

Biodiversity Units for Sale

Halnaker Hill Farm



Halnaker Hill
Farm

A registered BNG scheme with over 850 biodiversity units ready to sell. This is an exciting opportunity for developers to be part of this landscape-scale nature restoration initiative in West Sussex delivering a variety of habitat types.

Local Planning Authorities

- South Downs National Park
- Chichester

National Character Areas

- South Downs
- South Coast Plain

Distances

- 4 miles from Chichester
- 15 miles from Worthing
- 19 miles from Havant

Registered

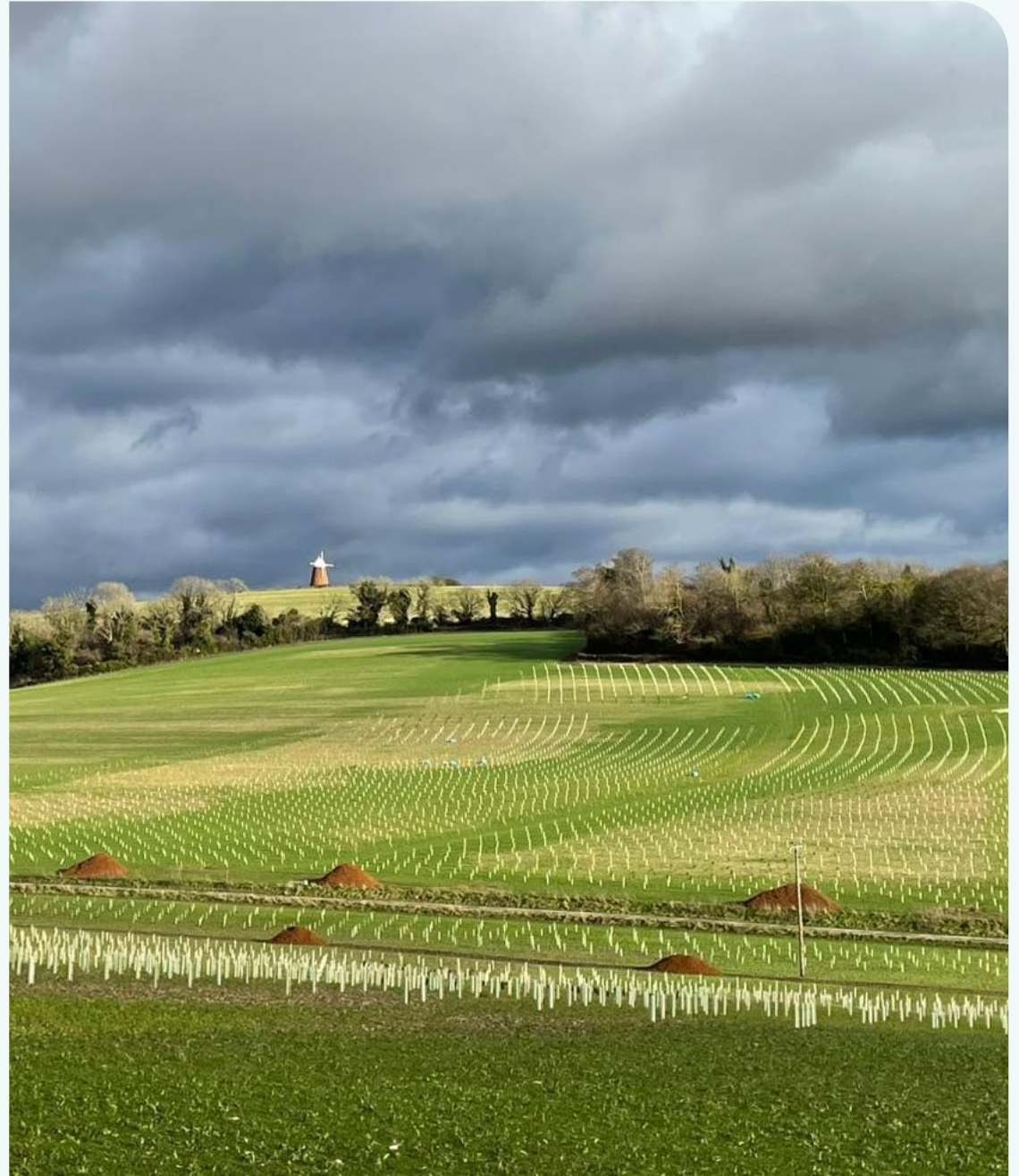
- Biodiversity gain site reference number BGS-300625001



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Developers can meet their off-site BNG requirements here by purchasing biodiversity units that will support high-integrity nature recovery.

Location

The site is located approximately 4.3 miles northeast of Chichester and sits in the South Downs National Park Local Planning Authority and the South Downs and South Coast Plain National Character Areas.

Landscape character

The site is surrounded by predominantly agricultural land and a patchwork of woodlands. A large woodland exists adjacent to the north of the site consisting of priority habitats.

The site sits within an area of high strategic significance being located within the South Downs National Park and adjacent to the Halnaker Chalk Pit SSSI. Other SSSIs are also nearby, including Eartham Pit Boxgrove SSSI (1 km southeast) and East Dean Park Wood SSSI (2.5 km northwest).

