



HART DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Association held on

Tuesday, 17 October 2023 at 7.30 pm

At Blackwater and Hawley Memorial Hall, Hawley Green

PRESENT

Name		Position	Parish/Town Council
Tony Spencer	TS	Chairman	Yateley
Martin Whittaker	MWh	Secretary	Hook
Bob Schofield	BS		Fleet
Paul Einchcomb	PE		Fleet
Rochelle Halliday	RH		Fleet
Adam Bealey	AB		Rotherwick
Chris Cornwell	CC		Hartley Wintney
Meyrick Williams	MW		Winchfield
Trish Monks	TM		Blackwater & Hawley
Jo Shaw	JS		Blackwater & Hawley
Saquib Ramday	SR		North Warnborough

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		Action
23/25	Introduction and welcome	
23/26	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daryl Phillips, HDC• Crondall PC• Marilyn Robson, Elvetham Heath PC• Stuart Elborn, Hartley Wintney PC The presence of 8 out of 21 councils satisfied the quorum of 7.	
23/27	Minutes of the meetings held on 4 July The motion being proposed by TS and seconded by MWh, the minutes of the meeting were approved unanimously as an accurate record.	
23/28	Matters arising from the Minutes All actions reported as complete.	
23/29	Hart District Council report HDC representatives were unable to attend this meeting due to a conflict with an Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.	

23/30	<p>Parish Questions for Hart District Council</p> <p>Questions to be asked of HDC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW: When will the results of September’s HDC Settlement Capacity and Intensification Consultation be published? <p>MWh will pass this on to Daryl Phillips. Members were asked to send any other questions to MWh.</p>	MWh
23/31	<p>Chairman’s Update</p> <p>I’ve attended a new director prep meeting to be briefed about responsibilities and attended my first board meeting on 27 September and my second yesterday (16 October).</p> <p>HALC has a new chair, Brice Stratford from New Forest, while Clive Ward from Test Valley remains as deputy.</p> <p>The AGM will be held on 4 November at Holiday inn, Winchester. Affiliation Fees are going up, the 1st increase since 2019, eg Yateley will go up by £50, approx £1/week, fees are based on population of each parish.</p> <p>Problem with producing a balanced budget is uncertainty, such as how much of the £51k grant from HCC will be cut (as has been under review by HCC for some time) and also the free rent of offices at Eastleigh BC has ended and new accommodation for permanent admin office and on-demand training venues being investigated and costed.</p> <p>HDAPTC and Winchester grants were approved.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Executive is 2 December 2023 10-12 noon at Holiday Inn, Eastleigh.</p>	
23/32	<p>The UK Shared Prosperity Fund</p> <p>The chairman reported that the session run by HDC for parish councillors was attended by only 3 parishes. The slides presented at the meeting are attached as Appendix 1.</p>	
23/33	<p>New website and domain name for HDAPTC</p> <p>The meeting agreed that the secretary should explore obtaining a proper domain name, to be registered to HALC, and producing a new website hosted by Hugo Fox. The total cost is likely to be less than £10 pa.</p>	MWh
23/34	<p>Woodland management and tree planting in Hart – Tristram Cary, Parish Online</p> <p>Tristram gave a presentation of the work he was doing with Parish Online to identify and bring forward woodland planting schemes. DEFRA has been charged with increasing the area of woodland in Britain but was failing to meet its targets. Grants were available from DEFRA for landowners to plant and manage woodlands.</p> <p>In areas such as Hart, however, it was likely that only small areas would be suitable, and these would need to be integrated. Parish Councils could help in this and possibly work together to identify opportunities.</p> <p>HDC had expressed an interest in the scheme as it would help to meet its Climate Emergency targets.</p> <p>The slides from the presentation are attached as Appendix 2.</p>	
23/35	<p>Parish Reports</p>	

<p>1.</p>	<p>Yateley – TS (written report received)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Yateley Village Hall has now been leased by Starburst Foundation who have refurbished the hall for dance and drama studios and will also be used during the weekdays by Hurst Lodge school as classrooms, opened on 1 September. Rooms available to hire weekends and certain evenings. This has revitalised the area on the edge of Yateley Green which should reduce unsociable behaviour which has risen since the village hall closed earlier in the year. V4Y, "Vision 4 Youth", sponsored by YTC and housed at The Tythings, has been graded by HAF for its summer activities and was scored in the top 10 summer youth schemes in Hampshire. YCAN organised a climate change exhibition on 30 September and we should get a report on how successful it was next Monday at full council. • One of our councillors resigned last month, due to ill-health I believe; no parishioner(s) has/have asked for a by-election to fill the vacancy. At full council next Monday we may decide to co-opt a new councillor or continue without a replacement through to next May. 	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Fleet – BS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Together with HDC, the council has applied for a grant under the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme for the Harlington Centre. See https://www.salixfinance.co.uk/schemes/phase-3c-public-sector-decarbonisation-scheme for details. Note that it might be too late for further applications. 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Winchfield – RM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The updated Neighbourhood Plan goes to ref on 23 November 	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Hook – MWh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skatepark now fully open. • Social Media panic caused by the school newsletter suggesting that junior school children were being offered new scooters to take part in county lines drug trafficking, and implying the PC was to blame for not making the site secure. This turned out to have no basis whatsoever in fact and the police have had words with the school. • With all the new developments, the settlement area has now moved north up Reading Road and east along London Road. The PC is trying to get 30mph limits extended to match but it is difficult to get co-operation from HCC. They have agreed to extend the 30 limit north past the Sainsbury's entrance, but this is not enough. • Difficulties with the proposed 46-unit Shanley Homes development on the old Geoffrey's House site: Hart wishes to impose the SHMAA housing mix on the site, despite the fact that Hook is now overprovided with 1 and 2 bed flats and is desperately short of 3 bed houses. There is also an issue with affordable housing, and how this might be provided on site. 	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Hartley Wintney – CC (written report received)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since July we have lost one long standing Parish Councillor However, we have recruited 3 new ones with another in the pipeline. This will still leave us 3 short of our complement of 12. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are in what we hope are final discussions with HDC over the transfer to us of responsibility for the maintenance of Hatten’s Pond and Causeway Farm Pond and are aiming to commence the dredging on 12 December. We have now had two meetings with HDC’s Countryside Team under the Community Engagement Plan launched last year and the plan is to hold these meetings quarterly. We have been delighted with the opportunity to raise matters with HDC about their management of the Commons, ponds and other land that they own and manage and whilst we may not always agree on what they plan to do, face to face discussions with detailed notes and agreed action points is infinitely better than what went before. 	
6.	<p>Crondall (written report received)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the resignation of Cllr Norman Lambert this summer, the parish council are back up to full capacity. Cllr Sharon Gregory joined in July via co-option. The Conservation Area review, including proposed boundary change consultation has been completed and the final documents are being amalgamated for submission to HDC for the final approval. The major project this summer has been the resurfacing of the tennis court and the introduction of a new online court booking system. The former has been majorly impacted by the wetter than average weather this summer, but the first stage is now complete. The final coat and line paint will take place in a few weeks after the surface has fully dried. The online booking system has now been completed and will be rolled out along with the tennis court in a couple of weeks. Following a recent spate of antisocial behaviour and vandalism, the parish council have been liaising closely with the local police and the Police & Crime Commissioner will be attending a public meeting at the Village Hall in November. CPC have been working closely with HCC Roads and Highways and together have identified sites for 50 “patches” on Dippenhall Street. The road was recently closed for approximately a week and all works have now been completed. Over and above agreeing a budget and precept for 2024/25, the current main aims of CPC are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review car parking arrangements in the village; Agreeing and embedding a climate and nature charter; Agreeing and costing up “information for developers”, which will include costed potential S106 projects. 	
7.	<p>South Warnborough – SR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring conservation area reassessment. [Members suggested getting touch with Hartly Wintney and Odiham, who have both been undertaking this. 	
23/36	<p>Any other business</p> <p>None</p>	

