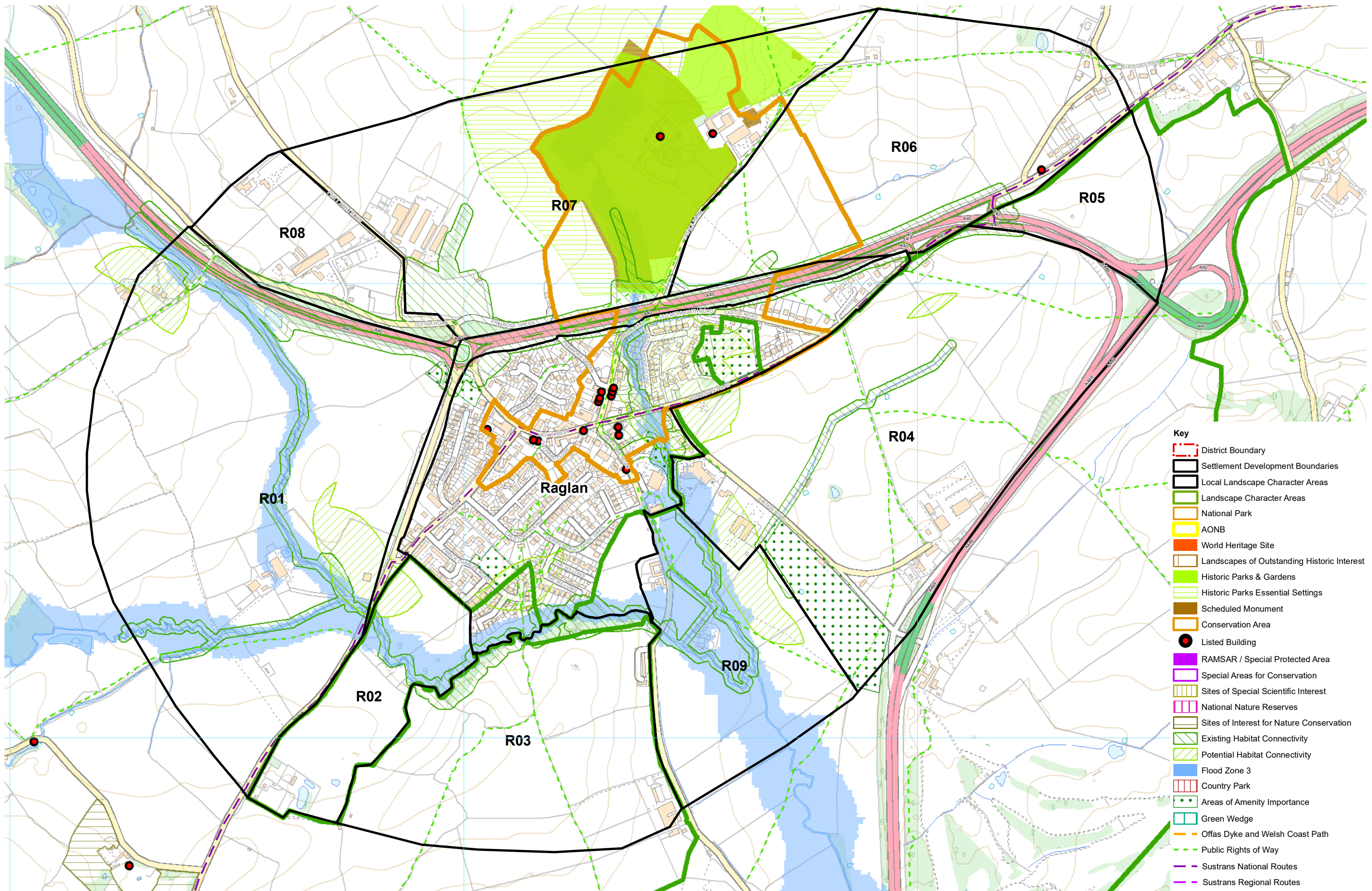


## **Raglan LLCAs**



- Key**
- District Boundary
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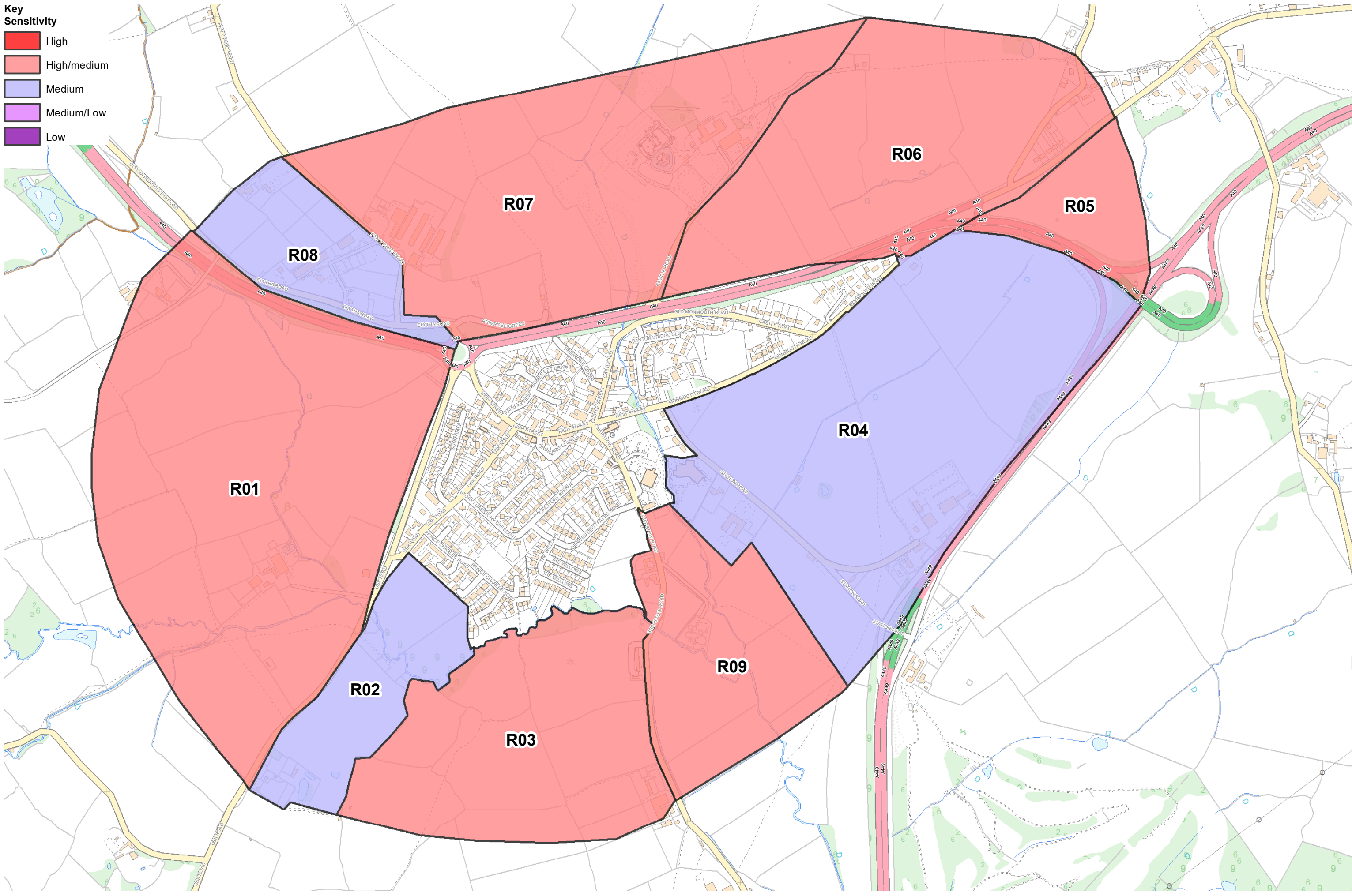
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**Settlement: Raglan**  
**LLCA Constraints**



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



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## SUMMARY

## Key characteristics

Gently rolling lowland with small stream courses.

A mix of large rationalised irregular arable fields and smaller pastoral fields to the south generally with low cut hedges and limited tree cover along watercourses.

Sparse settlement of one farmstead and two rural dwellings.

The edge of Raglan to the east is linear and largely mitigated by the raised Usk Road with its tree cover and the A40[T] to the north is generally screened but reduces the tranquillity of the area.

There are floodplains and an existing habitat network along the stream courses.

Views are possible to and from the west across the surrounding countryside.

## Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its clear separation from settlement on the other side of the Usk Road, small scale pastoral fields and stream courses with riparian vegetation and existing habitat connectivity, the open and raised character of the countryside to the north visible from adjacent roads and the settlement and the wider countryside to the west. There may be potential views from Raglan Castle. The value of the area lies in the PROWs and habitat connectivity. LANDMAP value is outstanding for cultural landscape and high for historic landscape and visual and sensory.

