



Bewdley Local Green Space Assessment

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Introduction

Bewdley Town Council commissioned Pleydell Smithyman Limited to carry out an assessment of land surrounding Bewdley outside the Green Belt that may potentially meet the criteria for protection as Local Green Space (as defined by The National Planning Policy Framework).

The National Planning Policy Framework (revised February 2019)

Paragraphs 99 to 101 are relevant to the consideration of Local Green Space are reproduced below:

99. The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

100. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is: a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

101. Policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for Green Belts.

Desktop Sources

The key documents referred to are:

- The Worcestershire County Council Landscape Character Assessment and supporting technical documents;
- Worcestershire Historic Landscape Characterisation;
- Aerial photography and Ordnance survey mapping; and
- Designations mapping from Natural England sources and Local Authority Development Plans.

The approach to the study was informed by the following best practice guidance:

- Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment – 3rd Edition (2013);
- An Approach to Landscape Character Assessment – Christine Tudor for Natural England (2014)

Parcel Definition

Potential parcels were initially selected in liaison with Bewdley Town Council and Wyre Forest District Council to cover all land around Bewdley outside the Green Belt that was in reasonably close proximity to the town and could therefore potentially be considered a Local Green Space.

Desktop sources were used to define draft parcel boundaries which were then refined through field survey (see **Figure 1**).

Individual parcels did not have a minimum or maximum size but were determined by changes in landcover and/or land-use and defensible boundaries were selected e.g. main roads, woodlands and settlement edges. The Worcestershire Landscape Character Assessment (see **Figures 2 and 3**) and Historical Landscape Character Assessment (as illustrated on each Parcel sheet) informed parcel definition, noting that some parcels contain several historical land types. Nature conservation designations are illustrated on Figure 4.

The Worcestershire County Landscape Character Assessment Technical handbook identifies both the Landscape Condition and Landscape Sensitivity of the parcels. Whilst this information was not determinative in the assessment of contributing factors, it formed useful background context (see **Figures 5 and 6**).

The following documents, as part of the Worcestershire Landscape Character Assessment are included at the back of this report as follows:

Appendix 1: Landscape Type Information Sheets

Appendix 2: Landscape Type Advice Sheets – Land Management

Appendix 3: Landscape Type Advice sheets for planning and development

Field Survey

The field assessment of all the parcels was carried out on foot from publicly accessible locations in the summer of 2019 by a Chartered Landscape Architect. All photography was taken with a Canon 5D mark 2 camera with a fixed 50mm lens and photography in this study is presented at 300mm viewing distance to comply with Landscape Institute Guidance Note 09/11.

Assessment Categories

With reference to paragraph 100 of the NPPF each parcel has been defined to ensure that it fulfilled the criteria of being in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves and was local in character and not an extensive tract of land. Each parcel was then assessed against the third NPPF criteria to determine if the land was demonstrably special to the local community and held a particular local significance because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife.

It was determined that a parcel needed to fulfil more than a single category and that it would need to score a High level in at least two categories. This conservative assessment approach is not a requirement of the NPPF but ensures that any designation of Local Green Space is robust and defensible.

Value Level	Natural Beauty Criteria
High	Very limited or no detracting characteristics. Presence of diversity and balance of form, colour, texture and contrast with interesting or captivating scenery in an aesthetically pleasing way.
Medium	Some detracting characteristics balancing some aesthetically pleasing aspects, but fairly commonplace.
Low	A number of detracting characteristics, with little variation or colour, texture, form or contrast generally outweighing aesthetically pleasing positive contributing characteristics to the scene.
Very Low	No positive characteristics present within the scene with no balance or diversity, little interest and very low aesthetic appeal.

Value Level	Historical Criteria
High	Frequent features or elements of archaeological, historical or cultural interest e.g. rare field boundary systems and/or archaeological features that have value beyond a local level.
Medium	Occasional locally important features or elements of archaeological, historical or cultural interest.
Low	Very few locally important features or elements of archaeological, historical or cultural interest.
Very Low	No locally important features or elements of archaeological, historical or cultural interest.

Value Level	Tranquillity Criteria
High	Secluded parts of the landscape where there is a sense of remoteness or isolation. Human influences are not dominant, with settlement being sparsely distributed. Occasional very minor detractors to an experience of tranquillity.
Medium	Human influences are evident, with scattered development present, detracting from an experience of tranquillity, which would be confined to localised places.
Low	Human presence is more dominant with a corresponding lack of tranquility evident, despite some rural influences. Experience of tranquillity would be rare in this landscape.
Very Low	Human presence in terms of significant numbers of people, noise, movement and development such that there is an absence of tranquillity.

Value Level	Recreational Value
High	Good network of public rights of way which may also include National Trails and/or locally promoted routes. Clear evidence that the area is well-used for recreation e.g. worn paths.
Medium	Some limited access e.g. via permissive or public rights of way. Access may be partly restricted by commercial use e.g. golf courses
Low	Very limited permissive or informal access with signs of limited use e.g. collapsed stiles, blocked access and overgrown routes. Some value from indirect views from adjacent public locations.
Very Low	No public access and limited visibility from adjacent public routes

Value Level	Wildlife Value
High	Good range of habitats and designations e.g. SSSI, Local Wildlife Site, National Nature Reserve and/or Ancient Woodland
Medium	Some range of habitats and proximity to designations e.g. SSSI, Local Wildlife Site, National Nature Reserve and/or Ancient Woodland
Low	Limited range of habitats and limited connectivity to designations e.g. SSSI, Local Wildlife Site, National Nature Reserve and/or Ancient Woodland
Very Low	Low value habitats e.g. Sports Field and Urban Areas and no connectivity to designations e.g. SSSI, Local Wildlife Site, National Nature Reserve and/or Ancient Woodland

Published Development Guidelines (Worcestershire Landscape Character Assessment).

