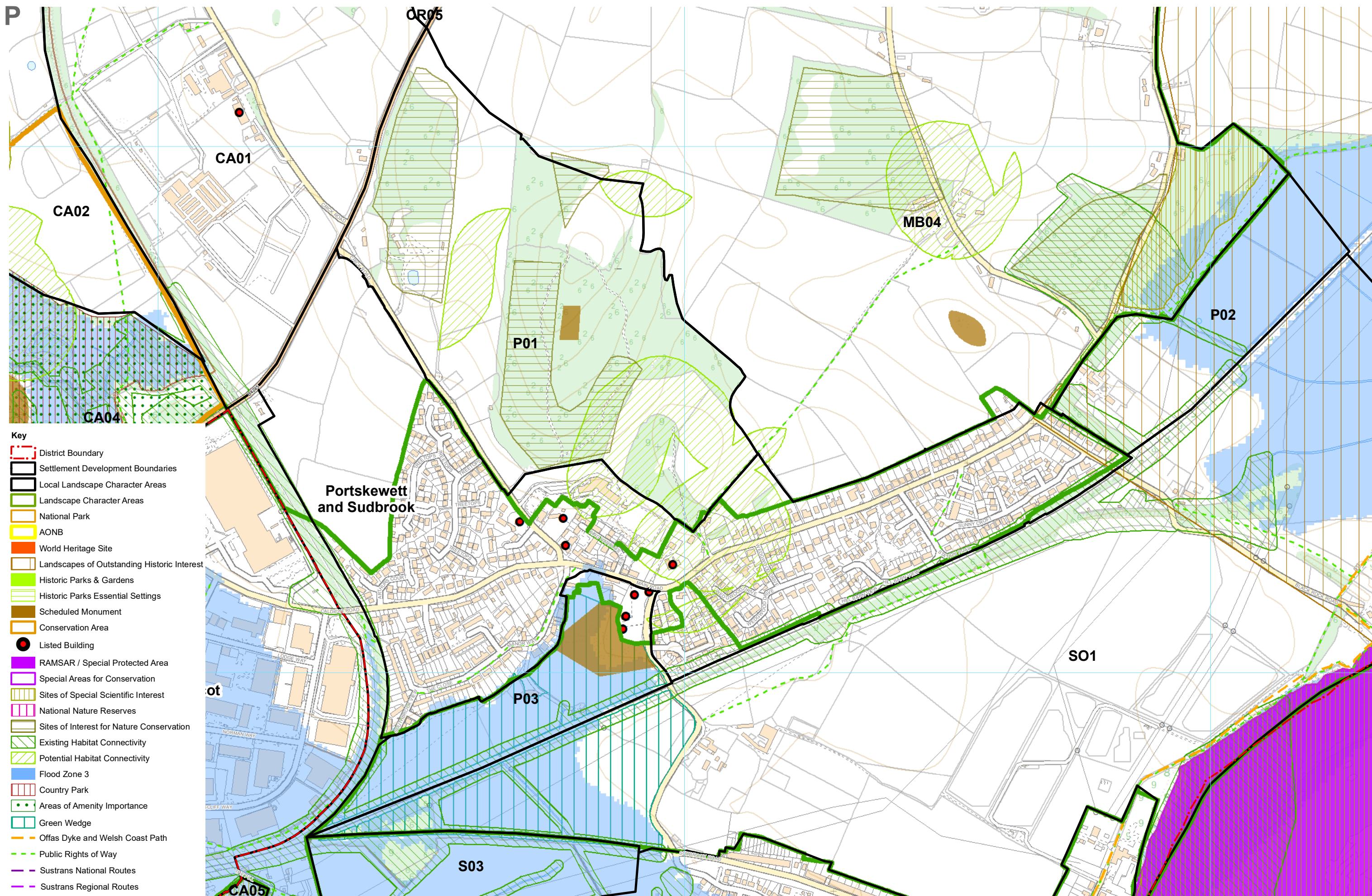
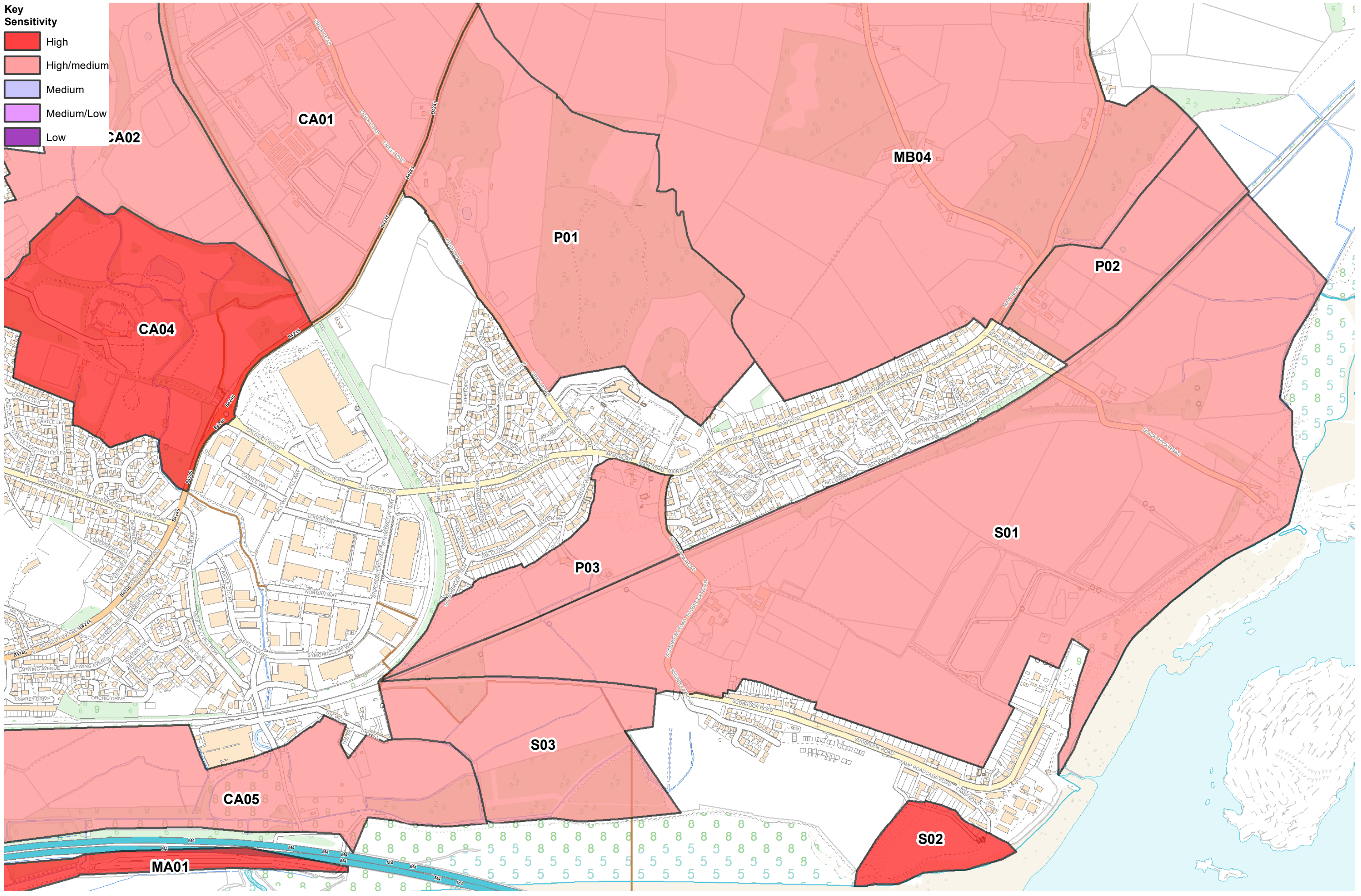


