

**Landscape Area Reference BL1**

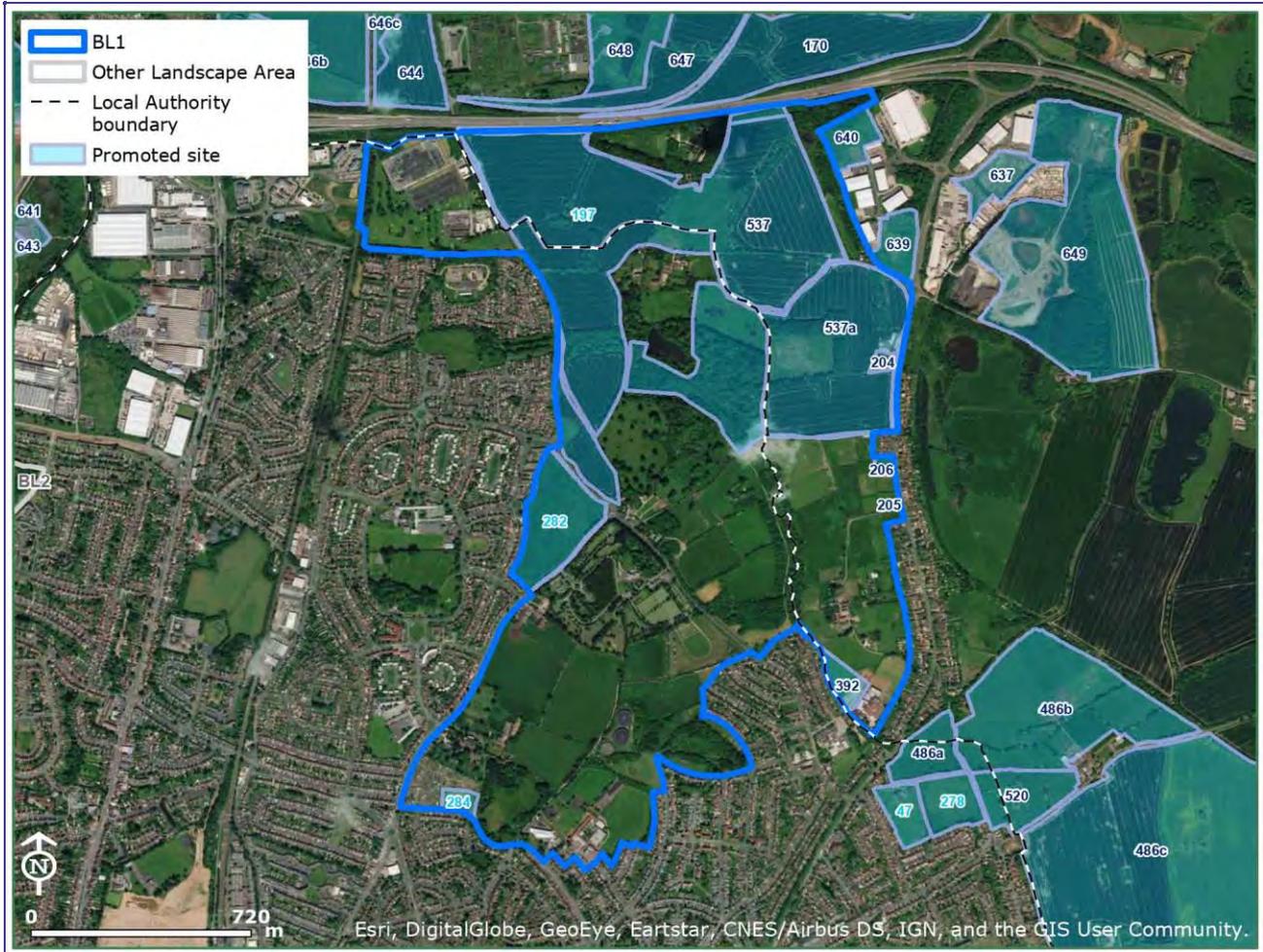
**Area Size (ha): 280.7ha**

**Location and Landscape Character Context**

The area falls within the following Landscape Character Types: Settled Plateau Farmlands (with a small area to the north west in LCA Settled Farmlands).

The area is located north of Wolverhampton and east of Bushbury. The M54 marks the northern boundary, the eastern boundary is cut around the Hilton Cross Business Park and is then marked by the A460 Cannock Road and settlement at Westcroft. The southern boundary is the settlement edge of the Wolverhampton conurbation and the eastern boundary the settlement edge of Bushbury and the railway. The Wolverhampton city boundary runs through the area.

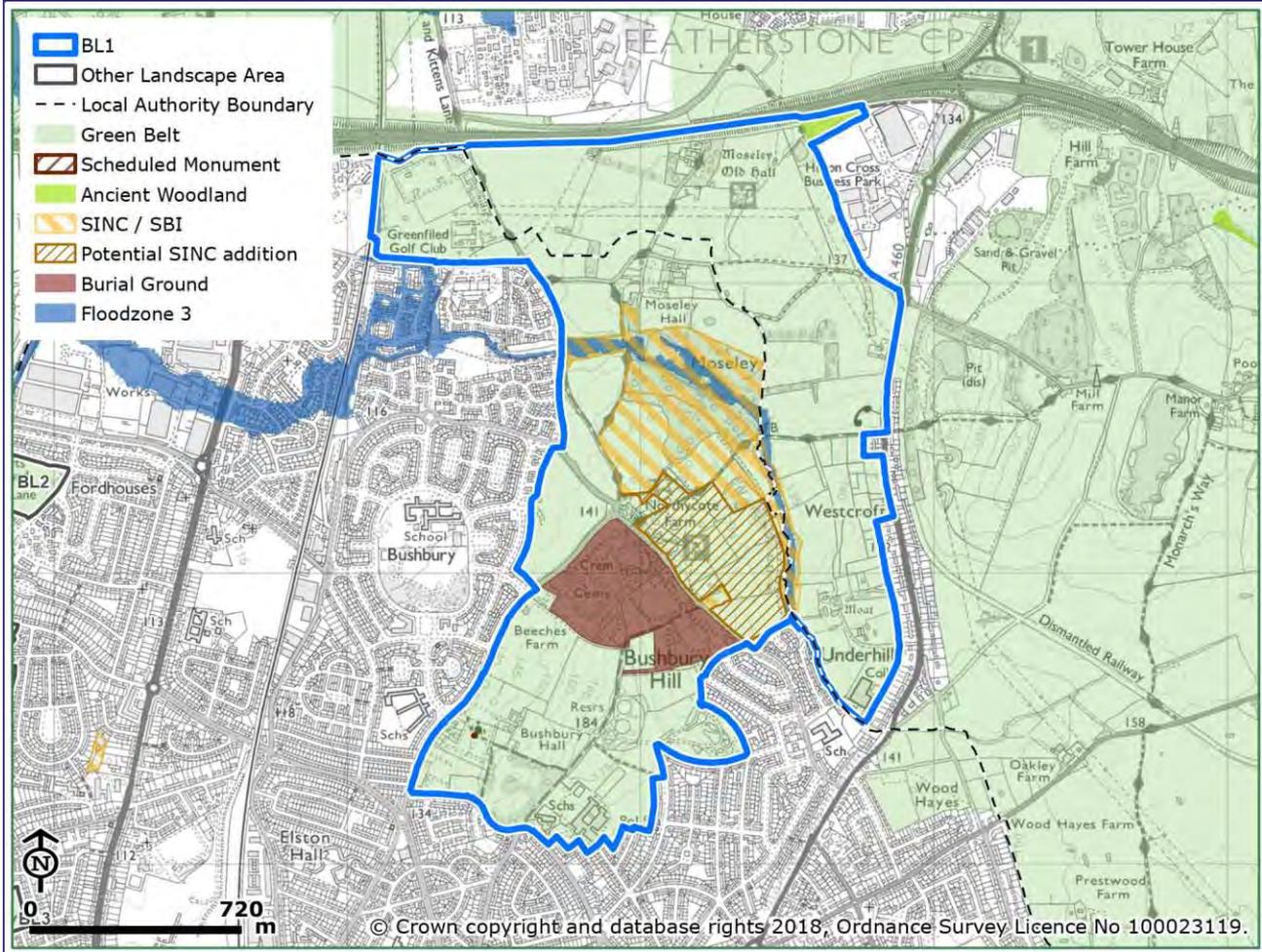
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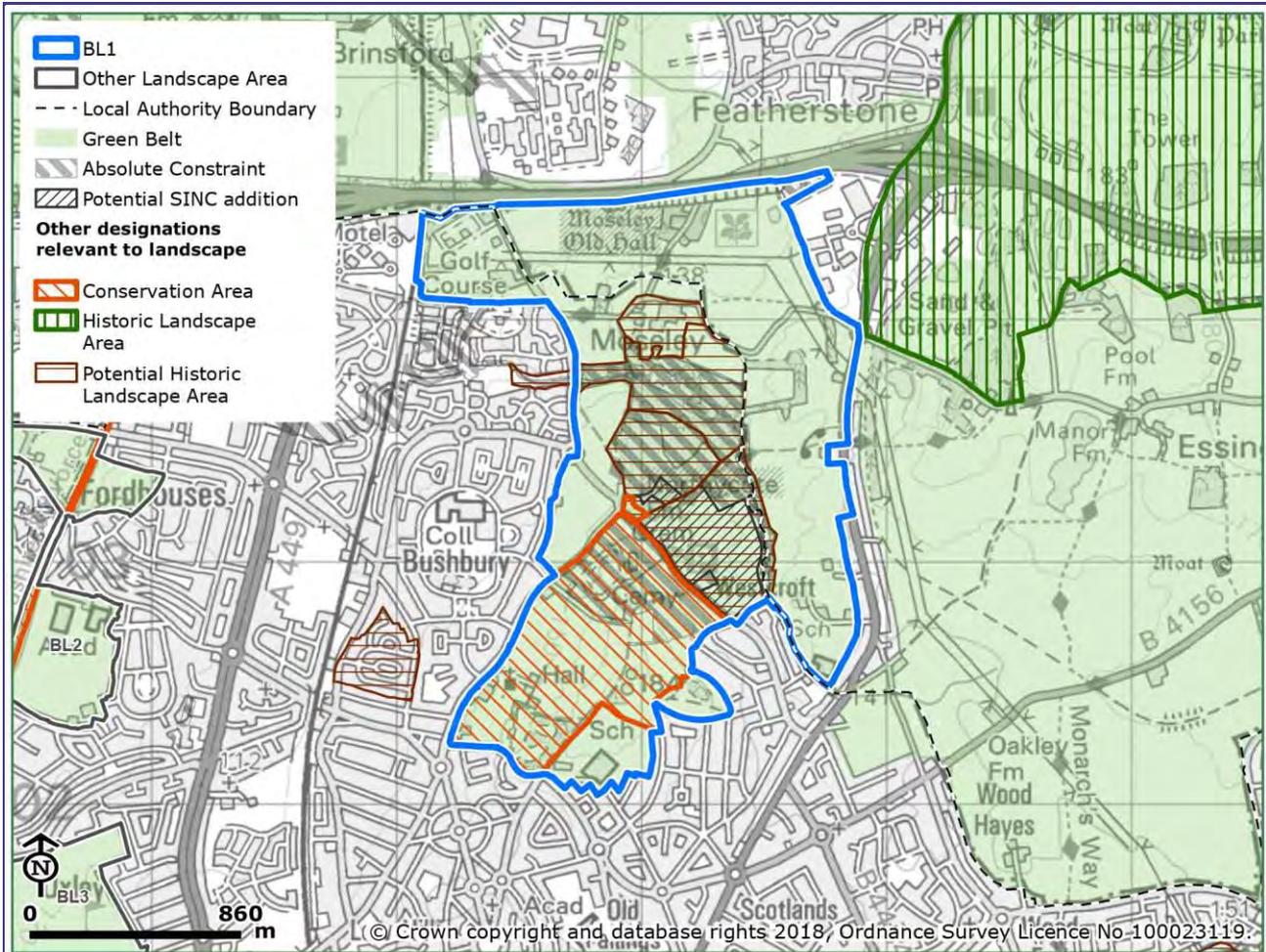
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## Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>	Large scale, mostly arable fields to the north around Moseley and along the M54 with field boundaries often defined by low hedgerows which adds to the sense of an open larger scale landscape.	A mixture of small and medium scale pastoral fields supporting dairying in the south around Bushbury Hill with degraded field boundaries often reinforced by post and wire fencing.	
<b>Landform</b>	A gently sloping landform, from 120m AOD to 140m in the north of the area.		Bushbury Hill in the south of the area has a defined landform rising to a trig point at 184m AOD.
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>	There are simple amalgamated fields in the north of the area.	Degraded parkland around Moseley Hall and Moseley Old Hall (now owned by National Trust).	Moseley Court and Northcote Farm provide time-depth, often recommended as potential historic landscape areas. These include well preserved pre-enclosure field system to the south of the former Moseley Park (potential historic landscape area AHHLV23 Historic Field System, Northcote Farm), and the surviving remains of a possible 18th century corn mill and mill pond (potential historic landscape area AHHLV20 Moseley Mill and Fishponds). The parkland associated with Moseley Court was laid out in the early 19th century, and although much of the original layout has been lost, clumps of trees, the icehouse and gatehouse survive (potential historic landscape area DLHHV3 Moseley Court Bushbury), and there are several boundary banks are preserved with the existing hedgerows, including ancient hedgerows. Potential historic landscape area AHHTV2 Moseley Historic Rural Settlement contains listed buildings associated with Moseley Hall.
<b>'Natural' character</b>		Valued natural features include belts of mature deciduous trees and roadside hedgerows.	Extensive areas of valued semi-natural habitats, including areas of priority habitat deciduous woodland around Moseley Old Hall, Moseley Hall and Northcote Farm, much of which is designated as a SINC, or as a potential SINC. The area also includes priority habitat semi-improved grassland and lowland meadows. Oxden Leadsow Wood is a small areas of ancient woodland lying south of the M54. There is a Local Wildlife Site (Site of Biodiversity Interest) along the watercourse at Westcroft Farm.

<b>Built character</b>	M54 marks the northern boundary and the A460 the eastern boundary. Overhead power lines cross the north of the area adjacent to the motorway. A modern substation is located in the northwest, and Hilton Close Business Park borders the area to the northeast adjacent to the motorway junction.	Clusters of historic Grade II and II* Listed Buildings around Moseley Old Hall, Moseley Hall, Northcote Farm and Bushbury Hall. A cross in the churchyard of St Mary's is a scheduled monument. The Bushbury Hill Conservation Area includes Northcote Farm and the area between Bushbury Lane and Underhill Lane.
<b>Recreational character</b>	There is a recreation ground at Bushbury Hill. Northcote Farm and Country Park is well used for recreation. The Greenfield Golf Club in the northwest is popular for recreation with some of the community.	PRoWs run throughout the area, including the promoted Monarch's Way. The National Trust promote a circular walk between Old Moseley Hall (owned by the National Trust) and Northcote Farm and Country Park.
<b>Perceptual aspects</b>	There a sense of rural character, particularly along narrow hedged lanes. However, tranquillity is reduced with promity to the M54 and the A460 in the north and east. The surrounding settlement of 20th century housing estates in Bushbury and Bushbury Hill are largely set back from the area although they introduce an urbanising element where visible.	
<b>Settlement setting</b>	To the west vegetation along Northcote Lane, the Bushbury Cemetery and the recreation ground, separate the settlement edge of Bushbury from the wider countryside. To the west, ribbon development along the A460 creates a weak settlement edge.	The Bushbury Hill Conservation Area provides an attractive rural backdrop to the adjacent settlement, the distinctive shaped hill being widely visible from the surrounding area.
<b>Visual prominence</b>	Mature roadside vegetation provides enclosure on the rural lanes such as Underhill Lane and Moseley Road.	Some views across the area along Moseley Old Hall Lane. Far reaching views over the A449 and M54 including towards the Shropshire Hills, from the Church of St Mary and the footpaths leading north from Sandy Lane.
<b>Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points</b>	Little inter-visibility with adjacent sensitive landscapes or marked viewpoints on the OS 1:25k.	

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
<b>BL1s1</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>Moderate</b>

### Landscape Sensitivity Judgement

The landscape to the west and east of the area is considered to have moderate overall sensitivity to residential and employment development, although sensitivity to employment development would increase further from the M54 and other existing large scale elements in the landscape.

### Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating

### List of Promoted Sites within Scenario

Ref: 197 (Employment and housing); Ref: 204 (Housing); Ref: 205 (Housing); Ref: 206 (Housing); Ref: 282 (Housing); Ref:

392 (Housing); Ref: 537 (Housing); Ref: 537a (Housing-led mixed use)

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
<b>BL1s2</b>	<b>133.74</b>	<b>Moderate - High</b>

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

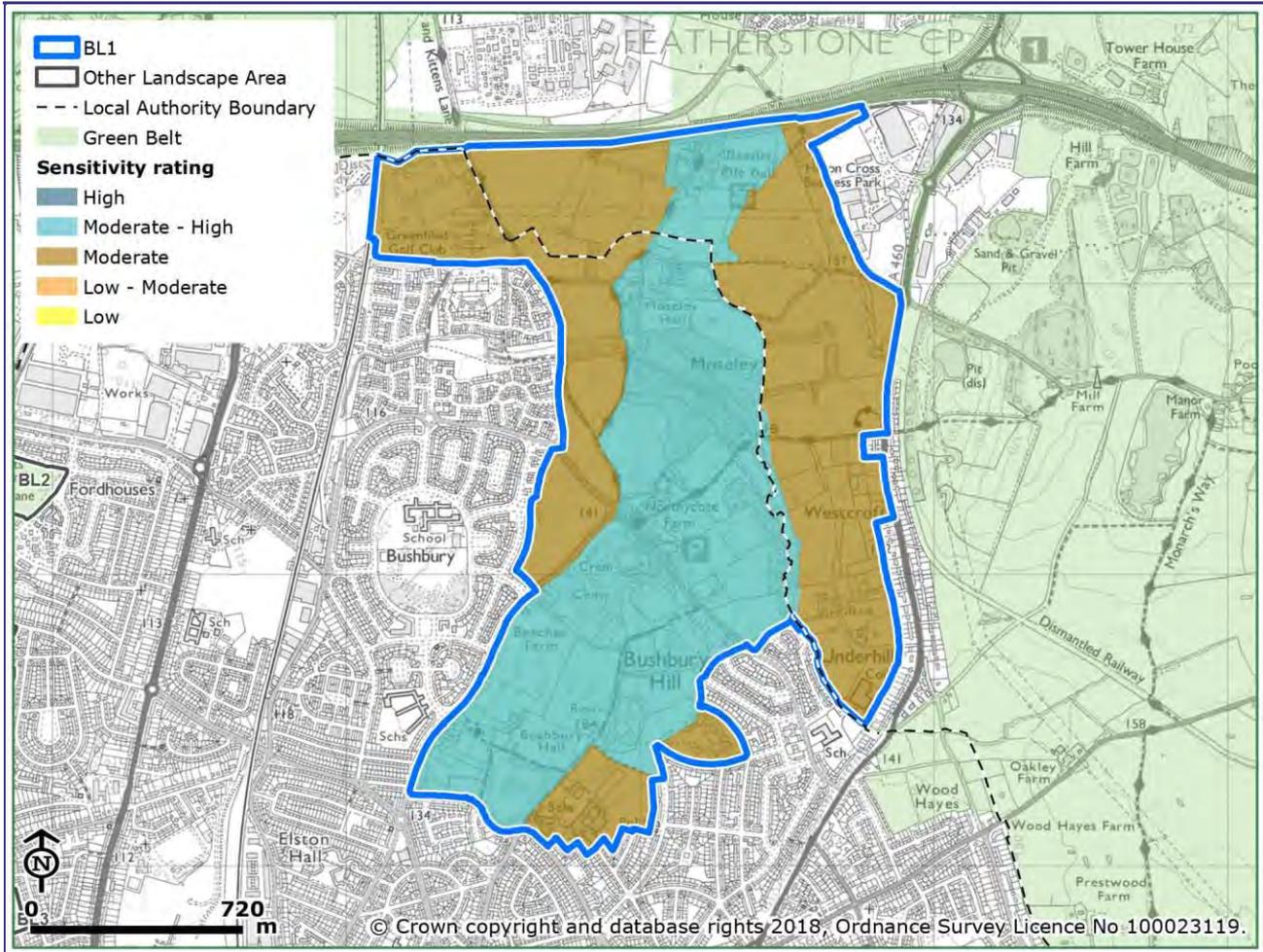
The area around Bushbury Hill and extending north to Moseley Hall and Moseley Old Hall has a moderate-high sensitivity to residential and employment development due to its recreational, cultural, time-depth and natural heritage value.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 197 (Employment and housing); Ref: 284 (Housing); Ref: 537 (Housing)

*Landscape Sensitivity Rating*



**Location and Landscape Character Context**

The area is located north of Wolverhampton, between the urban areas of Pendeford to the west and Fordhouses and Oxley to the east. The eastern and western boundaries are marked by the settlement edge, while the northern boundary is marked by Wobaston Road. The small southern boundary runs along Blaydon Road from the settlement edge of Oxley.

