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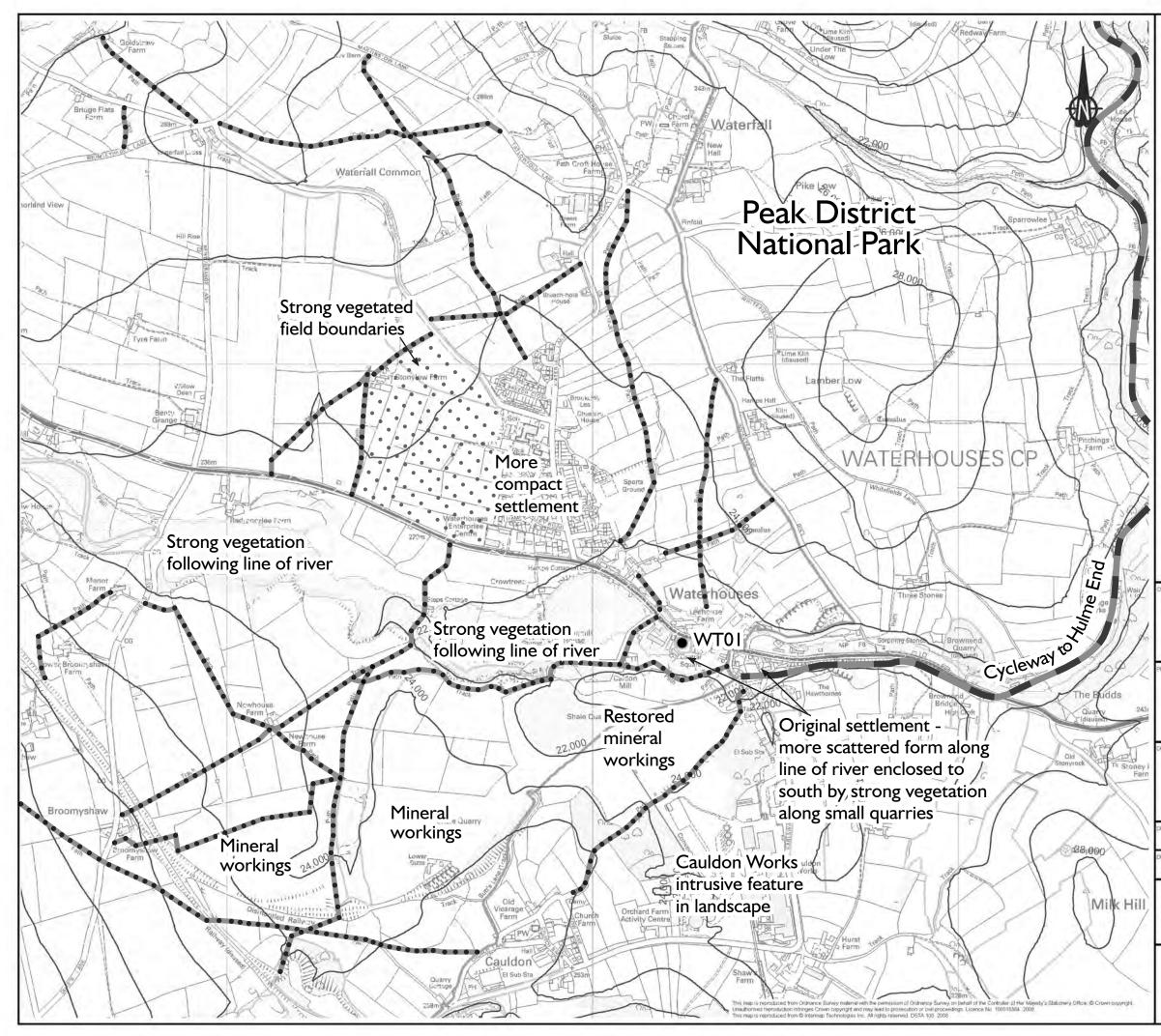
Landscape & Settlement Character Assessment

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Waterhouses Constraints Plan

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	Significant public footpaths
	Staffordshire Way
	Cycleway
	Railway
	Remnant historic landscape
	Important landscape setting to settlement
	Rocky outcrops
^ ••	Ridgeline
\sim	Strong edge to settlement
\sim	Canal
8888888	Planting to strengthen edge of settlement or for mitigation
7	Significant views
• IE02	Visual open space - suitable
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Waterhouses Settlement Description

