

TELFORD AND WREKIN LANDSCAPE & VISUAL SENSITIVITY ASSESSMENT LILLESHALL [03LIL]

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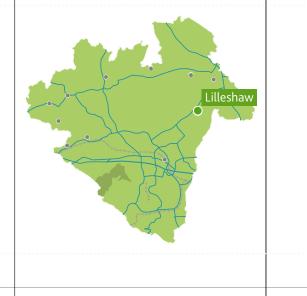
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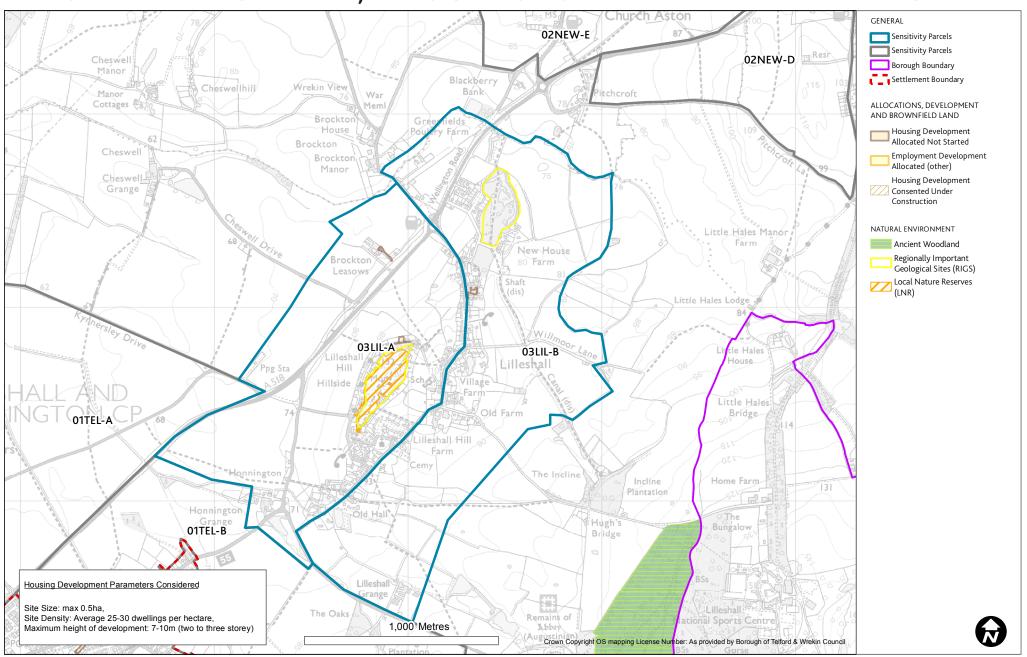