23/37	Date and venue for next meeting: Dates for the next period, every 3 months <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16/1/24 (Elvetham Heath – TBC – may have to change as HDC’s Overview and Scrutiny meeting is 3rd Tues and clashes• 16/4/24 (Crandall – TBC – as above)• 9/7/24 (AGM) (Hook – TBC) Meeting closed 2103.	
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Martin Whittaker, Secretary, HartDAPTC@gmail.com

Appendix 1 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund



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Agenda

- Purpose of the meeting
- Introduction to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Approved Projects
- Project Plan
- Progress to date
- Data mining phase overview

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Purpose of the meeting

- Introduce project and timelines
- Display data relating to Hart's demographic
 - Data mining is still ongoing – broad overview
- Get your feedback
 - Does the data reflect what you know about Hart?
- Answer questions
 - No formal Q&A, officers available around the room

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Introduction to the UKSPF

- The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UK SPF or the Fund) is a central pillar of the UK government's ambitious Levelling Up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK.
- The primary goal of the UK SPF is to build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK. This aligns with Levelling Up White Paper missions, particularly: *'By 2030, pride in place, such as people's satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.'*
- The UK SPF has three investment priorities, with each have a series of objectives:
 - Community and Place
 - Supporting Local Business; and
 - People and Skills

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The Approved Bid

- **Communities and Place**
- **Provision of Community Hubs** across the district, drawing together a variety of different support services and improving opportunities of access for those in our communities who are currently deprived a range of services due to the rurality of their area.
- **Employment and skills interventions and outreach to young people**, helping them build a strong foundation on which to build their lives.
- **Feasibility studies**
 - **Data mining** to better understand what the issues hidden within the district (Jun '23 to Dec '23)
 - **Development of the Green Grid Strategy**, increasing accessibility to all our communities through walkable and cyclable routes, providing opportunities to mitigate climate change, open up green spaces to our residents and improve opportunities for health and wellbeing

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Funding from DLUCH

Hart District Council has been allocated £1 million to be spent over three years:

Year	Total Budget	Core UKSPF: Revenue		Core UKSPF: Capital	
2022-23	£39,708	90%	£35,737	10%	£3,971
2023-24	£79,417	87%	£69,093	13%	£10,324
2024-25	£880,875	80%	£704,700	20%	£176,175
Totals	£1,000,000		£809,530		£190,470

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Project Plan

Timelines are very tight – initial work is being carried out 'in parallel'

Large number of bespoke UKSPF specific documents

Phase	Timeline											
	2023						2024					
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
Here for Hart partners workshop	█											
Data mining		█	█	█	█	█	█					
Quick wins			Agreed		Funding		Implementation					
Comms												
Project initiation documents/schedule/project plan		█	█	█	█							
Discussions with organisations		█	█	█	█							
Expression of Interest					█							
Invite for project application					█							
Project application						█						
Project scoring							█					
Recommendation to O&S								█				
Recommendation to Cabinet									█			
Organisations informed										█		
Agreement and baseline data											█	
Funds released											█	
Monitoring		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	

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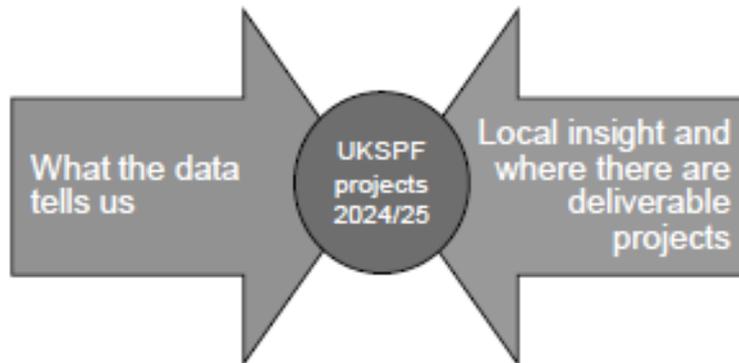
Progress to date

- Here for Hart partners workshop (inc parish and town clerks)
- All project documentation for initial stages of the process completed
- 2 quick wins identified and approved
 - Yateley Industries (hub creation)
 - Odiham 'The Bridewell' (accessible toilet)
- Expression of interest live (with associated guidance)
- Data mining sources found and in the process of interrogation
- Project is hitting timelines

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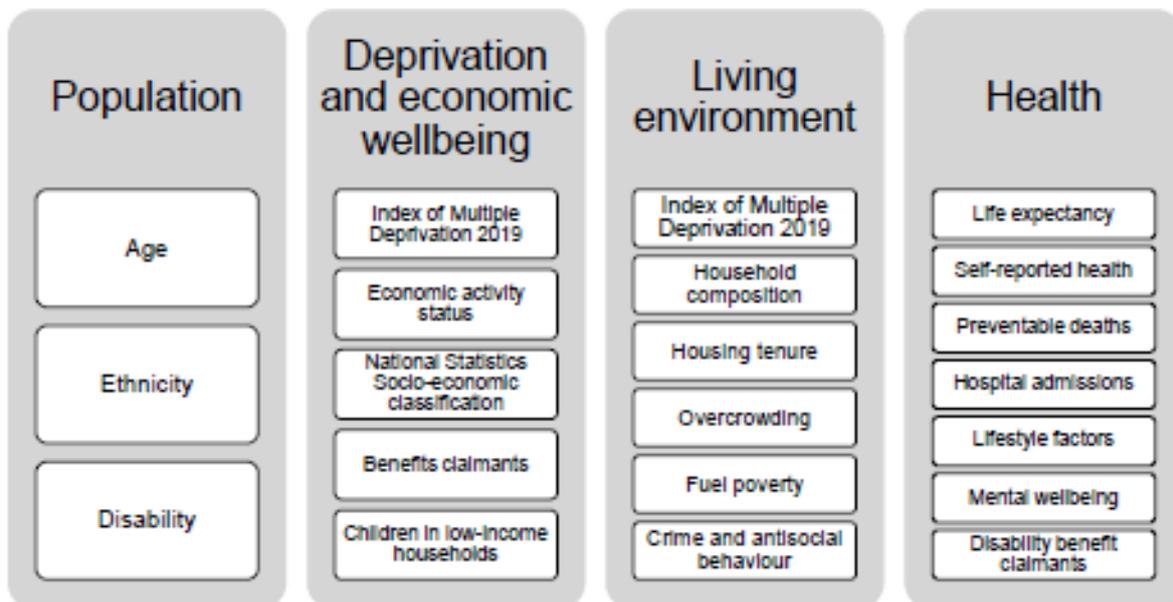
Data Mining

