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SHROPSHIRE LANDSCAPE & VISUAL SENSITIVITY ASSESSMENT

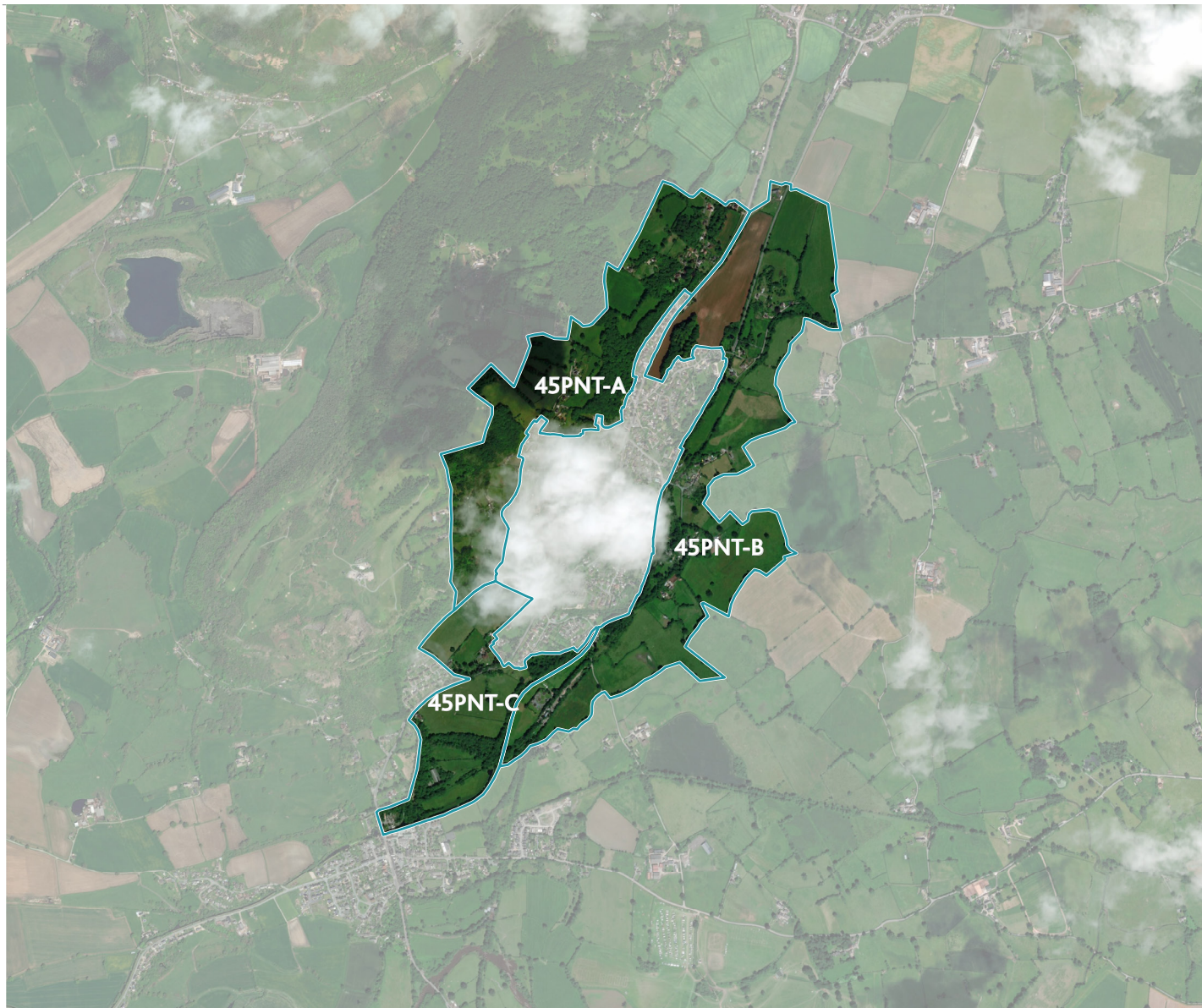
PANT
[45PNT]

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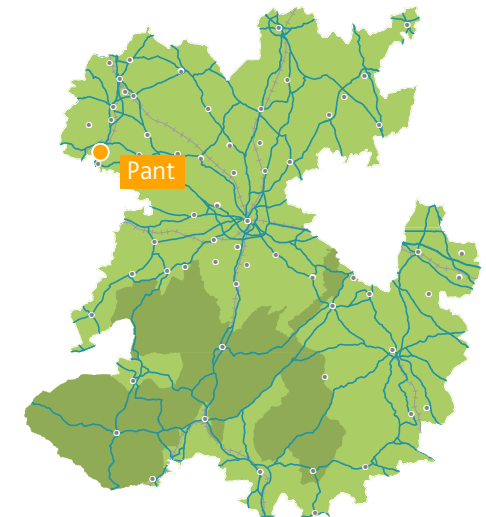
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45. PANT [45PNT]



LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Pant is a small village in the north west of Shropshire. It lies near the Wales-England border and the A483 runs through its centre. Llanymynech Rocks Nature Reserve is located to the south of the parcel and the Montgomery Canal runs to the east. Mining and quarrying are a strong part of the villages history. Pant has a population of 1240. The settlement has been divided into 3 parcels for the purpose of this study.



