

ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY & SUMMARY

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INTRODUCTION

Shropshire, like other local authorities has to plan for new housing and employment land. To help ensure that such development is directed to the most appropriate locations, Shropshire Council commissioned Gillespies in May 2018 to prepare this landscape and visual sensitivity study to inform the selection of development sites. The conclusions of the study will inform the selection of suitable sites for allocation in the Local Plan¹ Review and provide a sound basis for decision making in the determination of planning applications.

Shropshire offers a diverse range of scenery, from the large lakes and rolling pasturelands around Ellesmere in the north, to the hidden heritage of the Clee Hills with their stark industrial ruins in the south. The landscape forms an integral part of the county's economy, not only because of the farming industries it sustains but also because of the residents, tourists and investors it attracts. The importance of the County's landscape is recognised as being part of the area's special appeal, with the Shropshire Hills formally designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Future change needs to be managed in a way that is sympathetic to this landscape and visual character and visual amenity, allowing it to be maintained for future generations to enjoy. In other words, management of landscape change must be sustainably managed. This study provides the evidence-based technical assessment to help ensure that locations identified for new development meet

these requirements. Using a systemic assessment framework it examines the sensitivity of the landscape and identifies those areas which can potentially accommodate different thresholds of development without impacting key landscape and visual character and qualities.

A key requirement of the study which differentiates it from others undertaken previously within the county is that it reflects the latest guidance presented in the Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Third edition (GLVIA3)². This is the industry standard for landscape and visual assessment. The approach advocated in GLVIA3 is based on the commonly adopted premise that development should be more readily accepted in the least sensitive areas and should avoid areas that are highly valued for their scenic, nature conservation, historic, recreational and perceptual qualities such as tranquility and remoteness, particularly those areas safeguarded by international or national designations and those where the cumulative effects of existing and consented schemes limit further development.

In compliance with GLVIA3, the landscape and visual assessments are dealt with separately and each adopts the same step by step approach to combining the judgements about the susceptibility to change arising from the two potential development types with judgements about the value attached to the receptor. This approach allows judgements to be made as transparently as possible. The

assessment links back to the key landscape characteristics and valued attribute information provided in the Landscape Types published in the Shropshire Landscape Typology study⁶.

The conclusions of this study when considered alongside the other information being gathered as part of the Strategic Land Availability Assessment (SLAA) will enable Shropshire Council to determine which areas warrant further planning appraisal and ultimately inform spatial development options for the Local Plan and provide a sound basis for decision making in the determination of planning applications. This is consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which is clear that planning should recognise the 'intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside' and allocate land with the least environmental or amenity value.

This is a strategic assessment which provides the context for more detailed studies of individual sites. It does not make judgements on the appropriateness of specific developments on individual sites (and does not consider specific development proposals where these might exist). More detailed studies relating to specific site allocations and development proposals will be undertaken at a local authority level as part of the Development Plan and development management process.



IMAGE 2. PHOTO LOOKING TOWARDS BREIDDEN HILL, ON THE WELSH BORDER

ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

APPROACH

The method set out below has been developed and successfully applied by Gillespies over a number of years. It draws on guidance in GLVIA3 and contained in Natural England's guidance on landscape character assessment³. The methodology is also in line with the recommendations in the European Landscape Convention⁴, National Planning Practice Guidance and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)⁵. It is a transparent and logical approach which uses carefully selected criteria to make informed judgements on emerging options within the Development Plan.

The assessment also draws on a wealth of regional and local studies including the Shropshire Landscape Typology⁶ and Shropshire Historic Landscape Characterisation Study.

DEFINING LANDSCAPE & VISUAL SENSITIVITY

Landscape sensitivity assessment has become an important way of using an understanding of landscape character to manage landscape change.

There is currently no prescribed approach for assessing landscape sensitivity. Since 2004, Topic Paper 6⁷ published by Natural England has provided the most relevant discussions on strategic assessment of landscape sensitivity but in recent years this document has been superseded by the approach to assessing landscape sensitivity within EIA as set out in GLVIA3 and is currently being redrafted.

Topic Paper 6 is currently being redrafted by Natural England and the following approach and definitions draw on both unpublished work relating to this and from landscape sensitivity and capacity guidelines currently being developed by Natural Resources Wales.

Landscape sensitivity combines judgements on landscape susceptibility and landscape value. As a general rule, landscapes of lower sensitivity will have more scope to accept a specific development than landscapes of higher sensitivity.

DEFINITION OF SUSCEPTIBILITY AND VALUE

Landscape susceptibility is the ability of a landscape to accommodate change of a particular type and scale whilst maintaining or enhancing current landscape character.

Landscape value refers to the nature and level of importance that society attaches to current landscape character.

Decisions on landscape and visual sensitivity need clear, transparent and consistent consideration of the following:

- The individual elements that contribute to landscape character, their significance and their vulnerability to change;
- Any particularly valued landscape characteristics and qualities and the level of importance that society attaches to conserving these;
- The special qualities of the Shropshire Hills AONB;
- The overall quality and condition of the landscape in terms of its intactness, representation of typical character and condition or state of repair of individual elements contributing to character; and
- Scenic quality for example the scale, level of enclosure, diversity, colour, form, line, pattern and texture of the landscape and perceptual aspects of landscape character such as tranquillity and remoteness. These aspects are much more subjective and responses to them are more personal to the preferences of the individual.

Visual sensitivity can either be treated as a subset of landscape sensitivity or, in this case, is assessed separately. It deals with the effects of change arising from development on the views and wider visual amenity available to people who live in, or visit an area (known as visual receptors). As a general rule, visual receptors of higher sensitivity are more likely to view a new development as intrusive, than visual receptors of a lower sensitivity. In this study visual aspects are considered in relation to landscape character and

quality and not in relation to specific views (although these will be noted where they are a key characteristic of a particular area). This is because views and visibility change over short distance and can only be assessed in relation to a particular development type as part of landscape and visual impact assessment.

There is currently no prescribed method for separately assessing visual sensitivity at a strategic scale and published assessments typically treat visual sensitivity as a subset of landscape sensitivity.

The method outlined below is therefore developed from our experience of undertaking visual assessments as part of the formal EIA process and within strategic landscape assessment. We have also drawn on guidance in GLVIA3 and Topic Paper 6.

As with the assessment of landscape sensitivity, the assessment of visual sensitivity combines judgements about value and susceptibility as follows:

- Characteristics and qualities of the views typically experienced and the value attached to them;
- The susceptibility of the visual receptor groups likely to experience the view; and
- The susceptibility of the visual characteristics of the landscape, to the specific type of change arising from the development types being considered.

This requires consideration of the visual sensitivity of the landscape in terms both of its general visibility and the potential scope to mitigate the visual effects of any change that might take place. The general visibility of an area is typically dependent on the landform, and presence or absence of built development or trees, both of which can help screen development.

SUMMARY OF THE METHOD

The assessment was undertaken through the following five assessment stages, which were carried out through a combination of desk and field study by chartered landscape architects.

STAGE 1

Identification and description of the type and scale of developments to be assessed

STAGE 2

Identification of the settlements to be included in the study

STAGE 3

Identification and description of the current landscape and visual resource

STAGE 4

Assessment of landscape and visual sensitivity by combining judgements about susceptibility and value

STAGE 5

Preparation of maps and diagrams to identify areas of landscape and visual constraints/ opportunities for development

STAGE 1: IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENTS TO BE ASSESSED

The assessment considers the sensitivity of the landscape and visual sensitivity of people within the landscape, to the general principle of housing and employment development, without knowing the specific size, type or exact location (this would be detailed at the planning application stage). Broad parameters for the development were agreed with Shropshire Council as this affected the assessment, for example, the smaller unit size of housing development typically integrates better within the wider landscape and is therefore likely to be less visible than larger scale employment units. Similarly, smaller individual housing units can be put on steeper slopes and in finer grain landscapes than employment units. The parameters for the two types of development are 2-3 storey properties (<0.5ha) and small scale commercial development (office, warehouse or light industrial) around 14m tall and >1ha).

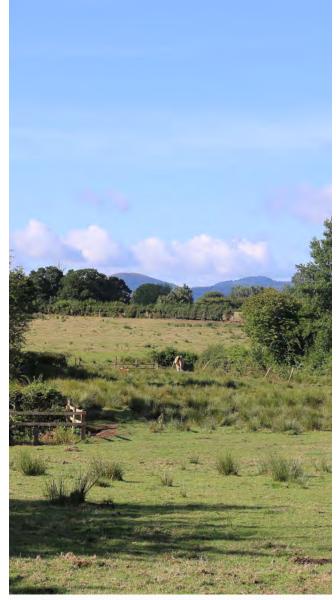


IMAGE 3. VIEW TOWARDS SHROPSHIRE HILLS AONB

STAGE 2: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SETTLEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STUDY

The list of 66 settlements to be assessed was provided by Shropshire Council. It includes the 'Strategic Centre' of Shrewsbury which is the top tier of the settlement hierarchy in the Local Plan, five 'Principal Centres' and the 11 'Key Centres' as well as the 40 smaller settlements which are identified as 'Potential Community hubs' in the Local Plan and four 'Proposed Strategic Sites'. The settlements are listed in alphabetical order in the box below and their location is shown on Figure 1.

IS S	nown on Figure 1.				
Stra	tegic Centre	20.	Bayston Hill	45.	Pant
1.	Shrewsbury	21.	Bicton	46.	Pontesbury
Prince 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	cipal Centres Bridgnorth Ludlow Market Drayton Oswestry Whitchurch	22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29.	Bomere Heath Bucknell Burford Chirbury Clee Hill/The Knowle Clive Clun Cockshutt	47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53.	Prees Ruyton XI Towns Shawbury St Martins/Ifton Heath Trefonen West Felton Westbury Weston Rhyn
7.	Albrighton	30.	Cressage	55.	Whittington
8.	Bishop's Castle	31.	Ditton Priors	56.	Woore/Irelands Cross
9.	Broseley	32.	Dorrington	57.	Worthen
10.	Church Stretton	33.	Ford	58.	Beckbury
11.	Cleobury Mortimer	34.	Gobowen	59.	Condover
12.	Craven Arms	35.	Hadnall	60.	Cross Houses
13.	Ellesmere	36.	Hanwood	61.	Knockin
14.	Highley	37.	Hinstock	62.	Longden
15.	Much Wenlock	38.	Hodnet	Dron	osed Strategic Sites
16.	Shifnal	39.	Kinnerley	63.	Ironbridge
17.	Wem	40.	Llanymynech	64.	Junction 3
		41.	Minsterley	65.	Tern Hill
	ntial Community Hubs	42.	Morda	66.	Park Hall
18.	Alveley	43.	Myddle	00.	Tarkitati

44. Nesscliffe

19. Baschurch

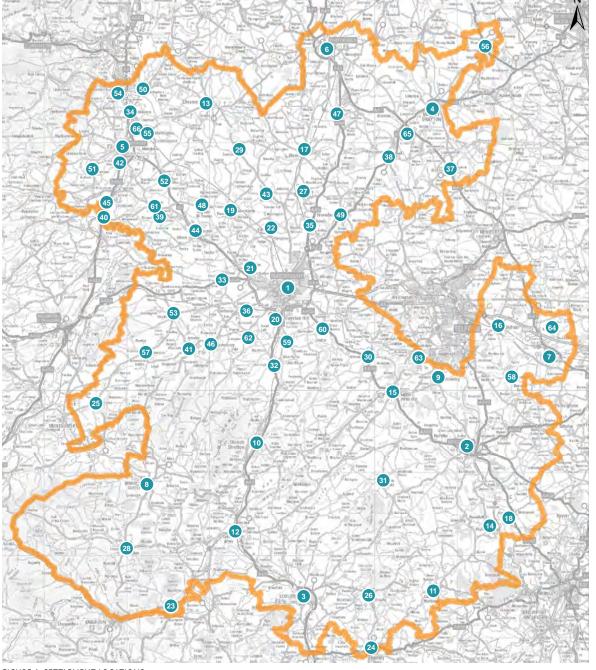


FIGURE 1. SETTLEMENT LOCATIONS

STAGE 3: DEFINING STUDY AREAS FOR THE ASSESSMENT

As a starting point for defining the settlement study areas, a 500m buffer was drawn around each settlement or settlement cluster (where settlements are closer than 1km apart). The inner boundary of each settlement study area was based on the Limits to Development set out in the Local Plan. The 500m buffer was then refined to ensure that the outer boundary of the study area follows recognisable features in the landscape such as roads, woodland and field boundaries. In most instances, this resulted in an enlargement of the 500m buffer.

