

Summary

Key characteristics River Trothy valley floor, floodplain and lower valley sides. Riparian tree cover and tree cover associated with A40[T]. Small-scale irregular pastoral fields often defined by watercourses but also with fences relating to horses. The area acts as a green visual corridor and buffer between settlement and A40[T] acting as setting to church. Caravan park lies to the east with associated infrastructure. Area in Wye Valley AONB.

Landscape sensitivity high/medium

The area has high/medium sensitivity as it is a valley floor with floodplain in parts which acts as open green corridor separating the settlement from the A40[T]. Though degraded to an extent by the caravan park and horse grazing it provides a positive edge to the village and a setting for the church.

Housing capacity medium/low

The area has a medium/low capacity for housing as its intrinsic characteristics are the open valley floor corridor which is a floodplain in parts and partly acts as setting to the church.

Combined Character Area

CCA Number CCA46

LANDMAP Context

Aspect area value

Geological landscapes	10% high, 90% moderate
Landscape habitats	100% moderate
Historical landscapes	100% high
Cultural landscapes	100% outstanding
Visual and sensory	95% high, 5% low

Visual and sensory sensitivity

Designations

Landscape designations comments in Wye Valley AONB

National Park AONB YES SLA

Historic/archaeology designations comments St Michael and All Angels Church is listed

Landscape of Hist. Interest **Historic Parks and Gardens** WHS YES

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting

SAM **Conservation Area** **Listed Building**

Biodiversity designations comments -

SAC **NNR** **SINC** **SSSI** **RAMSAR**

Other

Country Park **National Trail** **National Cycle Route**

Floodplain (100yr) YES

Characteristics

Landform River Trothy valley floor, floodplain and lower valley sides

Landcover pasture and meadow with some gardens and riparian vegetation

Function of Area

Pastoral **Arable** **Horticulture** **Recreation** **Other**

Comments pasture and meadow with some gardens

Pattern

Settlement pattern smallholdings and caravan park

Woodland cover riparian tree cover and tree cover associated with A40[T]

Boundaries small-scale irregular fields often defined by watercourses but also with fences relating to horses

Presence of water **Comments** River Trothy and tributaries

Scale small

Sense of enclosure enclosed

Diversity diverse

Skyline

Prominence/ importance not applicable

Complexity

Comments -

Key views

To settlement -

From settlement church is most sensitive feature but has some enclosure

Landmarks church

Detractors A40[T], caravan park and building site adjacent

Intervisibility

Site observation medium

...to key features **...from key place**

Comments along valley

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180

Presence of people frequent

Summary medium

Comments the area, though of rural character, is enclosed by a settlement and access road on one side, with caravan park and the busy A40[T] on the other which significantly reduces its tranquillity

Functional relationship of area...

...with settlement some

...with wider landscape some

...with adjacent assessed area? some

Corridor?

Comments area managed as part of wider land holdings and as a corridor for the River Trothy with its floodplain. There is a footpath which links into the settlement.

Visual relationship of area...

...with settlement some

...with wider landscape some

...with adjacent assessed area? some

Setting?

Comments the area acts as a green visual corridor and buffer between settlement and A40[T] acting as setting to church

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually? ...functionally?

Comments -

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge C20-21 edge

Nature of edge neutral Form of edge moderately indented

Comments the settlement edge comprises of older buildings such as the church which are positive and well integrated with trees and vegetation with newer dwellings some of which form a negative edge due to overdevelopment

Receptors

Receptors	Sensitivity
urban residents	high/medium
rural residents	high/medium
roads/rail/cycleways	medium
long distance/public footpaths	high

Comments the main receptors in this area are users of the new and old A40, residents and a few walkers using the footpath

Other

Other factors -

Potential Improvements -

Summary

Key characteristics Steeply sloping valley sides of River Trothy and tributary valley. Mainly irregular medium-sized pastoral fields with a mix of outgrown and low cut hedges. Blocks of deciduous woodland, one apparently felled and used for recreation, riparian tree cover and trees along some field boundaries. The area forms the backcloth to the village with skyline. Views from old road looking to the east. Area in Wye Valley AONB.

Landscape sensitivity high/medium

The area has a high/medium sensitivity as it forms the steeply sloping rural backcloth to the village which is prominent in places especially to the east. The area's intrinsic small-medium scale treed character is attractive.

Housing capacity medium/low

The area has medium/low capacity for housing due to its steeply sloping prominent slopes which are generally unsuitable for further development and its intrinsically attractive rural character.

Combined Character Area

CCA Number CCA26

LANDMAP Context

	Aspect area value
Geological landscapes	100% high
Landscape habitats	100% moderate
Historical landscapes	100% high
Cultural landscapes	100% outstanding
Visual and sensory	100% high

Visual and sensory sensitivity

Designations

Landscape designations comments in Wye Valley AONB

National Park AONB YES SLA

Historic/archaeology designations comments -

Landscape of Hist. Interest Historic Parks and Gardens WHS YES

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting

SAM Conservation Area Listed Building

Biodiversity designations comments -

SAC NNR SINC SSSI RAMSAR

Other

Country Park National Trail National Cycle Route

Floodplain (100yr)

Characteristics

Landform steeply sloping valley sides of River Trothy and tributary valley

Landcover pastoral and meadows with tree cover in valleys and copses

Function of Area

Pastoral **Arable** **Horticulture** **Recreation** **Other**

Comments pastoral

Pattern

Settlement pattern farm complex and scattered rural dwellings

Woodland cover blocks of deciduous woodland, one apparently used for recreation, riparian tree cover and along some field boundaries

Boundaries mainly irregular medium-sized fields with a mix of outgrown and low cut hedges

Presence of water **Comments** small tributary watercourses

Scale medium

Sense of enclosure moderately enclosed but open to views from the north

Diversity simple

Skyline

Prominence/ importance prominent **Complexity** simple

Comments simple valley sides, sometimes with hedges or trees on skyline

Key views

To settlement views from old road looking to the east, the area forms the backcloth on the road approaches

From settlement forms backcloth to the settlement

Landmarks -

Detractors -

Intervisibility

Site observation high **...to key features** **...from key place**

Comments the steep sides of the landform means the area is generally visible although parts are screened by vegetation

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 **Presence of people** infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the area is disturbed by traffic on the busy A40[T] to the north but intrinsically it is tranquil. It is not known if motor sport is carried out in the wood south east of Village Farm which would also reduce tranquillity.

Functional relationship of area...

...with settlement some **...with wider landscape** some

...with adjacent assessed area? some **Corridor?**

Comments area managed as part of wider land holdings with footpaths linking into the settlement.

Visual relationship of area...

...with settlement some **...with wider landscape** some

...with adjacent assessed area? some **Setting?**

Comments the area forms an important steeply rising rural backcloth to the village

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually? ...functionally?

Comments -

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge C20-21 edge

Nature of edge neutral Form of edge moderately indented

Comments the most part the relatively new housing sixth at a lower level with trees assisting in integration into the landscape. However, Green Acres is prominent on the approaches to the village set up on the hillside and is a negative feature.

Receptors

Receptors	Sensitivity
urban residents	high/medium
rural residents	high/medium
roads/rail/cycleways	medium
long distance/public footpaths	high

Comments the main receptors in this area are users of the old A40, residents and walkers using the footpaths

Other

Other factors -

Potential Improvements -

Summary

Key characteristics Minor steep sided valley of the Garthy Brook flowing north. Irregular small to medium-sized pastoral fields with mix of low cut and outgrown hedges. Riparian trees and young woodland block west of Church Farm. The valley is well contained but acts as the immediate setting to the listed buildings at Church Farm. The A40[T] is audible and the sawmill reduces tranquillity but the valley feels very enclosed and rural. Area in Wye Valley AONB.

Landscape sensitivity high/medium

The area has high/medium sensitivity as it forms a very rural, enclosed and attractive valley landscape focused on the brook with exposed ridges. The listed buildings at Church Farm have the valley as their setting.

Housing capacity low

The area has low capacity for housing as it would impinge on the small-scale rural qualities of the area either having an adverse effect on the brook, valley sides or woodland.

Combined Character Area

CCA Number CCA26

LANDMAP Context

	Aspect area value
Geological landscapes	100% high
Landscape habitats	100% moderate
Historical landscapes	100% high
Cultural landscapes	100% outstanding
Visual and sensory	100% high

Visual and sensory sensitivity

Designations

Landscape designations comments in Wye Valley AONB

National Park AONB YES SLA

Historic/archaeology designations comments adjacent Church Farm listed

Landscape of Hist. Interest **Historic Parks and Gardens** WHS YES

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting

SAM **Conservation Area** **Listed Building**

Biodiversity designations comments -

SAC **NNR** **SINC** **SSSI** **RAMSAR**

Other

Country Park **National Trail** **National Cycle Route**

Floodplain (100yr)

Characteristics

Landform minor steep sided valley of the Garthy Brook flowing north

Landcover pasture and woodland

Function of Area

Pastoral **Arable** **Horticulture** **Recreation** **Other**

Comments pasture and small sawmill

Pattern

Settlement pattern isolated rural dwellings on road

Woodland cover riparian and west of Church Farm

Boundaries irregular small to medium-sized fields with mix of low cut and outgrown hedges.