- To better understand needs and inequalities for communities across Hart
- To inform UKSPF decision-making
- A pragmatic approach



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Data Mining



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Data Sources

2021 Census data
Office for national statistics
2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation
Department of Work & Pensions
Nomis – census and labour market statistics
Hampshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment



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Community information sources

- Initial consultation with Councillors and community partners to identify priorities
- Workshop for community partners to gather insight about local community venues, gaps and good practice examples
- Ongoing conversations with community partners including community venues, parish and town councils and support services

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Appendix 2 – Woodland Planning

**Parish-Level
Planning**

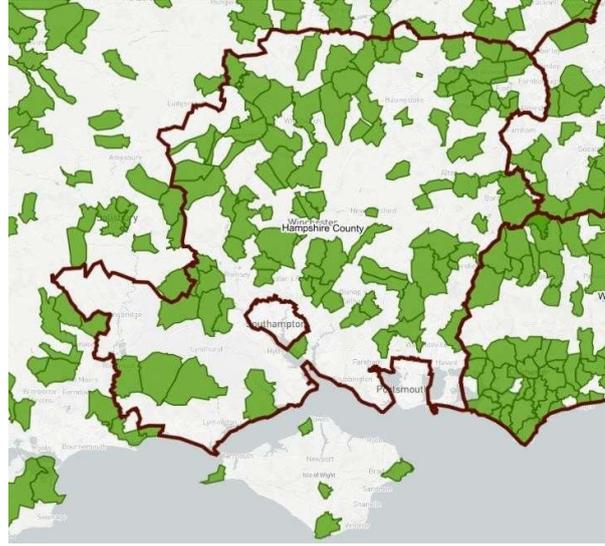
Woodland

Tristram Cary October 2023

Introduction

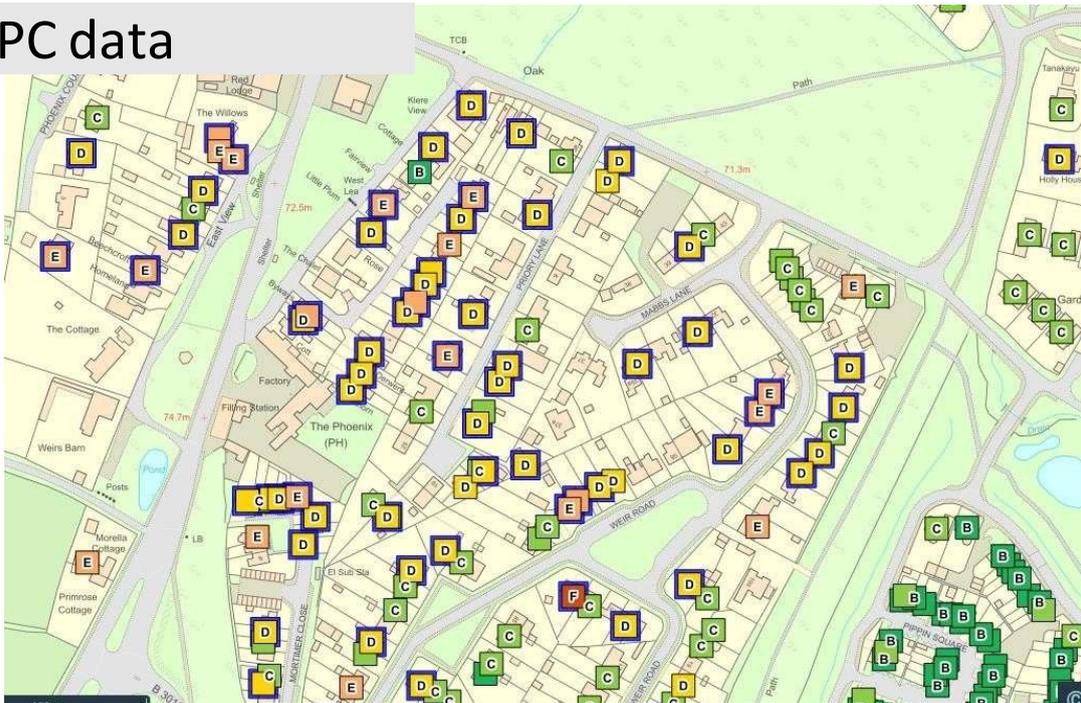
- I have an interest in Climate Planning as part of Parish Online
- Parish Online is a mapping tool designed to help Tier 3 councils to manage their business and make plans (eg Neighbourhood and Climate Plans)
- NALC Climate Study shows that:
 - Parish Councils lack the tools/knowledge/time to make effective climate plans
 - Districts find it hard to engage with Parishes
 - Community Projects have great potential (residents have time, motivation and energy)
- Plan is to provide Workspaces (templates and data) in Parish Online to support climate action, based on NALC's Climate Emergency Network

Parish Online Users (June 2023)



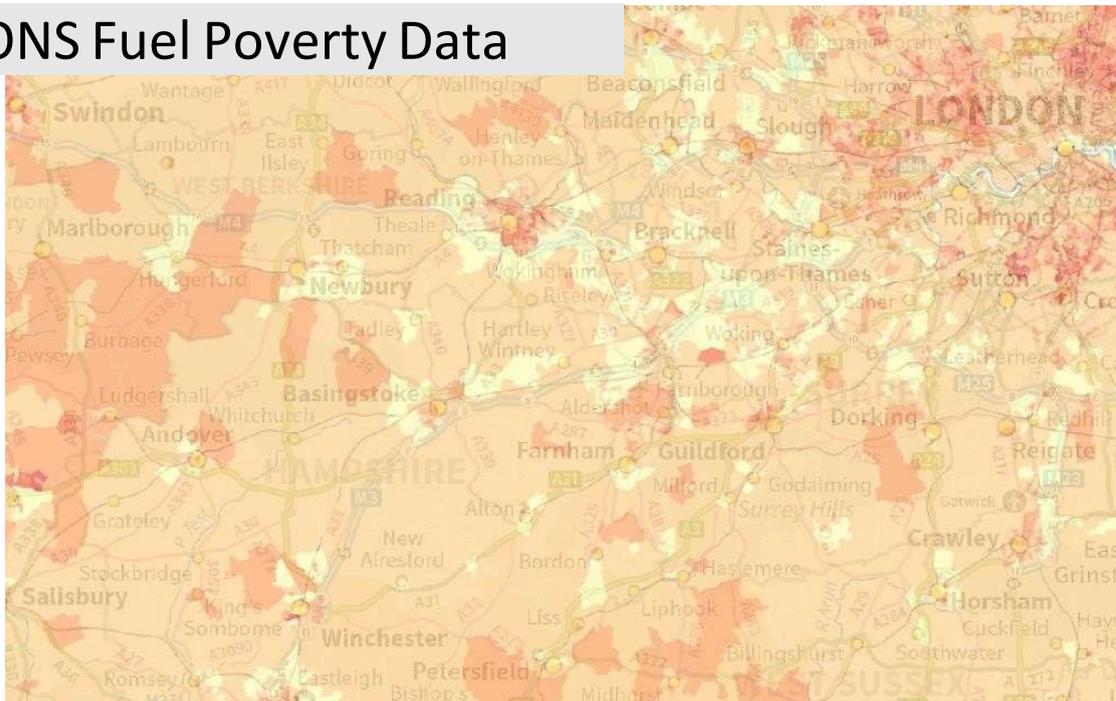
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EPC data



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ONS Fuel Poverty Data



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Centre for Sustainable Energy Impact Tool

Hartley Wintney

21.4t CO₂e*

per-household consumption footprint (p.a.)