SENSITIVITY PARCELS

The study area for each settlement was subdivided into Sensitivity Parcels through a combination of desk study and field survey. Sensitivity Parcels are areas of broadly consistent sensitivity, the boundaries of which were informed by the following:

- The settlement boundary;
- The boundaries of the 27 Landscape Types, the fundamental building block of The Shropshire Landscape Typology and Shropshire Historic Landscape Characterisation Assessment. Landscape Types are broad areas of landscape with common characteristics, although because of their size, there can be variations in both landscape characteristics and sensitivity;
- Local landscape appraisals;
- Changes in landform (including ridgelines and watersheds, land cover (particularly woodland and tree cover) and landscape character;
- Analysis of intervisibility, key visual receptors, landform (including ridgelines and watersheds, land cover (particularly buildings, woodland and tree cover) and landscape character;

 Presence of natural or man-made barriers to development such as roads, watercourses, woodland or field boundaries.

Wherever possible the boundaries of Sensitivity Parcels follow the boundaries of the Landscape Types identified in the Shropshire Landscape Typology. Changes to boundaries of the Landscape Types were only recommended where there were robust and clearly justifiable grounds to do so. If there are differences in the boundaries this does not mean that the overall Landscape Type judgment is incorrect as it applies to a much broader area and defines the dominant characteristics of that area. It still serves as a relevant context to the Sensitivity Parcel.

A description of the landscape and visual characteristics of each Sensitivity Parcel was made based on the information within published landscape character assessments including the Shropshire Landscape Typology, Shropshire Historic Landscape Characterisation, previous studies, local landscape appraisals, Natural Character Area Profiles⁸ and The Shropshire Hills AONB Management Plan 2014 – 2019⁹. Each of these documents was reviewed for accuracy, scale and detail and updated if necessary. Field survey work was undertaken to refine the boundaries and further understand the landscape and visual qualities of each Sensitivity Parcel. The aim of this desk top work and field study was to:

- Understand the landscape character of each Sensitivity Parcel including its key landscape characteristics, landscape value attributes and susceptibilities to the two development types;
- Map any designated sites or features which may be constraints to development;
- Verify whether the published landscape character descriptions are accurate for the Sensitivity Parcel;
- Understand how far the special qualities of the Shropshire Hills AONB are reflected in the landscape;
- Describe the aesthetic and perceptual characteristics such as scenic quality, landscape condition, tranquility etc;

- Describe the nature of the visual receptor groups and value of the general visual amenity within each Sensitivity Parcel;
- Identify any visual amenity issues, including any intervisibility with the adjoining settlement and the role of the Sensitivity Parcel as valued recreational green space;
- Identify important views to and from each Sensitivity Parcel, noting distinctive features such as iconic viewpoints, views to and from designated landscapes (including the Shropshire Hills AONB), skylines or uninterrupted horizons; and
- Identify potential landscape and visual measures that could be undertaken to mitigate potential development or improve the appearance and functioning of the existing settlement edge.

The mapping utilised ESRI's ArcGIS ModelBuilder GIS platform to collate the information which will comprised both publicly available data and data provided by Shropshire Council.

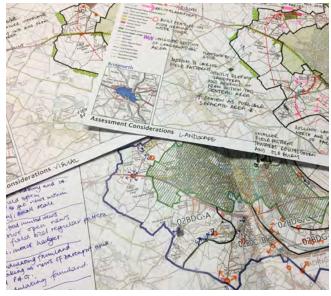


IMAGE 4. DESK STUDY WAS UNDERTAKEN FOR EACH SENSITIVITY PARCEL

STAGE 4: ASSESSMENT OF LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL SENSITIVITY BY COMBINING JUDGEMENTS ABOUT SUSCEPTIBILITY AND VALUE

This was the main part of the assessment whereby judgements on landscape and visual susceptibility and value were combined to give an overall judgement on the ability of the current landscape and visual character of the landscape within each Sensitivity Parcel to accommodate the two development types whilst maintaining or enhancing its current landscape character.

SUSCEPTIBILITY

Judgements were made through reference to the landscape and visual criteria presented in Table 1 and Table 2. These criteria are relevant to the characteristics of both housing and employment development. They relate to both the physical characteristics of the landscape as well as to the way the landscape is experienced.

Within each Sensitivity Parcel and for each type of development, a judgement on susceptibility was be made for each criterion, to highlight which criteria are more susceptible to change than others.

TABLE 1: INDICATIVE CRITERIA	FOR ASSESSING LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY
Landform	Open, highly prominent and distinctive or intricate and complex landforms with sharp changes in level are more likely to be susceptible to change arising from development than flat and indistinct landforms. This criteria also considers whether potential development would interrupt the relationship between distinctive landform features such as escarpments, or prominent hills or open plains. In some locations development would affect skyline character.
Landscape pattern/ landcover/ scale	Landscapes with a small scale, complex and intricate landscape pattern arising from landcover elements including settlement, field pattern or vegetation cover are more likely to be susceptible to change arising from larger scale development than landscapes with a simple landcover pattern. Landscapes enclosed by buildings, trees and woodlands can offer more opportunity to accommodate development without affecting landscape character.
Intactness of field boundaries	Considers the scale and integrity of field boundaries whether hedgerows, stone walls or fences. Intact field boundaries can help screen development but can also be susceptible to loss or degradation from development. Historic hedgerows are particularly susceptible to loss.
Sense of Place/ rural quality	Landscapes with a strong and positive rural character in good condition and with features worthy of conservation, will be more susceptible to change because of the potential impact on their legibility and upon features and combinations of elements which may be difficult to replace. This applies to landscapes with semi-natural habitats and valued natural features such as woodland and hedgerows with good connectivity.
Tranquility	Landscapes with a strong sense of tranquility will be more susceptible to development as this is likely to introduce disturbance and loss of this valued rural quality.
Settlement pattern and the nature of any adjoining settlement edge	This considers the overall settlement pattern within the Sensitivity Parcel and the nature of any settlement edge, i.e., whether it is positive or negative, smooth, linear or indented. Importantly it considers whether potential development would integrate with the general settlement form/ pattern and how it may affect the character of the existing settlement edge and its functioning relationship with the surrounding countryside.

