



**GILLESPIES**

**SHROPSHIRE LANDSCAPE & VISUAL SENSITIVITY ASSESSMENT**

**BASCHURCH**  
**[19BCH]**

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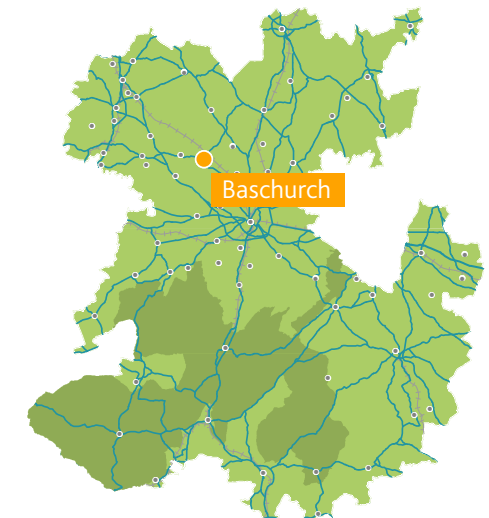
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# 19. BASCHURCH [19BCH]



## LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Baschurch is a large village in north Shropshire and has strong links to Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Wem. Baschurch appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Bascherche. The Berth Pool and its ancient earthworks are locally believed to be the resting place of King Arthur. All Saints Church is a major feature of the village and is one of the oldest standing structures in the area. The population is 1,570 and it has been divided into 2 parcels for the purpose of this study.





# BASCHURCH A [19BCH-A]

## LOCATION AND CHARACTER

The parcel is located to the north and west of Baschurch. The B4397 runs through the parcel, along with several local roads and the Shrewsbury to Chester railway line cuts across the north east of the parcel. A well connected PRow network provides access throughout the parcel. The parcel is characterised by both large arable fields and smaller pastoral fields with robust hedgerows and hedgerow trees. The landform is gently rolling to flat and the boundaries of the parcel mainly follow field boundaries, rather than any strong physical features.



