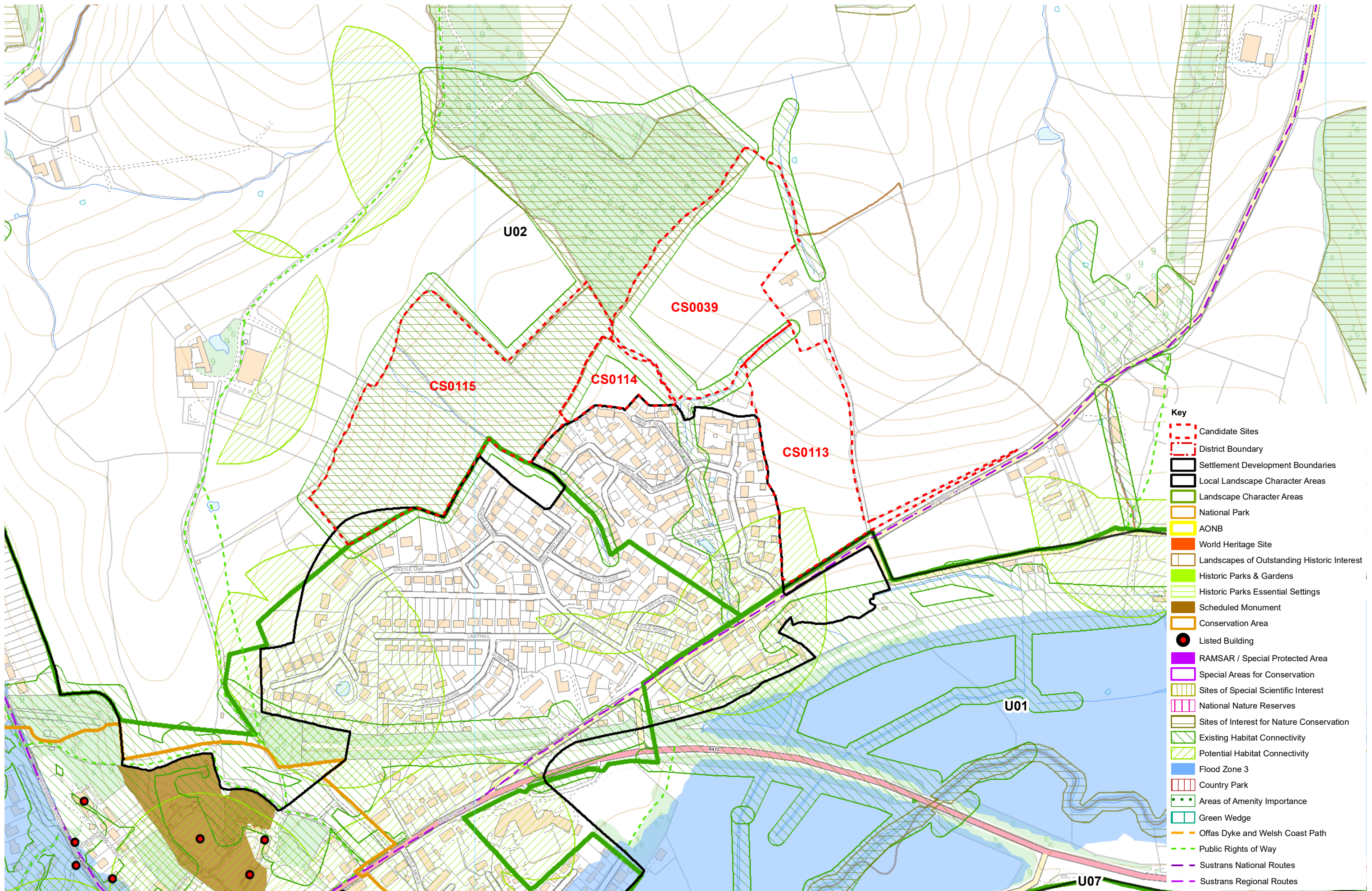


## Usk candidate sites

Site reference	Sensitivity
CS0039	High/medium
CS0113	High/medium
CS0114	Medium
CS0115	High/medium

The candidate sites within this section are within the relevant settlement LLCAs. Other candidate sites in the area/vicinity not included in this section are included within adjacent settlement assessments.



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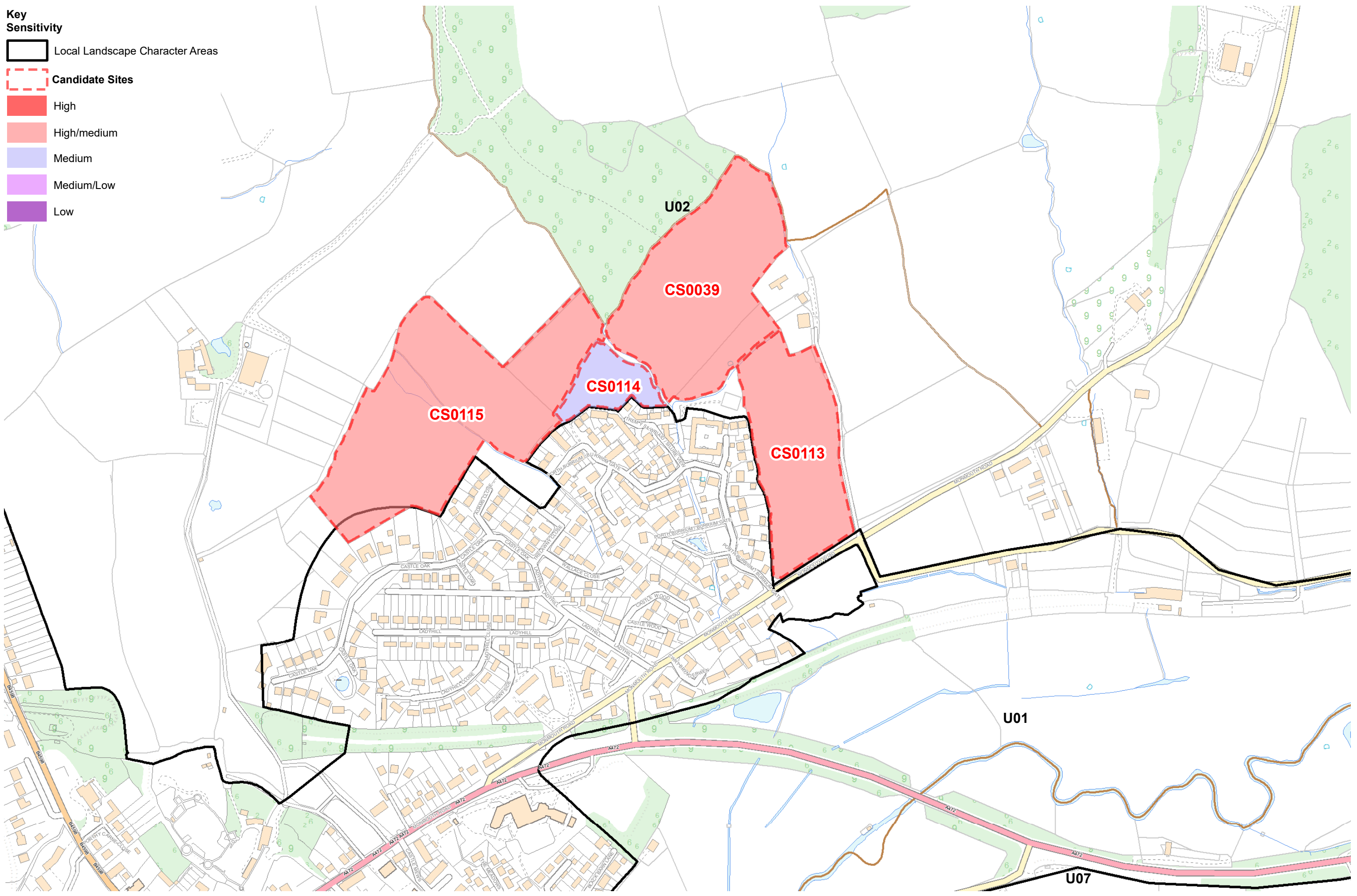
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 Client: Monmouthshire County Council  
 Date: November 2019  
 Status: Final

**Settlement: Usk**  
**Site Constraints**

**Key Sensitivity**

- Local Landscape Character Areas
- Candidate Sites
- High
- High/medium
- Medium
- Medium/Low
- Low



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## SUMMARY

### Key characteristics

Steeply rising hillside above Usk tributary watercourse.

Medium and small sized semi-regular pastoral/hay fields with outgrown hedges and occasional trees- oaks.

Strong riparian tree corridor separating fields from housing at the lower level to the south.

Cockshoot Wood SINC directly adjacent to the north.

The area forms prominent part of the unspoilt rural backcloth to the settlement and valleys in views from the south rising above Little Castle Farm to the south east which itself is a prominent white building on the hillside.

**Landscape sensitivity** high/medium

The susceptibility of the site is that it is part of an area that performs an important role for Usk in providing an unspoilt, tranquil and rural backcloth of steep hills and valleys sides of woods and pasture. The hedgerows and wood form part of habitat connectivity across the area. The field is well separated from development by a riparian corridor with trees and hedgerows. The value of the site lies in the SINC of Cockshoot Wood adjacent and its contribution to the scenic value of the mixed wood and pasture hillside.

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

a prosperous Wales     a resilient Wales     a healthy Wales     a more equal Wales

a Wales of cohesive communities     a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

## LLCA CONTEXT

**LLCA number** U02

**LLCA sensitivity** High/medium

**Relationship of site with LLCA** Forming part of the southern edge of Area U02, north of recent development to the south.

## LANDMAP CONTEXT

### Geological landscapes

**Number** MNMTHGL038

**Value** Moderate

### Landscape habitats

**Number** MNMTHLH128

**Value** Moderate

### Visual and sensory

**Number** MNMTHVS017

**Value** High

### Historical landscapes

**Number** MNMTHHL003

**Value** Moderate

### Cultural landscapes

**Number** MNMTHCL048

**Value** Outstanding

## Landscape Character Area

Number U02 also includes

### DESIGNATIONS

National Park AONB

Landscape designations comments

-

Landscape of Hist. interest Historic Parks and Gardens

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting

SAM Conservation Area Listed Building World Heritage Site

Historic / archaeology designations comments -

SAC NNR SINC Yes SSSI RAMSAR

Biodiversity designations comments Cockshoot Wood SINC directly adjacent to the north

### Other

Country Park National Trail National / Regional Cycle Route

## SUMMARY

### Key characteristics

Steeply rising hillside above recent development.

A medium-sized irregular pastoral field with low-cut hedges.

Little Castle Farm to the north east is a prominent white building on the hillside visible in views from the south.

**Landscape sensitivity** high/medium

The susceptibility of the site is that it is part of an area that performs an important role for Usk in providing an unspoilt rural backcloth of steep hills and valleys sides of woods and pasture. It is highly prominent from the Monmouth Road with its steep sloping pasture contributing to the rural backcloth and providing a logical stop to the settlement which is set down on lower gentler slopes in a former field to the west. The value of the site lies in its contribution to the scenic value of the mixed wood and pasture hillside.

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

a prosperous Wales     a resilient Wales     a healthy Wales     a more equal Wales

a Wales of cohesive communities     a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

## LLCA CONTEXT

**LLCA number** U02

**LLCA sensitivity** High/medium

**Relationship of site with LLCA** Forming the southern edge of Area U02, adjoining recent development to west and Monmouth Road to south.

## LANDMAP CONTEXT

### Geological landscapes

**Number** MNMTHGL038

**Value** Moderate

### Landscape habitats

**Number** MNMTHLH128

**Value** Moderate

### Visual and sensory

**Number** MNMTHVS017

**Value** High

### Historical landscapes

**Number** MNMTHHL070

**Value** High

### Cultural landscapes

**Number** MNMTHCL048

**Value** Outstanding

### Landscape Character Area

**Number** U02                      **also includes**

## DESIGNATIONS

National Park                      AONB

Landscape designations comments

-

Landscape of Hist. interest                      Historic Parks and Gardens

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting

SAM                      Conservation Area                      Listed Building                      World Heritage Site

Historic / archaeology designations comments                      -

SAC                      NNR                      SINC                      SSSI                      RAMSAR

Biodiversity designations comments                      -

## Other

Country Park                      National Trail                      National / Regional Cycle Route

## SUMMARY

### Key characteristics

A small irregular triangular pastoral field on a gently sloping valley side above recent development.

Bordering a stream course with riparian vegetation to the north east with an outgrown hedge to the north west.

Cockshoot Wood SINC to the north west.

Overlooked by development frontage/sides.

The site is relatively discreet and enclosed, rising gently above the existing housing and falling to the watercourse to the north east.

### Landscape sensitivity medium

The susceptibility of the site lies in its location in open countryside on a hillside, acting as part of an area of habitat connectivity and adjacent to a stream corridor. The value of the site lies in its location just south of Cockshoot Wood SINC and its attractive qualities as part of the wider undulating hillside landscape. The sites discreet location falling to the stream and small size enclosed by outgrown hedges on two sides and housing openly overlooking from the south means that the site may be able to accommodate carefully designed housing development. The relationship with existing housing would be important and the housing should allow for a landscape buffer with the watercourse/riparian corridor.

### Does the site 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

## LLCA CONTEXT

LLCA number    U02

LLCA sensitivity    High/medium

Relationship of site with LLCA    Southern edge of U02 directly adjacent to the settlement.

## LANDMAP CONTEXT

### Geological landscapes

Number    MNMTHGL038

Value    Moderate

### Landscape habitats

Number    MNMTHLH128

Value    Moderate

### Visual and sensory

Number    MNMTHVS017    MNMTHVS068

Value    High    High

### Historical landscapes

Number    MNMTHHL070

Value    High

### Cultural landscapes

Number    MNMTHCL048



Value Outstanding

**Landscape Character Area**

Number U02 also includes

**DESIGNATIONS**

National Park AONB

Landscape designations comments

-

Landscape of Hist. interest Historic Parks and Gardens

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting

SAM Conservation Area Listed Building World Heritage Site

Historic / archaeology designations comments -

SAC NNR SINC SSSI RAMSAR

Biodiversity designations comments -

**Other**

Country Park National Trail National / Regional Cycle Route

SUMMARY

Key characteristics

Steeply rising hillside above housing estate development.
Medium-sized irregular pastoral/hay fields with outgrown hedges and occasional field trees - oaks.
Conifers in boundary to the north east
Used informally for dog walking.
Cockshoot Wood SINC adjacent to the east.
The area forms part of the backcloth to the settlement and valleys in views from the south.

Landscape sensitivity high/medium

The susceptibility of the site is that it is part of an area that performs an important role for Usk in providing an unspoilt, tranquil and rural backcloth of steep hills and valleys sides of woods and pasture. The hedgerows and wood form part of habitat connectivity across the area. The field is separated from development by trees and hedgerows in part. The value of the site lies in the SINC of Cockshoot Wood adjacent and its contribution to the scenic value of the mixed wood and pasture hillside.

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

- a prosperous Wales
a resilient Wales
a healthy Wales
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LLCA CONTEXT

LLCA number U02
LLCA sensitivity High/medium
Relationship of site with LLCA forming the southern edge of Area U02, adjoining housing development to south.

LANDMAP CONTEXT

Geological landscapes

Number MNMTHGL038
Value Moderate

Landscape habitats

Number MNMTHLH128 MNMTHLH113
Value Moderate Low

Visual and sensory

Number MNMTHVS017
Value High

Historical landscapes

Number MNMTHHL070
Value High

Cultural landscapes

Number MNMTHCL048
Value Outstanding

## Landscape Character Area

Number U02 also includes

### DESIGNATIONS

National Park AONB

Landscape designations comments

-

Landscape of Hist. interest Historic Parks and Gardens

Hist.Parks and Gardens essential setting

SAM Conservation Area Listed Building World Heritage Site

Historic / archaeology designations comments -

SAC NNR SINC Yes SSSI RAMSAR

Biodiversity designations comments adjacent to Cockshoot Wood SINC to the east

### Other

Country Park National Trail National / Regional Cycle Route