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SHROPSHIRE LANDSCAPE & VISUAL SENSITIVITY ASSESSMENT

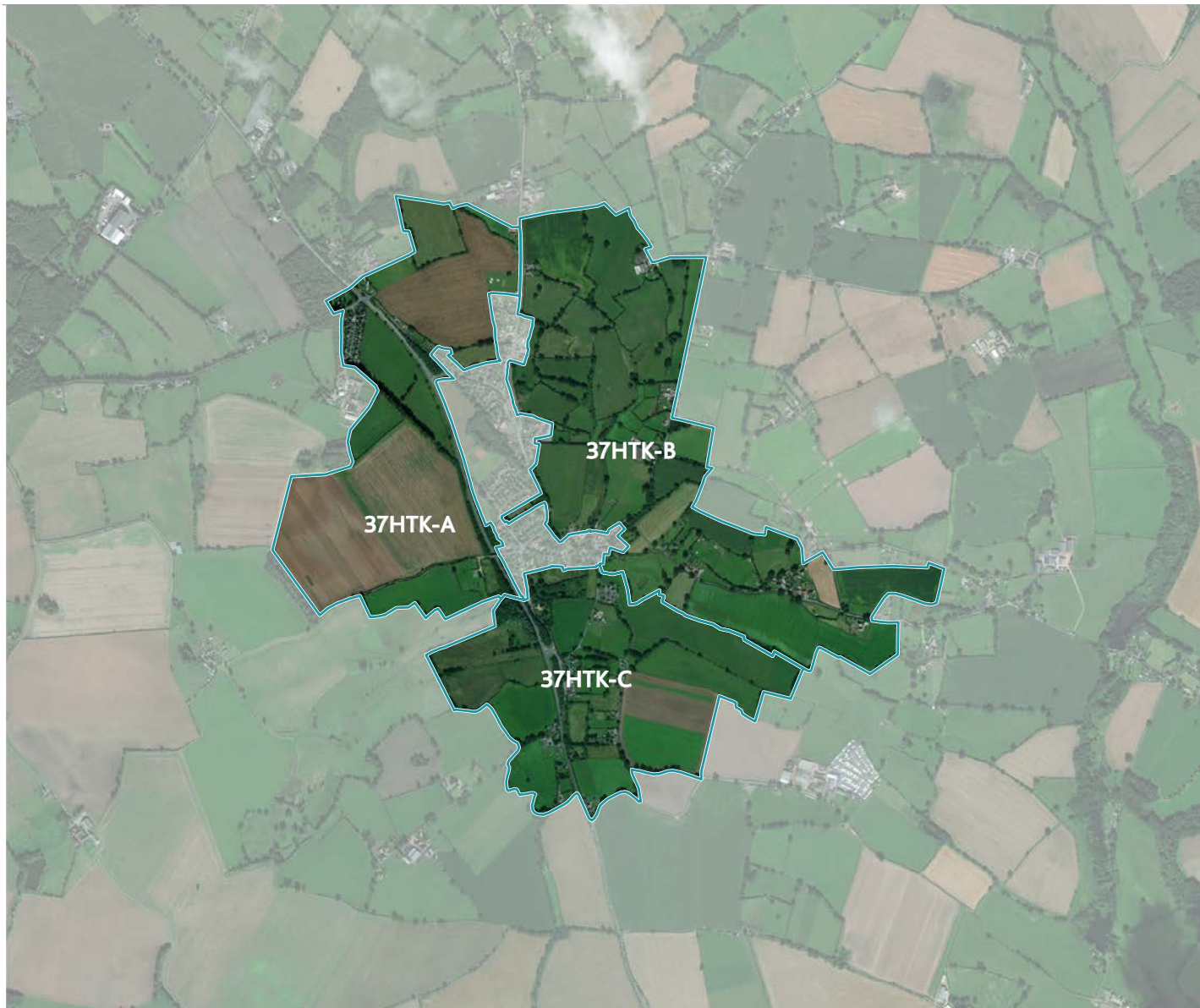
HINSTOCK
[37HTK]

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37. HINSTOCK [37HTK]



LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Hinstock is a village in the north east of Shropshire, close to the Staffordshire border. The A41 runs along the western edge of the settlement. Hinstock appeared in the Domesday book and also includes a Roman Road. Hinstock has a population of 780. This settlement has been divided into 3 parcels for the purpose of this study.



HINSTOCK A [37HTK-A]

LOCATION AND CHARACTER

Parcel A is located to the north and west of Hinstock. The A41 forms part of the parcels eastern boundary, which is adjacent to the settlement edge. Steep banks and screening tree planting enclose the road corridor. This is a virtually flat landscape supporting a mixed agricultural system which in recent years has become more intensively managed. The intensity of use and the move to arable production has led to the decline in hedgerows. The settlement pattern is dominated by the village of Hinstock with other settlement comprising a small cluster of dwellings in the north west.