EMISSIONS BREAKDOWN (t CO₂e)

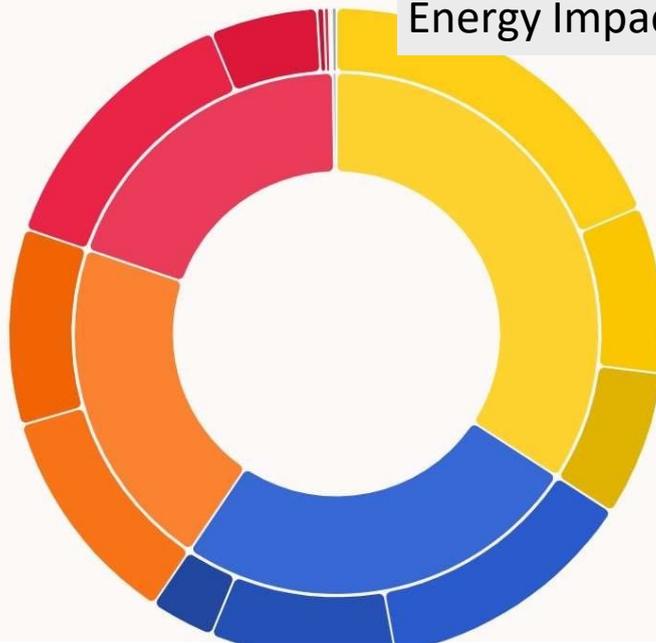
Consumption of goods and services	7.31
Travel	5.39
Food and diet	4.44
Housing	4.18
Waste	0.05

[PDF Report](#)

*CO₂e stands for "carbon dioxide equivalent" and is a standard unit of measurement in carbon accounting. It expresses the impact of a number of different gases collectively as a common unit.

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Other Planned Workspaces

- Residential Solar Potential
- Community Energy Schemes (solar/wind)
- EV charging point planning

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Woodland Planning

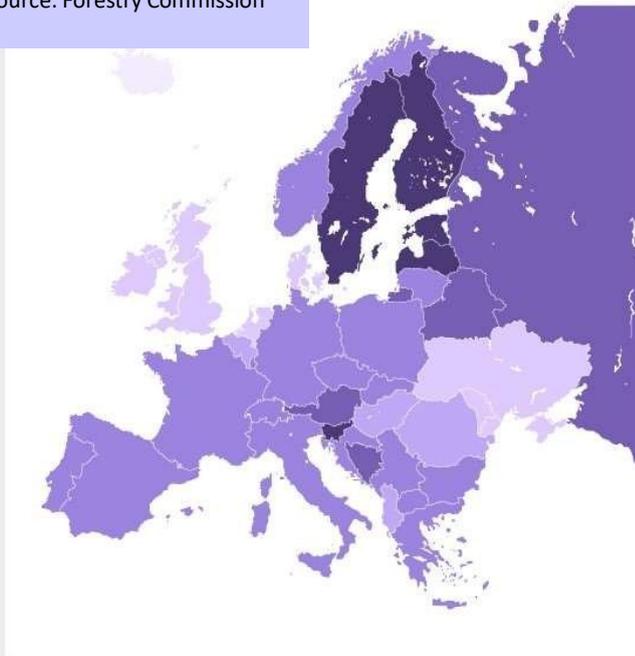
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Carbon Offset is essential to achieve Net Zero
Woodland is a very good method of Direct Offsetting



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Source: Forestry Commission

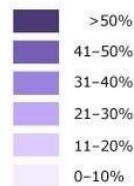


Percentage of forest/woodland

UK	13%
Europe (EU)	31%
Europe (Total)	46%
World	31%

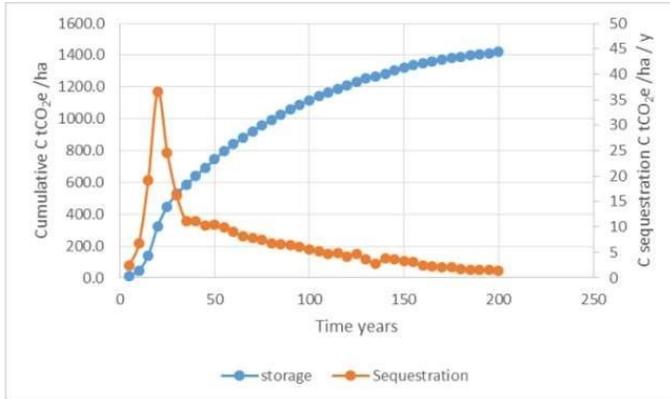
Our lack of woodland is one of the main reasons why our wildlife and habitats are so depleted

Defra's England Trees Action Plan 2021-2024 is investing £100m pa to triple the rate of woodland creation from 10,000 ha pa to 30,000



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Mature Woodland does not sequester carbon, it only stores it

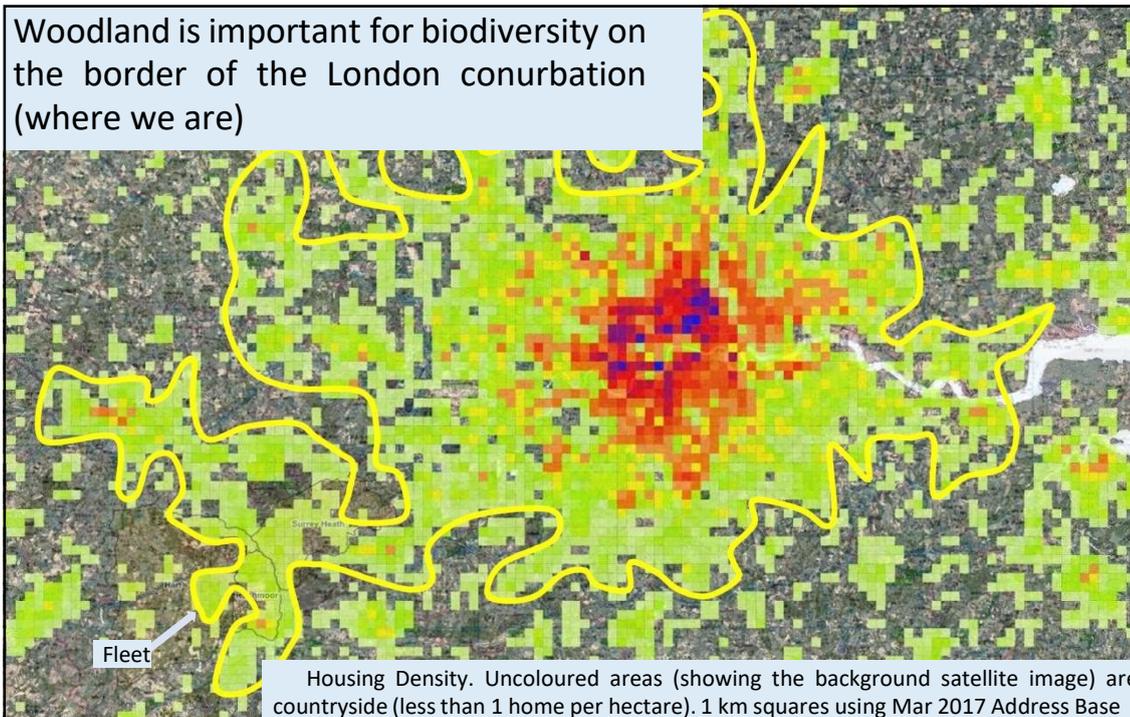


Woodland plans need to consider:

