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SHROPSHIRE LANDSCAPE & VISUAL SENSITIVITY ASSESSMENT

**KINNERLEY
[39KNY]**

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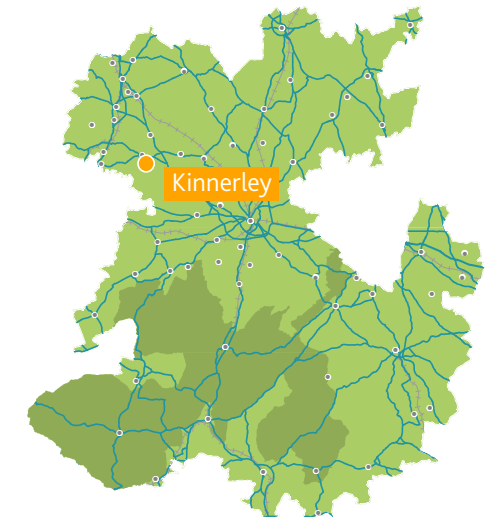
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39. KINNERLEY [39KNY]



LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Kinnerley is a small village in the north west of Shropshire, near the Wales-England border. The village itself is designated as a conservation area and during WW2 the countryside surrounding the village was a top-secret bomb storage depot. Kinnerley has a population of 340. This settlement has been divided into 2 parcels for the purpose of this study.



KINNERLEY A [39KNY-A]

LOCATION AND CHARACTER

This parcel is located surrounds the north, east and west of Kinnerley and lies some 16km north of the Shropshire Hills AONB and 6km east of the LLanymynech and Llyncllys Hills. The settlement includes dispersed hamlets and properties with a series of interconnecting local roads and lanes. There is a well-connected PRow network throughout the parcel, affording access to outlying areas and hamlets. The parcel is characterised by small scale pasture and arable fields with strong hedgerow and hedgerow tree presence. Field boundaries form the edges of the parcel.