1. OPEN AND LONG DISTANT VIEWS EAST ACROSS ARABLE FIELDS



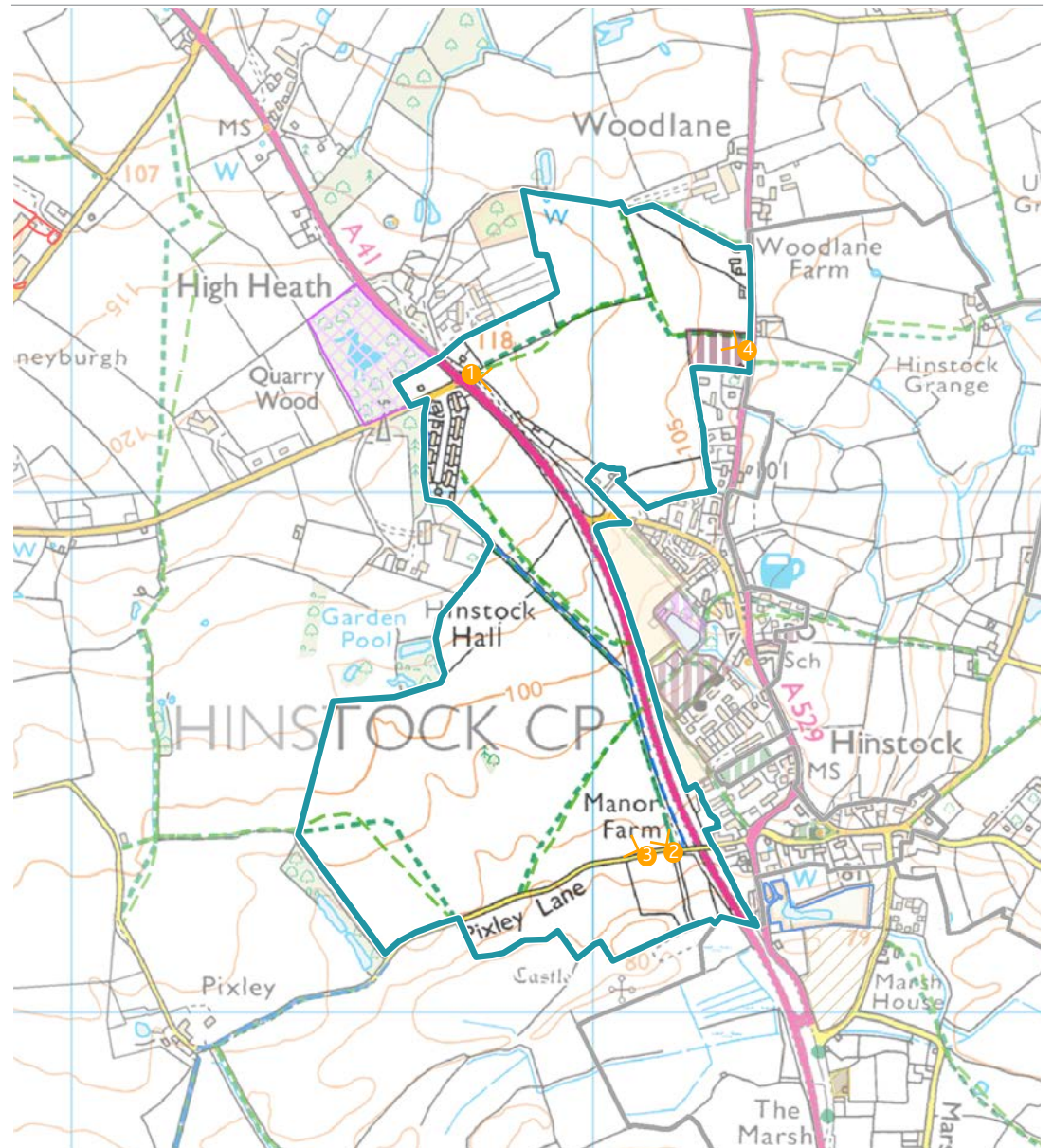
2. EXTENSIVE VIEWS ACROSS ARABLE LAND FROM PIXLEY LANE



3. VIEW SOUTH OF PIXLEY LANE OF ARABLE LAND



4. VIEWS ACROSS THE SPORTS FIELD



LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

This is a landscape of typical rural character of moderate condition. There are no designated sites within the parcel to contribute to its landscape value. Hedgerows are apparent to wider field extents but connectivity is relatively low. The A41 is a detracting element in the landscape. There is an extensive PRoW network and a sports ground which contribute to the recreational value and enjoyment of the area.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a medium to large scale, typical farming landscape of pastoral and arable use. The landscape has a low scenic quality as the perceived tranquility of the landscape is influenced by the busy A-road that intersects it. The rolling landform extends towards the steep embankments marking the extent of the A41. Existing settlement comprises a small housing estate at High Heath and the relationship with settlement edge of Hinstock is rather abrupt. Despite an extensive network of PRoW, potential development would integrate well into the settlement pattern with the landscape scale and eroded pattern less susceptible to development. The busy A-road adds some scale to the landscape.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

