

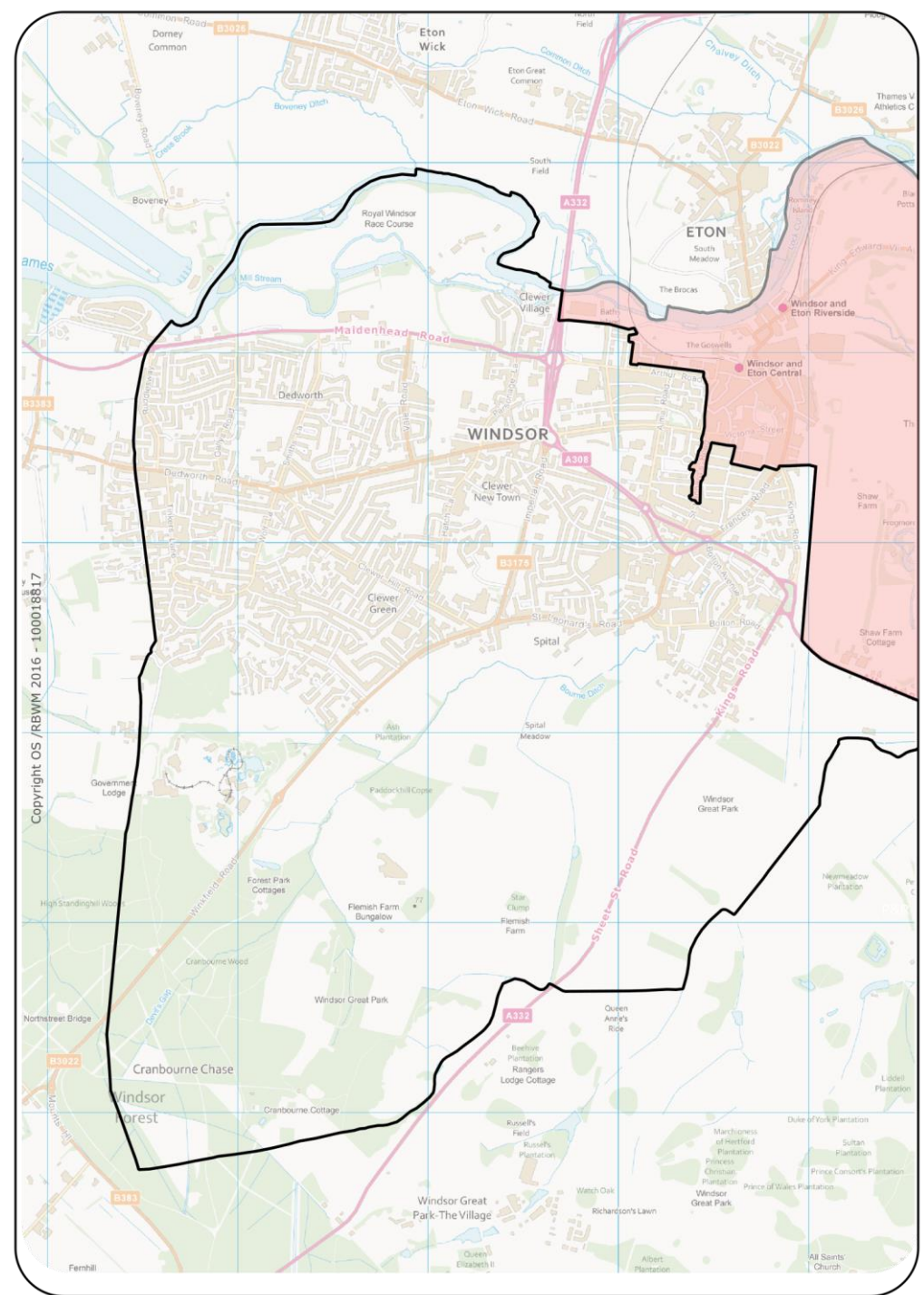
# WINDSOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



# Our Area

WNP Final boundaries determined by Cabinet Decision August 2014 shown within black line.