Seven of the parcels of land assessed, met the criteria for Local Green Space. All of the parcels are covered by published Landscape Advice Sheets setting out the Planning and Development strategy and these have been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

In relation to the Forest Smallholdings and Dwellings, this advice covers Parcels 2 to 11. The Planning and Development sheet states:

'New development must respect the historical ad-hoc development of the settlement pattern of these landscapes and avoiding standardisation of design and layout. Additional individual dwellings may be accommodated in some circumstances where the scale of the original settlement would not be compromised. Clustered groups of new housing however would not be appropriate. The retention of small pastures/orchards between houses is important.'

In relation to the Timbered Plateau Farmlands covering Parcels 12 to 16, the key characteristics state:

'Dispersed settlement pattern of farmsteads and hamlets' and the enclosure pattern states 'Opportunities to reflect the organic field pattern may materialise through the shape of newly planted hedgerows, the outline of new woodland planting, the definition of roadside boundaries and verges, the spatial distribution and orientation of new buildings, avoiding uniformity of pattern in all cases.'

Figure 1 - Parcels Plan

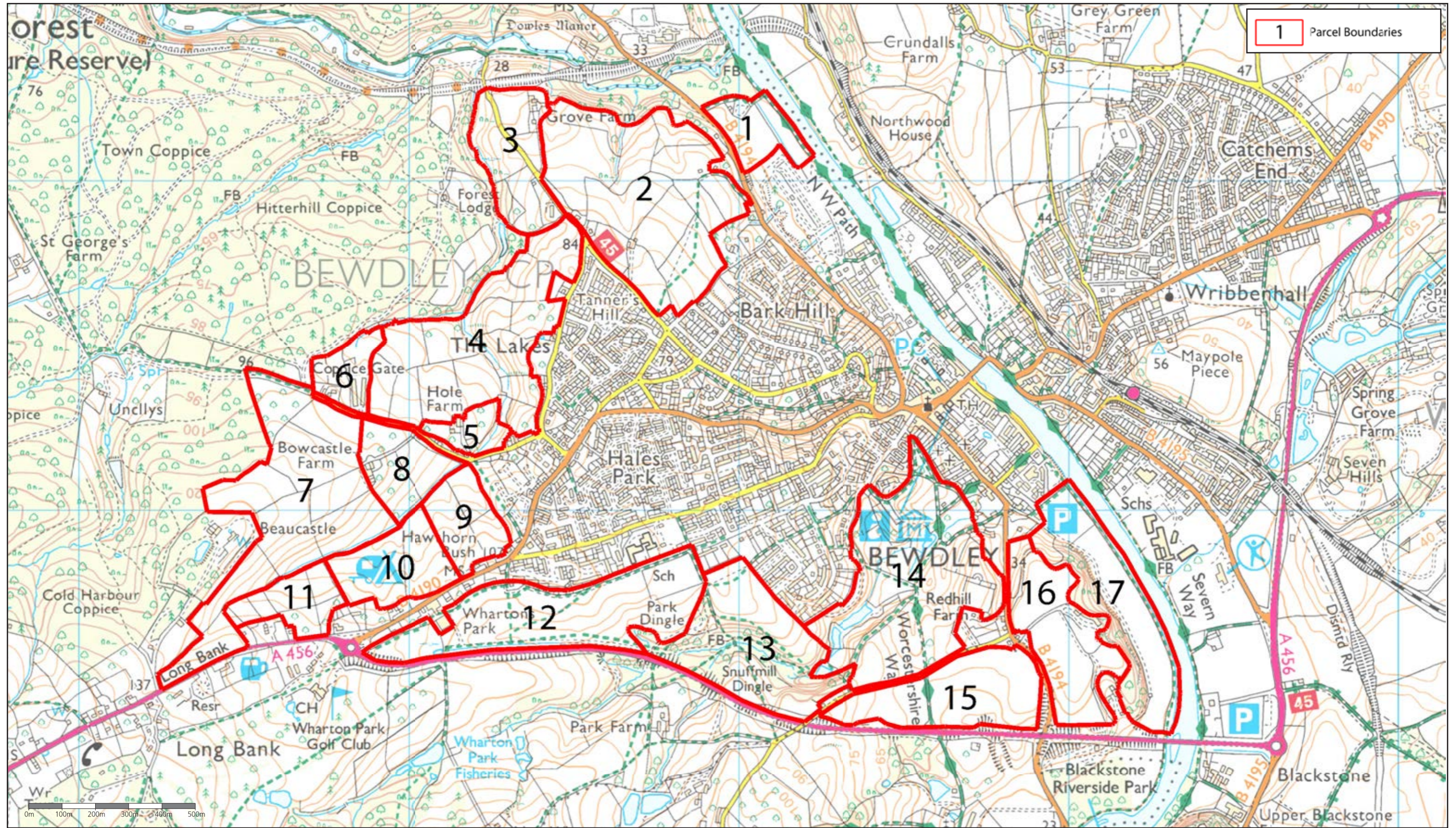


Figure 2 - Landscape Character - Parcels Plan (Worcestershire County Council Landscape Character Assessment)

