



Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel

Monday 24 October 2022

Agenda Item 4

Presentation on Kettering Energy Park Masterplan

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ENERGY PARK

A unique opportunity to create one of the
UK's most sustainable developments
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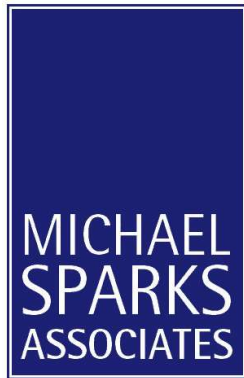
Welcome



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Anthony Watkins
First Renewable Developments

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Matthew Thomas
Michael Sparks Associates - Chartered Architects and Planning Consultants



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The Vision - Why an Energy Park?

- Energy Crisis / Energy Security
- Climate Change and Environment Emergency
- Existing Infrastructure on site or is already consented
- Biodiversity & Sustainability
- A Market leading development
- Sustainable Employment
- Businesses are seeking energy efficient premises to help transition to Net Zero

First Renewable and the landowners of the site, Stuart Beaty and his family, had the ambition of creating an Energy Park that would match existing energy production with consumption.
It's now time to realise that ambition.

The Joint Core Strategy identifies the site as a location for an Energy Park to maximise energy production and co-locate employment and other uses on the site

Preparation of the masterplan started in 2020. We have a detailed understanding of the site and what is needed to create a successful Energy Park development.



Proposed Uses at the Kettering Energy Park

Additional Energy Infrastructure



Hydroponics



Employment Development



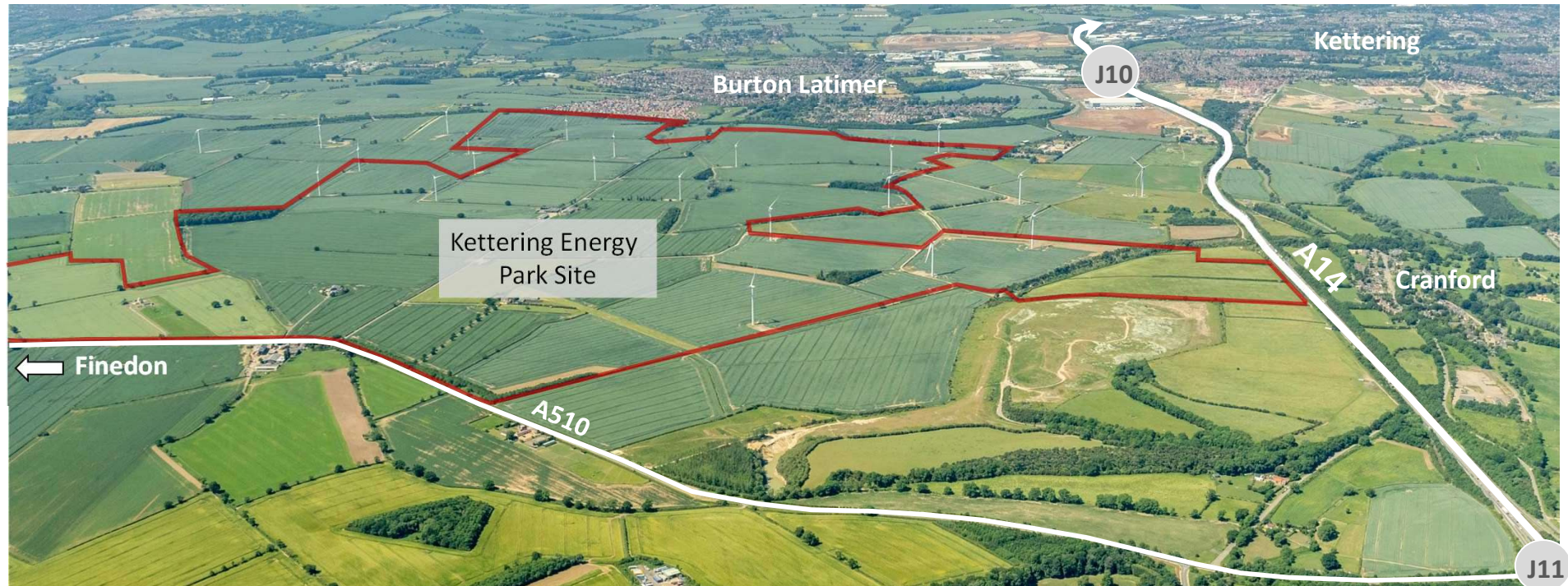
Innovation/Enterprise Hub



Energy Criteria: Every occupier will have the opportunity to take 100% of their energy from on-site renewable sources (minimum renewable supply of 50%)

The ambition is for the proposed development at the Energy Park to create an integrated and interacting ecosystem of complementary uses.

The Site



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- The Energy Park site is located to the east of Burton Latimer and the south west of Kettering;
- The land comprises existing agricultural land (grade 3b), and is currently owned by the Beaty Family;
- In addition to the farm, the site accommodate a number of wind turbines that make up the Burton Wold Wind Farm and a High Voltage Power Line also crosses the site;
- The site is adjacent to the A510 and the A14, with Junction 11 located to the north east.



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Consultation To Date

1. Parish and Town Councils
 - Finedon Town Council
 - Burton Latimer Town Council
 - Cranford Parish Council
 - Woodford Parish Council

Feedback

Form of Development

Impact on local area

Additional public access at the site

New Community Fund similar to that provided by the existing wind turbines

2. Council Policy Team
3. Consultation with Stakeholders

e.g. Council Ecologist, Place Services, Natural England, Anglian Water, National Highways, Highway Authority

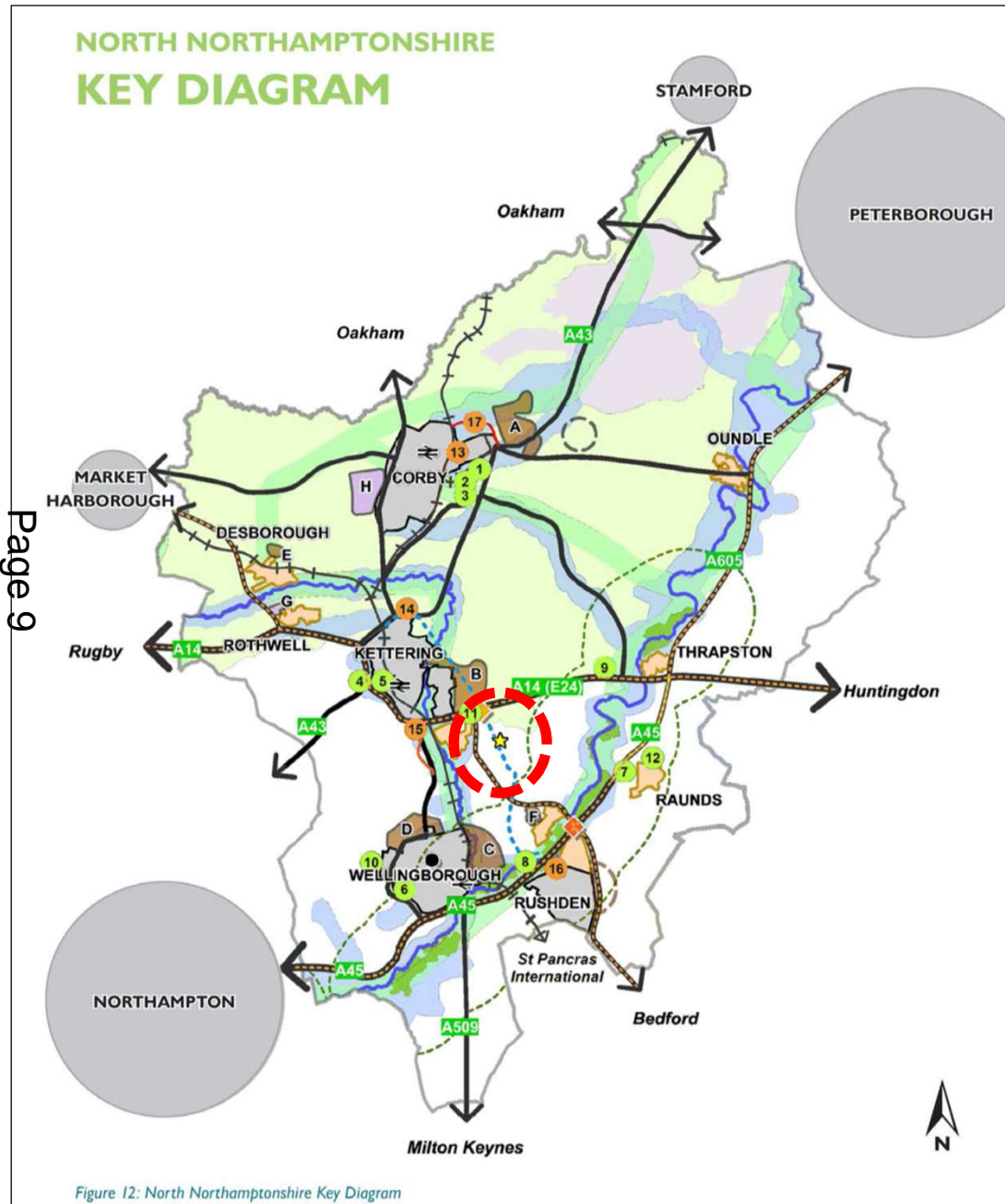
Future Consultation

1. Consultation Website
2. Additional Community Consultations
3. Formal Consultation on Draft Masterplan

The feedback received will be recorded and taken into account, which will help us improve the masterplan and the overall outcome.



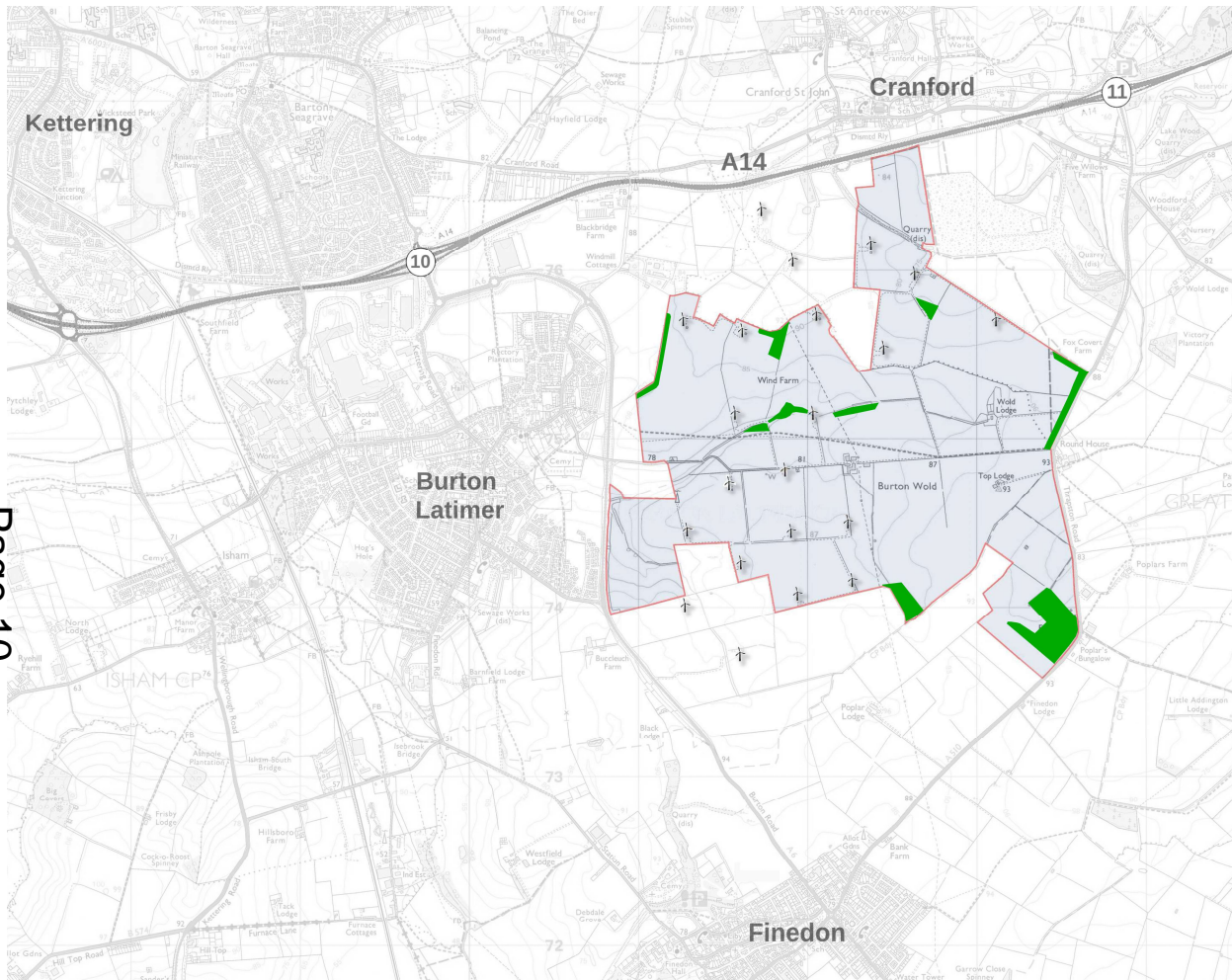
Policy Context & Masterplan



- The Energy Park will directly respond to the Climate Change and Environment Emergency declared by North Northamptonshire Council as well as key requirements of the NPPF in respect of climate change and economic growth.
- The North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy was adopted in 2016 and this identifies that the Burton Wold site as a location for an Energy Park.
- Policy 26 of the Joint Core Strategy requires a Masterplan to be prepared to define the boundaries of development of the Energy Park appropriate uses and key principles of development.
- A Masterplan is under preparation to meet this policy requirement.



Masterplan Studies and Assessment



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Assessments have been undertaken to identify constraints, opportunities and key areas of the site where development of new energy infrastructure, business premises and other complementary uses could be located.

These assessments have considered the wider site that is controlled by First Renewable, shown opposite

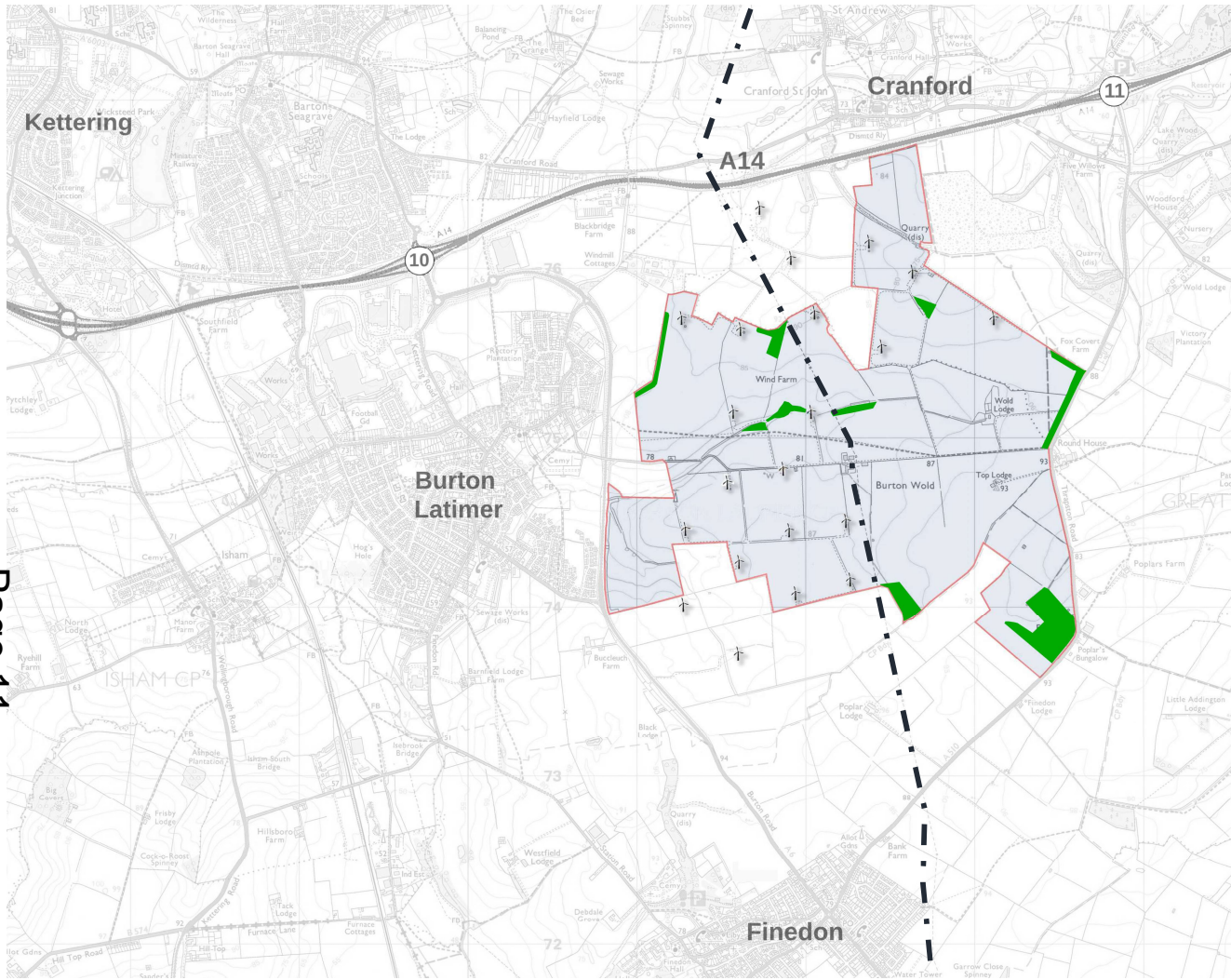
Potential development zones for the Energy have then been identified based on this analysis.