TABLE 2: INDICATIVE CRI	TERIA FOR ASSESSING VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY
General visibility/ types of views/ intervisibility/ relationship to Shropshire Hills AONB/ and Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal and Ironbridge World Heritage Sites	The likelihood of a development being visible depends on the scale of the development, the landform in which the development is sited and the screening opportunities afforded by the land cover, particularly buildings, trees and woodlands. Landscapes which are visually contained with limited inward and outward views are likely to be less susceptible than open landscapes with extensive inward and outward views. The visual relationship of the Sensitivity Parcel with any existing settlement edges and whether there are any visual detractors which may reduce its susceptibility influences whether new development is likely to be well accommodated into it surroundings. Intervisibility between Sensitivity Parcels is also important. A landscape with a high degree of intervisibility with/ or forming a backdrop to nearby areas of acknowledged landscape sensitivity such as the Shropshire Hills AONB and the World Heritage Sites are more susceptible to development as they are unique and irreplaceable. Similarly a landscape located on approaches/ gateways to these sensitive landscapes are more susceptible to development.
Skylines and other focal points	Skylines are susceptible to development as they are generally widely visible with features on them typically being seen in relief against a light sky. Undeveloped rural skylines are particularly susceptible as are attractive skylines which form a backdrop to settlement. The presence of distinctive or historic landscape features such as hilltop monuments, church spires/ towers or historic villages also increases susceptibility. Sensitivity Parcels may form part of, or may have a strong visual link to a distinctive skyline.
Scenic quality	Landscapes with a high scenic quality and higher concentration of special qualities and/ or which form the setting to such landscapes will have a high susceptibility. This is because of the potential for loss or disturbance to their integrity and scenic value compared to landscapes which are strongly influenced by intrusive manmade structures and human activity.
Typical Receptors	This is a function of the occupation or activity of people experiencing a view at a particular location, and therefore the extent to which their attention or interest may be focussed on the views and the visual amenity they experience. The most susceptible receptors are residents, communities, people engaged in outdoor recreation where the landscape is part of the experience, visitors to landscape whose interest is focussed on natural and built heritage assets and users of scenic routes. Each location brings with it certain expectations. Transport users (particularly of high speed roads) are usually considered less susceptible receptors, unless the road is considered to be a scenic route or important gateway.
The level of access and relative numbers of people likely to be affected	The greater the number of sensitive visual receptors in an area, the more susceptible the area will be to change from development. This includes receptors within the Sensitivity Parcel and also includes receptors that may lie further away but in locations which have direct and open views towards the Sensitivity Parcel (such as views from elevated hill forts/ trig points etc.)



Landscapes of attractive scenery, character, quality, integrity, strong sense of place and local distinctiveness will typically be more susceptible to development than less scenic areas. This includes landscapes that are designated for their natural beauty, but also areas of undesignated landscape, including areas that are scenic

The nature, composition and characteristics of the existing

and have strong character.

views experienced

VALUE

Unlike assessment of susceptibility which is value-neutral the assessment of landscape and visual value reflects the nature and importance that society attaches to maintaining the current landscape and visual character and qualities of a particular area. Value may be expressed at the scale of the whole Sensitivity Parcel, through individual or groups of characteristic and qualities or through an important element or feature within it.

The concept of landscape value has broadened considerably in recent years so that it now includes all landscapes, not just those that are considered worthy of protection by designation. The method presented here therefore considers the relative value attached to both designated and undesignated landscapes as well as the individual elements of the landscape, such as trees, buildings or hedgerows. This reflects the NPPF which states that planning 'should recognise the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside', European Landscape Convection view that 'all landscapes matter' and also GLVIA3, which states that, 'the value of the landscape receptors will to some degree reflect landscape designations and the level of importance which they signify, although there should not be overreliance on designations as the sole indicator of value'.

Paragraphs 5.19 to 5.32 and Box 5.1 of GLVIA3 explains how the value of the landscape may be established within the process of landscape and visual impact assessment (LVIA). Following this approach, Tables 3 and 4 set out the list of criteria developed for assessing landscape and visual value within the context of this study. These relate to specific landscape characteristics and qualities rather than generic values which may be applicable to any landscape. The tables provide a brief description of the relevance and application of each criterion. A judgement on the landscape and visual value of each Sensitivity Parcel as part of the baseline study was made by reference to these indicative criteria using the same approach as for judging susceptibility. Evidence indicating the importance of the different criterion within each Sensitivity Parcel was sought from planning evidence (presence of landscape or landscape related designations), appearance in art and literature and

TABLE 3: INDICATIVE CRITE	RIA FOR ASSESSING LANDSCAPE VALUE
Strength of landscape character/ quality and condition	Landscapes with a strong and positive character in good condition and with features worthy of conservation, will be more susceptible to change because of the potential impact on their legibility and upon features and combinations of elements which may be difficult to replace.
Rarity	Landscapes which are commonplace are less likely to be valued than landscapes which are unique or rare as these are often irreplaceable.
Geological, topographical and geomorphological value	This considers the shape and scale of the land and the extent that there may be distinctive and valued geological, topographical or hydrological features. Such features may be distinctive in their own right or may have influenced the creation of areas of distinctive and valued landscape character.
Historic landscape value	The extent to which a landscape displays historic continuity and time depth – reflected in the presence of nationally or internationally designated historic landscape components and their settings. May also be a reflection of artistic or literary references. Also whether a landscape is important to the setting and identity of designated landscapes and heritage assets.
Natural value	Landscapes with a strong and positive character in good condition and with features worthy of conservation, will be more susceptible to change because of the potential impact on their legibility and upon features and combinations of elements which may be difficult to replace. This applies to landscapes with semi-natural habitats and valued natural features such as woodland and hedgerows with good connectivity.
Recreational value	The extent to which the experience of the landscape makes an important contribution to the recreational use and enjoyment of an area. Indicators include the presence of such features as nature reserves, country parks, allotments, outdoor sports facilities, public rights of way, green infrastructure corridors, scenic routes and promoted viewpoints. Also includes recognised scenic or promoted tourist routes (as shown on latest Philips Road Atlas of Britain).
Scenic and other aesthetic and perceptual and experiential qualities	Defined by the presence of distinctive, dramatic or striking patterns of landform or land cover, or by strong aesthetic response to qualities such as rural character (traditional land uses with few human influences), perceived naturalness, sense of remoteness or tranquility and dark skies.

popularity for recreation or tourism. When making judgements on value it as important to understand that the presence of a landscape designation such as the Shropshire Hills AONB, is a response to, rather than a cause of, landscape value. It is the characteristics and

qualities of the area which are valuable not the designation itself. As GLVIA3 points out, there may be other landscapes of similar character and quality which are also valuable but which are undesignated.