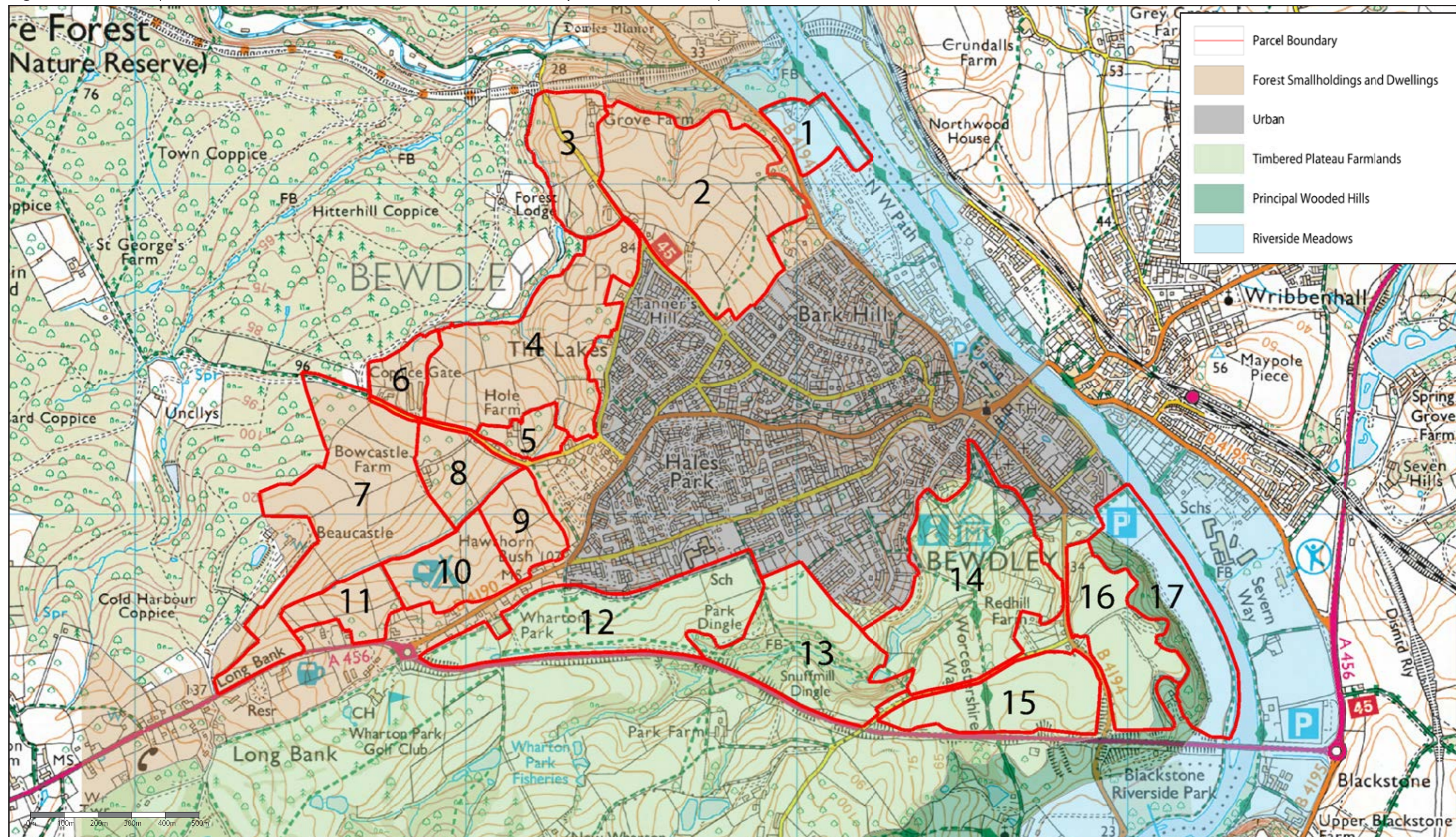


Figure 3 - Landscape Description Units - Parcels Plan (Worcestershire County Council Landscape Character Assessment)

