

Biodiversity Scope

 The development of the CWP will be orientated towards meeting and exceeding biodiversity targets, making the CWP an exemplar for habitat creation, intervention and management.

Rationale

 The BAP for the CWP provides a framework outlining considerable biodiversity potential, utilising the developing environmental landscape for new and appropriate habitat creation.

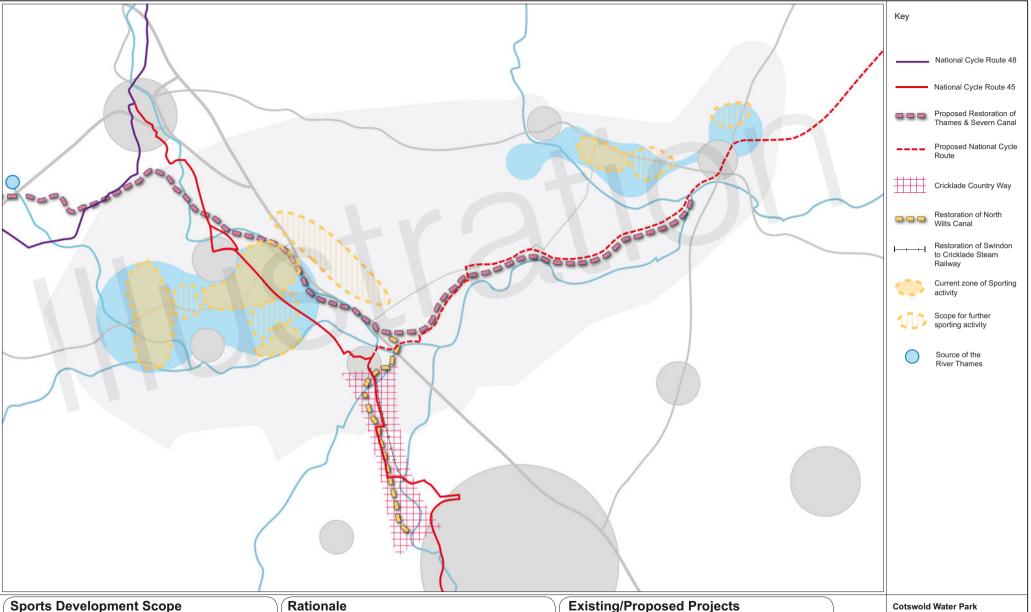
Key Projects

- WWT Lower Moor Farm/Clattinger Farm.
- Thames & Severn Canal developments.
- Cricklade Country Way.
- Cleveland Lakes/Rowing Centre.
- RSPB Reserve Proposal.

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Map S3.1 Core Priority Driver: Biodiversity Corridor

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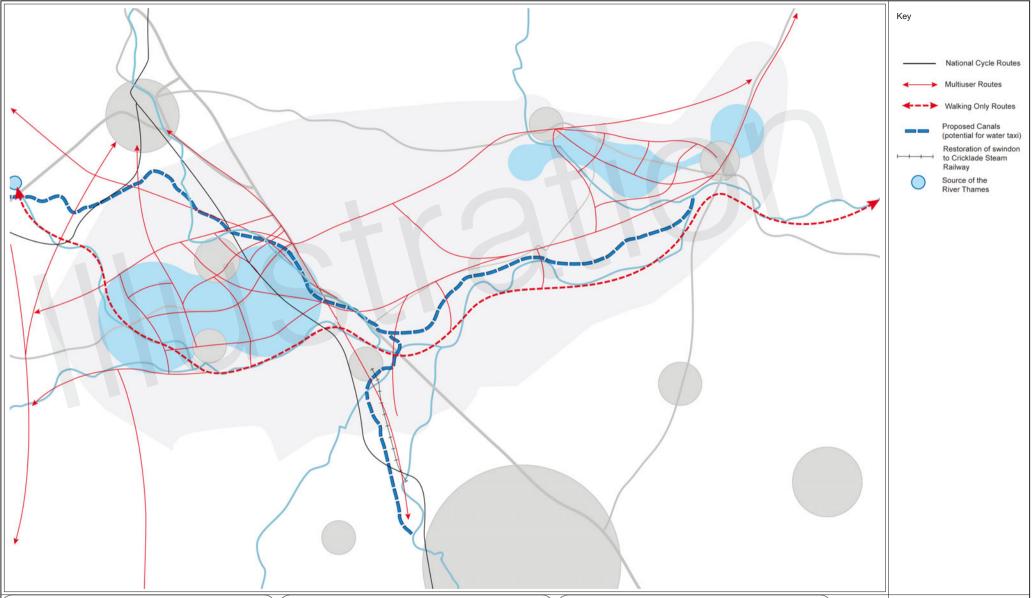
- The CWP has the scope to include further sports facilities, consisting of a high level of water sports and some land-based sports.
- · Some of these facilities could be of a national and even international standard.

