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IDBs in England

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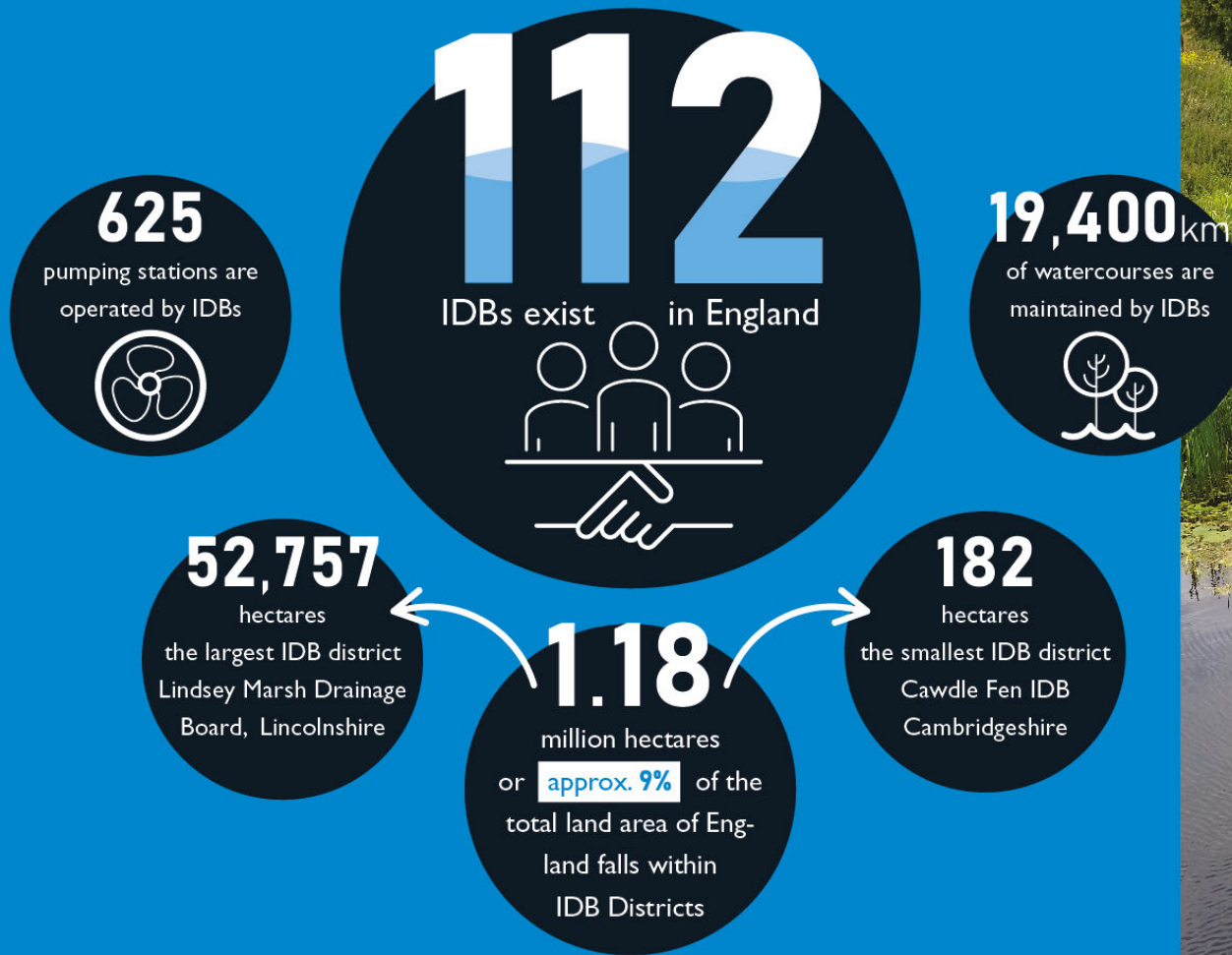


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INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS (IDBs)

Figures taken from annual data returns (IDB) Forms submitted by IDBs to Defra for the financial year 2017-18