## **Portskewett LLCAs**







SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Undulating hill slopes rising from the Gwent levels transitional landscape.  
Mosaic of deciduous and mixed woodland with small sloping pastures.  
Irregular small sized field pattern of low-cut and outgrown hedgerows with fences.  
Single dwelling with semi- commercial uses behind.  
Intervisibility between rising area as a wooded backcloth and lower areas to the north, south and west.  
Roma villa SM.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility area lies in its strong wooded rising slopes with pasture above and intervisible with the levels lower areas to the north and west. The value of the area lies in the scenic quality of the wooded hills, the Roman villa SM and woodland SINC.s. LANDMAP value is outstanding for cultural landscape and high for historic landscape.

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

- ☐ 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		80% moderate, 20% high	Landscape Habitats	Moderate
Historical Landscapes		High	Cultural Landscapes	Outstanding
Visual and Sensory		Moderate		

Designations

Landscape designations comments		in Green Wedge to the west of Leechpool		
National Park		AONB		
Historic/archaeology designations comments		Portskewett Hill Roman villa site		
Historic Parks and Gardens		Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting		Listed Building
Landscape of Hist. Interest	Yes	Scheduled Monument	Yes	Conservation Area WHS
Biodiversity designations comments		Farthing Hill and Portskewett Hill woodland SINC.s		
SAC	NNR	SINC	SSSI Yes	RAMSAR

Recreation Factors

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

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name	Chepstow Hills	LCA Number	40	also part of
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Characteristics

