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SHROPSHIRE LANDSCAPE & VISUAL SENSITIVITY ASSESSMENT

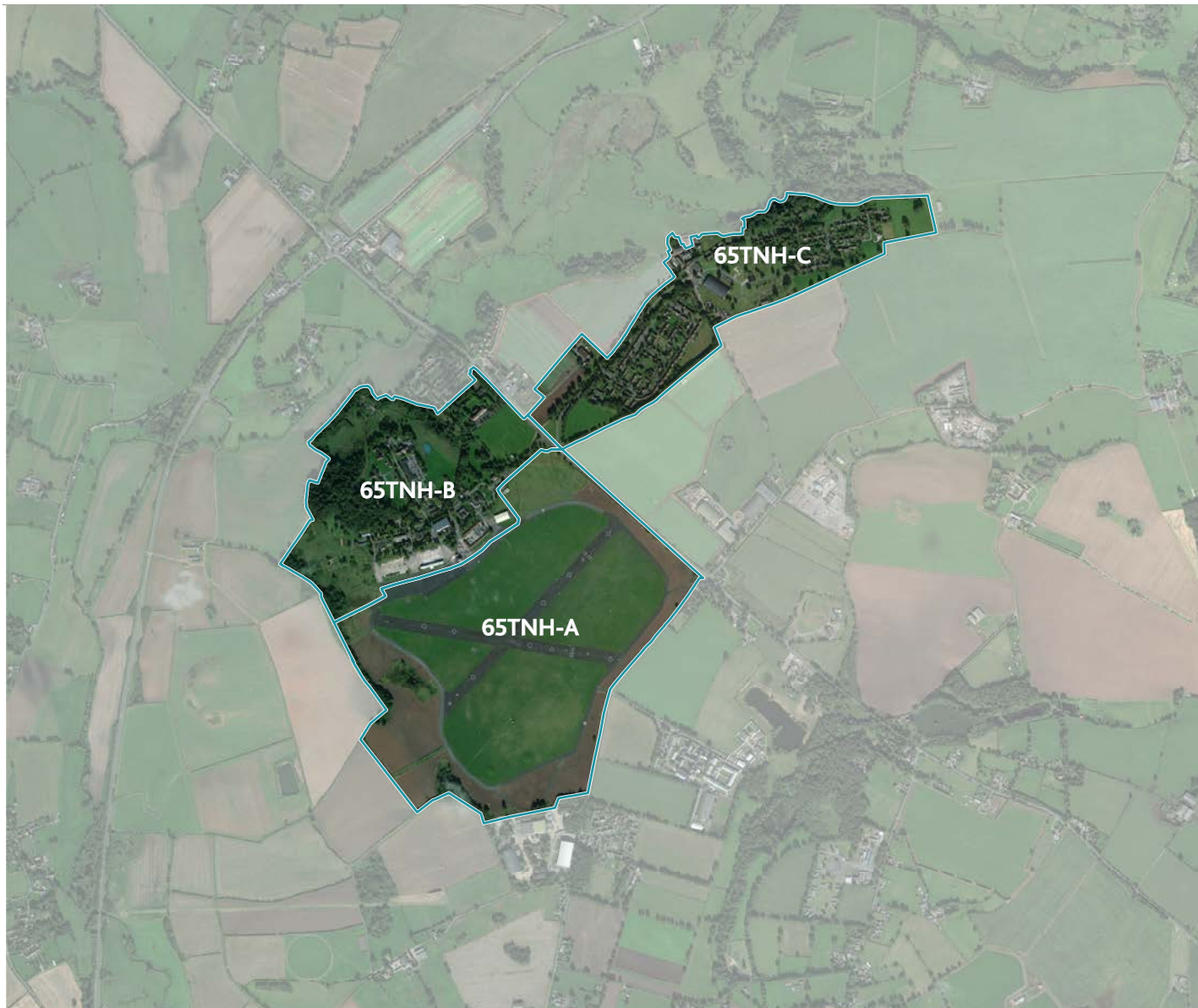
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[65TNH]

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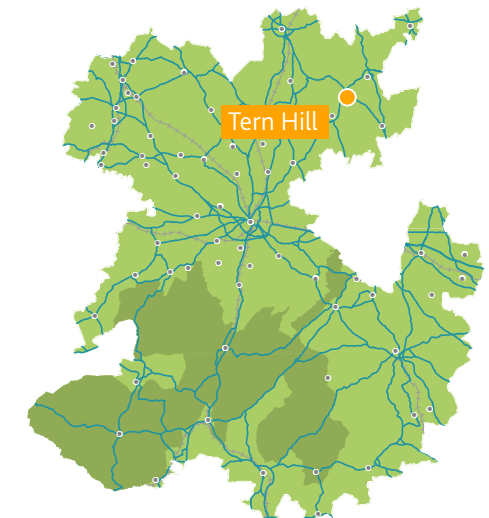
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65. TERN HILL [65TNH]



LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Tern Hill is a village in the north east of Shropshire; with the River Tern beginning south of the settlement. Tern Hill is notable as the location of the former RAF Tern Hill station, which is now owned by the Ministry of Defence and is known as Clive Barracks. The airfield at Tern Hill is a relief landing ground and is used for helicopter training by the Defence Helicopter Flying School, RAF Shawbury. It has a population of 70. The settlement has been divided into 3 parcels for the purpose of this study.