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

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

## VALUE

Landmap Context	Aspect area value	Aspect area value
Geological Landscapes	Moderate	Landscape Habitats Moderate
Historical Landscapes	95% high, 5% moderate	Cultural Landscapes Outstanding
Visual and Sensory	High	

## Designations

Landscape designations comments	Area of amenity importance i.e. allotments, in the north eastern corner		
National Park	AONB		
Historic/archaeology designations comments	Raglan Castle [SM and Conservation Area] lies to the north east at a distance		
Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Listed Building	
Landscape of Hist. Interest	Scheduled Monument	Conservation Area	WHS
Biodiversity designations comments	-		
SAC	NNR	SINC	SSSI RAMSAR

## Recreation Factors

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

## Landscape Character Area

LCA Name	Ragland Hinterland	LCA Number	18	also part of	0	0
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## Characteristics

Landform gently rolling lowland rising to the north east with valley floors

Landcover primarily arable with some pastoral

## Pattern

Settlement pattern one farmstead and two rural dwellings

Woodland cover very limited tree cover along stream courses and adjacent to road to the east

Boundaries mix of large rationalised irregular arable fields and smaller pastoral fields to the south generally with low cut hedges

Presence of water stream courses

Diversity simple Scale medium-large

Sense of enclosure open

#### Function of Area

Pastoral  Arable  Horticulture  Recreation  other

Comments primarily arable with some pastoral

#### 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, has existing habitat connectivity along the watercourses and public footpaths which indirectly link into the settlement from the west

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

Comments -

### PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

#### Skyline

Prominence/importance apparent Complexity

Comments structures on this site would become skyline when viewed from the south west

#### Key views

To settlement  adjacent to peripheral road to settlement, and visible in wider views from the countryside to the west

From settlement  views from adjacent housing

Landmarks -

Detractors -

#### Intervisibility

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

Comments the area is open in a rolling landscape with intermediate views, especially to the west

#### Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the A40[T] to the north is audible and the settlement edge is just visible to the east beyond the raised and treed peripheral road. Tranquillity increases to the south west.

#### Settlement edge

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

Comments estate housing is set down by the peripheral road and is partly mitigated by hedging and trees.

#### Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area lies on the edge of an expanded part of the settlement which overlooks it from the east but is separated from it by the peripheral road on embankment. It forms part of the continuum of a rolling open landscape to the south and west.

**LLCA R01** **Settlement: Raglan**

**Receptors** **Sensitivity**

rural residents high

urban residents high

long distance/public footpaths high

roads/rail/cycleways medium

**Comments** the area is overlooked by users of the Usk Road and residents to the east and by users of footpaths and rural resident within the area and to the west

**OTHER**

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) reinforce riparian corridors encouraging biodiversity in low lying pastures and gardens and increase tree planting in hedges linking into the riparian corridors

Mitigation (if development) -

## SUMMARY

## Key characteristics

Lower valley sides and valley floor of the Nant y Wilcae including floodplain.

A mix of outgrown and low-cut hedgerows and fences around irregular pastures and rough grassland.

Riparian tree cover and occasional trees in hedgerows.

Settlement comprises of rural farmstead and dwellings with the settlement lying to the north.

The area provides the low-lying setting for the settlement on its southern edge with views out to the low ridge to the south

## Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in the corridor of the Nant y Wilcae including its vegetation and tree cover creating habitat connectivity, the floodplain, and the slopes south of the stream which rise away from the settlement and which provide a rural setting to the settlement to the south. The value of the area lies in the habitat connectivity of the watercourse. LANDMAP value is outstanding for cultural landscape and high for historic landscape and visual and sensory. The area with least sensitivity with potential for housing is north of Nant y Wilcae upto the settlement edge.

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	Aspect area value
Geological Landscapes	Moderate	Landscape Habitats	Moderate
Historical Landscapes	High	Cultural Landscapes	Outstanding
Visual and Sensory	Moderate		
<b>Designations</b>			
Landscape designations comments	-		
National Park	AONB		
Historic/archaeology designations comments	-		
Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Listed Building	
Landscape of Hist. Interest	Scheduled Monument	Conservation Area	WHS
Biodiversity designations comments	-		
SAC	NNR	SINC	SSSI
			RAMSAR

## Recreation Factors

Country Park      National Trail      National/Regional Cycle Route

## LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

## Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Olway Valley      LCA Number 46      also part of

## Characteristics

Landform lower valley sides and valley floor including floodplain

Landcover pasture and rough grassland

## Pattern

Settlement pattern rural farmsteads

Woodland cover riparian tree cover and occasional trees in hedgerows

Boundaries a mix of irregular fields with outgrown and low-cut hedgerows and fences

Presence of water Nant y Wilcae

Diversity simple      Scale small/medium

Sense of enclosure moderately enclosed

### Function of Area

Pastoral  Arable  Horticulture  Recreation  other

Comments pasture

### Functional relationship and connectivity

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

...with adjacent assessed area? some Corridor?