This assessment work for the masterplan has also considered proposals to mitigate any potential impacts that may arise from development at the site.



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Energy Infrastructure



The primary reason that the site is identified as a location for an Energy Park is the existing and consented Energy Infrastructure.

The site is crossed by a High Voltage 132kv power line that is part of the National Grid

Masterplan area of search



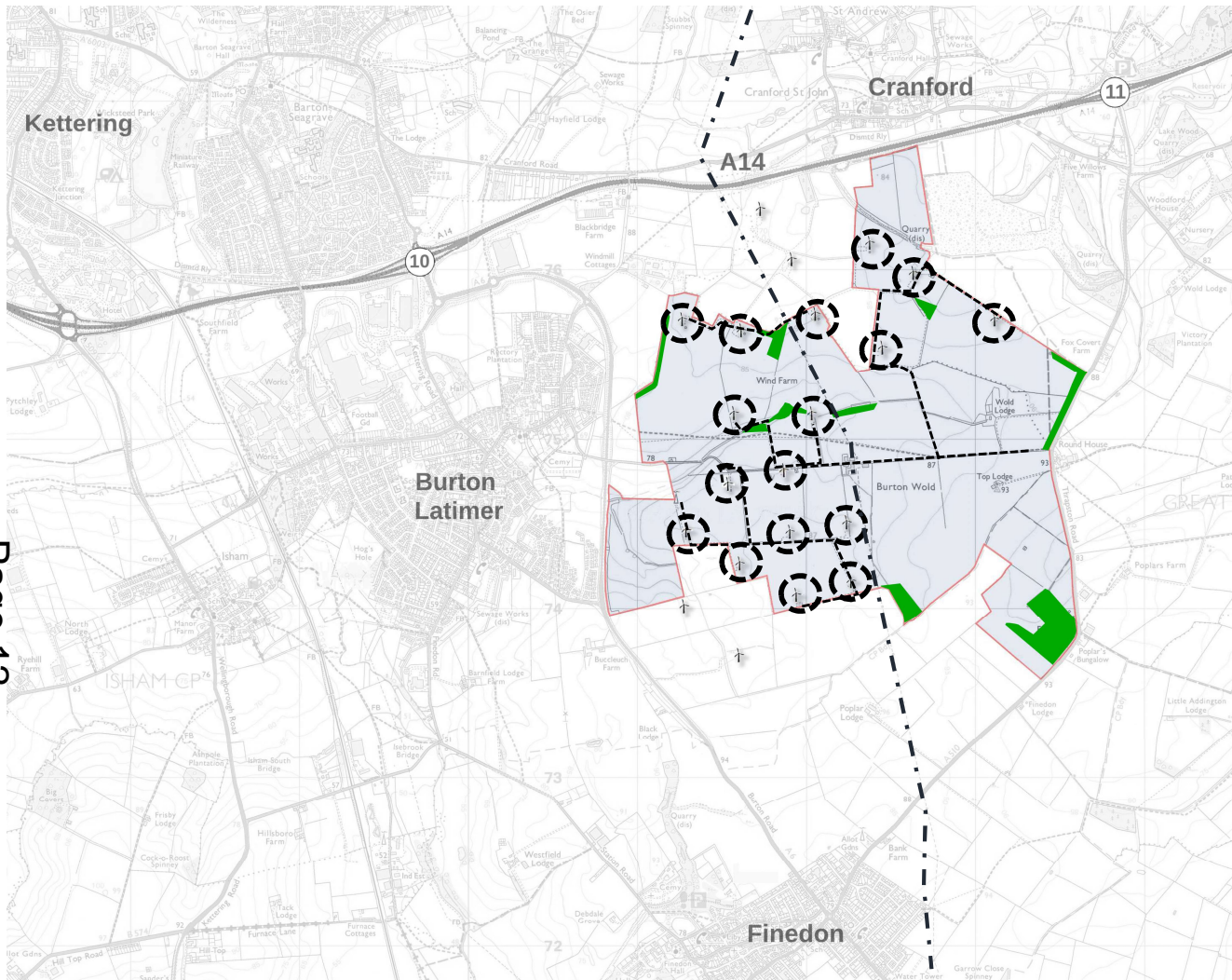
Existing vegetation (excluding field margin hedgerows)



Existing overhead power line



Energy Infrastructure








The first phase of the wind farm was the largest on land wind farm in the UK at that time.

When the Wind Farm extension was installed in 2014, the new turbines were the most efficient in the UK.

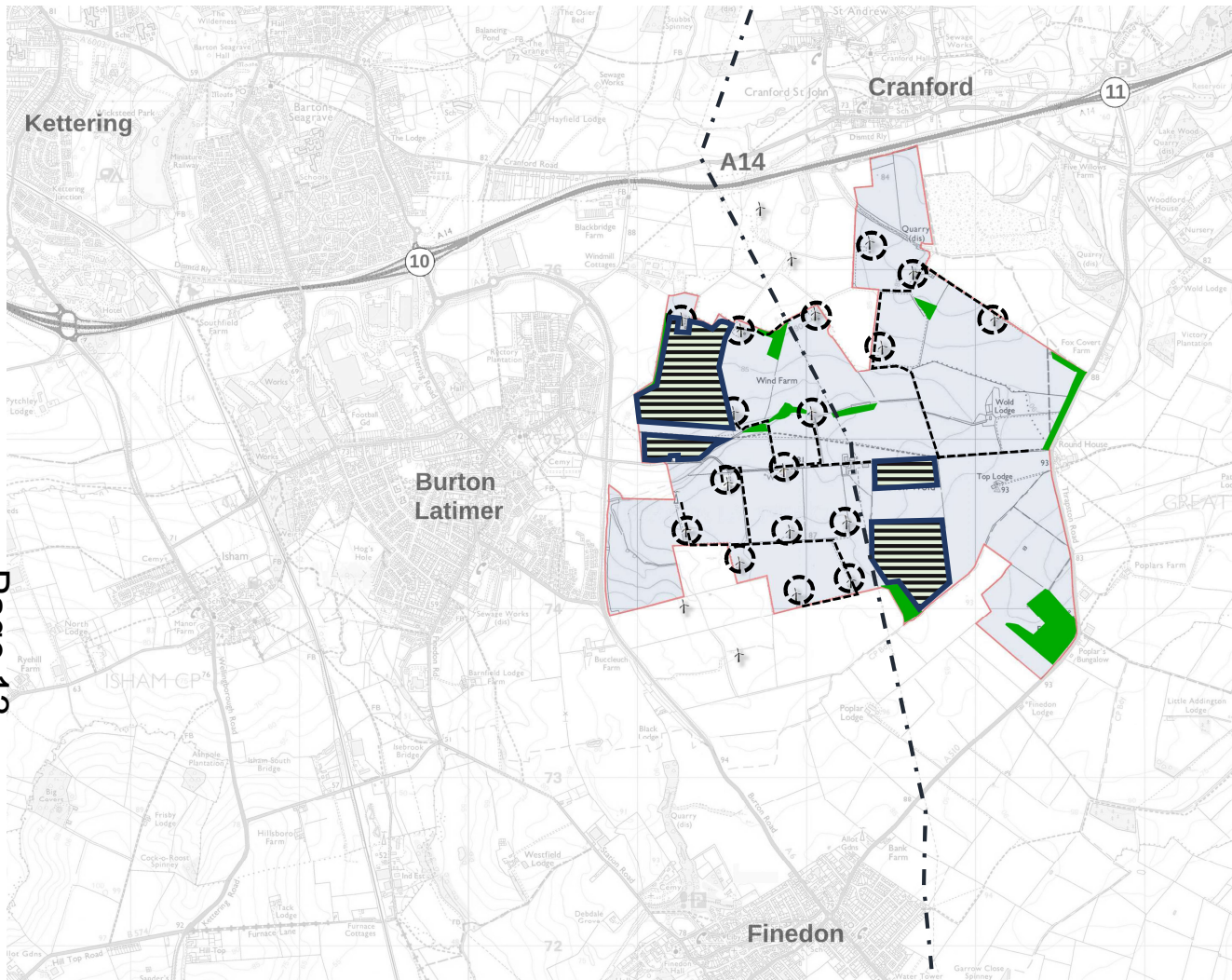
The wind turbines had broad support from the local community.

This site has therefore been at the leading edge of renewable energy provision.



Masterplan area of search 	Existing vegetation (excluding field margin hedgerows) 	Existing overhead power line 	Existing on-site wind turbine 	Access route/cable run to on-site wind turbine 
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Energy Infrastructure



Two Solar Farms have planning permission which has been implemented, but not yet installed.

The solar farms will provide a minimum of 40 Mva, sufficient power for up to 10, 191 homes.

These solar farms have permission for up to 40 years and will provide a connection to new development at the site.

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Existing overhead power line



Existing on-site wind turbine



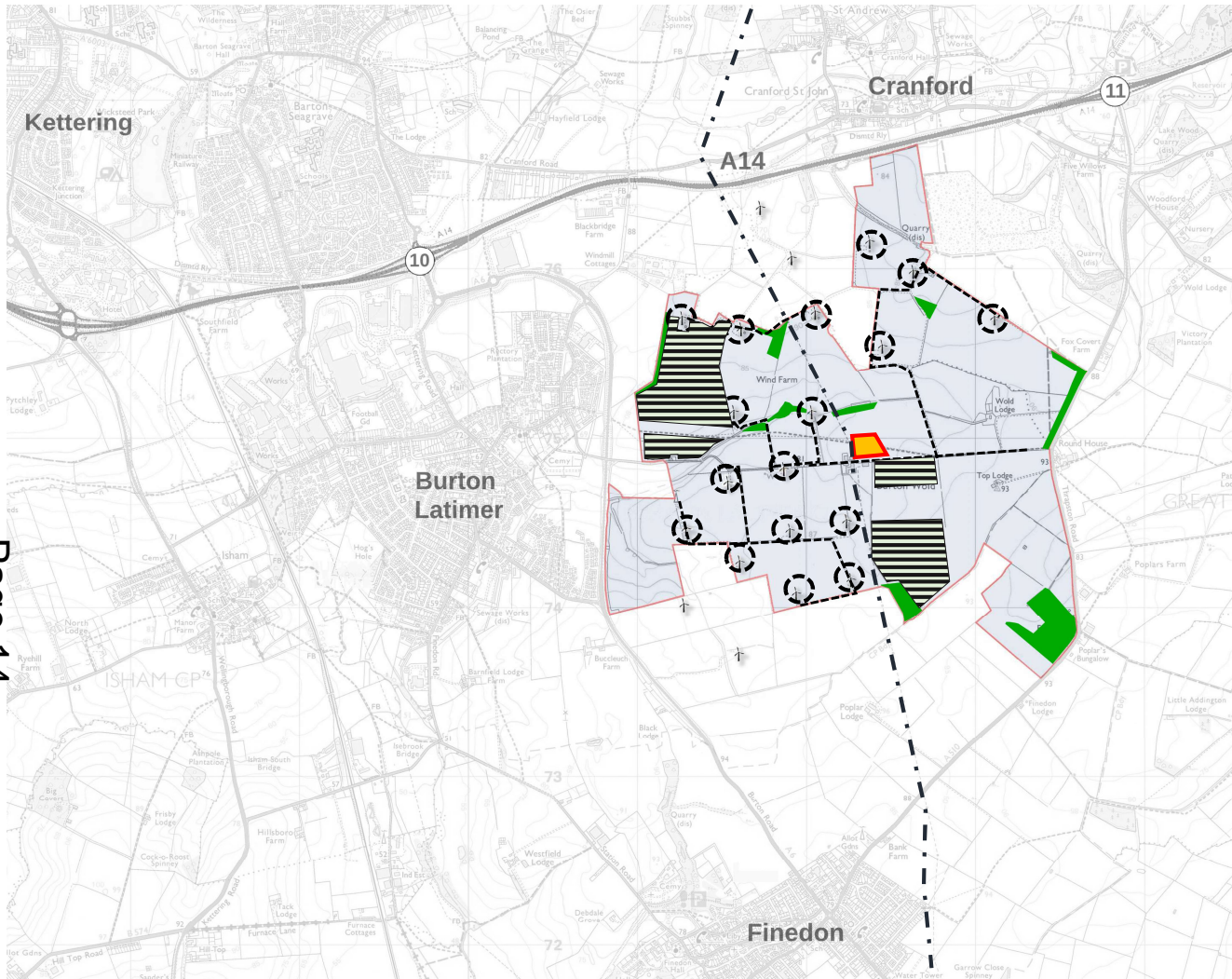
Access route/cable run to on-site wind turbine



Consented solar farm



Energy Infrastructure










Planning Permission has also been granted for a Grid Connection that will connect to the overhead power lines.

A contract is already in place with the energy operator for the import and export 40 MW energy from/to the National Grid.

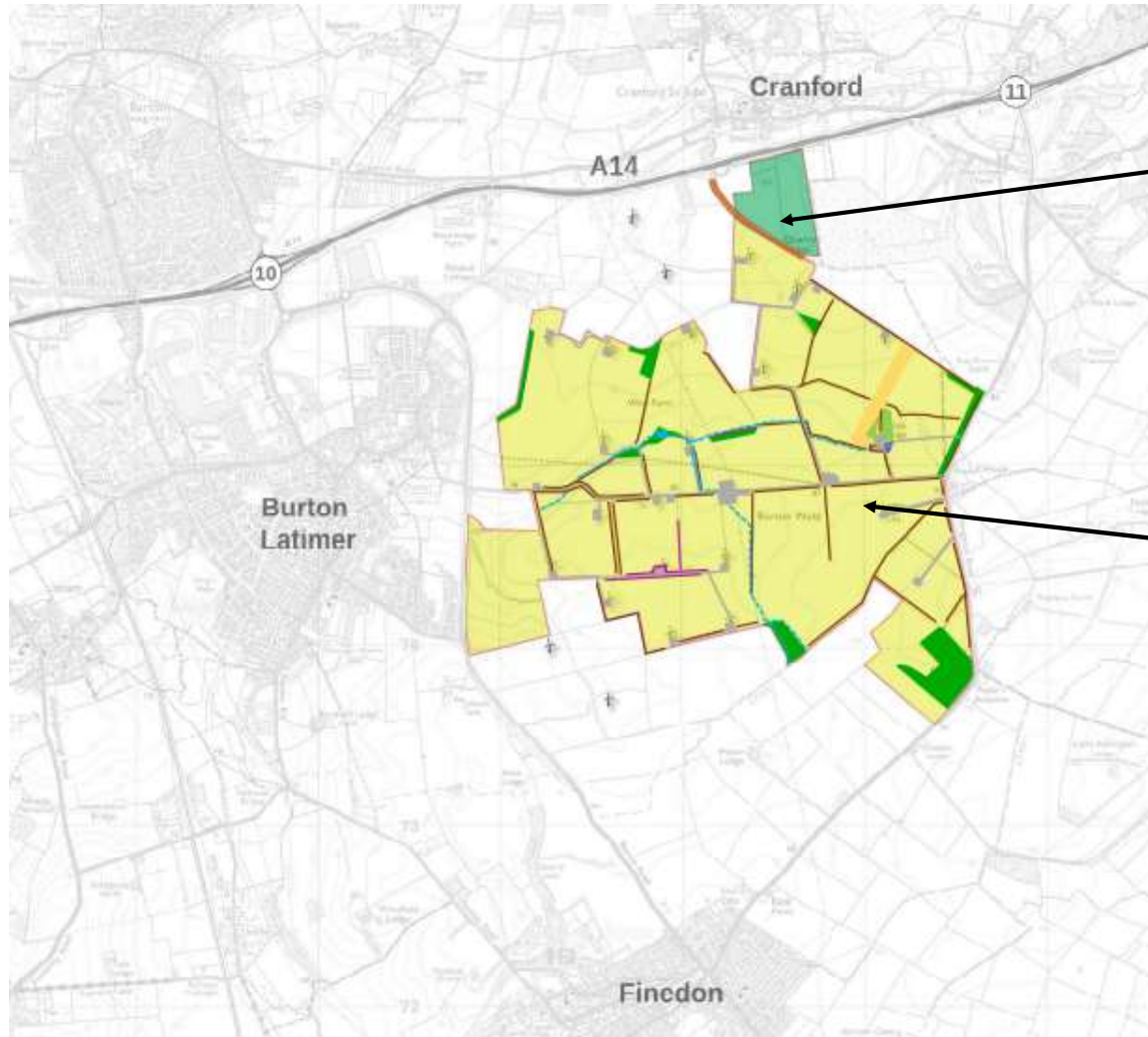
This will provide a resilient supply to new development and allow surplus energy to be fed back into the Grid.

