

Key

Current Status

- The CWP has experienced over 40 years of mineral activity.
- The interplay between mineral extraction and hydrology has led to lake creation.
- 147 lakes created.

Overriding Development Considerations

- Mineral extraction is set to continue for a minimum of 20 years.
- There is potential to create further water bodies.

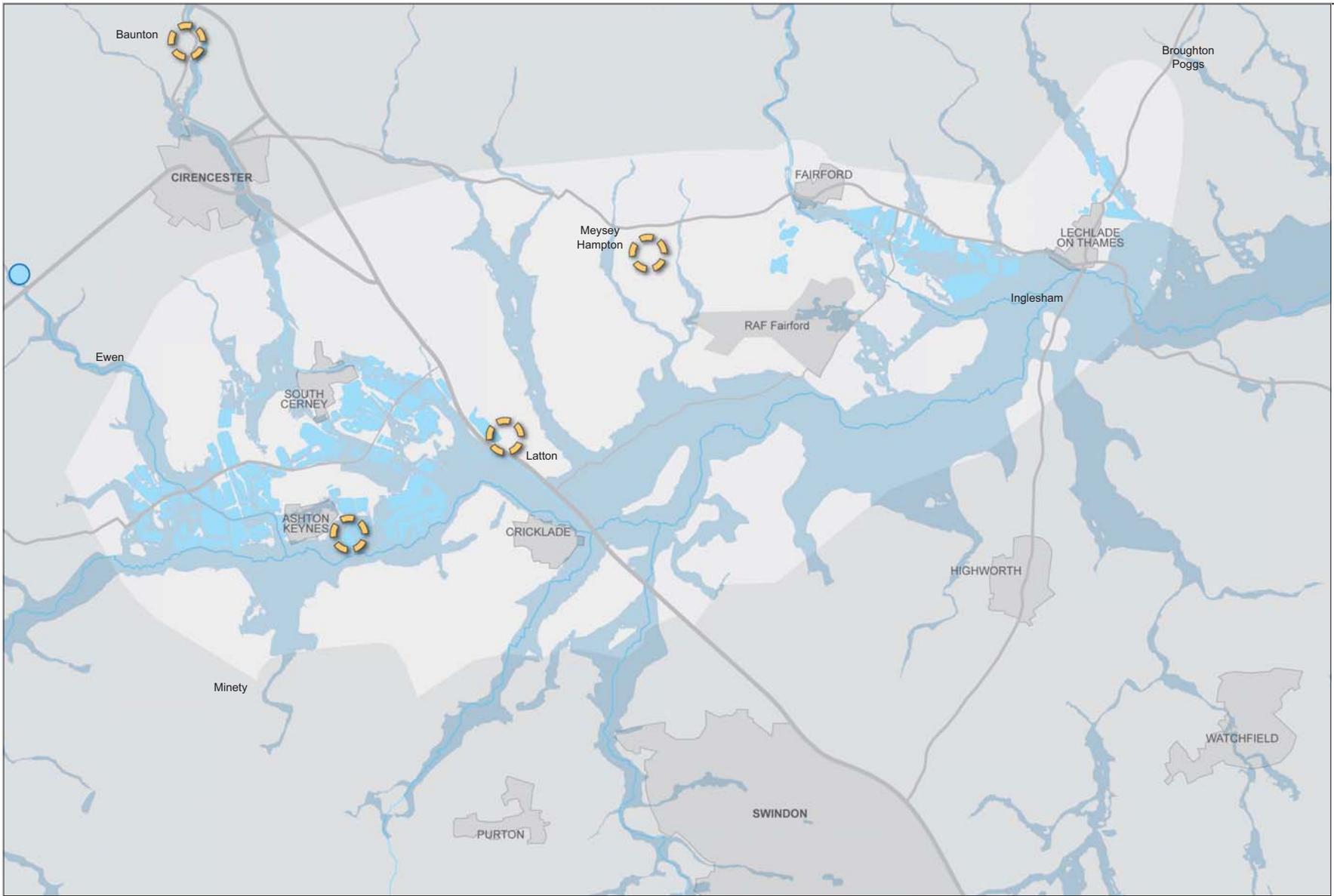
Opportunity

- There is scope within the CWP to deliver greater benefit for locals and visitors from the existing and future minerals activity.