· The availability and continued creation of a high level of lakes provides an opportunity to deliver high-ranking sports facility provision within the CWP.

- · Cleveland Lakes Water Sports Centre.
- · Potential for a National Angling Centre (outline proposition only at present).
- The Thames & Severn Canal & CCW could be utilised for other informal sports (canoeing/kayaking/running/triathlon).

Map S3.2 Core Priority Driver: Sport (with leisure and recreation routes)

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Leisure Network Scope

- The leisure network is to become fully integrated, connecting settlements and points of interest.
- The network is to support a variety of users, though separate routing may be required to better satisfy needs.

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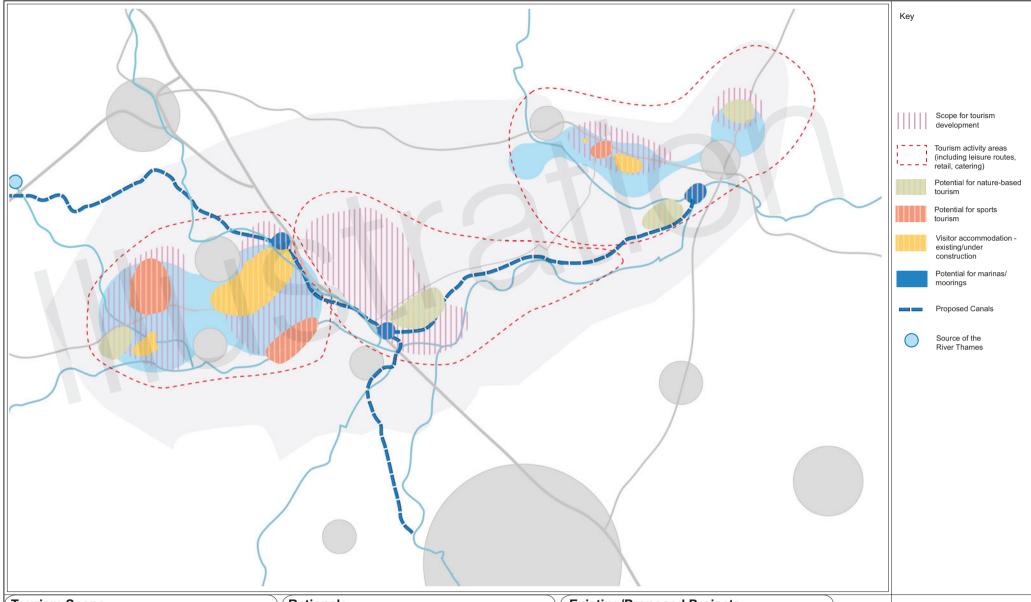
- Walking, cycling and horse riding represent some of the most popular leisure and recreation activities.
- The basis of a leisure network already exists in parts, but this needs further development to satisfy potential.