This is a good quality, typical farming landscape. Despite its recreational value, its sense of tranquility is influenced by the busy A-road and existing settlement edge. 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

Views within this parcel have no association with the Shropshire Hills AONB as it is approximately 17km away.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

On approach into Hinstock from the north, there are views of the wider landscape to the east and the parcel forms part of a skyline that would be vulnerable to noticeable change in the view. However, views into the parcel are relatively well screened by tree cover that could be utilised in relation to screening of new development. Other extensive views of large fields and are contained by substantial hedgerows. Views from the busy A41 are limited as there is extensive tree planting along the corridor and steep embankments. Sensitive residential receptors of dispersed properties and farms and recreational users of the PRoW would be typically highly susceptible to changes to their surroundings.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

Long distance and open views are present, increasing sensitivity to development within the parcel which means that the views experienced are of medium sensitivity to change arising from new housing and medium-high to employment.



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HINSTOCK B [37HTK-B]

LOCATION AND CHARACTER

Parcel B is located to the east of Hinstock. The northern boundary is defined by Woodlane Farm and the eastern boundary reaches as far as The Links. Road networks are concentrated to the south east of the parcel. This is a rolling landscape overlain with glacial deposits which are utilised for mixed agriculture including cereal crops and dairy farming. A number of small to medium irregular fields make up this typical rural landscape. The enclosure pattern is irregular in the north with more regular patterns in the south. Field boundaries comprise hedgerows of variable condition.