1. VIEW FROM TEAROOMS ACROSS POLO FIELD AT MOOR FARM TOWARDS THE AONB



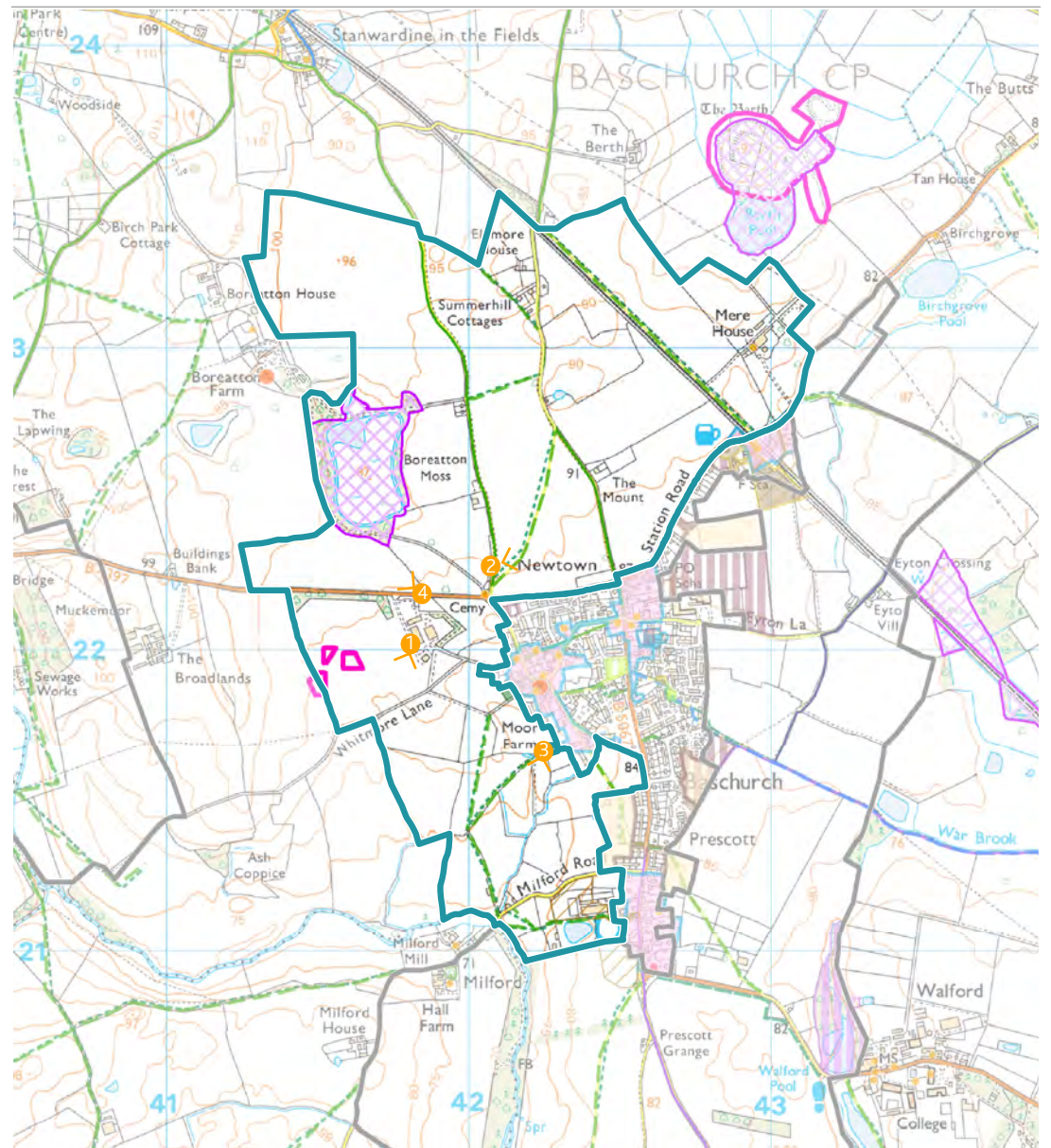
2. OPEN AND ARABLE FIELDS IN THE NORTH OF THE PARCEL



3. ENCLOSED AND SMALLER SCALE FIELDS TO THE SOUTH OF THE PARCEL



4. VIEW TOWARDS BOREATTON MOSS FROM THE B4397



# LANDSCAPE

## LANDSCAPE VALUE

This is a landscape of typical rural character in moderate condition. In the north east of the parcel is Boreatton Moss which is a Local Wildlife Site and Moor Farm is a Scheduled Monument, providing recreation value due to the farms use as a tearooms and polo field. There is a robust network of PRoW and local cycle routes however these do not connect into the Local Wildlife Site. Baschurch Conservation Area within the settlement itself, is located adjacent to the boundary of the parcel. The woodland at Boreatton Moss is a distinctive feature in the landscape. The landscape makes an important contribution to the enjoyment of the area due to the extensive network of PRoW and local cycle routes and recreational uses at Moor Farm.

## LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a varied landscape of irregular shaped, small to large scale pasture and arable fields. The arable fields tend to be larger and located in the north, whereas the pasture tends to be smaller in scale and located to the south of the parcel. This generally flat landscape becomes more gently rolling towards the north east corner and the south of the parcel. There is a medium sense of place and some sense of remoteness and tranquility, however this is reduced slightly in closer proximity to the B4397. Boreatton Moss and the hedgerows and hedgerow trees form strong elements in the landscape which are particularly susceptible to development as they are irreplaceable in the short to medium term. Hedgerows and hedgerow trees are more abundant in the south, where field patterns are smaller. Existing settlement comprises of isolated farmsteads and dispersed properties that would be vulnerable to changes in settlement pattern.

## LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

This is a typical rural landscape that is of higher value towards Boreatton Moss and towards the smaller field patterns and numerous hedgerows in the south that combined with the network of the PRoW and cycle routes means overall the sensitivity of the landscape to change arising from new housing is Medium and to employment is Medium-High.



LOW	MEDIUM-LOW	<b>MEDIUM</b>	MEDIUM-HIGH	HIGH	VERY HIGH
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# VISUAL

## VISUAL VALUE

There are long distance views towards the Shropshire Hills AONB to the south, although these are filtered in places by vegetation. The parcel itself does not take in the special qualities of the AONB. There are also views towards the Conservation Area in Baschurch, however these views are also filtered by vegetation. The landscape is intact with the main detracting elements being the railway line, roads and large agricultural sheds. An overhead power line is visible on the skyline, however this is located outside of the parcel.

## VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

The parcel is generally open, particularly to the north, however views are more enclosed towards the south by vegetation around smaller field patterns. The parcel is intervisible with the settlement edge, including the Conservation Area, and intervisible with parcel B, however these views are both filtered in places by hedgerow and hedgerow tree vegetation. The parcel does not form part of the skyline. The views towards the AONB are filtered in places, however these views are from the more susceptible receptors on the PRoWs. The level of access within the parcel is frequent and although road receptors are of a lower susceptibility, the users of the PRoW and cycle route and visitors to Moor Farm are highly susceptible to change in their surroundings

## VISUAL SENSITIVITY

Although there are areas which are more enclosed by vegetation, there are open views in places some of which are relatively scenic towards the AONB and Conservation Area which means views experienced are of Medium sensitivity to change arising from new housing and a Medium-High sensitivity to change arising from employment.



LOW	MEDIUM-LOW	<b>MEDIUM</b>	MEDIUM-HIGH	HIGH	VERY HIGH
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# BASCHURCH B [19BCH-B]

## LOCATION AND CHARACTER

This parcel is located to the east and south of Baschurch. The B5067 runs through the parcel, as well as multiple local roads, the River Perry and the Shrewsbury to Chester railway line, which cuts across the north east corner of the parcel. There are several PRoW, local cycle ways and walks throughout the parcel. The landscape is characterised by small to large scale arable and pastoral fields with hedgerows with some patches of woodland, such as along the River Perry.