The pink shaded area shows the separate Central Windsor Neighbourhood Plan Area, known as Windsor 2030



# THE WNP STORY

The journey (a long one!)

- WNP Area and Forum was approved by the Royal Borough in August 2014 (after 2 previous incarnations Windsor and Eton NP in 2011, and Central Windsor NP in 2013)
- 2011/2014-2019 multiple consultations (Exploratory, Main issues, Vision, Options, Pre Submission 1, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Pres-Submission 2, Submission, Examination)
- Feb 2020 Plan approved by independent examiner
- Referendum delayed a year to May 2021 due to COVID.

Lessons Learned

Benefits

# Lessons learned

**PROCESS** Locality Roadmap stages useful. If an SEA needed after first draft do BEFORE the Pre-submission consultation!

**CONSULTATIONS** Step by step consultation approach (6 stages targeting residents, businesses and employees). Start general, then once options are narrowed down become more specific.

**TEAM** Need people with time, interest, desire, determination, willing to learn! Can build gradually. Co-chairs worked for us.

**ANALYSIS & RESEARCH** SWOT analysis to establish issues, constraints, opportunities, and what makes the area special.

Research by Topic Groups and individuals.

**What an NP CAN DO:**

NPs are primarily about LAND USE and WHAT SHOULD GET PLANNING PERMISSION. Other issues (Traffic, highways, major infrastructure) not in scope.

**Cannot stop development,** but allows local influence and can add detail to higher level plans



# Lessons we learned

## **SUPPORT**

We needed Technical support from Locality and AECOM (some free under technical support packages, some paid for), Borough Planning Policy Officer, Training from various sources, Mapping

## **FINANCIAL**

Grants from Central Government via Locality (£22k), RBWM £20k (Total £42K). Never enough!

## **CHALLENGES**

Changing national and Borough local planning policies  
Local politics  
Questionable Borough advice on policies  
Managing the process and volunteers

# Benefits of the WNP

## Community

Some counterweight to the power of developers & centralised Borough decision making. Plan can be added to in future.

## Applicants for planning approval

Greater clarity on what will be acceptable locally, policies, design guides

## Borough Planning Officers and Borough Councillors

Helps their assessment of the application, better decisions.

## Community Area financial benefit

25% of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds arising within the Area, to be spent for the benefit of the Area. Since September 2016 this would have been £425,000 to spend on local priorities (we have yet to see this benefit!)

**Other spin off benefits** Generation of trained residents with knowledge base, effective responses. Other initiatives e.g. Community Land Trust, **Wild Windsor**. One member became a Councillor.

# Successes (or not...)

- Essex Lodge
- Numerous small wins
  
- Some disappointments
- Planning panels



QUESTIONS?