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Base Map

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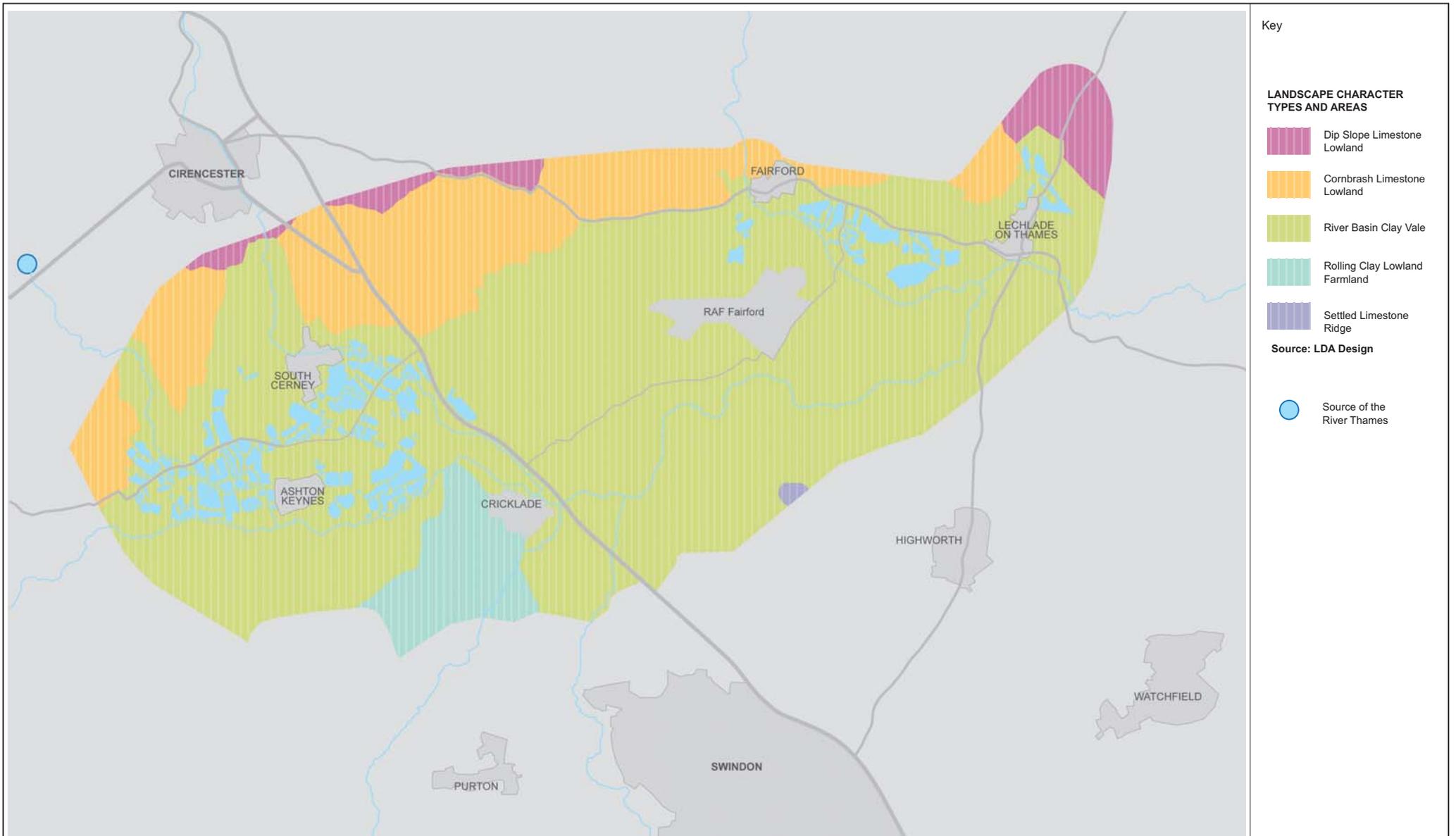
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-  Thames Water abstraction sites
-  Floodzone
-  Source of the River Thames

Hydrology

- Hydrology has a key influence on the restoration strategies adopted for extraction sites.
- Hydrology also has a direct links to other activities and drivers (sports, tourism, biodiversity).
- Future development needs to be assessed against hydrology issues - e.g. abstraction; low flow of rivers; aerodrome safeguarding; flood risk; impact on settlements; and retaining/improving the countryside character.

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 Map S2.2
 Hydrology
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The Character of the CWP

- The character of the countryside has been transformed by the creation of the lakes.
- However, this has led to a fragmented and incoherent landscape.
- This problem could be further exacerbated.

- The preservation and improvement of the countryside character is fundamental.
- The future design and decision making needs to help deliver greater visual cohesion to this countryside environment.