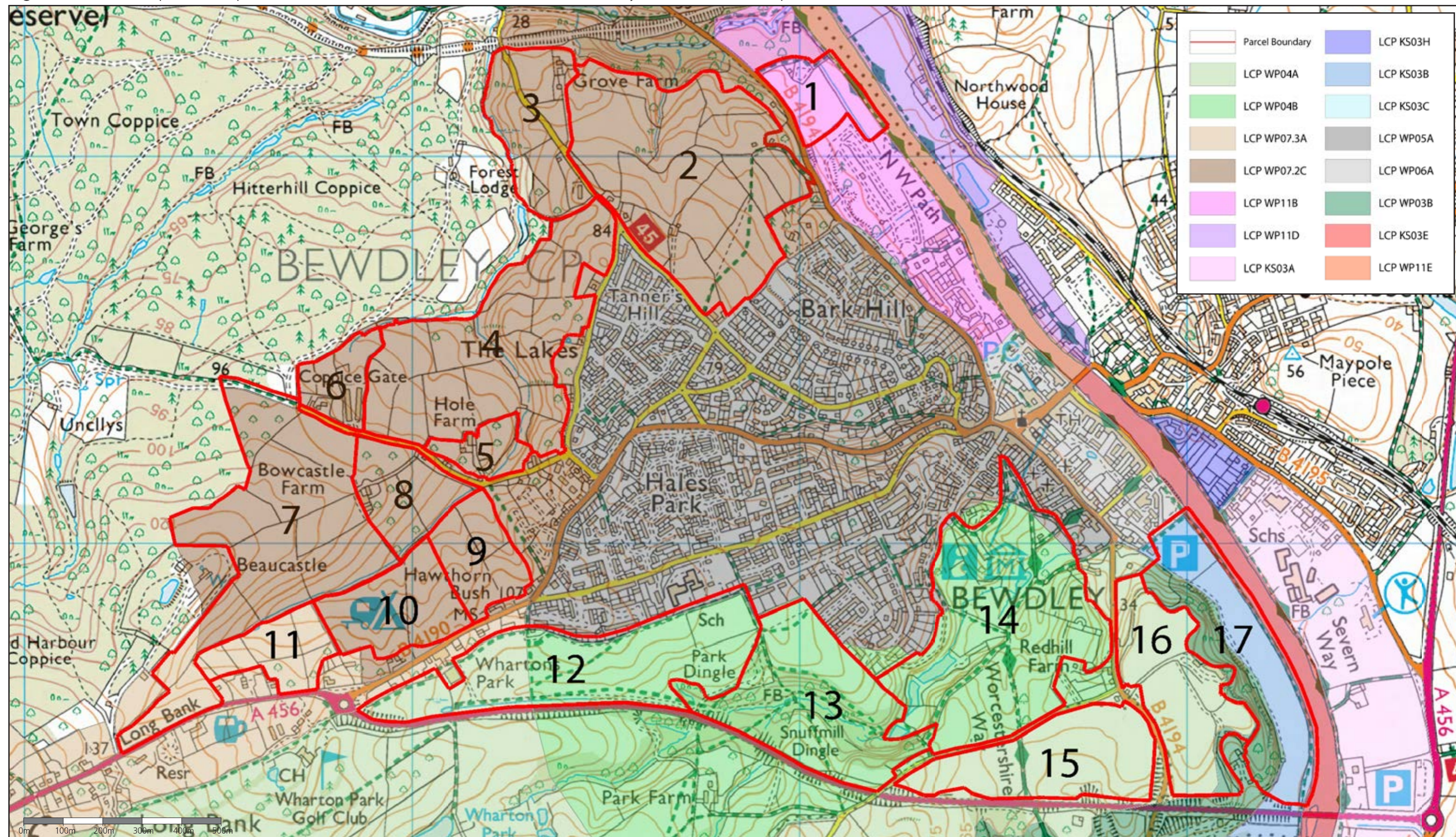


Figure 4 - Conservation Designations

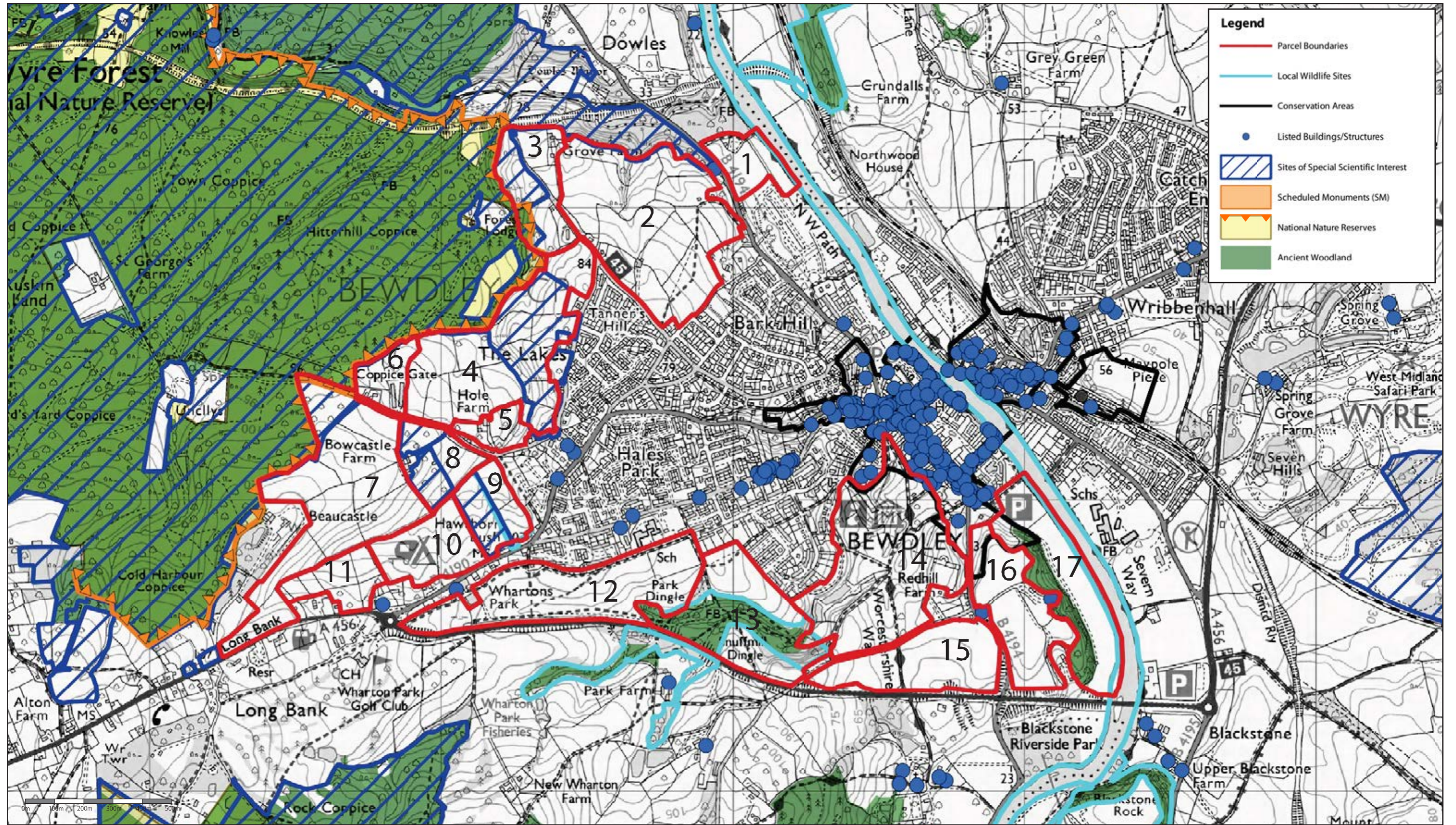


Figure 5 - Landscape Condition - Parcels Plan (Worcestershire County Council Landscape Character Assessment Technical Handbook)