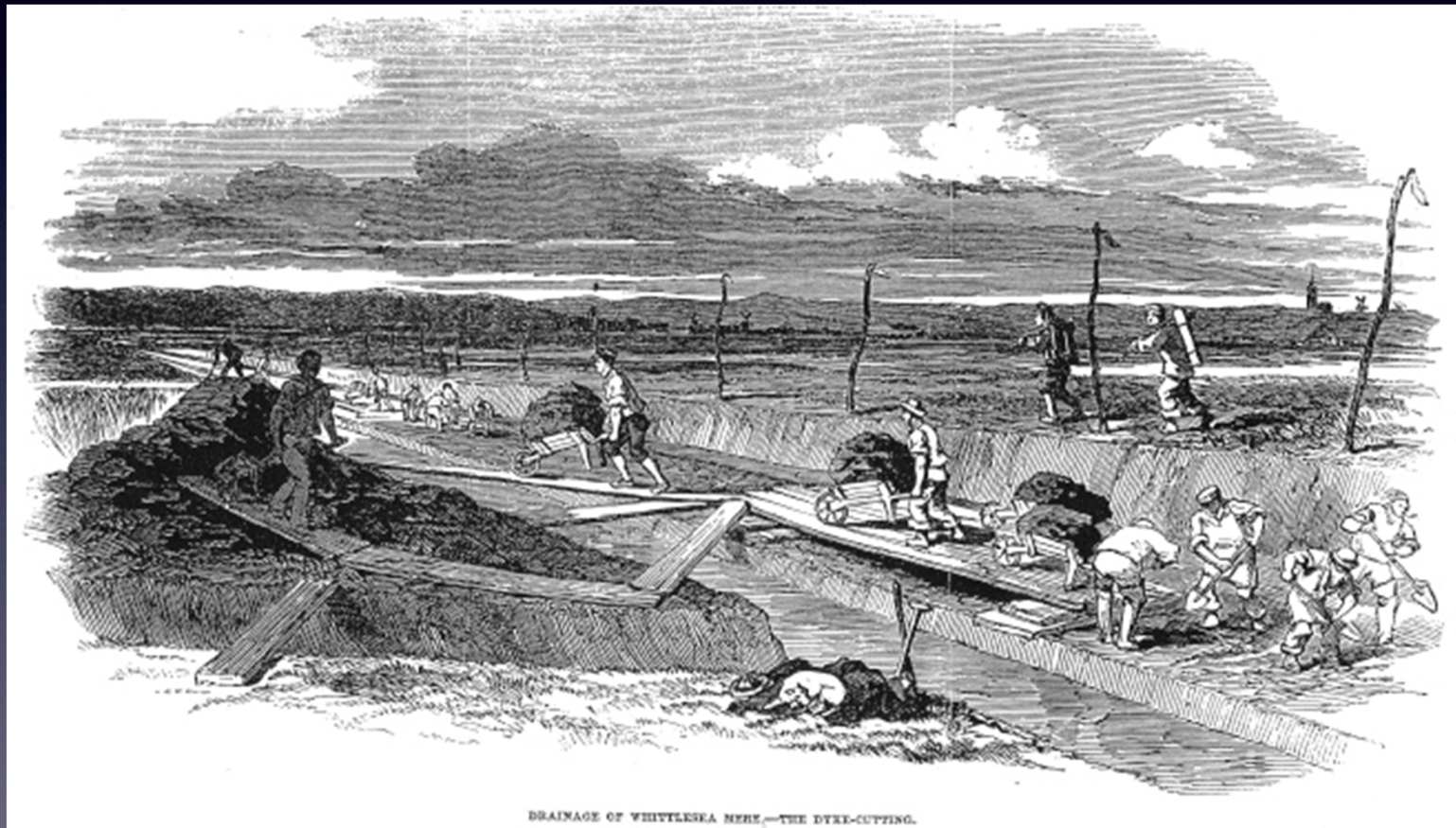
INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS (IDBs) IN FIGURES