- The western side of Waterhouses lies within the Gritstone Highland Fringe, whilst the east is in the Limestone Highland Fringe character area.
- Waterhouses lies along the southern boundary of the Peak District National Park, part of the village lies within the National Park.
- The original village core is scattered along the line of the River Hamps that runs through the village.
- The original settlement is made up mainly of stone dwellings.
- Ribbon development has expanded along the A523 main road and other adjoining roads.
- The road network is very busy due to the proximity of Cauldon works and extensive limestone quarries.
- There are limited views within the village as it lies within the valley floor of the River Hamps is densely wooded.
- There is very little open space within the village, the main feature is the Visual Open Space at Central Square.
- Cauldon Works are in close proximity to the village and are incongruous features within the landscape.

Visual Open Space

WT01 / Central Square

• Small site, sloping slightly towards a ditch/ road to north used for grazing. Contributes to the character of the immediate area.

Suitable

Waterh	nouses
Regional (Joint) Character Area	52 White Peak
Landscape Character Types	Gritstone Highland Fringe
Historic Landscape Classification	Waterhouses itself is defined as 'settlement', with an area of 'ornamental, parkland & recreation located to the NE (sports ground) and SE of the settlement. The Budds are an identified area of woodland located to the E of Waterhouses alond the River Hamps. A large area to the S of the settlement is identified as 'industrial & extractive where a quarry is located.
Geology	Located within an area of shale, sandstone ar carboniferous limestone.
	 Solid Geology: Eastern and southern part of settleme (east of Earls Way, and south of A523) Hopedale Limestones Formation. Western half of settlement, includir Waterfall Lane, is Millstone Grit Grou (argillaceous rocks)
Minerals	 Extraction of shale and limestone for use cement production Shale quarry – located to the SW Waterhouses Cauldon Shale Quarry recently extended land just S. of Newhouse Farm Caldon Low Quarry (limestone) – locate approx. 1km S of Waterhouses Brownend Quarry (disused) – located ju W of Brown End Farm (easte Waterhouses), N of A523 1st Edn. O.S. identifies a large number small quarries within and surroundir
Topography	 Waterhouses Land slopes steeply upwards along the incised river valley sides as the river flow out from the eastern side of the settlement. Land also slopes fairly steeply upwards either side of A523 through centre of village. Exiting the village along Waterfall Lane, the land slopes gently upwards. To SW (Winkhill) – wide open upland valled.
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		simple, but bold.
		 To SE (Caldon Low) – generally rolling
		limestone upland area of smooth landform,
		incised valleys.
	Contour Range	200m (in river valley, through centre of village) –
		320m (peak of eastern side of valley along R.
		Hamps, NE of Waterhouses)
	Significant Vegetation	Ancient Woodland:
		• Railway Wood, located along R. Hamps, N
	(e.g. trees, woodland, heathland,	of Hold Shades and 1.8 km NE of
	marshes, commons, parkland)	Waterhouses
		• Rushley & Musden Woods, 1.5 km E of R.
		Hamps, NE of Calton, approx. 2.3 km from
		eastern edge of Waterhouses
		Other Circuitizent Weedlerd/Tree Delter
		Other Significant Woodland/Tree Belts:
SPECIFIC		 Areas of trees screening quarry, S of Cauldon
LANDSCAPE FEATURES		Trees lining course of River Hamps
TLATORES		Trees screening Caldon Works (S. of
		Waterhouses)
		 Woodland to E of River Hamps, N of
		Sparrowlea Bridge (Hole Shades Special
		Area of Conservation (SAC))
		No Registered Commons
		No Parkland
	Historic Parkland	None
	(1 st Edn. OS Map)	
	Water Bodies / Water Courses	River Hamps – flows from W to E through
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	Significant Visual Features /	Land to S of A523 and W of Cross
	Landmarks / Viewpoints	Lane/Waterfall Lane is a Special
		Landscape Area (Staffs Moorlands Local
	(e.g. hedgerows, stone walls,	Plan)
	significant architectural features)	Caldonlow Quarry, S. of Waterhouses
		 Cauldon Cement Works, Earlsway, S. of
		-
		Waterhouses (uses limestone and shale
		extracted nearby during the manufacturing
		process, employs over 200 people)
	Other Significant Landscape	Regular field pattern with flatter ground and
	Features	denser vegetation in valley bottom
		• Large scale surrounding landscape due to
	(e.g. mineral workings)	open character.
		• To SE (Caldon Low) - small number of
		individual houses and small farms, smooth
		landform texture, little interruption by
		vegetation cover.
	Green Belt / Special	Special Landscape Area:
	Landscape Area/National Park	Land to S of A523 and W of Cross Lane/Waterfall
DESIGNATED		Lane is a Special Landscape Area (Staffs
		Moorlands Local Plan)
AREAS		National Park
		Land to the N of the A523 and to the E of Cross
		Lane/Waterfall Lane is located within the Peak
		District National Park.
	Designated Areas of	Special Area of Conservation:
	Designated Areas of Ecological Significance	Special Area of Conservation: Peak District Dales, located to the E of the River
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	railway, approx. 1km SW of Waterhouses
	SBIs:Broomyshaw (east of), located along Lee
	Brook, SW of Waterhouses, west of shale quarry
	 Middlehills Farm (west of), located along Earls Way, S. Waterhouses
	 Rooksflat (north of), nr. Brownend Bridge, just S. of A523, centre of Waterhouses
	 Middlehills Farm (east of), Milk Hill, S. of A523, eastern end of settlement
	Milk Hill, SW of Stoney Rock Farm, eastern
	end of settlementMilk Hill (south of), approx. 600m SE of
	Brownend BridgeCaldon Dale (grassland surrounding),
	approx. 800m SE of settlementStonylow Farm (north-east of), NW of
	Waterhouses, located along Cross LaneHoneyholes Spoil, approx. 1km SW of
	WaterhousesMoorend Strip, nr. Honey Hole Farm,
	approx. 1.3km SW of Waterhouses
	 Huddale, S. of Milk Hill, approx. 1km SE of Waterhouses
	SSSIs:
	 Hamps and Manifold Valleys(1009.33 ha) – begins just E of Waterhouses (near The Budds) and continues N following the course of the River Hamps, between 250m to 500m wide
	 Brownend Quarry (1.74 ha) – E of Waterhouses, just off A523
	 Caldon Low (SK077492, 0.8 ha) – located approx. 1.1km SW of Waterhouses, just off
	 Earlsway Cauldon Railway Cutting (SK077497, 2.2
	ha) - located approx. 400m SW of Waterhouses
	 Caldon Dales (SK093489, 13.3 ha) – begins approx. 750m SE of Waterhouses, just east of Hurst Farm, and continues to
	the south
Nature Conservation Sites	2 sites identified in Local Plan:Field just north of Stonylow Farm, off Cross
(Staffordshire Moorlands Local	Lane
Plan)	Field north of Rooksflat, just off A523

