



# Acle Neighbourhood Plan

## **Data Profile**

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. The data profile

- 1.1.1 This data profile is part of the evidence base for the Acle Neighbourhood Development Plan review.
- 1.1.2 Census 2021 data is used throughout the data profile and is obtained from the Office for National Statistics Nomis website containing official census and labour market statistics.<sup>1</sup> The information comes with the following statement:

*'In order to protect against disclosure of personal information, records have been swapped between different geographic areas and counts perturbed by small amounts. Small counts at the lowest geographies will be most affected.'*

*Note that small differences in counts between different datasets are possible due to the general disclosure control methods applied to all Census 2021 data. There are small changes to some counts (cell key perturbation), for example, a count of four could be changed to a three or a five. This might make small differences between tables depending on how the data are broken down perturbation is applied.'*

- 1.1.3 The Office for National Statistics 'Build a custom area profile' tool has been used to create a Census 2021 profile for Acle parish compared to Broadland and Norfolk data.<sup>2</sup> This can be seen in Appendix 1.

## 1.2 Acle Neighbourhood Plan

- 1.2.1 The Acle Neighbourhood Plan was fully adopted by Broadland District Council and the Broads Authority on 17 February 2015 following an 85% Yes vote by Acle residents.
- 1.2.2 The Acle Neighbourhood Plan provides a vision for the future of the Parish of Acle up to 2026. Fundamentally, the Plan also provides a number of policies that future development must take into account which will help to ensure that the vision is achieved.
- 1.2.3 A summary of Acle Neighbourhood Plan 2014 – 2026 taken from the Parish Council website is below:

The Vision is to ensure that Acle continues as a flourishing village and gateway to the Broads that maintains a strong sense of community whilst embracing a sustainable and prosperous future as a place where people choose to live, work and visit.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.nomis.co.uk](http://www.nomis.co.uk) Information obtained 23.10.2024.

<sup>2</sup> [www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/customprofiles/draw/](http://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/customprofiles/draw/). Information obtained 02.01.2024.

The **Objectives** are:

### **Community and leisure**

O1: To improve the ability of the village centre to be used for community events.

O2: To support enhanced education facilities for all age groups.

O3: To improve access to formal and informal sports and leisure provision.

- **Policy 1** – support improvements to the area at Acle Bridge.
- **Policy 2** – reduce extent of highway in village centre, increase width of narrow pavements and increase green space.
- **Policy 3** – support upgrade and growth of Acle Academy and the provision of new sports facilities for students and the wider community.
- **Policy 4** – encourage provision of an enhanced replacement pre-school facility, containing two classrooms, better integrated with the primary school.

### **Movement and transport**

O4: To improve conditions for walking and cycling from the village centre to the surrounding countryside.

O5: To reduce the dominance of the highway in the village centre.

O6: To support enhanced public transport infrastructure.

- **Policy 5** – encourage new and improved footpaths, footways, cycleways and bridleways connecting Acle with surrounding villages and the countryside, including the improvement of the footway between Norwich Road and Mill Lane/ Acle Academy and improved footpath and cycleway adjacent to A1064 between Acle Bridge and the village.
- **Policy 6** – improve access to Wherry Line – encourage improvements to pedestrian and cycle access to the station and facilities at the station. Better signage, improved lighting and footpath surfacing, improved parking.
- **Policy 7** – reduce severance effect of A1064. Reduce speed limits and install pedestrian crossing.

### **Business and employment**

O7: To protect and enhance provision of small traditional retail in the village centre.

O8: To ensure that employment sites are developed for an appropriate mix of employment uses.

O9: To improve the attractiveness of Acle for inward investment.

- **Policy 8** – encourage sensitive development of under-used brownfield sites for small scale mixed use activities such as retail, office and residential. Layout and design should enhance appearance of village centre, with adequate parking provision.
- **Policy 9** – encourage high quality, flexible employment space.

### **Housing**

O10: To make sure any new housing development has an appropriate mix of affordable units.

O11: To make sure any new housing development includes an appropriate mix of units of different sizes for both young and old households.

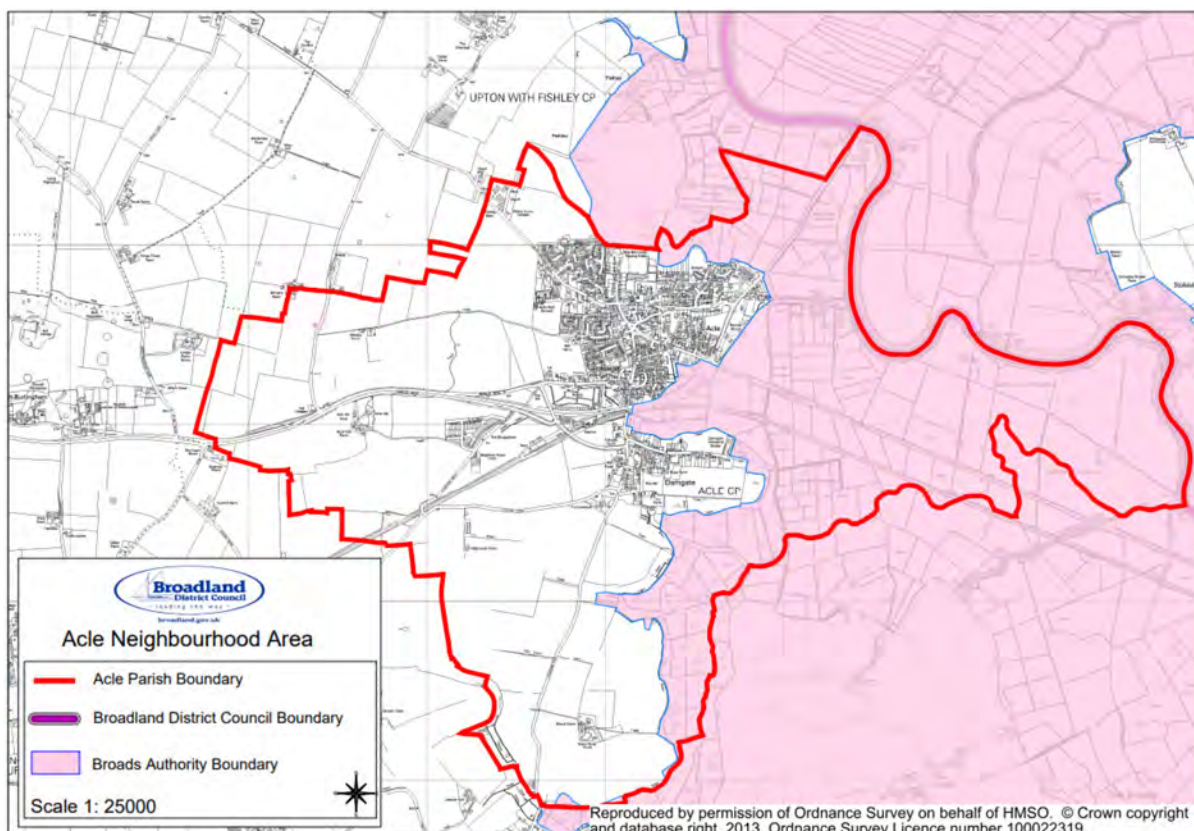
O12: To make sure any new housing development is of the highest quality and reflects local and traditional architectural styles. This includes a requirement in all new housing developments for a minimum of one off-road parking space for one-bed homes and a minimum of two spaces for two- and three-bed homes.

- **Policy 10** – new housing expected to integrate with existing areas and have regard to character of adjoining areas. Developers should design inclusive and mixed communities and consult and engage with local communities.
- **Policy 11** – in any new development, off road parking spaces shall be provided at a minimum of one space for one-bedroom dwellings and a minimum of two spaces for two-bedroom dwellings.

1.2.4 Acle Parish Council is reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan and has established a Steering Group to undertake the review. The Steering Group drafted a new vision at their initial workshop in October 2024. The new vision for the revised plan to 2038 is below:

As gateway to the Broads, Acle will continue to flourish as a key service centre, whilst maintaining its rural village identity. Development will be sustainable, well designed, environmentally conscious and community focused. Acle will be a prosperous place for all generations to live, work and visit.

**Figure 1 below: Map showing the Acle Neighbourhood Plan boundary.**  
**Source: South Norfolk and Broadland District Council website.<sup>3</sup> Map obtained 08.10.2024.**



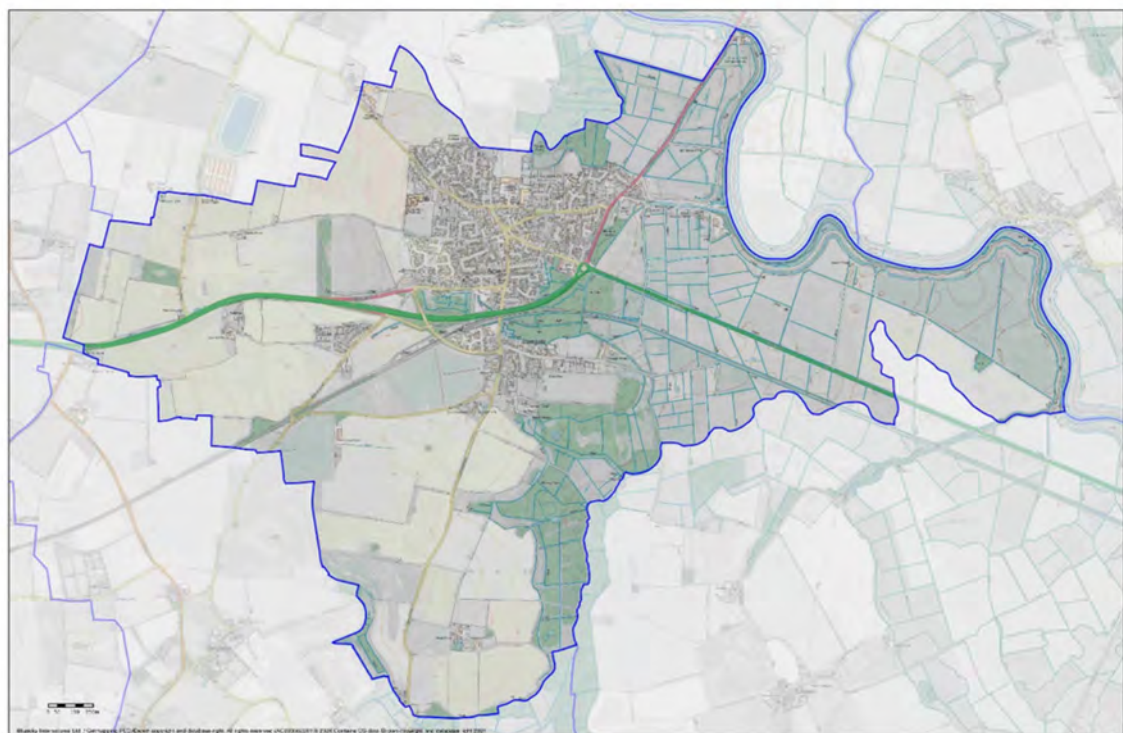
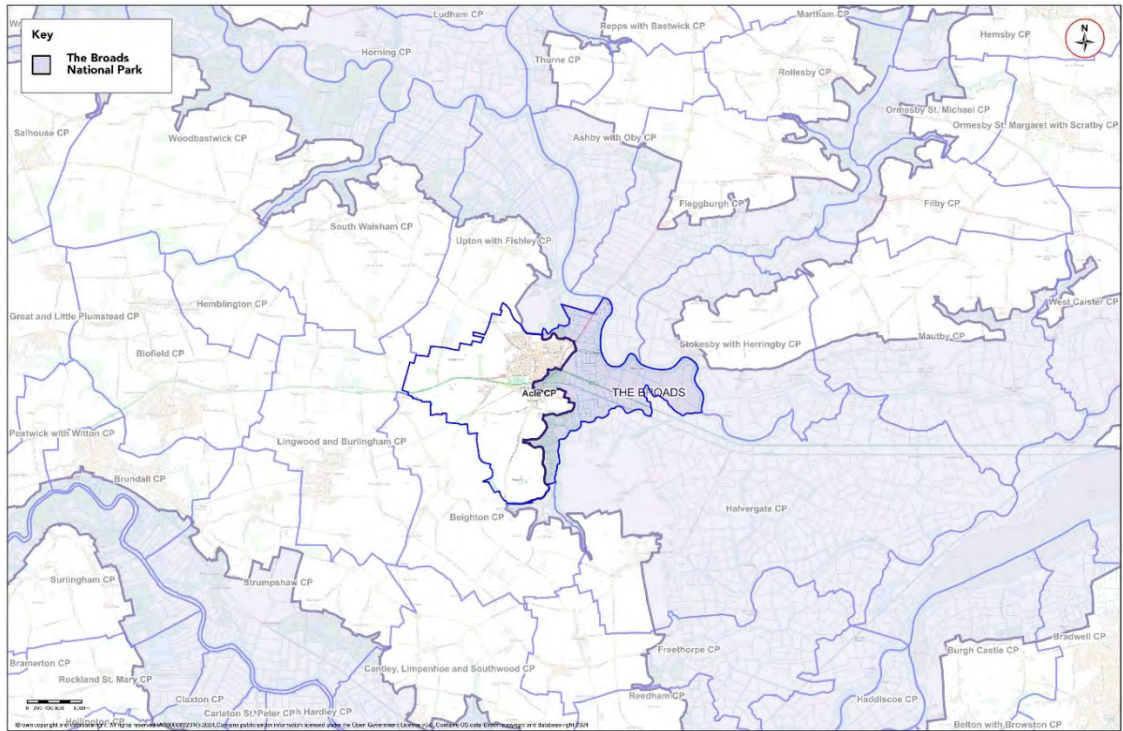
### 1.3 Location of Acle

1.3.1 Acle is a market town on the River Bure in Norfolk, located halfway between Norwich and Great Yarmouth. It has the only bridge across the River Bure between Wroxham and Great Yarmouth. The civil parish of Acle is located within Broadland district but a significant proportion of the east of the parish falls within The Broads Authority boundary. The Norfolk and Suffolk Broads is Britain's largest protected wetland and third largest inland waterway, with the status of a national park. It's also home to some of the rarest plants and animals in the UK. The Broads Authority was set up in 1989, with responsibility for conservation, planning, recreation and waterways.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/planning/future-development/neighbourhood-plans/adopted-neighbourhood-plans-broadland/acle-neighbourhood-plan/acle-neighbourhood-plan>. Map obtained 08.10.2024.

Figures 2 and 3 below: Maps showing the location of Acle parish Neighbourhood Plan area.

Source: Parish Online mapping website with annotations by Rachel Leggett & associates. Information obtained 08.10.2024.



## **1.4 Local Planning Policy**

- 1.4.1 Acle parish is located within Broadland District Council and the Broads Authority areas. The Broads Authority is responsible for planning (and navigation) in the Broads National Park.
- 1.4.2 Both Broadland District and South Norfolk Councils have worked with Norwich City Council and Norfolk County Council to prepare the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP). The GNLP plans for the housing and job needs of the area to 2038 and builds on the long-established joint working arrangement for Greater Norwich. It includes strategic policies to guide future development and plans to protect the environment. It looks to ensure that delivery of development is done in a way which promotes sustainability and the effective functioning of the whole area.
- 1.4.3 The GNLP was adopted by Broadland District Council at a Council meeting on 28 March 2024.
- 1.4.4 Acle is identified as a Key Service Centre in the GNLP.<sup>4</sup> The following information is taken from the GNLP website. Please note, ACL1 and ACL2 have been completed.

### **Acle**

5.1 Acle is identified as a key service centre under policy 7.3. Acle has a range of services and facilities, including a secondary school, a primary school, a small range of shops, library and bus/rail links to Norwich and Great Yarmouth. There is also limited local employment and connections to strategic employment options, although the village does have the potential to generate some additional employment by increasing its role as a gateway location to the Broads.

5.2 Acle Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' in February 2015 and covers the period to 2026. The vision for the Acle Neighbourhood Plan is to ensure that Acle continues as a flourishing village and gateway to the Broads that maintains a strong sense of community whilst embracing a sustainable and prosperous future as a place where people choose to live, work and visit.

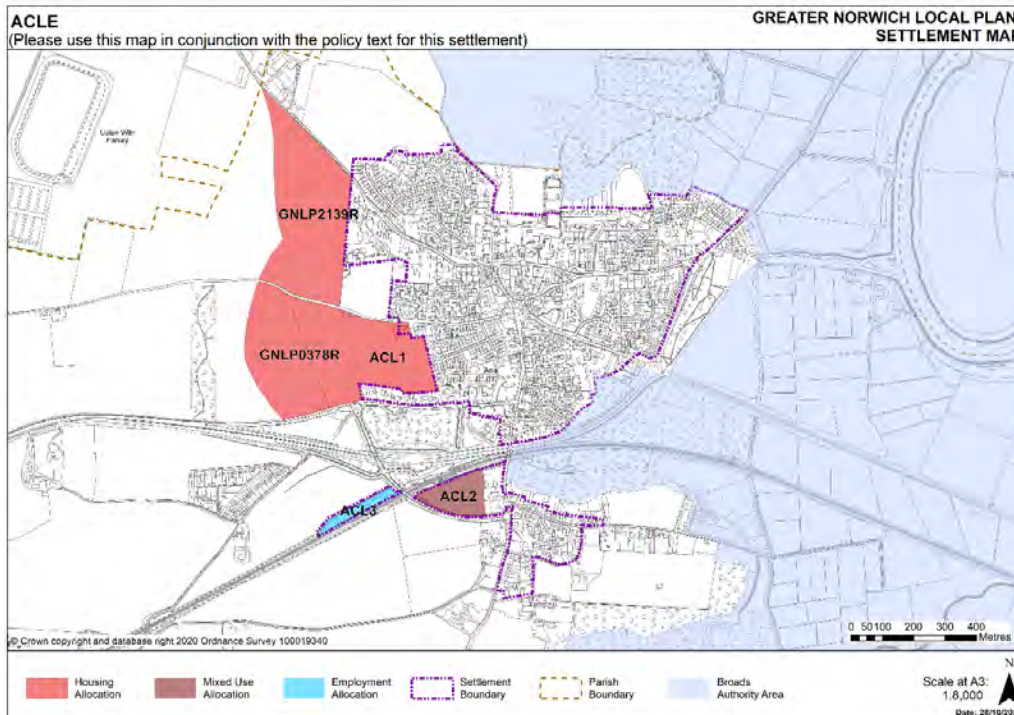
5.3 There are two sites allocated in Acle, together providing for 340 new homes. There are also carried forward allocations with consent for a total of 170 homes plus an additional 30 dwellings with planning permission on small sites. This gives a total deliverable housing commitment for Acle of 540 homes between 2018 – 2038.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.gnlp.org.uk/regulation-19-publication-part-2-sites/5-key-service-centre>. Information obtained 09.10.2024.

5.4 All new and carried forward allocations are expected to address standard requirements associated with development. These vary from place to place but are likely to include mitigations for flood risk (as well as SUDs), highways improvements, safeguarding of minerals resources, land remediation, measures to protect the environment, biodiversity, and landscape intrusion.

## Settlement Map



## New allocations

### Policy GNL0378R and GNL2139R: Land west of Acle (north of Norwich Road, south of South Walsham Road)

5.5 These two sites are combined to form one allocation. The site boundaries have been determined due to the need to: avoid substantial areas of flood risk; provide open space to reduce leisure visits to the Broads; enable future expansion of Acle Academy; and provide a link road from Norwich Road to South Walsham Road; but to do this without producing an allocation which is out of scale with the village. Developers will need to liaise with Acle Academy to ensure the school's potential future growth needs will not be compromised. The reservoir to the west of the site was built to category A, nonetheless its existence and any associated risks may have implications for the design and layout of the site which need to be considered. The allocation of this site is subject to access via carried forward Broadland Local Plan allocation ACL1 and provision of walking, cycling, horse riding and emergency access via Mill Lane. Works to upgrade the unmade section of Mill Lane will also be required. The site is allocated at a lower gross density as the highway improvements, surface water drainage and open space requirements are significant. The eventual net density will be in line with the indicative minimum in Policy 2.

**Policy GNLP0378R/GNLP2139R**

**Land west of Acle (north of Norwich Road, south of South Walsham Road, approx. 25.5 ha) is allocated for residential development. This will accommodate at least 340 homes, associated open space and community facilities.**

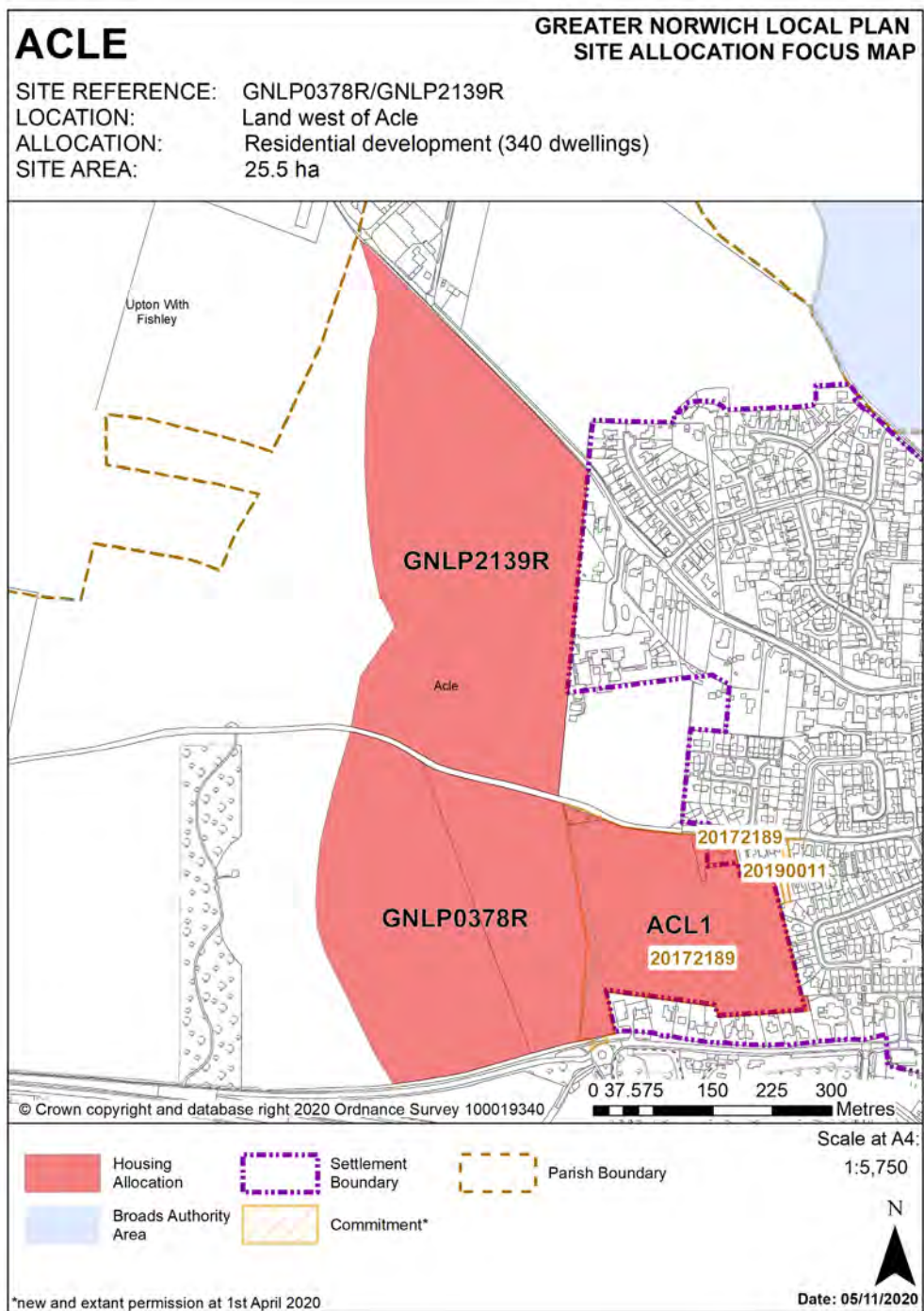
More homes may be accommodated, subject to an acceptable design and layout, as well as infrastructure constraints. The development will be expected to address the following specific matters:

1. Preparation of masterplan to guide the development of the two sites, submitted as part of the application for planning permission.
2. Early assessment of the junction and the A47 at this location is required.
3. The site's proximity to the Broads.

The masterplan should demonstrate:

4. Provision of a link road between Norwich Road and South Walsham Road of a sufficient standard to accommodate HGV and agricultural traffic.
5. Access (vehicular and pedestrian) provided through allocation ACL1 to the east.
6. The Public Right of Way along Mill Lane is protected for continued use as a footway and bridle path.
7. Development does not prevent the potential future expansion of Acle Academy.
8. Open space providing leisure opportunities and enhancing the green infrastructure network.
9. Off-site requirements may include a footway along the west of Mill Lane, east at South Walsham Road and other improvements to the highway network as required by the Highway Authority.
10. Mitigation and further investigation with regards to site susceptibility to surface water flooding and any potential risk of flooding from the reservoir.

# Policy Map



## **Existing allocations to be carried forward**

### **Policy ACL1: Land to the north of Norwich Road, Acle**

5.6 This site was allocated in 2016 as part of the Broadland Local Plan and has permission for 137 homes (20191215). It is expected that development will take place within the new local plan time-period up to 2038. The site is considered in the calculation of the housing requirement.

### **Policy ACL1**

**Land to the north of Norwich Road, Acle (approx. 5.6 ha) is allocated for residential development. This will accommodate approximately 140 homes.**

More homes may be accommodated, subject to an acceptable design and layout, as well as infrastructure constraints.

The development will be expected to address the following specific matters:

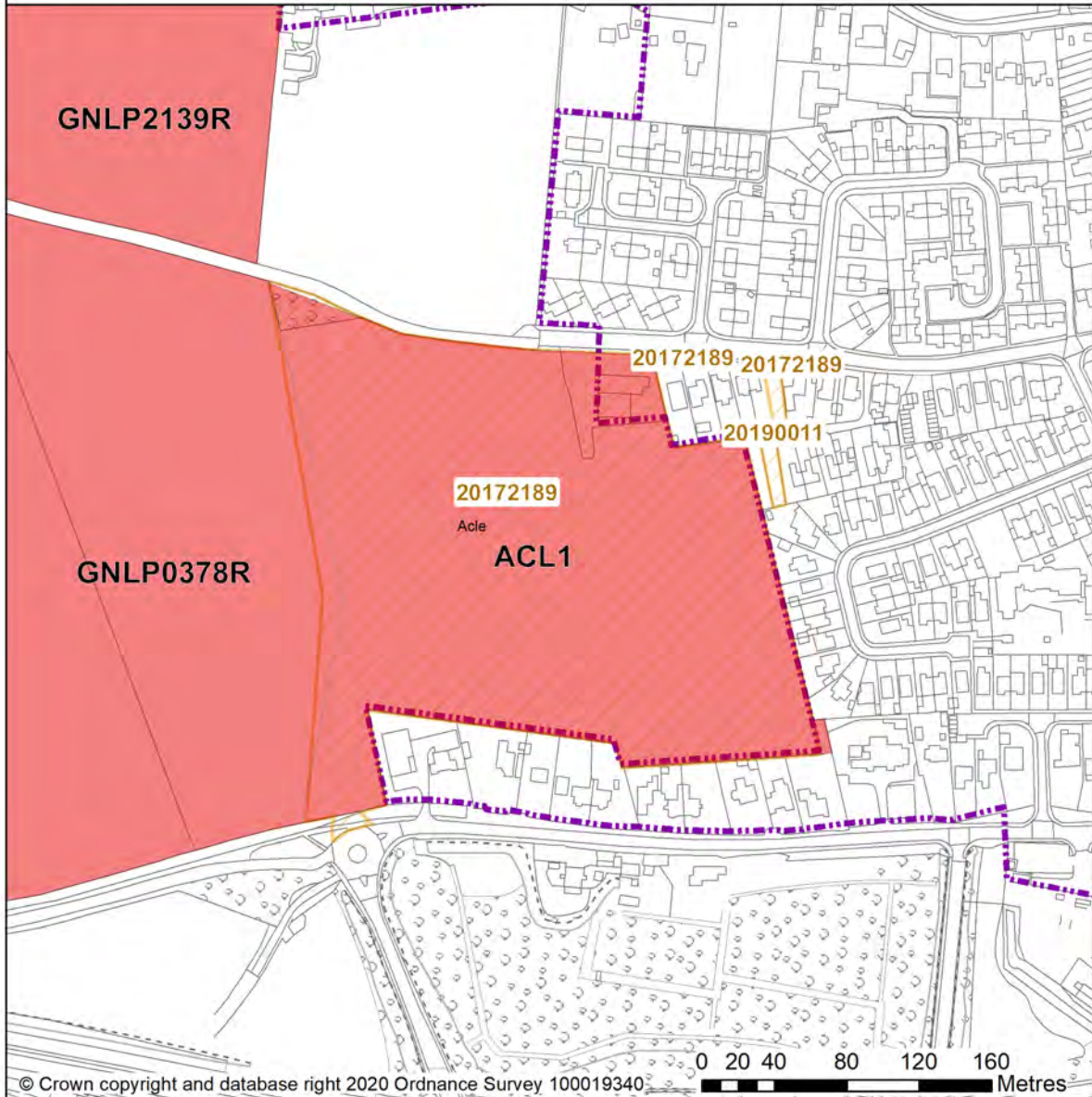
1. Access (vehicular and pedestrian) to be from Norwich Road, with additional pedestrian access via Mill Lane to the High School and village centre; with potential emergency vehicular access to Mill Lane.
2. Access to allocation GNLP0378R/GNLP2139R to be provided.
3. Pollution control measures should be used to ensure that no harm comes to the water environment which is within the proximity of a Major Aquifer of high vulnerability.

Policy Map

# ACLE

## GREATER NORWICH LOCAL PLAN SITE ALLOCATION FOCUS MAP

SITE REFERENCE: ACL1  
 LOCATION: Land to the north of Norwich Road  
 ALLOCATION: Residential development (140 homes)  
 SITE AREA: 5.6 ha



- Housing Allocation
- Settlement Boundary
- Parish Boundary
- Commitment\*

Scale at A4:  
1:3,000



\*new and extant permission at 1st April 2020

Date: 02/11/2020

**Policy ACL2: Land south of Acle Station, between Reedham Road and New Reedham Road, Acle**

5.7 This site was allocated in 2016 as part of the Broadland Local Plan but has not yet been developed. The principle of development is already accepted and it is expected that development will take place within the new local plan time-period up to 2038. The site is considered in the calculation of the housing requirement, providing at least 30 homes, but more may be accommodated, subject to an acceptable design and layout, etc. being achieved.

**Policy ACL2**

**Land to the south of Acle station, between Reedham Road and New Reedham Road (approx. 2.0 ha) is allocated for residential and employment development. This will accommodate approximately 30 homes, with the remainder for class E(g) employment.**

The development will be expected to address the following specific matters:

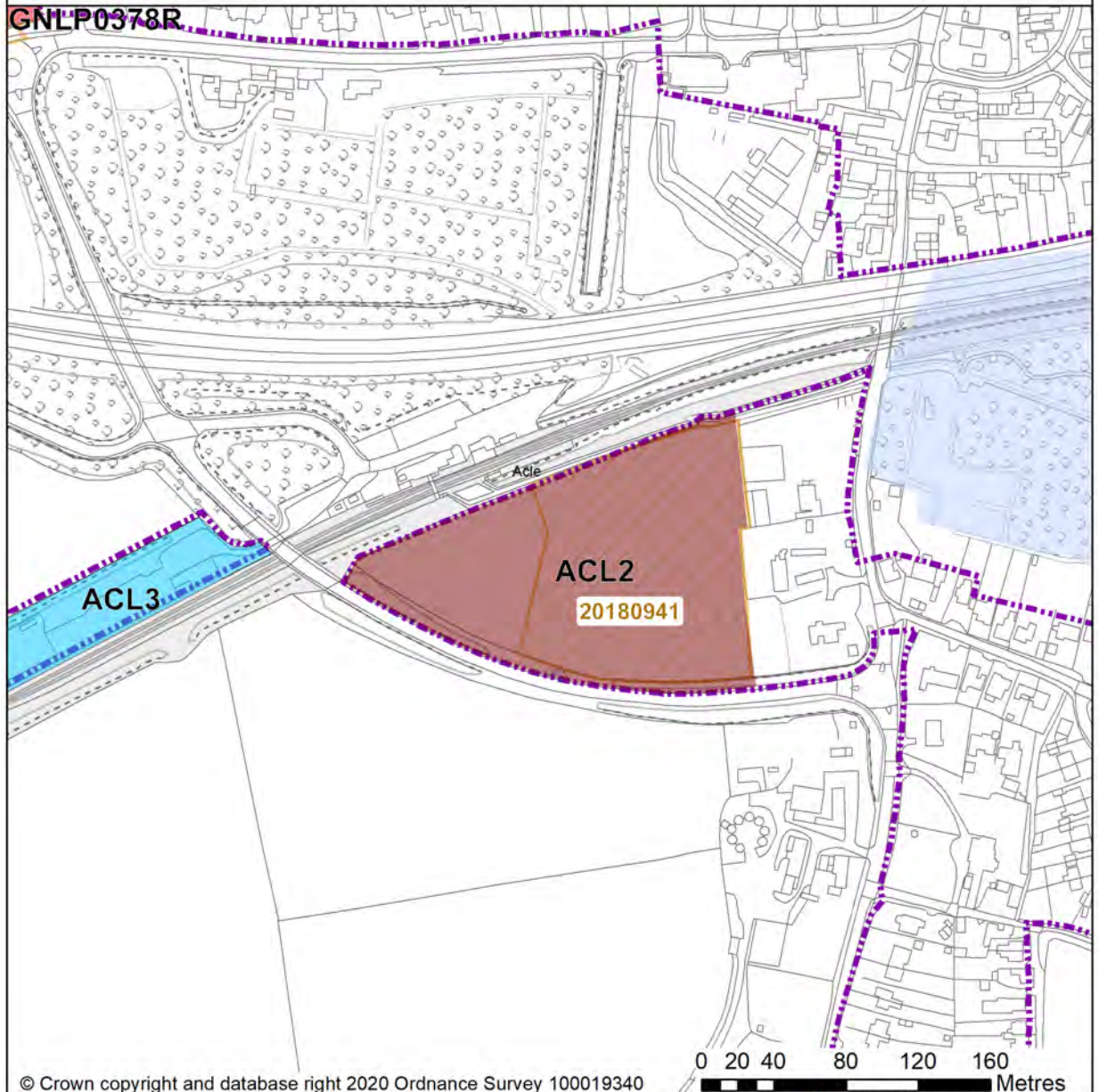
1. Access (vehicular and pedestrian) to be from New Reedham Road.
2. Off-site improvements to the highway network may also be necessary, as required by the Highway Authority, potentially including pedestrian access to the rail station to the north and to Reedham Road.
3. Pollution control measures should be used to ensure that no harm comes to the water environment which is within Source Protection Zone 2.
4. Development must ensure no detrimental effect on Broadland SPA, Broadland Ramsar and Broads SAC.








