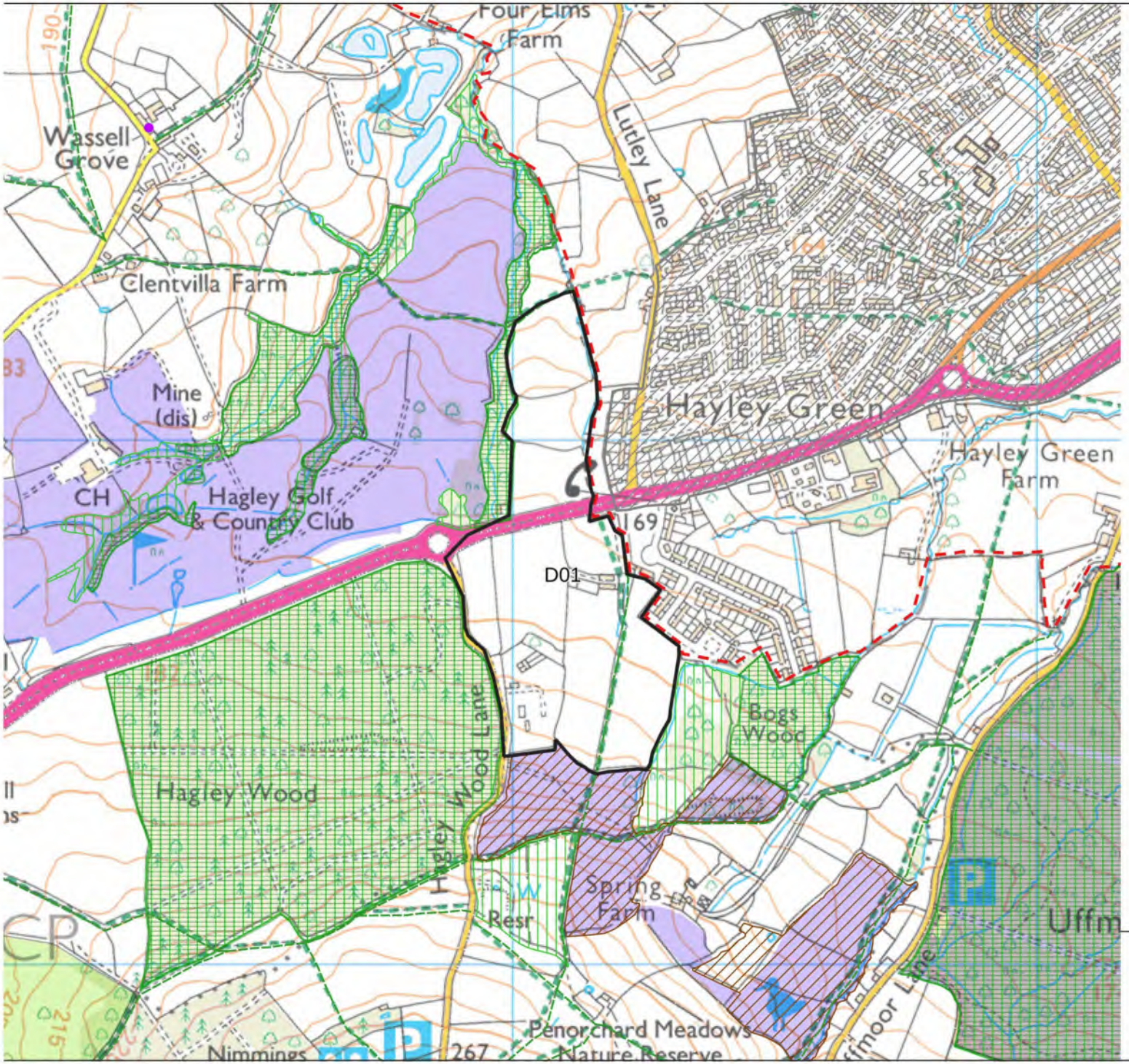

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- Land Parcels
- Settlement development limits
- Ancient Woodland
- Registered Historic Parks & Gardens
- Listed Buildings
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Local Wildlife sites
- Open Spaces
- Public rights of way