PANT A [45PNT-A]

LOCATION AND CHARACTER

This parcel is located along the western side of Pant and is a linear strip of rising landform that develops into a series of larger undulating hills. The A483 runs along the eastern boundary for a short section and there are a small number of local roads running through the parcel. There is also a large network of PRow throughout. This parcel is characterised by its distinctive steep landform, complex landscape pattern, extensive nature conservation designations and generous tree cover.



1. VIEWS TOWARDS THE AONB FROM HIGHER ELEVATIONS



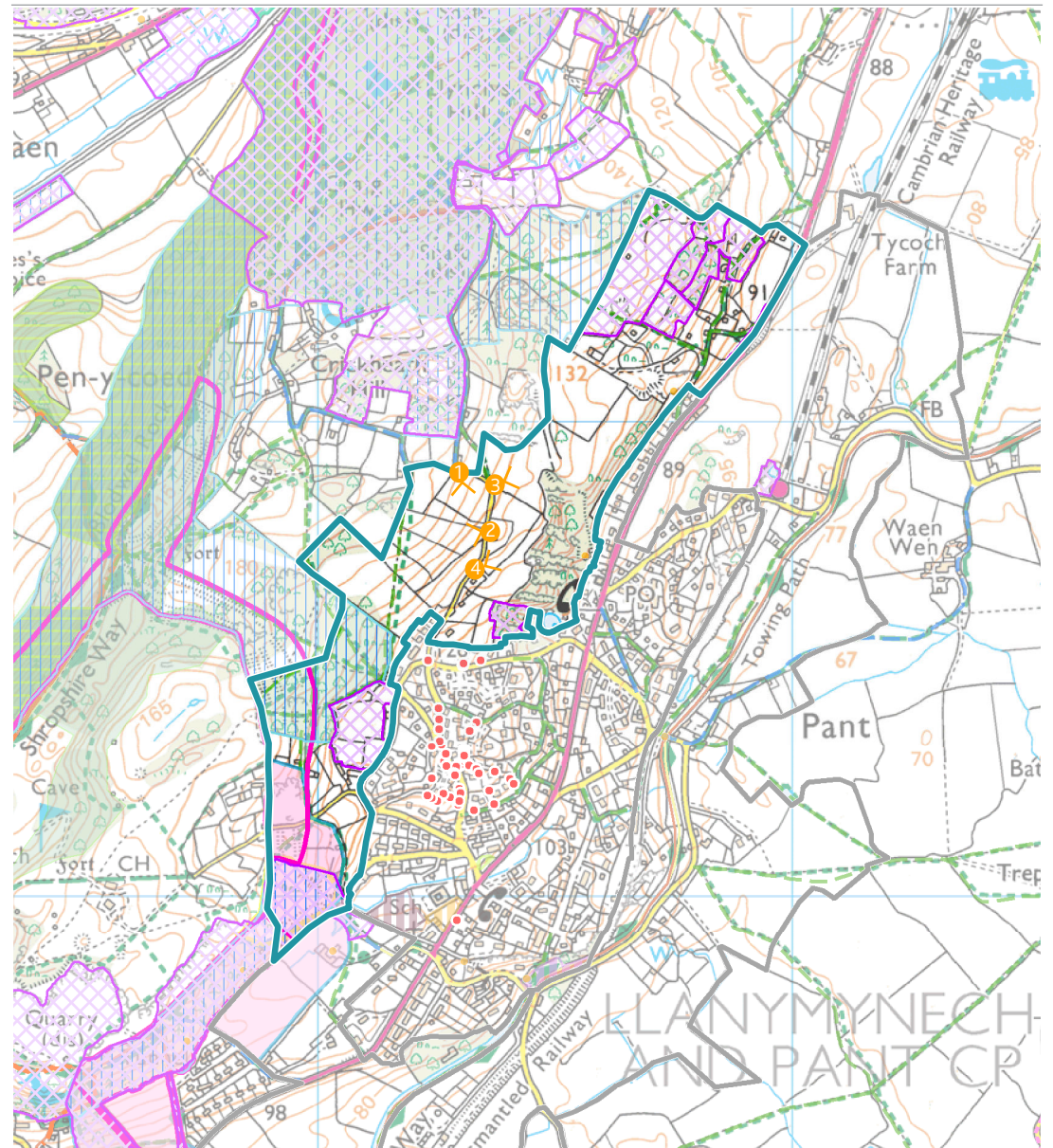
2. STEEP LAND THROUGHOUT THE PARCEL



3. DENSE VEGETATION ENCLOSES VIEWS OUT, PARTICULARLY ON LOWER SLOPES



4. ENCLOSED GRASSLAND



LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

This is a landscape of strong rural character and good condition. There is a high number of nature conservation and heritage designations throughout the parcel including the Conservation Area associated with Llanymynech Rocks. There are multiple Local Wildlife Sites and diversity of habitats; one LWS is located to the north of the parcel, one associated with Llanymynech Rocks and two smaller areas on the edge of Pant itself. SSSIs are also designated in similar areas and a Scheduled Monument Blodwell Rock Camp and portions of Llanymynech Hill Camp, encroaches into the parcel on the south western boundary. There is a complex network of PRoW throughout the parcel, connecting to designated sites and contributing to the high recreation value of the parcel. The steep landform itself forms a strong physical feature.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a varied landscape of complex and irregular pattern with small scale pastoral fields and open grassland. The landform is steep and forms occasional ridges and distinct hills. There is a strong sense of place and typical rural character which is created by the generous tree cover and landform that would be vulnerable to loss as a result of development. The sense of remoteness and tranquility is reduced in close proximity to the A483 to the north east corner but stronger to the west where there is less human influence. The woodlands, robust hedgerows and hedgerow trees form strong elements within the landscape and are particularly susceptible being irreplaceable in the short to medium term. Existing settlement comprises of a small number of residential properties along local roads and would be vulnerable to changes to the discrete settlement pattern. Development on the edge of Pant is visible from the parcel and slightly extends up the steep landform.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

There are a high number of designations and vegetation cover and steep landform is distinctive in the parcel however small scale housing development may be appropriate near the settlement edge which means overall, the sensitivity of the landscape to change arising from new housing is medium-high and to employment is high.



