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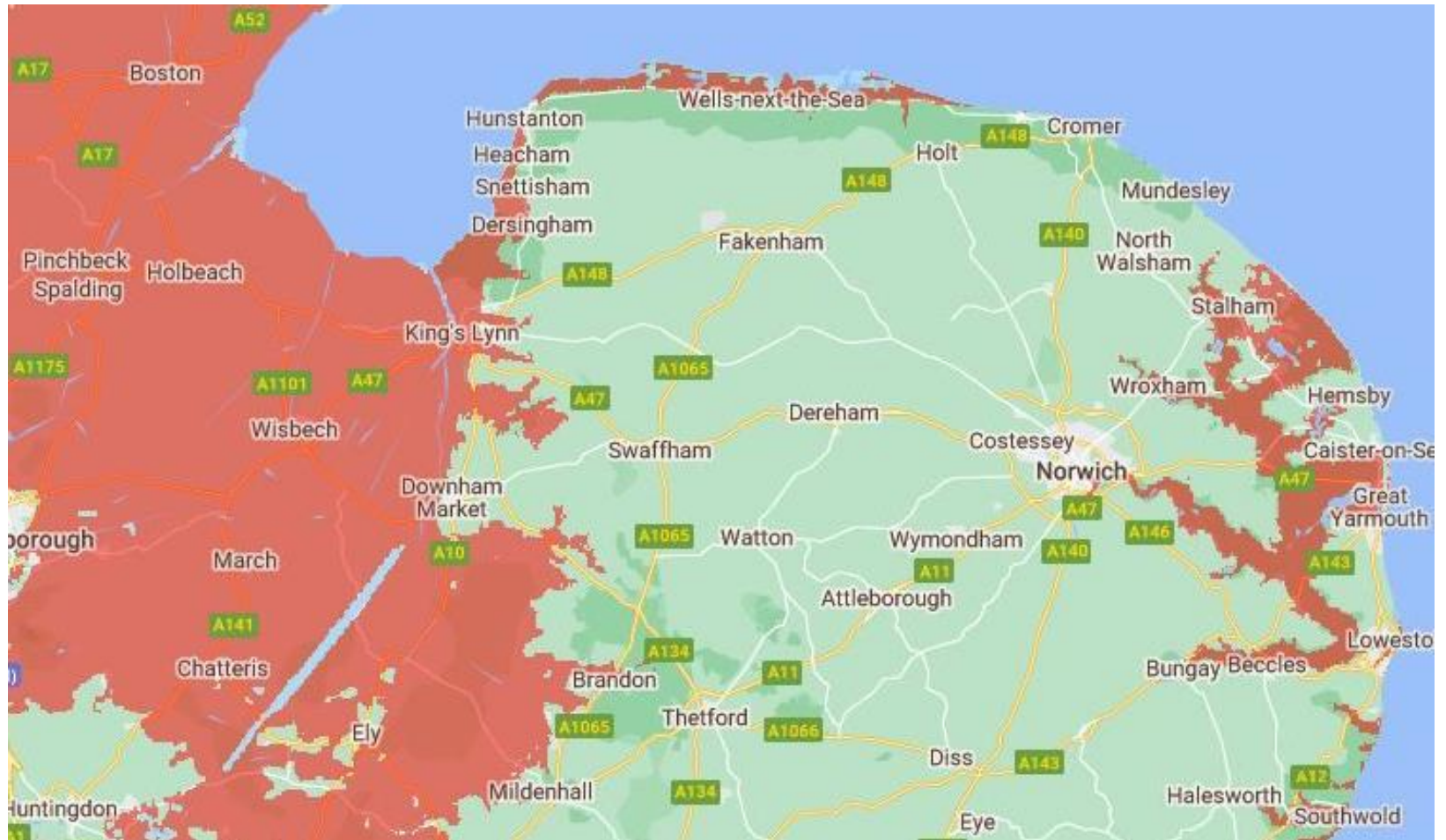
CPRE Norfolk Flood Conference

Who is responsible for what?

