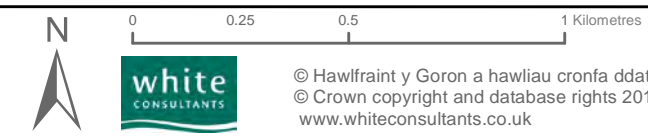
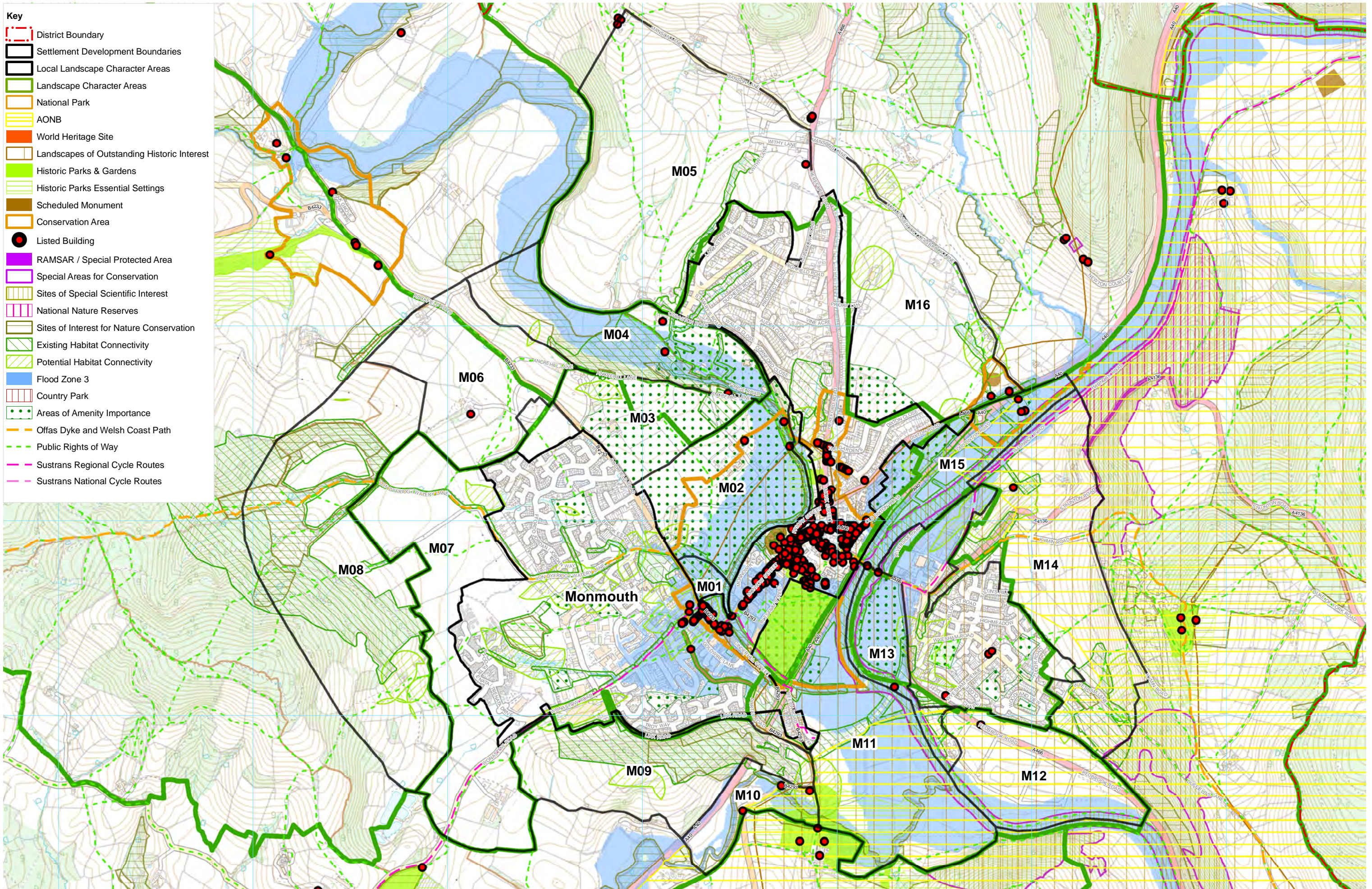


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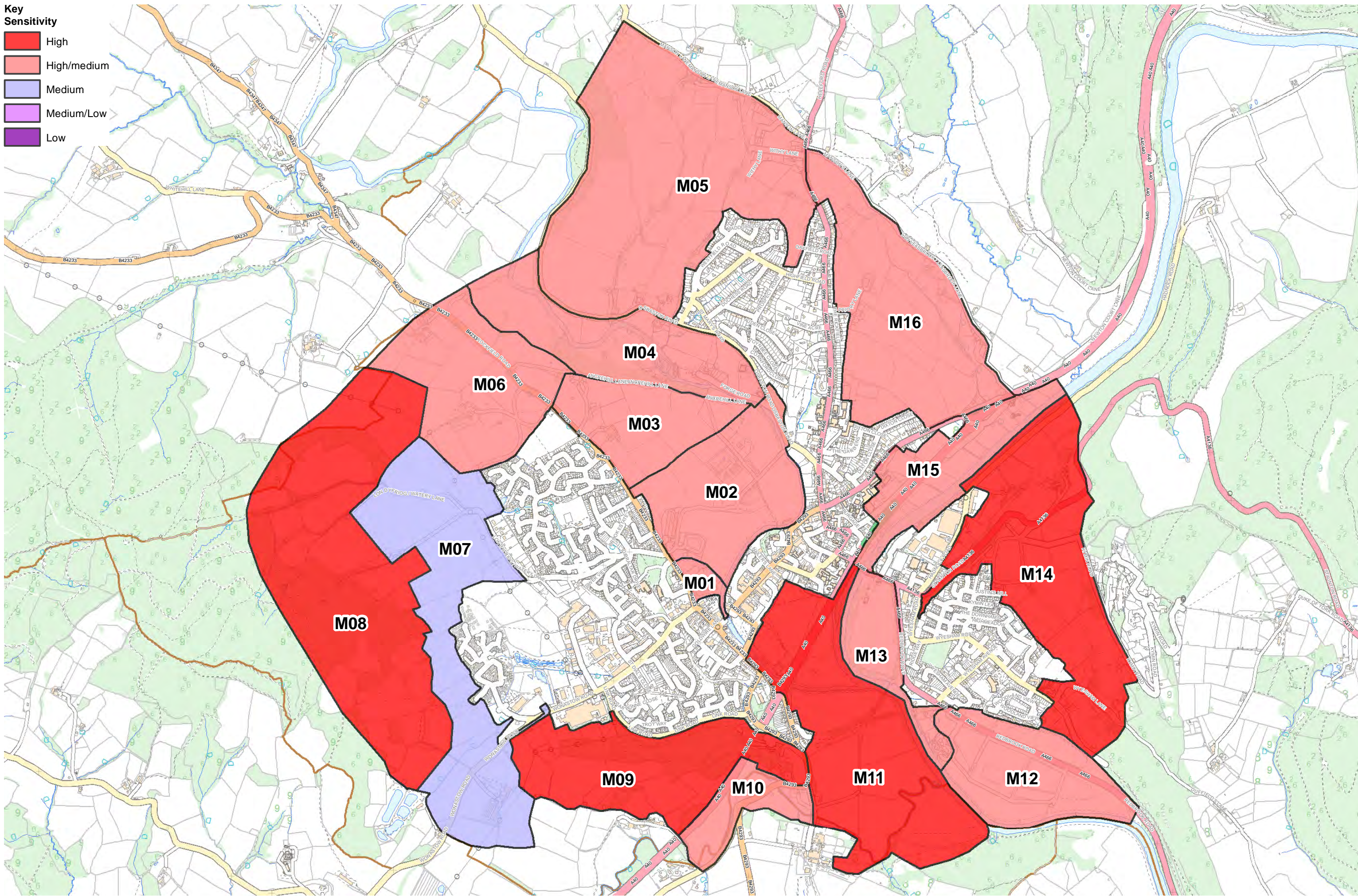
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 Client: Monmouthshire County Council
 Date: November 2019
 Status: Final

Settlement: Monmouth
LLCA Constraints

Key Sensitivity

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



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SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Enclosed low lying valley floor close to the River Monnow with pond and flood bunds, car park and skate park. Playing field to north separated from pond by tree belt including conifers and a strong tree belt to the south and south east.