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VISUAL

VISUAL VALUE

There are long distance views from the upper slopes of the parcel towards the Shropshire Hills AONB to the south east, however the parcel itself does not take in the special qualities of the AONB. Although the parcel is in close proximity to the distinctive landform at Llanymynech Rocks, views are blocked by intervening landform and vegetation. The landscape is intact with the main detracting element being the A483 running through the village of Pant, along the boundary of the parcel.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Views are varied throughout the parcel. Through the majority of the parcel, particularly on the lower slopes, views are limited due to the high level of tree cover restricting views out. However, towards the higher elevations, views open up and vegetation frames these long distance views in places. The parcel itself does form part of a skyline and is visible from Pant as the landform is prominent along the village's western edge. Due to the heavily vegetated nature of the parcel, views in and out of the Conservation Area, Local Wildlife Sites and other designations are filtered and the wooded character continues throughout these designations. The level of road access throughout the parcel is occasional with limited vehicular access compared to the more frequent use of PRoW by sensitive recreational receptors. Local road users are of a lower susceptibility to development, with the residential receptors and users of the PRoW are of a higher susceptibility to changes in their surroundings.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

Generous tree cover, particularly on the higher landforms, would provide screening for small scale development however, this should be balanced against the scenic quality of many views within the parcel. Overall the views experienced are of medium-high sensitivity to change arising from new housing and a high sensitivity to change arising from employment.



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PANT B [45PNT-B]

LOCATION AND CHARACTER

This parcel is located along the eastern side of Pant in a linear fashion. The A483 running through Pant forms the western boundary to the northern half of the parcel. There are multiple local roads running through the parcel and the Cambrian Heritage Railway terminates in the north of the parcel. An extensive PRoW connects the parcel including the long distance footpath, Wat Dykes Way. The landscape of the parcel has a typical pastoral farmland character with hedgerows and a medium level of tree cover. The Montgomery Canal runs through the parcel.



1. VIEWS TOWARDS THE AONB FROM THE MORE OPEN LANDSCAPE TO THE EAST



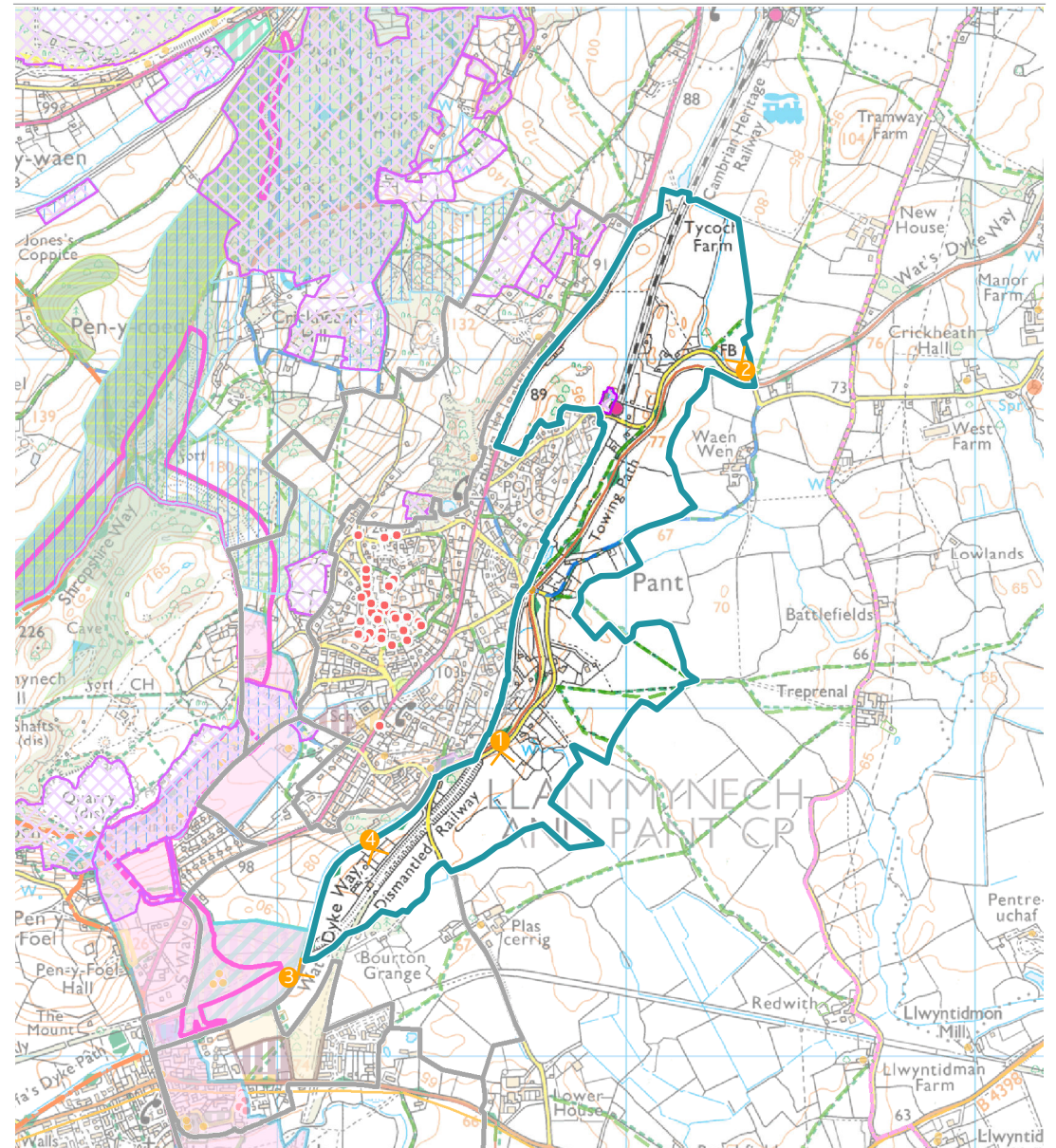
2. VEGETATION SCREENS VIEWS OUT IN PLACES



