

## **Caverswall and Cookshill Settlement Description**

### **Caverswall**

- Caverswall is a compact, small village largely contained by a conservation area
- Caverswall lies within the Dissected Sandstone Cloughs and Valleys character area along the edge of the Settled Plateau Farmland Slopes
- The Hollow and Roughcote Lane are typical sunken, shaded roads within the character area
- Surrounding landscape is strongly undulating with high hedges and mature hedgerow trees that are noticeable along the approaches.
- The townscape is mainly red brick and rendered buildings set on narrow winding lanes
- High Street has an informal street pattern with gable ends directly onto the street and some buildings set back from the road against the hillside.
- The enclosed village square retains the original tree shaded stocks on a raised island. Four roads leave each corner of the square in a staggered arrangement resulting in no through views.
- Along The Dams a playing field and community garden lies to the north of the road, whilst a high brick garden wall lies to the south.
- Caverswall Castle lies within a densely wooded area with partial views during winter from School Lane.
- Partial views of Caverswall can be seen from Hardiwick.
- Caverswall has retained the rural village setting despite its close proximity to Stoke-on-Trent conurbation. Substantial change would alter the character and nature of this village.
- Small scale well defined landscape provides a strong setting to the eastern edge of both settlements.

### **Cookshill**

- Cookshill lies mainly within the Settled Plateau Farmland Slopes character area.
- The village is less vegetated than Caverswall and follows the line of the River Blithe above the floodplain.
- Cookshill has a more suburban feel with more modern development set along School Lane and The Green on the approaches to Stoke-on-Trent conurbation.
- An open area including and playing fields separates Cookshill from Caverswall. It is important to the landscape setting of both settlements.
- Views extend from the cul-de-sacs off Valley Road in Weston Coyney east towards Cookshill across the valley.
- Planting along the conurbation edge would mitigate against the influence of the urban fringe.
- Small scale well defined landscape provides a strong setting to the eastern edge of both settlements.

## **Visual Open Spaces**

- **None**

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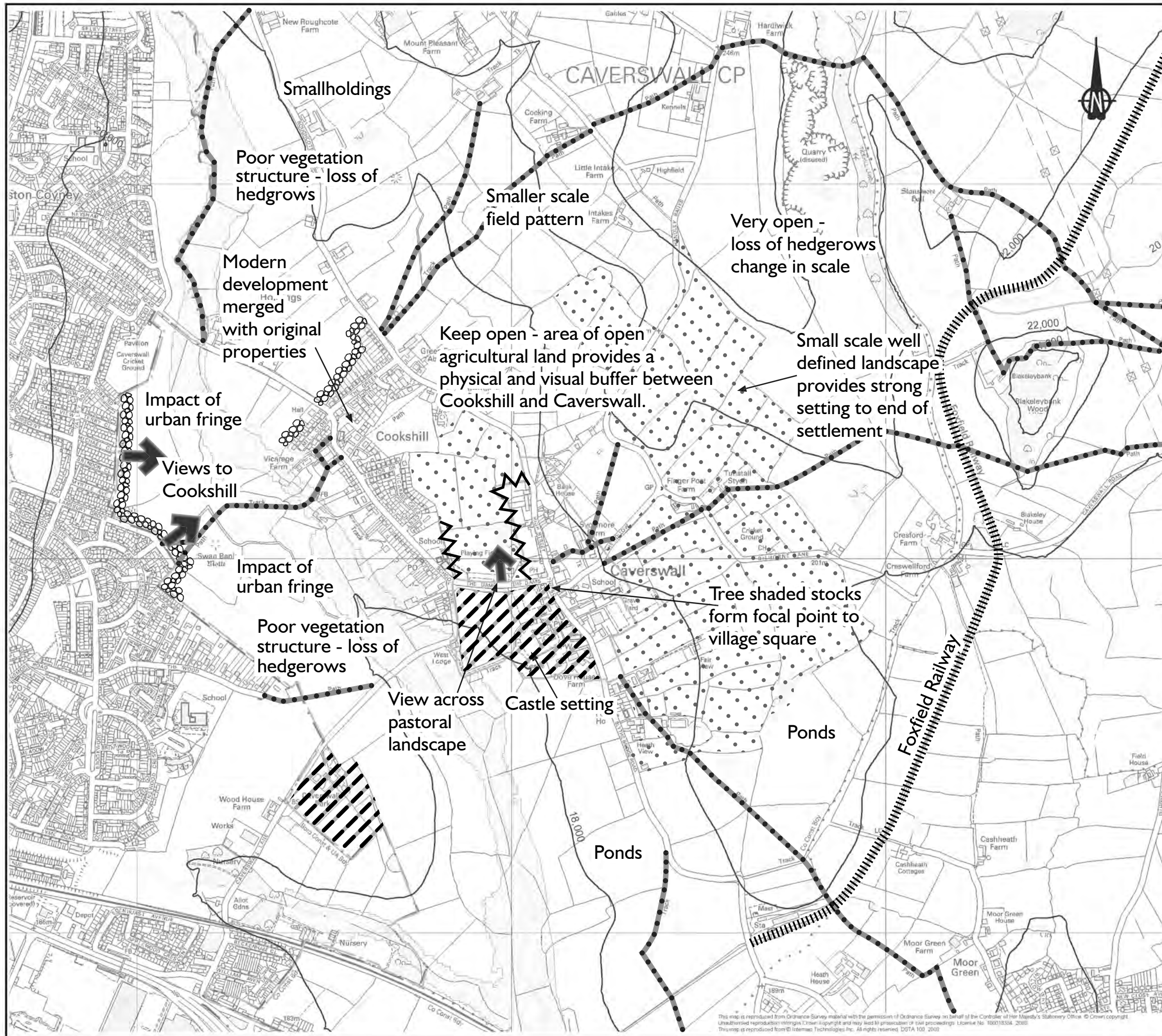
<b>GENERAL CHARACTER / LANDSCAPE</b>	<b>Regional (Joint) Character Area</b>	<b>64</b> Potteries & Churnet Valley
	<b>Landscape Character Types</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissected Sandstone Cloughs and Valleys</li> <li>• Settled Plateau Farmland Slopes</li> </ul>
	<b>Historic Landscape Classification</b>	Caverswall & Cookshill identified as 'settlement', with a water body located along the western boundary (River Blithe). A small area of 'ornamental, parkland & recreation' is identified in the SE of Caverswall, thought to relate to the school playing field.
	<b>Geology</b>	<p><b>Drift Geology:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alluvium (clay, silt &amp; sand) – band from N to S, roughly following line of River Blithe, incorporating western half of Cookshill</li> <li>• Till – far west of Cookshill</li> <li>• E. Cookshill and Caverswall have no drift geology</li> </ul> <p><b>Solid Geology:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherwood Sandstone – incorporating Cookshill and majority of central and northern parts of Caverswall.</li> <li>• Mercia Mudstone (argillaceous group) – far south of Caverswall (south of Dove Hill Farm) and a band of mudstone also intersects the sandstone, passing north-east of Cookshill and Caverswall.</li> </ul>
	<b>Minerals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disused quarry approx. 1km NE of settlement.</li> <li>• Disused gravel pit 850m N of settlement.</li> <li>• Gravel pits shown on 1<sup>st</sup> Edn. O.S. just to SE of Intakes Farm and SE of White Gables (N. of Caverswall), the first of which is now covered by woodland.</li> <li>• Located just south of shallow coalfield at Cheadle, and just to the east of the Potteries Coalfield.</li> </ul>
<b>Topography</b>	<p>Settled plateau farmland slopes to south and south-east.</p> <p>In Cookshill, land slopes gently down from Green Farm Abattoir (N Cookshill) southwards toward The Dams. In Caverswall, land slopes gently upwards</p>	