Public footpath through informal parkland area linking settlement with valley floor to the north east. Area within Conservation Area, floodplain, Area of Amenity Importance, Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its community use as an Area of Amenity Importance, and it forms part of the River Monnow green corridor and floodplain close to the town core. Its value is in its Conservation Area, Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest with listed buildings adjacent and community use. LANDMAP value is high for visual & sensory, cultural landscape and landscape habitats.

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 High
Historical Landscapes	Moderate	Cultural Landscapes High
Visual and Sensory	High	

Designations

Landscape designations comments Area of Amenity Importance

National Park AONB

Historic/archaeology designations comments all in Conservation Area; eastern part in Lower Wye Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest; listed buildings to the south and south west.

Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Listed Building
Landscape of Hist. Interest Yes	Scheduled Monument	Conservation Area Yes 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 Monmouth LCA Number 42 also part of

Characteristics

Landform flat with flood protection bund on north and eastern boundaries

Landcover grass, trees, car park, skate park, and pond

Pattern

Settlement pattern none

Woodland cover mature trees surrounding pond area, some conifers

Boundaries tree belt separates parking from pond area

Presence of water pond- possible used for flood overflow/control; in floodplain

Diversity diverse Scale small

Sense of enclosure enclosed by trees and bund

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments informal recreation, sport and flood protection possibly

Functional relationship and connectivity

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

...with adjacent assessed area? some Corridor?

Existing Habitat Connectivity Habitat Connectivity Opportunity

part of the River Monnow valley corridor, including habitat connectivity, used as a park and linked to adjacent area via a public footpath.

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

Key views

To settlement part of area where views to settlement core along Wye

From settlement part of area where views from settlement core along Wye

Landmarks -

Detractors -

Intervisibility

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

Comments part of area where views to and from settlement core along Wye- views from bund around area

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development many 270 Presence of people frequent

Summary medium

Comments the area is used as a park, is close to a road and has views of settlement through trees clearly indicating it is on the edge of the town

Settlement edge

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

Comments the area contributes to the indentation and integration of the settlement edge with vegetation

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments contributes to the setting of the town

Receptors

urban residents

long distance/public footpaths

Sensitivity

high/medium

high/medium

Comments nearby residents overlook the area and users enjoy its features including pond

OTHER

Other factors area nominally within floodplain although protected by bunds

Potential Improvements (if no development) -

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

River Monnow valley floor including floodplain and lower valley sides.

Medium to large scale pasture and grass areas with wire and low hedge boundaries with farm complex, former poultry sheds and hedged caravan site.

Tree cover is limited with some riparian cover, field trees, around buildings, to the south of Vauxhall and along some field boundaries.

The area forms a strong green habitat corridor along the River Monnow penetrating into town.

The area is overlooked by buildings and spaces in the town centre and views to the town and the church are possible from footpaths crossing the area.

The area to the south and east is most open to view from sensitive parts of the settlement.

The traditional settlement itself is defined by the River Monnow to the south forming a positive overlooking edge whilst expansion of the settlement to the west of the area forms a linear edge of limited merit, but well defined by Rockfield Road.

The entire area is covered by SLA designation while the majority of the area to the south is covered by Conservation Area status, floodplain or is part of a landscape of outstanding historical interest- the lower Wye valley.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its role as part of the River Monnow green corridor and habitat network penetrating close to the town core, forming part of the settlement's setting to the north and is used for walking and informal recreation in parts. The value of the area lies in its location within or close to the Town Conservation Area, the presence of the Lower Wye Landscape of Outstanding Interest in the southern parts, the listed buildings and structures, and their settings, River Monnow SINC, the Area of amenity importance covering the area and the PROWs running through the area. LANDMAP value is outstanding for historic landscape, high for visual and sensory and cultural landscape and, for the majority of the area, for landscape habitats.

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 90% high, 10% low
Historical Landscapes	90% outstanding, 10% moderate	Cultural Landscapes High
Visual and Sensory	High	
Designations		
Landscape designations comments	Area of amenity importance covering the area	
National Park	AONB	
Historic/archaeology designations comments	majority to the south in Conservation Area; south eastern part in Lower Wye Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest; listed buildings at Vauxhall and in arc to the south east in settlement core, some overlooking area; castle is SM to south east.	
Historic Parks and Gardens	Yes	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting Yes Listed Building Yes
Landscape of Hist. Interest	Yes	Scheduled Monument Conservation Area Yes 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 Monmouth LCA Number 42 also part of

Characteristics

Landform River Monnow valley floor and lower valley sides to the north west

Landcover pasture and grassland

Pattern

Settlement pattern farm complex, former poultry houses and static/touring caravan park

Woodland cover riparian trees along the River Monnow and single trees especially oak and occasional clump around Vauxhall

Boundaries fences or low cut hedges

 Presence of water River Monnow adjacent and tributary to the south

Diversity simple Scale medium

Sense of enclosure moderately open but enclosed by higher ground and settlement to the south and east

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments pasture and grass areas, some used for informal recreation [although privately owned] and a caravan park.

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, there is habitat connectivity along the river corridor and associated open space and there is access across the area which links into the settlement and is well used on an informal basis

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

Key views

To settlement views across valley floor to castle, church and settlement coreFrom settlement views across valley floor from castle [not publicly accessible], church and settlement core to higher ground to the north [Area M3]

Landmarks church and castle to south

Detractors former poultry houses

Intervisibility

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

Comments views across valley floor to and from castle [not publicly accessible], church and settlement core

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development many 270 Presence of people frequent

Summary medium

Comments views of the settlement and presence of people make area feel close to the town edge

Settlement edge

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

Comments the settlement edge is generally positive to the south and east with the traditional settlement core and Conservation Area, although the linear edge to the west is less integrated and positive, but is well defined by Rockfield Road.

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area forms the focus of views from the settlement north and forms part of the setting for the Conservation Area and a visual corridor into the settlement, partly along the Monnow valley

Receptors

Sensitivity

urban residents

high/medium

viewpoints

high/medium

long distance/public footpaths

high

roads/rail/cycleways

medium

Comments the area is overlooked from the settlement core to the south including residents and visitors, by users of footpaths and by road users to the west.

OTHER

Other factors majority of area except land to north west is in floodplain

Potential Improvements (if no development)

reinforce river corridor with semi-natural buffer, replant/reinforce hedgerows and encourage tree cover in hedgerows and around buildings, accesses and car park, and along Rockfield Road

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

River Monnow lower valley sides and minor ridge rising to the north west.

Medium to large scale pasture with wire and low hedge boundaries with farm complex and vineyard.

Tree cover is limited with some field trees and clumps, around buildings and along some field boundaries.

The area forms part of a strong green corridor and habitat network along the River Monnow penetrating into town.

The north eastern edge forms the local skyline and is also visible as a skyline at the top of a steep wooded slope from the other side of the Monnow valley.

The area is overlooked at a distance by buildings and spaces in the town centre and views to the town and the church are possible from footpaths crossing the area.