3. VEGETATION SCREENS VIEWS OUT IN PLACES



4. VEGETATION ENCLOSES PASTURE AND HORSE PADDOCKS



LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

This is a landscape of typical rural character and in moderate condition. There are limited designations within the parcel, with only a small area of Local Wildlife Site along the Cambrian Heritage Railway, however hedgerows are robust and connectivity is good. There are multiple PRoW within the parcel, including Wat's Dyke Way which runs along the Montgomery Canal through a long length of the parcel. The railway, disused railway, and the Canal, are strong linear features in the landscape. The Conservation Area at Llanymynech is situated along a small section of the boundary to the south west corner. Due to the presence of Wat's Dyke Way along the canal and several PRoW, the landscape makes an important contribution to the enjoyment of the area.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a varied landscape of an irregular pattern with small to medium scale pasture fields and horse paddocks. This gently rolling landscape is slightly flatter to the east of the parcel. There is a medium sense of place and typical rural character with some sense of remoteness and tranquility which is reduced slightly to the north of the parcel due to the presence of the A483 and the Cambrian Heritage Railway. The wooded areas, scattered trees and hedgerows, particularly to the west of the parcel, form strong elements in the landscape that define rural character and are particularly susceptible to loss as they are irreplaceable in the short to medium term. However, towards the east of the parcel the hedgerows become more gappy and vegetation cover is reduced slightly. Existing settlement is of a linear fashion the pattern of which is reinforced by vegetation. Clustered and dispersed residential properties along the local roads of Well House Lane and Penygarrag Lane would be susceptible to changes in the discrete settlement pattern.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

There are limited designations within the parcel and it is a typical rural landscape, however the Cambrian Heritage Railway and PRoW, including Wat's Dyke Way are important features in the landscape. Therefore the sensitivity of the landscape to change arising from new housing is medium and to employment is medium-high.



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VISUAL

VISUAL VALUE

There are views towards the Shropshire Hills AONB from the more open landscape in the east, however the parcel does not take in the special qualities of the AONB. The landscape is intact, with the main detracting elements being the A483 in the north of the parcel, a wastewater treatment works and agricultural buildings.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

The views vary within the parcel, with the more contained views, due to vegetation cover, being located to the western side of the parcel and the more open views to the eastern side. Views from the A483 into the parcel in the north are open over the adjacent field. There is limited intervisibility with the settlement and parcels A and C, due to tree cover screening views. The parcel itself does not form part of a skyline and again, due to tree cover close to the settlement, there is limited intervisibility with the adjoining Conservation Area at Llanymynech. The level of access through the parcel is occasional as the access is restricted to local roads and PRoWs, including Wat's Dyke Way. Although the roads are of a low susceptibility to development, the residential receptors and users of the PRoWs are of a high susceptibility to changes to their surroundings.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

There are views towards the AONB from the eastern side of the parcel, however tree cover within the rest of the parcel limits views and encloses the landscape. Therefore the views experienced are of medium sensitivity to change arising from new housing and a medium-high sensitivity to change arising from employment.



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PANT C [45PNT-C]

LOCATION AND CHARACTER

This parcel is located to the south of Pant and north of Llanymynech. A small section of the A483 runs through the parcel, however this is the only road. The landscape of the parcel is characterised by fields of variable scale and pattern and the Lime Kiln within the Conservation Area. A highly wooded strip of land runs along the Montgomery Canal, which forms the eastern boundary of the parcel. The Wat's Dyke Way runs alongside the canal and there is a single PRoW on the north side of the parcel.