Existing Habitat Connectivity  Habitat Connectivity Opportunity

the area appears to be managed as part of a wider landholding and forms part of a wider valley corridor with its habitat connectivity

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

Comments -

## PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

### Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

### Key views

To settlement  views from southerly approach road across area towards settlement edge

From settlement  views from settlement across to valley floor

Landmarks -

Detractors -

### Intervisibility

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

Comments area is moderately enclosed but is overlooked by adjacent road and housing

### Tranquillity

Noise sources road

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments road and visibility of settlement edge to the north reduce the tranquillity of the area which is otherwise rural and quiet

### Settlement edge

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

Comments a housing estate lies on the southern edge of the settlement with little mitigation to screen it from the south apart from the riparian vegetation of the stream

### Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the watercourse and associated valley floor act as a natural visual setting to the settlement to the south with views possible across to rising land further south east

### Receptors

urban residents

roads/rail/cycleways

long distance/public footpaths

### Sensitivity

high/medium

high/medium

high



rural residents high

Comments the main receptors are users of the adjacent roads, residents to the north and a very small number of rural dwellings

## OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) reinforce riparian corridor habitat connectivity with additional tree planting in hedges and consider better screening/mitigation of settlement edge

Mitigation (if development) reinforce riparian corridor with planting, maintain floodplain as grassed area with public access, create indented edge with trees addressing the stream and road frontage to provide improved settlement edge and gateway on the northern side of the stream only.

## SUMMARY

## Key characteristics

Low lying ridge with rounded profile valley sides.

Mix of arable and pastoral medium sized irregular fields to west and rectilinear fields to the east with low cut hedges.

Primarily strong riparian tree cover with some trees in hedgerows.

A small commercial estate, Enterprise Park, lies to the east.

The ridge forms the local skyline to the south of the settlement screening it from wider views.

## Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its slopes and skyline south of the settlement which would make housing prominent, its separation as open countryside from the settlement by Nant y Wilcae and the latter's watercourse and riparian corridor. Its value lies in the habitat connectivity of the watercourse and the PROWS crossing the area. LANDMAP value is outstanding for cultural landscapes and high for historic landscape and visual and 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 Moderate
Historical Landscapes	High	Cultural Landscapes Outstanding
Visual and Sensory	High	

## Designations

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

## Recreation Factors

Country Park      National Trail      National/Regional Cycle Route

## LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

## Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Ragland Hinterland      LCA Number 18      also part of 0      0

## Characteristics

Landform low lying ridge with rounded profile valley sides

Landcover mix of pasture and arable

## Pattern

Settlement pattern farmstead and small enterprise park

Woodland cover primarily strong riparian tree cover with some trees in hedgerows

Boundaries mix of medium sized irregular fields to west and rectilinear fields to the east with low cut hedges

Presence of water Nant y Wilcae to the north

Diversity simple      Scale medium

Sense of enclosure open

### Function of Area

Pastoral  Arable  Horticulture  Recreation  other

Comments mix of pasture and 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 appears to be managed as part of a wider landholding, existing habitat connectivity along the watercourse and has public footpaths which link into the settlement

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

Comments -

## PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

### Skyline

Prominence/importance prominent Complexity simple

Comments locally prominent rounded skyline when viewed from settlement to the north

### Key views

To settlement  view from PROW on hill top

From settlement  view from southern part of settlement edge to rising valley side

Landmarks -

Detractors Raglan Enterprise Park

### Intervisibility

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

Comments rising land locally visible in rolling landscape

### Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary high/medium

Comments the area is crossed by PROW only and has views of settlement on one side only

### Settlement edge

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

Comments the settlement is on the other side of the Nant y Wilcae and due to the area's screening landform, not widely visible

### Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments provides a natural visual stop at the southern edge of the settlement

### Receptors

long distance/public footpaths

urban residents

long distance/public footpaths

roads/rail/cycleways

### Sensitivity

high

high

high

medium

Comments receptors include users of the public footpaths which run through the area, adjacent or nearby highway users, residents on the southern edge of the settlement and a small number of rural residents in the countryside surrounding

**OTHER**

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) reinforce riparian corridor habitat connectivity with additional tree planting in hedges

Mitigation (if development) -

## SUMMARY

## Key characteristics

Gently sloping valley sloping north east to south west rolling over to A449 to the south east.

Rectilinear mainly arable and pasture fields with low cut hedge boundaries and with trees especially along watercourse.

Other uses include a sports field, highways depot and natural burial ground.

The area is fairly open and overlooked by the settlement [in Conservation Area] and A40[T] to the north and to an extent by Raglan Castle [an SM] which can view its north eastern edge and southern fringes.

Habitat connectivity along the small watercourse and riparian corridor.

The settlement appears to have extended eastwards incrementally beyond Hill House with gaps and is mitigated to an extent by maturing vegetation.

The adjacent main roads of the A40[T] and A449[T] are detractors although only visible to the north and they reduce the area's tranquillity.

Playing field is Area of Amenity Importance.

## Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its openness and rising landform to the south and east which is more widely visible than the north and west, the existing habitat connectivity of the small watercourse with its associated riparian vegetation, its overlooking by the natural burial ground to which it forms the setting, the public rights of way across it, the use for recreation of the football ground to the south and its location on the eastern edge of the settlement highly visible from the main road approaches from the east. The value of the area lies in its location adjacent to Raglan Conservation Area and as part of the wider setting of Raglan Castle especially to the east, its PROWs and existing habitat connectivity of the watercourse. LANDMAP value is outstanding for cultural landscape and mostly high for historic landscape. The least sensitive part of the area which may have potential for housing is adjacent to the housing edge on Monmouth Road and north of the stream corridor, ensuring that the setting of the natural burial ground is not significantly harmed. Areas to the south and east should be avoided because of their wider visibility, including to road corridors.

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

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

## VALUE

Landmap Context	Aspect area value	Aspect area value
Geological Landscapes	Moderate	Landscape Habitats Moderate
Historical Landscapes	90% high 10% moderate	Cultural Landscapes Outstanding
Visual and Sensory	Moderate	

## Designations

Landscape designations comments playing field is Area of Amenity Importance

National Park AONB

Historic/archaeology designations comments Conservation Area to north covering horse pasture and surrounding settlement with Raglan Castle SM beyond

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

Landscape of Hist. Interest 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 Olway Valley LCA Number 46 also part of

**Characteristics**

Landform gently sloping valley sloping north east to south west rolling over towards the A449 to the south east

Landcover arable and pasture with sports field, highways depot and natural burial ground

**Pattern**

Settlement pattern settlement edge uses including school and nursery in grounds, football club and highways depot, and also some rural dwellings

Woodland cover tree cover limited to trees along drains and occasional remnant field trees

Boundaries rectilinear field boundaries and along watercourses with low cut hedgerows generally

 Presence of water field drain/watercourse and a field pond

Diversity simple Scale medium/large

Sense of enclosure open

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

Comments arable and pasture with sports field and highways depot

**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, with existing habitat connectivity along watercourse and has a limited number of public footpaths which link to the settlement

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

Comments -

**PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY****Skyline**

Prominence/importance apparent Complexity simple

Comments any development on the site may be on the local skyline when viewed from the south west.

**Key views**To settlement  on the eastern approach to the settlementFrom settlement  view across area from the settlement edge including Conservation Area and views to edge of area from Raglan Castle to the north

Landmarks -

Detractors adjacent main roads and highways depot

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

Comments the area is open in a rolling landscape with intermediate views with potential views from Raglan Castle over the eastern edge and to the rising land to the south

**Tranquillity**

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people frequent

Summary medium

Comments the A40(T) and the A449(T) lie on two sides of the area and are highly audible although not generally visible except to the north which, along with the settlement edge and the depot,

reduce the tranquillity of the area despite its essentially rural character

### Settlement edge

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

Comments the settlement appears to have extended eastwards incrementally beyond Hill House with gaps and is mitigated to an extent by maturing vegetation

### Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments is overlooked by the adjacent settlement edge and the north eastern edge forms part of the wider setting of Raglan Castle

### Receptors

urban residents

rural residents

roads/rail/cycleways

viewpoints

### Sensitivity

high/medium

high/medium

medium

high

Comments the area's north eastern edge is overlooked by Raglan Castle and by the A40(T), the area as a whole is overlooked by the settlement edge and users of public footpaths, recreation facilities and by the rural dwellings

### OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) reinforce riparian corridor habitat connectivity with additional tree planting in hedges and consider tree planting on the north eastern edge

Mitigation (if development) Development should avoid the sensitive areas to the north east and rising land to the south west and views from the castle, located only north of the watercourse, but respect the burial ground with a very wide open space buffer and tree screening. Landscape buffer mitigation on southern and eastern boundaries would be needed.

## SUMMARY

## Key characteristics

Gently undulating lowland arable field with mix of trees, outgrown and low cut hedges on the boundaries. Linear rural settlement lies to the north but the area has no significant visual or physical connection with Raglan.

The area is overlooked by the rural settlement, hills to the south east and north and by A40[T] which approaches the main settlement.

## Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its location in open countryside away from Raglan as an open, gently undulating arable field with mature hedgerows and large trees at the edges, on the approaches to Raglan from the A40(T). Its value lies in the adjacent listed building and being part of the open rural context of, and approach to, Raglan Castle. LANDMAP value is high for historic landscape and cultural landscape.