Policies that have worked best so far

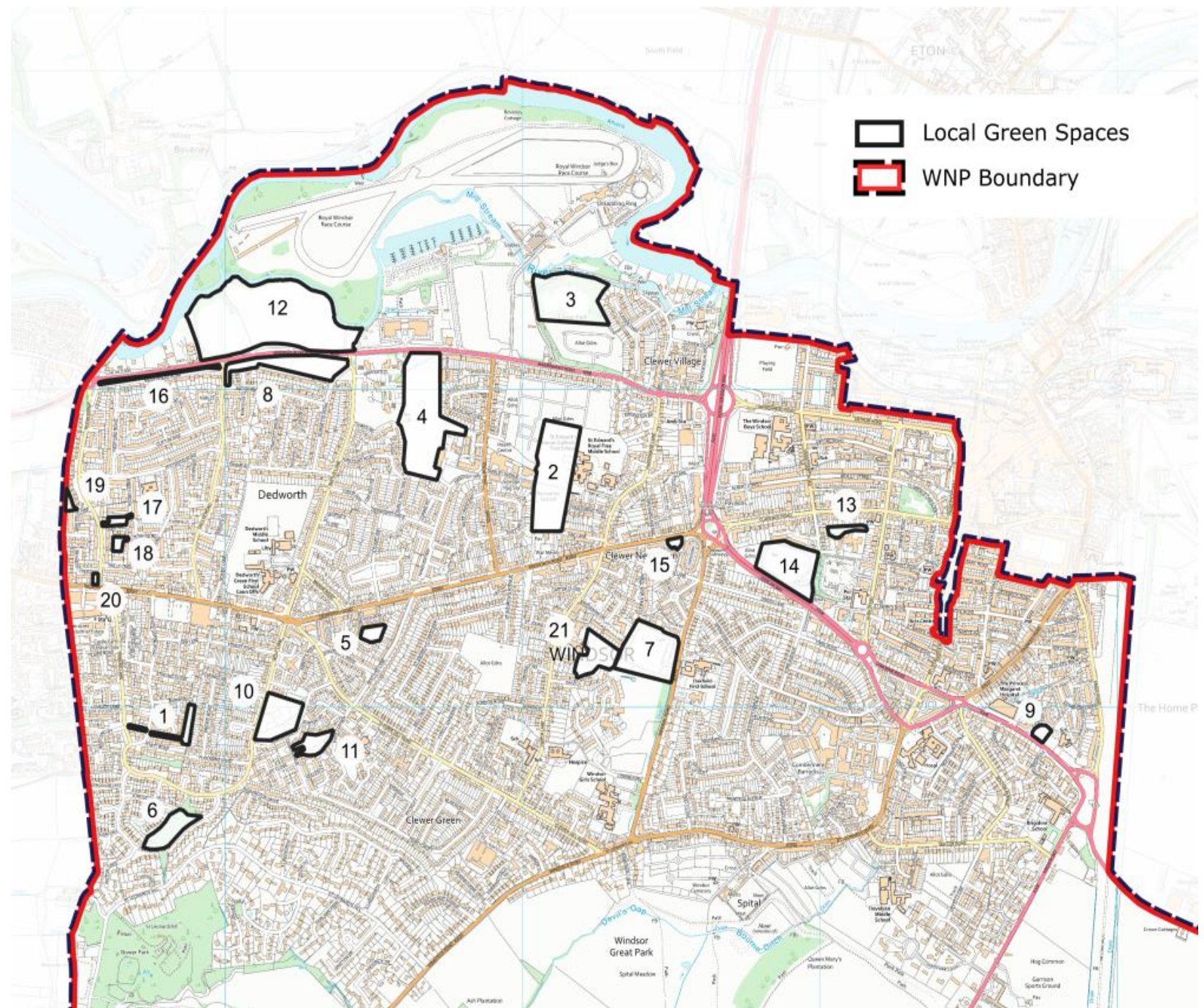
## 5 Key Policy Themes

- Natural Environment and Biodiversity & Open Space
- Appearance (especially Heritage)
- Getting Around
- Housing and Community
- Working and Shopping



