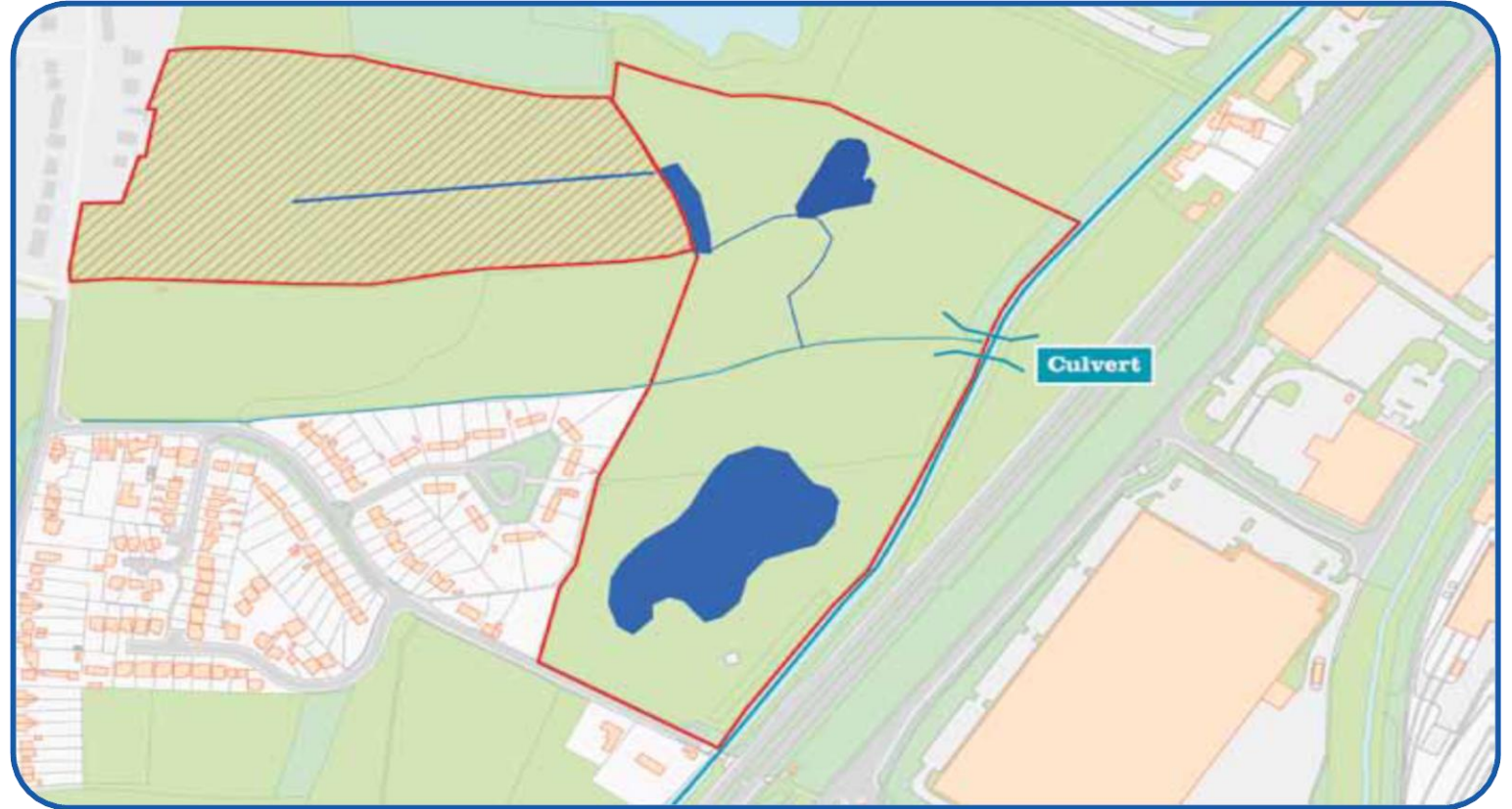


A semi-rural part of the canal adjacent to a dual carriageway trunk road. A major housing redevelopment shown hatched close to the canal was proposed with a Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS) discharging to a culvert that passes beneath the canal, as well as significant landscaping alongside the waterway.

The Trust were concerned that if the SUDS scheme was not properly managed in perpetuity there was potential for the surface water attenuation measures proposed to fail, thus overloading the culvert, causing structural integrity issues for the canal and localised flooding.

The Trust advised the Local Planning Authority (LPA), through the application consultation response, that planning conditions together with a legal agreement regarding the management and maintenance of the SUDS would mitigate these risks. The LPA granted consent subject to conditions as requested and also secured the long term maintenance and upkeep of the SUDS via a S106 agreement.



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The structural integrity of the culvert beneath the canal was the Trust's main concern in this case.

The LPA secured the operation and long term management of the SUDS system through a S106 agreement, therefore ensuring that the long-term risk to the culvert was minimised.