Policy Map

# ACLE

## GREATER NORWICH LOCAL PLAN SITE ALLOCATION FOCUS MAP


SITE REFERENCE: ACL2  
 LOCATION: Land to the south of Acle station  
 ALLOCATION: Residential and employment  
 SITE AREA: 2.2 ha



 Housing Allocation	 Broads Authority Area	 Parish Boundary
 Mixed Use Allocation	 Settlement Boundary	
 Employment Allocation	 Commitment*	

\*new and extant permission at 1st April 2020

Scale at A4:  
1:3,000

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Date: 02/11/2020

### **Policy ACL3: Land at the former station yard, west of B1140, Acle**

5.8 This site was allocated in 2016 as part of the Broadland Local Plan but has not yet been developed. The principle of development on the site has already been accepted and it is expected that development will take place within the new local plan time-period up to 2038. The site is re-allocated for employment/commercial development.

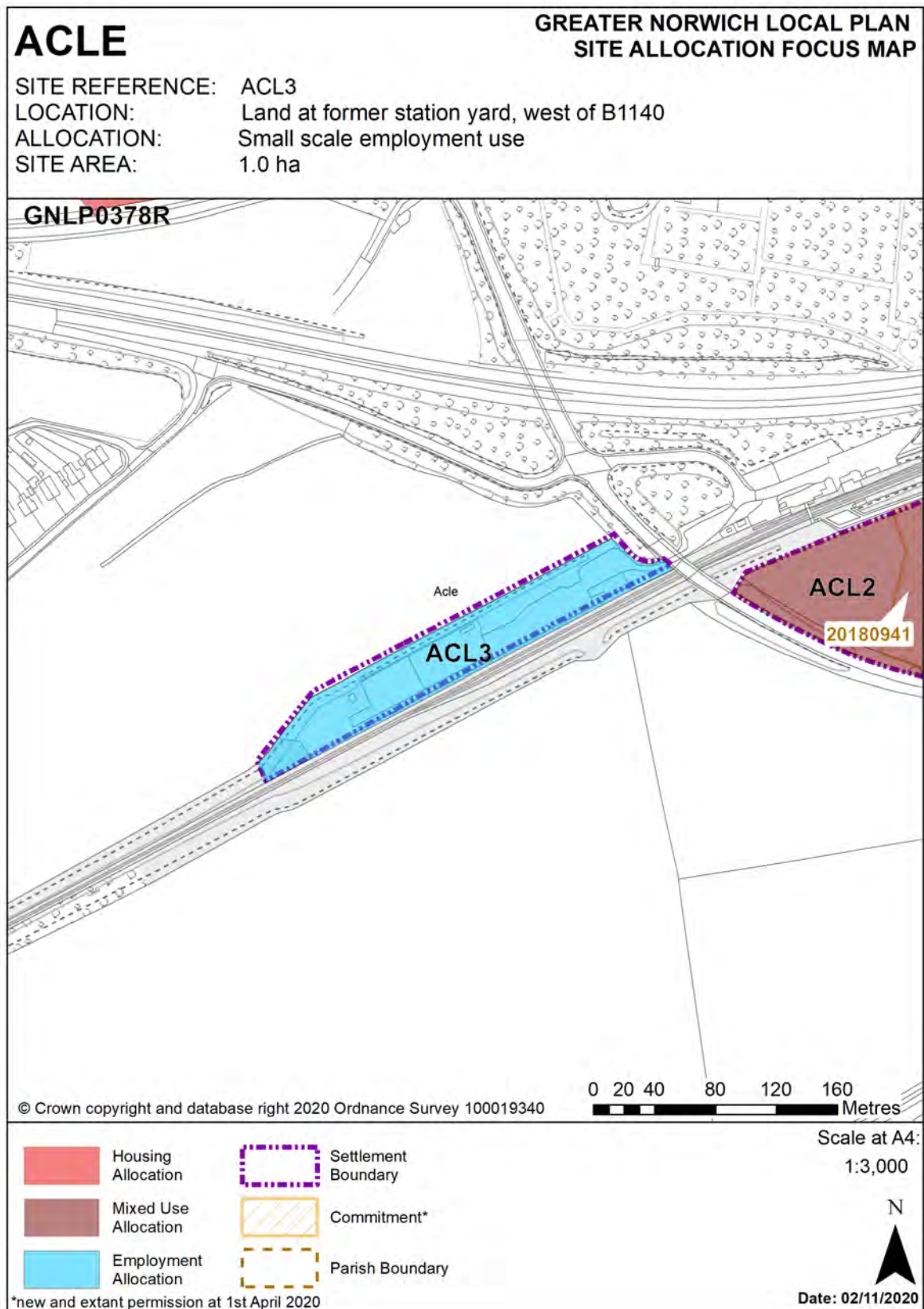
#### **Policy ACL3**

**Land at the former station yard, west of B1140, Acle (approx. 1 ha) is allocated for small scale employment use. This is likely to be within class B2.**

The development will be expected to address the following specific matters:

1. Access (vehicular and pedestrian) to be from New Reedham Road (now Leffins Lane).
2. Access is restricted because of the low bridge which crosses the road which serves the site, limiting the size of vehicles.
3. There are no main sewers or water mains on site, and it will be necessary for developers to investigate the possibility of connecting to the public foul sewer or provide other suitable means.
4. There is a metered water supply to the existing station buildings and agreement must be reached with British Rail to connect this supply.
5. No easily accessible gas main exists which is suitable to serve the site. A gas supply may be able to be made available but offsite costs are likely to be relatively high.
6. Pollution control measures should be used to ensure that no harm comes to the water environment which is within the proximity of a Major Aquifer of high vulnerability.
7. A study to investigate land contamination may be required.

Policy Map



1.4.5 The eastern area of Acle parish is located within the Broads Authority. The Broads Authority is reviewing the Local Plan for the Broads. Until this is completed, the policies in the current Local Plan for the Broads are still in

place. The Preferred Options consultation ended on 17 May 2024 and the next stage is the Regulation 19 consultation, which is going to the Planning Committee and Broads Authority for endorsement to consult mid February 2025. Most of the policies were already included in the currently adopted Local Plan, with some amendments and some policies are new.<sup>5</sup>

- 1.4.6 The policies for Acle parish in the preferred options version of the Broads Authority Local Plan review are below<sup>6</sup>. Please note that the Acle Cemetery extension has progressed and the information within the policy is no longer current.

### **Policy POACL1: Acle Cemetery extension**

1. Land to the rear of the existing cemetery is allocated as an extension to the cemetery. This development will be:
  1. Subject to a prior archaeological assessment;
  2. Subject to a prior groundwater protection risk assessment in accordance with Environment Agency Guidance: Assessing Groundwater Pollution for Cemetery Developments (or successor document or advice);
  3. Integrated into the wider surroundings by a landscaping scheme, including boundary hedge and tree planting; and
  4. Coordinated with any adjacent proposed playing field extension in terms of design and boundary treatment.
2. A management plan that addresses how the site will be managed to benefit biodiversity is required as part of any application.
3. Proposals will also be designed to avoid contributions to light pollution.
4. There may be a requirement to assess the area for peat as there is peat known in the vicinity.

#### **Constraints and features**

- Archaeological interest in vicinity (contains and adjacent to cropmarks of enclosures and field systems).
- Outside identified high flood risk areas (zone 1 by Environment Agency mapping and SFRA 2017).
- As a minimum, a basic Tier 1 risk screening assessment is required for all cemetery extensions (as set out in guidance on the Environment Agency website).
- Peat nearby.

#### **Reasoned Justification**

The existing cemetery at Acle is close to capacity. Acle Parish Council has, over a period of time, actively sought a site to accommodate further burials. Following a search of potential locations around the village, this

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/local-plan-for-the-broads/local-plan-for-the-broads-review>. Information obtained 09.10.2024.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/local-plan-for-the-broads/local-plan-for-the-broads-review/acle>. Information obtained 10.10.2024.

was its preferred site and is understood to have widespread local support. The location adjacent to the existing cemetery makes practical sense, and the use can be satisfactorily accommodated here, subject to the considerations outlined in the policy. The Parish Council has yet to secure ownership of the site. Planning permission has been granted for another site in the village, however the Parish Council have requested that this site continue to be allocated for Cemetery use in this Local Plan.

The area concerned is around 0.8ha (2 acres), gently sloping and currently part of an arable field adjacent to the existing cemetery and bounded on one side by a narrow track/public footpath. The Parish Council's intention is that the immediately adjacent piece of land to the east would be used as an extension to the existing recreation centre playing fields, and this is supported by a complementary policy. Together they would form a reasonable extension to the existing urbanised extent of Acle, forming a new boundary line linking the extremity of the existing playing fields to the east with the approximate limit of housing development to the west.

The site lies wholly in Flood Zone 1 by both Environment Agency (EA) mapping and the Broads Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA 2017) mapping and there are no flood risk issues constraining the development. However, the EA wishes to ensure that any risk of pollution to groundwater is adequately assessed before any planning permission is granted, and the policy reflects this. The EA is content with the allocation for the proposed use based on the results of preliminary investigations by the Parish Council. The area is of archaeological interest and this development should be subject to prior assessment of the archaeological value, and arrangements for archaeological recording in the event the development proceeds. A requirement for suitable boundary treatment and planting would help integrate the development into the wider Broads landscape. A management plan will be needed, setting out steps to manage the site so it can benefit biodiversity in the area, in recognition of its location at the edge of an urban area and a protected landscape. The extension to the cemetery also needs to be designed to avoid light pollution.

### **Reasonable alternative options**

No policy

Original policy with no amendments.

### **Sustainability appraisal summary**

The following is a summary of the assessment of the policy and alternative(s).

A: Amended policy: 5 positives. 0 negatives. 0? Overall, positive.

B: No policy: 0 positives. 0 negatives. 5?

C: Original policy: 5 positives. 0 negatives. 0? Overall, positive.

### **How has the existing policy been used since adoption in May 2019?**

According to recent Annual Monitoring Reports, the policy has not been used.

### **Why has the alternative option been discounted?**

An alternative option is to not have a policy. By having a policy, it brings the important considerations into a policy.

### **Policy POACL2: Acle Playing Field extension.**

1. Land is allocated for an extension to the playing fields at Acle Recreation Centre. This development will be:
  1. Subject to a prior archaeological assessment;
  2. Integrated into the wider surroundings by a landscaping scheme including boundary hedge and tree planting; and
  3. Coordinated with any adjacent proposed cemetery extension and neighbouring/nearby land uses in terms of design and boundary treatment.
2. Any floodlighting shall be designed to minimise light spillage into the wider Broads landscape and avoid adverse effects on neighbouring residents' amenity.
3. Any proposals that result in excavation of soil will need to consider the peat policy ( ) as part of the site is peat.

### **Constraints and features**

- Outside identified high flood risk areas (zone 1 by EA mapping and Broads SFRA 2017).
- Archaeological interest in vicinity (contains and adjacent to cropmarks of enclosures and field systems).
- Partially on safeguarded minerals (sand and gravel) resource.
- Part of extension is on peat.

### **Reasoned Justification**

The area concerned is a piece of gently sloping land, currently part of an arable field adjacent to the existing playing fields. It is immediately adjacent to the land subject of Policy POACL1 for a cemetery extension. Together they would form a reasonable extension to the existing urbanised extent of Acle, forming a new boundary line linking the extremity of the existing playing fields to the east with the approximate limit of housing development to the west.

The Recreation Centre is a well-used local resource. The Trust that runs it has identified a need for additional playing field capacity. Extending the existing playing fields makes practical sense and meets a social need in a location well related to the village and built surroundings. The proposed extension is around 0.44ha (1 acre), and would increase the existing playing fields area, which is largely outside the Broads area, by about 10% (they are currently around 4ha or 10 acres). The location also enables coordination and landscaping with the proposed cemetery extension adjacent. The scheme has the active support of Acle Parish Council. It is also supported in principle by Sport England and Broadland District Council.

The playing fields extension could be satisfactorily integrated into the Broads landscape in this location, and integrated with the proposed cemetery extension adjacent, by means of a landscaping scheme including boundary planting, and the policy provides for this.

The site is partly on a safeguarded mineral (sand and gravel) resource, but Norfolk County Council has no objection to the sports field use, provided that no permanent buildings are erected on the site. The potential need for additional ancillary facilities such as car parking and changing rooms has been considered by the Trust. It plans to provide these within its existing area and does not plan to erect buildings on the area, subject to this policy.

Please note that this allocation received planning permission in 2014 and again in 2017. The policy is carried forward from the Local Plan for the Broads as the permission is yet to be built out and there is still an infrastructure deficit.

### **Reasonable alternative options**

No policy

Please note that the amendments are factual – the Cemetery land is not to be allocated in this Local Plan.

### **Sustainability appraisal summary**

The following is a summary of the assessment of the policy and alternative(s).

A: Keep original policy: 3 positives. 0 negatives. 0 ? Overall, positive.

B: No policy: 0 positives. 0 negatives. 3 ?

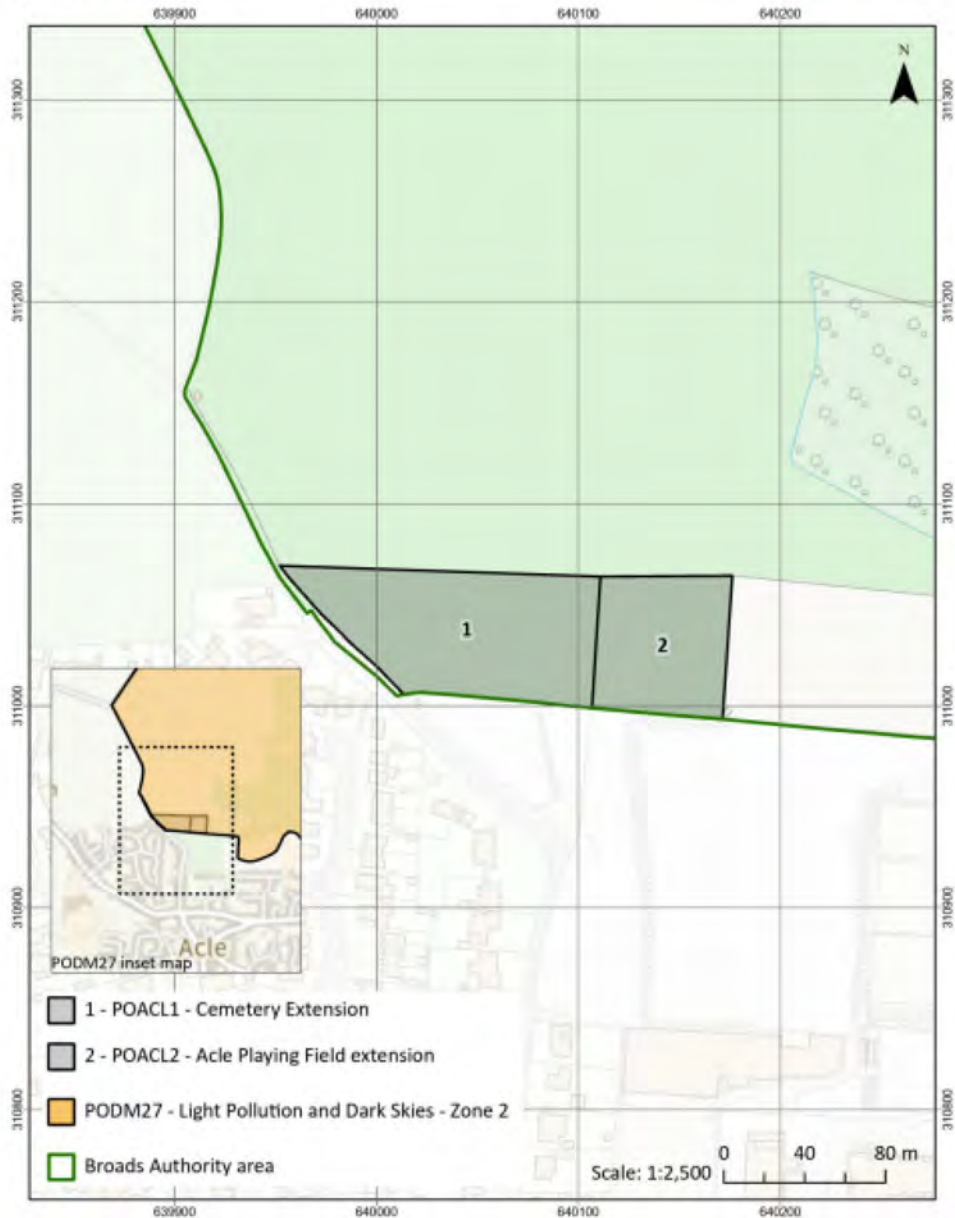
### **How has the existing policy been used since adoption in May 2019?**

According to recent Annual Monitoring Reports, the policy has not been used.

### **Why has the alternative option been discounted?**

An alternative option is to not have a policy. By having a policy, it brings the important considerations into a policy.

1. Acle



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1.4.7 The Broads Authority Design Guide July 2022 provides clarity of design expectations at an early stage in the development process. The design guide appraises the local character and design preferences.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0024/434571/Appendix-1-Draft-Design-Guide-July-2022.pdf](https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0024/434571/Appendix-1-Draft-Design-Guide-July-2022.pdf). Information obtained 10.10.2024.

## 2. Built environment and design

### 2.1 Historic environment

- 2.1.1 A search of the Norfolk Historic Environment Record has been requested for use by the Neighbourhood Plan group in the development of Neighbourhood Plan policies. This includes information about the nature and location of archaeological sites.<sup>8</sup> The Norfolk Historic Environment Record is the definitive database of the county's archaeological sites and historic buildings. It contains over 60,000 records describing the archaeology of Norfolk from the earliest evidence for human occupation from 750,000 BC up to the present day.
- 2.1.2 The Norfolk Heritage Explorer<sup>9</sup> website is an abridged version of the Norfolk Historic Environment Record. A search for Acle parish results in 153 records found. The interactive map on the website can be used to see the location of the finds. The website address is [www.heritage.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.heritage.norfolk.gov.uk).
- 2.1.3 A parish summary from the Norfolk Heritage Explorer website can be found below. The links within the text can be used to access the record details on the Norfolk Heritage Explorer website:<sup>10</sup>

#### **Parish Summary: Acle**

*Acle, from the Old English meaning an 'oak clearing', is a thriving market town in East Norfolk, close to the Broads and Great Yarmouth. The town has archaeological remains from a variety of periods, and a nationally important complex of World War Two defences.*

*Much of the parish is situated on low-lying land, and was once on the edge of a large estuary, which gradually silted up to become marshland in the early medieval period.*

*There is some evidence of early occupation; prehistoric flint flakes, several Neolithic axeheads (NHER 593, [10368](#), [12576](#), [39314](#)), and a Bronze Age arrowhead (NHER [8595](#)) and a chisel (NHER [39900](#)) have all been found within the parish. Metal detecting has revealed the site of an Iron Age settlement (NHER [40570](#)) near Reephams Road. Large amounts of Iron Age pottery and a spindle whorl were recovered from the site.*

*The discovery of a Roman ring (NHER [24118](#)), Samian ware, and other Roman pottery (NHER [23167](#), [24118](#), [30183](#), [35201](#), [35995](#)) and coins*

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<sup>8</sup> [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/archaeology-and-historic-environment/historic-environment-record](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/archaeology-and-historic-environment/historic-environment-record). Information obtained 10.10.2024.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.heritage.norfolk.gov.uk/>. Information obtained 10.10.2024.

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.heritage.norfolk.gov.uk/record-details?TNF1>. Information obtained 10.10.2024.

([NHER 8597](#), [15474](#), [17262](#), [24118](#), [25023](#), [35200](#)) suggest that settlement during the Roman period was focused on the higher ground overlooking the estuary, just above the present marshes.

Settlement on the higher ground developed from this early period, and in 1086 Acle was a large royal manor, the Domesday Book records fifteen plough teams, a mill, beehives, and woodland. Nothing now remains of Acle Wood ([NHER 12202](#)), which was quite substantial; 480 oaks were cut down in one felling in the early 17th century, curiously reminiscent of the 'oak clearing' that gave Acle its name.

During the medieval period, Acle flourished, and was granted permission to hold a market in 1253, and the nearby marshes began to be drained to create large areas of lush pasture. In 1382 the inhabitants of Acle were granted the right of turbarry, allowing them to remove turf or peat for fuel, in the park of Acle, which would have been situated on the margins of the parish, in the marshes. Peat digging on a large scale in the medieval period created the Broads, which are the flooded remains of turbaries. Medieval pottery, coins and metalwork, including medieval seal matrices and harness pendants have been found in the parish.

Weybridge Priory ([NHER 8601](#)) was founded in the early 12th century, at some distance from the centre of the village, but next to an important ford over the River Bure. The site of the Priory has sometimes been confused with that of the former manor house site in the centre of the village, shown on a map of 1633.

The thatched church of St Edmund ([NHER 8600](#)) has an unusual and rare handwritten inscription from the 14th century referring to an episode of the plague in Acle, the anonymous writer's cry of 'Take note, O gloomy death, how many you are drowning in the depths' retains its poignancy today. The site of a medieval hermitage is also a reminder of the vibrancy and diversity of pre Reformation religious life.

The Bridewell ([NHER 12197](#)), a reminder of those who led less devout lives, was mentioned in a letter of 1574, when it was referred to as being newly built. In the late 18th century the prison was in poor repair, with no clean water or straw for the prisoners.



St Edmund's Church, Acle (©NCC)

An account of life in 15th century Acle by one of its inhabitants, Robert Reynys, refers to a 'gret dredfull ffyer' in 1475, which may explain the lack of surviving medieval houses. Most of the older houses date from the 17th century, although some incorporate timbers from earlier buildings, and some have been partially built with medieval stone from the ruins of Weybridge Priory which was dissolved in 1536.

During the 18th and 19th centuries, the drainage of the marshes around Acle became more intense with the use of wind pumps and post mills (NHER [8609](#), [8611](#), [8612](#), [15623](#)). Smithdales Foundry built the last wind pump in Norfolk at Acle, and the company continued to develop more sophisticated drainage technology, some examples of which are in the Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse Museum.



World War Two spigot mortar emplacement, Acle (©NCC)

In World War Two Acle was designated a strategic defensive point in the event of a German invasion. The complex series of surviving defences, once part of a much wider network, are of national importance, and include pillboxes, spigot mortar emplacements, weapons pits and tank traps. One pillbox was hidden under the Victoria Jubilee milestone in the village centre, whilst another was disguised as a shed at an important road crossing.



A World War Two pillbox concealed in a small building next to the Manor House, Acle (©NCC)

Sarah Spooner (NLA), July 2005.

### **Further Reading**

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## **2.2 National Heritage List for England**

- 2.2.1 There is one Grade I listed building, twelve Grade II listed buildings, and one Scheduled Monument in Acle parish on the National Heritage List for England.<sup>11</sup>

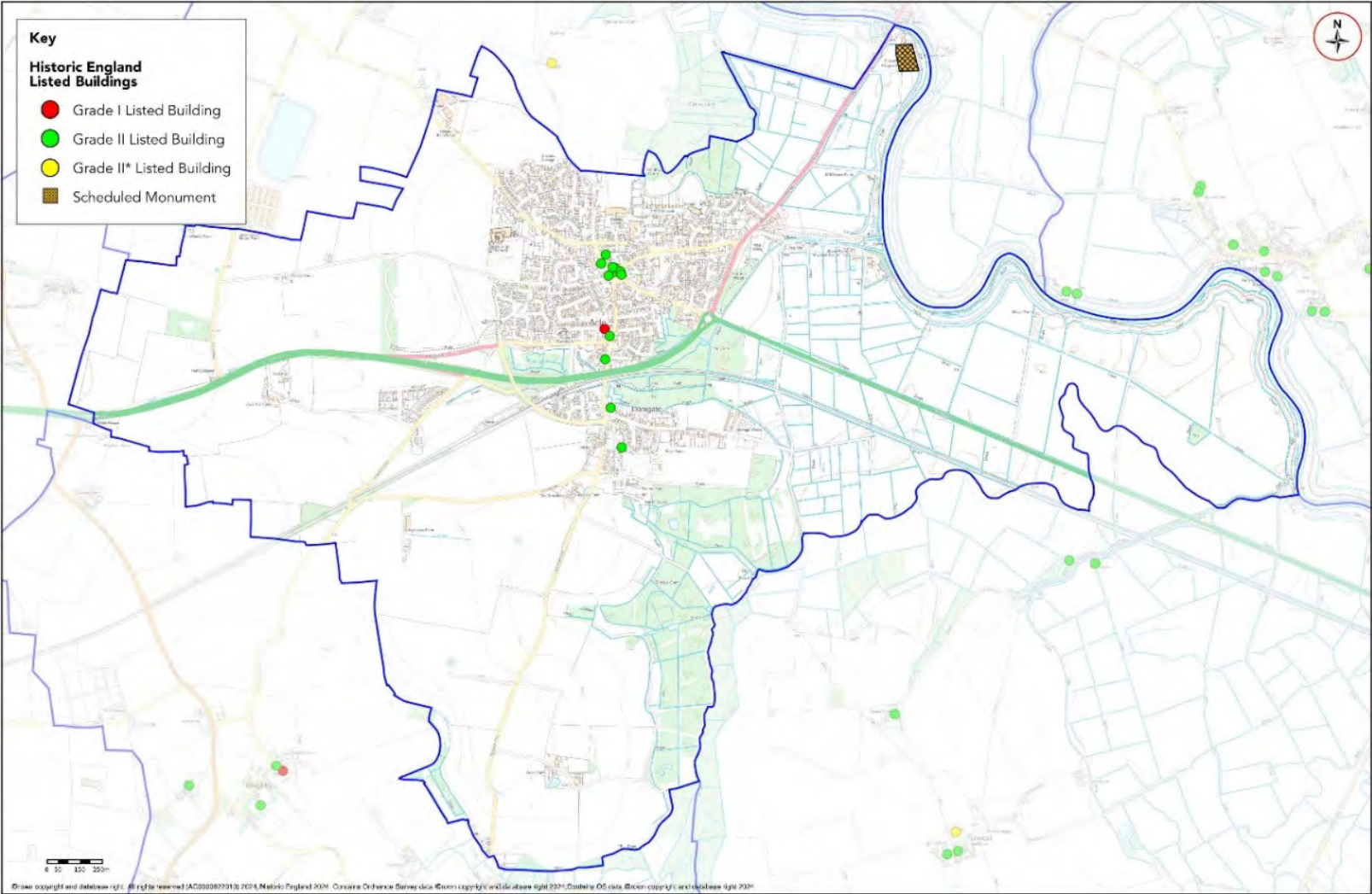
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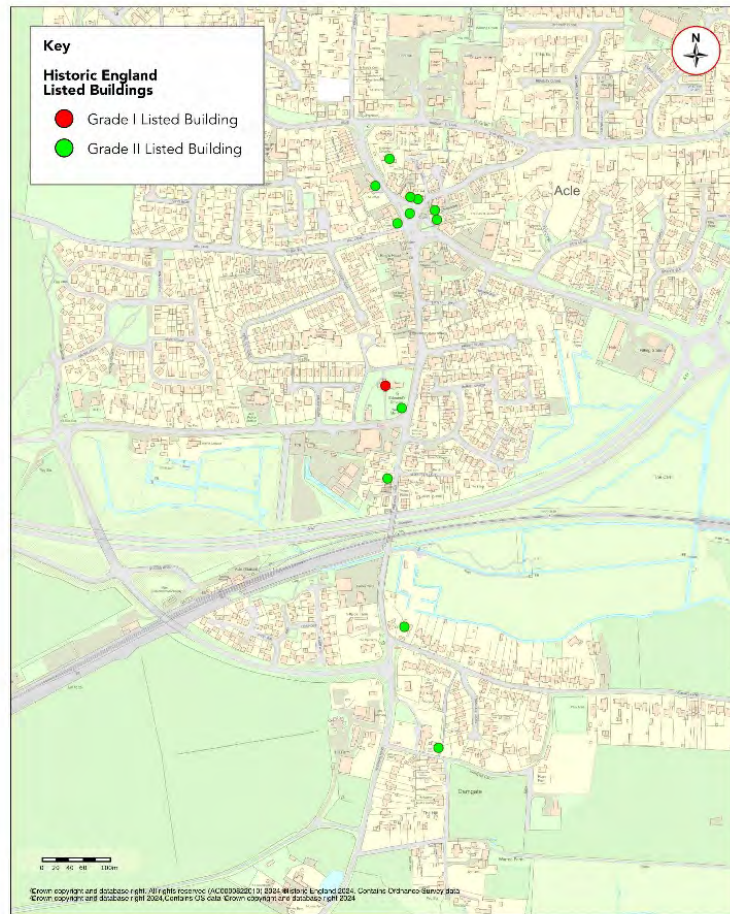
<sup>11</sup> <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list>. Information obtained 10.10.2024.

**Figure 4 below: National Heritage List for England entries in Acle parish.**  
**Source: Historic England website. Information obtained 10.10.2024.**

National Heritage List for England List Entry Name	Heritage Category	Location
Acle War Memorial	Grade II Listed Building	The churchyard of the Church of St Edmund, Norwich Road, Acle, Norfolk NR13 3JS.
Elm Tree House	Grade II Listed Building	The Green, Acle.
Hillside	Grade II Listed Building	Damgate Lane, Acle.
Jubilee Memorial	Grade II Listed Building	The Green, Acle.
Calthorpe Cottages	Grade II Listed Building	The Green, Acle.
The Old White House	Grade II Listed Building	The Green, Acle.
Childwall House and Bedlam	Grade II Listed Building	Reedham Road, Acle.
Ivy House, including attached outbuilding	Grade II Listed Building	The Green, Acle.
The Manor House	Grade II Listed Building	The Green, Acle.
The Bridewell	Grade II Listed Building	South Walsham Road, Acle.
The Limes including attached boundary wall.	Grade II Listed Building	South Walsham Road, Acle.
Oakley House Barn	Grade II Listed Building	Reedham Road, Acle.
Church of St. Edmund	Grade I Listed Building	Norwich Road, Acle.
Site of St Mary's Priory, Wey Bridge	Scheduled Monument	Acle

Figures 5 and 6 below: Maps showing the location of Listed Buildings and Scheduled Monuments in Acle parish.  
Source: Parish Online mapping website. Map obtained 10.10.2024.





## 2.3 Halvergate Marshes Conservation Area

2.3.1 Halvergate Marshes Conservation Area was declared a conservation area in 1995. The Conservation Area comprises of a large area of the Halvergate Marshes (the Halvergate Triangle) and part of Haddiscoe Marshes (The Island), north of the New Cut, together with the areas forming the eastern fringe of the River Yare.

2.3.2 Halvergate Marshes and Haddiscoe Island contain the largest area of grazing marshes in the east of England and epitomise the marshland landscape of the Broads area - vast panoramic grazing marshes, winding waterways, wide open skies, openness and a high level of visibility within a wide valley floodplain. Within this large scale landscape, there is a strong dyke pattern evident within areas of marshland, most of which is still used in the traditional way for cattle grazing. The landscape is punctuated by drainage mills formerly used to drain the grazing marshes. Although other marshland areas of the country, including the Fens, were drained by such mills, unlike Halvergate, most retain only the scant remains of their wind-powered mills and only Holland has anything comparable in terms of number of remains.