	Scheduled Ancient Monuments	Stonesteads Bowl Barrow, 300m N of A523
	Monuments	 Lamber Low Bowl Barrow, 650m N of A523 Bowl Barrow on Milk Hill, 450m S of The Budds, SE of Waterhouses Cart Low Bowl Barrow, 1.65km NE of Brownend Quarry, E. Waterhouses
	Proposed/recent development (Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998)/ Aerial photos) Conservation Areas	 Recent residential development completed off Waterfall Lane (west of), including Hamps Valley Rd. and Dove Way. Proposed employment allocation located on fields west of Waterhouses Enterprise Centre (Crowtrees Farm Industrial Estate) Development underway at end of Manifold Close & Portland Place. None – but is partially within Peak District National Park
BUILT ENVIRONMENT	(Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998))	Park
	Other	 Waterhouses is linear village formed along A523, which has also developed to the N along Waterfall Lane (off A523). Settlement originated as small ribbon development focused around a number of small quarries located along the A523 Urbanisation along A523 corridor, small tatty fringe farms.

WT01

Settlement:	Waterhou	202
VOS number / Site:		
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Small site, sloping slightly towards a ditch/ road to north used for grazing. Contributes to the character of the immediate area.	
Criteria	Notes	
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	\checkmark	Grazing. Bounded by drystone wall and post and mesh fence. Woodland to south perimeter.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	\checkmark	Visual. Overlooked by several properties. Visible from A523.
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)?	×	The site is overlooked by several properties on the edge of the site. There are glimpsed partial views from the A523
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	\checkmark	Across the open area
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	\checkmark	Small brook and pasture provides a slight break in the development
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	×	Mature sycamore and horse chestnut.
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	X Unknown.	
Recommendation:	Suitable as VOS The small site contributes to the character of the village, providing visual amenity and a break between development.	