1. LONG DISTANCE VIEWS OF THE AONB VISIBLE THROUGH GAPS IN THE TREES



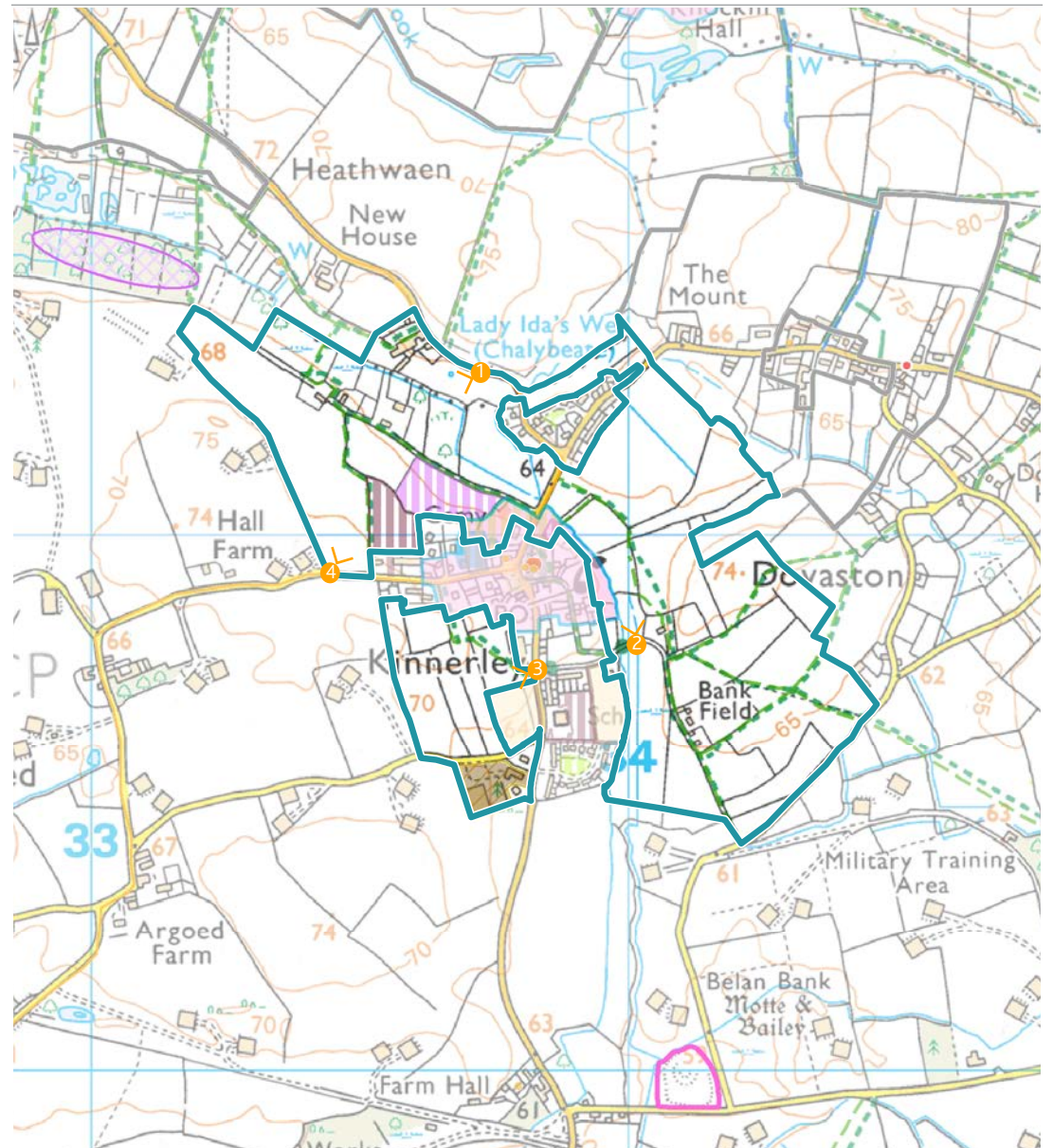
2. DENSE HEDGEROWS AND HEDGEROW TREES SCREEN AND FILTER VIEWS OUT



3. SMALL SCALE FIELDS WITH LIMITED VIEWS IN OR OUT



4. SLIGHTLY LARGER ARABLE FIELDS, STILL WITH LIMITED VIEWS IN OR OUT



LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

There is a moderate strength of character and the parcel is in a moderate condition. There are limited designations within the parcel, the only one being the edge of Kinnerley Conservation Area along the settlement edge, however there is an extensive network of PRoW throughout the parcel that enhance recreational value. There is a moderate presence of priority habitats and woodland alongside Weir Brook and generally good tree cover is a strong physical feature within the landscape adding to nature conservation value. The network of streams and ditches further enhances habitat diversity and connectivity. Due to the extensive network of PRoW, the landscape does make an important contribution to the enjoyment of the area.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a typical rural landscape of irregular and regular shaped small to medium scale pastoral and arable farmland. The landform is gently rolling and there is a medium sense of place and some sense of tranquility within the parcel that would be vulnerable to noise or visual disturbance. The tree cover, hedgerows and hedgerow trees form strong elements within the landscape and are particularly vulnerable to change as they are irreplaceable in the short to medium term and they contribute to the character of the area. The network of streams and ditches enhances habitat diversity and would be vulnerable to fragmentation as a result of development. Existing settlement comprises the larger settlement of Kinnerley and individual properties and farmsteads and clusters of houses that would be vulnerable to a noticeable change in this discrete settlement pattern. The setting of the Conservation Area would be vulnerable to changes in its character and immediate landscape.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

There is a cluster of priority woodland habitat to the north west of the parcel, hedgerows and hedgerow trees that contribute to the character of the area, including the setting of the Conservation Area within Kinnerley. Therefore the sensitivity of the landscape to change arising from new housing is medium and to employment is medium-high.



LOW	MEDIUM-LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM-HIGH	HIGH	VERY HIGH
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VISUAL

VISUAL VALUE

There are long distance views towards Shropshire Hills AONB to the south, however these views are filtered or screened for a large proportion of the parcel and the parcel itself does not take in the special qualities of the AONB. There are views into the Conservation Area at Kinnerley. The landscape is intact with few detracting features.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Views throughout the parcel are visually contained with limited views inwards and outwards due to the hedgerows and hedgerow trees screening or filtering views. Small scale development could be accommodated within these enclosed areas where vegetation would screen views from sensitive receptors. The parcel is intervisible with the settlement edge and with parcel A, however vegetation does filter these views. The parcel does not form part of a skyline. The parcel is important in creating the setting of the Conservation Area that would be vulnerable to noticeable change to views in and out. The level of access within the parcel is occasional, however the sensitive recreational receptors using the extensive PRoW network and the residential receptors are of a high susceptibility to change in their surroundings.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

