



**GILLESPIES**

**SHROPSHIRE LANDSCAPE & VISUAL SENSITIVITY ASSESSMENT**

**LLANYMYNECH  
[4OLMY]**

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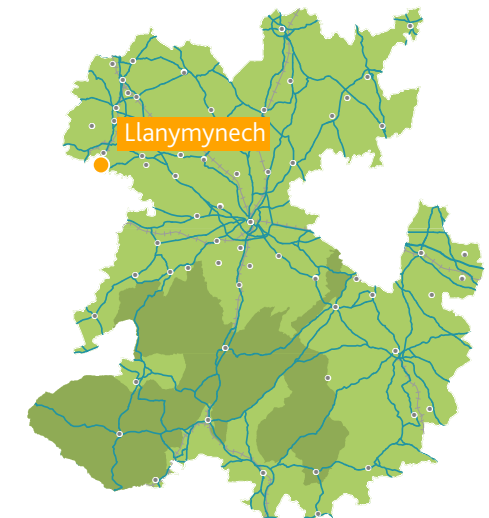
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## 40. LLANMYNECH [40LMY]



### LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Llanymynech is a small village which straddles the Wales-England border. The A483 runs through the centre of the village, connecting it with Oswestry to the north and Welshpool to the south. Llanymynech Rocks Nature Reserve is located to the north of the village and there is a strong mining and quarrying history, with a limekiln and chimney still present. Llanymynech has a population of 530. This settlement has been divided into 2 parcels for the purpose of this study.



# LLANYMYNECH A [40LMY-A]

## LOCATION AND CHARACTER

This parcel is located to the north east of Llanymynech but does not directly join onto the settlement edge. There are no roads running through the parcel, except for a local unnamed road along the eastern boundary. A single PRoW runs through the centre of the parcel. To the north the parcel boundary follows the line of a stream, to the south it follows a new housing development and to the west is the Llanymynech Conservation Area. The parcel is characterised by pasture with a disused railway line running through the centre of the parcel.



1. GLIMPSED VIEWS NORTH WEST OF CLIFF FACE AT LLANYMYNECH ROCKS NATURE RESERVE



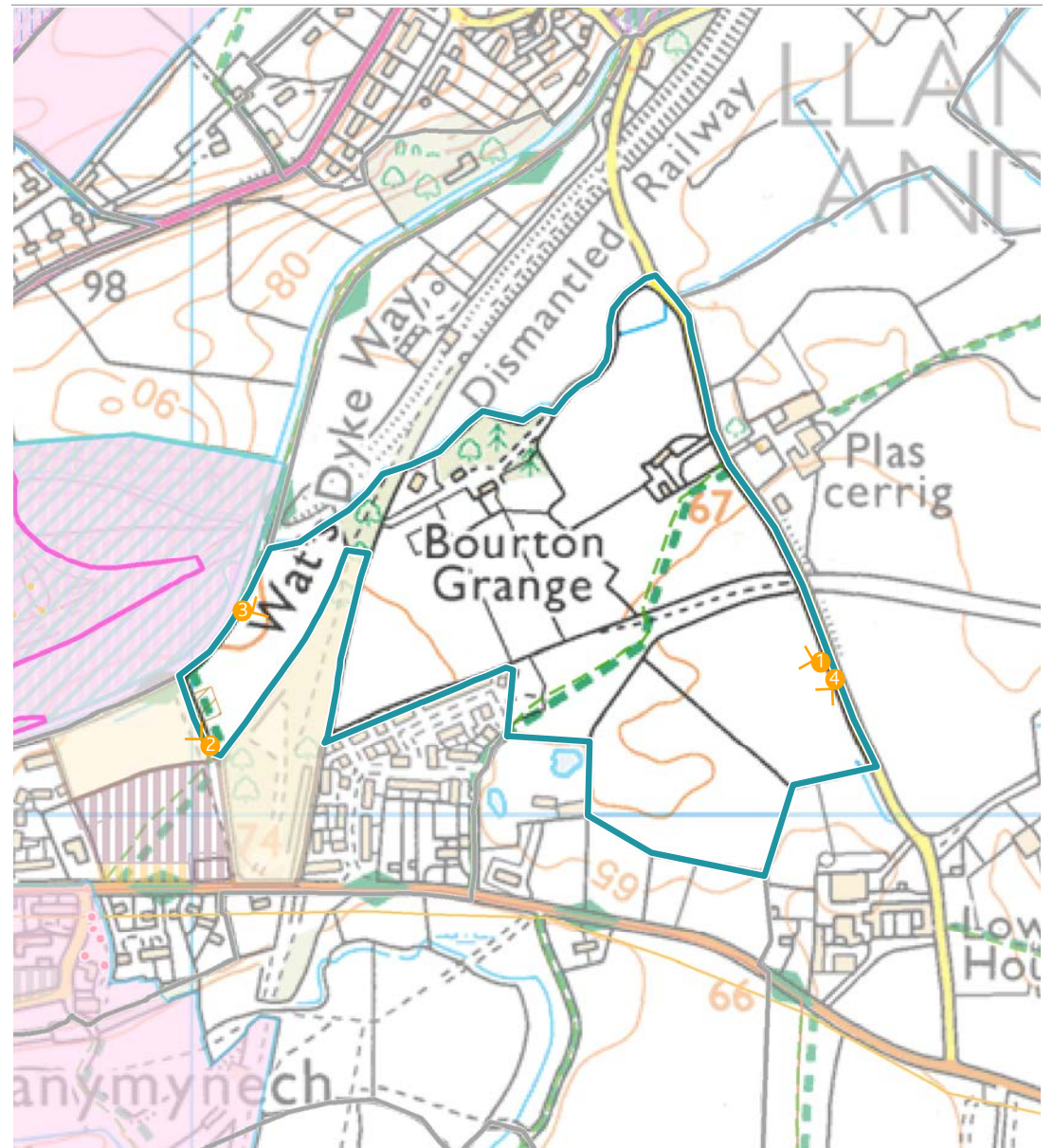
2. FROM PROW, VIEW OF HOUSING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND A CHIMNEY AT LIMEWORKS



