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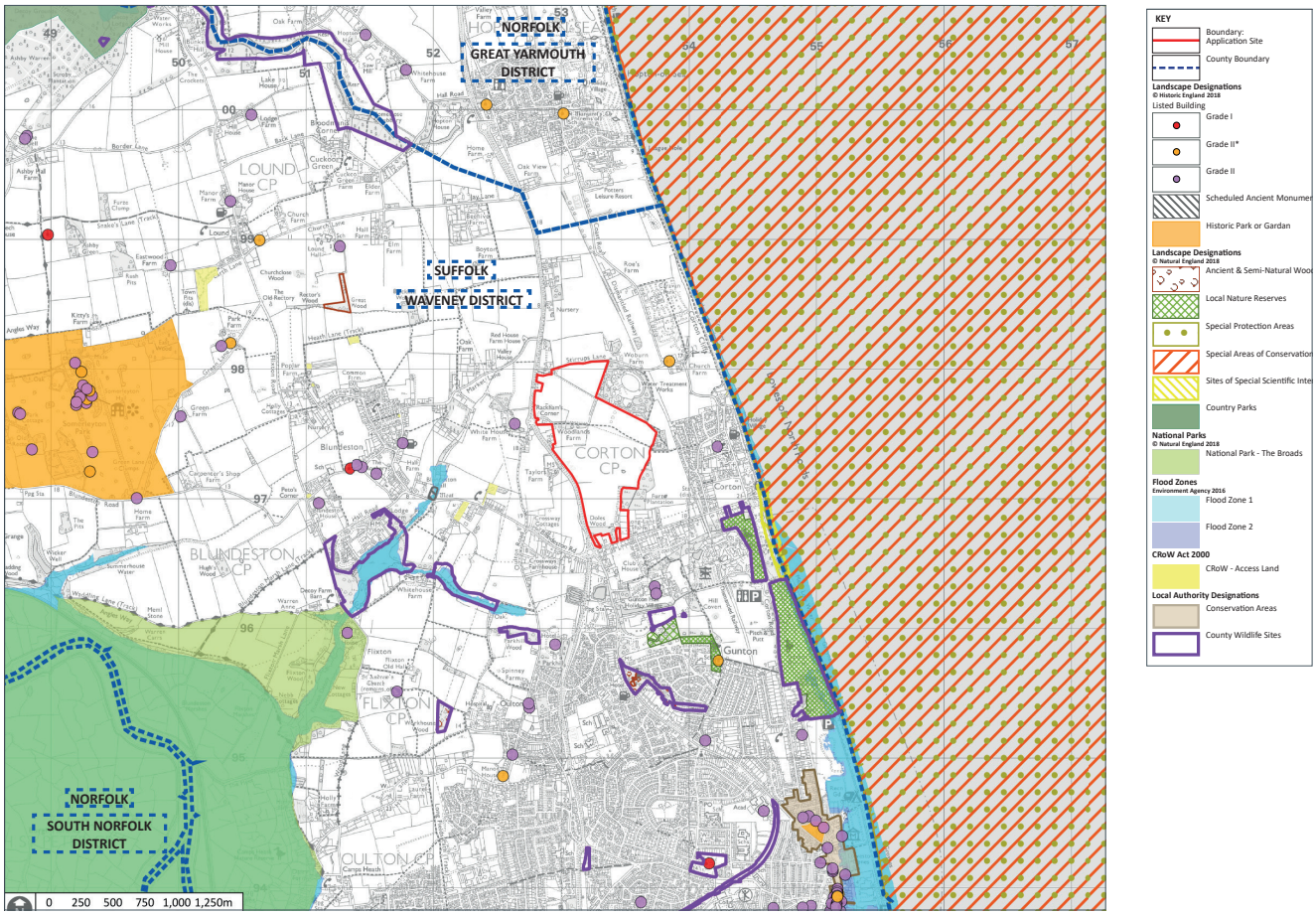

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The plan above identifies nature conservation sites of note within and around the North of Lowestoft.

There are no designated sites within the site boundary. Biological records have confirmed the presence of thirteen non-statutory designations within the 2km search radius. The closest of which is Corton Woods (CWS), located 690m south-east of the site, offering scrub, woodland, grassland and open water habitat for local wildlife.Four statutory designated nature conservation sites are located within 2km of the site. Two of which are Local Nature Reserves (LNR), one Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), one Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and one Special Protection Area (SPA). Five internationally protected sites are within a 13km search area from the site. Some site specific mitigation, in the form of suitable accessible natural greenspace (known as a SANG), will be required alongside other measures to manage the potential for impact from increased recreation pressure by new residents of this development, and is considered further in this exhibition. Additional information regarding the wider context of the natural environment can be found here.

At the local level the site comprises predominantly arable land, with areas of semi-improved grassland, woodland (broadleaved and broadleaved plantation) and scattered scrub. Areas of open water were noted onsite and also recorded offsite, with both dry and wet ditches. Scattered trees and species-poor hedgerow (intact and defunct) were noted predominantly within boundary vegetation. These habitats have the potential to support some protected species.

Opportunities for biodiversity protection and enhancement will be considered in this Masterplan.

Additional information can be found here.