Why are IDBS Important



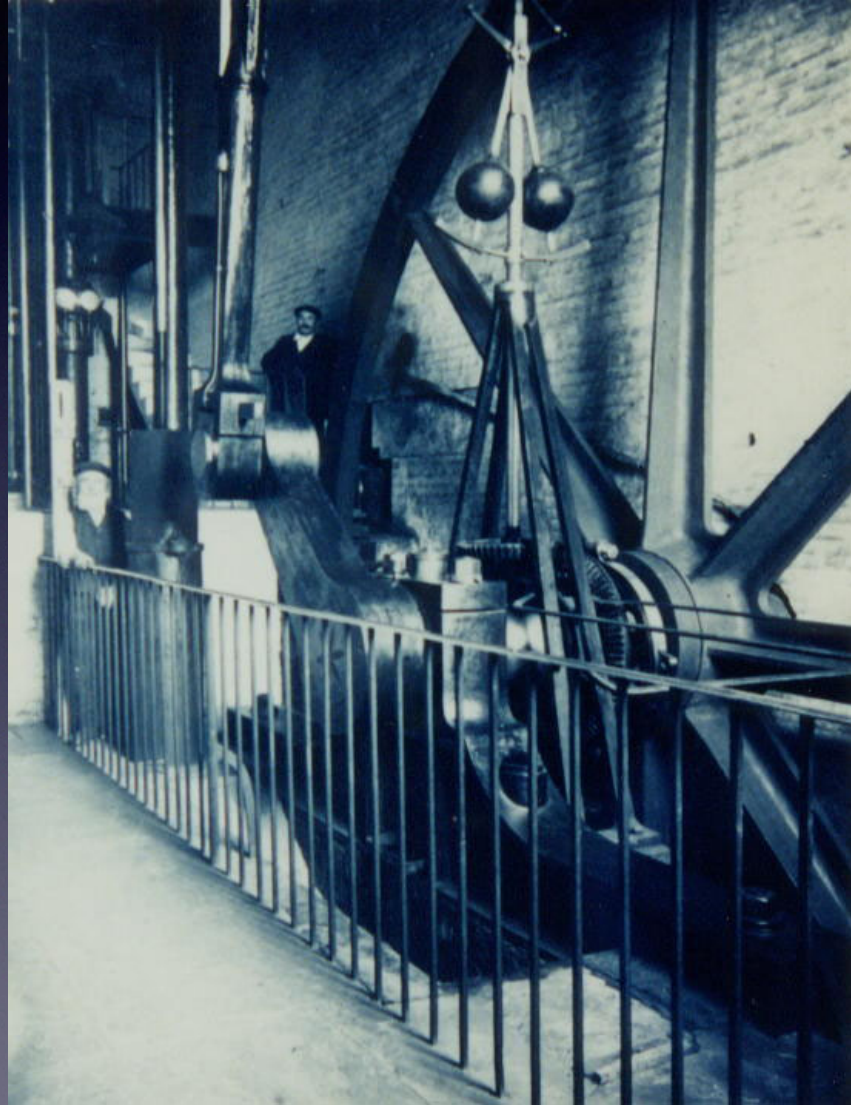
Drainage of the Fens



Wind



Steam





Diesel



Puny Pumping Station



Downham Market Group of IDBs

Downham and Stow

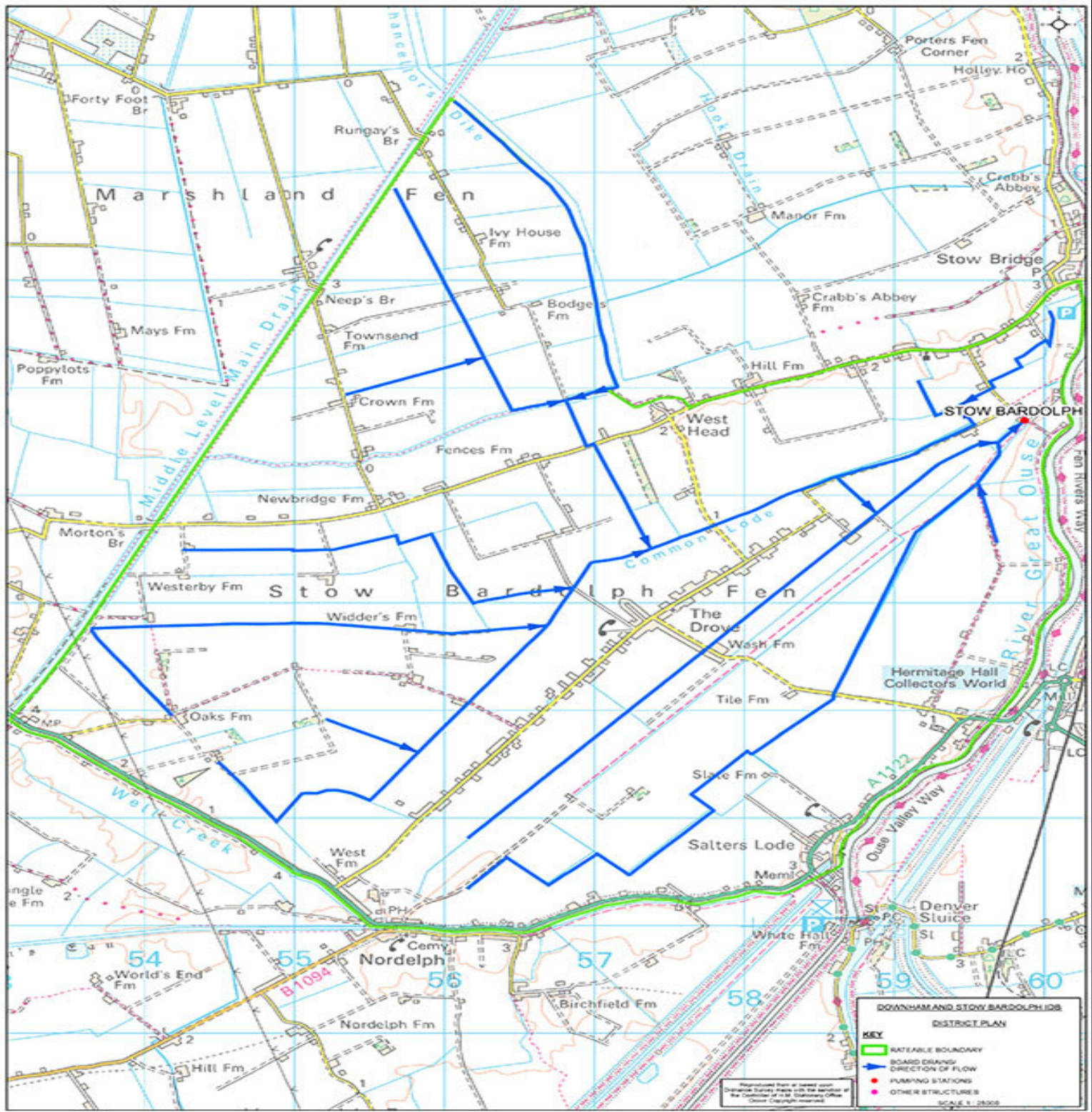
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Stringside

