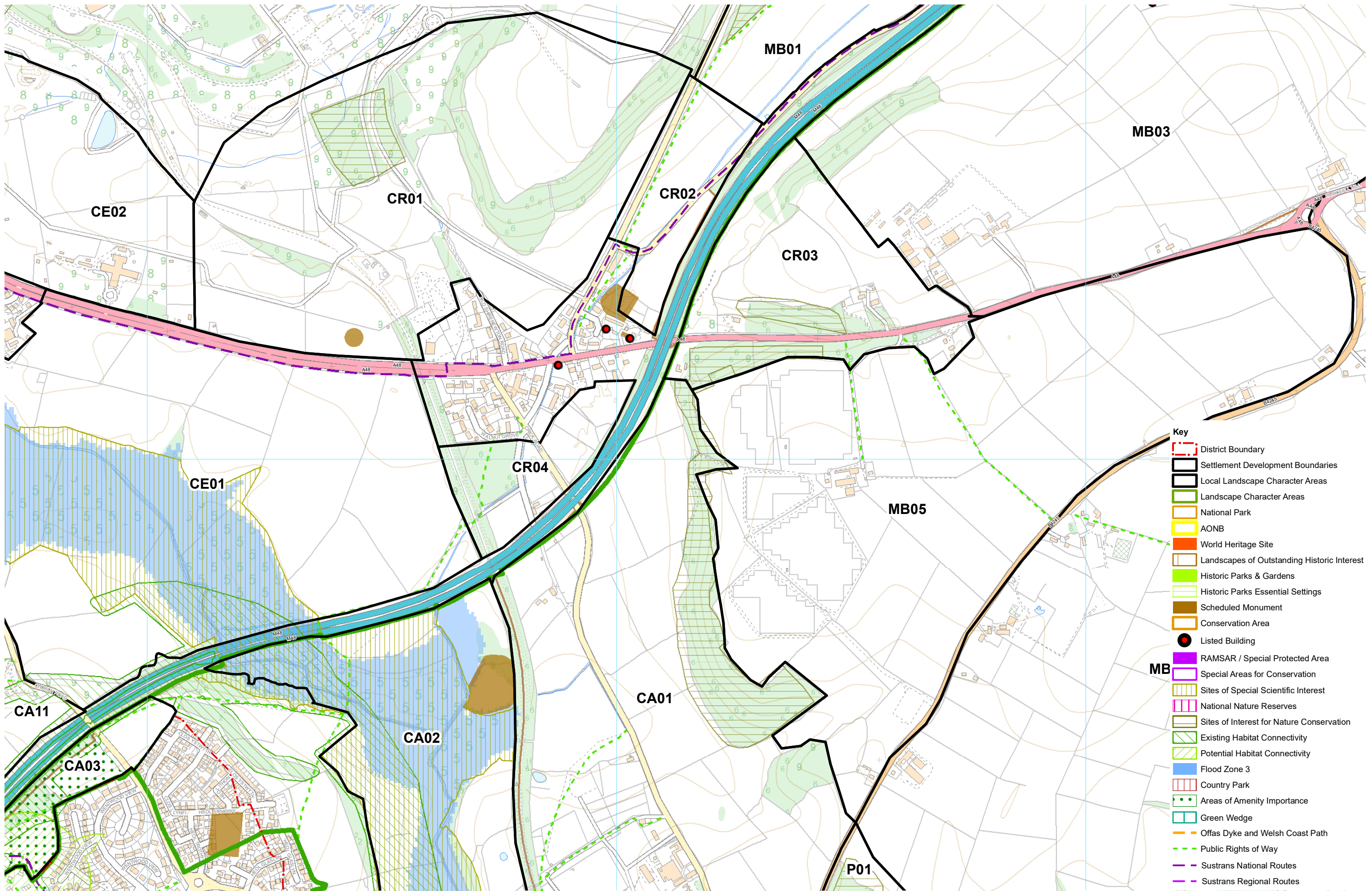


Crick LLCAs



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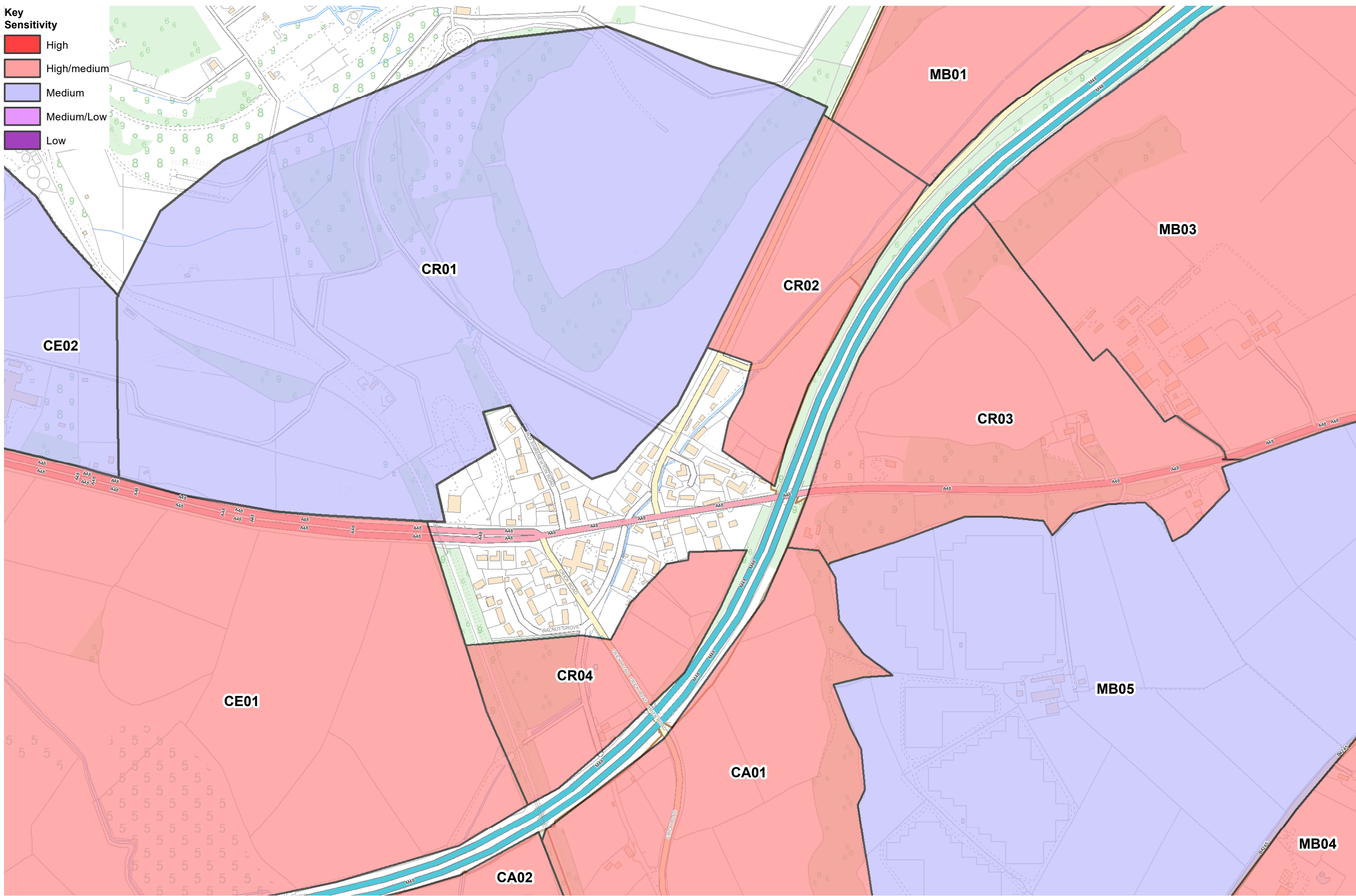
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 Client: Monmouthshire County Council
 Date: February 2020
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Settlement: Crick LLCA Constraints

Key Sensitivity

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



SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Hillsides culminating in Slidy Hill, sloping to the south.

A mix of pasture/grassland, arable land, scrub, woodland all as part of Caerwent military base/depot.

There is strong deciduous woodland ringing Slidy Hill, and at Little Wood which form an important and distinctive backcloth to the settlement visible from the M48 and A48 as well as helping to screen the military base and forming the local skyline.

The area's tranquillity is affected by its proximity to the M48 and A48 and infrastructure of the military base. Crick Round Barrow is an SM and there is a SINC within depot.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its rising backcloth behind the settlement with distinctive landform and woodland forming the skyline in places, its role in separating the identities of Crick and Caerwent, its open rural character to the north east, its outgrown hedges and visibility from the M48 and A48. The military base has a slightly degraded visual character. The value lies in the Crick Round Barrow SM and SINC within the base. The LANDMAP value is 10% outstanding for cultural landscape, high for visual and sensory and cultural landscape and the majority is high for geological landscape. The less sensitive parts lie at low level directly adjacent and north west of the settlement of Crick including a brownfield site. 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 ?