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Ecology & Biodiversity



Cranford St John SSS & Meadow area



Arable Farmland

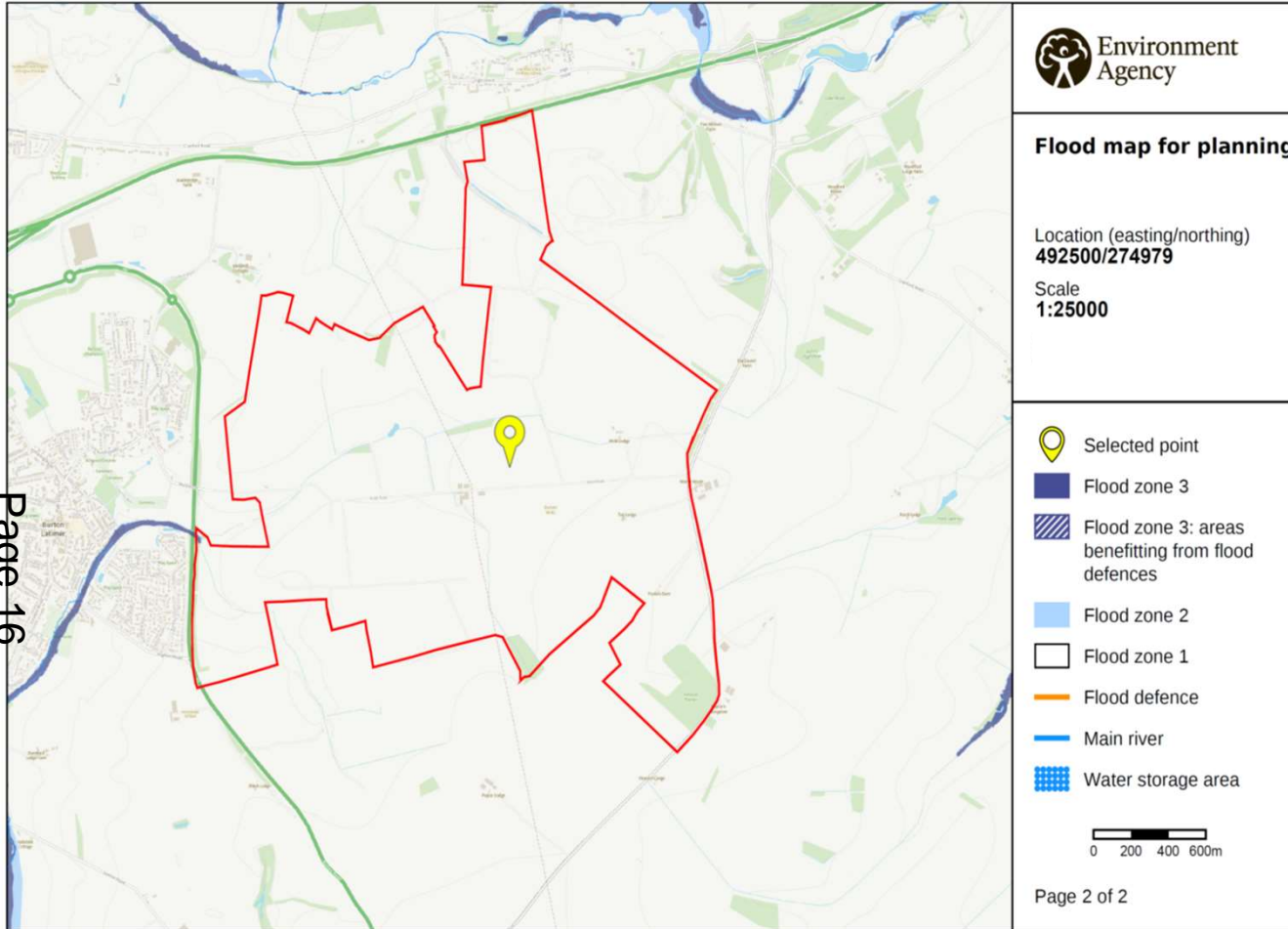
The site is not designated as a protected habitat or a site of importance for nature conservation. Due to the agricultural use, it has relatively limited value in ecological terms.

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Arable Farmland	Hardstanding	Meadow	Hedgerow	Pond	Watercourse	Ruderal	Amenity Grassland	Grassland	Trees/Plantation Woodland	Cranford St John Geological SSSI

Flood Risk

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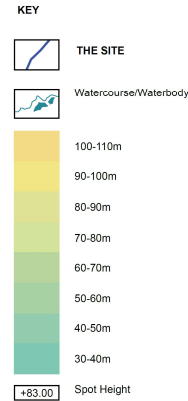
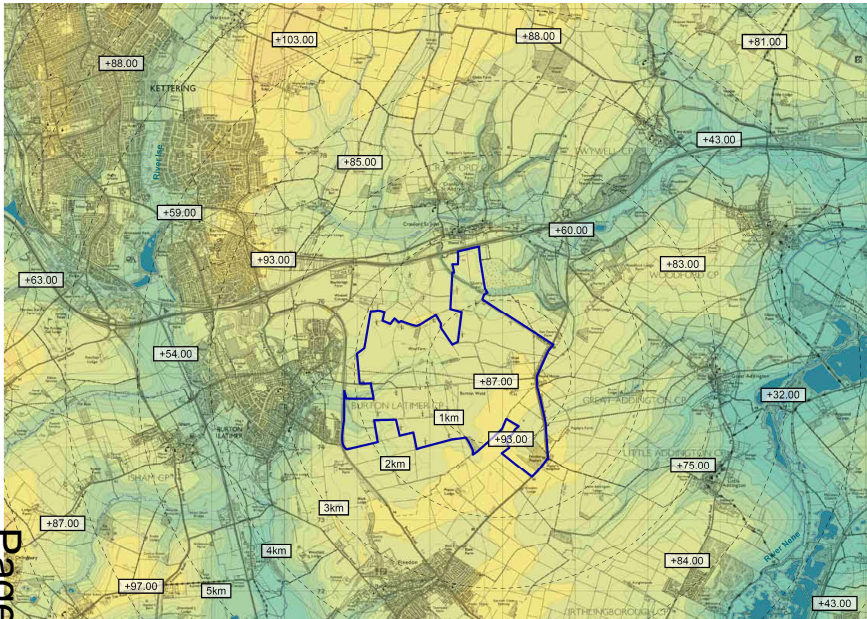
The site is in Flood Zone 1 and has a low risk of flooding.

There are ordinary watercourses in the site and an appropriate drainage strategy will be developed incorporating Sustainable Urban Drainage features.



Illustrative Sustainable Drainage Image

Landscape

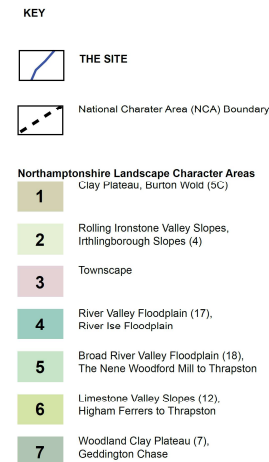
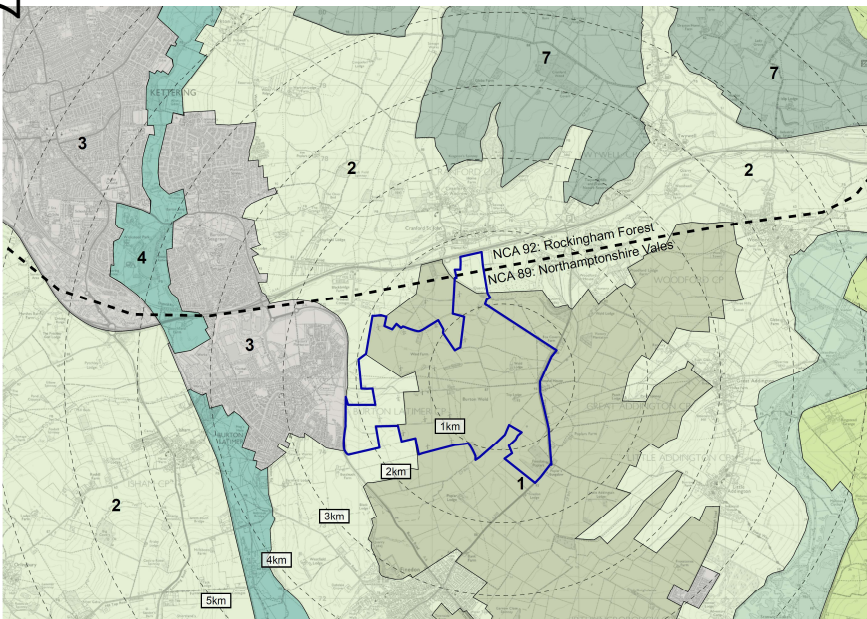


The site has no specific designations that affect it and it forms part of the undulating landscape that typifies this area of North Northamptonshire. The site's topography comprises an elevated area with a slightly rounded profile, with ground heights varying from 80m – 90m AOD.

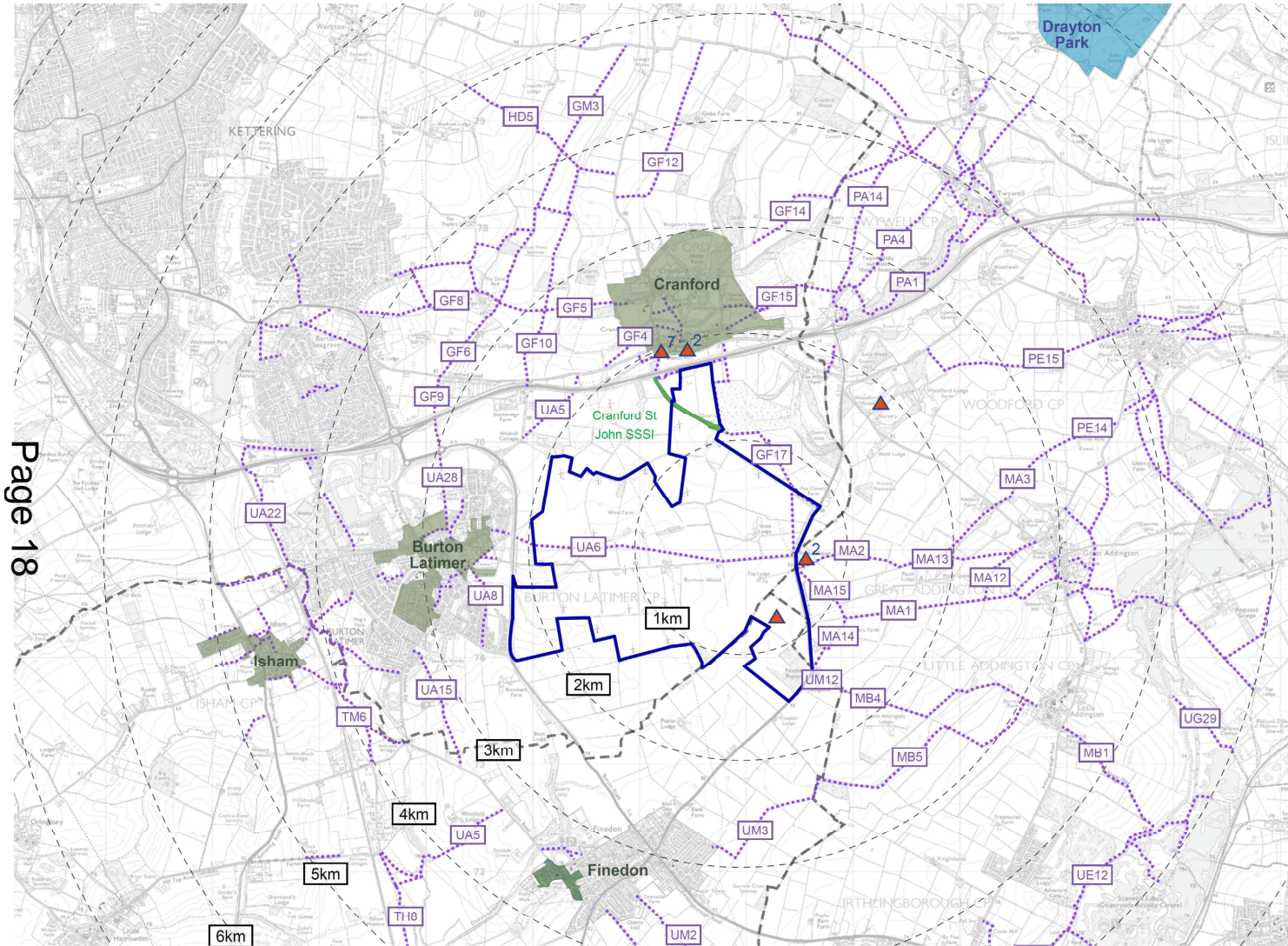
The highest part of the site is at the south western however falls gradually away to the south towards Finedon and the north towards the A14.

The existing wind turbines measure up to 110 metres in height.