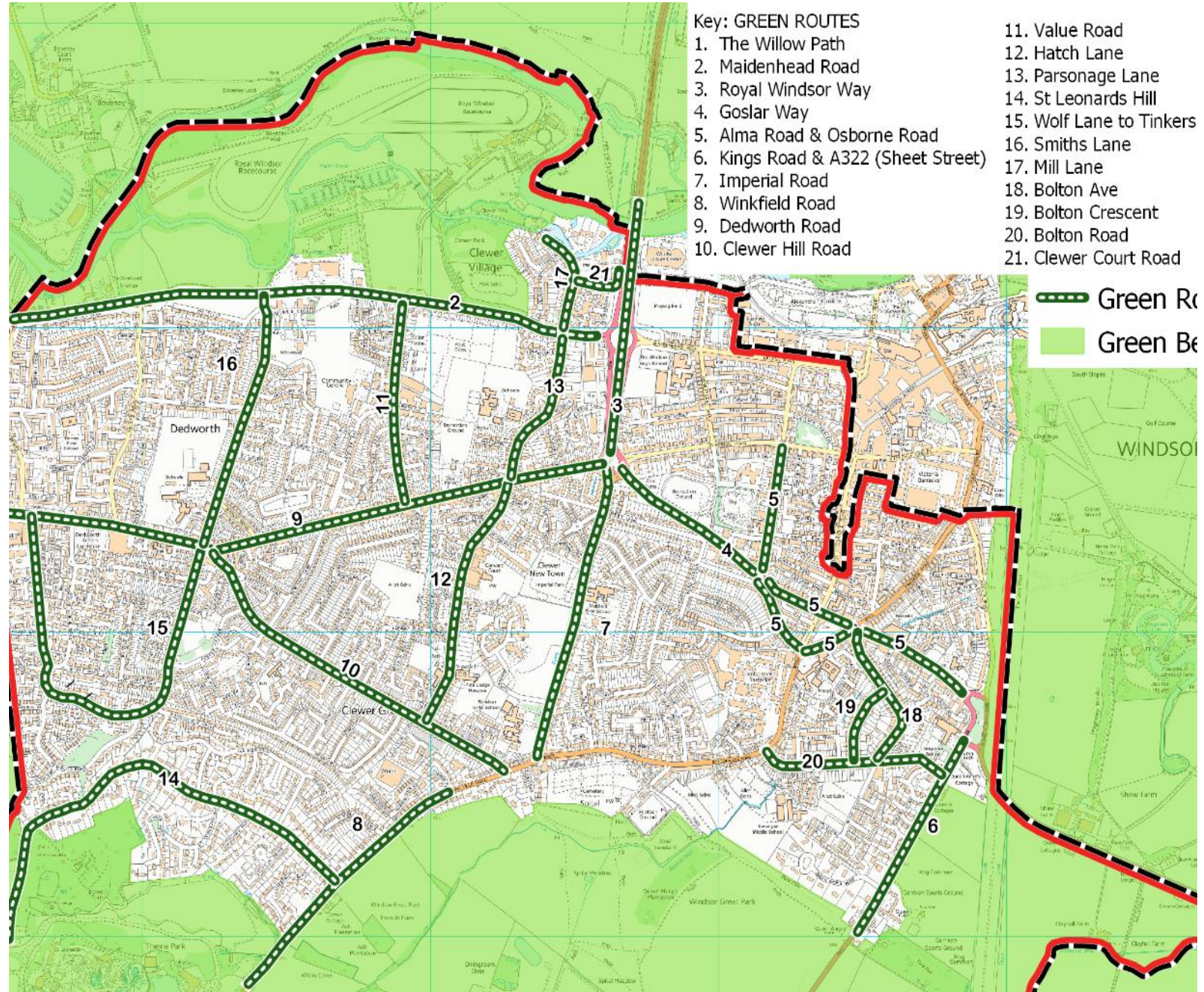
# Nominated Local Green Spaces

Spaces to be designated as “Local Green Spaces”, which will be protected from development in accordance with national policy.



# Green Routes

Where development fronts these routes the provision of green boundary treatments with trees, vegetation and soft landscaping.... will be supported



# Appearance Policies

## Heritage Character Design Views

Non-Designated Heritage Assets Local List (NDHA)  
in association with the Windsor & Eton Society

Design Guides, including

- General Design Guide
- 7 Area Design Guides (for Areas of Special Character)
- Parking Design
- Shop Front design