The settlement to the west of the area forms a linear edge of limited merit.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its open rural character, its role as part of the River Monnow green corridor and habitat network running into the town core, forming a positive approach from the north and is used for walking along PROWs. Parts of the area are visible from the town core as forming part of the rural setting. The local skyline to the north east is particularly susceptible as it is visible from both sides. The rising hillsides to the north are also very susceptible to development due to their prominence. The value of the area lies in the listed building to the north, the PROWs crossing the area, the Area of amenity importance covering most of the area and habitat connectivity. LANDMAP value is outstanding for historic landscape, high for visual and sensory and cultural landscape, and the majority of the area for landscape habitats 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	75% high, 25% moderate	Landscape Habitats 90% high, 10% low
Historical Landscapes	Outstanding	Cultural Landscapes High
Visual and Sensory	High	

Designations

Landscape designations comments Area of amenity importance covering most of the area

National Park AONB

Historic/archaeology designations comments listed building at Salts Lodge to the north east

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

Landscape of Hist. Interest Scheduled Monument Conservation Area WHS

Biodiversity designations comments River Monnow and woodland SINC adjacent to the north east

SAC NNR SINC SSSI RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

Country Park National Trail National/Regional Cycle Route

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Monmouth LCA Number 42 also part of 24 0

Characteristics

Landform a sloping valley sides becoming more steep to the north west around Ancre Hill

Landcover pasture and vineyard to the north west

Pattern

Settlement pattern scattered farmsteads at Drybridge Farm and Ancre Hill

Woodland cover scattered field and hedgerow trees- mainly oaks with some limes with backcloth of woodland to the north east

Boundaries low cut hedges mainly

Presence of water -

Diversity simple Scale medium

Sense of enclosure generally open to the south east and west

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments pasture and vineyard

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 wider landholding, with existing habitat connectivity along the River Monnow corridor and associated pasture to the north east and has PROWs running across and on its boundaries that link into Monmouth

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance prominent Complexity simple

Comments simple low ridgeline with trees to the north east, also viewed from the other side of the Monnow valley, making it very sensitive.

Key views

To settlement potential views to the core of the settlement to the south from PROWs

From settlement view from settlement core north to rising hillside with vineyard noticeable

Landmarks -

Detractors -

Intervisibility

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

Comments view to and from settlement core north to rising hillside

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development many 270 Presence of people infrequent

Summary high/medium

Comments the majority of the area lies away from the settlement edge and Rockfield Road and is tranquil although there is intervisibility with the settlement

Settlement edge

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

Comments the recent estate to the west is without hierarchy or particular merit but is contained by the Rockfield Road which forms a clear boundary

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area is visible from the settlement and it forms a rural backcloth to it as well as forming part of a green corridor into the town from the north

Receptors

urban residents

rural residents

long distance/public footpaths

roads/rail/cycleways

Sensitivity

high/medium

high/medium

high

medium

Comments the main receptors are the adjacent residents and users of Rockfield Road, although there are distant views from Monmouth centre to the vineyards.

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) -

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Valley sides, steep and prominent to the west and flat valley floor and floodplain beside River Monnow.

A mix of pasture with hedges, a vineyard, rural settlement and school.

An intimate, enclosed landscape of strong deciduous cover on steep western valley sides and also riparian vegetation and some trees in hedgerows.

The area is a green valley corridor focused on the sinuous River Monnow along which there is some rural settlement and a historic weir.

The area appears to be well used locally the dog walking.

The suburban character settlement edge is prominent to the north east.

Much of the area has SINC designation and there are listed structures including a weir.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its distinctive river valley and floodplain with prominent steep wooded slopes on the south side, steep slopes to the north, mature riparian vegetation, and an enclosed pastoral character, existing habitat connectivity, Area of Amenity Importance, footpath access and community uses.

Its value lies in its SINC designation, listed structures and community focus. LANDMAP value is outstanding for historic landscape and partly for cultural landscape, and high for visual & sensory and landscape habitats.

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	75% moderate, 25% high	Landscape Habitats High
Historical Landscapes	Outstanding	Cultural Landscapes 70% high, 30% outstanding
Visual and Sensory	High	

Designations

Landscape designations comments Area of Amenity Importance

National Park AONB

Historic/archaeology designations comments Osbaston House and weir, and Salts Lodge are 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 SINC in river valley

SAC NNR SINC SSSI RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

Country Park National Trail National/Regional Cycle Route

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Monnow Valley LCA Number 24 also part of 0 0

Characteristics

Landform valley sides, steep to the west and flat valley floor beside River Monnow

Landcover pasture, vineyard, rural settlement and school

Pattern

Settlement pattern cluster and single rural dwelling

Woodland cover strong deciduous cover on steep southern valley sides and also riparian vegetation and some trees in hedgerows

Boundaries irregular small scale fields with outgrown hedges to south and low cut hedges to north

Presence of water River Monnow, lower areas in floodplain

Diversity simple Scale small scale

Sense of enclosure enclosed by valley sides and vegetation

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments pasture, vineyard, rural settlement and school

Functional relationship and connectivity

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

...with adjacent assessed area? some Corridor?

Existing Habitat Connectivity Habitat Connectivity Opportunity

valley corridor into settlement with floodplain and public access in parts linking into settlement; habitat connectivity along river and the central corridor on through the town, and potential linkages into woodland belts and gardens

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance prominent Complexity simple

Comments the southern valley side forms a prominent skyline with trees

Key views

To settlement -

From settlement -

Landmarks -

Detractors housing to the north east is a minor detractor

Intervisibility

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

Comments within narrow valley

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads people

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments views of prominent settlement edge to the east with some walkers on public footpaths

Settlement edge

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

Comments though the settlement is somewhat softened by mature vegetation it still provides a suburban edge to what is a rural area

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments valley provides green corridor overlooked by settlement at Osbaston

Receptors

urban residents

rural residents

Sensitivity

high/medium

high/medium

LLCA M04

Settlement: Monmouth

long distance/public footpaths high

roads/rail/cycleways medium

Comments there are rural residents enjoying the character of the area as well as users of the public footpaths. The area is also overlooked by users of the Osbaston Road and residents on the north eastern valley sides.

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) enhance habitat connectivity along river and into woodland belts and hedgerows

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Prominent sloping hill/valley sides of two tributary watercourses running to the River Monnow to the west, with steep slopes in places.

Irregular pasture and arable fields medium to large to the south west with generally low cut hedges to east and outgrown to the west.

Tree cover consists of a coniferous plantation at Manson's Grove to the west and is otherwise mainly trees along riparian corridors, associated with settlement and along some hedgerows to the north west.

The semi-rural settlement of Manson is loose knit and otherwise settlement is scattered.

The area acts as the green open setting of the settlement to the north and to the rural Monnow valley floor. There are listed buildings at The Maze and Great Manson Farm adjacent, and River Monnow SINC to the west.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its character as prominent open rural hill and valley sides of positive character reaching elevated positions to the north and including steep slopes in places, the habitat connectivity of the tributary streams, the PROWs through the area, the semi-rural settlement at Manson, and the indented settlement edge allowing green corridors to penetrate the settlement form. The value of the area lies in the listed Manson Farmhouse and 'The Maze', the Area of amenity importance west of housing and the PROWs through the area. LANDMAP value is outstanding for historic landscape, high for visual and sensory and cultural 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	Outstanding	Cultural Landscapes 95% high, 5% outstanding
Visual and Sensory	High	

Designations

Landscape designations comments	Area of amenity importance west of housing		
National Park	AONB		
Historic/archaeology designations comments	listed buildings at The Maze and Great Manson Farm 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	River Monnow SINC to the west.		
SAC	NNR	SINC	SSSI RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

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

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name	Buckholt Woods	LCA Number	23	also part of
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Characteristics

Landform elevated sloping hill/valley sides of two tributary watercourses running to the River Monnow to the west

Landcover pasture and arable with settlement of Manson

Pattern

Settlement pattern loose linear development in Manson and scattered farmsteads and dwellings on lanes along edges of area