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Landscape



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THE SITE



Previous District Boundary



Public Rights of Way
(with reference, within 4km)

Historic



Registered Parks & Gardens



Listed Building
(including number within close vicinity,
within 2km)
Policy 2 – Historic Environment

Ecological/Natural Environment



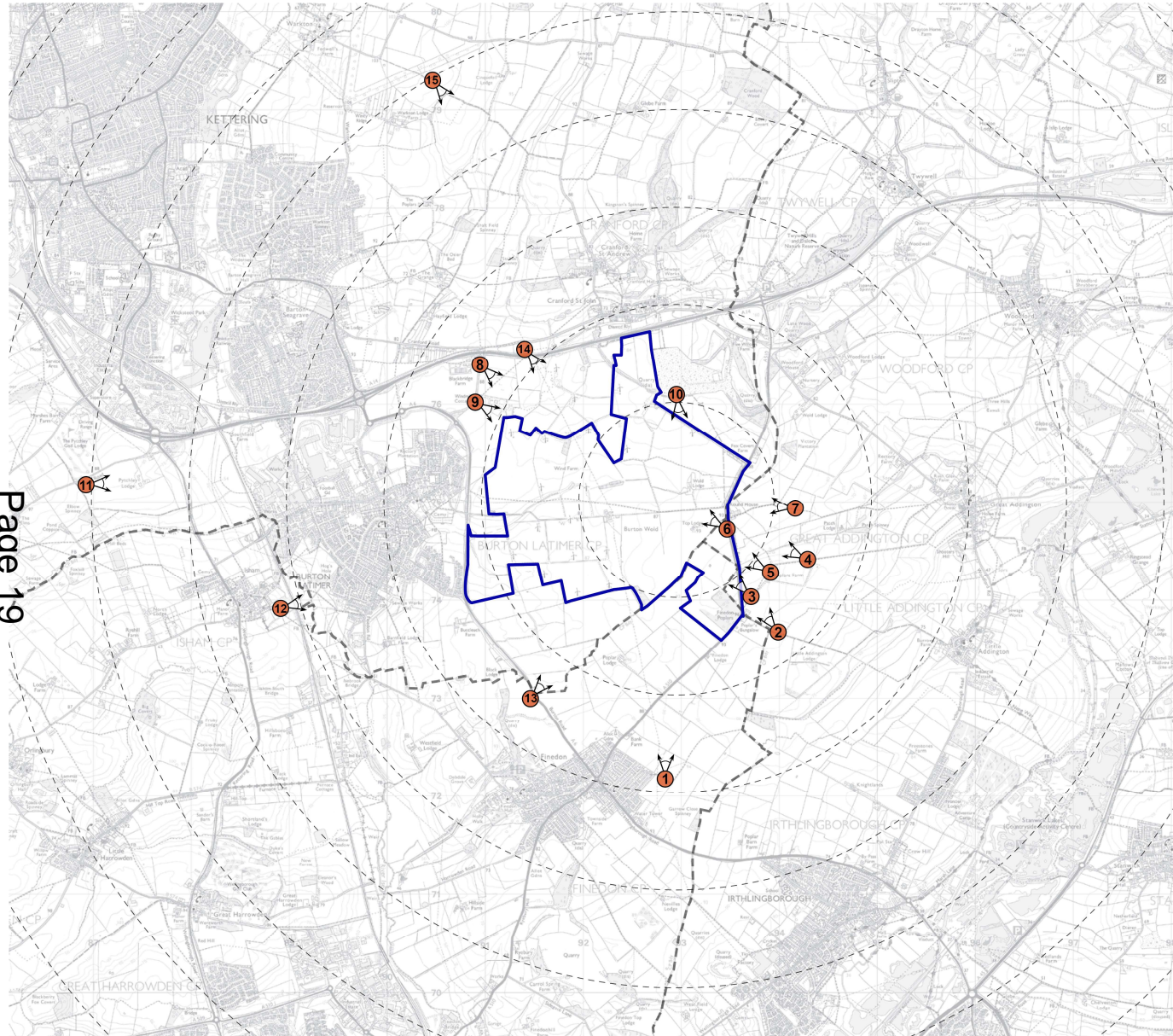
Conservation Areas



Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
Policy 4 – Biodiversity & Geodiversity


















Landscape



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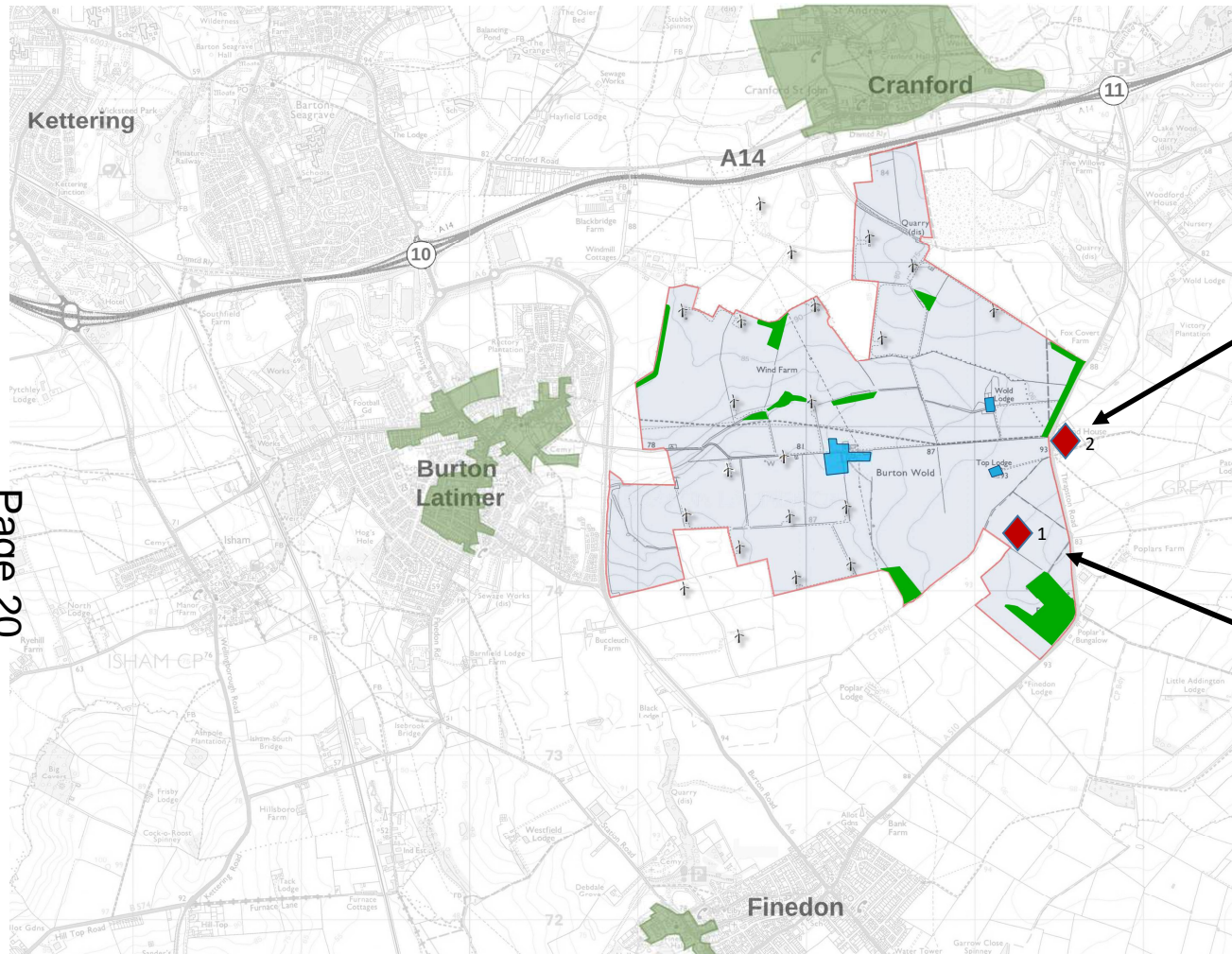


Representative Viewpoints

-  1 Footpath UM3.
Looking North Towards Site
-  2 Bridle Way MB4.
Looking North West Towards Site
-  3 Footpath MA14.
Looking North West Towards Site
-  4 Footpath MA1.
Looking West Towards Site
-  5 Footpath MA14.
Looking West Towards Site
-  6 Thrapston Road A510. Looking West From
Adjacent The Round House
-  7 Footpath MA2.
Looking West Towards Site
-  8 Cranford Road, UA5 North.
Looking South East Towards Site
-  9 Cranford Road, UA5.
Looking South East Towards Site
-  10 Bridleway GF17.
Looking South Towards Site
-  11 Isham Road. Adjacent Pytchley Golf Lodge
Looking Southeast Towards Site
-  12 Footpath TM6.
Looking East Towards Site
-  13 Burton Road A6. Between Burton Latimer
and Finedon. Looking East towards Site
-  14 Road A14. Adjacent footpath UA5
Looking South Towards Site
-  15 Bridleway HD5.
Looking Southwest Towards Site



Heritage



The Round House



Poplars Barn

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Conservation Area



Listed Building on/
adjacent to site



Existing buildings on site



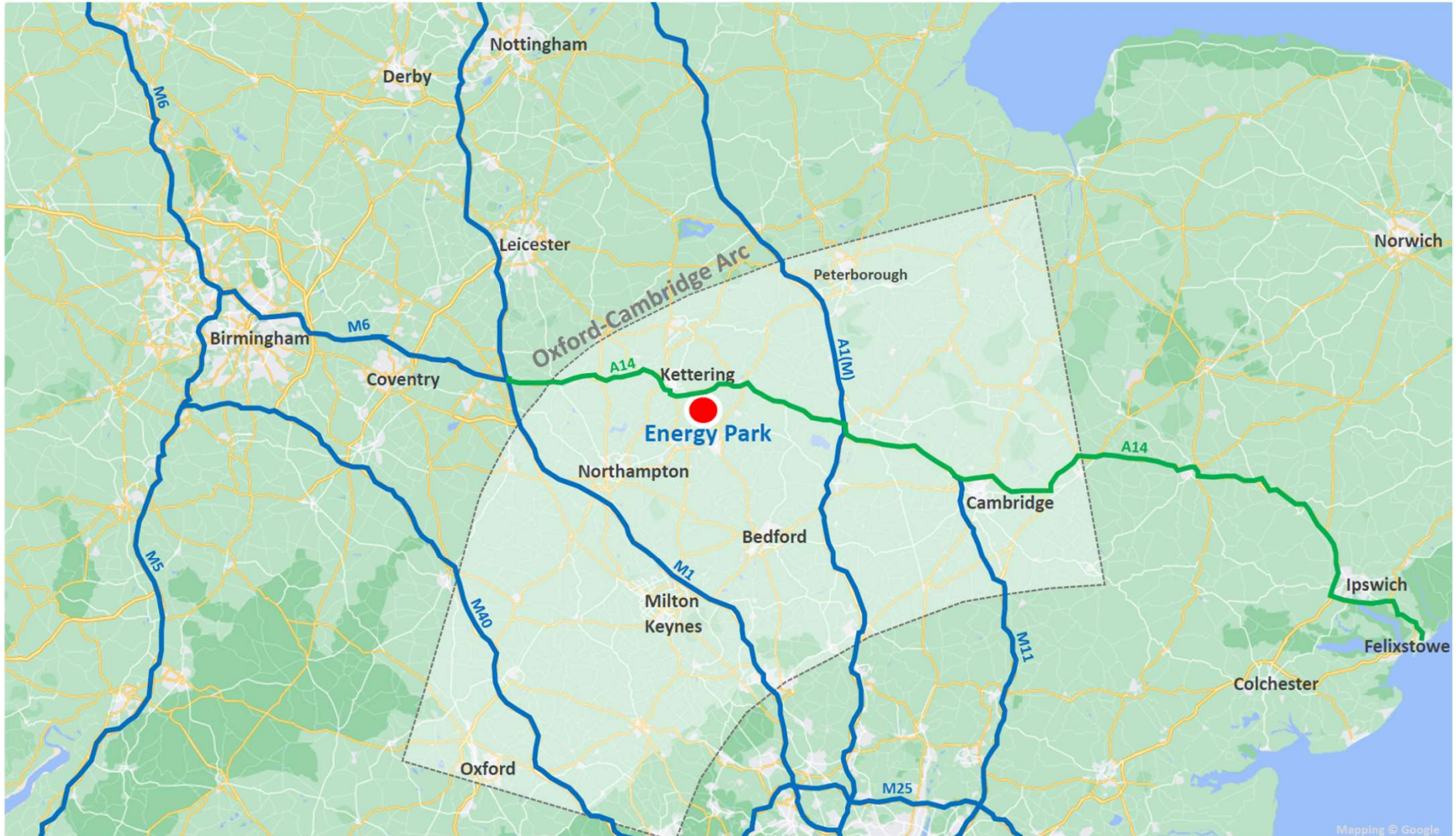
Archaeology

- There is the potential for below ground archaeological features to be present but are likely to have been affected by the farming activity.
- Potential for below ground remains of value to be present adjacent to the consented solar farm plot to the west.
- Detailed site investigations comprising trenching have not been undertaken but will be undertaken following further detailed assessment prior to any development taking place.



The grey area shown on the map demonstrates part of the site which has been surveyed to date.

Highways & Movement



Highways & Movement

Highway modelling work undertaken to date identifies that Junction 11 of the A14 has capacity to accommodate an increase in traffic movements associated with development of the Energy Park site. Development Traffic will be directed to this junction.

Measures to improve sustainable travel to and from the site will be incorporated into the proposals.

There are no national cycle routes within the study area, but Wold Road could form a strong connection to Burton Latimer and Kettering

The nearest railway station to the site is Kettering Railway station. A shuttle bus service to connect the Energy Park to this station is proposed.

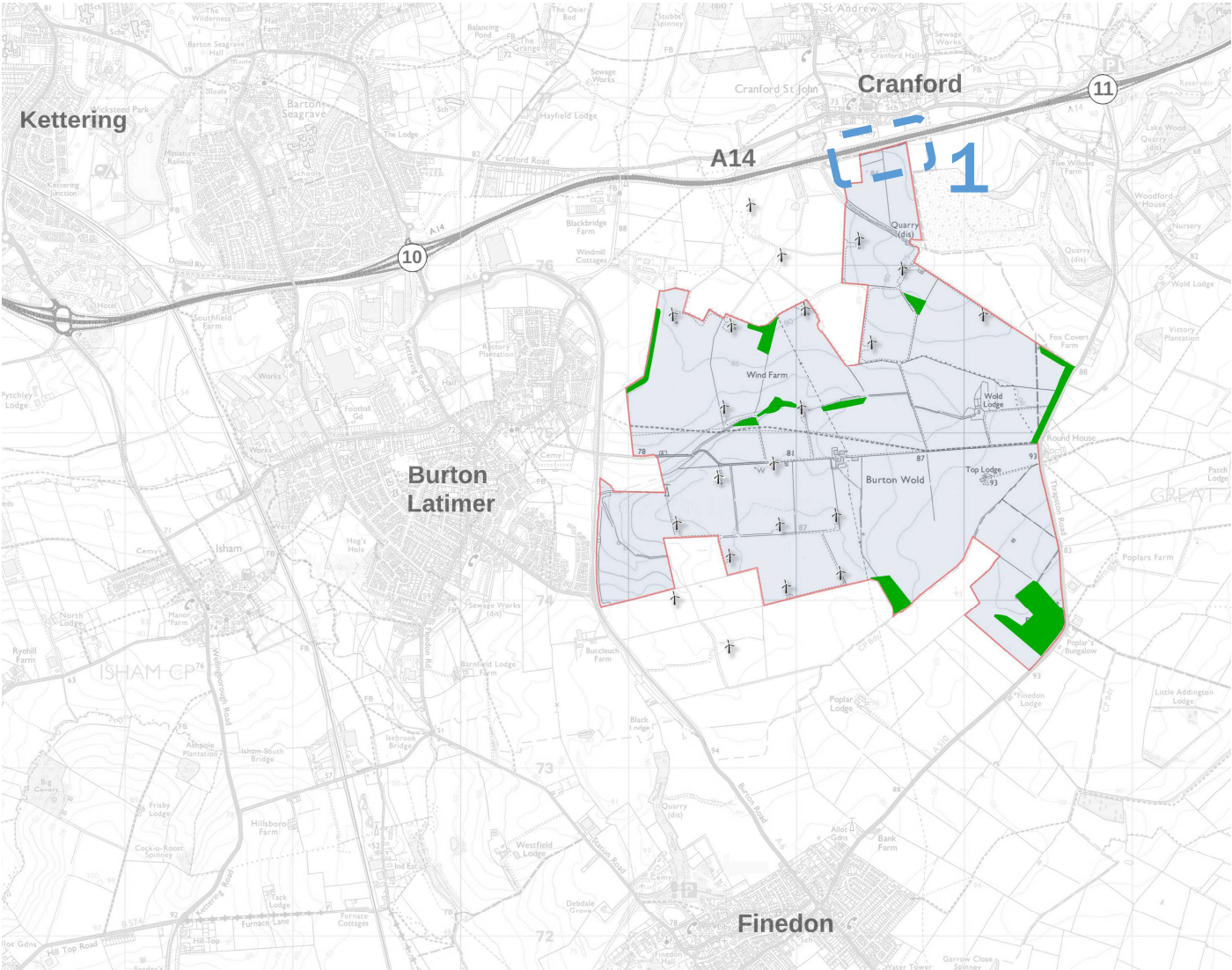
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A Sustainable Transport Hub is being considered as part of the Masterplan to potentially include:

- Electric Bike Hire and Charging Station
- Electric Car Charging Facilities for the Public
- Bus Stops for the Shuttle Bus
- Transport Information