Presence of water **Comments** Garthy Brook

Scale small-medium

Sense of enclosure very enclosed by landform and vegetation

Diversity simple

Skyline

Prominence/ importance prominent **Complexity** simple

Comments ridge with hedge or trees

Key views

To settlement view of Church Farm limited by trees but positive

From settlement valley sides are positive backcloth

Landmarks -

Detractors sawmill is a detractor but generally screened by trees in summer

Intervisibility

Site observation low **...to key features** **...from key place**

Comments valley not widely visible although upper slopes are visible to the north

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development some **Presence of people** infrequent

Summary high/medium

Comments the A40[T] is audible and the sawmill reduces tranquillity but the valley feels very enclosed and rural

Functional relationship of area...

...with settlement some **...with wider landscape** some

...with adjacent assessed area? some **Corridor?**

Comments area managed as part of wider land holdings and as a corridor for the Garthy Brook. There are footpaths which link into the settlement.

Visual relationship of area...

...with settlement some **...with wider landscape** some

...with adjacent assessed area? some **Setting?**

Comments the valley is well contained but acts as the immediate setting to the listed building at Church Farm

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually? **...functionally?**

Comments -

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge C20-21 edge

Nature of edge positive Form of edge moderately indented

Comments Church Farm and the adjacent property are well integrated into the valley floor contained by hedgerows

Receptors

Receptors	Sensitivity
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rural residents	high
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urban residents	high
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long distance/public footpaths	high
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roads/rail/cycleways	medium
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Comments the main receptors in this area are users of the minor valley road, residents and walkers using the footpaths

Other

Other factors -

Potential Improvements -

Summary

Key characteristics Sloping valley sides of the River Trothy.
Irregular medium-sized fields with low cut hedges or fences.
Regeneration of woodland just west of Church Farm.
Area is part of backcloth to the western edge of village with woodland particularly important.
Area in Wye Valley AONB.

Landscape sensitivity high/medium

The area has a high/medium sensitivity as it forms the steeply sloping western rural backcloth to the village which is prominent in places especially to the west.

Housing capacity low

The area has low capacity for housing as the woodland directly adjacent to the village is highly sensitive and the rest of the area is visually separated from the village and is prominent when viewed from the north including from the A40[T].

Combined Character Area

CCA Number CCA26

LANDMAP Context

Aspect area value

Geological landscapes	100% high
Landscape habitats	100% moderate
Historical landscapes	100% high
Cultural landscapes	100% outstanding
Visual and sensory	100% high

Visual and sensory sensitivity

Designations

Landscape designations comments in Wye Valley AONB

National Park AONB YES SLA

Historic/archaeology designations comments adjacent Church Farm listed

Landscape of Hist. Interest Historic Parks and Gardens WHS YES

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting

SAM Conservation Area Listed Building

Biodiversity designations comments -

SAC NNR SINC SSSI RAMSAR

Other

Country Park National Trail National Cycle Route

Floodplain (100yr)

Characteristics

Landform sloping valley sides of the River Trothy

Landcover pasture and woodland

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation Other

Comments pasture

Pattern

Settlement pattern none

Woodland cover regeneration of woodland just west of Church Farm

Boundaries irregular medium-sized fields with low cut hedges or fences

Presence of water Comments -

Scale medium

Sense of enclosure generally open apart from woodland

Diversity simple

Skyline

Prominence/ importance prominent Complexity simple

Comments simple ridge landform with hedgerow and trees

Key views

To settlement -

From settlement area is part of backcloth to the western edge of village with woodland particularly important

Landmarks -

Detractors -

Intervisibility

Site observation high ...to key features ...from key place

Comments the area is intervisible with the valley to the north and to the A40[T]

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development some Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the area is disturbed by traffic on the busy A40[T] to the north but intrinsically it is tranquil

Functional relationship of area...

...with settlement limited ...with wider landscape some

...with adjacent assessed area? some Corridor?

Comments area managed as part of wider land holdings with a footpath linking into the settlement

Visual relationship of area...

...with settlement limited ...with wider landscape some

...with adjacent assessed area? some Setting?

Comments the area forms the hillside and includes woodland which contains the western edge of the settlement

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually? ...functionally?

Comments -

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge **C20-21 edge**

Nature of edge neutral **Form of edge** moderately indented

Comments the settlement is generally contained by the landform and woodland and is not intrusive

Receptors

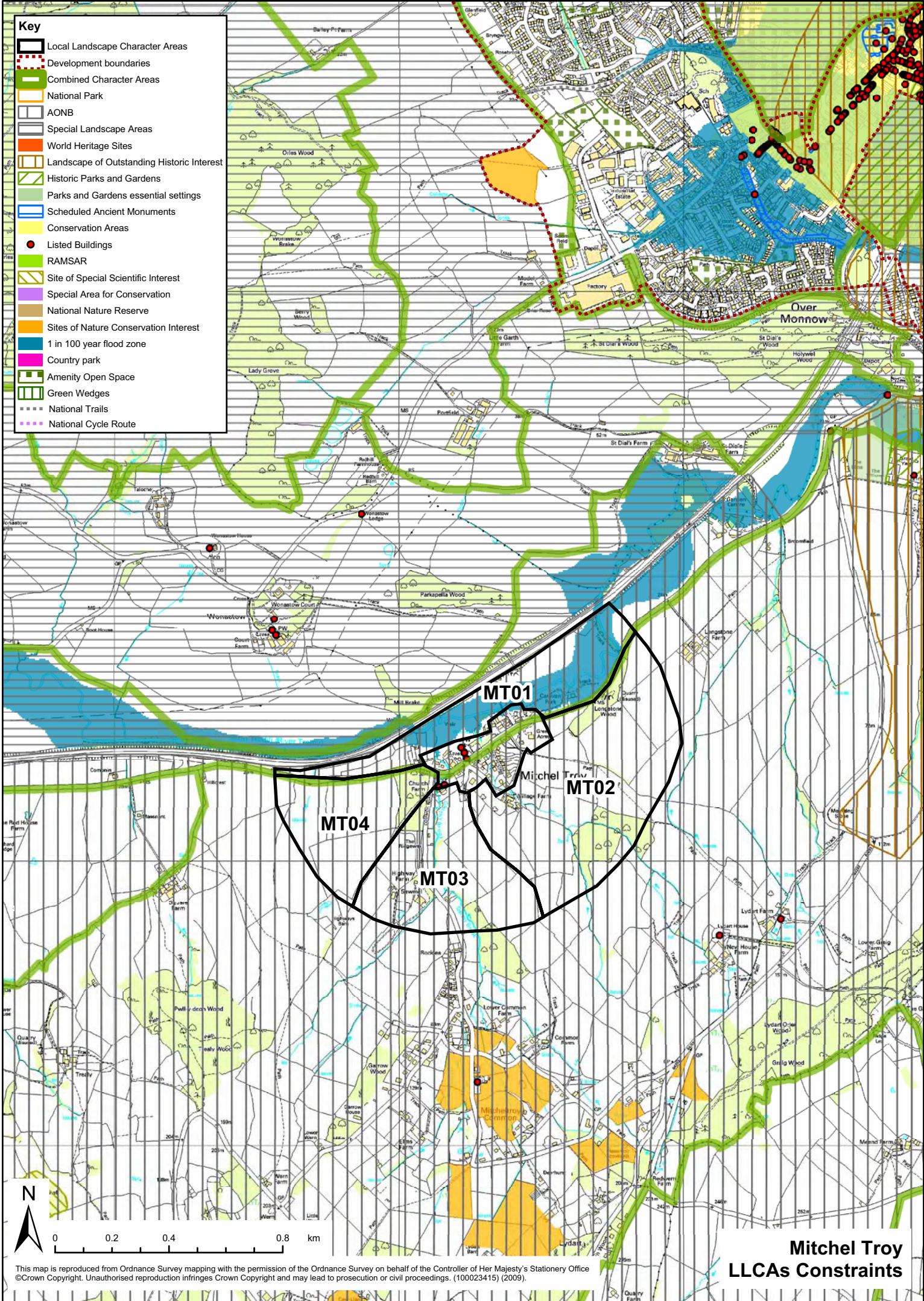
Receptors	Sensitivity
urban residents	high/medium
roads/rail/cycleways	high/medium
long distance/public footpaths	high

Comments the main receptors in this area are users of the old A40, residents and walkers using the footpath