		to the east of the High Street, and downwards to the west towards the River Blithe.
	<b>Contour Range</b>	175m towards river, SW of Caverswall. Rises to 220m NE of Caverswall.
<b>SPECIFIC LANDSCAPE FEATURES</b>	<b>Significant Vegetation</b>  (e.g. trees, woodland, heathland, marshes, commons, parkland)	<p><b>Ancient Woodland:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sycamore Wood, approx. 1.7 km NE of Caverswall</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Significant Woodland/Tree belts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trees lining track which runs east of Caverswall</li> <li>• Woodland N of Caverswall Common, approx. 1.1km N of Cookshill</li> <li>• Nursery, Carmel Farm, 1.1km NNE of Cookshill</li> <li>• Blakeleybank Wood, 1.1km E of Caverswall, to the E of Foxfield Railway</li> </ul> <p><b>No Registered Common Land</b></p>
	<b>Historic Parkland</b>  (1 <sup>st</sup> Edn. OS Map)	Grounds of Caverswall Castle Caverswall Park
	<b>Water Bodies / Water Courses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River Blithe (small stream) flows north to south along the western settlement edge.</li> <li>• Small pond/marshy area west of Cookshill and River Blithe.</li> <li>• Small pond in field to west of Caverswall Castle.</li> <li>• Small pond to rear of post office, just off School Lane, Cookshill.</li> <li>• No major water bodies.</li> </ul>
	<b>Floodplains</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Floodzone along River Blithe, which flows along western edge of settlement, and along tributary stream which joins River Blithe just south of Caverswall.</li> <li>• Floodzone between 50m and 170m wide.</li> <li>• Floodzone widest to SW of Caverswall Castle.</li> </ul>
	<b>Major Routes</b>  (e.g. roads, railways, canals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major roads through village</li> <li>• A50 from Stoke-on-Trent to Uttoxeter passes SW of Caverswall,</li> <li>• Foxfield Railway- runs from NE to SE of Caverswall (not a public service route)</li> <li>• Main railway from Stoke-on-Trent to Uttoxeter passes SW of Caverswall, nearest station at Blythe Bridge (S. of Caverswall)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Significant Visual Features / Landmarks / Viewpoints</b></p> <p>(e.g. hedgerows, stone walls, significant architectural features)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caverswall Castle (original structure built in 1275, rebuilt in 1625)</li> <li>• Caverswall Church (adjacent to castle)</li> <li>• Stoke-on-Trent settlement boundary, 450m W of Cookshill</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Other Significant Landscape Features</b></p> <p>(e.g. mineral workings)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of urban fringe – boundary with Stoke-on-Trent conurbation.</li> </ul>
<b>DESIGNATED AREAS</b>	<p><b>Green Belt / Special Landscape Area</b></p>	<p><b>Green Belt:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Settlement contained by the Green Belt.</li> </ul> <p><b>Special Landscape Area:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land to east of Caverswall, east of Handley Banks and Finger Post Farm lies within Special Landscape Area.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Designated Areas of Ecological Significance</b></p> <p>(e.g. SSSIs / SPAs / Nature Reserves / SBIs / SACs)</p> <p><a href="http://www.magic.gov.uk/StaffordshireMoorlandsLocalPlan">www.magic.gov.uk/Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan</a></p>	<p><b>Biodiversity Alert Sites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caverswall Castle, The Dams, centre of Caverswall</li> <li>• Creswellford Crossing, nr. Cresswellford Farm, approx. 900m E. of Caverswall</li> <li>• Blythe Bridge Woods, adjacent to River Blithe, approx. 1.5 km south of Caverswall along Caverswall Rd.</li> </ul> <p><b>SBIs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stansmore Grassland, approx. 1.3 km ENE of Sycamore Farm</li> <li>• Stansmore Wood &amp; Grassland, approx. 1.6 km NE of Sycamore Farm</li> </ul> <p><b>Ancient Woodland:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sycamore Wood, approx. 1.7 km NE of Caverswall</li> </ul> <p><b>No Nature Reserves, RIGS, SSSIs, SPAs</b></p>
	<p><b>Nature Conservation Sites</b></p> <p><i>(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan)</i></p>	None
	<p><b>Scheduled Ancient Monuments</b></p>	None
<b>BUILT ENVIRONMENT</b>	<p><b>Proposed/recent development</b></p> <p><i>(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998)/ Aerial photos)</i></p>	None



