

Area 14: Old Bursledon



Description

4.201 The essential characteristics of the area are the undulating and infolded landform with sunken tree lined lanes along which are spread large houses in substantial verdant grounds. There are small areas of pasture and woodland, and the lanes link to the rambling village of Bursledon, with its predominance of old buildings in weathered red brick and views across the Hamble. The area is sharply defined by Mallards Moor Copse, by Lowford and by the railway along the coastal edge.

Historic Features

4.202 A strand of old settlement related to the boat building industry links Bursledon with the lanes running down to the edge of the Hamble River. Outside the village much of the area has grown up as piecemeal settlement of commons.

4.203 The Old Bursledon conservation area was designated in 1982 and has been extended from it's original extents. Old Bursledon has a rich history and this is examined further in the Old Bursledon Conservation Area Appraisal SPD <http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/planning--building-control/conservation-and-heritage/conservation-areas.aspx>

HCC Historic landscape types;

4.204 Historic landscapes types in this area are:

4.1 Assorted pre-1810 woodland

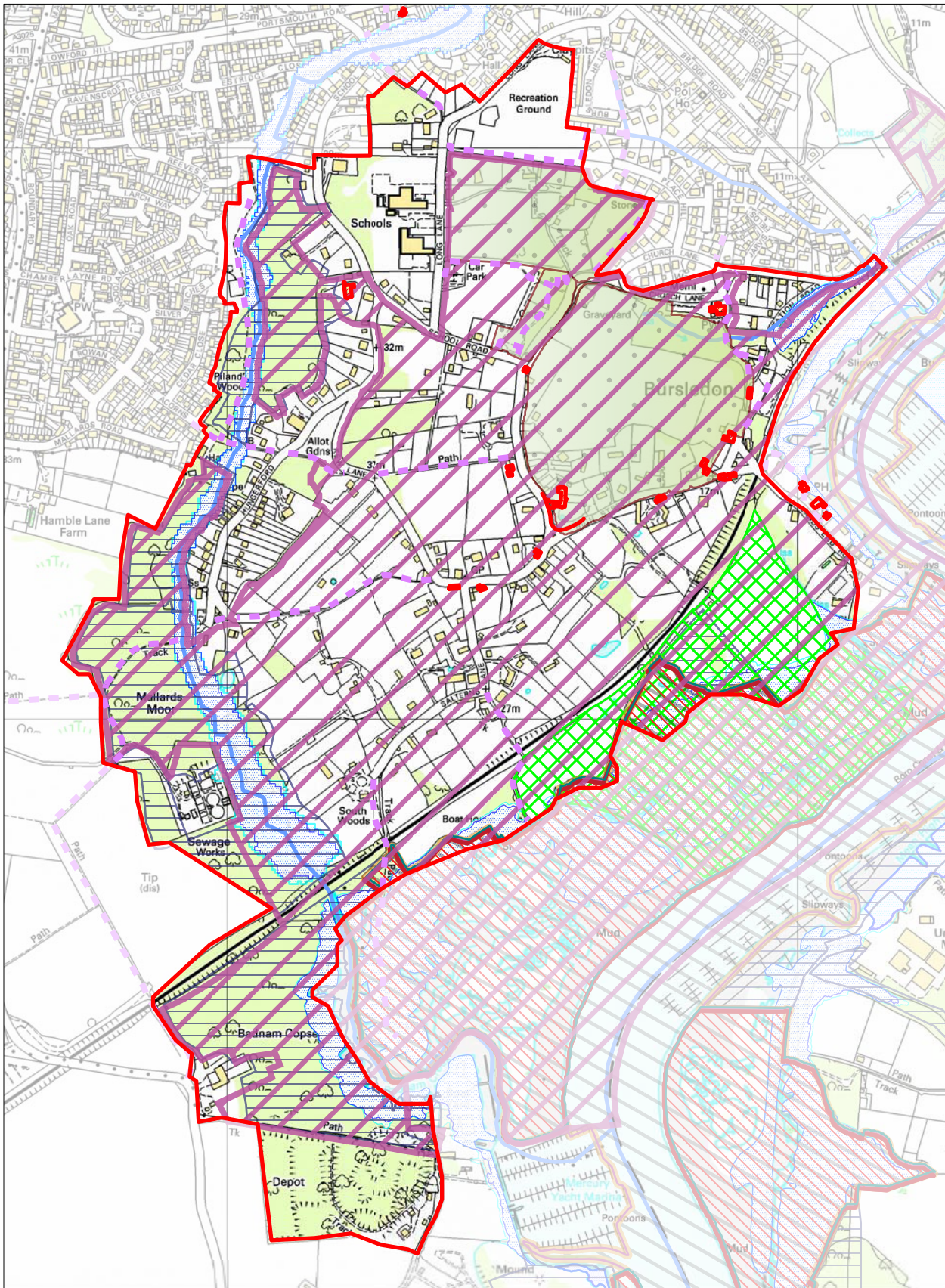
9.2 Scattered settlement with paddocks (post 1810 extent)

9.7 Village or hamlet 1810 extent

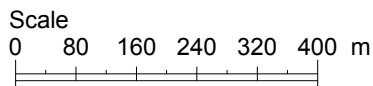


Figure 35. View from lookout off High Street, Bursledon















Designations and Constraints



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Key for Designation & Constraints:

	Character Area Boundary		Main River
	Area designated Ramsar, SPA* & SSSI Area		Floodzone 2
	SAC - Special Area of Conservation		Floodzone 3
	SSSI - Site of Special Scientific Interest		Right of Way
	SINC - Site of Important Nature Conservation		
	LNR - Local Nature Reserve		
	Historic Parks and Gardens		
	Conservation Area		
	Scheduled Ancient Monument		
	Listed Building		

*SPA - Special Protection Area

Ecological Features

4.205 The woodland is largely ancient (semi-natural) with some Alder carr. It starts near Lowford and follows the stream course down to Badnum Creek where it adjoins the reed beds and saltmarsh.

Key Characteristics

4.206 The key characteristics for this area are:

- Old cottages and houses in local red brick and roofing materials
- Steep narrow winding lanes linking dispersed settlement
- Large detached houses with substantial wooded gardens away from village centre
- Small copses and hedgerows dividing up fields on higher ground
- Views across the river Hamble

Landscape Type

4.207 Landscape types as set out in the Hampshire County Council Integrated Character Assessment 2011 for this area are:

- Lowland Mosaic, Heath Associated
- Coastal Reclaimed and Grazing Marsh

Landscape Character

4.208 This area has a rural settlement rather than a countryside character, but there are few detractors. It is one of the most distinctive areas in the borough with wildlife and amenity value.

Visual Sensitivity

4.209 Distinctive landform and vegetation create a varied mosaic giving an overall effect of short range visibility. However a number of locations have significant views across this character area towards the River Hamble



Figure 36. View from the recreation ground to Bursledon Windmill in Area 11



Figure 37. Panorama view across Badnam Creek

Key Issues

4.210 The key issues for this area are:

- Managing the built-environment to enhance the landscape character
- Protecting the steep, shaded character of the winding lanes
- Development pressure to alter the wooded character, within the curtilage of houses
- Managing/maintaining the contrast between the open character of the fields and the enclosed landscape around the houses
- Securing long term management of field boundaries, small copses and woodlands
- Balancing the need to provide access to views of the River Hamble with maintaining the landscape character



Figure 38. One of the distinctive narrow lanes of Old Bursledon



Figure 37. Panorama view across Badnam Creek