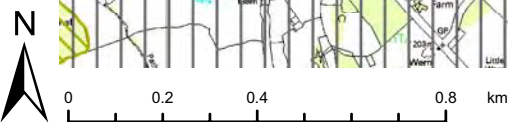
Other

Other factors -

Potential Improvements -

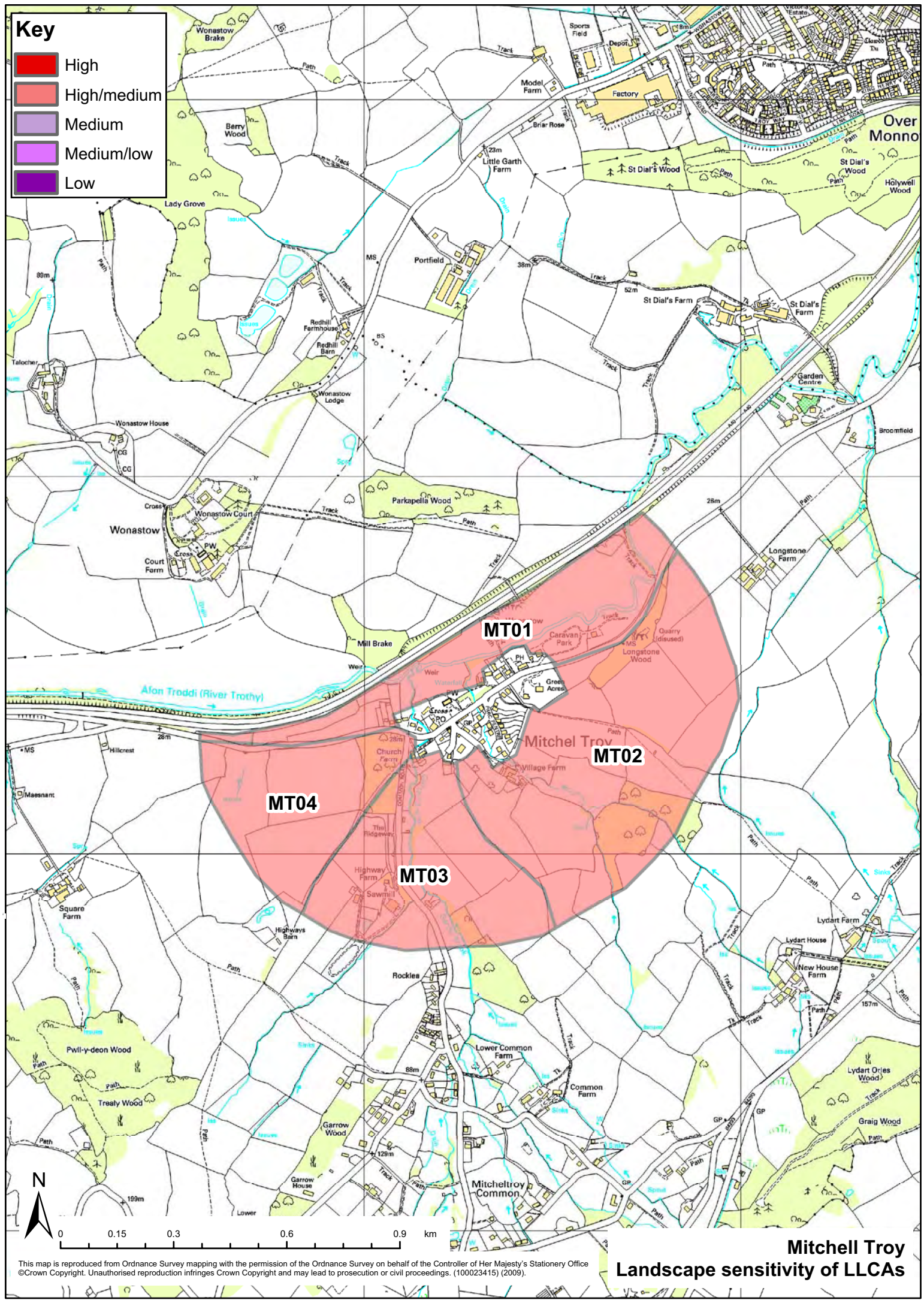


Key	
	Local Landscape Character Areas
	Development boundaries
	Combined Character Areas
	National Park
	AONB
	Special Landscape Areas
	World Heritage Sites
	Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest
	Historic Parks and Gardens
	Parks and Gardens essential settings
	Scheduled Ancient Monuments
	Conservation Areas
	Listed Buildings
	RAMSAR
	Site of Special Scientific Interest
	Special Area for Conservation
	National Nature Reserve
	Sites of Nature Conservation Interest
	1 in 100 year flood zone
	Country park
	Amenity Open Space
	Green Wedges
	National Trails
	National Cycle Route



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LLCAs Constraints**

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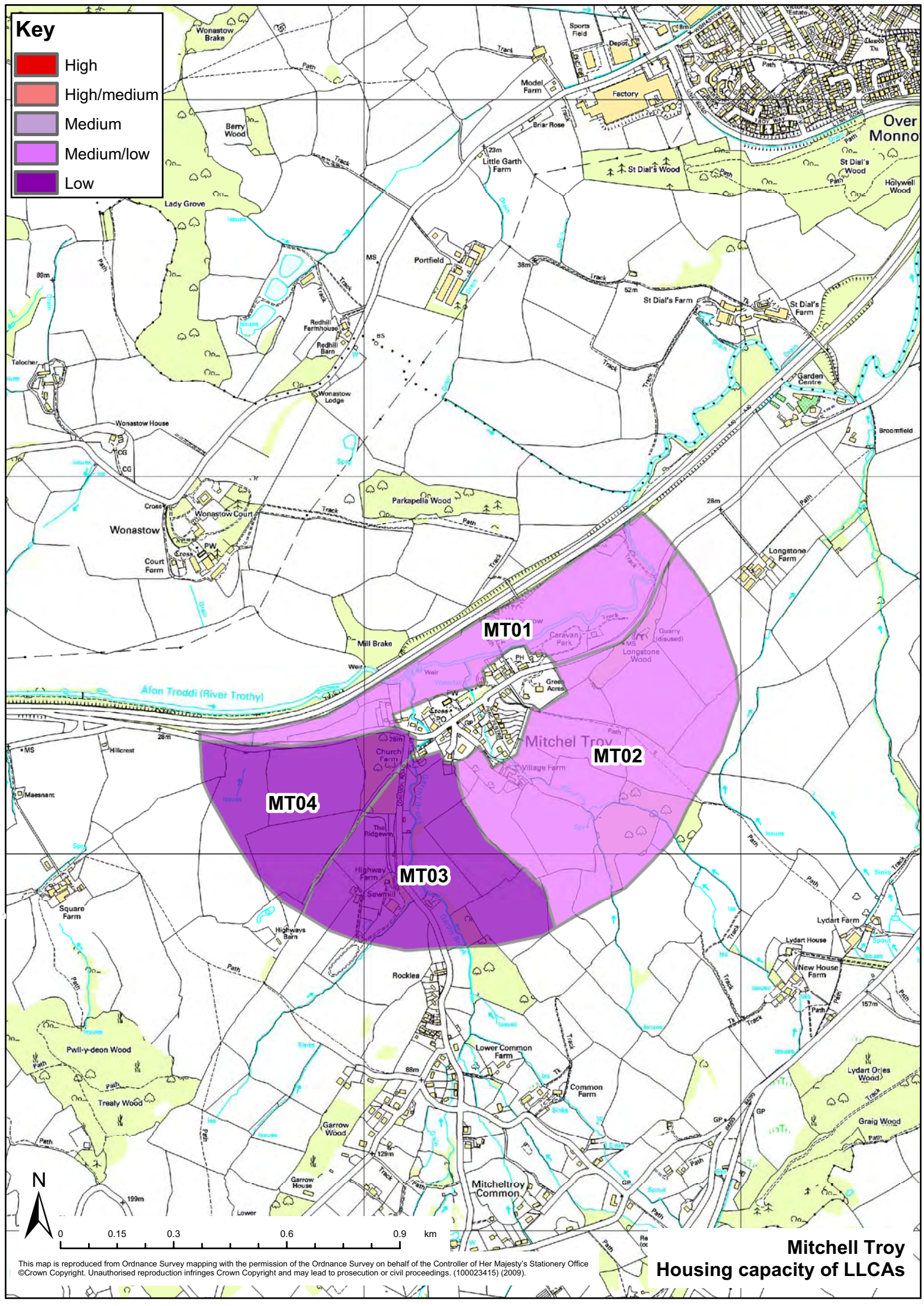


**Mitchell Troy
Landscape sensitivity of LLCAs**

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Key

- High
- High/medium
- Medium
- Medium/low
- Low



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Housing capacity of LLCAs**

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Summary

Key characteristics Gently sloping upper plateau mainly of arable with pastoral fields rising to the north west.
 Rectilinear late enclosed medium-sized fields usually with low cut hedges.
 A few rural farmsteads and dwellings.
 The settlement edge consists of 20c detached houses with limited merit with some mitigation through trees and hedges.
 Simple rounded skyline west of the settlement the area is open to long views to the east.
 Area in Wye Valley AONB.

Landscape sensitivity medium

The area has medium sensitivity as it is an open sloping plateau which forms a simple rural backcloth to the settlement to the south east. It is divorced from the majority of the settlement by a minor road which acts as a boundary. The area lies within the Wye Valley AONB.

Housing capacity medium

The area has medium capacity for housing as it is gently rising plateau with simple rectilinear fields although it is open countryside divorced from the majority of the settlement by a minor road and lying within the AONB. There is a possible long term option for development west of Cross Vane keeping to lower slopes and not extending settlement south of existing linear development.

