



# **PATH TO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

**Biodiversity in decision making**

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# Babergh & Mid Suffolk

- **600** square miles
- **18%** tree coverage
  - **53000** tonnes removed
  - **1.3m** tonnes stored
  - **5m** cubic metres rainwater drained
- **900** hectares existing accessible open space
- **233** hectares amenity green space
- **119** hectares churchyard/cemetery green space
- **2030** net zero aim
- **1140** council owned assets with book value £45m
- **880** of which are categorised countryside/open space

# Strategic Context

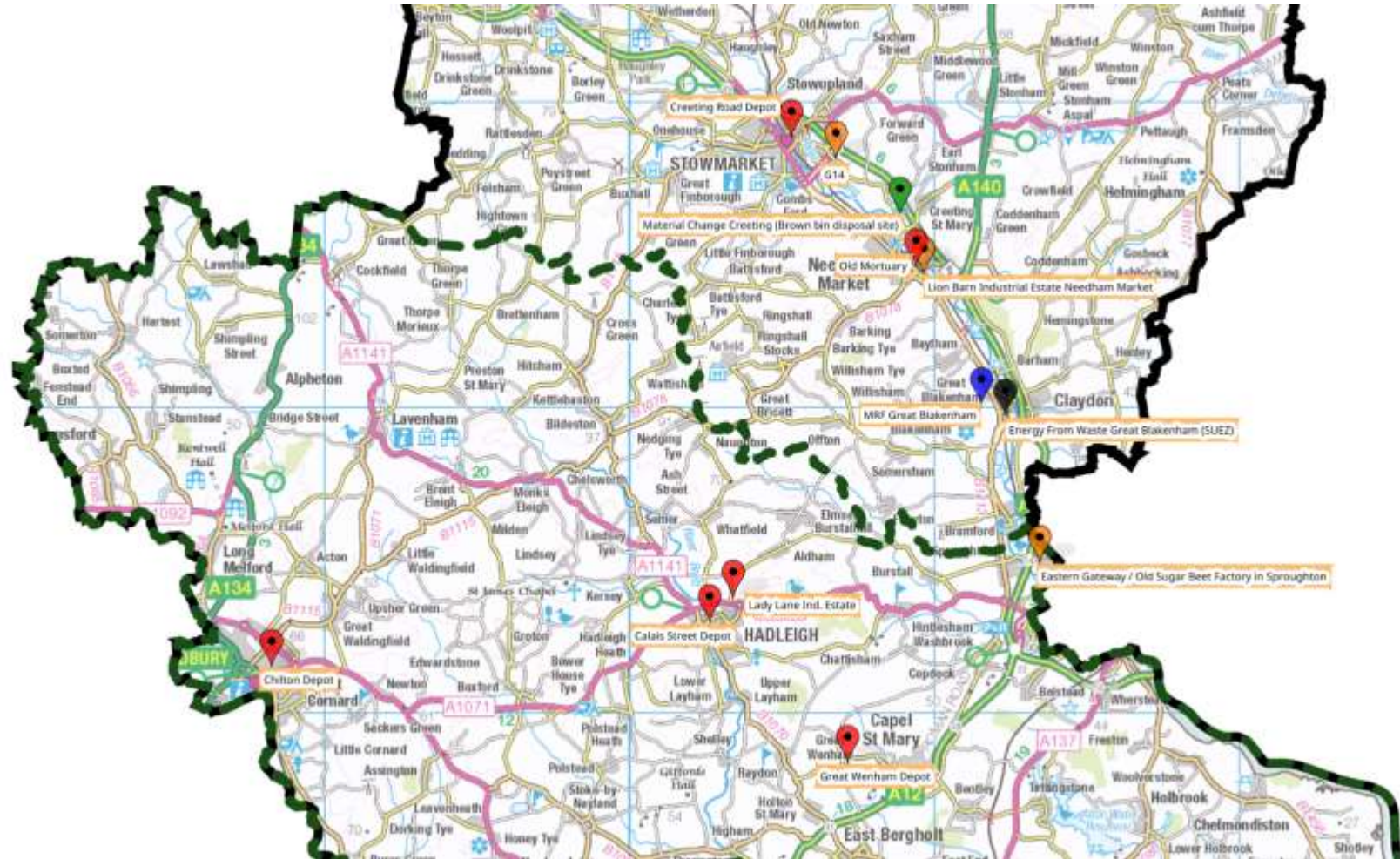
- Corporate Outcomes
- Service planning – one organisational approach
- BMSDC declared Climate & Biodiversity emergencies in July 2019
- Carbon Reduction Plan adopted August 2020 & Biodiversity Action Plan adopted January 2021
- Strategic Asset Management Plan adopted January 2021