View from lane on eastern side of site



View from lane on eastern side of site

Werrington and Cellarhead Settlement Description

- Cellarhead and the northern part of Werrington are relatively flat. The land slopes slightly away along the southern and western edges of Werrington.
- The remnant historic parkland at Ash Hall on the western edge of Werrington contributes to the landscape setting on the approach to Werrington from the west along the A52.
- Wetley Moor an area of designated lowland heath/registered common/SSSI/Nature Conservation Site is an important landscape feature that abuts the north west edge of Werrington and is an important landscape setting to the settlement.
- Werrington was originally a small linear settlement (according to 1st Edn. OS) consisting of two schools, windmill, inn, pub and few houses located along Ash Bank Road (A52).
- Cellarhead originally small nucleated settlement focused around junction of A52 and A520.
- Werrington & Cellarhead have since both expanded (particularly north of the A52) and converged in the vicinity of Withystakes.
- The surrounding agricultural land consists mainly of small field structure with large number of small farms dispersed throughout.
- There is a remnant historic landscape at Foxearth Hall to the south of Cellarhead.
- Strong hedgerow and stream line vegetation to the south of the A52 to the west of Werrington contributes to the landscape setting of the settlement.
- Overhead electricity lines are dominant features in the landscape, crossing the settlement generally in the vicinity of Withystakes in a south east /north west axis linking with the electricity substation north of the settlements.

Visual Open Spaces

WE01 / Land at Whitmore Avenue

• Site splits into 2 distinctive areas – north area relatively flat on same level as surrounding houses – grassed with some trees and hedges around perimeter. South part on higher level steep slope upwards – scrub land (and some litter). Full public access from 3 areas.

WE02 / Land South of Radley Way

 Relatively flat – unkempt grass, appearance of a field, mature and young trees around the perimeter. Public footpath alongside the site.
 DOES NOT SATISFY CRITERIA FOR VISUAL OPEN SPACE

WE03 / Land Known as "Ash Bank"

• Grassed, elevated to east, slopes down to west, well maintained. Access from Meigh Road, at various points – full public access.

WE04 / Memorial Garden Off Ash Bank Road

• Grass – well maintained, central path-well used. Full public access. Slopes downwards gently from road to bungalows.