TERN HILL A [65TNH-A]

Please note that due to sensitivities of the use of the parcel as an active RAF base and airfield, access is restricted. This assessment is formed mostly from desk based research and from visiting surrounding publicly accessible areas.

LOCATION AND CHARACTER

Parcel A is located between the villages of Tern Hill and Stoke Heath, and is to the south west of Roman Road (A41), which connects the two villages. It is currently utilised as a military base which forms part of Clive Barracks. The parcel has restricted access. The parcel is vast and exposed in character and the topography is uniformly flat. There is a hedgerow along the outer extent of the parcel and a small woodland block in the south west. Aside from this, the parcel is not well vegetated. The barracks adjoin the parcel to the north west.



1. FROM WARRANT ROAD LOOKING NORTHWEST ACROSS AIRFIELD



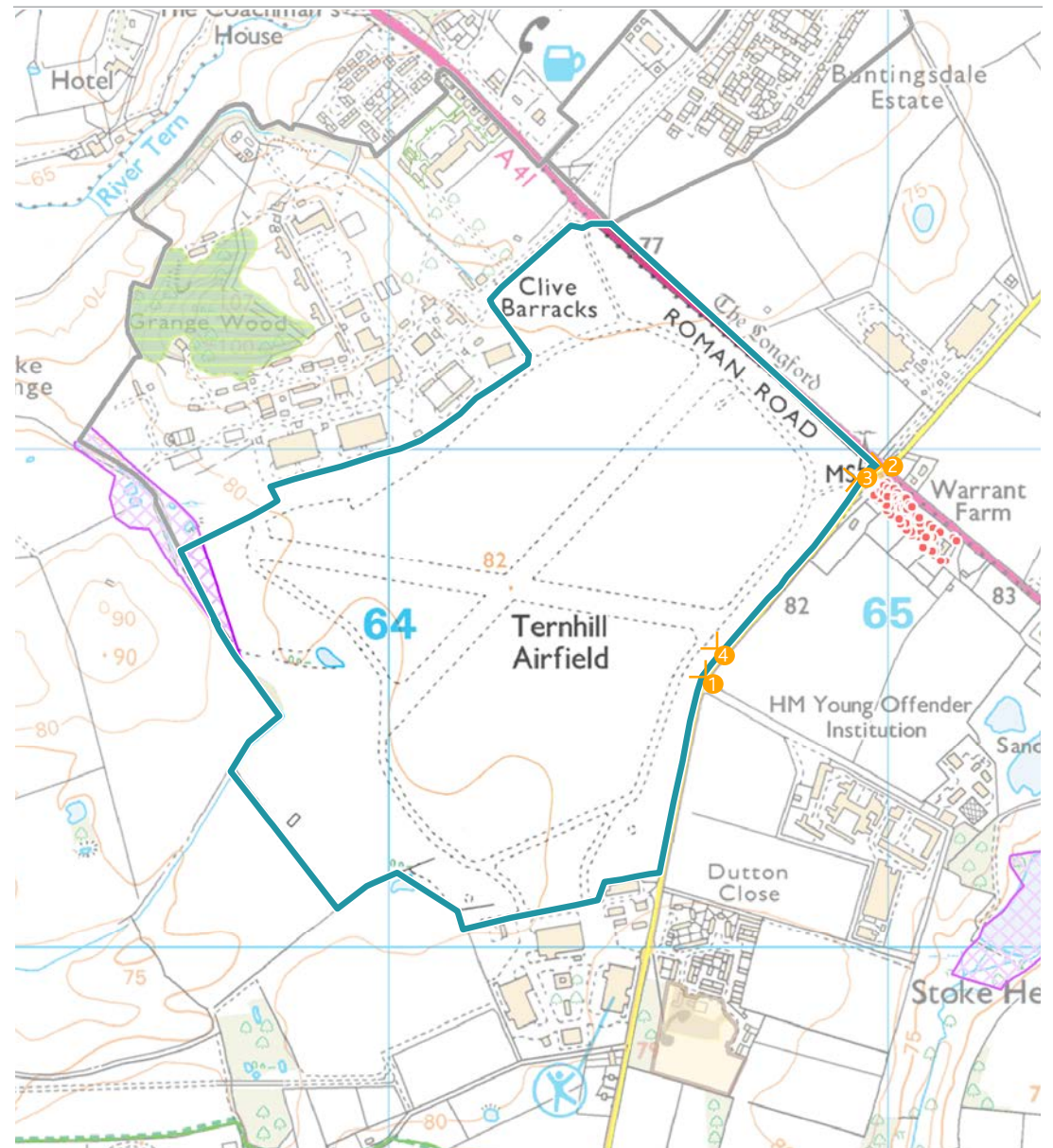
2. EARLY WARNING TOWER IS A PROMINENT DETRACTOR IN THE LANDSCAPE



3. LONG DISTANCE VIEW ACROSS AIRFIELD TOWARDS GRANGE WOOD



4. LONG DISTANCE VIEW TO PARCEL B INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE ASSOCIATED WITH AIRFIELD



LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

This landscape has an eroded rural character and as a result its landscape condition is poor. The parcel is very expansive and is completely flat, which is signified by its use as a military airfield. There is a small area designated as a Local Wildlife Site, which covers the western corner of the parcel, however it is rather insignificant when compared to the scale of the parcel whose rural character is wholly altered. The landscape is of restricted access and therefore does not contribute to any public enjoyment of the area.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This vast parcel has low tranquility and development would be appropriate with potential to restore and enhance natural and rural features. It has a strong sense of place as an military airfield, however as a result it has an eroded rural character. There are no field boundaries within the parcel, however its extent is bounded by intact hedgerows. The north west of the parcel adjoins settled barracks associated with the military airfield, whose landscape character correlates with the overall high frequency of human influence in terms of infrastructure.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

This is an eroded and low tranquil landscape which is signified by its use as an military airfield. Overall the sensitivity of the landscape to change arising from new housing is low and to employment is low as there is an existing high human influence in terms of infrastructure.