# Asset Management Challenge

- Traditional asset management – use, sell, redevelop
- DEPOT position existing vs need
- What is the potential to enhance these sites and enhance BNG



**It used to be easy...**

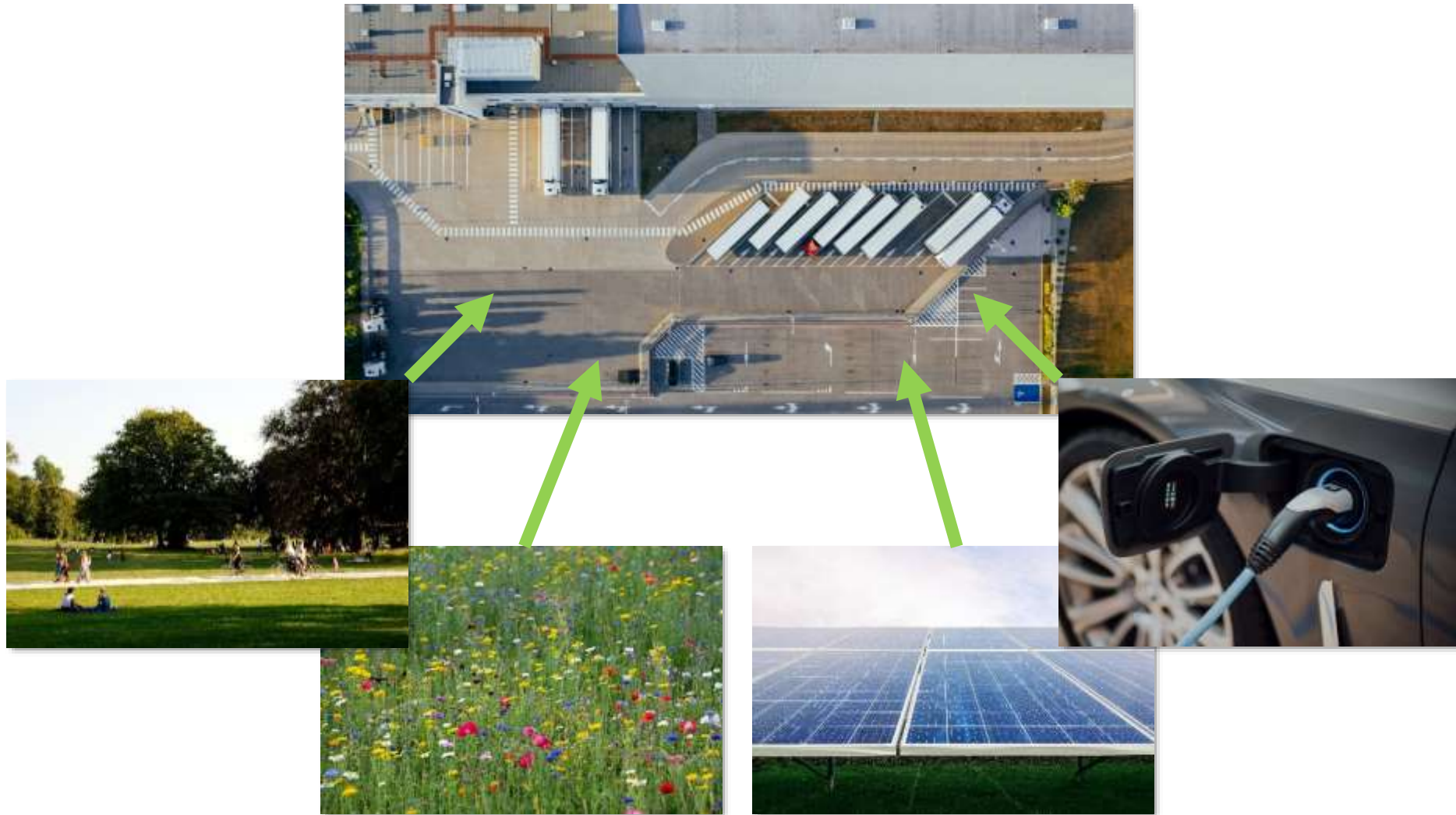




**...but now we need to think about:**



# The solution...







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