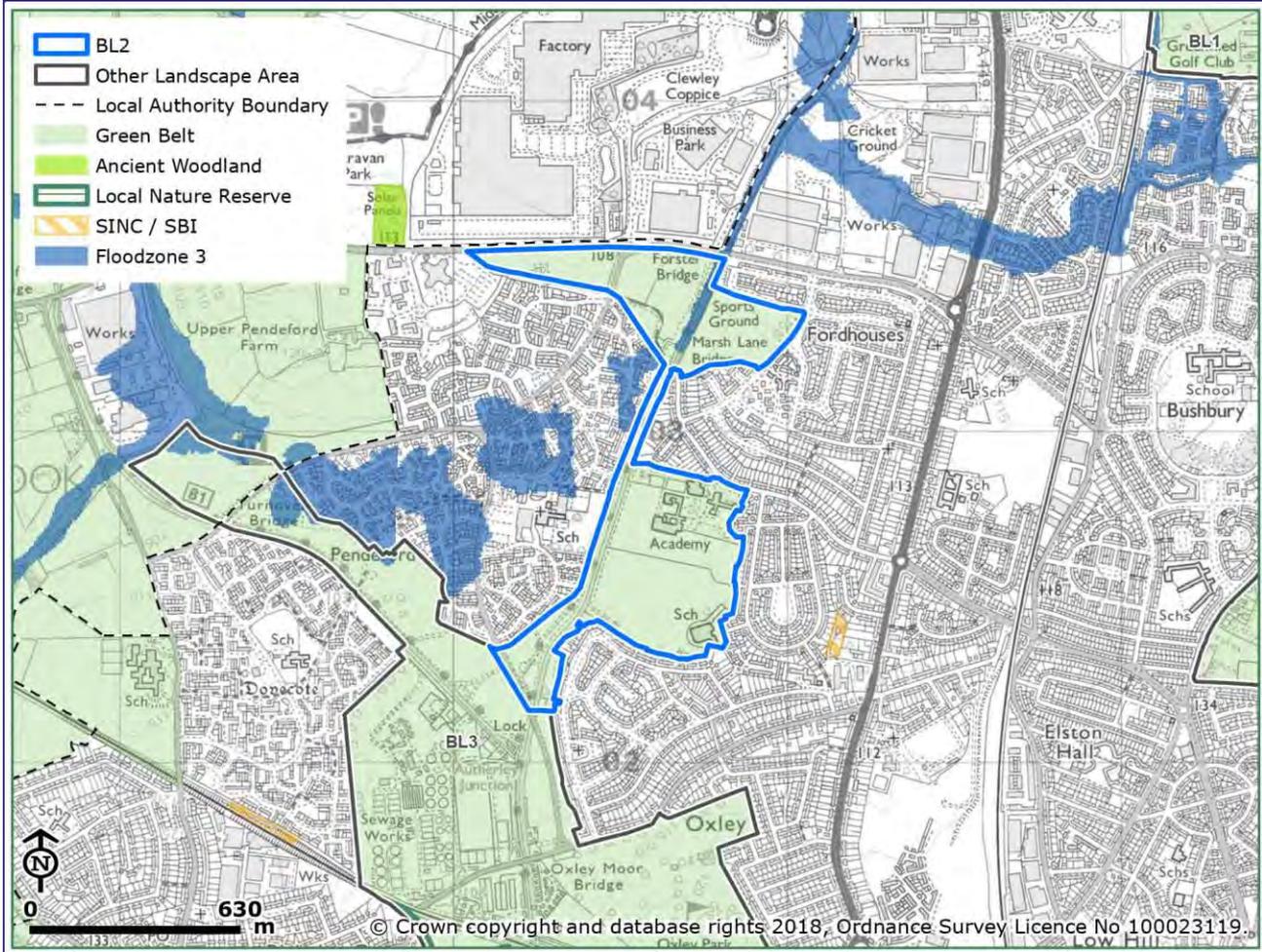
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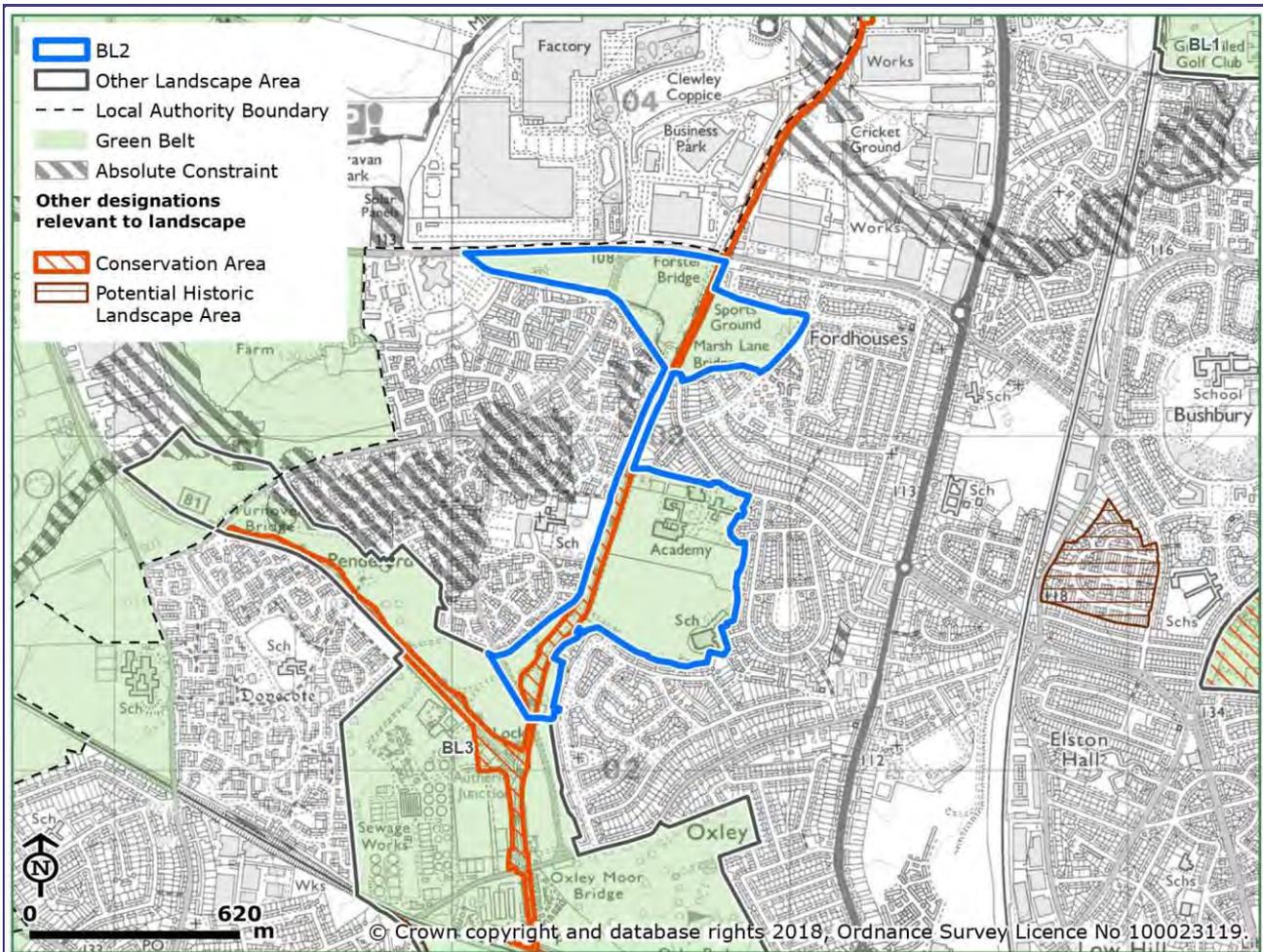
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## Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>	No discernable fields or land divisions.		
<b>Landform</b>	A very flat landform around 105 m AOD.		
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>	No discernible field pattern due to current land use as school recreation grounds.		
<b>'Natural' character</b>	Limited areas of priority habitat deciduous woodland along the settlement boundary and around the school buildings. Other valued natural features include trees within the recreational areas, lining roads and the canal.		
<b>Built character</b>	Development within the area is limited to school buildings in the south east. The area is surrounded by residential development.	Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal runs north-south through the area and is designated as a Conservation Area.	
<b>Recreational character</b>	The recreation areas and allotments in the southeast and northwest are of community importance.	There is a traffic-free cycle route along the towpath of the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal, and one footpath in the northwest. There is open access for much of the area, except for the school grounds.	
<b>Perceptual aspects</b>	An area lack rurality and is influenced by its proximity to settlement, particularly the north west which lies adjacent to an industrial area.		
<b>Settlement setting</b>	Despite screening along the settlement edge, the area plays a role as part of a perceived gap between Wolverhampton and Tettenhall, particularly in narrow areas along the canal.		
<b>Visual prominence</b>	Due to flat landform, vegetation along roads and behind houses provides visual containment.		

**Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points**

There is no inter-visibility with adjacent sensitive landscapes or marked viewpoints.

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
BL2s1	44.83	Low - Moderate

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

The landscape is considered to have a low-moderate sensitivity to residential or employment development. Although many of the criteria score low, this is counterbalanced by the importance of the area as an open corridor providing a gap between settlements.

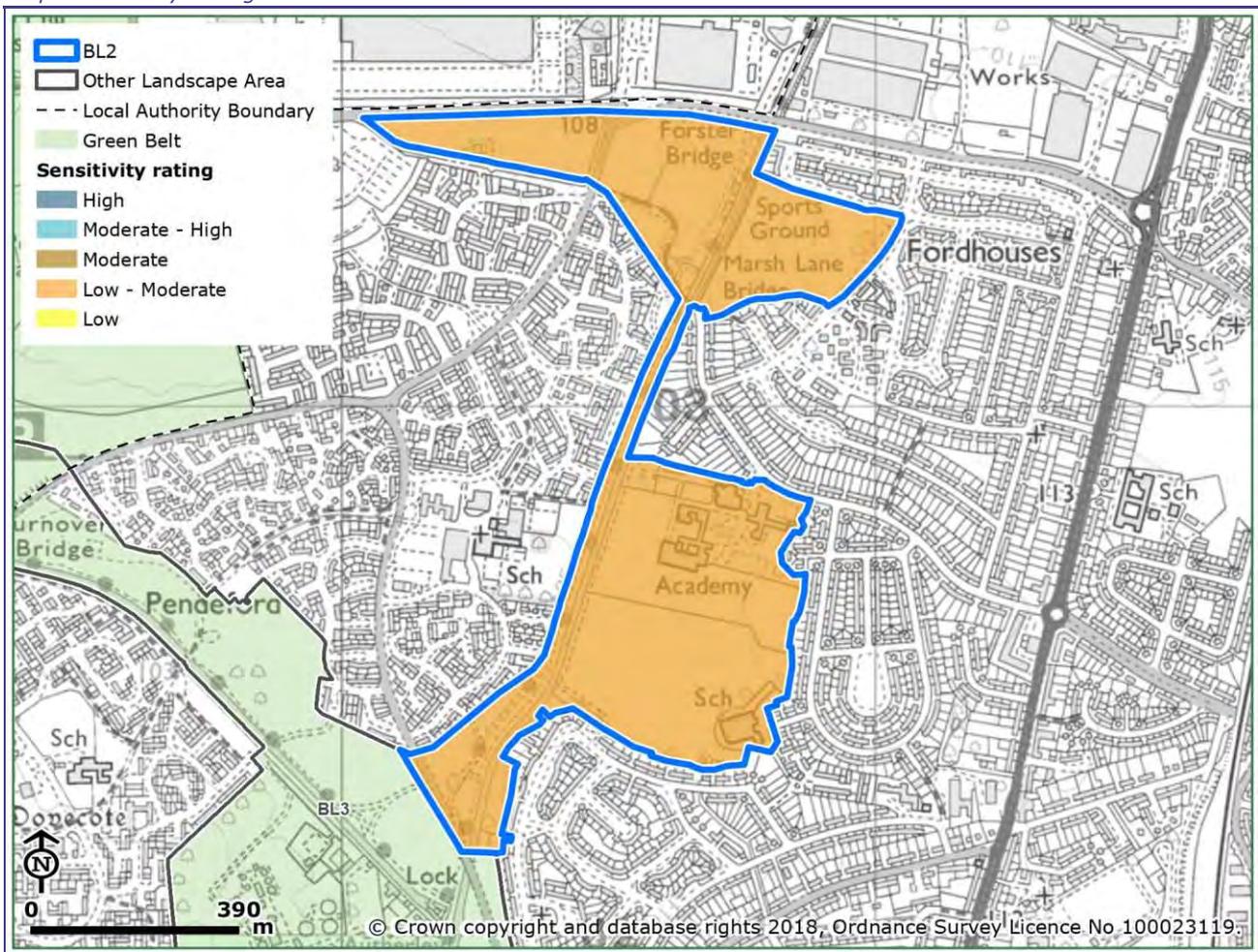
**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

The Worcestershire and Staffordshire Canal and adjacent open recreational areas have a moderate sensitivity to development due to their recreational and built character.

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

None

*Landscape Sensitivity Rating*



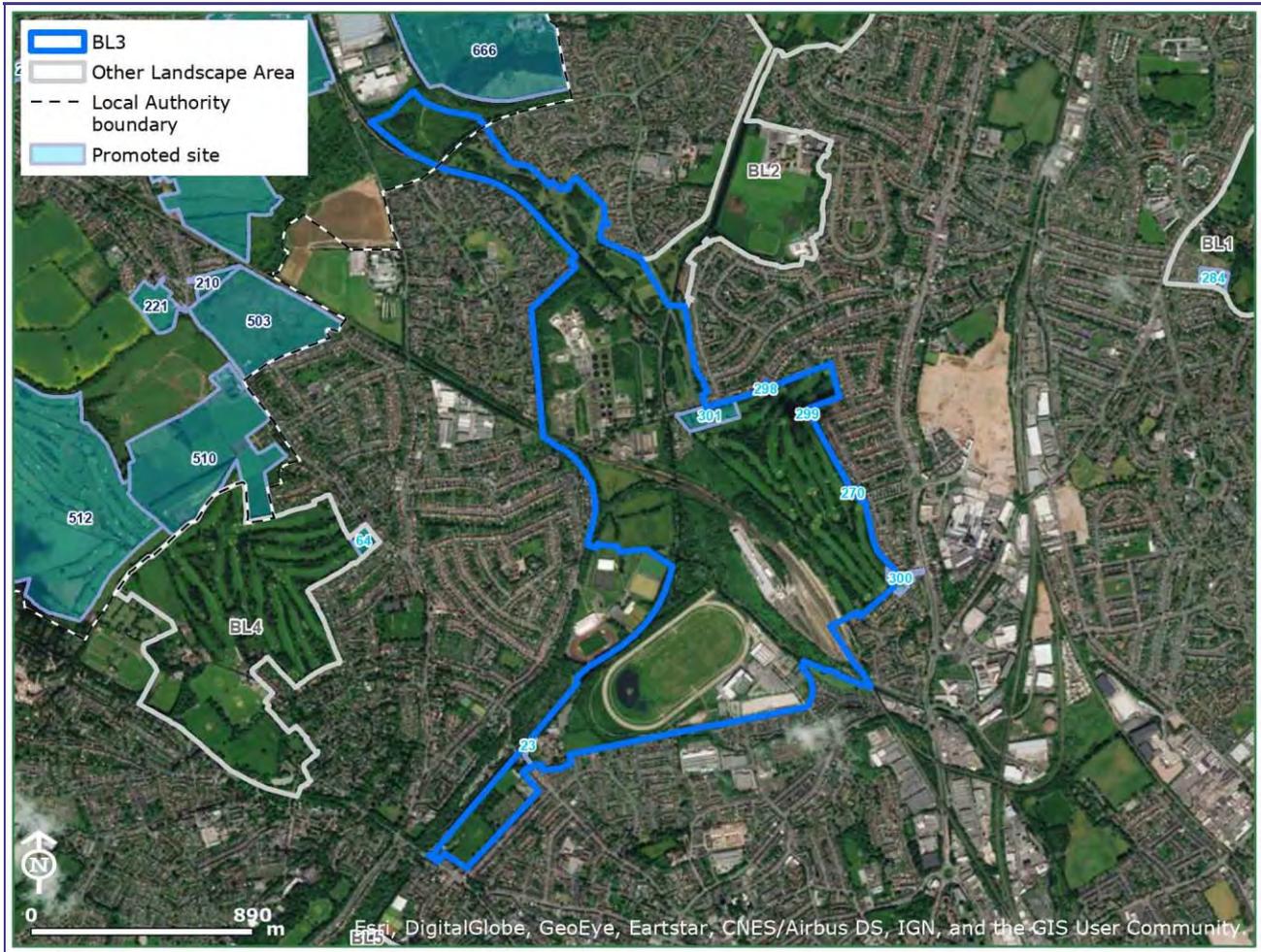
**Landscape Area Reference BL3**

**Area Size (ha): 196.8ha**

**Location and Landscape Character Context**

The area is located northwest of Wolverhampton, between Claregate to the west and Oxley to the east. The boundaries largely follow the settlement edge.

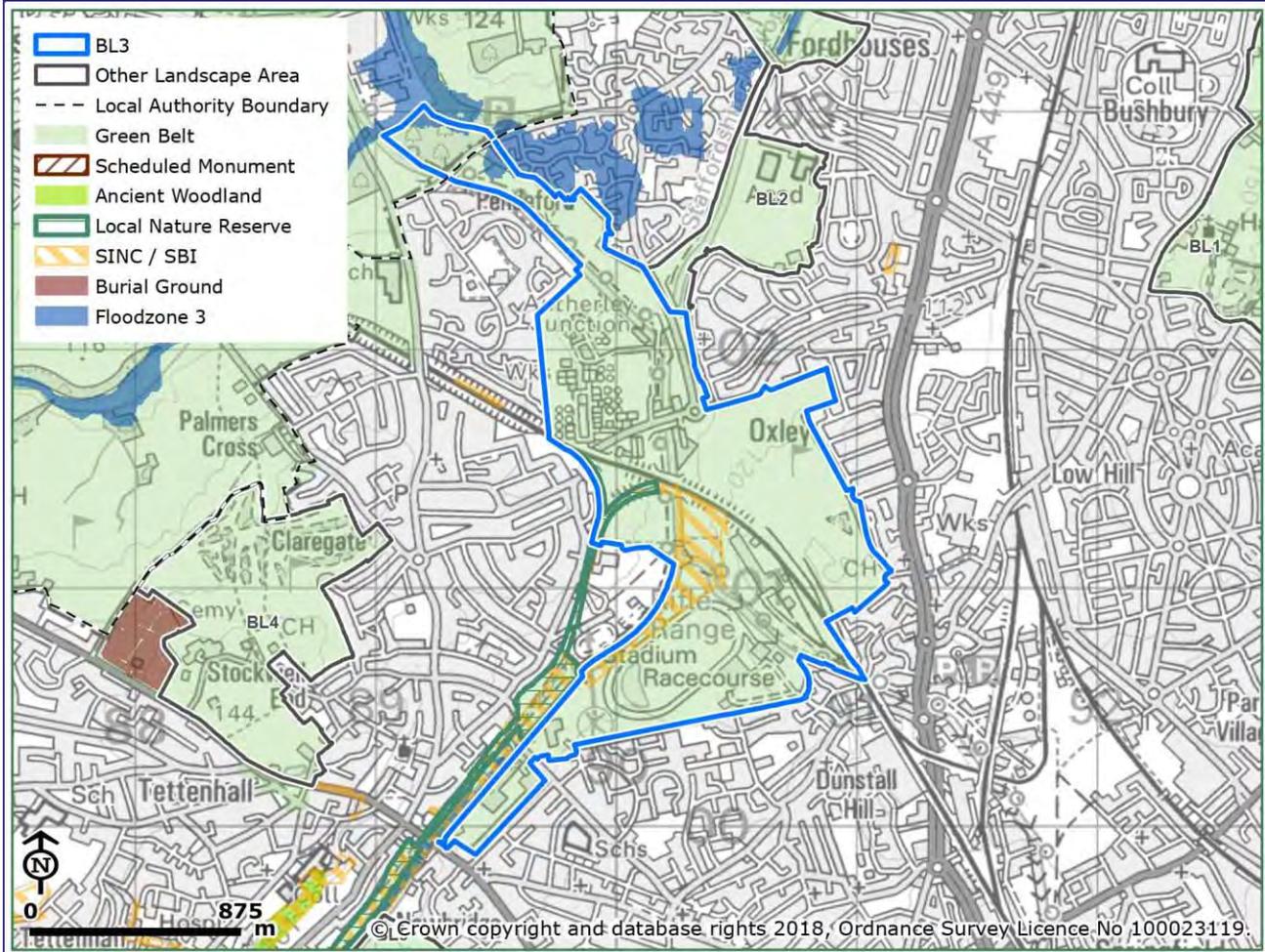
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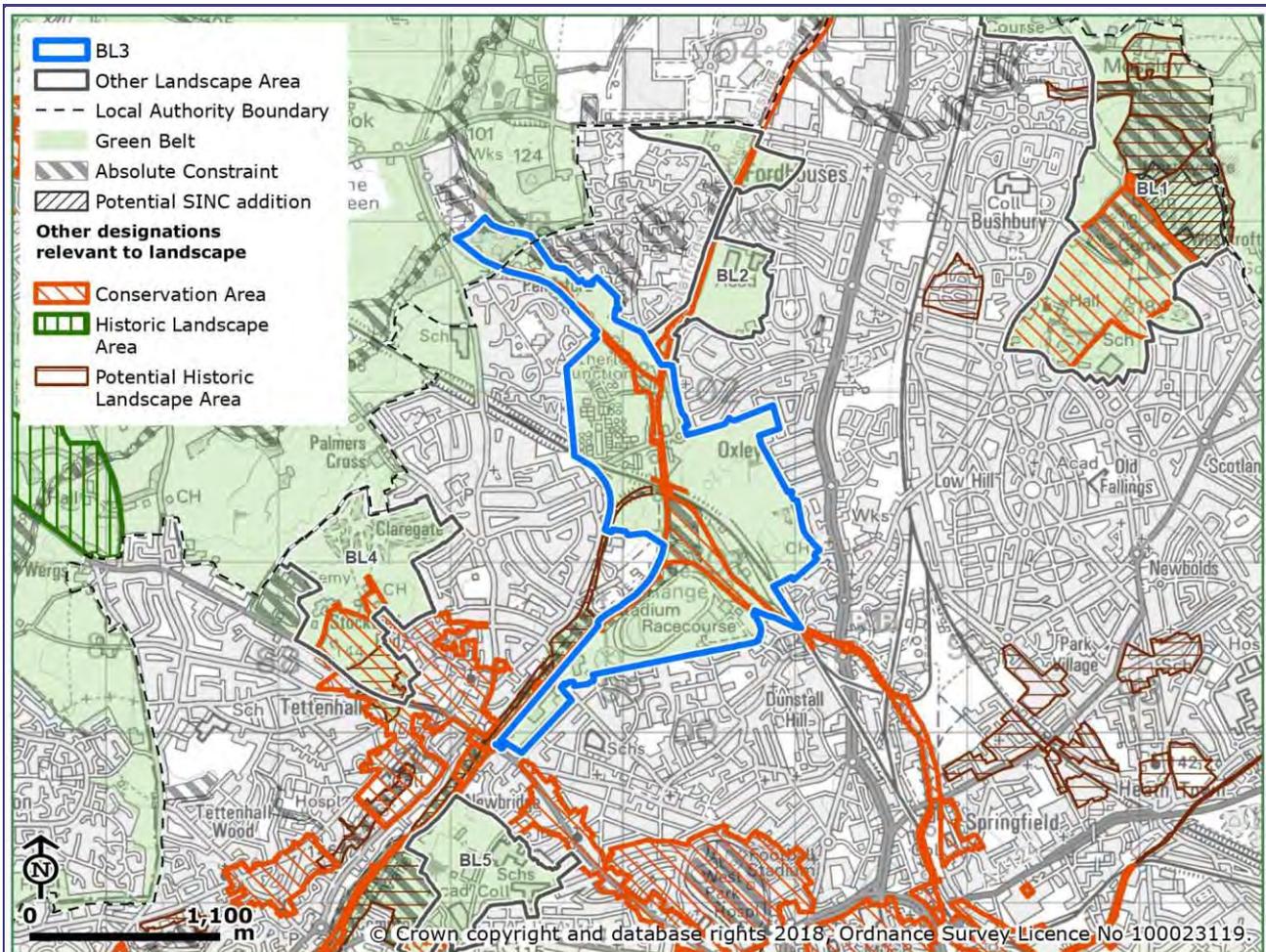
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### Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>	Few land divisions are visible, only those related to change in land use.		
<b>Landform</b>	The landform is flat across the majority of the site rising from 105 m to 135 m AOD at the club house of the Oxley Park Golf Club.		
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>	The historic landscape pattern has been largely lost to modern development including by transport links, sewage works, schools and recreational uses at Dunstall Park and Oxley Park Golf Club.		
<b>'Natural' character</b>		Priority habitat includes linear deciduous woodland, on the settlement edge and along the canals and disused railway tracks at Aldersley Junction. There are mature trees within the Oxley Park Golf Club.	The area contains a small section of the Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve at Alderley Junction which extends along the northern boundary of the area along the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal. There are SINCs south of the railway line and west of Dunstall Park Race Course.
<b>Built character</b>	The area is characterised by industrial development and infrastructure including the Birmingham to Shrewsbury mainline railway which runs across centre of the area, a sewage works at Atherley Junction and buildings associated with the Oxley Sidings. There is a mobile home/caravan park at Oxley Moor Bridge, and a hotel and other infrastructure at the Dunstall Park racecourse. The area is surrounded by residential and industrial development, including the WV Stadium north west of Dunstall Park.	There are two Conservation Areas related to the canal network within the area - Staffordshire/Worcestershire & Shropshire Union Canal and Wolverhampton Locks. These both include listed structures associated with the canals including locks, bridges and a toll office (listed at Grade II), and also contain a potential historic landscape area AHHLV24 Wightwick Wedge and Smestow Valley.	
<b>Recreational character</b>	Oxley Park Golf Course and Dunstall Park racecourse are well used for recreation but enjoyment of the wider landscape is not integral to these activities in this area.		Shropshire Union, Staffordshire and Worcestershire and Birmingham canals and their towpaths, are important for recreation, and includes National Cycle Route 81. There is a linear public park in the north of the area.
<b>Perceptual aspects</b>	The area is located within the urban conurbation and contains and is surrounded by development and infrastructure, so lacks rural qualities or tranquility.	The wooded corridors along the canals are more tranquil.	