- 2.3.3 The Halvergate Marshes Conservation Area is bounded by the higher land between Stokesby and Caister to the north, between Reedham and Acle to the west; to the east it includes the marshland areas adjoining the Rivers Yare and Waveney from their confluence at the southern end of Breydon Water, with the New Cut forming the western boundary. The River Yare marks the boundary between Halvergate Triangle and Haddiscoe Island. The conservation area includes the east-west reaches of the River Bure between Acle and Yarmouth and a section of the A47 Norwich-Yarmouth road.
- 2.3.4 The following text is taken from the Halvergate Conservation Area Appraisal 2015:<sup>12</sup>

### **Issues, pressures, threats & opportunities for Halvergate Marshes Conservation Area**

#### **Issues, pressures and threats:**

- Conversion of grazing land to arable or other land uses – loss of distinctiveness at local and regional level and loss of dyke vegetation. Contrast between apparently unmanaged marsh and the cultivated, man-managed arable fields, especially where combined with roads and traffic, as in the north western corner beyond Branch Road, from which there are views of marsh to the east and arable to the west.
- Agricultural buildings of inappropriate scale, design and materials within the marshland and on the upland edge, particularly where they are not screened by vegetation
- Pylons south east of Haddiscoe Island visible from many parts of the conservation area
- Telephone wires and low voltage power cables providing sagging horizontal lines in the air above the marshes
- Impacts of flood alleviation works
- The potential widening of the Acle Straight
- Continued development around Great Yarmouth and Breydon
- Likelihood of increased scrapes/surface water on marshes to suit particular bird life
- Potential impact of Bure Loop Proposals
- Deterioration/dereliction of structures within the conservation area, principally drainage mills, pumps and marsh houses
- Potential installation of modern water pumping facilities of inappropriate design and materials
- New development on the skyline
- Climate change effects
- Lack of management of pollarded trees along roadways

#### **Opportunities for improvements:**

- Improving accessibility through providing more footpaths/cycleways

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<sup>12</sup> [https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0012/304041/Halvergate-Marshes-Conservation-Area-Appraisal-2015.pdf](https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/304041/Halvergate-Marshes-Conservation-Area-Appraisal-2015.pdf). Information obtained 23.10.2024.

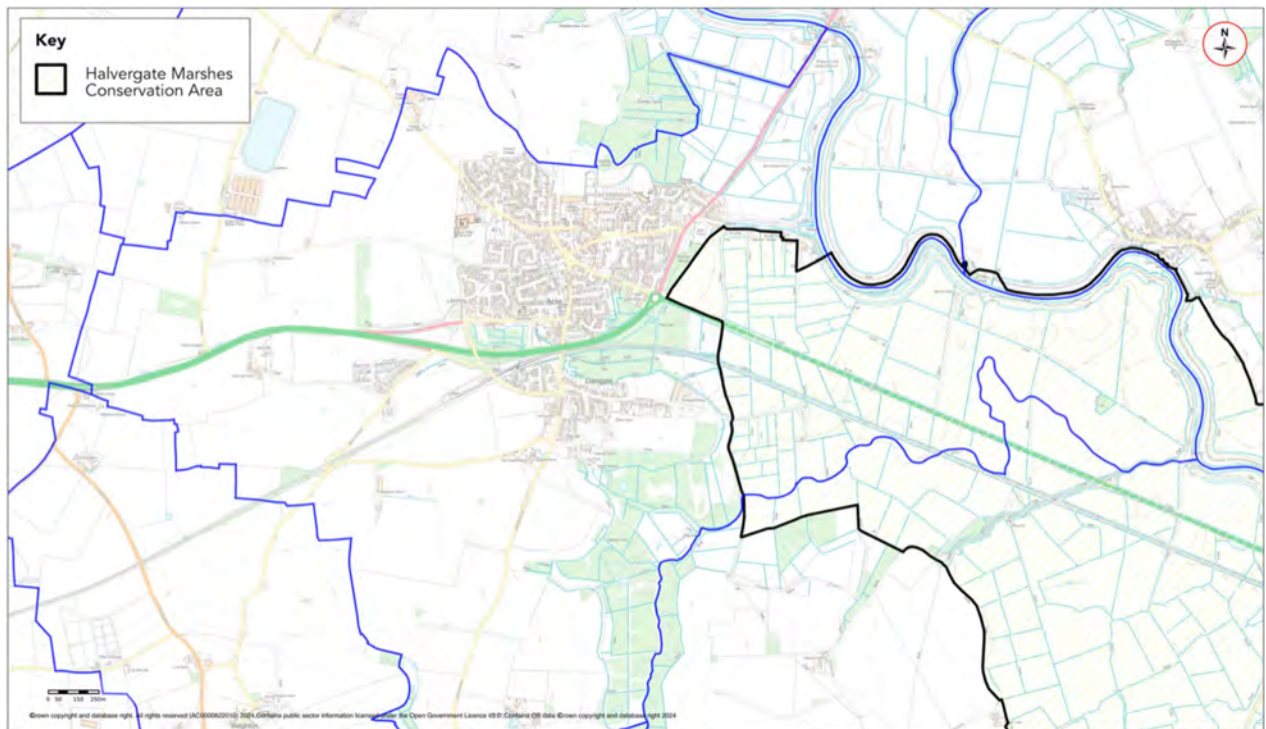
- Improve appreciation and understanding of the area through the provision of appropriate signage and interpretation
- Consider suitable alternative uses for redundant drainage mills where appropriate
- Ensure appropriate level of conservation of redundant drainage mills to maintain the structure, and safeguard their character
- Guidelines for development on the edges of the conservation area
- Consider presumption against major development where it would visually impact on the character of the conservation area
- Removal of overhead lines

## **Conclusions**

The Halvergate Marshes conservation area is one of the distinctive Broads landscape. The panoramic grazing marshes give a sense of openness and remoteness. Big skies, simple skylines, meandering rivers and important nature conservation interest all contribute to the special and unique character of the area. It is a working, rather than a leisure landscape. Although public access by land is limited, the rivers through opportunities for boating and sailing, allow a glimpse into this special landscape. Halvergate is a powerful reminder of what much of the coastal fringe of the east coast must have been like before the widespread conversion to arable. The combination of marsh and sky continually reflects changes in weather patterns and the seasons, and whilst some may find its character bleak and unwelcoming, to others it epitomises East Anglia. It has a powerful sense of place and distinctiveness and is a true cultural landscape.

**Figure 7 below: Map showing the location of Halvergate Marshes Conservation Area.**

**Source: Parish Online Mapping website. Obtained 25.10.2024.**



### **3. Housing**

#### **3.1 District Council housing information**

- 3.1.1 Over the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2023, Broadland District Council records show there was a net gain of 267 new residential dwellings built in Acle parish.

**Figure 8 overleaf: Housing completions in Acle parish 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2023.**

**Source: Broadland District Council. Obtained September 2024.**

Permission Reference	Site Address	Description	Granted	Proposed units	No. dwellings lost	Net gain	Site Status
20121734	Acle Hair And Beauty, The Street, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3QJ	1. Change of Use of First Floor from B1 (Office) to C3 (Residential) Including Ground Floor Entrance Hall 2. Installation of First Floor Window	31/12/2012	1	0	1	Completed
20130367	Land Adj. 16 Hillcrest, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3DA	Erection of 2 No. Affordable Dwellings	25/06/2013	2	0	2	Completed
20130364	21-34, Beighton Road, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3DB	Erection of 14 No. Affordable Replacement Dwellings	25/06/2013	14	14	0	Completed. These are all replacement affordable dwellings.
20130368	Land Adj. 1, Hillcrest, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3DA	Erection of 2 No. Affordable Dwellings	25/06/2013	2	0	2	Completed
20111677	The Old Chapel, Middlesex Lane,, Acle,, NR13 3DQ	Demolition of Former Chapel & Construction of Replacement 3 Bedroom House with Integral Garage	22/12/2011	1	0	1	Completed
20140933	The White House,14, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3EB	Erection of Dwelling	03/07/2014	1	0	1	Completed
20141709	Orchard House, New Close, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3BG	Sub-Division of Plot to provide One Detached Dwelling	14/11/2014	1	0	1	Completed
20141144	Land Rear of, The Cottage, The Green, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3QJ	Erection of Detached Dwelling	05/09/2014	1	0	1	Completed

Permission Reference	Site Address	Description	Granted	Proposed units	No. dwellings lost	Net gain	Site Status
20151273	1, Calthorpe Cottages, The Green, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3QX	Change of Use from an Opticians to Residential Dwelling	15/10/2015	1	0	1	Completed
20170275	High Grade House, The Street, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3DY	Change of use of first floor from office to residential, use of flat roof at rear as roof terrace and alterations	27/03/2017	1	0	1	Completed
20140935	Border Lodge,49, Damgate Lane, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3DJ	1. Sub-Division of Garden & Extension to Existing Annexe to Form Separate Dwelling 2. Erection of Detached Garage	04/08/2014	1	0	1	Completed
20152044	Land to North of, Springfield, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3JW	Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 2 of Planning Permission 20140787 - Erection of 24 No. Open Market Dwellings including Access, Landscape & Layout	09/03/2016	24	0	24	Completed
20140787	Land to North of, Springfield, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3JW	Hybrid Application for Erection of 24 No Open Market Dwellings including Access, Landscape & Layout (Outline) & Erection of 12 No Affordable Dwellings including Estate Road & Associated Infrastructure (Full)	13/05/2015	12	0	12	Completed
20161475	Windle Farm, The Windle, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3JT	Change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse and provision of a cart lodge garage	18/10/2016	1	0	1	Completed

Permission Reference	Site Address	Description	Granted	Proposed units	No. dwellings lost	Net gain	Site Status
20171123	49A Damgate Lane, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3DJ	Erection of a Self-Build Replacement Dwelling and Retention of Existing Garage	04/12/2017	1	1	0	Completed
20180327	Gaverne House, New Road, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3BE	Sub-division of Plot and Erection of Attached New Dwelling	25/04/2018	1	0	1	Completed
20180941	Land Adj. Hillside Farm, Reedham Road, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3DF	Erection of 30 Dwellings & Associated works (Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission 20141392)	03/10/2018	30	0	30	Completed
20191954	Herondale, Bridewell Lane, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3RA	Demolition of Care Home and Replacement with no.58 Affordable Self-Contained Flats for over 55's & Associated Communal Facilities, Car parking and Landscaping	11/09/2020	58	24	34	Completed. Care home replaced by affordable flats for over 55's.
20191543	Tara Lodge, 31 Damgate Lane, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3DH	Remove North End Dormer in East Elevation of Tara Lodge, Subdivide Plot and Erect One-And-A-Half Storey Detached Dwelling	28/02/2020	1	0	1	Completed
20190241	Hillside Farm (Phase 2), Reedham Road, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3DF	Construction of 15 Dwellings, Associated Drainage & External Works	16/12/2020	15	0	15	Completed

Permission Reference	Site Address	Description	Granted	Proposed units	No. dwellings lost	Net gain	Site Status
20191215	Land north of Norwich Road, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3BU	Reserved Matters Application following grant of outline planning 20172189 with full details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of development for 137 residential units together with associated highway works.	19/06/2020	137	0	137	Completed

**Figure 9 below: Sites under construction in Acle parish 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2023.  
Source: Broadland District Council. Obtained September 2024.**

Permission Reference	Site Address	Description	Granted	Proposed units	No. dwellings lost	Net gain	Site Status
20212004	Wyncot, Pyebush Lane, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3QZ.	Replacement of Bungalow with Chalet Bungalow.	29/03/2022	1	1	0	Started

**Figure 10 below: Housing development not started in Acle parish 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2023.  
Source: Broadland District Council. Obtained September 2024.**

Permission Reference	Site Address	Description	Granted	Proposed units	No. dwellings lost	Net gain	Site Status
20212094	Land North off Damgate Lane, Acle, Norwich	4 no self-build dwellings (Outline)	18/11/2022	4	0	4	Superseded by permissions below.
2023/1037	Plot 3, Land North of Damgate, Acle, Norwich	Reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline permission 20212094 for Plot 3	25/07/2023	1	0	1	Granted
2023/1036	Plot 4, Land North of Damgate, Acle, Norwich	Reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline permission 20212094 for Plot 4 and layout of private drive and turning head for plots 1-4	25/07/2023	1	0	1	Granted
2023/1131	Plot 2, Land North of Damgate Lane Acle, Norfolk, Acle, Norfolk	Reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline permission 20212094 for Plot 2	25/07/2023	1	0	1	Granted

Permission Reference	Site Address	Description	Granted	Proposed units	No. dwellings lost	Net gain	Site Status
2023/1724	Plot 1, Land North of Damgate Lane, Acle, Norwich	Reserved Matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale - Plot 1, following Outline application 20212094	19/10/2023	1	0	1	Granted
20212338	Beighton Road Farm, Beighton, Norwich, NR13 3DD	Conversion of farmyard and buildings to form 3 residential dwellings and change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage.	12/07/2022	3	0	3	Granted
2023/3182	The Enchanted Florist Limited, Beaconsfield House, The Street, Acle, Norwich	Prior Approval under Class MA for the change of use from commercial, business and service (Use Class E) into residential dwelling	18/12/2023	1	0	1	Granted

Permission Reference	Site Address	Description	Granted	Proposed units	No. dwellings lost	Net gain	Site Status
20221719	Land To The Rear Of Well Pharmacy, The Street, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3DY	Demolish single storey extension & create 2 two bedroom apartments, alterations to residential living space above Well Pharmacy, including first floor extension to existing apartment 4, new staff room for pharmacy with access staircase to the existing apartment no 3 & new highway access onto The Street	02/02/2024	2	0	2	Granted

3.1.2 Information from Broadland District Council in September 2024 states there are approaching 300 affordable homes of various tenures held by Registered Providers within the parish of Acle. These affordable homes include those for social and affordable rent and affordable home ownership properties (such as shared ownership or shared equity). Within the recent and existing delivery there are a good proportion of bungalows whilst the Independent Living scheme at Swallowtail Place provided 58 wheelchair accessible extra care apartments (for over 55s). There have been 170 affordable homes delivered between 2014 – 2024 in Acle.

**Figure 11 below: Table showing the total affordable homes delivered between 2014 – 2024 in Acle. S/O = Shared Ownership. S/E – Shared Equity.**

**Source: Broadland District Council. Information obtained September 2024.**

Year	Planning permission reference number	Site	Number of new build homes	Tenure
2014-15	20130364	Land adjacent 21-34 Beighton Road (Site C)	14	Rent
	20130368	Land adjacent 1 Hillcrest (Site A)	2	Rent
	20130367	Land adjacent 16 Hillcrest (Site B)	2	Rent
2015-16	N/A	N/A	ZERO	N/A
2016-17	N/A	N/A	ZERO	N/A
2017-18	20140787	Land north of Springfield	2	Rent
	20152044		2	S/E
2018-19	20140787 20152044	Land north of Springfield	2	S/E
2019-20	20140787 20152044	Land north of Springfield	6	Rent
2020-21	N/A	N/A	ZERO	N/A
2021-22	20180941	Hillside Farm / Leffin Lane Ph 1	4	S/E
2022-23	20180941	Hillside Farm / Leffin Lane Ph 1	6	Rent
	20190241	Hillside Farm / Leffin Lane Ph 2	1	S/E
	20191215	Land North Norwich Road	21	Rent
	20191954	Swallowtail Place - Independent Living scheme (Bridewell Lane)	18	S/O
			41	Rent
		17	S/O	
2023-24	20190241	Hillside Farm / Leffin Lane Ph 2	3	Rent
	20191215	Land North Norwich Road	21	Rent
		8	S/O	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>(All tenures)</b>

3.1.3 Broadland District Council Housing List at September 2024 shows 17 households registered on the list who are current residents of Acle and therefore have a local connection to the Parish. There will be additional households who work or have close family within the parish, but those figures are unable to be extracted. In addition, there are a further 13 households / applicants registered on the Council's Housing list requiring Sheltered Housing.

**Figure 12 below: Local housing needs in Acle parish.**

**Source: Broadland District Council. September 2024.**

Property Needed	Number on Housing Register
1 bedroom	7
2 bedrooms	8
3 bedrooms	1
4+ bedrooms	1
Sheltered	13

### 3.2 Housing data

3.2.1 Data from the 2021 Census shows that there were 1,316 households in Acle parish. This is an increase in households from 1,285 in the 2011 Census. This is an increase in households of 2.4%.

3.2.2 The table below shows the tenure of households in Acle parish from the 2011 and 2021 Census. There has been a decrease in the percentage of households owned or shared ownership and an increase in the percentage of households privately renting or living rent free.

**Figure 13 below: Table showing tenure of households from the 2011 and 2021 Census for Acle parish.**

**Source: Nomis website. Information obtained 14.10.2024.**

Tenure	Acle Census 2011 number	Acle Census 2011 percentage	Acle Census 2021 number	Acle Census 2021 percentage
<b>All Categories</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>100%</b>
Owned or shared ownership	982	76.4%	947	71.7%
Social rented	131	10.2%	151	11.4%
Private rented or lives rent free	172	13.4%	222	16.8%

3.2.3 The table below shows Acle parish household composition data from the 2011 and 2021 Census. There is a slight increase in one person households and a

slight decrease in one family households between the 2011 and 2021 Census in Acle parish. Acle has a higher percentage of one person households compared to Norfolk.

**Figure 14 below: Table showing household composition from the 2011 and 2021 Census for Acle parish.**

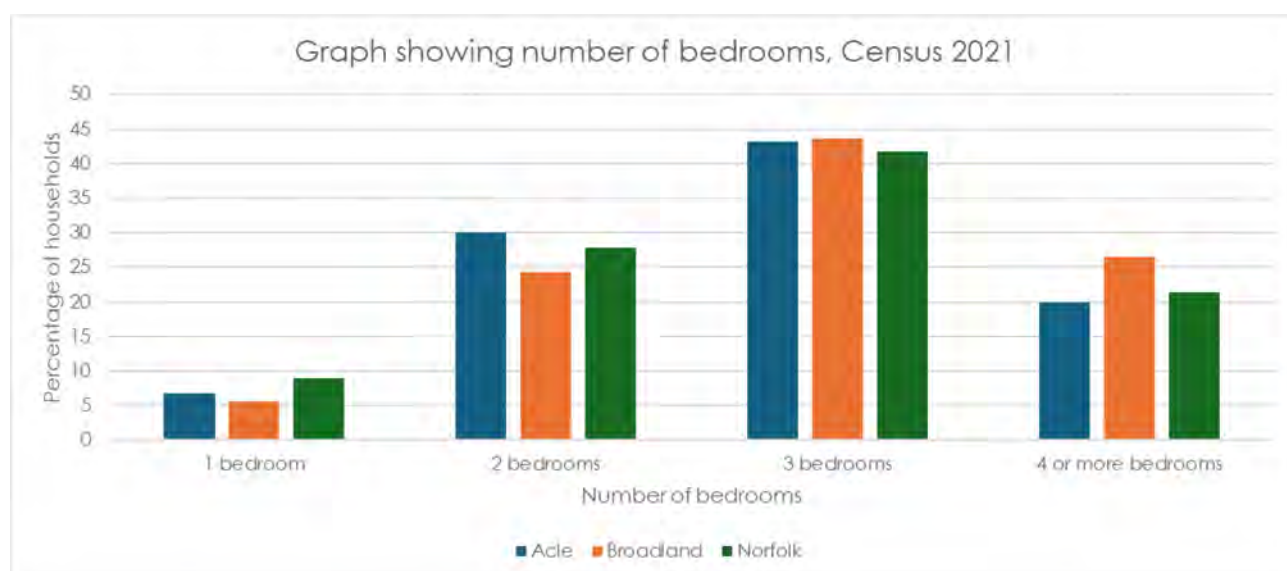
**Source: Nomis website. Information obtained 14.10.2024.**

Household Composition	Acle Census 2011 percentage	Acle Census 2021 percentage	Norfolk Census 2021 percentage
<b>All Categories</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
One person household	33.2%	34.8%	31.0%
One family household	62.7%	61.0%	63.6%
Other household types	4.0%	4.2%	5.4%

3.2.4 Census 2021 data showing percentage of households with the number of bedrooms in Acle compared to Broadland and Norfolk can be seen in the graph below.

**Figure 15 below: Graph showing number of bedrooms for all households in Acle parish, Broadland district and Norfolk. Census 2021.**

**Source: ONS Website via Build an Area Profile Tool. Obtained 14.10.2024.**

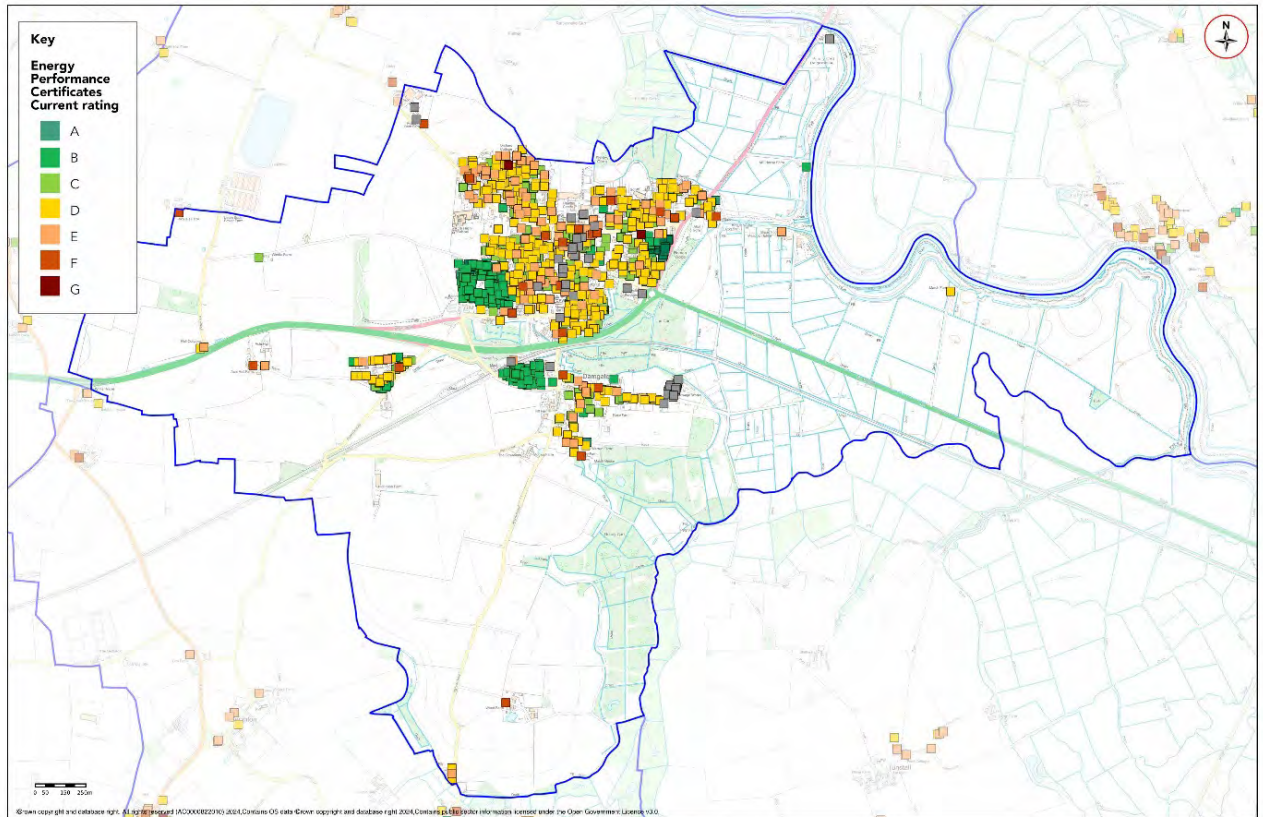


3.2.5 A detailed and in-depth Housing Needs Assessment is being undertaken for the Neighbourhood Plan which will consider type, tenure and size of housing



Figure 17 below: Map showing the Energy Performance Certificate current rating of buildings.

Source: Parish Online mapping website. Map obtained 14.10.2024.



## 4. Community infrastructure

### 4.1 Population

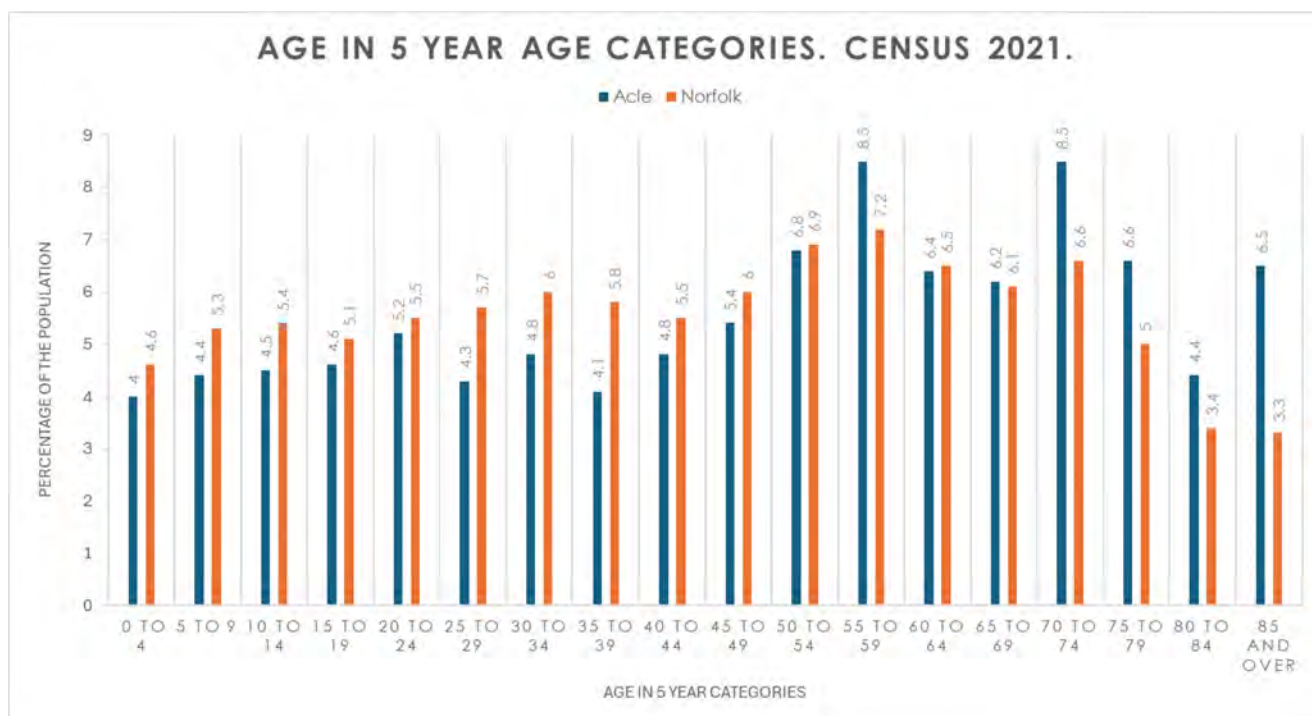
- 4.1.1 There were 2,824 usual residents in Acle parish as at Census day 2011. Of these, 98.8% lived in households and 1.2% lived in communal establishments. The average (mean) age of residents was 46.6 years. In total there were 1,330 household spaces. Of these, 1,285 (96.6%) had at least one usual resident and 45 (3.4%) had no usual residents.
- 4.1.2 The usual resident population of Acle parish was 2,788 usual residents on Census day 2021. 46.4% of usual residents were males and 53.6% of usual residents were females. The parish population decreased 1.3% between the 2011 and 2021 Census.
- 4.1.3 The following table shows the age categories in Acle parish from the 2011 and 2021 Census. The percentage of the population aged 64 years and under has declined. The percentage of the population aged 65 years and over has increased. The graph in Figure 19 shows the age of Acle and Norfolk residents in 5-year age categories.

**Figure 18 below: Age structure of Acle parish Census 2011 and 2021.**  
**Source: Nomis website. Information obtained 15.10.2024.**

Age category	Census 2011 number	Census 2011 percentage	Census 2021 number	Census 2021 percentage
Total	2,824	100%	2,797	100%
Aged 15 and under	455	16.1%	376	13.4%
Aged 16 to 64 years	1,588	56.2%	1,522	54.4%
Aged 65 years and over	781	27.7%	899	32.1%

Figure 19 below: Graph showing the age of Acle and Norfolk residents in 5-year age categories. Census 2021.

Source: [www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/customprofiles/build/](http://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/customprofiles/build/). Information obtained 15.10.2024.



## 4.2 Health and well-being

4.2.1 The following table shows how the population reported their general health in the 2021 Census. A lower percentage of the population of Acle parish reported 'Very good health' compared to Broadland and Norfolk.

Figure 20 below: Table showing general health reported by the population in the Census 2021.

Source: Nomis website. Information obtained 15.10.2024.

General Health Census 2021	Acle parish percentage	Broadland district percentage	Norfolk Percentage
Very good health	40.5%	45.1%	43.1%
Good health	37.8%	36.4%	36.5%
Fair health	16.0%	13.9%	14.9%
Bad health	4.6%	3.7%	4.3%
Very bad health	1.1%	0.9%	1.2%

4.2.2 The table below shows Disability reported by all usual residents of Acle parish in the 2021 Census. 22.2% of the usual residents of Acle parish are Disabled under the Equality Act. This compares to 18.5% for Broadland and 20.1% for Norfolk.

**Figure 21 below: Table showing disability reported by all usual residents of Acle parish in the 2021 Census.**

**Source: Nomis website. Information obtained 15.10.2024.**

<b>Disability</b>	<b>Census 2021</b>
Total	2,796
<b>Disabled under the Equality Act</b>	<b>621</b>
Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a lot	263
Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a little	358
<b>Not disabled under the Equality Act</b>	<b>2,175</b>
Not disabled under the Equality Act: Has long-term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities are not limited	245
Not disabled under the Equality Act: No long-term physical or mental health condition	1,930

4.2.3 Dr Fisher & Partners, operating as The Acle Medical Partnership, is a dispensing practice providing care to around 10,000 patients in and around Acle.<sup>15</sup>

### **4.3 Qualifications**

4.3.1 21.3% of residents aged 16 years and over in Acle parish have no qualifications. This compares to 17.6% for Broadland and 20.4% for Norfolk.

### **4.4 Deprivation**

4.4.1 The English Indices of Deprivation (ID) are a useful tool for targeting services to help tackle deprivation. They provide a means of identifying the most and least deprived areas (LSOAs) in England and to compare whether one area is more deprived than another. The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2019 is the official measure of relative deprivation for small areas (or neighbourhoods) in England. The IMD ranks every small area (Lower Super Output Area) in England from 1 (most deprived) to 32,844 (least deprived). For larger areas we can look at the proportion of LSOAs within the area that lie within each decile. Decile 1 represents the most deprived 10% of LSOAs in England while decile 10 shows the least deprived 10% of LSOAs. There are two Lower Super Output Areas within Acle ward.

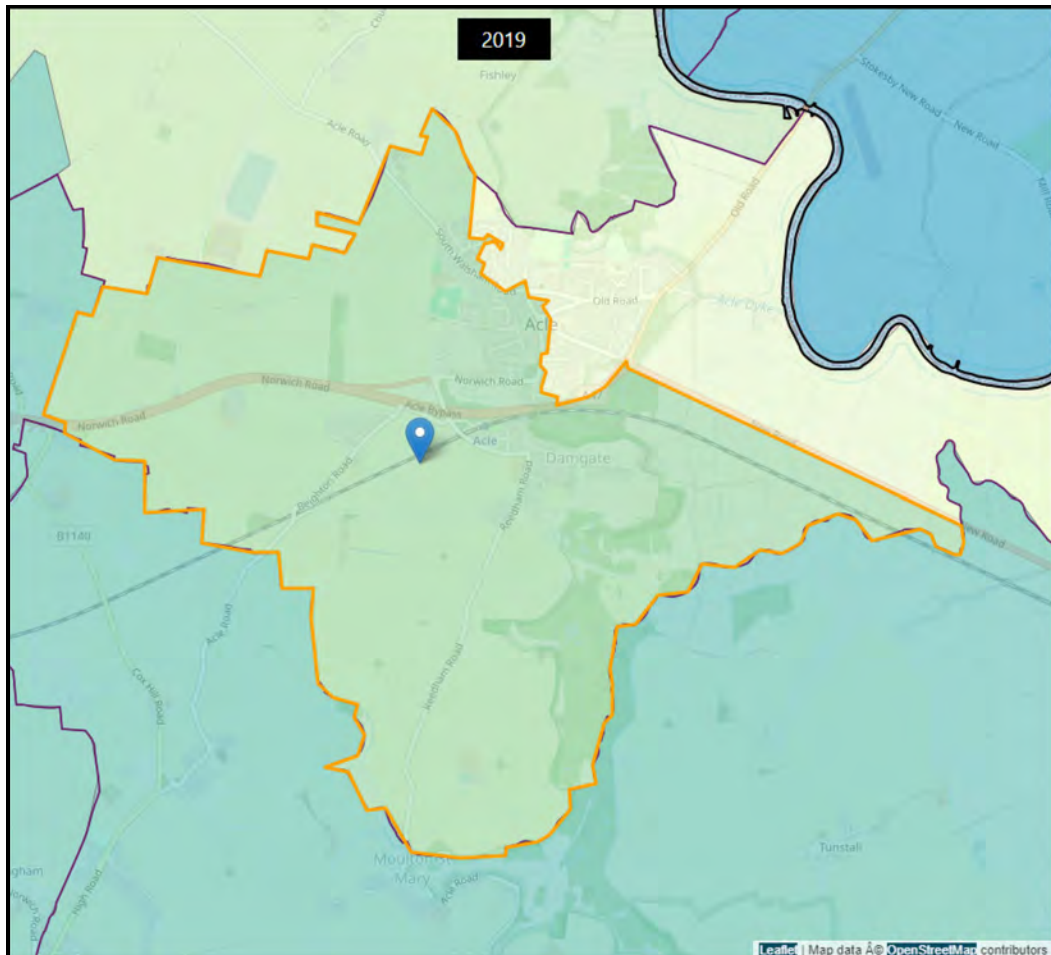
4.4.2 Lower Super Output Area Broadland 018B covers the western area of Acle parish. In 2019, this LSOA was ranked 16,656 out of 32,844 LSOAs in England,

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.aclemedicalcentre.co.uk/>. Information obtained 15.10.2024.

where 1 is the most deprived LSOA. This is amongst the 50% least deprived neighbourhoods in the country.