Combined Character Area

CCA Number CCA41

LANDMAP Context

	Aspect area value
Geological landscapes	100% moderate
Landscape habitats	100% high
Historical landscapes	100% high
Cultural landscapes	100% outstanding
Visual and sensory	100% high

Visual and sensory sensitivity

Designations

Landscape designations in Wye Valley AONB
comments

National Park AONB YES SLA

Historic/archaeology designations comments -

Landscape of Hist. Interest **Historic Parks and Gardens** YES **WHS** YES

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting

SAM **Conservation Area** **Listed Building**

Biodiversity designations **comments** Bowls Meadows SINC on southern fringe

SAC **NNR** **SINC** YES **SSSI** **RAMSAR**

Other

Country Park **National Trail** **National Cycle Route**

Floodplain (100yr)

Characteristics

Landform gently sloping upper plateau rising to the north west

Landcover mainly arable with pastoral

Function of Area

Pastoral **Arable** **Horticulture** **Recreation** **Other**

Comments mainly arable with pastoral

Pattern

Settlement pattern a few rural farmsteads and dwellings

Woodland cover limited small copses

Boundaries rectilinear late enclosed medium-sized fields usually with low cut hedges

Presence of water **Comments** -

Scale medium

Sense of enclosure open

Diversity simple

Skyline

Prominence/ importance apparent **Complexity** simple

Comments simple rounded skyline west of the settlement

Key views

To settlement -

From settlement -

Landmarks -

Detractors -

Intervisibility

Site observation medium **...to key features** **...from key place**

Comments the area is open to long views to the east

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 **Presence of people** infrequent

Summary high/medium

Comments the area is open countryside with only minor roads adjacent although the settlement edge is 20c

Functional relationship of area...

...with settlement limited **...with wider landscape** some

...with adjacent assessed area? some **Corridor?**

Comments area appears to be managed as part of a wider landholding and has footpaths which eventually link into settlement via minor roads

Visual relationship of area...

...with settlement some **...with wider landscape** some

...with adjacent assessed area? some **Setting?**

Comments the area is the open upper plateau which acts as a neutral rural backcloth to

the settlement

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually? ...functionally?

Comments -

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge C20-21 edge

Nature of edge neutral Form of edge moderately indented

Comments the settlement edge consists of 20c detached houses with limited merit with some mitigation through trees and hedges

Receptors

Receptors

Sensitivity

urban residents

high/medium

rural residents

high/medium

long distance/public footpaths

high

roads/rail/cycleways

medium

Comments the main receptors in this area are settlement and rural residents, walkers using footpaths and users of the minor roads

Other

Other factors -

Potential Improvements -

Summary

Key characteristics Gently sloping upper plateau rising to the west. Mosaic of pasture and deciduous woodland with an enclosed character. Irregular small-medium fields with mainly outgrown hedges with trees. The area acts as a pleasant rural backcloth to the settlement and as a setting to the listed Baptist Chapel. 5 neutral grassland SINC's including Chapel Field and Pelham Meadows.

Landscape sensitivity high/medium

The area has a high/medium sensitivity as it forms an attractive small-scale mosaic backcloth to the settlement and a setting to the listed Baptist chapel.

Housing capacity medium

The area a medium capacity for housing as it forms an attractive small-scale and enclosed backcloth and setting to the settlement which contributes positively to its character. Further development to the north and south west are highly undesirable.

Combined Character Area

CCA Number CCA26

LANDMAP Context

Aspect area value

Geological landscapes	100% moderate
Landscape habitats	100% high
Historical landscapes	100% high
Cultural landscapes	100% outstanding
Visual and sensory	100% high

Visual and sensory sensitivity

Designations

Landscape designations comments in Wye Valley AONB

National Park AONB YES SLA

Historic/archaeology designations comments listed former Baptist Chapel adjacent

Landscape of Hist. Interest Historic Parks and Gardens WHS YES

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting

SAM Conservation Area Listed Building YES

Biodiversity designations comments 5 neutral grassland SINC's including Chapel Field and Pelham Meadows

SAC NNR SINC YES SSSI YES RAMSAR

Other

Country Park National Trail National Cycle Route

Floodplain (100yr)

Characteristics

Landform gently sloping upper plateau rising to the west

Landcover mosaic of pasture and deciduous woodland

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation Other

Comments pasture and cricket club

Pattern

Settlement pattern scattered rural dwellings including large house at Moorcroft

Woodland cover mix of deciduous woodland and young plantations

Boundaries irregular small-medium fields with mainly outgrown hedges with trees

Presence of water **Comments** small ponds

Scale small

Sense of enclosure enclosed

Diversity diverse

Skyline

Prominence/ importance apparent

Complexity simple

Comments the area acts as the treed local skyline to the west of the settlement

Key views

To settlement -

From settlement view from old Baptist Chapel and associated junction

Landmarks Baptist Chapel

Detractors -

Intervisibility

Site observation low

...to key features **...from key place**

Comments the area is generally well enclosed

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180

Presence of people infrequent

Summary high/medium

Comments the area is enclosed countryside with only minor roads adjacent and the settlement edge is 20c but discreet

Functional relationship of area...

...with settlement some

...with wider landscape some

...with adjacent assessed area? some

Corridor?

Comments area appears to be managed as part of wider landholdings and has footpaths which link into settlement

Visual relationship of area...

...with settlement some

...with wider landscape some

...with adjacent assessed area? some

Setting?

Comments the area is the wooded upper plateau and gentle slopes which act as a pleasant rural backcloth to the settlement and as a setting to the listed Baptist Chapel

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually? **...functionally?**

Comments -

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge C20-21 edge

Nature of edge neutral

Form of edge moderately indented

Comments the settlement is 20th-century detached houses but are at present fairly well integrated by vegetation

Receptors

Receptors

Sensitivity

urban residents

high/medium

rural residents

high/medium

long distance/public footpaths

high

roads/rail/cycleways

medium

Comments the main receptors in this area are settlement and rural residents, walkers using footpaths and users of the minor roads

Other

Other factors -

Potential Improvements -

Summary

Key characteristics Upper slopes of the Wye Valley falling eastwards. Mix of small scale and medium scale rationalised fields with irregular boundaries, some with outgrown hedges and others with cut hedges. Blocks of woodland to the north and south with occasional tree belts and copses linked by well treed hedgerows. Scattered farmsteads and rural dwellings with The Argoed [listed] to the south. The area is sloping east overlooked by the settlement and is visible from the Wye Valley at a distance although it is enclosed in parts. Adjacent is most positive edge of the settlement including the Vicarage, Bush Inn and old school but 20c houses are detractive in places. The open space south of the old school is a positive break in the built frontage as is the green in front of the Bush Inn. The settlement approaches from lower land to the north and east are very sensitive due to skyline effect. Area in Wye Valley AONB and Lower Wye Valley Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest. The Argoed [listed buildings] and registered historic parkland and essential setting to the south and listed Vicarage adjacent. Pentwyn Farm Grasslands SSSI and Lone Farmhouse neutral grassland SINC lie within the area.

Landscape sensitivity high/medium

The area has high/medium sensitivity as it is the upper slopes of the Wye valley with a mix of attractive small scale pastures, historic park of the Argoed to the south, long views east with a generally positive settlement edge. It is both within the Wye Valley AONB and Lower Wye Valley Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest.

Housing capacity low

The area has low capacity for housing as it forms the upper slopes of the Wye valley within the AONB and has an attractive character of small-scale fields as well as historic parkland to the south. Any further housing development would disturb the generally positive edge of the settlement with the sensitive landscape.

Combined Character Area

CCA Number CCA26

LANDMAP Context

	Aspect area value
Geological landscapes	100% moderate
Landscape habitats	100% high
Historical landscapes	60% outstanding, 40% high
Cultural landscapes	100% outstanding
Visual and sensory	95% high, 5% outstanding

Visual and sensory sensitivity

Designations

Landscape designations comments in Wye Valley AONB

National Park AONB YES SLA

Historic/archaeology designations comments The Argoed [listed buildings] and registered historic parkland and essential setting to the south; within Lower Wye Valley

Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest; listed Vicarage adjacent

Landscape of Hist. Interest YES Historic Parks and Gardens YES WHS YES

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting YES

SAM Conservation Area Listed Building YES

Biodiversity designations comments Pentwyn Farm Grasslands SSSI; Lone Farmhouse neutral grassland SINC

SAC NNR SINC YES SSSI YES RAMSAR

Other

Country Park National Trail National Cycle Route

Floodplain (100yr)

Characteristics

Landform upper slopes of the Wye Valley falling eastwards

Landcover pasture with some arable

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation Other

Comments pasture with some arable

Pattern

Settlement pattern scattered farmsteads and rural dwellings with The Argoed to the south

Woodland cover blocks of woodland to the north and south with occasional tree belts and copses linked by well treed hedgerows

Boundaries mix of small scale and medium scale rationalised fields with irregular boundaries, some with outgrown hedges and others with cut hedges

Presence of water Comments pond at The Argoed

Scale small- medium

Sense of enclosure moderately enclosed

Diversity simple

Skyline

Prominence/ importance apparent Complexity simple

Comments the slopes and settlement forms the skyline when approached from the lower slopes to the north or east

Key views

To settlement the settlement approaches from the north and east are very sensitive due to skyline effect

From settlement view from east open space adjacent to former school and from green in front of the Bush Inn

Landmarks former school is modest landmark in village

Detractors new house on Lone Lane is a minor detractor contrasting with vernacular cottages in Wye valley to the east

Intervisibility

Site observation medium ...to key features ...from key place

Comments the area is sloping east overlooked by the settlement and is visible from the Wye Valley at a distance although it is enclosed in parts

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 **Presence of people** infrequent

Summary high/medium

Comments the area is open countryside with only minor roads adjacent and the settlement edge is mixed 20c but screened in parts

Functional relationship of area...

