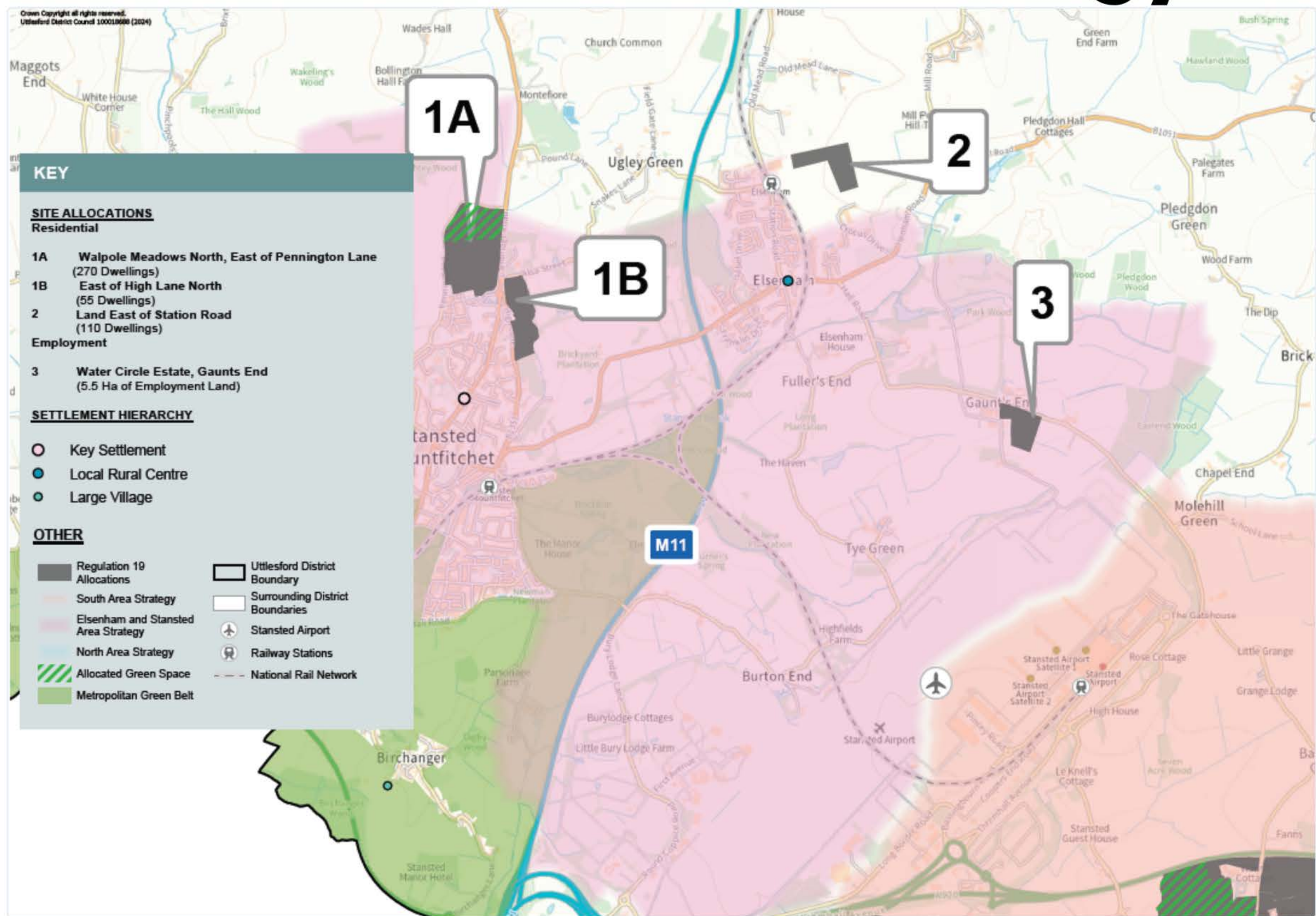


Stansted Mountfitchet and Elsenham Area Strategy



The **Stansted Mountfitchet and Elsenham Area Strategy** sets out the Council's plan for development at these two settlements, which includes strategic housing allocations along with the associated necessary infrastructure. Stansted Mountfitchet and Elsenham are strongly interrelated by way of geography, connectivity and access to employment and infrastructure. It is therefore important to address the proposed growth as a single strategy, noting that these settlements are also closely related to the settlements and facilities within the South Uttlesford Area Strategy covered in Chapter 6, including Takeley and Stansted Airport. The Local Plan approach to the area is set out in **Chapter 7**.

By 2041, the following deliverables are sought for Stansted Mountfitchet and Elsenham:

- the **safeguarding of land** to facilitate the possible expansion of the existing **Forest Hall Secondary School** to serve Stansted Mountfitchet and the surrounding catchment
- provision of land to enable the delivery of a **new primary school and early years provision at Elsenham**
- the provision of two strategic residential sites at **Stansted Mountfitchet for around 325 dwellings**
- the provision of one strategic residential site at **Elsenham for 110 dwellings**
- the provision of one strategic **employment site at the Water Circle Estate, Gaunts End for 5.5ha of office floorspace**
- to provide **active travel linkages** between the proposed development sites and the existing settlement facilities, including the respective railway stations, significant areas of **new green infrastructure, open space, areas for enhancing and protecting biodiversity**
- development which achieves **high quality urban design** and **protects the historic nature of the settlements**, and
- support greater footfall within the retail centres of Stansted to help the vitality and viability of the local economy.