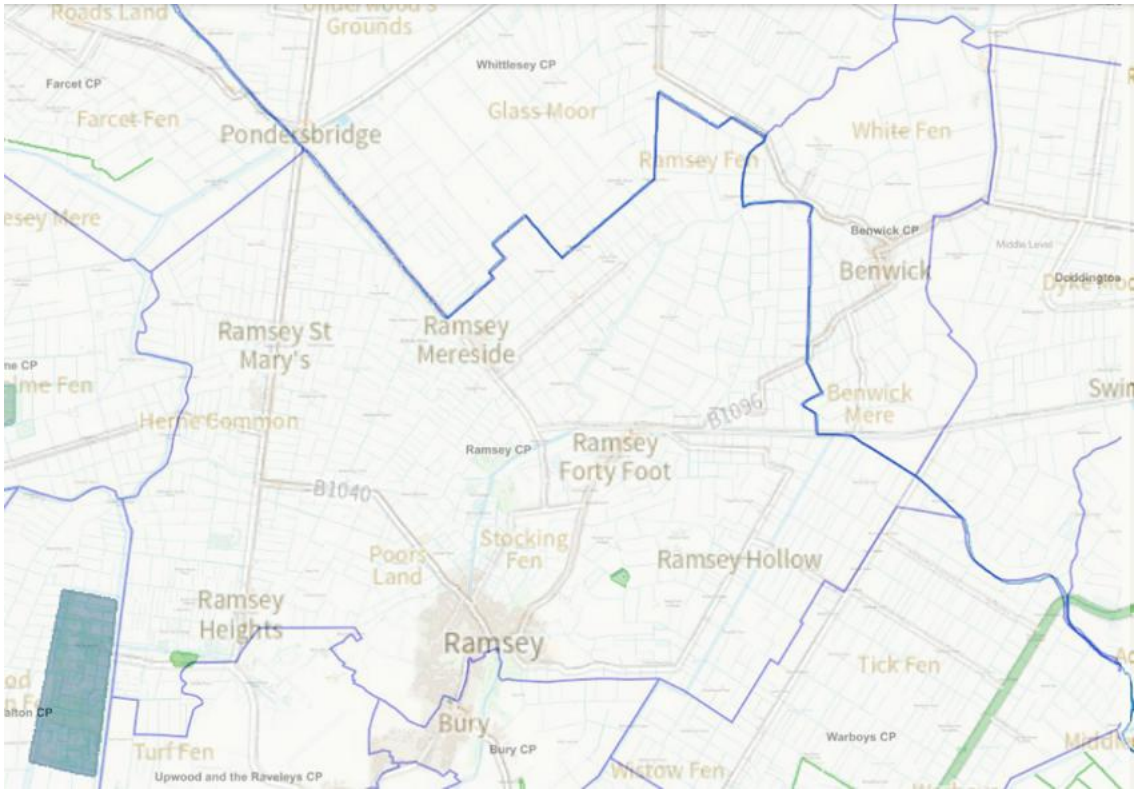
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE RAMSEY COMMUNITIES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**Questions for Huntingdonshire District Council**

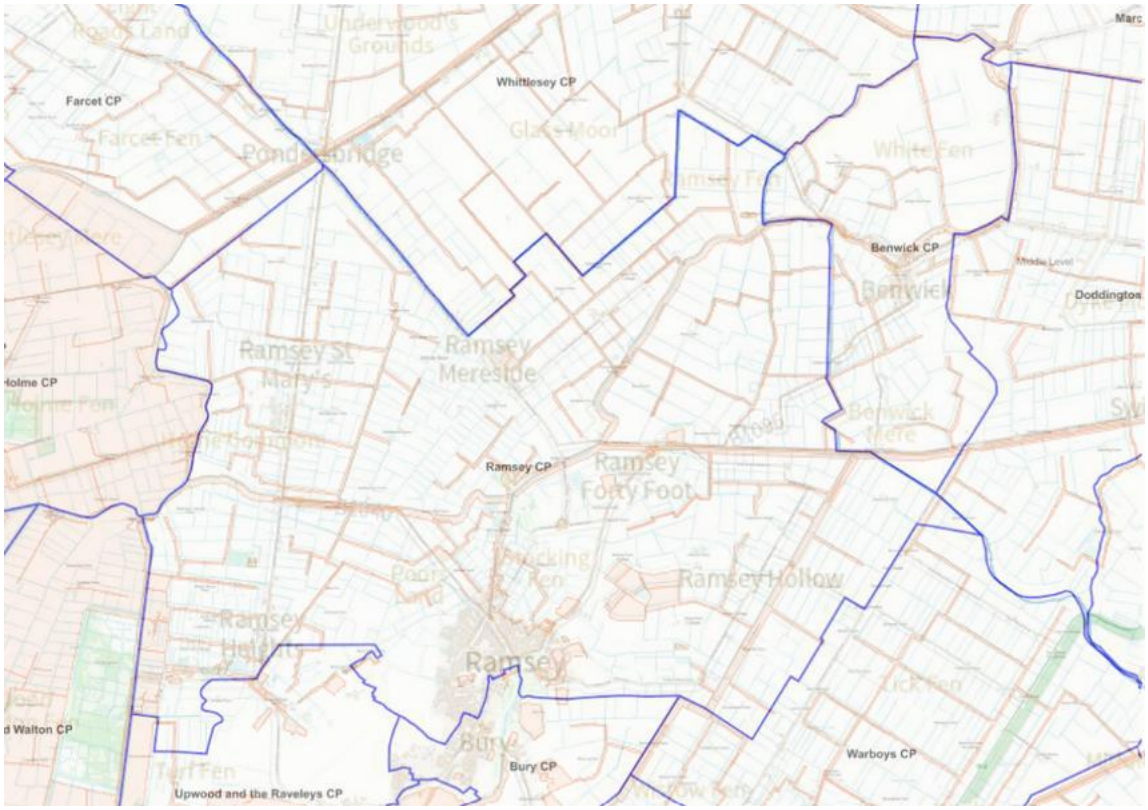
**1. Is all or any part of the Neighbourhood Area the subject of any local nature recovery strategy under Section 104 of the Environment Act 2021?**

Yes. The neighbourhood area falls within the boundary of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LRNS), which is led by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as the designated Responsible Authority under Section 104 of the Environment Act 2021.

According to the published Local Habitat Map, which supports the LRNS, parts of the neighbourhood area have been designated as Areas of Particular Importance for Biodiversity (APIB) or targeted for mapped nature recovery measures. As shown in Map 1, there are two Local Wildlife Sites identified within the neighbourhood area. Map 2 shows the areas that could become of particular importance for biodiversity in the neighbourhood area.




*Map 1 Area of particular importance for biodiversity (ACB) in the neighbourhood area*




*Map 2 Area that could become of particular importance for biodiversity*

**A Nature Recovery Network for Huntingdonshire** has also been prepared by the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire and informs implementation of biodiversity policies and delivery of the LRNS.

The Nature Recovery Network report identifies several priority areas, the only priority areas the report identifies that fall within the neighbourhood plan area is the Great Fen and the Fens Rivers.

**2. Please update me on the determination or otherwise of planning application reference**

The application 25/01382/OUT is scheduled to be presented at HDC's September Development Management Committee (DMC) meeting.

We are still waiting on the final determination as discussions continue with both County Highways and Anglian Water.

**3. Has Natural England been consulted on the April 2026 HRA Screening Report and has a reply been received?**

As this relates specifically to the preparation and progression of the Screening Report prepared by the Neighbourhood Plan Group, this is a matter for the Neighbourhood Plan group (Ramsey Town Council) to confirm.