...with settlement some **...with wider landscape** some

...with adjacent assessed area? some **Corridor?**

Comments area appears to be managed as part of wider landholdings and has footpaths which link into settlement

Visual relationship of area...

...with settlement some **...with wider landscape** some

...with adjacent assessed area? some **Setting?**

Comments the area is overlooked by the most positive edge of the settlement including the Vicarage, Bush Inn and old school

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually? **...functionally?**

Comments -

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge **C20-21 edge**

Nature of edge neutral **Form of edge**

Comments most positive edge of the settlement including the Vicarage, Bush Inn and old school but 20c houses are detractive in places. The open space south of the old school is a positive break in the built frontage as is the green in front of the Bush Inn.

Receptors

























Receptors	Sensitivity
urban residents	high/medium
rural residents	high/medium
long distance/public footpaths	high
roads/rail/cycleways	medium

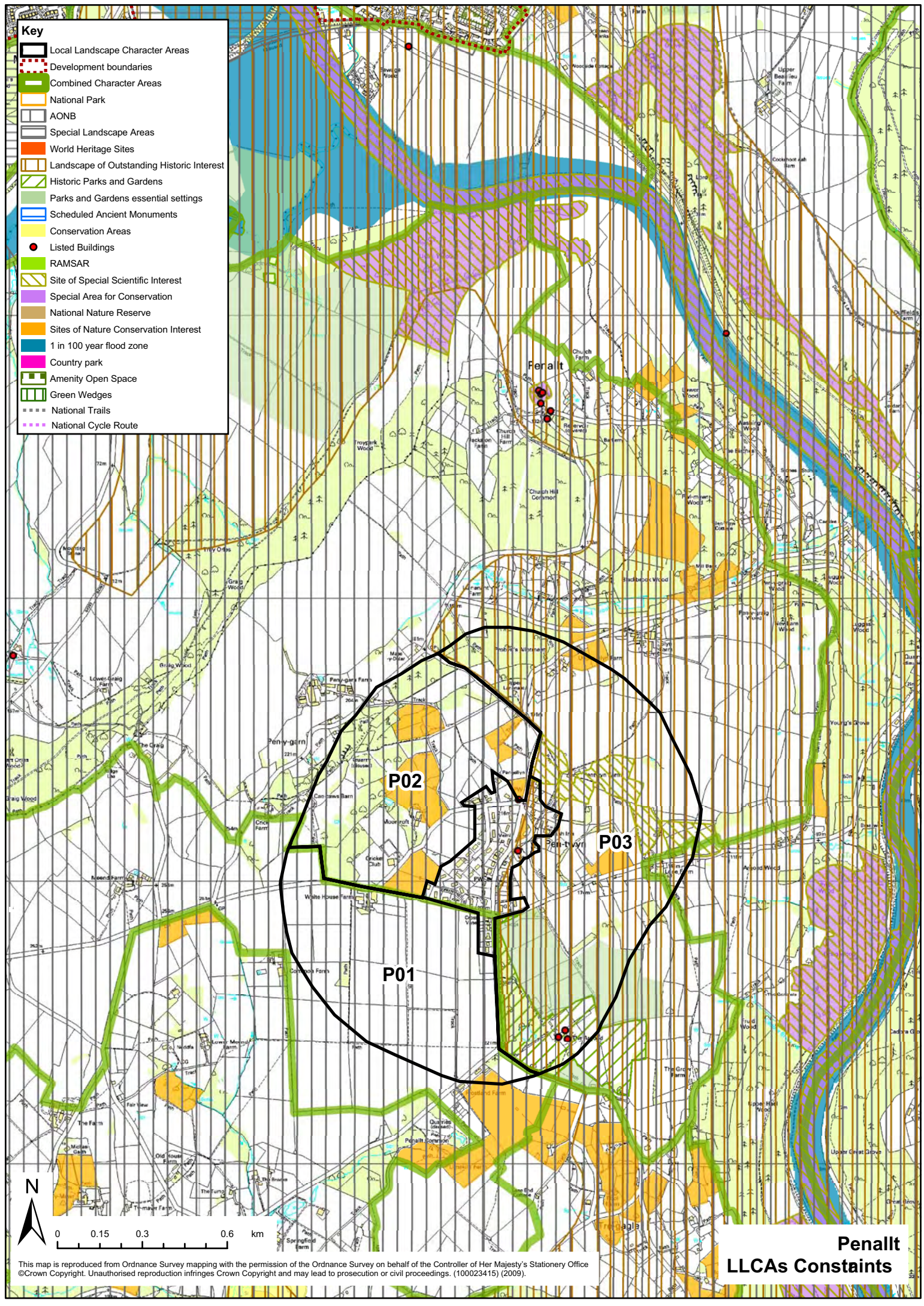
Comments the main receptors in this area are settlement and rural residents, walkers using footpaths and users of the minor roads

Other

Other factors -

Potential Improvements -

- Key**
-  Local Landscape Character Areas
 -  Development boundaries
 -  Combined Character Areas
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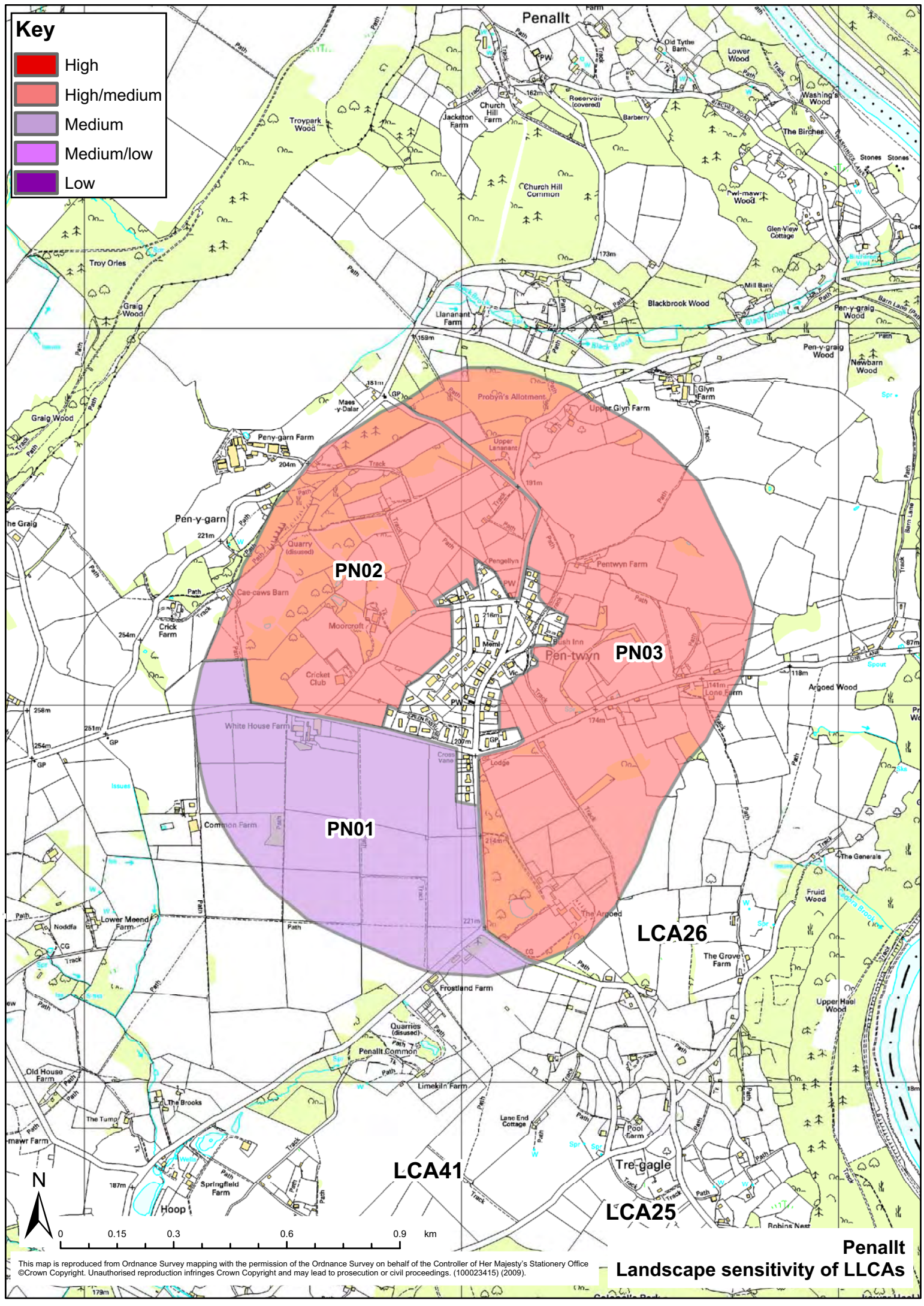