3. FROM WATS DYKE WAY ALONG THE CANAL, VIEW EAST OF THE RURAL LANDSCAPE



4. FROM UNNAMED ROAD NORTH OF RADFORDS FARM LOOKING WEST



# LANDSCAPE

## LANDSCAPE VALUE

This parcel is of typical rural character and in moderate condition. There are no designations within the parcel, however the Llanymenech Conservation Area and Scheduled Monument lie to the west and contribute to heritage value. An area of Parks and Countryside is located adjacent to the parcel on the west boundary, which includes the Lime Kilns and Chimney and the Montgomery Canal and are valuable recreational resources. There are no strong physical features within the parcel itself, however to the north west is the distinctive Llanymynech and Llyncllys Hills which is designated a SSSI. Wat's Dyke Way runs to the north west of the parcel boundary but the sparse PRow network means the landscape does not contribute to the enjoyment of the area.

## LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a typical rural landscape of irregular shaped medium to small scale pastoral farmland and horse paddocks the pattern of which would be vulnerable to change in scale. This flat landscape does not have any distinctive features and has a medium-weak sense of place and slightly eroded rural character. There is some sense of tranquility within the parcel away from roads aided by the presence of tree cover, mainly along hedgerow boundaries. Trees and hedgerows contribute to landscape character and would be vulnerable to loss. The existing settlement comprises a small number of isolated properties that would be susceptible to a change in the discrete settlement pattern.

## LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Presence of trees and hedgerows contribute to the rural character however there are few distinctive elements or designations, which means overall the sensitivity of the landscape to change arising from new housing is medium-low and to employment is medium.



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

## VISUAL VALUE

The parcel has no association with the Shropshire Hills AONB. There are however views towards Llanymenech Rocks and the Lime Kiln Chimney which is within the Conservation Area adjacent to the parcel. These views are prominent within the parcel and contribute to its character. The landscape is generally intact with some areas of slightly lower quality and eroded character, however there are limited detracting features.

## VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

There are limited views throughout the parcel, where hedgerows and hedgerow trees enclose views and development could be accommodate where vegetation provides screening from potentially sensitive receptors. However, important landscapes and features of Llanymenech Rocks and the Lime Kiln Chimney, are visible over the tops of the trees in places. Such views would be vulnerable to introduction of new noticeable features associated with development. The parcel is intervisible with the new housing development on the edge of the parcel. The parcel itself does not form a skyline. The Montgomery Canal forms part of the boundary between the parcel and the Conservation Area, however vegetation along this filters and screens views towards it, apart from the views of the Lime Kiln Chimney above the trees. Although there are few receptors within the parcel, there are sensitive recreational and residential receptors that would be highly susceptible to changes to their surroundings.