1. VIEWS TOWARDS THE AONB ACROSS ARABLE FIELDS, WITH GAPPY HEDGEROWS IN PLACES



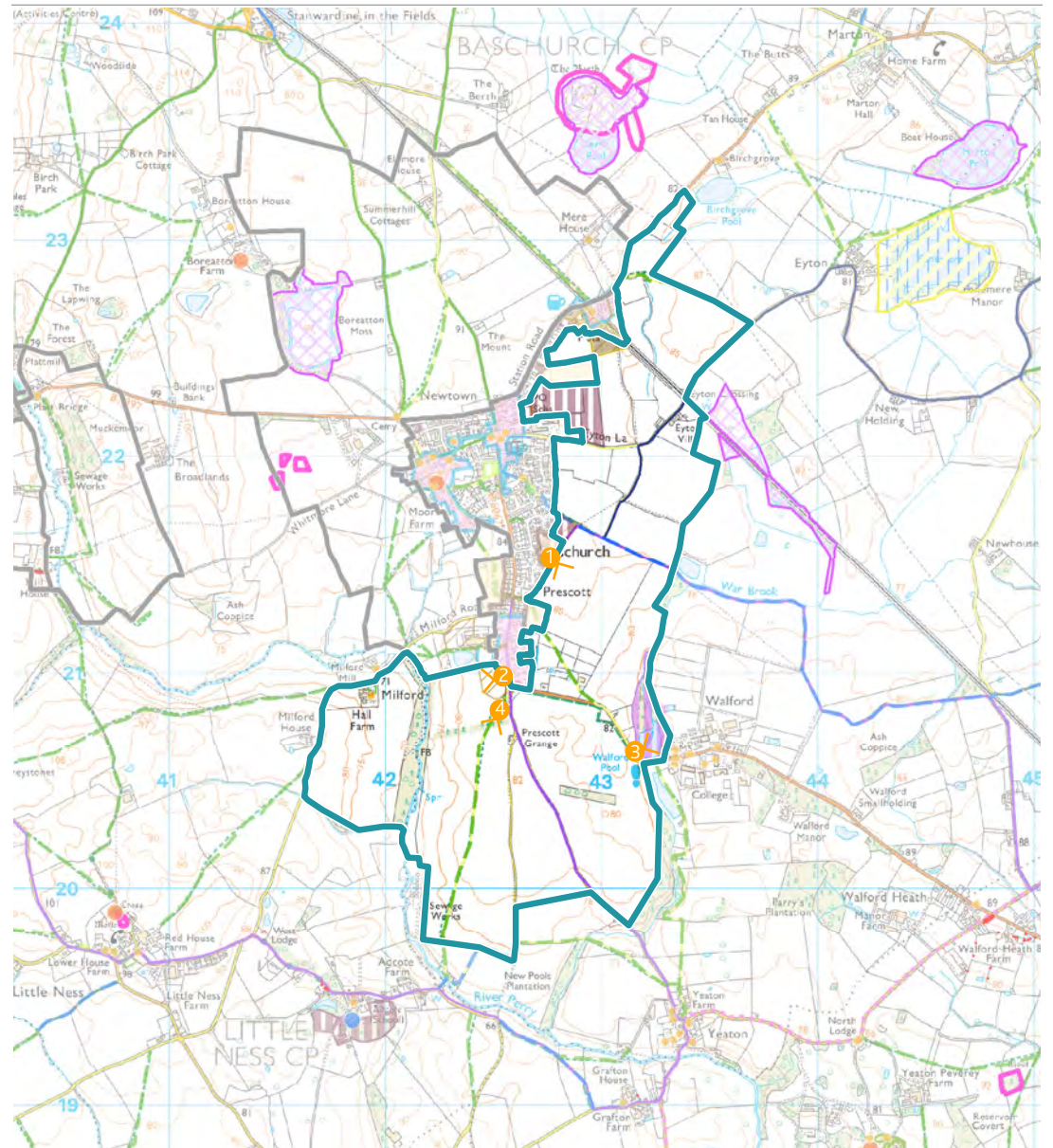
2. WOODLAND CONTAINS VIEWS TO WITHIN THE FIELDS IN PLACES



3. WALFORD POOL AND SURROUNDING VEGETATION



4. VIEWS TOWARDS THE AONB FROM PERRYFIELD ROAD



# LANDSCAPE

## LANDSCAPE VALUE

This parcel has a typical rural character and is in moderate condition. There is one grade II listed building within the parcel, at Hall Farm, however this is the only designation within the parcel. A Local Wildlife Site at Eyton Crossing, along the railway line, is present outside of the parcel to the east and the Conservation Area at Baschurch is adjacent to the west of the parcel. There are no other notable designations although natural features of ponds, watercourse and woodland, contribute to connectivity within the parcel. There are PRoW and local cycle routes and walks throughout the parcel that contribute to recreational value. The River Perry is a strong physical feature within the parcel, with riparian woodland habitat and so is Walford Pool and woodland in the east of the parcel. Hedgerows are gappy in places but are characteristic in the landscape. The landscape does make an important contribution to the enjoyment of the area due to the network of PRoW, local cycle way and walks.

## LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a varied landscape of regular and simple pattern with small to large scale arable and pastoral fields. The smaller field patterns would be particularly vulnerable to change as a result of development. This generally flat landscape includes the valley setting of the River Perry which contributes to the sense of place and some sense of remoteness and tranquility, however this is reduced close to the B5067 and the railway line. The woodlands and waterbodies within them are strong elements in the landscape and are irreplaceable in the short to medium term. Existing settlement consists of isolated farm properties.

## LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Although there are limited designations within the parcel and the landscape is of a typical rural character, there is value in the woodland and waterbodies within the parcel. However, these areas of value form a small area of the overall parcel which means overall 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 to the south, however there is some screening from blocks of woodland in places and the parcel itself does not take in the special qualities of the AONB. There are views towards the Conservation Area in Baschurch that add to scenic quality. The landscape is intact, however some of the hedgerows are degraded with the main detracting elements being the overhead power line and the railway line in the very north of the parcel.

## VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Views throughout the parcel are open and there is intervisibility with the settlement edge and parcel A, however these views are filtered by vegetation in places. The parcel itself does not form part of a skyline. Woodland, particularly along the River Perry and Walford Pool screen views out and hedgerows and hedgerow trees filter views out in places, however less so in the larger more open fields. Development could be appropriate adjacent to the settlement edge where existing woodland can be utilised for screening views from sensitive receptors. Views towards the Conservation Areas are filtered by vegetation within the settlement and Conservation Areas themselves. The level of access through the parcel is occasional, however is increased at the B5067. Although road receptors are of lower susceptibility, residential receptors and users of the PRoW, local cycle routes and walks are of higher susceptibility and are typically vulnerable to changes to their surroundings.

## VISUAL SENSITIVITY

Views are open throughout the parcel with more enclosed views due to screening by woodland blocks that combined with sensitivity and frequency of receptors means overall 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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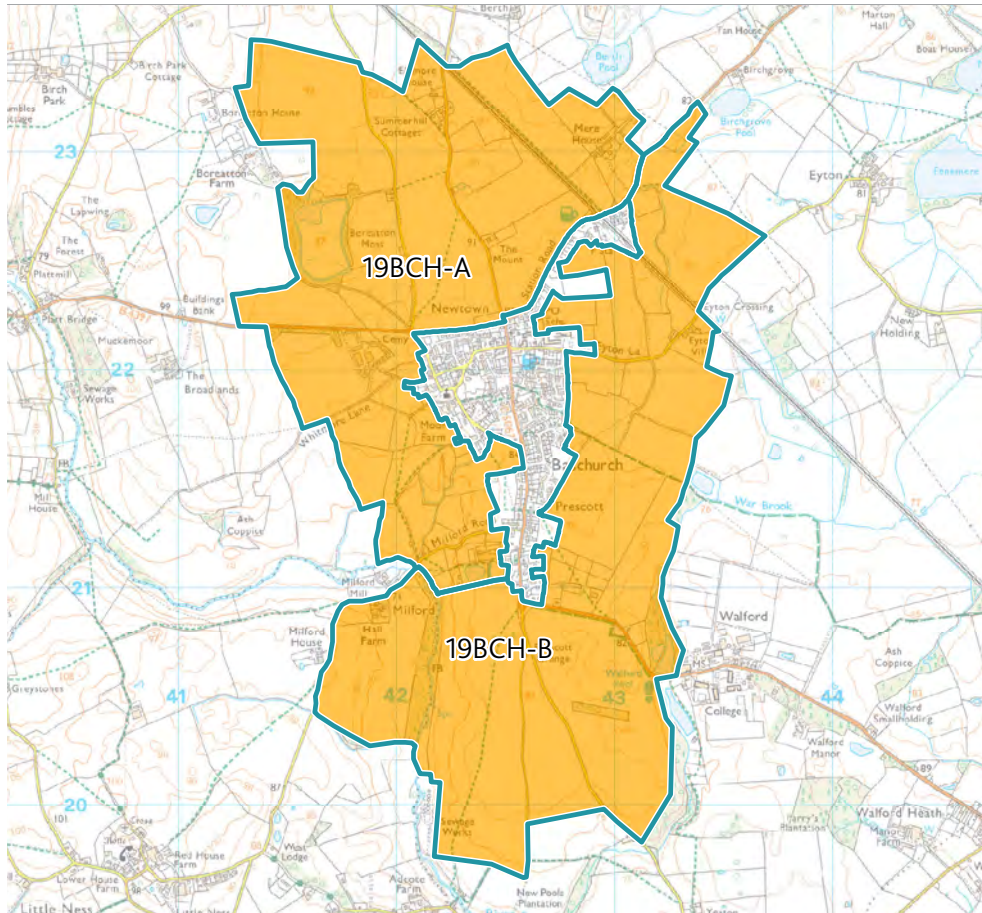