- 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	65% high, 35% moderate	Landscape Habitats 90% moderate, 10% high
Historical Landscapes	Moderate	Cultural Landscapes 90% high, 10% outstanding
Visual and Sensory	High	

Designations

Landscape designations comments	-		
National Park	AONB		
Historic/archaeology designations comments	Crick Round Barrow is an SM		
Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Listed Building	
Landscape of Hist. Interest	Scheduled Monument	Yes	Conservation Area WHS
Biodiversity designations comments	SINC in Caerwent defence base		
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 brownfield land/former depot at Caerwent

Woodland cover strong deciduous woodland ringing Slidy Hill, at Little Wood, and patches along A48

Boundaries irregular boundaries defined by a military base/depot, roads and woodlands

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 is mutually reliant visually with CE01 and CE02 in separating Caerwent from 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 M48 and 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 and adjacent fields sit below the hill and are not widely visible although the depot and associated hard standings are a minor detractor

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments Slidy Hill and its woodlands form an important and distinctive backcloth to the settlement as well as helping to screen the military base

Receptors

urban residents

Sensitivity

high/medium

LLCA CR01

Settlement: Crick

roads/rail/cycleways

high/medium

Comments the area is overlooked by adjacent residents and users of the A48 and M48

OTHER

Other factors -

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

Mitigation (if development) reinforce field boundaries adjacent to any potential development sites including tree and hedge planting

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

A minor valley of arable and pastoral farmland.

There is a mix of outgrown hedges, low-cut hedges and fence boundaries and tree cover is mainly associated with M48 which overlooks it.

The area acts as the setting to the moated site SAM/St Nyvern's chapel cottage and the listed Manor farmhouse and forms the continuation of the linear valley from the north east.

Commercial premises with lighting on edge of settlement is a detractor.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its openness as part of a distinctive linear rural valley overlooked by the M48. The value of the area includes its role as the setting for the remains of St Nyvern's chapel and other listed buildings. LANDMAP value is high for visual and sensory, historic landscape, 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

Geological Landscapes High

Landscape Habitats Moderate

Historical Landscapes 95% high, 5% low

Cultural Landscapes High

Visual and Sensory High

Designations

Landscape designations comments -

National Park AONB

Historic/archaeology designations comments Crick moated site is an SM; St Nyvern's chapel cottage is listed; adjacent are Crick medieval house (an SM) and the listed Manor farmhouse

Historic Parks and Gardens Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting Listed Building Yes

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

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Caerwent Hinterland LCA Number 4 also part of

Characteristics

Landform minor valley

Landcover arable and pastoral

Pattern

Settlement pattern none

Woodland cover tree cover associated with M48

Boundaries mix of outgrown hedges, low-cut hedges and fence boundaries

 Presence of water small watercourse

Diversity simple Scale medium

Sense of enclosure enclosed valley but open to view from within

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments arable and pastoral/grassland

Functional relationship and connectivity

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

...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 has a public right of way linking into the settlement

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity simple

Comments -

Key views

To settlement -

From settlement views over moated site and from listed St Nyvern's chapel cottage

Landmarks moated site, although low key

Detractors commercial premises with lighting on edge of settlement

Intervisibility

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

Comments area overlooked by valley sides including M48

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the area has essentially a rural character but is affected by noise from the M48

Settlement edge

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

Comments the listed and designated structures and remains form a positive edge to the settlement although the adjacent commercial premises are a detractor

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area acts act as the setting to the moated site/St Nyvern's chapel cottage and the Manor farmhouse and forms the continuation of the linear valley from the north east

Receptors

urban residents

roads/rail/cycleways

long distance/public footpaths

Sensitivity

high/medium

high/medium

high

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

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) -

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Rising hillside [part of Killcrow Hill] with steep indented valley to the south.

Irregular small to medium sized pasture fields with low cut and outgrown hedge boundaries and scattered rural dwellings.

Strong deciduous woodland cover on steep slopes.

The northern part of the area is visible from lower land along the M48 and from rural hills to the north west.

Killcrow Hill and its woodlands form an important backcloth to the settlement forming the skyline to the east.