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VISUAL

VISUAL VALUE

Views within this parcel have no association with the Shropshire Hills AONB as it is approximately 20km away. There are long distance views across the extensively flat landscape towards Grange Wood and the south west. The extensive views of the airfield is more prominent in the view than that of the Ancient Woodland. The landscape is eroded and has many detractors spanning its landscape. The views are degraded with the widespread passing of aircraft.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

The visibility is very open, and there are long distance views towards higher ground in the south west. There is intervisibility with Parcel B. This includes views of prominent buildings associated with the airfield such as hangars and stores. There are no PRoW which intersect the parcel as the parcel has restricted access. The receptors are restricted to the road users of Roman road (A41) and Warrant Road, which although the level of access is frequent, the receptors susceptibility to change is low as the views are transient.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

The parcel is defined by its use as an military airfield and therefore contributes to views which although open, are low in scenic value. The low relative number of people within this sensitivity parcel combined with a high number of detracting features means that the views experienced are of low sensitivity to change arising from new housing or employment.



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TERN HILL B [65TNH-B]

Please note that due to sensitivities of the use of the parcel as an active RAF base and airfield, access is restricted. This assessment is formed mostly from desk based research and from visiting surrounding publicly accessible areas.

LOCATION AND CHARACTER

Parcel B is located between the villages of Tern Hill and Stoke Heath. It is currently owned by the Ministry of Defence and is a military base site known as Clive Barracks. The site is of restricted access and is enclosed in character, as it is confined by wire fencing and planting buffers. The military barracks are set in blocks between open spaces and are tree lined, which contributes to the parcels well wooded landscape character. This includes Grange Wood to the west of the parcel, which is designated as Ancient Woodland.



1. PART OF CLIVE BARRACKS ACROSS SPORTS FIELDS
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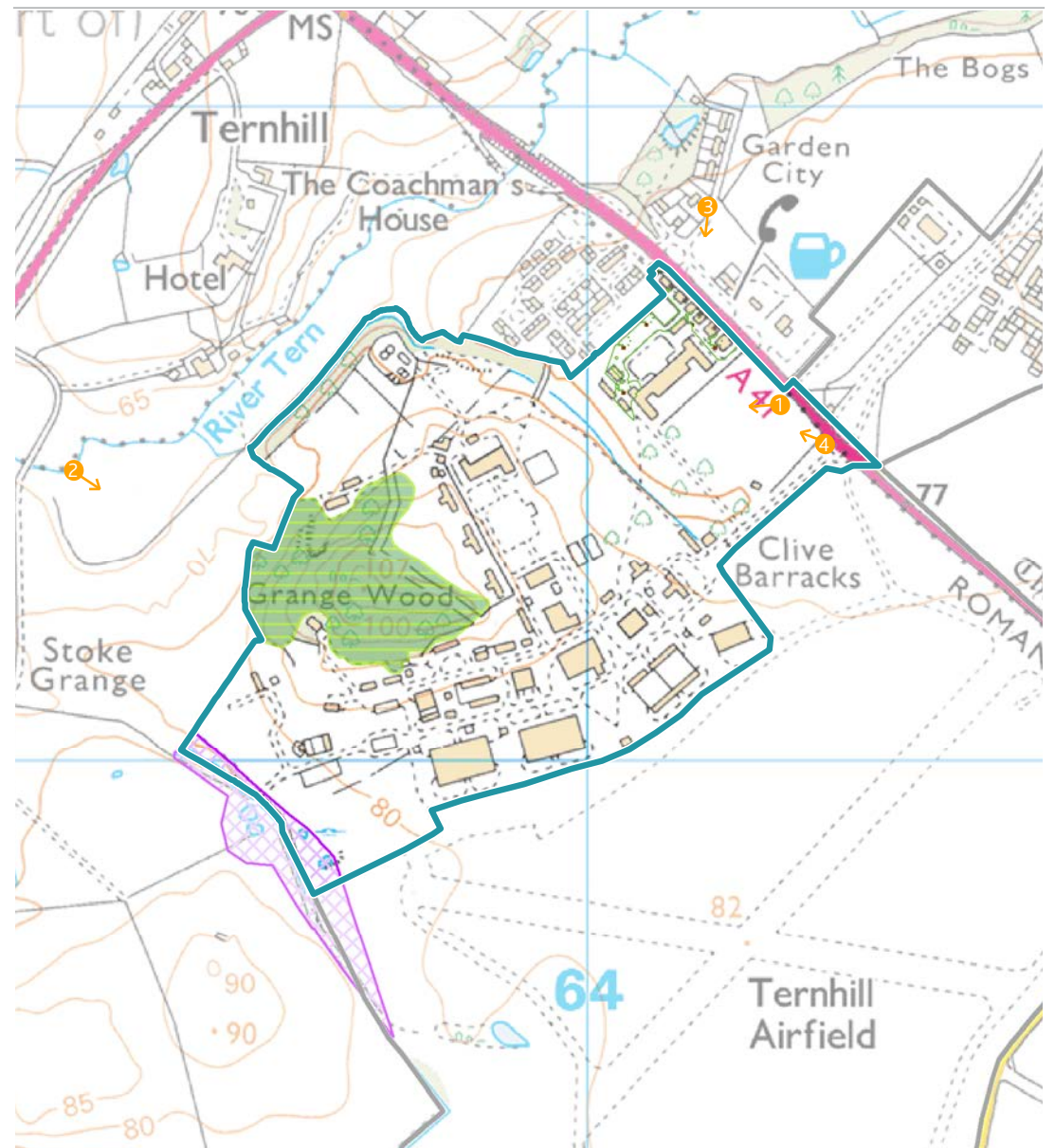
2. GRANGE WOOD FROM RIVER TERN
PHOTO © [RICHARD LAW](#) (CC-BY-SA/2.0)