Existing/Proposed Projects

- The Thames & Severn and North Wilts Canal restoration project.
- National Route 45 (existing) and 57 (proposed).
- The Western Spine Road Cycle Path
- Two quiet lanes.

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Map S3.3 Core Priority Driver: Visionary Leisure Network



Tourism Scope

- Tourism development is to support and have synergy with other aspects of the CWP (leisure, sport, biodiversity).
- Scope for new accommodation to match new and niche markets (moorings, B&Bs, eco-lodges, camping and caravan sites).

Rationale

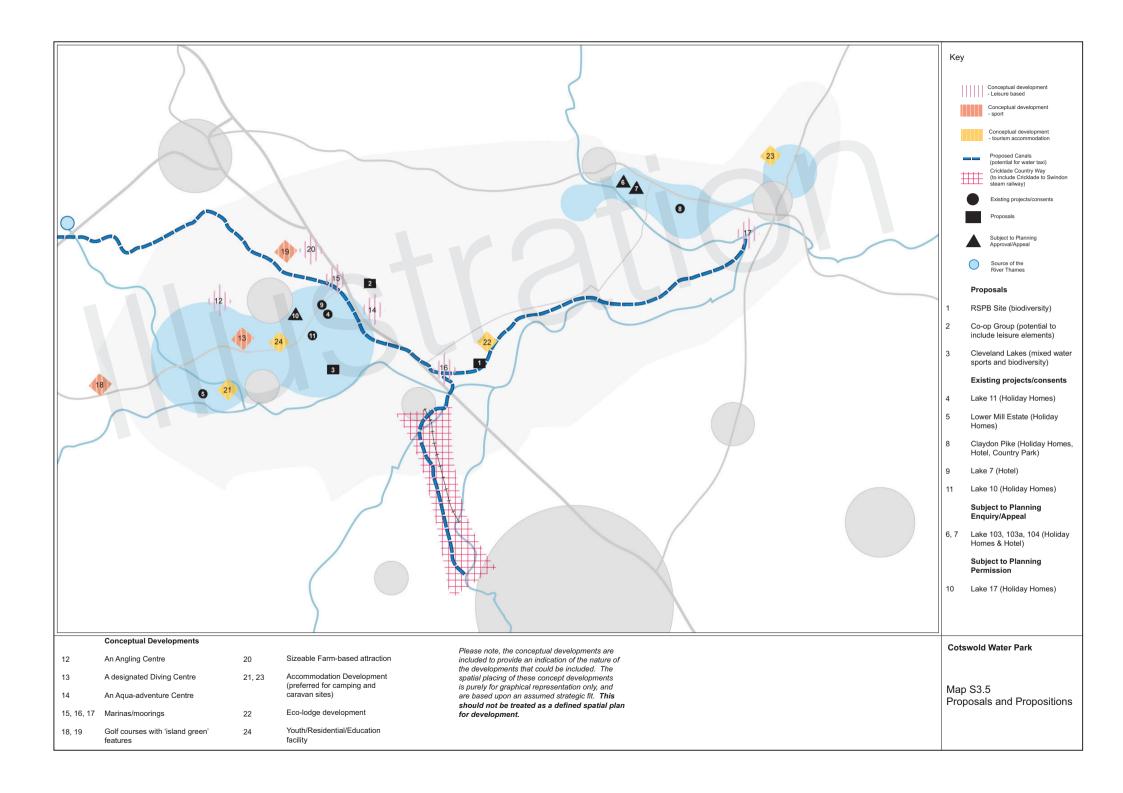
- The proposed growth in other areas (biodiversity, sport, leisure) will lead to further tourism interest both on day visits and overnight visits.
- Therefore, there is likely to be commercial opportunities to support visitor interest in the CWP.