## VISUAL SENSITIVITY

There are views towards important landscapes, however these are mostly glimpsed through vegetation and development could be accommodate at locations within the parcel. In general the parcel is visually enclosed and there are a low number of sensitive receptors within the parcel which means overall the views experienced are of medium-Low sensitivity to change arising from new housing and medium sensitivity to change arising from employment.



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# LLANYMYNECH B [40LMY-B]

## LOCATION AND CHARACTER

This parcel is located on the south east side of Llanymynech, on the border of England and Wales and lies between the A483 and B4398 which run along its west and north boundaries respectively. The B4398 runs through the parcel where the boundary extends to fields across the road. The Shropshire Way runs along this B road and a single PRoW and connects it with the Conservation Area in Llanymynech, which covers a large area of the parcel. The character of the parcel is well wooded with pasture fields. The River Vyrnwy is located beyond the south boundary.



1. DEGRADED LAND ADJACENT TO THE B4398



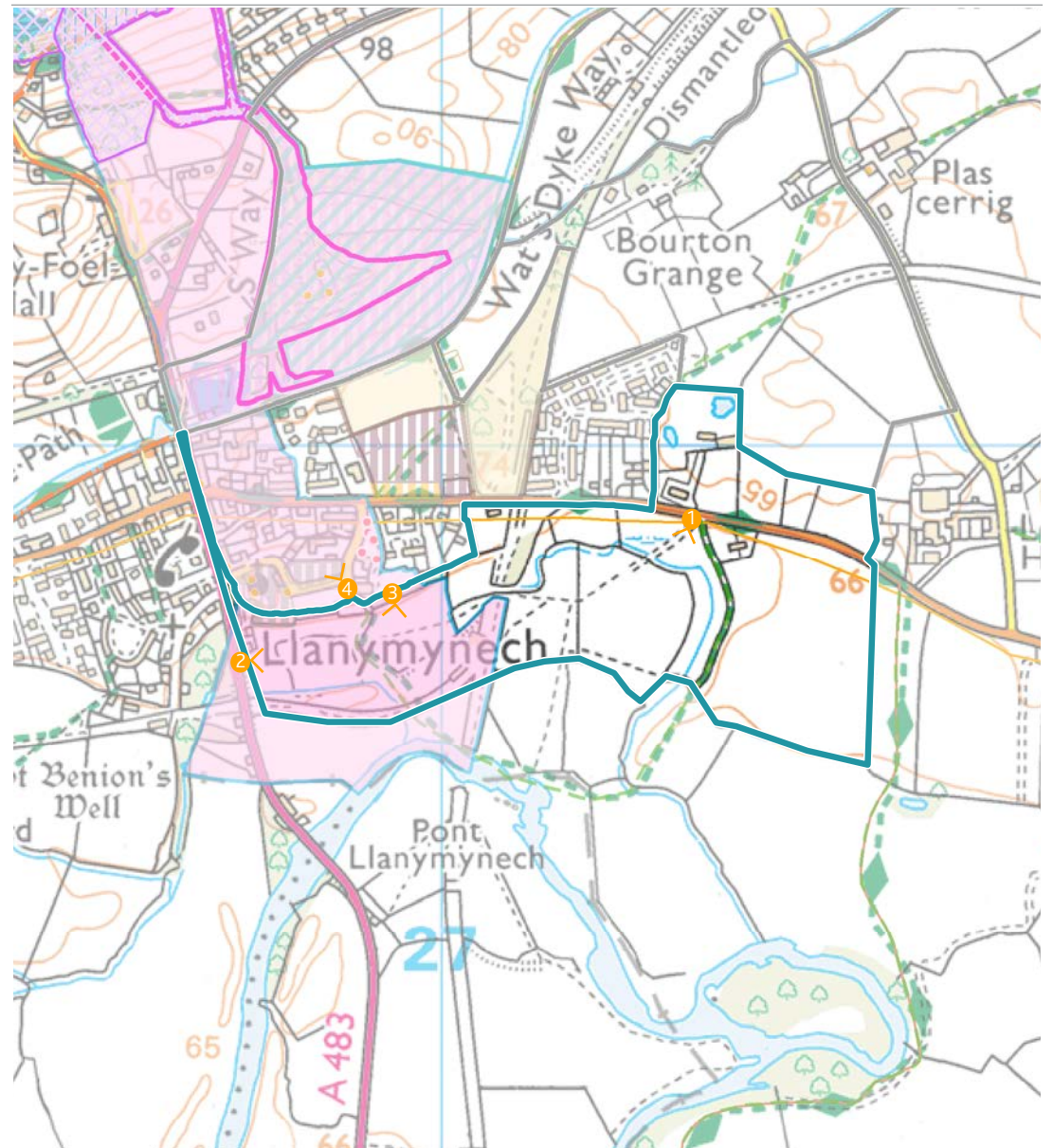
2. VIEW FROM THE A483 INTO THE CONSERVATION AREA OF SHEDS AND SHIPPING CONTAINERS