Stoke Ferry



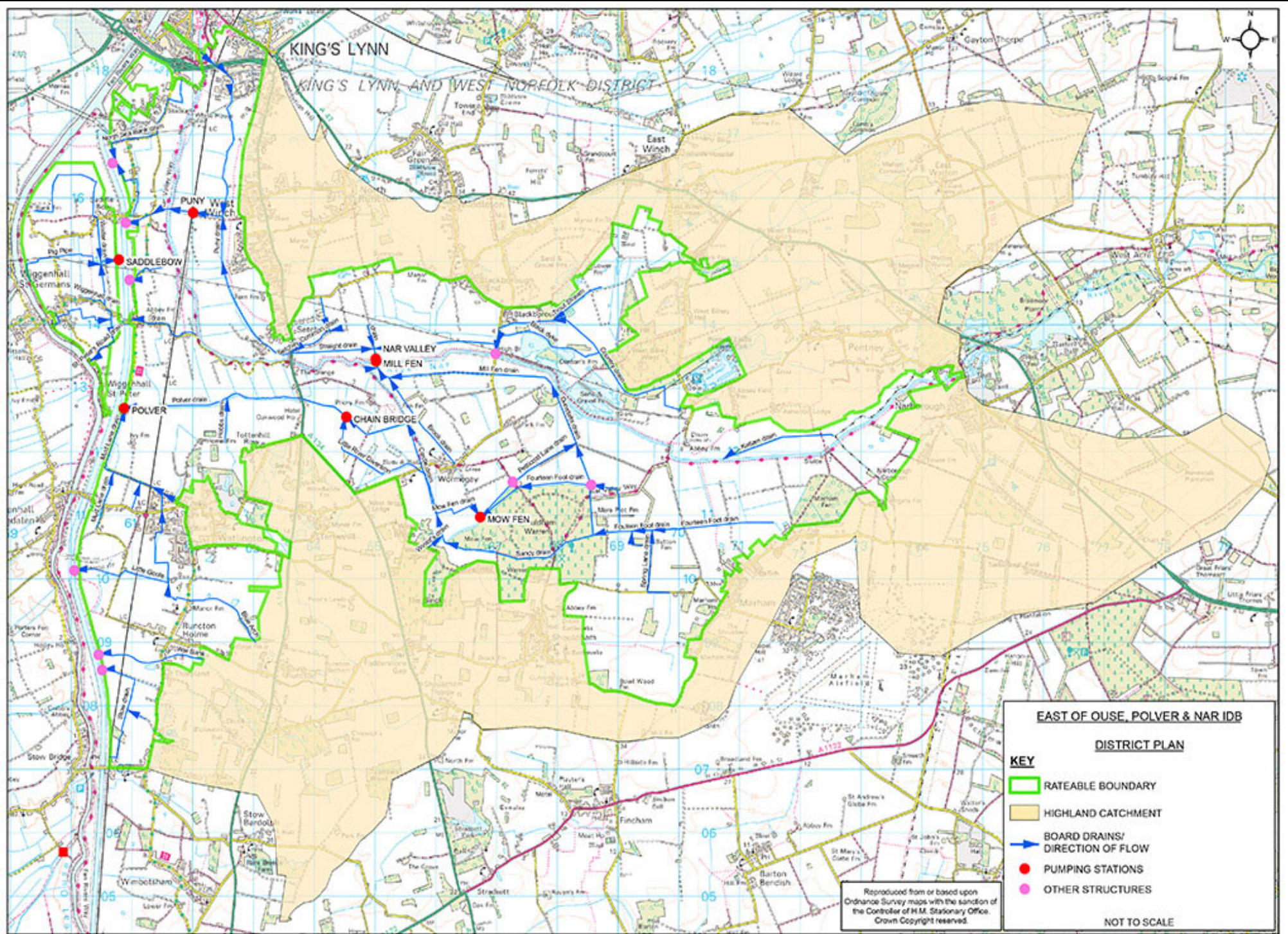
DOWNHAM AND STOW BARDOLPH DISTRICT PLAN

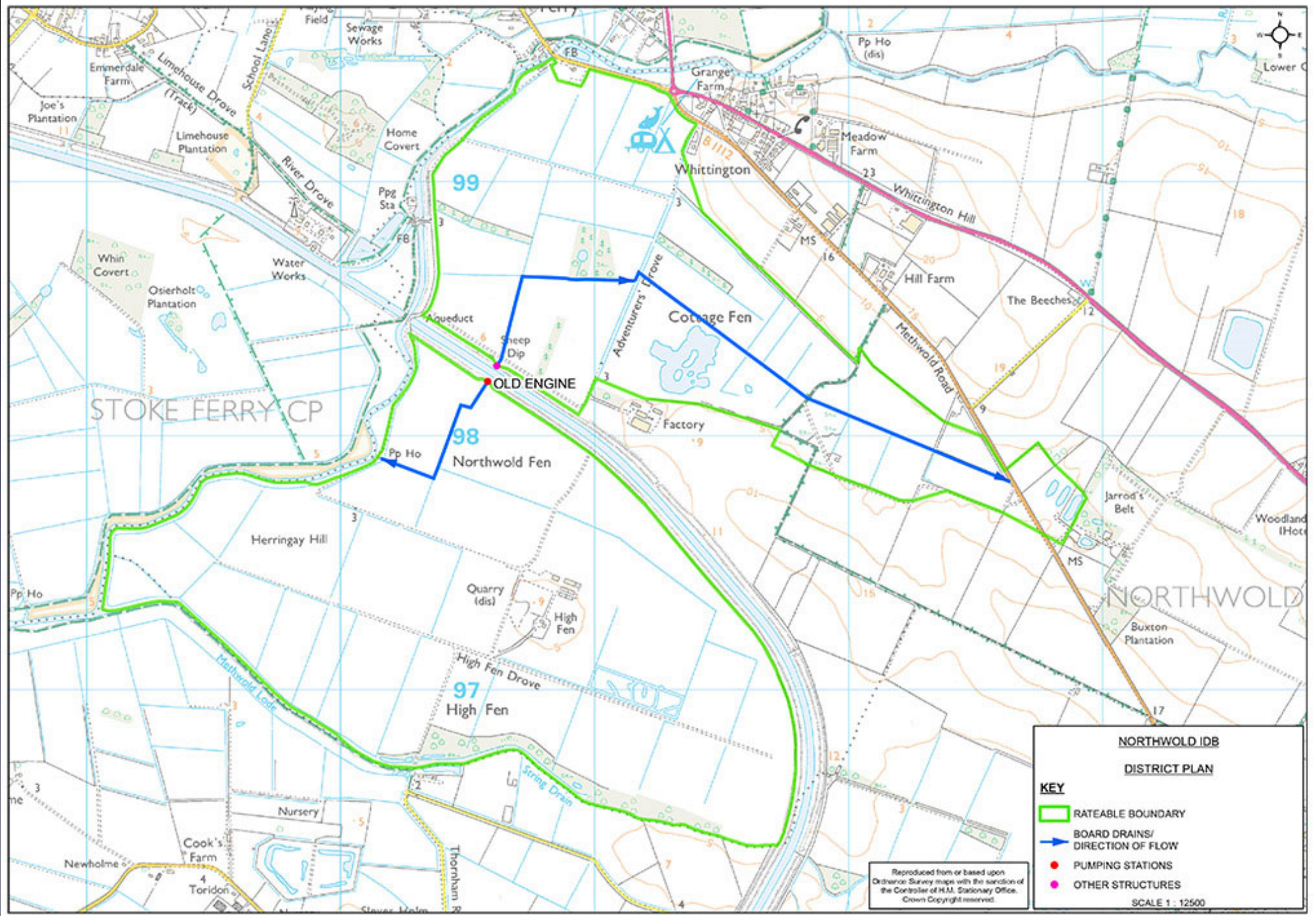