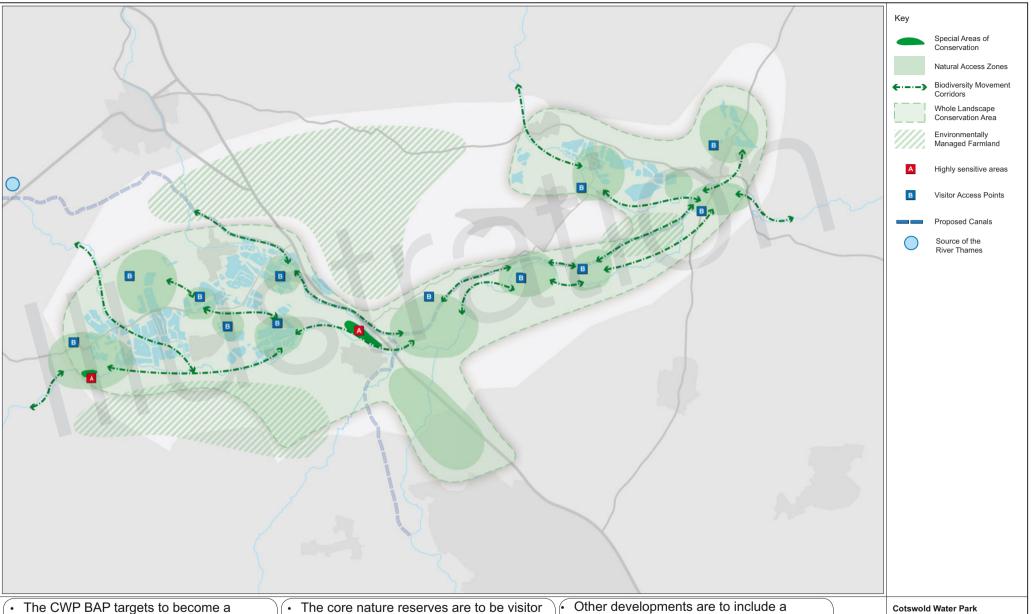
Existing/Proposed Projects

- Likely increase in self-catering capacity as a result of new holiday homes currently being developed.
- The Co-op Group are understood to be considering tourism and leisure components in its development plans.

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Map S3.4 Core Priority Driver: Tourism