3. VIEWS WITHIN THE PARCEL ARE CONTAINED DUE TO THE HEAVILY TREED NATURE OF THE PARCEL



4. VIEWS TOWARDS LLANYMYNECH ROCKS FROM OUTSIDE OF THE PARCEL



# LANDSCAPE

## LANDSCAPE VALUE

This parcel has a typical rural character and is in moderate condition, with some areas slightly degraded. A large proportion of the parcel is within the Conservation Area at Llanymynech, the setting of which is eroded by the presence of agricultural sheds and shipping containers on the land. This is the only designation within the parcel, however there are a cluster of grade II listed buildings at St. Agatha's Church outside of, but adjacent to, the north boundary. The Shropshire Way runs through the parcel, and there is a single PRoW. There are no particular strong physical features within the parcel, however the course and floodplain of the River Vyrnwy do have a positive influence on character. Due to the presence of the Shropshire Way, the landscape makes an important contribution to the enjoyment of the area.

## LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a typical rural landscape of irregular shaped small to medium scale pasture and arable farmland. Smaller fields, such as those along the B4398 would be susceptible to changes in scale as a result of development and this would also change the landscape pattern. This flat landscape has a weak to medium sense of place, with some fields being of a more eroded character due to the condition of the land. There is some sense of remoteness and tranquility, however this is reduced in closer proximity to the A483 and B4398. The wooded areas, hedgerows and hedgerow trees form strong elements in the landscape and define the rural character and are particularly susceptible as they are irreplaceable in the short to medium term. Existing settlement within the parcel is sparse, however there are a small number of individual properties along the B4398.

## LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Overall the landscape is slightly degraded in places, however the presence of the Conservation Area and the level of tree cover across the parcel increases the sensitivity. Therefore the sensitivity of the landscape to change arising from new housing is medium and to employment is medium-high.



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# VISUAL

## VISUAL VALUE

Views within this parcel have no association with the Shropshire Hills AONB due to the heavily treed nature of the parcel and the distance of over 18km to the AONB. There are however views towards Llanymynech Rocks and towards the Conservation Area, although these are very well screened by the tree cover within the parcel. Views towards Llanymynech Rocks are mainly only visible from the very boundary of the parcel. The landscape is degraded in places, with the main detracting elements being sheds and other structures.

## VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

There are limited views throughout the parcel due to the wooded areas, hedgerows and hedgerow trees containing views to within field boundaries. Development would be better contained within areas of existing mature tree cover to screen views from sensitive receptors. The parcel is intervisible with the settlement edge, however views are well filtered by vegetation. The parcel does not form part of a skyline. The level of access throughout the parcel is occasional, however this increases along the A483 and B4398 at the boundaries, although these receptors are of a low susceptibility. There are a low number of sensitive recreational and residential receptors within the parcel, however they would be highly susceptible to change to their surroundings.

## VISUAL SENSITIVITY

Although there are views towards Llanymynech Rocks, these are limited and the vegetation within the parcel largely limits views in and out of the parcel. Therefore the views experienced are of medium-low sensitivity to change arising from new housing and medium sensitivity to change arising from employment.