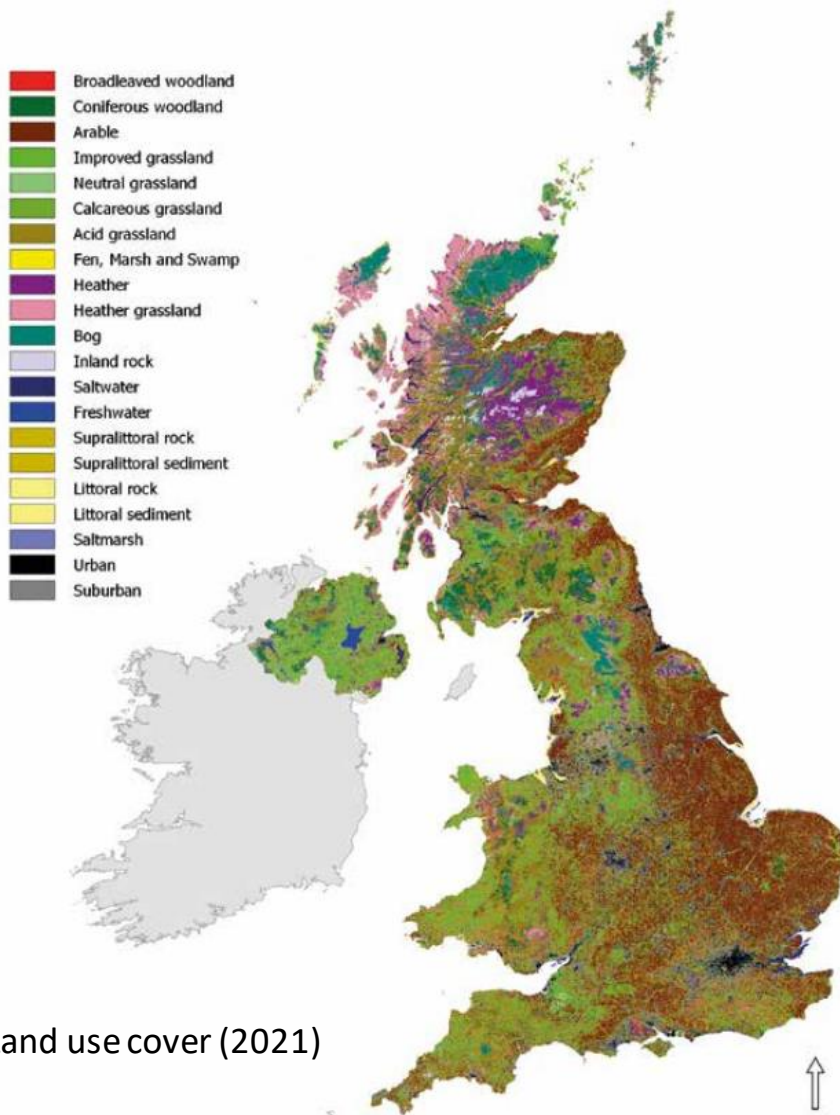
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An existential challenge?



Impact of land use change



Land use cover (2021)



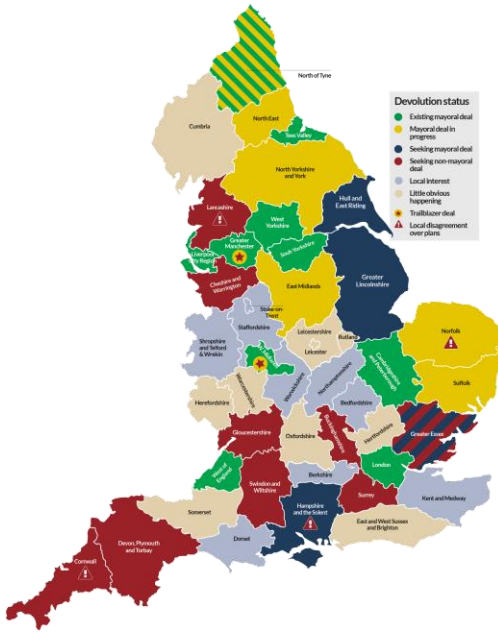
Bridging the planning vs land-use divide



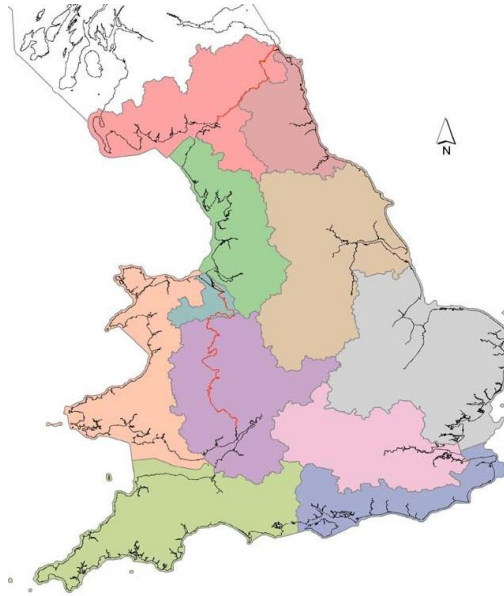
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Scale of decision making