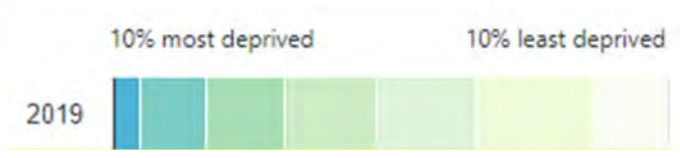
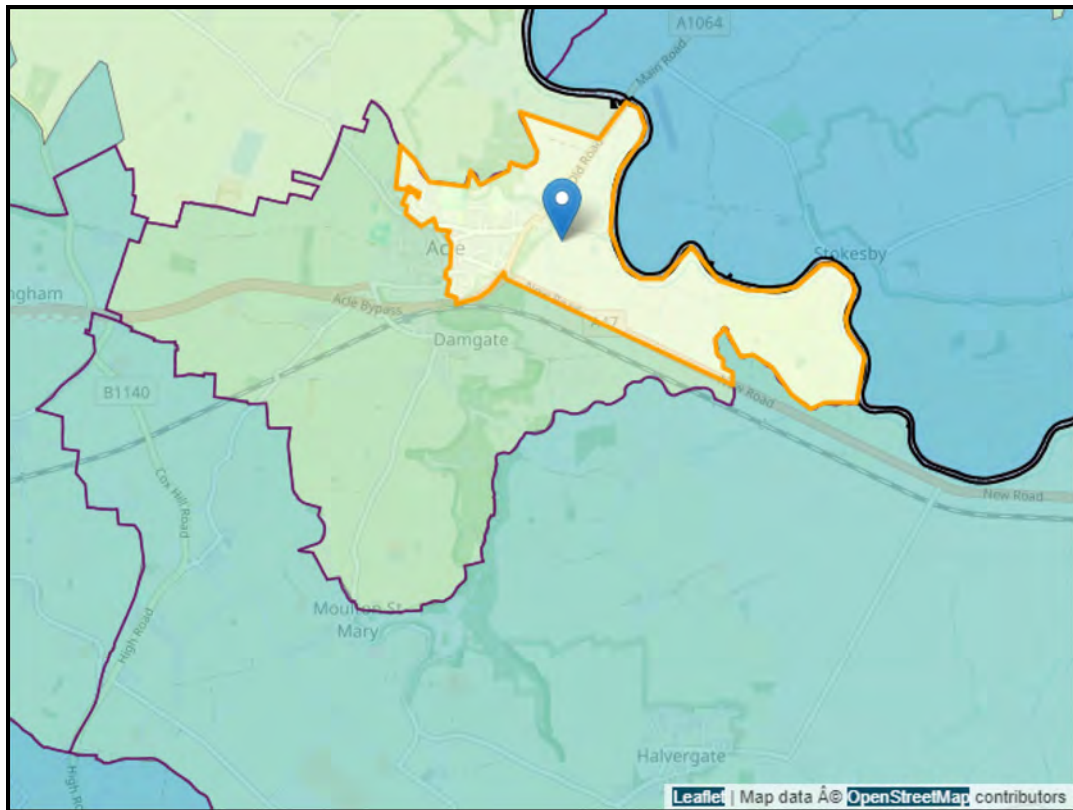
**Figure 22 below: Map showing the Lower Super Output Area Broadland 018B covering Acle Ward and the Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2019.**

**Source:** [http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod\\_index.html](http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html). Information obtained 23.10.2024.



4.4.3 Lower Super Output Area Broadland 018A covers the eastern area of Acle parish. In 2019, this LSOA was ranked 28,489 out of 32,844 LSOAs in England, where 1 is the most deprived LSOA. This is amongst the 20% least deprived neighbourhoods in the country.

Figure 23 below: Map showing the Lower Super Output Area Broadland 018A covering Acle Ward and the Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2019.  
Source: [http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod\\_index.html](http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html). Information obtained 23.10.2024.

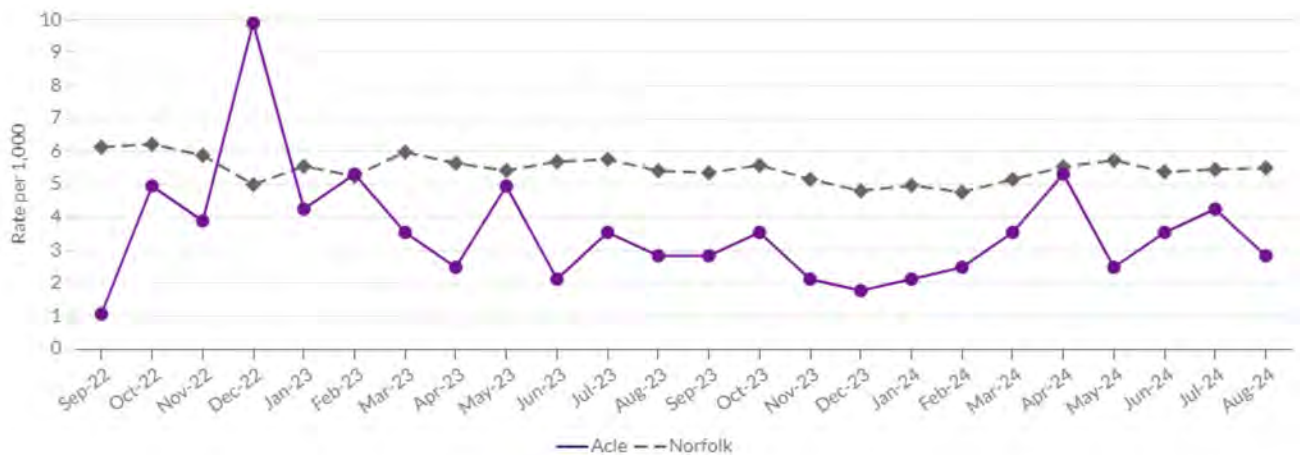


## 4.5 Crime

4.5.1 The crime count for Acle ward from September 2023 to August 2024 was 104.<sup>16</sup>

**Figures 24 below: Graphs showing All Crime – Monthly rates for Acle ward compared to Norfolk.**

**Source: Norfolk Insight website from data.police.uk. Information obtained 15.10.2024.**



## 4.6 Education

4.6.1 Acle St Edmund Church of England Primary Academy serves pupils aged 4 – 11 years old. In May 2024 there were 186 pupils on roll, with planned admission numbers of 30 for 2024/25 and 2025/26.

4.6.2 Acle Academy is a secondary school for pupils aged 11-16 years. There were 635 pupils on roll in May 2024 with planned admission numbers of 142 for 2024/25 and 2025/26. Pupils feed into Acle Academy from the following primary schools:

- Acle Academy
  - Acle St Edmund Church of England Primary Academy
  - Cantley Primary School
  - Fairhaven C of E Primary School
  - Fleggburgh C of E Primary School
  - Freethorpe Community Primary School
  - Lingwood Primary Academy
  - Reedham Primary and Nursery School

4.6.3 Information provided by Norfolk County Council on 05.11.2024 states:

- The largest population of pupils comes from within Acle itself with a draw from surrounding areas over the years from places such as Fairhaven,

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.norfolkinsight.org.uk/crime-and-community-safety/reports>. Information obtained 15.10.2024.

Lingwood and Blofield in most cases (This is at primary phase). The secondary draw is much wider, but again a large proportion of pupils attend from within Acle.

- The forecasts at the current time suggest there are just about sufficient pupils in area, although this is slightly below their current operating numbers at both phases of education. More housing likely to come forward based on proposed development will impact this slightly but it would be useful to expect more housing to support the local schools. Both schools sites are quite constrained and it would be quite difficult to provide any expansion if demand rose beyond their existing capacity levels.
- Acle has a good bus service to support the area from east to west and a train station. It will quite depend on where the families are and whether they qualify for LA transport or not, but in most cases there are suitable routes aiding the children attending local schools. In recent years we have seen an increase in parental preference for the secondary school at Acle as opposed to traditional catchment of Thorpe, but this has only happened in the last few years.

## 4.7 Community

### 4.7.1 Community buildings and spaces in the parish of Acle include:

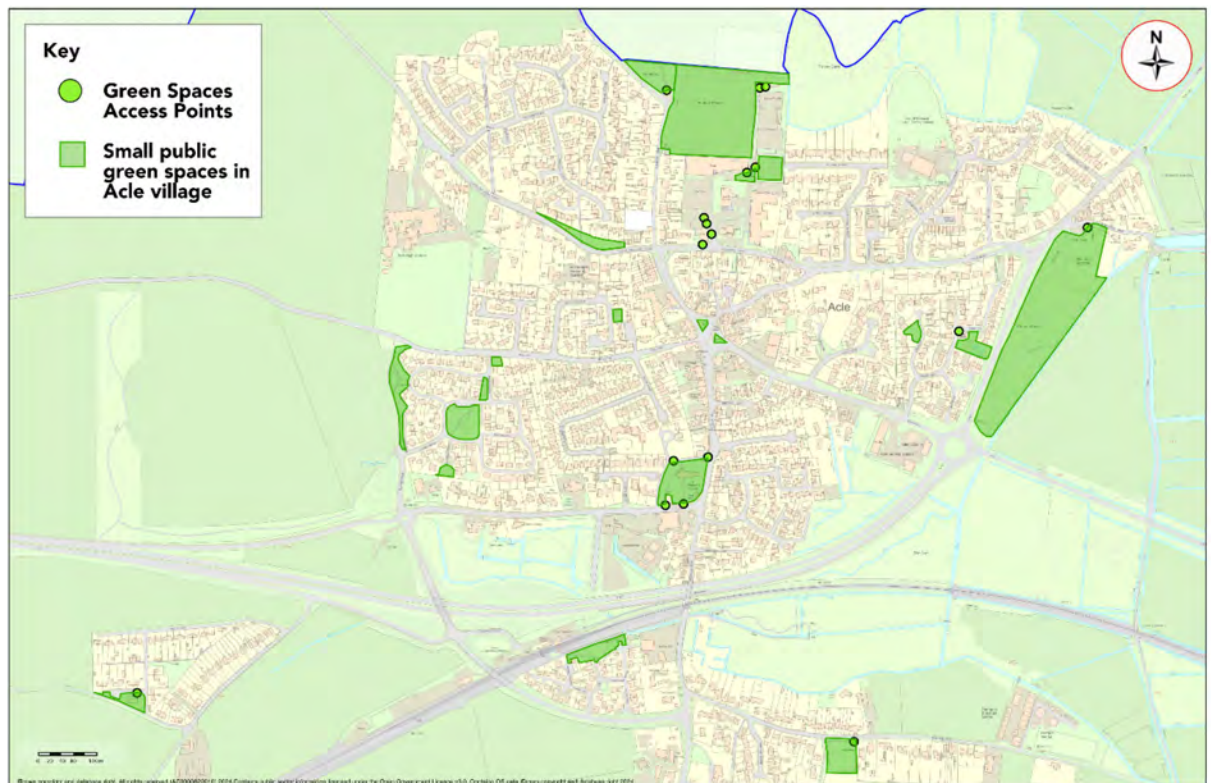
- Acle Recreation Centre and Social Club.
  - A sports and family orientated social club, based in the Acle Recreation Centre. The centre has an indoor bowls club, with 6 rinks, EBA outdoor bowling green, 3 football pitches, a cricket pitch and five hard surface tennis courts. There are also function rooms, with a number of organised events for all ages. The Social Club has recently been fully refurbished. There is an annual Easter Beer Festival and a Gin Festival over the Spring Bank Holiday as well as fortnightly music events.<sup>17</sup>
  - There is a skate park at the Recreation Centre.
- Acle Library, Bridewell Lane.
- The Brian Grint Centre.
- The Fletcher Room.
- St. Edmund's Church and St. Edmund's Church Rooms.
- Acle Methodist Church.

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<sup>17</sup> <https://www.yell.com/biz/acle-war-memorial-recreation-centre-norwich-1405038/>. Information obtained 23.10.2024.

Figure 25 and 26 below: Map showing the location of sports facilities in Acle parish and Green Space Access Points and small public green spaces in Acle village.

Source: Parish Online mapping website. Obtained 23.10.2024.



4.7.2 Local events and activities can be seen in the table below.

**Figure 27 below: What's On in Acle.**

**Source: Acle Parish Council. Obtained 05.11.2024.**

	What's On	Where	When	More Information
Monday	Scrabble Club	Acle Library	Every Monday at 2.00pm	
	Move 2 Improve	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Monday at 2.00pm to 3.00pm	No need to book, classes are £5. Call Jackie on 07982 249347
	Zumba / Legs & Tums	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Monday at 6.00pm to 7.00pm	Hayley 07714 767111
	Core Pilates	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Monday at 6.00pm to 8.00pm	<a href="mailto:julian@corepilatesnorfolk.co.uk">julian@corepilatesnorfolk.co.uk</a> or 07786 553027
	Kuksoolwon	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Monday at 6.00pm to 7.00pm	<a href="mailto:Antonyjohnson148@msn.com">Antonyjohnson148@msn.com</a> or 07955 968346
	Acle & District Carers Group	Methodist Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 2.00pm	Wide range of speakers on various topics. Very informal, it's really about chatting over a cuppa in a safe environment.
	Acle Canasta Club	St Edmunds Parish Hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 2.00pm to 4.00pm	Vic Walsham 01493 752273
Tuesday	Pause for Thought	Methodist Hall	Every Tuesday at 9.30am	Short Ecumenical act of worship
	Craft Group	Acle Library	Every Tuesday at 2.00pm to 3.30pm	No need to book, just turn up. This craft group is for any level of crafter. People can bring their own projects to do while enjoying some friendly company, or there are plenty of different craft materials which people can try.
	Just a Cuppa	Acle Library	Every Tuesday at 2.00pm	Simply drop in and join us for a free hot drink and a chat. We offer tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cups of soup and healthy snacks.
	Lego Club	Acle Library	Every Tuesday at 4.00pm to 5.00pm	Booking essential.

	Urban Spec-ops	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Tuesday at 4.30pm to 5.30pm	For ages 5 to 12. <a href="mailto:uspecops@gmail.com">uspecops@gmail.com</a> or Rachel 07486 079505
	Soulful Yoga	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Tuesday at 6.30pm to 7.30pm	<a href="mailto:iamsoulfulyoga@gmail.com">iamsoulfulyoga@gmail.com</a> or Georgina 07900 212441
	Acle Brownies	Acle Primary School – Main Hall	Every Tuesday at 6.30pm	Jenny Cogman - <a href="mailto:jennycogman@gmail.com">jennycogman@gmail.com</a>
	YMCA Youth Club	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Tuesday at 6.45pm to 8.15pm (ages 11-13), 8.15pm to 9.15pm (ages 14+), 7.15pm to 8.45pm (ages 14-19)	<a href="mailto:youthclubs@ymcanorfolk.org">youthclubs@ymcanorfolk.org</a> or 01603 340865
	Clubberside	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Tuesday at 7.15pm to 8.15pm	Hayley 07714 767111
	Acle & District 49+ Club	St Edmunds Parish Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 2.00pm (except August)	New members are always welcome, please contact John Harriss on 01493 751057. Annual membership is £4 per person. Members pay £1.50 per person and visitors pay £3 per person, per meeting – both amounts include refreshments.
	Elca Ladies	Acle Methodist Church Room	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm	New members are always welcome, please contact Pam Lambert on 07824 325385. Membership fee for 2022 is £15 per person and guests are £3 per meeting.
	Wednesday	Chair Yoga	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Wednesday at 1.45pm to 2.45pm
Acle Rainbows		Acle Primary School – Main Hall	Every Wednesday at 5.00pm to 6.00pm	Jenny Cogman - <a href="mailto:jennycogman@gmail.com">jennycogman@gmail.com</a>
Kuksoolwon		Acle Recreation Centre	Every Wednesday at 6.00pm to 8.00pm	<a href="mailto:Antonyjohnson148@msn.com">Antonyjohnson148@msn.com</a> or 07955 968346 –
Acle Girl Guides		Acle Primary School – Main Hall	Every Wednesday at 6.45pm	Jenny Cogman - <a href="mailto:jennycogman@gmail.com">jennycogman@gmail.com</a>
Zoom Bible		Zoom, ring 01493 750799 for Zoom code	Every Wednesday at 7.00pm	Zoom Bible study group

	Adults with Autism Social Group	Acle Library	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 10.00am to 12.30pm	This is a new group. It is during Open Libraries time but the group will be facilitated/supervised by a staff member. Contact <a href="mailto:sarah.smith@norfolk.gov.uk">sarah.smith@norfolk.gov.uk</a> for further details.
Thursday	Acle Coffee Mornings	St Edmunds Parish Hall	Every Thursday usually starting at 10.00am unless otherwise stated.	Jill Page 01493 751125 or 07947 889652 or <a href="mailto:jillpage54@hotmail.co.uk">jillpage54@hotmail.co.uk</a>
	Church Pop-In	Methodist Hall	Every Thursday at 10.00am to 12.00pm	The church is open as a meeting place serving tea and coffee.
	Bounce and Rhyme Time	Acle Library	Every Thursday at 2.15pm to 2.45pm	For parents and children.
	Slimming World	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Thursday	<a href="mailto:kay.slimming@btinternet.com">kay.slimming@btinternet.com</a> or 07809 705414
	Harrier Judo Club	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Thursday at 5.00pm to 6.00pm (school years 1-5) 6.00pm to 7.00pm (school years 6-11)	<a href="mailto:mark@harrierjudo.co.uk">mark@harrierjudo.co.uk</a> or Mark 07780 265464
	Acle Art Group	Methodist Hall	Every Thursday at 7.30pm to 9.30pm	Small group of amateur artists who enjoy painting for pleasure in a relaxed and friendly environment. Members of any ability welcome. John Harriss 01493 751129.
	Acle Evening W.I.	St Edmunds Parish Hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7.30pm	New members are always welcome, contact Frances on 01603 270416
	Acle Social Blind Club	Methodist Hall	Last Thursday of every month at 2.00pm to 4.00pm	A club for people with sight problems. From autumn to spring meetings are held at the Methodist Church and from May until September they take trips out for lunch to various venues, but never too far away. If you, a friend or family member would be interested in joining or would like to know more, please contact Janet on 01493 751267.
				The club is open to residents of Acle and surrounding villages.
Friday	Mature Movers	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Friday at 10.00am to 11.45am	Dorothy 01603 713235
	Craft Pop-In Afternoon	Methodist Hall	Every Friday at 2.00pm to 4.00pm	
	Clubbercise	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Friday at 6.00pm to 7.00pm	Hayley 07714 767111
	Kuksoolwon	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Friday at 6.00pm to 7.00pm	<a href="mailto:Antonyjohnson148@msn.com">Antonyjohnson148@msn.com</a> or 07955 968346
	Acle Table Tennis Club	St Edmunds Parish Hall	Every Friday at 7.30pm to 10.00pm	Please ring Janet on 01493 751267 for further info.
	Broadland Bookworms Book Group	Acle Library	Fridays monthly (next event 28 <sup>th</sup> October) 4.00pm to 5.00pm	Everyone welcome, refreshments will be provided.
Saturday	Kuksoolwon	Acle Recreation Centre	Every Saturday at 10.00am to 12.00pm	<a href="mailto:Antonyjohnson148@msn.com">Antonyjohnson148@msn.com</a> or 07955 968346
	Church Pop-In	Methodist Hall	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at 10.00am to 12.00pm	The church is open as a meeting place serving tea and coffee.
	Norfolk Knitters & Stitchers	Acle Recreation Centre – Bowls Hall	Last Saturday of each month at 10.30am	The Group knits and stitches items of clothing for babies, children and adults. For more information please contact Ann Kent on 01493 750185
Sunday	Sunday Service	Methodist Hall	Every Sunday at 10.30am	Worship for all ages
	Sunday Service	St Edmunds Church	8.00am (2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month) and 11.00am (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday)	
	Café Church	Methodist Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month at 5.00pm	Worship for all ages with food and activities for all

4.7.3 The Acle Society Newsletter is produced twice a year and is distributed via shops and areas where people go such as churches and Swallowtail Place, which are assisted living flats with a communal café area. The Newsletter is

also on the Parish Council website. Acle Parish Council has a Facebook page and also there is an All About Acle Facebook page.

4.7.4 Acle Borderland Trust is a registered Charity, of which Acle Parish Council and The Clerk to the Parish Council are trustees. This was set up in 1996 as the mechanism to manage some of the Parish Council's assets.

4.7.5 Acle Parish Council Assets In September 2024 were:

- Folly Tree House, The Street
- Brian Grint Centre, The Street
- Pyebush Cemetery
- Land at Pyebush Lane for new cemetery
- Fletcher Room community building, Fletcher Way
- Play area, Springfield
- Play area, Beighton Road – leased from Clarion Housing
- Play area, Damgate Lane
- Allotment land, Boat Dyke Lane
- Men's Shed building, Bridewell Lane
- 153 streetlights
- Street furniture including benches, noticeboards, bins and speed monitoring device
- Office equipment

4.7.6 Parish Council projects in progress include:

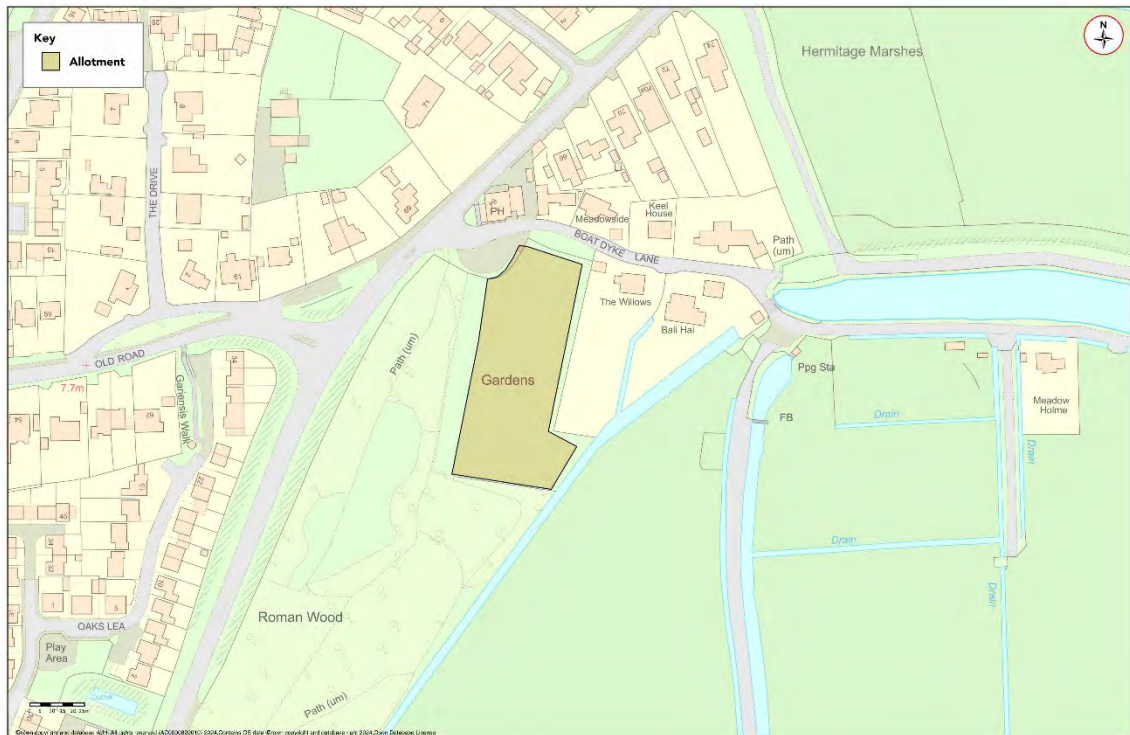
- Replacing the Fletcher Room, which is a modular building used by the community whose main hirer is the pre-school.
- Preparing land for the new cemetery.
- Reviewing two play areas for replacement.
- Planning youth club provision with providers.
- Replacing all streetlights with LEDs.

4.7.7 The Acle Allotment Association is located on Boat Dyke Lane and is an association run by members and an elected committee. There are approximately 40 plots of varying sizes and the use of communal sheds & equipment, a toilet, a picnic area and a small parking area within the grounds.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> <https://www.acleallotmentassociation.co.uk/>. Information obtained 15.10.2024.

**Figure 28 below: Map showing the location of the Acle Allotments.**  
**Source: Parish Online mapping website. Obtained 23.10.2024.**



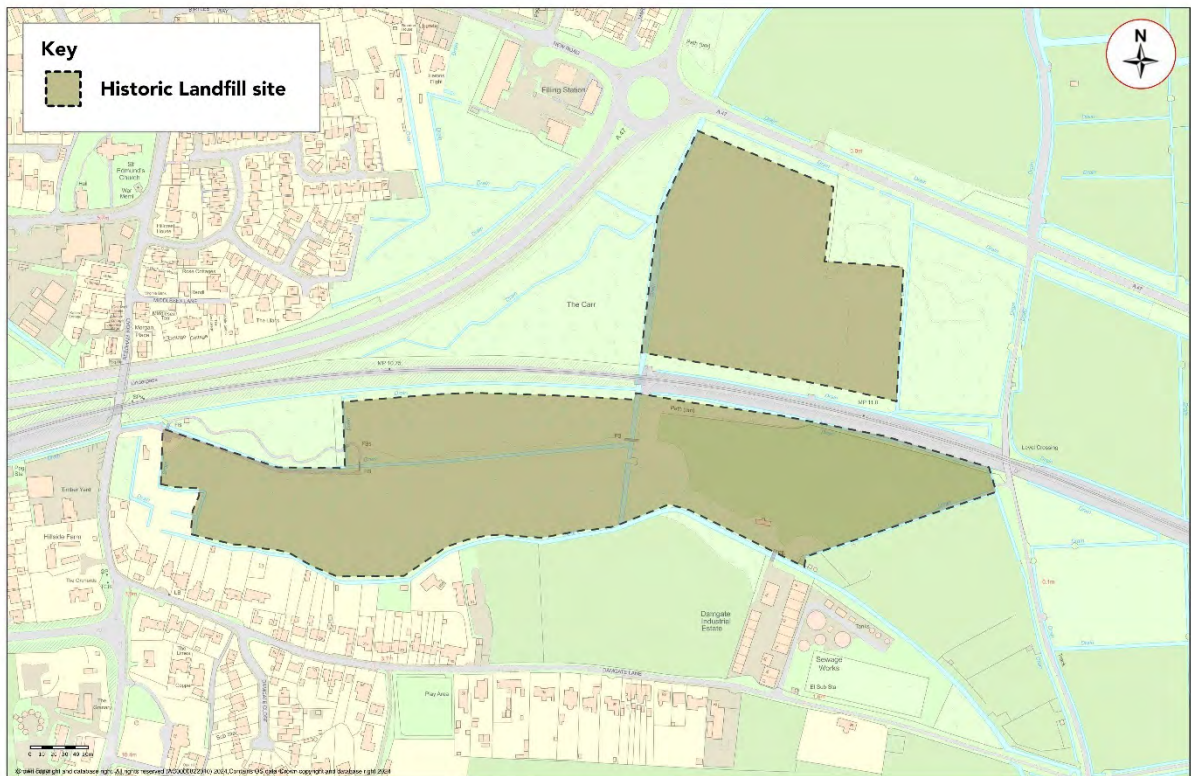
4.7.8 Acle Parish Council owns and manages the civil cemetery at the north end of Pyebush Lane. This cemetery has little space remaining for burials. The Council tried to purchase additional land to the north of the current site, but the landowner was unwilling to sell the land. The Council applied unsuccessfully to Broadland District Council and to the Government for a Compulsory Purchase Order for this land. Broads Authority Policy POACL1 allocated this land for an extension to the cemetery. It should be noted that this land is outside the parish of Acle and is in the civil parish of Upton with Fishley. The Council has since bought land from another landowner and has planning permission for single-depth burials for that site, further up the track from Pyebush Lane towards Fishley, but remains hopeful that land north of the current cemetery may be acquired at some point in the future in order to provide burial space for future residents of Acle.

**Figure 29 below: Map showing the location of the new cemetery in Acle.  
Source: Acle Parish Council. Obtained 23.10.2024.**



4.7.9 A map showing Historic Landfill Sites can be seen in Figure 30.

**Figure 30 below: Map showing the location of Historic Landfill Sites.  
Source: Parish Online mapping website. Map obtained 23.10.2024.**



4.7.10 Acle Marina is located on Boat Dyke Lane in Acle with road access off the A47. There are just over 100 berths suitable for boats 20' – 45' in a quiet, sheltered marina with toilet/shower facilities, electricity, fresh water, car parking and hard-standing available during the winter months.<sup>19</sup>

4.7.11 Moorings owned by the Broads Authority are available where vessels can moor for up to 24 hours for fee. There are approximately 16 spaces available at Acle Bridge, with electric charging points and toilets.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.marine-tech.co.uk/moorings-norfolk-broads/>. Information obtained 23.10.2024.

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/boating/facilities/moorings>. Information obtained 23.10.2024.

Figure 31 below: Broads Authority Boating Map.  
 Source: Broads Authority website<sup>21</sup>. Obtained 23.10.2024.



<sup>21</sup> [https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0024/453327/Broads-Authority-Mooring-Map.pdf](https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0024/453327/Broads-Authority-Mooring-Map.pdf). Map obtained 23.10.2024.

## 5. Transport and accessibility

### 5.1 Public transport

5.1.1 There are sixteen Bus Stops in Acle parish. The list below shows where they are located and the bus service available:

- Bus shelter
  - 7, 905.
- Co-op adjacent
  - 7, 73C, 905
- Co-op opposite
  - 7, 68, 73A, 73C, 905
- Crossways Terrace adjacent
  - 71A
- Crossways Terrace opposite
  - 71A
- De Carle Smith Road adjacent
  - 68, 72A
- De Carle Smith Road opposite
  - 72A
- Folly Tree House adjacent
  - X1, 7, X11, 50, 68, 71A, 72A, 73A, 73C, 491, 727, 813, 901, 9
- Folly Tree House opposite
  - X1, 7, X11, 50, 68, 71A, 72A, 73A, 73C, 491, 727, 813, 901, 9
- Hermitage Close adjacent
  - 7, 68, 72A
- Hermitage Close opposite
  - 7, 72A
- High School adjacent
  - 905
- Rail Station opposite
  - 73C
- Telephone exchange adjacent
  - 7, 905
- Travelodge adjacent
  - 7
- Travelodge opposite
  - 7

5.1.2 Bus services that operate in Acle parish include:

- X1 Coastlink. Great Yarmouth – Hopton – Lowestoft. First Eastern Counties.
- 7 Great Yarmouth – Caister – Norwich. First Eastern Counties.
- X11 Coastlink. Great Yarmouth – Gorleston – Belton. First Eastern Counties.
- 50 Caister – Eastern College. Ambassador Travel.
- 68 Upton – Gorleston East Norfolk Sixth Form College. Ambassador Travel.
- 71A Acle – Ranworth – Wroxham. Our Bus.
- 72A Thurne – Martham – Acle. Our Bus.
- 73A Beighton – Reedham – Acle. Our Bus.

- 73C Cantley – Gorleston East Norfolk Sixth Form College. Ambassador Travel.
- 491 London – Great Yarmouth. National Express.
- 727 Great Yarmouth – Heathrow Airport. National Express.
- 813 London – Great Yarmouth. National Express.
- 901 Norwich – James Paget Hospital. First Eastern Counties.
- 905 Acle Academy – Brundall – Blofield. First Eastern Counties.

5.1.3 The Wherry Line connects Norwich with Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft via a train service.<sup>22</sup> Acle Railway Station is located within Acle parish and receives a train service to Norwich, Brundall Gardens, Brundall, Lingwood and Great Yarmouth.<sup>23</sup> There is a car park with a capacity of 20 spaces at Acle station.

**Figure 32 below: Map showing the Wherry Lines.**

**Source:** [www.wherrylines.com](http://www.wherrylines.com). Map obtained 16.10.2024.



## 5.2 Traffic and pedestrian safety

5.2.1 Acle Parish Council owns a Vehicle Activated Sign which is used to monitor vehicle speeds around the village. The data is then submitted to the local police so that they can target areas where higher speeds are recorded.

