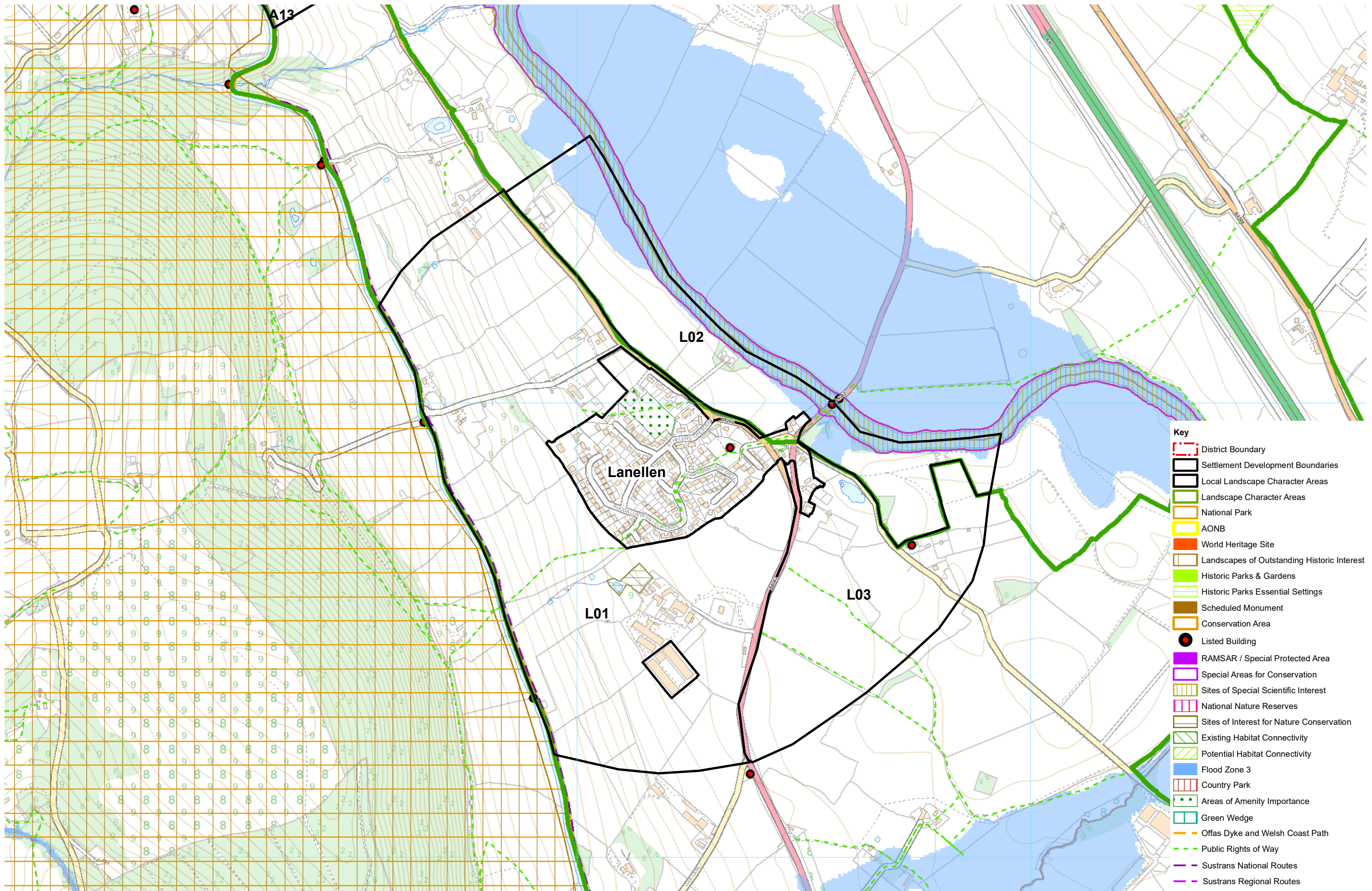


## **Llanellen LLCAs**



- Key**
- District Boundary
  - Settlement Development Boundaries
  - Local Landscape Character Areas
  - Landscape Character Areas
  - National Park
  - AONB
  - World Heritage Site
  - Landscapes of Outstanding Historic Interest
  - Historic Parks & Gardens
  - Historic Parks Essential Settings
  - Scheduled Monument
  - Conservation Area
  - Listed Building
  - RAMSAR / Special Protected Area
  - Special Areas for Conservation
  - Sites of Special Scientific Interest
  - National Nature Reserves
  - Sites of Interest for Nature Conservation
  - Existing Habitat Connectivity
  - Potential Habitat Connectivity
  - Flood Zone 3
  - Country Park
  - Areas of Amenity Importance
  - Green Wedge
  - Offas Dyke and Welsh Coast Path
  - Public Rights of Way
  - Sustrans National Routes
  - Sustrans Regional Routes