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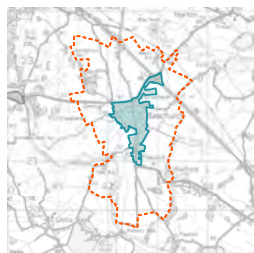
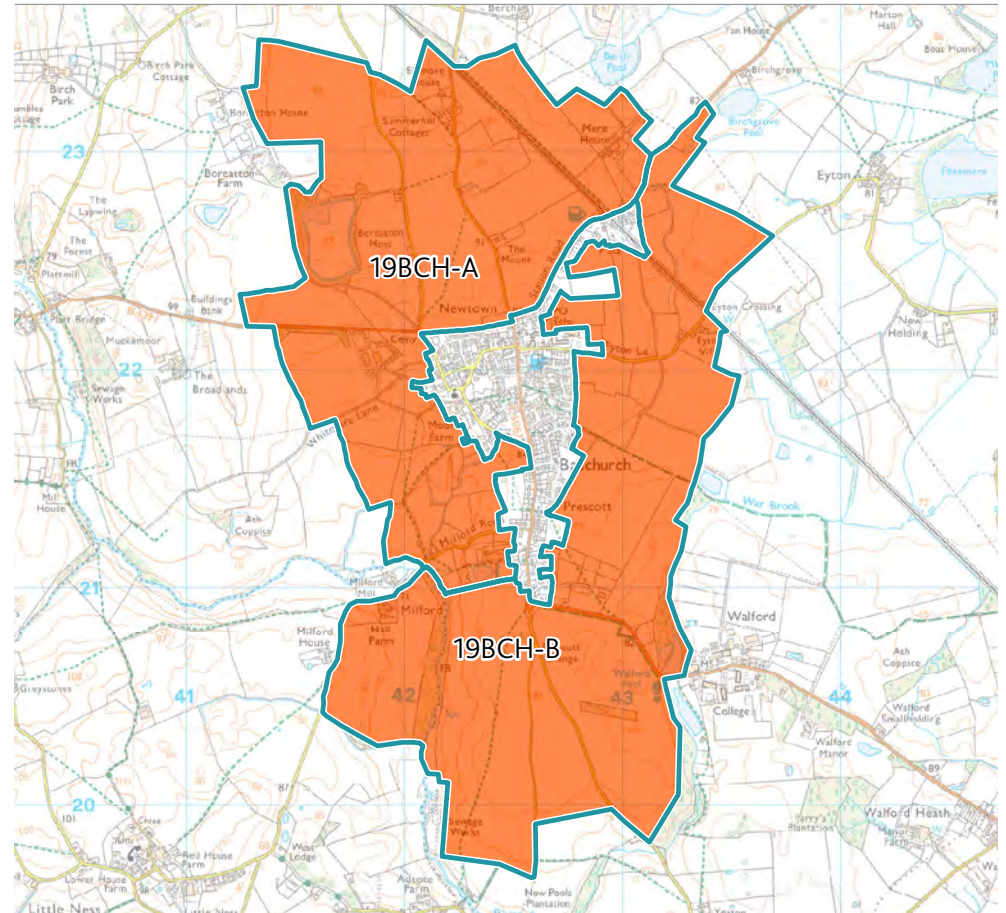