Suitable

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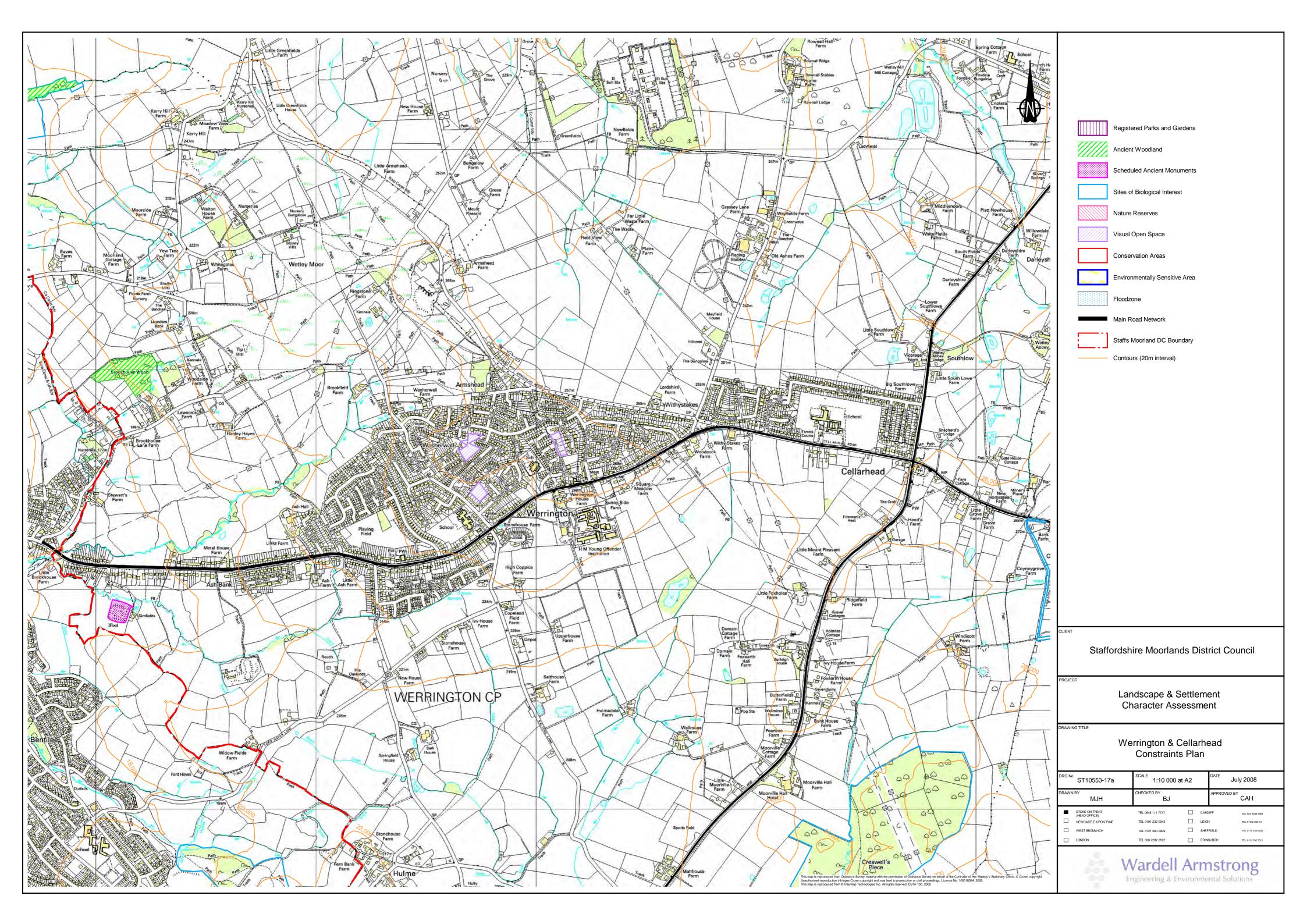
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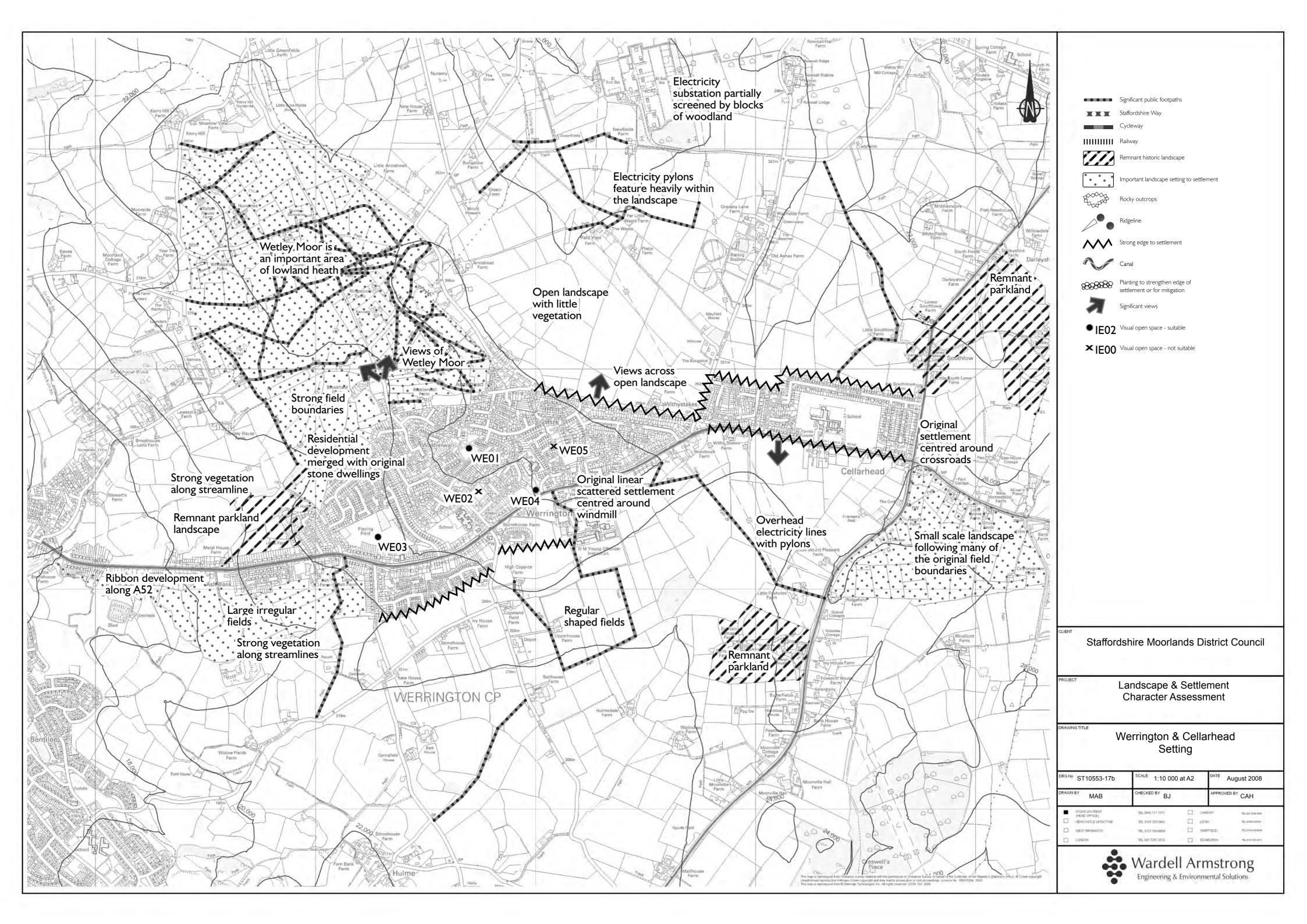
	Regional (Joint) Character Area	64 Potteries and Churnet Valley
	Landscape Character Types	 Ancient Plateau Farmlands (to north) Settlement Plateau Farmlands (to south) Ancient Slope and Valley Farmlands (to north of Cellarhead)
	Historic Landscape Classification	Built-up areas of Werrington & Cellarhead described as 'settlement'. Small area of woodland to north (nr. Armshead), to north-west (Brookhouse Wood) and along the course of the stream (NW of Werrington). Wetley Moor (NW Werrington) described at unimproved land.
	Geology	Playing field within SW Werrington labelled a 'ornamental, parkland & recreation'. Drift Geology: Till
GENERAL CHARACTER / LANDSCAPE		 Soild Geology: Eastern and Northern sections of Werrington - Millstone Grit, Sandstone. Eastern Cellarhead - Millstone Grit argillaceous. South of Cellarhead - Sherwood Sandstone Creare
	Minerals	 Group. Possible Silica Sand- Rough Rock Sherwood Sandstone Edge of Shallow Potteries Coal field located to west of Werrington Hulme Quarry, SW of Hulme, 1.8km S. of Werrington (SJ929446, 40.8 ha) (disused quarry, now National Nature Reserve) Several quarries (shown on 1st Edn. OS located along Washerwall Lane, now covered by residential dwellings, and between Ringstone Farm and Armshead Farm (nr. Wetley Moor)
	Topography	Cellarhead and northern part of Werrington relatively flat. Land slopes slightly downward along southern and western edges of Werrington.
	Contour Range	270m (land at end of Hillside Rd./ Whitmore Av Werrington) – 180m (far western edge of