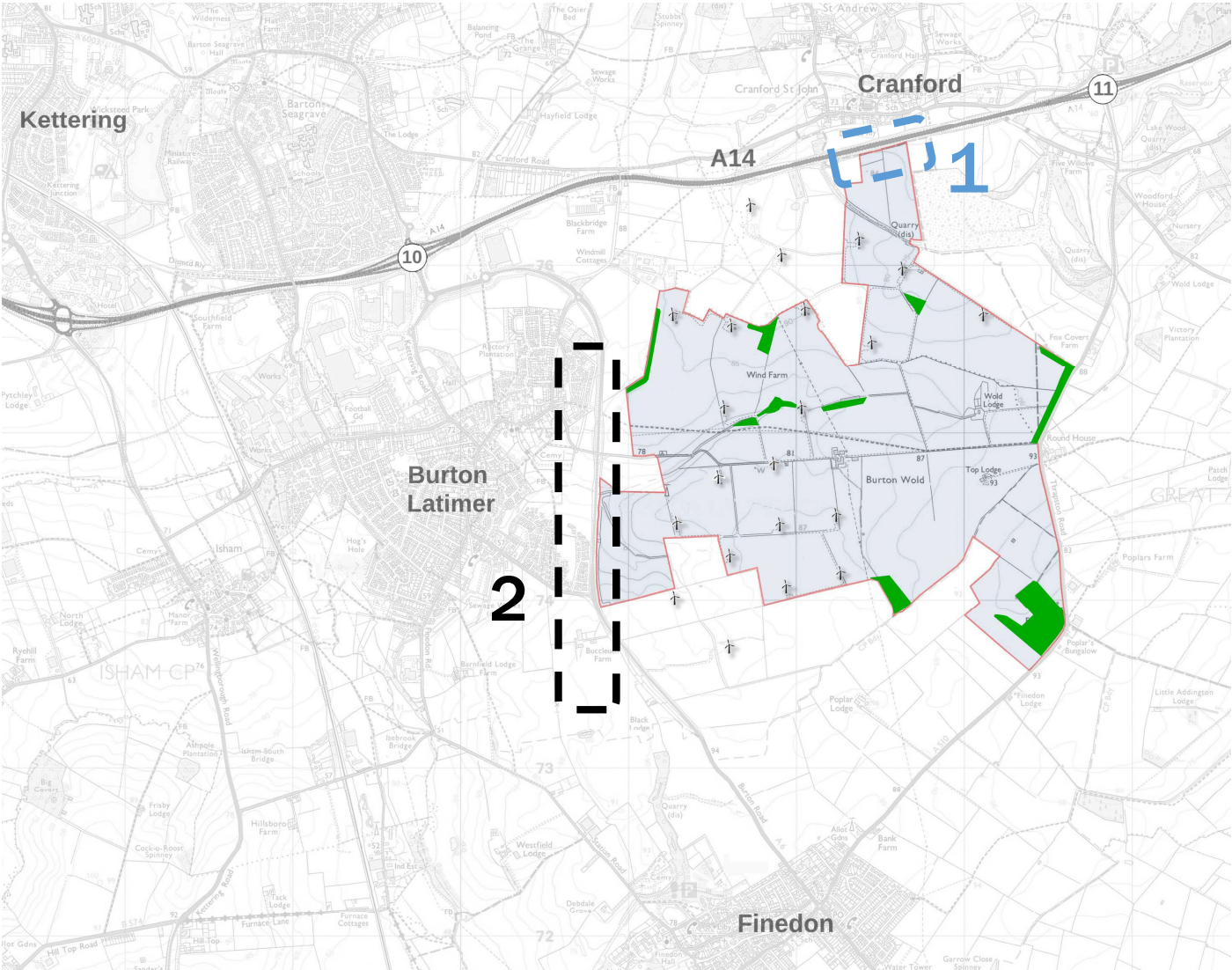
Highways & Movement – Site Access



1 Access from A14



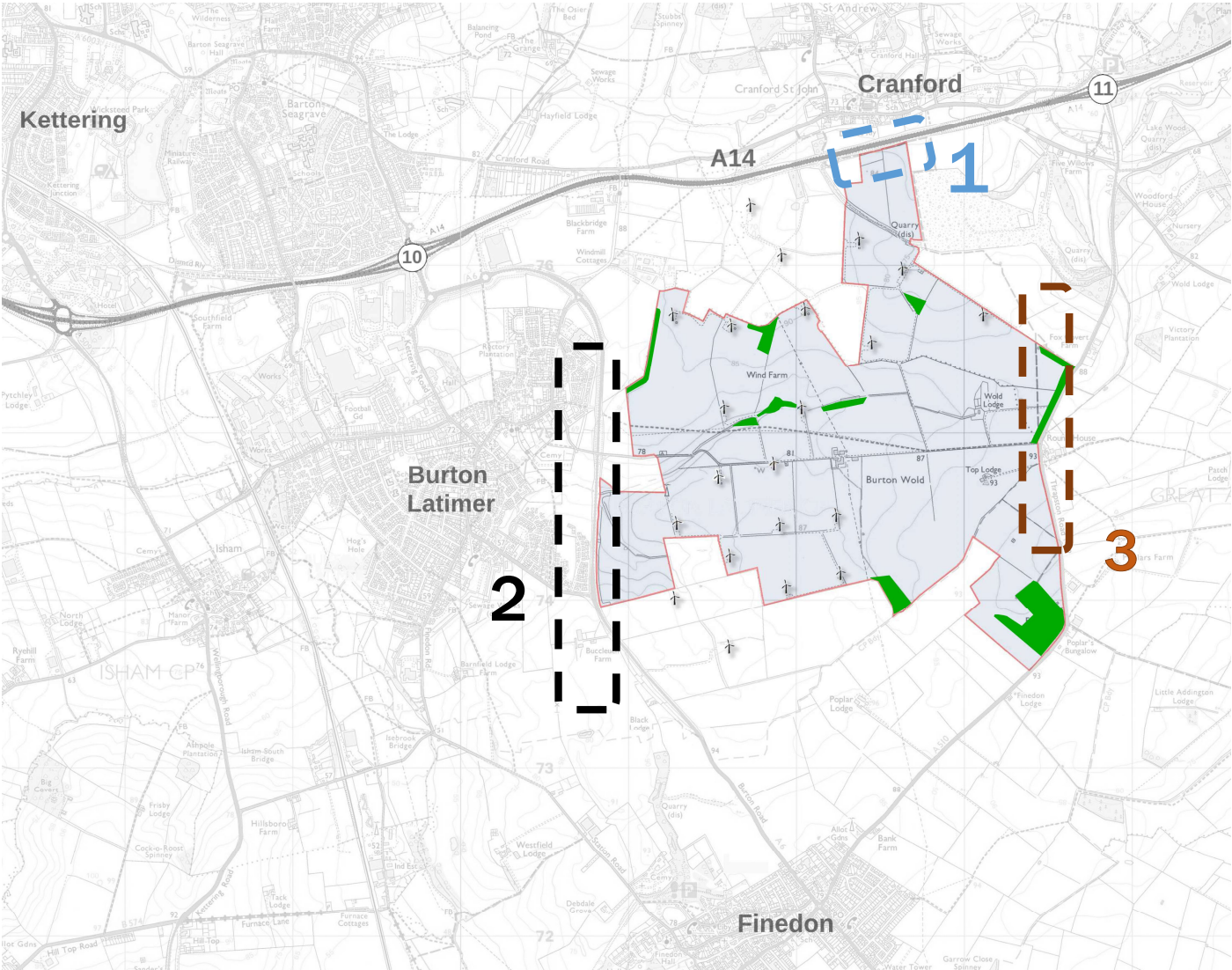
Highways & Movement - Site Access



- 1** Access from A14
- 2** Access from A6/Burton Latimer



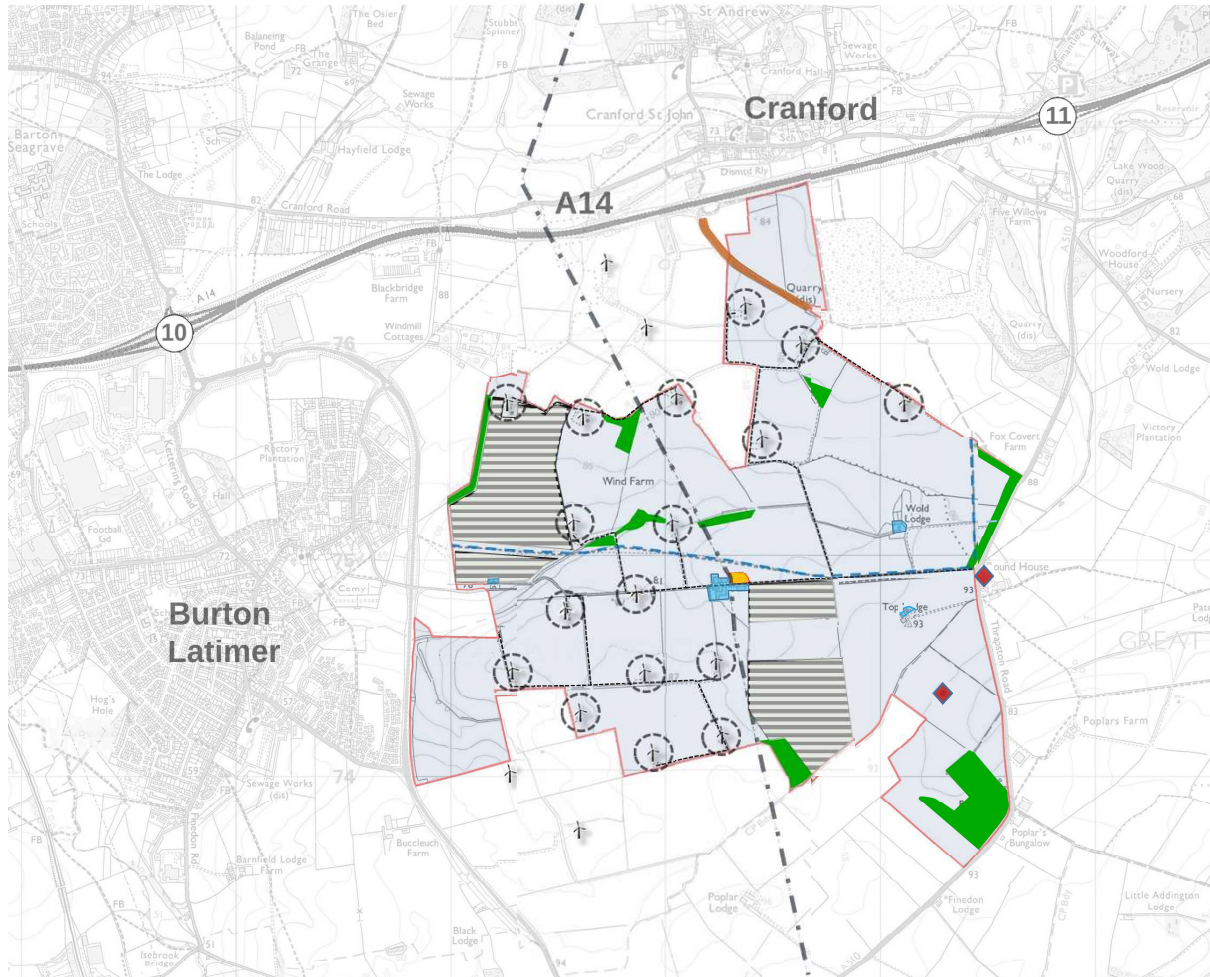
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- 3** Access from A510



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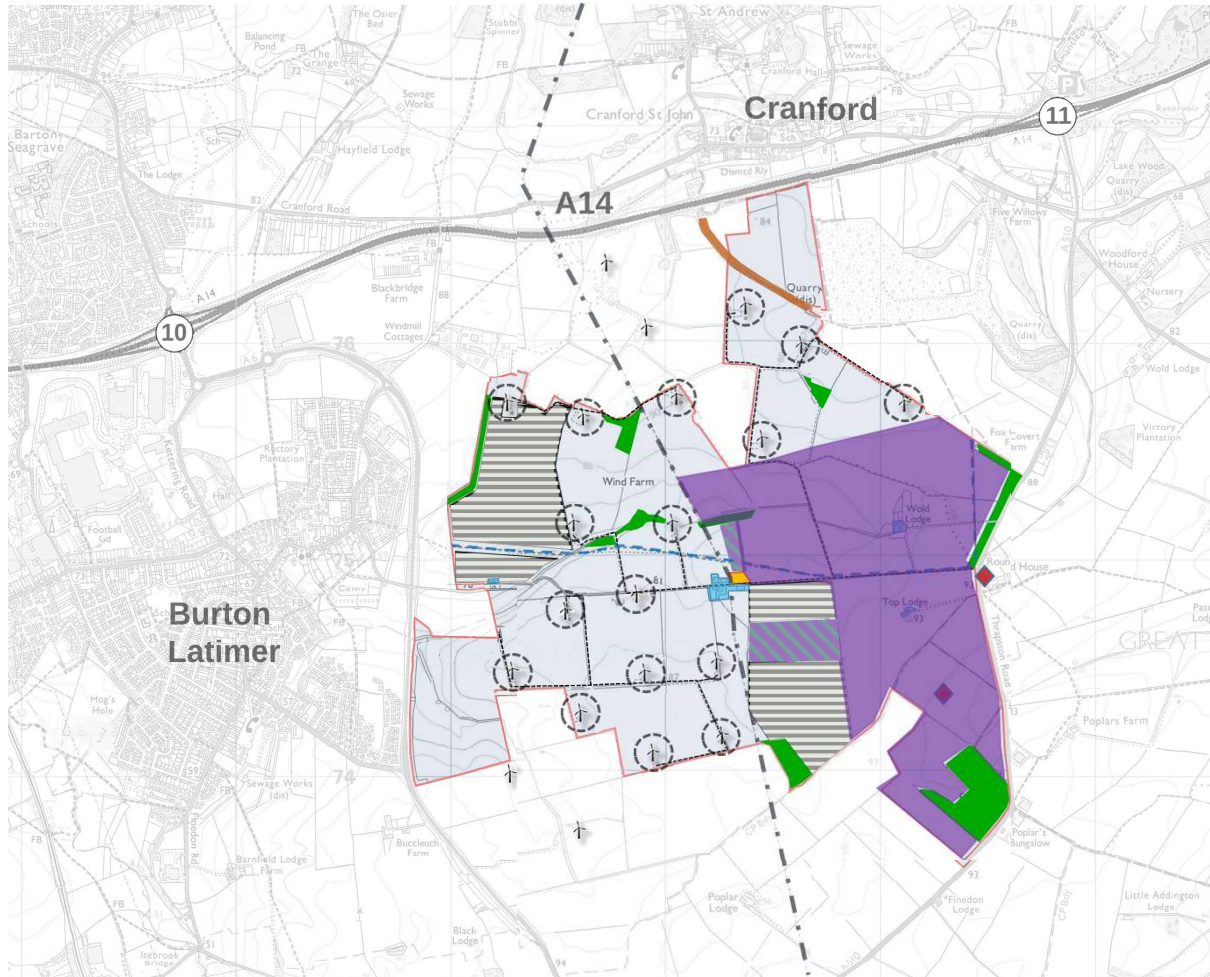
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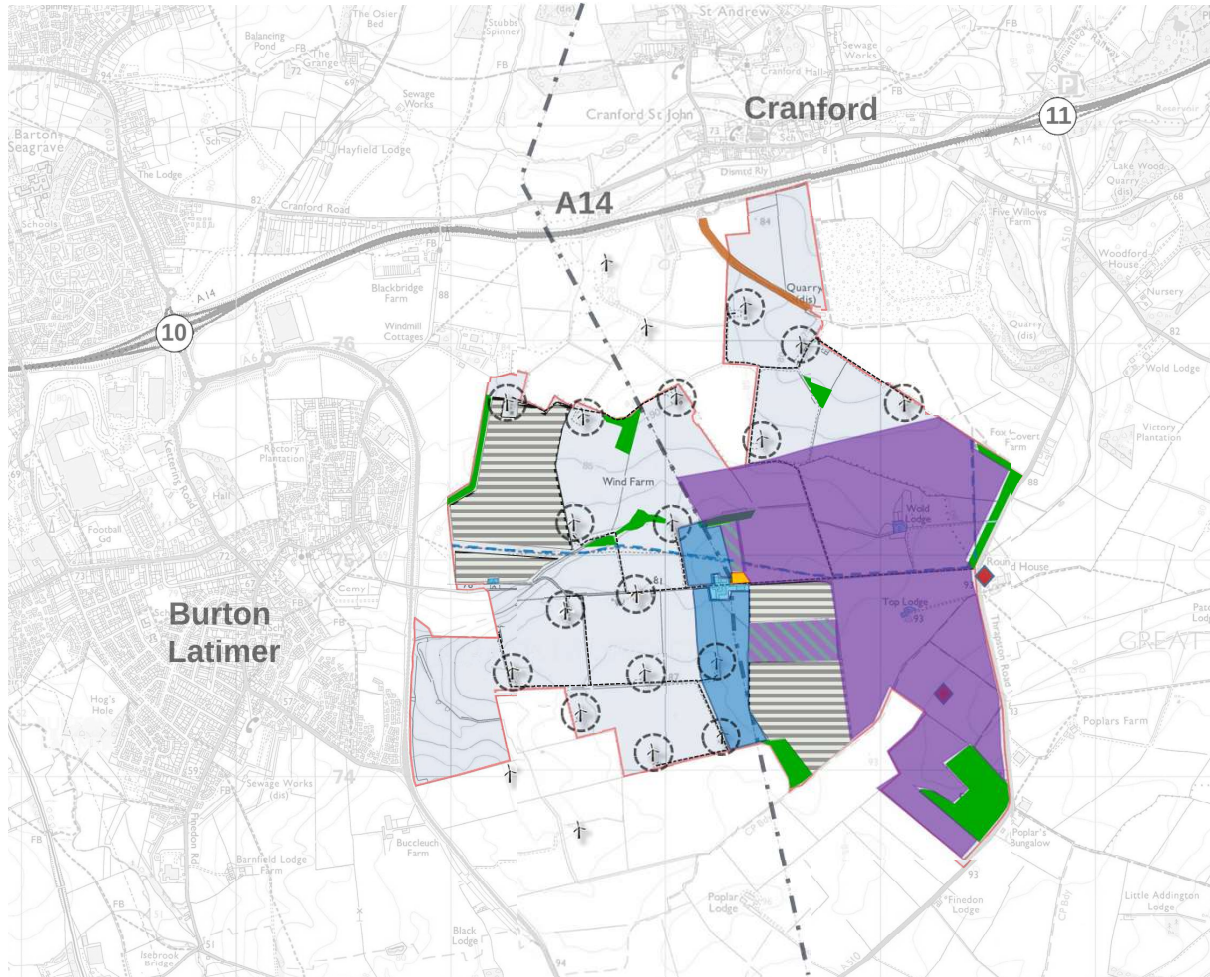
Area with strongest development potential