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

- a prosperous Wales    a resilient Wales    a more equal Wales    a globally responsible Wales  
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## VALUE

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

## Designations

Landscape designations comments	-		
National Park	AONB		
Historic/archaeology designations comments	-		
Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Listed Building	
Landscape of Hist. Interest	Scheduled Monument	Conservation Area	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   Olway Valley   LCA Number   46   also part of

## Characteristics

Landform   gently undulating lowland

Landcover   arable

## Pattern

Settlement pattern   none in area, linear rural development to the north

Woodland cover   trees

Boundaries   mix of trees, outgrown and 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

### 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 the wider landholding and has no footpath access

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

Comments -

## PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

### Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

### Key views

To settlement  -

From settlement  -

Landmarks -

Detractors adjacent A40[T]

### Intervisibility

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

Comments overlooked by hills to the south east and north and by A40[T]

### Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development some Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium/low

Comments the tranquillity of the area is reduced significantly by the A40[T] and its openness to the road

### Settlement edge

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

Comments n/a

### Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area lies on the eastern approaches to the settlement

### Receptors

rural residents

roads/rail/cycleways

### Sensitivity

high

high

Comments the main receptors are users of the adjacent roads including the A40[T], and rural residents to the north

## OTHER

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development)      maintain and strengthen hedgerows and trees to reinforce habitat connectivity to the west

Mitigation (if development)      -

## SUMMARY

## Key characteristics

South facing hillside with a mix of irregular and rectilinear arable and pastoral fields with low-cut hedges. The area has a generally open character with limited riparian vegetation and occasional trees and hedgerows. Separated from Raglan by the A40[T], the area has one isolated cottage to the north and limited ribbon development at Cuckoo's Row on the Old Monmouth Road.

The area acts as an open setting to Raglan Castle to the north west and also forms the skyline east of the castle visible from the A40[T] and the wider landscape to the south.

The western part of the area is a Conservation Area and Raglan Castle is a SM.

The A40[T] disturbs the tranquillity of the area, partially screens the settlement with roadside vegetation to the south and is a detractor.

## Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its open setting to Raglan Castle, allowing views from the A40(T) and the south, its mature riparian vegetation along a small water course and habitat connectivity along the M40(T). Its value lies in its setting to the Conservation Area and Raglan Castle an SM, and Historic Parks Essential Setting, local PROWs connecting to the settlement, with one listed building to the east. LANDMAP value is mostly outstanding for historic landscape and 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	90% outstanding, 10% high	Cultural Landscapes High
Visual and Sensory	High	
<b>Designations</b>		
Landscape designations comments	-	
National Park	AONB	
Historic/archaeology designations comments	western part in Conservation Area south east of Raglan Castle and in part Historic Parks Essential Setting; SM directly to north west and listed building in east	
Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Yes Listed Building Yes
Landscape of Hist. Interest	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 Ragland Hinterland LCA Number 18 also part of 0 0

## Characteristics

Landform south facing sloping hillside

Landcover arable and pastoral fields

## Pattern

Settlement pattern separated from Raglan by the A40[T] with isolated cottage to the north and limited ribbon development at Cuckoo's Row on the Old Monmouth Road

Woodland cover riparian vegetation and occasional trees and hedgerows  
 Boundaries mix of irregular and rectilinear fields with low-cut hedges  
 Presence of water spring, ponds and small drain  
 Diversity simple Scale medium/large  
 Sense of enclosure moderately open

**Function of Area**

Pastoral  Arable  Horticulture  Recreation  other

Comments arable and pastoral

**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 the wider landholding and has footpath access across it linking settlement with the castle from the east and the south

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

Comments both this area and R7 to the west form part of the setting of the castle

**PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY****Skyline**

Prominence/importance prominent Complexity simple

Comments northern part of area forms skyline when viewed from the south including the A40[T]. The castle lies behind on the skyline to the north west.

**Key views**

To settlement  the area is overlooked by the castle looking towards the settlement

From settlement  the area forms the foreground to the castle when viewed from the settlement edge to the south

Landmarks Raglan Castle to the north-west

Detractors A40[T] to the south

**Intervisibility**

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

Comments the rising character of the area makes it visible from the south and south east, from the A40[T] and is overlooked by Raglan Castle

**Tranquillity**

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the tranquillity of the area is reduced significantly by the A40[T] and its openness to the road

**Settlement edge**

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

Comments the northern edge of Raglan lies beyond the A40[T] to the south and appears as intrusive development with limited local character or mitigation, extending the settlement significantly to the east

**Visual relationship and connectivity**

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

Setting

Comments the area acts as setting to Raglan Castle

**Receptors****Sensitivity**

viewpoints

high

roads/rail/cycleways

high

rural residents

high

long distance/public footpaths

high

Comments the area is overlooked by visitors to Raglan Castle, by users of the adjacent A40[T] and the public footpath and by residents to the south and east

**OTHER**

Other factors -

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

Mitigation (if development) -

## SUMMARY

## Key characteristics

South and west facing gently sloping hillside and basin.

The main focus of the area is Raglan Castle on the hill which is a SM and Conservation Area and which overlooks the area.

Mix of unimproved pasture and arable irregular medium-size fields generally with low-cut hedges.

Tree cover is focussed in riparian vegetation, some trees in hedgerows and trees along A40[T].

