England, Environment Agency and Historic England. Their comments will be presented in **Appendix B**.

Appendix A: Quinton NDP Policies

Policy	Policy Name
Housing	
Policy HO.1	Future Housing and Growth
Policy HO.2	Reserve Site
Policy HO.3	Infill within the Built-up Area Boundary
Housing Design and Layout	
Policy HD.1	Design Principles
Natural Environment	
Policy NE.1	Local Green Spaces
Policy NE.2	Valued Landscapes
Policy NE.4	Dark Skies
Policy NE.5	Ridge and Furrow Land
Policy NE.6	Biodiversity
Policy NE.7	Village Pond
Infrastructure	
Policy INF.1	Flood Risk
Policy INF.2	Foul Water Drainage Mitigation
Policy INF.3	Footpaths, Cycleways and Bridleways
Heritage and Archaeological Assets	
Policy HA.1	Heritage and Archaeological Assets

Appendix B: Consultation Responses



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QUINTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN- SEA AND HRA SCREENING

Thank you for your consultation and the invitation to comment on the SEA and HRA Screening Document for the above Neighbourhood Plan.

For the purposes of consultations on SEA Screening Opinions, Historic England confines its advice to the question, "Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?" in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage.

Our comments are based on the information supplied with the screening request. On the basis of the information supplied and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of the 'SEA' Directive], Historic England concurs with your view that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

Regarding HRA Historic England does not disagree with your conclusions but would defer to the opinions of the other statutory consultees.

The views of the other statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for a SEA is made. If a decision is made to undertake a SEA, please note that Historic England has published guidance on Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Historic Environment that is relevant to both local and neighbourhood planning and available at: [<https://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/sustainability-appraisal-and-strategic-environmental-assessment-advice-note-8/>](https://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/sustainability-appraisal-and-strategic-environmental-assessment-advice-note-8/)

I trust the above comments will be of help in taking forward the Neighbourhood Plan.



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Quinton Neighbourhood Development Plan – SEA and HRA Screening

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 1st April 2021 which was received by Natural England on the same day.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening

Natural England considers that, based on the material supplied with the consultation, in so far as our strategic environmental interests are concerned, significant environmental effects resulting from the neighbourhood plan are unlikely. We therefore agree with the conclusion of the SEA screening report that a Strategic Environmental Assessment would not be required.

Further guidance on deciding whether the proposals are likely to have significant environmental effects and the requirements for consulting Natural England on SEA are set out in the [National Planning Practice Guidance](#).

Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening

Natural England welcomes the consideration given to the Habitats Regulations. We agree with the conclusion of the report that there is unlikely to be any impact on the named European designated site:

- Bredon Hill Special Area of Conservation (SAC) - located approximately 18.3km away.

Natural England therefore advise that further Habitats Regulations Assessment is not required.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

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SEA and HRA Screening Report for Quinton Neighbourhood Development Plan

Thank you for referring the above SEA and HRA Screening document for comment which was received on 21 January 2021.

As requested we have reviewed the Screening Assessment prepared in support of the Quinton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Having reviewed the proposals we do not consider there to be significant environmental impacts. Therefore, we concur with the conclusions of the report and do not require an SEA or HRA to be undertaken in support of the Quinton NDP. We advise however consultation is undertaken with Natural England amongst other statutory bodies prior to making the final decision.

We note the presence of floodplain from the Marchfont Brook within the Neighbourhood Plan boundary. Any proposals and policies that are considered during the NDP process should take this into account.

The NDP should propose local policies to safeguard land at risk from fluvial flooding and the provision of sustainable management of surface water. The local policies should seek to enhance the policies in Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Core Strategy 2011 to 2031, in particular Policy CS.4 Water Environment and Flood Risk.

All proposals for new development must demonstrate that existing flood risk will not be increased elsewhere (downstream), ideally by managing surface water on site and limiting runoff to the greenfield rate or better. The use of sustainable drainage systems and permeable surfaces will be encouraged where appropriate.

Consideration should also be given to the impact of new development on both existing and future flood risk. Where appropriate, development should include measures that mitigate and adapt to climate change.

In line with National Planning Policy we would wish to see all new development, directed away from those areas at highest flood risk, i.e. towards Flood Zone 1. All new development, including infill development and small scale development, should

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incorporate sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) to reduce flood risk and manage surface water to ensure that runoff does not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere.

In addition to the comments above, we note the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and objectives from the Severn River Basin Management Plan have not been included as part of the Plan. There is a requirement for all waterbodies to meet 'Good Ecological Status or Potential' by 2027. The NDP should support the WFD to secure water quality improvements where possible.

We recommend that Warwickshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) are consulted on this NDP. The LLFA are responsible for managing flood risk from local sources including ordinary watercourses, groundwater and surface water.

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