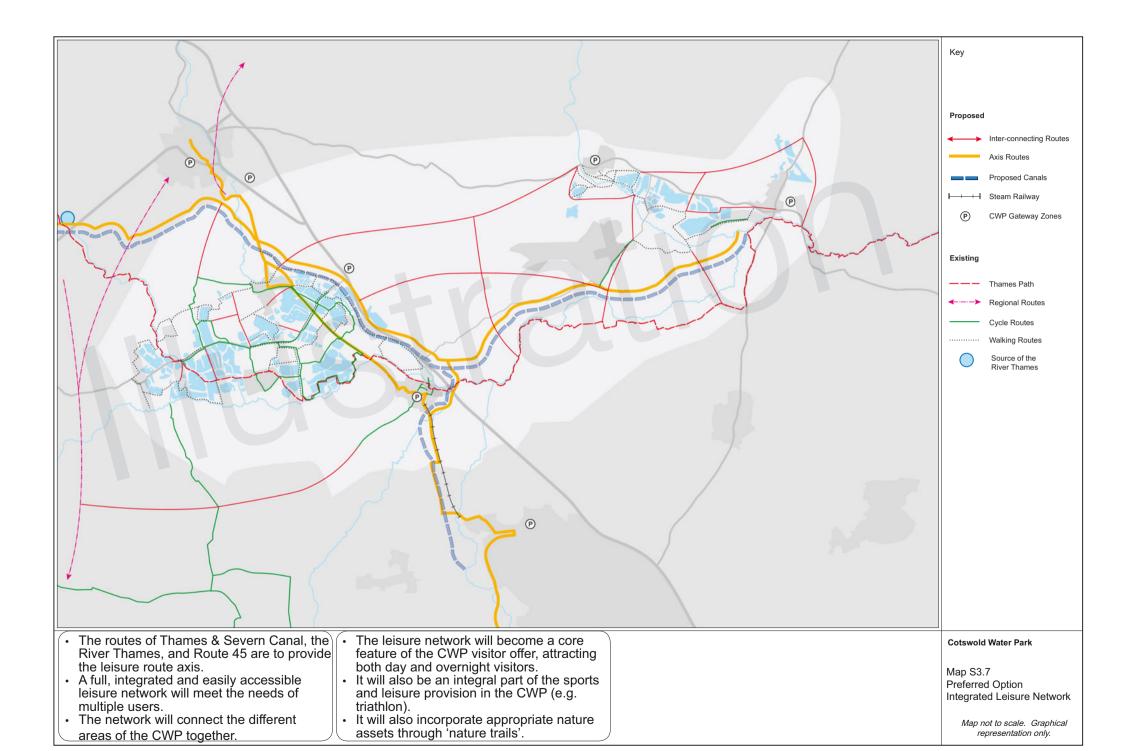


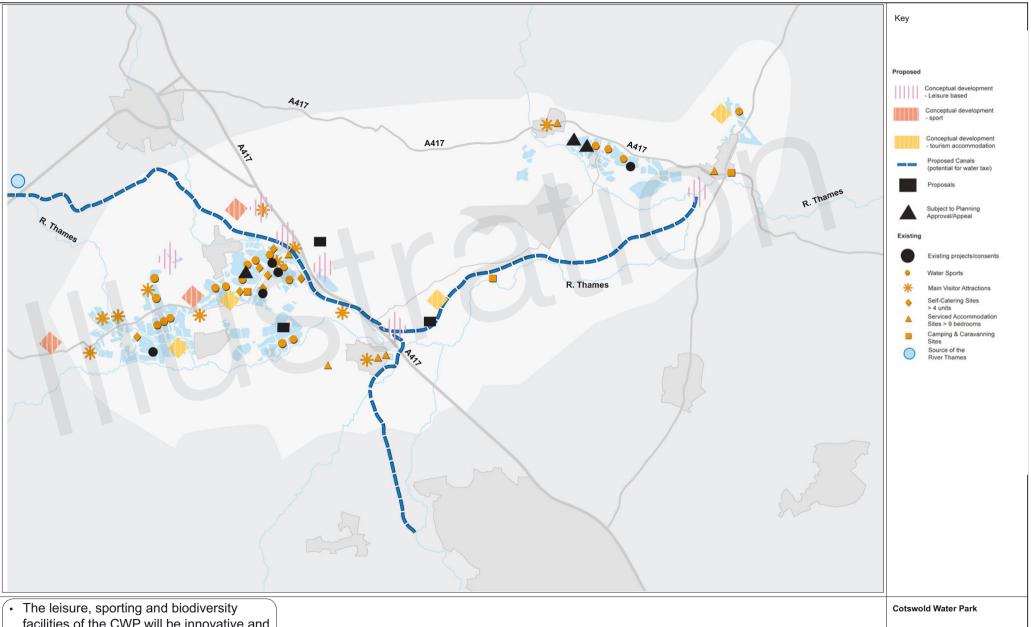


- realistic proposition through a multitude of reserves.
- Reserves are to be linked via nature corridors to encourage the natural movement of species around the area.
- The core nature reserves are to be visitor orientated.
- A potential flagship tourism feature could be intertwined with biodiversity (e.g. ecolodges).
- Visitor behaviour is to be managed through information and special protection for most sensitive sites.
- Other developments are to include a biodiversity remit where applicable.
- Biodiversity is to become synonymous with the countryside character of the CWP, including within settlements where appropriate.

Map S3.6 Preferred Option **Biodiversity Corridor**

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- facilities of the CWP will be innovative and of a high quality.
- As a result, the CWP becomes established as a tourism destination in its own right.

Map S3.8 Preferred Option Tourism, Leisure & Sports Facilities