Landform undulating and steep hill slopes rising from the Gwent levels transitional landscape  
Landcover mosaic of mixed woodland and pasture, some rough and some horse paddocks

Pattern

Settlement pattern	dwelling at Farthing Hill with semi-commercial/storage uses hidden from view		
Woodland cover	mixed woodland, some semi-natural/ancient		
Boundaries	irregular fields between woodland blocks with mix of outgrown, low-cut hedges and fences for horse pasture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presence of water	pond		
Diversity	simple	Scale	medium/small
Sense of enclosure	moderately enclosed with framed views apart from outward facing		

slopes

**Function of Area**Pastoral ☒ Arable ☐ Horticulture ☐ Recreation ☐ other ☒

Comments mainly mixed woodland with some pasture

**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 one landholding and there are no public rights of way

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

Comments -

**PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY****Skyline**

Prominence/importance prominent Complexity simple

Comments area provides mainly wooded skyline when viewed from the north west/west, south/south west including settlement

**Key views**To settlement ☐ -From settlement ☒ view from B4245 and Crick Road to wooded skyline

Landmarks -

Detractors -

**Intervisibility**Site observation medium ...to key features ☐ ...from key places ☐

Comments the hillside is intervisible with the levels to the south and lower local landscapes to the north and west

**Tranquillity**

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people rare

Summary high/medium

Comments the area is tranquil with only B4245 to the north and settlement to the south, both screened by trees, and restricted access

**Settlement edge**Pre C20th edge ☐ C20-21st edge ☒ Nature of edge neutral Form of edge moderately indented

Comments Portskewett's edge is screened by the woodland edge and rising landform

**Visual relationship and connectivity**

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

☒ Setting

Comments the area acts as the rising wooded backcloth behind the settlement of Portskewett

**Receptors**

urban residents

long distance/public footpaths

rural residents

**Sensitivity**

high/medium

high/medium

high

LLCA	P01	Settlement: Portskewett
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roads/rail/cycleways	medium
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Comments the main receptors are users of the B4245 and Crick Road and adjacent dwellings

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Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development)	protection and enhancement of the existing ancient/semi-natural and other deciduous/mixed woodland, replacement of conifer blocks over time, reinstatement of hedgerows and management of unimproved pasture- all to improve habitat connectivity within the area
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Mitigation (if development)



SUMMARY

Key characteristics

The area comprises gentle slopes and levels with rectilinear pastures with outgrown hedges and reens as boundaries.

Moderately enclosed by woodland and landform to the north and the railway with associated vegetation to the south.

The adjacent road and railway and power line across the area combine to reduce its inherent rural tranquillity.

All of the area is in the Gwent Levels Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its rural location on the eastern edge of the settlement forming part of the open countryside transition onto the levels with reens, its habitat connectivity including woodland and field boundaries, and a farm complex which traditionally signals the edge of the settlement. The value of the area lies in its location within the Gwent Levels Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest. LANDMAP value is outstanding for cultural landscapes and in part for historic landscape, and high for visual and sensory, and historic landscape for the rest of the area.

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% moderate, 40% high	Landscape Habitats	Moderate
Historical Landscapes	50% outstanding, 50% high	Cultural Landscapes	Outstanding
Visual and Sensory	High		

Designations

Landscape designations comments	-			
National Park	AONB			
Historic/archaeology designations comments	all in the Gwent Levels 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	-			
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	Mathern Levels	LCA Number	45	also part of
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Characteristics

Landform	gentle slopes and levels
Landcover	pasture

Pattern

Settlement pattern	farm on edge of settlement
Woodland cover	woodland to the north west with a future trees in hedgerows
Boundaries	rectilinear pastures with outgrown hedges and reens
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presence of water	reens

**LLCA P02** **Settlement: Portskewett**

Diversity simple      Scale small  
Sense of enclosure moderately enclosed by woodland, landform and railway

**Function of Area**

Pastoral☒    Arable ☐    Horticulture☐    Recreation ☐    other☐

Comments pasture/grassland

**Functional relationship and connectivity**

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

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

Existing Habitat Connectivity ☒    Habitat Connectivity Opportunity ☐

the area appears to be managed as part of a wider landholding, has a public rights of way linking the area indirectly with the settlement and there is existing habitat connectivity in woodland belts and outgrown hedgerows

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

Comments -

**PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY**

**Skyline**

Prominence/importance not applicable    Complexity

Comments -

**Key views**

To settlement ☐ on easterly approach to settlement

From settlement ☐ from adjacent dwellings

Landmarks -

Detractors power lines through area

**Intervisibility**

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

Comments the area is relatively enclosed by topography, woodland and the railway embankment and associated vegetation

**Tranquillity**

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180    Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the area is a bounded by road and railway and has a power line across it which combined to reduce its inherent rural tranquillity

**Settlement edge**

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

Comments incrementally developed small cottages on lane back onto the area providing a traditional edge

**Visual relationship and connectivity**

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

☐ Setting

Comments the area lies on the eastern approaches to the settlement and visually forms part of the fringes of the wider landscape of the Mathern Levels.