- Planting new woodland
- Thinning mature woodland to allow new growth
- Using timber for construction or fuel

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Woodland is important for biodiversity on the border of the London conurbation (where we are)



Housing Density. Uncoloured areas (showing the background satellite image) are countryside (less than 1 home per hectare). 1 km squares using Mar 2017 Address Base

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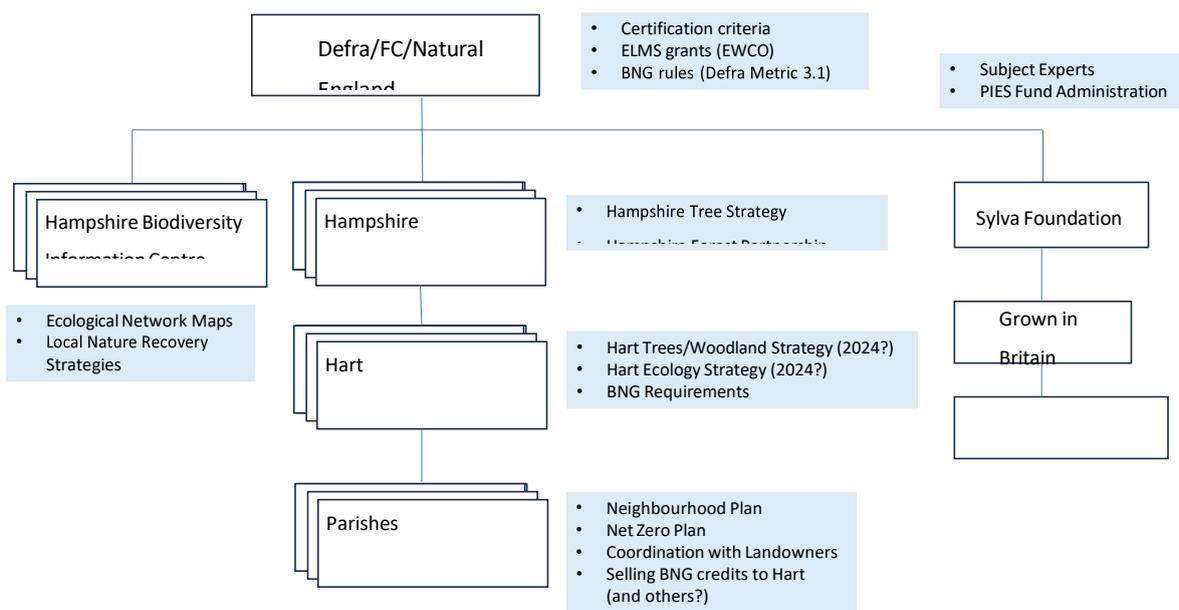
Why is Woodland Planning Difficult?

- a. It's complicated, and needs specialist knowledge
- b. There are lots of competing uses for land (agriculture, housing, habitats etc)
- c. Local councils own very little (if any) land. Small landowners often have no interest in woodland

So there needs to be a partnership between councils and landowners

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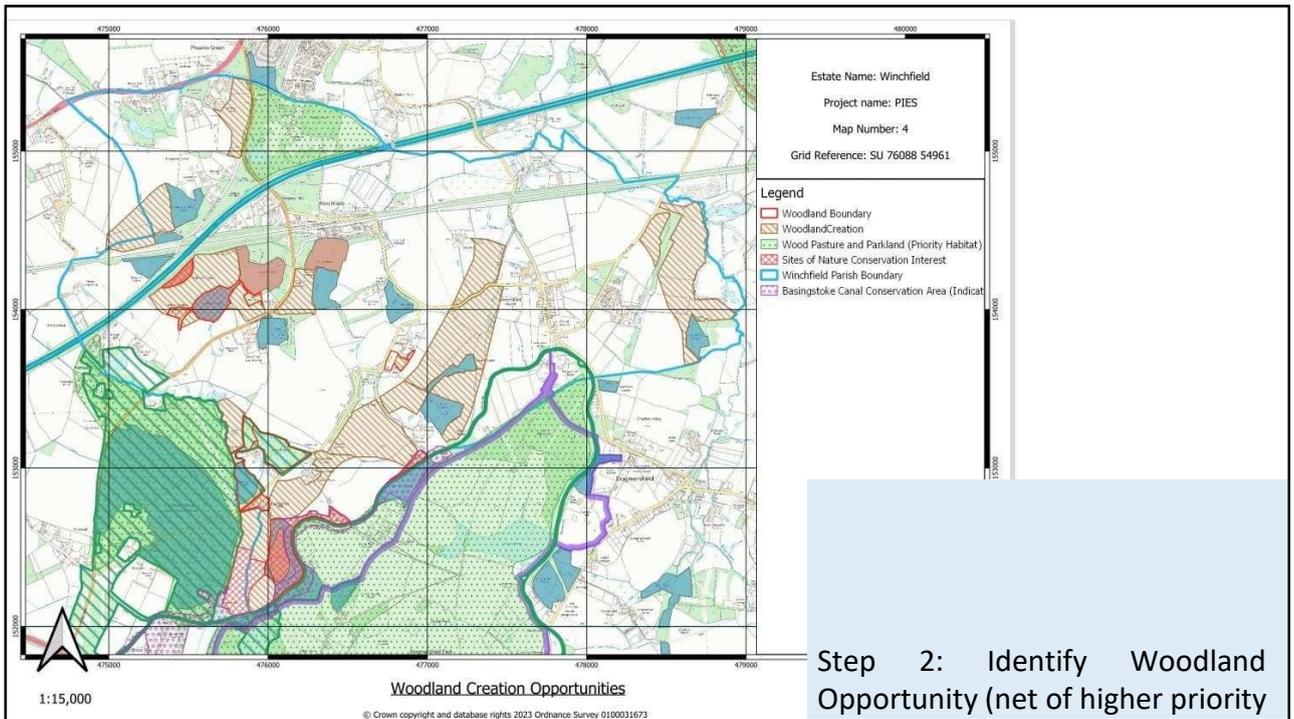
Need to Minimise Duplication of Effort