1. CONTAINED VIEW EAST FROM A PROWL OFF WOOD LANE (A529)



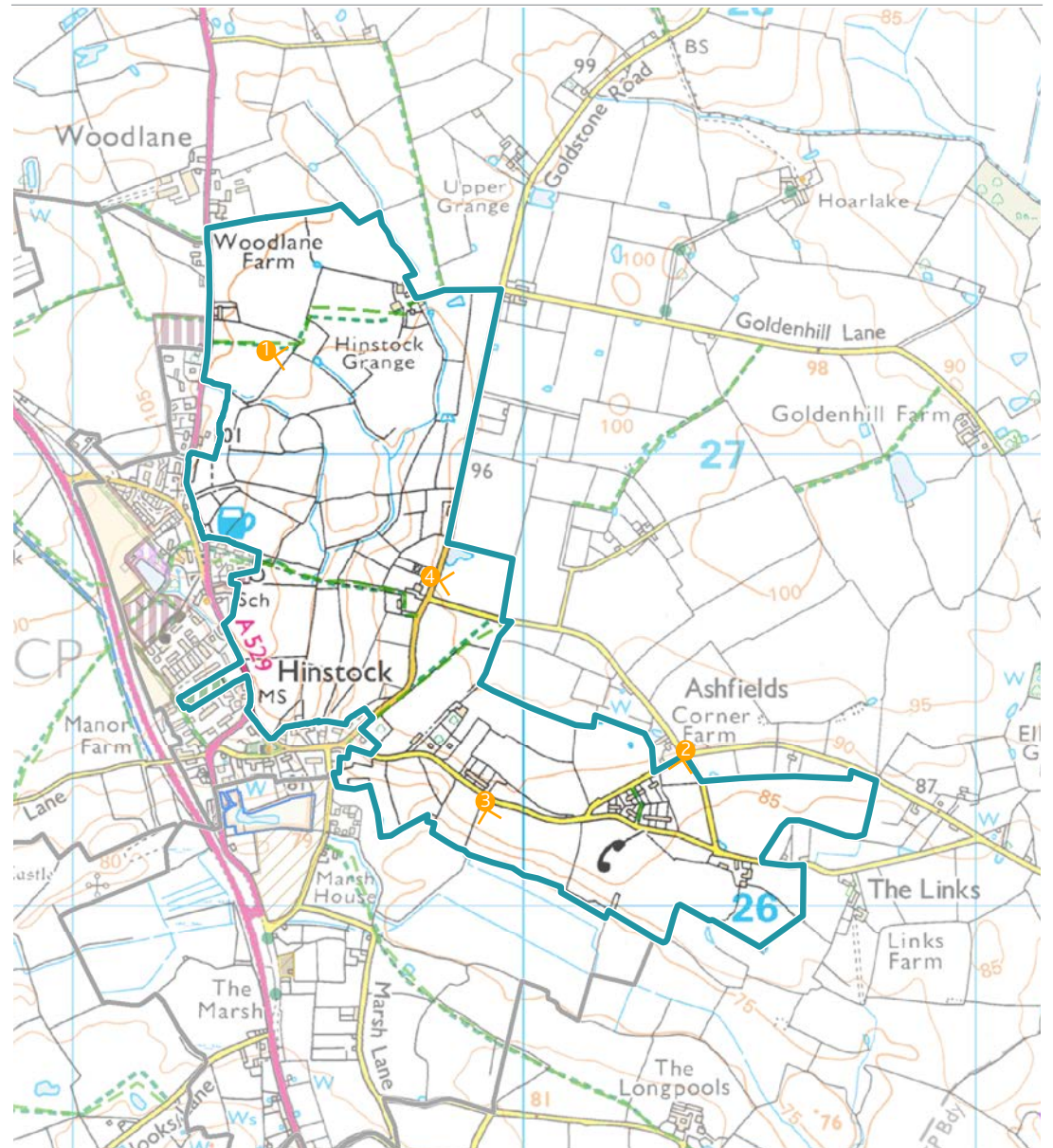
2. INTERVISIBILITY TO EXISTING SETTLEMENT FROM THE YELVLES



3. LONG DISTANT VIEWS SOUTH FROM BETWEEN GOLDSTONE ROAD AND THE YELVES



4. VIEWS EAST ACROSS THE RURAL LANDSCAPE FROM GOLDSTONE ROAD



LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

This is a landscape of typical rural character of moderate quality. The landscape does not hold any formal designations, which would otherwise contribute to its landscape value but does have gently rolling landform that is locally distinctive. Streams and ditches are scattered throughout the parcel and combined with robust hedgerows and good connectivity, contribute to the nature conservation value of the parcel. There are a number of PRoW which contribute to the informal recreation of the area.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a small to medium scale typical rural landscape of pastoral and arable use. The enclosure pattern is irregular in the north with more regular patterns and smaller scale fields in the south and east associated with dispersed settlement pattern that would be vulnerable to changes in landscape pattern. The irregular field pattern and network of streams and ditches contribute to habitat connectivity that would be vulnerable to fragmentation as a result of development. The north of the parcel has a higher sense of tranquility than the south, which is influenced by several minor roads and settlement. The parcel abruptly adjoins the settlement edge of Hinstock to the east. Settlement in the south includes small clusters of properties that would be susceptible changes to this discrete settlement pattern. Development would be most appropriate in the vicinity of the settlement edge with opportunities to improve integration into the landscape.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

This is a good quality, typical farming landscape with distinctive character derived from the landform and network of ditches and hedgerows. 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

Views within this parcel have no association with the Shropshire Hills AONB as it is approximately 17km away. There are long distance views to the south, with part of the parcel forming a skyline.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

The parcel forms part of a skyline in the south due to rolling to locally undulating landform and development would be less noticeable at lower levels than on higher ground. Existing residential properties form part of this skyline and any new development would potentially contribute to noticeable changes in the view. Views from receptors in the north are visually contained with limited inward and outward views due to well established hedgerows. Sensitive receptors are limited to residents within the parcel and recreational users of the PRoW who would be typically more susceptible to changes in their surroundings than the users of the minor roads.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

Although there are some long distant views, existing residential settlement forms part of the skyline, and elsewhere views are relatively contained which means view experienced are of medium sensitivity to change arising from new housing and medium-high to employment.



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HINSTOCK C [37HTK-C]

LOCATION AND CHARACTER

Parcel C includes the south extent of the settlement of Hinstock at The Marsh, and the surrounding fields. It is intercepted by the A41 which defines the settlement edge of Hinstock to the west. There is a single PRow which connects the parcel to its wider landscape. The landscape is relatively flat in character and is utilized for mixed agriculture including cereal crops and dairy farming. Enclosure boundaries comprise hedgerows which are in a mixed condition. The lack of extensive tree cover allows often open views. The settlement pattern is dominated by the village of Hinstock.



