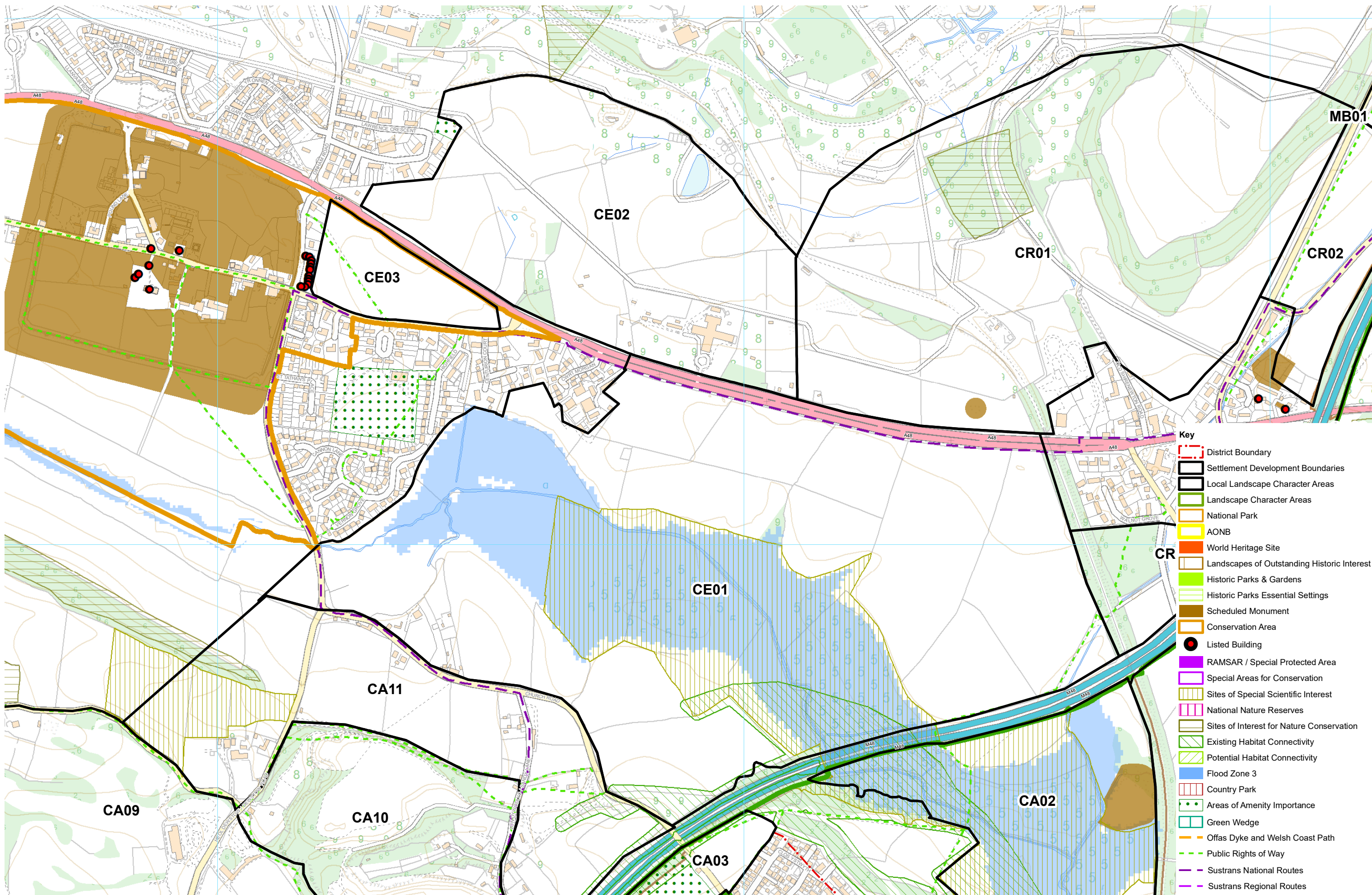


Caerwent LLCAs



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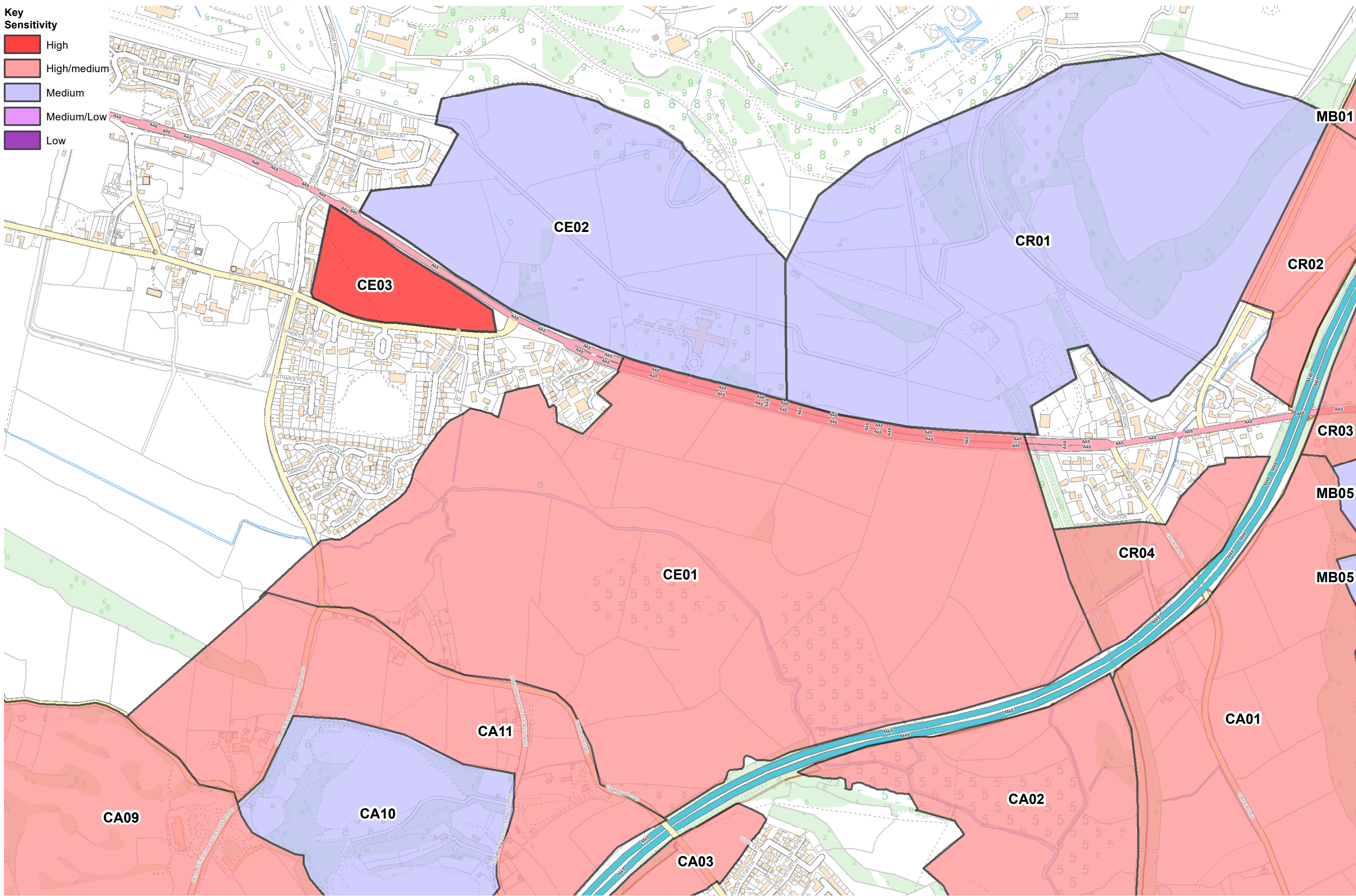
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Settlement: Caerwent
LLCA Constraints

Key Sensitivity

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



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SUMMARY**Key characteristics**

Distinctive wide flat valley floor and floodplain with standing water and gentle lower valley sides. Wetland grassland alongside Nedern Brook and irregular small to medium scale fields with gappy low cut hedges.