5.2.2 The latest results between 5 June 2024 and 27 July 2024 for the unit placed opposite Hermitage Public House, monitoring traffic out of Acle on A1064, which has a 40mph speed limit are:

- Total vehicles: 317,254
- Average speed: 38.6 mph
- % over limit: 6.5%

<sup>22</sup> <https://wherrylines.com/about/>. Information obtained 17.01.2024.

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/travel-information/station-information/acle>. Information obtained 16.10.2024.

- Average daily: 6,076
- Maximum speed: 65 mph
- Average Speeder: 43.3 mph
- Comments: 39 counts of vehicles 60+ mph at various times/days.

5.2.3 The results from the speed monitoring in Acle can be seen on the table below.

Figure 33 below: Table showing the Acle speed monitoring results.

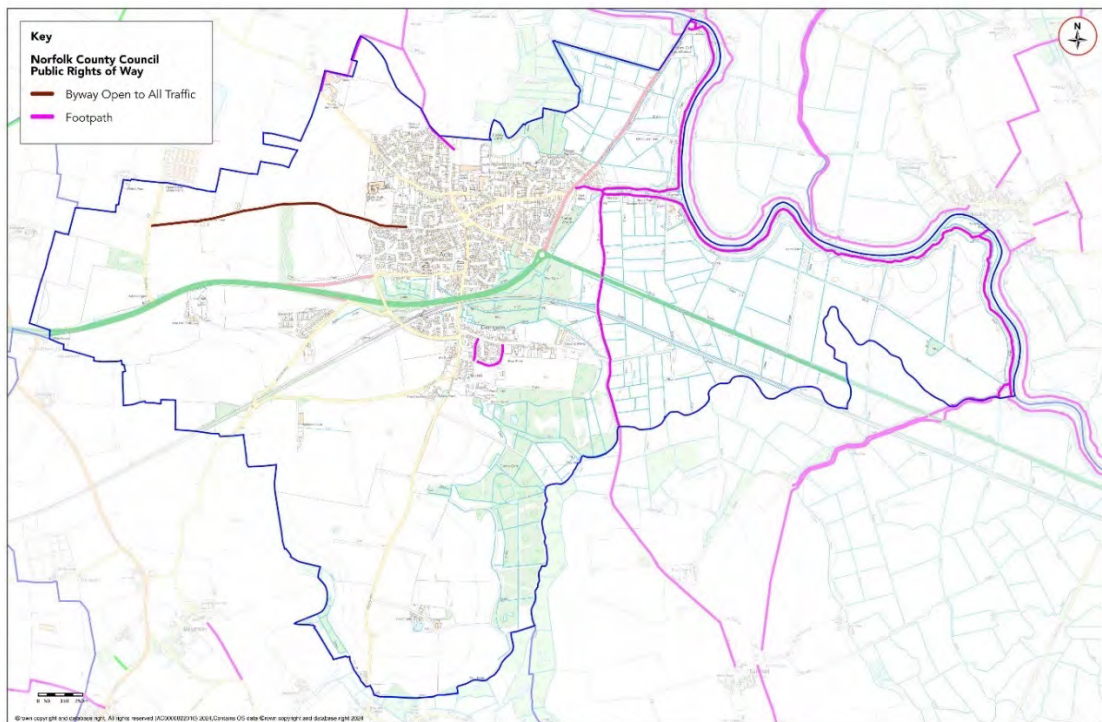
Source: Acle Parish Council. Information obtained 03.12.2024.

Dates		Location Description	Speed limit	Vehicles Count		Vehicles Speed				Peak times	
From	To			Total Count	Average per day	Max speed	Average speed	%age over limit	Average speeder	AM	PM
31/01/21	14/03/21	A1064 opposite: Hermitage PH - Caister bound	40	136,974	3291	70	39.7	12.5	43.3	8-9	4-5
07/02/21	21/04/21	South Walsham Rd between Englands Rd and vets - Acle bound	30	155,156	2116	65	39.1	63	36.4	8-9	4-5
07/05/21	24/06/21	Reedham Rd, heading into Moulton	30	50,010	1044	55	37.4	67.5	34.6	10-11	3-4
10/07/21	26/08/21	Norwich Rd, outside police station - Acle bound	30	78,565	1673	55	31.9	23	33.4	11-12	4-5
31/08/21	03/11/21	A1064 opposite: Hermitage PH - Caister bound	40	404,655	6322	70	38.7	7.5	43.2	11-12	5-6
27/11/21	29/01/22	South Walsham Rd between Englands Rd and vets - Acle bound	30	103,948	1633	55	31.6	21	33.5	9-10	5-6
29/01/22	24/02/22	Beighton Rd and Hillcrest junction - Acle bound	30	15,188	578	55	30.9	18	33.3	8-9	4-5
06/03/22	25/03/22	Reedham Rd, heading into Moulton	30	15,683	636	60	37.9	75	34.9	11-12	3-4
13/04/22	24/05/22	South Walsham Rd between Englands Rd and vets - Acle bound	30	45,915	1142	55	32.6	25	34	11-12	4-5
18/07/22	01/09/22	A1064 opposite: Hermitage PH - Caister bound	40	314,837	7062	65	38.5	6.5	43.3	11-12	5-6
28/09/22	31/10/22	Reedham Rd, before Jollys Lane - Acle bound	30	31,862	969	55	33.8	37	33.8	8-9	3-4
07/11/22	26/11/22	South Walsham Rd between Englands Rd and vets - Acle bound	30	36,987	1758	55	30.9	17	33.4	8-9	4-5
12/12/22	30/01/23	South Walsham Rd between Englands Rd and vets - Acle bound	30	25,046	1638	50	30.6	17.5	33.4	8-9	4-5
01/02/23	04/04/23	Norwich Rd, outside police station - Acle bound	30	96,977	1539	60	31	18	33.3	8-9	4-5
22/05/23	23/06/23	South Walsham Rd between Englands Rd and vets - Acle bound	30	62,902	1973	55	30.7	18	33.3	9-10	5-6
03/08/23	02/09/23	Old Road, Phoenix Close junction - Acle bound	30	111,672	3621	50	29.8	14	33.1	8-9	12-1
12/09/23	21/10/23	South Walsham Rd between Englands Rd and vets - Acle bound	30	45,043	1167	50	29.8	13.5	33.3	7-8	4-5
18/04/24	07/05/24	Old Road, Phoenix Close junction - Acle bound	30	34,917	1854	50	29.9	15	33.2	8-9	4-5
		South Walsham Rd between Englands									

### 5.3 Public Rights of Way

5.3.1 The map below shows Public Rights of Way in Acle parish.

**Figure 34 below: Map showing Public Rights of Way in Acle parish.**  
**Source: Parish Online mapping website. Annotations by Rachel Leggett & associates. Map obtained 16.10.2024.**

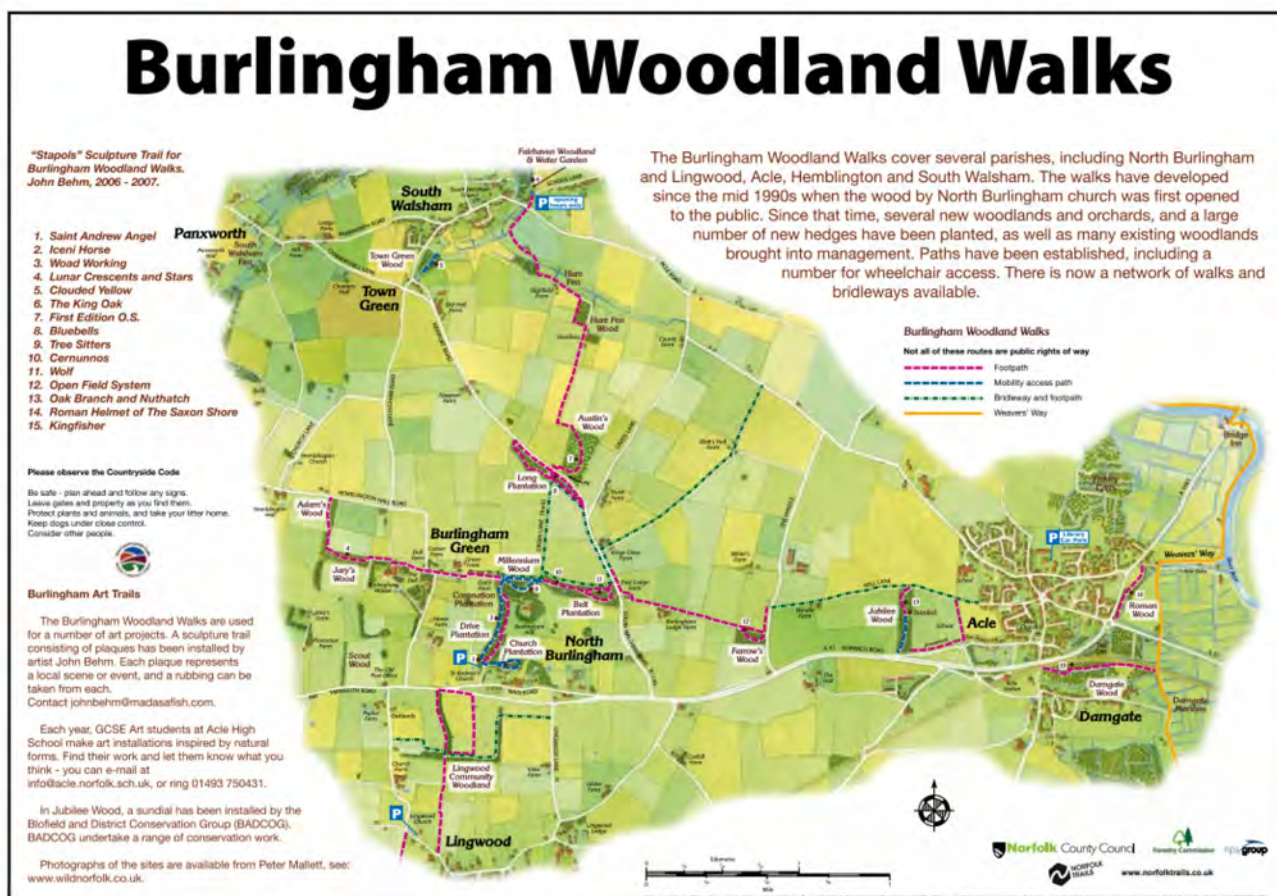


5.3.2 Weaver's Way links Cromer to Great Yarmouth and is a 61 mile route passing through a diverse landscape of woodland, mixed farmland, historic country estates, disused railway lines, riverside walks and the Norfolk Broads.<sup>24</sup> The Weavers Way runs through Acle parish.

5.3.3 Burlingham Woodland Walks can be accessed from Acle.

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/42976/Weavers-Way-Cromer-to-Great-Yarmouth>. Information obtained 23.10.2024.

Figure 35 below: Map showing Burlingham Woodland Walks  
 Source: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/42967>. Information obtained 23.10.2024.



## 5.4 Car ownership and travel to work

5.4.1 Data from the 2021 Census shows that for Acle parish 24.5 per cent of households had no car or van. This is a higher percentage of households than 11 per cent for Broadland and 17.4 per cent for Norfolk.

Figure 36 below: Table showing Car Availability Census 2021.  
 Source: Nomis website. Information obtained 16.10.2024.

Car Availability Census 2021	Car availability Percentage Acle parish	Car availability Percentage Broadland District	Car availability Percentage Norfolk
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No cars or vans in household	24.5%	11.0%	17.4%
1 or more cars or vans in household	83.1%	89.0%	83.6%

5.4.2 Data from the 2021 Census shows that of usual residents of Acle parish without including those not in employment or aged 15 years and under, the main method of travel to workplace is driving a car or van at 57.5 per cent, followed by working mainly at or from home at 26.7 per cent.

5.4.3 Known quality information affecting travel to work data from Census 2021 is provided by the Office for National Statistics:

- The Office for National Statistics (ONS) collected Census 2021 responses during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, a period of unparalleled and rapid change; the national lockdown, associated guidance and furlough measures will have affected the travel to work topic.
- We provided extra guidance to respondents affected by the pandemic on how to respond to travel to work questions, but it is not clear how this guidance was followed.
- There was an increase in home working from 10.3 per cent in 2011 to 31.2 per cent in 2021, but the government advised people to stay at home and only attend work if you had no alternative; there are also several other aspects to consider when interpreting results for this topic.
- As designed, we did not collect any workplace address information for those working at home, including those following government guidance to do so.
- Large numbers of people were still being supported by government furlough schemes, and it is not clear how the question guidance provided was followed; some people may have provided travel information for the last time they worked, or they may have answered based on their behaviours on Census Day.
- Restrictions on travel ended later in 2021, and while there will have been a shift back towards some behaviours from before COVID-19, hybrid and home working remain commonplace.
- We are researching the potential of using alternative data sources and modelling methods to produce travel to work statistics on a more frequent and timely basis, including workday populations and hybrid working patterns.<sup>25</sup>

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/methodologies/traveltoworkqualityinformationforcensus2021>. Obtained 06.10.2021.

**Figure 37 below: Table showing Method of Travel to Work Acle parish, Census 2021.**

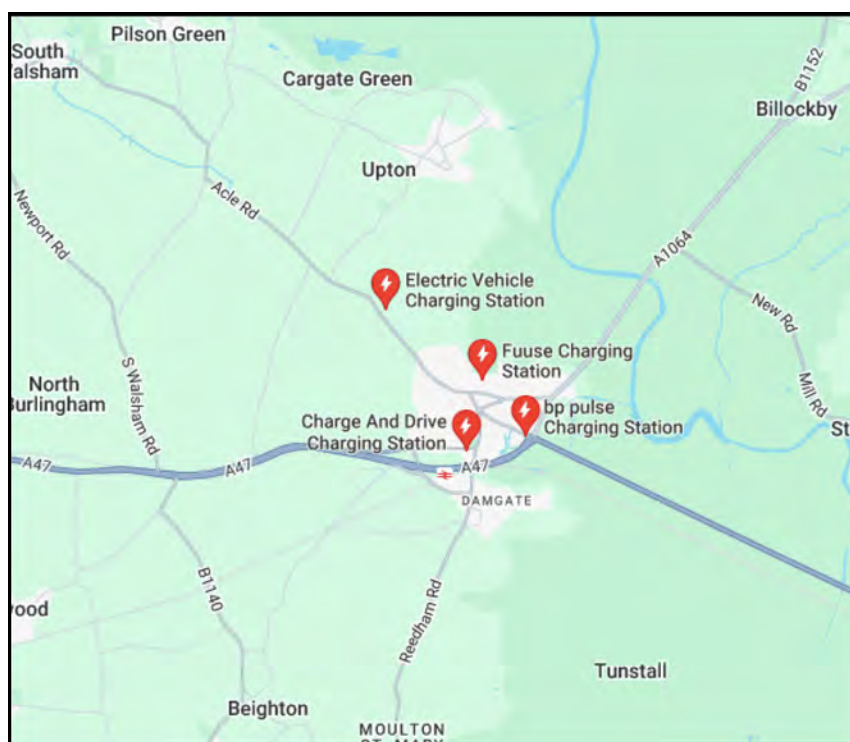
**Source: Nomis website. Information obtained 16.10.2024.**

<b>Method of travel to workplace. Acle parish Census 2021</b> <i>Not including residents not in employment or aged 15 years and under.</i>	<b>2021 Census Percentage</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>
Work mainly at or from home	25.7%
Underground, metro, light rail, tram	0%
Train	0.7%
Bus, minibus or coach	2.6%
Taxi	0.1%
Motorcycle, scooter or moped	0.3%
Driving a car or van	57.5%
Passenger in a car or van	4.5%
Bicycle	1.0%
On foot	5.4%
Other method of travel to work	1.2%

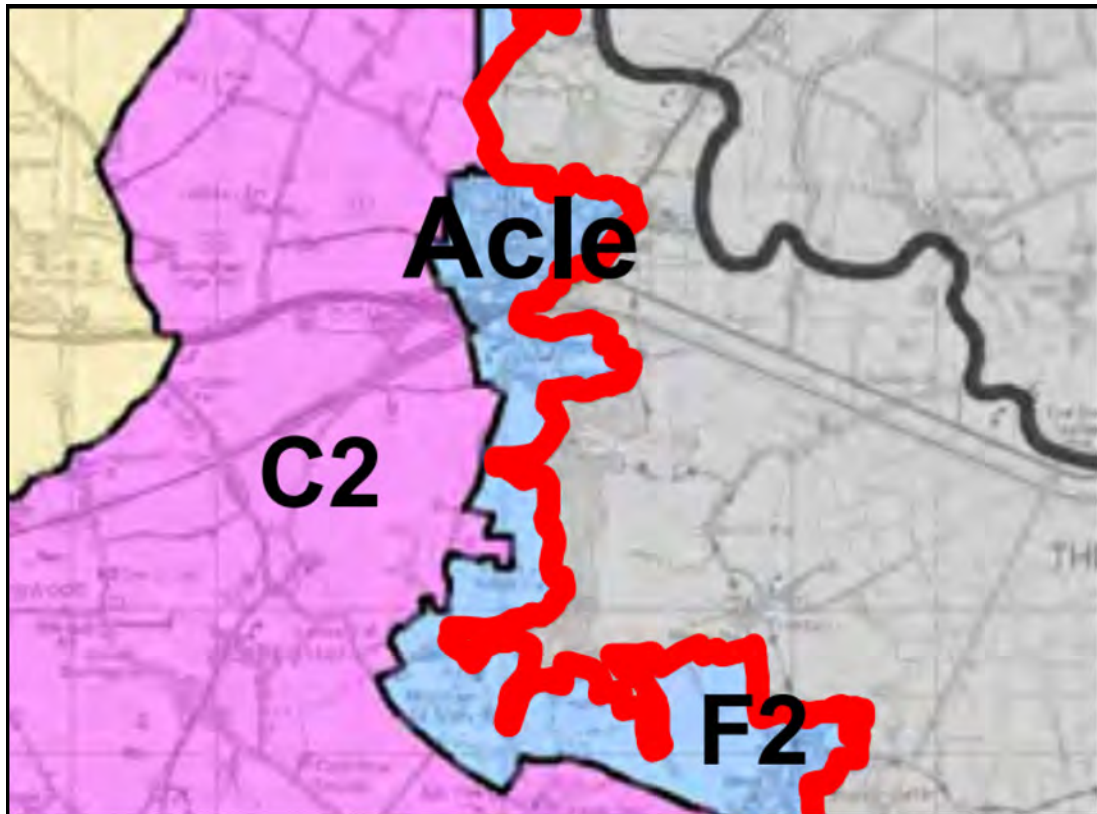
5.4.4 The map below shows the location of car charging points available for the public to use.

**Figure 38 below: Map showing the location of car charging points. Charging point locations denoted by red circle.**

**Source: Googlemaps. Obtained 16.10.2024.**







6.1.2 The following Landscape Planning Guidelines apply to the Freethorpe Plateau Farmland Landscape Character Type:

- Seek to conserve the open, rural character of the area.
- Resist new development that would result in any diminution of the sparsely settled nature of the area or in any reduction in the sense of peace and isolation within the area, which is devoid of large settlements.
- Seek to conserve subtle features of the historic landscape, including hedgerows and tracks.
- Seek to conserve the landscape setting of manor houses, halls and churches.
- Seek to maintain key views towards churches, which are often key landscape features.
- Seek to conserve the landscape setting of Lingwood.
- Seek to ensure new development does not disrupt the smooth, predominantly uninterrupted skyline within the area.
- Seek to conserve open views across the farmland.
- Seek to maintain the traditional character of isolated farmsteads.
- Seek opportunities for the restoration of hedgerows where fragmented.
- Seek to ensure that potential new developments comprise a fully integrated landscape and urban design strategy, which is consistent with the local landscape character and screen potential harsh settlement edges.
- Seek to conserve small pits, ponds and extraction sites.

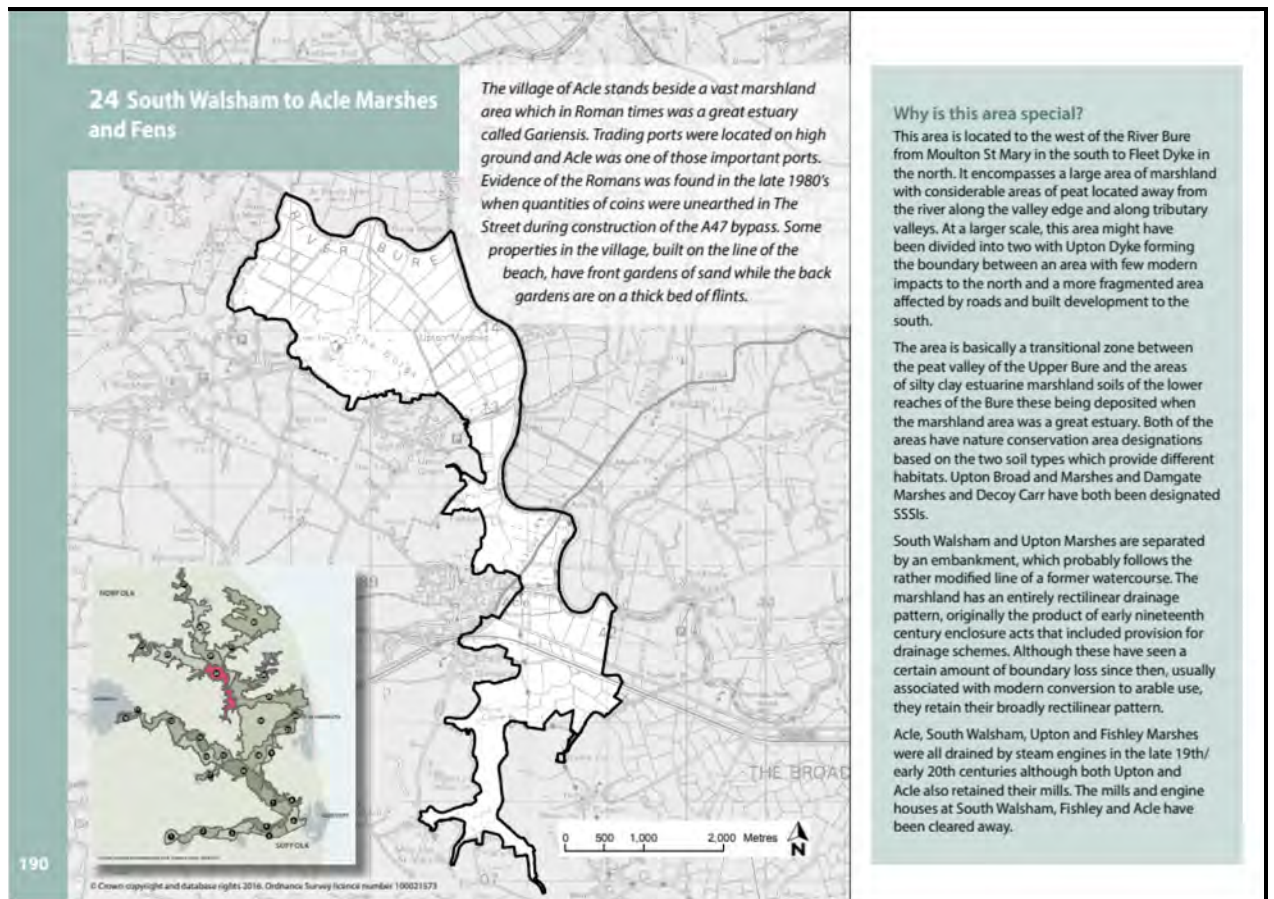
6.1.3 The following Landscape Planning Guidelines apply to South Walsham to Marsham Marshes Fringe Landscape Character Area:

- Seek to conserve the diverse and interesting landscape character;
- Seek to conserve the wildlife habitats characteristic of the Marshes Fringe and adjacent Broads landscape including watercourses and broads, fens, carr woodland and grazing marshes including buffering adjoining the European sites;
- Seek to conserve distinctive, historic architectural and landscape features including historic halls and their setting, which contribute to the area's rich historic character and strong sense of place.
- Ensure that any new development responds to historic settlement pattern and is well integrated into the surrounding landscape;
- Seek to ensure the sensitive location of development involving tall structures (such as steel pylons and telecommunication masts) in relation to prominent skyline locations both within the character area and within adjacent character areas;
- Seek to ensure that potential new small-scale development within villages is consistent with the existing settlement pattern, density and traditional built form;
- Conserve the landscape setting of small villages (such as South Walsham and Upton);
- Seek to conserve the landscape setting of market towns and villages, and seek to screen (where possible) harsh settlement edges and existing visual detractors;
- Seek to conserve the landscape setting of historic houses, halls and churches;
- Seek to promote use of local vernacular buildings materials, including red brick and pantiles;
- Seek to ensure new development does not reduce the vertical significance of important historical and architectural features within the landscape, such as church towers;
- Seek to conserve blocks of carr woodland at the edge of Halvergate Marshes.

6.1.4 Acle parish is located within the Broads Landscape Character Area 24 South Walsham to Acle Marshes and Fens.

**Figure 41 below: Broads Landscape Character Area 24 South Walsham to Acle Marshes and Fens.**

**Source: The Broads Authority Website: Landscape Character Assessment December 2016. Landscape Character Areas.<sup>27</sup>**



## 6.2 Biodiversity and geodiversity

6.2.1 Acle Parish Council requested a search from the Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service and the results are available for the Neighbourhood Plan Group.<sup>28</sup>

6.2.2 The following list contains sites in Acle parish from the Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service search:

- Roadside Nature Reserves
  - 143 Jolly Lane
- County Wildlife Sites
  - 2267 Damgate Wood
- 2 Sites of Special Scientific Interest
  - Decoy Carr, Acle SSSI

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/landscape-character-assessments>. Information obtained 22.10.2024.

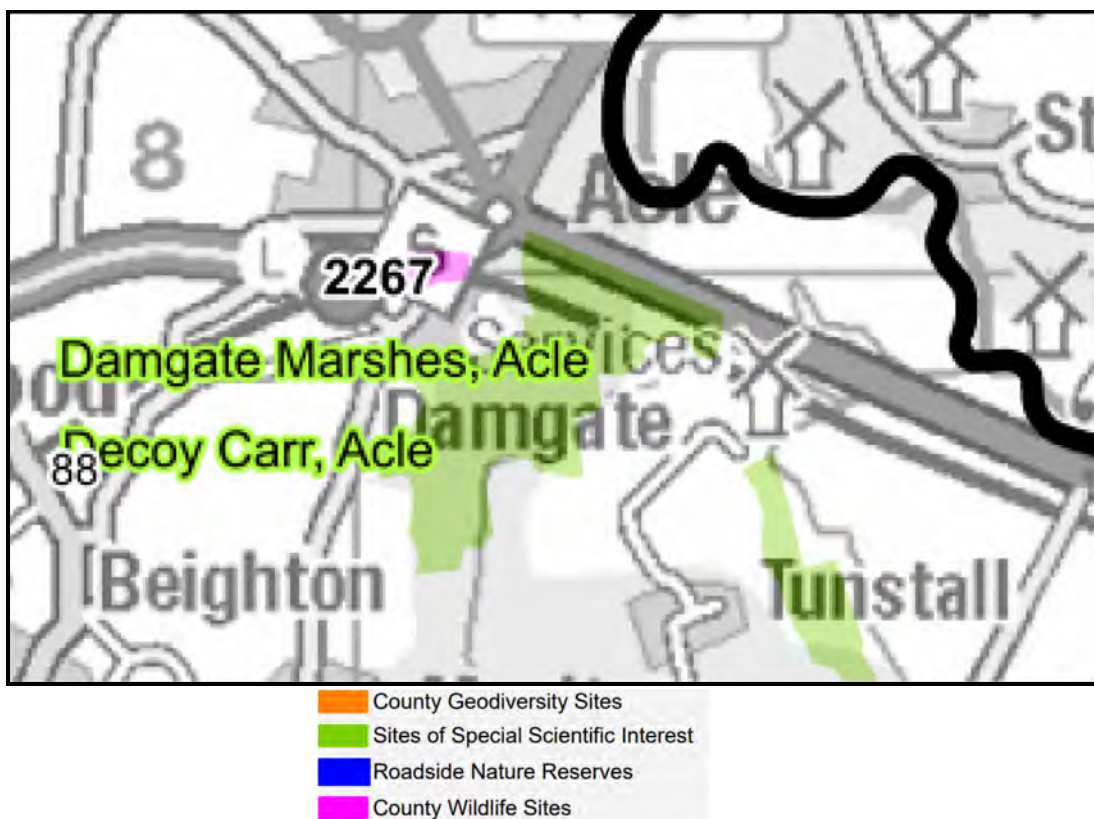
<sup>28</sup> <http://www.nbis.org.uk/data-enquiries>. Information obtained 22.10.2024.

- Damgate Marshes SSSI
- The Broads National Park
- The Broads Special Area of Conservation
- Broadland Special Protection Area
- Broads RAMSAR
- The Broads

6.2.3 County Wildlife Sites (CWS) are areas of land rich in wildlife and can support both locally and nationally threatened wildlife species and habitats. There is one CWS in Acle parish and this is shown on the map below.

**Figure 42 below: Map showing County Wildlife Sites, Roadside Nature Reserves and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.**

**Source: Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service website.<sup>29</sup> Information obtained 22.10.2024.**



6.2.4 The map below shows the location of the Decoy Carr, Acle Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Damgate Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest. Acle parish is covered by SSSI Risk Impact Zones. The Impact Risk Zones (IRZs) are a GIS tool developed by Natural England to make a rapid initial

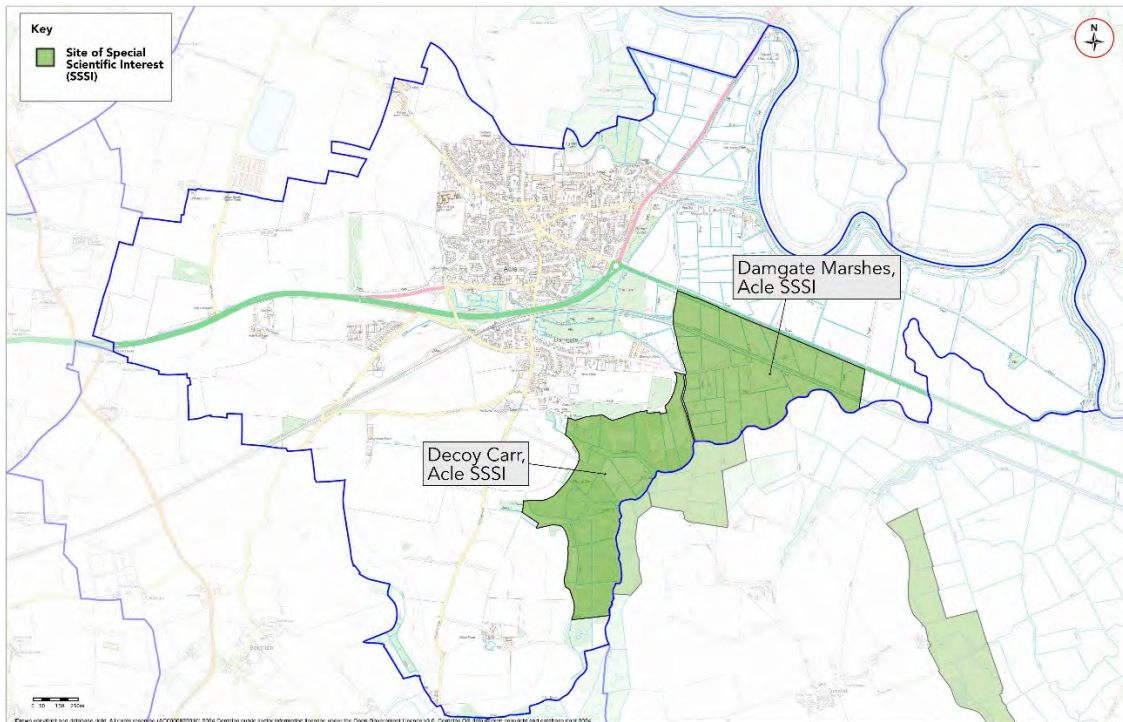
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[http://www.nbis.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Designated\\_WildlifeSites\\_2022\\_600dpi\\_plusDistbou ndary.pdf](http://www.nbis.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Designated_WildlifeSites_2022_600dpi_plusDistbou ndary.pdf). Information obtained 19.01.2024.