There are long distance views towards the AONB and close range views of the Conservation Area; these views are largely filtered by hedgerows and hedgerow trees throughout the parcel. Therefore the 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	MEDIUM	MEDIUM-HIGH	HIGH	VERY HIGH
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KINNERLEY B [39KNY-B]

LOCATION AND CHARACTER

This parcel is located surrounding a small cluster of properties along Mountside Road, situated in between Kinnerley and Doveston. The parcel lies some 16km north of the Shropshire Hills AONB and 6km east of the LLanymynech and Llyncllys Hills. Mountside Road runs through the parcel and the area is connected by local roads and lanes. A few PRoW make up the network and connect to the adjacent parcel. This rural landscape is characterised by small pasture fields with hedgerows and hedgerow trees. Field boundaries form the edges of the parcel.



1. VIEWS TOWARDS THE AONB



2. VEGETATION SCREENS AND FILTERS VIEWS OUT CREATING A MORE ENCLOSED LANDSCAPE



3. SLIGHTLY LARGER ARABLE FIELDS TO THE NORTH ARE STILL ENCLOSED ON ITS BOUNDARIES



4. ALTHOUGH VIEWS ARE ENCLOSED, THE AONB IS VISIBLE THROUGH THE VEGETATION IN PLACES



LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

The parcel is of a typical rural landscape of moderate strength of character and condition. There are no designations within the parcel except for a single Tree Preservation Order. There are a small number of PRoW within the parcel and a single grade II listed property within the settlement which the parcel surrounds. There are robust hedgerows of good connectivity with hedgerow trees that enhance natural conservation value. There are no particularly strong physical features within the landscape and the landscape does not make an important contribution to the enjoyment of the area.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a typical rural landscape of regular shaped small to medium scale pastoral and arable fields. Although most fields are small scale, there is one slightly larger scale field in the north west corner of the parcel. Smaller scale field patterns would generally be susceptible to noticeable changes and increases in scale as a result of development. This gently rolling landscape has a medium sense of place and some sense of tranquility that would be disturbed as a result of noise and visual changes as a result of development. The hedgerows and hedgerow trees are 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 comprises of linear development along Mountside Road and change to this discrete pattern would be noticeable.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

There are minimal designations within this parcel and no particularly strong physical features, however the hedgerows and hedgerow trees are important in the landscape. Therefore the sensitivity of the landscape to change arising from new housing is medium-low and to employment is medium.



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VISUAL

VISUAL VALUE

There are views towards the Shropshire Hills AONB to the south west, however vegetation does screen these views in places and the parcel does not take in the special qualities of the AONB. There are also views towards Llanymynech Rocks to the west. The landscape is intact with few detracting features.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Views throughout the parcel are visually contained, however the parcel is intervisible with the settlement edge and parcel A to the west, although these are often well filtered. Views towards the AONB and Llanymynech Rocks are also filtered and screened in places. The parcel does not form part of a skyline. The level of access through the parcel is occasional, limited to the local road, Mountside Road and the small number of PRoW on the north side of the parcel. Receptor using local roads are typically of low susceptibility to changes to their surroundings due to the transient nature of the views experienced, however, the residential receptors and PRoW users are of a higher susceptibility to a change in their surroundings.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

There are glimpsed distant views towards important landscapes, however vegetation within the parcel limits these for the large part and the hedgerows and hedgerow trees enclose views to within the immediate fields. Therefore the views experienced are of medium sensitivity to change arising from new housing and a medium-high sensitivity to change arising from employment.