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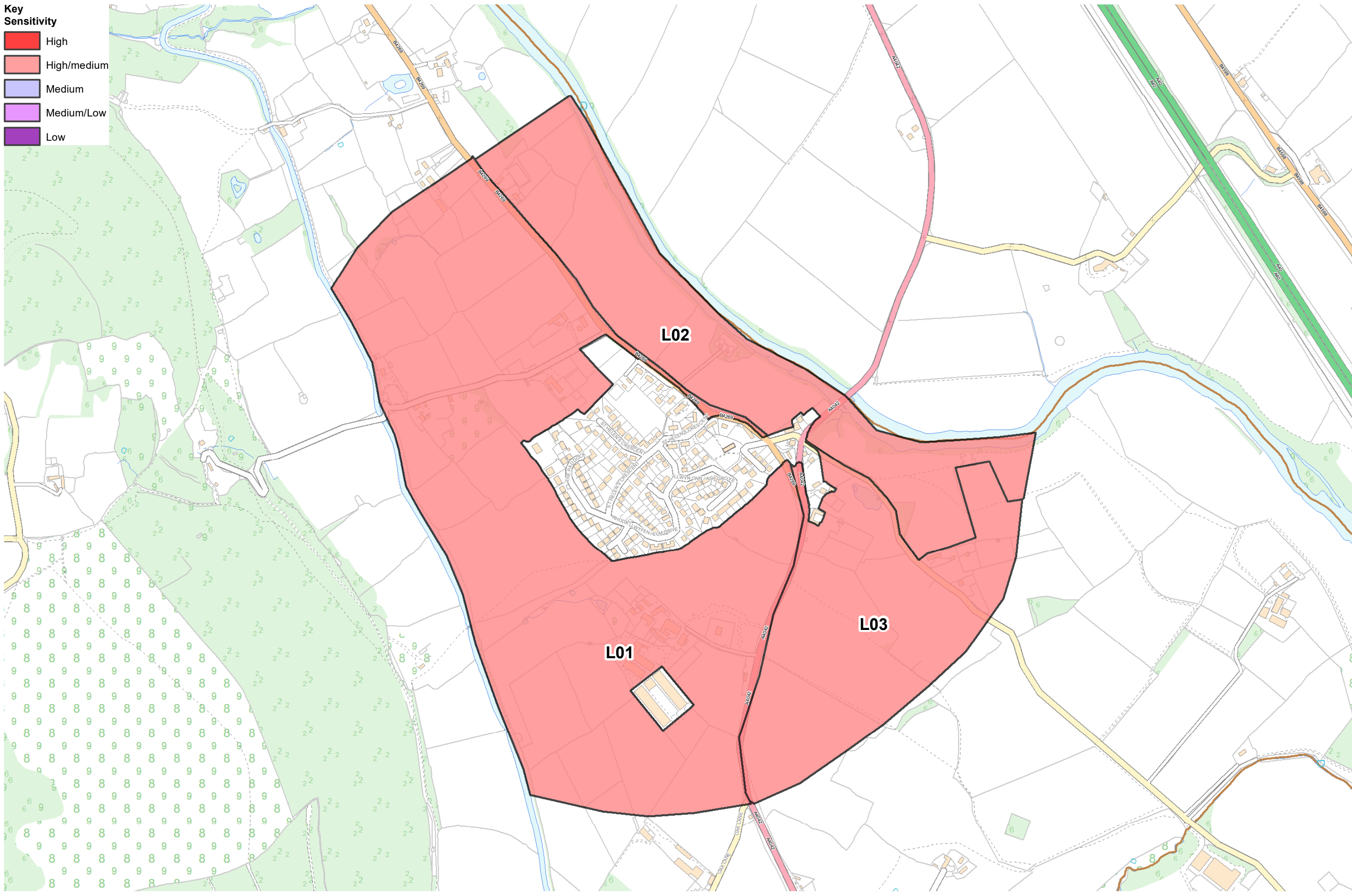


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**Settlement: Lanellen**  
**LLCA Constraints**





- Key Sensitivity**
- High
  - High/medium
  - Medium
  - Medium/Low
  - Low

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**Llanellen**  
**Landscape sensitivity of LLCAs**

## SUMMARY

## Key characteristics

Prominent and simple steep rural slopes rising up towards the ridge to the west with gentler slopes to the east.

The steep slopes and ridge act as a backcloth to the settlement.

Pasture with some trees on irregular low cut field boundaries and along stream courses.

Overall open character.

Overlooked and bounded by the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal and other receptors include users of the busy A4042 to the south west.

Chicken sheds to the south are detractors.

Lying adjacent to National Park and the Blaenavon World Heritage Site.

## Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its prominent steep pastoral rural slopes on the western part of the area integral with the ridge/Blorengge hillside with mature copses to the north, its general openness especially to the south, and the canal on its western edge. Its value lies in being an immediate backcloth to the settlement and integration with the National Park and Blaenavon World Heritage Site and Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest adjacent, its access with PROW to the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal, with a small SINC, and listed bridges and listed Oak Cottage to the south adjacent. LANDMAP value is high for visual & sensory, historic landscape and cultural landscape and partly high for 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	60% moderate, 40% high	Landscape Habitats Moderate
Historical Landscapes	High	Cultural Landscapes High
Visual and Sensory	High	

## Designations

Landscape designations comments adjacent to National Park to west across the Monmouthshire and Brecon canal

National Park AONB

Historic/archaeology designations comments Blaenavon World Heritage Site and Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest to west across canal with listed bridges and listed Oak Cottage to the south adjacent

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

Biodiversity designations comments small SINC by pond to south of village

SAC	NNR	SINC	SSSI	RAMSAR

## Recreation Factors

Country Park	National Trail	National/Regional Cycle Route

## LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

## Landscape Character Area

LCA Name	LCA Number	also part of
Llanover Lowland	16	0 0

## Characteristics

Landform lower concave slopes of Coed-y-Prior ridge steepening significantly to the west forms part of Blorengge and southern National Park ridge

Landcover pasture

**Pattern**

- Settlement pattern scattered farmsteads and rural dwellings, with industrial unit
- Woodland cover limited tree cover within area on field boundaries, along small watercourses, around dwellings with substantial woodland and forestry area (recently cut) on steep slopes to the west
- Boundaries irregular medium and small sized fields with generally low cut hedges and rationalised to an extent to the south of Llanellen
- Presence of water springs, ponds and small stream courses with canal adjacent
- Diversity simple Scale medium
- Sense of enclosure open

**Function of Area**

Pastoral  Arable  Horticulture  Recreation  other

Comments pasture with part of area to the south used for chicken sheds and car boot sales

**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 land holding and has a public footpath which links the wider countryside and National Park with the settlement

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

Comments -

**PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY****Skyline**

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

**Key views**

To settlement  views from the canal and from the A4042 and B4269 to the settlement

From settlement  views from the settlement edge to the hill backcloth

Landmarks -

Detractors chicken sheds at Llanellan Court

**Intervisibility**

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

Comments slopes exposed to views across the valley, especially on the western side of the area, and to views from the roads such as the A4042

**Tranquillity**

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the presence of the busy A4042 to the south and views of the expanded village of Llanellen reduce the tranquillity of the area

**Settlement edge**

Pre C20th edge  C20-21st edge  Nature of edge negative Form of edge smooth/linear

Comments the settlement has expanded incrementally in housing estate development which forms a relatively unmitigated linear edge to the south, east and west. The northern side of the settlement forms a more indented positive edge.

**Visual relationship and connectivity**

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

 **Setting**

**Comments** forms part of the continuum of lower pasture slopes of the ridge on which Blorengel lies forming a positive setting to the settlement

**Receptors****Sensitivity**

rural residents

high

urban residents

high

roads/rail/cycleways

medium

long distance/public footpaths

high

**Comments** the area is overlooked by a combination of rural residents, residents in the settlement looking out, users of the A4042 which has most receptors and users of minor roads and footpaths including the canal and towpath to the west

**OTHER**

**Other factors** -

**Potential Improvements (if no development)**

screen chicken sheds with native planting  
increase trees in hedgerows

**Mitigation (if development)** -

## SUMMARY

## Key characteristics

Lower open valley slopes running down to the River Usk and floodplain which provides a strong feature with scenic value.

Irregular small to medium scale fields with low-cut hedgerows generally.

Strong riparian vegetation with occasional trees along roads.

Settlement in the area lies on the A4042 by bridge and scattered rural settlement to north west and south east.

The adjacent main settlement is slightly unsightly.

The River Usk adjacent is a SAC and SSSI.

## Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in being part of the River Usk corridor providing an open pastoral setting with mature riparian vegetation along the river, with an historic stone bridge over the Usk on the A4042, with part of the area in floodplain, its continuity of slopes leading up to the Brecon and National Park and also as a buffer between the main settlement and river. Its value lies in the designation of the River Usk adjacent as a SAC and SSSI and the attractive scenic quality of the river corridor. LANDMAP value is high for visual & sensory, historic landscape and cultural 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	Moderate	Landscape Habitats Moderate, Usk (Outstanding) at
Historical Landscapes	High	Cultural Landscapes High
Visual and Sensory	High	

## Designations

Landscape designations comments -

National Park AONB

Historic/archaeology designations comments Llanellen Bridge adjacent is listed

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

Landscape of Hist. Interest Scheduled Monument Conservation Area WHS

Biodiversity designations comments River Usk adjacent is SAC and SSSI

SAC Yes NNR SINC SSSI Yes RAMSAR

## Recreation Factors

Country Park National Trail National/Regional Cycle Route

## LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

## Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Upper Usk Valley LCA Number 15 also part of 0 0

## Characteristics

Landform lower valley slopes and floodplain

Landcover pasture

## Pattern

Settlement pattern edge of settlement on A4042 by bridge and scattered rural settlement to north west and south east

Woodland cover strong riparian vegetation with occasional trees along roads

Boundaries irregular small to medium scale fields with low-cut hedgerows generally



Presence of water River Usk adjacent and floodplain, some wet scrapes in area east of bridge

Diversity simple Scale small to medium

Sense of enclosure enclosed

#### Function of Area

Pastoral  Arable  Horticulture  Recreation  other

Comments pasture

#### Functional relationship and connectivity

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

...with adjacent assessed area? some Corridor?

Existing Habitat Connectivity  Habitat Connectivity Opportunity

the area appears to be managed as part of a wider land holding and has no public footpaths. The River Usk adjacent is a strong nature conservation corridor.

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

Comments -

### PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

#### Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

#### Key views

To settlement  view of Llanellen across the valley across the area

From settlement  view to Usk and valley from settlement edge

Landmarks Llanellen Bridge adjacent

Detractors -

#### Intervisibility

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

Comments the area is visible from across the valley, from the settlement edge and from adjacent roads although it is more enclosed to the south

#### Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the area is open countryside but is disturbed by the busy A4042 and by views of the settlement edge

#### Settlement edge

Pre C20th edge  C20-21st edge  Nature of edge negative Form of edge smooth/linear

Comments the settlement edge is generally of poor quality with limited vegetation mitigation and buildings of quality

#### Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area contributes to the setting of the settlement lying between it and the river

#### Receptors

#### Sensitivity



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urban residents high/medium

roads/rail/cycleways high/medium

rural residents high

long distance/public footpaths high

**Comments** main receptors are residents of a settlement edge, users of the Usk Valley Walk to the north east and adjacent roads and rural residents

**OTHER**

**Other factors** a small sewage farm by the river is well screened

**Potential Improvements (if no development)** trees on the settlement edge

**Mitigation (if development)** -

## SUMMARY

## Key characteristics

A gently sloping undulating valley side.

There are medium to large scale irregular arable or pastoral fields with low-cut hedges and trees in places and a few scattered rural dwellings.

Overall a fairly open area intervisible with valley sides to west and A4042 which reduces the tranquillity of the area.

The area contributes to the setting of the eastern corner of the settlement but otherwise is separated from it.

Orchard Farmhouse is listed.

## Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in being part of the shallow valley in the immediate context of the River Usk corridor providing an open pastoral setting with mature riparian vegetation along the river, with a listed farmhouse, and mostly visible from the A4042. Its value lies in the listed farmhouse and PROWs crossing the area. LANDMAP value is high for visual & sensory, historic landscape and cultural landscape.

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

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## LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

## Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Llanover Lowland   LCA Number 16   also part of

## Characteristics

Landform gently sloping valley side

Landcover mix of arable and pasture

## Pattern

Settlement pattern scattered rural dwellings

Woodland cover trees lie along some boundaries

Boundaries medium to large scale irregular fields with low-cut hedges and trees in places

Presence of water pond

Diversity simple   Scale medium to large

Sense of enclosure moderately open

### Function of Area

Pastoral  Arable  Horticulture  Recreation  other

Comments arable and pasture

### Functional relationship and connectivity

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

...with adjacent assessed area? some Corridor?

Existing Habitat Connectivity  Habitat Connectivity Opportunity

the area appears to be managed as part of a wider land holding and has two public footpaths

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

Comments -

## PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

### Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

### Key views

To settlement  on southern approach to Llanellen with view of converted barn on edge of settlement

From settlement  view from settlement over area, mostly at a distance

Landmarks -

Detractors -

### Intervisibility

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

Comments fairly open area intervisible with valley sides to west and A4042

### Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development some Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the area is open countryside but is disturbed by the busy A4042 and by views of the settlement edge

### Settlement edge

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

Comments converted barn forms edge of settlement

### Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area contributes to the setting of the eastern corner of the settlement but otherwise is separated

### Receptors

roads/rail/cycleways

long distance/public footpaths

urban residents

rural residents

### Sensitivity

medium

medium

high/medium

high

Comments the main receptors are users of the A4042, public footpaths and adjacent residents

**OTHER**

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) encourage trees in hedgerows

Mitigation (if development) -