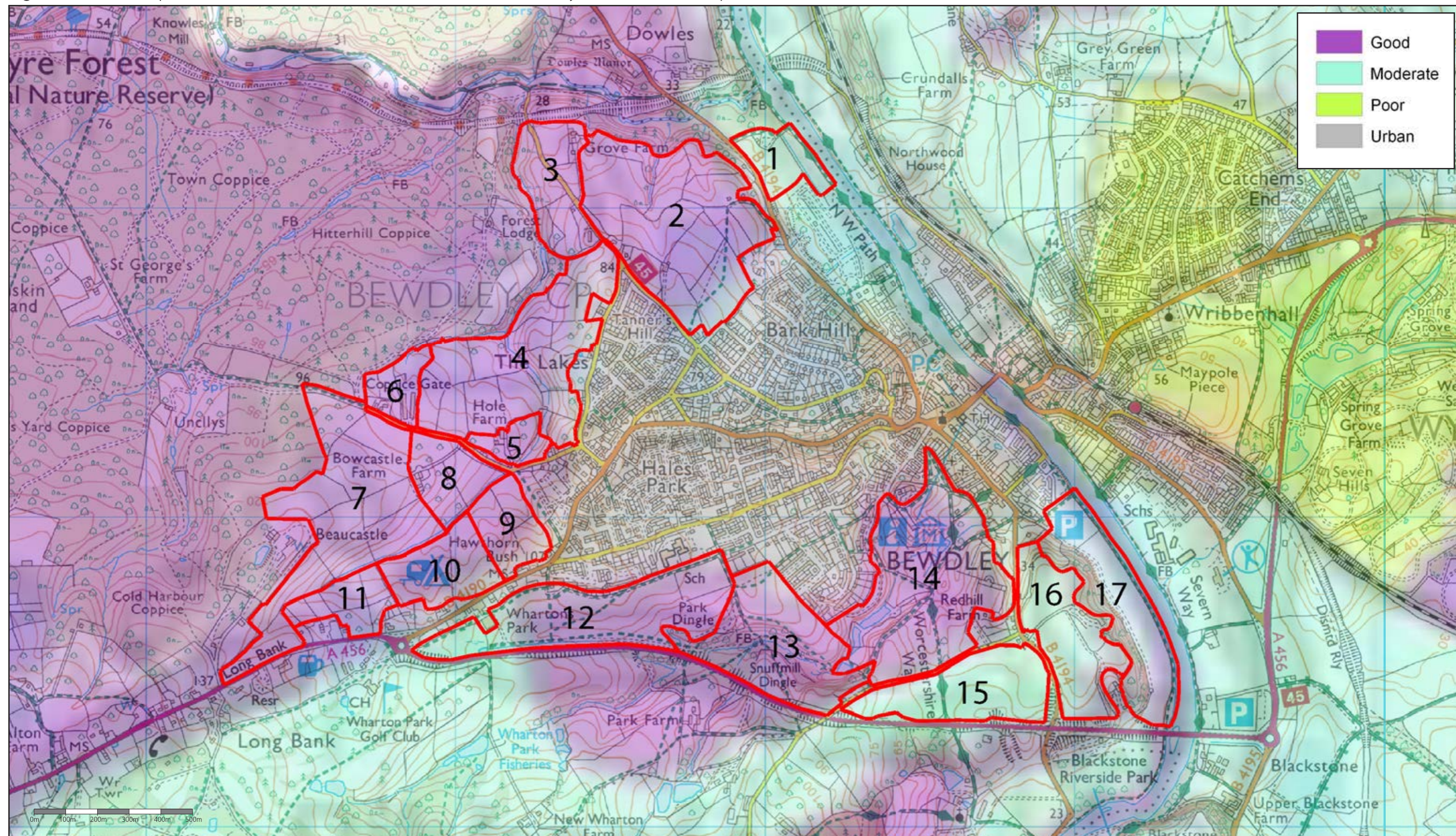
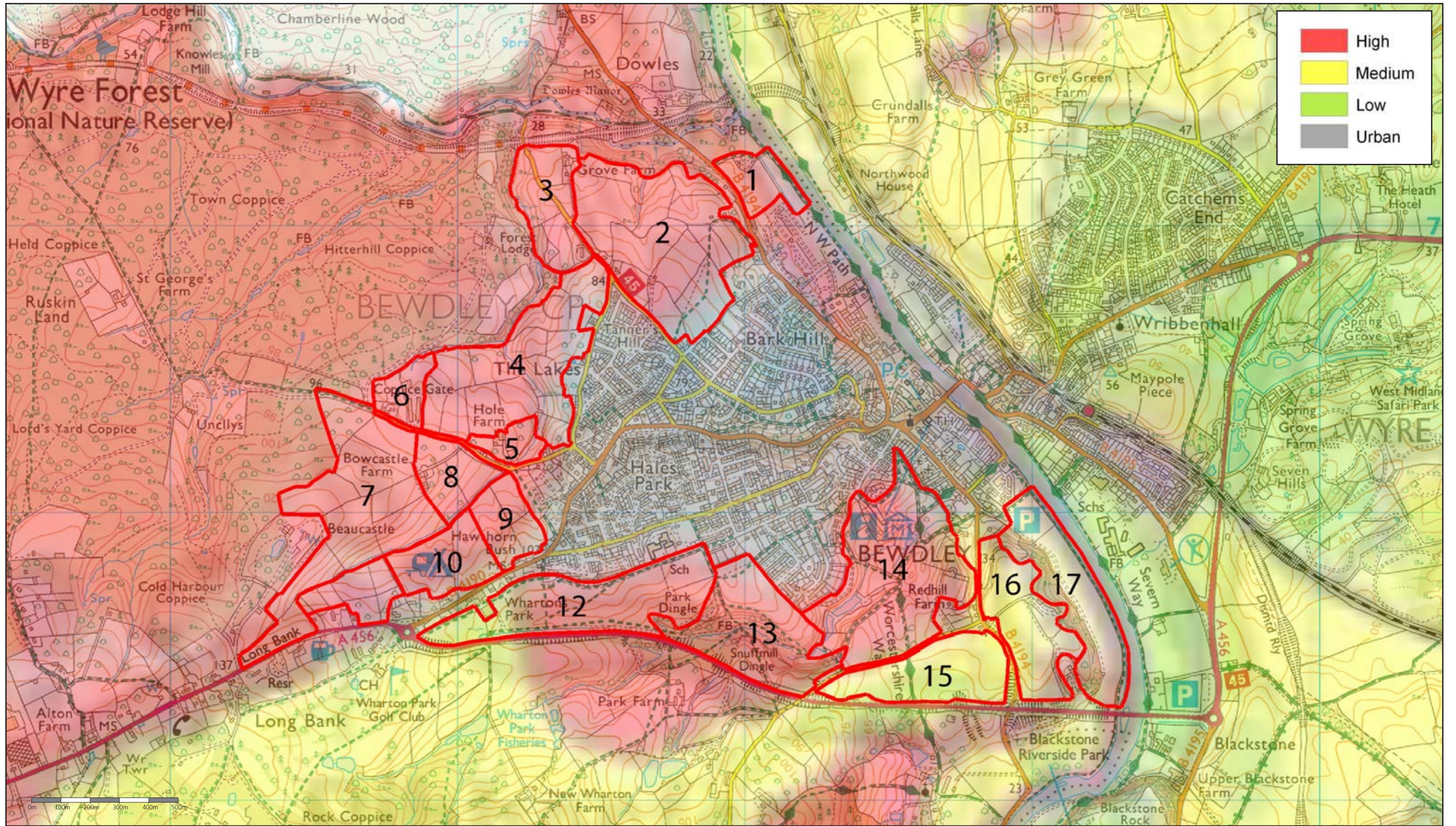