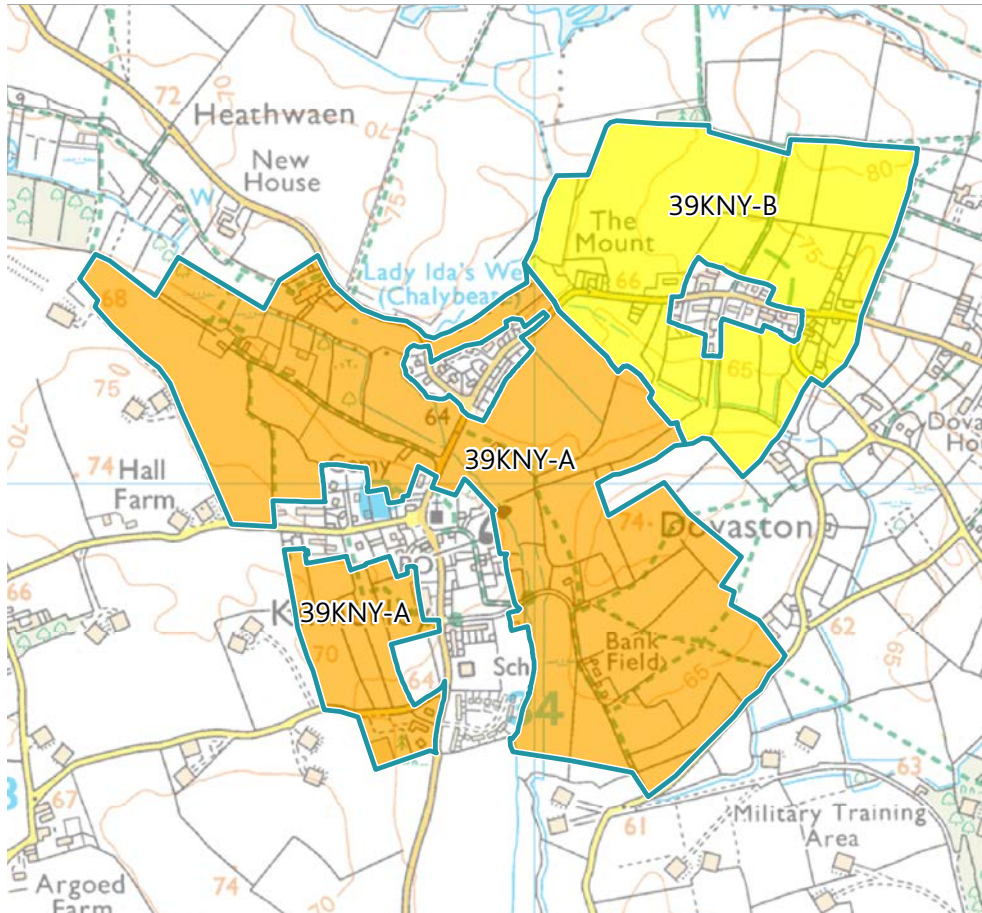
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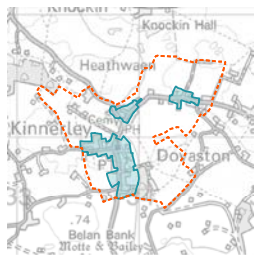
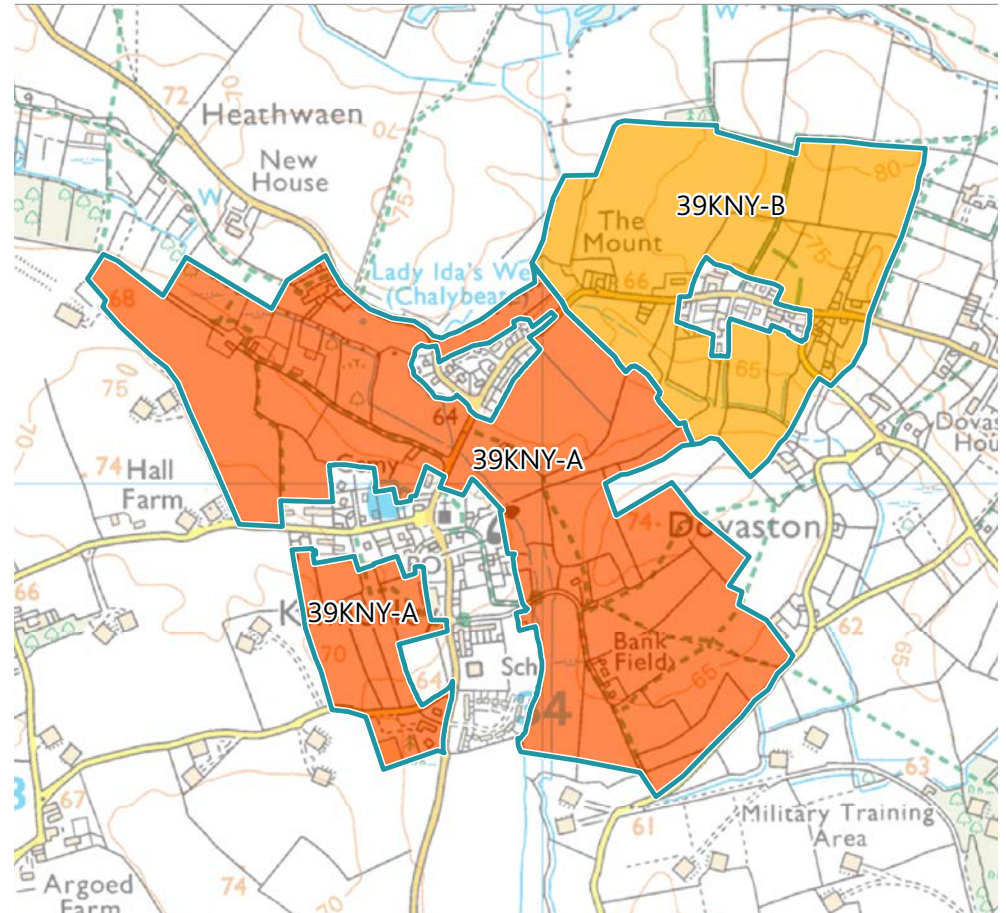
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KINNERLEY LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