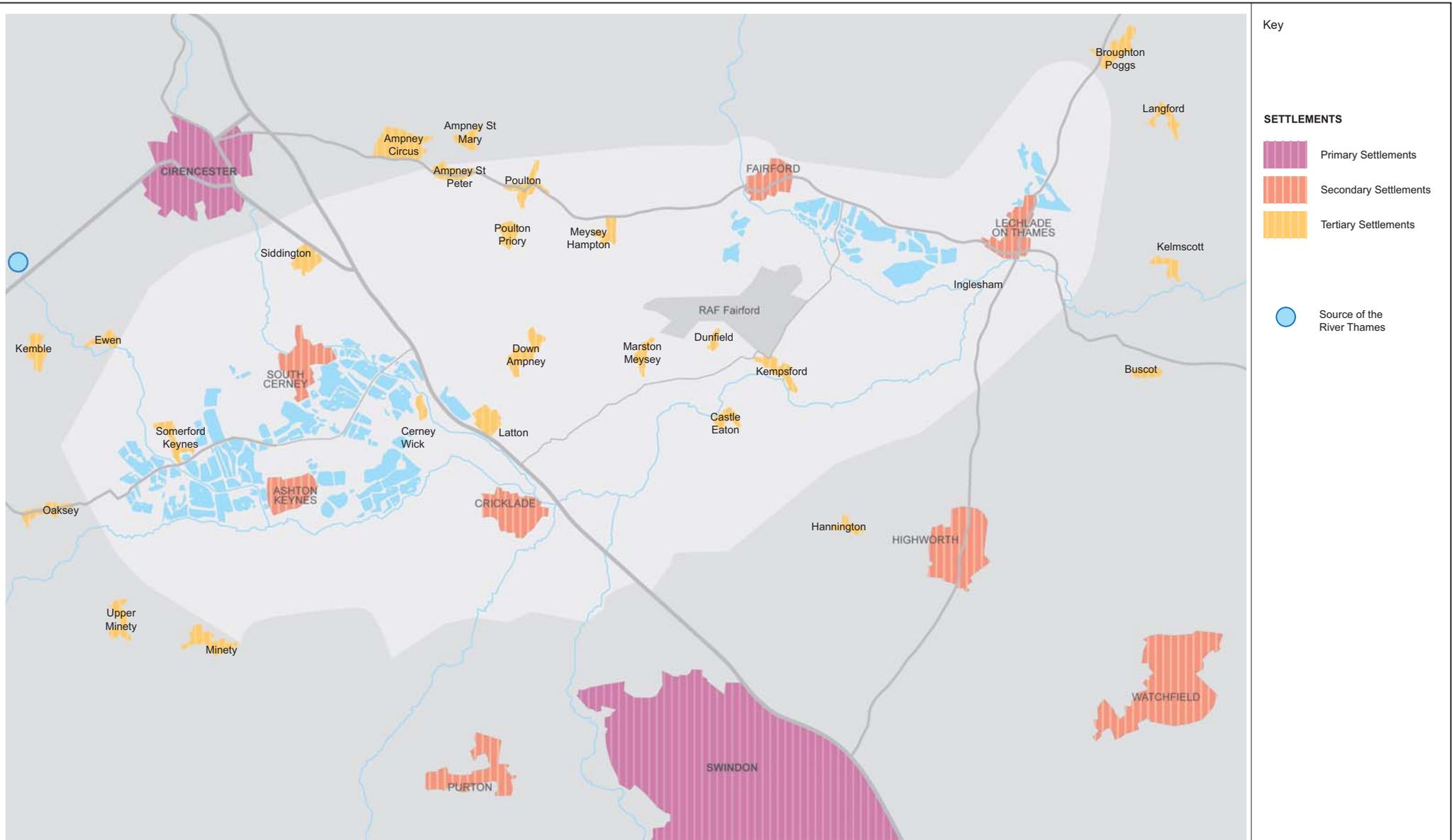
Existing Projects

- Upper Thames Heritage Project.
- Great Western Community Forest.

