













-  Registered Parks and Gardens
-  Ancient Woodland
-  Scheduled Ancient Monument
-  Sites of Biological Interest
-  Nature Reserve
-  Visual Open Space
-  Conservation Area
-  Environmentally Sensitive Area
-  Floodzone
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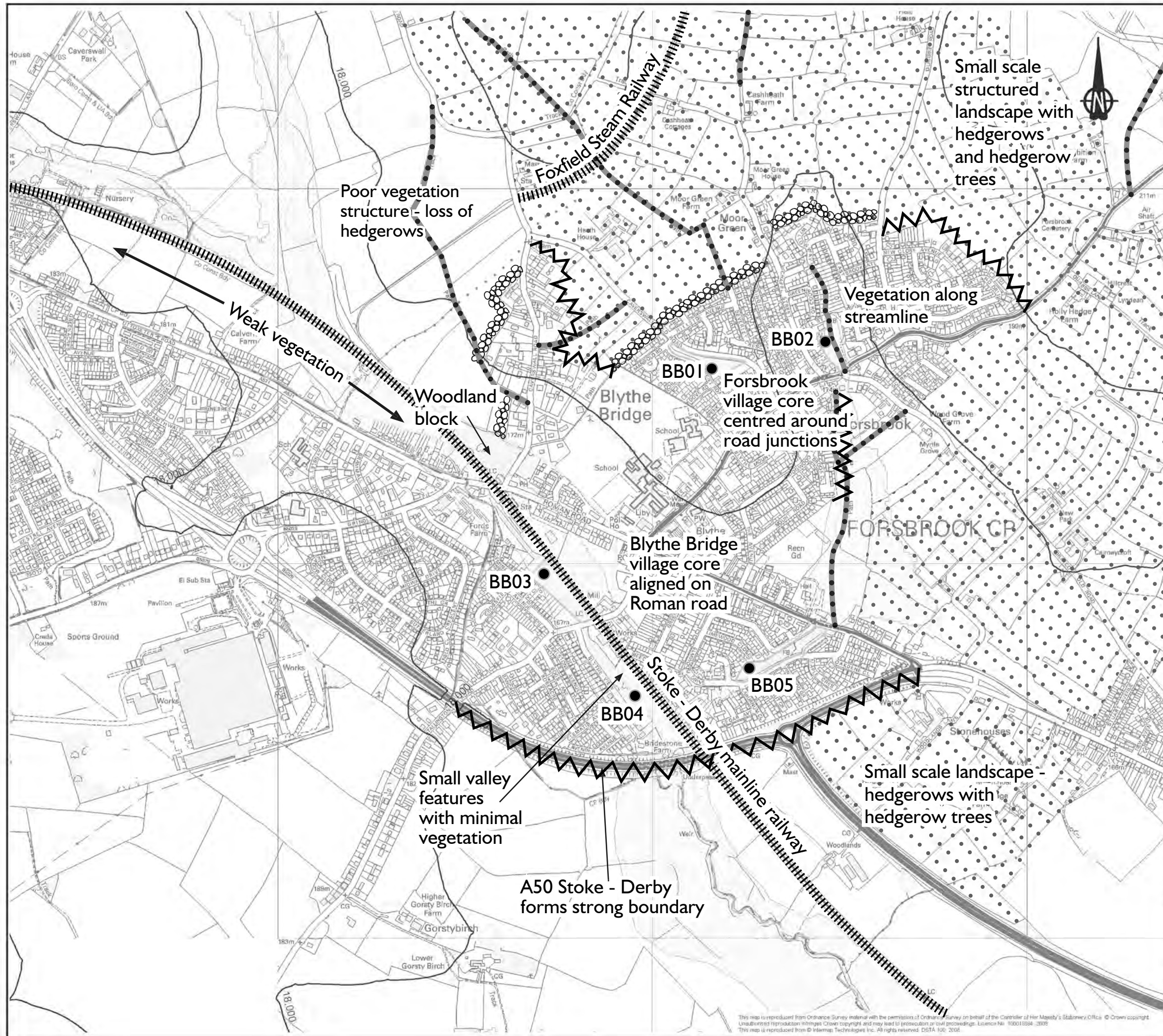
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-  Significant public footpaths
-  Staffordshire Way
-  Cycleway
-  Railway
-  Remnant historic landscape
-  Important landscape setting to settlement
-  Rocky outcrops
-  Ridgeline
-  Strong edge to settlement
-  Canal
-  Planting to strengthen edge of settlement or for mitigation
-  Significant views
-  IE02 Visual open space - suitable
-  IE00 Visual open space - not suitable

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Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook Settlement Description

- Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook are connecting large villages on the south western edge of Staffordshire Moorlands abutting the Stoke on Trent conurbation.
- The villages lie within the Settled Plateau Farmland Slopes character area.
- The villages are different in character but have merged with residential expansion.
- Blythe Bridge's original settlement lies along a Roman road (Uttoxeter Road), whilst Forsbrook village core has built up around Cheadle Road (A521) and at junctions with roads to Draycott, Caverswall and Dilhorne.
- Forsbrook original centre is generally red brick and rendered buildings.
- 20th Century residential developments have created extensive suburban areas around the original village cores.
- The landform is typical of the character area, a flat open river valley of the River Blithe, with no significant views.
- A50 Stoke-Derby link bypassed the village to the south in the late 20th Century creating a strong development boundary.
- Stoke-Derby mainline railway passes through Blythe Bridge over a level crossing, with a train station for rail passengers.
- The main approaches to the village are busy carrying traffic along A521 to Cheadle.
- The area of small scale landscape structure, characterised by hedgerows with hedgerow trees, to the north and east of Forsbrook is identified in the Staffordshire Structure Plan SPG as an area that is particularly sensitive to change.

Visual Open Spaces

BB01 / Off Caverswall Old Road:

Suitable

- Grass and trees – full public access.

BB02 / Off Main A521 Road:

Suitable

- Grass land, hedge and stream line trees with a dovecote present.

BB03 / Land Between Railway Line and Ivy Close:

Suitable

- Unmaintained grassland with ruderal weeds and vegetation along the stream line.

BB04 / Edge of Blythe View:

Suitable

- Maintained private open space with individual and specimen trees and shrubs.

BB05 / Land off Uttoxeter Road:

Suitable

- Mainly grass covered – informal recreational use by public.

Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook

GENERAL CHARACTER / LANDSCAPE	Regional (Joint) Character Area	64 Potteries & Churnet Valley
	Landscape Character Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Settled Plateau Farmland and Slopes
	Historic Landscape Classification	Described as 'Settlement', with 'Ornamental, Parkland & Recreation' in the centre and east of the settlement (school and recreation grounds). There is an area of water passing through the centre of the settlement (River Blithe) and along the eastern edge (small stream). A small area of woodland is identified in the central-west region and an area of 'Communications' just north of the settlement (railway station).
	Geology	<p>Solid Geology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sherwood Sandstone (conglomerate) area including drain covering Blythe and western area of Forsbrook. Mercia Mudstone covers Forsbrook and area W of drain. <p>Drift Geology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clay, Sand and Silt (Alluvium) approx. 100m either side of the drain .
	Minerals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook are located on the edge of the Potteries Coalfield Carboniferous coal measures Iron and coal mining
	Topography	Narrow valley slopes to the NE and to the W
	Contour Range	180-200m
SPECIFIC LANDSCAPE FEATURES	<p>Significant Vegetation</p> <p>(e.g. trees, woodland, heathland, marshes, commons, parkland)</p>	<p>Ancient/Semi-Natural Woodland: None</p> <p>Other Significant Woodland: Blythe Bridge Woods</p> <p>Other Significant Trees: None</p> <p>Registered Commons: None</p>
	<p>Historic Parkland</p> <p>(1st Edn. OS Map)</p>	None

	Water Bodies / Water Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Blithe flows from NW to SE through centre of the settlement. • Small watercourse flows through Forsbrook from the N and joins with the River Blithe in the S of the settlement.
	Floodplains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. 80m wide along the course of River Blithe. • There is also a narrow floodplain along the Brook extending north from Uttoxeter Rd through Forsbrook, which widens to around 300m E of the recreation ground.
	Major Routes (e.g. roads, railways, canals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A521 Cheadle Road • A521 Uttoxeter Rd • B5029 Grindley Lane • A50 • Stoke-Derby mainline railway • Foxfield Steam Railway
	Significant Visual Features / Landmarks / Viewpoints (e.g. hedgerows, stone walls, significant architectural features)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blythe Bridge Woods • Areas to north, north east and east of the settlement has small scale traditional field pattern with hedgerow trees
	Other Significant Landscape Features (e.g. mineral workings)	None
DESIGNATED AREAS	Green Belt / Special Landscape Area	<p>Green Belt Settlement is contained by Green Belt</p> <p>Special Landscape Area Land to the north east of Draycott Old Road and to east & north Moor Green is included in the Special Landscape Area</p>
	Designated Areas of Ecological Significance (e.g. SSSIs / SPAs / Nature Reserves / SBIs / SACs) www.magic.gov.uk/Staffordshire <i>Moorlands Local Plan</i>)	<p>SBIs: None</p> <p>SSSIs: None</p> <p>Lowland Heath: None</p> <p>BAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 including Blythe Bridge Woods