More regular arable fields on valley slopes, with low cut hedges.

Some riparian trees with a few trees on field boundaries including willow.

Overall, the valley is very open with clear views across and along the valley.

The area is overlooked by Caerwent and the M48 which reduce tranquillity but retains a distinctive rural character.

Well defined settlement edge with farm buildings to Caerwent, reinforcing the rural character.

Site forms part of a well-defined open rural gap between the historic settlement of Caerwent and Crick and the M48 and Caldicot beyond.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in the low lying wetland grassland and standing water in the floodplain, its related conservation value and habitat connectivity to the south, its distinctive open rural character visible across and along the valley, its role as a well-defined open rural gap between the historic settlement of Caerwent and Crick and the M48 and Caldicot beyond. Its value lies in the Nedern Brook SSSI. LANDMAP value is high for historic landscape and cultural landscape and partly high for landscape habitats and geological landscape.

Does the area or its attributes contribute to the Wellbeing and Future Generations Act Goals ?

- a prosperous Wales a resilient Wales a more equal Wales a globally responsible Wales
 a Wales of cohesive communities a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language a healthier Wales

VALUE

Landmap Context	Aspect area value	Aspect area value
Geological Landscapes	50% high, 50% moderate	Landscape Habitats 70% moderate, 30% high
Historical Landscapes	High	Cultural Landscapes High
Visual and Sensory	Moderate	

Designations

Landscape designations comments	-		
National Park	AONB		
Historic/archaeology designations comments	-		
Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Listed Building	
Landscape of Hist. Interest	Scheduled Monument	Conservation Area	Yes WHS
Biodiversity designations comments	Nedern Brooks SSSI covers the valley floor		
SAC	NNR	SINC	SSSI Yes RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

Country Park	National Trail	National/Regional Cycle Route	Yes
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LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY**Landscape Character Area**

LCA Name Caerwent Hinterland LCA Number 4 also part of

Characteristics

Landform valley floor, floodplain and lower valley sides

Landcover pasture and wetland grassland and arable

Pattern

Settlement pattern a few rural dwellings limited to the edge of the valley floor

Woodland cover some riparian trees with a few trees on field boundaries including willow
 Boundaries irregular and regular medium to large sized fields with mainly low-cut hedges, some gappy

Presence of water Nedern Brook and drains with standing water in winter

Diversity simple Scale medium

Sense of enclosure generally open including to the M48

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments mainly pasture with arable

Functional relationship and connectivity

...with wider landscape some ...with settlement none

...with adjacent assessed area? some Corridor?

Existing Habitat Connectivity Habitat Connectivity Opportunity

the area appears to be managed as part of a wider landholding and no public rights of way linking the settlement with the wider countryside. The valley floor is part of a wider SSSI and there is habitat connectivity to the south along the valley floor and in small woodlands.

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant... ... visually? ...functionally

Comments the area acts with CE02 and CR01 in separating Caerwent from Crick

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

Key views

To settlement Caldicot visible on skyline to the south with Caerwent housing edge directly to the west

From settlement view from settlement edge

Landmarks -

Detractors M48

Intervisibility

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

Comments the area is intervisible to and from adjacent valley sides and with the M48

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people occasional

Summary medium

Comments the M48 and A48 and views of the edge of Caerwent and Caldicot reduce tranquillity

Settlement edge

Pre C20th edge C20-21st edge Nature of edge Form of edge

Comments the settlement edge of Caerwent appears as fairly uniform estate development

Visual relationship and connectivity

...with settlement some ...with wider landscape some ...with adjacent assessed area some

Setting

Comments the area is overlooked by the settlement of Caerwent

LLCA CE01 Settlement: Caerwent

Receptors	Sensitivity
urban residents	high/medium
rural residents	high/medium
roads/rail/cycleways	medium

Comments the main receptors are adjacent residents and the users of the M48

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) reinforce the habitat connectivity along the valley floor and in woodlands adjacent to the M48.