3. OUTSIDE VIEW OF RAF BARRACKS AT TERNHILL
PHOTO © [EIRIAN EVANS](#) (CC-BY-SA/2.0)



4. CHINOOK DROP OFF AT RAF TERN HILL
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Due to the sensitivities of the use of the parcel as an active RAF barrack and lack of intervisibility, no photographs were taken.

LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

The parcel is completely flat and highly enclosed in character as it is confined by infrastructure, tree planting and woodland. The parcel has a well wooded landscape character which is in part defined by an ancient woodland block at Grange Wood. Despite this, the parcel has a relatively low scenic value as its character is degraded by a strong human influence. There is a small area designated as a Local Wildlife Site, which bounds the south west of the parcel, however it is rather insignificant when compared to the scale of the parcel.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

The parcel has a strong sense of place as a military base, however as a result it has an eroded rural character. There are no PRoW through the parcel as it is of restricted access. The influencing character of Grange Wood, as an ancient woodland, is somewhat insignificant in comparison to the extent of human influence on the landscape of the parcel. The barracks and buildings associated with the airfield, such as hangars and stores, stand as prominent features in the landscape. Therefore the parcel has low tranquility and development could present an opportunity to restore the landscape character.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

This is a compact and enclosed landscape which is heavily influenced by infrastructure associated with the military base, which despite being well wooded, has the barring of eroding its rural character. Overall the sensitivity of the landscape to change arising from new housing is low and to employment is low.



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VISUAL

VISUAL VALUE

Views within this parcel have no association with the Shropshire Hills AONB as it is approximately 20km away. It can be assumed from desk based research that views are localised and highly contained by wire fences and planting buffers. Rising landform to the south west of the parcel, as well as Grange Wood, restricts any long distance views into or out of the parcel. The views are influenced by the widespread passing of helicopters.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

The site is of restricted access and is visually enclosed, as it is confined by wire fencing and planting buffers. Rising landform to the south west of the parcel, as well as Grange Wood, restricts any long distance views into or out of the parcel. There is intervisibility with Parcel A. The receptors are restricted to the road users of Roman road (A41), who could experience glimpsed views into the parcel and those granted access to the military base within the parcel.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

The parcel is signified by its use as a military base and therefore contributes to views which are enclosed and localised within the parcel. The low relative number of receptors combined with a high number of detracting features means that the views experienced are of low sensitivity to change arising from new housing or employment.



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LOCATION AND CHARACTER

Parcel C is located to the east of Tern Hill and to the south of the River Tern. There are no PROw within the parcel as it is a site owned by the Ministry of Defence. The landscape is mostly flat and the landuse is strictly residential. The landscape is well wooded with parkland trees along Hedley Way. Dwellings are arranged in blocks between open spaces of this former parkland and farmland landscape associated with the adjacent Buntingsdale Hall.



