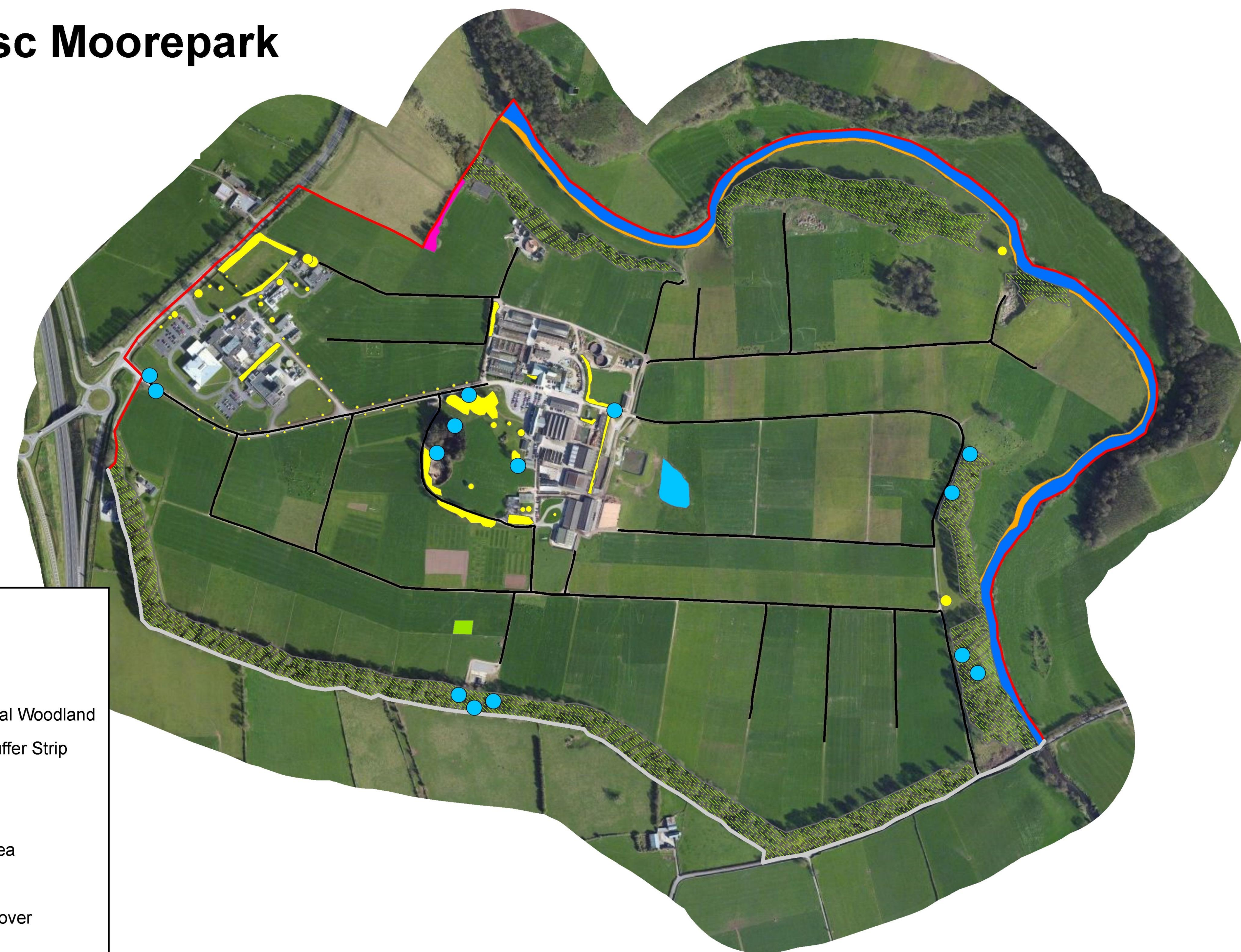


Enhancing biodiversity on Irish dairy farms

Teagasc Moorepark



Background

- New CAP will set a minimum area for wildlife habitats on all farms
- Dairy farms have on average 6-10% farm area as habitats (e.g. Moorepark >12%)
- Hedgerows are dominant (6 km on average dairy farm)
- Quality of most hedgerows on intensive dairy farms is poor

Take home messages

- Maintain existing habitats
- Improve the quality of habitats
- Good quality habitats are beneficial to water, soil, carbon storage and biodiversity