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Gently sloping land rising to the north.

A mix of pasture/grassland, arable land, scrub and copse as part of the fringes to the Caerwent military base/depot.

Semi-derelict buildings associated with the depot in scrub along the A48.

There is an avenue of trees along the A48 separating the area from the Conservation Area of Caerwent to the south west but the semi-rural character contributes to its setting.

The area's tranquillity is affected by its proximity to the A48 and infrastructure of the military base.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its semi-rural character north of the settlement with landform and woodland forming the skyline in places, its role contributing to the separation of the identities of Crick and Caerwent, the avenue of trees along the A48, the copse, outgrown hedges and visibility from the A48 through the trees. The military base has slightly degraded visual character with its boundary crossing the area. The value lies in its location adjacent to the Conservation Area to the south west. LANDMAP value is 25% outstanding for historic landscape (in the area bordering the Conservation Area), and high for visual and sensory, cultural landscape and geological landscape. Any new development within this area would need to carefully consider how it would impact upon the settlements' identities.

Does the area or its attributes contribute to the Wellbeing and Future Generations Act Goals ?

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VALUE

Landmap Context	Aspect area value	Aspect area value
Geological Landscapes	High	Landscape Habitats Moderate
Historical Landscapes	25% outstanding, 25% moderate	Cultural Landscapes High
Visual and Sensory	High	

Designations

Landscape designations comments	-		
National Park	AONB		
Historic/archaeology designations comments	Caerwent Conservation Area adjacent to the south west		
Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Listed Building	
Landscape of Hist. Interest	Scheduled Monument	Yes	Conservation Area WHS
Biodiversity designations comments	-		
SAC	NNR	SINC	SSSI RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

Country Park	National Trail	National/Regional Cycle Route	Yes
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LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Caerwent Hinterland LCA Number 4 also part of

Characteristics

Landform hillsides culminating in Slidy Hill, sloping to the south

Landcover pasture, arable, woodland, hardstandings forming part of Caerwent military depot

Pattern

Settlement pattern semi-derelict buildings associated with the depot in scrub along the A48.

Woodland cover there is a copse and an avenue of trees along the A48

Boundaries semi-regular boundaries and straight military base/depot fence

Presence of water -

Diversity diverse Scale medium

Sense of enclosure a mix of open and enclosed

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments pasture and arable, semi-natural land within MOD depot

Functional relationship and connectivity

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

...with adjacent assessed area? some Corridor?

Existing Habitat Connectivity Habitat Connectivity Opportunity

area is part of the military base/depot and there are no public rights of way. Forms part of the green gap between Caerwent and Crick.

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant... ... visually? ...functionally

Comments the area acts with CR01 to separate Caerwent and Crick

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance prominent Complexity simple

Comments Slidy Hill and associated woodland forms a local skyline

Key views

To settlement -

From settlement -

Landmarks -

Detractors railway bridge across A48 adjacent

Intervisibility

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

Comments the area's hills and slopes are intervisible with lower land to the south and east

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the area's tranquillity is affected by its proximity to the A48 and infrastructure of the military base/depot

Settlement edge

Pre C20th edge C20-21st edge Nature of edge neutral Form of edge highly indented

Comments the edge of the settlement to the south is beyond the A48 and is established. The settlement edge to the west is a recent expansion which is slightly raw and changes the character of the A48 but mitigated to an extent by trees.

Visual relationship and connectivity

...with settlement some ...with wider landscape some ...with adjacent assessed area some

Setting

Comments the area forms a gentle semi-rural backcloth to the settlement of Caerwent also forming part of separation with Crick and helping to screen the military base

Receptors

Sensitivity

LLCA CE02 **Settlement: Caerwent**

urban residents	high/medium
roads/rail/cycleways	high/medium

Comments the area is overlooked by adjacent residents and users of the A48

OTHER

Other factors the depot boundary fence divides the area

Potential Improvements (if no development) maintain and enhance broadleaf woodland cover

Mitigation (if development) reinforce A48 avenue planting with strong and generous landscape buffer to the road incorporating the existing copse to ensure that the setting of the Conservation Area is not adversely affected. Other boundaries adjacent to any potential development sites should include tree and hedge planting.