Devolution



River catchments



Planning authorities

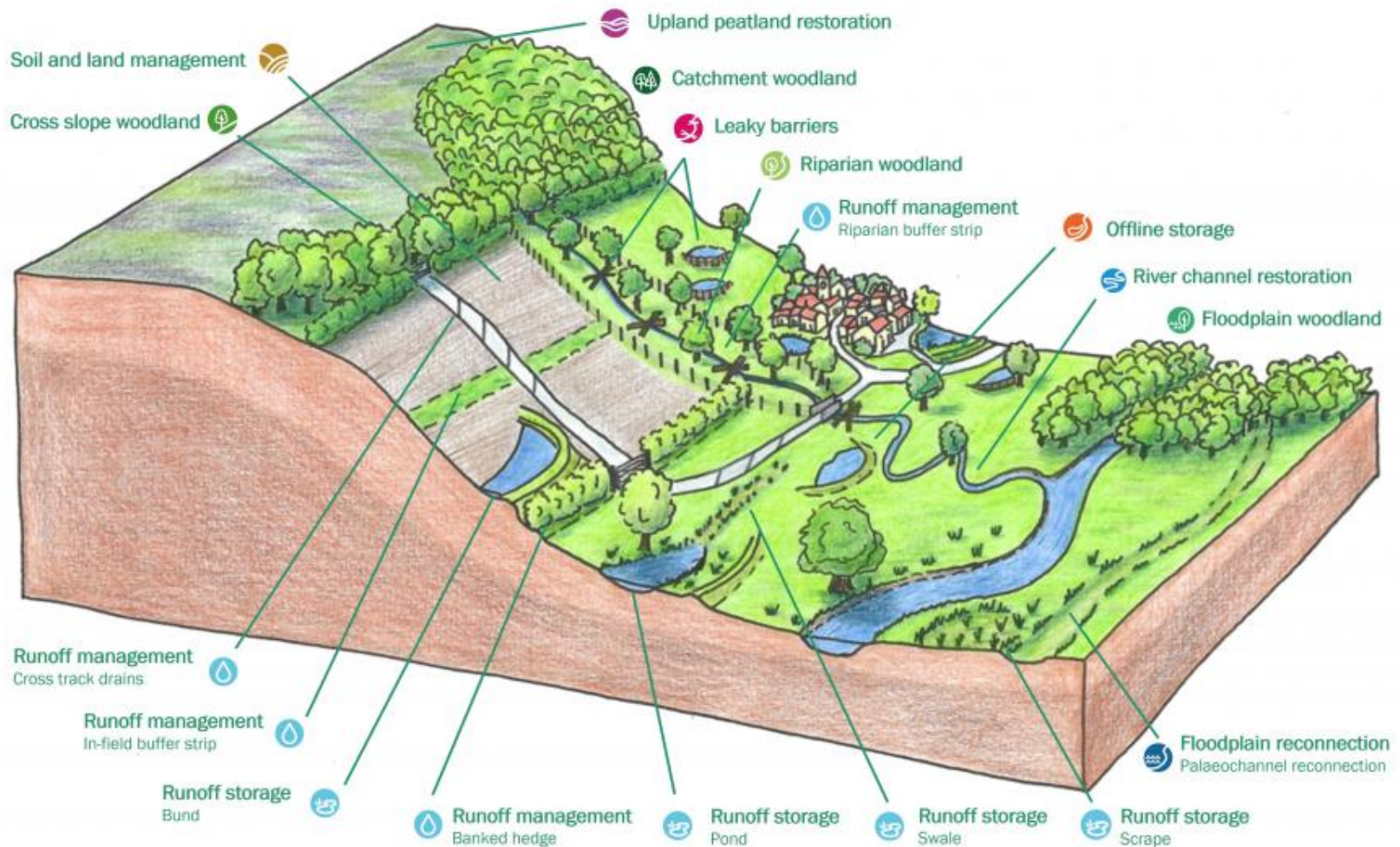


Neighbourhood planning



Landscapes

Work with nature – natural flood management



Urban and Rural SuDS



So, who's responsible for flooding?