HOUSING



EMPLOYMENT



KEY:

 SENSITIVITY PARCEL

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY:

 VERY HIGH

 HIGH

 MEDIUM-HIGH

 MEDIUM

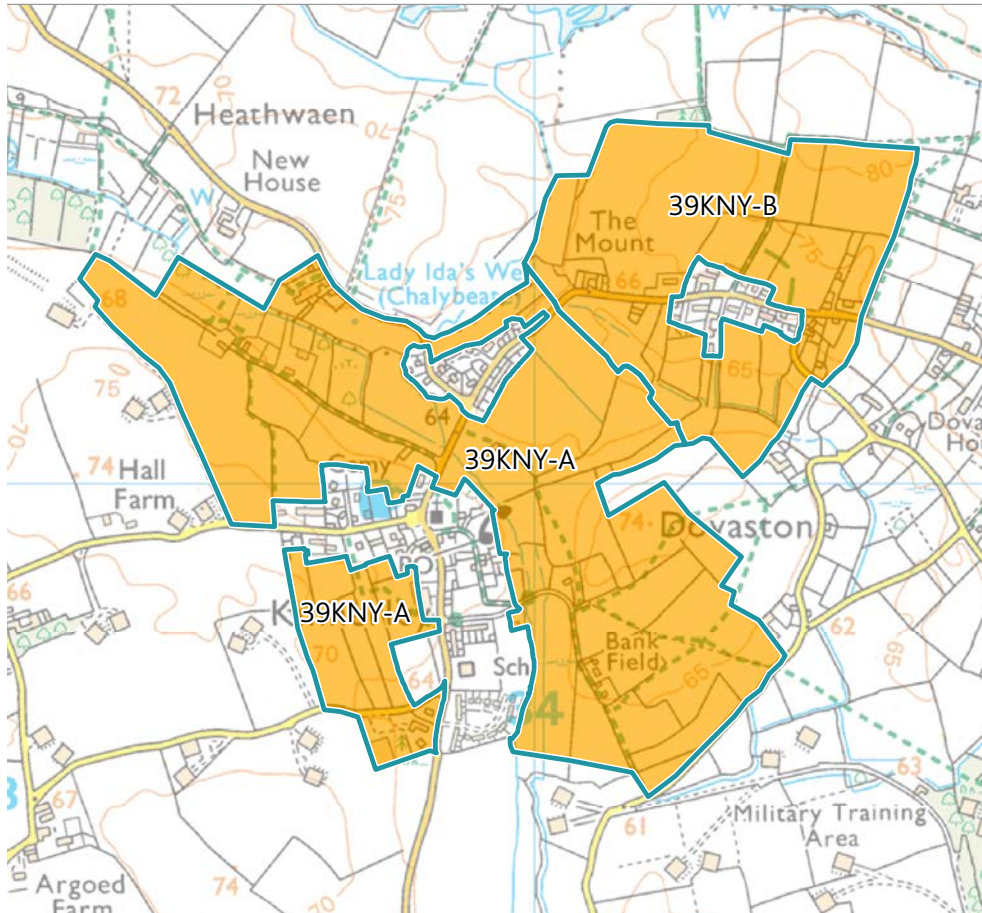
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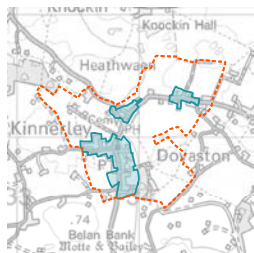
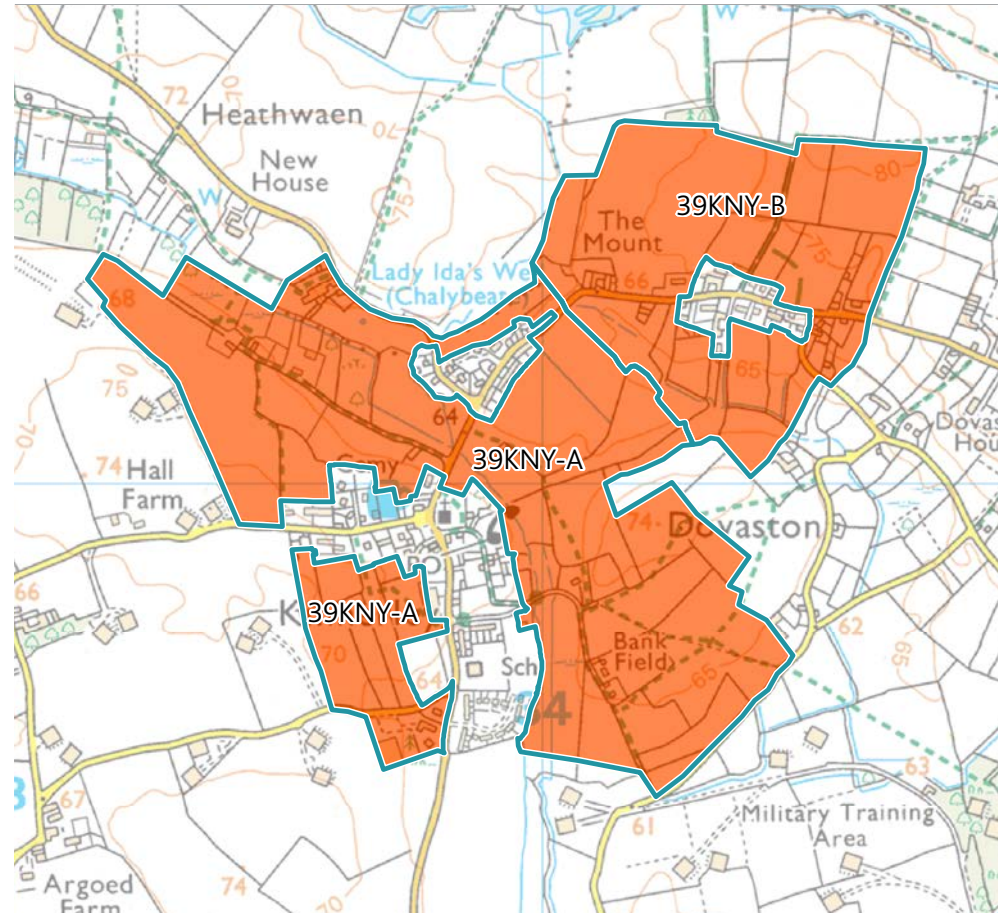
KINNERLEY VISUAL SENSITIVITY