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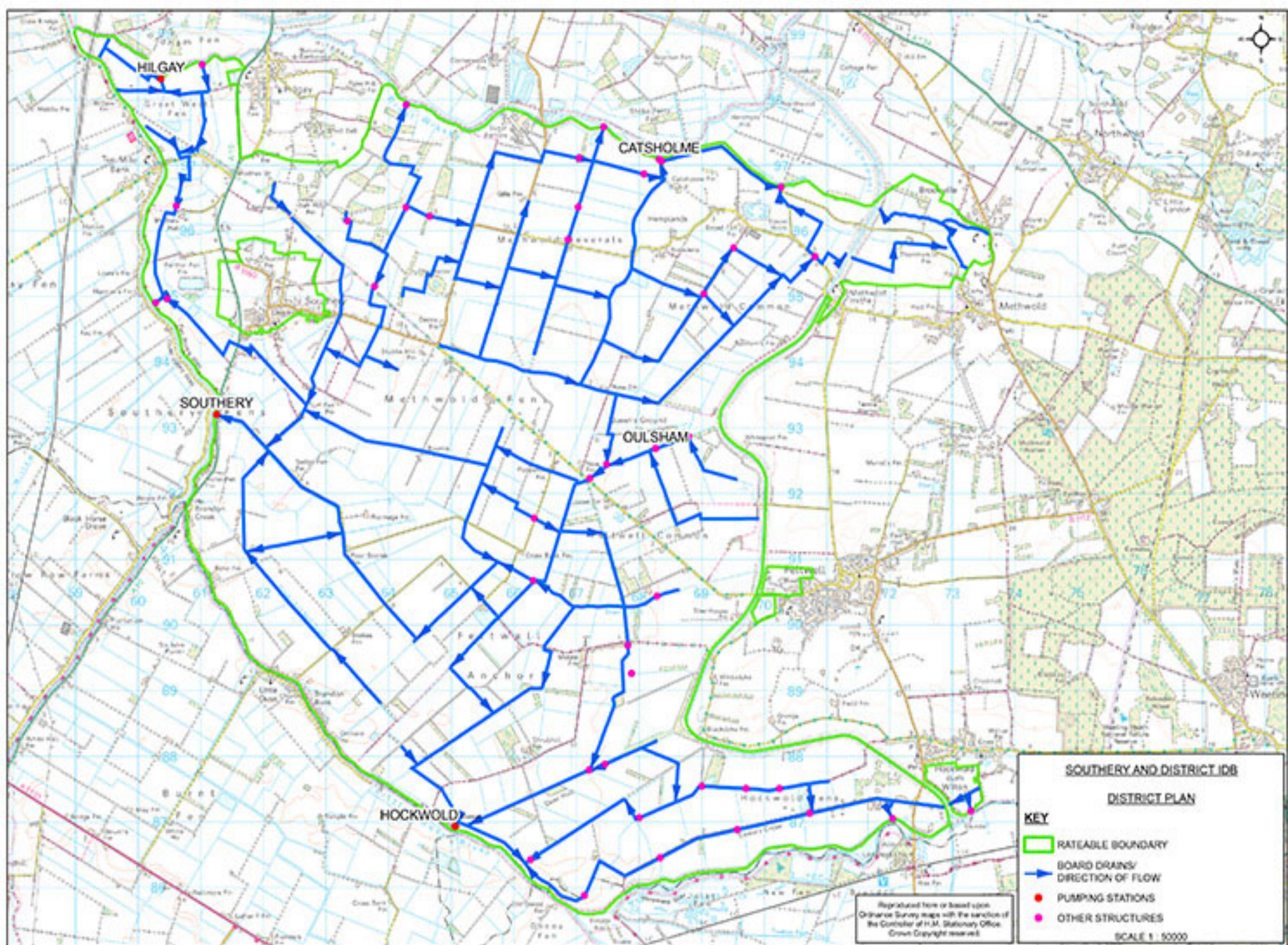
- RATEABLE BOUNDARY
- BOARD DRAIN
- DIRECTION OF FLOW
- PUMPING STATIONS
- OTHER STRUCTURES