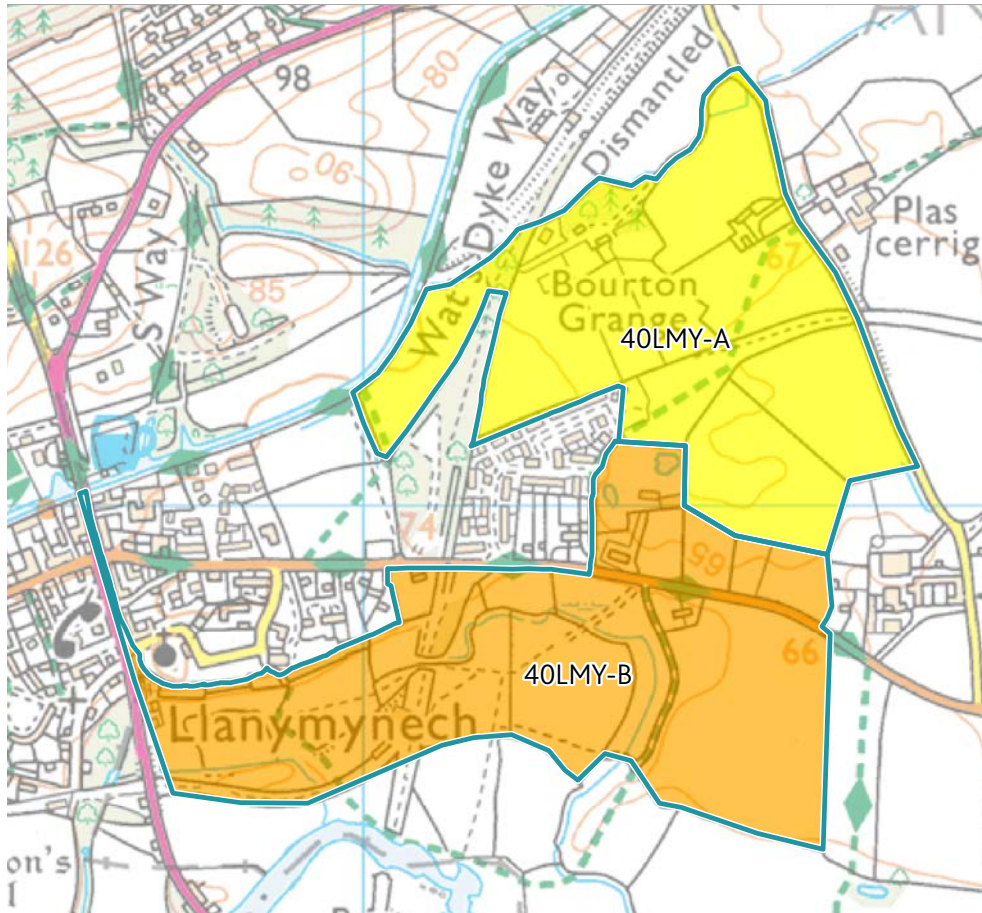
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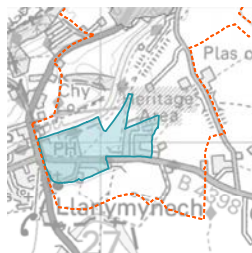
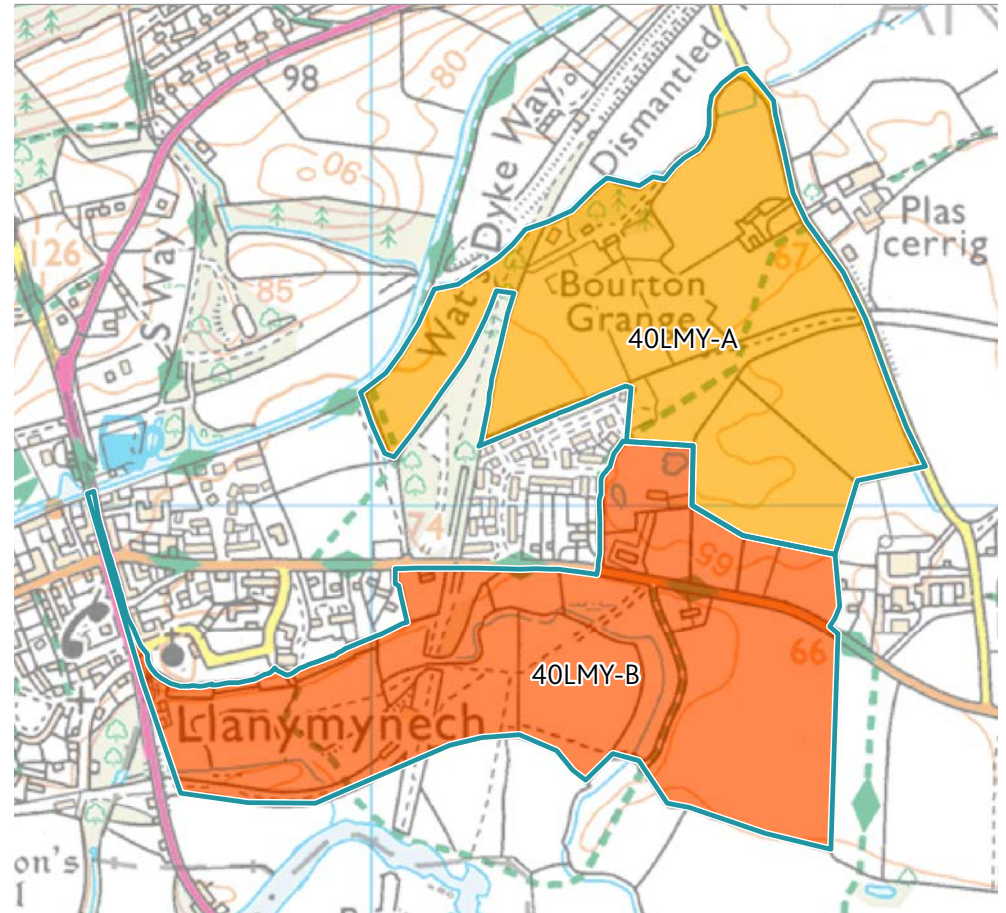
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# LLANYMYNECH LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