	Significant Vegetation	Lowland Heath:
	(e.g. trees, woodland, heathland, marshes, commons, parkland)	 Wetley Moor, North West of Werrington (SJ928484, 64.91 ha)
		 Registered Commons: Wetley Moor, NW of Werrington (SJ930483, 123 ha) Washerwall, (SJ933477, 0.06 ha)
		 Ancient Woodland: Brookhouse Wood, 828 metres west of Werrington Adjacent to Grangewood House, 2Km from Cellarhead
SPECIFIC LANDSCAPE FEATURES		 Other Significant Vegetation: Small area of woodland off Rownall Rd., just N. of Werrington Small area of woodland off Kaydor Close, N. Werrington, nr. Wetley Moor Trees lining stream which flows along north-western edge of Werrington Area of woodland, north-western section of Parkhall Country Park, SW of Werrington Creswell's Piece (woodland) Blackbank Plantation, NE of Cellarhead Woodland surrounding electricity substation, N. of Withystakes Small area of woodland, behind nurseries off Brookhouse Lane (W. of Werrington) Small area of trees, just W. of Little Brookhouse Farm
		Parkland Ash Hall Foxearth Wotlaw Abbay
	Historic Parkland	Wetley Abbey Ash Hall (off A52, Ash Bank Rd., western
	(1 st Edn. OS Map)	Werrington) – majority of parkland still remains although house itself absorbed by expanding of settlement.
		Foxearth, south of Cellarhead off A520 Wetley Abbey, south east of Cellarhead
	Water Bodies / Water Courses	No major water bodies or water courses. Several small water courses/streams flowing through fields surrounding settlement. Small risk of flooding at confluence of streams nr. Little Brookhouse Farm (W. Werrington, just off Ash Bank Rd.).
	Floodplains	Floodzone along stream near to Little Brookhouse Farm, Western side of Werrington.