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Character & Landscape

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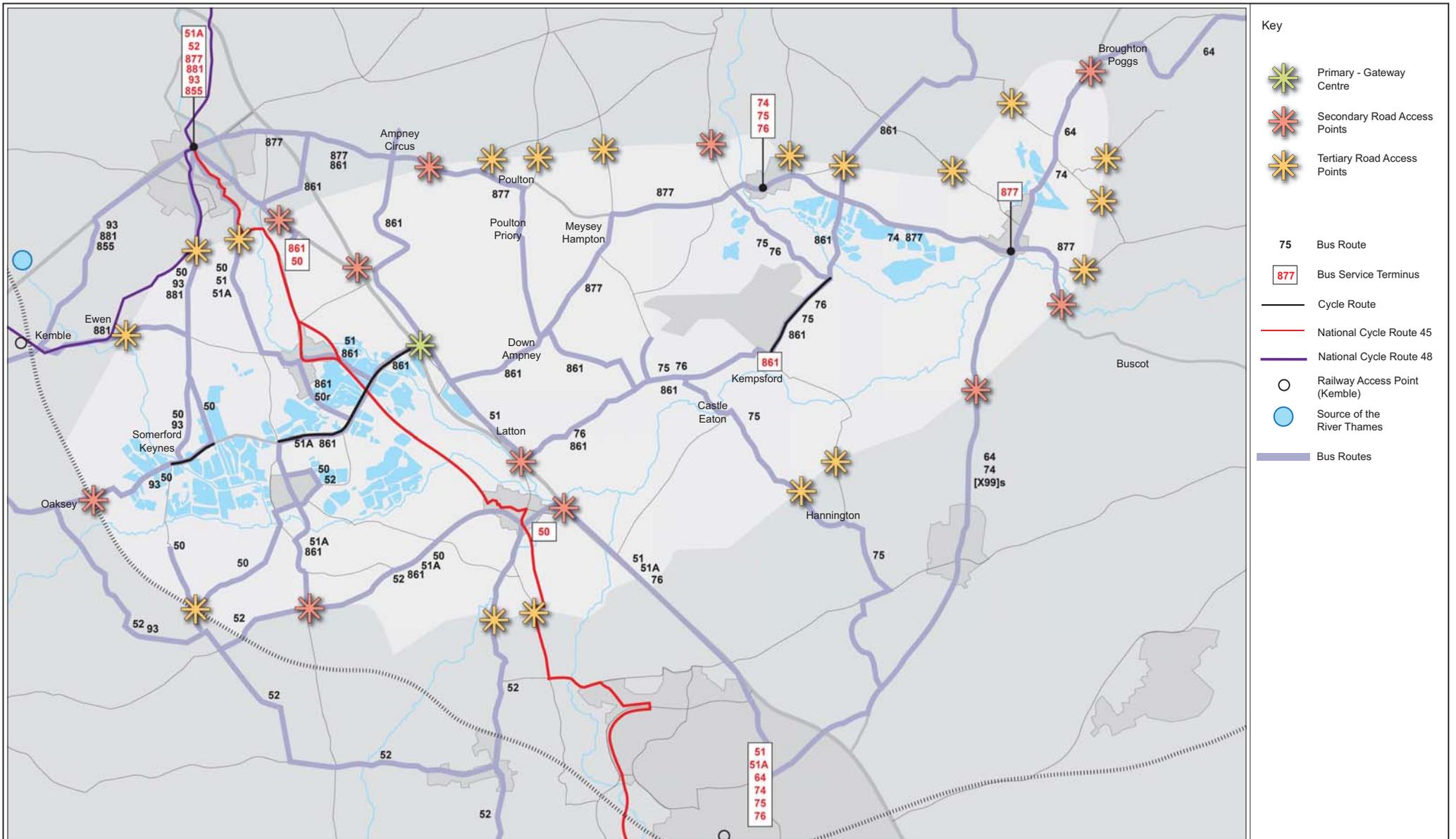
Integration of the Towns & Villages

- Settlements and communities form an integral part of the CWP.
- However, there is a lack of awareness of the CWP at a local level.
- There is a need to strengthen the sense of place for the CWP for the benefit of local residents and visitors alike.

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Map S2.4
Settlements

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Roads Access

- The A419 provides main access route.
- There is a comprehensive local network of minor roads.
- Conflict between different users (i.e. heavy traffic from development) has been experienced.