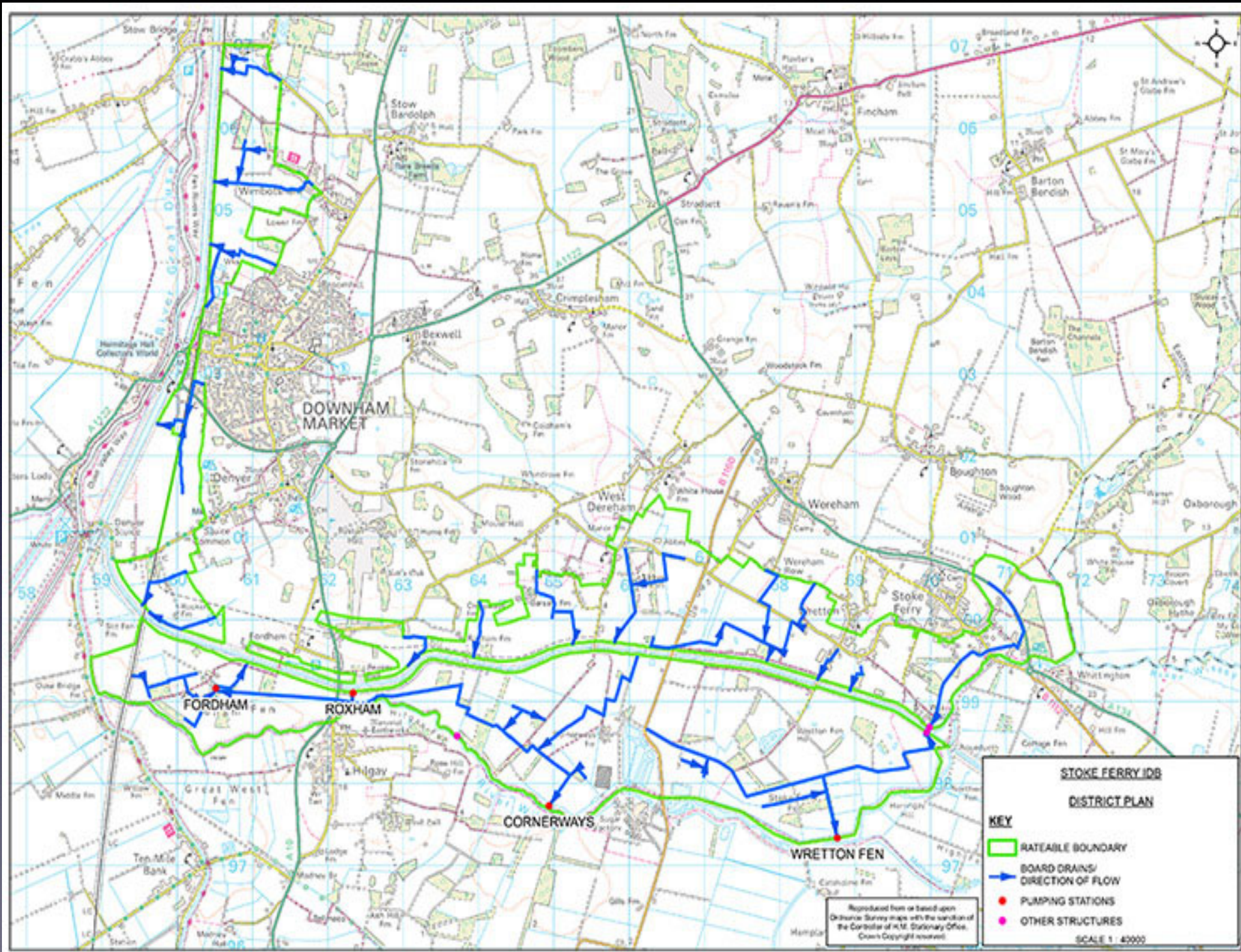
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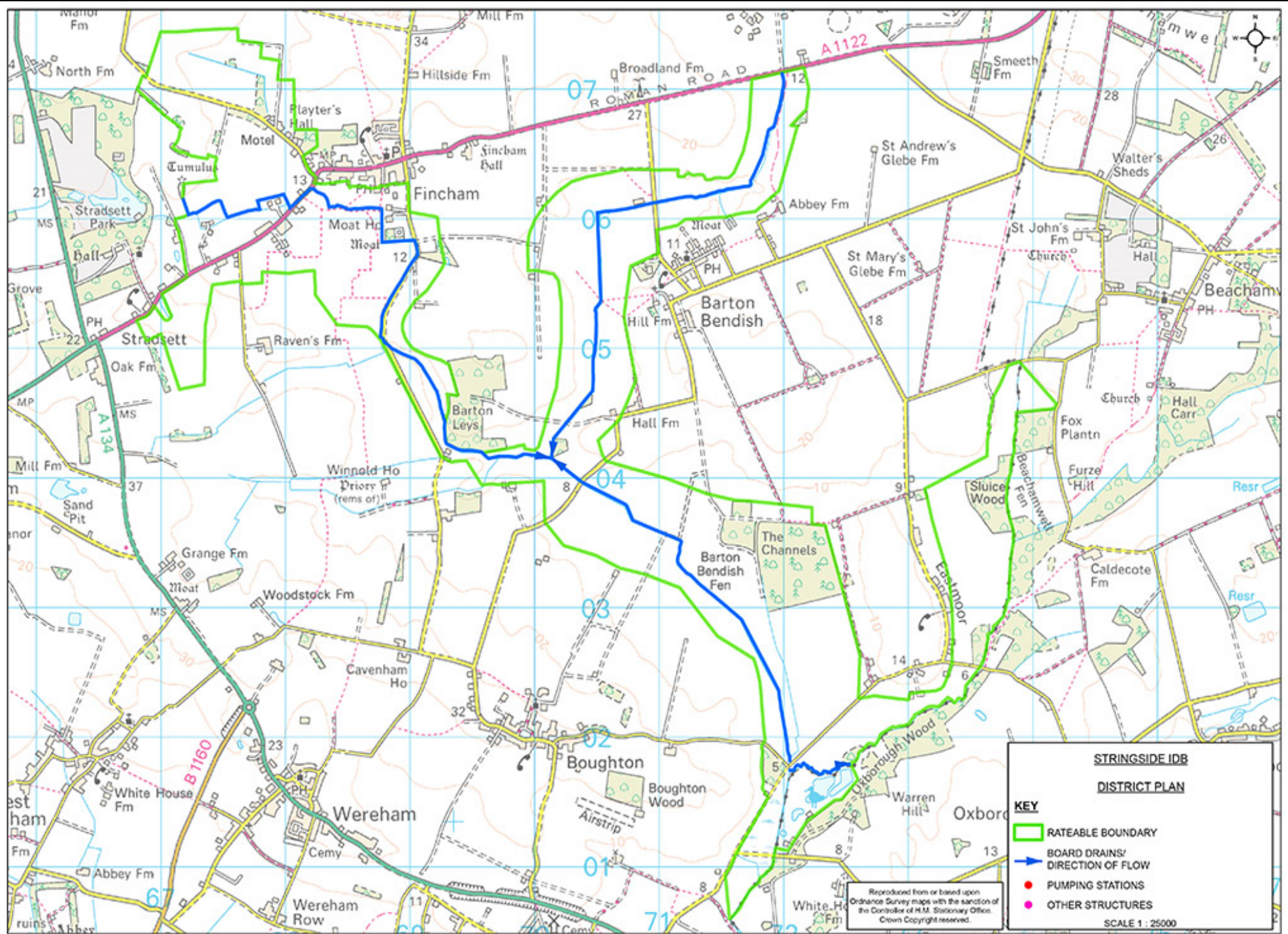
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