TABLE 4: INDICATIVE CR	ITERIA FOR ASSESSING VISUAL VALUE
Iconic views	Highly valued views of national or international importance which are important in relation to the special qualities of a designated landscape, the cultural associations of which are widely recognised in art, literature or other media. Views of very high scenic quality including those which are known historically for their picturesque and landscape beauty and are widely held in high regard.
Views related to designated landscapes and landscape related features	Views from tourist routes, national trails, and other recognised visitor destinations or attractions. Views which are important in relation to the special qualities of a designated landscape or which are identified in specific studies of views. Views to, from and within the setting of designated landscapes, historic and cultural sites and views recorded as important in relation to heritage assets (as recorded in the relevant citations accompanying the designation and taking account of Historic England's guidance on the setting of heritage assets).
Regionally/ locally valued views	Views which are identified in the local plan and/ or of regional or particular local importance including views from regionally and locally promoted trails. Views which appear on an Ordnance Survey, tourist map or within guide books.
Views valued by the community	Views from locations where there is provision of facilities for their enjoyment, such as parking and interpretation. Views which are locally well known, well-frequented and/ or promoted as a beauty spot/visitor destination and may have significant cultural associations.



STAGE 5: COMBINING JUDGEMENTS ON LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY TO GIVE AN OVERALL JUDGEMENT ON LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL SENSITIVITY

The individual judgements on each of the susceptibility and value criterion were brought together into overall judgements on landscape and visual sensitivity, taking into account the interrelationships between the different criteria and the characteristics of the Sensitivity Parcel being assessed. Where there was variation between criteria, a worst-case rating was assigned.

The level of sensitivity was recorded on a six-point scale (low, medium-low, medium, medium-high, high and very high), as shown in Figure 2, and supported by narrative to explain the nature of the sensitivity and justify the judgement made.

This process relied heavily on the professional judgement of the assessor to weigh up the susceptibility and value evidence base and select which landscape and visual characteristics and qualities are most susceptible and valuable in a particular Sensitivity Parcel. Field survey work also made an important contribution as judgements had to be made in relation to the experience of the aesthetic and perceptual qualities of landscape character, which cannot be determined from desk-based study alone. This also enabled us to reflect the nuance that some criteria may be more sensitive in a specific landscape than in others but may only be noticeable in the field.

It is important to note that if a landscape is judged to be highly susceptible to one criterion, this is not cancelled out by it being less susceptible to another criterion. The key issue was to highlight which criteria were more susceptible than others in each Sensitivity Parcel. Levels of sensitivity are defined on the six-point scale, shown below, which is reflected on separate landscape and visual sensitivity maps and interpreted in an accompanying narrative. Individual maps were produced for both housing and employment development and for landscape and visual.

DESIGN GUIDANCE

Landscapes are not homogeneous and within each Sensitivity Parcel there will be variations in landscape and visual sensitivity. In order to reflect this, a series of Design Guidance maps for each settlement were produced to help direct development to the most appropriate locations from a landscape and visual perspective. These show areas of lower and higher relative sensitivity within each Sensitivity Parcel and also highlight specific design and siting issues, for example the need to avoid the loss of woodland and tree cover, maintain specific views or protect the setting of a Scheduled Monument.

LOW MEDIUM - LOW MEDIUM MEDIUM- HIGH HIGH VERY HIGH













The key landscape/ visual characteristics and qualities of the Sensitivity Parcel are not susceptible to change as a result of the scale and type of development and/ or are of limited landscape value.

Few of the key landscape/ visual characteristics and qualities of the Sensitivity Parcel are susceptible to change as a result of the scale and type of development and/ or have limited landscape value.

Some of the key landscape/ visual characteristics and qualities of the Sensitivity Parcel are susceptible to change as a result of the scale and type of development and/ or have some landscape value.

The key landscape/ visual characteristics and qualities of the Sensitivity Parcel are susceptible to change as a result of the scale and type of development and/ or have high landscape value.

The key landscape/ visual characteristics and qualities of the Sensitivity Parcel are highly susceptible to change as a result of the scale and type of development and/ or have substantial landscape value.

The key landscape/ visual characteristics and qualities of the Sensitivity Parcel are very highly susceptible change as a result of the scale and type of development and/ or have very substantial landscape value.

FIGURE 2. SIX-POINT SCALE FOR SENSITIVITY

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REPORT STRUCTURE

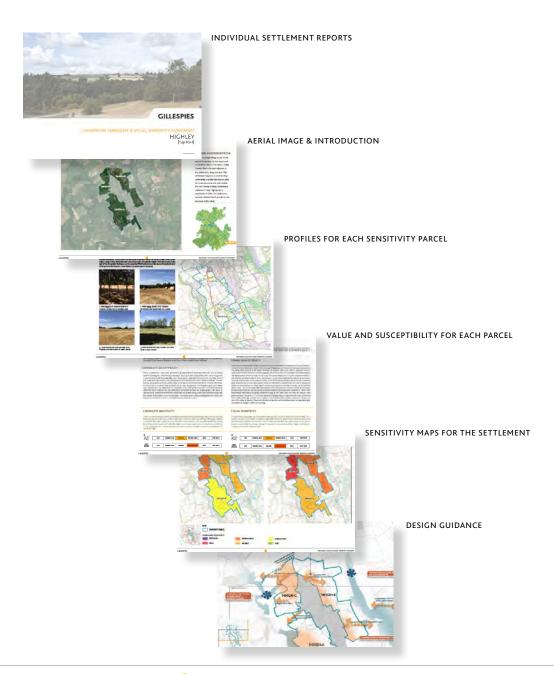
The Sensitivity Parcel profiles in the accompanying 66 reports are organised by settlement and by the settlement hierarchy as they appear in the Local Plan.

The introduction to each settlement presents a brief overview of its location and development history. This is accompanied by an aerial image showing its surrounding landscape context and associated Sensitivity Parcels. Population numbers quoted have been taken from the Office for National Statistics data based on 2015 estimates by Shropshire Council.

This introduction is followed by the sensitivity profile for each Sensitivity Parcel associated with the settlement. An Ordnance Survey (OS) base map shows the boundary of the Sensitivity Parcel and is marked up with the key environmental designations and features that represent a constraint to development. The contours on the OS base provide an indication of the landform within the Sensitivity Parcel. The map is accompanied by four representative photographs illustrating the landscape and visual character of the Sensitivity Parcel.

The next section provides a short summary description of the Sensitivity Parcel's landscape and visual value and susceptibility for housing and employment development based on the criteria discussed in Section 2. A summary of landscape and visual sensitivity to housing and employment is given. This is accompanied by a graphic six-point scale to summarise the conclusions.