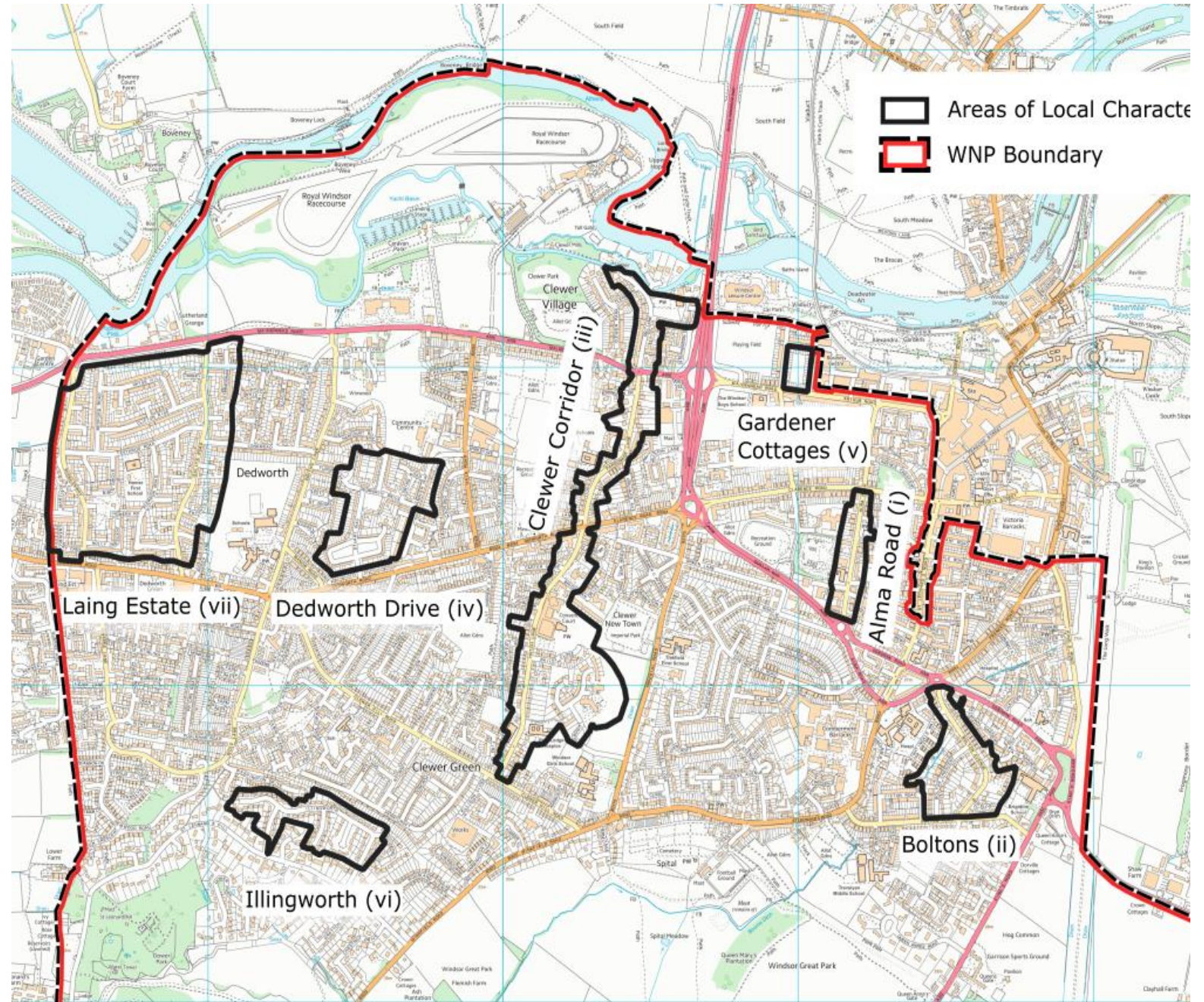
Key Views



# Design Guide

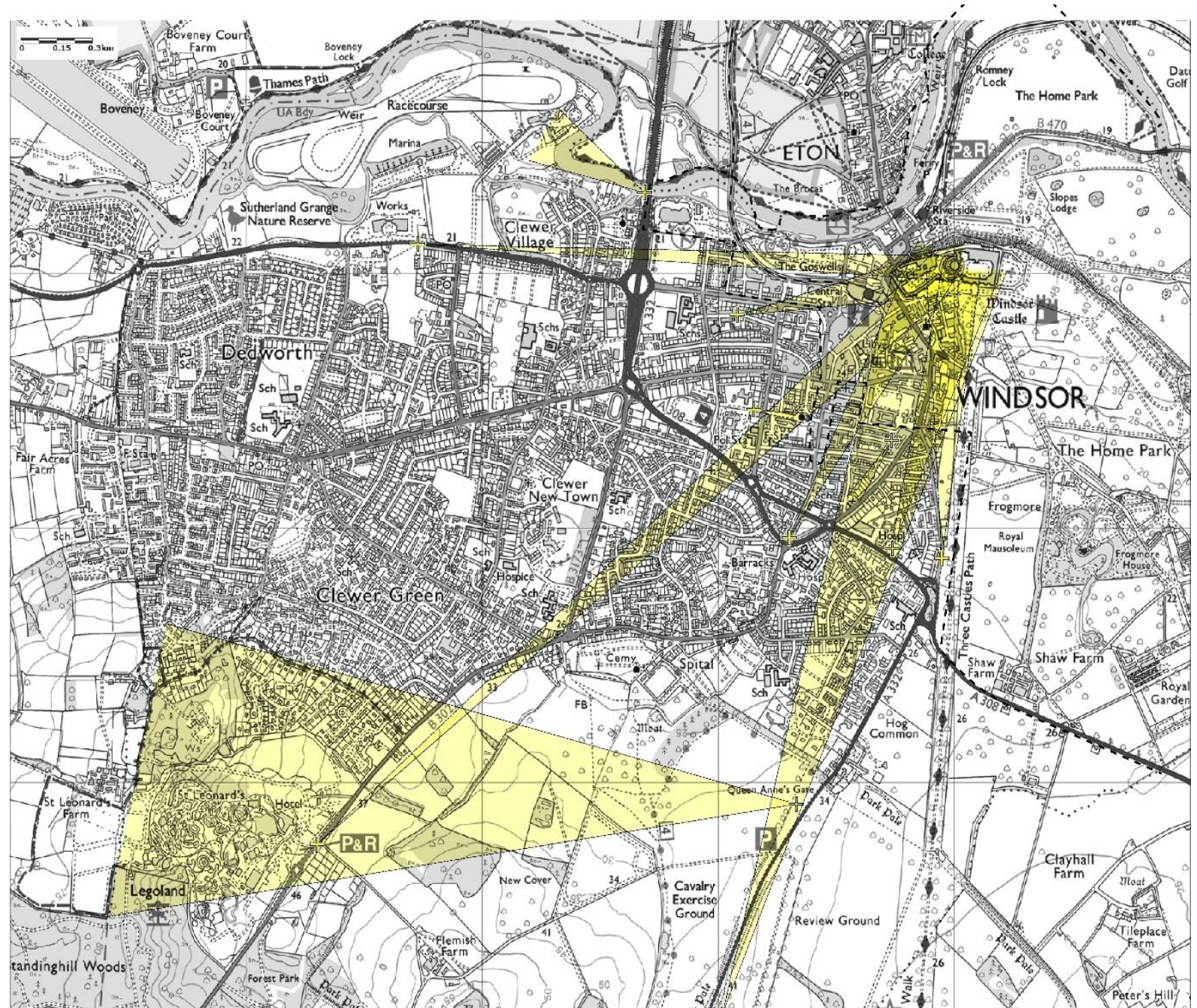
Proposals for development should demonstrate how they have taken account of design guidance, including the Windsor NP Design Guide.

Development affecting any of the seven areas identified on Map 10 should also demonstrate how they have taken into account the relevant NP Area Design Guide.



# Key Views

Development proposals must respect the Designated Views and Viewing Corridors listed below and identified on Map



# Housing and Community

No specific allocation of housing sites

Encouragement to provide adequate residential amenity facilities (gardens/amenity space/bins and bike storage)



THANK YOU