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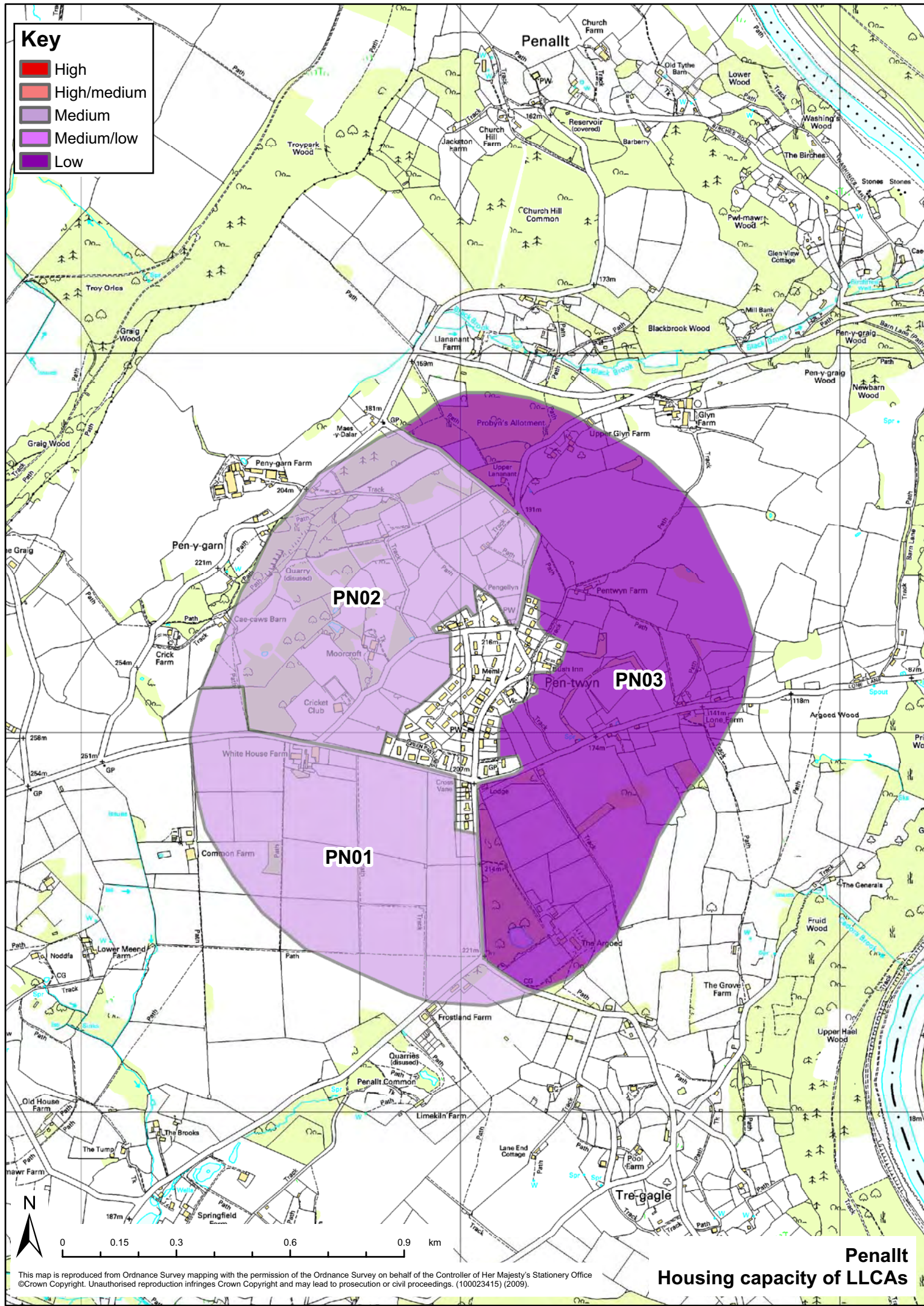
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Landscape sensitivity of LLCAs

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Summary

Key characteristics Valley sides and valley floor of the Mounton Brook.
 Mix of rectilinear irregular medium-sized fields with low-cut hedges.
 Main concentration of trees along riparian corridor with limited trees adjacent to roads and on field boundaries.
 Scattered rural settlement including farms.
 The area is overlooked by the A48 and by the adjacent settlement, with relatively open character.
 The area contributes to the setting of Mounton House to the north and forms the rural approach to the settlement from the south.
 Wye Valley AONB covers the northern edge south west of Mounton House and School.
 The area includes the edge of Conservation Area and near listed buildings around Mounton House which is also an Historic Park and Garden with its essential setting partly within the area.

Landscape sensitivity medium

The area has a medium sensitivity as the northern part forms part of the setting for Mounton House, the valley floor is floodplain and acts as a natural buffer to the settlement although some linear development runs along the A48 and the area is generally open.

Housing capacity medium/low

The area has medium/low capacity for housing due to Mounton House's setting, the presence of the floodplain which acts as a natural edge to the settlement, the area's openness and the desirability of retaining a green gap between Pwllmeyric and Newton Green.

Combined Character Area

CCA Number CCA19

LANDMAP Context

	Aspect area value
Geological landscapes	60% high, 40% moderate
Landscape habitats	100% moderate
Historical landscapes	100% high
Cultural landscapes	100% high
Visual and sensory	100% high

Visual and sensory sensitivity

Designations

Landscape designations comments Wye Valley AONB covers the northern edge south west of Mounton House and School; Green Wedge lies on the south western tip of the area

National Park AONB YES SLA

Historic/archaeology designations comments edge of Conservation Area and near listed buildings around Mounton House which is also an Historic Park and Garden with its essential setting partly within the area

Landscape of Hist. Interest **Historic Parks and Gardens** YES **WHS** YES

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting YES

SAM **Conservation Area** YES **Listed Building** YES

Biodiversity designations -
comments

SAC NNR SINC SSSI RAMSAR

Other

Country Park National Trail National Cycle Route YES

Floodplain (100yr) YES

Characteristics

Landform valley sides and valley floor of the Mounon Brook

Landcover pasture and arable

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation Other

Comments pasture and arable

Pattern

Settlement pattern scattered rural settlement including farms

Woodland cover main concentration of trees along riparian corridor with limited trees adjacent to roads and on field boundaries

Boundaries mix of rectilinear irregular medium-sized fields with low-cut hedges

Presence of water Comments Mounon Brook and tributary

Scale medium

Sense of enclosure generally open

Diversity simple

Skyline

Prominence/ importance apparent Complexity simple

Comments the valley sides act as the skyline locally when viewed from the valley bottom

Key views

To settlement the settlement is overlooked from the valley sides to the west

From settlement valley sides act as a relatively unspoilt rural backcloth visible to the settlement

Landmarks -

Detractors garden centre

Intervisibility

Site observation high ...to key features ...from key place

Comments the area is overlooked by the A48 and by the adjacent settlement, with relatively open character. The northern part relates to Mounon House.

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the area is open to noise from the A48 and views to the settlement

Functional relationship of area...

...with settlement some ...with wider landscape some

...with adjacent assessed area? some Corridor?

Comments area appears to be managed as part of wider land holdings and has several footpaths linking into the settlement

Visual relationship of area...

...with settlement some ...with wider landscape some

...with adjacent assessed area? some Setting?

Comments the area contributes to the setting of Mouton House to the north and forms the rural approach to the settlement from the south

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually? ...functionally?

Comments -

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge C20-21 edge

Nature of edge neutral Form of edge moderately indented

Comments the settlement edge generally responds to the Mouton Brook and its valley sides and floodplain although the majority of it is 20c. The settlement edge is estate housing which would benefit from further mitigation.

Receptors

Receptors	Sensitivity
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rural residents	high
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urban residents	high
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roads/rail/cycleways	medium
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long distance/public footpaths	high
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Comments the main receptors are rural residents, settlement residents, users of the A48 and public footpath users

Other

Other factors the green gap between Pwllmeyric and Newton Green is important in retaining each settlement's identity

Potential Improvements -

Summary

Key characteristics Gently indented hillside rising from the south west to the north east. Irregular medium-sized pastoral or arable fields with generally low-cut hedgerows with trees. Small blocks of woodland, mostly deciduous, with some mixed, which gives a distinct character. A few scattered rural/suburban dwellings, Mounton House and school. The western part of the area is an historic garden with an essential setting and a key view along the valley towards Pwllmeyric. The settlement currently sits below the skyline on the hillside. The area is partially screened by trees although is on a sloping hillside intervisible with the other side of the Mounton Brook valley. Wye Valley AONB covers the northern edge around Mounton House and School with a green wedge to the east. Conservation Area and listed buildings lie around Mounton House which is also an Historic Park and Garden with its essential setting.