# BASCHURCH LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

## HOUSING



## EMPLOYMENT



### KEY:

 SENSITIVITY PARCEL

### LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY:

 VERY HIGH

 MEDIUM-HIGH

 MEDIUM-LOW

 HIGH

 MEDIUM

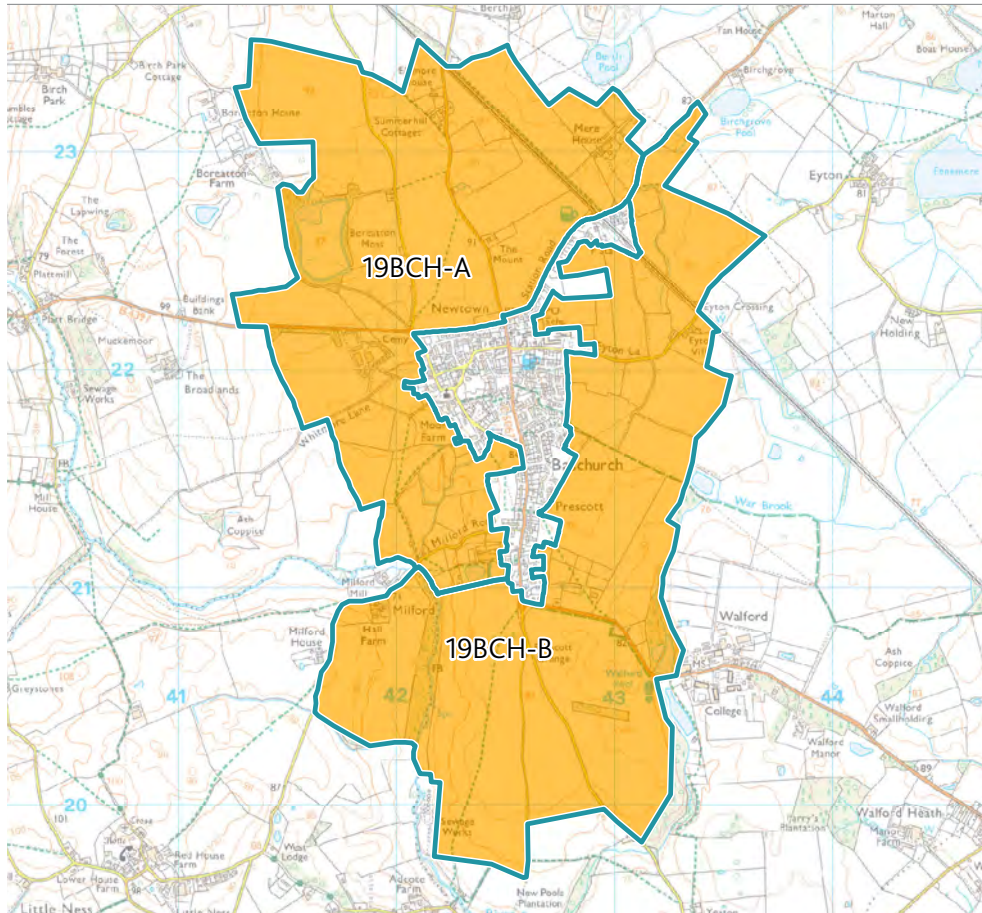
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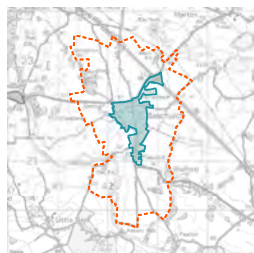
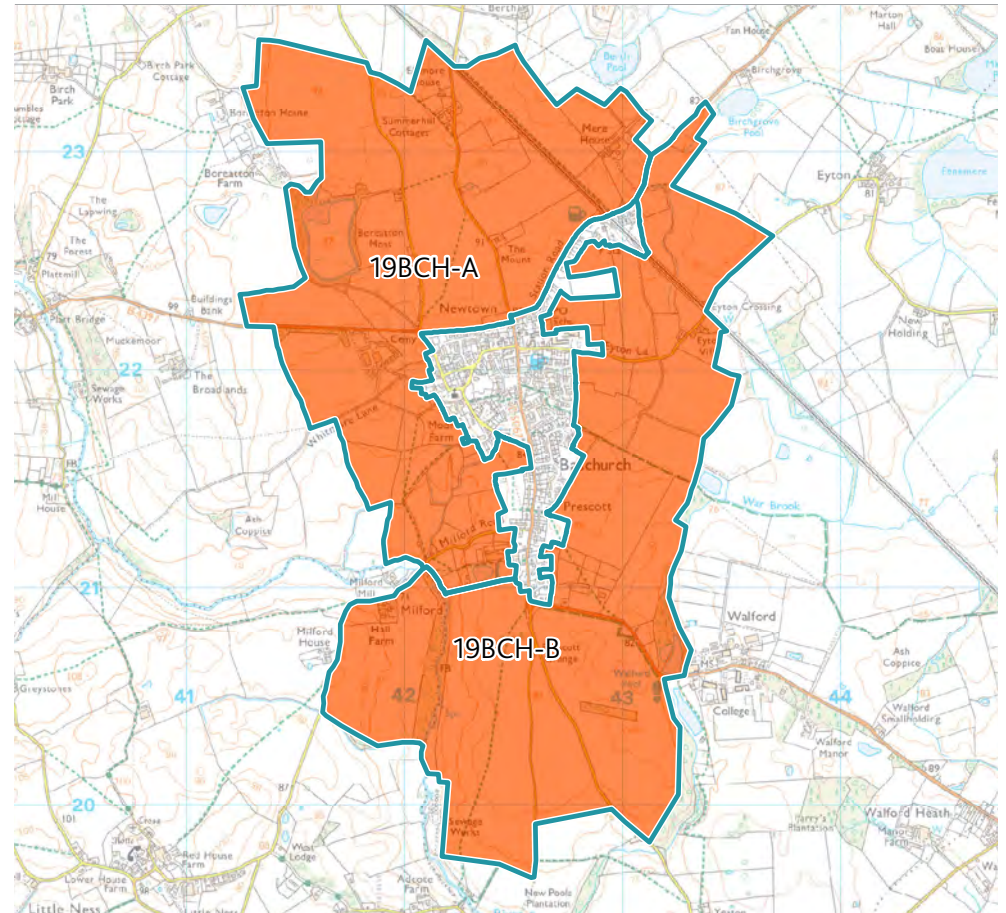
# BASCHURCH VISUAL SENSITIVITY