The individual Sensitivity Parcel profiles are followed by four maps showing the landscape sensitivity for housing and employment and visual sensitivity for housing and employment. Each settlement sensitivity profile concludes with a design guidance plan showing areas of higher and lower relative sensitivity and key constraints to development. For the larger settlements with multiple Sensitivity Parcels (Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Whitchurch, Albrighton, Broseley, Craven Arms, Highley, Shifnal, Wem, Baschurch, Bayston Hill, Bicton, Hanwood, Minsterley, Ruyton XI-Towns, Woore, Junction 3), the design guidance plans are split across several pages.



SUMMARY

Table 5 below sets out the overall sensitivity assessment for each Sensitivity Parcel. This information is accompanied by four maps showing the sensitivity ratings for housing (landscape and visual) and employment (landscape and visual). These are found at within each Settlement Assessment Report.

Settlement	Code	Sensitivity Parcels	LS Housing	LS Employment	VS Housing	VS Employment
		01SHR-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		01SHR-B	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
		01SHR-C	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
		01SHR-D	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
Shrewsbury	01SHR	01SHR-E	High	Very High	Medium-High	High
		01SHR-F	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		01SHR-G	Medium-Low	Medium-Low	Medium-Low	Medium-Low
		01SHR-H	Medium	Medium-high	Medium-Low	Medium
		01SHR-I	High	Very High	Medium-High	High
		02BDG-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		02BDG-B	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
		02BDG-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Bridgnorth	02BDG	02BDG-D	High	Very High	High	Very High
		02BDG-E	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
		02BDG-F	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
		02BDG-G	High	High	High	High
	03LUD	03LUD-A	High	Very High	High	Very High
		03LUD-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Ludlow		03LUD-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	High
Ludiow		03LUD-D	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		03LUD-E	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
		03LUD-F	Medium-High	High	High	Very High
Marilian		04MKT-A	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
Market	04MKT	04MKT-B	High	High	Medium-High	High
Drayton		04MKT-C	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
		05OSW-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
0	050001	05OSW-B	High	Very High	High	Very High
Oswestry	05OSW	05OSW-C	Low	Low	Low	Low
		05OSW-D	Medium-Low	Medium-Low	Low	Low
		06WCH-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		06WCH-B	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
AND COLUMN TO	00010011	06WCH-C	Medium-Low	Medium-Low	Medium-Low	Medium-Low
Whitchurch	06WCH	06WCH-D	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
		06WCH-E	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
		06WCH-F	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
		07ALB-A	Medium-High	Medium-High	Medium	Medium
	07415	07ALB-B	Low	Low	Low	Low
Albrighton	07ALB	07ALB-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		07ALB-D	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High

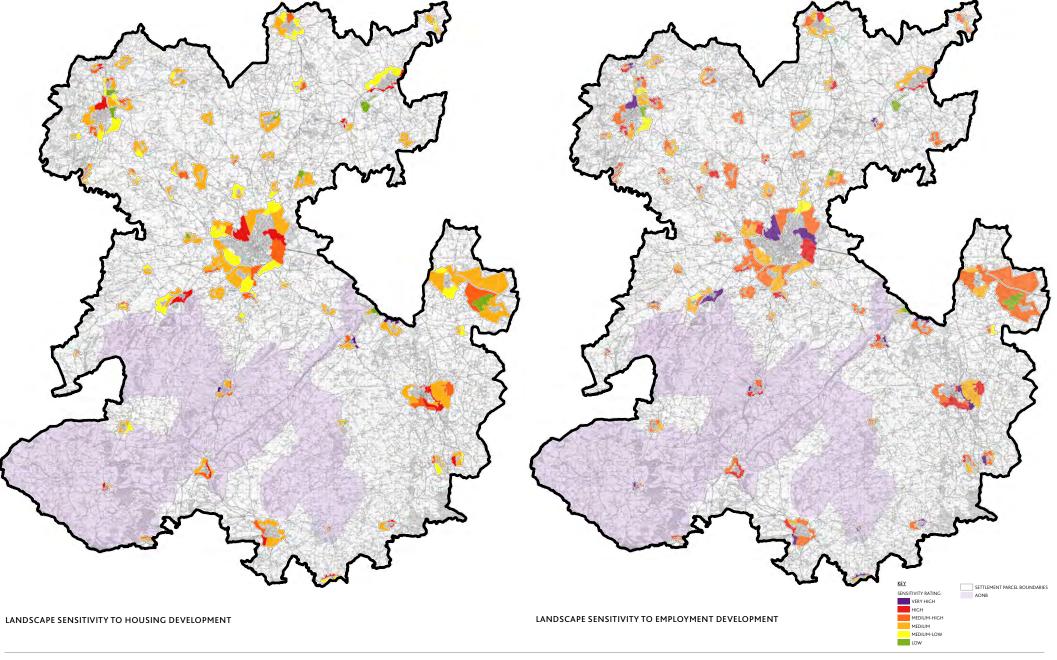
Settlement	Code	Sensitivity Parcels	LS Housing	LS Employment	VS Housing	VS Employment
Bishop's	08BSH	08BSH-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Castle	OODSH	08BSH-B	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
		09BRO-A	Very High	Very High	High	Very High
Broseley	09BRO	09BRO-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-Low	Medium
broseley	OJUKO	09BRO-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
		09BRO-D	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-Low	Medium
		10CST-A	Very High	Very High	High	Very High
Church		10CST-B	Medium	High	Medium-High	High
Stretton	10CST	10CST-C	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
Stretton		10CST-D	Medium-High	High	High	Very High
		10CST-E	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
Cleobury	11CLM	11CLM-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Mortimer	TICLIT	11CLM-B	High	Very High	High	Very High
		12CAR-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Craven Arms	12CAR	12CAR-B	High	High	Medium-Low	Medium-High
Clavell Alliis	IZCAN	12CAR-C	Medium	High	Medium	High
		12CAR-D	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
		13EME-A	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
Ellesmere	13EME	13EME-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Ellesifiere	ISEME	13EME-C	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
		13EME-D	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
	14HGH	14HGH-A	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
Highley		14HGH-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		14HGH-C	Medium-High	High	High	Very High
	15MWN	15MWN-A	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High
Much		15MWN-B	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
Wenlock		15MWN-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		15MWN-D	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
	16SHF	16SHF-A	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
Shifnal		16SHF-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Sillilat		16SHF-C	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-High	High
		16SHF-D	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	Medium-High
	17WEM	17WEM-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Wem		17WEM-B	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
		17WEM-C	Low	Low	Low	Low
		18ALV-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Al ala		18ALV-B	High	Very High	High	Very High
Alveley	18ALV	18ALV-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		18ALV-D	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
Dacelarrak	100011	19BCH-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Baschurch	19BCH	19BCH-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		20BYH-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
		20BYH-B	Medium-Low	Medium	High	Very High
Bayston Hill	20BYH	20BYH-C	Medium-High	Medium-High	Low	Low
		20BYH-D	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
		20BYH-E	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		21BCT-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
		21BCT-B	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
Bicton	21BCT	21BCT-C	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
		21BCT-D	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		21BCT-E	Medium-High	High	High	High
Daw		22BMH-A	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
Bomere	22BMH	22BMH-B	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
Heath		22BMH-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High