## HOUSING



## EMPLOYMENT



KEY:

 SENSITIVITY PARCEL

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY:

 VERY HIGH

 HIGH

 MEDIUM-HIGH

 MEDIUM

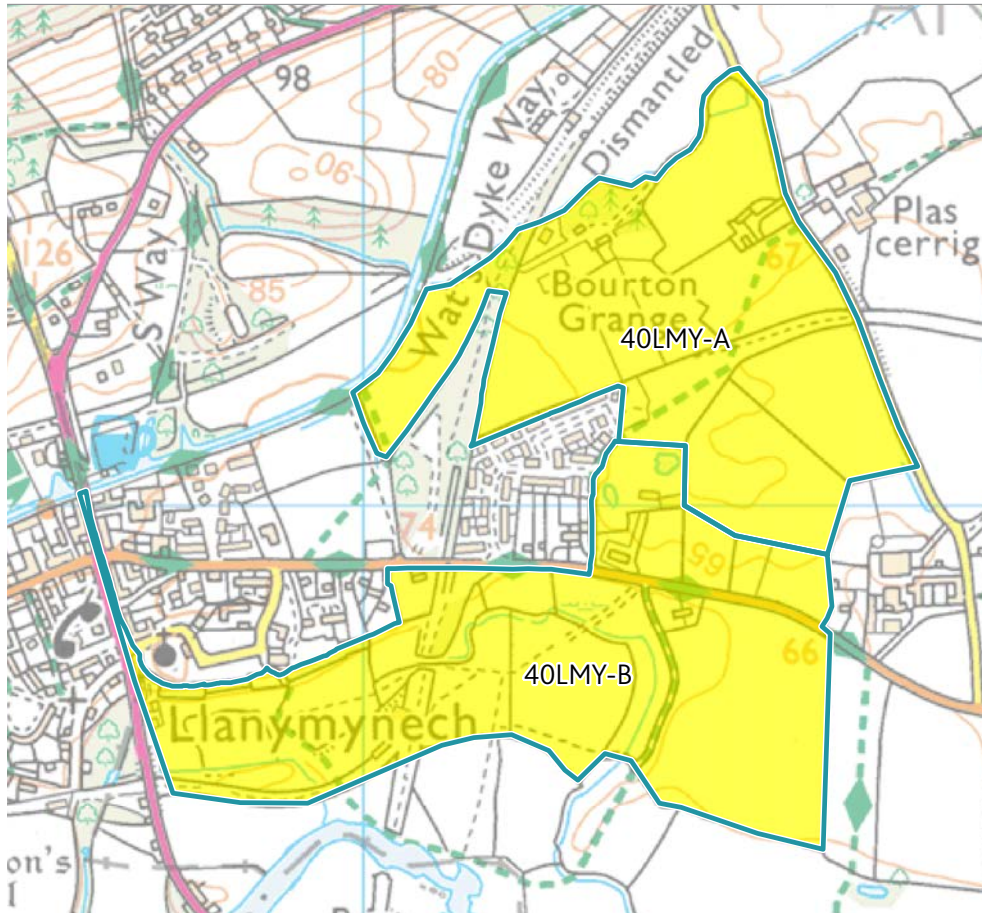
 MEDIUM-LOW

 LOW

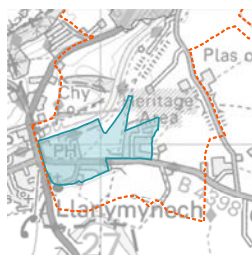
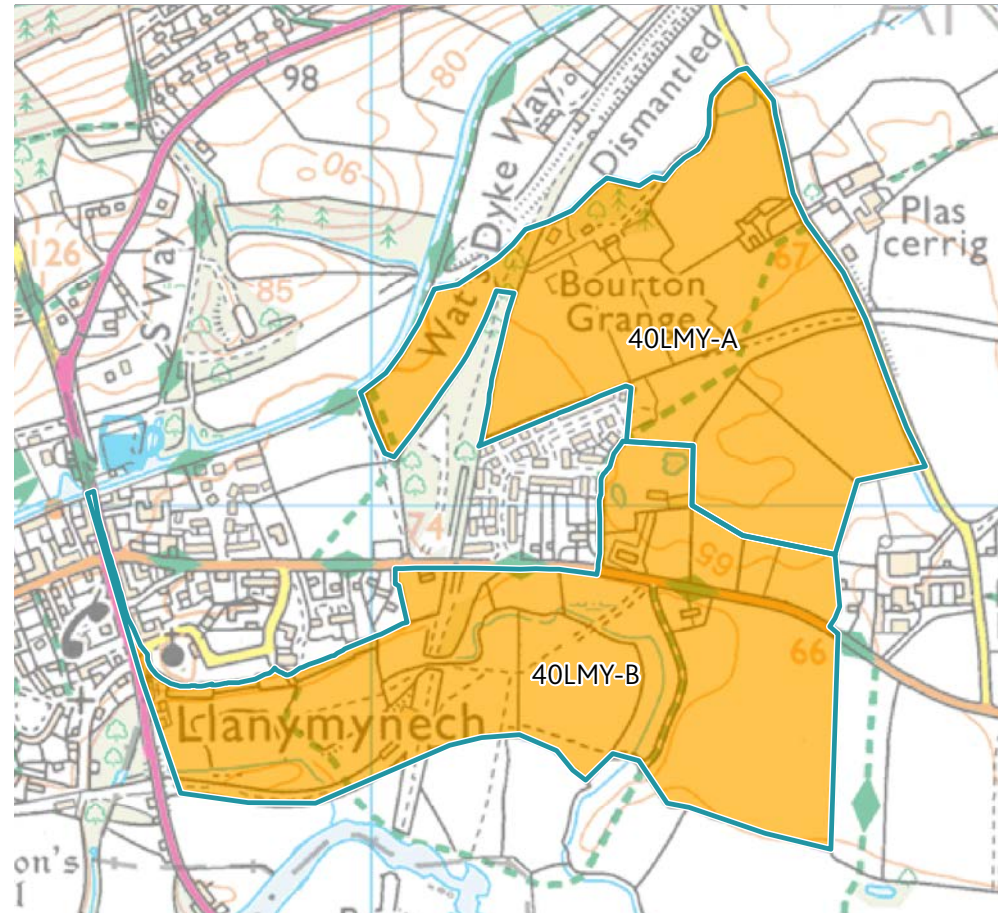