- Central government (defra and DLUHC)

Risk Management Authorities include:

- Environment Agency
- Lead Local Flood Authorities
- District and Borough Councils
- Water companies
- Internal Drainage Boards



When is water a planning consideration?

1. Depends on what, where and likely impact on supply, water quality, flooding – or a combination
2. Areas at flood risk should be avoided – Strategic Flood Risk Assessment guides ‘Sequential Test’
3. LPAs must also ensure flood risk not increases elsewhere – ‘Exception Test’ if needed
4. Site specific FRA mandatory in Flood Zones 2 and 3, and those over 1 ha in Zone 1

The role of neighbourhood planning

- Providing local knowledge in relation to historic flooding to inform development/mitigation
- Use all the tools available – from Strategic FRAs to ‘What’s in my back yard?’ (EA) – but also demonstrate the impact of historic flooding
- Champion development away from areas of flood risk
- Think long-term about impact and support integrated and nature-based solutions





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**So, what does CPRE suggest
the solutions should be?**

1. We need an integrated approach



- Demand and risks increasing while resources static
- Uneven distribution in demand for land
- Existential threats (climate and nature crises) will force land use change
- Lack of coherence and integration in decision making about land
- Poor use of data

Integrating land use decisions



Land Use Framework Cambridgeshire Pilot

Explore data layers from different categories
to understand the land use in Cambridgeshire.

Search data

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Housing & Development 1



Water 1



Farming 1



Nature

Land cover



Broad habitats



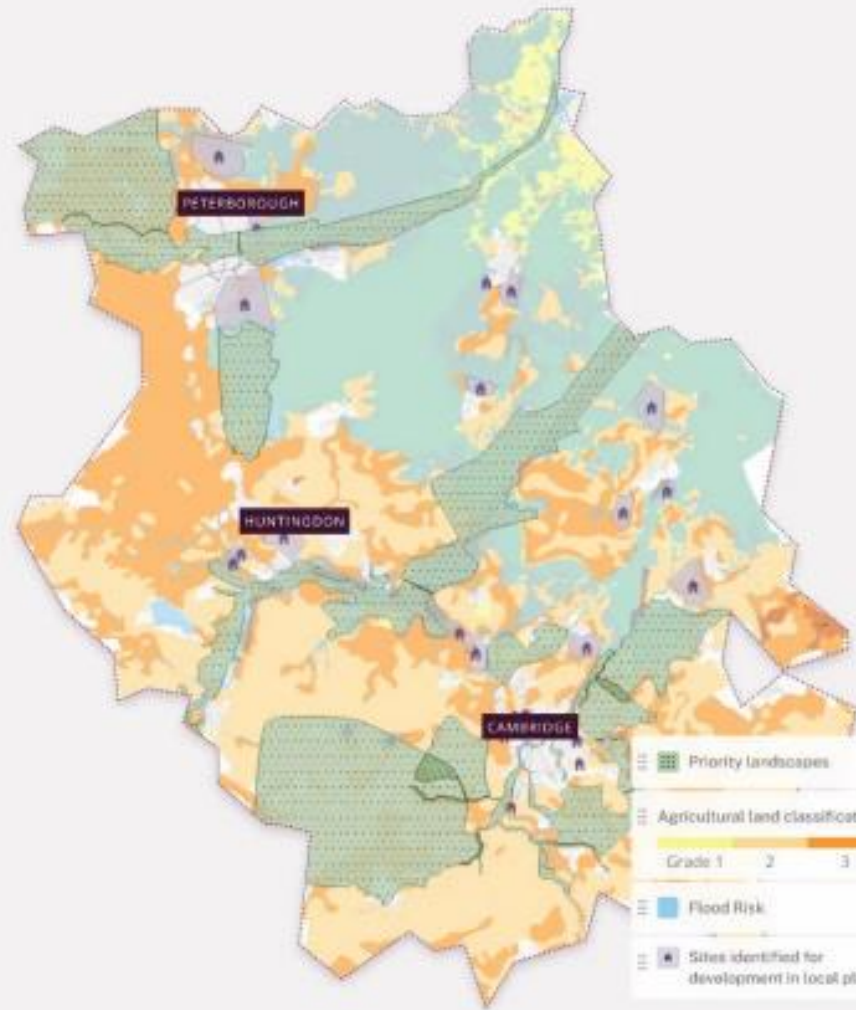
Designated areas
(SPAs, SACs & SSSIs)



