

Castle Point Local Wildlife Sites Review 2023 – LoGS Addendum

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. Place Services carried out a review of Local Wildlife Sites (LoWS) in Castle Point during 2023, with the results presented in 2024. The revised LoWS network was ratified by the Essex Local Sites Partnership in November 2024, at which time GeoEssex provided an updated list of Local Geological Sites (LoGS) that were also ratified.
- 1.2. The LoWS review reported presented information on the LoGS in existence at that time and so this addendum has been produced to provide the updated LoGS information, in order that a complete set of Local Sites data is available.
- 1.3. Identification of land as a LoGS within this report does not confer any right of public access to the Site, above and beyond any Public Rights of Way that may exist. Where Sites are in private ownership this should be respected at all times.

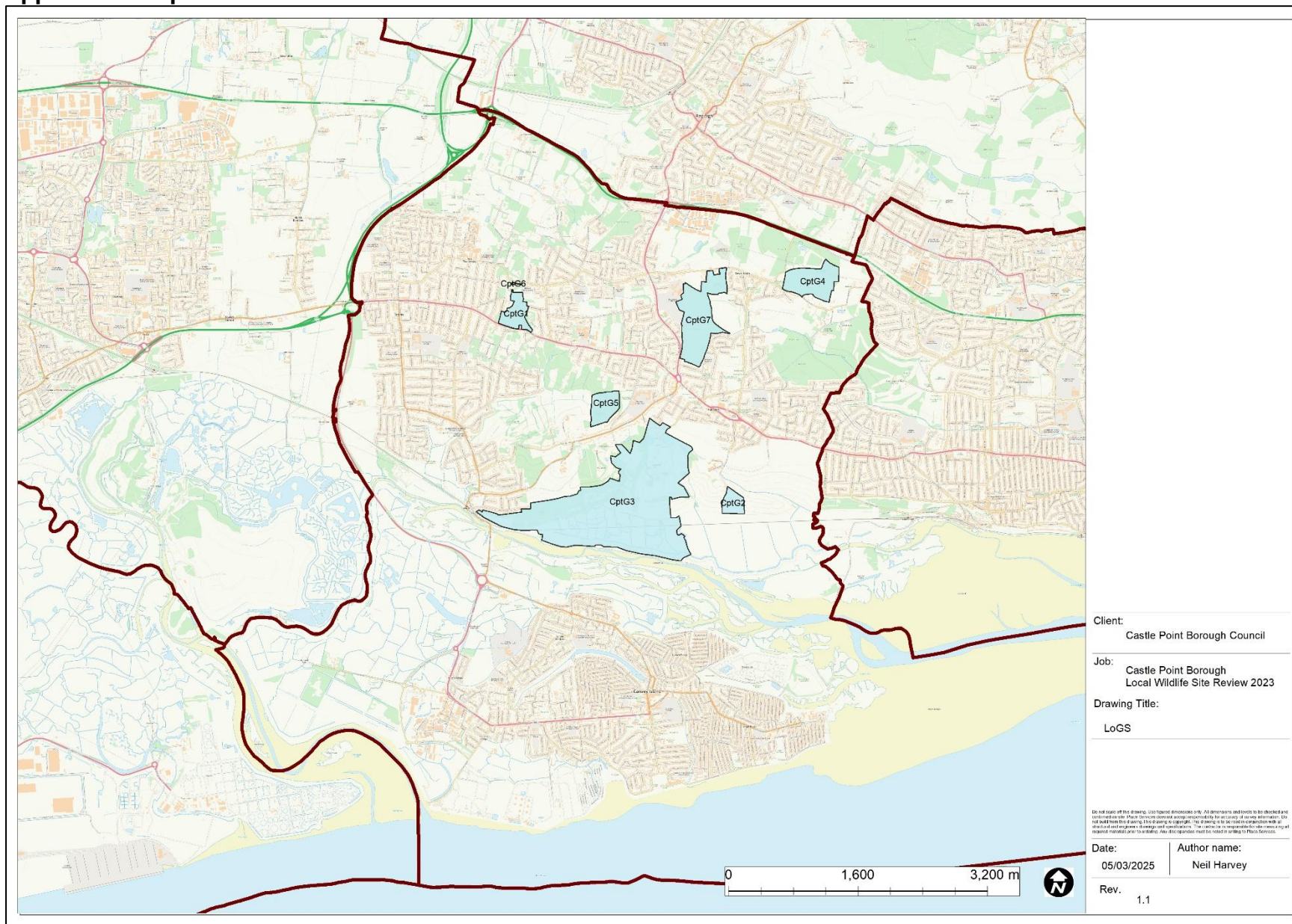
2. Local Geological Sites

- 2.1. GeoEssex has kindly provided details of the sites of geological interest in Castle Point Borough that have already been assessed as meeting the relevant selection criteria and have been ratified as Local Geological Sites (LoGS) by the Essex Local Sites Partnership.
- 2.2. There are seven designated LoGS, six of which coincide with LoWS. These sites, included in Table 1 below with a brief description of their value, should be referenced along with LoWS as 'locally designated sites' or 'Local Sites' within the emerging Castle Point Plan.

Table 1. Castle Point Local Geological Sites

Place	Site code	Site name	Grid reference	Brief description of site
Thundersley	CptG1	Coombe Wood	TQ783883	Layers of Claygate Beds revealed along the stream banks. Bagshot Sands on the highest ground. LoWS CPT10
Hadleigh	CptG2	Hadleigh Castle Landslip	TQ810860	The most impressive London Clay landslip in Essex. The severe effects on the castle can be clearly seen. Within LoWS CPT42.
Hadleigh	CptG3	Hadleigh Park	TQ799868	Complete valley slope with exposures of Bagshot Sand and rotational land slips. A geological trail has been produced. Includes LoWS CPT25 and CPT27
Daws Heath	CptG4	Pound Wood Nature Reserve	TQ816888	Complex of sands and gravels over London Clay with visible influence on the variation of woodland types. LoWS CPT31
Hadleigh	CptG5	Shipwrights Wood	TQ795871	Steep slopes of London Clay, Claygate Beds and Bagshot Sand with landslips. Best woodland in Essex for natural landforms. Within LoWS CPT18.
Thundersley	CptG6	St Peter's Church Boulders	TQ782887	Location of two sarsen stones, one in the porch and one in the hedge to the northeast of the church hall
Daws Heath	CptG7	West Wood	TQ805880	Stream valley cutting through Bagshot Sands to Claygate Beds with shallow, historic pits into Daws Heath Gravel. LoWS CPT24

Appendix 1 Map of Castle Point LoGS



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