		RIGs: None Local Nature Reserves: None
	Nature Conservation Sites <i>(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small area of land in between the railway line and the River Blithe, NW Blythe Bridge
	Scheduled Ancient Monuments	None
BUILT ENVIRONMENT	Proposed/recent development <i>(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998)/ Aerial photos)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land in between A50 and Uttoxeter Road, and between the A50 and the River Blithe is proposed employment land. • Housing along Blythe View (S Blythe Bridge) is recently completed.
	Conservation Areas <i>(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998))</i>	None
	Other	

Date of Reassessment: 16/07/08

Settlement:	Blythe Bridge	
VOS number / Site:	BB01 / Off Caverswall Old Road	
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Grass and trees – full public access.	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Banked landform is part of its character. It is a wide verge and a well-maintained adopted open space.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	Contributes to the adjacent residential area as public open space with recreational potential.
External Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✓	Views in from surrounding roads and some properties.
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✓	Views along the open space.
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Provides relief in this otherwise built up area.
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	✗	Limited. Differential mowing, so some longer grassed areas.
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	
Recommendation:	Suitable as VOS The linear open space provides a buffer to the residential development.	



View from Caverswall Old Road looking east

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BB02

Date of Reassessment: 16/07/08

Settlement:	Blythe Bridge	
VOS number / Site:	BB02 / Off Main A521 Road	
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Grassland, hedge and stream line trees with a dovecote present.	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Pleasant green area in centre of village between 2 public houses.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✗	Follows the line of a stream. Appears to be in private ownership.
External Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✓	From houses and short section off A521 but part of the open space is visible.
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✗	From public footpath and over the stream to the adjacent area of grassland used for recreational purposes.
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Provides relief to the built up area in the centre of the village.
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	✗	Vegetation along streamline includes willows, ash and long grassland.
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	
Recommendation:	Suitable as VOS The site has a distinct character, providing a break between development in this part of the settlement.	



View to north from pub car park adjacent to site on Cheadle Road



View to north from southern most edge of the site on Cheadle Road

Date of Reassessment: 16/07/08

Settlement:	Blythe Bridge	
VOS number / Site:	BB03 / Land Between Railway Line and Ivy Close	
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Unmaintained grassland with ruderal weeds and vegetation along the stream line.	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Overgrown / wild, contrast to new estate development adjacent.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✗	Is privately owned land.
External Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✓	Views from Stallington Road.
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✗	Paths run through VOS with internal views.
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Break between development residential development at Ivy Close and the railway line to the east.
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	✓	Overgrown nature of site likely to have habitats. Unimproved wetland.
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	
Recommendation:	Suitable as VOS The site is an important development buffer between the residential area to the west and the railway line east. It is also likely to be of ecological significance.	



View to north from Stallington Road

Date of Reassessment: 16/07/08

Settlement:	Blythe Bridge	
VOS number / Site:	BB04 / Edge of Blythe View	
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Maintained private open space with individual and specimen trees and shrubs.	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Well maintained river valley with semi-decorative planting.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	Private properties fronting Blythe Views and from Stallington Road. Extension of opposite side of Stallington Road.
External Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✓	From the road road and footpath alongside Cul-de-sac.
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✗	Private Space.
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Important space between Blythe View and development to west and the railway.
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	✓	Native species along margins of River Blythe.
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	
Recommendation:	Suitable as VOS The site provides a significant linear development buffer alongside the residential development at Blythe View and complements the existing VOS at Ivy Close further north along the river.	