1. FROM HOOKS LANE, LONG DISTANT VIEWS NORTH



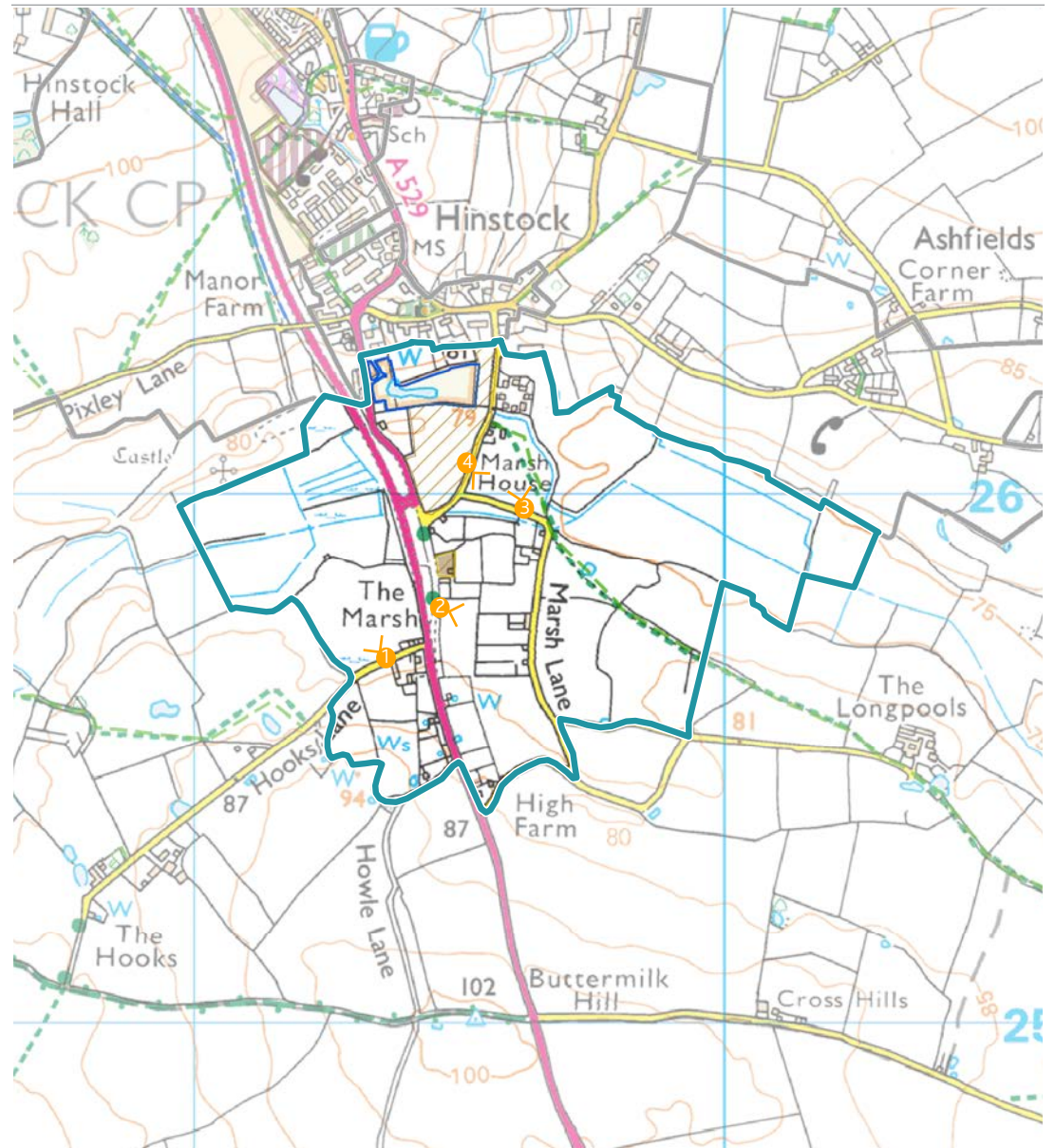
2. FROM UNNAMED LANE OFF A529, VIEWS EACH OF ENCLOSED FIELD



3. VIEW ACROSS PASTORAL LANDSCAPE AND HOUSING UNDER CONSTRUCTION



4. VIEW ACROSS HORSE PADDOCKS



LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

This landscape is of a typical rural character with woodland blocks and hedgerows defining the A41 corridor. The A41 and several minor roads intercept the parcel which detract from the value of the area. There are no designations which add to the value of the area. There is a PRoW which contributes to the informal recreation of the area.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a small to medium scale typical rural landscape with a regular pattern; progressing into an irregular pattern in the wider countryside. The landscape is relatively flat in character. Settlement is concentrated between the A41 and Marsh lane. There is some sense of tranquility however this is reduced by the influence of the busy A Road on the landscape. Views to Grade II Listed St Oswald’s Church are gained from Marsh Lane which adds to the historic interest of the area. Proposed development could be accommodated between the A41 and Marsh Lane as it is contained and would integrate well with the settlement pattern.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

This is a typical farming landscape of pastoral and arable use, which has a road network containing its settlement. Overall the sensitivity of the landscape to change arising from new housing is medium and to employment is medium-high as proposed development wouldn’t be a surprising feature.



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VISUAL

VISUAL VALUE

Views within this parcel have no association with the Shropshire Hills AONB as it is approximately 17km away. Views within this typical rural landscape are generally enclosed in the centre most part of the parcel, with more extensive views gained from the outer extent, although they are of no importance. There are some glimpsed views from Marsh Lane to Grade II Listed St Oswald’s Church, which adds to visual quality.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

The settlement acts as a visual barrier within the centre of the landscape. There are some glimpsed views from Marsh Lane to Grade II Listed St Oswald’s Church. Extensive views are gained into and out of the parcel from its wider extent. The parcel forms a skyline. The existing settlement forms part of this skyline, therefore proposed development wouldn’t be a surprising element making it somewhat susceptible to change. Intact hedgerows and screening planting along the A41 act as visual barriers and filter some long distant views which would otherwise be gained. Receptors include road users, residents within the parcel and users of the PRoW.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

This relatively flat landscape is judged as having a medium sensitivity to change arising from new housing and medium-high to employment as the existing settlement can be seen on the skyline.