Priority landscapes



Energy



2. Update Building Regulations

- Targets for domestic and commercial water use
- Normalise greywater recycling
- Rainwater harvesting mandatory
- Low use showers/toilet flushes mandatory
- SUDs on all new developments
- No new development with 20m of water course (without targeted measures)



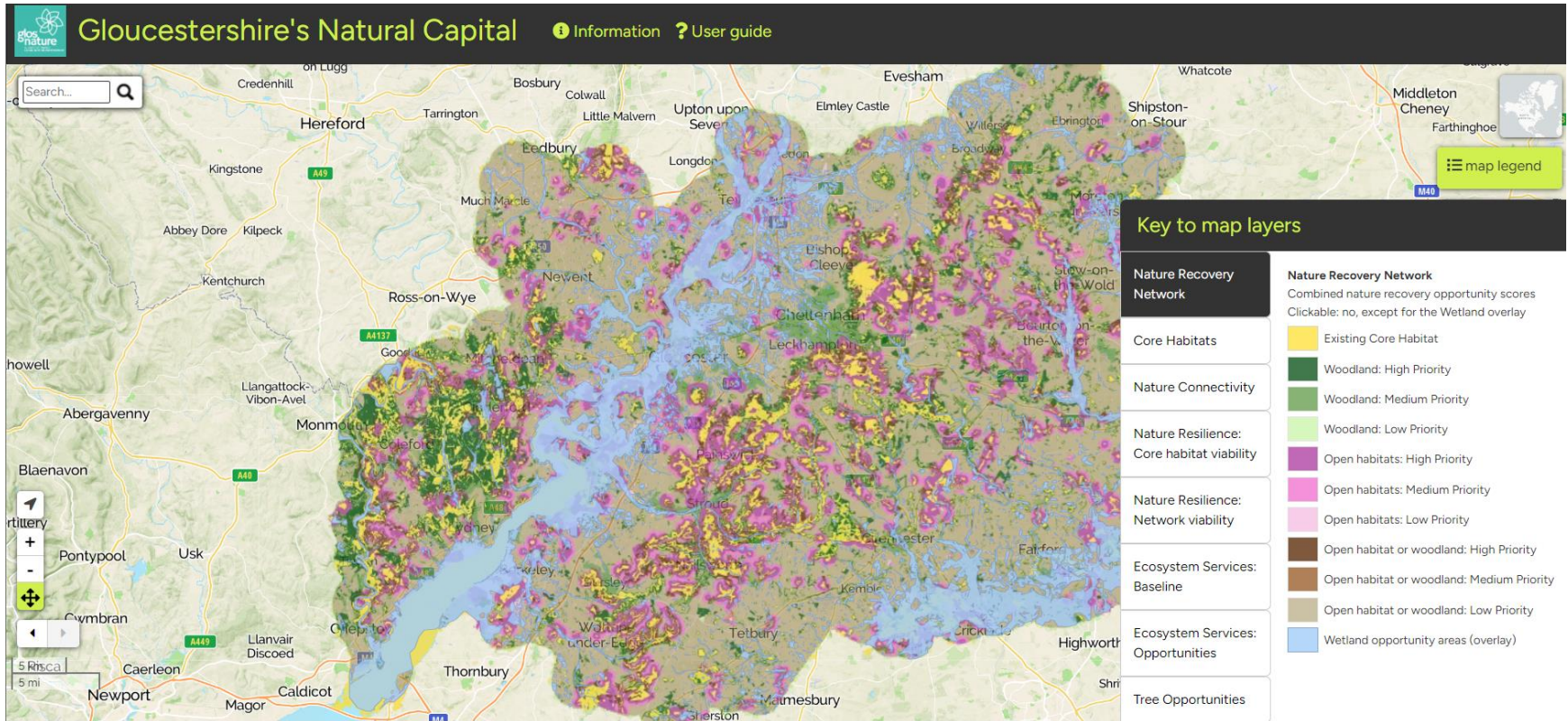
3. Brownfield first



4. Work in partnership



5. Local Nature Recovery Strategies considered



6. Joint action on leakage



7. Catchment approach