View of site looking east



View of southern edge of site from Blythe View



View to east from southern end of site



View to north from Blythe View adjacent to site



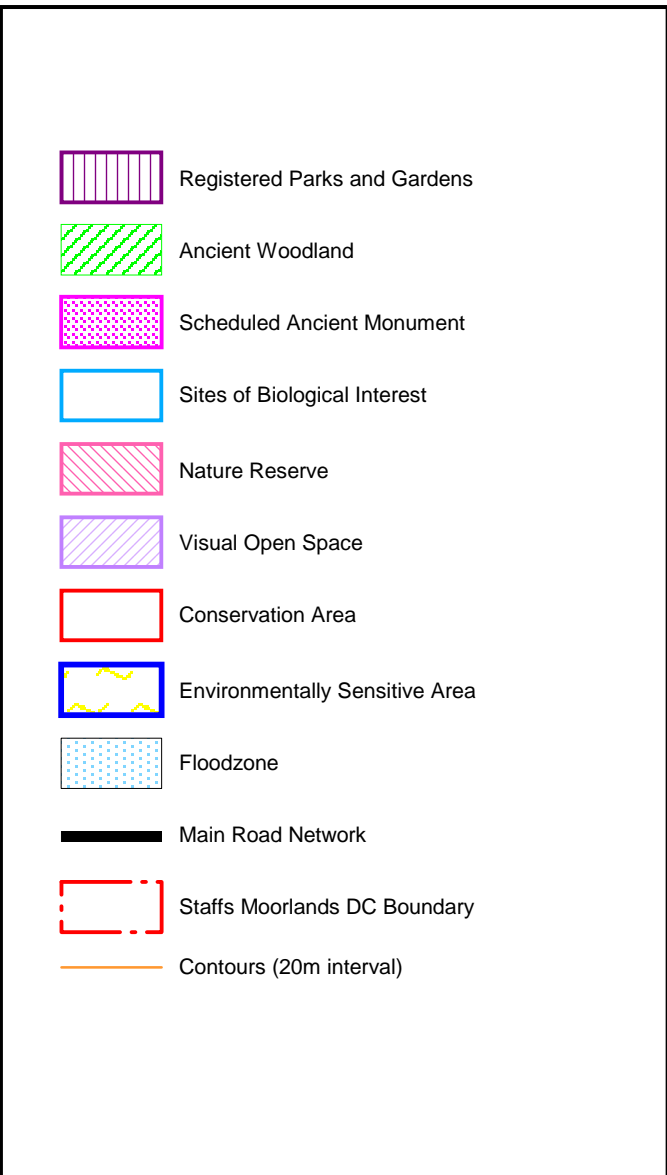
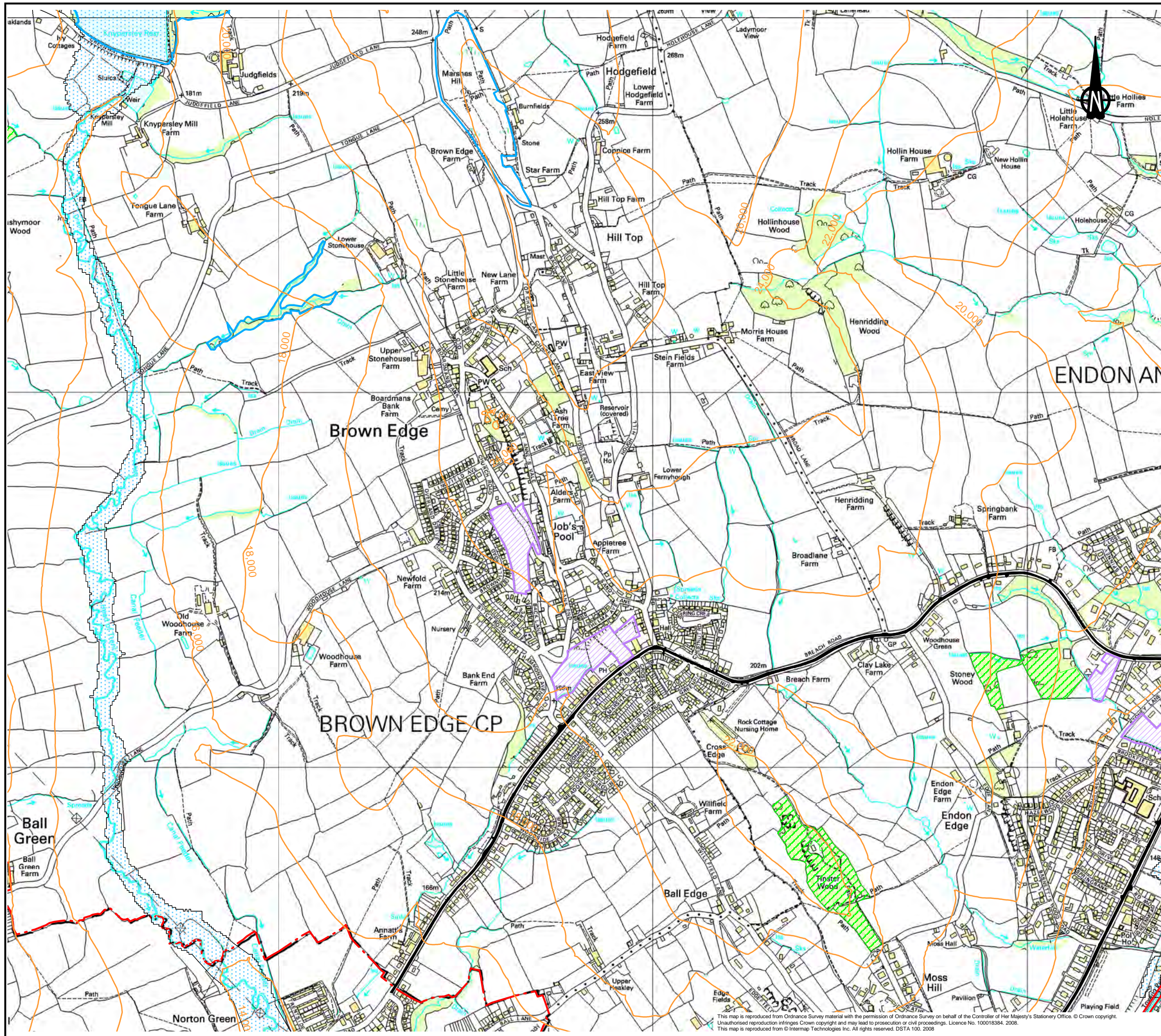
View from within the site looking to Blythe View south