Settlement	Code	Sensitivity Parcels	LS Housing	LS Employment	VS Housing	VS Employment
		23BNL-A	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
Bucknell	23BNL	23BNL-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
		23BNL-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-Low	Medium
Burford	24BFD	24BFD-A	High	Very High	Medium-High	Very High
builoid	24010	24BFD-B	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
Chirbury	25CBY	25CBY-A	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
_		25CBY-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
		26CHL-A	Medium	Very High	Medium	Very High
Clee Hill	26CHL	26CHL-B	High	High	High	Very High
		26CHL-C	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High
CI:	27615	27CLE-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Clive	27CLE	27CLE-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		28CLN-A	High	Very High	Very High	Very High
Clun	28CLN	28CLN-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		28CLN-C	High	Very High	High	Very High
		29CSH-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Cockshutt	29CSH	29CSH-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		30CSG-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
Cressage	30CSG	30CSG-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
cressage		30CSG-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
	31DPS	31DPS-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Ditton Priors		31DPS-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
Dittoll Filors		31DPS-C	Low	Low	Low	Low
		32DRN-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Dorrington	32DRN	32DRN-B	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
		33FRD-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		33FRD-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Ford	33FRD	33FRD-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		33FRD-D	Low	Low	Low	Low
		34GBN-A	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
	34GBN	34GBN-B	Medium-High	High	Medium	Medium-High
Gobowen		34GBN-C	Medium Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		34GBN-C	Low	Medium-Low	Low	Medium-Low
Hadnall	35HDL	35HDL-A 35HDL-B	Medium Medium-Low	Medium Medium	Medium-Low Medium-Low	Medium-High Medium
	36HWD	36HWD-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Hanwood		36HWD-B	Medium-High Medium	High	Medium	Medium-High
⊓d⊓W000		36HWD-C		Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		36HWD-D	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		36HWD-E	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
100.00	271 1711	37HTK-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Hinstock	37HTK	37HTK-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		37HTK-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Hodnet	38HOD	38HOD-A	High	Very High	High	Very High
		38HOD-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Kinnerley	39KNY	39KNY-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		39KNY-B	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
Llanymynech	40LMY	40LMY-A	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
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l		41MNY-A	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
Minsterley	41MNY	41MNY-B	Medium-Low	Medium-Low	Medium-Low	Medium-Low
		41MNY-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-Low	Medium-High

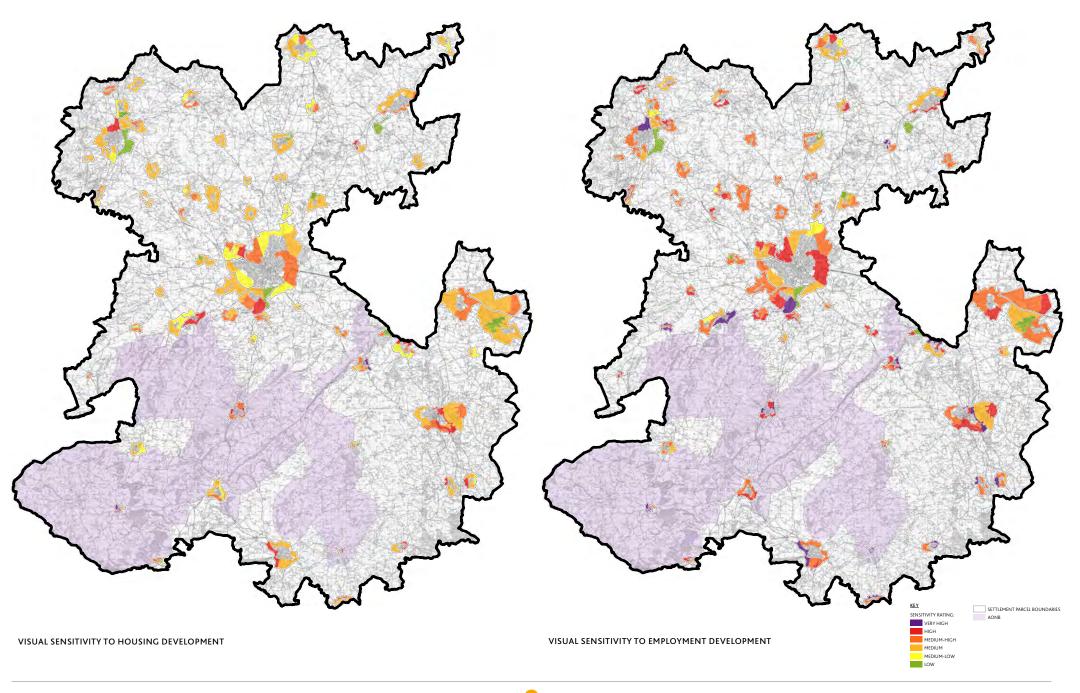
Settlement	Code	Sensitivity Parcels	LS Housing	LS Employment	VS Housing	VS Employment
		42MDA-A	Medium-High	High	Medium	Medium-High
Morda	42MDA	42MDA-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		42MDA-C	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
		43MDL-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Myddle	43MDL	43MDL-B	Medium-Low	Medium-High	Medium-Low	Medium-High
-		43MDL-C	Medium-High	High	Medium	Medium-High
		44NSC-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
1:66	440166	44NSC-B	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
Nesscliffe	44NSC	44NSC-C	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
		44NSC-D	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
		45PNT-A	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
Pant	45PNT	45PNT-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
	.5	45PNT-C	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
		46PBY-A	High	Very High	High	Very High
Pontesbury	46PBY	46PBY-B	High	Very High	High	Very High
1 Officesbury	40101	46PBY-C	Medium	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
		47PRS-A	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
Prees	47PRS	47PRS-B	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
		47PKS-B 48RYT-A	Medium-High Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High Medium	Medium-High
	48RYT					0
Ruyton-XI-		48RYT-B	Medium	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium-Low
Towns		48RYT-C	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
		48RYT-D	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
		48RYT-E	Medium-High	High	Medium	Medium-High
	49SBY	49SBY-A	Low	Low	Low	Low
		49SBY-B	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Shawbury		49SBY-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		49SBY-D	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		49SBY-E	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
		50STM-A	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
St Martins	50STM	50STM-B	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
3t 1 lai til 13	2021M	50STM-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		50STM-D	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
		51TFN-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Trefonen	51TFN	51TFN-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		51TFN-C	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
		52WFN-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
))(, F l	E211/E11	52WFN-B	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
West Felton	52WFN	52WFN-C	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
		52WFN-D	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
		53WBY-A	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
Westbury	53WBY	53WBY-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	High
		54WRN-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
Weston	54WRN	54WRN-B	High	Very High	Medium-High	High
Rhyn	S-TVININ	54WRN-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		55WHT-A	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
Whittington	55WHT	55WHT-A 55WHT-B	Medium-High Medium	Hign Medium-High	Medium-High Medium	Hign Medium-High
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		56WRE-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Woore	56WRE	56WRE-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		56WRE-C	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium
		56WRE-D	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High

