

BUCKS AND MK NEP LARGE SCALE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE OPPORTUNITIES MAP - MAY 18

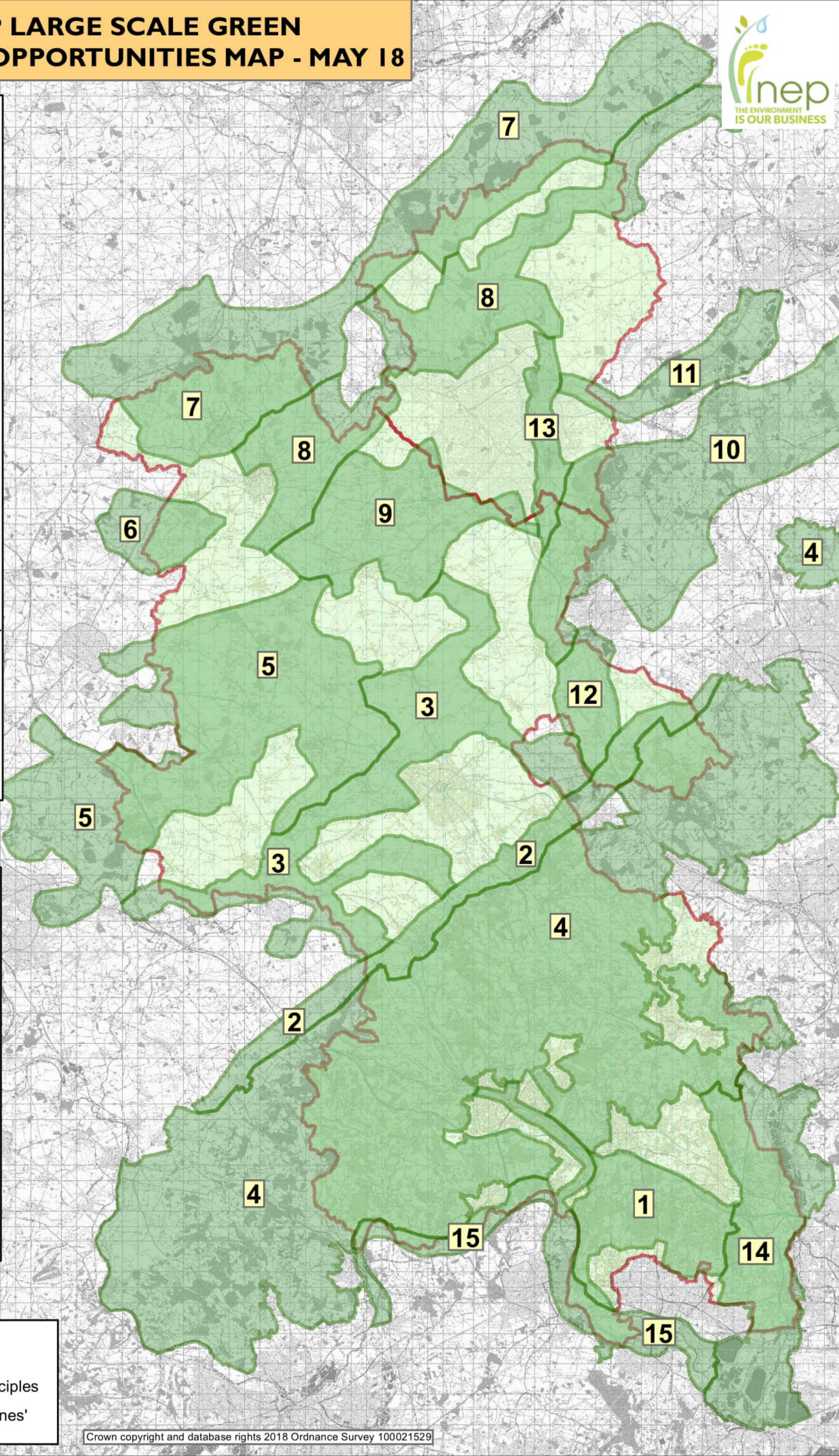


This GI Opportunity Zone Map has been informed by a detailed exploration of the mapped networks of access, biodiversity, and water as well as an understanding of other considerations including development pressures and existing designations of relevance. Furthermore its creation has been guided by the expertise of those on the NEP's Green Infrastructure and Health Task Group.

GI Opportunities exist across all of Bucks and MK and that is why there is a light green wash covering the whole area. On top of that, the 'opportunity zones' have: specific large-scale, broad areas of needs for GI, and/ or provide specific large-scale opportunities for GI in the future to provide benefits to landscape, wildlife, water and people.

The map is a discussion starting point and must be read alongside its supporting document and the 'Vision and Principles for the Improvement of Green Infrastructure in Bucks and MK'.

This suite of documents provide an area-based high level strategic approach to protecting and enhancing GI and reduce the risk of ad-hoc and unplanned negative consequences to the environment as a result of rapid growth and development.



- 1 - South Bucks Heath & Parkland
- 2 - Chiltern Escarpment & Hinterland
- 3 - River Thames - Flood Plain & Meadow Habitat
- 4 - Chilterns Area
- 5 - Bernwood Ray & Hinterland
- 6 - Woodland Between Bicester & Buckingham
- 7 - The Forest Ridge
- 8 - The Ouse Valley
- 9 - Whaddon Chase & Surrounding Links
- 10 - Greensand Ridge (Nature Improvement Area)
- 11 - Bedford & MK Waterways Park
- 12 - Linkage Area
- 13 - Ouzel Corridor
- 14 - Colne Valley area
- 15 - River Thames Corridor

Legend

- Bucks & MK Vision and Principles
- Identified GI Opportunity 'Zones'