Area with potential for development or infrastructure



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Area with strongest development potential



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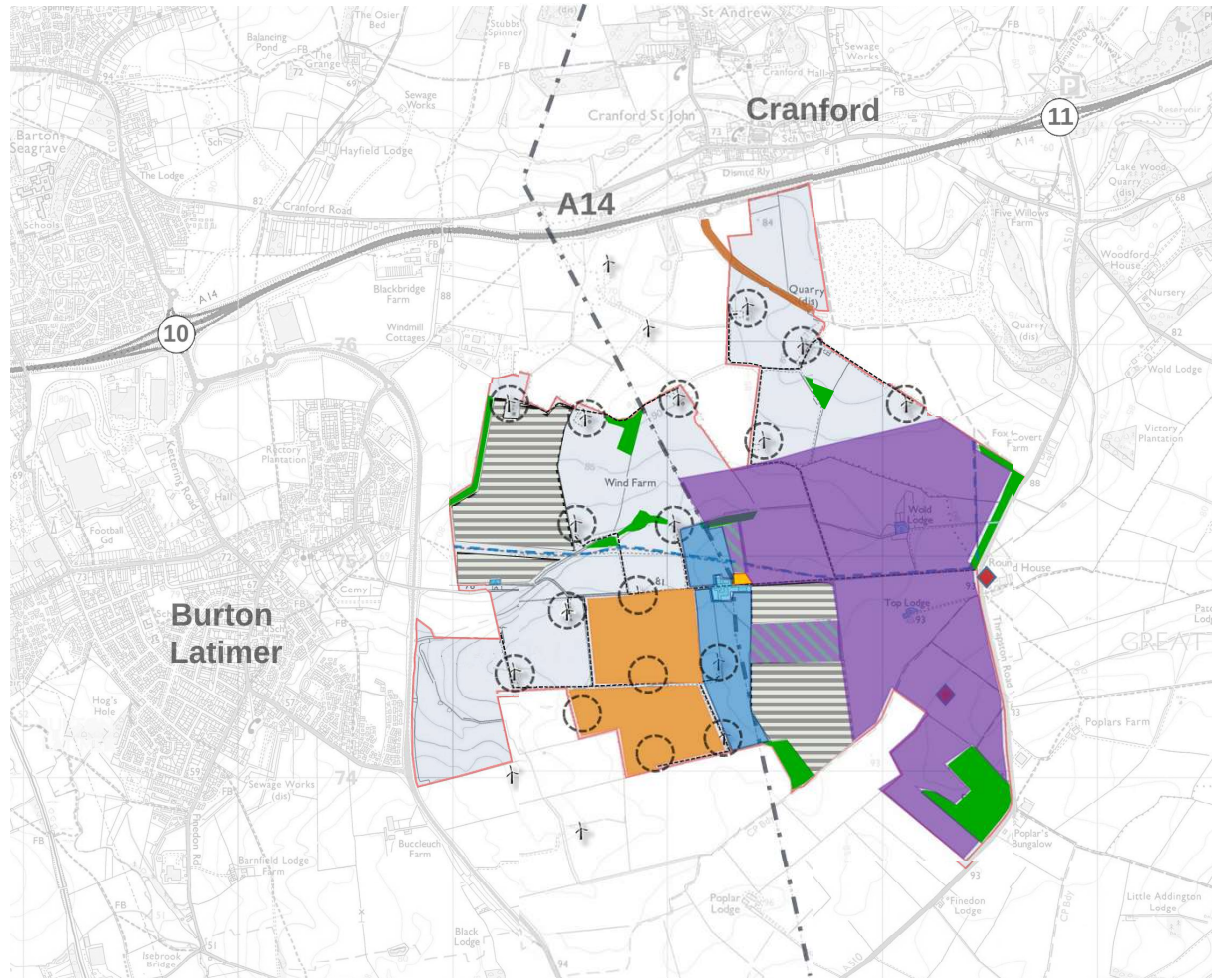


Area with potential for additional Energy Infrastructure



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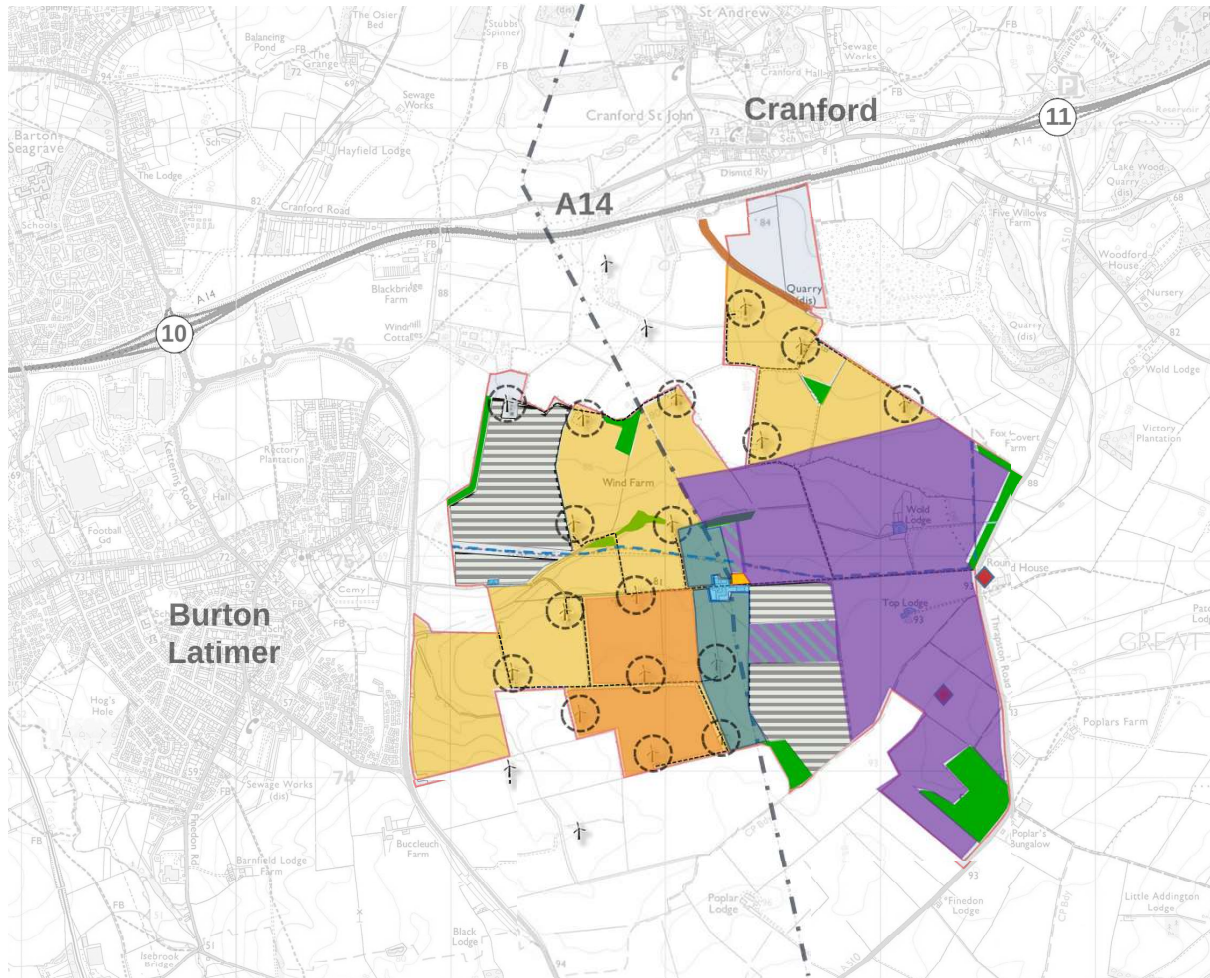


Area with greatest Hydroponics Potential



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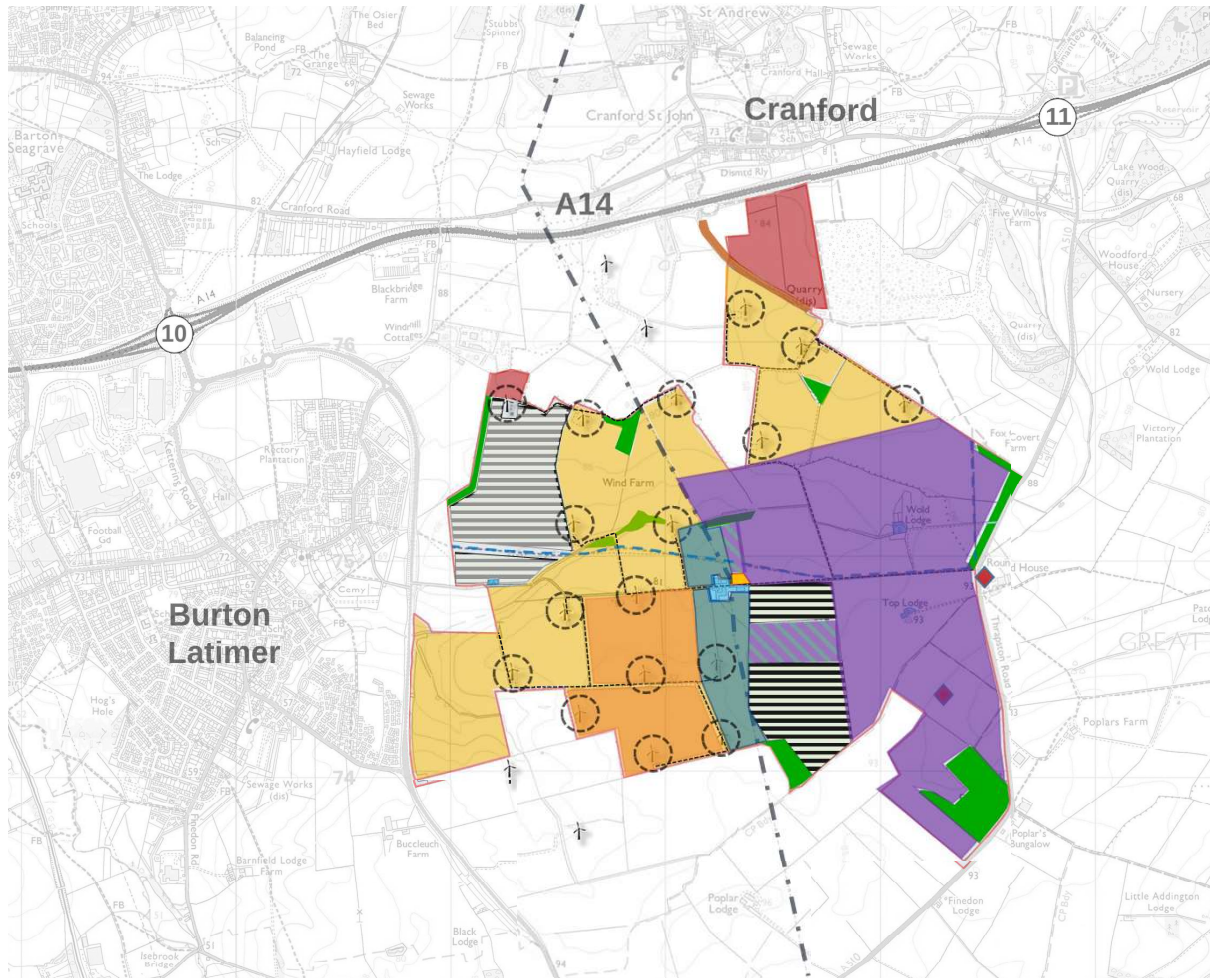


Area most suited for continued agricultural use



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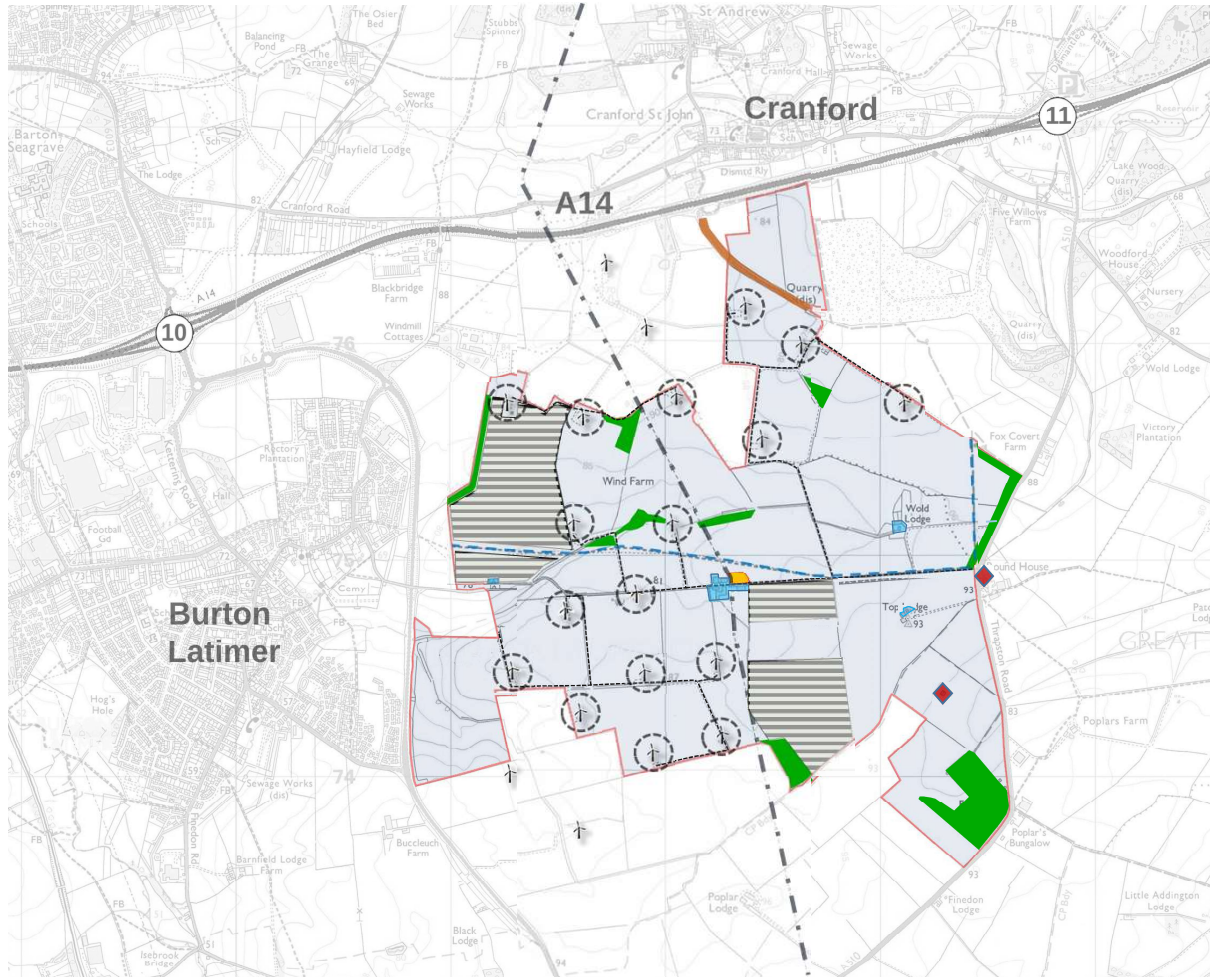
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Area with best potential for Biodiversity Enhancement