	<p><b>Conservation Areas</b></p> <p><i>(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998))</i></p>	<p>Caverswall Conservation Area (incorporating all of Caverswall)</p>
	<p><b>Other</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caverswall originally a linear development focused around Caverswall Castle and the High Street. The size of this settlement has not increased much since 1880's (1<sup>st</sup> Edn. O.S.).</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Edn. O.S. identifies Cookshill as small settlement, isolated from Caverswall – few buildings focused around The Green and The Vicarage. Has since expanded, with development along the northern side of The Green, and linear expansion southwards along Caverswall Rd./School Lane, forming an amalgamation of the two settlements.</li> <li>• Around Caverswall and Cookshill – mixed residential and light industrial to west, recent houses, Victorian-extensions. Small-holdings.</li> <li>• To north – few medium to large farms, but large numbers of individual isolated dwellings.</li> <li>• To south – small isolated farms, commuter enlarged villages (e.g. Forsbrook), ribbon development linked to A52.</li> </ul>

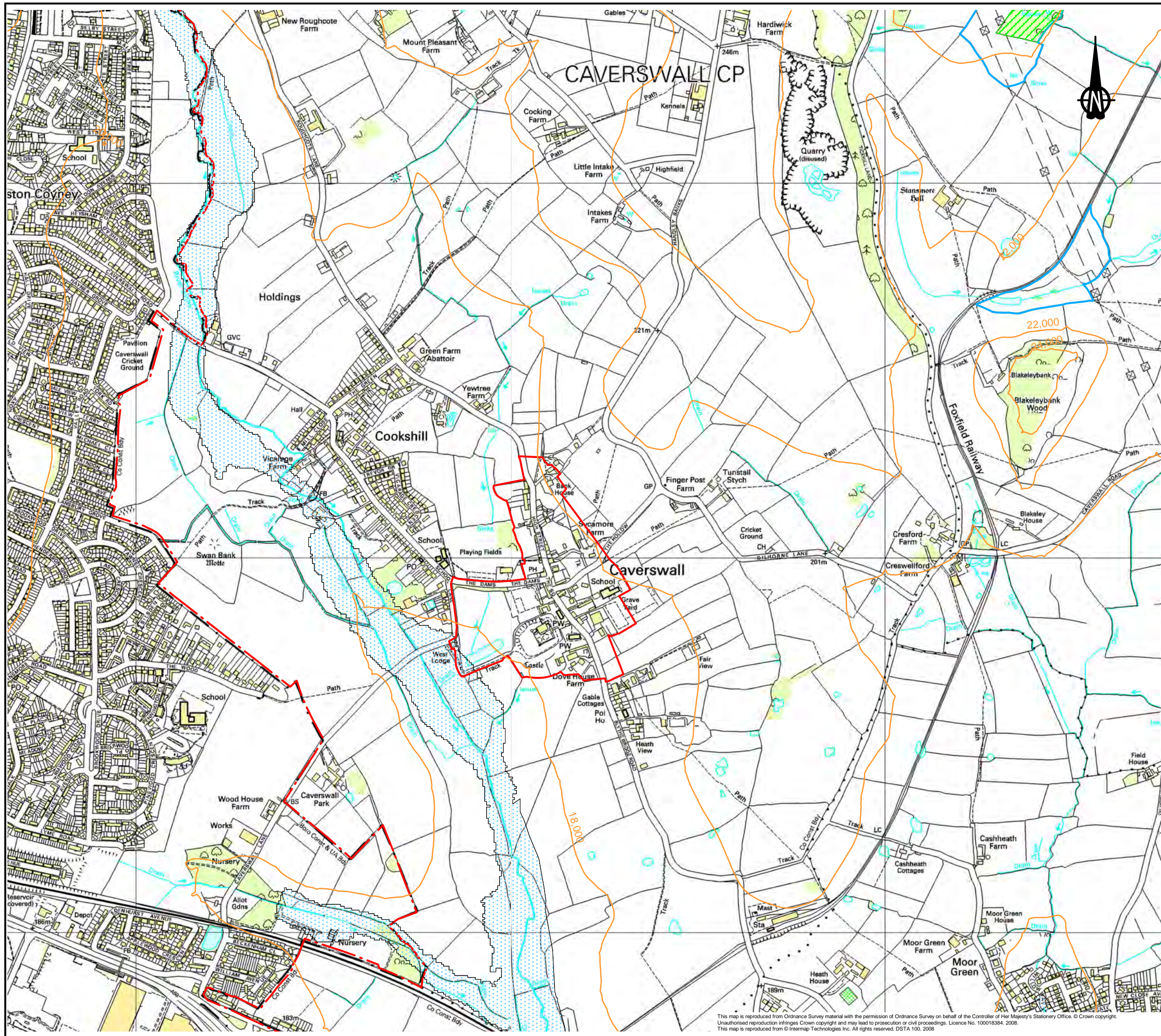