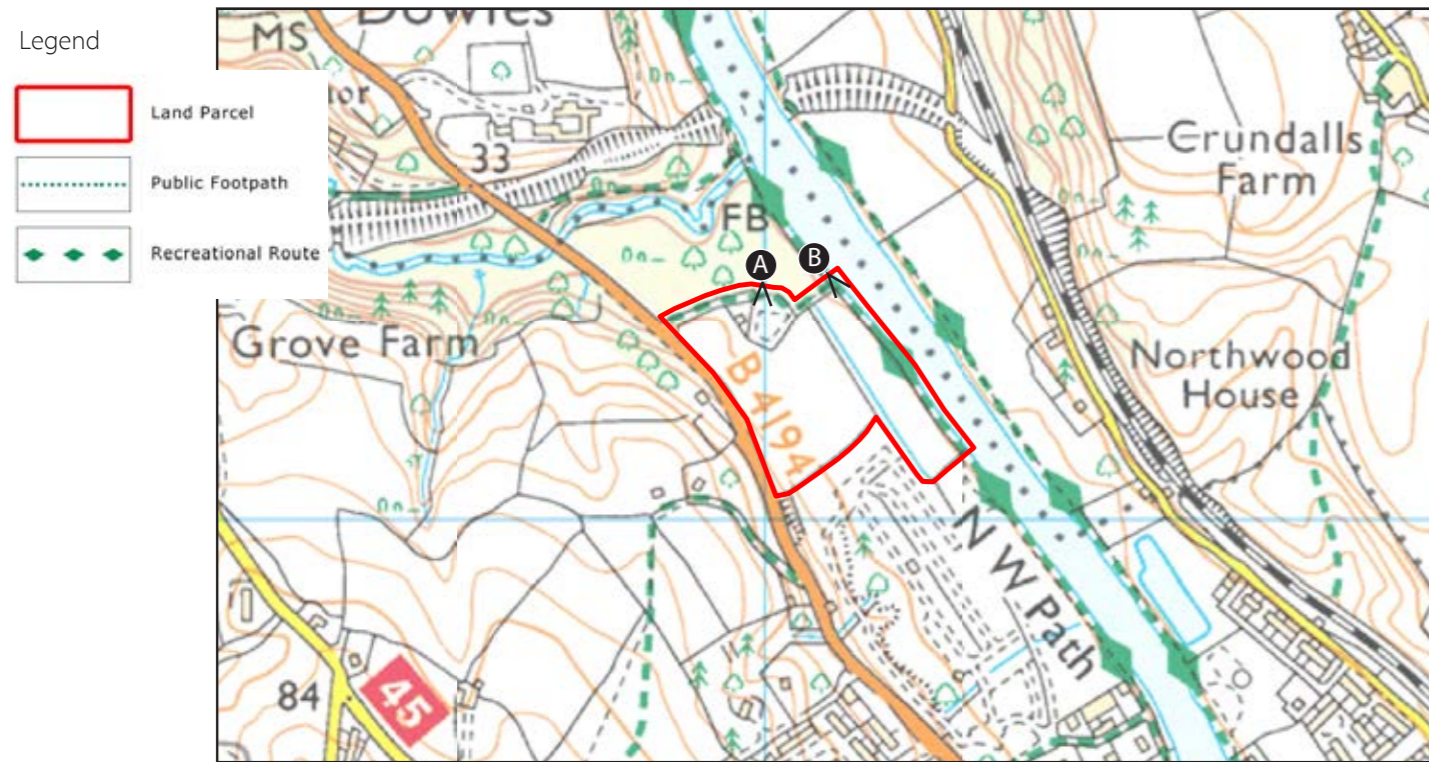