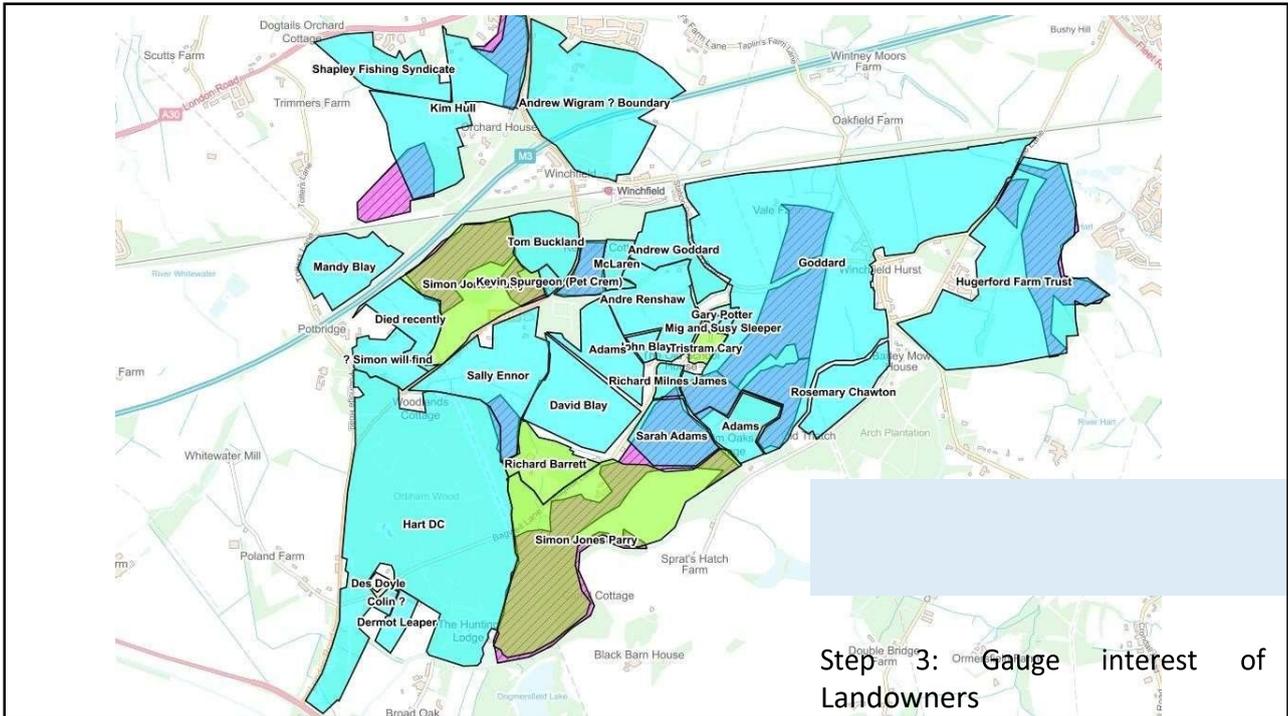
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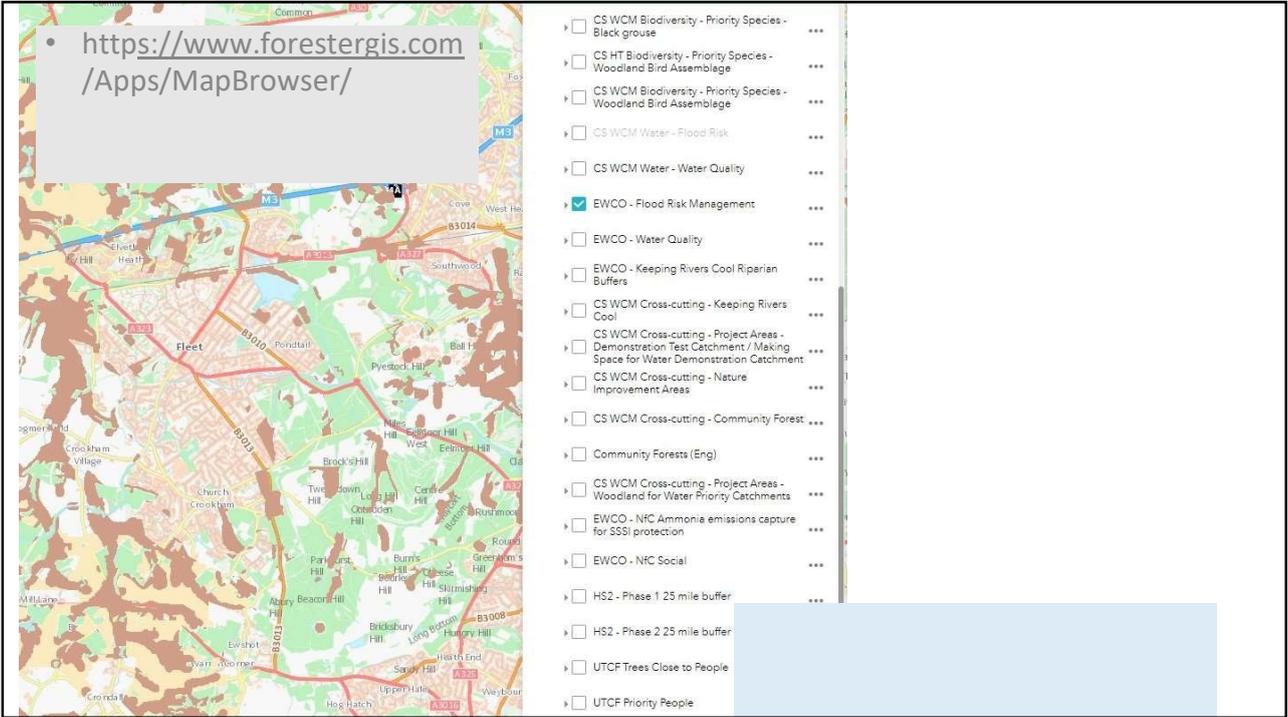
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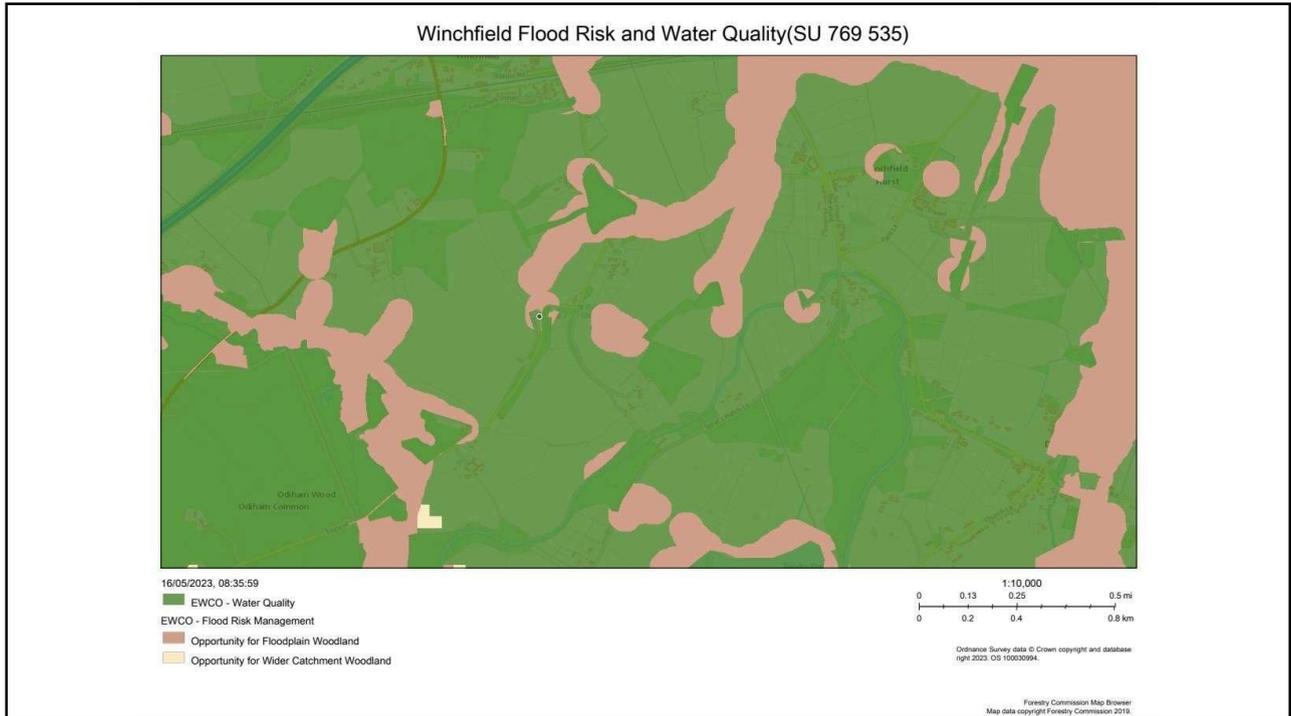