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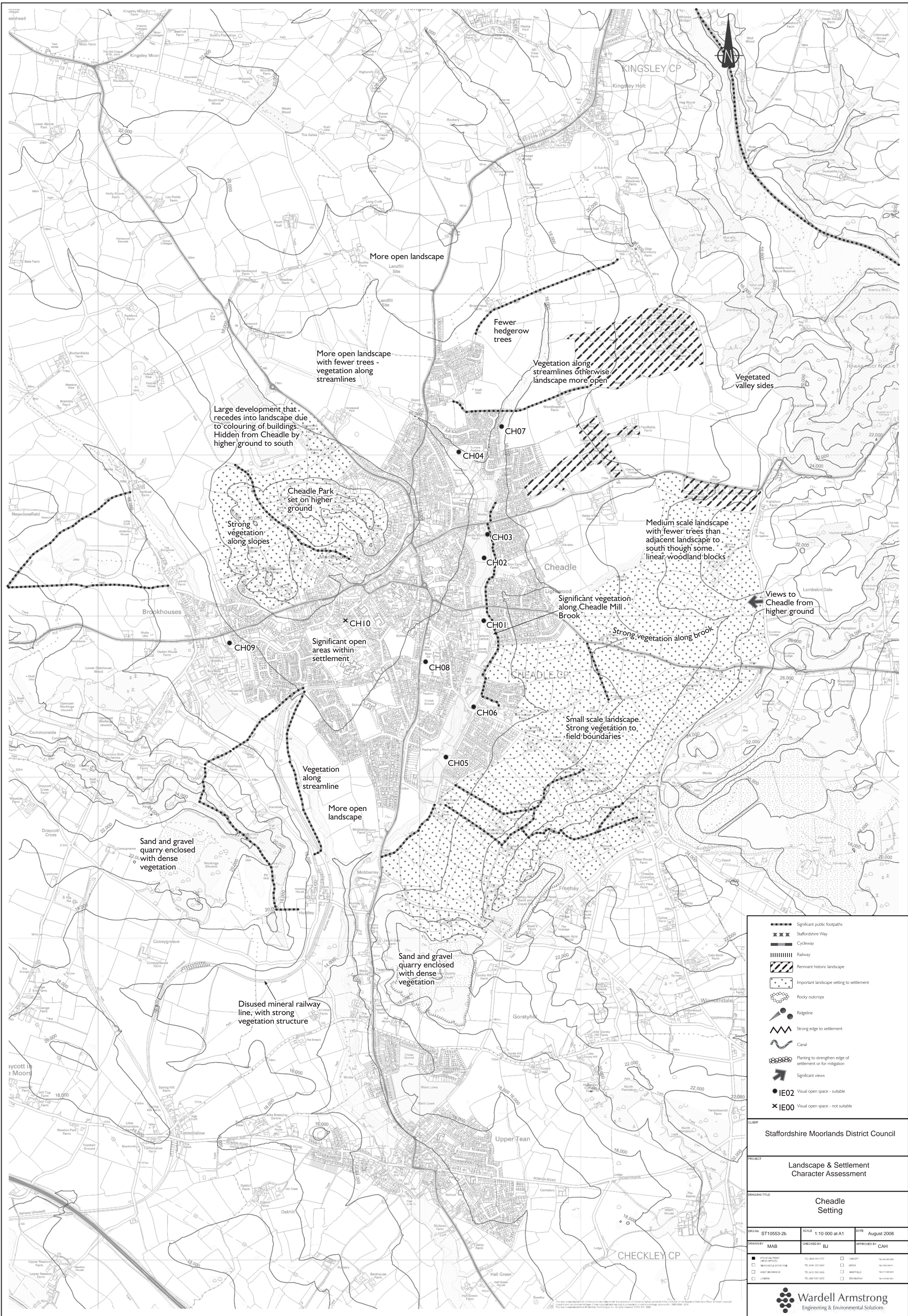
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More open landscape

More open landscape with fewer trees - vegetation along streamlines

Large development that recedes into landscape due to colouring of buildings. Hidden from Cheadle by higher ground to south

Cheadle Park set on higher ground

Strong vegetation along slopes

Fewer hedgerow trees

Vegetation along streamlines otherwise landscape more open

Vegetated valley sides

Medium scale landscape with fewer trees than adjacent landscape to south though some linear woodland blocks

Views to Cheadle from higher ground

Significant open areas within settlement

Significant vegetation along Cheadle Mill Brook

Strong vegetation along brook

Vegetation along streamline

More open landscape

Sand and gravel quarry enclosed with dense vegetation

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Disused mineral railway line, with strong vegetation structure

Small scale landscape. Strong vegetation to field boundaries

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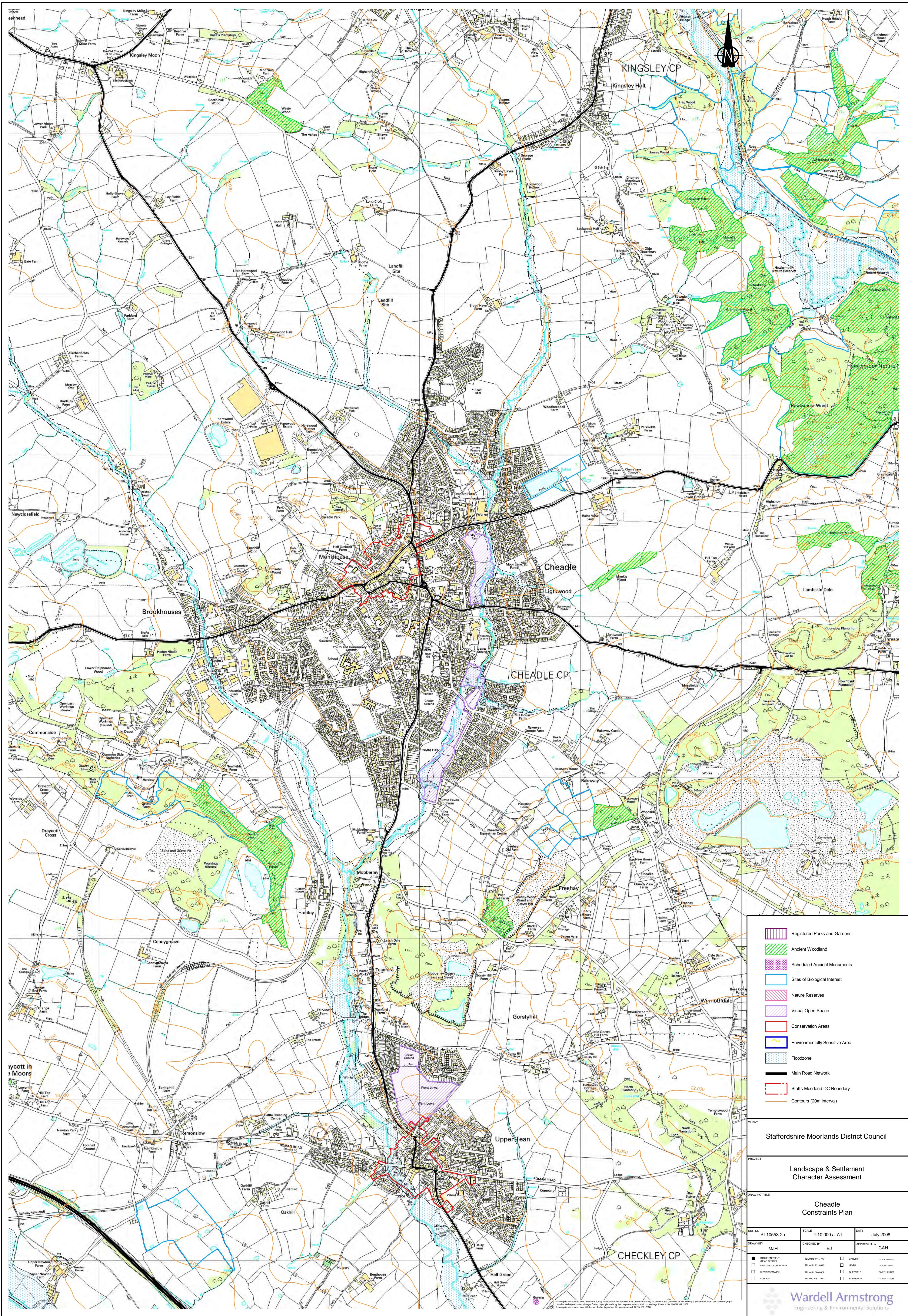
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## **Cheadle Settlement Description**