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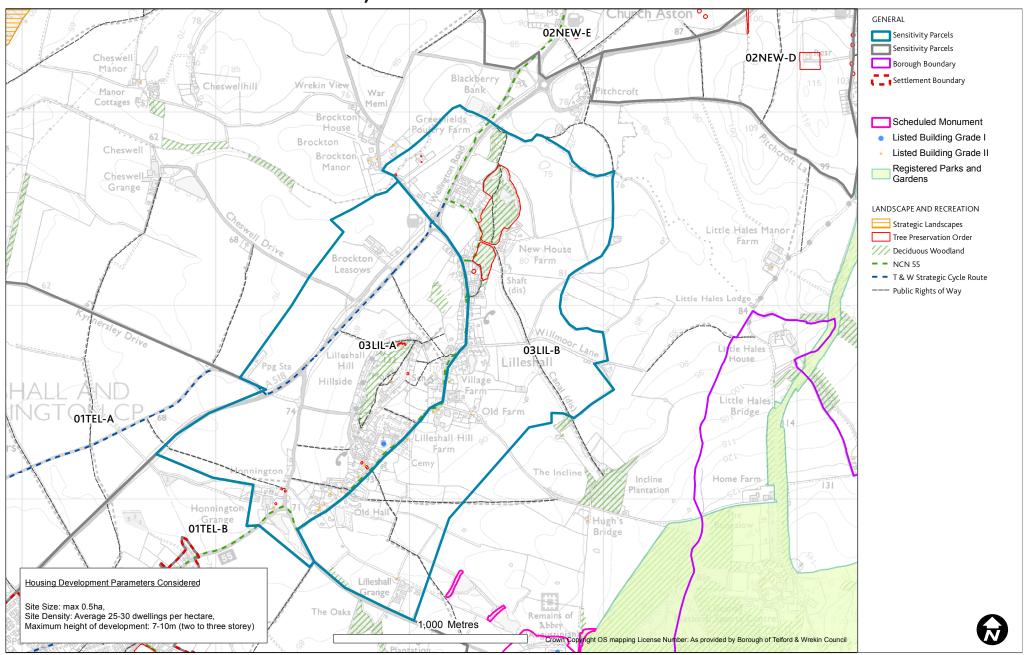
Lilleshall is located in the north of the borough, some 4km south west of Newport. The linear village extends along Church Road and Limekiln Lane, the latter being a reminder that the village and its surrounds were once the site of considerable early industrial development, with the mining of coal and limestone. Dominating views around the village is the bracken covered Lilleshall Hill, on top of which stands a 21m high obelisk. Lilleshall Hill affords panoramic views across Telford, towards the Wrekin and Shropshire Hills AONB. To the south east of the village close to Abbey Wood are the ruins of Lilleshall Abbey, Lilleshall Golf Course, and Lilleshall Hall, which is now a National Recreation Centre.



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, ALLOCATIONS AND PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT



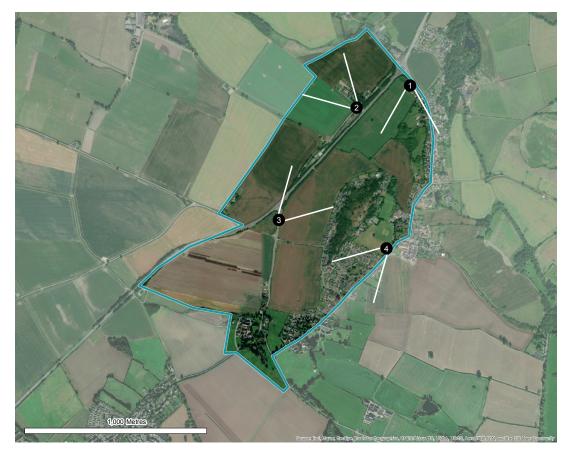
HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT, LANDSCAPE AND RECREATION



LILLESHAW A [03LIL-A]

LOCATION AND CHARACTER

This parcel is located to the west of Lilleshall and is bordered by NCR 55/ Telford and Wrekin SCR to the south. It includes properties along the western edge of Lilleshall, a number of which are designated listed buildings, and the surrounding large scale open arable farmland, which is crossed by the A518, New Trench Road and Wellington Road. The land gradually rises in an easterly direction towards Lilleshall Hill where the distinctive Lilleshall Monument forms a prominent landmark on the western edge of the village. Lilleshall Hill is also designated as a Local Nature Reserve, Local Wildlife Site, and Local Geological Site (formerly known as RIGS). The small settlement of Honnington is located to the south west. There is an isolated farmstead to the north. Several PRoW are located within the parcel, notably around Lilleshall Hill. Tree cover is mainly limited to road corridors and private gardens, and around Lilleshall Hill.