**Settlement setting**

Despite woodland screening along the settlement and high levels of existing development within the area, this open area plays a role as part of a perceived gap along the Smestow Valley between Wolverhampton and Tettenhall, particularly in narrow areas along the canal.

**Visual prominence**

The flat landscape is visually enclosed and screened by tree belts both along the settlement edge and along linear features within the landscape.

**Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points**

No inter-visibility with adjacent sensitive landscapes or marked viewpoints.

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
BL3s1	196.81	Low - Moderate

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

The landscape is considered to have a moderate-low overall sensitivity to residential development as the majority of the criteria score moderate or low and no criteria override that judgement.

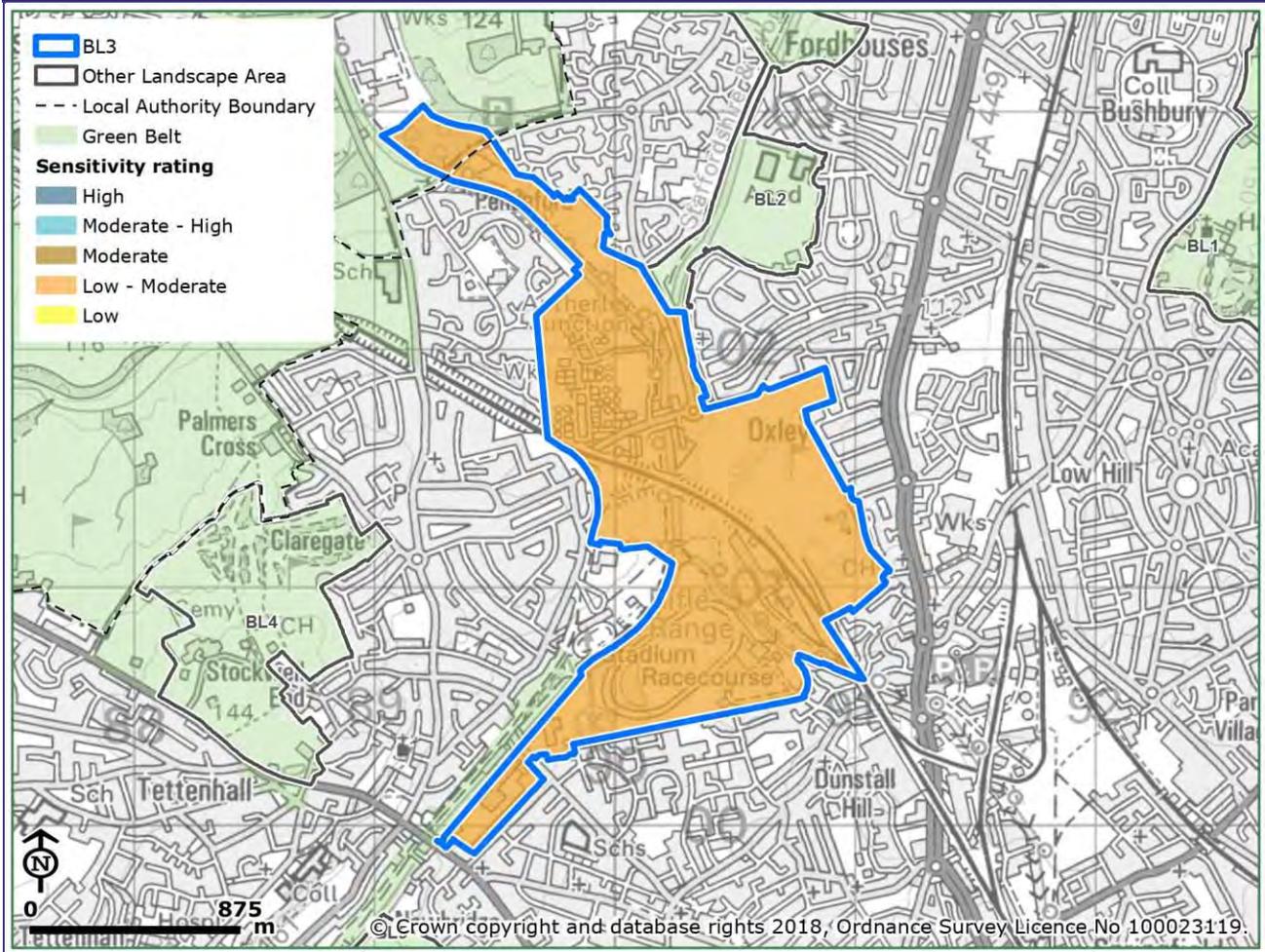
**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

The canals and immediate surroundings have a moderate sensitivity to residential development, as a result of the high sensitivity of recreational, built and natural character and the role this narrow areas play in providing a wooded gap between settlements.

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 23 (Wildside activity centre improvement); Ref: 270 (Housing); Ref: 298 (Housing); Ref: 299 (Housing); Ref: 300 (Housing); Ref: 301 (Golf Club House)

Landscape Sensitivity Rating



### Location and Landscape Character Context

The area is located northwest of Wolverhampton, with the boundaries following the urban edge of Claregate to the east, Stockwell End to the southeast and Tettenhall to the south and southwest. The north west and northern boundaries are formed by the city boundary.

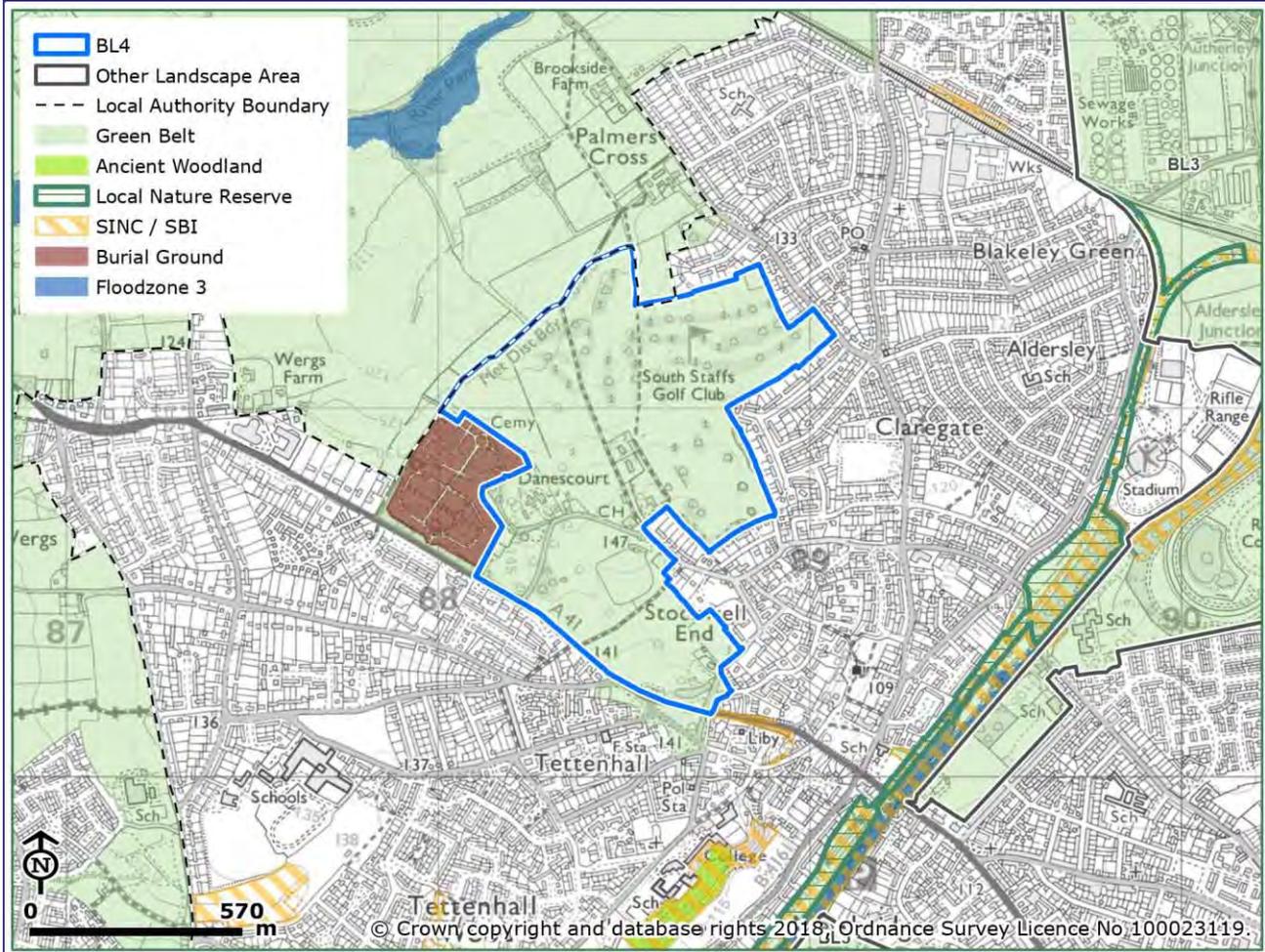
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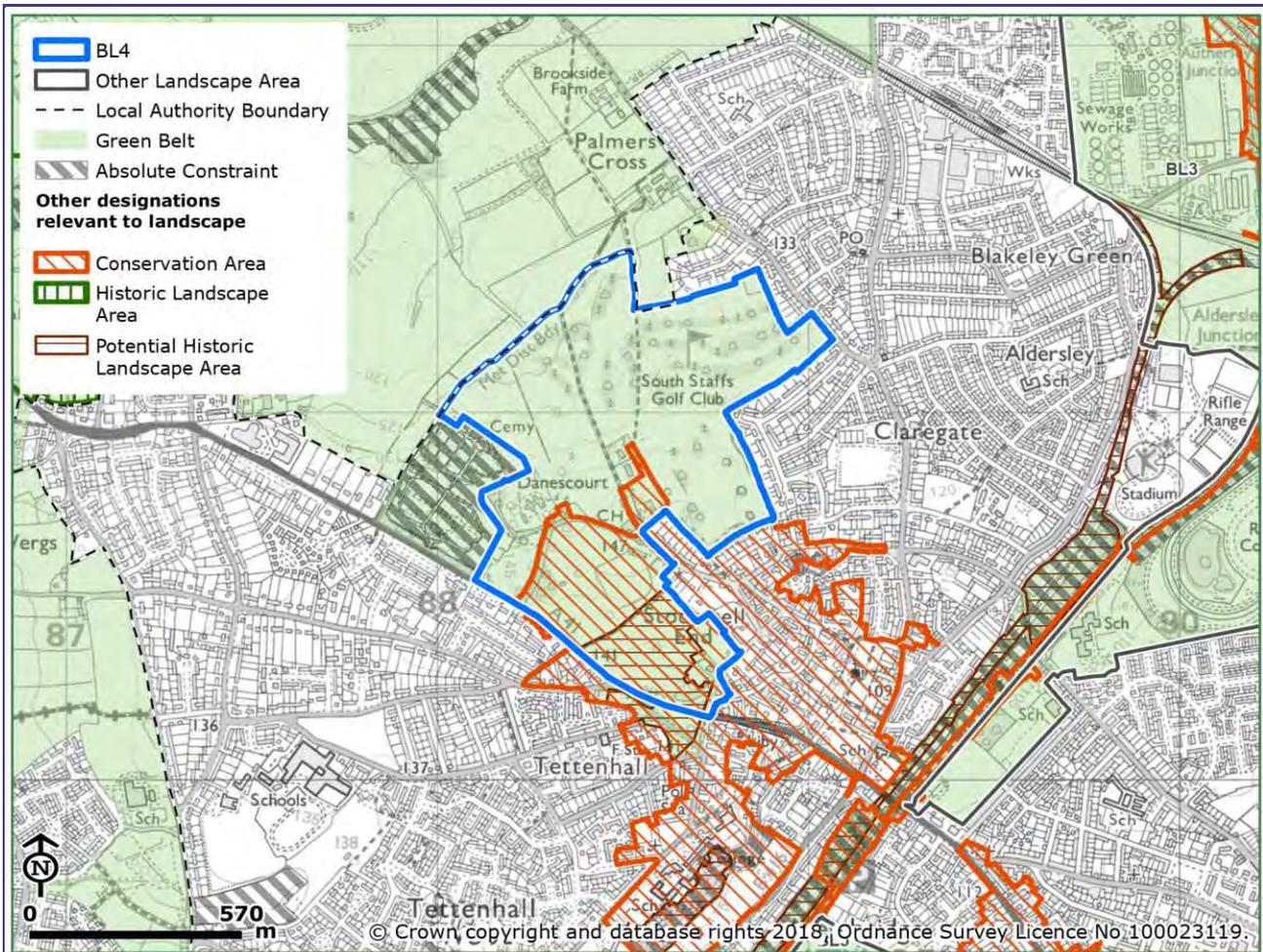
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## Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>	Very few land divisions.		
<b>Landform</b>	Generally flat, with a gentle slope rising from 125m AOD in the north to 141 m AOD in the south.		
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>	Recreational land uses - South Staffs Golf Club (early 20th century) to the north and Upper Green Sports Ground and Cricket Ground south of Danescourt Road (late 19th century) have eroded former field patterns.	The area to the south contains Upper Green, an area of surviving common ground associated with the settlement of Tettenhall, which contains an old millpond (now a paddling pool) and a 20th century clock tower. There are possible shallow ridge and furrow earthwork to the north of the pool. The area is a potential historic landscape area AHHLV22 Upper Green, Tettenhall.	
<b>'Natural' character</b>	Semi-natural habitats include priority habitat deciduous woodland within the South Staffordshire Golf Club and around Danescourt in the west. Mature trees within the golf course, the historic greens and along the settlement edge are valued natural features.		
<b>Built character</b>	Built development includes a cricket pavillion and golf club house, and a gym along Darnescourt Road. The A41 forms the southern boundary. The area is surrounded by residential development to the north, south and east.	Tettenhall Greens Conservation Area covers the area south of Danescourt Road and includes the Grade II listed Old Farmhouse on Stockwell Road.	
<b>Recreational character</b>	Some PROws run through the centre of the area. The parkland in the south is open access. The South Staffordshire Golf Club and Wolverhampton Cricket Ground are well used for recreation.		The parkland in the south is open access.
<b>Perceptual aspects</b>	The area lacks rurality and is impacted on by the A41 and proximity to the urban conurbation which surrounds the area on three sides.		

**Settlement setting**

There is some visual containment provided by roadside vegetation along Danescourt Road, while the golf course provides a green edge to the settlement edge.

The historic village greens within the Tettenhall Greens Conservation Area form an attractive backdrop to the adjacent historic settlement edge.

**Visual prominence**

The area is generally low lying and views from roads are largely enclosed by vegetation.

**Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points**

No inter-visibility with adjacent sensitive landscapes or marked viewpoints.

**Landscape Assessment Area****Size (ha)****Rating****BL4s1****19.33****Moderate****Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

The area within the Tettenhall Greens Conservation Area, south of Danescourt Road is of higher sensitivity to residential or employment development due to its recreational use, heritage value and its role in the setting of Tettenhall.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating****List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

None

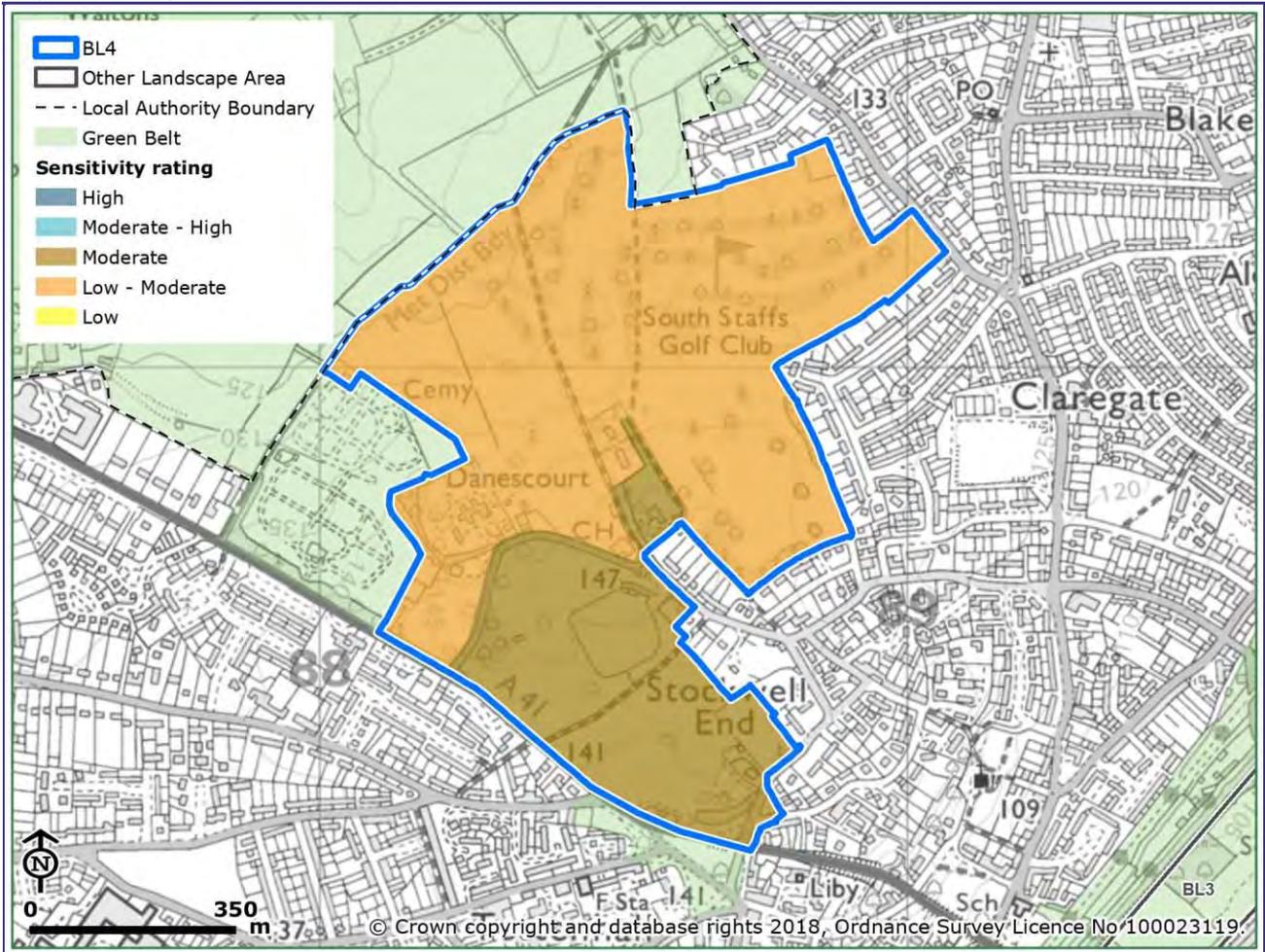
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The landscape north of Davenscourt Road is considered to have a low-moderate overall sensitivity to residential development as the majority of the criteria score moderate or low, and no criteria override that judgement.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating****List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 64 (Housing)

Landscape Sensitivity Rating



### Location and Landscape Character Context

The landscape area is located within the Wolverhampton conurbation, north of Merridale and south east of Tettenhall. The Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal and Smestow Brook and Smestow Valley Nature Reserve run along the north western boundary.

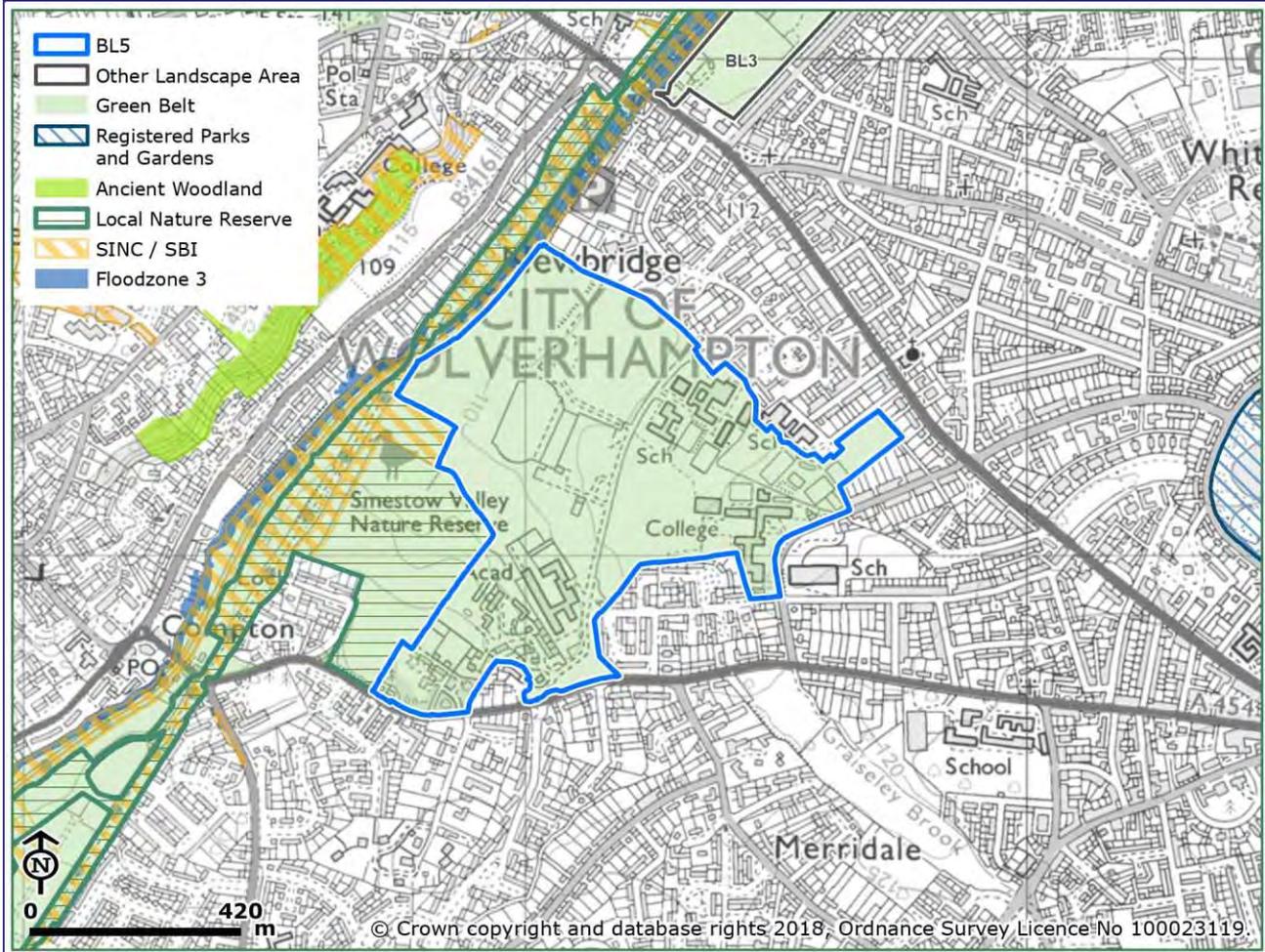
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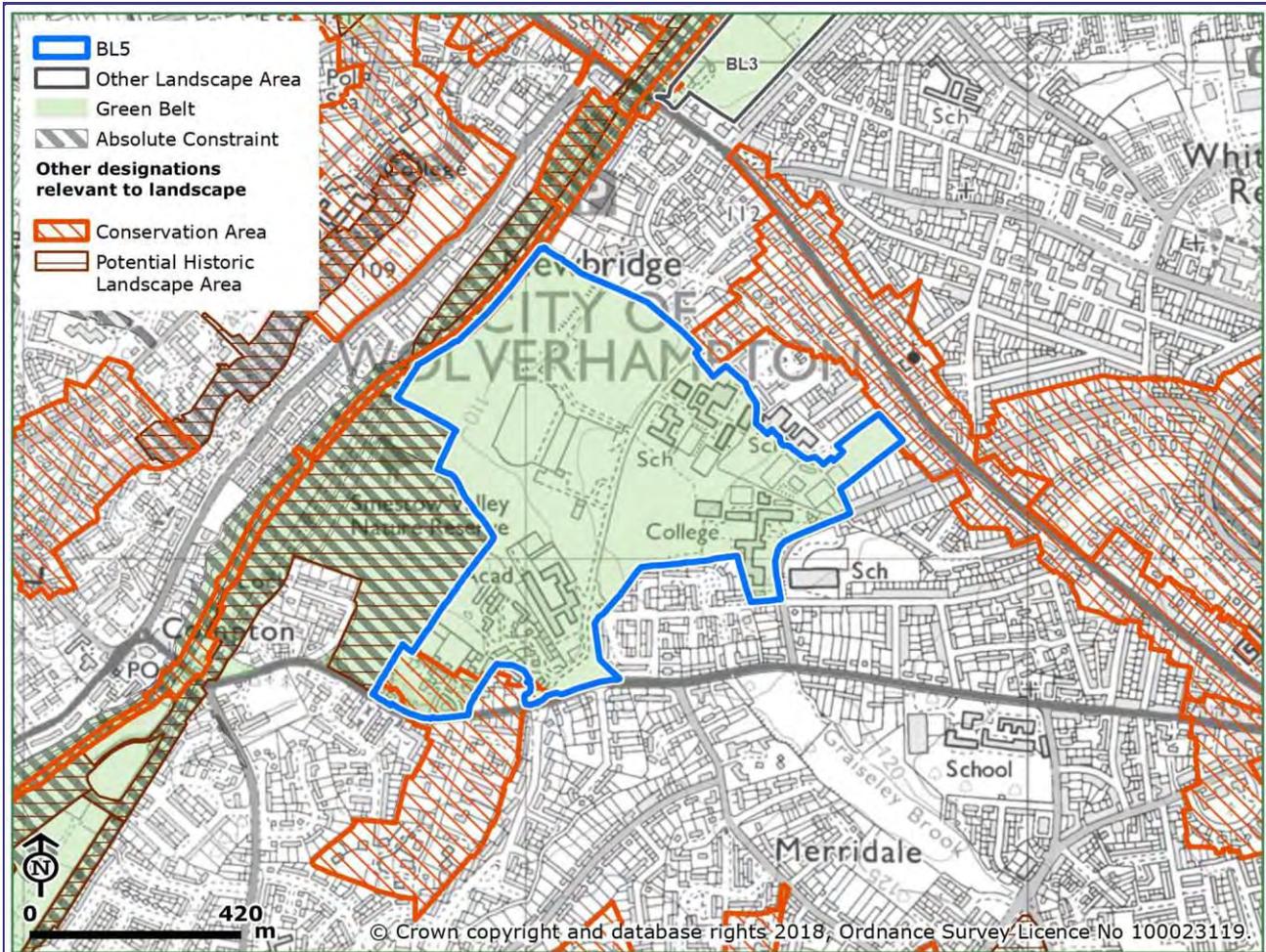
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## Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>		A medium scale landscape characterised by sports grounds divided by hedgerows and fences.	
<b>Landform</b>	A relatively flat landscape which forms part of the wider Smestow Valley, with elevations between from 100m and 120m AOD.		
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>	The sports grounds and pitches which characterise the area have eroded time-depth.		
<b>'Natural' character</b>	Semi-natural habitats are limited to a small area of priority habitat deciduous woodland around the Wolves Academy and field boundary vegetation.		
<b>Built character</b>	Built character in the area includes educational facilities, a small housing estate and buildings associated with the Wolverhampton Wanderers' training ground and pitches at Compton Park.		
<b>Recreational character</b>	Much of the area is characterised by sports grounds but public access is restricted and enjoyment of the landscape is not integral to these activities.		
<b>Perceptual aspects</b>	There is a strong influence of human built features and the high number of sports fields have an urbanising effect and reduces the perceptual landscape qualities of the area. Tranquility is affected by road noise.	The mature woodland within the Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve and along the canal adjoining the northern boundary of the area imparts a naturalistic character to the wider valley landscape.	
<b>Settlement setting</b>	The surrounding settlements are screened by thick hedgerows to the south or mature woodland along the canal corridor to the north, and so the area does not play an important role in views from these settlement.	The area plays some part in providing the perception of a gap between Wolverhampton and Tettenhall due to its location within the wider Smestow Valley. However the wooded canal corridor provides a strong boundary feature which is not dependent on the openness of the surrounding landscape.	

**Visual prominence**

The area is not visually prominent due to its flat landform and enclosure from thick hedgerows.

**Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points**

There is no inter-visibility with surrounding designated landscapes or promoted viewpoints.

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
<b>BL5s1</b>	<b>24.99</b>	<b>Moderate</b>

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

This open area of sports fields generally has a lower sensitivity to residential development, however its role as part of the wider Smestow Valley and the separation that provides between Wolverhampton and Tettenhall increases that sensitivity to moderate overall.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating****List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 58 (Housing); Ref: 61 (Housing)

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
<b>BL5s2</b>	<b>20.55</b>	<b>Low - Moderate</b>

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

The areas which have previously been developed, the schools and the Wolves Academy, are considered to have a low-moderate sensitivity to residential development.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating****List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 59 (Housing)



**Location and Landscape Character Context**

The area is located within the Wolverhampton conurbation. The northern boundary is formed by the A454 Bridgnorth Road and Compton settlement edge and the south western boundary by the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal. In the east the area includes the Smestow Schools and is constrained by the Smestow Valley LNR.

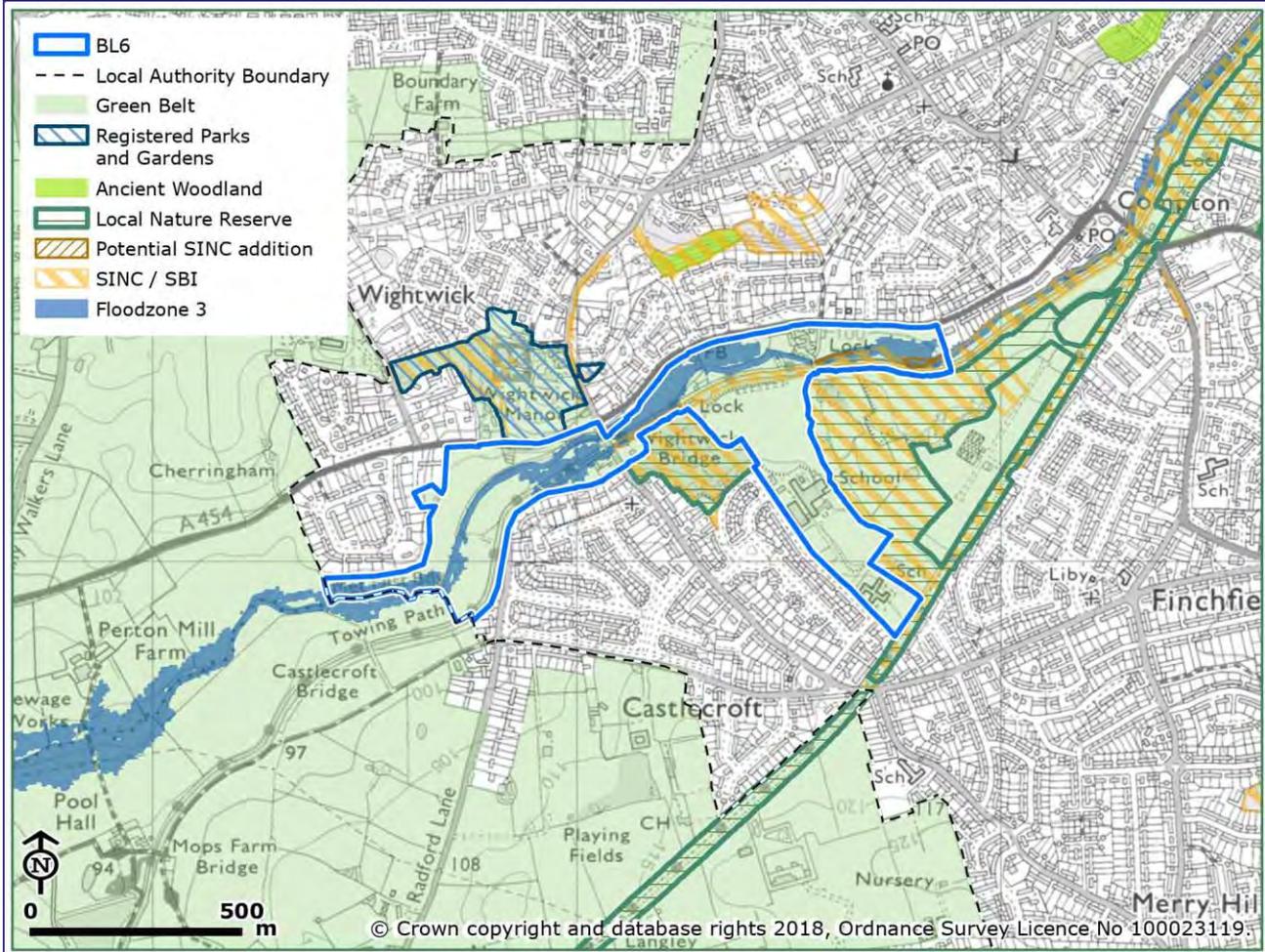
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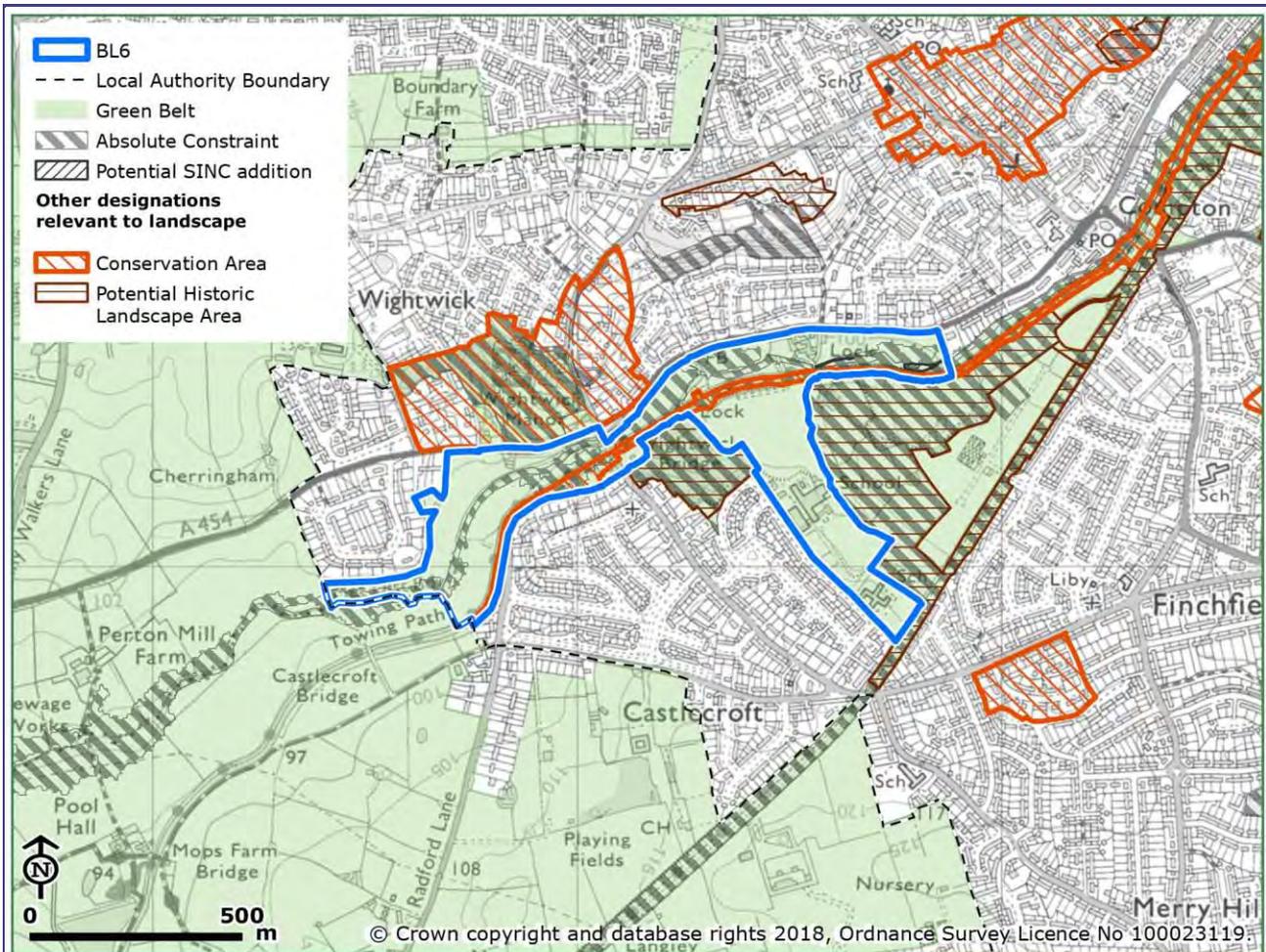
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## Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>		Small-medium sized land divisions based on mixed land use.	
<b>Landform</b>	Generally flat landform, between 95m and 100m AOD which forms part of the wider Smestow Valley.		
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>		Small areas of remaining enclosed fields following the route of the Smestow Brook. The presence of the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal influences the time depth to the landscape.	
<b>'Natural' character</b>	There is amenity grassland south of the canal, associated with Smestow School and Castlecroft Primary School.		Frequent occurrence of semi-natural habitats covered by SINC and LNR designations at Smestow Brook, Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal and Smestow Valley. Priority habitat deciduous floodplain grazing marsh are found within these designated areas.
<b>Built character</b>	The A454 Bridgnorth Road runs along the northern boundary. Smestow School and Castlecroft Primary School buildings lie south of the canal.		The Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal is designated as a Conservation Area with associated listed features including Grade II listed Wightwick Mill Lock and Bridge. Wightwick Manor Registered Park and Garden (RPG) and Wightwick Bank Conservation Area abut the northern boundary of the area.
<b>Recreational character</b>	There are playing fields and sports pitches associated with the schools.	Traffic-free cycle routes on the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal provides a well connected long distance route through the Smestow Valley. The Smestow Valley LNR runs immediately south of the area and is important for recreation.	
<b>Perceptual aspects</b>		An open area located within the Wolverhampton conurbation and therefore influenced by modern development. It is more tranquil along both the canal and disused railway paths than the rest of the area.	
<b>Settlement setting</b>		The canal and the open space along it contribute positively as a wooded backdrop to the adjacent settlement, including the Wightwick Bank Conservation Area, although it is physically separated by the A454 Bridgnorth Road. The school fields provide an	This area forms part of the wider Smestow Valley which plays an important role in providing the perception of a wooded gap between Wolverhampton and Tettenhall.

open view towards the woodland of Wightwick Bank for properties on the edge of Castlecroft.

**Visual prominence**

The majority of the area is visually contained by vegetation although there are occasional views in gaps in vegetation. Although the area is low lying it is prominent from the surrounding settlement and in views due to the wooded nature of the site.

**Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points**

Very limited inter-visibility with adjacent Wightwick Manor Registered Park and Garden.

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
BL6s1	30.15	Moderate - High

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

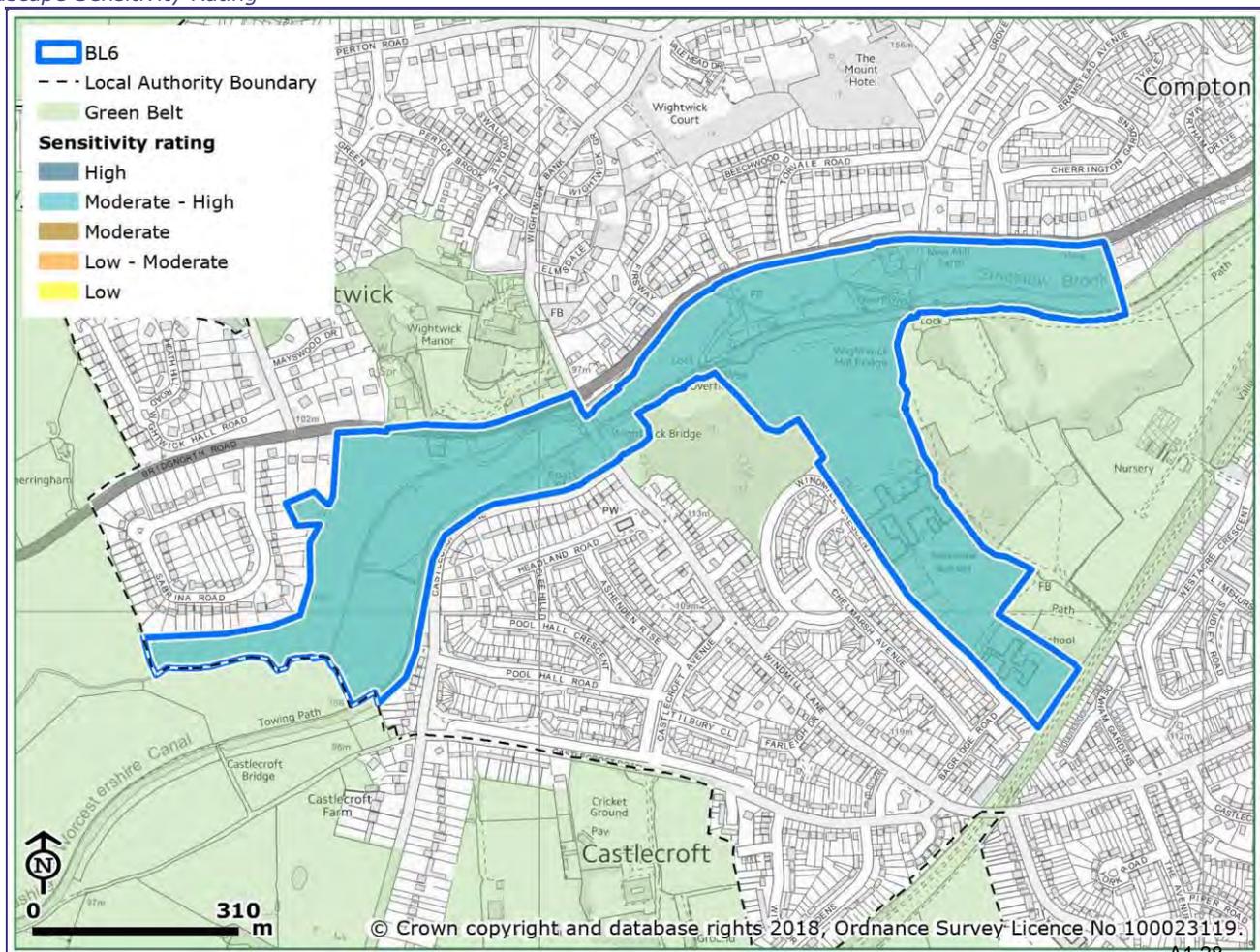
This narrow area has moderate-high overall sensitivity to residential development due to its natural character, the recreational opportunities it offers and historic built character along the canal, with particularly sensitivity associated with the area’s role as a gap between settlements.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 76 (Housing); Ref: C17 (Housing)

*Landscape Sensitivity Rating*



**Landscape Area Reference BL7**

**Area Size (ha): 98.2ha**

**Location and Landscape Character Context**

The area falls within the following Landscape Character Type: Sandstone Hills & Heaths.

The area is located south of Wolverhampton and north of Sedgley with the settlement edge marking the northern and western boundary. The eastern boundary is marked by the A459 Wolverhampton Road East, which in the southeast is within Dudley. The southern boundary runs along the Wolverhampton city boundary and then follows the settlement edge within Dudley to reach the A459.