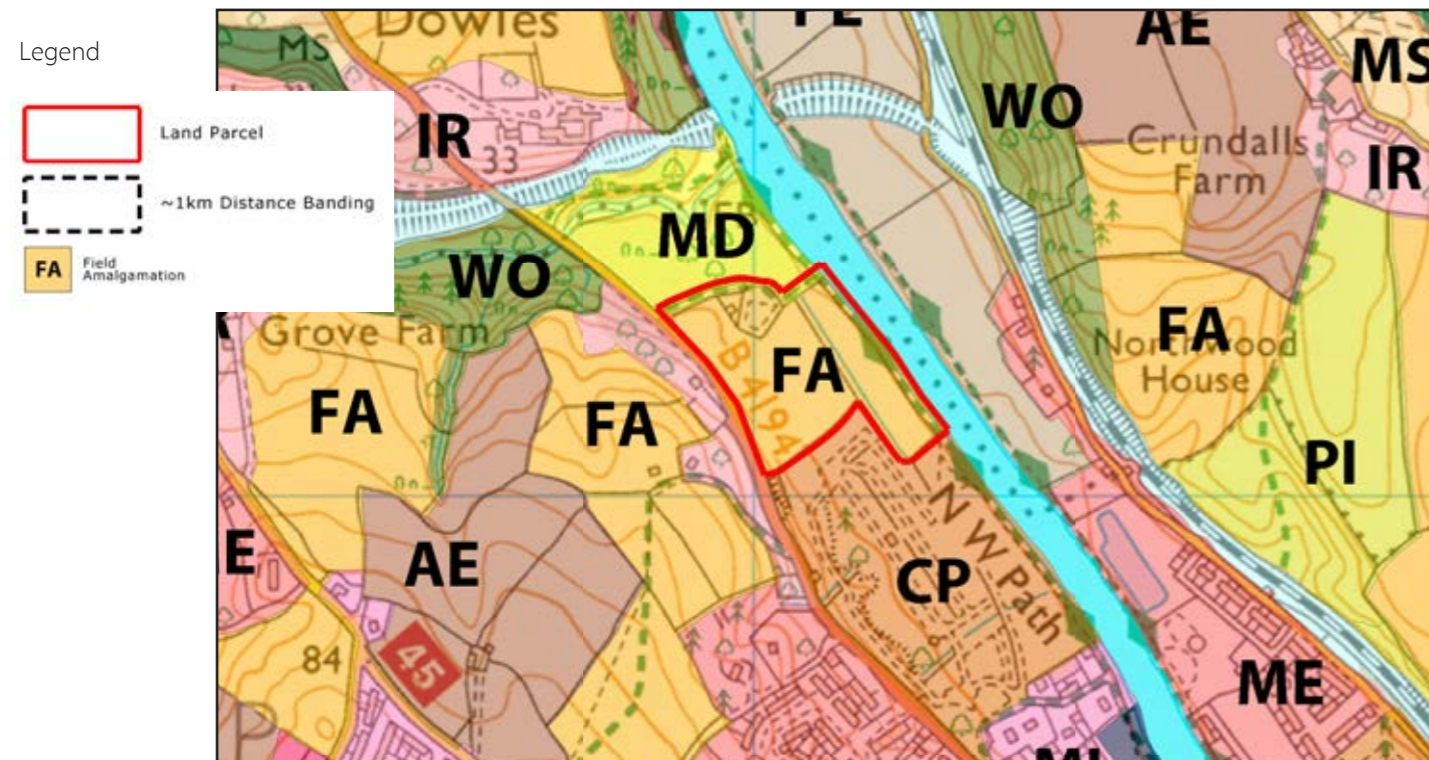
Figure 6 - Landscape Sensitivity - Parcels Plan (Worcestershire County Council Landscape Character Assessment Technical Handbook)



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Historical Landscape Character



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The Parcel lies within the Riverside Meadows Landscape Type and the LDU WP11 Bewdley to Upper Arley Riverside Meadows Landscape Description Unit.