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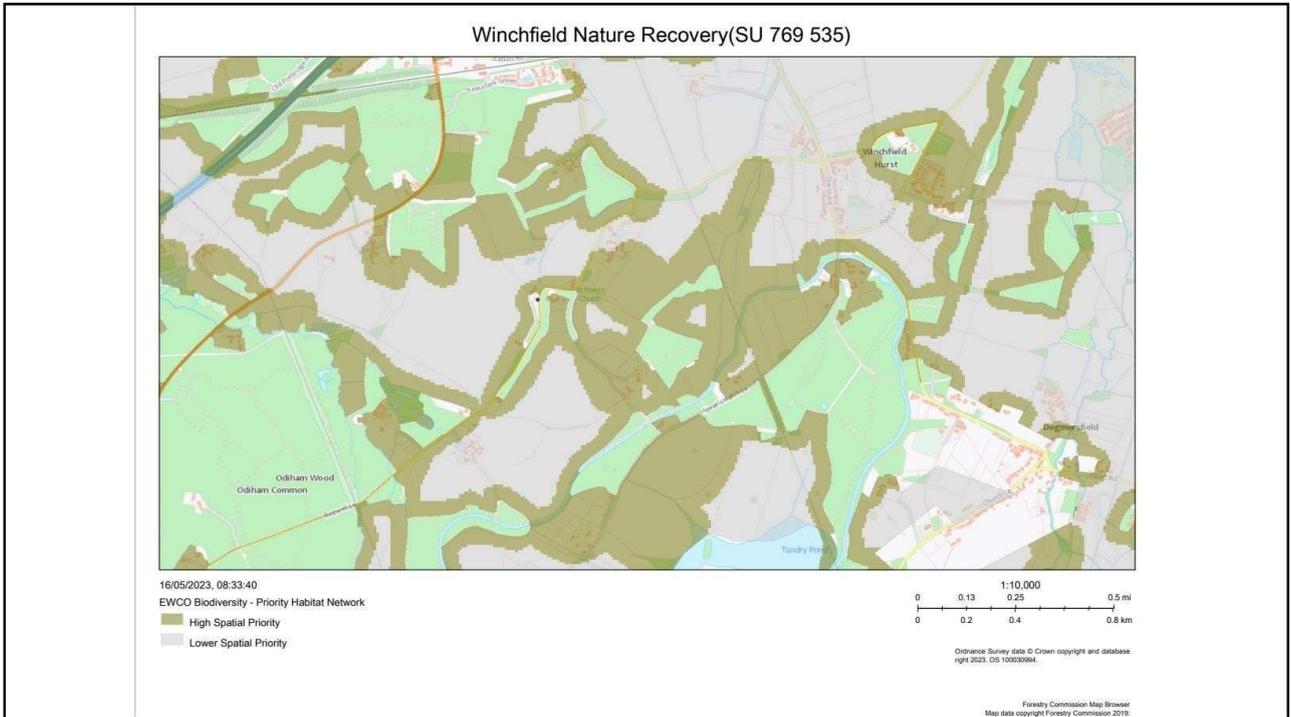