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Gently undulating triangular grass ley field with trimmed hedges and avenue trees along A48 to the north. Fronted by established housing with gardens beyond hedging to the south and west. Forms the setting for the main approach to the historic settlement from the east. Listed almshouses overlook the area from the west and the whole field is within the Conservation Area and described as a closed landscape setting. PROW crosses area to the west. The A48 reduces the tranquillity of the field to an extent but is quite well screened.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High

The susceptibility of the LLCA is that it forms the important setting to the eastern approach to the historic town of Caerwent, contributing to the settlement character, and is overlooked by historic almshouses. Its value lies in its location within the Conservation Area and adjacent to the listed almshouses. LANDMAP value is outstanding for historic landscape and high for visual and sensory, cultural landscape and geological landscape.

Does the area or its attributes contribute to the Wellbeing and Future Generations Act Goals ?

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VALUE

Landmap Context	Aspect area value		Aspect area value
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Geological Landscapes	High	Landscape Habitats	Moderate
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Historical Landscapes	Outstanding	Cultural Landscapes	High
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Visual and Sensory	High		
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Designations

Landscape designations comments -

National Park AONB

Historic/archaeology designations comments within Caerwent Conservation Area and close to scheduled monument

Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Listed Building
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Landscape of Hist. Interest	Scheduled Monument	Conservation Area	Yes	WHS
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Biodiversity designations comments -

SAC	NNR	SINC	SSSI	RAMSAR
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Recreation Factors

Country Park	National Trail	National/Regional Cycle Route	Yes
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LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Caerwent Hinterland LCA Number 4 also part of

Characteristics

Landform gently undulating falling to the east

Landcover grass ley/meadow

Pattern

Settlement pattern on the edge of Caerwent which lies to the south and west

Woodland cover young copse to the east and avenue trees to the north

Boundaries trimmed hedge boundaries with some trees, especially to the north

Presence of water -

Diversity simple Scale scale -medium

Sense of enclosure enclosed by trees to the north and settlement in mature gardens to the south and west

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments grass ley/meadow- cut for grass

Functional relationship and connectivity

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

...with adjacent assessed area? limited Corridor?

Existing Habitat Connectivity Habitat Connectivity Opportunity

The area has no public rights of way across it and is separated from the countryside to the north by the A48. However, it may be managed by the same farmer.

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant... ... visually? ...functionally

Comments any development to the north should not visually impact in this area

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance apparent Complexity simple

Comments apparent to the north formed by avenue trees

Key views

To settlement key views to the edge of the historic settlement with associated buildings to the west from adjacent roads

From settlement the area is overlooked by a series of key buildings including the almshouses from the west

Landmarks almshouses to the west

Detractors -

Intervisibility

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

Comments though enclosed to the wider landscape it is intervisible with parts of the Conservation Area and contributes to an important approach

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads people

Views of development many 270 Presence of people frequent

Summary medium

Comments semi-rural location next to a village with A48 to the north

Settlement edge

Pre C20th edge C20-21st edge Nature of edge positive Form of edge moderately indented

Comments the almshouses and edge to the west has positive historic character. The settlement to the south is 20th century with established gardens is well defined by the old approach road to the village.

Visual relationship and connectivity

...with settlement significant ...with wider landscape limited ...with adjacent assessed area some

Setting

Comments though enclosed to the wider landscape it is intervisible with parts of the village Conservation Area and contributes to an important approach

Receptors

Sensitivity

LLCA CE03 Settlement: Caerwent

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

Comments the main receptors are the residents in listed buildings to the west, walkers and visitors to Caerwent scheduled monument and Conservation Area

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) occasional tree planting or allowing trees to grow in the hedge to the south would help frame views

Mitigation (if development) -