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Settlement:	Blythe Bridge	
VOS number / Site:	BB05 / Land off Uttoxeter Road	
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Mainly grass covered – informal recreational use by public.	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Public open space following streamline. Grass with occasional streamline trees: alder and ash.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	Well used by public. Bland character, value could be improved. Requires additional planting.
External Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✗	From adjoining roads and houses overlooking it.
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✗	Footpath within space and generally open area.
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Provides a significant green “buffer” within this housing estate.
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	✗	Minimal. Could be improved.
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	
Recommendation:	Suitable as VOS Although the site does not significantly contribute to the character of the local area it is well used by the local residents as an informal recreational open space. It is therefore a suitable VOS.	



View to west from Elmwood Drive adjacent to site



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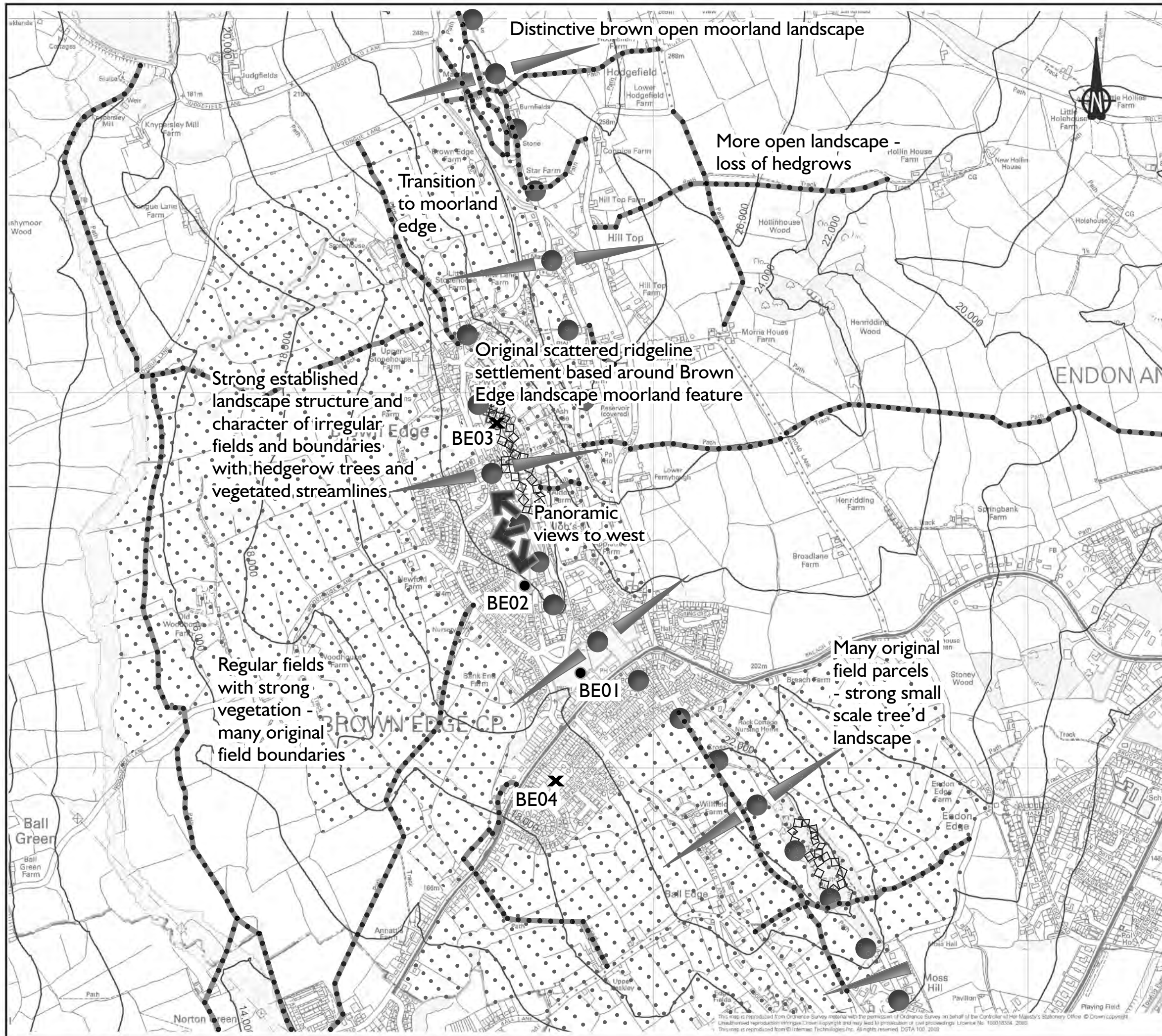
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Brown Edge Settlement Description