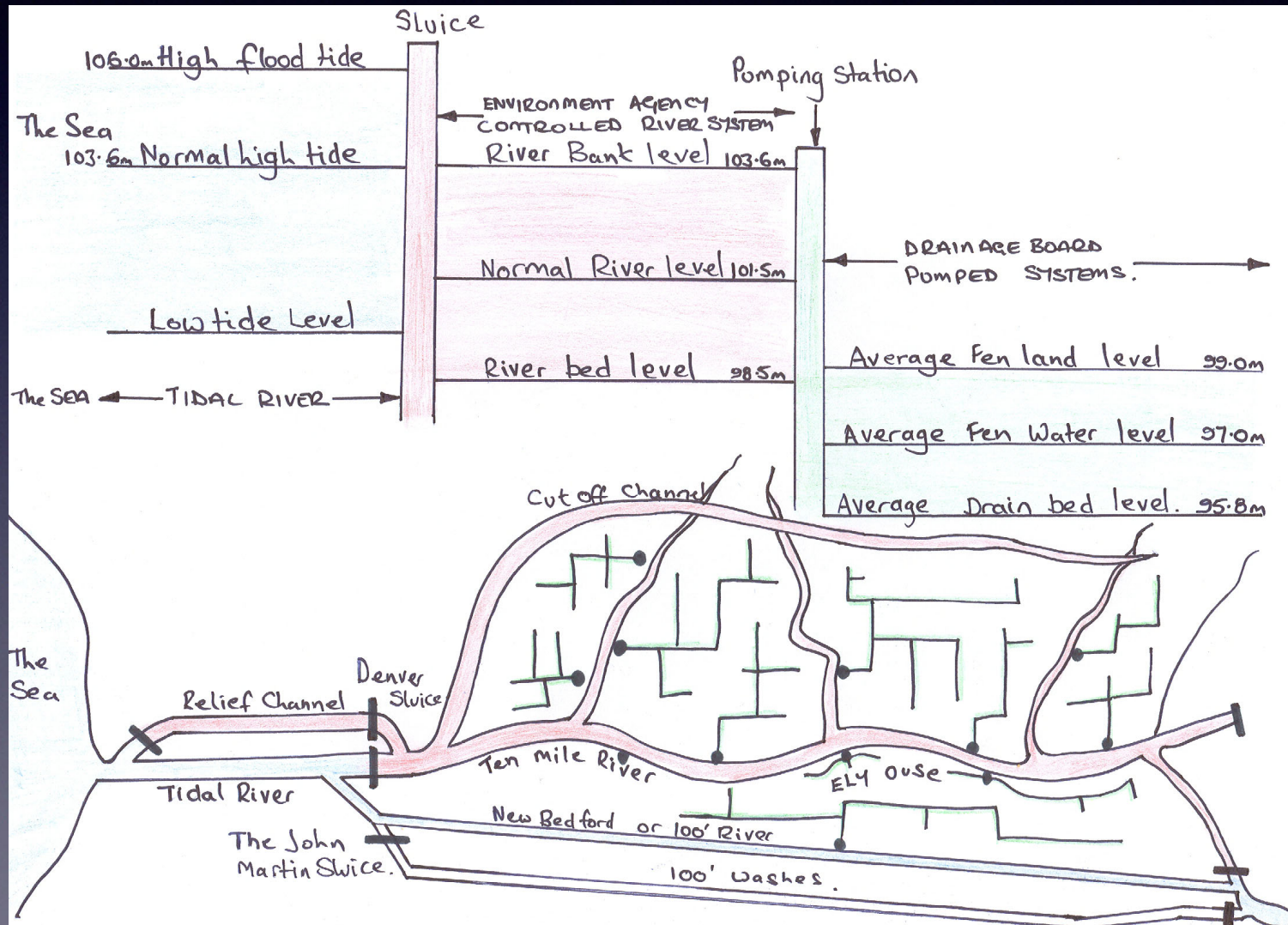
- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Board Members Elected from Agricultural Rate Payers
- Board Members Appointed by District Councils