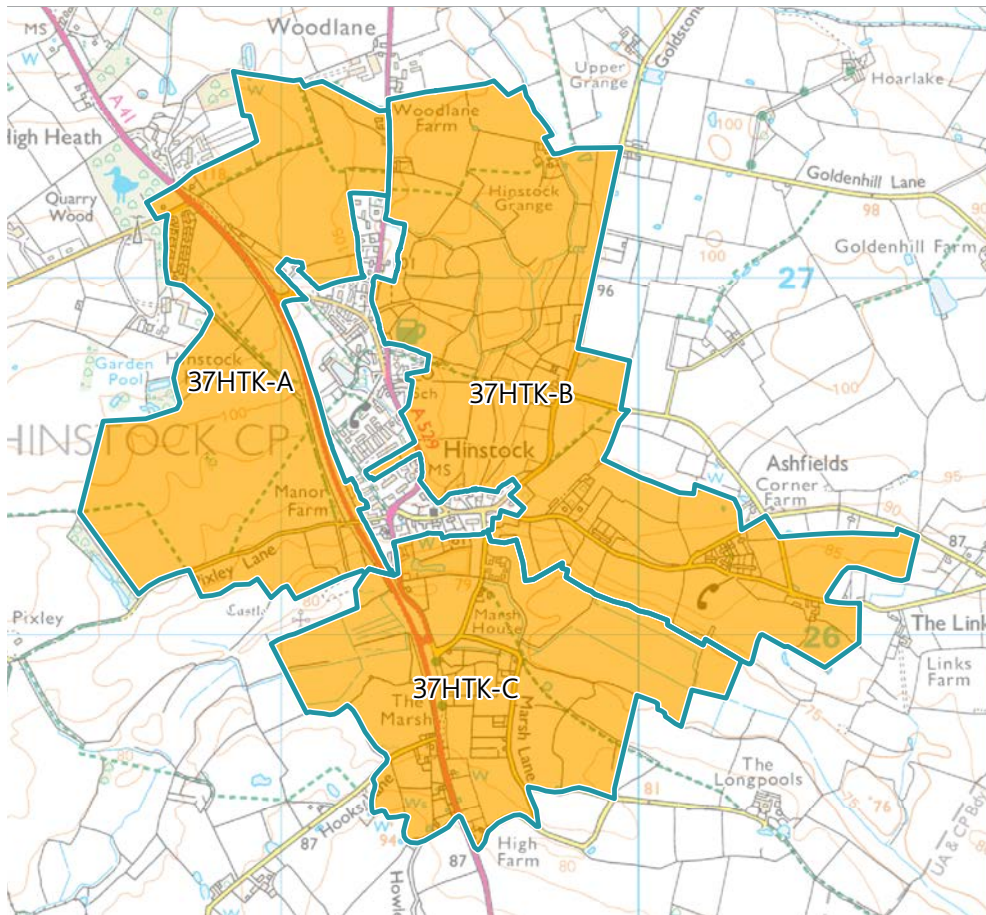
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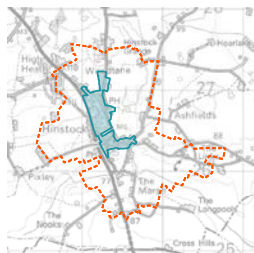
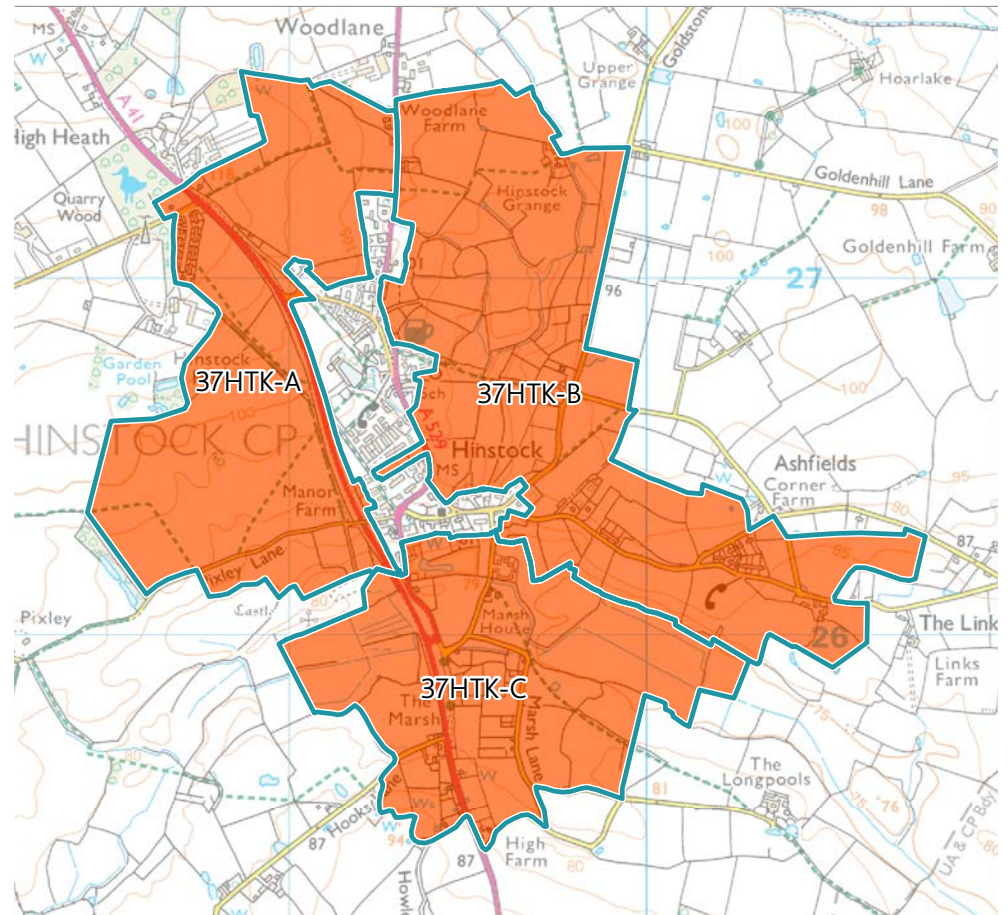
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HINSTOCK LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