- Cheadle is a small market town, originating in Saxon times, that lies within the Ancient Slopes and Valley Farmlands character area. The town is set on the east and western banks of the River Tean with its tributaries lying to the north and southwest of the town.
- The original town centre lies along a medieval street pattern. Cheadle has expanded with much of the centre rebuilt following industrialisation.
- The original core consisted of long narrow plots with mainly three storey brick buildings fronting the High Street. There is a network of alleys behind leading to smaller properties behind. Brick building now predominates as much of the town centre was rebuilt in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries.
- St Giles Roman Catholic Church spire dominates the skyline within Cheadle. This is a landmark listed building by the important Gothic architect Augustus W N Pugin. He also designed the adjacent Roman Catholic Primary School.
- Sand and gravel quarries lie to the south of the town, enclosed by dense vegetation.
- Cheadle Park, partly heathland, is situated on Monkhouse Hill, higher ground northwest of Cheadle. The slopes to the north of the park are well vegetated by strong woodland blocks.
- Large scale industrial development sited to the north west of the town, sits well into the landscape and further recedes with effective use of colour cladding. It is not visible from Cheadle due to the higher ground of Monkhouse Hill that lies between the main settlement and the industrial development.
- Brookhouses Industrial Estate lies to the west of the town.
- A disused mineral railway line with strong vegetation structure connects to the southwest of the town.
- The area to the south east of Cheadle is a small scale landscape with strong vegetation along field boundaries it is an area of important landscape setting for the settlement.

## **Visual Open Space**

### **CH01 / Land to East of South Moorlands Leisure Centre**

**Suitable**

- Narrow incised valley of the brook, mature trees, grass, pathway, with access from Ashbourne Road.

### **CH02 / Site Adjacent to Cecilly Brook**

**Suitable**

- This site on the northern side of Ashbourne Road is more open than the site to the south. There is a line of fragmented trees along the brook with mown grassland and a winding formal public footpath running parallel to the brook.

### **CH03 / Land Between Ashbourne Road and Queen Street**

**Suitable**

- Relatively flat, linear open space containing grass, scrub, mature trees and a stream with full public access.

### **CH04 / Area Between Queen Street and Froghall Road**

**Suitable**

- The site is split into 2 parts; linked by a public footpath alongside the Brook which branches off at the edge of the recreation ground. Next to the recreation ground is a small plot of long grass and wildflowers while the remainder of the site is characterised by mature trees and a stream with mown grassland.

**CH05 / Area Which Runs Between Park Avenue and Eaves Lane** **Suitable**

- Large linear site with mature trees and hedgerows along the brook and small pastures and paddocks along the eastern side. There is also a public footpath through the site.

**CH06 / Off Millhouse Drive** **Suitable**

- Slightly sloping open grassland site with full public access, shrubs, some mature trees and a stream running through.

**CH07 / Off Ness Grove** **Suitable**

- District Council owned linear grassed site with mature trees and shrubs which slopes down to the stream eastward with some more overgrown sections present. The site is accessible by a public footpath which links to the open countryside to the east.

**CH08 / Recreation Ground, Mill Road** **Suitable**

- Flat, maintained recreation ground with mature trees, hedgerows, full public access.

**CH09 / Sites Close to Brookhouse Way** **Suitable**

- Flat, open grassland space left over from development with trees, shrubs and stream line.

**CH10 / Lid Lane, Adjacent to Property Known as “High Gables”** **Not suitable**

- Flat, grassed, partly used for, sheep grazing.  
DOES NOT SATISFY CRITERIA FOR VISUAL OPEN SPACE

## Cheadle

<b>GENERAL CHARACTER / LANDSCAPE</b>	<b>Regional (Joint) Character Area</b>	<b>64</b> Potteries & Churnet Valley
	<b>Landscape Character Types</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ancient Slope and Valley Farmlands</li> </ul>
	<b>Historic Landscape Classification</b>	Settlement itself described mainly as 'Settlement', with some small pockets of 'Ornamental, Parkland and Recreation' throughout, particularly in the southern half of the settlement. A couple of small areas of woodland exist in the NW of the settlement, with two main water courses flowing through the centre of the town. Another large water body lies in the W of the town, together with an area of 'Industrial and Extractive' which stretches out to the west and is bordered by woodland.
	<b>Geology</b>	<b>Solid Geology:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The southern margin of the high ground is flanked by the Triassic Sherwood Sandstones.</li> <li>• Churnet Valley, associated with Carboniferous and Triassic sandstones, overlain in the main with brown earth and podzols.</li> <li>• To the south and west, Carboniferous Coal Measures are covered with glacial drift giving rise to stagnogley soils.</li> <li>• Edging the main sandstone plateau.</li> </ul>
	<b>Minerals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shallow coalfield underlies the settlement of Cheadle, together with sandstone deposits to the S, SW and E.</li> <li>• Sand and gravel quarries S &amp; E</li> </ul>
	<b>Topography</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ancient Slope and Valley farmlands surrounds Cheadle</li> <li>• Narrow/ slight valley sides along eastern edge. Slight slopes in a NW direction to Monkhouse area of the settlement</li> </ul>
	<b>Contour Range</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150 (Southern edge) - 170m (Northern edge)</li> <li>• 220m (East to Rakeway/Freehay/)</li> <li>• 160-180m (West/ North West)</li> </ul>
	<b>SPECIFIC LANDSCAPE FEATURES</b>	<b>Significant Vegetation</b> (e.g. trees, woodland, heathland, marshes, commons, parkland)