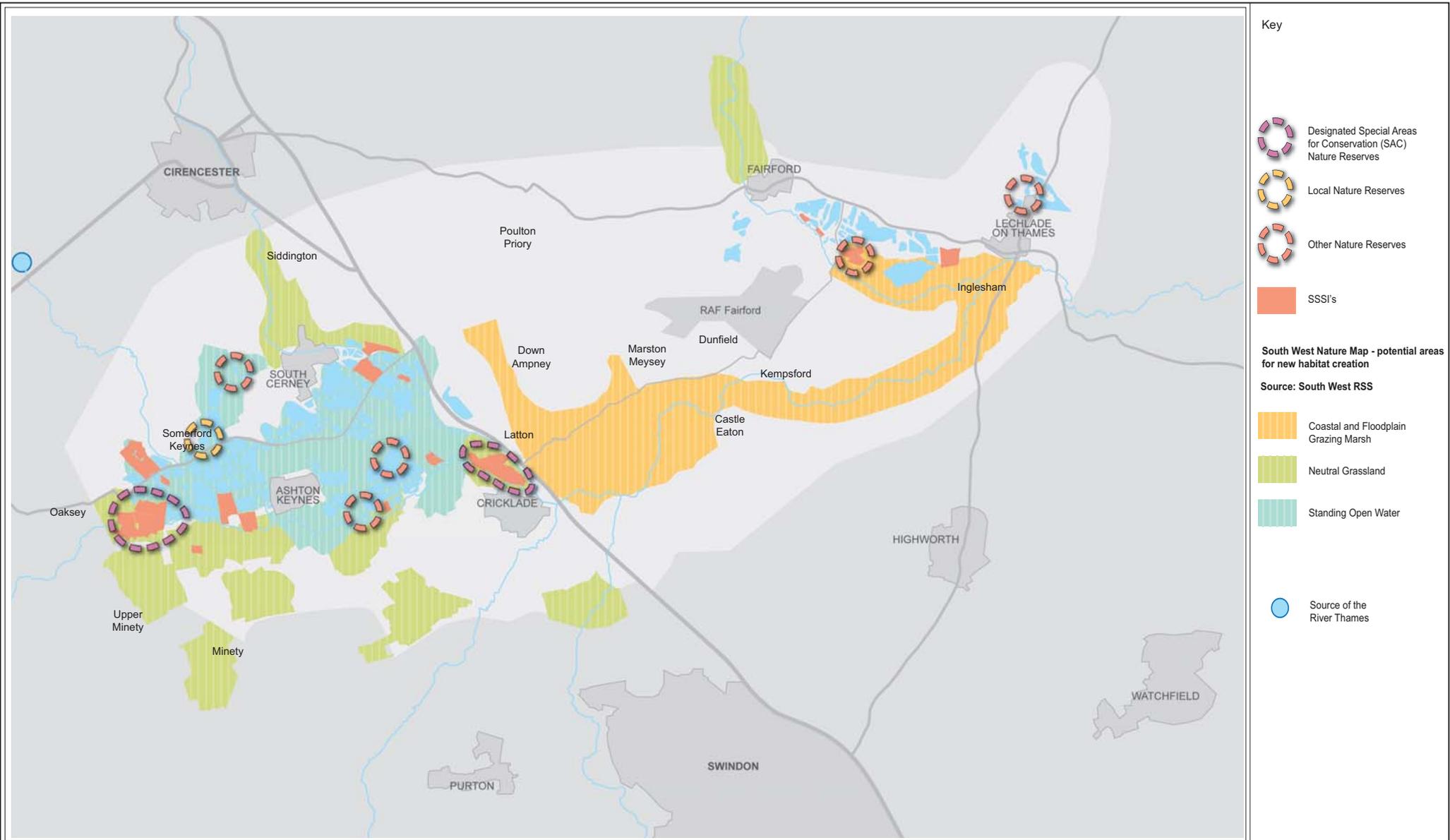
Transport

- There is some public transport provision, including bus and rail access.
- Innovative developments could add to transport network, especially 'Green Infrastructure'.

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Map S2.5
Transport & Infrastructure

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Biodiversity

- There is recognised potential for a whole landscape approach to biodiversity in the CWP.
- New nature-based development to be at the heart of the conservation corridor.

Biodiversity & Other Development

- Other development needs to support biodiversity aims.
- There is scope for innovation in non-nature based developments (sport, tourism, business) for mutual benefit.