1. DEGRADED LAND IS A DETRACTING ELEMENT WITHIN THE CONSERVATION AREA



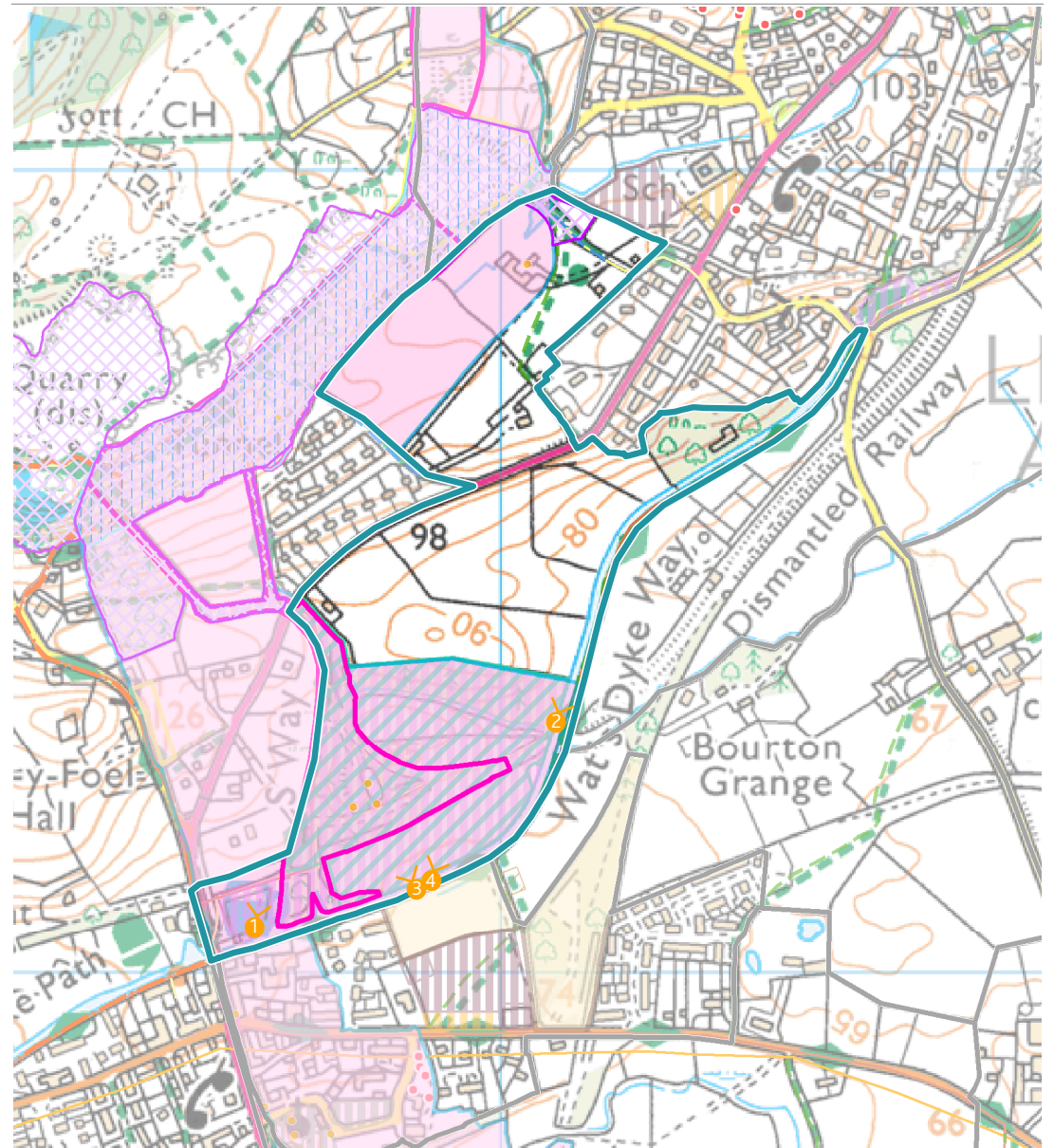
2. THE CANAL ROUTE IS HEAVILY WOODED AND THERE ARE LIMITED VIEWS OUT



3. THE CHIMNEY WITHIN THE LIME KILN IS VISIBLE ABOVE THE VEGETATION



4. MONTGOMERY CANAL HAS HIGH NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE



LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

This is a landscape of a strong character in good condition. Approximately half of the parcel is designated as a Conservation Area. The Conservation Area to the south of the parcel is also within the Park and Countryside boundary and contains a Scheduled Monument – at Llanymynech Limeworks- which also contains grade II listed buildings and heritage centre. Although outside of the parcel, to the northern boundary of the parcel, the Conservation Area continues and contains a Local Wildlife Site and SSSI. Wat’s Dyke Way runs along the Montgomery Canal along the southern boundary and there is a further PRoW in the northern half of the Parcel. The publicly accessible Scheduled Monument Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage Area, adds to the heritage and recreational value of the parcel. The Montgomery canal and the Lime Kilns, including a tall chimney, are strong features in the landscape. The landscape makes an important contribution to the enjoyment of the area.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a varied landscape of an irregular and simple pattern with small to medium scaled pasture fields and open grassland. This generally gently rolling landscape becomes steep towards the north east corner of the parcel. There is a strong sense of place within the woodlands and Conservation Area that would be vulnerable to erosion by noise and visual disturbance, but elsewhere there is a typical rural character within the fields. There is some sense of remoteness and tranquility however this is reduced within closer proximity to the A483. The woodland along the canal and within the Conservation Area form strong elements within the landscape that define the rural character and are particularly susceptible as they are irreplaceable in the short to medium term. Existing settlement is limited within the parcel, however there are some residential properties located to the north.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Due to the historic and recreational value of the parcel, the sensitivity of the landscape to change arising from new housing is medium-high and to employment is high, however this is slightly lower on the fields which are not as wooded and without designations.