# LLANYMYNECH VISUAL SENSITIVITY

## HOUSING



## EMPLOYMENT



KEY:

SENSITIVITY PARCEL

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

VERY HIGH

HIGH

MEDIUM-HIGH

MEDIUM

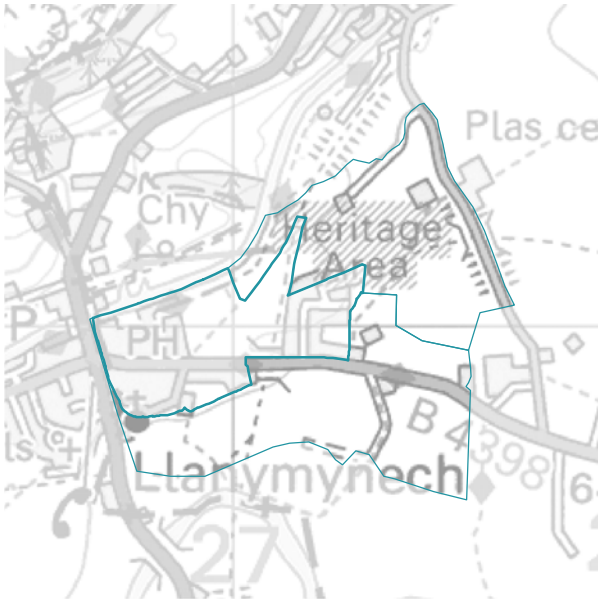
MEDIUM-LOW

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# DESIGN GUIDANCE FOR LLANYMYNECH

[40LMY]