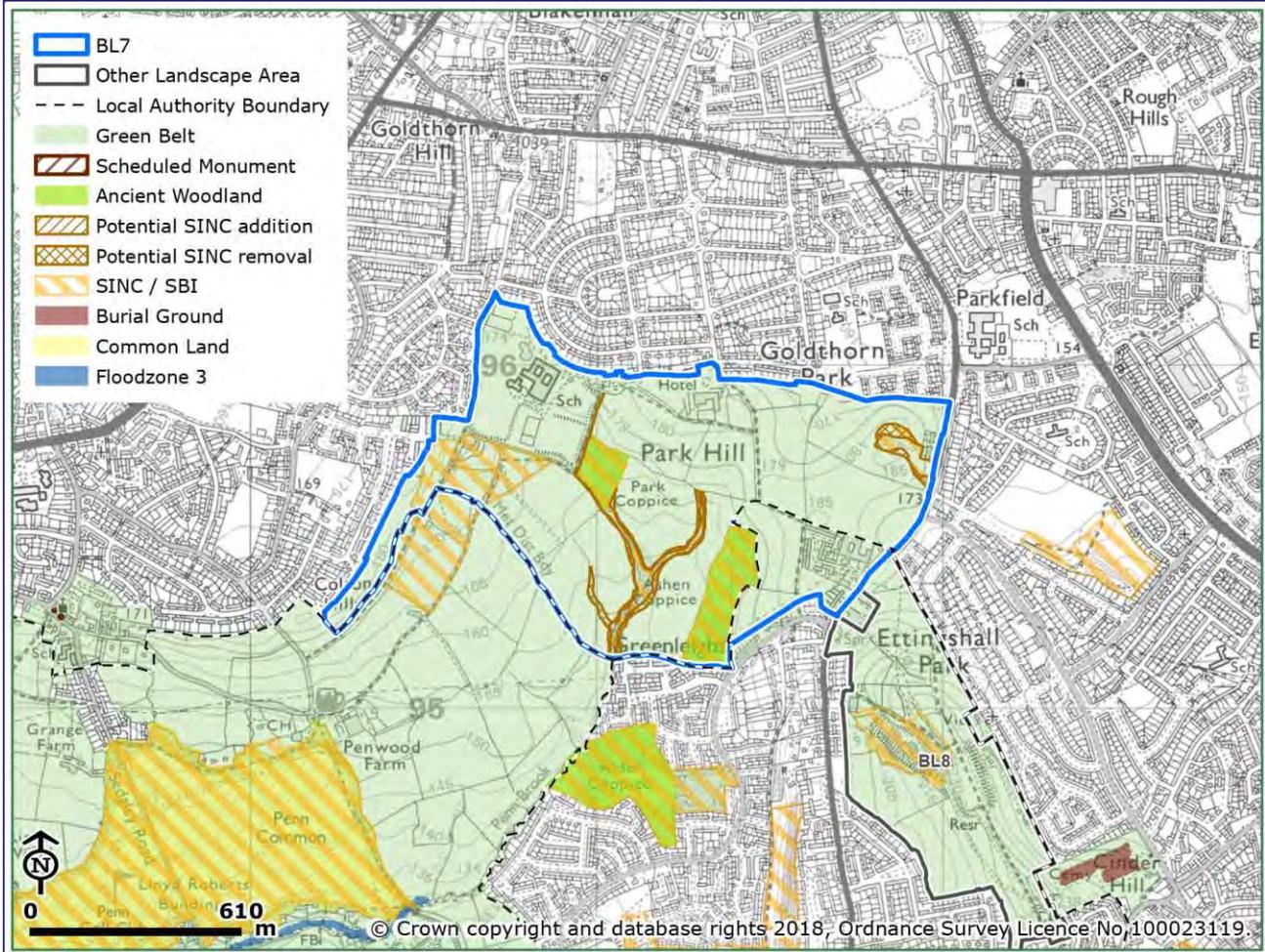
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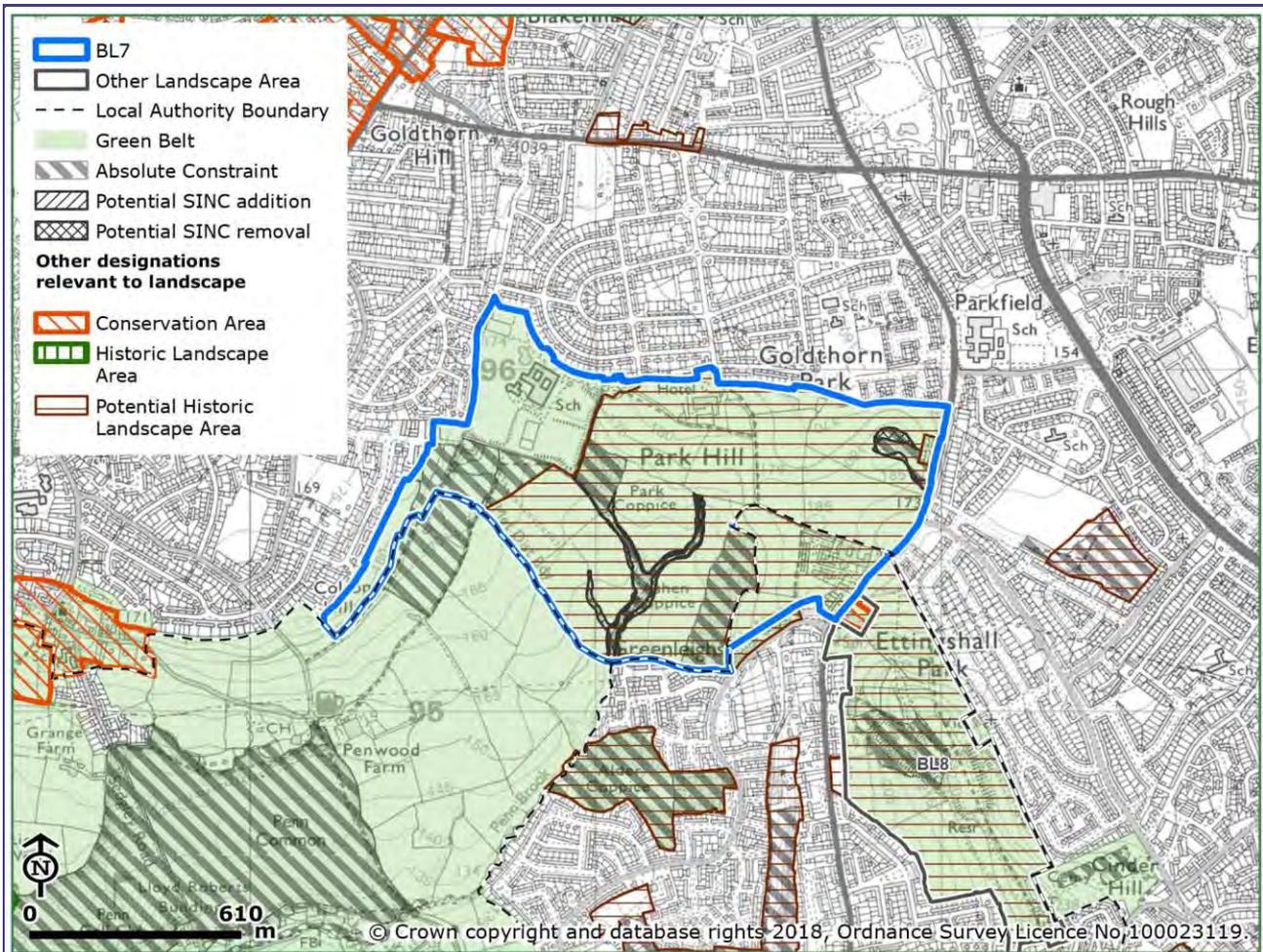
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## Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>		Moderate scale arable fields with boundaries are marked by hedgerows, or post and wire fencing which increases the sense of scale.	
<b>Landform</b>		Sloping landform rising from the Penn Brook at 145m AOD to Park Hill at 185m AOD.	
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>			The area forms the remains of a larger 18th century park and has a surviving historic field pattern. The area may have originally formed part of an earlier medieval deer park. Three associated areas of semi-natural ancient woodland with evidence of medieval or post-medieval woodland management remain along with earthwork evidence of ridge and furrow in Ashen Coppice. The majority of the area is a potential historic landscape area AHHLV21: Park and Ashen Coppice Ancient Woodland. The southeast is part of the limestone grassland associated with Beacon Hill, and is also a potential historic landscape area AHHLV34: Sedgley Beacon.
<b>'Natural' character</b>			Areas of valued semi-natural habitat include priority habitat deciduous woodland concentrated along the Penn Brook at Park Coppice, Park Coppice Dingle and Ashen Coppice, Colton Hills in the south west and Park Hill in the north east. These are also registered as ancient woodland and designated locally as SINCS. Colton Hill contains priority habitat semi-improved grassland and is a Local Wildlife Site (Site of Biological Importance).
<b>Built character</b>	Despite the proximity of the urban edge, the area is largely undeveloped except for Colton Hills School, and the Beacon Centre for the blind in the east. The A459 forms the eastern boundary and an overhead power line runs along the south east of the area.	The early 18th century Grade II listed Park Hall Hotel is located in the north of the area.	
<b>Recreational character</b>		Some PRowS run through the area, linking the settlement edges.	

<b>Perceptual aspects</b>	An electricity pylon line runs along the south east of the area.	A scenic rural landscape where tranquility is disturbed locally by the A459 and proximity to modern residential development on three sides.
<b>Settlement setting</b>	The area is surrounded by modern residential development but the urban edge is generally well screened by woodland, tree belts or fences.	This area provides some contribution as a rural backdrop to Colton Hills School, Park Hall and residential properties along the eastern boundary of the area as well as providing part of the rural gap between Sedgley and Penn (Wolverhampton).
<b>Visual prominence</b>	Mature roadside vegetation and the prominence of woodland along the settlement edge provide visual containment in flatter areas particularly in the north east.	Open elevated areas in the north of the area are visually prominent from the wider surrounding countryside.
<b>Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points</b>		There are long distance views to the Shropshire Hills AONB.

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
<b>BL7s1</b>	<b>76.37</b>	<b>Moderate - High</b>

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

The landscape is considered to have moderate-high overall sensitivity to residential development due to its visual prominence, natural character and time-depth.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 180 (Housing)

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
<b>BL7s2</b>	<b>21.81</b>	<b>Moderate</b>

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

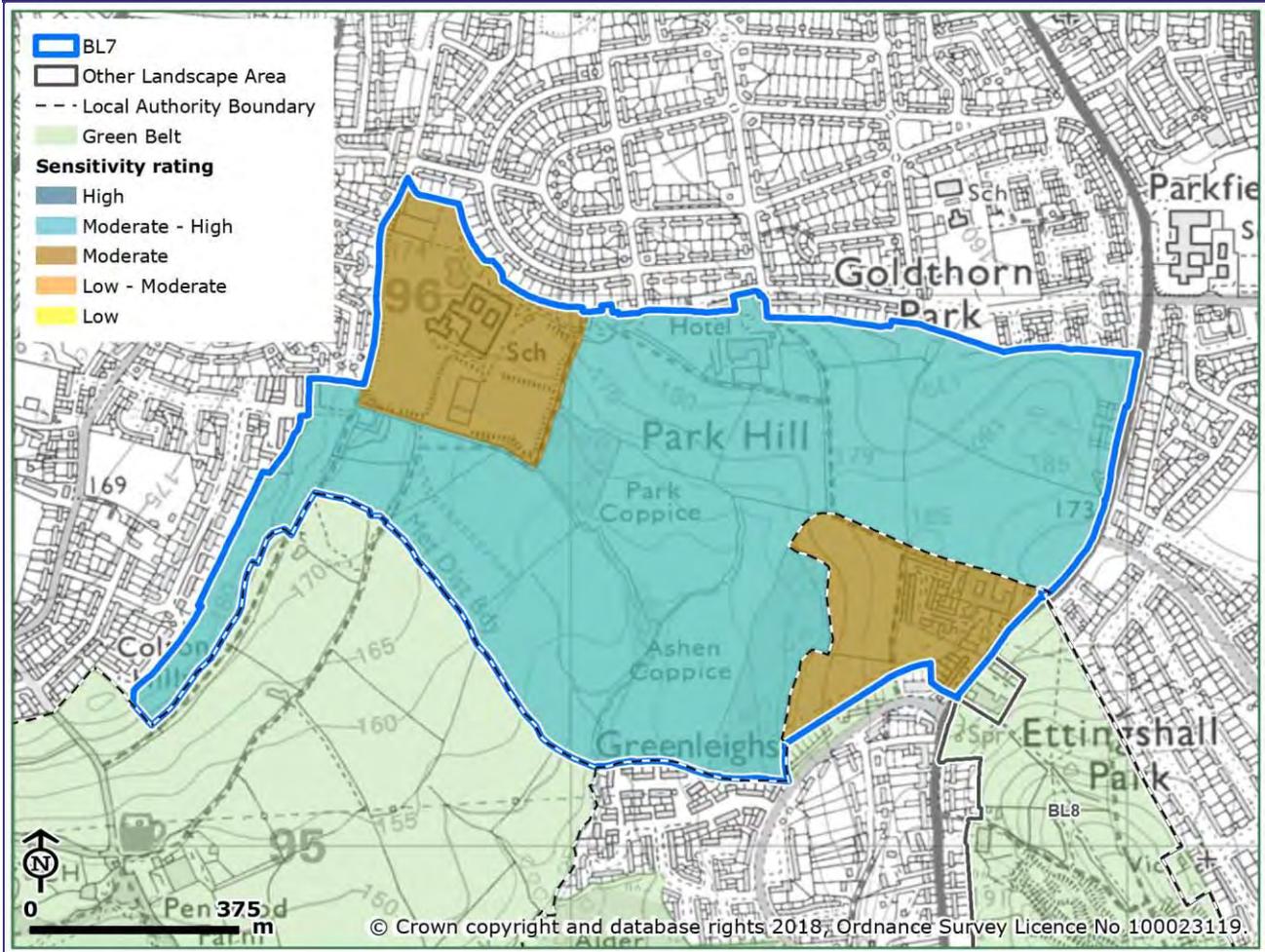
The area is considered to have moderate overall sensitivity to residential development as although it has time-depth it contains development which detracts from the landscape character (the Colton Hills Secondary School and Beacon Centre for the Blind).

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 283 (Housing)

Landscape Sensitivity Rating



**Landscape Area Reference SL18**

**Area Size (ha): 112.9ha**

**Location and Landscape Character Context**

The area falls within the following Landscape Character Types: Settled Plateau Farmlands and Sandstone Hills and Heaths. The landscape area is situated to the south of Spring Hill and directly west of Penn Common and golf course.

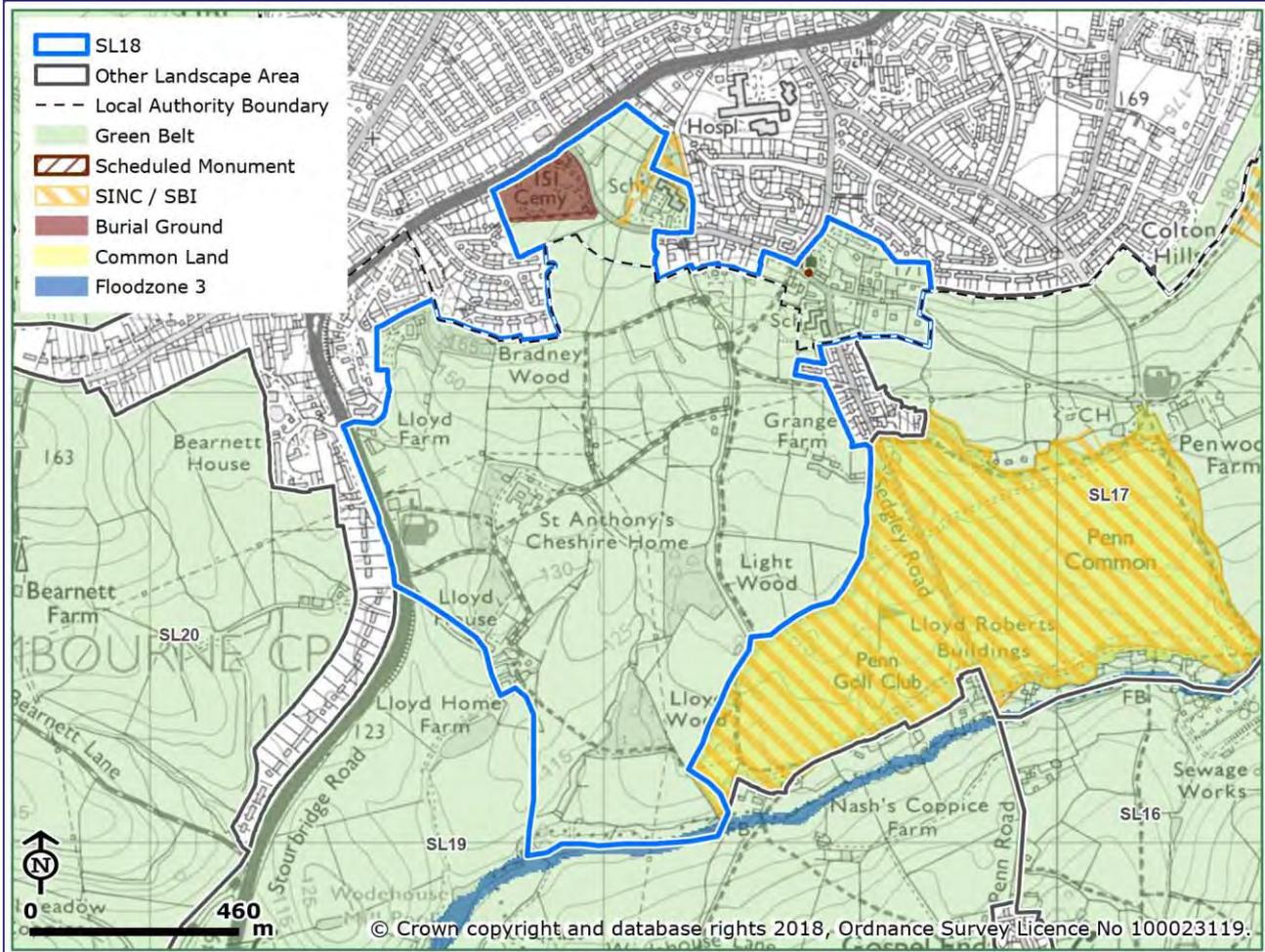
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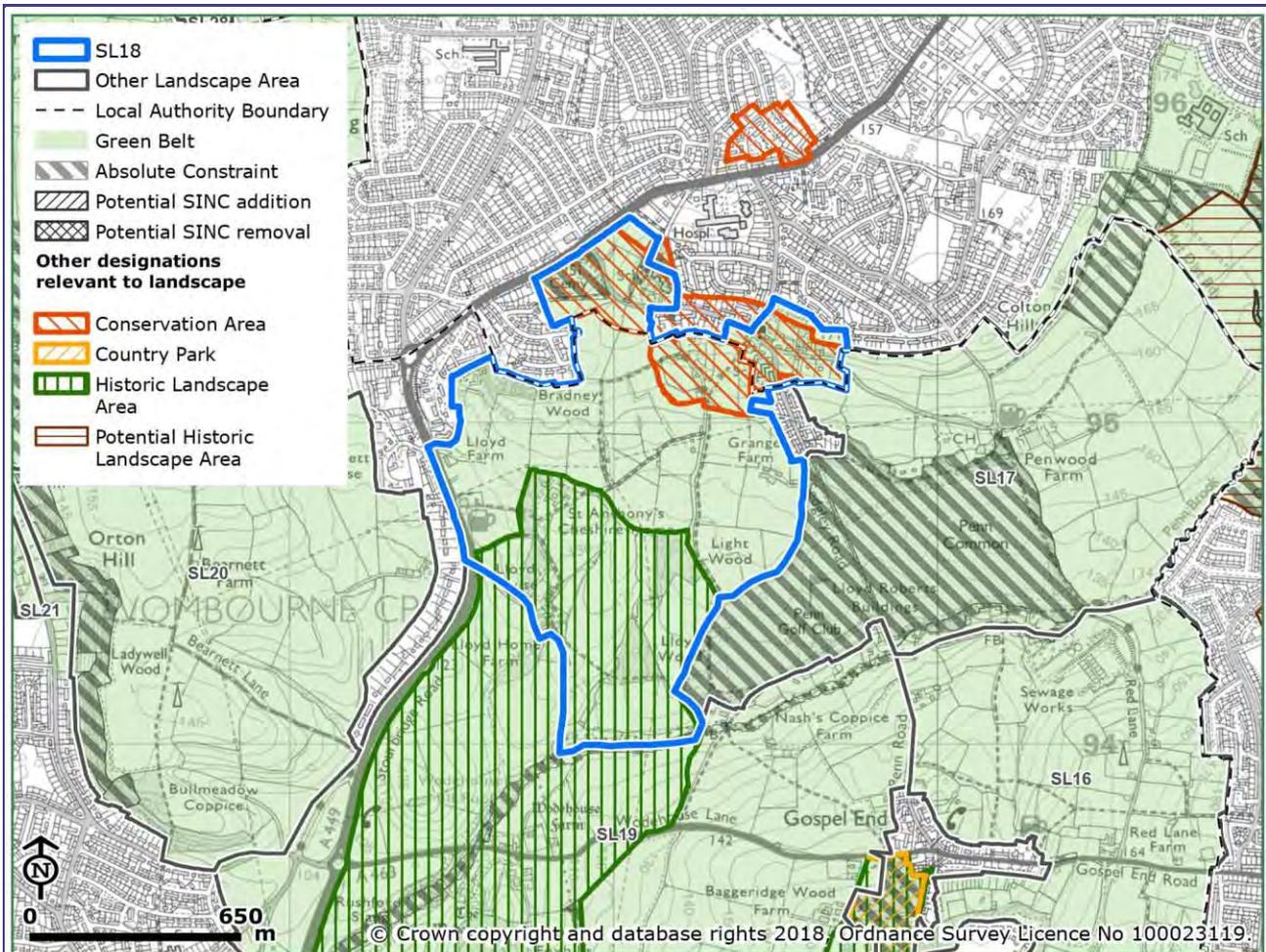
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Landscape Assessment Area with Absolute Constraints



Landscape Assessment Area with Absolute Constraints and Other Designations



## Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>			Fields in this area are predominantly small in scale and in use as pasture, although there are medium scale arable fields in the south.
<b>Landform</b>		The landform is gently undulating with a general slope down from north to south, and elevation ranging from 170m to 110m AOD, along the course of the Penn Brook on the southern boundary.	
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>			A predominance of intact field patterns including post-medieval piecemeal enclosure and post-1880s reorganised piecemeal enclosure. The southern half of the area is a locally designated Historic Landscape Area which extends from Himley Park, and incorporates woodland blocks and an undesignated historic parkland around Lloyd House.
<b>'Natural' character</b>		Natural heritage features include traditional orchard and blocks of priority habitat deciduous woodland including the Penn Hall School Wood SINC.	
<b>Built character</b>	An overhead power line runs through the centre of the area, which has an urbanising effect on the landscape. Other built features here include the cemetery in the north. There is a substantial modern care home facility in the west, although this is low-rise and well screened by the surrounding landform and tree belts.	Much of the area is undeveloped except for scattered houses and farms, particularly along Chamberlains Lane.	The settlement edge of Spring Hill is designated as part of the Upper Penn and Vicarage Road Conservation Areas. Penn Hall (currently in use as a school) , also located along this northern boundary, and Lloyd House in the south west, are both Grade II* listed buildings. St Bartholomew's church within Penn is also Grade II* listed and there are a number of Grade II listed tombs within the churchyard.
<b>Recreational character</b>		There is a strong network of interconnected public rights of way.	
<b>Perceptual aspects</b>		Despite the presence of the busy A449 along its western boundary, an overhead power line and some modern housing on the edge of Penn / Spring Hill in the north, the area has a relatively rural and tranquil character.	

**Settlement setting**

The area provides a scenic rural backdrop to the southern residential parts of Penn, which include the aforementioned Conservation Areas. Development here would adversely affect this historic settlement edge.

**Visual prominence**

Some parts are visually enclosed by thick hedgerows and woodlands. More elevated areas where hedgerows have been replaced by fences are more visually prominent.

**Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points**

No inter-visibility with adjacent sensitive landscapes or marked viewpoints.

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
SL18s1	112.91	Moderate - High

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

The majority of landscape attributes were judged to be of moderate or high sensitivity. Overall, despite the intrusion of overhead power lines and housing on the edge of Penn / Spring Hill, the area's small scale, largely historic landscape character, including designated heritage assets, and relatively strong sense of rurality and tranquillity result in a moderate-high sensitivity to residential development.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 354 (Housing); Ref: 559 (Housing); Ref: 561 (Housing); Ref: 74 (Housing); Ref: C14 (Housing)



**Landscape Area Reference SL28**

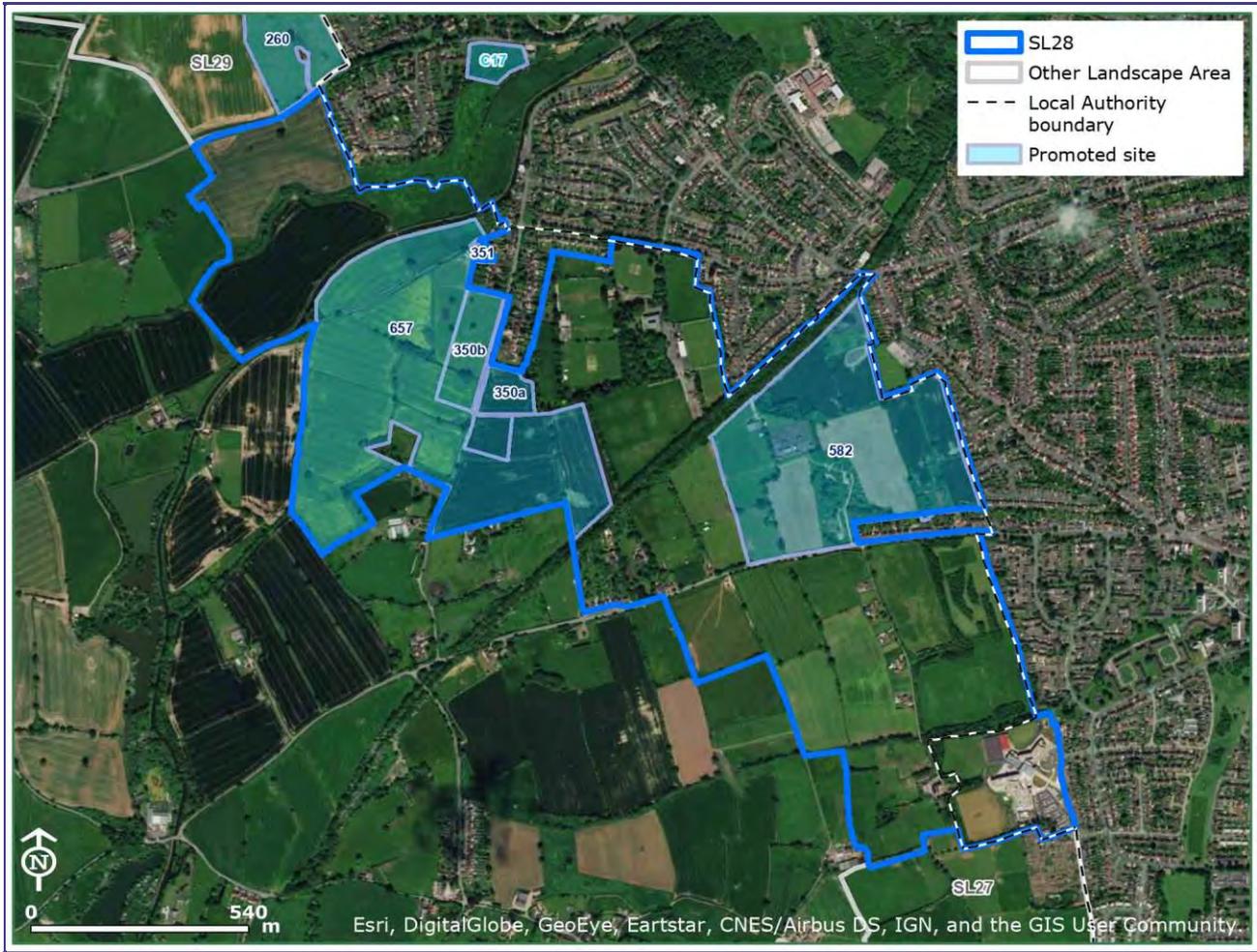
**Area Size (ha): 171.8ha**

**Location and Landscape Character Context**

The area falls within the following Landscape Character Type: Settled Farmlands

The landscape area follows the western settlement edge of the outskirts of Wolverhampton from near Penn Fields School to the A454. The area includes parts of the River Stour, the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal and the disused railway line which is now a recreational route.