Two farm complexes lie in the area with the one to the west a minor detractor with chicken sheds.

The A40[T] disturbs the tranquillity of the area, partially screens the settlement with roadside vegetation to the south and is a detractor.

## Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its immediate surroundings of Raglan Castle, with views to the castle from the A40(T) and the south, its mature tree belts that frame the castle and are visible on the skyline, mature tree belts and habitat connectivity with the M40(T) corridor. Its value lies in Raglan Castle designated as an SM, Conservation Area and Historic Parks Essential Setting, listed farmhouse and footpaths connecting with settlement. Its LANDMAP value is outstanding for historic and mostly for cultural landscape, and high for visual and sensory.

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

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

## VALUE

Landmap Context	Aspect area value	Aspect area value
Geological Landscapes	Moderate	Landscape Habitats Moderate
Historical Landscapes	Outstanding	Cultural Landscapes 90% outstanding, 10% high
Visual and Sensory	High	

## Designations

Landscape designations comments -

National Park AONB

Historic/archaeology designations comments Raglan Castle SM, Conservation Area and Historic Parks Essential Setting; listed Castle and farmhouse

Historic Parks and Gardens	Yes	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Yes	Listed Building	Yes
Landscape of Hist. Interest		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 Raglan Hinterland LCA Number 18 also part of

## Characteristics

Landform south and west facing gently sloping hillside and basin

Landcover Raglan Castle and mix of unimproved pasture and arable

## Pattern

Settlement pattern Raglan Castle and two farm complexes with light industrial uses at west

Woodland cover riparian vegetation, some trees in hedgerows and trees along A40[T]

Boundaries irregular medium-size fields generally with low-cut hedges

Presence of water small watercourse west of Raglan Castle

Diversity diverse Scale medium

Sense of enclosure moderately open

#### Function of Area

Pastoral  Arable  Horticulture  Recreation  other

Comments mix of unimproved pasture and arable with Raglan Castle

#### Functional relationship and connectivity

...with wider landscape ...with settlement

...with adjacent assessed area? Corridor?

Existing Habitat Connectivity  Habitat Connectivity Opportunity

the area appears to be managed as part of the wider landholding and has footpath access across it linking settlement with the wider countryside to the north; existing habitat connectivity along and linking to verges of M40(T)

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

Comments -

### PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

#### Skyline

Prominence/importance prominent Complexity simple

Comments Raglan Castle lies on a local high point overlooking the area to the west

#### Key views

To settlement  views to the settlement from Raglan Castle

From settlement  views to Raglan Castle from the settlement

Landmarks Raglan Castle

Detractors A40[T] and chicken sheds to the west

#### Intervisibility

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

Comments the rising character of the area to the east makes it visible from the south and south west, from the A40[T] and the area is overlooked by Raglan Castle

#### Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments the tranquillity of the area is reduced significantly by the A40[T]

#### Settlement edge

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

Comments their settlement edge is linear screened from the area by a tree belt along the A40[T]

#### Visual relationship and connectivity

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

Setting

Comments the area acts as setting to Raglan Castle with the area separated from the settlement by the A40[T]

#### Receptors

viewpoints

long distance/public footpaths

#### Sensitivity

high

high

**LLCA R07** **Settlement: Raglan**

roads/rail/cycleways medium

rural residents high

**Comments** the main receptors are visitors to Raglan Castle, users of the A40[T] and public footpaths and a limited number of rural residents

**OTHER**

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) screen chicken sheds from the castle; maintain water course and strengthen hedgerows, trees and riparian vegetation

Mitigation (if development) -



## SUMMARY

## Key characteristics

Gently undulating lowland of generally rectilinear fields with low-cut hedgerows.

The area has built form set within a rural context- a small commercial estate which is a detractor and rural houses, one with mature parkland conifer trees.

Though moderately well screened to the south, the area is overlooked by rising land to the north and at a distance from rising land to the east.

A40[T] to the south reduces tranquillity.

## Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in its undulating rural landscape with mature trees, especially around one farmhouse close to a commercial estate, its distinct separation from the main settlement of Raglan by the A40[T] and its habitat connectivity with tree belts along the A40(T) corridor. Its value lies in being in part overlooked by views towards and from Raglan Castle. LANDMAP value is partly outstanding for cultural landscape and high for visual & sensory, historic landscape and the rest of the cultural landscape area. The area to the south east is low lying, associated with the existing built form and screened in parts and therefore there could be potential for well-designed development here, but it is noted that the area is divorced from the existing settlement by the A40.