2 SENSITIVITY PARCELS



KEY



PARCEL BOUNDARY



SETTLEMENT



HIGHER LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY TO DEVELOPMENT



HIGHER VISUAL SENSITIVITY TO DEVELOPMENT



VIEWS TO BE PROTECTED



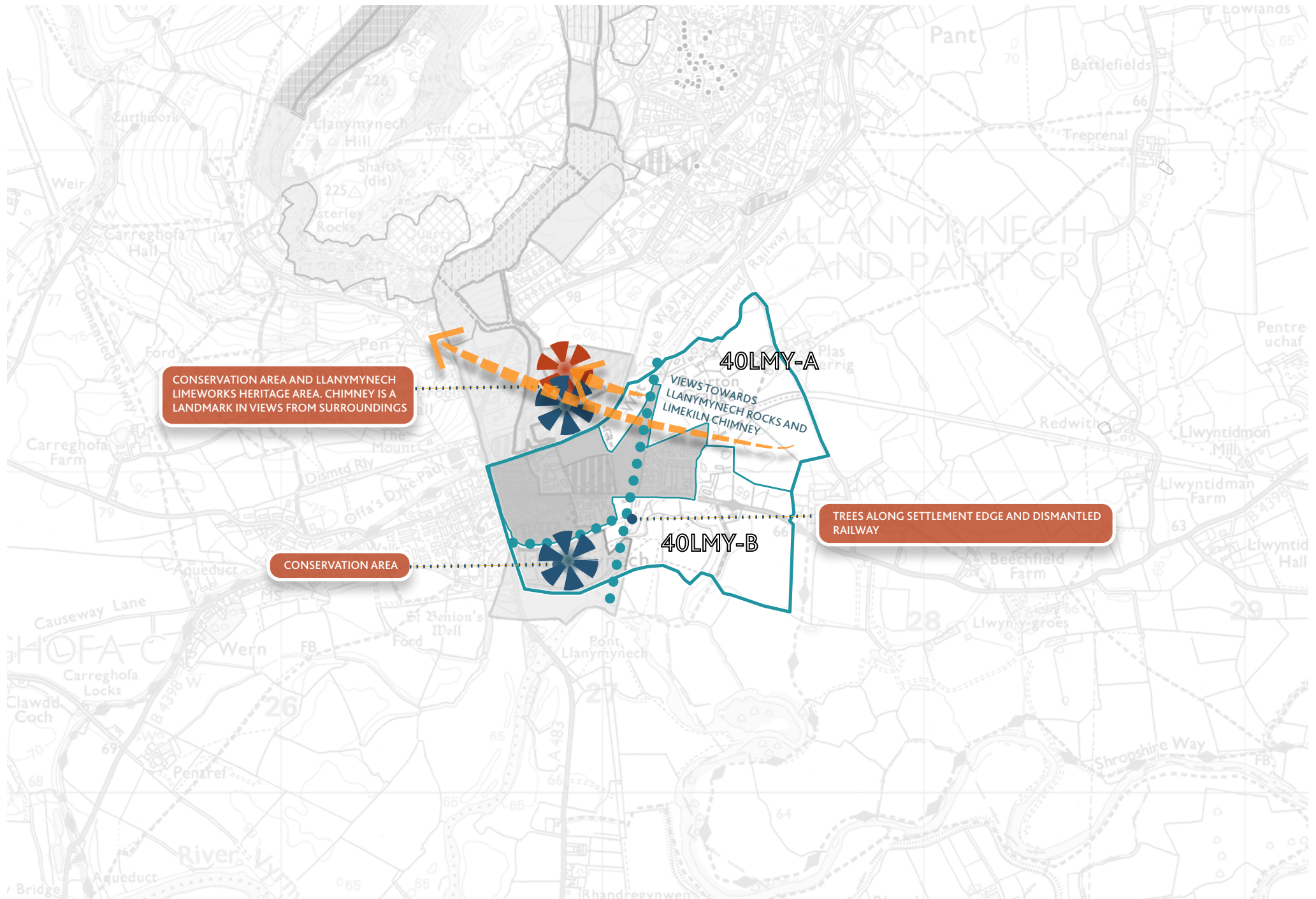
DESIGNATED FEATURES WHERE THE SETTING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED



VISITOR DESTINATION WHERE THE SETTING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED



IMPORTANT LANDSCAPE FEATURE WHICH SHOULD BE RETAINED



CONSERVATION AREA AND LLANYMYNECH LIMWORKS HERITAGE AREA. CHIMNEY IS A LANDMARK IN VIEWS FROM SURROUNDINGS

CONSERVATION AREA

TREES ALONG SETTLEMENT EDGE AND DISMANTLED RAILWAY

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40LMY-B

VIEWS TOWARDS LLANYMYNECH ROCKS AND LIMEKILN CHIMNEY