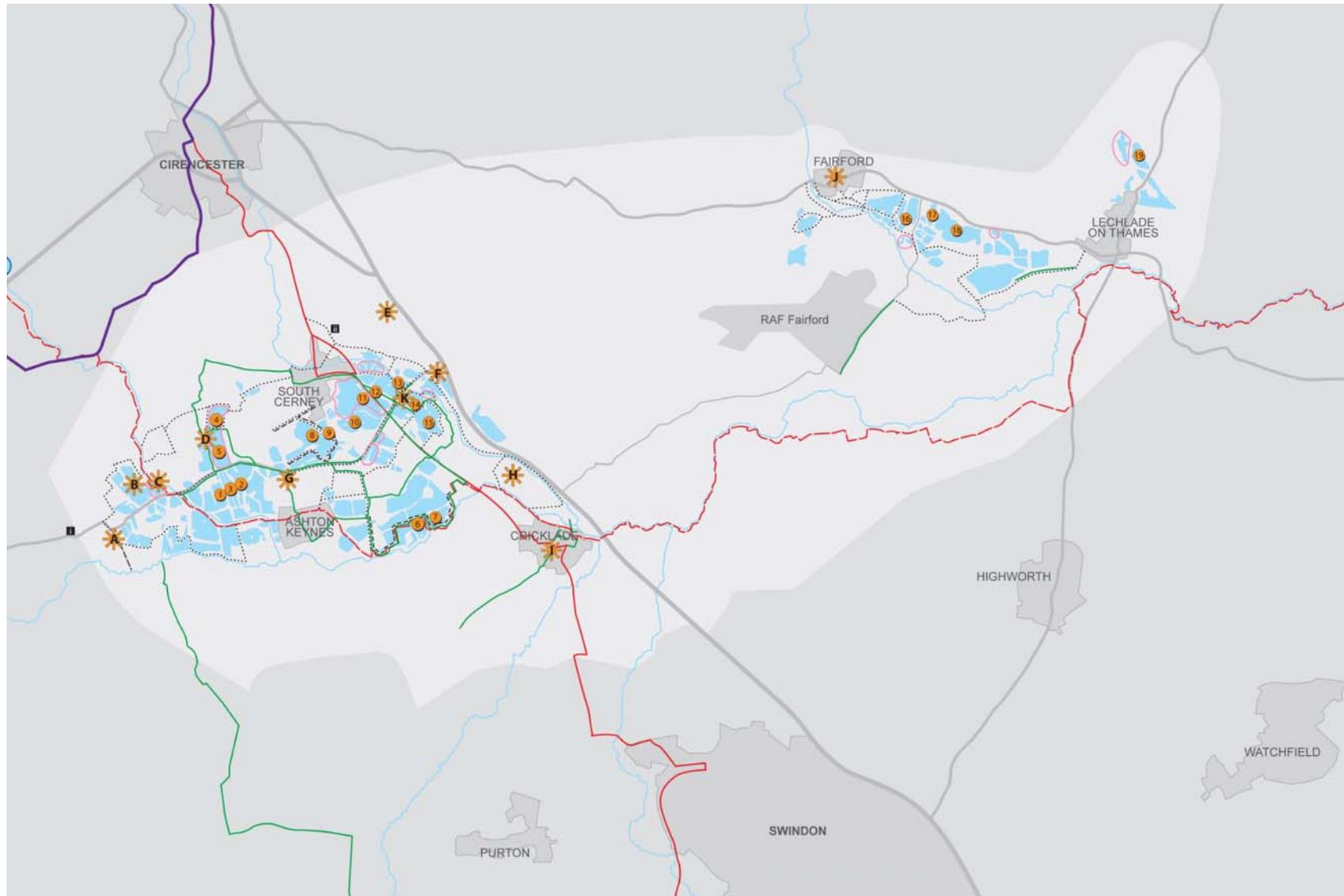
Existing/Proposed Projects

- CWP Biodiversity Action Plan.
- WWT - Lower Moor Farm Complex.
- RSPB - Proposed Centre.
- Canal developments.
- River Thames/Upper Thames Project.

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Map S2.6
 Biodiversity

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- Key**
- National Cycle Route 48
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 - Walking Routes
 - Other Cycleways
 - - - - Bridleways
- Source: CWPS Leisure Map**
- - - - Thames Path
 - Water Sports
 - ★ Main Visitor Attractions
 - - - - Day Ticket Fishing
 - Source of the River Thames
- Sports**
- 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 16, 17, 19 Water Skiing
 - 14 Ski Tow
 - 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18 Sailing/Boating
 - 5, 12 Canoeing/Kayaking
 - Oaksey Golf Club
 - South Cerney Golf Club
- Attractions/Assets**
- A Lower Moor/WWT
 - B Friday Island
 - C Neigh Bridge Country Park
 - D Keynes Country Park & Associated Attractions
 - E Butts Farm Rare Breeds
 - F Gateway Centre
 - G Paintball
 - H North Meadow NNR
 - I Cricklade Town Museum
 - J St Mary's Church Fairford
 - K Ski Tow