The wooded valley forms a positive approach along the A48 from the east.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its northern slopes which form the skyline and backcloth to the settlement to the east and are either highly visible and prominent from the M48 or from the A48 roads. The woodlands contribute positively to the character of the area. The value of the area lies in the woodland SINC. The LANDMAP value is outstanding for cultural landscape and high for historic 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
Geological Landscapes	Moderate	Landscape Habitats Moderate
Historical Landscapes	High	Cultural Landscapes Outstanding
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 WHS
Biodiversity designations comments	woodland SINC by A48	
SAC	NNR	SINC
	SSSI	RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

Country Park National Trail National/Regional Cycle Route

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Chepstow Hills LCA Number 40 also part of 0 0

Characteristics

Landform rising hillside [part of Killcrow Hill] with steep indented valley to the south and steep slopes to north

Landcover pasture and woodland

Pattern

Settlement pattern scattered rural dwellings

Woodland cover strong deciduous woodland cover on steep slopes

Boundaries irregular small to medium-sized fields with low cut and outgrown hedge boundaries

Presence of water -

Diversity simple Scale medium

Sense of enclosure open to north, enclosed to south

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments pasture

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 has no public rights of way

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance prominent Complexity simple

Comments woodland lies on skyline when viewed from the north (M48)

Key views

To settlement -

From settlement the area acts as the eastern rising backcloth to the settlement

Landmarks -

Detractors M48

Intervisibility

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

Comments the area is visible from lower land along the M48 and from rural hills to the north west

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development some Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium/low

Comments the area has essentially a rural character but is affected by noise from the M48 and A48

Settlement edge

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

Comments the settlement edge is defined by the M48 motorway and associated embankment and vegetation

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments Killcrow Hill and its woodlands form an important backcloth to the settlement to the east

Receptors

roads/rail/cycleways

rural residents

Sensitivity

medium

medium

Comments the main receptors are users of the M48 and A48 roads and nearby residents

OTHER

Other factors the wooded slopes form a positive approach to the settlement along the A48 from the east

Potential Improvements (if no development) manage woodland to retain cover whilst improving biodiversity and reinstate disturbed site to the north west to field or woodland

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

A small scale undulating lowland landscape with irregular small-scale fields with low-cut hedgerows.

There is a mixed plantation and tree cover associated with the adjacent M48 and railway

The area is an intimate landscape that relates well to the incremental and varied settlement edge and is visually contained by road and railway embankments and the settlement.

A public footpath runs through the plantation linking into the settlement.

The area has essentially a rural character but is affected by noise from the M48 which overlooks the area.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its separation of the settlement of Crick from the M48, undulating intimate lowland landscape with irregular small-scale fields with low-cut hedgerows that relate well to the incremental and varied settlement edge, tree plantation and tree belt along the M48. Its value lies in its PROW which allows public access and enjoyment of the plantation part of the area. LANDMAP value is high for visual and sensory, historic landscape, cultural landscape and mostly high for 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
Geological Landscapes	65% high, 35% moderate	Landscape Habitats Moderate
Historical Landscapes	High	Cultural Landscapes High
Visual and Sensory	High	
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 WHS
Biodiversity designations comments	-	
SAC	NNR	SINC SSSI RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

Country Park National Trail National/Regional Cycle Route

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Caerwent Hinterland LCA Number 4 also part of

Characteristics

Landform small scale undulating lowland

Landcover pasture and woodland

Pattern

Settlement pattern rural dwellings

Woodland cover mixed plantation and tree cover associated with the adjacent M48 and railway

Boundaries irregular small-scale fields with low-cut hedgerows

Presence of water -

Diversity simple Scale small

Sense of enclosure enclosed

Function of AreaPastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments pasture

Functional relationship and connectivity

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

...with adjacent assessed area? limited Corridor? Existing Habitat Connectivity Habitat Connectivity Opportunity

the area may be managed as part of a wider land holding and has one public right of way

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY**Skyline**

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

Key viewsTo settlement view to settlement from M48 and southern approach roadFrom settlement -

Landmarks -

Detractors M48

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

Comments though the area is enclosed by the settlement and road and railway embankments it is overlooked by the M48

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium/low

Comments the area has essentially a rural character but is affected by noise from the M48

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

Comments the incremental and varied settlement edge relates well to the area

Visual relationship and connectivity

...with settlement some ...with wider landscape limited ...with adjacent assessed area none

 Setting

Comments the area is an intimate landscape that relates well to the incremental and varied settlement edge and is visually contained by embankments and the settlement

Receptors

urban residents

rural residents

roads/rail/cycleways

long distance/public footpaths

Sensitivity

high/medium

high/medium

medium

high

Comments the area is overlooked by the adjacent settlement and rural dwellings and by the users of the M48 and the PROW

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) -

Mitigation (if development) -