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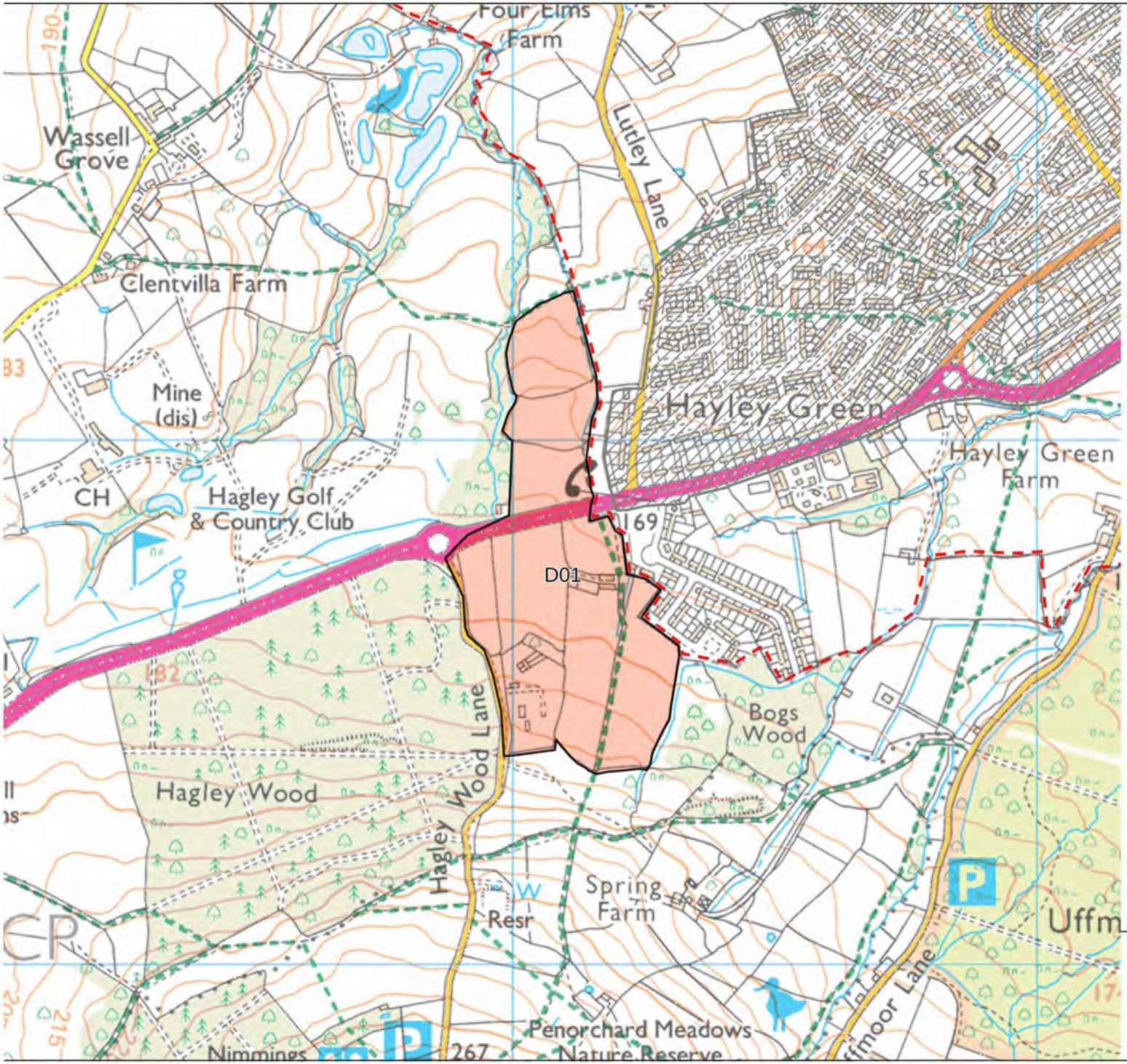