VIEW SOUTH, FROM LIMEKILN LANE ACROSS

PASTORAL FIELD TOWARDS LOCALISED HIGHPOINT

OF LILLESHALL AND LILLESHALL MONUMENT



2. FROM WELLINGTON ROAD, VIEW NORTHWEST ACROSS ARABLE FIELDS



3. FROM WELLINGTON ROAD, VIEW NORTHEAST ACROSS ARABLE FARMLAND TOWARDS LOCALISED HIGHPOINT OF LILLESHALL AND LILLESHALL MONUMENT



4. VIEW SOUTHWEST, FROM EDGE OF RECREATIONAL GROUND ACROSS SETTLEMENT EDGE OF LILLESHALL

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LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

This parcel has a positive and very strong landscape character. This is due to the presence of the Local Geological Site (formerly RIGS), Local Nature Reserve, and Local Wildlife Site at Lilleshall Hill on which sits the Grade II Listed Lilleshall Monument. These landscape features make the parcel rare within the context of this study. A number of Listed buildings are present in the settlement which indicate higher landscape value, including the Grade I listed Church of St Michael and All Angels. The wider parcel comprises a rural landscape in good condition which makes an important contribution to the recreational enjoyment of the area with PRoWs connecting to Lilleshall Hill and to the wider landscape, NCN 55, and a Telford and Wrekin Strategic Cycle Route.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

Landform comprises the distinctive Lilleshall Hill and surrounding gently sloping landform. Overlying this is a complex landscape pattern around Lilleshall Hill and simpler pattern in the surrounding rural fields. Land cover comprises arable farmland, with hedgerows and some hedgerow trees. Deciduous woodland is present on the west side of Lilleshall Hill. There is a strong village character and a unique sense of place due to Lilleshall Hill and the monument. Sense of tranquillity is stronger on the east side of the parcel, away from the A518. The existing settlement is of a linear pattern, and partially integrated with the surrounding landscape due to presence of boundary hedgerows and property gardens backing on to fields. The southern extent of Lilleshall is susceptible to merging with the north east edge of Muxton.

VISUAL

VISUAL VALUE

Views throughout the parcel are considered to be of high scenic quality due to the presence of the distinctive landform of Lilleshall Hill (and Lilleshall Monument) in the majority of views, and from which panoramic views can be obtained. There is strong intervisibility between Lilleshall Hill and The Wrekin in the Shropshire Hills AONB, indicating regionally valued views. The views associated with the AONB take in the special qualities of hills and landform, due to the height at which the views are from on Lillieshall Hill. There is also intervisibility between Lilleshall Hill and the remains of Lilleshall Abbey (Scheduled Monument), and the Grade II* Listed Lilleshall Hall.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Views from Lilleshall Hill are open, elevated and panoramic. At lower elevations within the wider parcel there are more open westerly views, and Lilleshall Hill forms a visual break at the eastern edge of the parcel and a strong skyline feature. There is intervisibility between the settlement edge and the wider parcel, however garden boundary vegetation filters many of these views. Due to the elevation of Lilleshall Hill the parcel is highly intervisible with the wider landscape, including Lilleshall Parcel B and Telford Parcels A and B. Visual detractors are limited to the A518 on which generally lower susceptibility road receptors are present. Residential receptors at the settlement edge and recreational receptors on PRoW and at viewpoints from Lilleshall Hill are typically highly susceptible to changes to their surroundings. Views to and from Lilleshall Hill, and to The Wrekin are highly scenic.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

The distinctive landform of Lilleshall Hill and associated designations is highly susceptible to change, and there is high recreational value, however the wider parcel is of lower susceptibility due to the simpler landscape pattern and gentler topography. This is with the exception of the southern extent of the parcel which is susceptible to merging with the north east edge of Muxton. Overall the landscape sensitivity to change arising from new housing is considered to be High.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

There are highly scenic views to and from Lilleshall Hill, and strong intervisibility with The Wrekin and listed buildings in the wider landscape. In the context that the lower lying parts of the parcel are more visually contained, the overall visual sensitivity to change arising from new housing is considered to be High.



LOW MEDIUM-LOW MEDIUM MEDIUM-HIGH HIGH VERY HIGH



LOW MEDIUM-LOW MEDIUM MEDIUM-HIGH HIGH VERY HIGH

LILLESHAW B [03LIL-B]

LOCATION AND CHARACTER

This parcel is located to the east of Lilleshall and is bordered by NCR 55/ Telford and Wrekin SCR to the north. It includes properties along the eastern edge of Lilleshall, several of which are listed buildings, and the mainly small to medium scale arable farmland located to the east of Church Road and Limekiln Lane. There is an area designated as RIGS to the north. The A518 crosses the northern part of the parcel and there is a network of lanes and PRoW. Enclosure is provided by field hedgerow and trees with small blocks and linear belts of woodland, although in places, field amalgamation had led to loss of hedgerows and trees, creating a more open landscape. An outlying cluster of properties to the north and dispersed farmsteads fall within the parcel. A large block of woodland and a series of small waterbodies are also found to the north.