Sport

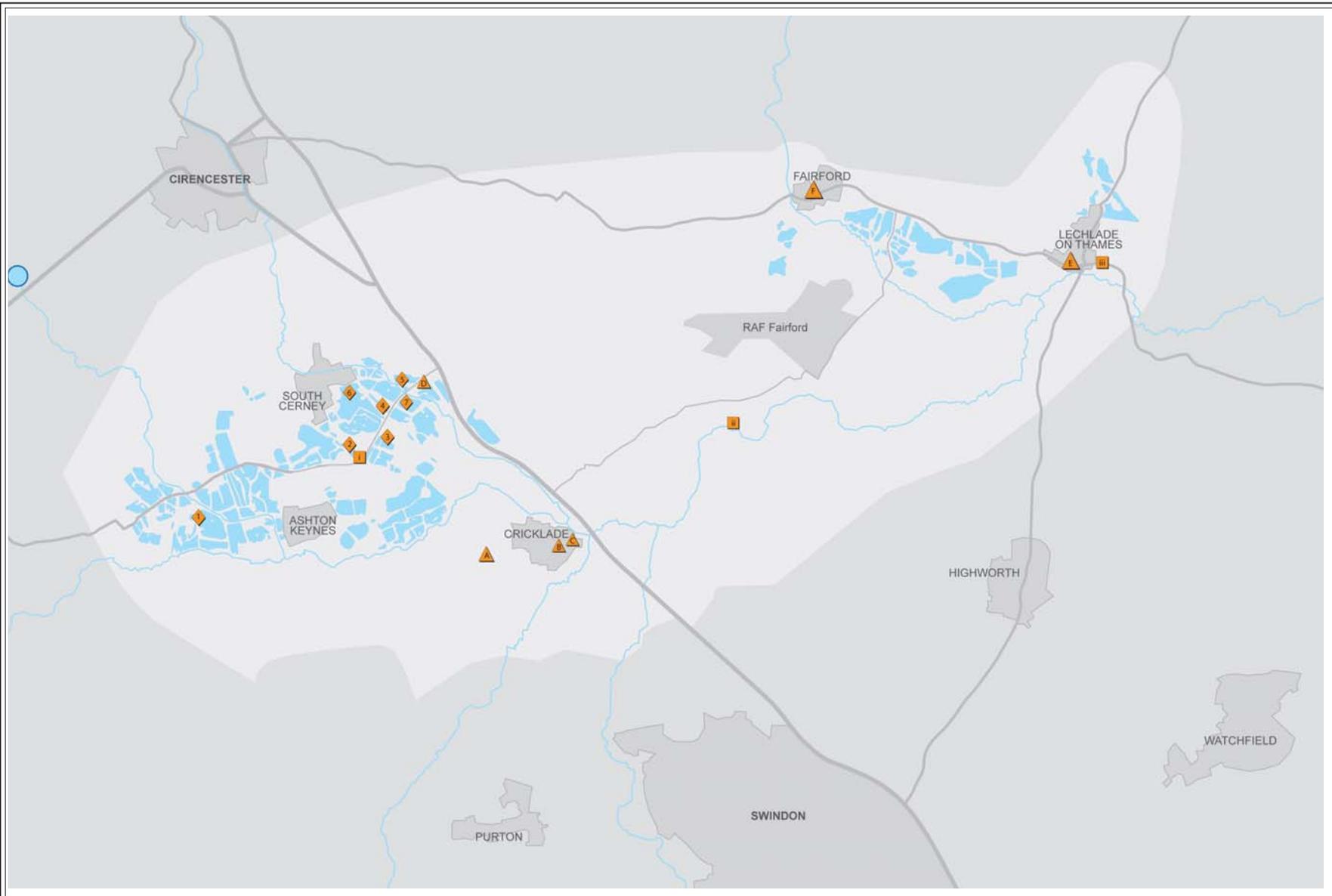
- Sport facility potential yet to be realised.
- Low level of sporting activities for general public - 'Pay and play'.
- Opportunities for other sports to utilise countryside character.
- Potential for 'signature' sports developments.

Leisure/Recreation

- Existing network of facilities spatially disparate and not interlinked.
- Incomplete leisure routes network.
- Recognised growth potential, but needs to be appropriate to the countryside character.

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Map S2.7
Sport, Leisure, Recreation