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VISUAL

VISUAL VALUE

There are views towards the Shropshire Hills AONB from higher elevations within the parcel, notably from the A483, however the parcel itself does not take in the special qualities of the AONB. There are views towards Llanymynech and the chimney within the Limekiln Conservation Area. The landscape is intact, with some slightly degraded areas along the canal in the south west of the parcel, which is slightly run down due to the presence of storage areas and huts and along with the A483, are the main detractors within the landscape.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Views within the parcel vary, however they are generally visually contained with limited views inwards and outwards due to the highly vegetated nature of the parcel. There are open views from the A483 across the fields and towards the AONB, and intervisibility between parcels A and B, settlement edge and the Conservation Areas, however these are filtered by vegetation. The parcel itself does not form a skyline, however the chimney at the Limekiln does form a landmark and vertical feature on the skyline that would be vulnerable to changes to its setting. The level of access through the parcel is frequent due to the A483 which runs through the parcel and the canal is well frequented by walkers and users of the waterway. Although the road is of a low susceptibility, the visitors to the Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage Area and recreational receptors of Wat’s Dyke Way and the canal are highly susceptible to changes in their surroundings.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

There are views towards important landscapes from within the parcel, however the generous tree cover limits views in places. The areas of higher susceptibility are well wooded and filtered and the more open areas are those with lower susceptibility receptors, such as road users. Therefore the views experienced are of medium-high sensitivity to change arising from new housing and a high sensitivity to change arising from employment.



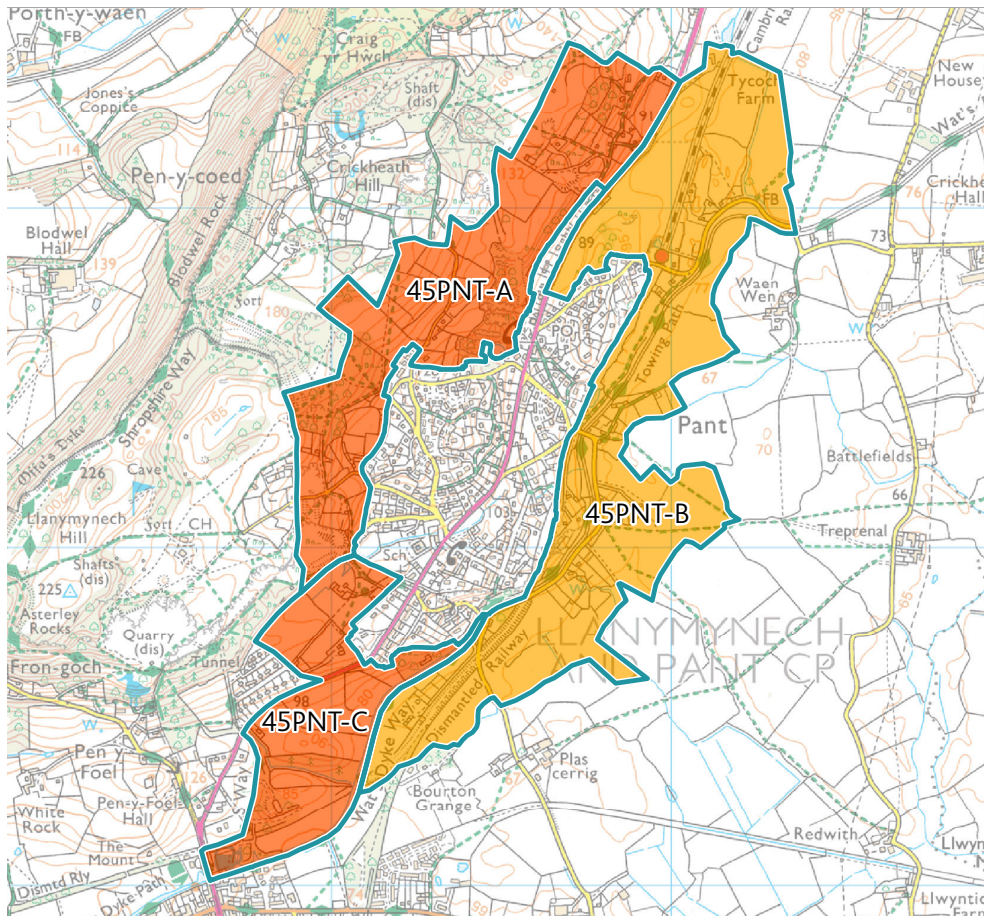
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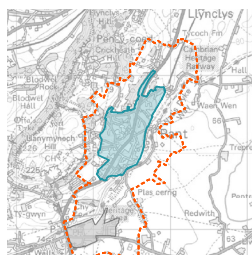
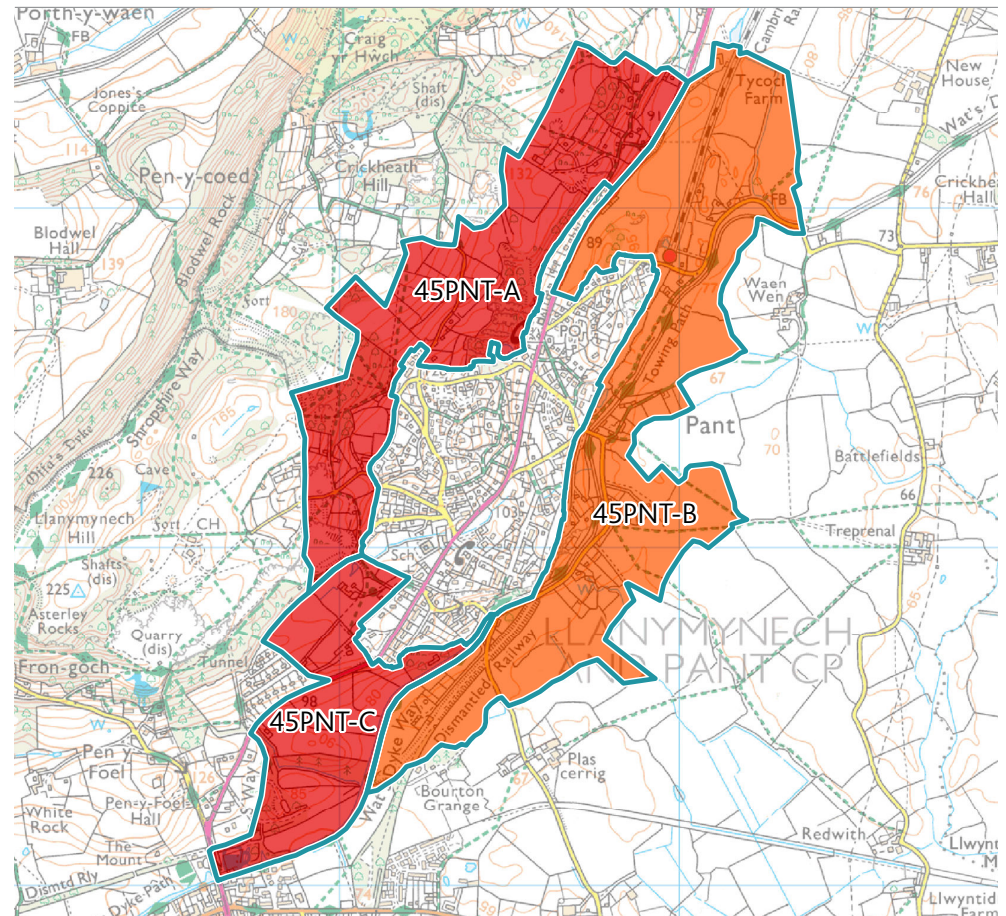
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PANT LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