1. AN AIRFIELD HANGAR STANDS PROMINENTLY IN THE LANDSCAPE



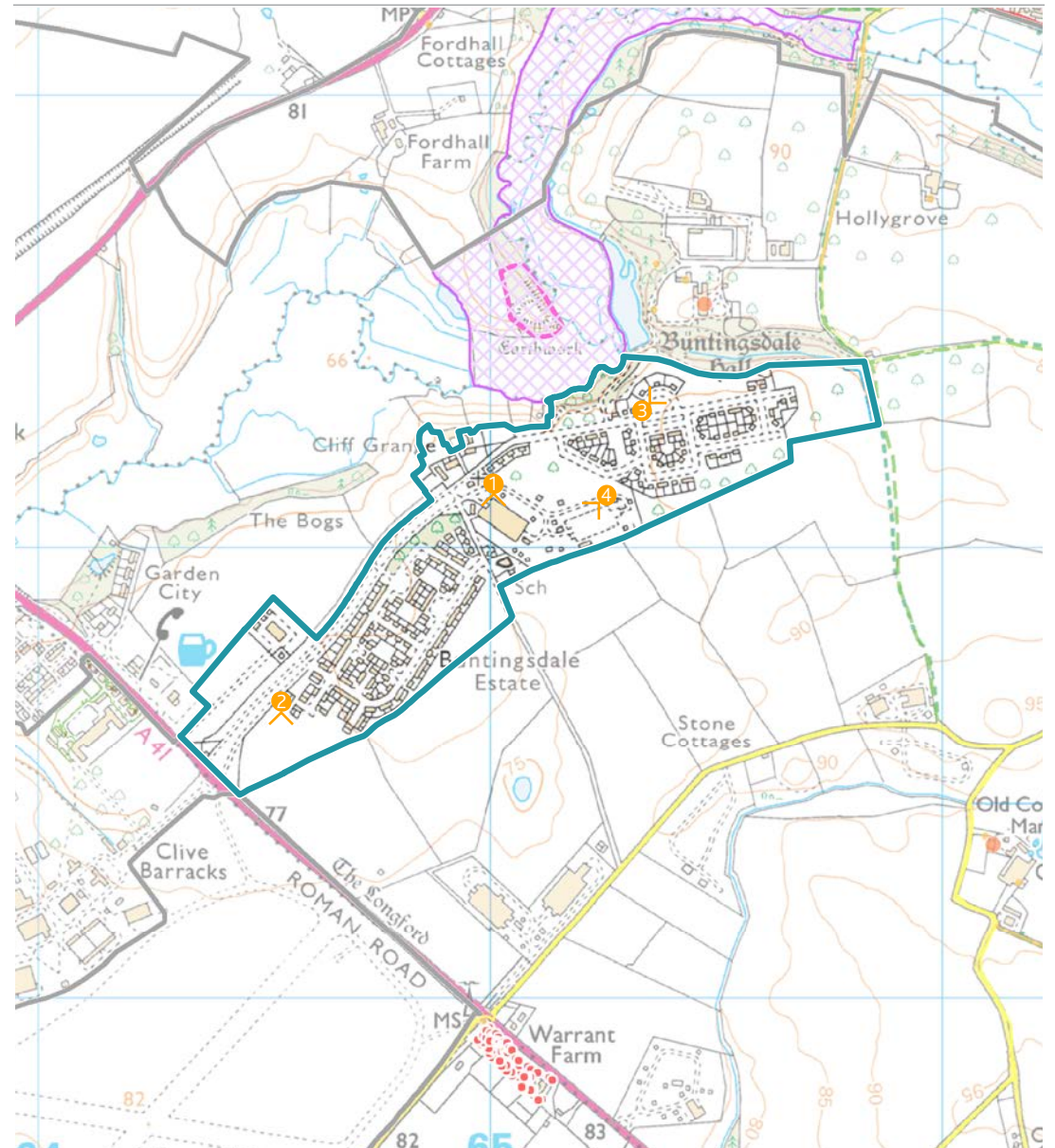
2. VIEW SOUTH OF A RECREATIONAL GROUND AND PARKLAND TREES ALONG HEDLEY WAY



3. VIEW OF THE RESIDENTIAL AREA WHICH HAVE A GENEROUS TREE COVER



4. VIEW SOUTH WEST OF AN UNDER-UTILISED BROWNFIELD AREA



LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

This is a landscape of eroded rural character of poor condition. There are numerous areas of waste grassland and hardstanding and a hangar which stands highly prominent in the landscape. Also between the residential blocks, there are recreational grounds which contribute to its recreational value.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

This is a landscape with a strong sense of place derived from its former parkland and farmland character associated with Buntingsdale Hall and its generous tree cover. To the north of the parcel is Grade II Listed Buntingsdale Hall which is enclosed by woodland blocks but does not contribute to the landscapes historic value. The parcel indicates its former use as a parkland and farmland landscape. Parkland trees form an avenue along Hedley Way, which leads up to Buntingsdale Hall. The landscape is well wooded and the existing settlement is integrated into the landscape. The landscape however is of low tranquility because of the high level of human influence. There are a number brownfield areas and a prominent hangar, associated with the airfield, which detract from the former character of the landscape. Development could provide an opportunity to improve the landscape and restore rural features.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

This is a former parkland and farmland landscape which has been eroded by infrastructure associated with the military base . Overall the sensitivity of the landscape to change arising from new housing is low and to employment is low.