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monk's Wood</li> <li>• Gibriding Wood</li> <li>• Highshutt Wood</li> <li>• Pear Tree Farm</li> <li>• Huntley Wood SBI</li> </ul> <p><b>Lowland Heath:</b></p> <p><b>Registered Commons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highshutt</li> <li>• Counslow</li> <li>• Gorsty Hill</li> <li>• Freehay</li> <li>• Knowsley Common</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Significant Woodland / Tree-Belts:</b></p>
	<p><b>Historic Parkland</b> (1<sup>st</sup> Edn. OS Map)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheadle Park NW &amp; S</li> <li>• Woodhead Hall</li> <li>• Hales Hall</li> <li>• Parkfields</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Water Bodies / Water Courses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobberley Brook</li> <li>• Fish Ponds</li> <li>• Cecilly Brook</li> <li>• Hales Hall Pool</li> <li>• Reservoir adjacent to Cheadle</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Floodplains</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Narrow flood plain (1 in 100 yr or greater) along brook which flows from SE, N into Stanley Pool.</li> <li>• Stanley Moss (N of Stanley Moor) is also within a floodzone.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Major Routes</b> (e.g. roads, railways, canals)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A521 Froghall Rd(N) /High St (W),</li> <li>• A522 Tean Rd (S)/ Leek Rd (N),</li> <li>• B5417 (Oakamoor Rd),</li> <li>• B5032 (Ashbourne Rd)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Significant Visual Features / Landmarks / Viewpoints</b> (e.g. hedgerows, stone walls, significant architectural features)</p>	<p>Cheadle Conservation Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important green open space: around St. Giles' RC Church, St. Giles' Church, Bank Street, Monument off Chapel Street.</li> <li>• Landmark buildings: St. Giles' RC Church, St. Giles' Church, Market Hall, Cross Street/ High Street, Lodge (Friars Close/ Prince George Street)</li> <li>• Elevated viewing positions</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Other Significant Landscape Features</b> (e.g. mineral workings)</p>	

<b>DESIGNATED AREAS</b>	<b>Green Belt / Special Landscape Area</b>	<p><b>Green Belt</b> To west of A520 beyond development boundary</p> <p><b>Special Landscape Areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S (B5032 Lightwood to Mobberley)</li> <li>• NW (Beyond Cheadle Park including Brookhouses)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Designated Areas of Ecological Significance</b></p> <p>(e.g. SSSIs / SPAs / Nature Reserves / SBIs / SACs)</p> <p><a href="http://www.magic.gov.uk/Staffordshire">www.magic.gov.uk/Staffordshire</a> <i>Moorlands Local Plan</i>)</p>	<p><b>SBIs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Eaves (west of)</li> <li>• Rough Knipe</li> <li>• Crowgutter Wood</li> <li>• Knipe Wood and Belmont Wood</li> <li>• Mobberly Quarry</li> <li>• Cheadle Fish Ponds</li> <li>• Huntley Wood</li> </ul> <p><b>Lowland Heath:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheadle Park</li> <li>• Freehay Site,</li> <li>• Mobberly Quarry</li> </ul> <p><b>Local Nature Reserves:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cecilly Brook</li> <li>• Hales Hall Pool</li> </ul> <p><b>Ancient Woodland:</b> See 'Significant Vegetation' section above.</p> <p><b>BAS:</b> Draycott Common Wood</p> <p><b>RIGs:</b> Huntley Railway</p>
	<p><b>Nature Conservation Sites</b></p> <p><i>(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish ponds in NE of Cheadle</li> <li>• Cheadle Park, NW Cheadle</li> <li>• Area along Mobberley Brook, S Cheadle</li> <li>• Area of land along railway line, just S of Cheadle</li> <li>• Area of woodland along northern edge of quarry, S of Cheadle</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Scheduled Ancient Monuments</b></p>	None
<b>BUILT ENVIRONMENT</b>	<p><b>Proposed/recent development</b></p> <p><i>(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998)/ Aerial photos)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NW corner adjacent to Harewood Park <i>developed</i> (industrial)</li> <li>• Thorpe Rise off Froghall Road North <i>developed</i> (residential)</li> <li>• NE Ness Grove (residential) <i>partially developed</i></li> <li>• NE edge Graffam Grove/ Bala Grove next to Hales Hall Pool (residential) <i>developed</i></li> <li>• Area of Millhouse Drive off Rakeway Road</li> </ul>

		<p>to south (residential) <i>developed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bramley Close next to Leisure Centre (industrial) <i>developed</i></li> <li>• SW corner (industrial) open cast workings site <i>developed</i></li> <li>• Majors Barn (residential &amp; industrial) partially developed (large area)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Conservation Areas</b></p> <p><i>(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998))</i></p>	Cheadle Conservation Area
	<b>Other</b>	

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<b>Settlement:</b>	Cheadle	
<b>VOS number / Site:</b>	CH01 / Land to East of South Moorlands Leisure Centre	
<b>Brief Description:</b> Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Narrow incised valley of the brook, mature trees, grass, pathway, with access from Ashbourne Road.	
<b>Criteria</b>		<b>Notes</b>
<b>Character</b> Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Linear open space with formal public footpaths and mown grassland alongside the brook with tree planting.
<b>Amenity Value</b> Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	Used by the public, the site is an important open space that adds to the character of the residential area at Lightwood.
<b>External Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✓	There are views of the northern part of the site from Ashbourne Road and glimpsed views from the rear of neighbouring properties.
<b>Internal Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✓	The site is generally enclosed due to the vegetation cover so there are no long distance internal views.
<b>Break Between Development</b> Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Relief from housing development to east and west. The site forms a break between the residential area at Lightwood to the east and the leisure centre and sports ground on the western side.
<b>Ecological Value</b> Is the site of local ecological value?	✓	Cecilly Brook is a Local Nature Reserve.
<b>Cultural or Historical Association</b> Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Suitable as VOS</b> The site provides a linear break between development on the eastern edge of Cheadle, linking to further VOSs to include a larger Local Nature Reserve – Cecilly Brook.	



