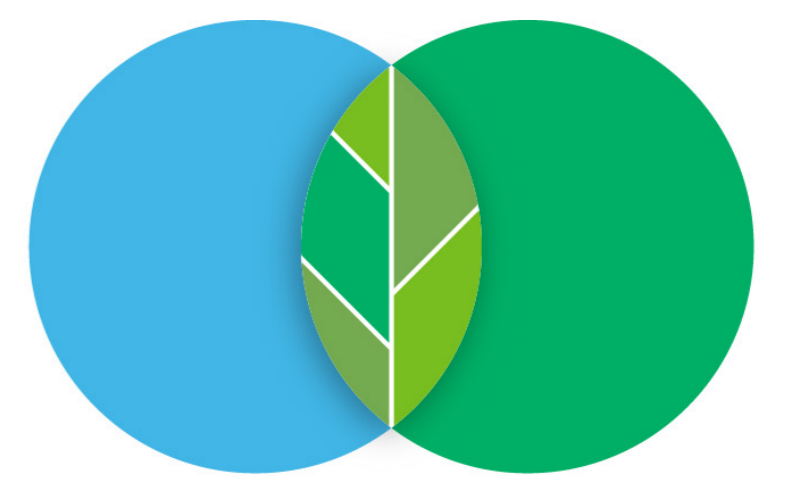


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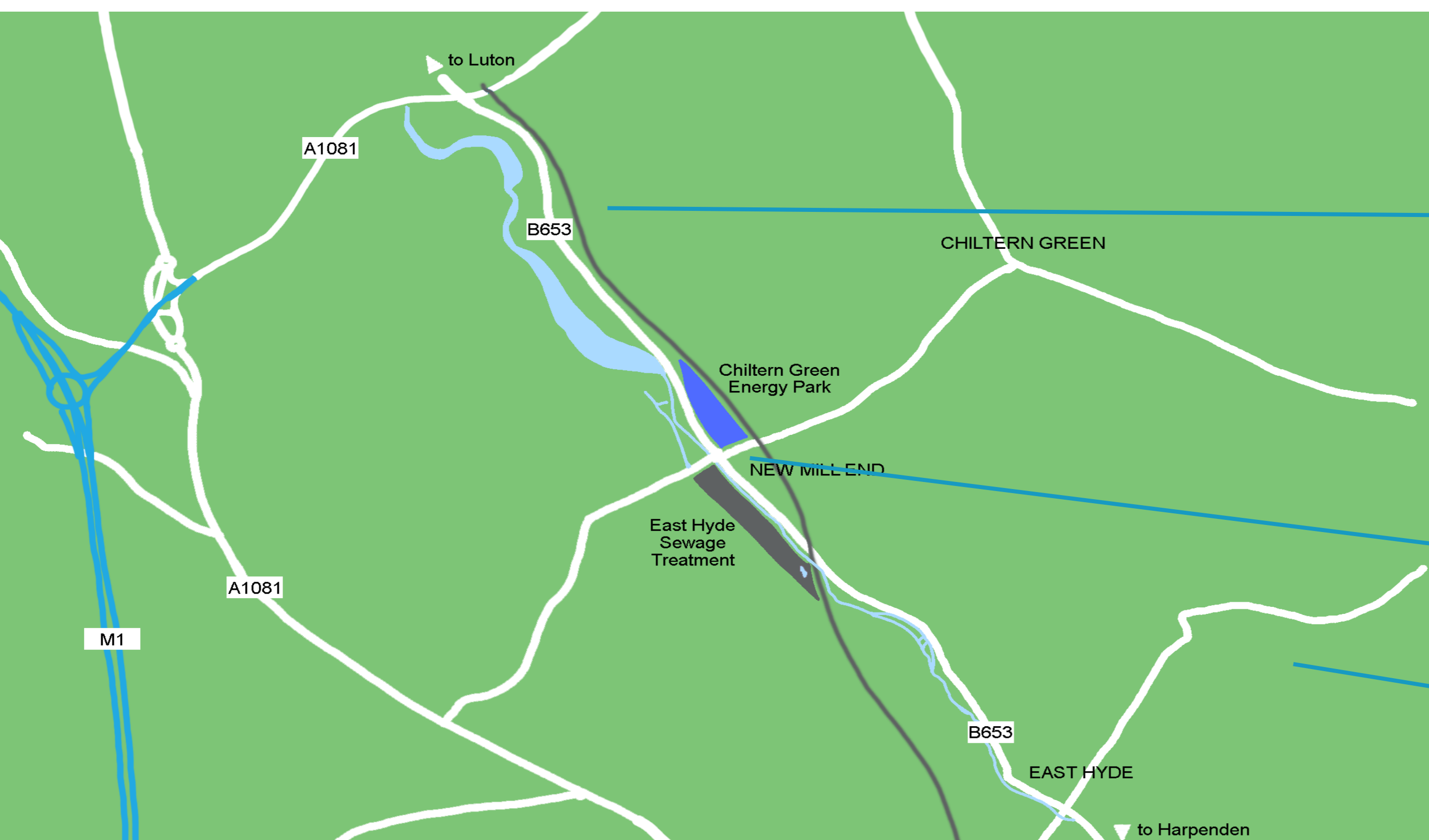


Lea Bank Energy Park

Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment

This assessment will be undertaken by members of SLR Consulting's Archaeology and Heritage team, who have extensive experience of assessing the potential effects of similar developments, including numerous energy from waste proposals throughout the UK.

The review of national and local heritage designations has identified a number of potentially important local sensitivities, including Luton Hoo grade II* registered park which contains a grade I listed house: and other grade I, grade II* and grade II listed buildings.



Other heritage assets located in the immediate vicinity of the site include:

- Someries Castle, a scheduled monument comprising a medieval house and remains of formal garden. The building, though in ruins, is amongst the earliest brick buildings in the country
- New Mill End Farmhouse, a grade II listed building, close to the site.
- The Hyde, a grade II* listed house in non-designated park land.

Historic England and Central Bedfordshire Council Archaeology have been involved from an early stage, to discuss the scope of the cultural heritage assessment, including the scope of the site investigation and the viewpoints for site photography, to fully assess the impact of the CHP facility on the heritage setting and any buried archaeological remains. The potential impact of the underground cable and pipeline route will also be assessed.

Impact on archaeological remains can be mitigated through a programme of archaeological work which can include route diversions to avoid any assets of very high importance or, more usually, excavation and recording of assets prior to development. LBEP is working with SLR to ensure that the visual and other impacts are kept to a minimum.