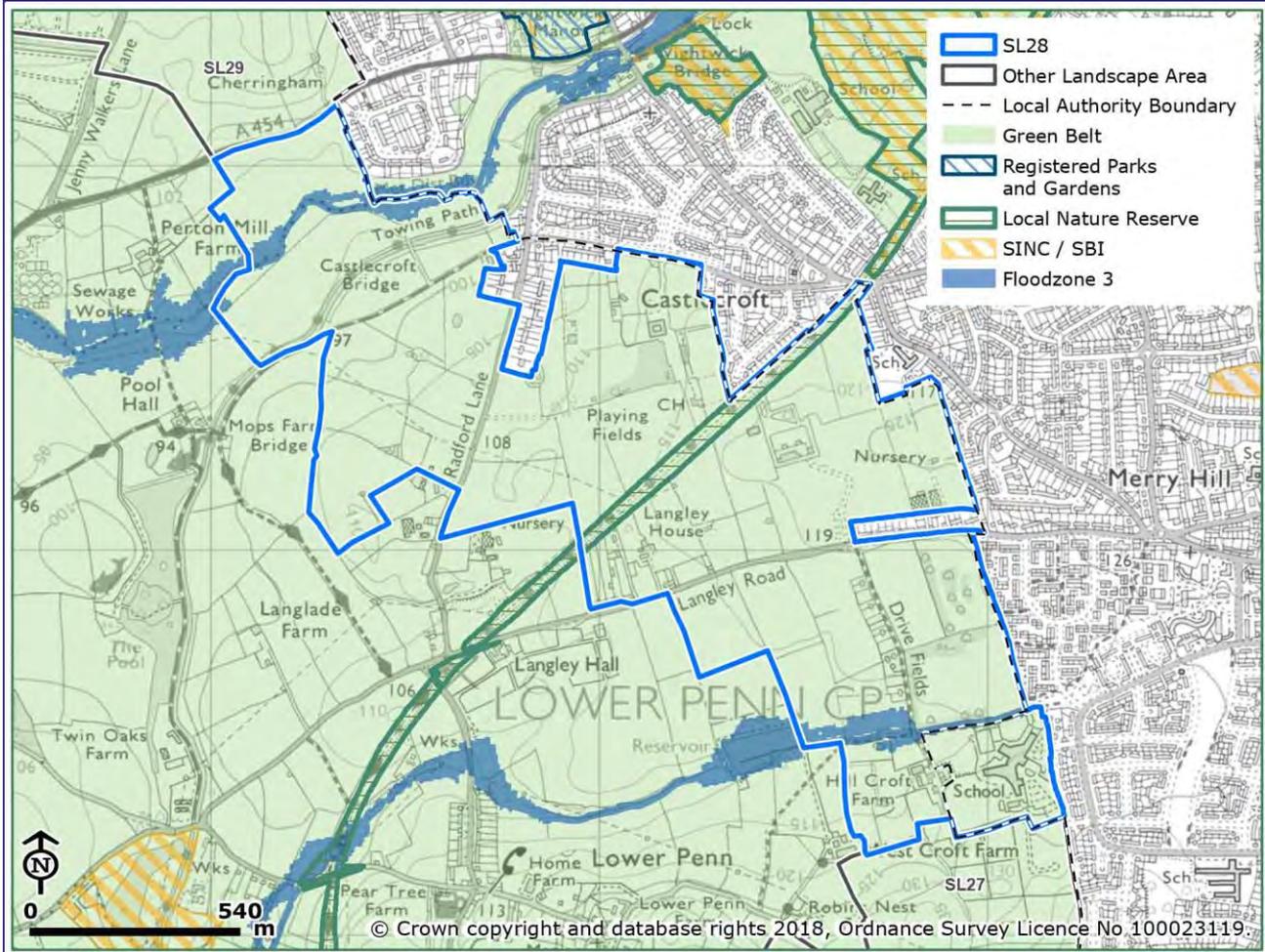
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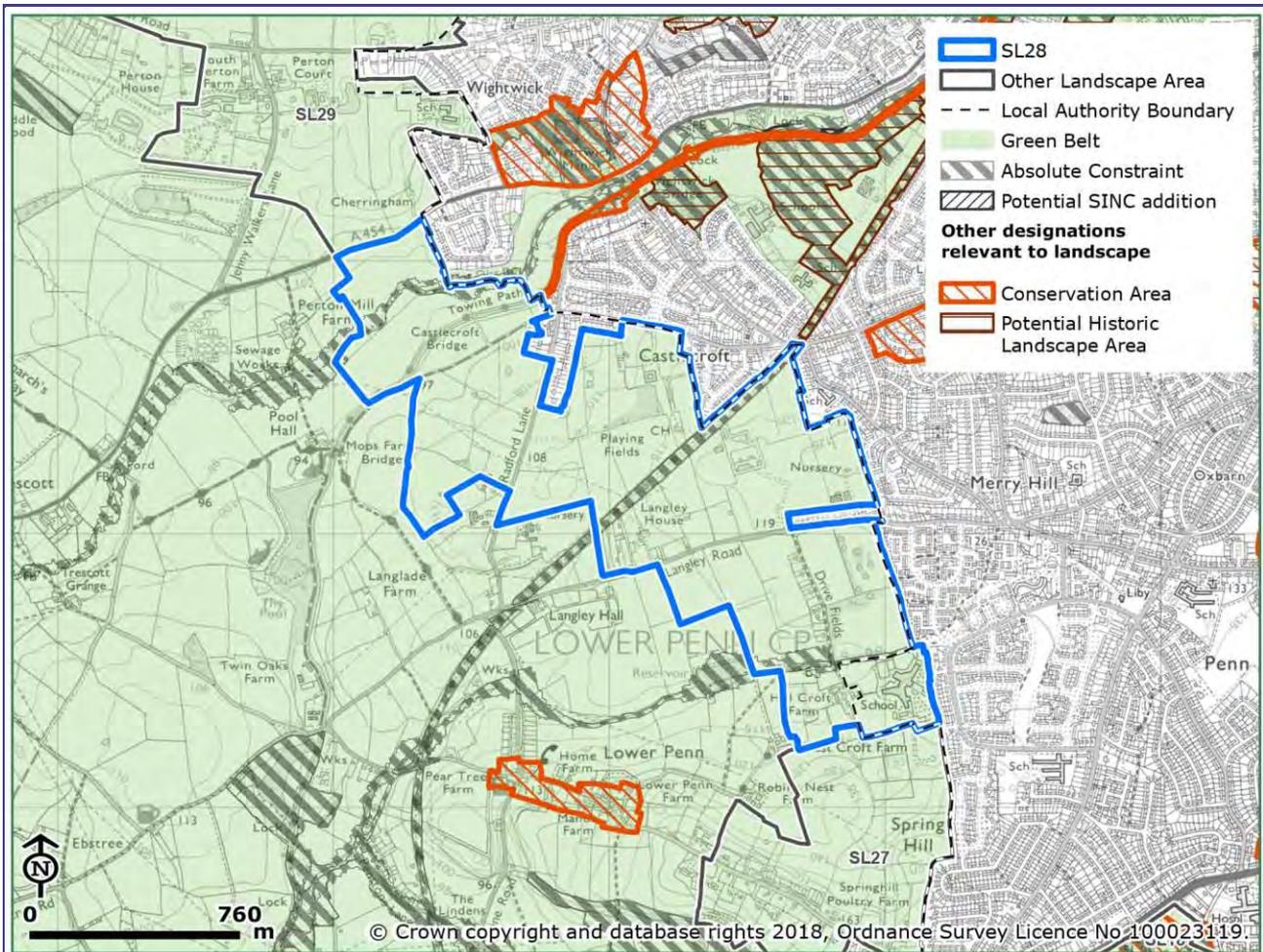
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Landscape Assessment Area with Absolute Constraints



Landscape Assessment Area with Absolute Constraints and Other Designations



## Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>		Fields are a mixture of small and medium scale, many with intact hedgerows and hedgerow trees which contribute to the human scale. Some fields have been subdivided by post and wire and tape for horse paddocks. There are also a number of sports pitches.	
<b>Landform</b>	There is little topographical variety in the proposed area with elevation ranging from 90m near the River Stour to a high point of 125m AOD in the east.		
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>		There has been relatively little change in field pattern since the late 19th century and fields are likely to be of post-medieval origin (piecemeal enclosure) except for areas in the north near A454 where fields enclosed in the 18th/19th centuries are smaller and irregular.	
<b>'Natural' character</b>		Limited areas of semi-natural habitat include priority habitat deciduous woodland along the disused railway line which is designated as a local nature reserve (LNR) South Staffordshire Railway Walk and woodland around Castlecroft House. Valued natural features include mature hedgerow trees, including oaks.	
<b>Built character</b>	Few heritage assets or historic features important of landscape character. Built character is mostly modern with properties along Drivefields Road and Langley Road. The presense of an electricity sub-station and sports grounds with associated infrastructure negatively influences landscape character.	Local heritage features include the Wolverhampton to Kingswinford Railway and the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal.	
<b>Recreational character</b>		Recreational opportunities include public footpath routes and traffic-free cycle routes along the canal towpath and the railway walk.	
<b>Perceptual aspects</b>		The area has a sense of rural character and tranquillity, although this is impacted by signs of human activity and modern development, such as the overhead power line and larger scale development (tower blocks and a school) on the edge of Wolverhampton.	

**Settlement setting**

The area provides a rural backdrop to the surrounding settlements, including the village of Lower Penn and the extensive suburban fringe of Wolverhampton.

**Visual prominence**

The area is not visually prominent within the wider landscape as it has limited topographical variation.

**Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points**

Little or no inter-visibility with adjacent sensitive landscapes or marked viewpoints.

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
SL28s1	171.75	Moderate

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

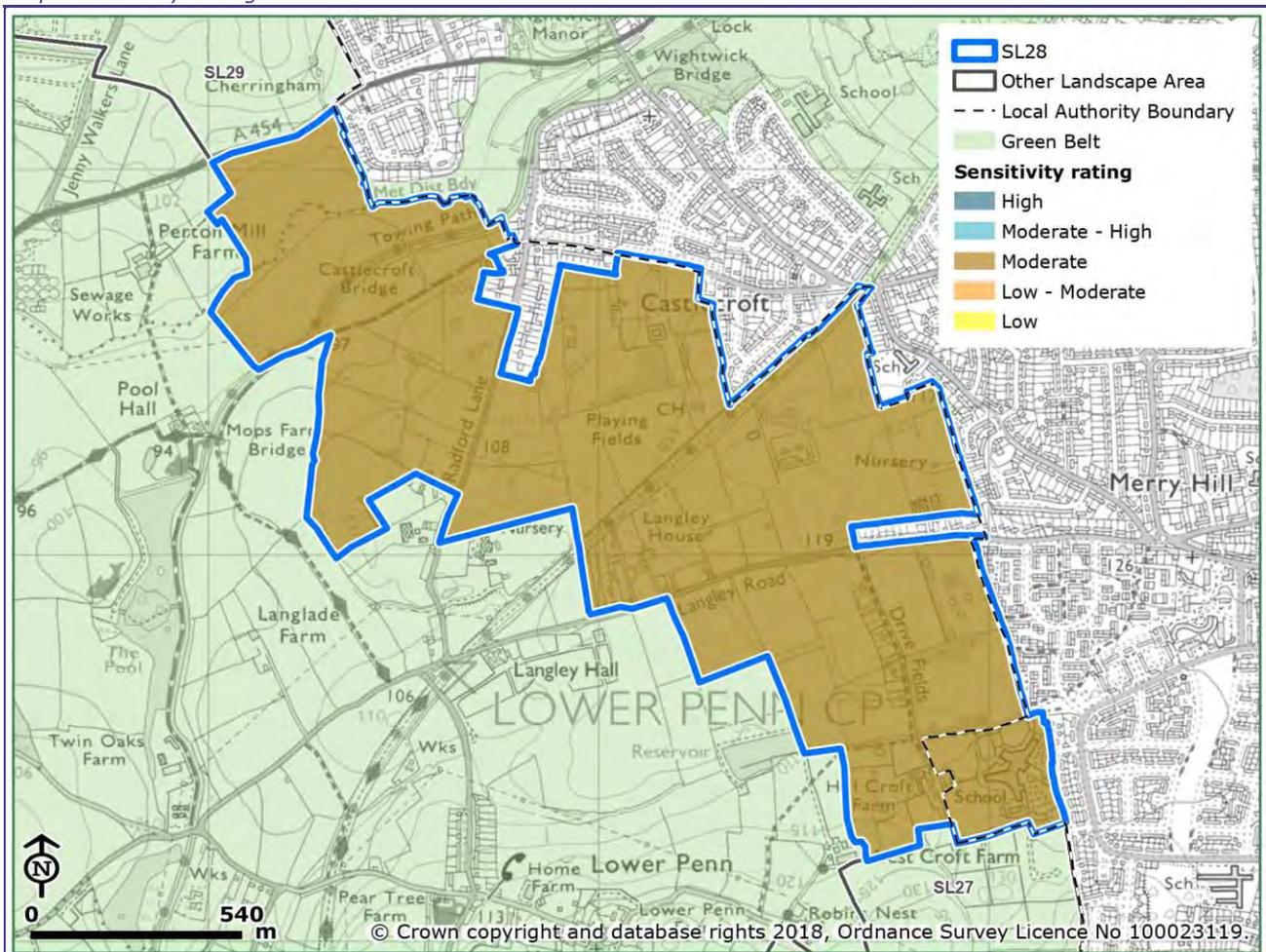
Based on the combination of landscape attributes outlined above, the area is judged to have an overall moderate sensitivity to residential development.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 350a (Housing); Ref: 350b (Housing); Ref: 351 (Housing); Ref: 582 (Housing); Ref: 657 (Housing)

*Landscape Sensitivity Rating*

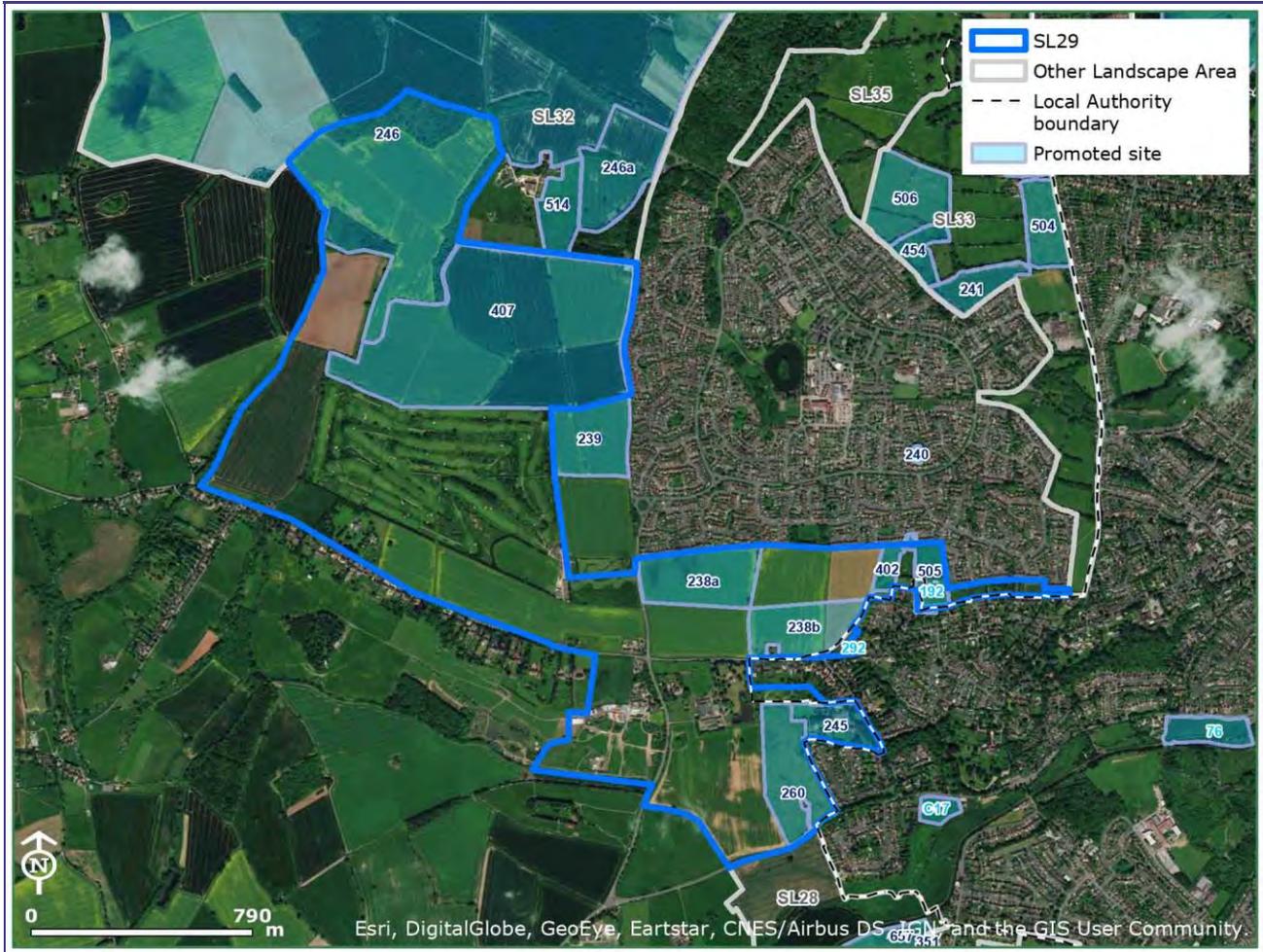


### Location and Landscape Character Context

The area falls within the following Landscape Character Type: Settled Farmlands.

The landscape area is located west of Perton and Wightwick (Wolverhampton), and includes a narrow strip of land which separates the two settlements. The southern boundary is formed by the A454, the eastern boundary by the settlement edge, and the south western boundary by Pattingham Road. Nurton Brook forms the western boundary, and the northern boundary is formed by field boundaries. The area incorporates Perton Park Golf Course.