View from Ashbourne Road along northern boundary of site



View to south from northern edge of the site

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<b>Settlement:</b>	Cheadle	
<b>VOS number / Site:</b>	CH02 / Site Adjacent to Cecilly Brook	
<b>Brief Description:</b> Topography, vegetation, access etc.	This site on the northern side of Ashbourne Road is more open than the site to the south. There is a line of fragmented trees along the brook with mown grassland and a winding formal public footpath running parallel to the brook.	
<b>Criteria</b>		<b>Notes</b>
<b>Character</b> Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Large generally open linear space – semi-rural in character. Some vegetation along the brook.
<b>Amenity Value</b> Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	Used by the public with access from Ashbourne Road south and Queen Street to the north.
<b>External Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✗	There are views of the site looking west and from properties at Kestrel and Bittern Lane and also partial views from the back of properties on Well Street. From Ashbourne Road south and Queen Street to the north there are glimpsed views.
<b>Internal Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✓	Many within the site. Due to the intervening vegetation along the brook and slightly sloping topography, views are restricted across the open space. Views along the line of the footpath are more open.
<b>Break Between Development</b> Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Between Lightwood East of the brook and the residential Well Street to the west.
<b>Ecological Value</b> Is the site of local ecological value?	✓	The site is part of Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve and forms part of the floodplain.
<b>Cultural or Historical Association</b> Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	No.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Suitable as VOS</b> The site provides a linear break between development on the eastern edge of Cheadle, linking to further VOSs encompassing Local Nature Reserve – Cecilly Brook.	



View looking north from southern edge of the site

Date of Reassessment: 20/06/08

<b>Settlement:</b>	Cheadle	
<b>VOS number / Site:</b>	CH03 / Land Between Ashbourne Road and Queen Street	
<b>Brief Description:</b> Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Relatively flat, linear open space containing grass, scrub, mature trees and a stream with full public access.	
<b>Criteria</b>		<b>Notes</b>
<b>Character</b> Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Part of linear open space following Cecilly Brook. Mature trees and scrub vegetation follow the line of the brook.
<b>Amenity Value</b> Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	High for adjacent residents; part of a linear footpath, which extends from Queen Street to Little Eaves Farm and accessible to residents of Cheadle.
<b>External Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✓	From road, end of cul de sac and surrounding houses on Silverstone Avenue.
<b>Internal Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✓	North to south.
<b>Break Between Development</b> Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Part of linear open spaces stretching down east side of Cheadle ("Green Lung"), separating off the development to its east from the rest of the town.
<b>Ecological Value</b> Is the site of local ecological value?	✓	Part of Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve.
<b>Cultural or Historical Association</b> Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Suitable as VOS</b> The site provides a linear break between development on the eastern edge of Cheadle, linking to other VOSs to include a larger Local Nature Reserve – Cecilly Brook.	



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<b>Settlement:</b>	Cheadle	
<b>VOS number / Site:</b>	CH04 / Area Between Queen Street and Froghall Road	
<b>Brief Description:</b> Topography, vegetation, access etc.	The site is split into 2 parts; linked by a public footpath alongside the Brook which branches off at the edge of the recreation ground. Next to the recreation ground is a small plot of long grass and wildflowers while the remainder of the site is characterised by mature trees and a stream with mown grassland.	
<b>Criteria</b>		<b>Notes</b>
<b>Character</b> Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	An extensive open space following Cecilly Brook. Opens up to the north to provide a recreation ground to the west and more naturalistic grassland to the east. Contains public art sculptures. Is part of a series of open spaces on the east side of Cheadle,
<b>Amenity Value</b> Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	High value open space following the line of Cecilly Brook. Important recreation ground and pathways for local residents.
<b>External Views</b> 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 neighbouring residential areas, particularly at Ness Grove, Kempton Grove and the rear of Churchill Road.
<b>Internal Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✓	The northern part of the site is a large area where there are wide open views across the public open space. There are narrow, linear views in the southern section at the rear of Coniston Drive with an enclosed track bordered by high trees.
<b>Break Between Development</b> Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Significant break between housing development, also – linkage with other VOS to cover east side of Cheadle, seperating off the development to its east from the rest of the town.
<b>Ecological Value</b> Is the site of local ecological value?	✓	Waterside vegetation has ecological value. Small plots of wildflowers and grass between Turners pasture and the brook is likely to have high ecological value.
<b>Cultural or Historical Association</b> Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Suitable as VOS</b> The site is an extension of the Cecilly Brook LNR, providing a break between residential development. The site has significant ecological value and recreational value with full public access.	



View from southern linear section of VOS looking to the north



View from southern linear section of VOS looking back to towards Ullswater Drive to the south





View from southern linear section of VOS



View to north east from edge of footpath and top section of the site



View to north west from edge of footpath and top section of the site



View to north west from edge of footpath and top section of the site

Date of Reassessment: 01/08/08

<b>Settlement:</b>	Cheadle	
<b>VOS number / Site:</b>	CH05 / Area Which Runs Between Park Avenue and Eaves Lane	
<b>Brief Description:</b> Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Large linear site with mature trees and hedgerows along the brook and small pastures and paddocks along the eastern side. There is also a public footpath through the site.	
<b>Criteria</b>		<b>Notes</b>
<b>Character</b> Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Rural character. Pasture running either side of brook with hedgerows and mature trees.
<b>Amenity Value</b> Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	Used by the public with pathway accessible by local residents.
<b>External Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✗	Some glimpsed views from Rakeway Road to the north and partial views from Eaves Lane east.
<b>Internal Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✓	Extensive views within the site, with some broken by internal hedgerows.
<b>Break Between Development</b> Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Part of larger section of linear open space separating off the development to its east from the rest of the town.
<b>Ecological Value</b> Is the site of local ecological value?	✓	Yes. Mature trees and hedgerow.
<b>Cultural or Historical Association</b> Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Suitable as VOS</b> The site is an extension of the Cecilly Brook LNR, providing a break between residential development at Eaves Lane to the east and at Tean Road west. The site has ecological value with full public access.	