Settlement	Code	Sensitivity Parcels	LS Housing	LS Employment	VS Housing	VS Employment
		57WTN-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		57WTN-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	Very High
Worthen	57WTN	57WTN-C	Medium-High	High	Medium	High
		57WTN-D	Medium-High	Very High	Medium-High	Very High
		57WTN-E	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low	Medium-High
		58BKB-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Beckbury	58BKB	58BKB-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		58BKB-C	Medium-Low	Medium-Low	Medium-Low	Medium
Condover	59CDV	59CDV-A	Medium-High	High	Medium-High	High
Condover	39CDV	59CDV-B	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
C I I	60CHS	60CHS-A	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
Cross Houses		60CHS-B	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium	Medium-High
Knockin	61KNK	61KNK-A	Medium-High	High	Medium	Medium-High
KHOCKIH		61KNK-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
	62LGD	62LGD-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
Longden		62LGD-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Longden		62LGD-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		62LGD-D	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
		63IBG-A	Medium	Medium	Medium-High	High
Ironbridge	63IBG	63IBG-B	Low	Low	Low	Low
		63IBG-C	Medium-High	Medium-High	Medium-Low	Medium
		64JCT-A	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Junction 3	64ICT	64JCT-B	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
Junction 5	64JC1	64JCT-C	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High
		64JCT-D	Medium	Medium-High	Medium-High	High
		65TNH-A	Low	Low	Low	Low
Tern Hill	65TNH	65TNH-B	Low	Low	Low	Low
		65TNH-C	Low	Low	Low	Low
Park Hall	66PKH	66PKH-A	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
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PARCEL PLAN KEY

The following key relates to the parcel plans contained within the individual reports. These plans show the constraints and designations which have been identified.

CONSTRAINTS KEY:

ALLOCATION SITES		AMENITY GREEN SPACE		MORTIMER TRAIL
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATED		CHILDRENS PLAY AREAS		SANDSTONE TRAIL
EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATED		YOUNG PEOPLE		SIMON EVANS WAY
MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATED		OUTDOOR SPORTS		NATIONAL TRAILS - OFFAS DYKE
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CONSENTED		ALLOTMENTS		NCR - REGIONAL ROUTE
LANDSCAPE	ППП	CHURCHYARDS AND CEMETERIES		NCR - NATIONAL ROUTE
AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (AONB)		POLICYMAP SAFEGUARDED LAND		WART HILL WANDER
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (POINTS)		SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION SITE		CIRCULAR BRIDLEWAY
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (POLYGONS)	ECOLO	GY		CIRCULAR RIDES
TOWN OR VILLAGE GREENS		LOCAL NATURE RESERVES (LNR)		CIRCULAR WALK
MILLENIUM GREENS		LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES (LWS)		FAMILY FRIENDLY
DOORSTEP GREENS		NATIONAL NATURE RESERVES (NNR)		LINEAR
TRADITIONAL ORCHARDS		RAMSAR		LONG DISTANCE RIDE
ANCIENT WOODLAND		SHROPSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST RESERVES AND LAND		LONG DISTANCE WALK
Deciduous woodland		SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST (SSSI)		SHROPSHIRE CYCLEWAY
BROWNFIELD SITES		SPECIAL AREAS OF CONSERVATION (SAC)	•	SHROPSHIRE TOWNS WITH A CYCLE RIDES LEAFLET
COUNTRY PARKS	HISTOI	RIC ENVIRONMENT		SHREWSBURY MARKET TOWN CYCLE RIDES
COMMONS ACT 2006	LISTED B	UILDINGS		OSWESTRY MARKET TOWN CYCLE RIDES
COMMONS	•	GRADE I		MARKET DRAYTON MARKET TOWN CYCLE RIDES
CROW ACT	•	GRADE II*		LUDLOW MARKET TOWN CYCLE RIDES
REGIONALLY IMPORTANT GEOLOGICAL SITES (RIGS)	•	GRADE II		ELLESMERE MARKET TOWN CYCLE RIDES
PARKS AND COUNTRYSIDE BOUNDARIES		SCHEDULED MONUMENTS		SHROPSHIRE HILLS MARKET TOWN CYCLE RIDES
REGISTERED COMMON LAND		CONSERVATION AREAS		BISHOP'S CASTLE MARKET TOWN CYCLE RIDES
ACCESSIBLE NATURAL GREENSPACE - AREA (HA)		REGISTERED BATTLEFIELDS		WEM MARKET TOWN CYCLE RIDES
0 - 20		PARKS AND GARDENS		CHURCH STRETTON MARKET TOWN CYCLE RIDES
20 - 100		WORLD HERITAGE SITE		WHITCHURCH MARKET TOWN CYCLE RIDES
100 - 500	PROW	& PROMOTED ROUTES		CLEOBURY MORTIMER MARKET TOWN CYCLE RIDES
500+		FOOTPATH		ALLCYCLERIDES
LPS BOUNDARY		BRIDLEWAY		FAMILY FRIENDLY CYCLE RIDES (ALL)
NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE NOTE 17		RESTRICTED BYWAY		LADY HALTON LOOP
PARKS AND GARDENS		PROMOTED LINK		TRAFFIC FREE ADVENTURES: SHREWSBURY TO UFFINGTON
CIVIC SPACES		BOAT		A CYCLE TOUR OF SHREWSBURY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
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