Site Analysis



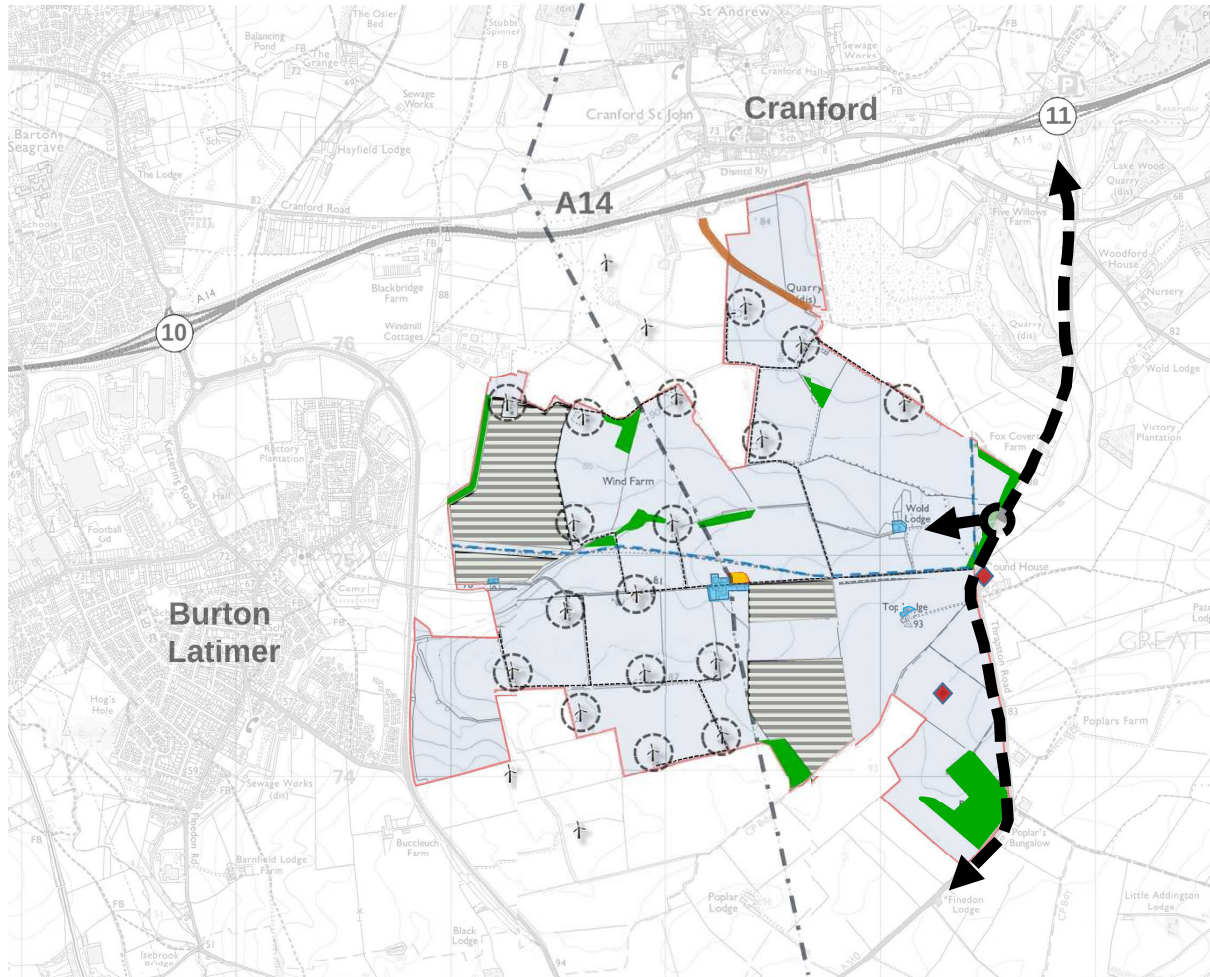
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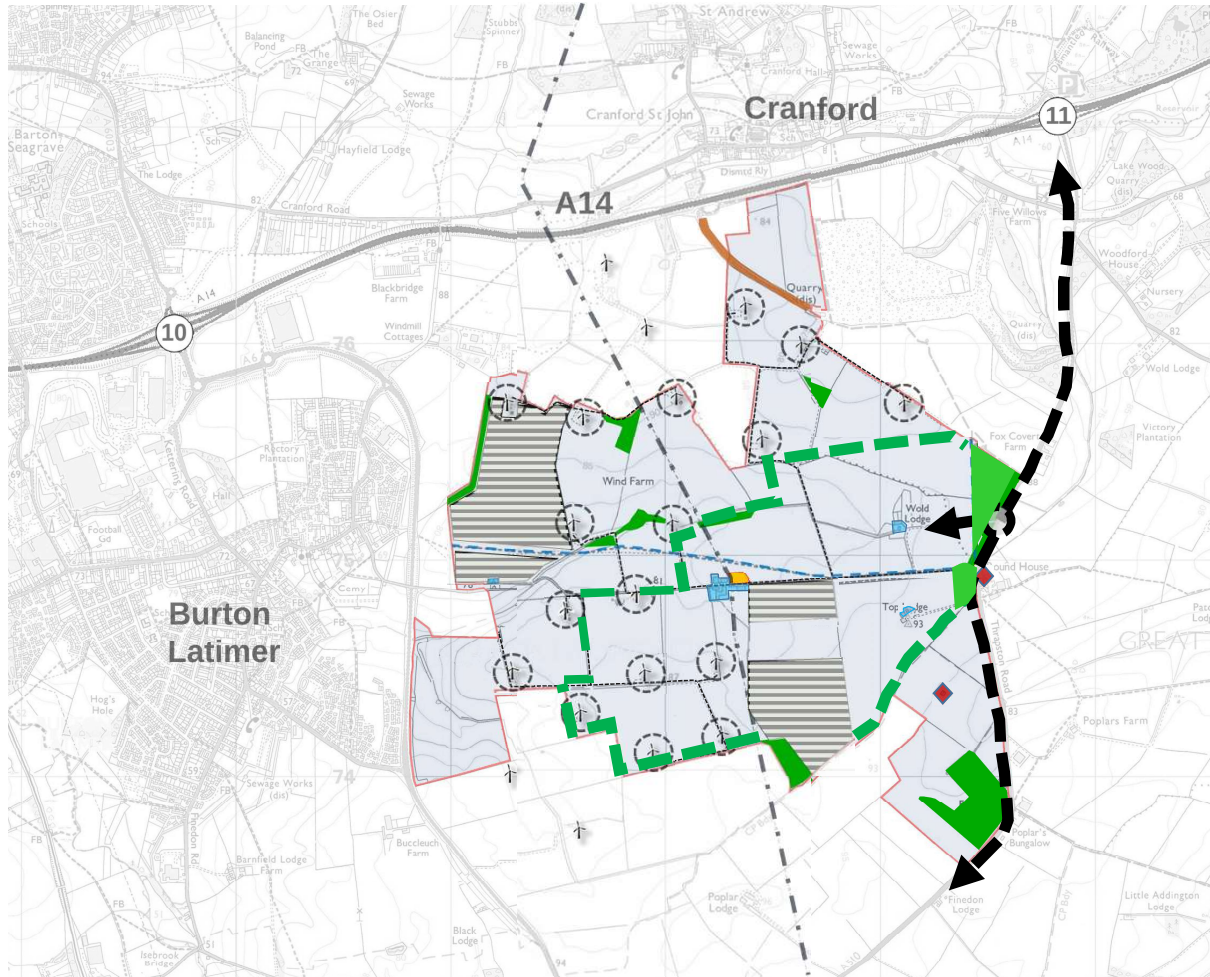
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Proposed site access



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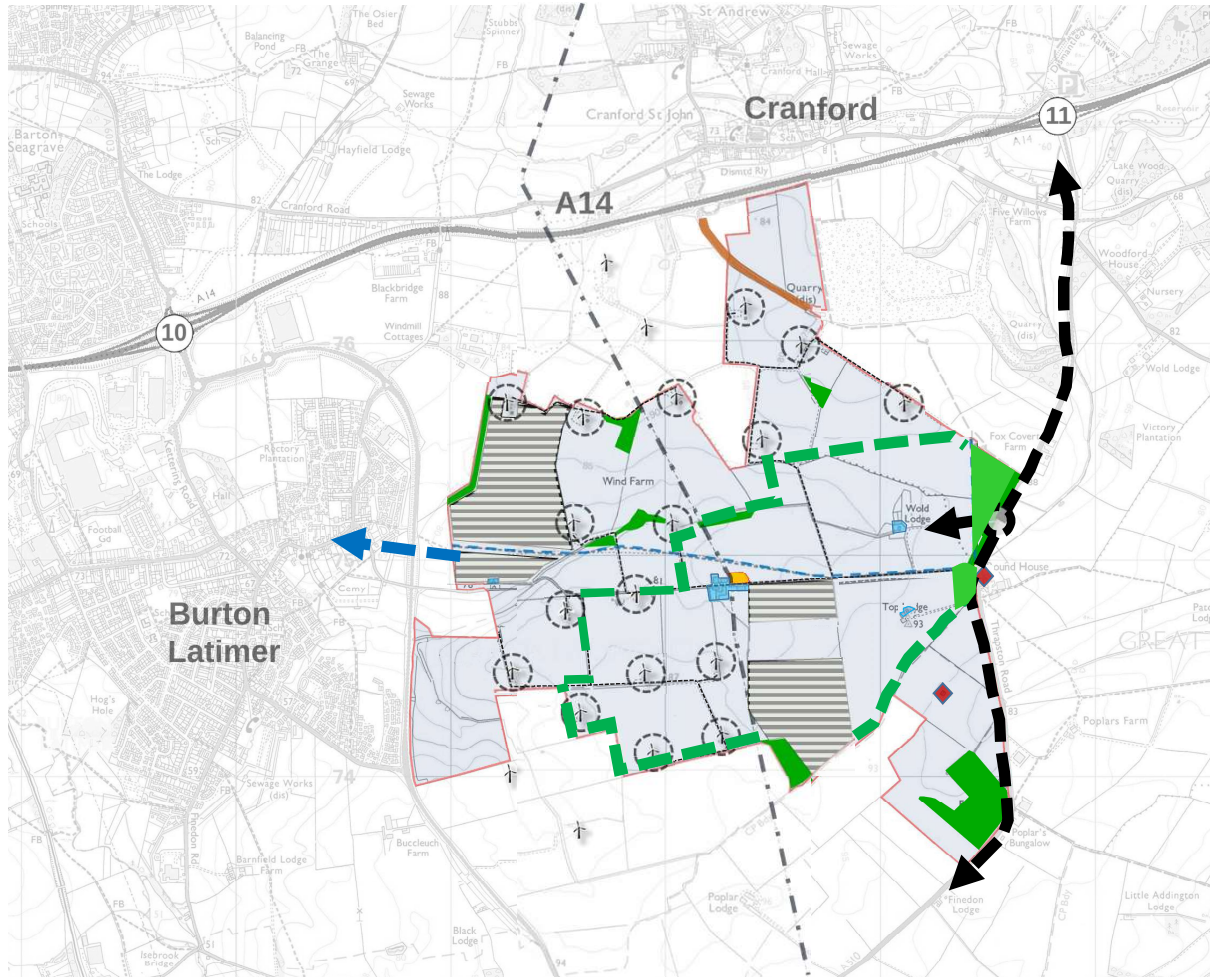


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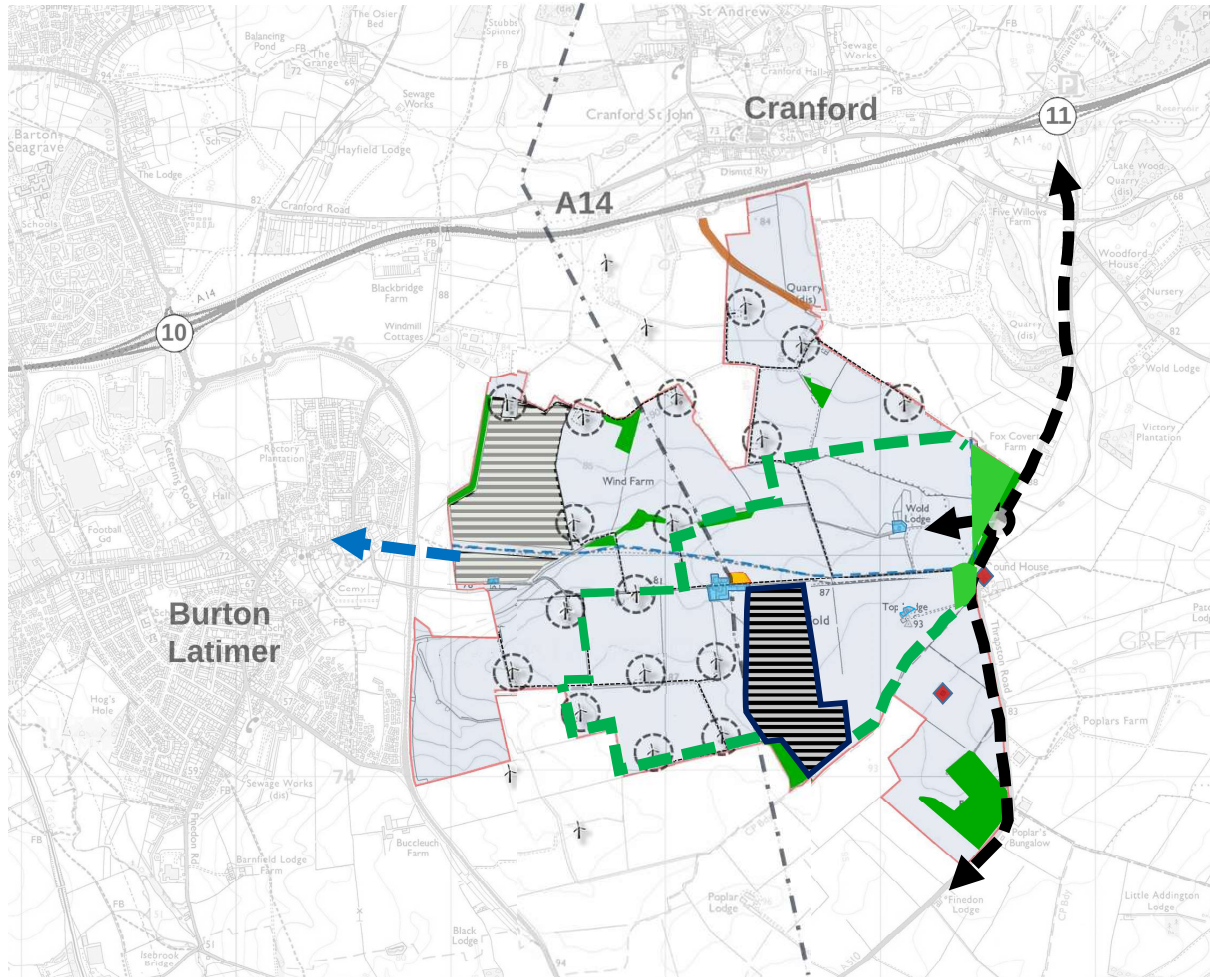


