

This document has been produced as part of the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan (MANP) to support the following policies:-

MARL14 – Protecting and Improving Green Infrastructure

This policy addresses the connectivity between our open spaces in the form of footpaths and cycle ways and identifies where there are missing links that would benefit the community if added. It also identifies the important wildlife corridors between our green spaces that should be protected.

The MANP recommends that opportunities should be sought to create new routes that promote sustainable movement and ecological connectivity through the town and neighbouring parishes to assist in the provision of safer, less polluted walking and cycling routes and to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Four possible new routes have been identified. Routes one and three are dependent upon future developments of specific pieces of land whilst route two and four are achievable in the short term as they are not dependent on future development.

1. River pathway from Stonebridge Lane to Kelham Gardens. This would also achieve another section of the Riverside Walk (WC policy from Kennet District Council policy)

This route would enable pedestrians and cyclists to access the town centre from the east of the town (and further afield via the Marlborough to Chiseldon Railway Path) to Kelham Gardens and Wye House away from air pollution and other dangers from traffic on the A4 road.



2. Extension of the Marlborough to Chiseldon Railway Path from its present termination point at Five Stiles Road to Salisbury Road Business Park

This extension would deliver a safer and less polluted cycling and walking route from the east of Marlborough (Elcot Lane, Barnfield, St John's Park and Mildenhall) to businesses and shops on the Salisbury Road Business Park and potentially be a safer route for students attending St John's Academy. This route would also link up with the pedestrian and cycling route from Marleberg Grange to George Lane and the High Street.



3. Extension of footpath from Mildenhall to Marlborough

To facilitate safer walking and cycling between Mildenhall to the centre of Marlborough town, local schools and other facilities a suitable footpath is needed from the road bridge over the Marlborough to Chiseldon Railway Path west to the river bridge at Poulton.

Although many pedestrians use the Marlborough to Chiseldon Railway Path as a safe access route to the town centre, the path becomes very muddy in wet weather and is therefore not a suitable all-weather route.

The Mildenhall to Marlborough road has a speed limit of 60 mph and a bend with an adverse camber at the Og river bridge which makes this a dangerous walking route.



4. Extension of MARL30 Public Right of Way from Brown's Farm area to Postern Hill Picnic Site and creation of a pedestrian/cyclist refuge across A346 road

Creation of a short spur eastwards off MARL30 with a safe crossing over the A346 road to connect with the entrance to Postern Hill Picnic Site would open up access to Savernake Forest and its existing network of routes for walkers and cyclists from the High Street, the north and west areas of the town and from the Cadley area utilising existing PROWs. The Cricket Ground would also be accessible (although one would need a lot of stamina to achieve this whilst carrying a bag full of kit). There needs to be research carried out as to the viability of the proposal as crossing the A346 is a major safety issue but this may be addressed by a reduced speed limit at the approaches to the crossing and a pedestrian/cyclist refuge.



Important Wildlife Corridors

1. River Kennet
2. River Og
3. Western boundary of Marlborough – Line of Beech hedging from Downs Lane south to Bath Road (see map below).

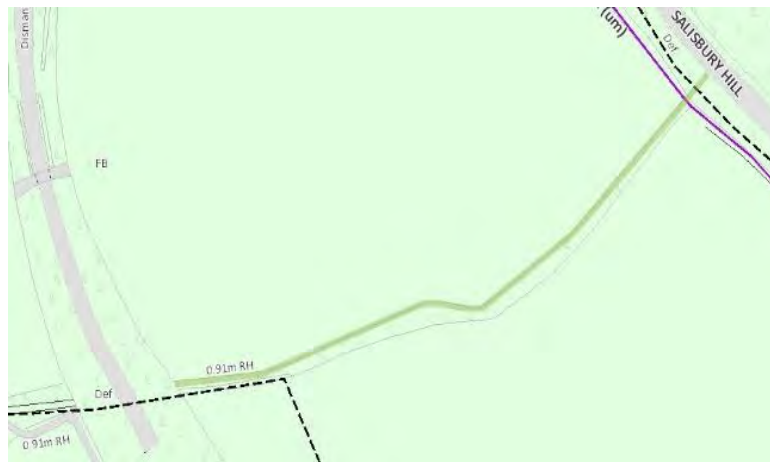


4. Northern boundary of Marlborough - Hedged Bridleway & line of mature mixed woodland running from Manton across the northern edge of Land at College Fields/Barton Park to Barton Dene (see map below)