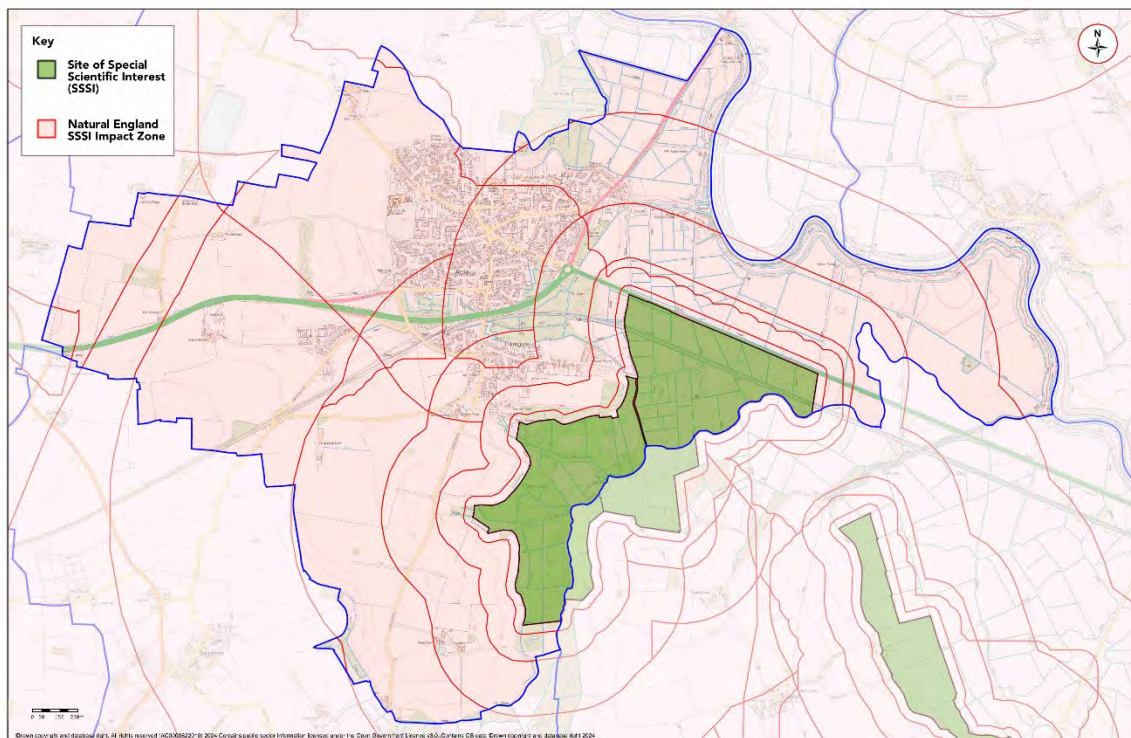
assessment of the potential risks to SSSIs posed by development proposals. They define zones around each SSSI which reflect particular sensitivities of the features for which it is notified and indicate the types of development proposals which could potentially have adverse impacts.<sup>30</sup>

**Figure 43 and 44 below: Maps showing the location of the Decoy Carr, Acle Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Damgate Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest and the SSSI Impact Risk Zones.**

**Source: Parish Online Mapping website. Information obtained 22.10.2024.**



<sup>30</sup> [SSSI IRZ User Guidance MAGIC.pdf \(defra.gov.uk\)](#) Information obtained 25.09.2021.



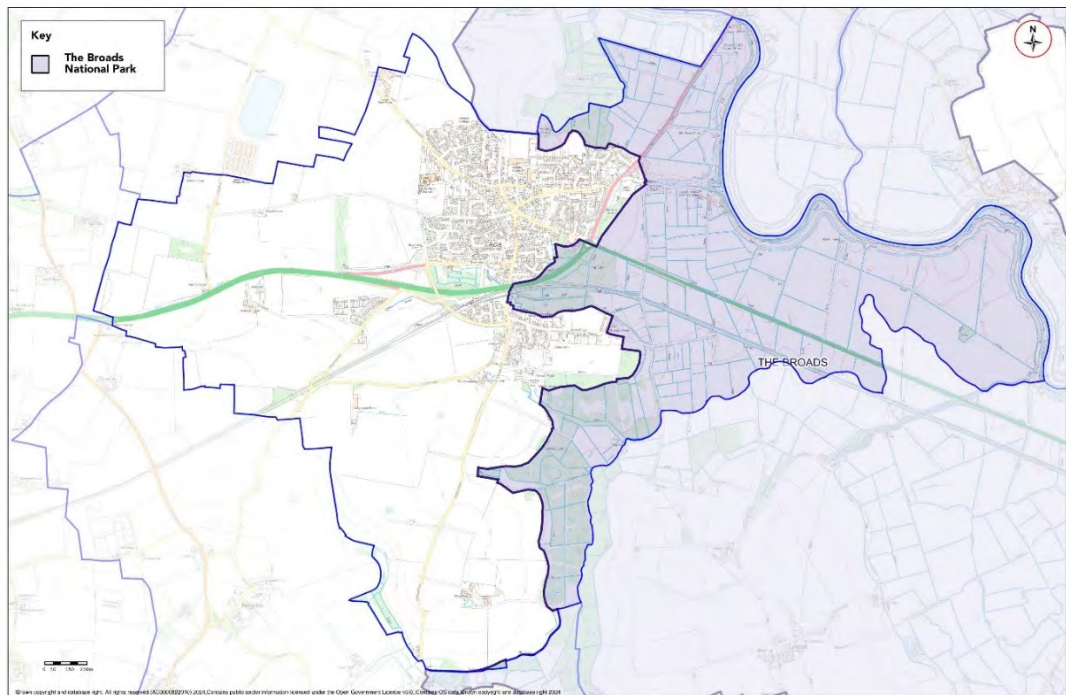
6.2.5 The Broads Special Area of Conservation, Broadland Special Protection Area and the Broads RAMSAR are all within Acle parish.

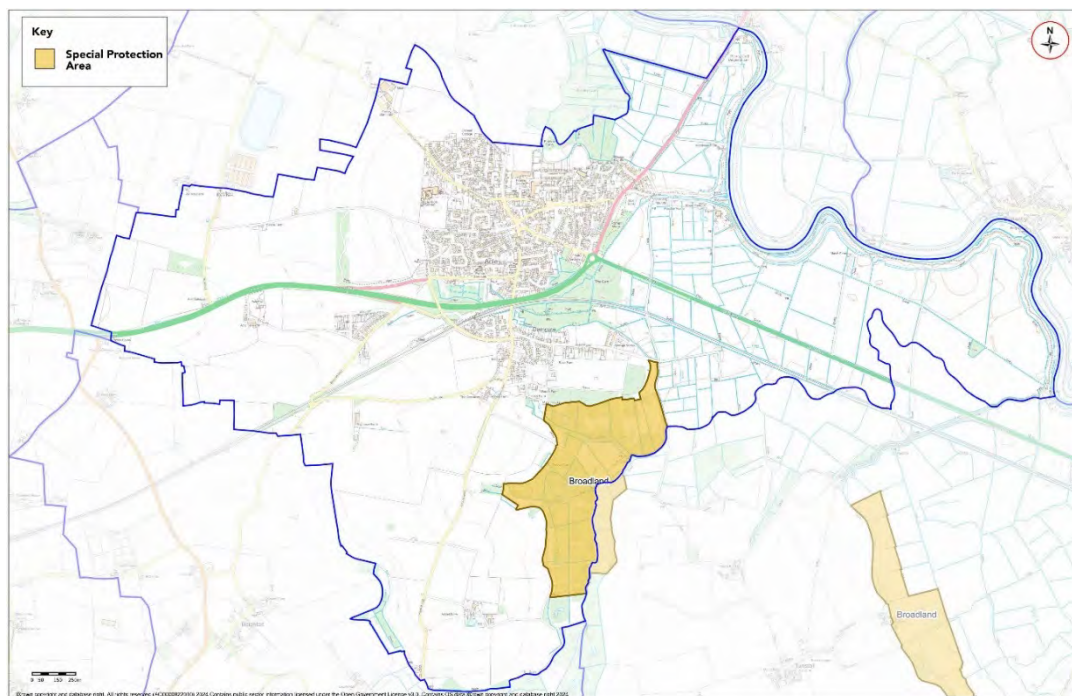
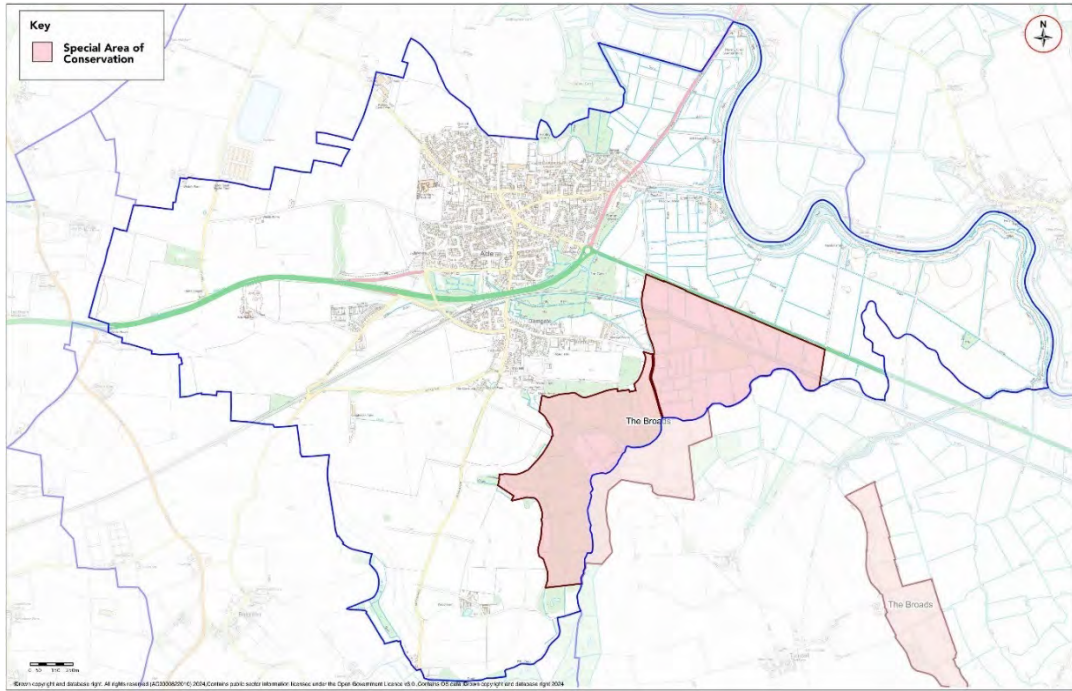
- A Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is defined in the European Union's Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), also known as the *Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora*. They are to protect the 220 habitats and approximately 1,000 species listed in annex I and II of the Directive which are considered to be of European interest following criteria given in the Directive. They must be chosen from the sites of Community importance by the member states and designated SAC by an act assuring the conservation measures of the natural habitat.<sup>[1]</sup> SACs complement special protection areas and together form a network of protected sites across the European Union called Natura 2000.
- Special Protection Areas (SPAs) are selected to protect one or more rare, threatened or vulnerable bird species listed in Annex I of the Birds Directive, or certain regularly occurring migratory species.
- Ramsar Sites are wetlands of international importance that have been designated under the criteria of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands for containing representative, rare or unique wetland types or for their importance in conserving biological diversity.
- The Broads is one of the UK's 15 national parks. The broads are shallow lakes formed in medieval times when peat was dug out for use as fuel. Over the centuries water levels rose and the peat diggings flooded, forming the Broads. The Broads is home to many plants and animals, including over a quarter of the UK's rarest species, such as the swallowtail butterfly and Norfolk hawker dragonfly, found almost nowhere else in Britain. The Broads National Park is looked after by the Broads Authority, a

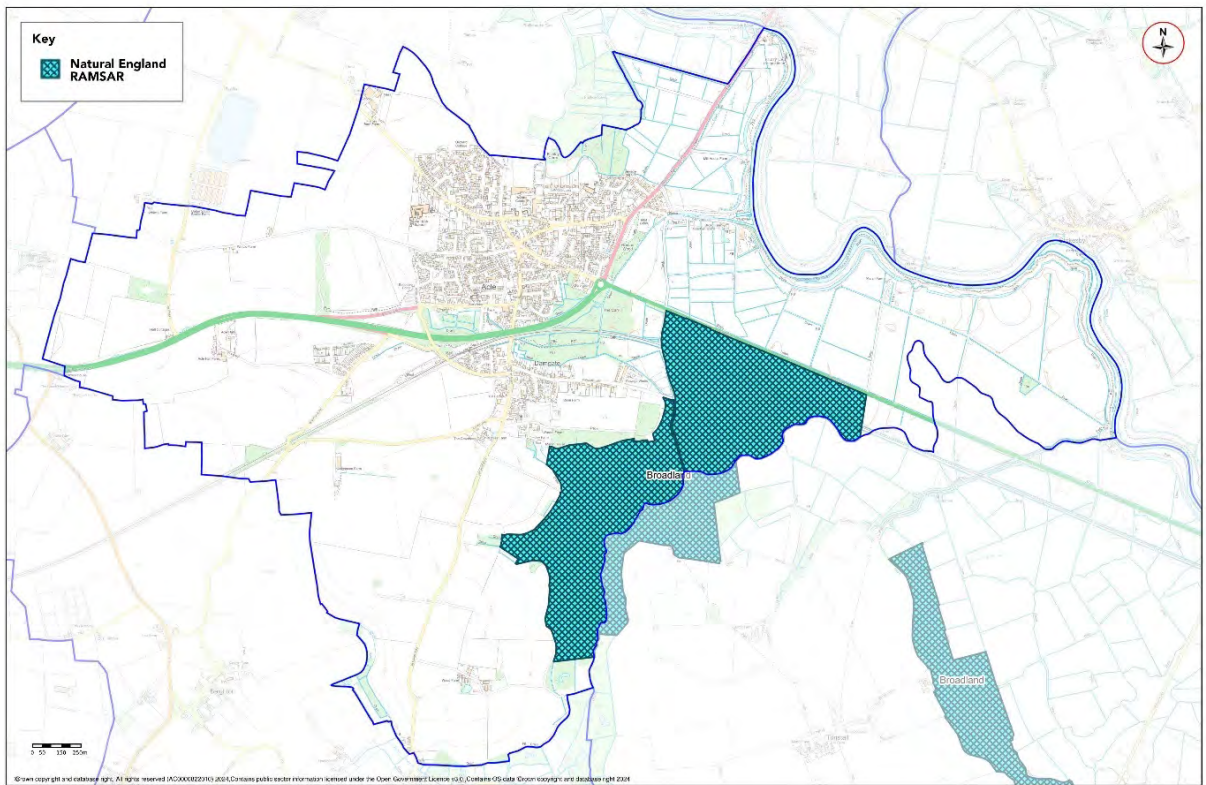
special statutory authority that was established by the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988, with similar powers to those of a national park authority. The Act placed a duty on it to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Broads, promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the Broads by the public, and protect the interests of navigation. It is the local planning authority for the Broads, and it must also have regard to the needs of agriculture and forestry, and the economic and social interests of those who live or work in the Broads. It began operating in 1989. The Broads became officially recognised as a National Park in 2015.

**Figures 45 – 48 below: Maps showing the location of the Broads National Park, Broads Special Area of Conservation, Broadland Special Protection Area and the Broads RAMSAR. Acle parish boundary is denoted by blue line.**

**Source: Parish Online mapping website. Maps obtained 22.10.2024.**





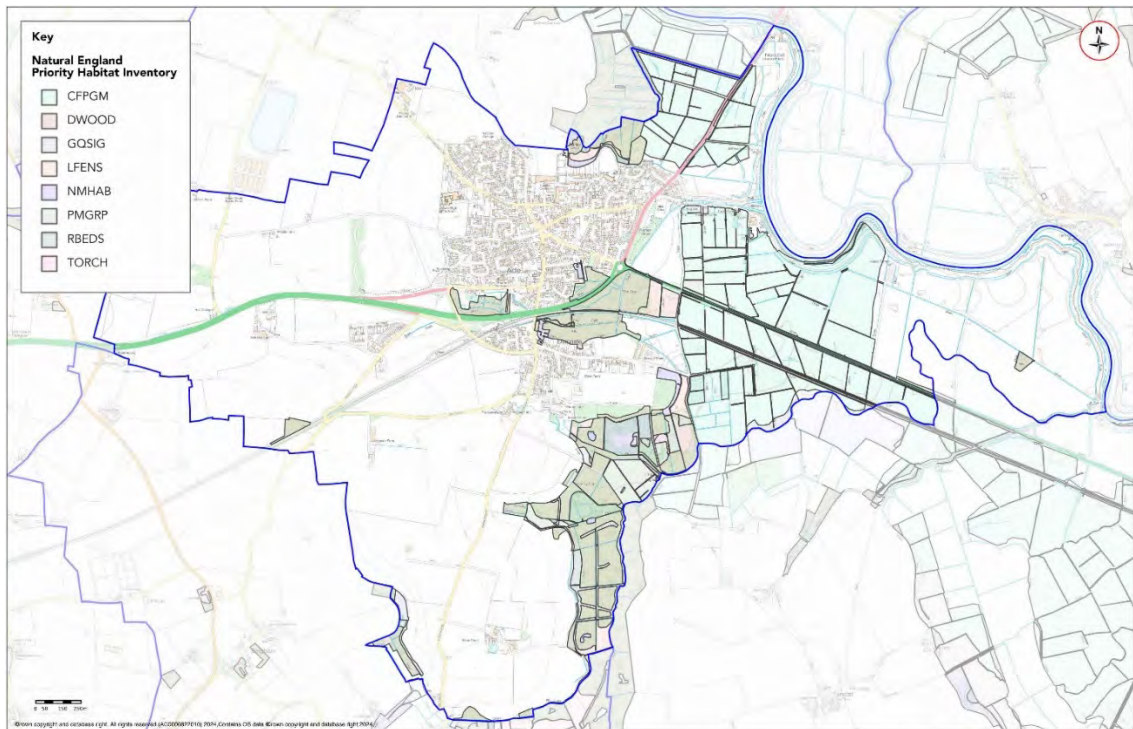


6.2.6 A map showing Priority Habitat Inventory habitats can be seen below. This is a spatial dataset that describes the geographic extent and location of Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006) Section 41 habitats of principal importance.<sup>31</sup>

<sup>31</sup> <https://naturalengland-defra.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/39403df11c8044d998772db5b54ad86c/explore>. Information obtained 19.10.2024.

**Figure 49 below: Map showing Natural England Priority Habitat Inventory habitats.**

**Source: Parish Online Mapping website. Obtained 19.10.2024.**



**Key**

CFPGM: Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh

DWOOD: Deciduous woodland

GOSG:

LFENS: Lowland fens

NMHAB: No main habitat

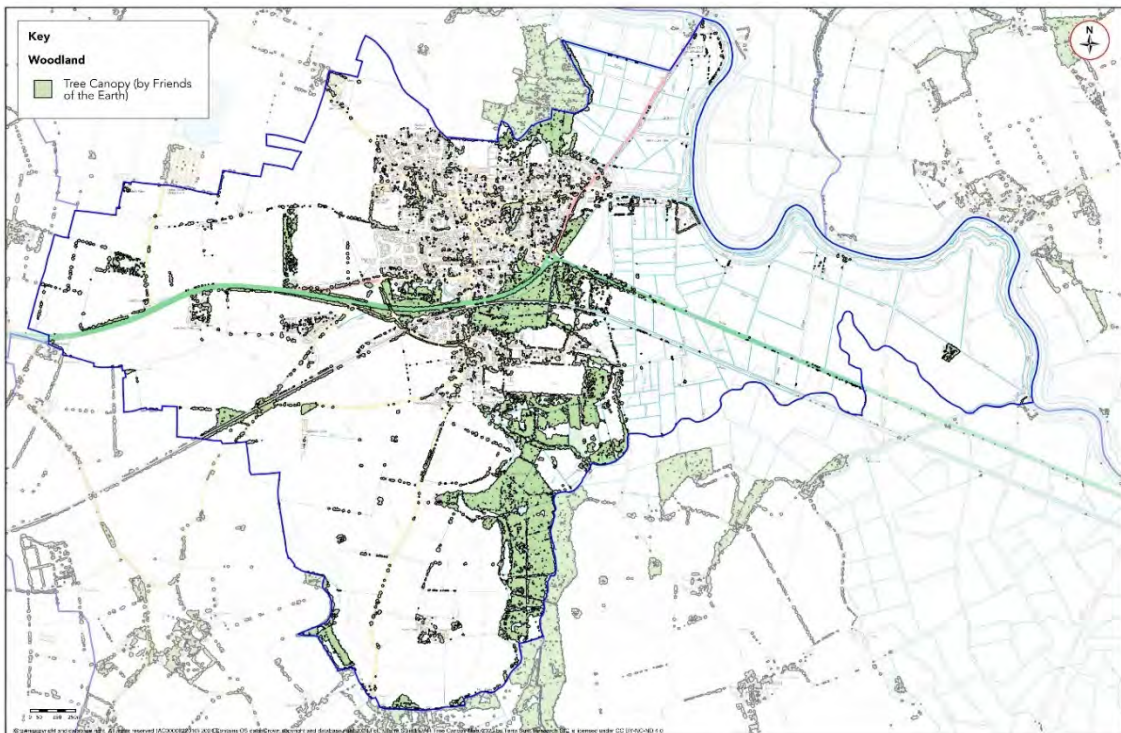
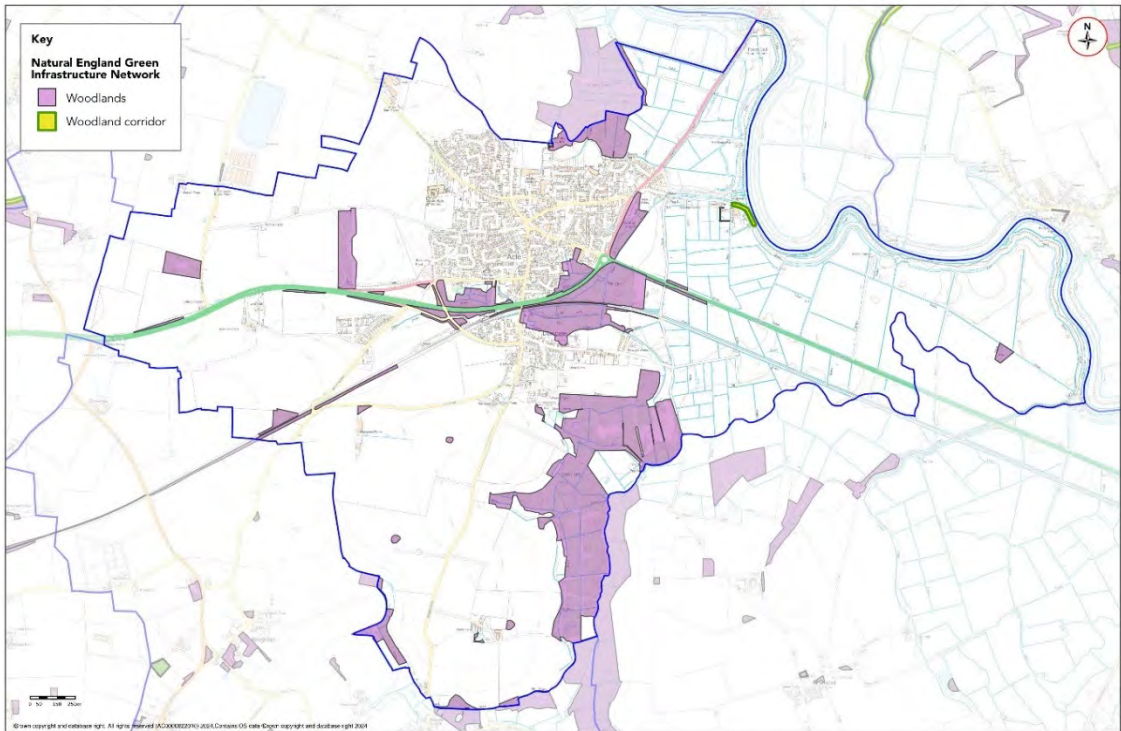
PMGRP: Purple moor grass and rush pastures

RBEDS: Reedbeds

TORCH: Traditional orchards

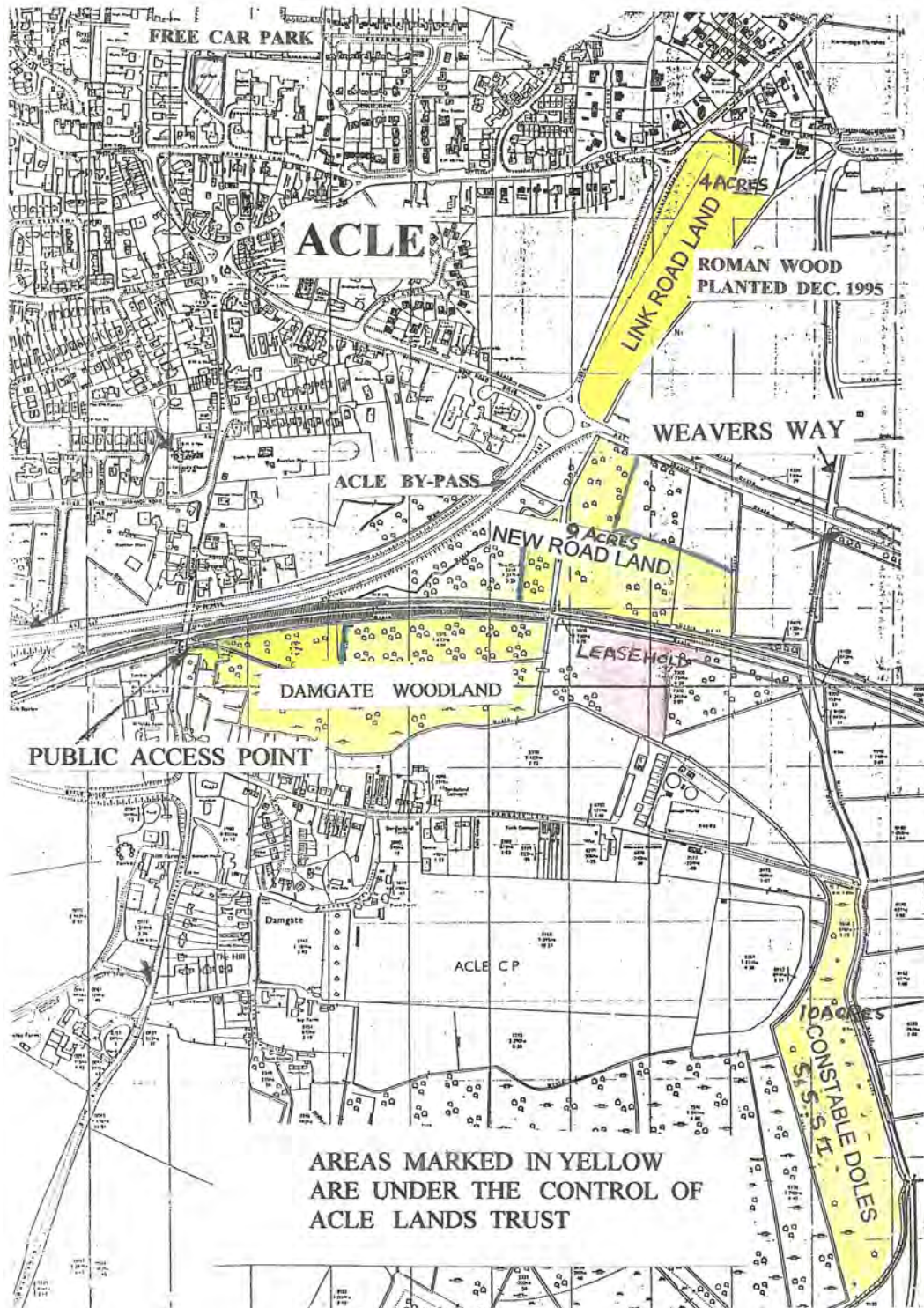


Figures 51 and 52 below: Maps showing Woodland and Woodland Corridors and Tree Canopy (by Friends of the Earth).  
Source: Parish Online mapping website. Obtained 21.10.2024.



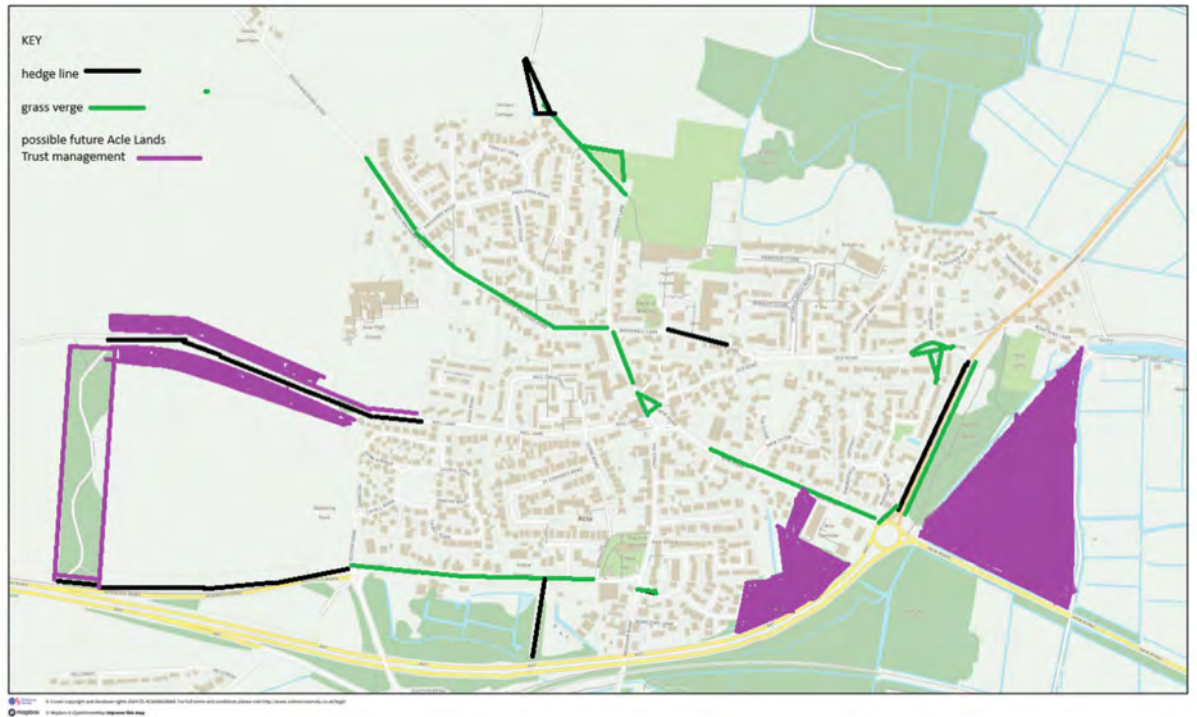
6.2.9 Damgate Wood was put into Trust by Acle Parish Council and is managed by a group of volunteers. In addition to the areas highlighted in yellow on the map below, there is also Jubilee Woods, which are located west of the village.