Land size

The BNG site is circa 134 hectares (330 acres).

Current use and baseline habitats

The site had been farmed intensively for over 50 years, depleting the soil and landscape of its nutrients, beauty and wildlife. Through regenerative agriculture and carefully designed conservation, Halnaker Hill Farm has created a thriving ecosystem that supports wildlife and soil health.

Habitat creation

Creation and enhancement of the following high-quality biodiverse habitats.

High distinctiveness

- Lowland calcareous grassland
- Pond (priority habitat)
- Species-rich native hedgerow with trees

Medium distinctiveness

- Grassland
- Woodland
- Heathland and scrub
- Individual trees

Land management

Strategic spatial planning of habitat delivery across the site has been undertaken and a robust and flexible long-term management structure is in place to maximise environmental outcomes.

Creation of one of three ponds at the farm



Method and terms of sale

Biodiversity units which meet developer compensation requirements in terms of habitat types and extents can be purchased 'off-the-shelf'.

A sale agreement will be provided for developments satisfying the BNG condition in their planning consent. For developments in the planning process, an option for the purchase of biodiversity units will be granted to purchasers.

Environmental outcomes

This innovative habitat creation scheme will not only benefit nature but also contribute to a range of other ecosystem services including:

- Expansion of wildlife corridors
- Improved soil quality
- Carbon sequestration

Scheme benefits

There are huge advantages in delivering BNG requirements through this scheme:

- Surety of where offsets are being delivered
- Contribute to landscape scale enhancements
- Greater confidence in the security of long-term sustainable management beyond the requisite contractual 30-year period

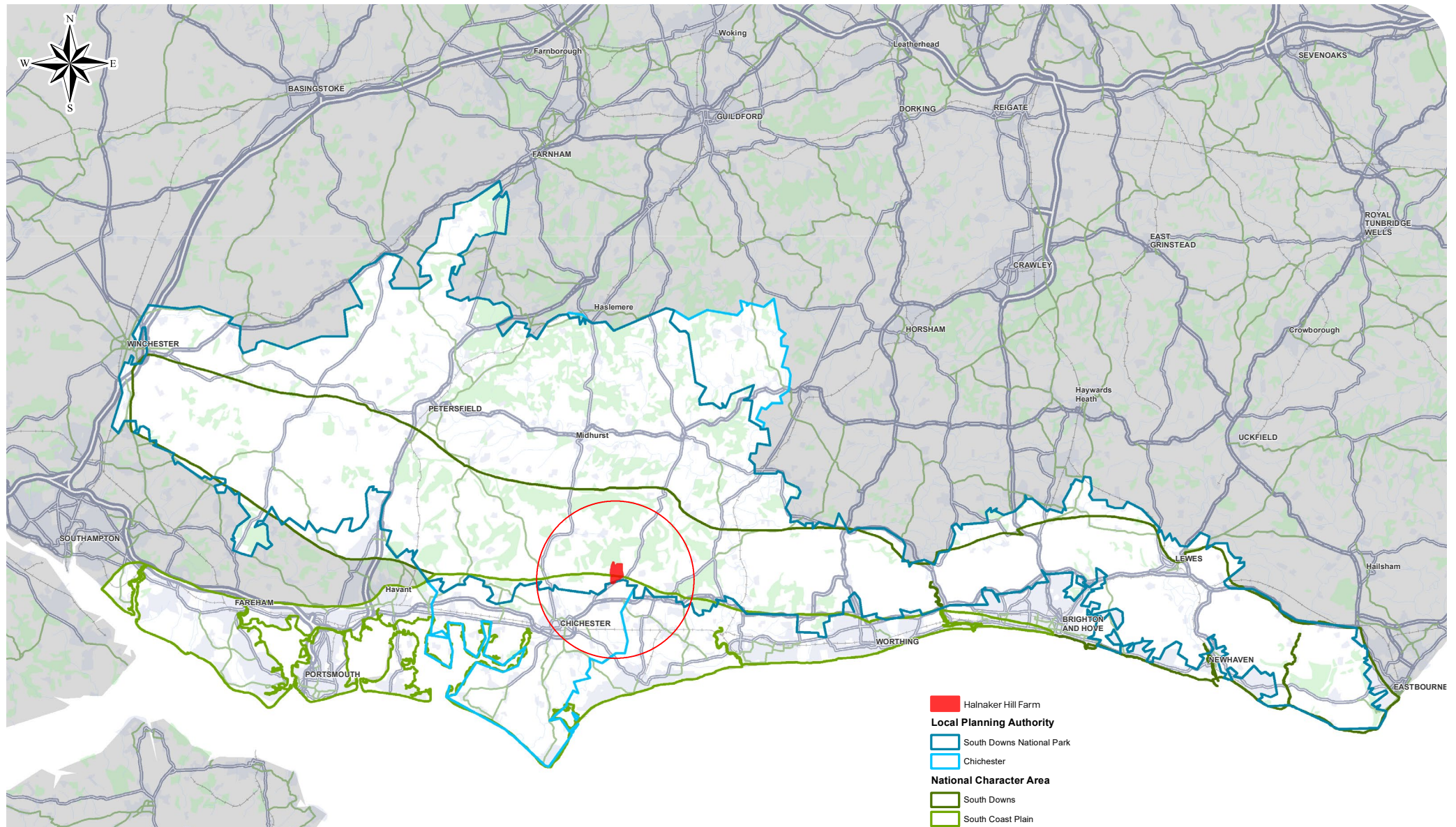
The scheme is a showcase for the effective delivery of BNG, demonstrating how offsetting development through habitat creation on a landscape scale is most efficient, cost-effective and maximises environmental outcomes.

The provision of biodiversity units 'off-the-shelf' reduces the risks and delays to developers in seeking credible solutions to satisfy off-site BNG requirements.



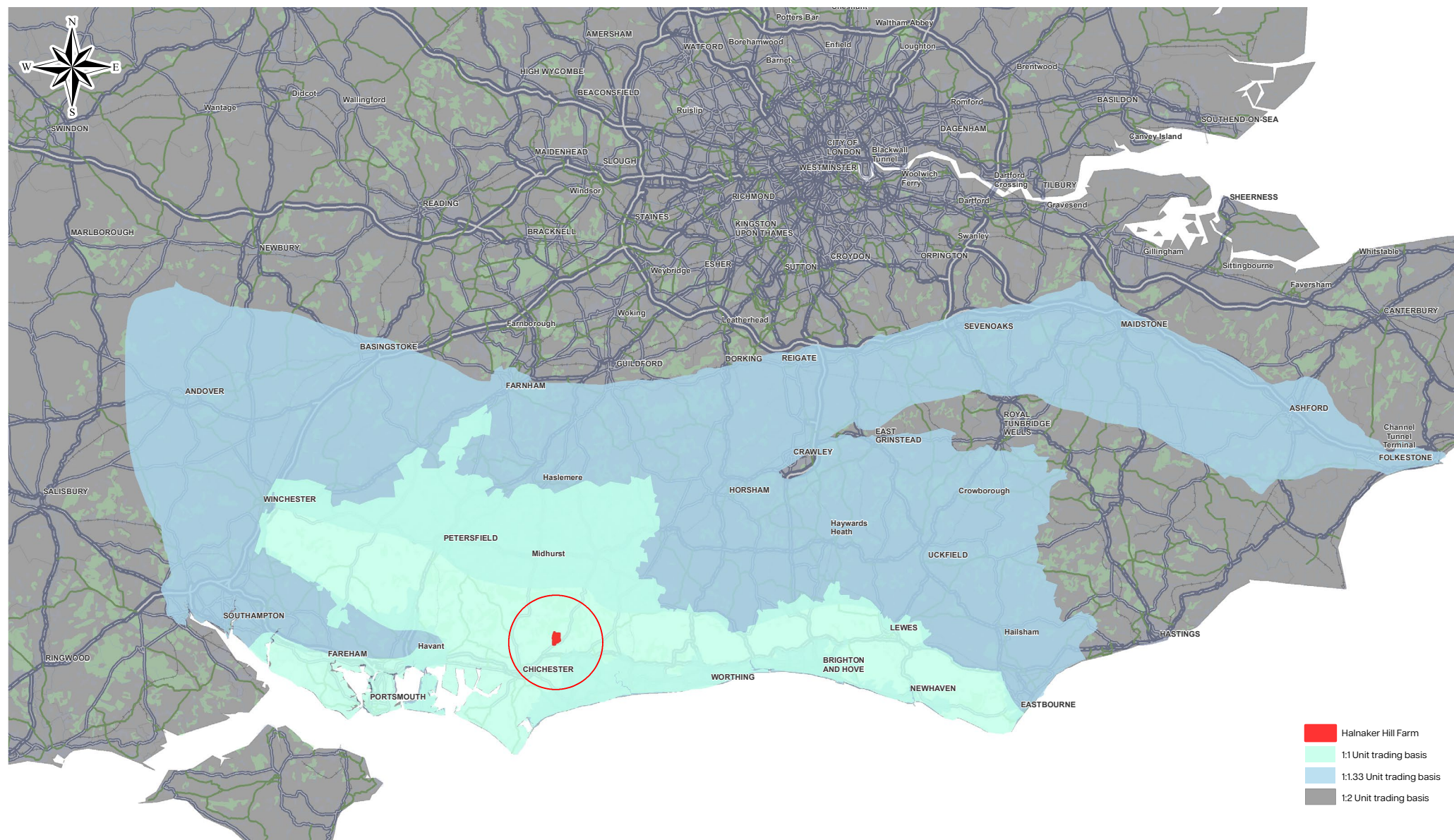
Regional context

Halnaker Hill Farm sits in both the South Downs and South Coast Plain National Character Areas and in the South Downs National Park LPA.



Spatial risk multiplier indicator

BNG requirements in the light blue area can purchase units on a 1:1 basis and in the darker blue area on a 1:1.33 basis.



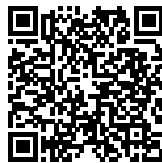
Further information



Halnaker Hill
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Project website

Further information about
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