5. Marlborough to Pewsey Bee Road (Granham Hill to Pewsey Road)

6. Marlborough to Beckhampton Bee Road (Bath Road at Manton)
7. Banks next to cycle path (Chiseldon & Marlborough Railway Path)
 - a. London Road via Stone Bridge Lane to Poulton Hill (Marlborough to Mildenhall Road)
 - b. Poulton Hill to Mildenhall Parish boundary.
8. Tree line from “Marlborough Railway Tunnel County Wildlife Site Bat Habitat” to Savernake Forest at Postern Hill (see map below)



9. Banks next to Marlborough to Mildenhall footpath MILD25
10. Tree Sparrow Corridor to the north of Frees Avenue (Rockley Road) to Preshute parish boundary (see map below)



Rockley Road Tree Sparrow Corridor

MARL15 – Protecting Local Green Spaces

In this Policy the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan designates the following Local Green Spaces as illustrated below:

1. Cooper's Meadow



Cooper's Meadow

2. Salisbury Road Recreation Ground.



Salisbury Road Recreation Ground

3. The Victorian Cemetery.



The Victorian Cemetery

4. Jubilee Field, Manton.



Manton Jubilee Field

5. Priory Gardens



Priory Gardens

6. Wye House Garden and Play Area



Wye House Garden

7. Land at College Fields / Barton Park.



College Fields - Barton Park

MARL16 – Protecting Valued Community Open Spaces

In Policy 16 the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan identifies the following as Valued Community Open Spaces as illustrated below:

1. Orchard Road Play Area (between Orchard Road & Upper Churchfields following line of MARL30 footpath).



Orchard Road Play Area

2. St. Margaret's Mead - East of car park opposite local shop
3. St. Margaret's Mead - West of car park opposite local shop
4. St. Margaret's Mead - Savernake Crescent



St. Margaret's Mead

5. St. John's Park Play Area (adjacent to White Horse Road)



St. John's Park Play area

6. Plume of Feathers Garden, off London Road, Marlborough



Plume of Feathers Garden

7. Dam of King's Fishpond (Scheduled Monument) adjacent land north east of Tin Pit, next to the River Og



Dam and water meadow near Tin Pit

8. Mildenhall (Minal) Play Area (between Thicketts Road & Old Ford Cottage)



Mildenhall (Minal) Play Area

9. Kennet Place Waterfront Garden (on corner adjacent to former rope works)



Kennet Place Waterfront Garden

10. Land at College Fields / Barton Park - Betjeman Road



Betjeman Road

11. Land at College Fields / Barton Park – MacNeice Drive



MacNeice Drive

12. Land at College Fields / Barton Park - Hawkins Meadow



Hawkins Meadow

13. Bath Road Triangle



Bath Road Triangle

14. Land North of Minal Church (Monument)



Land North of Minal Church (Monument)

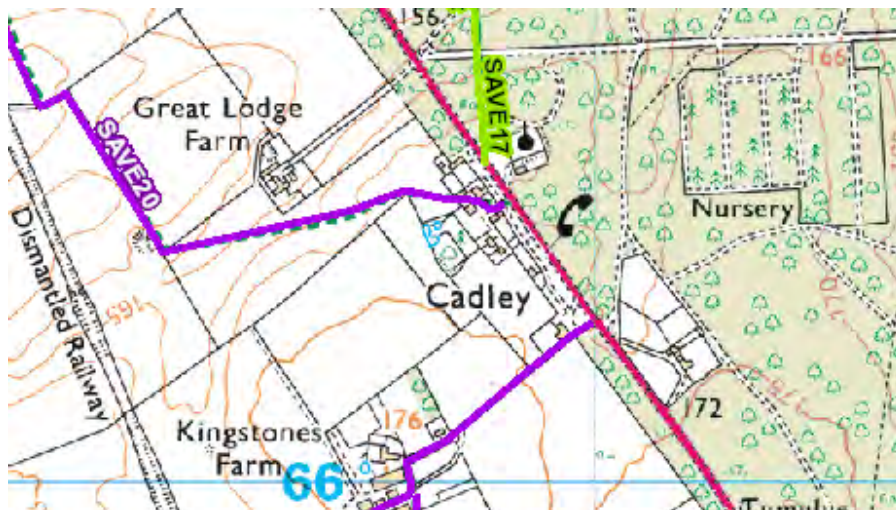
15. Maurice Way Green spaces (to north of Savernake Hospital) - southern spur