**Receptors**

urban residents

rural residents

**Sensitivity**

high/medium

high/medium



<b>LLCA</b>	<b>P02</b>	<b>Settlement: Portskewett</b>
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roads/rail/cycleways	medium
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long distance/public footpaths	high
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**Comments** the main receptors are residents at the farm and on the edge of the settlement, users of the adjacent approach road and railway and users of the PROW

<b>OTHER</b>
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Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) -

Mitigation (if development)

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Generally flat but with localised mounding/earthworks around site of 'Harold's House' .  
 The area comprises pasture, recreation ground and rough grassland.  
 Irregular small to medium sized fields with degraded hedge boundaries and security fencing to railway to south.  
 The area is a locally used green space overlooked by housing and with pylons to the south, all of which reduce its tranquillity.  
 The area acts as part of the setting to the church of St Mary, especially to the west of Sudbrook Road.  
 SM- site of Harolds House; listed Church of St Mary adjacent.  
 The area is designated Area of Amenity Importance west of Sudbrook Road outside the SM.

Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing      High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its open pasture, some on floodplain, and tree belt along the railway, with mature trees in the setting of the site of Harolds House, its role for recreation as an Area of Amenity Importance, and as a green buffer between Portskewett and Sudbrook lying in a Green Wedge and its habitat connectivity along the railway. Its value lies in its SM and listed buildings and its role in their setting.  
 LANDMAP value is outstanding for landscape habitats and in part for historic landscape, and high for visual & sensory.

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 Outstanding
Historical Landscapes	55% outstanding, 45% high	Cultural Landscapes Moderate
Visual and Sensory	High	

Designations

Landscape designations comments			Area of Amenity Importance west of Sudbrook Road; in Green Wedge		
National Park			AONB		
Historic/archaeology designations comments			SM- site of Harolds House; listed Church of St Mary adjacent		
Historic Parks and Gardens		Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting		Listed Building	
Landscape of Hist. Interest		Scheduled Monument	Yes	Conservation Area	WHS
Biodiversity designations comments			-		
SAC	NNR	SINC	SSSI	RAMSAR	

Recreation Factors

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

Landscape Character Area

LCA Name	Mathern Levels	LCA Number	45	also part of	3	0
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Characteristics

Landform	generally flat but with localised mounding/earthworks
Landcover	pasture, recreation ground and rough grass

Pattern

Settlement pattern	none
Woodland cover	a few scattered small trees, mainly on boundaries
Boundaries	irregular small to medium sized fields with degraded hedge boundaries and security

fencing to railway to south

☐ Presence of water -

Diversity simple Scale medium

Sense of enclosure moderately open

**Function of Area**Pastoral ☒ Arable ☐ Horticulture ☐ Recreation ☒ other ☐

Comments pasture and recreation ground

**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 area may be managed as part of a wider land holding and has a public rights of way linking into the settlement. Much of the area west of Sudbrook Road is used as open space; habitat connectivity along railway

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

Comments -

**PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY****Skyline**

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

**Key views**To settlement ☒ view to church of St Mary from south across areaFrom settlement ☒ view from church of St Mary across area

Landmarks earthworks of Harolds House; church of St Mary to north

Detractors pylons to south and railway

**Intervisibility**Site observation medium ...to key features ☐ ...from key places ☐

Comments intervisible with land to the south and overlooked by settlement edge and road

**Tranquillity**

Noise sources people

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people frequent

Summary medium/low

Comments the area is a locally used green space overlooked by housing and with pylons to the south, all of which reduce its tranquillity

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

Comments the church of St Mary is a positive feature but the rest of the settlement edge is relatively poor estate housing with little mitigation

**Visual relationship and connectivity**

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

☒ Setting

Comments the area acts as part of the setting to the church of St Mary, especially to the west of Sudbrook Road. The area also forms part of the wider landscape of the Mathern Levels.

**Receptors****Sensitivity**



<b>LLCA</b>	<b>P03</b>	<b>Settlement:</b>	<b>Portskewett</b>
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viewpoints	high
urban residents	high
long distance/public footpaths	high
roads/rail/cycleways	medium

**Comments** the main receptors are users of the church of St Mary, 'Harold's House' are, the recreation ground and PROW. Also users of the Sudbrook Road and railway have views.

<b>OTHER</b>
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**Other factors** -

<b>Potential Improvements (if no development)</b>	plant young trees around SM to eventually take place of existing
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**Mitigation (if development)** -