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VISUAL

VISUAL VALUE

Views within this parcel have no association with the Shropshire Hills AONB as it is approximately 20km away. Views from within the parcel are localised as it is well wooded. Although the parcel is adjacent to Grade II Listed Buntingsdale Hall, there is no intervisibility as views are screened by woodland blocks. The views are influenced by the widespread passing of helicopters.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

The parcel is visually contained and there are limited views inwards and outwards. The scenic quality is low as there are many detractors in the landscape, including a prominent aircraft hangar. The receptors are restricted to the road users of Roman road (A41), who gain glimpsed views of the recreation ground, and residents of the military base from within the parcel.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

This is a visually contained landscape. The low relative number of receptors combined with a high number of detracting features means that the views experienced are of low sensitivity to change arising from new housing or employment.



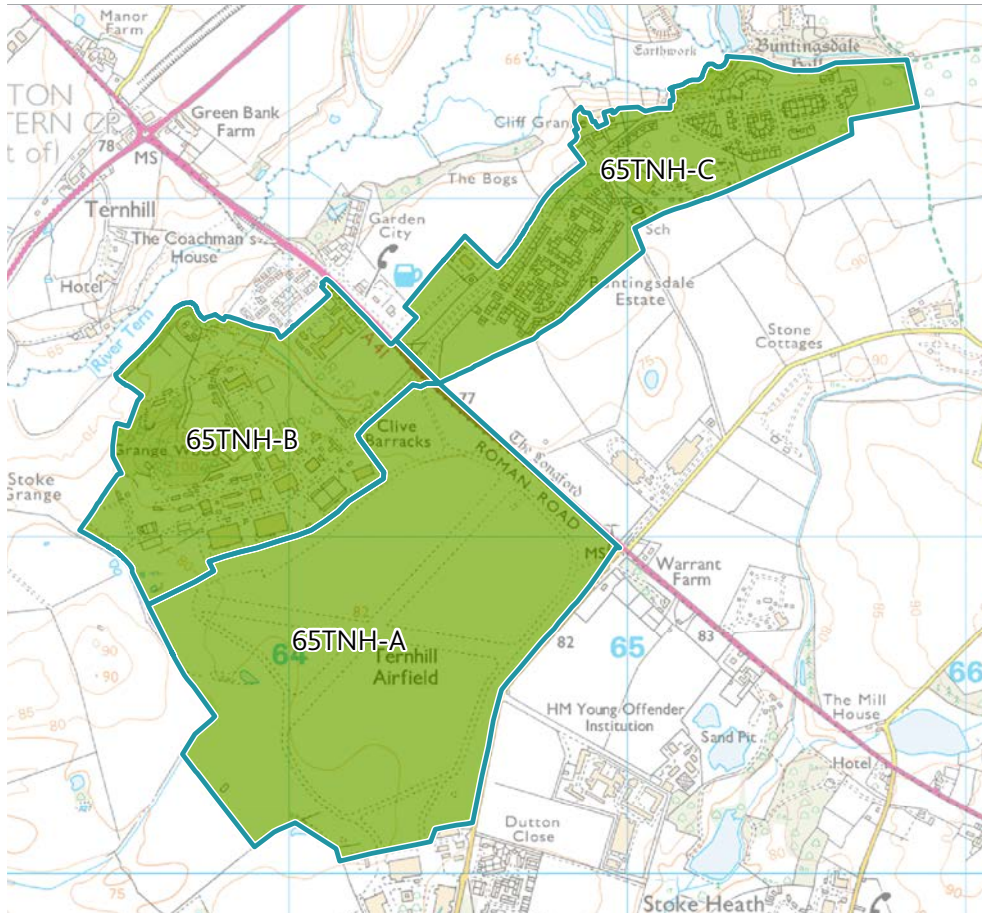
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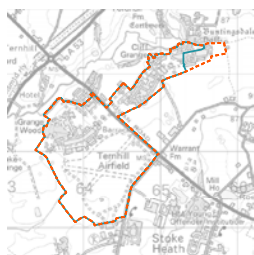
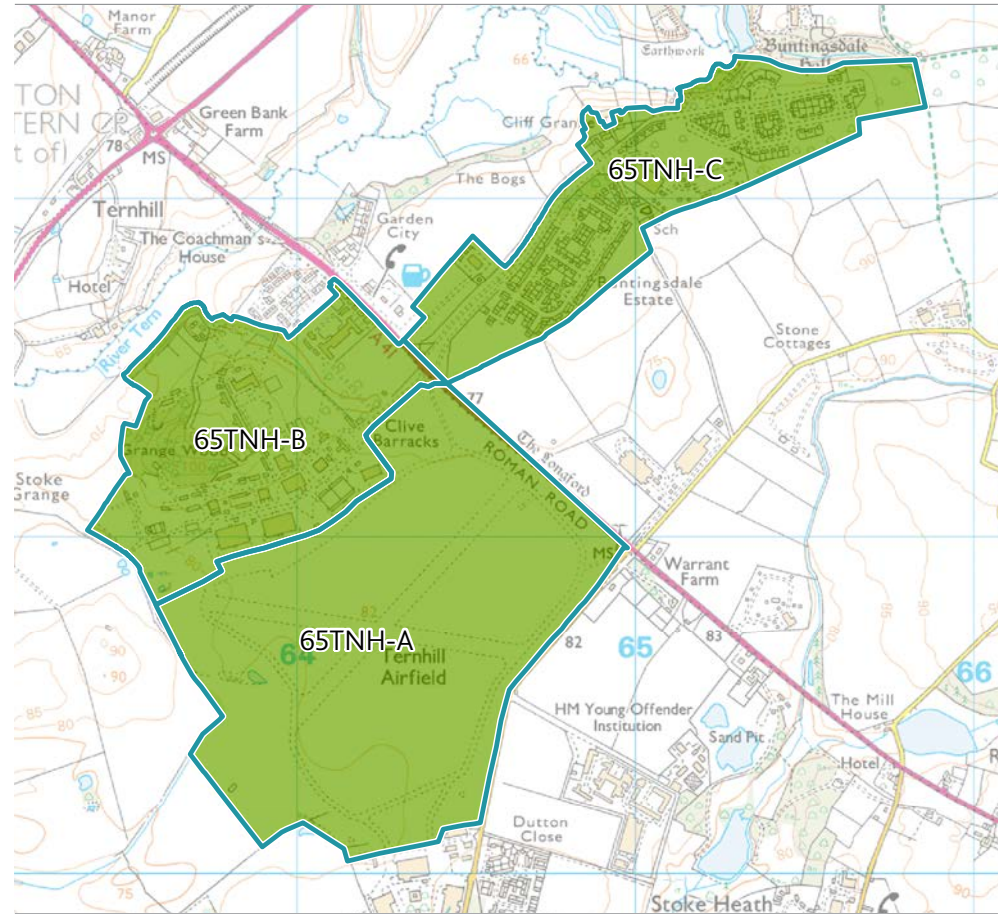
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TERN HILL LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