Woodland cover coniferous plantation at Manson's Grove to the west and otherwise mainly trees along riparian corridors, associated with settlement and along some hedgerows to the north west

Boundaries irregular fields medium to large to south west with generally low cut hedges to east and outgrown to the west

Presence of water tributary watercourses

Diversity simple Scale medium

Sense of enclosure generally open

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments pasture and arable with settlement of Manson

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 may be managed as part of wider landholdings, has habitat connectivity along the tributary valley to the east and has PROWs indirectly linking into the settlement

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance apparent Complexity simple

Comments parts of the ridge between the tributary stream valleys form local skylines

Key views

To settlement long views towards settlement from north

From settlement views from adjacent housing over area

Landmarks -

Detractors adjacent housing- minor detractor

Intervisibility

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

Comments prominent open hill and valley sides are visible from valley bottom of River Monnow, higher slopes and adjacent housing

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary high/medium

Comments though the settlement edge is visible the area is generally tranquil with limited road access

Settlement edge

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

Comments indented housing estates which intrude on the countryside especially along A466 which is on a ridge but which are partially mitigated by vegetation and sit down in the landscape to the south west

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

 Setting

Comments the area acts as the green open setting of the settlement to the north and to the rural Monnow valley floor to the west

Receptors

long distance/public footpaths

rural residents

urban residents

roads/rail/cycleways

Sensitivity

high

high

high/medium

medium

Comments the main receptors are users of the footpaths through the area and the A466, local residents within the area and adjacent residents

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development)

reinforce tributary stream habitat corridors linking into adjacent hedges, encouraging tree growth

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Gently rolling lowland hill and ridge with medium to large irregular arable and pasture fields with low cut and degraded hedges.

Trees are limited to trees and scrub around farmsteads and a few along hedgerows.

Whilst generally open the area is enclosed to an extent by rising land to the north, west and east.

Rural settlement is confined to one farm complex and a small cluster around Rockfield Studios which is highly rural in appearance in converted farm buildings.

The recent settlement edge to the south overlooks the area but to the north the area is rural with no view of the settlement.

The area lies near Offa's Dyke and either side of the Rockfield Road approach to the settlement.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area is its openness and character as open countryside with a listed farmhouse on the brow of a distinctive low hill which rises to screen the settlement from the landscape to the north. This gentle hill and the ridge to the east are locally prominent and away from the settlement are tranquil. The area forms a positive approach to the settlement from the north. The value of the area lies in the listed building at Croft-y-Bwla and the PROWs crossing the area. LANDMAP value is outstanding for historic landscape, high for visual and sensory and cultural landscape and, for the majority of the area, 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	85% high, 15% moderate	Landscape Habitats Moderate
Historical Landscapes	Outstanding	Cultural Landscapes High
Visual and Sensory	High	
Designations		
Landscape designations comments	-	
National Park	AONB	
Historic/archaeology designations comments	listed building at Croft-y-Bwla	
Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Listed Building Yes
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 Kings Wood LCA Number 21 also part of 24 0

Characteristics

Landform rolling lowland landform with a ridge to the east

Landcover arable and pasture

Pattern

Settlement pattern scattered farmsteads

Woodland cover limited to trees and scrub around farmsteads and a few along hedgerows

Boundaries medium to large irregular fields with low cut hedges

Presence of water -

Diversity simple Scale medium

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 managed as part of a wider landholding and has a public right of way linking into the settlement on its southern boundary. Existing habitat connectivity to the River Monnow corridor lies to the north east.

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance apparent Complexity simple

Comments area acts as local skyline in views from south and either side of Rockfield Road

Key views

To settlement on Rockfield Road approach to settlement

From settlement viewed from recent settlement edge

Landmarks Crofty-y-Bwla dominates local area on local hill top

Detractors settlement edge to south

Intervisibility

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

Comments intervisibility with adjacent hillsides

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary high/medium

Comments the adjacent settlement edge to the south dominates the southern part of the area but is not visible to the north which relates to the surrounding tranquil countryside which has limited access

Settlement edge

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

Comments recent estate edge to the south is linear with little hierarchy and merit and relatively unmitigated by vegetation at present apart from an existing hedge and some trees

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the southern part of the area acts as visual enclosure to the settlement.

Receptors

Sensitivity

LLCA M06 Settlement: Monmouth

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

Comments residents overlook the area as do users of the Offa's Dyke footpath to the south west and users of Rockfield Road.

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) reinstate hedgerows including along Rockfield Road, encourage trees in hedgerows, increase screening of adjacent housing estate. manage hedgerows and increase trees in hedgerows

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Very gently sloping land rising on the western margins with a steeply rising hill beyond.

Medium-large arable fields and smaller pastures/meadows bounded by a mix of low cut and outgrown hedges with mature oak trees.

There are a few farm complexes and rural dwellings isolated from the settlement edge.

The settlement edge itself is a mix of linear and indented with commercial uses apparent.

Offa's Dyke footpath crosses the area along with a number of other footpaths.

National cycle route runs along the lane to the south.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its role as the lower slopes of the rural backcloth to Monmouth to the east, its openness, especially to the north, its use for recreation in terms of Offa's Dyke with associated views and other footpaths linking the settlement to the countryside, its fine oak trees and hedges, its habitat connectivity to the woodland and its productive arable land use. Its value lies in Offa's Dyke footpath and PROWs, the national cycle route, and the scenic quality of views to and from the adjacent hills including Kings Wood. LANDMAP value is 90% outstanding for historic landscape, high for visual and sensory and cultural landscape, and for small part of the area, for geological landscape. The least sensitive part of the area lies in the fields directly west of the recent development, extending no further west than the boundary with M08 and the field boundary aligned with the Portfield Farm access to the south. Also the flat field at the low level east of Watery Lane may have some opportunity provided substantial tree screening and landscape buffers between it and the National Trail and to the north are put in place to minimise effects and act as a long term edge to the settlement. The most sensitive part of the area lies in the open fields in the northern part of the LLCA, intervisible with Offa's Dyke path, and rising to the north.

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	80% moderate, 20% high	Landscape Habitats 60% moderate, 40% low
Historical Landscapes	90% outstanding, 10% 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 Yes SSSI RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

Country Park National Trail Yes National/Regional Cycle Route

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Monmouth LCA Number 42 also part of 0 0

Characteristics

Landform very gently sloping land rising on the western margins with a steeply rising hill beyond to the north and west

Landcover arable with some pasture/meadow

Pattern

Settlement pattern very sparse scattered rural dwellings and farmsteads

Woodland cover mature trees, mainly oaks, in hedgerows

Boundaries medium-large semi-regular fields bounded by a mix of low cut and outgrown hedges with trees

Presence of water drains and pond

Diversity simple Scale medium

Sense of enclosure open but enclosed by landform to the west and by trees and hedges to the south

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments arable with some pasture/meadow

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, has some existing habitat connectivity to the woodlands to the north and west and is crossed by numerous public footpaths linking the settlement with the wider countryside including Offa's Dyke

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity simple

Comments -

Key views

To settlement along Offa's Dyke towards treed edge of Watery Lane with well spaced detached houses

From settlement views out from settlement edge to hills/Kings Wood

Landmarks -

Detractors adjacent housing estate visible above hedgerows

Intervisibility

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

Comments the area is intervisible with adjacent hillside to the west with associated footpaths including Offa's Dyke

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads people

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the visibility of the settlement edge including commercial uses is the main factor reducing tranquillity in what is a generally quiet rural area

Settlement edge

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

Comments the housing estate is a raw edge although mitigated by hedgerows while the detached housing to

the north is positive due to the integration through vegetation or the quality of houses in some cases

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area is the lower part of the rural backcloth of hills to the west of the settlement

Receptors

Sensitivity

long distance/public footpaths

high

rural residents

high

urban residents

high/medium

roads/rail/cycleways

medium

Comments the main receptors are users of Offa's Dyke and other footpaths, the national cycle route to the south, with a few rural and urban residents and users of minor roads

OTHER

Other factors Offa's Dyke Footpath runs through the area and the area appears to be productive in terms of its arable land use

Potential Improvements (if no development) reinforce hedges, encouraging tree growth

Mitigation (if development) reinforce boundary hedges, encouraging tree growth, ensuring that these lie outside private curtilages and include public access to protect them and improve screening in the long term. Screen any housing to the south from national cycle route.