View to north from Eaves Lane opposite Thames Drive



View to west from opposite properties between Dart and Conway Grove





View to north west from Eaves Lane opposite properties north of Little Eaves Farm



View to west from Eaves Lane opposite properties north of Little Eaves Farm

Date of Reassessment: 20/06/08

<b>Settlement:</b>	Cheadle	
<b>VOS number / Site:</b>	CH06 / Off Millhouse Drive	
<b>Brief Description:</b> Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Slightly sloping open grassland site with full public access, shrubs, some mature trees and a stream running through.	
<b>Criteria</b>		<b>Notes</b>
<b>Character</b> Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Managed open space, regularly mown following Cecilly Brook with vegetation along the stream line.
<b>Amenity Value</b> Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	Well maintained open space with pathway along Cecilly Brook accessible from adjacent residential areas.
<b>External Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✓	From surrounding properties at Millstream Close, Millbrook Way and Mill Waters. There are also views from properties at Mill Grove.
<b>Internal Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✓	Out to countryside to the east and along linear open space to the north and south.
<b>Break Between Development</b> Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Yes. Between more recent development to the east at Mill House Drive and Mill Grove to the west.
<b>Ecological Value</b> Is the site of local ecological value?	✓	Part of Cecilly Brook with vegetation along the streamline. Hedgerows link to field boundaries in agricultural land to
<b>Cultural or Historical Association</b> Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Suitable as VOS</b> The site site forms an important linear open space with public access and a break in development along the eastern side of Cheadle and making links to other VOSs forming part of Cecilly Brook LNR.	





View to SE from within the VOS



View northwards from public footpath within VOS



View to north west from public footpath within VOS adjacent to Millstream Close



View to north west from public footpath within VOS adjacent to Millstream Close





View to east out of site from within VOS



View to east from within VOS

Date of Reassessment: 20/06/08

<b>Settlement:</b>	Cheadle	
<b>VOS number / Site:</b>	CH07 / Off Ness Grove	
<b>Brief Description:</b> Topography, vegetation, access etc.	District Council owned linear grassed site with mature trees and shrubs which slopes down to the stream eastward with some more overgrown sections present. The site is accessible by a public footpath which links to the open countryside to the east.	
<b>Criteria</b>		<b>Notes</b>
<b>Character</b> Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Narrow linear attractive open space – runs parallel to stream, maintained grassland with standard trees and other vegetation along the streamline In 2 parts, split by Lomond Grove.
<b>Amenity Value</b> Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	High – well maintained areas crossed by public footpaths,
<b>External Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✓	From surrounding properties west at Tay Close and Lomond Grove to the south.
<b>Internal Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✓	Yes – in northern part, long views east to countryside. Elsewhere, linear views along the line of the open space.
<b>Break Between Development</b> Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Yes – relief within housing estate. Provides a 'buffer' on the eastern edge of the residential development.
<b>Ecological Value</b> Is the site of local ecological value?	✓	Streamline vegetation.
<b>Cultural or Historical Association</b> Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Suitable as VOS</b> The site provides a significant break in development on the eastern edge of Cheadle. It has visual amenity value for local residents with full public access and linking to the wider area.	



View from public footpath crossing of the stream



View from Tay Close adjacent to site looking north east





View from Tay Close adjacent to site looking south



View from Tay Close adjacent to site looking north

Date of Reassessment: 20/06/08

<b>Settlement:</b>	Cheadle	
<b>VOS number / Site:</b>	CH08 / Recreation Ground, Mill Road	
<b>Brief Description:</b> Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Flat, maintained recreation ground with mature trees, hedgerows, full public access.	
<b>Criteria</b>		<b>Notes</b>
<b>Character</b> Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Large open park with mature trees. Flat and grassed with adjacent recreation green.
<b>Amenity Value</b> Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	High. It is a well used recreation area.
<b>External Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✓	From all surrounding properties and roads such as Mills Road and Park Avenue.
<b>Internal Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✓	Yes – across the open areas of the park.
<b>Break Between Development</b> Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Yes – enclosed by Park Avenue, Mill Road and Tean Road.
<b>Ecological Value</b> Is the site of local ecological value?	✗	Some native tree species.
<b>Cultural or Historical Association</b> Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✓	Formerly part of Cheadle Park identified on OS 1 <sup>st</sup> edition.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Suitable as VOS</b> The site is an important recreation site for local residents while providing a break between development and containing external views.	





View to south from Mill Road adjacent to recreation ground



View to south from Mill Road adjacent to recreation ground



Date of Reassessment: 20/06/08

<b>Settlement:</b>	Cheadle	
<b>VOS number / Site:</b>	CH09 / Sites Close to Brookhouse Way	
<b>Brief Description:</b> Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Flat, open grassland space left over from development with trees, shrubs and stream line.	
<b>Criteria</b>		<b>Notes</b>
<b>Character</b> Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Linear, buffer. Narrow sections of open, mown grassland and hedgerows on either side of Brookhouse Way and streamline vegetation south of Glebe Road.
<b>Amenity Value</b> Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✓	Mainly grassed areas with little vegetation.
<b>External Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✗	Some views in from adjacent residential roads and properties.
<b>Internal Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✗	There are internal views across the open section along Glebe Road and from overlooking properties.
<b>Break Between Development</b> Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Buffer between residential and industrial development, particularly significant is the wooded area between Byron and Tennyson Close (east) and the industrial units on Brookhouse Way.
<b>Ecological Value</b> Is the site of local ecological value?	✗	
<b>Cultural or Historical Association</b> Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Suitable as VOS</b> The sites combine to provide an overall significant break between development between the residential and industrial areas on the fringes of Cheadle.	



View from Brookhouse Way north towards The Green



View from Brookhouse Way south with VOS to the left of view



View from Brookhouse Way to east



View from Brookhouse Way to north west



View from Glebe Road looking north



View from Glebe Road looking east





View from Glebe Road looking west with VOS to the left of view (treebelt)



View from Glebe Road looking west

Date of Reassessment: 01/08/08

<b>Settlement:</b>	Cheadle	
<b>VOS number / Site:</b>	CH10 / Lid Lane, Adjacent to Property Known as "High Gables"	
<b>Brief Description:</b> Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Small flat grassed site, partly used for sheep grazing and bounded on all sides.	
<b>Criteria</b>		<b>Notes</b>
<b>Character</b> Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	Agricultural in nature has some character but not enough to justify never being developed on.
<b>Amenity Value</b> Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	✗	No public access, private land with wire fencing.
<b>External Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)?	✗	Partial views of the site from properties on Lid Lane. Nothing of any significance.
<b>Internal Views</b> Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	✗	Nothing of any significance.
<b>Break Between Development</b> Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✗	Not significant
<b>Ecological Value</b> Is the site of local ecological value?	✗	Not significant
<b>Cultural or Historical Association</b> Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	✗	Unknown
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Not suitable as VOS</b> Site is insignificant with no amenity value and providing no value as a break between development.	



View into site from Lid Lane looking to south



View into site from Lid Lane looking to south