## HOUSING



## EMPLOYMENT



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SENSITIVITY PARCEL

### VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

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MEDIUM-HIGH

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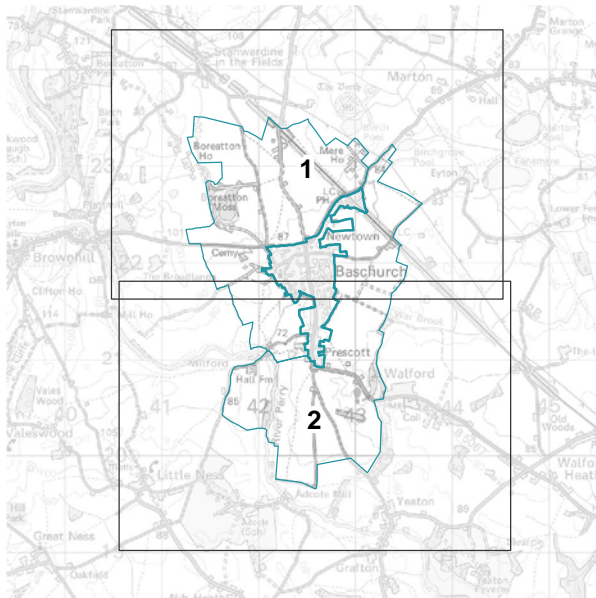
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# DESIGN GUIDANCE FOR BASCHURCH