HOUSING



EMPLOYMENT



KEY:

SENSITIVITY PARCEL

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

VERY HIGH

HIGH

MEDIUM-HIGH

MEDIUM

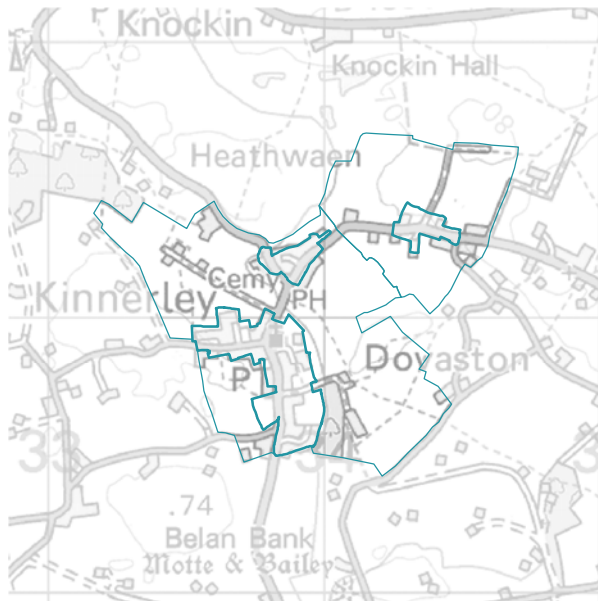
MEDIUM-LOW

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DESIGN GUIDANCE FOR KINNERLEY

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2 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