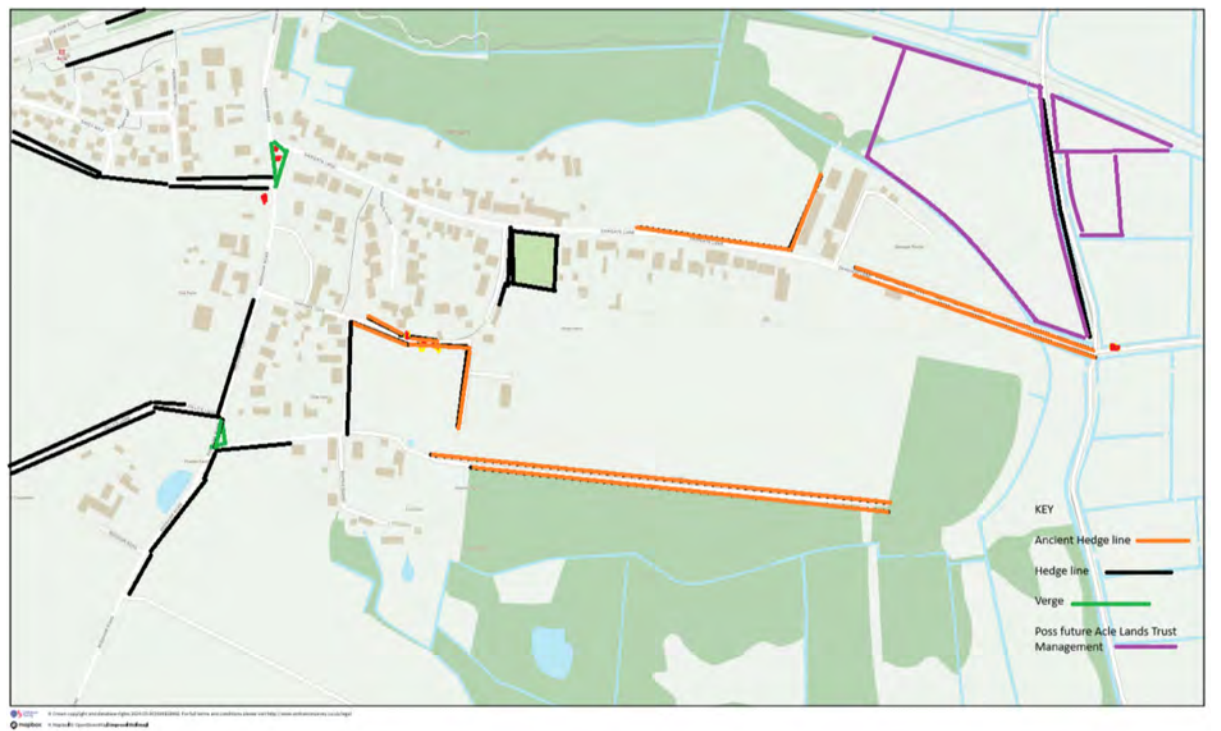
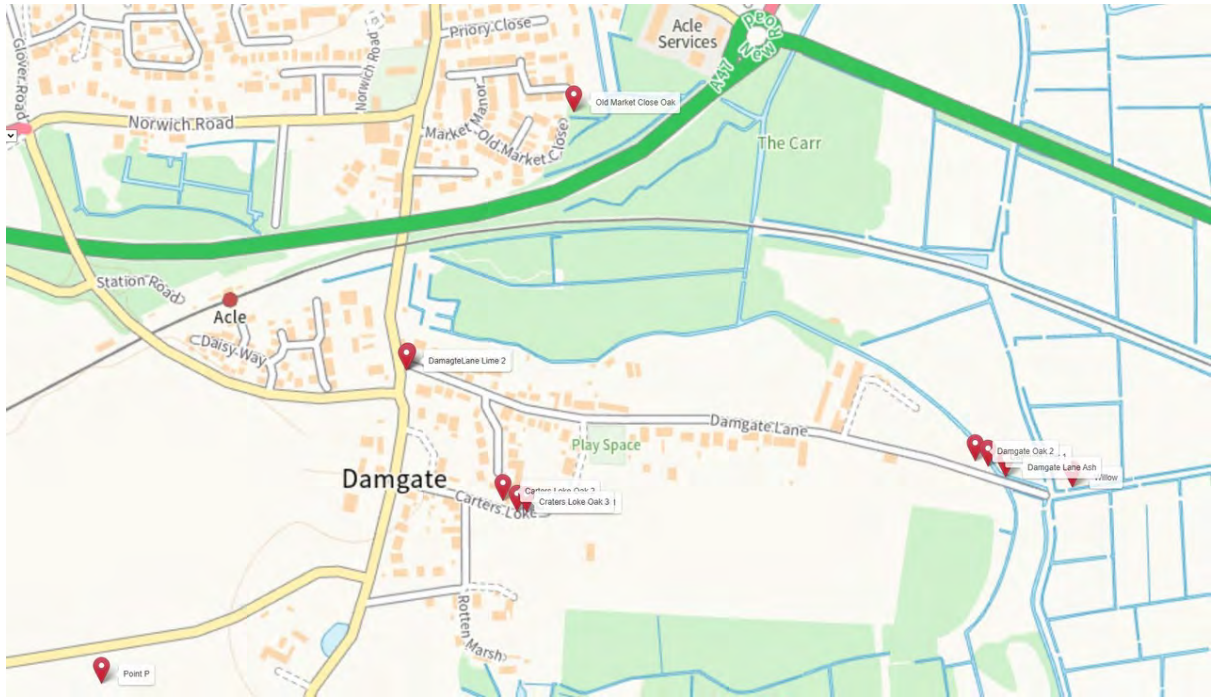
**Figure 53 below: Map showing Land under Control of Acle Lands Trust.**  
**Source: Acle Parish Council. Map obtained 25.10.2024.**

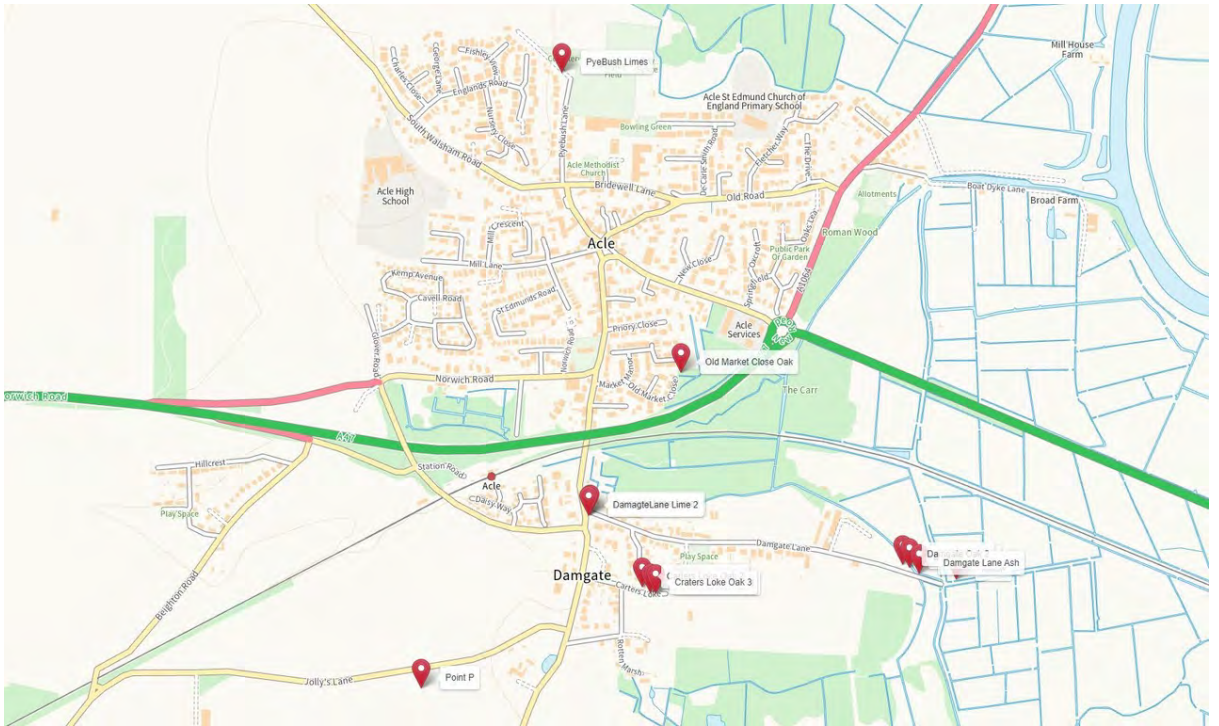


6.2.10 Below are maps produced for the Acle Land Trust.

**Figures 54 to 60 below: Maps produced for Acle Land Trust.**  
**Source: Richard Powell. Maps obtained 16.12.2024.**







6.2.11 The Bure Valley Conservation Group are active in Acle parish.<sup>32</sup>

6.2.12 Acle Parish Council runs a 'Wildlife Village Project'. There are 4 main areas of the village that are left uncut; these are the verges by England's Road, the verges opposite the vets on South Walsham Road, the verges opposite the Fish and Chip Shop on New Road and Damgate Play Area. The experiment at the start of the project was to stop mowing and to see what came up naturally and this resulted in 54 species of flowers and grasses, including Scarlet Pimpernel, Selfheal, Mallow, Forget me Nots and Clovers.

6.2.13 Documents with relevance to the Neighbourhood Plan include:

- The East Broadland Green Infrastructure Project Plan 2015.
- The Greater Norwich Growth Board Green Infrastructure Strategy is being updated should be adopted in the Spring of 2025.
- The emerging Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

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<sup>32</sup> <https://www.burevcg.org.uk/>. Information obtained 25.10.2024.

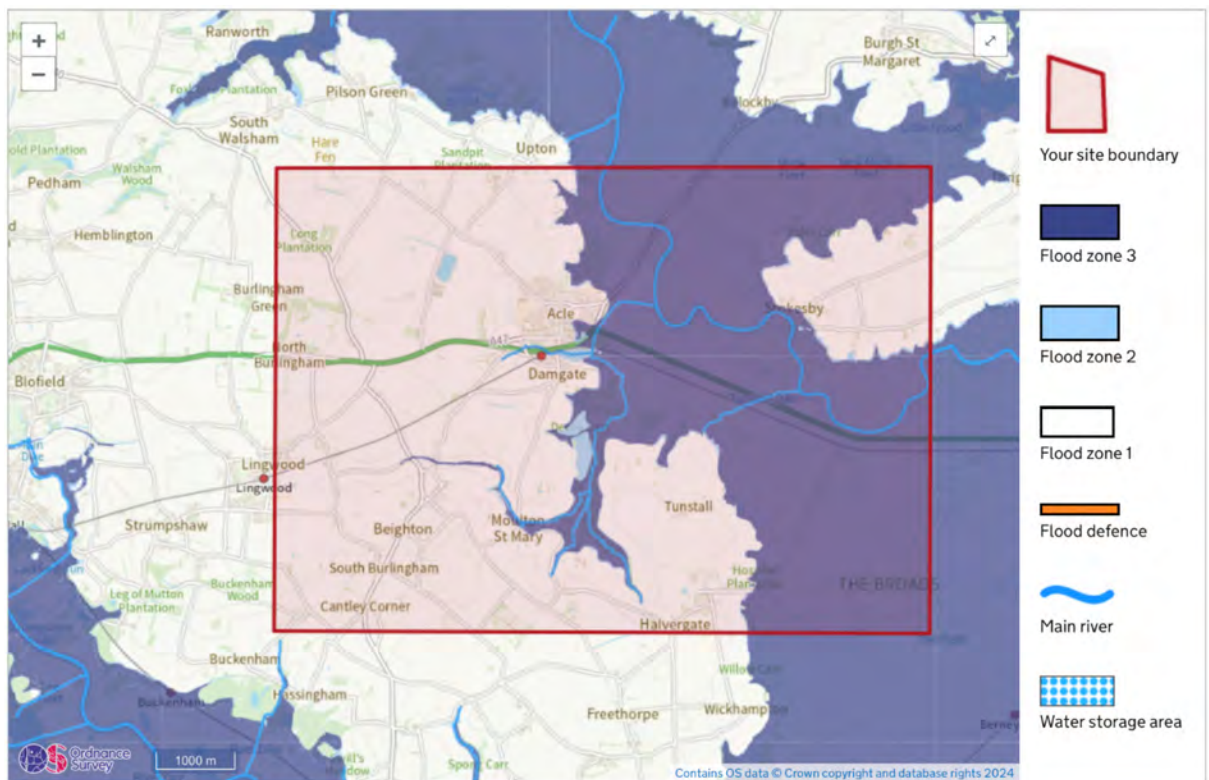
## 6.3 Water, rivers and flooding

6.3.1 The maps below show the risk of flooding from rivers in the parish.

- Some areas of the parish are at high risk of flooding and are shown in dark blue on the map below. The high-risk area means that the area has a chance of flooding of greater than 3.3% each year.
- Some areas of the parish are at medium risk of flooding. This means the area has a chance of flooding of between 1% and 3.3% each year.
- Some small areas of the parish are at a low risk of flooding, which means there is a chance of flooding of between 0.1% and 1% each year.
- The areas at very low risk of flooding have a chance of flooding of less than 0.1% each year.<sup>33</sup>

**Figure 61 below: Maps showing the risk of flooding from rivers.**

**Source: [www.check-long-term-flood-risk.service.gov.uk](http://www.check-long-term-flood-risk.service.gov.uk).<sup>34</sup>**



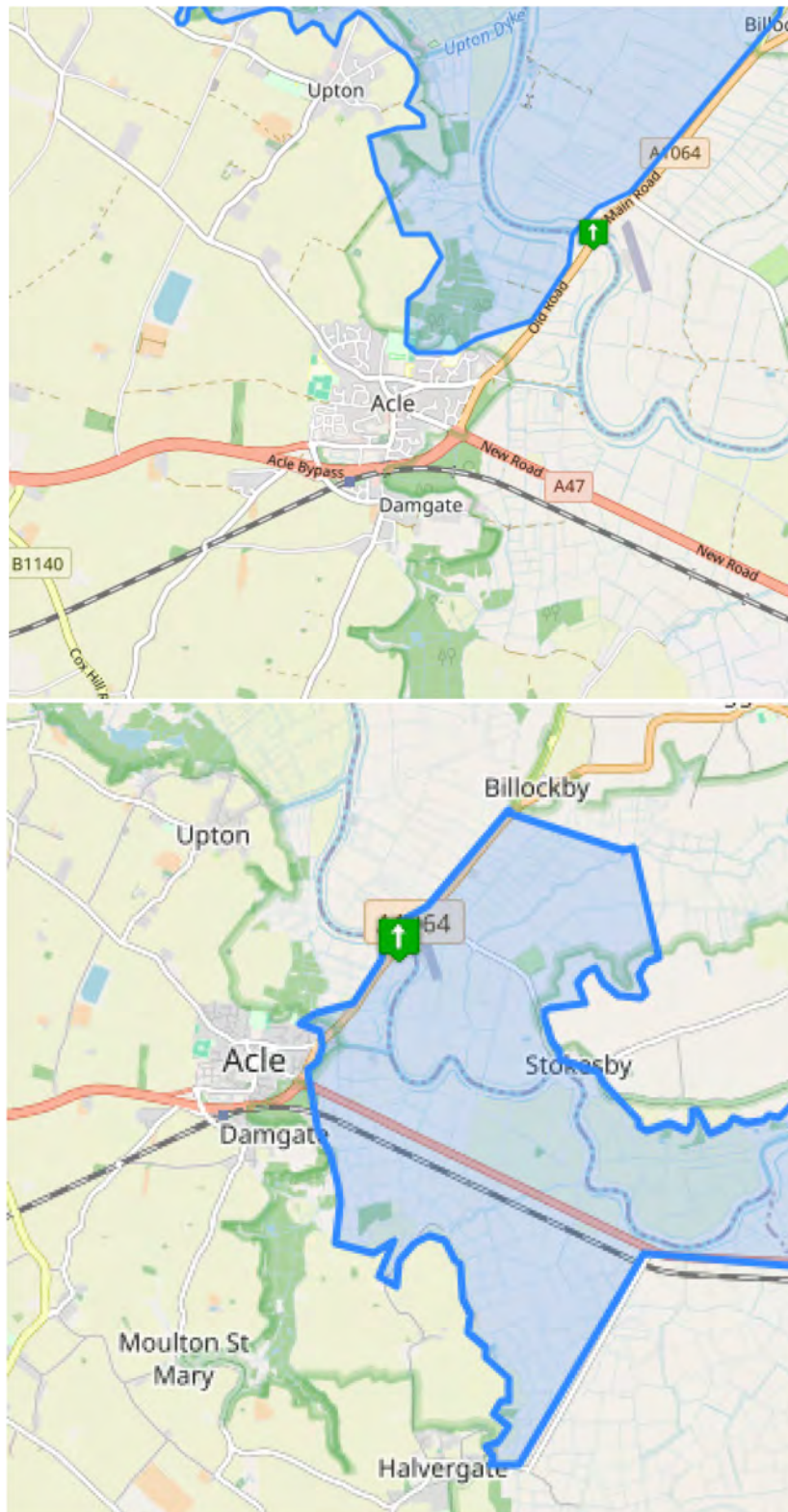
6.3.2 Parts of Acle parish are covered by the tidal River Bure from Acle Bridge to Hoveton Flood Warning Area and the tidal River Bure from Scare Gap to Acle Bridge Flood Warning Area.

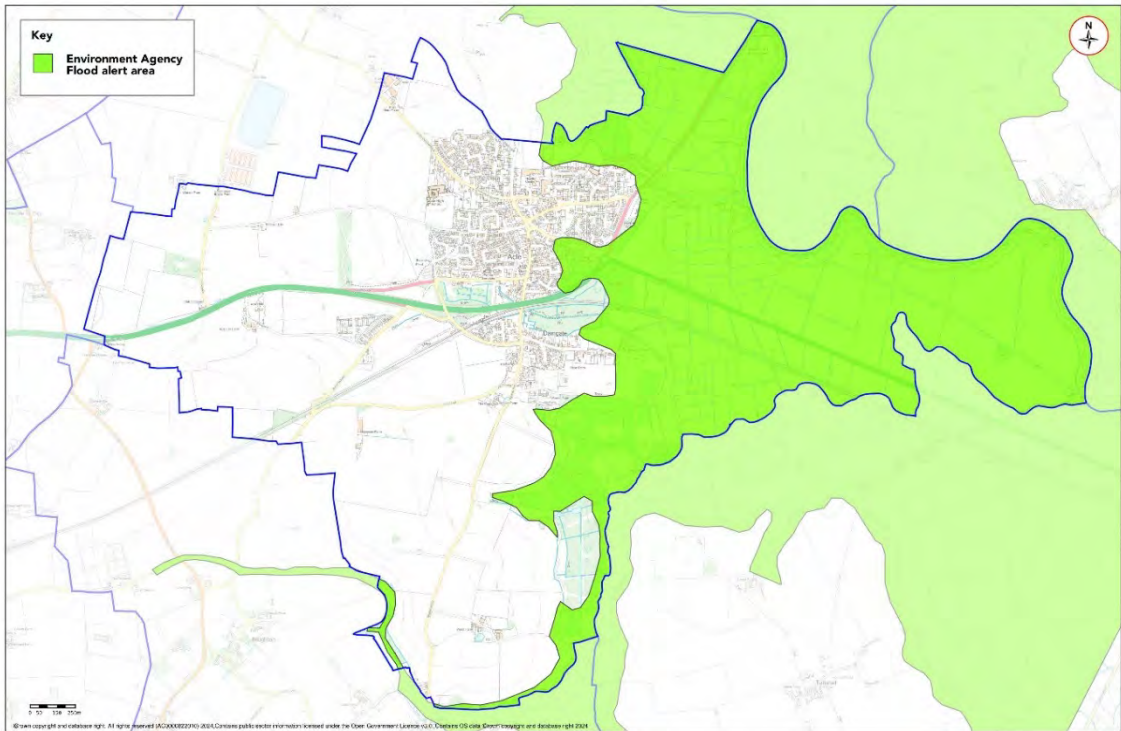
<sup>33</sup> <https://check-long-term-flood-risk.service.gov.uk/>. Information obtained 22.10.2024.

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Figures 62, 63 and 64 below: Maps showing the Flood Warning Areas covering Acle parish.

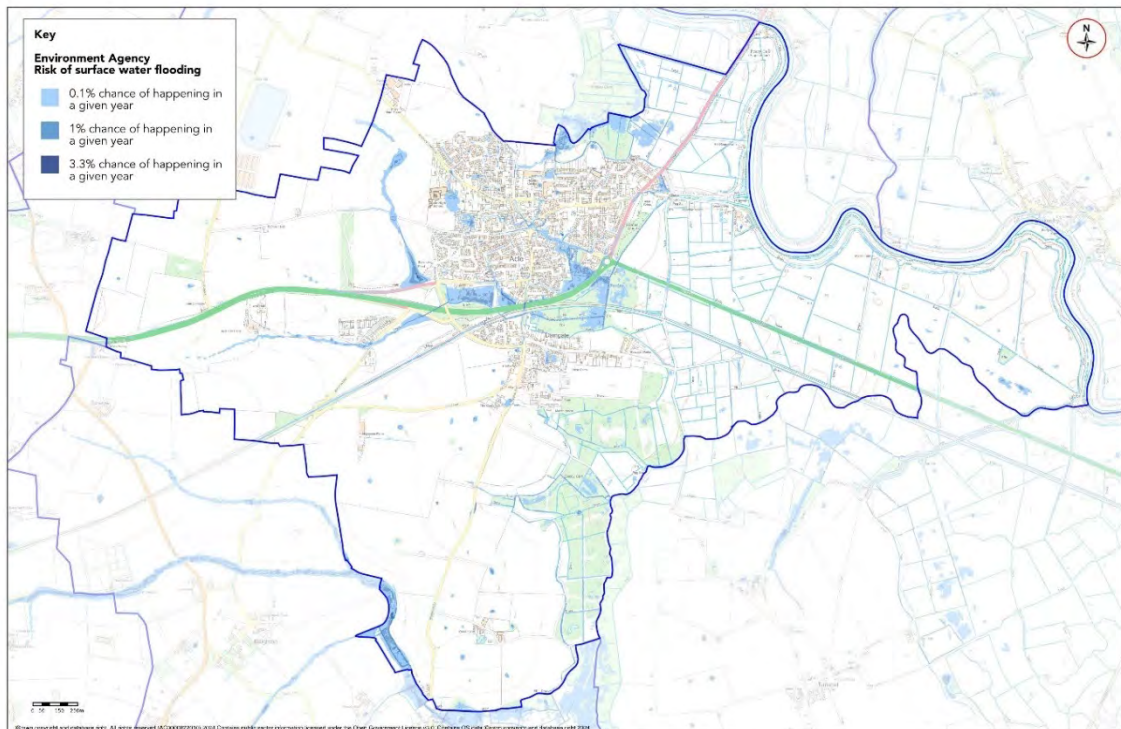
Source: [www.riverlevels.uk/flood-warnings](http://www.riverlevels.uk/flood-warnings). Information obtained 22.10.2024





6.3.3 The map below shows the risk of surface water flooding in Acle parish.

**Figure 65 below: Map showing surface water flood risk in Acle parish.  
Source: Parish Online mapping website. Information obtained 21.01.2024.**

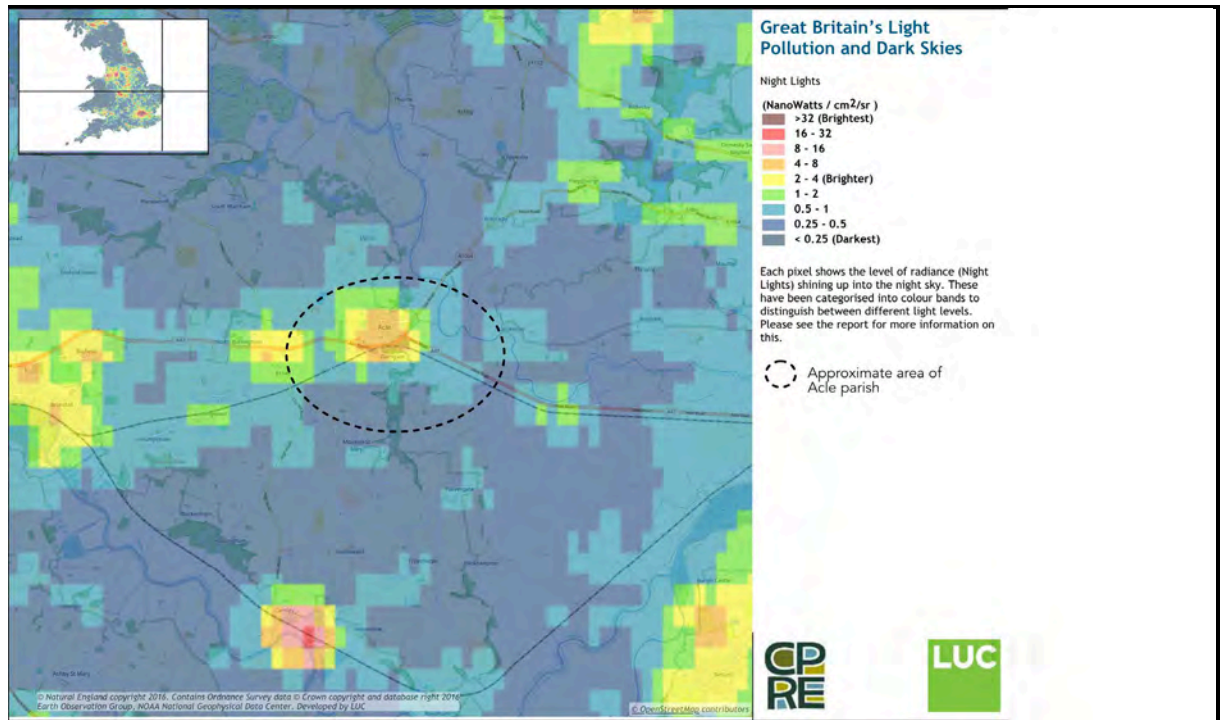


## 6.4 Dark skies

- 6.4.1 Map showing light pollution and dark skies in Acle parish and the surrounding area can be seen below.

**Figure 66 below: Map showing light pollution and dark skies.**

Source: <https://nightblight.cpre.org.uk/maps/>. Obtained 22.10.2024.



## 7. Economy

7.1 Data from the 2021 Census shows that 50.2% of residents aged 16 years and over of Acle parish are economically active and in employment. This is lower than the percentage for Broadland and Norfolk. There is a higher percentage of economically inactive residents in Acle parish compared to Broadland and Norfolk.

**Figure 67 below: Acle parish Economic Activity Census 2021.**

**Source: Build a custom profile. Information obtained 17.01.2024.**

Economic Activity Status	Acle percentage	Broadland percentage	Norfolk percentage
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Economically active: In employment	50.2%	56.6%	53.9%
Economically active: Unemployed	2.5%	2.0%	2.8%
Economically inactive	47.3%	41.3%	43.3%

7.2 Census 2021 Occupation data of all usual residents aged 16 years and over in employment is shown in the table below. The percentage of residents who are managers, directors, senior professionals, and professional occupations is lower in Acle compared to Broadland and Norfolk.

**Figure 68 below: Table showing Census 2021 Occupation data for Acle parish, Broadland and Norfolk.**

**Source: Build a custom area profile. Information obtained 17.01.2024.**

Occupation (current)	Acle parish percentage	Broadland percentage	Norfolk percentage
Total: All usual residents aged 16 years and over in employment the week before the Census.	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
1. Managers, directors and senior officials	11.6%	13.2%	11.9%
2. Professional occupations	17.6%	18.1%	16.6%
3. Associate professional and technical occupations	10.9%	13.0%	11.8%
4. Administrative and secretarial occupations	9.4%	10.8%	9.0%

Occupation (current)	Acle parish percentage	Broadland percentage	Norfolk percentage
5. Skilled trades occupations	13.9%	12.9%	12.7%
6. Caring, leisure and other service occupations	11.5%	9.8%	10.6%
7. Sales and customer service occupations	9.7%	8.0%	8.1%
8. Process, plant and machine operatives	6.9%	6.1%	8.0%
9. Elementary occupations	8.6%	8.2%	11.2%

7.3 Data from the 2021 Census shows the industries in which Acle parish residents are employed. The highest percentage of residents are employed in public administration, education and health, followed by distribution, hotels and restaurants.

**Figure 69 below: Table showing Industry of usual residents in Acle parish, Census 2021.**

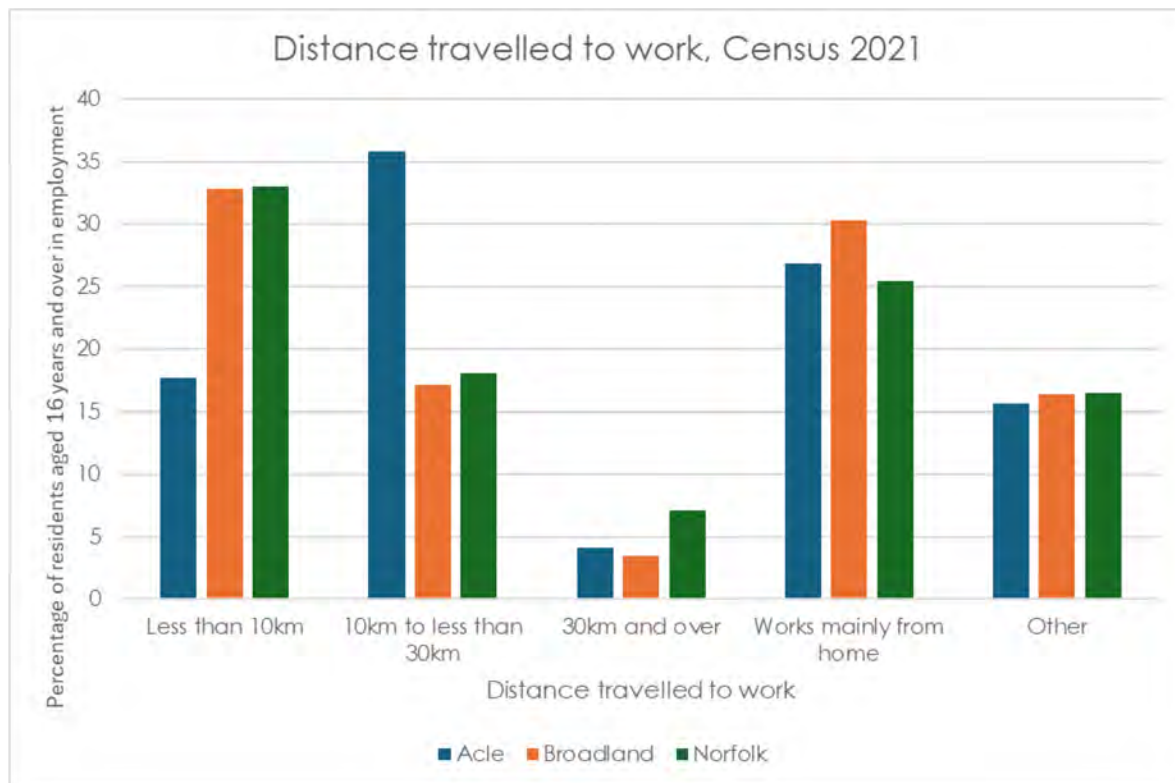
**Source: Nomis website. Information obtained 17.10.2024.**

Industry Census 2021 Acle parish	Acle percentage
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>
A, B, D, E Agriculture, energy and water	2.9%
C Manufacturing	6.1%
F Construction	10.0%
G, I Distribution, hotels and restaurants	20.6%
H, J Transport and communication	6.9%
K, L, M, N Financial, real estate, professional and administrative activities	15.1%
O, P, Q Public administration, education and health	32.8%
R, S, T, U Other	5.6%

7.4 Distance travelled to work data from the Census 2021 is shown in the graph below.

**Figure 70 below: Graph showing distance travelled to work by residents of Acle parish, Broadland and Norfolk aged 16 years and over and in employment.**

**Source: Office for National Statistics Build a Custom Area Profile tool. Information obtained 18.10.2024.**



7.5 A list of businesses in Acle is available on the Parish Council's website and can be accessed at [www.acleparishcouncil.gov.uk/category/businesses/](http://www.acleparishcouncil.gov.uk/category/businesses/). This list has been updated by the Parish Council.

7.6 Registered businesses in the parish can be found at the following link on Broadland District Council's website: [www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/business/business-rates/business-rates-general-information](http://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/business/business-rates/business-rates-general-information).

**Appendix 1: Census 2021 data for Acle parish compared to Broadland district and Norfolk.**

**Source: Office for National Statistics 'Build a custom area profile' tool.<sup>35</sup> Obtained 17.10.2024.**

*Please note the data and boundaries displayed in these profiles are aggregated from small areas on a best-fit basis, and therefore may differ slightly from other sources. Values may vary slightly from other published Census 2021 statistics because the 'cell-key method' adds a small amount of noise to some cells in published datasets to protect against disclosure by differencing.*

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<sup>35</sup> [www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/customprofiles/draw/](https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/customprofiles/draw/). Information obtained 24.01.2024.

