Bromham
Bromham Park
John Bunyan Trail & Ouse Valley Way
River Great Ouse
Country Park
Bromham Weir
Bromham Mill
Bromham Old Bridge
John Bunyan Trail
The Swan P.H.
Great Ouse Cycleway
A428
Biddenham
Country Park
A5134
Ouse Valley Way
The Three Tuns P.H.
Box End Road
The Bedford Golf Club
Western Bypass
Great Denham
Slaters Arms P.H.
Box End

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Key

Existing Features/Activities

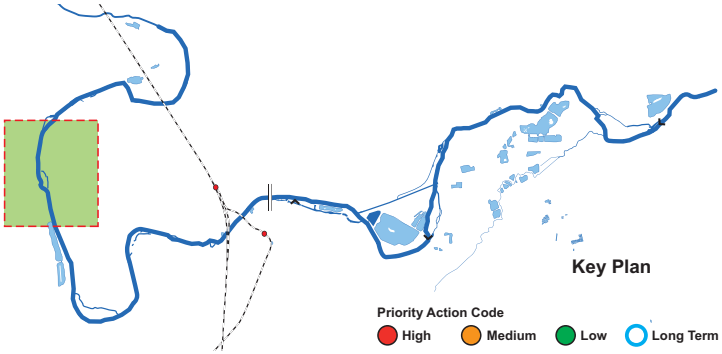
- Great River Ouse
- Vegetation
- County Wildlife Site
- Bromham Mill Visitor Centre
- Car Parking
- Pub
- The Bedford Golf Club
- National/Recreational Trail
  - John Bunyan Trail
  - Ouse Valley Way
- Public Right of Way
- Existing Cycleway
- Cycleway Requiring Improvements (Draft Allocations & Designations Plan)

Waterspace Proposals

- Area of Waterway Focus
- Create Canoe Access/ Portage Point
- Fish Pass
- Investigate Extending the Head of Navigation
- Develop Navigation Agreements to Establish Canoe Touring

Access Proposals

- Create/Improve Access point
- Investigate Access Solution
- Potential Footbridge
- Potential Footpath Link
- Bike Hire
- River Signage Strategy
- Potential Car Park
- Traffic Management



	Principal Themes	Existing Situation/Provision	Action: Description/Recommendation	Map Symbol	Priority Status: High	Medium	Low	Long Term
1	**The River as a Destination**							
	Bromham	Long Distance Footpath Network: • The Ouse Valley Way. • John Bunyan Trail. • Great Ouse Cycleway. • Bromham Park. • Bromham Lake Nature Reserve County Wildlife Site. • Country Park.	• Develop river signage strategy to highlight presence of the River Great Ouse at access points and bridge crossings. Eg: Bromham Old Bridge and Bromham A428 Bridge. • Reinforce links with local and long distance footpath and cycle networks together with the riverside communities.		●	●	●	○
2	**Riverside Communities**							
	Bromham	**Bromham Mill** • 17th Century working water mill, visitor centre/gallery, nature sanctuary & coffee shop. Entrance to Bromham Park with picnic area and car park. • Bromham Old Bridge • The Swan PH • Junction of John Bunyan Trail & Ouse Valley Way • The Great Ouse Cycle Way • Bromham Heritage Trail • Two Mills Walk	• Develop Bromham Mill as major upstream river destination for walking, cycling and canoeing. • Investigate developing cycle hire facilities. • Improve signage to the Swan PH from the river corridor. • Improve access to the east of Bromham Old Bridge. • Improve car parking provision to the east of Bromham Old Bridge.		● ● ● ●		●	
	Biddenham	• The Three Tuns PH	• Improve access across the Western Bypass, reinforcing connection with the river and the Ouse Valley Way.			●		○
	Great Denham	• The Bedford Golf Club • Ouse Valley Way	• Improve access across the Western Bypass, reinforcing connection with the river and the Ouse Valley Way. • Car parking should be provided to access the Country Park and Ouse Valley Way.			●	●	○

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3	**Access Opportunities**							
	Bromham Mill	Car parking facilities provide access to Bromham Park.	• Develop river signage strategy at access points and bridge crossings. • Small car parks are required for walkers at strategic locations along the Western Bypass to improve the current informal parking arrangements. These facilities will enhance the access to the Riverside Country Park and the Ouse Valley Way. Suggested locations would be: • The eastern end of Bromham Old Bridge. • The Bedford Golf Club Crossing.		●		●	
		Improve cycleway along the Ouse Valley Way. (Draft Allocations & Designations Plan).	• Develop river signage strategy at access points and bridge crossings. • Improve access across the Western Bypass connecting the river corridor to the communities of Biddenham and Great Denham.		●	●		
	Bromham Old Bridge		• Investigate traffic management proposals to enhance pedestrian and cycleway connections to the Ouse Valley Way and Great Ouse Cycleway.				●	
	Biddenham and Great Denham	Public Rights of Way and Footpath Network	• Develop river signage strategy at access points and bridge crossings. • Extend footpath links to connect with the Ouse Valley Way and Riverside Country Park. Suggested links would be: • South of A428 and Western Bypass roundabout • The northern boundary of the Bedford Golf Club		●	● ●		○ ○
	Box End	The Slaters Arms PH	• Develop river signage strategy at access points and bridge crossings. • Proposed footpath to connect the Slaters Arms on Box End Road with the River Corridor. • A footbridge would be required to provide connection with the Ouse Valley Way and Great Denham.	1	●	●	●	○

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Bromham Mill is at the junction of two long distance footpaths and provides easy access to Bromham Park

Improve access, signage and parking at the entrance to the Ouse Valley Way, east of Bromham Old Bridge

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4	**Bedford 'Welcome Ashore'**							
	Bromham Weir	Above Limit of Navigation		—				
5	**The Waterspace for Everyone**							
	Bromham Weir	Occasional canoe touring to Bromham Weir. Risk assessment - undertaken by Rescue 3 UK (Jan 2010)	• Navigation agreements will be required with landowners and angling clubs to extend canoe touring upstream of the Head of Navigation at Kempton Weir to Bromham and beyond. • Develop Bromham Mill as a canoe touring destination. Canoe portage points will be required at the rapids below Bromham Old Bridge and at Bromham Weir. • The existing Bromham Mill car park and facilities should be developed as a key canoe touring launching point to explore the upper reaches of the river. • Install Fish Pass		●			○
6	**Navigational Improvements**							
	Rapids below Bromham Old Bridge		• Investigate possible extension of Head of Navigation upstream of Kempston Weir to below the rapids at Bromham Old Bridge.				●	