Step 3: Gauge interest of Landowners

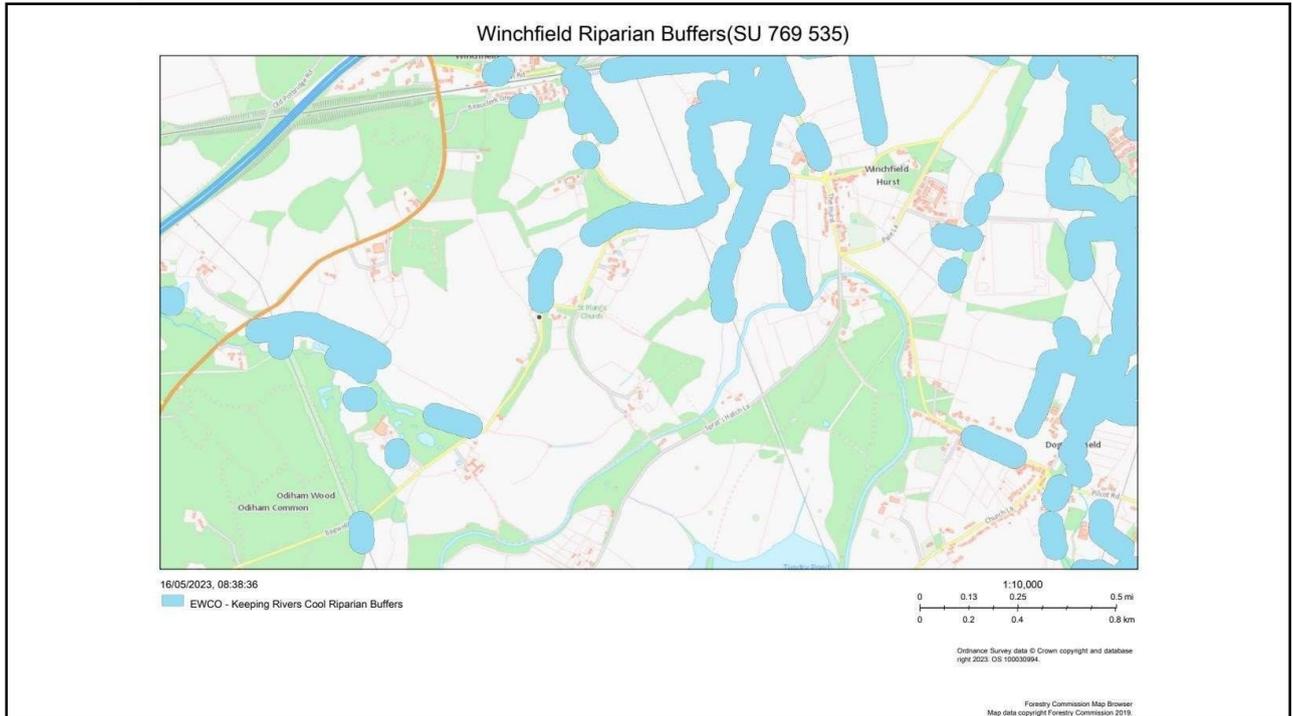




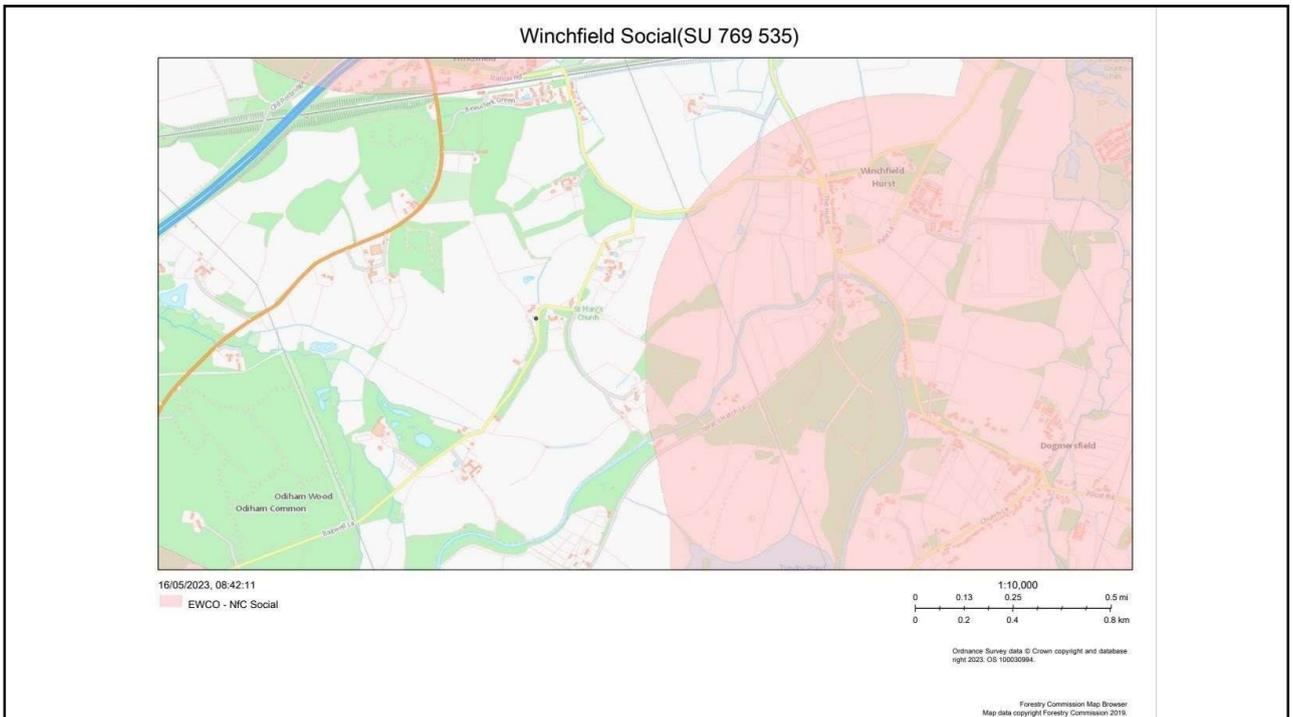
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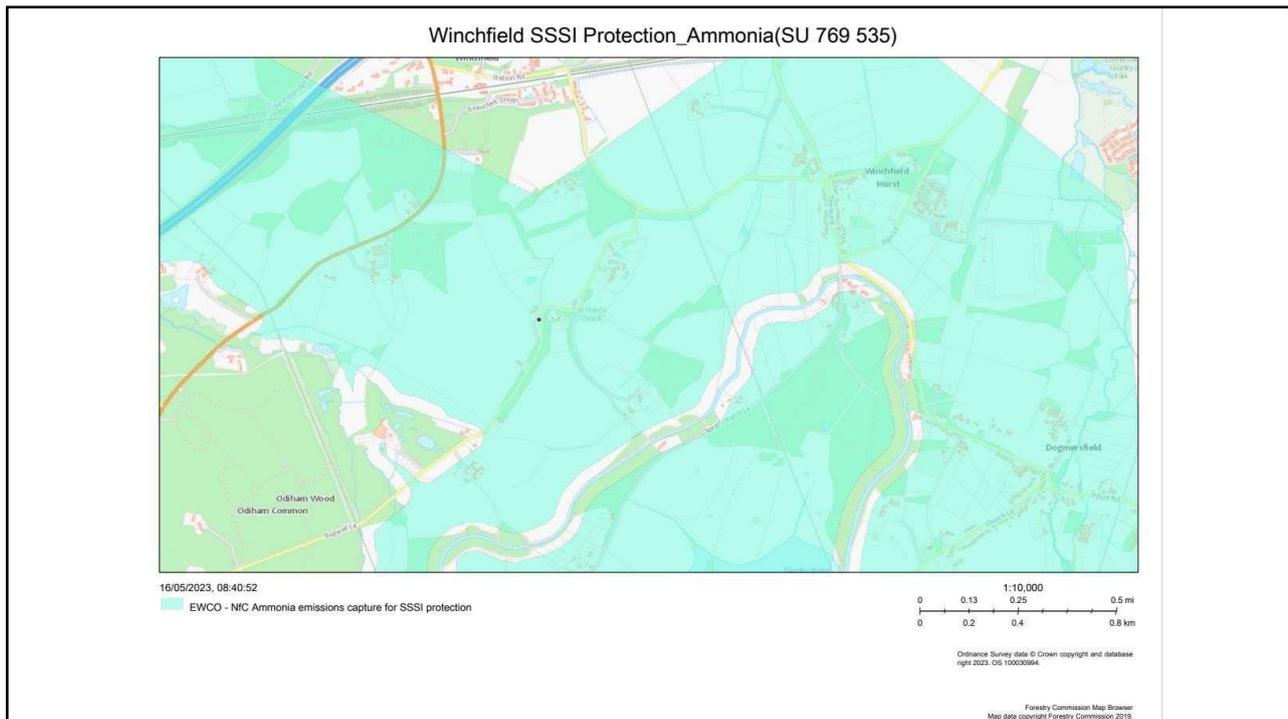
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Hart Climate Emergency Engagement Group

- First meeting 3 October
- Hart's main effort is to decarbonise Hart Council (3% of the problem)
- No plans yet to work on wider District Net Zero issues (97% of the problem)
 - Woodland Planning
 - Insulation of homes
 - Renewable energy (community/individual)
- There is a £250,000 budget in Hart
- We need to ask Hart for
 - Funding to support woodland planning
 - Engagement in the process
- Meeting with Richard Quarterman/Liz Vango
 - They are keen to support

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