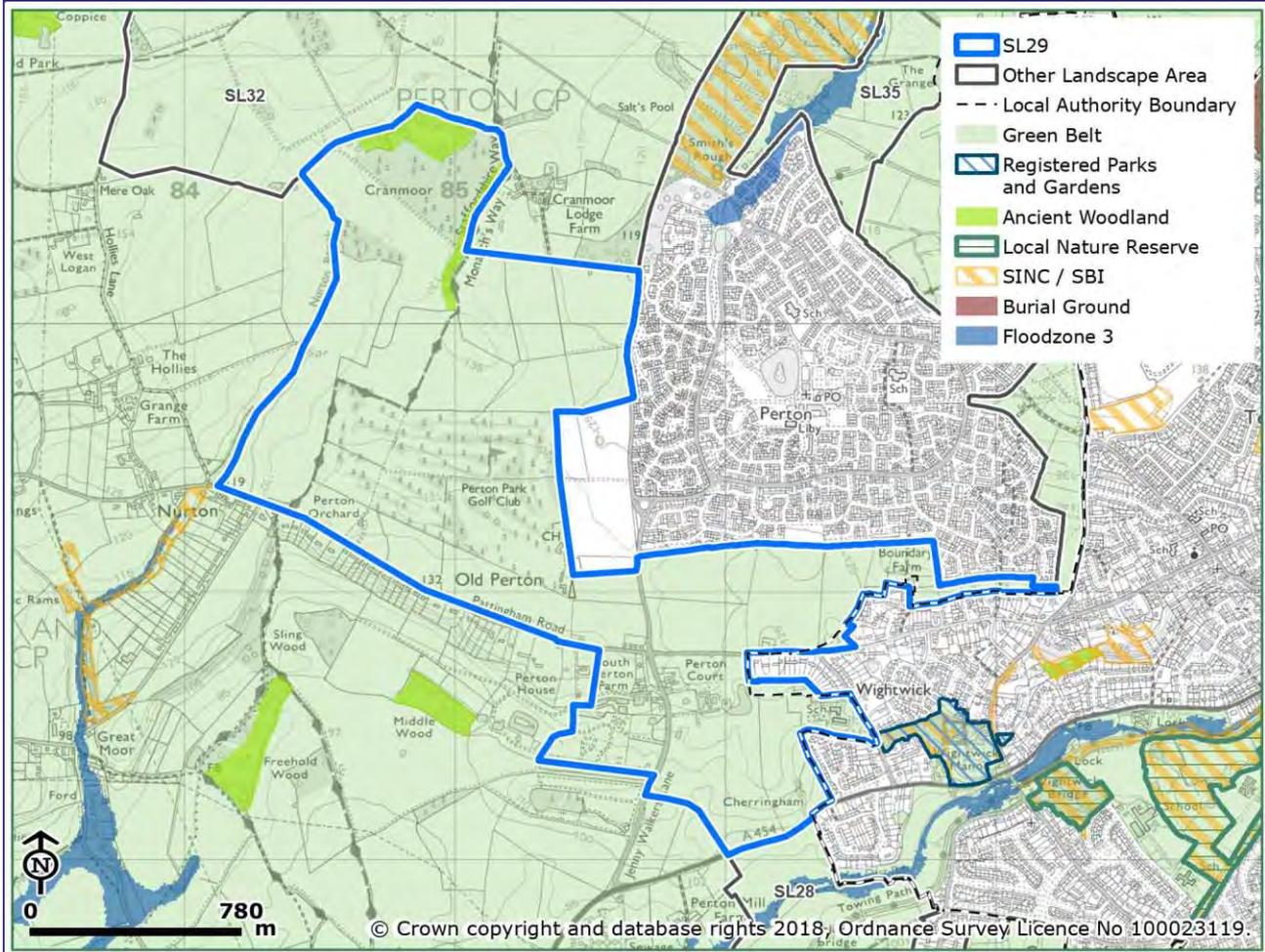
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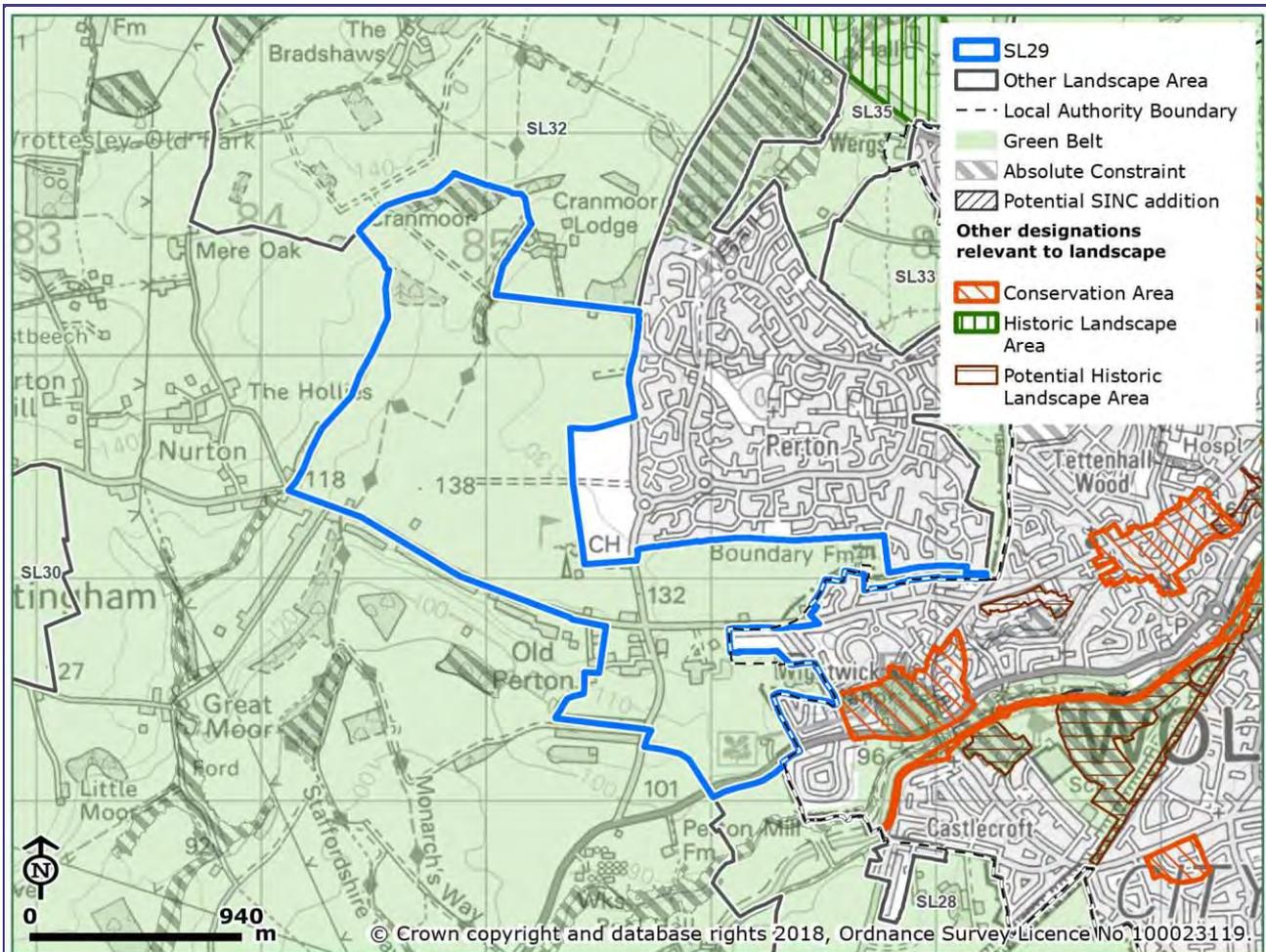
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Landscape Assessment Area with Absolute Constraints



Landscape Assessment Area with Absolute Constraints and Other Designations



## Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>	Fields separating Perton and Wightwick are smaller in scale with outgrown hedges or fenced boundaries and generally used for horse grazing. As the gap between the settlements narrows to the west, it is characterised by scrubby woodland.	The area is dominated by regular medium to large scale arable fields divided by mature trimmed hedgerows with occasional hedgerow and in-field trees.	
<b>Landform</b>	The landform is very gently undulating, with elevations between 100m and 140m AOD. To the west of Perton the landscape rises to the west before descending to Nurton Brook. To the south, the landform is a gentle slope enclosed by a more pronounced scarp slope south of Pattingham Road.		
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>		Field patterns are mixed in origin and include 19th century re-organised piecemeal enclosure, 18th/19th century semi-planned enclosure, as well as post-war amalgamated fields.	
<b>'Natural' character</b>		Priority habitat deciduous woodlands near Cranmoor and tree belts along the Staffordshire Way are identified as Ancient Woodland. The remaining woodland is predominantly coniferous, including planting within the Perton Park Golf Club. Natural features of value include the mature hedgerow and occasional in-field trees.	
<b>Built character</b>	Built features are limited to a number of modern farms and properties along Pattingham Road and within the golf club.	A limited number of historic features important to landscape character including Trinity Cottage and a dovecote associated with South Perton Farmhouse which are Grade II Listed.	
<b>Recreational character</b>	A large part of the area is within Perton Park Golf Club which provides restricted recreational opportunities.		The promoted long distance <b>Monarch's Way</b> passes through the west of the area. Two footpaths cross the narrow strip of land between Wightwick and Perton.
<b>Perceptual aspects</b>	The golf course introduces an urbanised element to the landscape.		The north and west of the area has a strongly rural character and reads as part of the wider countryside, becoming particularly tranquil with an experience of 'dark skies' away from the settlement edge.

<b>Settlement setting</b>	Coniferous plantation at Perton Golf Club provides enclosure to the south west of the settlement reducing its sensitivity.	The area provides a rural setting to Perton and ribbon development along Pattingham Road extending from Nurton. However, settlement on the edge of Perton is generally inward looking and Wrottesley Park Road provides an abrupt edge to the settlement.	The settlement edge of Wightwick is looser and more rural in character than the southern settlement edge of Perton. The two settlements are separated by an increasingly narrow buffer of open green space which has an important role in preventing coalescence.
<b>Visual prominence</b>	The landscape is not visually prominent within the wider landscape due to its gently undulating topography and large areas of woodland which provide enclosure.	The rising topography to the north west of the area and the stream valley sides along the Nurton Brook are visible within the wider landscape.	
<b>Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points</b>	There is no inter-visibility with any designated landscapes or marked viewpoints.		

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
<b>SL29s1</b>	<b>187.1</b>	<b>Moderate</b>

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

The landscape is considered to have a moderate overall sensitivity to residential development.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

The narrow buffer of open agricultural land between the southern settlement edge of Perton and Wightwick has a particular sensitivity due to its role in preventing coalescence between the settlements.

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 192 (Housing); Ref: 238a (Housing); Ref: 238b (Housing); Ref: 245 (Housing); Ref: 260 (Housing); Ref: 292 (Housing); Ref: 402 (Housing); Ref: 407 (Housing); Ref: 505 (Housing)

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
<b>SL29s2</b>	<b>81.19</b>	<b>Moderate - High</b>

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

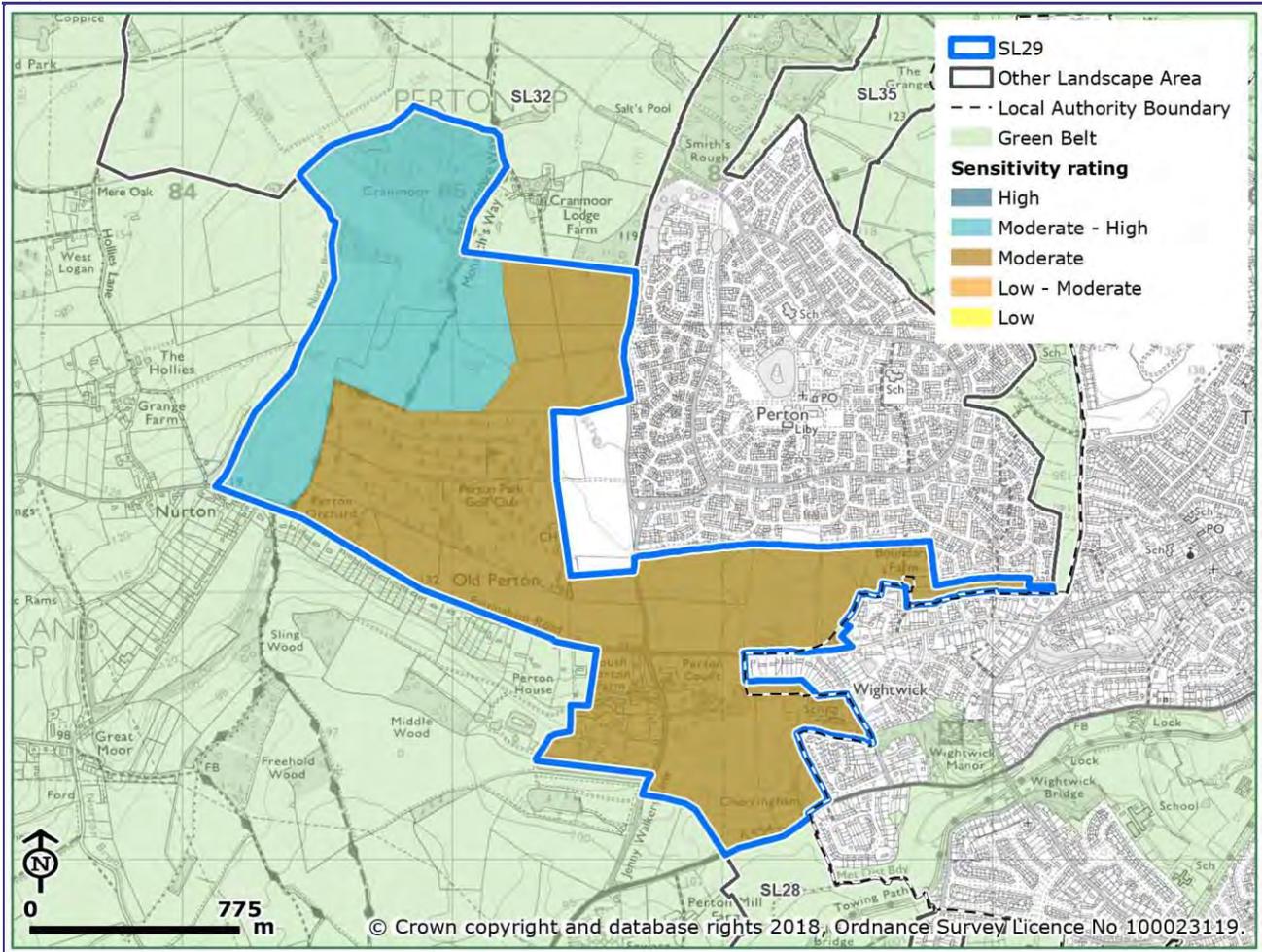
The increasingly rural and wooded landscape to the north and west of the area at Cranmoor and along the Nurton Brook, is more sensitive to residential development due to its stronger natural character and visual prominence.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 246 (Housing); Ref: 407 (Housing)

Landscape Sensitivity Rating



**Location and Landscape Character Context**

The area falls within the following Landscape Character Type: Ancient Clay Farmlands.

The area is located between Codsall/ Bilbrook to the north west, Palmers Cross/ Pendeford to the south east and Wergs to the south, with the River Penk and associated floodplain running north east to south west through the area. The boundaries are formed by the settlement edges, except the western boundary which is formed by Keepers Lane and the north/north eastern boundary formed by Pendeford Bridge and the Shropshire Union Canal.

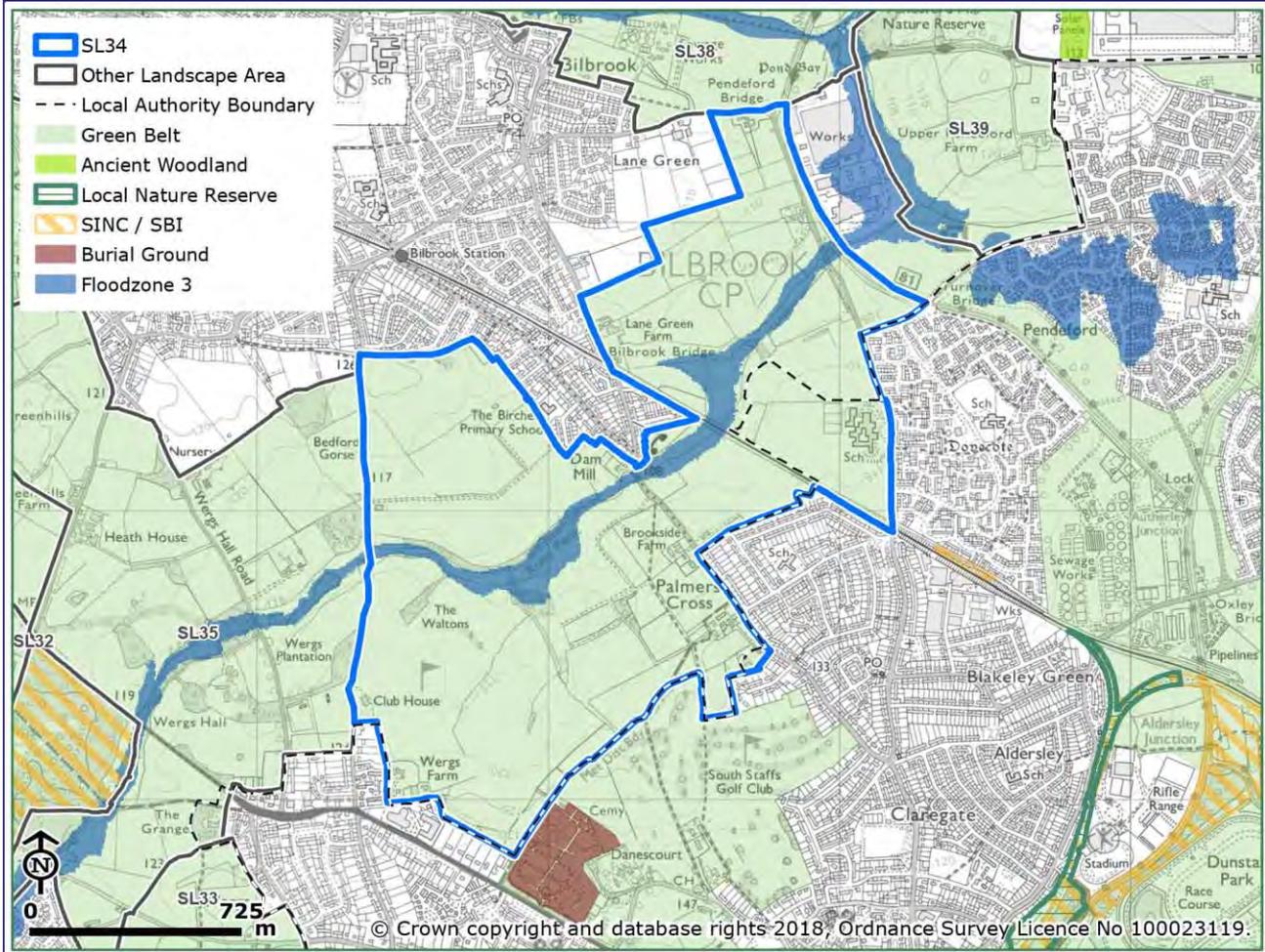
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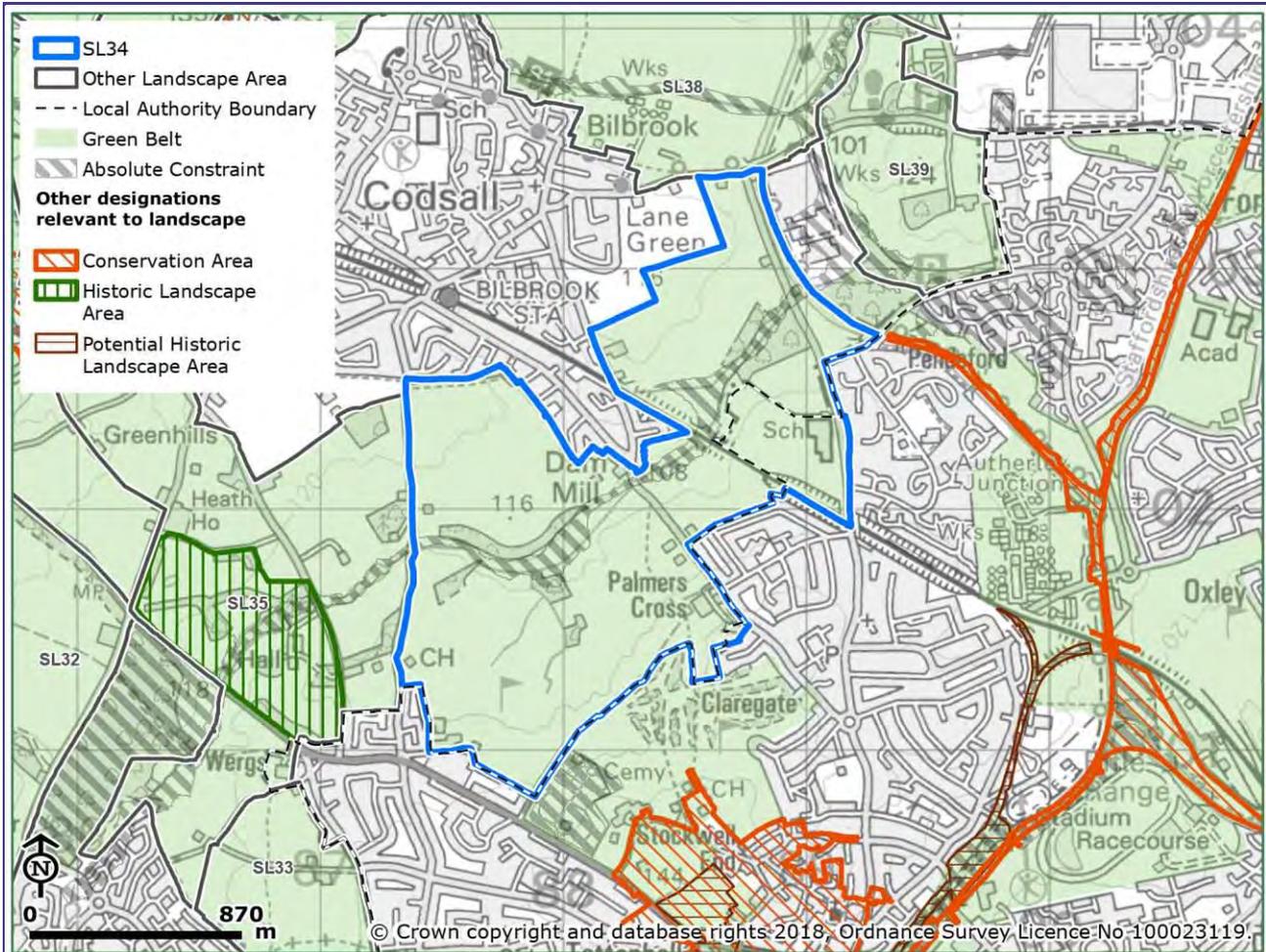
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Landscape Assessment Area with Absolute Constraints



Landscape Assessment Area with Absolute Constraints and Other Designations



## Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>		The area is dominated by large to medium scale fields, with smaller scale fields in the north. The roadside hedgerows are strong, but field boundaries have been replaced by post and wire fencing, particularly to the east of the settlement.	
<b>Landform</b>	A gently undulating landform from 105m near the River Penk and Shropshire Union Canal in the north east to 130m AOD in the south west.		
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>	Wergs Golf Club in the south west has eroded the original landscape pattern.	Outside of the golf course, there is a pattern of post-1880s reorganised piecemeal enclosure of fields, although comparison with the 1880s OS reveals many of the original hedgerows have been lost. There is a small area of ridge and furrow east of Keeper's Lane, to the north of the River Penk.	
<b>'Natural' character</b>		There is priority habitat deciduous woodland following the course of the River Penk and in the north east, west of Barnhurst Lane. Mature vegetation lines many of the roads.	
<b>Built character</b>	The London Midlands railway line cuts through centre of the area. Other development within the area consists of Aldersley High School, the Wergs golf club house and a number of farms. The area lies between the built up settlements of Codsall/ Billbrook to the north west, Palmers Cross/ Pendeford to the south east and Wergs to the south which exert urban influences.	Wergs Farm Cottage is a historic farmstead. The Shropshire Union Canal, dating from early 19th century, forms the northeastern boundary.	
<b>Recreational character</b>	Sports pitches are located along Barnhurst Lane and the Wergs Golf Club in the south.		There are two PRoWs in the south of the area west of Barnhouse Lane, and one that runs along the Codsall/ Billbrook settlement boundary. The Shropshire Union Canal towpath along the north eastern boundary is a long distance traffic-free footpath and cycle route.
<b>Perceptual aspects</b>	The golf course reduces the perception of rurality in the landscape.	This is an open rural landscape impacted by proximity to settlement. The area south of the settlement adjacent to the River Penk has a stronger rural character with mature hedgerows and hedgerow oaks.	

<b>Settlement setting</b>	The area provides some contribution as an open, and in parts rural, backdrop to surrounding settlements, although the open settlement edge of Codsall imparts a visual influence on the area.	The narrow stretch of open land between the western edge of the urban conurbation at Wolverhampton and Billbrook prevent coalescence between Codsall Road and the railway line.
<b>Visual prominence</b>	Many of the roads within and surrounding the area are visually contained by mature vegetation. The area does not form a prominent landscape or distinctive skyline.	
<b>Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points</b>	No inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or marked viewpoints on the OS 1:25k.	

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
SL34s1	249.92	Moderate

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

The landscape is considered to have moderate sensitivity to residential development due to the wide variations in ratings across the criteria.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 210 (Housing); Ref: 221 (Housing); Ref: 503 (Housing); Ref: 510 (Housing); Ref: 512 (Housing); Ref: 519 (Housing)



**Landscape Area Reference SL58**

**Area Size (ha): 157ha**

**Location and Landscape Character Context**

The area falls within the following Landscape Character Type: Settled Plateau Farmlands.  
 The area is located north of Wednesfield, which forms the southern and eastern boundaries. The settlement edge of Underhill and Westcroft forms the western boundary, and the dismantled railway line and Blackhalve Lane the northern boundary.