Landscape sensitivity high/medium

The area has high/medium sensitivity as it forms a positive sloping rural setting to Mounton House with trees and pasture and accommodates a key view south west to Pwllmeyric.

Housing capacity medium

The area has medium capacity for housing but only where this does not adversely affect the Mounton House key view and setting and where it is not widely visible, is screened by trees and is associated with the settlement edge of Pwllmeyric. The top field only by the north eastern edge of Pwllmeyric and bounded by the approach to Mounton School may be appropriate provided views from Mounton House complex are not affected.

Combined Character Area

CCA Number CCA19

LANDMAP Context

	Aspect area value
Geological landscapes	90% high, 10% moderate
Landscape habitats	100% moderate
Historical landscapes	100% high
Cultural landscapes	100% high
Visual and sensory	100% high

Visual and sensory sensitivity

Designations

Landscape designations comments Wye Valley AONB covers the northern edge around Mounton House and School; green wedge to the east

National Park AONB YES SLA

Historic/archaeology designations comments Conservation Area and listed buildings around Mounton House which is also an Historic Park and Garden with its essential setting

Landscape of Hist. Interest **Historic Parks and Gardens** YES **WHS** YES

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting YES

SAM **Conservation Area** YES **Listed Building** YES

Biodiversity designations -
comments

SAC NNR SINC SSSI RAMSAR

Other

Country Park National Trail National Cycle Route

Floodplain (100yr)

Characteristics

Landform gently indented hillside rising from the south west to the north east

Landcover pasture with some arable and small woodland blocks

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation Other

Comments pastoral and arable

Pattern

Settlement pattern a few scattered rural/suburban dwellings, Mouton House and school

Woodland cover small blocks of woodland, mostly deciduous, with some mixed

Boundaries irregular medium-sized fields with generally low-cut hedgerows with trees

Presence of water **Comments** -

Scale medium

Sense of enclosure moderately enclosed with glimpse views to the south west

Diversity simple

Skyline

Prominence/ importance apparent **Complexity** simple

Comments parts of area form the skyline when viewed from further down the hill

Key views

To settlement -

From settlement -

Landmarks Mouton House adjacent but generally well screened

Detractors -

Intervisibility

Site observation medium ...to key features ...from key place

Comments the area is partially screened by trees although is on a sloping hillside
intervisible with the other side of the Mouton Brook valley

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 **Presence of people** infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the area is rural in character although this is reduced by the school and large
suburban dwellings as well as the A48 to the south east

Functional relationship of area...

...with settlement some ...with wider landscape some

...with adjacent assessed area? some Corridor?

Summary

Key characteristics Sloping lowland from north to south west.
 Irregular medium-sized pasture fields with low cut hedges, fence [some estate fencing] and stone wall boundaries.
 Strong mixed woodland blocks around Wyelands with mature parkland trees, avenue trees and trees on boundaries.
 The area is part of the parkland setting for Wyelands and forms a positive setting for the settlement.
 All the area is in Conservation Area abn Green Wedge, part is in the Historic Park and Garden [Wyelands] and part is in its essential setting.
 Listed buildings in and around Wyelands and Wyelands Lodge.

Landscape sensitivity high

The area has a high sensitivity as it is sloping parkland of high intrinsic quality focussed on Wyelands which is open to view. It is all in Conservaion Area as well as an historic Park and Garden/part of its essential setting.

Housing capacity low

The area has low capacity for housing as it is historic parkland in view of Wyelands and its approaches. Any housing development would compromise the openness and character of the area.

Combined Character Area

CCA Number CCA19

LANDMAP Context

	Aspect area value
Geological landscapes	97% high, 3% moderate
Landscape habitats	100% moderate
Historical landscapes	100% high
Cultural landscapes	100% high
Visual and sensory	100% high

Visual and sensory sensitivity

Designations

Landscape designations all in Green Wedge
comments

National Park AONB SLA

Historic/archaeology designations comments all in Conservation Area; part in Historic Park and garden [Wyelands] and part in essential setting; listed buildings in and around Wyelands and Wyelands Lodge

Landscape of Hist. Interest **Historic Parks and Gardens** YES **WHS** YES

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting YES

SAM **Conservation Area** YES **Listed Building** YES

Biodiversity designations comments -

SAC **NNR** **SINC** **SSSI** **RAMSAR**

Other

Country Park **National Trail** **National Cycle Route**

Floodplain (100yr)

Characteristics

Landform sloping lowland from north to south west

Landcover parkland pasture

Function of Area

Pastoral **Arable** **Horticulture** **Recreation** **Other**

Comments pasture

Pattern

Settlement pattern parkland focussed on Wyelands

Woodland cover strong mixed woodland blocks around Wyelands with mature parkland trees, avenue trees and trees on boundaries

Boundaries irregular medium-sized fields with low cut hedges, fence [some estate fencing] and stone wall boundaries

Presence of water **Comments** small pond

Scale medium

Sense of enclosure moderately open

Diversity simple

Skyline

Prominence/ importance apparent **Complexity** simple

Comments northern edge is on skyline when viewed from the south

Key views

To settlement views to settlement from south east

From settlement views from settlement towards parkland

Landmarks Wyelands House to south east

Detractors A466 at a distance

Intervisibility

Site observation high **...to key features** **...from key place**

Comments sloping area visible to south, east and west

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development many 270 **Presence of people** infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the area is affected to an extent by views of development and the noise of traffic to the north

Functional relationship of area...

...with settlement some **...with wider landscape** some

...with adjacent assessed area? some **Corridor?**

Comments area appears to be managed as part of a wider land holding with footpaths linking into the settlement

Visual relationship of area...

...with settlement some **...with wider landscape** some

...with adjacent assessed area? some

Setting?

Comments the area is part of the parkland setting for Wyelands and forms a positive setting for the settlement

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually? ...functionally?

Comments the area functions as part of Wyelands' parkland setting along with MH03 to the south east

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge C20-21 edge

Nature of edge neutral Form of edge smooth/linear

Comments the adjacent estate development is well established and mitigated to an extent by hedgerows and maturing vegetation

Receptors

Receptors **Sensitivity**

rural residents high

urban residents high

long distance/public footpaths high

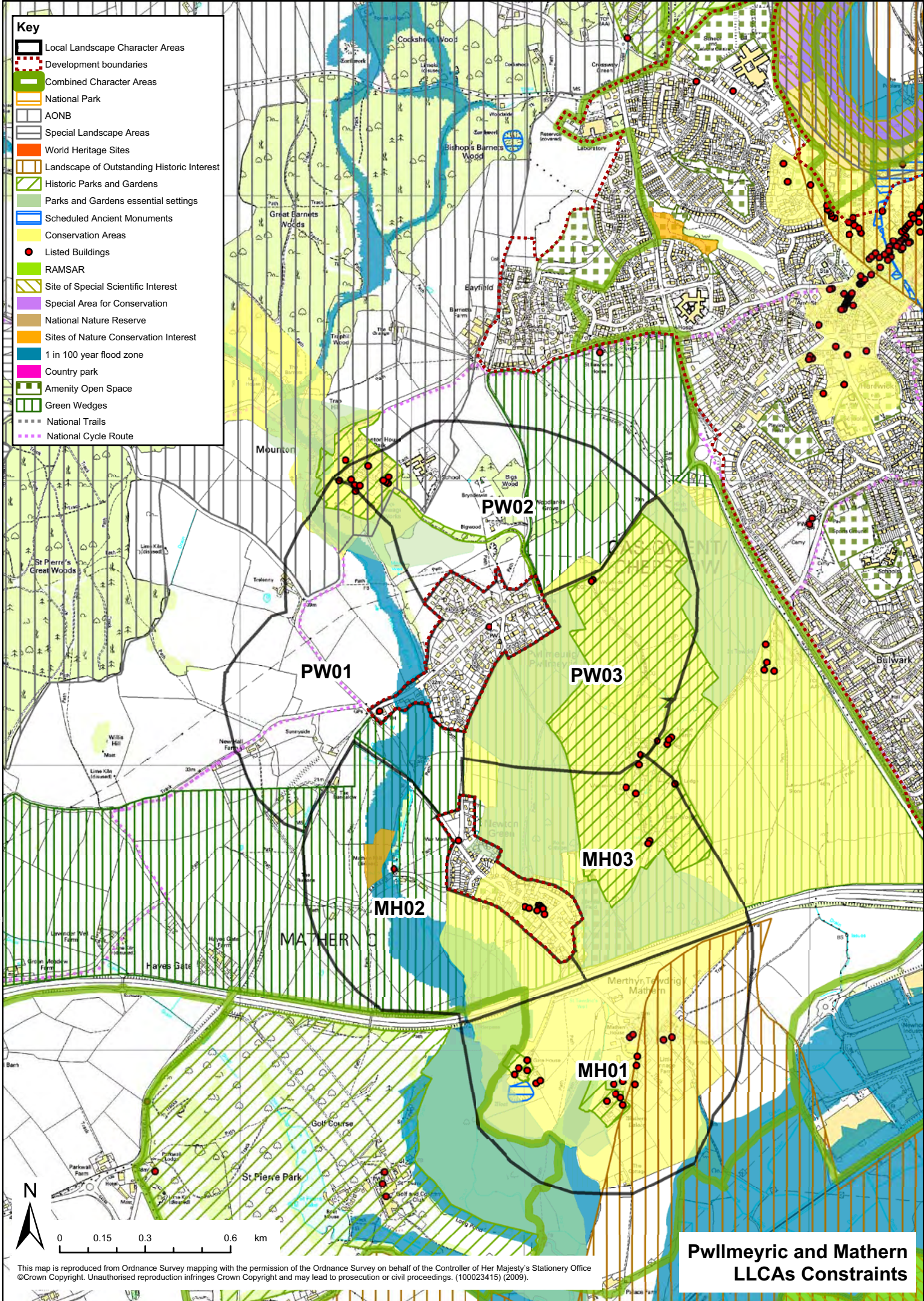
roads/rail/cycleways high

Comments the main receptors are residents in and around Wyelands, users of the public footpaths and also settlement edge residents and road users