- Brown Edge lies along a ridge that extends south from Biddulph Moor. Gritstone uplands lie to the north east of the village and the remainder of the surrounding area lies within the ancient slope and valley farmlands character type.
- The northern section of the village is a scattered ridgeline settlement based around landscape moorland features. It is very hilly, with many open spaces and wide skylines.
- The southern core of the village is a more consolidated settlement.
- There are panoramic views to the west.
- The landscape setting relates to areas of a strong established landscape structure, generally characterised by irregular fields bounded by hedgerows, with hedgerow trees and vegetated streamlines. Transitional landscape along the eastern edge has a more upland character.
- Visual Open Space BE01 is an important space in the central and largely open part of the village. It acts as a visual link between the 2 different types of open space in the village and the residential development along Sytch Road.
- Visual Open Space BE02 is a sloping field that acts as a “buffer” between different types of residential development. There are good quality views east to west.
- Rocky outcrops are important landscape features along the ridgeline. Visual Open Space BE03 lies around one of these outcrop features.

Visual Open Spaces

BE01 / Land at Stych Road

Suitable

- Grassed with trees on eastern edge and a stone wall at south fronting High Road. Land slopes from Bank End in north west towards rear boundaries of houses fronting High Lane to south east. To the north east there is a public recreation area and playing field. Includes car park- suggestion to exclude and extend the space to include 2 triangular areas of common land adjoining open area to north west.

BE02 / Land to the East of Brownhill Road

Suitable

- Appearance of a grassed field with young trees planted in the centre and mature trees and a hedgerow along the eastern boundary. The land has perimeter fencing and consequently no public access. Land at high level on eastern side, gently slopes to west, having a significant countryside character.

BE03 / Land South of St Anne's Church

Suitable

- Wooded outcrop on a high level (historically known as High Tor).

BE04 / Land Between High Lane and Meadow Road

Not suitable

- Small maintained and long grassland plot which appears to be in private ownership as a storage area for caravans. Access from Meadow Road by a track that cuts through the site.

DOES NOT SATISFY CRITERIA FOR VISUAL OPEN SPACE

Brown Edge

GENERAL CHARACTER / LANDSCAPE	Regional (Joint) Character Area	64 Potteries & Churnet Valley
	Landscape Character Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Slope & Valley Farmlands • Gritstone Uplands
	Historic Landscape Classification	Brown Edge is primarily described as 'settlement' with 3 small areas of 'ornamental, parkland and recreation' within it (See Visual Open Spaces). A large expanse of water is located to the NW (Knypersley Reservoir), surrounded by woodland. Several smaller patches of woodland also exist to the NE of the settlement. An area directly to the north of Brown Edge is defined as 'unimproved land' (Marshes Hill).
	Geology	<p>Drift Geology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The central western and southern section of the settlement are underlain by till (DMTN). • The area to the far west and far south of Brown Edge (along High Lane around Annatt's Farm, towards Norton Green) is underlain by Clay, Silt & Sand. <p>Solid Geology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The far western and south-western part of the settlement (along Woodhouse Lane and High Lane) are underlain by Coal Measure Group (argillaceous rocks, undifferentiated) • The rest of the settlement is underlain by Millstone Grit Group (argillaceous rock)
	Minerals	No mineral extraction exists in this area at present.
	Topography	<p>Settlement situated within area of ancient slope and valley farmlands.</p> <p>Settlement slopes downwards towards the west and south, along St. Anne's Vale. To the east of St. Anne's Vale the topography slopes fairly steeply upwards towards Chapel Lane and Fiddlers Bank.</p>
	Contour Range	170m (far SW of Brown Edge, along High Lane) - 270m (along Back Lane, NE Brown Edge)