16. Maurice Way – northern spur



Maurice Way Green spaces

17. Cadley – verge western side of the A346 from Cadley Garage to Dobie and Wyatt



Western verge at Cadley

18. Pound at Manton



Pound at Manton

19. Manton Green



Manton Green

20. London Road World War 1 Wiltshire Regiment Memorial

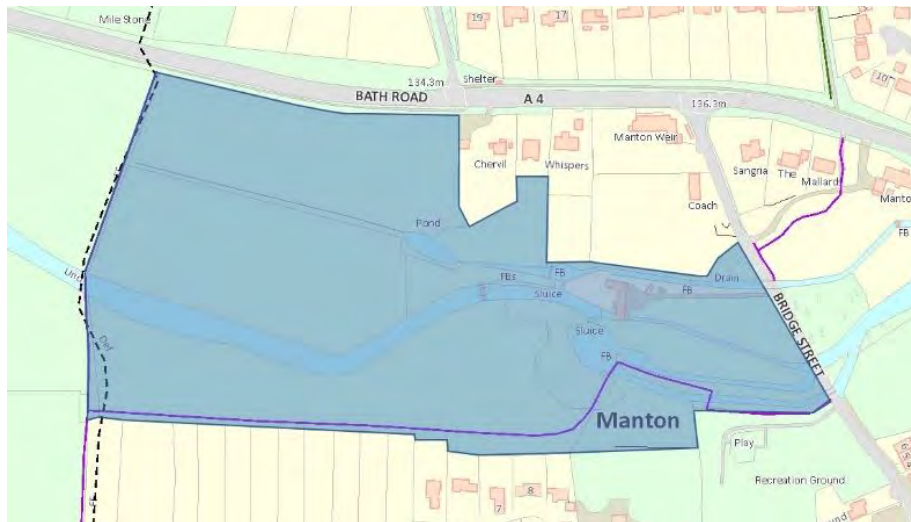


London Road WW1 Memorial

MARL17 – Conserving Scenic Beauty of the AONB

In Policy 17 the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan seeks to conserve and enhance the landscape and special scenic beauty of the AONB which includes the following areas:

1. Marlborough Downs and The Common
2. Savernake Forest and Plateau
3. Kennet Valley and Og Valley (areas a-h)
 - a. North & South of the River Kennet at Manton.



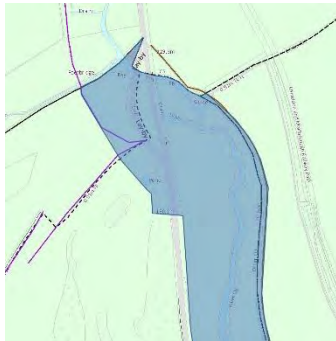
Water Meadow at Manton

- b. North and South of the River Kennet at Preshute Lane



Water Meadow at Preshute Lane

c. West of the River Og from Marlborough to Bay Bridges



North



Central



South

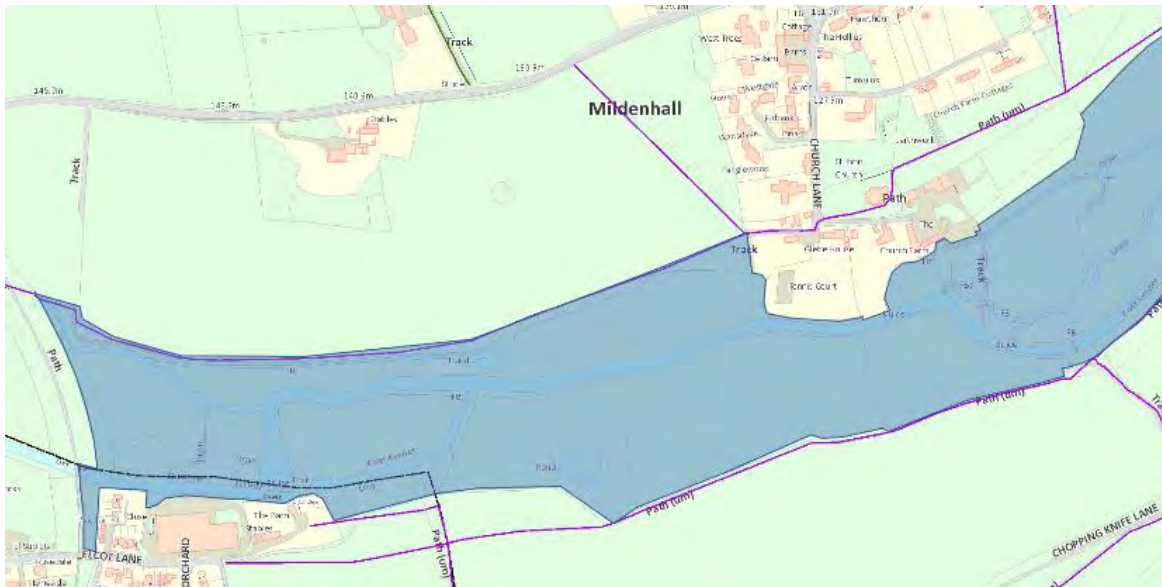
Og Water Meadows from Bay Bridges to Kennet River

d. Stonebridge Lane Water Meadows



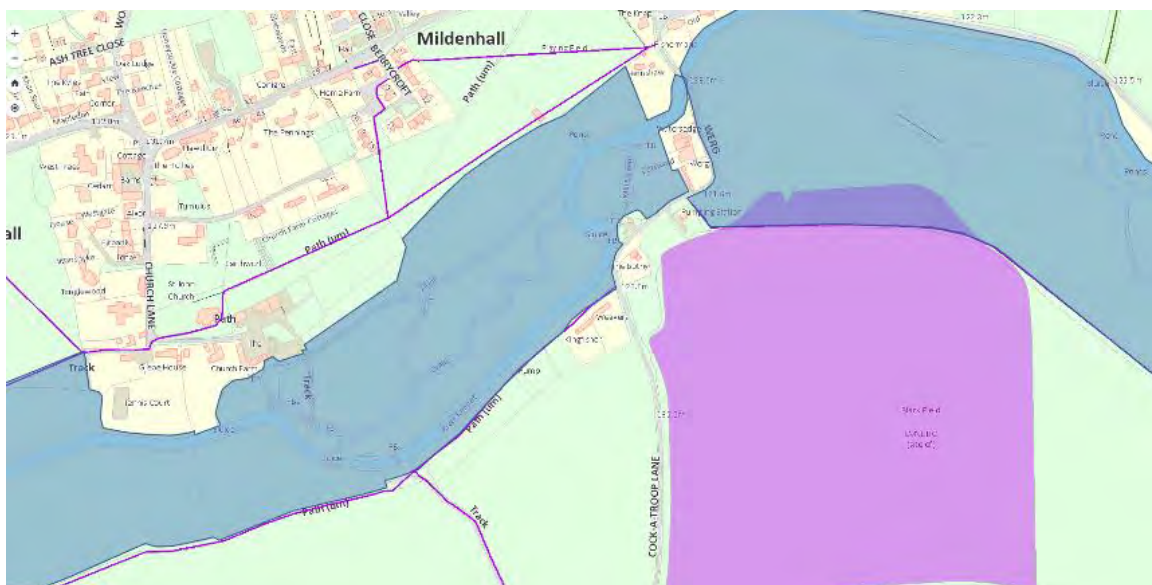
Water Meadows at Stonebridge Lane

- e. North and South of the River Kennet between Marlborough and Mildenhall parish boundary at Axford.