Other

Other factors -

Potential Improvements -



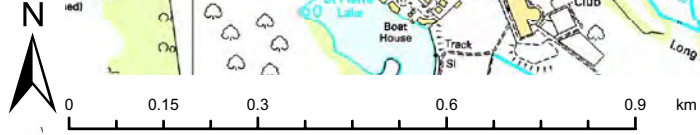
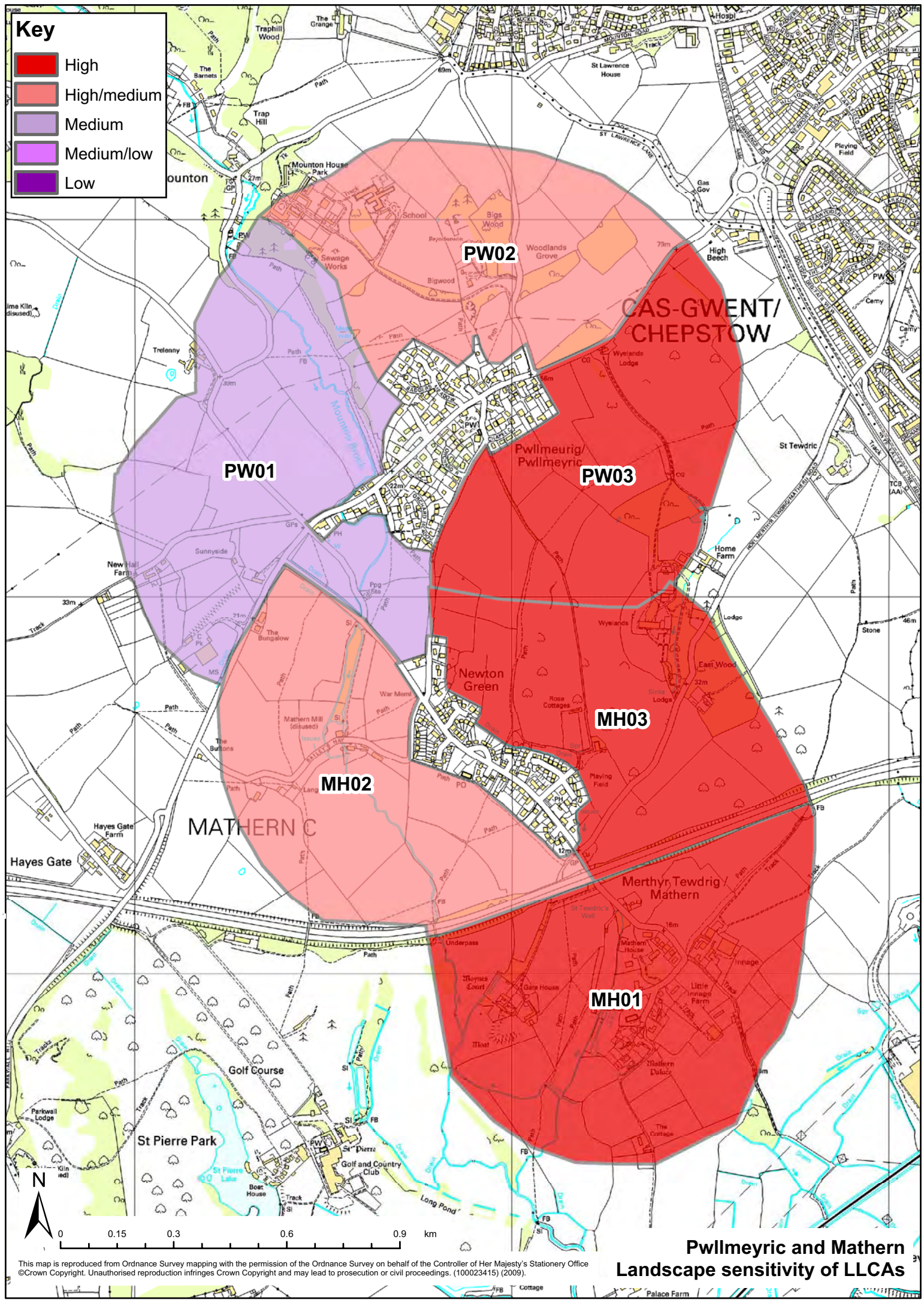
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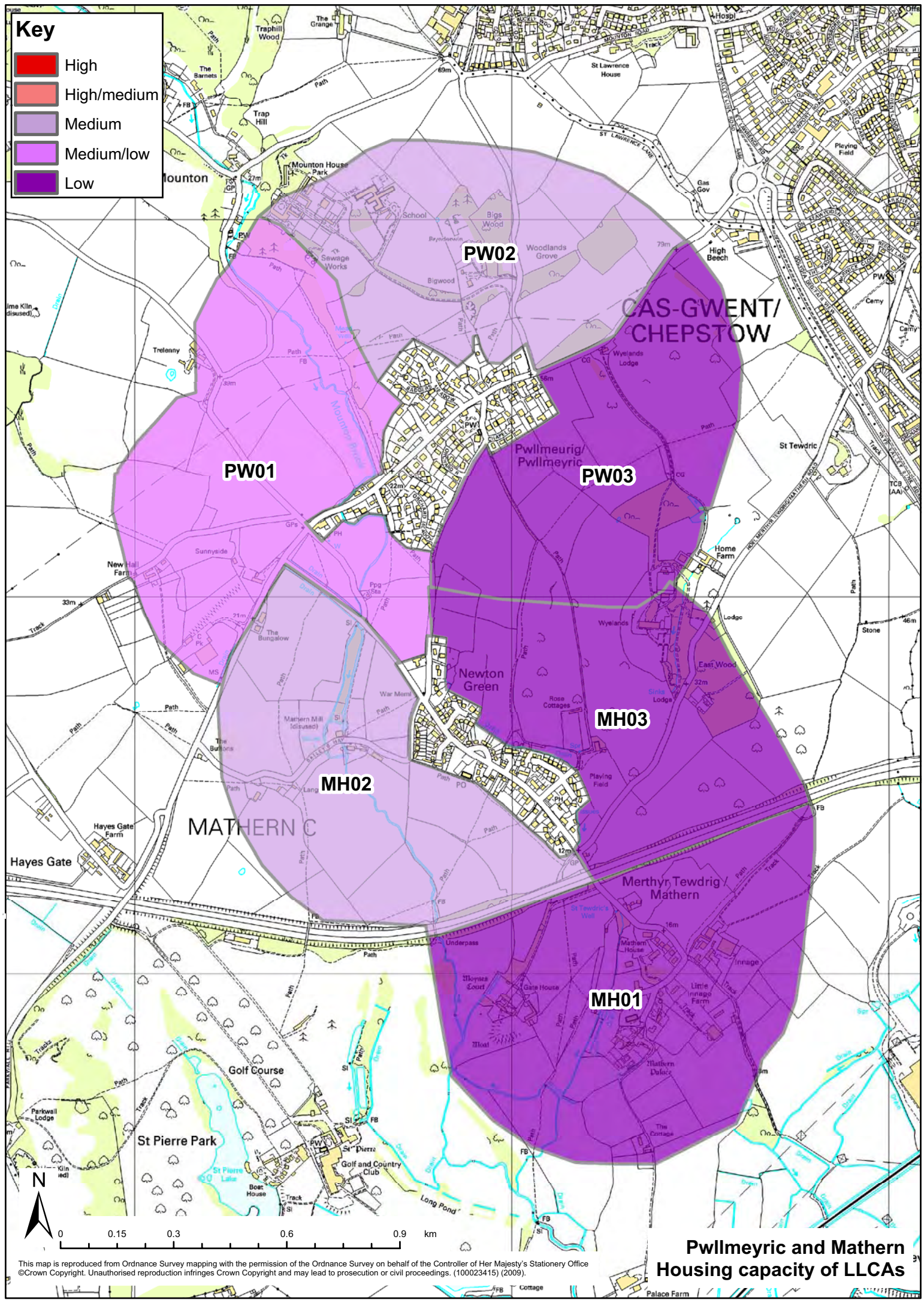


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