HOUSING



EMPLOYMENT



KEY:

 SENSITIVITY PARCEL

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY:

 VERY HIGH

 MEDIUM-HIGH

 MEDIUM-LOW

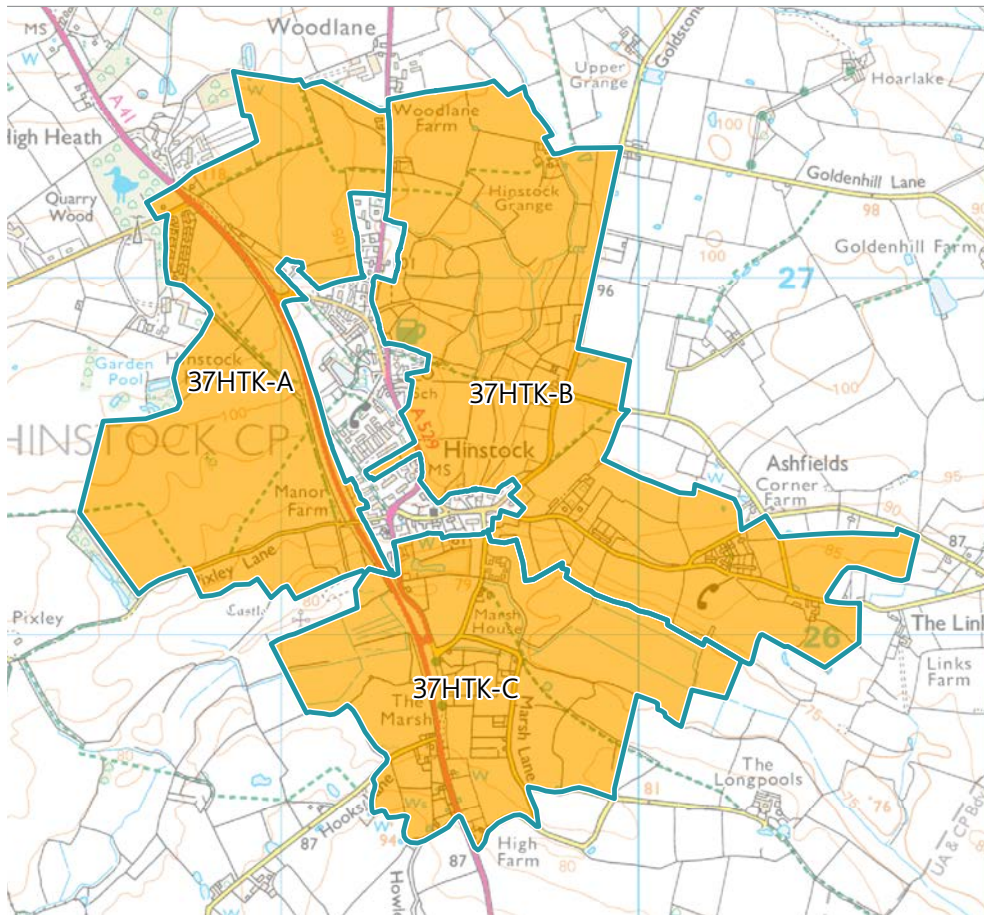
 HIGH

 MEDIUM

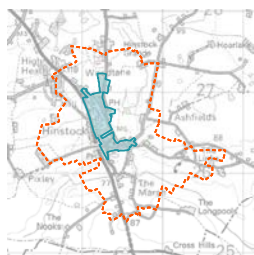
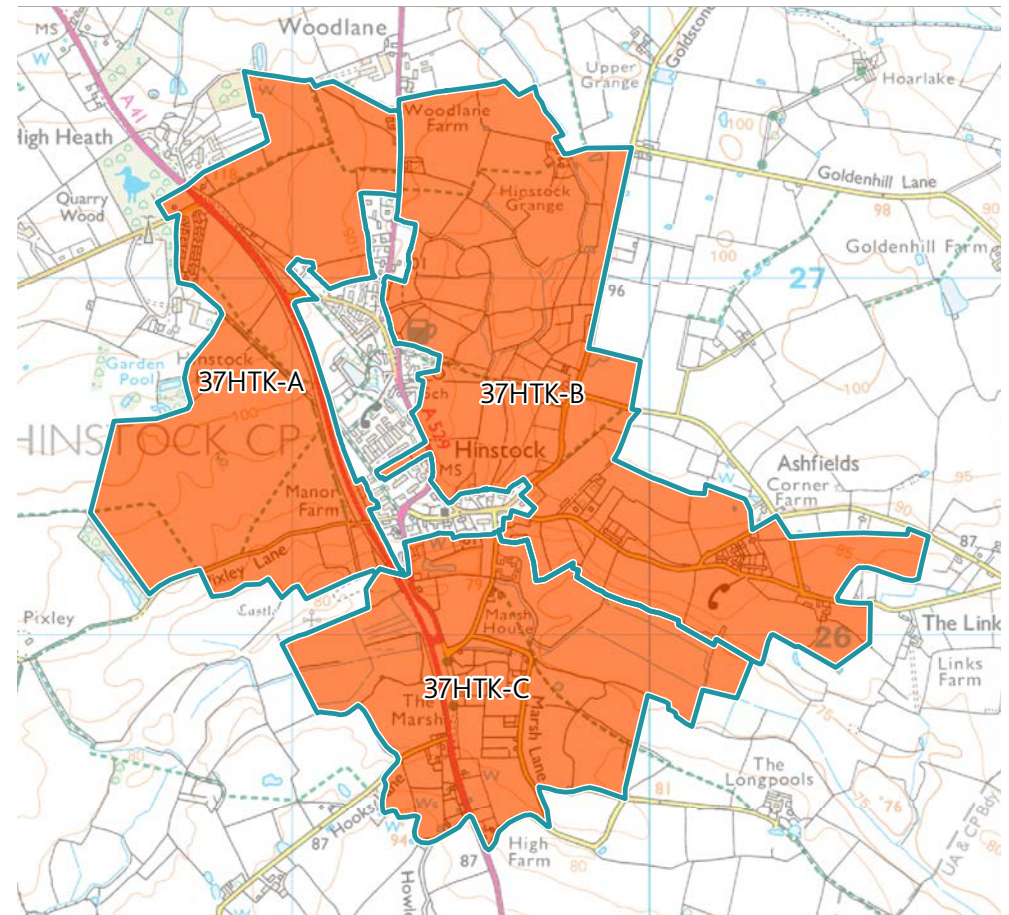
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HINSTOCK VISUAL SENSITIVITY

HOUSING