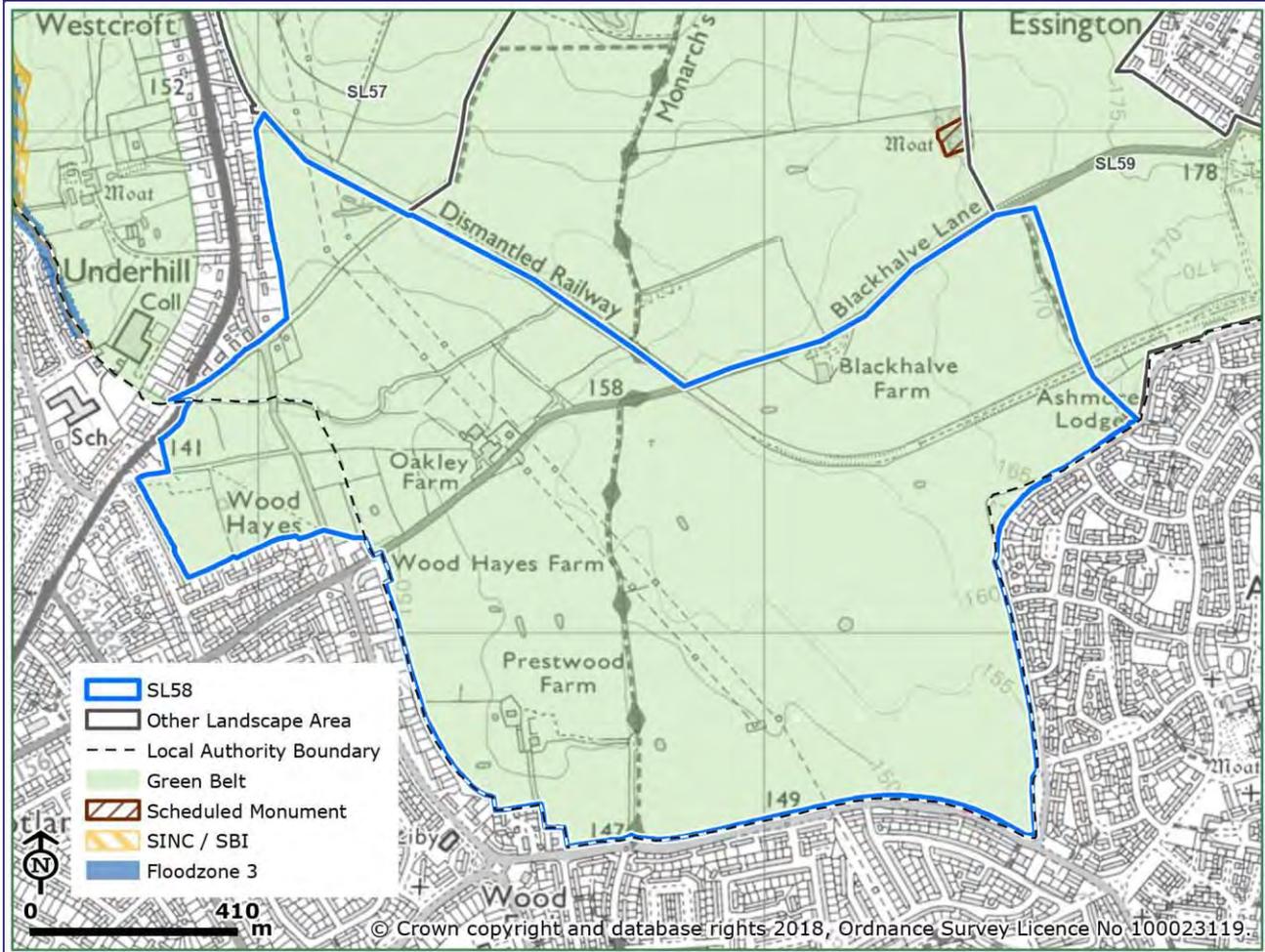
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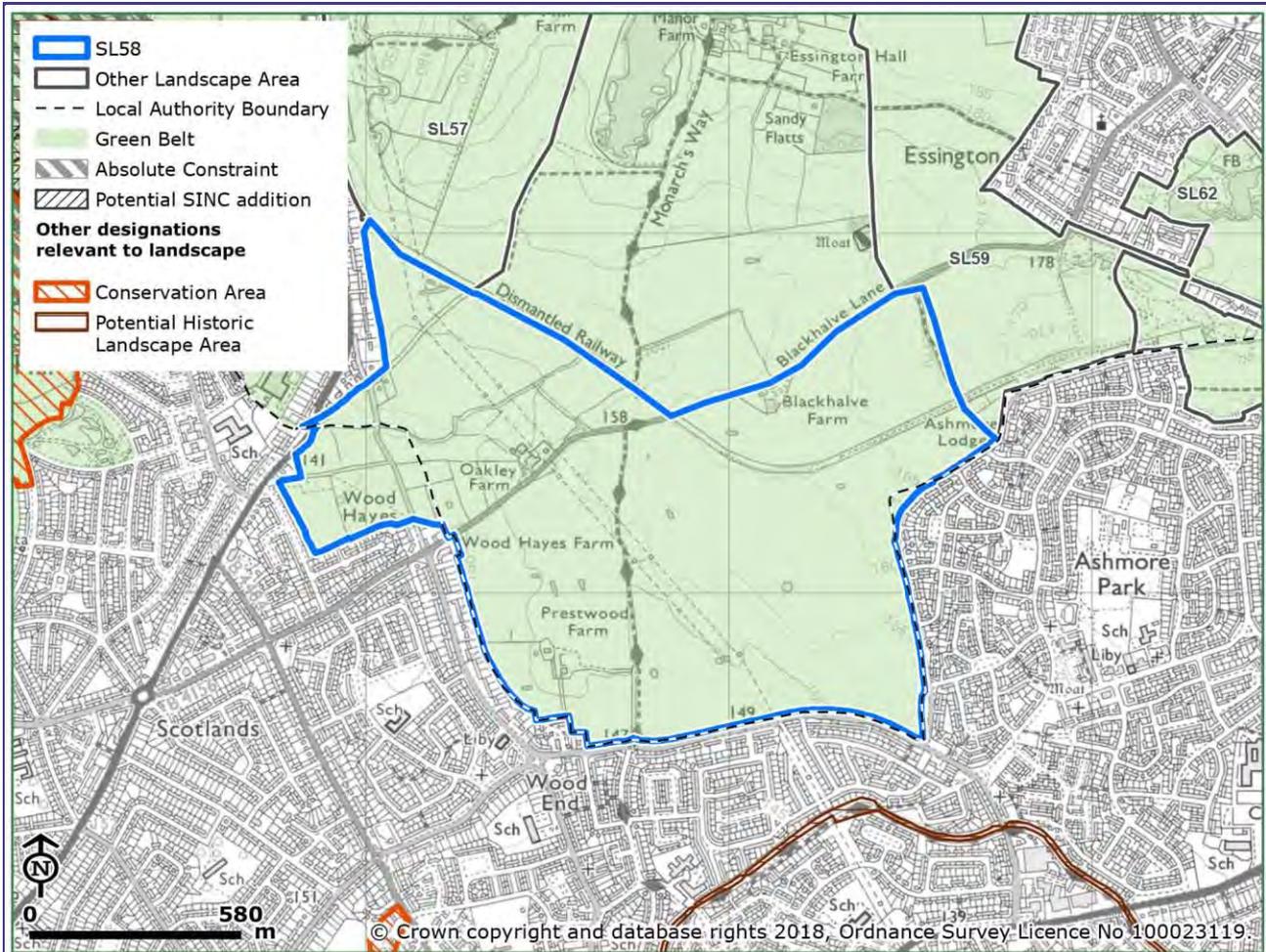
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Landscape Assessment Area with Absolute Constraints



Landscape Assessment Area with Absolute Constraints and Other Designations



## Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>	Predominantly medium to large scale fields, located in the centre and north east of the area. There are some gappy hedgerows, but most field boundaries are post and wire fencing.	Smaller scale fields in the west around Wood Hayes and Oakley Farm.	
<b>Landform</b>		A gently undulating landform falling from 170m AOD in the north east to 150m AOD in the west.	
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>	Post-war amalgamated large fields have eroded any previous time depth in the north of the area, and south of Blackhalve Lane.	There are fields of small early irregular enclosure at Oakley Farm. There is ridge and furrow to the east and west of Wood Hayes Road and remaining earthworks of a medieval moated site east of Prestwood Farm.	
<b>'Natural' character</b>	There is possible priority habitat lowland grass at the settlement edge of Wood Hayes in the far west of the area, and a limited amount of deciduous woodland along the dismantled railway on the northern boundary. There are small numbers of mature trees and hedgerows within the area.		
<b>Built character</b>	The area is surrounded on three sides by the settlement of Wednesfield. Two overhead electricity lines cross the area.	Oakley Farm, Prestwood Farm and Blackhalve Farm are all historic farmsteads, forming scattered settlement within the area.	
<b>Recreational character</b>		The promoted long distance trail Monarch's Way runs north-south through the centre of the area. There is a PRow on the eastern border linking Blackhalve Lane and Ashmore Park.	
<b>Perceptual aspects</b>	A rural area largely surrounded by settlement. Two electricity pylon lines run north west to south east through the area.	The centre and north of the area is more tranquil and has darker skies.	
<b>Settlement setting</b>		The area provides an open, rural backdrop to settlement at Ashmore Park and Wood End east and south of the area in particular. The area provides a more limited rural backdrop to Scotlands to the west of the area as the houses do not face towards this landscape area. However, open fields and some trees can be seen from this part of the settlement edge. Generally, this area provides an open space	

between these settlement areas.

**Visual prominence**

The area is relatively open in views from the immediate surroundings due to limited hedgerows and trees. However, the area does not form a visually distinctive skyline.

**Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points**

There is no inter-visibility with adjacent sensitive landscapes or promoted viewpoints on the OS 1:25k.

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
SL58s1	157.01	Low - Moderate

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

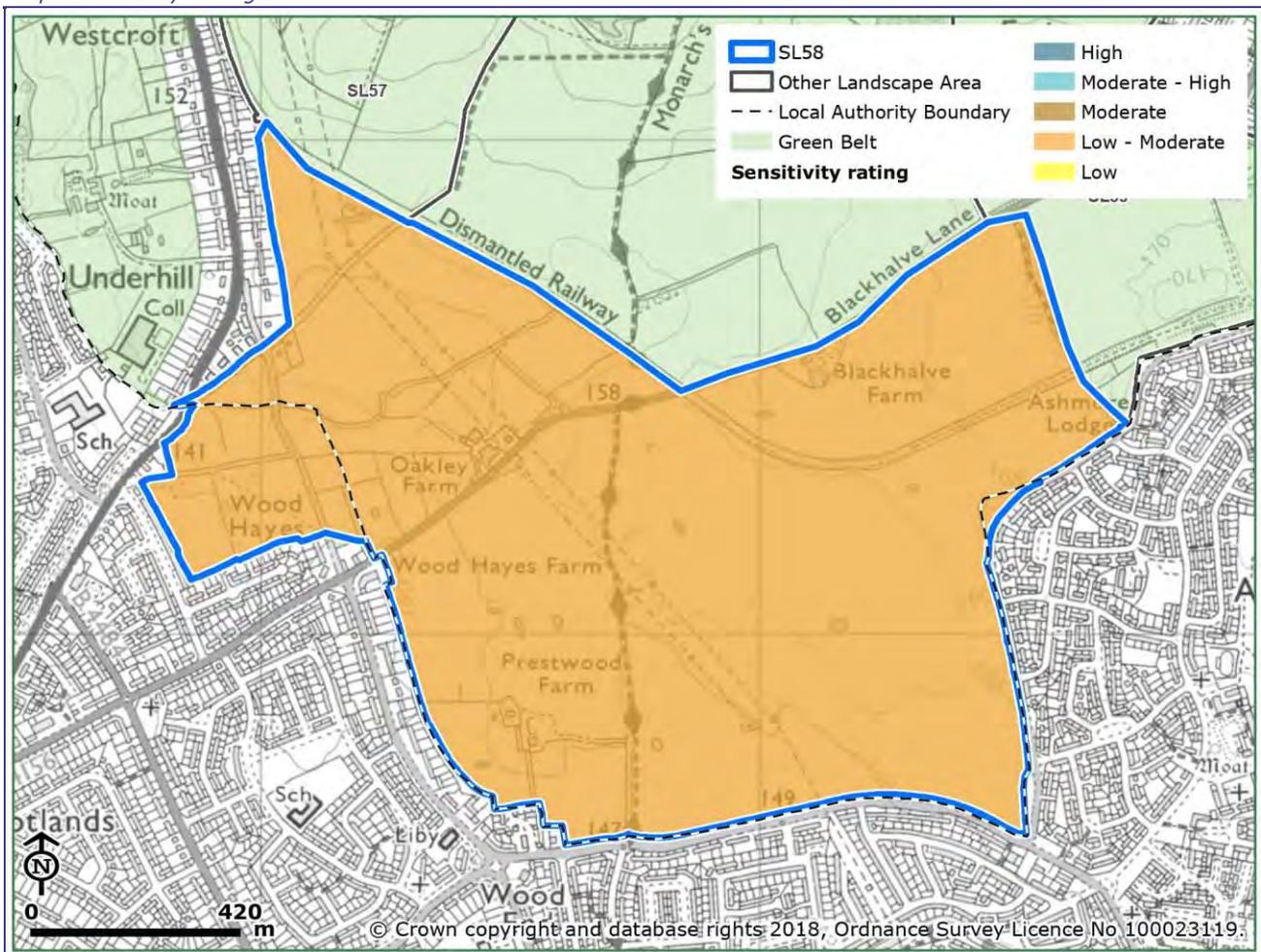
The area is considered to have an overall low-moderate sensitivity to residential development, as although there is limited time depth and natural sensitivity, the area provides an open rural backdrop to the surrounding settlement edges.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

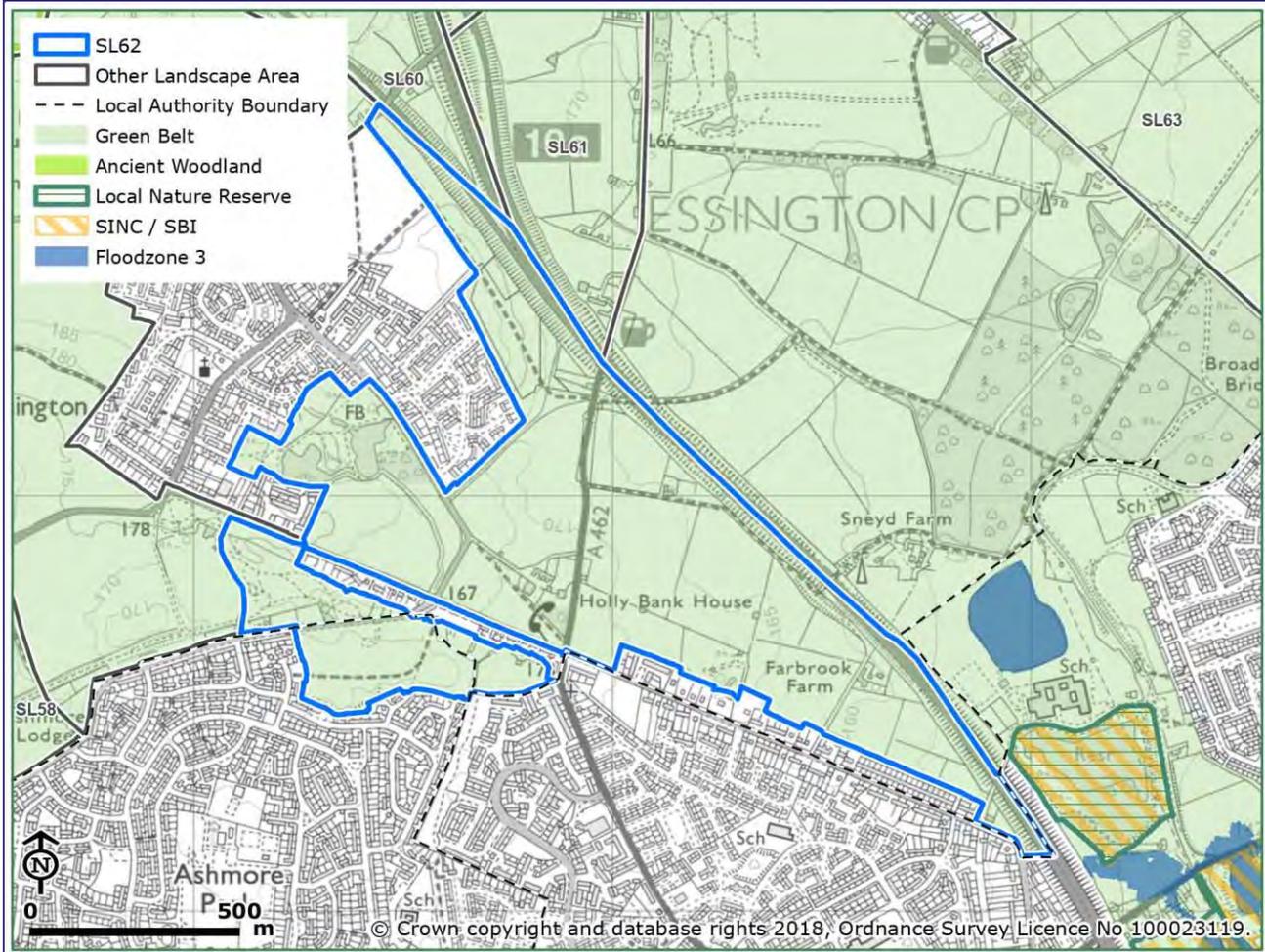
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Landscape Sensitivity Rating

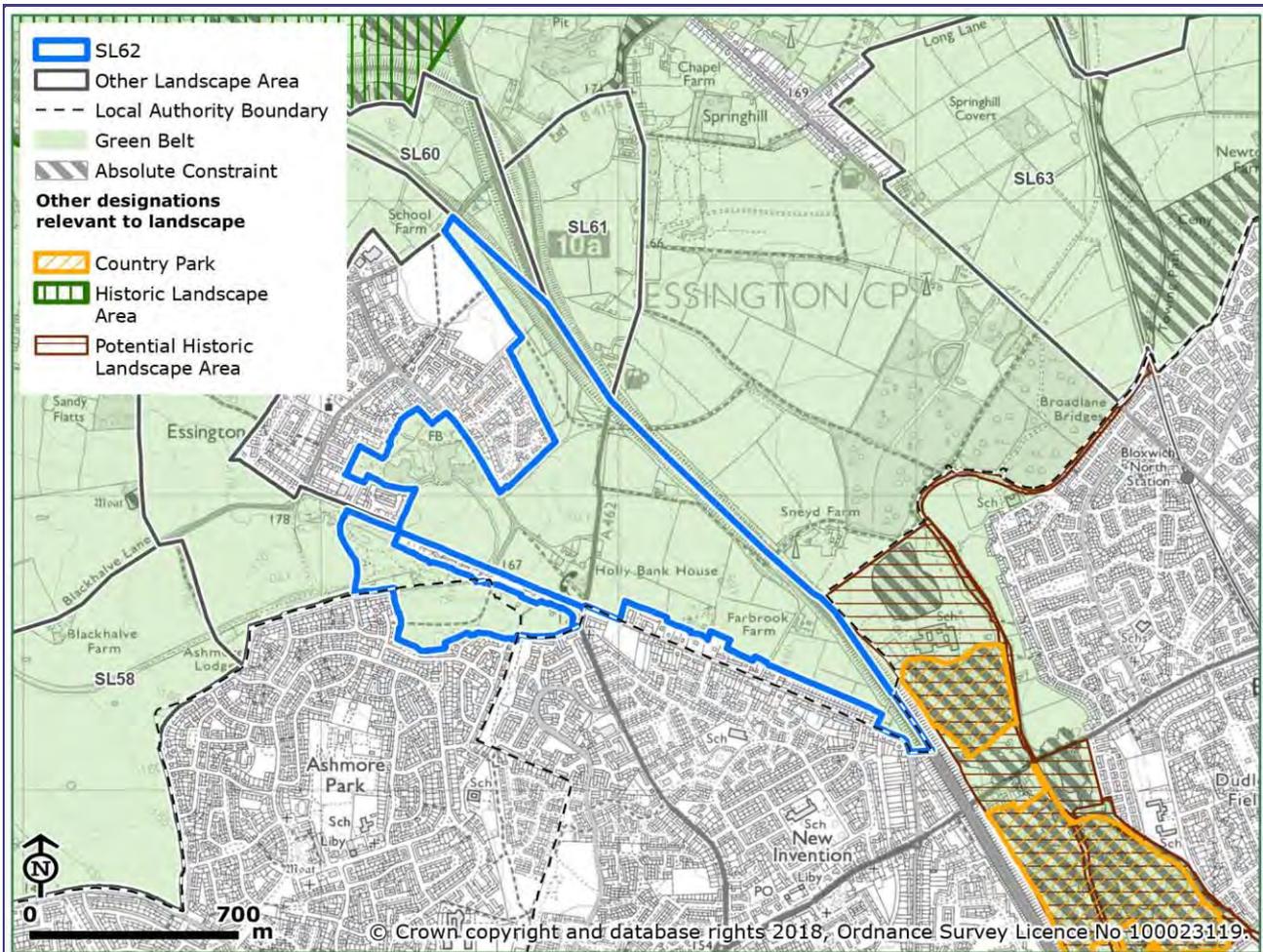




Landscape Assessment Area with Absolute Constraints



Landscape Assessment Area with Absolute Constraints and Other Designations



## Appraisal of Landscape Sensitivity

Characteristic / Attribute	Lower Sensitivity to Development	Moderate Sensitivity to Development	Higher Sensitivity to Development
<b>Scale</b>	Medium scale fields throughout the area, edged by gappy hedgerows or post and rail/ post and wire fencing which makes the area appear larger in scale.		
<b>Landform</b>	Landform is relatively flat ranging from 155m AOD to 180m AOD.		
<b>Landscape pattern and time depth</b>	The field pattern consists of mostly 18th/19th century planned enclosure with some post-1880s small replanned enclosure and post-war amalgamated fields.		
<b>'Natural' character</b>	There are small areas of priority habitat deciduous woodland throughout the area, particularly west of Brownshore Lane/ Kitchen Lane. There is a large area of priority habitat semi-improved grassland south of Kitchen Lane. Mature vegetation lines field and road boundaries.		
<b>Built character</b>	The M6 and M54 motorways run along the north and east of the area, and the A462 Bursnips Road runs north-south, dissecting the area. Settlement at Essington and Willenhall lie to the south and west respectively. Essington Cemetery has recently been laid out to the east of the A462.	There are a number of properties along Upper Sneyd Road, and two farms, which are historic farmsteads.	
<b>Recreational character</b>	There are three PRoWs throughout the area as well as two cycleways. There is a recreational area centred around Brownshore Lakes on the south eastern fringe of Essington.		
<b>Perceptual aspects</b>	The M6 motorway and proximity to Essington and Ashmore Park disturb the rural qualities of this landscape.		
<b>Settlement setting</b>	The area makes some contribution as a rural setting to Essington and provides a gap between the southern settlement of Essington and the larger urban conurbation of Wolverhampton / Willenhall to the south. However ribbon development extends from the village to the south east and joins to urban area. The surrounding roads, including the M6 to the north are well vegetated, reducing views. Much		

of the settlement edge of Essington benefits from an undeveloped, wooded backdrop, particularly around Brownshore Lakes which provides a strong boundary feature.

**Visual prominence**

Screen planting along the M6 embankment to the north and roadside vegetation screens the area from views from the wider countryside.

**Inter-visibility with adjacent designated landscapes or promoted view points**

There is no inter-visibility with adjacent sensitive landscapes or marked viewpoints.

Landscape Assessment Area	Size (ha)	Rating
SL62s1	100.59	Low - Moderate

**Landscape Sensitivity Judgement**

Overall this landscape is considered to have low-moderate sensitivity to residential development as the majority of the criteria score low and the higher sensitivity of the settlement setting, recreation and natural heritage increase the overall sensitivity.

**Anomalies to the Overall Landscape Sensitivity Rating**

**List of Promoted Sites within Scenario**

Ref: 150 (Housing); Ref: 151 (Housing); Ref: 154 (Housing); Ref: 159b (Housing); Ref: 160 (Housing); Ref: 163 (Housing); Ref: 164 (Housing); Ref: 164a (Housing); Ref: 165 (Housing); Ref: 166 (Housing); Ref: 393 (Housing); Ref: 662 (Housing)

*Landscape Sensitivity Rating*