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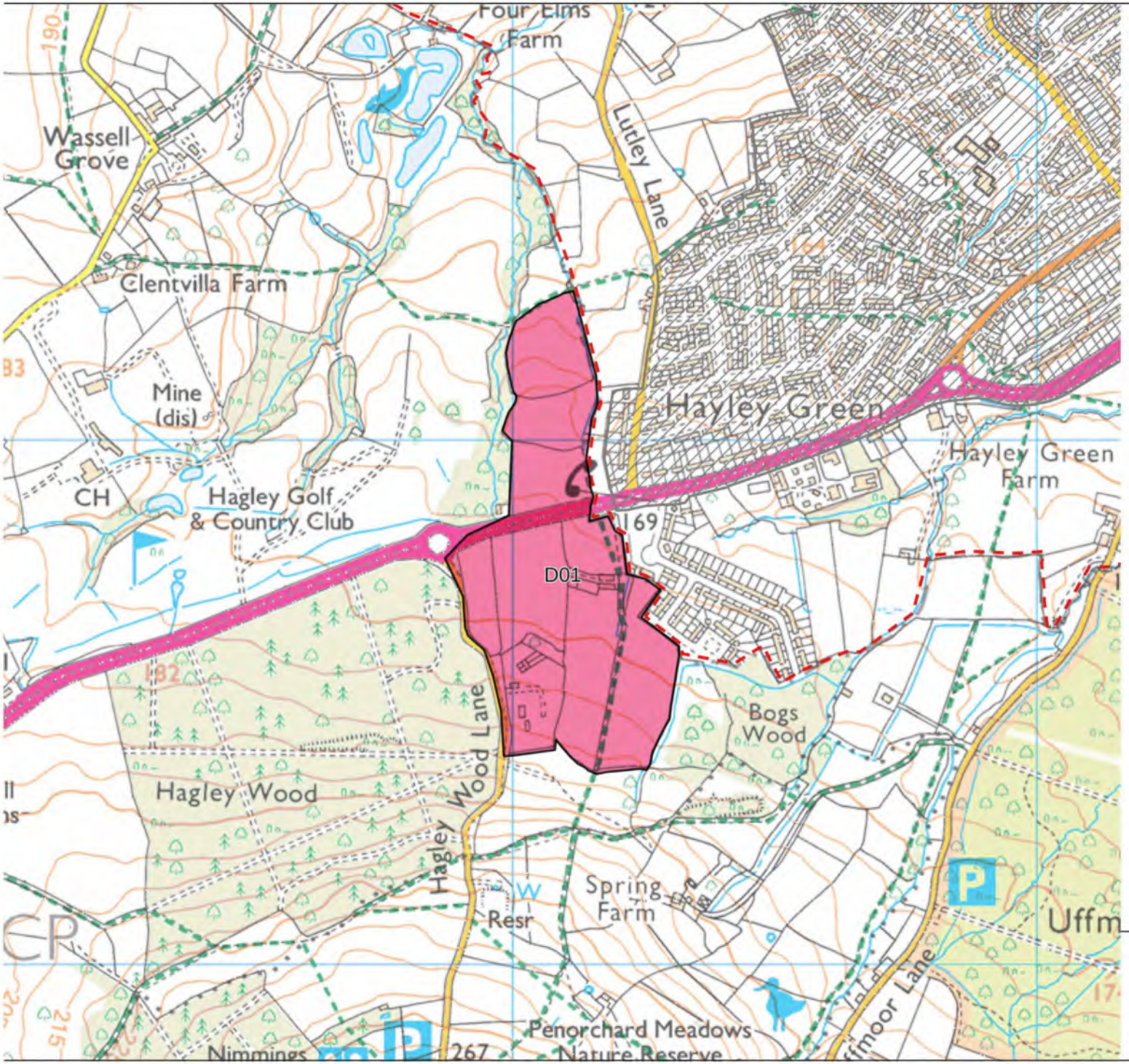

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Sensitivity to employment use

- High

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Landscape sensitivity to employment use

Land Cover Parcel No.	D01

ASSESSED SENSITIVITY EVALUATION

Sensitivity to Housing	High/medium
Sensitivity to Employment	High

Sensitivity Summary

The landscape value of the area lies in its location in the Candidate Valued Landscape Area (CPRE study) to the south and buffer zone to the north, in the assarted and piecemeal field pattern, the unimproved pastures, Penorchard and Spring Farm Pastures SSSI to the south, ancient woodlands to the west and Local Wildlife sites to the west (including Wassell Grove Dingle) and to the south /south east (Hagley Wood and Bogs Wood), the attractive views from PROWs, and tranquillity, especially to the north. The landscape susceptibility to housing lies in its role as an important rural transition area with its own qualities between the settlement edge and the ancient woodland and wider countryside to the south and west. The visual susceptibility to housing lies in views from the PROWs which link into the wider countryside to the west and the nature reserve to the south. The parcel is sensitive to housing. Employment uses would have a greater effect on the grain of the landscape with the small to medium fields and small scale landform to the north, and would be highly inappropriate between ancient woodland and the settlement edge.