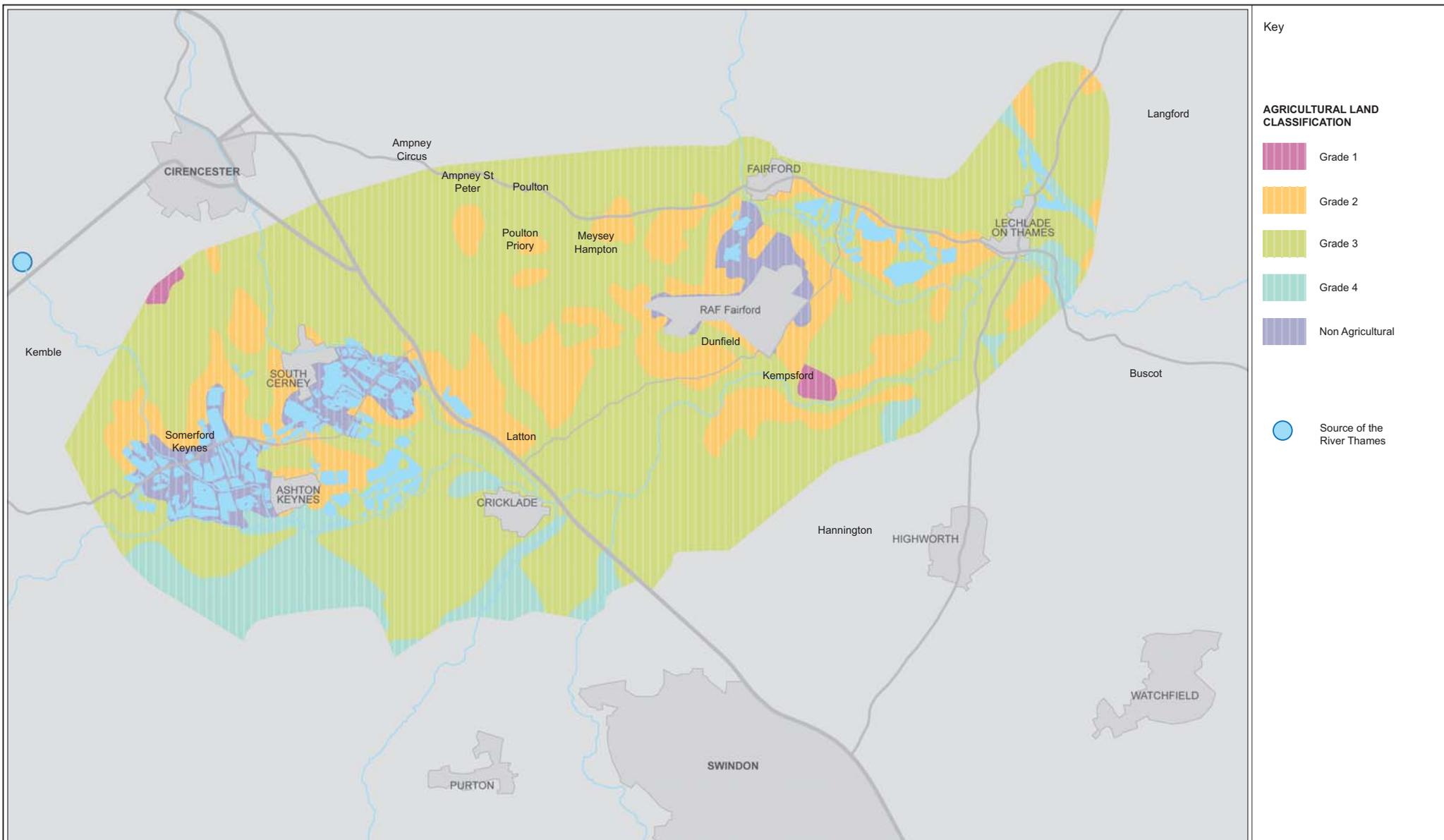
- Key**
- ◆ Self-Catering Sites > 4 units
 - ▲ Serviced Accommodation Sites > 9 bedrooms
 - Camping & Caravanning Sites
 - Source of the River Thames
- Self-catering**
- 1 Lower Mill Estate
 - 2 Hoburne Holiday Park
 - 3 Lake Pochard
 - 4, 5, 6, 7 Watermark
- Camping & Caravan Sites**
- i Hoburne Holiday Park
 - ii Second Chance Touring Park
 - iii Bridge House Touring Park
- Serviced Accommodation**
- A Cricklade Hotel & Country Club
 - B The White Hart
 - C The Vale Hotel
 - D Four Pillars Cotswold Hotel
 - E New Inn Hotel
 - F Bull Hotel

Tourism

- A high level of recent and planned development is increasing accommodation capacity.
- Much of the development is based on second homes which is perceived as 'tourism' development.
- Other development areas (leisure, sport and biodiversity) will create new opportunities to explore/exploit other markets.
- Family-fun, sport and recreation, wildlife tourism to be the key themes.
- Other niche opportunities are possible.

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Map S2.8
Existing Tourism
Accommodation



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AGRICULTURAL LAND CLASSIFICATION

- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Non Agricultural

Source of the River Thames

Agriculture

- Agriculture will continue to play a significant role in CWP, particularly in relation to the stewardship of the environment.
- This particularly relates to environmental conservation - higher level stewardship and agri-environment schemes.

Diversification

- There is also the potential for crop and non-crop diversification.
- Non-crop - in principle potential for diversification into tourism, leisure, small-scale business premises.

- Crop - there is potential for ethical and environmentally sound produce; for fish farming (subject to controls); and biomass for bio-fuels to be consumed locally (lowering carbon footprint).

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Map S2.9
Agriculture

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