HOUSING



EMPLOYMENT



KEY:

SENSITIVITY PARCEL

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY:

VERY HIGH

MEDIUM-HIGH

MEDIUM-LOW

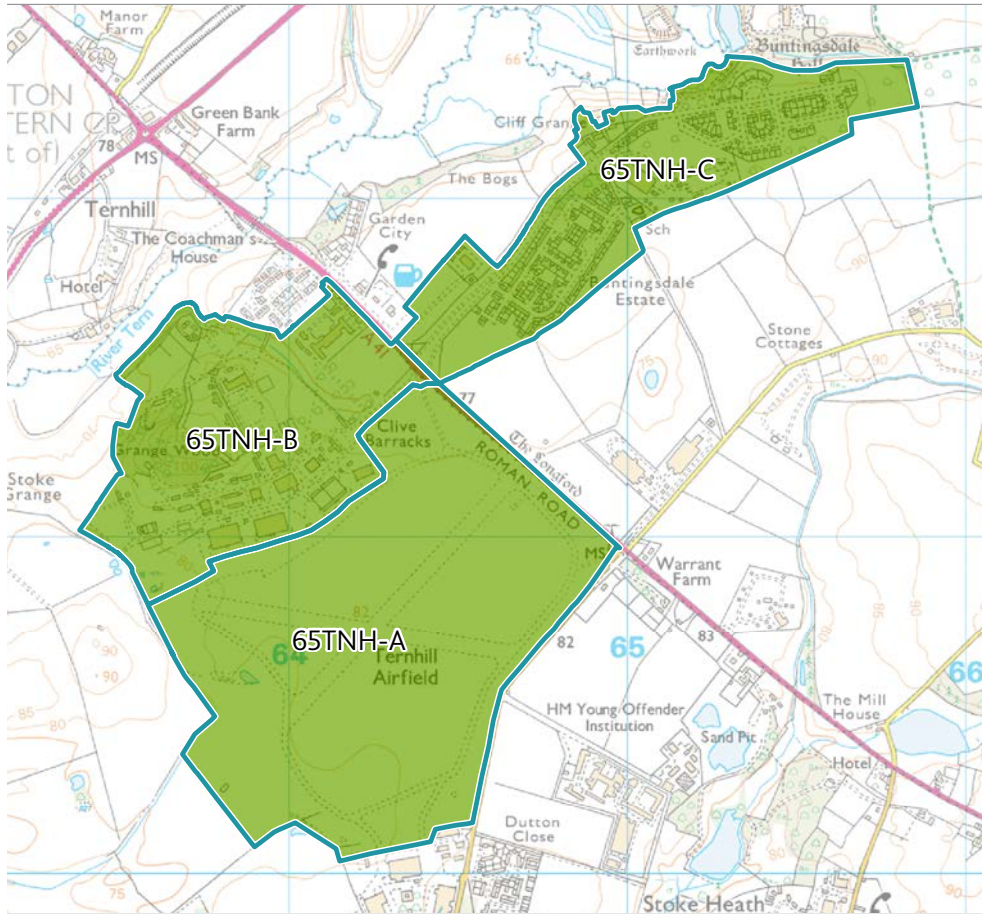
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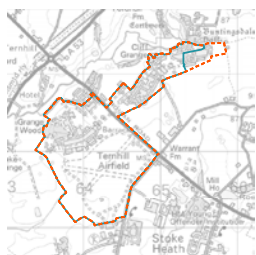
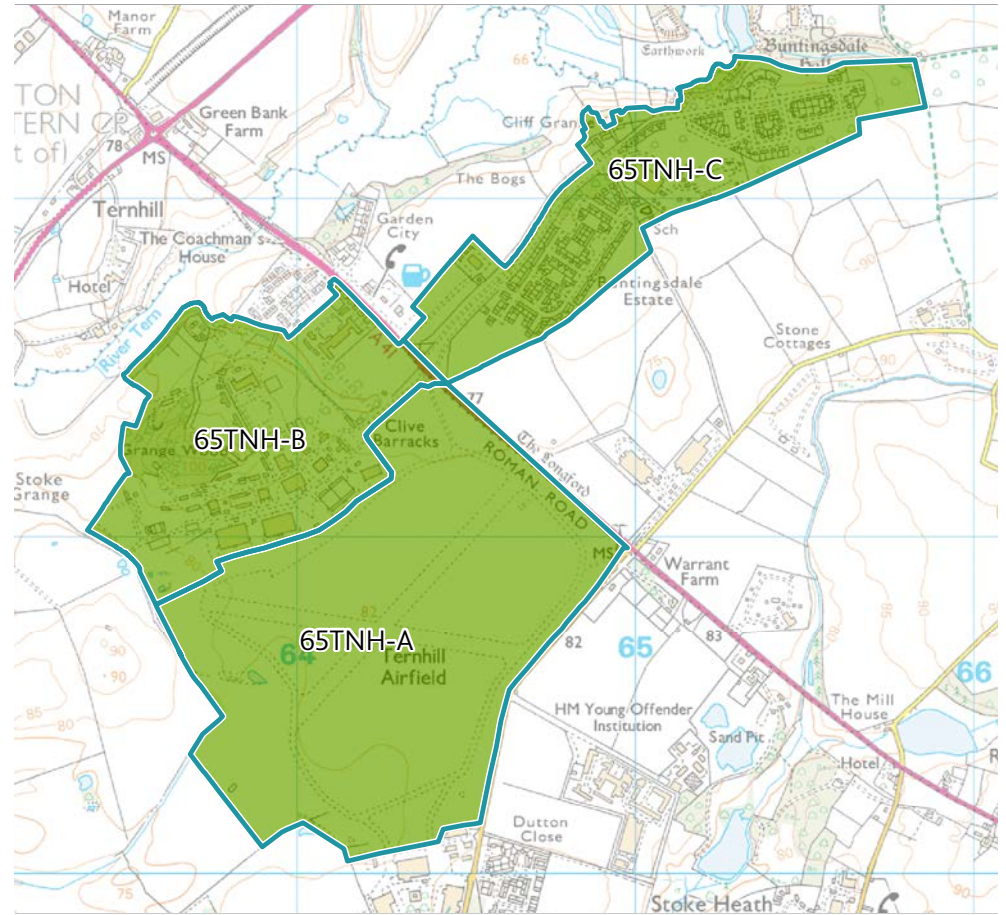
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TERN HILL VISUAL SENSITIVITY