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

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

## VALUE

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

## Designations

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

## Recreation Factors

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

## Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Raglan Hinterland   LCA Number 18   also part of

## Characteristics

Landform gently undulating lowland

Landcover arable and pasture

## Pattern

Settlement pattern rural dwellings and small commercial estate

Woodland cover trees along roads including A40[T], conifers in the Grange gardens and occasional trees in hedgerows

Boundaries generally rectilinear fields with low-cut hedgerows

Presence of water -

Diversity simple Scale small

Sense of enclosure moderately enclosed

#### Function of Area

Pastoral  Arable  Horticulture  Recreation  other

Comments arable and 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 the wider landholding and has no footpath access. It is divorced from the settlement by the A40[T].

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

Comments -

### PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

#### Skyline

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity

Comments -

#### Key views

To settlement  -

From settlement  -

Landmarks -

Detractors A40[T] and commercial estate

#### Intervisibility

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

Comments though moderately well screened to the south, the area is overlooked by rising land to the north and at a distance from rising land to the east

#### Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development some Presence of people frequent

Summary medium/low

Comments the tranquillity of the area is reduced significantly by the A40[T] and by the commercial estate

#### 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 the area is separated from the settlement by the A40[T] and roundabout with significant vegetation

#### Receptors

rural residents

roads/rail/cycleways

#### Sensitivity

high

high

Comments users of Clytha Road and rural residents overlook the area

**OTHER**

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) screen commercial estate with additional native vegetation; strengthen hedgerows

Mitigation (if development) -

## SUMMARY

## Key characteristics

Lower valley sides and valley floor of the Nant y Wilcae including floodplain.

A mix of outgrown and low-cut hedgerows and fences around irregular pastures and rough grassland.

Riparian tree cover and occasional trees in hedgerows.

Settlement comprises of two rural farmsteads with the settlement lying to the north.

The area provides the low-lying setting for the settlement on its southern edge with views out to the low ridge from the settlement.

## Landscape and visual sensitivity to housing High/Medium

The susceptibility of the area lies in the corridor of the Nant y Wilcae, and hedged pastures which form part of the network of connected habitats, its associated floodplain, and the separation of land outside the floodplain from the settlement. The value of the area lies in habitat connectivity of the watercourse and hedgerows and the PROW. LANDMAP value is outstanding for cultural landscape and mostly high for historic landscape.

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

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 a Wales of cohesive communities  a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language  a healthier Wales

## VALUE

Landmap Context	Aspect area value	Aspect area value
Geological Landscapes	Moderate	Landscape Habitats Moderate
Historical Landscapes	70% high, 20% moderate, 10% out	Cultural Landscapes Outstanding
Visual and Sensory	Moderate	
<b>Designations</b>		
Landscape designations comments	-	
National Park	AONB	
Historic/archaeology designations comments	-	
Historic Parks and Gardens	Hist. Parks and Gardens Setting	Listed Building
Landscape of Hist. Interest	Scheduled Monument	Conservation Area WHS
Biodiversity designations comments	-	
SAC	NNR	SINC SSSI RAMSAR
<b>Recreation Factors</b>		
Country Park	National Trail	National/Regional Cycle Route

## LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

## Landscape Character Area

LCA Name Olway Valley LCA Number 46 also part of

## Characteristics

Landform lower valley sides and valley floor including floodplain

Landcover pasture and rough grassland

## Pattern

Settlement pattern rural farmsteads, sewage farm

Woodland cover riparian tree cover and occasional trees in hedgerows

Boundaries a mix of irregular fields with outgrown and low-cut hedgerows and fences

Presence of water Nant y Wicae and Barton Brook

Diversity simple Scale small/medium

Sense of enclosure moderately enclosed

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

Comments pasture

**Functional relationship and connectivity**

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

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

the area appears to be managed as part of wider landholdings, forms part of a wider valley corridor with existing and potential additional habitat connectivity and has one public footpath crossing it linking the settlement to the countryside to the south

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

Comments -

**PERCEPTUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY****Skyline**

Prominence/importance not applicable Complexity simple

Comments -

**Key views**To settlement  views from the southerly approach road across area towards settlement edgeFrom settlement  -

Landmarks -

Detractors sewage works and access

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

Comments area is moderately enclosed but is overlooked by adjacent roads and housing

**Tranquillity**

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180 Presence of people infrequent

Summary medium

Comments roads to the east and west and visibility of settlement edge to the north reduce the tranquillity of the area which is otherwise rural and quiet

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

Comments series of large buildings including nursery in grounds with trees

**Visual relationship and connectivity**

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

 Setting

Comments the watercourse and associated valley floor act as a natural visual setting to the settlement to the south with views possible across to rising land further south west

**Receptors**

urban residents

roads/rail/cycleways

long distance/public footpaths

rural residents

**Sensitivity**

high/medium

high/medium

high

high

Comments the main receptors are users of the road, users of public footpaths and a very small number of rural dwellings

**OTHER**

Other factors -

Potential Improvements (if no development) reinforce hedgerows and riparian vegetation and corridor, improve screening of settlement edge and improve sewage works access and screening

Mitigation (if development)