Funding

- Drainage Rate Levied on Land Owners £596k
- Special Levy from District Councils £592k
- Total Budget £1188k
- Highland Water Payment from EA
- Can claim for Defra Grant for Major Projects

IDB	Annual Income £	Special Levy £	Average Annual Spend £	22/23 Balance £	23/24 Balance £
Downham and Stow	196,570	61,512	187,000	393,841	365,829
East of Ouse, Polver and Nar	406,718	271,226	497,000	1,343,323	1,197,788
Northwold	12,936	250	13,574	4,100	1,167
Southery and District	677,393	211,062	782,664	551,992	425,813
Stoke Ferry	113,368	45,982	150,000	641,605	602,223
Stringside	12,770	2,027	11,994	16,382	11,259

Land Levels in the Fens



Build and Maintain Pumping Stations



Grass Cutting



Weed Cutting



Dredging/Improvement



Irrigation





Water Voles

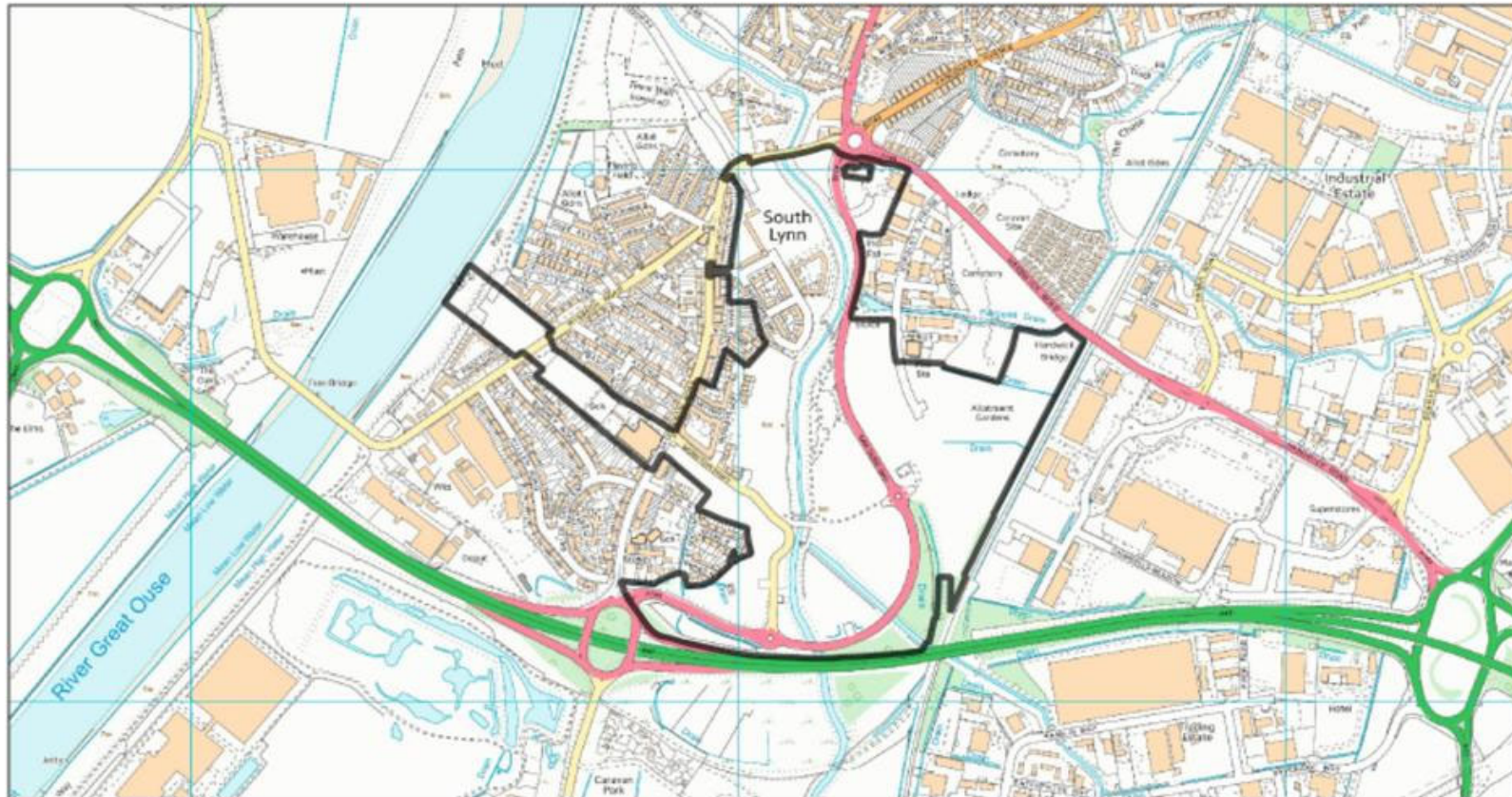


Barn Owls



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Future for the Fens