SPECIFIC LANDSCAPE FEATURES	<p>Significant Vegetation</p> <p>(e.g. trees, woodland, heathland, marshes, commons, parkland)</p>	<p>Ancient Woodland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dallows Wood (SJ892547, 3 ha) • Greenway Wood (SJ889554, 11 ha) • Dalehouse Wood (SJ916557, 4 ha), located approx. 1.75 km NE of Brown Edge • Tinster Wood, approx. 300m SE of Brown Edge • Woodland north of Hollin Wood, located NE of Knypersley Reservoir, approx. 1.4km NW of Brown Edge <p>Other Significant Woodland/Tree Belts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollin Wood, located E of Knypersley, approx. 1km NNW of Brown Edge • Hollinhouse Wood and Henridding Wood, located approx. 550m NE of Brown Edge • Strip of woodland located along Holehouse Lane, just NE of Hollin House Farm, approx. 1.3km NE of Brown Edge • Trees lining stream flowing past Lower Stonehouse, just west of Brown Edge • Stoney Wood, located just S of B5051, approx. 650m E of Brown Edge • Several small tree belts, located just S of Bank End Farm (SW Brown Edge); SE of Henridding Farm (900m E of Brown Edge); just off Selworthy Rd. (SW of Brown Edge); and between Willfield Lane and Edgefield Lane (approx. 600m SSE of Brown Edge) <p>Lowland Heath:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshes Hill, located approx. 300m N of Brown Edge (SJ905548, 6.60 ha) <p>Registered Common:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshes Hill, located approx. 300m N of Brown Edge (SJ905548, 6.60 ha)
	<p>Historic Parkland</p> <p>(1st Edn. OS Map)</p>	<p>None</p>
	<p>Water Bodies / Water Courses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knypersley Reservoir – approx. 1km NW of Brown Edge. • Several small streams flow from the north west and east of the settlement, including the Head of Trent which flows southwards from Knypersley Reservoir, approximately 800m to the west of Brown Edge. • Caldon Canal flows between Leek and Stoke-on-Trent and runs to the SE of Brown Edge.

	<p>Floodplains</p>	<p>A narrow floodzone exists around Knypersley Reservoir, and also along the Heath of Trent which flows southwards from the reservoir. This floodzone is approximately 50-75m wide, widening slightly as the stream passes through Norton Green.</p>
	<p>Major Routes (e.g. roads, railways, canals)</p>	<p>The B5051 passes E to W through Brown Edge, continuing east to join the A53 to Leek, and continuing west to Stoke-on-Trent.</p> <p>The A53 also passes approx. 1.3 km SE of Brown Edge and Ball Edge, linking Stoke-on-Trent and Leek.</p> <p>A disused railway line passes SE of Brown Edge, joining Stoke-on-Trent and Leek.</p>
	<p>Significant Visual Features / Landmarks / Viewpoints (e.g. hedgerows, stone walls, significant architectural features)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshes Hill – 300m N. of Brown Edge • Knypersley Reservoir – 1km NW of Brown Edge • Hollin Wood – 1km NNW of Brown Edge • Hollinhouse Wood – 550m NE of Brown Edge
	<p>Other Significant Landscape Features (e.g. mineral workings)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rocky outcrops along ridgeline • Moorland features
<p style="text-align: center;">DESIGNATED AREAS</p>	<p>Green Belt / Special Landscape Area</p>	<p>Green Belt: The land surrounding Brown Edge is designated Green Belt.</p> <p>Special Landscape Area: The area surrounding Brown Edge to the northern side of High Lane and Breach Road is a designated Special Landscape Area</p>
	<p>Designated Areas of Ecological Significance (e.g. SSSIs / SPAs / Nature Reserves / SBIs / SACs) (www.magic.gov.uk/Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan)</p>	<p>Ancient Woodland: See 'Significant Vegetation' section above.</p> <p>SBIs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshes Hill, approx. 200m N of Brown Edge • Stonehouse Drumble, stream 300m W of Upper Stonehouse Farm, NW Brown Edge • Greenway Bank (incorporating Knypersley Reservoir), 1km NW of Brown Edge <p>National Nature Reserves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshes Hill Common, 300m N of Brown Edge <p>There are no RIGs, SSSIs, SPAs, SACs or BASs within or surrounding Brown Edge.</p>

	Nature Conservation Sites <i>(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollinhouse Wood & Henridding Wood, located approx. 550m NE of Brown Edge • Marshes Hill, approx. 300m N of Brown Edge • Small area just north of Lower Stonehouse, approx. 400m NW of Brown Edge
	Scheduled Ancient Monuments	None
BUILT ENVIRONMENT	Proposed/recent development <i>(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998)/ Aerial photos)</i>	None
	Conservation Areas <i>(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998))</i>	None
	Other	<p>The settlement currently consists of a number of compact farms and isolated dwellings to the north and east (along St. Anne's Vale, Fiddlers Bank, Chapel Lane and Hough Hill).</p> <p>Residential development becomes increasingly dense towards the SE and far S of the settlement, with a number of cul-de-sacs located off Sytch Road, Leek Road and High Lane.</p> <p>The settlement has increased greatly in size since the 1880s (1st Edn. OS) when it consisted of only a number of individual farms and a couple of hamlets, with no overall centre.</p>