HOUSING



EMPLOYMENT



KEY:

SENSITIVITY PARCEL

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY:

VERY HIGH

HIGH

MEDIUM-HIGH

MEDIUM

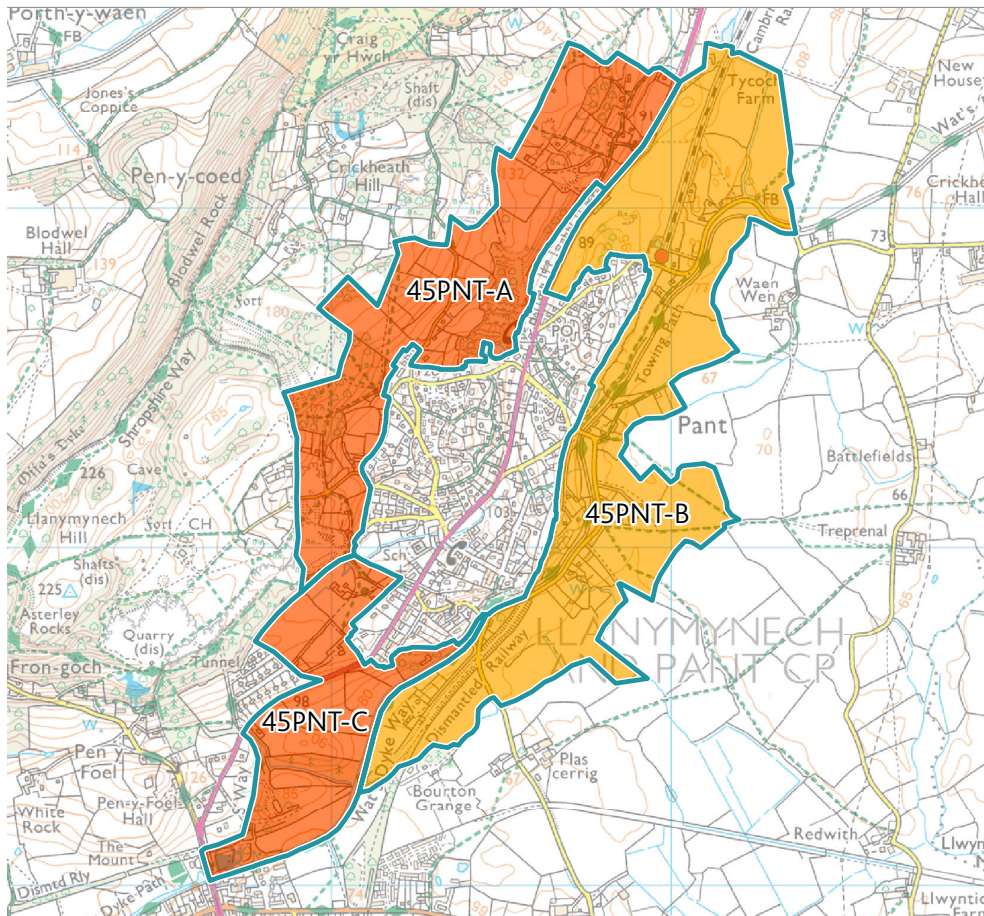
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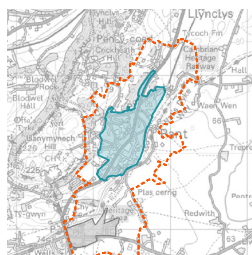
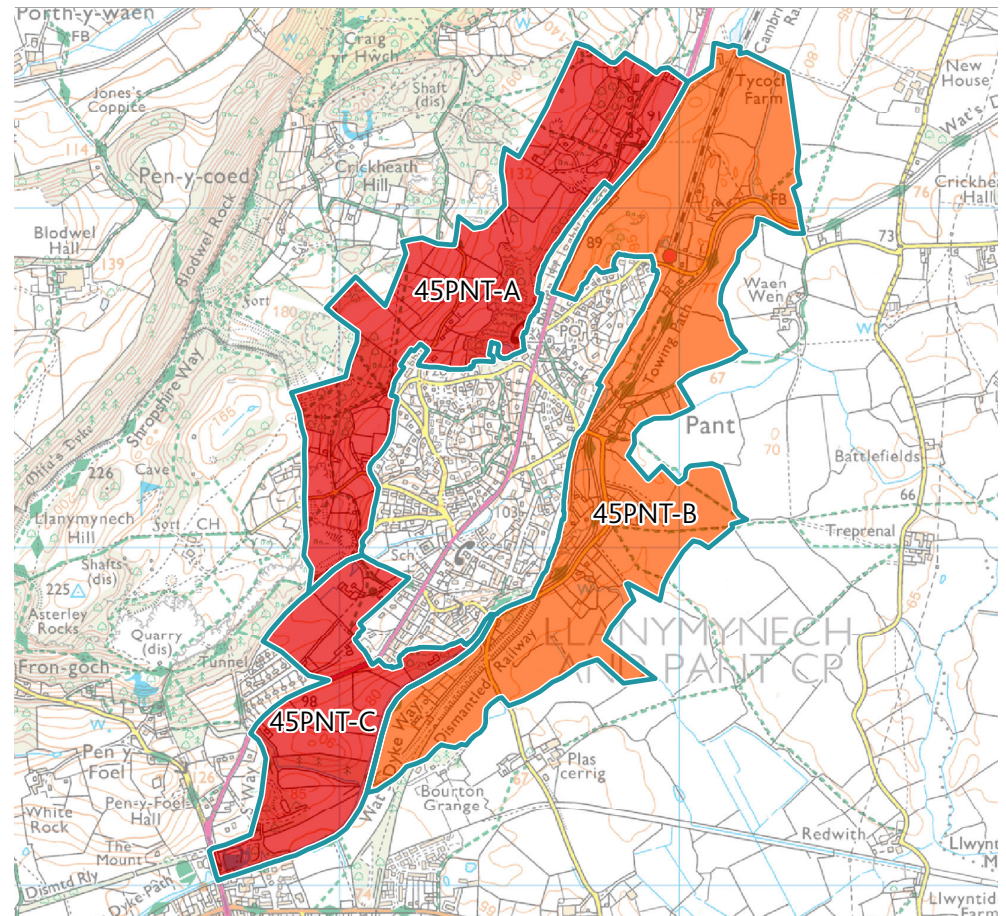
PANT VISUAL SENSITIVITY



HOUSING



EMPLOYMENT



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SENSITIVITY PARCEL

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

VERY HIGH

MEDIUM-HIGH

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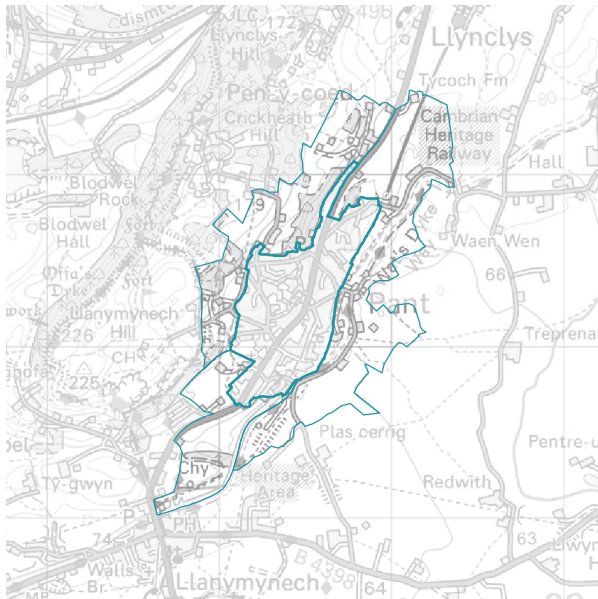
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DESIGN GUIDANCE FOR PANT

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3 SENSITIVITY PARCELS



KEY

-  PARCEL BOUNDARY
-  SETTLEMENT
-  HIGHER LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY TO DEVELOPMENT
-  HIGHER VISUAL SENSITIVITY TO DEVELOPMENT
-  VIEWS TO BE PROTECTED
-  DESIGNATED FEATURES WHERE THE SETTING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
-  VISITOR DESTINATION WHERE THE SETTING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
-  IMPORTANT LANDSCAPE FEATURE WHICH SHOULD BE RETAINED