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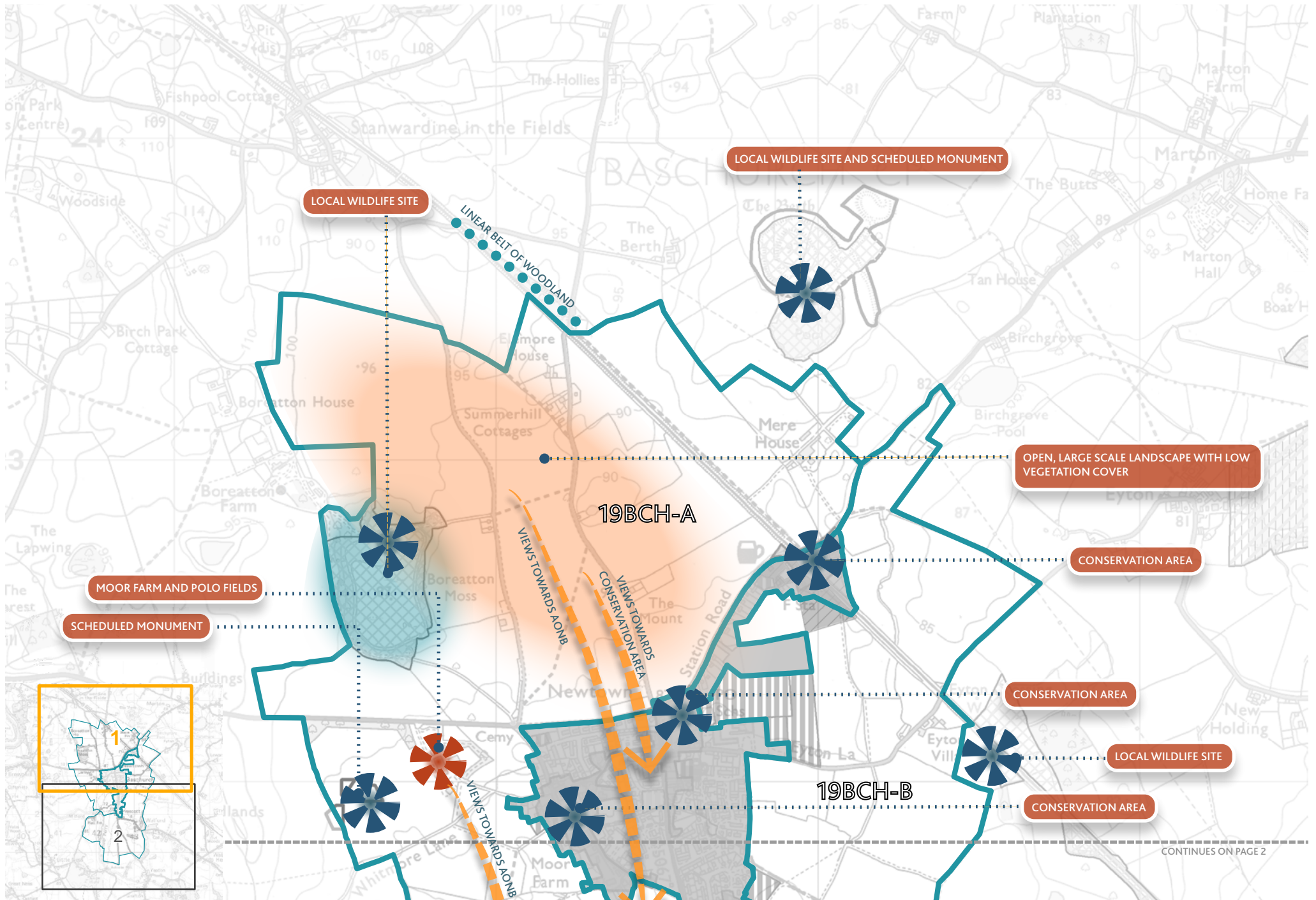
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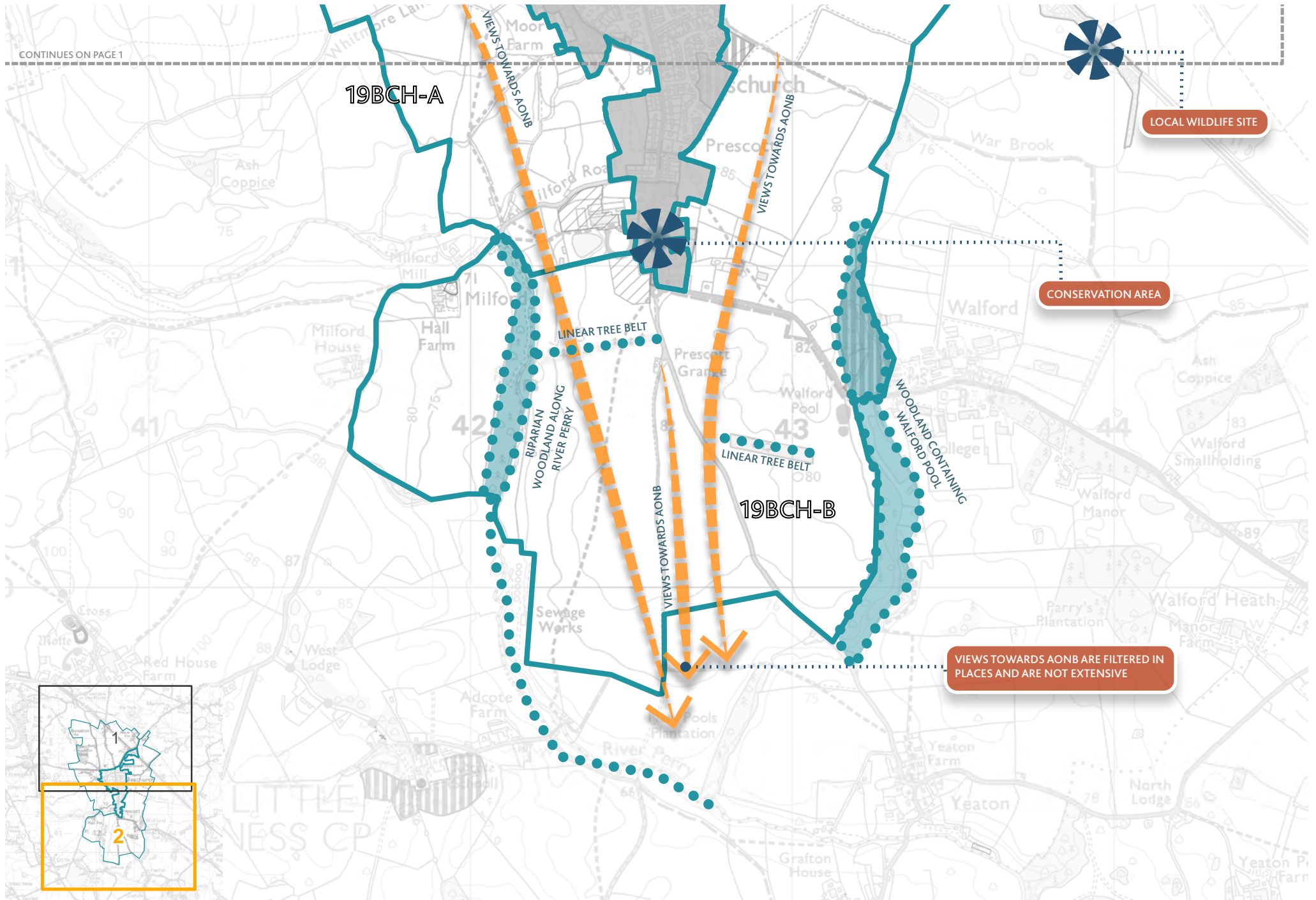
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-  PARCEL BOUNDARY
-  SETTLEMENT
-  HIGHER LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY TO DEVELOPMENT
-  HIGHER VISUAL SENSITIVITY TO DEVELOPMENT
-  VIEWS TO BE PROTECTED
-  DESIGNATED FEATURES WHERE THE SETTING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
-  VISITOR DESTINATION WHERE THE SETTING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





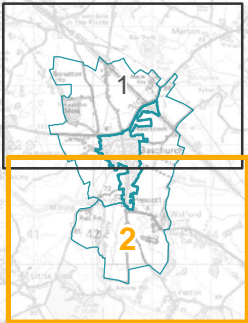
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LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE

CONSERVATION AREA

VIEWS TOWARDS AONB ARE FILTERED IN PLACES AND ARE NOT EXTENSIVE





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