Enhanced
pedestrian and
cycle link



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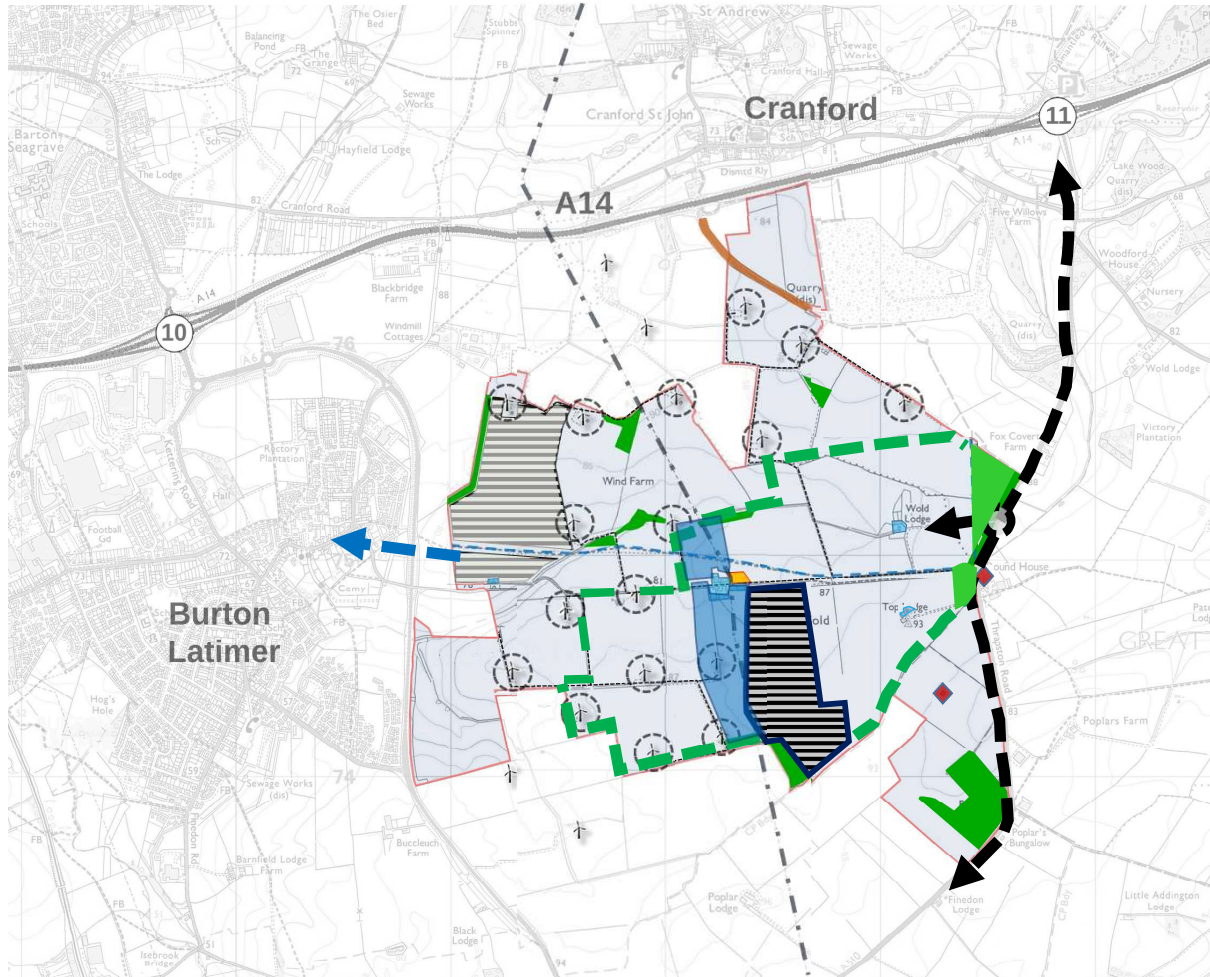


Solar farm rationalised



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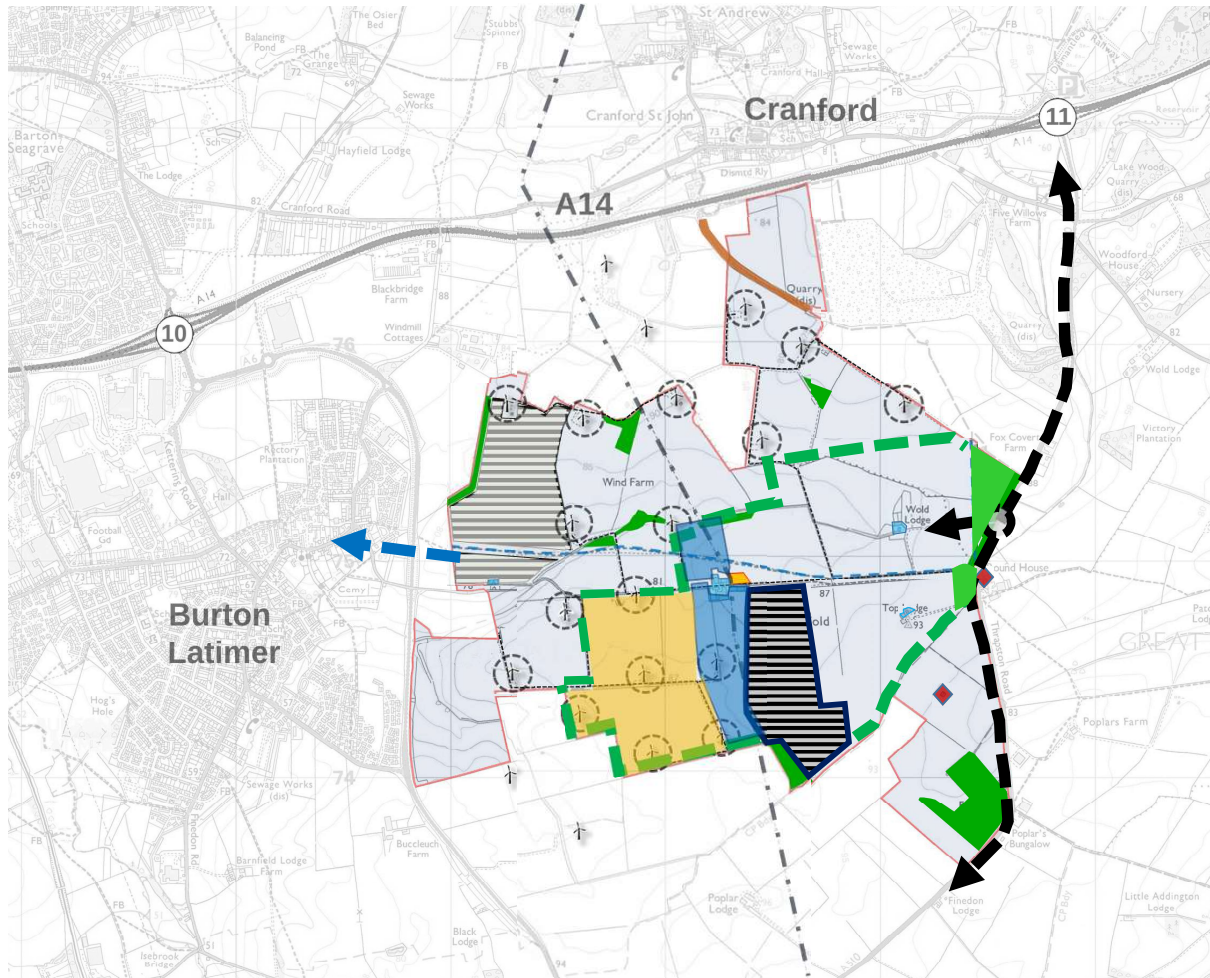


Area for energy and other infrastructure



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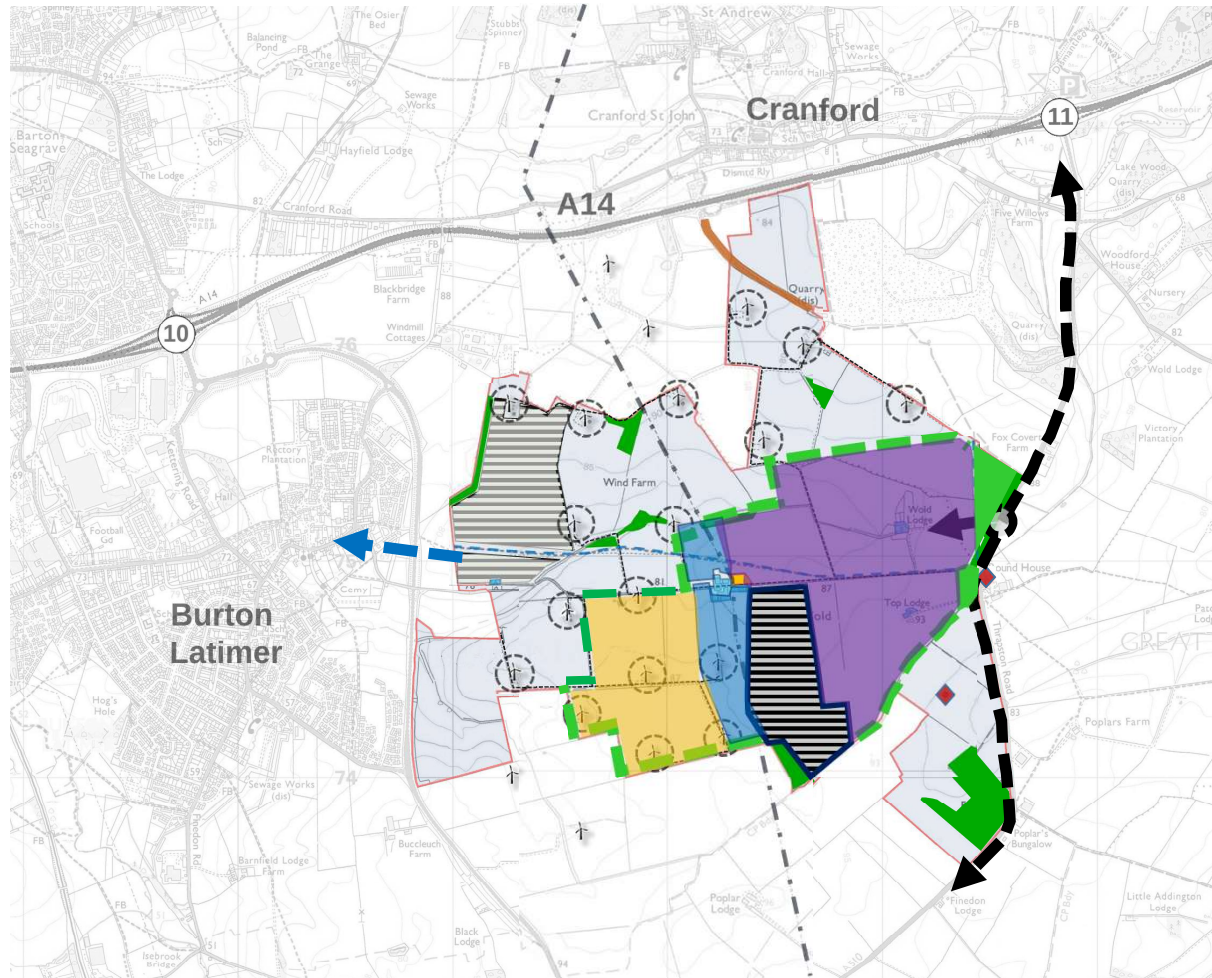


Proposed hydroponics Area



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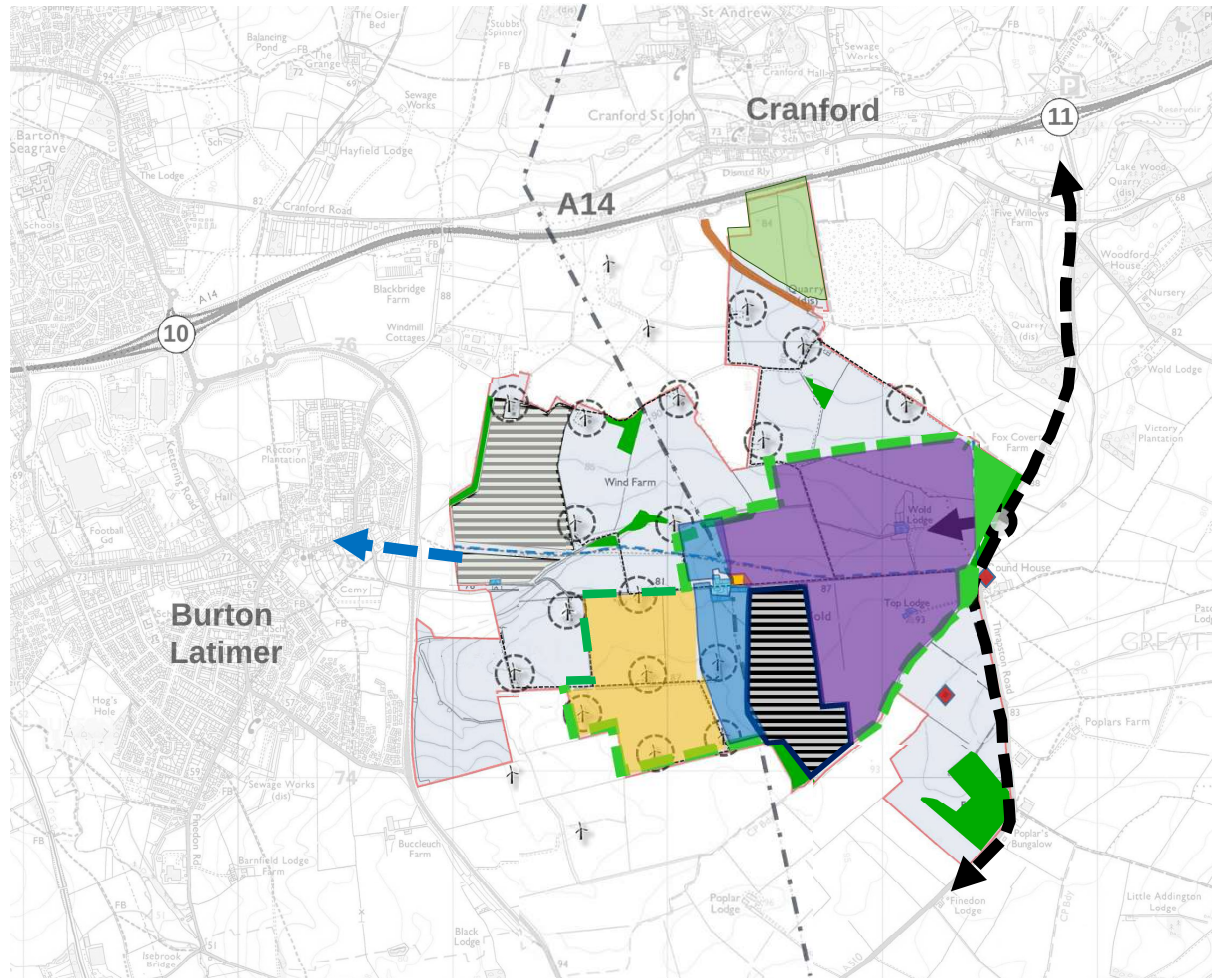


Energy Park Development Zone



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Energy Park Development Zone



Biodiversity Net Gain Site



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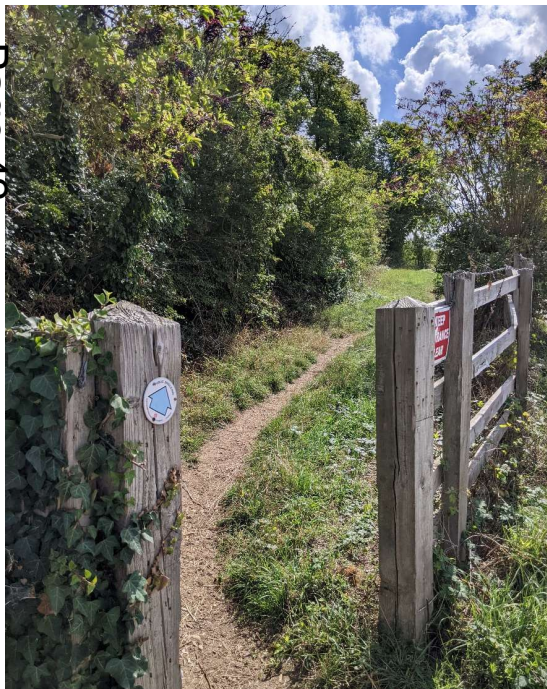
Benefits

- First of it's kind
- Greater Energy Security through renewables
- Response to the Energy Crisis and Climate Change



Community & Stakeholder Benefits

- Incorporate and improve public access
- Opportunity to extend community fund
- Local bio-diversity enhancements
- Education and training opportunities
- Integration with retained farmland - synergy with regenerative farming practices and biodiversity friendly approach



Economic Benefits

Jobs

- 550 jobs during the construction stage
- Directly support 5,000 jobs during operational phase

Financial

- Investment of £512 million during the construction phase (direct and indirect)
- Investment of £167 million per annum into the local economy through wages
- Business rates of circa £8 million per annum

Quality Employment Premises

- Flexible for variety of uses
- BREEAM Excellent
- Solar PV on roofspace
- Potential for up to 400,000 sqm of new employment space



Enabling Infrastructure for the Energy Park will total c.£40 million. First Renewable have committed to bring this forward and this is fully funded for delivery.



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What's Next?

Policy Panel Review - October 24th 2022



Informal consultation to take place later this year



Draft Masterplan presented to the Policy Panel December 14th 2022



Formal public consultation to take place across December 2022/January 2023



The masterplan will be reviewed following public consultation



Final Proposed Masterplan presented to the Policy Panel on March 27th 2022



Thank You



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