HOUSING



EMPLOYMENT



KEY:

 SENSITIVITY PARCEL

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

 VERY HIGH

 MEDIUM-HIGH

 MEDIUM-LOW

 HIGH

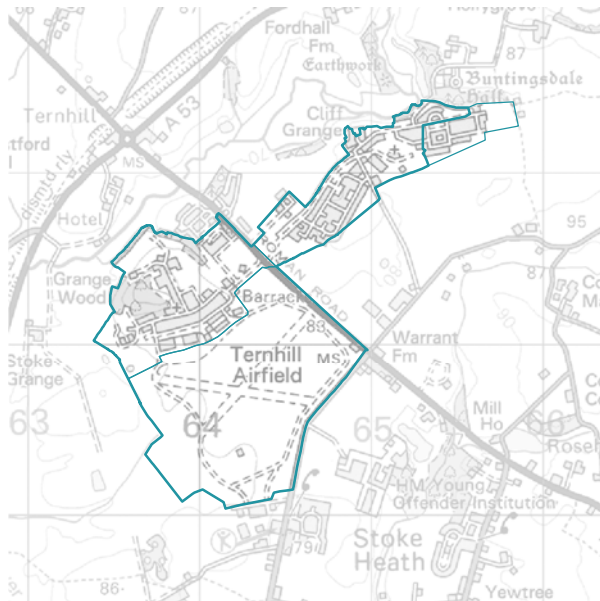
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DESIGN GUIDANCE FOR TERN HILL

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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