	Major Routes	• 452- Fast to West through contro of
	Major Routes (e.g. roads, railways, canals) Significant Visual Features / Landmarks / Viewpoints (e.g. hedgerows, stone walls, significant architectural features)	 A52- East to West through centre of Werrington, linking Stoke-on-Trent and Ashbourne A520- North to South through Cellarhead, linking Leek & Cheddleton in north with Stone in south B5040- South West of Werrington (linking Stoke-on-Trent and Weston Coyney) Wetley Moor- North of Werrington Creswell's Piece (woodland)- South of Cellarhead H. M. Young Offender Institution (S. Werrington)- prominent visual feature on landscape, visible from Hulme (S.S.W. of Werrington)
	Other Significant Landscape	Surrounding land consists mainly of small field
	Features	structure with large number of small farms
		dispersed throughout. A couple of larger areas of
	(e.g. mineral workings)	open space located to N. (Wetley Moor) and S. (Parkhall Country Park/Hulme Quarry).
	Green Belt / Special	Green Belt:
DESIGNATED AREAS	Landscape Area	Land surrounding Werrington and Cellarhead is Green Belt.
		Special Landscape Area: Incorporating area north of Armshead Rd. and east of A520.
	Designated Areas of	SSSIs:
	Ecological Significance	Wetley Moor, North West of Werrington
	(e.g. SSSIs / SPAs / Nature	(SJ928484, 69.61 ha)
	Reserves / SBIs / SACs)	Hulme Quarry, SW of Hulme, 1.8km S. of Werrington (SJ929446, 40.8 ha)
	(www.magic.gov.uk/Staffordshire	Ancient Woodland:
	Moorlands Local Plan)	Brookhouse Wood, 828 metres west of
		Werrington (SJ992408, 5 ha)Adjacent to Grangewood House, 2Km from Cellarhead
		DAS:
		 BAS: Brookhouse Wood, 828 metres west of Werrington
		SBIs:
		 Causeley Brook, 400 metres west of Werrington
		 Park Hall Country Park, 1.18Km south-west
		of Werrington

		Cellarhead
		 Nature Reserves: Hulme Quarry, National Nature Reserve, part of Parkhall Country Park, 1.8 km S. of Werrington
	Nature Conservation Sites (Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan)	 Wetley Moor, north-west of Werrington Mill House Farm, east of Cellarhead, just off A52
	Scheduled Ancient Monuments	 Simfields moated site, 372m from Werrington near to Little Brookhouse Farm
	Proposed/recent development (Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998)/ Aerial photos) Conservation Areas (Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998))	 Residential development recently completed on land off: Russell Grove and Stonehouse Road Ashbank Road (new road: Oak Mount Road) Moorland Avenue (new road: Sandy Hill)
BUILT ENVIRONMENT	Other	Werrington originally small linear settlement (according to 1 st Edn. OS) consisting of two schools, windmill, inn, pub and few houses located along Ash Bank Road (A52). Cellarhead originally small nucleated settlement focused around junction of A52 and A520. Werrington & Cellarhead have since both expanded (particularly north of the A52) and converged (also incorporating Withystakes).