1. VIEW NORTHEAST FROM CHURCH ROAD ACROSS
ARABLE FARMLAND TOWARDS LILLESHALL ABBEY
AND LILLESHALL HALL



2. FROM PROW, VIEW WEST TOWARDS SETTLEMENT EDGE OF LILLESHALL



3. FROM PROW, VIEW SOUTHEAST ACROSS FORMER OUARRIES



4. VIEW EAST, FROM PROW ACROSS GENTLY ROLLING PASTORAL FARMLAND

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LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE VALUE

This parcel has a village edge rural character, good strength of character and consistently good quality and condition across the parcel. The character of the parcel is influenced by the presence of Lilleshall Hill in Lilleshall Parcel A. The presence of the Local Geological Site (formerly RIGS) at Lilleshall Limestone Quarries is a feature which is considered relatively rare within the study area and indicates higher value. This area has ponds and is wooded, providing good natural connectivity and is designated with a TPO. Natural connectivity is provided in the wider parcel with trees along a section of the disused Lilleshall Canal and several small ponds. Some Grade II Listed buildings on the eastern edge of the village and at Lilleshall Grange, providing historic value. The parcel is also part of the wider landscape setting for Lilleshall Hall Registered Park and Garden to the east, and Lilleshall Abbey (Scheduled Monument) to the south east (the designated remains of which extent to within 150m of the parcel). The parcel makes a contribution to the recreational enjoyment of the area with the presence of PRoWs linking to Lilleshall Limestone Quarries, Lilleshall Abbey, and the NCN 55.

LANDSCAPE SUSCEPTIBILITY

The centre of Lilleshall village sits at a localised high point on the eastern edge of Lilleshall Hill, with undulating landform sloping away to the north, east, and south of the parcel. As such the landform and landscape pattern both vary, with a mixture of medium scale arable fields, to smaller scale pastures and the more intimate scale of Lilleshall Limestone Quarries. Field boundaries are formed by a hedgerows in varying condition, with a high level of hedgerow trees. There is a sense of place associated with Lilleshall Hill in Lilleshall Parcel A, and a strong sense of place around Lilleshall Limestone Quarries, both of which are susceptible to loss or disturbance. Tranquillity reduces in proximity to the A518 and increases around the arable field at the eastern edge of the parcel. The settlement edge is partially integrated with the rural setting of the parcel due to a smaller scale field pattern at the settlement edge, and trees and hedgerows along property boundaries. Residential development to the west of Lilleshall Limestone Quarries is less well integrated the north east edge of Muxton.

VISUAL

VISUAL VALUE

There are views from the eastern edge of the settlement which are of high scenic quality due to intervisibility with Lillieshall Hall Registered Park and Garden, and Lillieshall Abbey (Scheduled Monument). Lillieshall Monument in Parcel A is also regularly visible in views from Parcel B. There are longer distance views to The Wrekin in the Shropshire Hills AONB, and the views associated with the AONB take in the special qualities of hills and landform.

VISUAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

Views for this parcel vary from being open and slightly elevated (at the east of the settlement edge), to foreshortened at lower elevations by field boundary vegetation, to very contained around the Lillieshall Limestone Quarries. There is intervisibility with the settlement edge, Parcel A, and Telford Parcel B. The topography of Lillieshall Hill forms part of the skyline outside the parcel and provides a visual break to west. The woodland of Lillieshall Hall Registered Park and Garden provides containment to views east outside the parcel. Scenic quality is considered to be high with visual detractors limited to large scale commercial buildings adjacent to Lillieshall Grange. Residential receptors at the settlement edge and recreational receptors on PRoWs are typically highly susceptible to changes to their surroundings. Road receptors on the A518 are considered to be lower susceptibility.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Features including the Local Geological Site, good natural connectivity and proximity to Lilleshall Registered Park and Garden and particularly to Lilleshall Abbey impart value to this parcel and are susceptible to change. The landscape sensitivity to change arising from new housing is therefore considered to be Medium-High.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY

There are highly scenic views to historic buildings outside the parcel and topographical features of Lillieshall Hill in parcel A, and The Wrekin at a distance in the wider landscape. In balance with lower elevations of the parcel being more visually contained the overall visual sensitivity to change arising from new housing is considered to be Medium-High.



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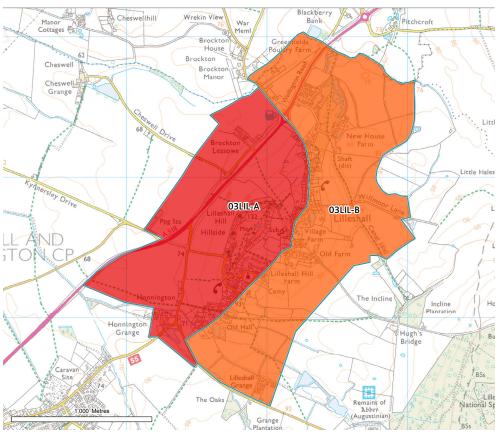




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SETTLEMENT LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

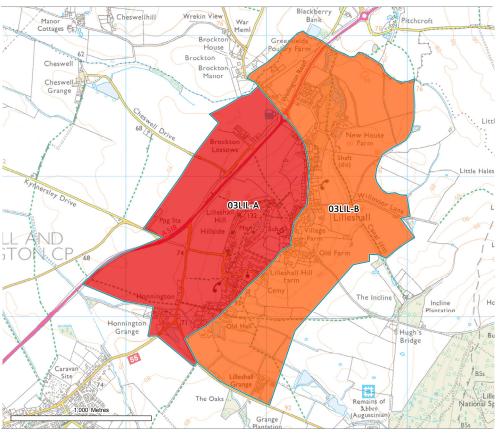
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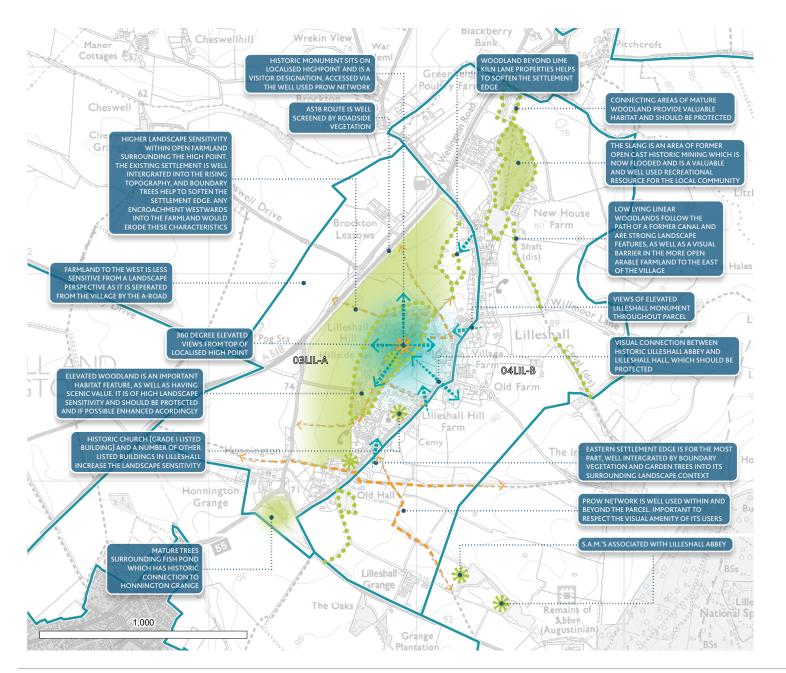
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