Water Meadows between Marlborough and Mildenhall

- f. Water Meadow at Mildenhall



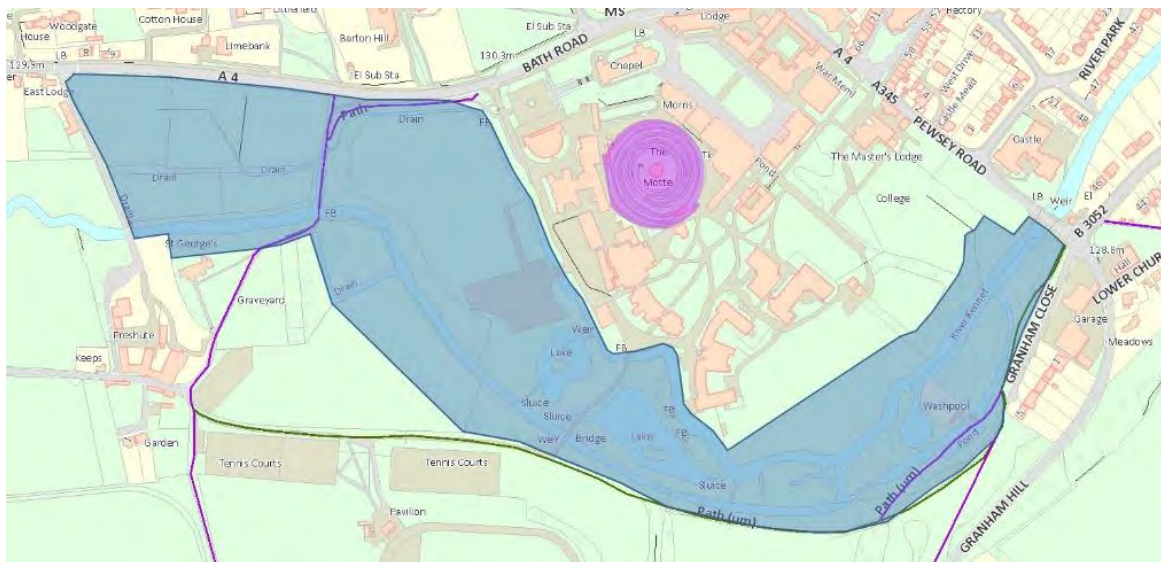
Water Meadow at Mildenhall

g. North and South of the River Kennet between Mildenhall and the parish boundary at Axford



Water Meadow between Mildenhall & Stitchcombe

h. North and South of the River Kennet at Treacle Bolly



Water Meadow at Treacle Bolly

4. Three Cornered Meadow – Land south of London Road & southeast of cycle path



Three Cornered Meadow

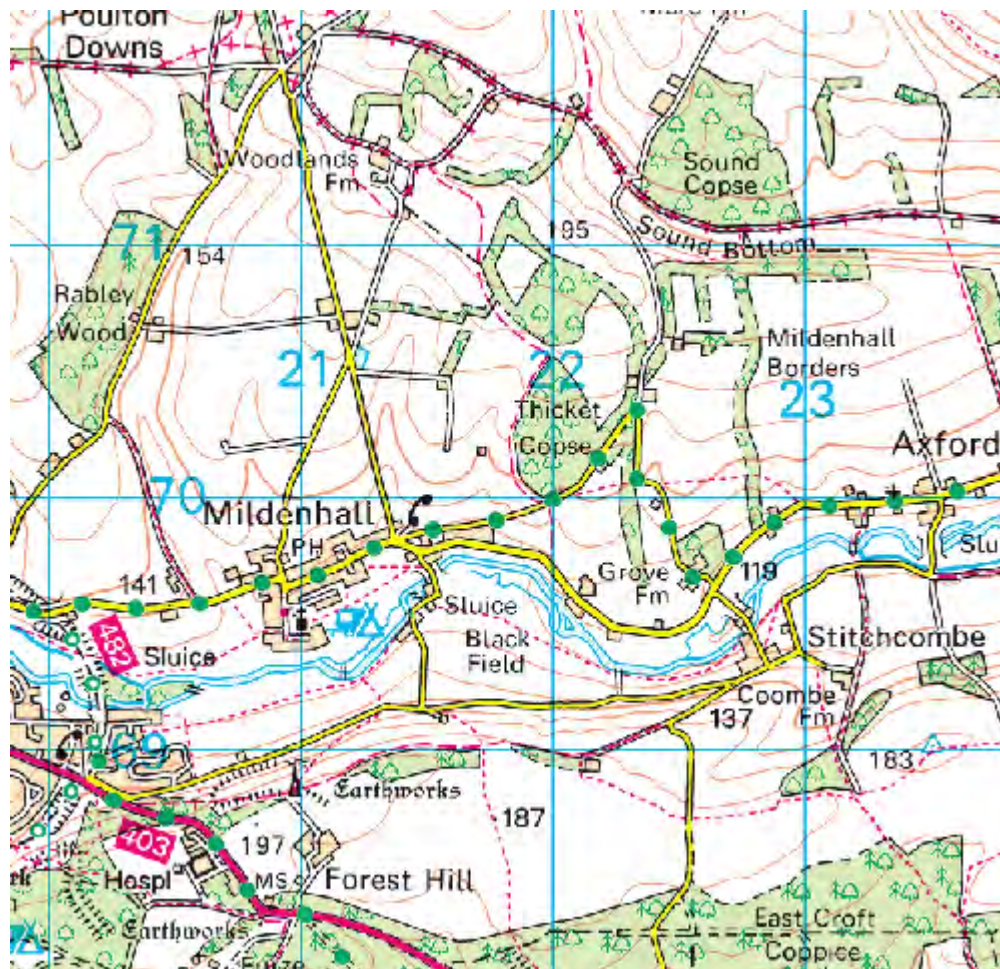
5. Savernake Parish Valued Landscapes:

- Furze Coppice, Savernake parish. South of A345 at Clench Common)
- Withy Copse, Savernake parish. North of Martinsell Hill & Square Plantation bounded by footpaths SAVE31, SAVE30 & PEWS69.
- Brick Hill Copse, Savernake parish. North of Mud Lane (footpath WRVI3).