EMPLOYMENT



KEY:

SENSITIVITY PARCEL

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

VERY HIGH

MEDIUM-HIGH

MEDIUM-LOW

HIGH

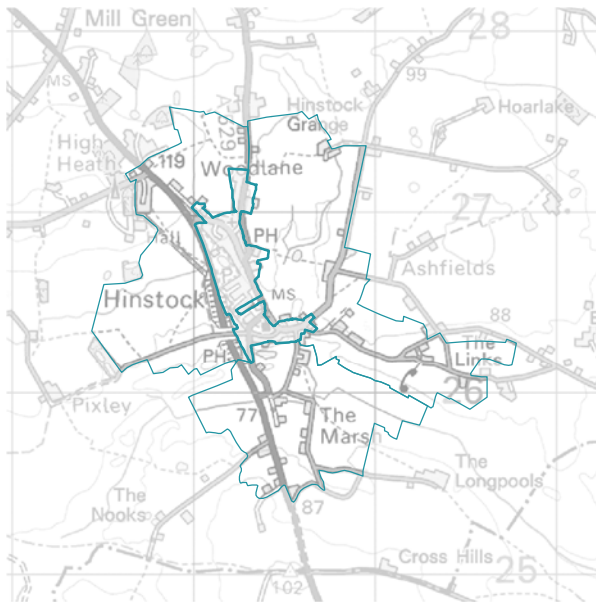
MEDIUM

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DESIGN GUIDANCE FOR HINSTOCK

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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

