

## CPERC GIS Metadata, March 2026

### Designated Sites

Dataset Title	Dataset Custodianship	Description	Geographical Coverage	Last Updated	Use Constraint	Data Type
City Wildlife Sites (CiWS)	CPERC on behalf of Local Sites Partnership	Inventory of City Wildlife Sites within the Cambridge City administrative area	Cambridge City	2025	Released through data request procedure or under licence.	Vector
County Wildlife Sites (CWS)	CPERC on behalf of Local Sites Partnership	Inventory of County Wildlife Sites in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	2025	Released through data request procedure or under licence.	Vector
Local Geological Sites (LGS)	CPERC on behalf of Local Sites Partnership	Inventory of Local Geological Sites in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	2025	Released through data request procedure or under licence.	Vector
candidate Local Geological Sites (cLGS)	CPERC on behalf of Local Sites Partnership	Inventory of candidate Local Geological Sites in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	2025	Released through data request procedure or under licence.	Vector
Protected Road Verges (PRV)	Cambridgeshire County Council	Inventory of Protected Road Verges in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	2021	Released through data request procedure.	Vector
Local Nature Reserves (LNR)	Natural England	This is a spatial dataset that describes the geographic extent and location of Local Nature Reserve (LNR) Sites. LNR is a statutory designation made under Section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 by principal local authorities.	England	2025	Open Government Licence. CPERC can release information on these sites through its data request procedure.	Vector
National Nature Reserves (NNR)	Natural England	This is a spatial dataset that describes the geographic extent and location of National Nature Reserve (NNR) Sites. A NNR is land as declared under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 or Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981), as amended.	England	2025	Open Government Licence. CPERC can release information on these sites through its data request procedure.	Vector

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RAMSAR	Natural England	This is a spatial dataset that describes the geographic extent and location of Ramsar Sites. A Ramsar site is land as listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance.	England	2025	Open Government Licence. CPERC can release information on these sites through its data request procedure.	Vector
Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	Natural England	This is a spatial dataset that describes the geographic extent and location of SACs. A Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is land as designated under Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora.	England	2025	Open Government Licence. CPERC can release information on these sites through its data request procedure.	Vector
Special Protection Area (SPA)	Natural England	This is a spatial dataset that describes the geographic extent and location of SPA Sites. A Special Protection Area (SPA) is land as classified under Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds.	England	2025	Open Government Licence. CPERC can release information on these sites through its data request procedure.	Vector
Special Sites of Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Natural England	This is a spatial dataset that describes the geographic extent and location of Special Sites of Scientific Interest (SSSIs). SSSIs were originally set up by the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, but the current legal framework for SSSIs is provided in England and Wales by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.	England	2025	Open Government Licence. CPERC can release information on these sites through its data request procedure.	Vector
Special Sites of Scientific Interest Units (SSSI Units)	Natural England	Sites of Special Scientific Interest Site Units are divisions of SSSIs based on habitat, tenure and management, and are the basis for recording all information on SSSI Condition and management.	England	2025	Open Government Licence	Vector

## Habitats

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Phase 1 1990s Habitats	CPERC	Digitised Phase 1 mapping for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough derived from 1990s Phase 1 maps.	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	2026	Information from this layer may be provided on request at CPERC's discretion.	Vector
CPERC Broad Habitats	CPERC	Broad habitats digitised using aerial photography interpretation and OS Mastermap. Long term project still on-going.	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	2026	Dataset currently incomplete but information from this layer may be provided on request at CPERC's discretion.	Vector
CPERC Master Orchard layer	CPERC	Inventory of all orchard sites in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with the primary aim of mapping Traditional Orchard BAP Priority Habitat.	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	2023	Dataset currently incomplete but information from this layer may be provided on request at CPERC's discretion.	Vector
Wildlife Trust County Habitat Survey	Wildlife Trust BCN/CPERC	Habitat polygons derived from on the ground surveys carried out using UKHab classification between 2023 and 2025.	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	2025	Dataset currently incomplete but information from this layer may be provided on request at CPERC's discretion.	Vector
Ancient Woodland and Wood Pasture	Natural England	This is a spatial dataset that describes the geographic extent and location of ancient woodland habitat in England (excluding the Isles of Scilly). Ancient woodland is land that has had a continuous woodland cover since at least 1600 AD.	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	2025	Open Government Licence	Vector

## Other

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National Character Areas (NCAs)	Natural England	National Character Areas are broad divisions of landscape which form the basic units of cohesive countryside character, on which strategies for both ecological and landscape issues can be based. The Character Area framework is used to describe and shape objectives for the countryside, its planning and management.	England	2024	Open Government Licence	Vector
Important Invertebrate Areas (IIAs)	Buglife	Important Invertebrate Areas (IIAs) are places that are home to nationally or internationally significant invertebrate populations and their habitats.	England	2025	licensed under the terms of Creative Commons Attribution CC-BY4.	Vector
Important Plant Areas (IPAs)	Plantlife International	Important Plant Areas (IPAs) are places of international significance for plant diversity. Plantlife International leads the global programme to identify IPAs, using internationally agreed criteria. The conservation of the UK's 165 IPAs directly supports the UK's contribution to the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, as outlined in Plant Diversity Challenge.	England	2026	subject to Plantlife International End User Licence Agreement.	Vector
WTBCN Reserves	Wildlife Trust BCN	Inventory of Wildlife Trust Reserve boundaries.	Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire	2026	WTBCN must be contacted directly for info	Vector
Watsonian Vice County Boundaries	Biological Records Centre	Vice-county boundaries were originally defined by H.C. Watson in 1852. Many biological recording schemes still use the vice-county boundaries, which have remained unchanged and therefore provide a stable way of grouping county records, rather than the modern county boundaries, which are subject to revision.	Vice Counties 29, 31 and 32	2026	subject to Biological Records Centre End User Licence Agreement.	Vector