# Acle

## Area map

■ Acle  (Broadland)



## Population

**2,800**

people

**131,700** people in Broadland

Rounded to the nearest 100 people

## Number of households

**1,300**

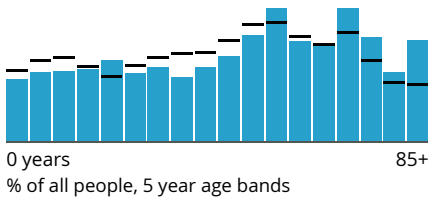
households

**57,800** households in Broadland

Rounded to the nearest 100 households

## Age profile

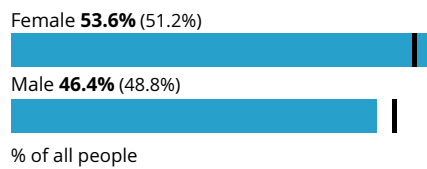
■ Acle  (Broadland)



0 years  
% of all people, 5 year age bands

## Sex

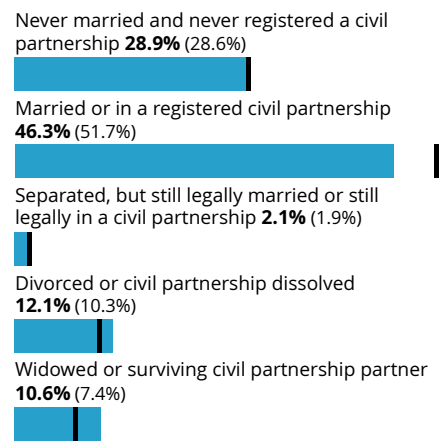
■ Acle  (Broadland)



% of all people

## Legal partnership status

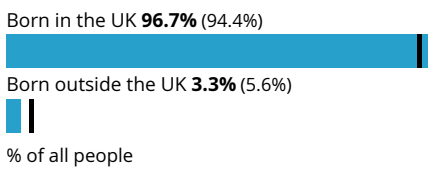
■ Acle  (Broadland)



% of people aged 16 years and over

## Country of birth

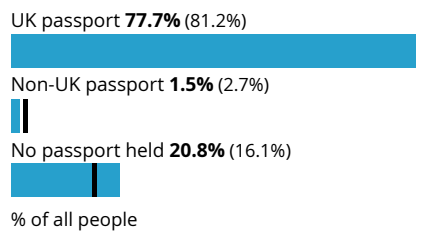
■ Acle  (Broadland)



% of all people

## Passports held

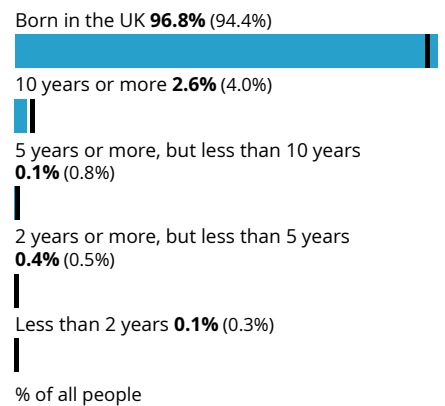
■ Acle  (Broadland)



% of all people

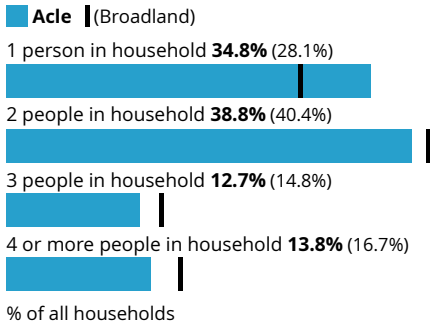
## Length of residence in the UK

■ Acle  (Broadland)

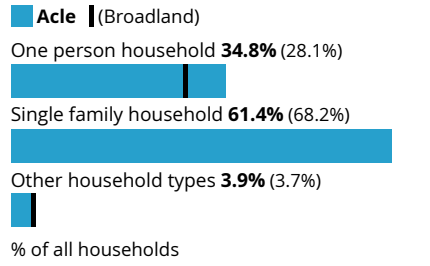


% of all people

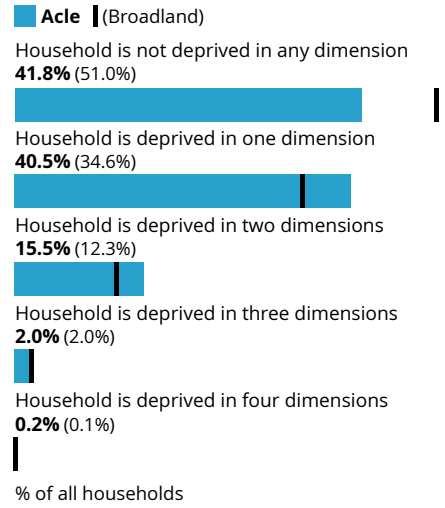
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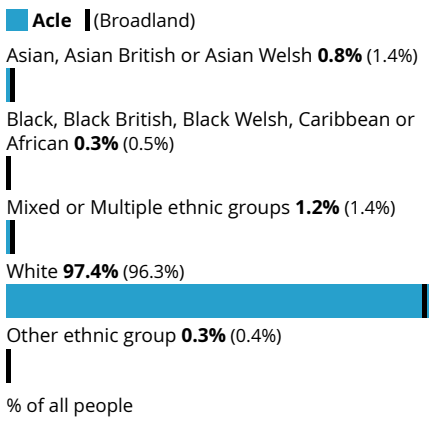
### Household composition



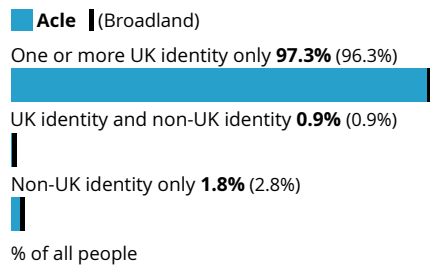
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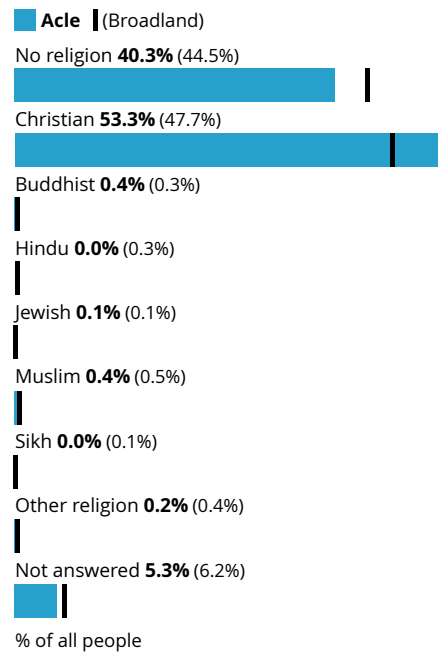
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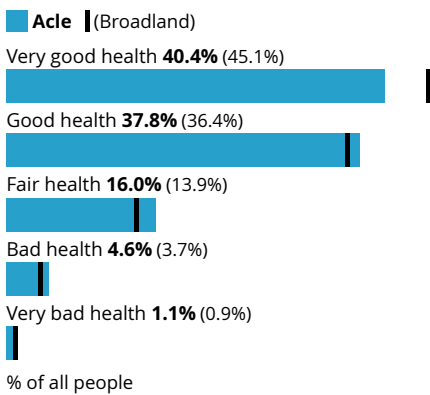
### National identity



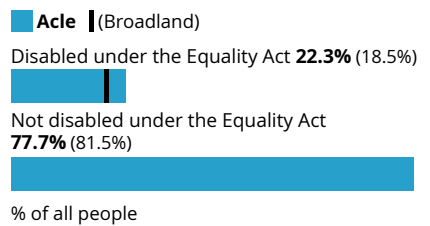
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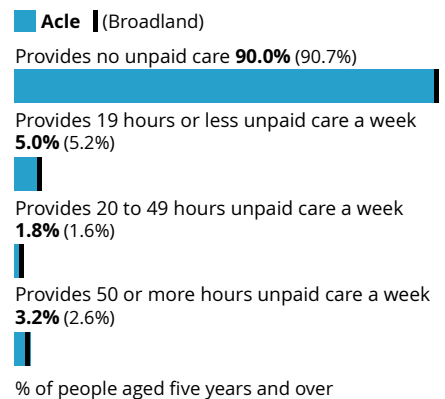
### General health



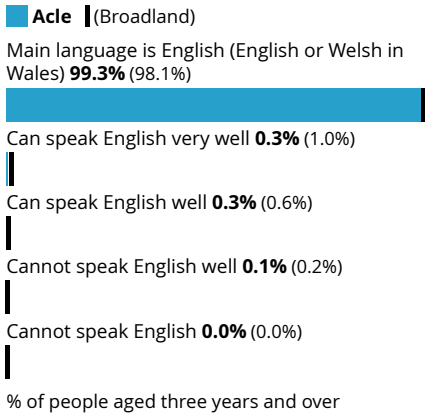
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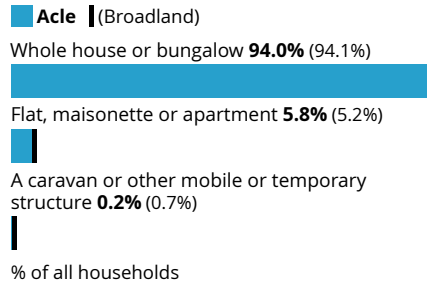
### Provision of unpaid care



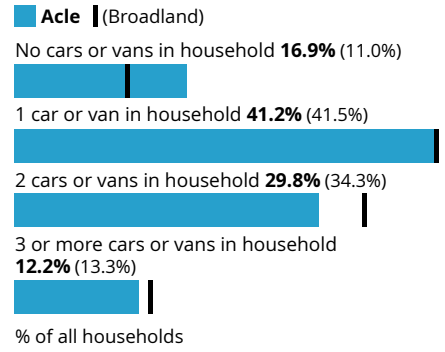
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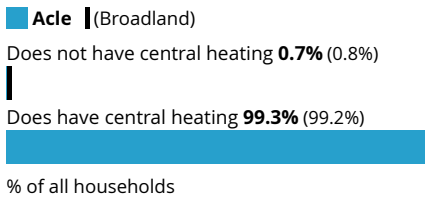
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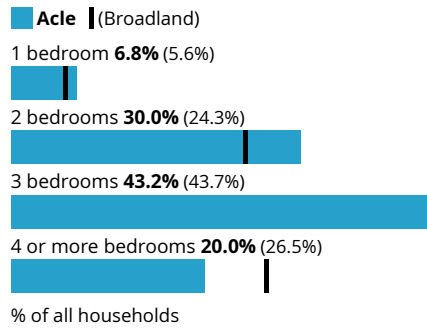
### Number of cars or vans



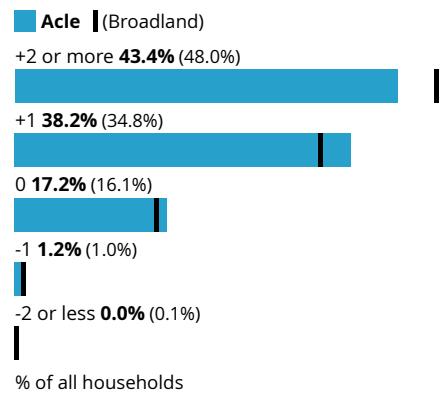
### Central heating



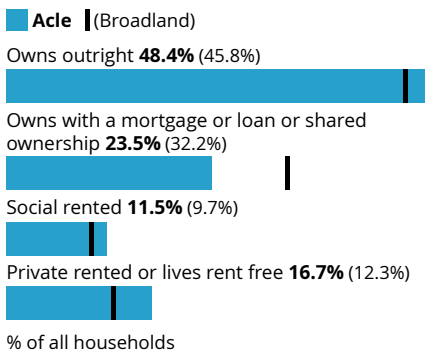
### Number of bedrooms



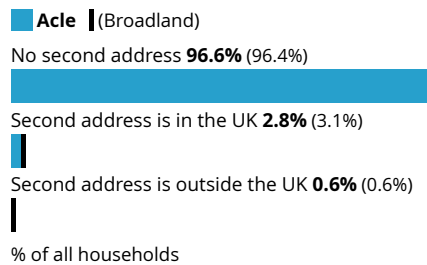
### Occupancy rating for bedrooms



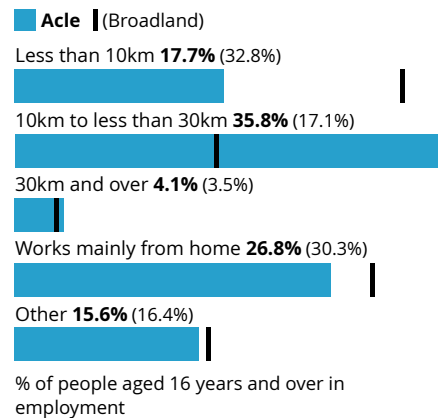
### Tenure of household



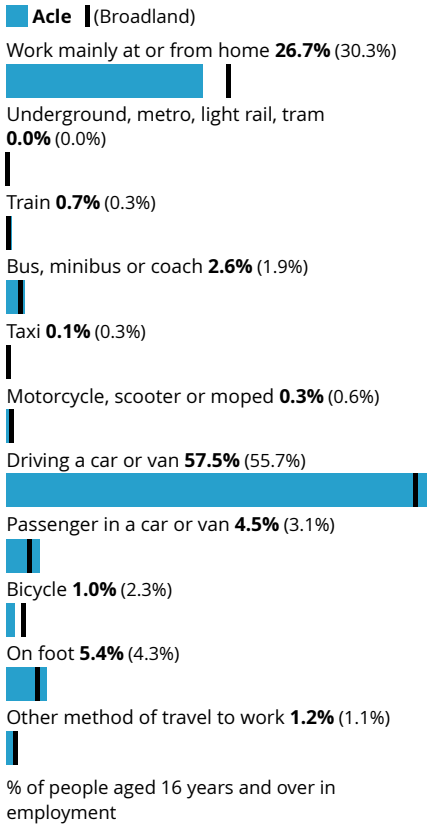
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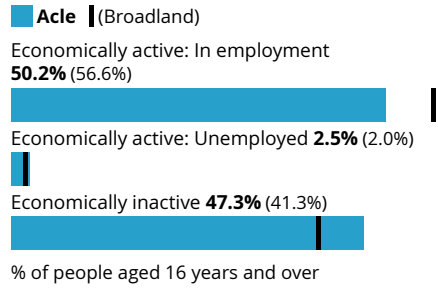
### Distance travelled to work



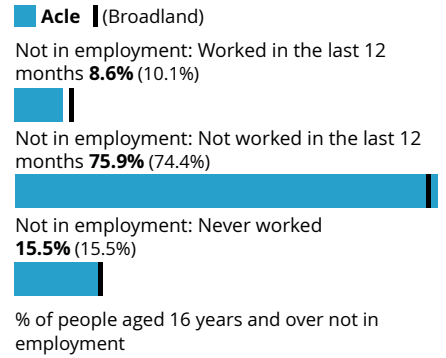
### Method of travel to workplace



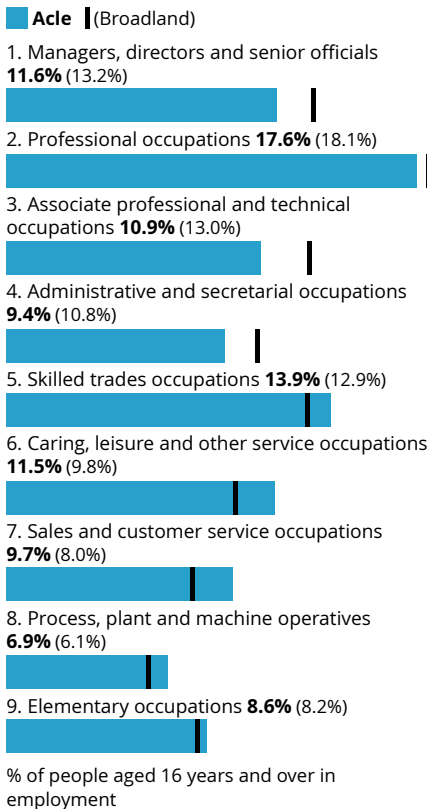
### Economic activity status



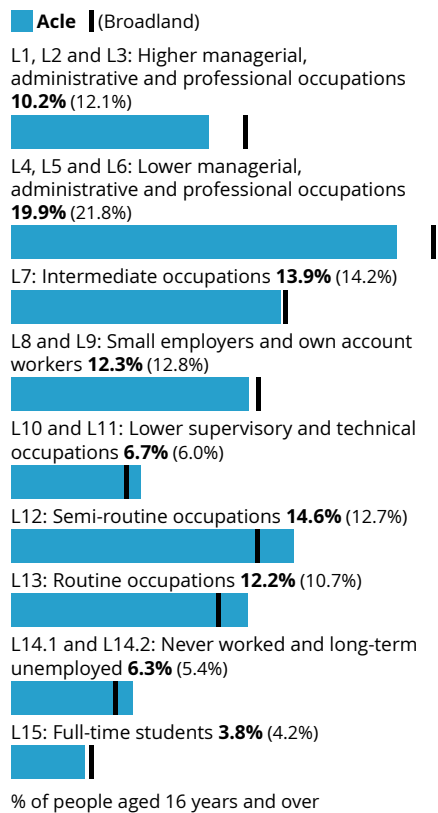
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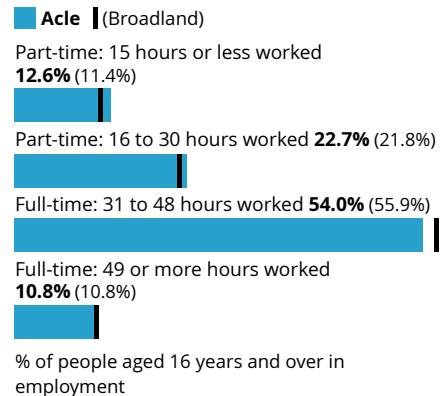
### Occupation



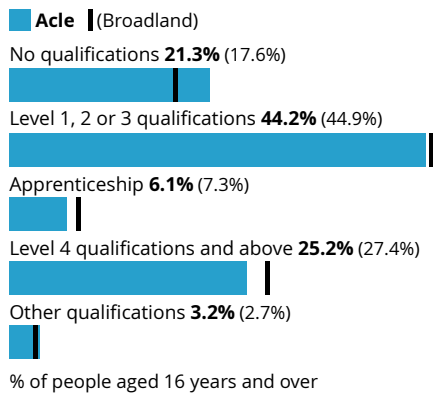
### Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)



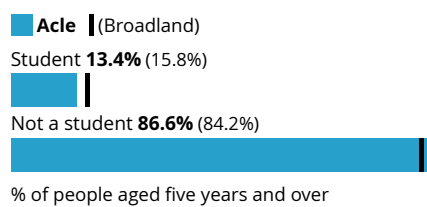
### Hours per week worked



### Highest level of qualification



### Schoolchildren and full-time students



Source: Office for National Statistics - Census 2021

# Acle

## Area map

■ Acle □ (Norfolk)



## Population

**2,800**

people

**916,100** people in Norfolk

Rounded to the nearest 100 people

## Number of households

**1,300**

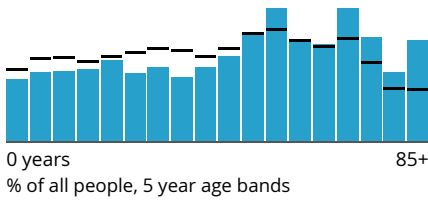
households

**404,300** households in Norfolk

Rounded to the nearest 100 households

## Age profile

■ Acle — (Norfolk)



## Sex

■ Acle | (Norfolk)

Female **53.6%** (51.0%)

Male **46.4%** (49.0%)

% of all people

## Legal partnership status

■ Acle | (Norfolk)

Never married and never registered a civil partnership **28.9%** (33.6%)

Married or in a registered civil partnership **46.3%** (46.3%)

Separated, but still legally married or still legally in a civil partnership **2.1%** (2.2%)

Divorced or civil partnership dissolved **12.1%** (10.7%)

Widowed or surviving civil partnership partner **10.6%** (7.2%)

% of people aged 16 years and over

## Country of birth

■ Acle | (Norfolk)

Born in the UK **96.7%** (90.3%)

Born outside the UK **3.3%** (9.7%)

% of all people

## Passports held

■ Acle | (Norfolk)

UK passport **77.7%** (73.1%)

Non-UK passport **1.5%** (6.7%)

No passport held **20.8%** (20.2%)

% of all people

## Length of residence in the UK

■ Acle | (Norfolk)

Born in the UK **96.8%** (90.3%)

10 years or more **2.6%** (5.4%)

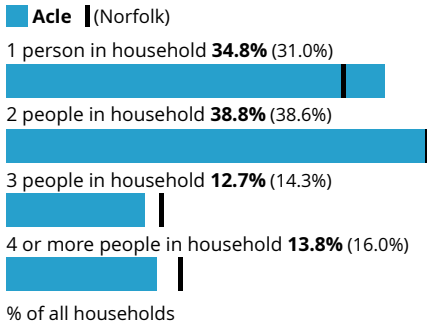
5 years or more, but less than 10 years **0.1%** (1.8%)

2 years or more, but less than 5 years **0.4%** (1.3%)

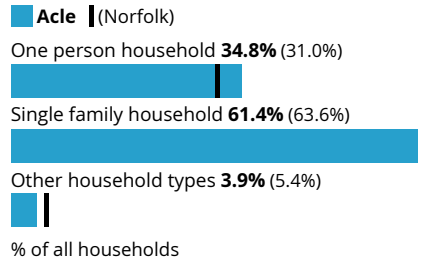
Less than 2 years **0.1%** (1.1%)

% of all people

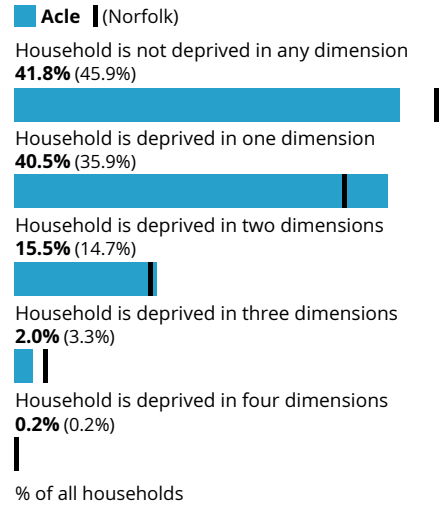
### Household size



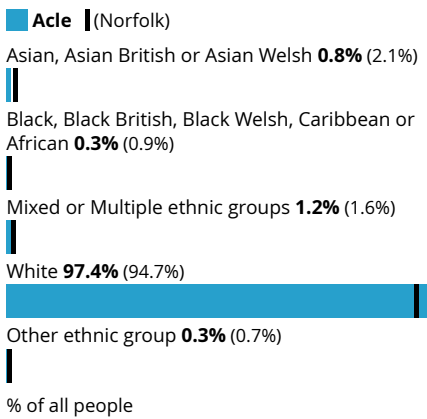
### Household composition



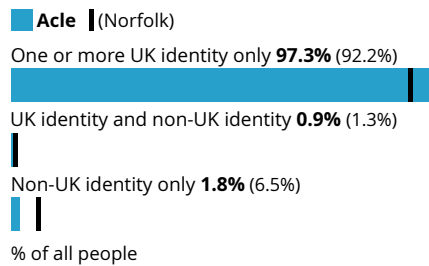
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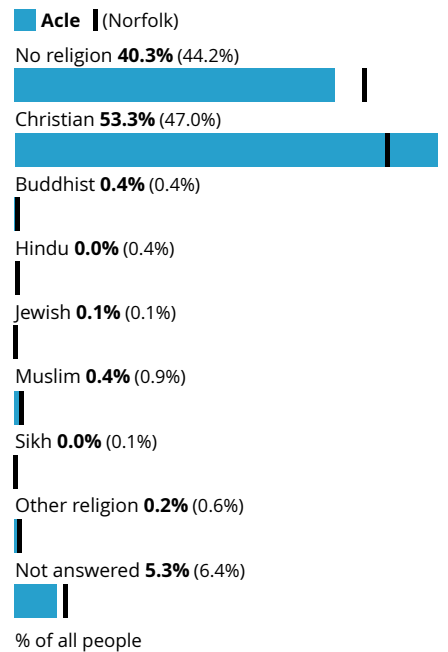
### Ethnic group



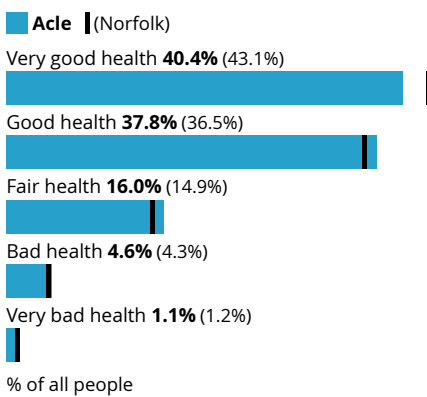
### National identity



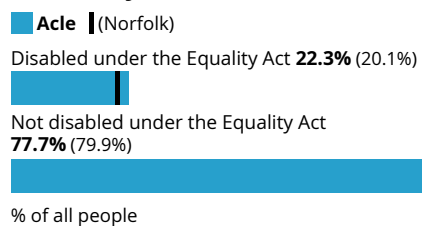
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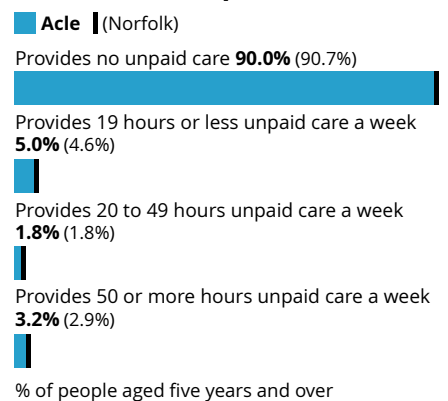
### General health



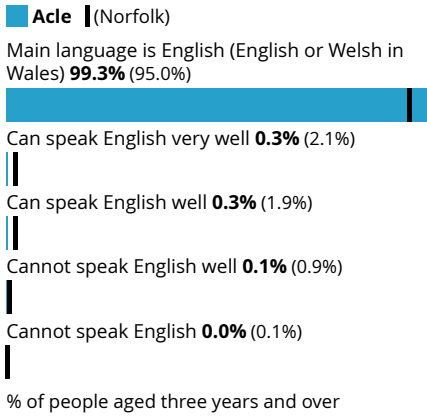
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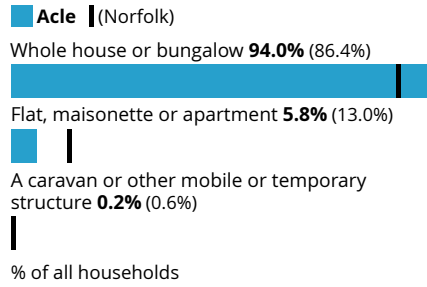
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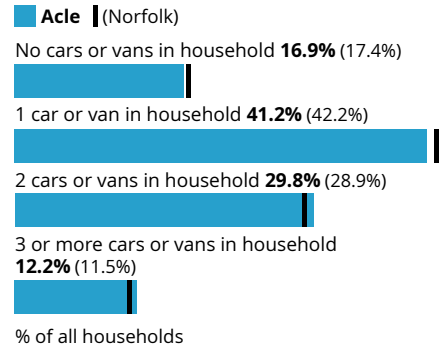
### Proficiency in English



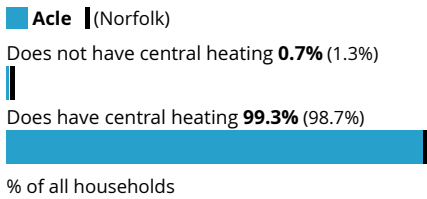
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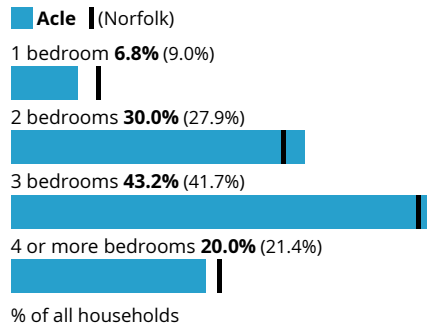
### Number of cars or vans



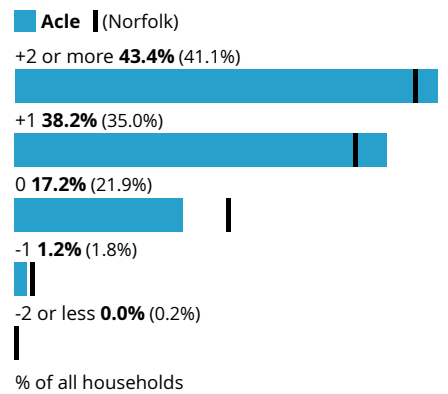
### Central heating



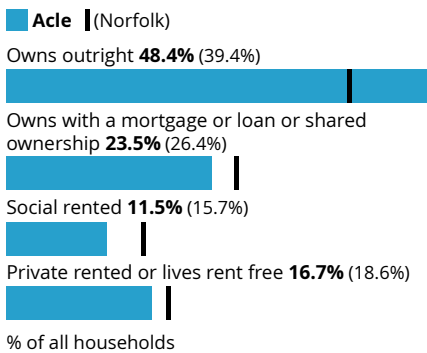
### Number of bedrooms



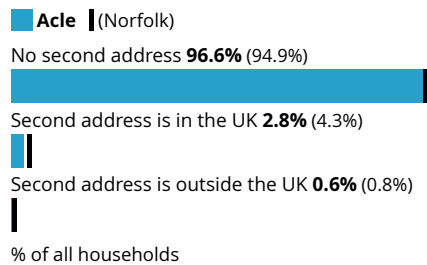
### Occupancy rating for bedrooms



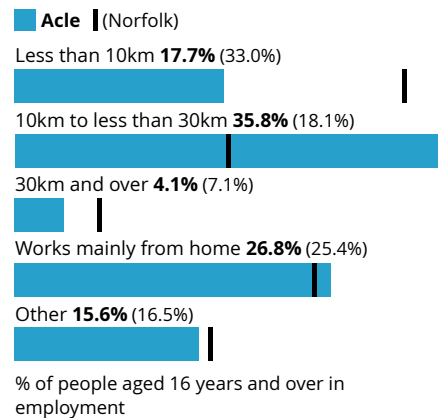
### Tenure of household



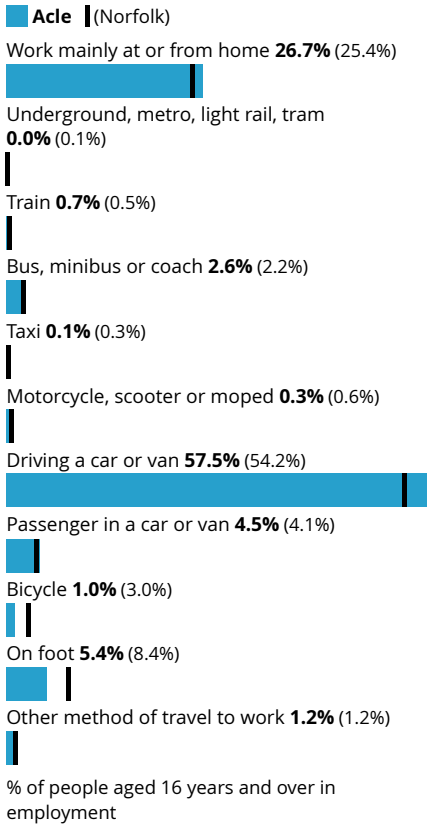
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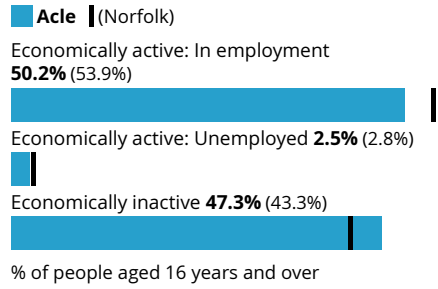
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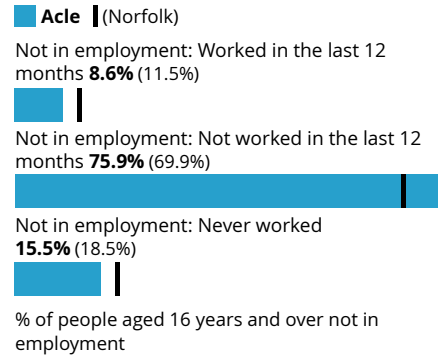
### Method of travel to workplace



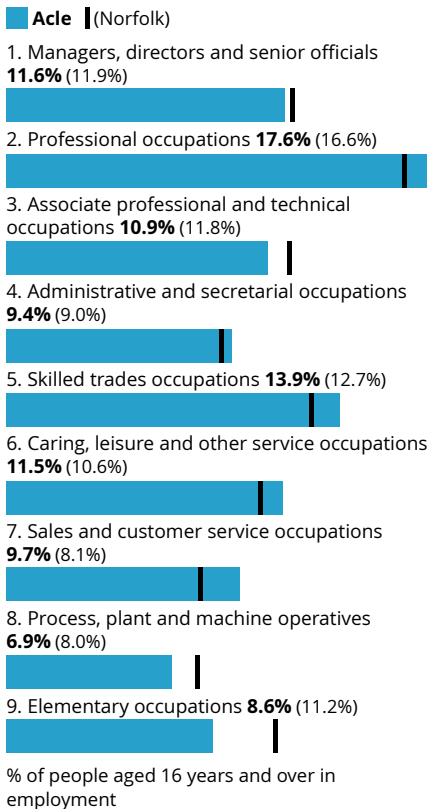
### Economic activity status



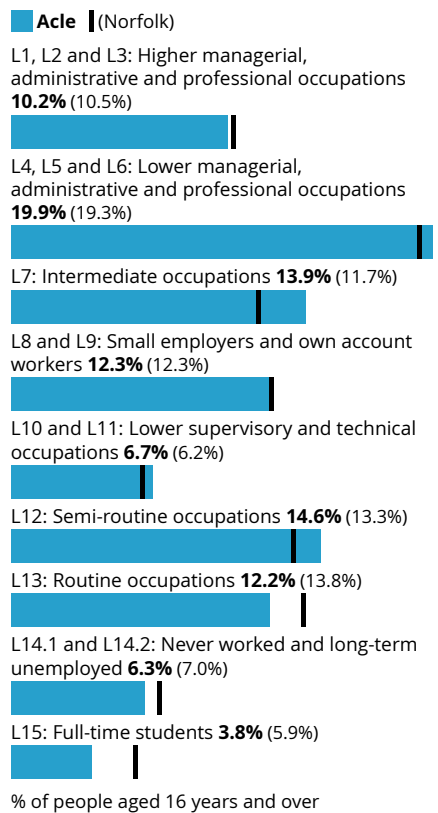
### Employment history



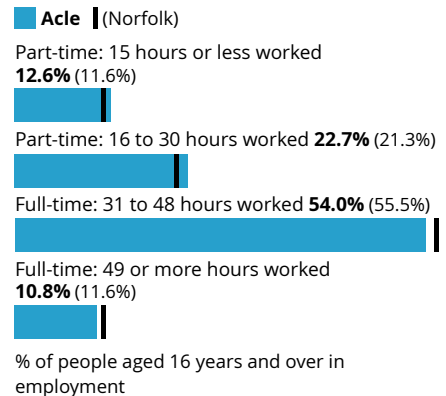
### Occupation



### Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)



### Hours per week worked



### Highest level of qualification

**Acle** (Norfolk)

No qualifications **21.3%** (20.4%)

Level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications **44.2%** (43.6%)

Apprenticeship **6.1%** (6.4%)

Level 4 qualifications and above **25.2%** (26.7%)

Other qualifications **3.2%** (3.0%)

% of people aged 16 years and over

### Schoolchildren and full-time students

**Acle** (Norfolk)

Student **13.4%** (17.3%)

Not a student **86.6%** (82.7%)

% of people aged five years and over

Source: Office for National Statistics - Census 2021