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER CONTEXT

National character area	Arden
WCC landscape character type (LCT)	Timbered Plateau Farmlands
WCC land cover parcel (LCP) sensitivity	High

LANDSCAPE VALUE FACTORS

Landscape designations	H/M	In the Candidate Valued Landscape Area to the south and buffer zone to the north. Ancient woodlands adjacent to the west.
Natural heritage	H/M	Penorchard and Spring Farm Pastures SSSI to the south. Ancient woodlands to the west and Local Wildlife sites to the west (including Wassell Grove Dingle) and to the south /south east (Hagley Wood and Bogs Wood). Unimproved pastures and outgrown hedges within the area.
Cultural heritage	H/M	Assarted irregular fields to the north of A456 and piecemeal irregular enclosure to the south. Ancient woodlands to the west.
Distinctiveness	H/M	Distinctive enclosed valley character of biodiverse pastures enclosed by woodland especially to the north.
Perceptual	H/M	
Scenic factors		Attractive rural views especially across and along pastures to the north.
Tranquillity		The A456 is a busy road with noise and movement but it feels tranquil away from it to the north and to the south. Built form is only apparent to the south with the edge of the established housing estate and stables. Two PROWs cross the area.
Recreational and functional	H/M	
Recreational		Two PROWs cross the area- to the north linking the settlement to the wider countryside to the west and to the south linking the settlement to the wider countryside to the south and south-west.
Functional		Parcel contributes to edge habitats to Ancient woodlands and designated pastures with unimproved grassland and strong hedgerows.

Condition	M	Moderate to poor with outgrown hedgerows.
Associations		N/A
Summary evaluation of overall value		**H/M**

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY FACTORS

Natural factors	H/M	
Landform eg steep slopes		More complex gentle ridge/valley landform to the north between two watercourses and gently rising to the south.
Presence of water		Watercourse to the north.
Cultural factors	H/M	
Historic field/land use pattern		Assarted irregular fields to the north of A456 and piecemeal irregular enclosure to the south.
Settlement pattern		Separated from the settlement edge to the north and partly on the edge of 20c housing estate to the south.
Land use factors	H/M	
Function of area e.g. floodplain, GI corridor, biodiversity corridor or patch, productive land.		Area forms part of GI corridors for biodiversity linking into adjacent habitats.
Amenity- presence of footpaths/recreation corridors		Two PROWs cross the area- linking the settlement to the wider countryside to the west and to the south including a nature reserve.
Functional relationship between the area and the settlement/key features		As above.
Perceptual factors	M	
Scale		Medium to small.
Enclosure		Enclosed
Skyline		Local skyline viewed from the north.
Landmarks/features		N/A
Detractors		A456 and horse stabling.
Settlement edge character		No settlement edge to the north and small part of 20c housing estate to the south.
Visual relationship between the area and the settlement/key features (eg cumulative impact issues)		Limited relationship with the settlement but acting as transitional buffer with wooded landscape to the west.
Summary evaluation of landscape susceptibility		**H/M**

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY FACTORS

General factors		
Intervisibility	M/L	Very limited intervisibility.

Key views	M	Views from PROWs positive.
Key receptors		
Residents- rural/semi-rural		N/A
Residents-urban/suburban edge	H/M	Housing estate dwellings to the east overlook part of the southern area.
Promoted trails		N/A
Public rights of way	H/M	Two well used and well connected PROWs.
Access/common land		N/A
Cycleways		N/A
Roads	M	A456 and Hagley Wood Lane to the south west.
Summary evaluation of visual susceptibility		**H/M**

OPPORTUNITIES, DESIGN AND MITIGATION

Development location, layout and design recommendations where appropriate:

Opportunities and potential for landscape mitigation where appropriate: