



# Upper Thurne Working Group

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- New BA structure
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# New BA structure



Planning  
and Strategy



Operations



Change  
Management



# Integrated Outcomes

- Wonderful Wildlife
- Land and water access enhanced
- Community involved
- Viable low carbon local communities
- Public understanding of a changing landscape
- Research and survey facilitated



## Water space for People and Nature

Upper Thurne  
Water Space Management Plan

### Summary

The Upper Thurne Working Group has been working together for more than six years to develop this plan to manage the Upper Thurne water space for its ecological interest and for people to enjoy the water through activities such as sailing, boating, angling and watching wildlife.

The overall scope for the plan is to provide an integrated and sustainable approach to managing the Upper Thurne, initially by means of a three-year action plan. Further research work investigating the ecological workings of the Upper Thurne will be incorporated into the plan, taking actions for restoration beyond this initial three years.

The plan recognises that there are challenges ahead in restoring this special wetland system, such as climate change and changes in the way land is managed. Achieving a high quality environment can also offer opportunities for recreation and enjoyment that can in turn contribute to the local economy.

#### A few facts and figures

- Hickling Broad is the largest area of open inland water in Norfolk
- The Upper Thurne waters contain nationally important aquatic plants known as stoneworts
- In winter there are on average over 4000 waterfowl present
- Hickling Broad is an important sailing venue where young people come to learn to sail
- The British pike angling record for the Upper Thurne is 42lb 2oz (19kg) - that's about the same weight as a springer spaniel.

*'The value of working together as the Upper Thurne Working Group has been shown in the process of creating this Management Plan. Participants have been able to pull together their aspirations for the future of this carefully managed yet utterly unique place. It is now down to everyone to continue to work together to implement its sustainable future.'* Professor Tim O'Riordan (Chairman Upper Thurne Working Group)

# Through the BROADS PLAN

Upper  
Thurne  
Working  
Group

Pressures



Broads Authority  
The Broads - a member of the  
National Park family

Monitor &  
Review

Evidence

Management  
Strategy

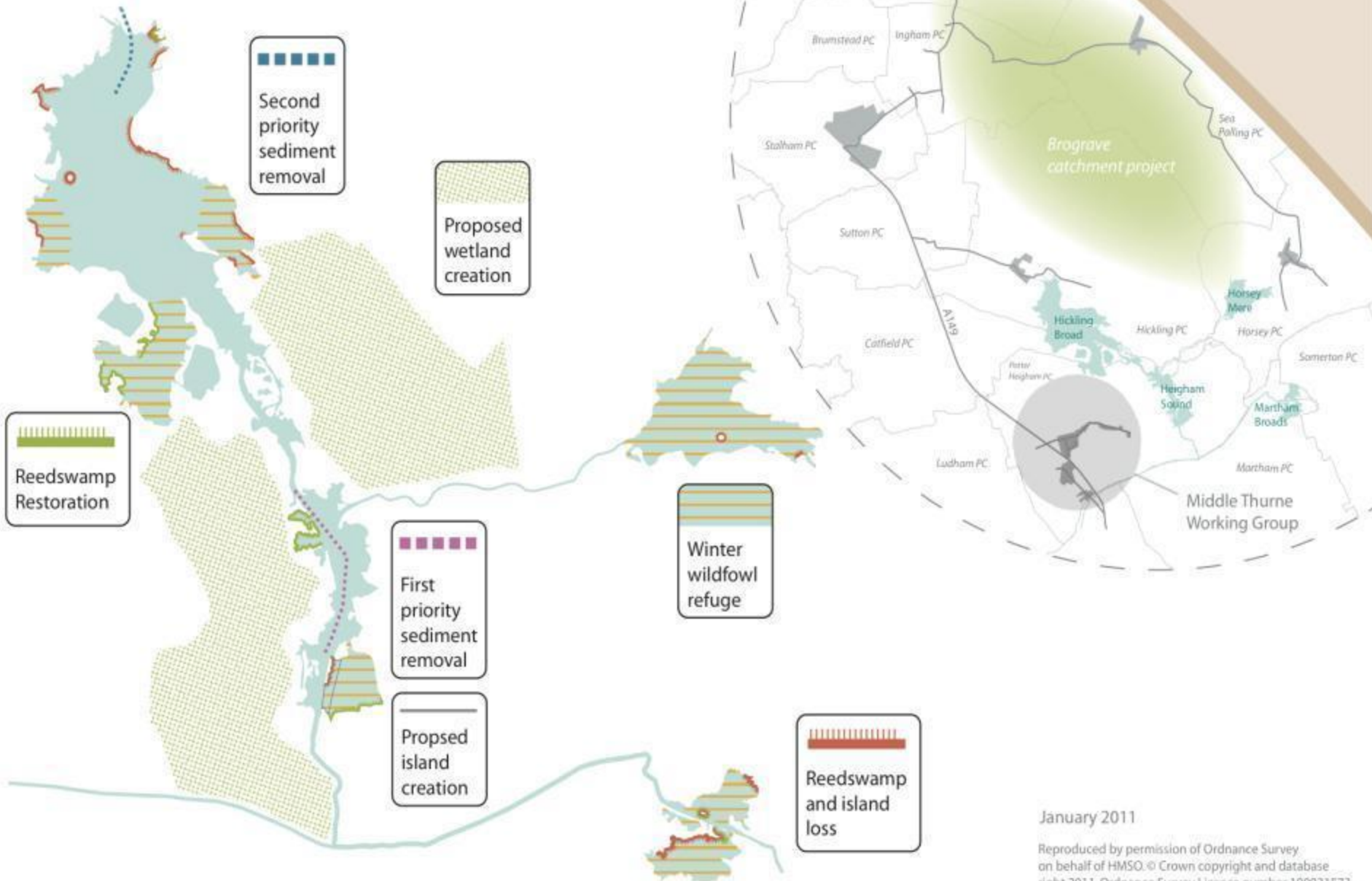
Management  
techniques



# Upper Thurne Management Plan

## Issues, projects and initiatives

Shoreline Management Plan  
& associated coastal initiatives



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