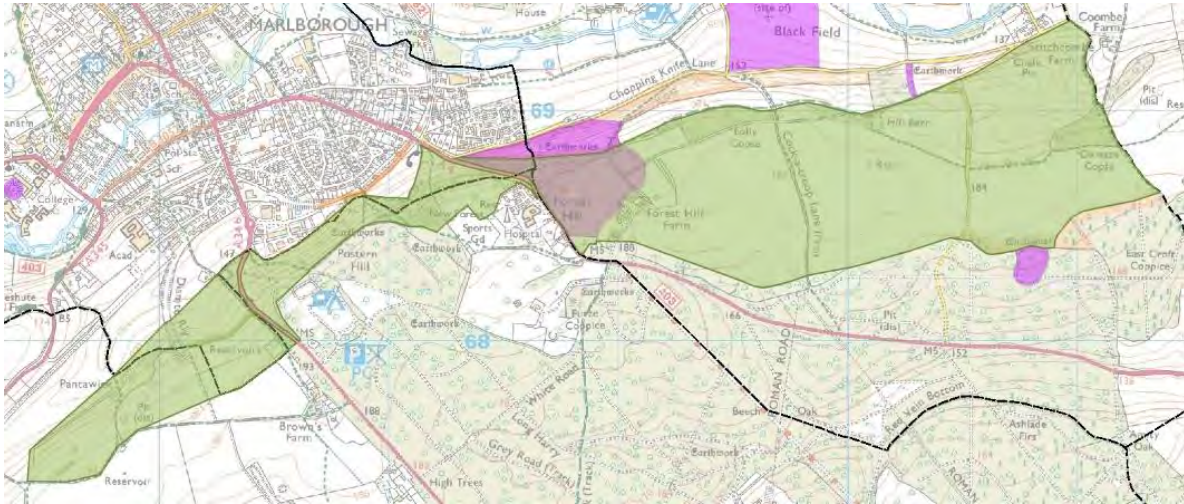


6. Mildenhall Parish Valued Landscapes:

- a) Rabley Wood, Mildenhall parish. Next to Rabley Barn.
- b) Poulton Spinney, Mildenhall parish. West of Poultry House & Rabley Hill. Southwest of Rabley Wood.
- c) Lophorn Copse, Mildenhall parish. West of footpath MILD3.
- d) Well Ground Copse, Mildenhall parish. South of Dean Lane (MILD6).
- e) Sound Copse, Mildenhall parish. To southeast of Mere Farm, north of footpath MILD6, to west of Mildenhall parish boundary.
- f) Thicket Copse, Mildenhall parish. North of Thicketts Road & east of footpath MILD10.
- g) Upper Thicket Copse, Mildenhall parish. North of Thicket Copse & east of footpath MILD10.
- h) East Croft Coppice, Mildenhall parish. North of London Road A4, west of parish boundary & footpath MILD16.
- i) Oxleaze Copse, Mildenhall parish. North of footpath MILD15, west of MILD16.
- j) Folly Copse, Mildenhall parish. South of footpath MILD14, west of MILD17 (Cock-a-Troop Lane).



7. Savernake Forest Northern Escarpment: north-west facing continuous escarpment from Pantawick along edge of Savernake Plateau to Mildenhall/Axford parish boundary at Stitchcombe



Notes:

- 1) All maps reproduced in this document have been determined using the Wiltshire Council Planning Explorer:
<http://wiltscouncil.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=74a353612a934bd48fee1f2bc564cdd8>

- 2) All designated rights of way have been determined using the Wiltshire Council Rights-of-Way Explorer:
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- 3) Lists within this document are not exhaustive.
- 4) Boundaries & borders shown in this document are approximate.
- 5) Land identified as “Water Meadow” covers areas greater than the water meadows themselves. Professional advice regarding water meadow habitat should be referred to for any detailed assessment.