Date of Reassessment: 17/07/08

Settlement:	Brown Edge	
VOS number / Site:	BE01 / Land at Stych Road	
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Grassed with trees on eastern edge and a stone wall at south fronting High Road. Land slopes from Bank End in north west towards rear boundaries of houses fronting High Lane to south east. To the north east there is a public recreation area and playing field. Includes car park- suggestion to exclude and extend the space to include 2 triangular areas of common land adjoining open area to north west.	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Important role in central and largely open area of village. Acts as a visual link between the 2 different types of open space in the village and the residential development along Stych Road. Open grassland, partly banked including recreation ground, some hedgerow and shrubby vegetation mainly along banks.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	Visual, fully accessible to public, recreational use.
External Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✓	From High Road and also from Breach Road to Thelma Avenue and surrounding properties. Between gaps in houses on north west side of High Lane – in particular across recreation ground and car park to Holly Bush pub.
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✓	From High Road entrance, Thelma Avenue Entrance and east and west.
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Surrounded by residential development. Provides openness to this central part of the village.
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	✓	Rough low scrubland to east of Stych Road
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✓	Area suggested as extension is identified in OS 1 ST Edition as rough grassland with path/ track through. Important public open space.
Recommendation:	Suitable as VOS Extend existing VOS and to include area on Bank End and Back Lane. The site significantly adds to the character of the village, occupying a large area and providing local amenity value. It is highly visible and could be extended to include an overgrown area and mown grassland to the western boundary. The carpark to the eastern side of original site should be taken out of the VOS.	



View to NW from eastern corner of site on Leek Road



View to west from Leek Road adjacent to recreation area

Date of Reassessment: 17/07/08

Settlement:	Brown Edge	
VOS number / Site:	BE02 / Land to the East of Brownhill Road	
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Appearance of a grassed field with young trees planted in the centre and mature trees and a hedgerow along the eastern boundary. The land has perimeter fencing and consequently no public access. Land at high level on eastern side, gently slopes to west, having a significant countryside character.	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	A sloping field as a "buffer" between different types of residential development, quality views east to west.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	Yes, although no public access on to land. Track crosses through it.
External Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✓	Yes – view from the track across whole site. Views into site from adjacent properties and wider views.
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✓	Significant long distance views from the track looking west.
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Significant – a transition area which separates modern estate housing to the west and the older more scattered traditional properties to the east which have a more upland setting.
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	✓	Limited with some mature trees and hedgerow.
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	Field boundaries occur on OS 1 st Edition
Recommendation:	Suitable as VOS The site acts as an important break between development, containing significant external views and linked to an area with a more rural character to the east. The steeply sloping field to the east of the track should be retained as part of the VOS.	



View looking west from the track adjacent to site



View looking to south west from the track adjacent to site



View looking to the north west from track adjacent to site

Date of Reassessment: 17/07/08

Settlement:	Brown Edge	
VOS number / Site:	BE03 / Land South of St Anne's Church	
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Wooded outcrop on a high level (historically known as High Tor).	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Rocky outcrop close to western boundary of Brown Edge with mature trees and shrubs.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	Visual amenity – an important landscape feature: rocky outcrop. Not accessible to the public.
External Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✓	Glimpsed views of outcrop in background of houses and church mainly covered by trees.
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✗	The steep rocky slopes and treecover limits views within the site.
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Yes. Very rocky outcrops not readily developable.
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	✓	Yes. Wooded hilltop.
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✓	Known as High Tor. Marked on OS 1 ST Edition.
Recommendation:	Suitable as VOS The site is an important linear break between development due to its topography and land cover. It is also historically significant.	



View of VOS to the east behind the properties on Old Lane

Date of Reassessment: 01/08/08

Settlement:	Brown Edge	
VOS number / Site:	BE04 / Land Between High Lane and Meadow Road	
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Small, part maintained, undeveloped grass plot which appears to be in private ownership. Partly used as a storage area for caravans. Access from Meadow Road by a track that cuts through the site.	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	X	No significant contribution. The site exists as a patch of residual land from the residential development.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	X	Only overlooked by nearby residents.
External Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	X	There are no significant views with the site enclosed by housing – barely visible.
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	X	Not significant.
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	X	Not significant.
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	X	
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	X	
Recommendation:	Not suitable as VOS Site appears to be in private ownership, partly used as a storage area for caravans. It does not provide a significant visual break between development	



View to NW to the main site entrance from path between number 24 and 26 Meadow Road



View from entrance to the site between rear of number 24 and 26 Meadow Road



View to southern edge of site