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Steeply rising concave sloped hill.

Mosaic of deciduous woodland focussed on Kings Wood with pasture and arable small irregular fields bounded by a mix of low cut and outgrown hedges with mature oak trees.

The area lies away from the settlement edge.

Offa's Dyke footpath crosses the area along with a number of other footpaths.

The area is in part covered by SINC designation.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High

The susceptibility of the area lies in its distinctive rising hillsides, free from settlement, with open lower slopes which are mainly pasture, and large deciduous woodland blocks with a mosaic of pasture rising to the skyline, forming the backcloth to the town on its western side, and also containing diverse habitats and connectivity, with several footpaths including Offa's Dyke Path. Its value lies in its SINC designations, and role as a prominent scenic backcloth to Monmouth, accessibility from the settlement and the national trail. LANDMAP value is outstanding in part for historic landscape and high for for cultural landscape, visual & sensory and, in part, 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	85% high, 15% moderate	Landscape Habitats 60% moderate, 40% low
Historical Landscapes	60% outstanding, 40% 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 contains woodland and grassland SINCS

SAC NNR SINC SSSI RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

Country Park National Trail Yes National/Regional Cycle Route

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Kings Wood LCA Number 21 also part of

Characteristics

Landform steeply rising landform on lower slopes of King's Wood

Landcover mosaic of woodland, pasture and arable fields

Pattern

Settlement pattern none

Woodland cover significant deciduous woodland on fringes of King's Wood including Orles Wood and Sergeant's Grove and field boundaries and on stream courses

Boundaries small scale irregular fields with mix of outgrown and low cut hedgerows and trees

Presence of water small scale stream courses and ditches

Diversity diverse Scale small

Sense of enclosure enclosed within woodland but open to the east

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments mosaic of woodland, pasture and arable fields

Functional relationship and connectivity

...with wider landscape significant ...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 is crossed by numerous public footpaths linking the settlement with the wider countryside including Offa's Dyke Path; habitat connectivity in both woodland and semi-improved grassland and ditches

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments though on a steep hillside higher ground to the west acts as skyline

Key views

To settlement views from Offa's Dyke and other footpaths towards the settlement

From settlement area is part of strong backcloth to the settlement to the west

Landmarks just to the north west is Caxton Tower on a hilltop visible from many parts of the settlement

Detractors -

Intervisibility

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

Comments highly visible across the lower ground to the east to other hillsides

Tranquillity

Noise sources people

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary high/medium

Comments the area is highly rural and quiet as it has no roads and is separated from the settlement with just occasional walkers

Settlement edge

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

Comments n/a

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area is part of the rural backcloth of hills to the west of the settlement

Receptors

long distance/public footpaths

rural residents

Sensitivity

high

high

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Settlement: Monmouth

urban residents

high/medium

Comments the main receptors are users of Offa's Dyke and other footpaths, with a few rural and urban residents

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) enhance habitat connectivity especially semi improved grassland and ditches

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Distinct steep sided hill, appearing isolated especially to the north.

Strong deciduous woodland cover on crest and north and eastern faces of the hill and a mix of medium scale arable and pastoral fields to the south and west.

The hill constrains and acts as a strong consistent backcloth to Monmouth to the south.

The skyline of the hill is very important and is generally unspoilt apart from prominent new development at Gibraltar.

The hill features in key views from the High Street in Monmouth and from the A40[T] which passes beneath it in tunnel.

The woodland partly has a SINC designation.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High

The susceptibility of the area lies in its prominent landform with woodland, visible from many directions and containing the south side of Monmouth, as well as its habitat connectivity in terms of both woodland, hedges and semi improved grassland. Its value lies in its eastern edge just within both the AONB and a Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest, woodland SINC designation, and footpath access linking to new developed areas. LANDMAP value is high for visual & 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	High	Cultural Landscapes 90% high, 5% outstanding
Visual and Sensory	High	

Designations

Landscape designations comments east edge in Wye Valley AONB

National Park AONB

Historic/archaeology designations comments east edge just within Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest

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

Biodiversity designations comments SINC in woodland

SAC	NNR	SINC	SSSI	RAMSAR
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Recreation Factors

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

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name	Trothy Valley	LCA Number	22	also part of
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Characteristics

Landform isolated steep sided hill especially to the north

Landcover strong deciduous woodland cover on crest and north and eastern faces of the hill and a mix of arable and pastoral fields to the south and west

Pattern

Settlement pattern isolated developments and dwellings including depot

Woodland cover strong deciduous woodland cover on crest and north and eastern faces of the hill - St Dial's Wood and Holywell Wood

Boundaries medium sized irregular fields with low cut hedges and very few trees

Presence of water -

Diversity diverse Scale medium

Sense of enclosure enclosed in woodland and open to south

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments woodland, pasture and arable

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 landholding and has very little public access except PROW in western edge; habitat connectivity with woodland blocks and hedgerows

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance very prominent Complexity simple

Comments isolated hill with prominent skyline visible from town, valley floors, views from the south east, and from A40[T] which passes in tunnel beneath it

Key views

To settlement the hill frames views to the settlement from east and acts as a backcloth

From settlement the hill provides a focus and back stop for views from the High Street

Landmarks -

Detractors new development at Gibraltar and the A40[T]

Intervisibility

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

Comments highly visible from all sides

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the hill is disturbed by the A40[T] and views of the settlement on one side

Settlement edge

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

Comments the settlement edge to the north is set into the side of the hill below Link Road and is not widely visible

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the hill provides a focus and back stop for views from the High Street and from the wider settlement and visually links across to King's Wood hill to an extent, and also from rural views

towards the town from the south

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

Comments the key receptors are residents and visitors in Monmouth, users of the A40[T] and rural residents.

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) strengthen woodland and hedgerows linking to A40 and river corridors, and semi improved grassland and ditch on Wonastow Road

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

River Trothy valley floor and floodplain with sinuous course of the river running through.

Small scale pasture fields defined by riparian and road side trees and parkland tree cover to the east associated with Troy House.

Scattered settlement along roads such as the B4293 and off valley floor.

The area lies separated from Monmouth by the intervening hill [Area M09].

The tranquillity of the area is reduced by the presence of the A40[T] which overlooks the area from the north west.

The south east is covered by the Wye Valley AONB and Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its intimate rural character as part of the River Trothy valley green corridor distinctly separated from the town by the hill to the north, with traditional rural buildings, parkland and floodplain, overlooked by associated hillsides and by roads approaching the settlement including the A40[T] and the B4293 and a PROW to the east. Its value lies in its designation in the Wye Valley AONB and Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest, setting to a Historic Parks and Garden, and listed structures. LANDMAP value is outstanding for cultural landscape and high for visual & sensory, historic landscape and partly 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 Outstanding

Visual and Sensory High

Designations

Landscape designations comments Wye Valley AONB south east of the B4293

National Park AONB Yes

Historic/archaeology designations comments Lower Wye Valley Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest; Troy Cottage, Trothy Bridge and Tollgate House all listed; east part is in Historic Parks and Gardens

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

Landscape of Hist. Interest Yes Scheduled Monument Conservation Area WHS

Biodiversity designations comments SINC along river course

SAC NNR SINC SSSI RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

Country Park National Trail National/Regional Cycle Route

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Trothy Valley LCA Number 22 also part of

Characteristics

Landform Trothy valley floor and floodplain

Landcover pasture/meadow

Pattern

Settlement pattern scattered settlement on roads

Woodland cover riparian, road side and parkland tree cover to the east associated with Troy House

Boundaries small scale fields defined by roads, river and including trees

Presence of water River Trothy

Diversity diverse Scale small

Sense of enclosure enclosed

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 wider landholdings and has a public footpath on its eastern edge; existing habitat connectivity along river and linking to areas to the east.

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

Key views

To settlement no views to Monmouth

From settlement no views from Monmouth

Landmarks -

Detractors A40[T] to north west

Intervisibility

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

Comments low lying area but intervisible with A40[T] and contributing to Wye Valley to east

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development some Presence of people frequent

Summary medium/low

Comments area affected by noise and movement on A40[T] and by B4293

Settlement edge

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

Comments n/a

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments forms part of valley landscape including Wye Valley overlooked by adjacent hillsides

Receptors

rural residents

Sensitivity

high

LLCA M10 Settlement: Monmouth

roads/rail/cycleways high

long distance/public footpaths high

Comments main receptors are users of the A40[T] and B4293 with usres of nearby PROW and local residents

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) -

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Rivers Wye, Monnow and Trothy valley floor and floodplain.

Small-medium scale pastoral enclosures to the north defined by riparian and roadside trees and large scale open pasture/arable fields to the south.

The well treed dismantled railway embankment breaks up the valley floor.

The viaduct and railway bridge adjacent form strong distinctive features and focal points.

No settlement on floodplain but recent estate housing separated from main settlement by the A40[T] impinges on the dismantled railway embankment to the east.

The tranquillity of the area is reduced by the presence of the A40[T] which overlooks the area from the north west but increases to the south east.

The southern part is covered by the Wye Valley AONB and also partly by a Conservation Area.

The Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest covers the whole area.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High

The susceptibility of the area lies in its distinctive open, flat lowland character in the floodplain of the Rivers Wye, Monnow, and Trothy separating Monmouth from Wyesham, with large open fields defined by trees along the riparian corridors and along former railways corridors, all in contrast to the dramatic steep slopes to the north, and visibility from these slopes and from public rights of way including the Wye Valley Walk to the east. Its value lies in its designations including Wye Valley AONB, Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest, Conservation Area, and conservation interest in the River Wye SAC and SSSI, and part is SINC. LANDMAP value is outstanding for cultural landscape and high for visual & sensory, landscape habitats and geological landscape, mostly 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	High	Landscape Habitats Almost all high
Historical Landscapes	60% high, 40% moderate	Cultural Landscapes Outstanding
Visual and Sensory	High	
Designations		
Landscape designations comments	Wye Valley AONB to the south of dismantled railway; Area of Amenity Importance in allotment gardens to the north	
National Park	AONB Yes	
Historic/archaeology designations comments	Conservation Area to the north; Lower Wye Valley Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest; Railway Bridge listed	
Historic Parks and Gardens	Yes	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting Yes Listed Building
Landscape of Hist. Interest	Yes	Scheduled Monument Conservation Area Yes WHS
Biodiversity designations comments	River Wye adjacent is SAC and SSSI, part is SINC	
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 Trothy Valley LCA Number 22 also part of 42 0

Characteristics

Landform River Wye, River Monnow and River Trothy valley floor and floodplain

Landcover pasture or arable

Pattern

Settlement pattern none in floodplain

Woodland cover riparian trees and trees on dismantled railway embankment and around dismantled station

Boundaries large fields and fences to the south and small-medium enclosures to the north

 Presence of water River Wye, River Monnow and River Trothy define valley floor; most of area is in floodplain

Diversity simple Scale small to north and medium-large to south

Sense of enclosure enclosed by valley sides

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments pasture and allotments [possibly arable rotation in parts]

Functional relationship and connectivity

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

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

the bulk of the area appears to be managed as part of a wider landholding and has a public footpaths on its western and southern edges. The area to the north is rough ground and allotments. Habitat connectivity along old railway and linking to rivers.

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

Key views

To settlement views to settlement from Wye Valley Path and around Wye valley across the areaFrom settlement views out from Chippenham recreation ground and eastern edge of the town over open valley bottom

Landmarks dismantled railway viaduct and railway bridge adjacent

Detractors traffic noise from A40(T)

Intervisibility

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

Comments overlooked by valley sides in Wye Valley AONB and from Wye Valley walk

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development many 270 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the A40[T] to the north and views of settlement on two sides reduce tranquillity to the north but this increases to the south

Settlement edge

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

Comments estate housing isolated from main settlement by A40[T] impinging on valley floor

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area forms the distinctive setting and approach to the town from the south and is overlooked by the valley sides in the AONB

Receptors

Sensitivity

urban residents

high/medium

rural residents

high/medium

long distance/public footpaths

high

roads/rail/cycleways

medium

Comments the most important receptors are users of the Wye Valley footpath[s], adjacent rural residents such as Troy House and users of the adjacent open spaces such as Chippenham and users of the A40[T]

OTHER

Other factors majority of area is floodplain

Potential Improvements (if no development)

protect and enhance areas of existing habitat connectivity along the river and railway lines and link to woodland and gardens to the south

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Lower valley sides and valley floor of Wye valley.

Medium-large rectilinear arable/grass fields bounded by fences and low-cut gappy hedgerows to the south. The southern part is used for the Monmouthshire show and other occasional uses and the Wye Valley Walk runs along the river which bounds the area.

The area is open in itself but enclosed and overlooked by the wooded valley sides.

The A466 runs through the middle of the area reducing the area's tranquillity.

Housing estates at Wyesham border the area to the north forming a prominent and detractive edge, and skyline in part.

The area is almost entirely within the Wye Valley AONB, is within the Lower Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Historic Interest and the river is a SAC and SSSI.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area is that it forms part of a strong open green corridor along the Wye valley incorporating the Wye Valley Walk as a key approach to the settlement. It is highly visible from adjacent valley sides and on the A466 road approach to the settlement and some is in the floodplain. The value of the area lies in its location in the Wye Valley AONB and within the Lower Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Historic Interest and the river is a SAC and SSSI. LANDMAP value is outstanding for cultural landscape and high for visual and sensory, historic landscape and landscape habitats.

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 High
Historical Landscapes	High	Cultural Landscapes Outstanding
Visual and Sensory	High	

Designations

Landscape designations comments substantially in Wye Valley AONB

National Park AONB Yes

Historic/archaeology designations comments in Lower Wye Valley Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest

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

Landscape of Hist. Interest Yes Scheduled Monument Conservation Area WHS

Biodiversity designations comments River Wye adjacent is a 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 Trothy Valley LCA Number 22 also part of

Characteristics

Landform lower valley sides and valley floor of Wye valley

Landcover arable fields with rough grass to north west

Pattern

Settlement pattern none

Woodland cover occasional trees along riparian corridor and otherwise none with trees to the east and west

Boundaries medium-large rectilinear fields bounded by fences and low-cut gappy hedgerows to the south

Presence of water River Wye adjacent

Diversity simple Scale medium-large

Sense of enclosure open locally although enclosed by adjacent valley sides

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments arable/grass with the southern part of the area used for the Monmouthshire show and other occasional uses

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, there is habitat connectivity along the Wye and the Wye Valley Walk runs alongside the river linking into the settlement

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments structures on the area might become skyline features when viewed from lower down the slope

Key views

To settlement area forms part of open rural approach to the settlement and the outskirts of Wyesham are visible up the hill to the north

From settlement overlooked by adjacent housing

Landmarks -

Detractors -

Intervisibility

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

Comments area intervisible with adjacent valley sides

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the A466 runs through the middle of the area and this along with the views of the estate to the north reduce the area's tranquillity although it is clearly part of the open rural Wye valley

Settlement edge

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

Comments the housing estate in Wyesham runs along the northern boundary of the area [defined by dismantled railway line] acting as skyline in places and creating an unsightly intrusion into the open countryside

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area forms the distinctive setting and approach to the town from the south and is overlooked by the valley sides in the AONB

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

Comments the key receptors are users of the Wye Valley Walk, users of the A466, rural residents in the Kymin at a distance and adjacent settlement residents

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) screen adjacent housing with deciduous trees on/around dismantled railway line and improve hedgerows encouraging trees, especially along the road

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Floor and floodplain of Wye valley to the north and lower valley sides to the south.

Cricket ground and railway embankment plus detached houses in large gardens to the south.

Trees line the river and embankment, generally screening houses in large gardens.

The settlement edge to the east includes a supermarket which is a detractor.

The site allows views to and from distinctive Monmouth School beyond the A40[T] which also reduces the area's tranquillity.

The area forms part of the Wye valley floor acting as part of a green corridor into the town.

Wye Valley AONB lies adjacent to the south of dismantled railway.

The cricket ground and River Wye edge are Areas of Amenity Importance

The Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest covers the whole area.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its openness and highly visible location beside the River Wye and A40(T), forming part of the undeveloped Wye corridor separating Monmouth from Wyesham and allowing views to and from Monmouth School, its riparian vegetation and habitat connectivity, its role as floodplain and community use as a sports ground. Its value lies in its designation in the Wye Valley AONB, Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest, SAC and SSSI, listed Railway Bridge and recreational use as the cricket ground. LANDMAP value is mostly outstanding for cultural landscape and high for visual & sensory and mostly high for landscape habitats 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	85% high, 15% moderate	Landscape Habitats 80% high, 20% low
Historical Landscapes	90% moderate, 10% high	Cultural Landscapes Outstanding
Visual and Sensory	High	

Designations

Landscape designations comments Wye Valley AONB adjacent to the south of dismantled railway;
Cricket ground and River Wye edge are Areas of Amenity Importance

National Park AONB Yes

Historic/archaeology designations comments Lower Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Historic Interest;
Railway Bridge adjacent listed

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

Biodiversity designations comments River Wye corridor is SAC and SSSI
SAC Yes NNR SINC SSSI Yes RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

Country Park National Trail Yes National/Regional Cycle Route

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Monmouth LCA Number 42 also part of 22 0

Characteristics

Landform floor and floodplain of Wye valley to the north and lower valley sides to the south

Landcover cricket ground and trees /rough grass by river and railway embankment plus detached houses

Pattern

Settlement pattern detached properties with large gardens

Woodland cover strong riparian tree cover, conifers by cricket ground and trees on railway embankment and in gardens

Boundaries defined by trees

Presence of water River Wye adjacent; in floodplain

Diversity diverse Scale medium

Sense of enclosure enclosed

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments cricket ground and residential

Functional relationship and connectivity

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

...with adjacent assessed area? some Corridor?

Existing Habitat Connectivity Habitat Connectivity Opportunity

area used as cricket ground with Wye Valley Walk connecting the settlement with the wider countryside; habitat connectivity along river and links to old railway viaduct

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

Key views

To settlement views across Cricket ground to Monmouth School and edge of the settlement

From settlement views across Cricket ground from Monmouth School and bridge

Landmarks -

Detractors A40[T] nearby

Intervisibility

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

Comments views across Cricket ground to and from Monmouth School and edge of the settlement with glimpses from adjacent roads

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development many 270 Presence of people frequent

Summary medium

Comments the A40[T] to the north west and views of settlement on two sides reduce tranquillity

Settlement edge

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

Comments the adjacent supermarket is a minor detractor but housing is generally mitigated by vegetation due to large gardens

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area forms part of the green open space of the Wye valley floor , the approach to the town from the south and is overlooked by the valley sides in the AONB

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

Comments the main receptors are users of the Wye Valley Walk, adjacent roads, Monmouth School and residents

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) maintain and strenghten riparian vegetation

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Generally steeply sloping hill/valley side running down to the River Wye.

Medium scale fields with low cut hedges and trees with fingers of woodland from the south east, tree and scrub cover on steeper slopes and trees in some hedgerows.

Some scattered farmsteads and dwellings are apparent with a loose knit housing extension to Wyesham to the south impinging.

The area is framed by woodlands on the upper slopes and forms a prominent and important part of the hill backcloth to the town and the Wye.

The area is substantially in Wye Valley AONB, all in the Lower Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Historic Interest and contains Wyesham Lane SINC [neutral grassland] east of settlement.

Offa's Dyke Path runs through the area and major nature conservation designated sites including the River Wye and woodland lie adjacent.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High

The susceptibility of the area lies in its character as an unspoilt, prominent steep slope forming the eastern backcloth to the settlement and the River Wye, complementing the wooded upper slopes. The value lies in its location substantially within the AONB, in the Lower Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Historic Interest and it contains Wyesham Lane SINC [neutral grassland] east of settlement and Offa's Dyke Path running through it. LANDMAP value is outstanding for visual and sensory and cultural landscape, and for the majority of the area, 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	85% moderate, 15% high	Landscape Habitats Moderate
Historical Landscapes	85% high, 15% moderate	Cultural Landscapes Outstanding
Visual and Sensory	Outstanding	
Designations		
Landscape designations comments	substantially in Wye Valley AONB	
National Park	AONB	Yes
Historic/archaeology designations comments	all in Lower Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Historic Interest, listed building to the north	
Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Yes Listed Building Yes
Landscape of Hist. Interest	Yes Scheduled Monument	Conservation Area WHS
Biodiversity designations comments	River Wye adjacent is SAC and SSSI; Wyesham Lane SINC [neutral grassland] lies to east of settlement; woodland adjacent to north east is pSAC, SSSI and National Nature Reserve [Fiddlers Elbow]; woodland to south is pSAC and SSSI [Harper's Grove]	
SAC Yes	NNR Yes	SINC Yes SSSI Yes RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

Country Park National Trail Yes National/Regional Cycle Route

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Wye Valley LCA Number 6 also part of 42 0

Characteristics

Landform generally steeply sloping hill/valley side running down to the Wye

Landcover pasture dominating with some arable

Pattern

Settlement pattern scattered farmsteads and dwellings with a loose knit housing extension to Wyesham to the south

Woodland cover fingers of woodland from the south east, tree and scrub cover on steeper slopes and trees in some hedgerows

Boundaries medium scale fields with low cut hedges and trees

Presence of water River Wye to the north west

Diversity simple Scale medium

Sense of enclosure open

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments pasture dominating with some arable

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 may be managed as part of wider landholdings, there is existing habitat connectivity to the Wye to the north and woodland and scrub to the south and Offa's Dyke Path links into the settlement

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance apparent Complexity simple

Comments structures on parts of the area may form the skyline when viewed from lower slopes. The wooded slopes to the east form the skyline.

Key views

To settlement Offa's Dyke footpath and A4136 approaches run through the area with views across the town

From settlement the slopes form the backcloth to Monmouth and Wyesham and feature prominently in views from the town eastwards

Landmarks -

Detractors -

Intervisibility

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

Comments exposed hillside open to view to Monmouth and the River Wye

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the noise of traffic on the A40[T] rises and settlement is visible on the lower slopes and in Monmouth

Settlement edge

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

Comments the settlement of Wyesham has a housing estate edge which impinges on the lower slopes

forming a local skyline in places. Detached houses extending into the area from Wyesham are beginning to impinge on the area's open and unspoilt character but are at a roughly consistent upper level. Dispersed houses at the Kymin adjacent are generally mitigated by significant tree cover.

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments exposed hillside open to view from Monmouth and contains the River Wye valley bottom and relates to the upper wooded hillside

Receptors

long distance/public footpaths

rural residents

urban residents

roads/rail/cycleways

Sensitivity

high

high

high/medium

medium

Comments the main receptors are users of the Offa's Dyke path, visitors and residents of the settlements of Monmouth and Wyesham, rural residents within the area and users of roads running through and nearby

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development)

reinforce the River Wye corridor, encourage corridors of semi-natural grassland to the south east, reinforce hedgerows to link into the main features including woodland.

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Flat valley floor and floodplain adjacent to the River Wye forming a green corridor on the north east approach to the settlement.

Small and medium-sized pasture fields between the river and A40[T] with a mix of outgrown hedges and fences, poorly maintained in places.

School playing fields lie to the north west.

The listed Church of St Peter is visual focus and the area is visually enclosed by the hillsides to the south east and north west.

The A40[T] reduces tranquillity and users view town and valley sides over the area.

The Wye Valley Walk runs alongside the river.

The area is substantially in Wye Valley AONB- to north east.

All is in the Lower Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Historic Interest; and part is in a Conservation Area.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its contribution to the green corridor of the River Wye with its mature tree belts and riparian vegetation with associated habitat connectivity, its role as floodplain, its community use for boating and informal recreation, rural character as part of the Wye corridor, and positive gateway to the settlement. Its value lies in its designations in the AONB, Area of Outstanding Historic Interest, Conservation Area and listed buildings, SAC and SSSI and the Wye Valley Walk. LANDMAP value is outstanding for cultural landscape and high for visual & sensory and mostly for geological andscape.

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	60% high, 40% moderate	Landscape Habitats 90% low, 5% moderate, 5% high
Historical Landscapes	90% moderate, 10% high	Cultural Landscapes Outstanding
Visual and Sensory	High	

Designations

Landscape designations comments substantially in Wye Valley AONB- to north east, Area of Amenity Importance

National Park AONB Yes

Historic/archaeology designations comments all in Lower Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Historic Interest; part in Conservation Area with listed buildings in Dixton including church of St Peter and Old Dixton Cottage

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

Landscape of Hist. Interest Yes Scheduled Monument Yes Conservation Area Yes WHS

Biodiversity designations comments River Wye adjacent is SAC and SSSI

SAC Yes NNR SINC SSSI Yes RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

Country Park National Trail Yes National/Regional Cycle Route

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Wye Valley LCA Number 6 also part of 42 0

Characteristics

Landform flat valley floor adjacent to the River Wye

Landcover pasture and playing fields

Pattern

Settlement pattern limited to church and school

Woodland cover trees are around church and school and as riparian vegetation and along the A40[T]

Boundaries small and medium-sized fields with a mix of outgrown hedges and fences, poorly maintained in places

 Presence of water River Wye runs adjacent

Diversity diverse Scale small

Sense of enclosure enclosed- by vegetation and by landform to the south east

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments pasture and playing fields

Functional relationship and connectivity

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

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

the pasture may be managed as part of a wider land holding and the Wye Valley Walk links into the settlement. The playing fields form an important function related to the school. Habitat connectivity along river corridor.

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

Key views

To settlement views to town centre from A40[T] across playing fields and local views to church of St Peter across the areaFrom settlement -

Landmarks Church of St Peter in area and view to church in Monmouth across the playing fields

Detractors A40[T]

Intervisibility

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

Comments overlooked by A40[T] and valley sides and adjacent to River Wye

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development many 270 Presence of people constant

Summary medium/low

Comments the A40[T] is noisy and reduces the area's tranquillity significantly although the edges close to the river have slightly increased tranquillity

Settlement edge

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

Comments housing adjacent to the area is mitigated by mature vegetation and does not form a solid edge

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

 Setting

Comments the area forms part of the Wye valley floor running into the settlement

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

Comments the main receptors are users of the Wye Valley Walk, the river itself and the A40[T] with adjacent residents

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) improve hedgerow management and riparian vegetation

Mitigation (if development) -

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Long sloping hill/valley sides on the east side of Monmouth running down to the Wye valley floor with minor watercourse and to the north east.

Irregular medium sized fields with mixed farming and low-cut hedgerows and tree cover limited to the stream course and around dwellings and their gardens.

The settlement within the area is scattered and rural with a visual focus in the listed Priory farmhouse on the hillside.

20c ribbon development of houses on the western boundary ridge top form a prominent skyline.

The area is highly visible on the eastern approaches to the town and from the Wye Valley AONB to the south.

The A40[T] which decreases the tranquillity of the area to the south but the area increases in tranquillity to the north and east.

Dixton is a Conservation Area with a SM and listed buildings and is in the Lower Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Historic Interest.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its character as a long open rural hill/valley side on the east and north east side of the settlement visible from the Wye Valley AONB, the A40[T] and A466 with only rural settlement along Leasbrook Lane, a locally prominent farm complex at Priory Farm, the role separating the main settlement from Manson, the local skyline of the north eastern slopes and the habitat connectivity along the stream corridor to the south. The existing development on the skyline to the east illustrates the potential for visibility of development in the area to the south and east. The value of the area lies in Dixton Conservation Area with a SM and listed buildings, the Lower Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Historic Interest, and PROWs within and adjacent to the area to the east. LANDMAP value is outstanding for historic landscape and cultural landscape and high for visual and sensory.

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VALUE

Landmap Context	Aspect area value	Aspect area value
Geological Landscapes	Moderate	Landscape Habitats Moderate
Historical Landscapes	95% outstanding, 5% moderate	Cultural Landscapes 90% outstanding, 10% high
Visual and Sensory	High	
Designations		
Landscape designations comments	Area of amenity importance - playing fields to the south west	
National Park	AONB	
Historic/archaeology designations comments	Conservation Area, listed buildings and SM [castle mound] at Dixton; Lower Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Historic Interest to the south	
Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Listed Building Yes
Landscape of Hist. Interest	Yes Scheduled Monument Yes	Conservation Area Yes 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 Buckholt Woods LCA Number 23 also part of

Characteristics

Landform long sloping and undulating hill/valley sides running down to the Wye valley floor with minor watercourse

Landcover pasture, arable, playing fields

Pattern

Settlement pattern scattered farmsteads and dwellings mainly associated with Leasbrook Lane, also prominent Priory Farm to west

Woodland cover tree cover is limited to stream course and around dwellings and their gardens

Boundaries irregular medium sized fields with low-cut hedgerows

 Presence of water minor watercourse

Diversity simple Scale medium- large

Sense of enclosure open

Function of Area

Pastoral Arable Horticulture Recreation other

Comments pasture, arable, playing fields

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 may be managed as part of wider landholdings, has habitat connectivity along the southern part of the stream course and has two PROWs indirectly linking into the settlement

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

Comments -

PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Skyline

Prominence/importance apparent Complexity simple

Comments houses on the western boundary form a prominent skyline in views from the south east and north

Key views

To settlement area skirted by 20c development on ridge to westFrom settlement overlooked by adjacent houses

Landmarks Priory farmhouse and buildings are a minor landmark on the hillside

Detractors A40[T] to south and housing on skyline

Intervisibility

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

Comments open hillsides with intervisibility with the Wye valley floor and valley sides within AONB to the south

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the A40[T] is a noise source to the south and there is visibility of the settlement edge but tranquillity increases to the north and east

Settlement edge

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

Comments ribbon development houses on the western boundary form a prominent and negative skyline in views from the south east and north

Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area acts as the green open setting of the settlement to the east and north east

Receptors

roads/rail/cycleways

rural residents

urban residents

long distance/public footpaths

Sensitivity

medium

medium

high/medium

high

Comments the main receptors are users of the A40[T], A466, local residents within the area and adjacent residents

OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development)

reinforce stream corridor with semi-natural vegetation, increase tree cover in hedgerows and screen housing on skyline with trees

Mitigation (if development) -