Settlement:	Werringto	n
VOS number / Site:		
Brief Description:	WE01 / Land at Whitmore Avenue	
Topography, vegetation, access	Site splits into 2 distinctive areas – northern section is	
etc.	relatively flat on the same level as surrounding houses –	
610.	grassed with some trees and hedges around perimeter.	
	South part on higher level steep slope upwards – scrub land	
	(and some litter). Full public access from 3 areas.	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	✓	An area of land split into 2 distinctive parts by its topography and vegetation. Can be accessed at the head of 3 Cul de Sacs. Its irregular shape and the fact it is on 2 levels contributes to character. Part open space to the northern part of the site.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	\checkmark	High for surrounding properties and other residents who use the space (one of few open spaces left in this part of Werrington).
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)?	\checkmark	From surrounding properties and south → north and from cul-de-sac heads.
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	\checkmark	Yes – north and west, partial long views to countryside beyond.
Break Between		Yes – surrounded by estate development.
Development		Provides relief and amenity for public.
Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Note: Part Parish Council owned / part private ownership
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	×	Possibly with private unmanaged grassland section in south.
Cultural or Historical		
Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	×	
Recommendation:	Suitable as VOS The site is split into 2 distinct parts with both providing a significant break between development and allowing full public access.	



View from southern section of site looking north



View from southern section of site looking north



View of northern section of site looking north

WE02

Settlement:	Werringto	n
VOS number / Site :	WE02 / Land South of Radley Way	
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Relatively flat – unkempt grass, appearance of a field, mature and young trees around the perimeter. Public footpath alongside the site.	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	\checkmark	Field contained on 3 sides by development. Public footpath runs along north western boundary.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	×	Appears to be private land therefore unauthorised public amenity to surrounding 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)?	×	Possibly from Radley Way looking south on to site – not a significant view.
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	×	Across the open space to surrounding properties on the perimeter of the site
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	\checkmark	Not significant.
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	×	Minimal from hedgerows and long grass.
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	×	
Recommendation:	Not suitable as VOS The site provides no visual amenity while the break between development is not significant within the settlement.	



View from adjacent footpath looking east



View from adjacent footpath looking south east

Settlement:	Werringto	n
VOS number / Site::	WE03 / Land Known as "Ash Bank"	
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Grassed, elevated to east, slopes down to west, well maintained. Access from Meigh Road, at various points – full public access.	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	\checkmark	Wide open space on different levels surrounded by high density housing. Significant woodland block within north east corner of the site
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	\checkmark	High – for residents to use and the largest area of undeveloped public green space in Werrington.
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)?	\checkmark	From the eastern side of bridle path. Looking east from car park on Meigh Road. From all surrounding properties.
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	\checkmark	East to west – long view to Stoke and hills beyond. (land on eastern side of VOS is elevated).
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	✓	Significant – housing development on all 4 sides.
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	\checkmark	Mature hedgerows and trees on some boundaries. Some areas left wild.
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	\checkmark	Woodland part of plantation associated with Ash Farm. Identifiable on 1 ST Edition OS.
Recommendation:	Suitable as VOS The site has a strong landscape character within the area while having significant amenity value, strong views and an important break between development.	



View to south from edge of Penmere Drive



View to west south from edge of Penmere Drive

Settlement:	Werringto	n	
VOS number / Site:	Wennigton WE04 / Memorial Garden Off Ash Bank Road		
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Grass – well maintained, central path-well used. Full public access. Slopes downwards gently from road to bungalows.		
Criteria		Notes	
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	\checkmark	Maintained public open space divided into 2 by unmaintained hedgerow. Trees on east side. Open on west with poorly maintained memorial with paving.	
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	\checkmark	Maintained public open space crossed by footpath link to A52.	
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)?	\checkmark	Housing on higher land beyond to the north	
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	\checkmark	Open views across the whole site	
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	~	Open feel – separate new housing from allotments.	
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	×	Limited to hedgerow	
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	×		
Recommendation:	Suitable as VOS The site is locally significant, providing an open feel to the residential area with fairly expansive views to the north and providing public access between Stonehouse Road and Ash Bank Road.		



View to north along Oak Mount Road with site to the left of the view



View to north from pathway within the site



Memorial garden within the site

WE05

Settlement:	Werringto	n
VOS number / Site:	WE05 / Land Between Moorland Avenue - Johnstone Avenue	
Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc.	Short linear tree belt along the back of residential properties.	
Criteria		Notes
Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement?	×	Very tall trees and hedgerow alongside a path.
Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself?	\checkmark	For local residents. There path along the length of the site (Draw-Well Lane).
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)?	×	The treeline is visible from the adjacent properties
Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)?	×	Flat secluded track.
Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement?	\checkmark	Nothing.
Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value?	\checkmark	The mature trees present are likely to have ecological value.
Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association?	×	
Recommendation:	Not suitable as VOS The site serves as a boundary between the rear of houses on Irvine Road and Highbury road and the back gardens at Sandy Hill.	