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With respect to the settlement pattern of new development there is no information or planning advice for the Riverside Meadows Landscape Type.

The Worcestershire County Landscape Character Assessment Technical handbook identifies the Landscape Condition as Good and Landscape Sensitivity of the parcel as High i.e. the highest of a 4 point scale. See mapping at Figures 5 and 6.

Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The northern edge of the parcel is easily accessible from Bewdley by a footway along the eastern edge of the B4194 Dowles Road that connects to the public footpath along the northern edge of the parcel.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel forms a discrete pocket of land contained to the north by woodland, the south by the caravan park, the west by the B4194 and the east by the River Severn.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	Views along the long distance footpath by the river are largely unaffected by major built development and the public footpath that weaves along the northern boundary of the parcel passes through the remnants of the Dowles churchyard, resulting in an overall High rating
History	The historic landscape character is field amalgamation of limited value, however the historic remains of Dowles churchyard and historic footpath connecting to the churchyard and also along the river result in an overall Medium to High rating.
Tranquillity	Intervisibility with the town is restricted by landform and vegetation with some localised disturbance from the caravan park and B4194, resulting in an overall Medium rating.
Recreational Value	Public rights of way including a long distance footpath route run along the northern and eastern boundaries of the parcel and public access along the B4194 corridor to the west resulting in an overall High rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	The parcel contains mature hedgerows and trees and lies adjacent to mature woodland and the River Severn. The western boundary lies adjacent to the Wyre Forest SSSI. Overall Medium to High rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel meets the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space

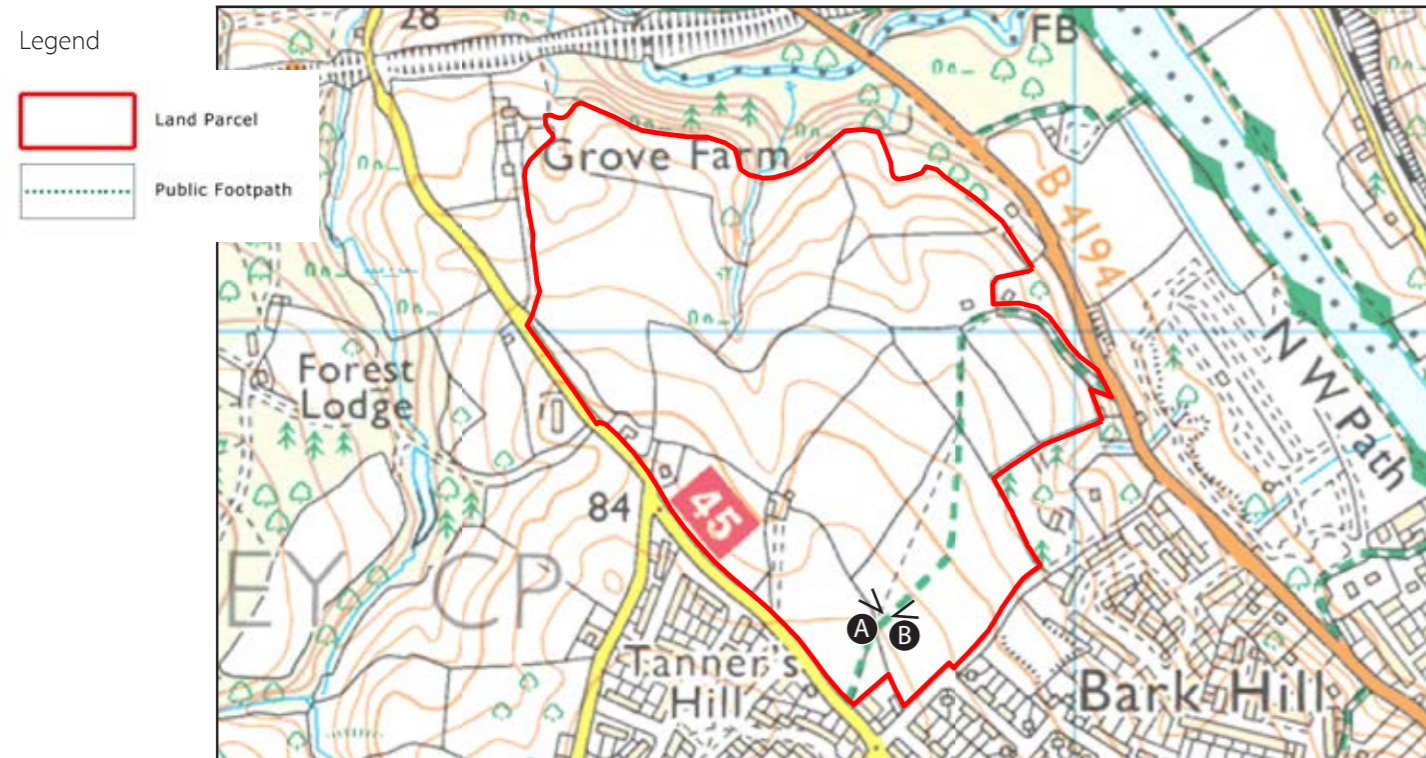
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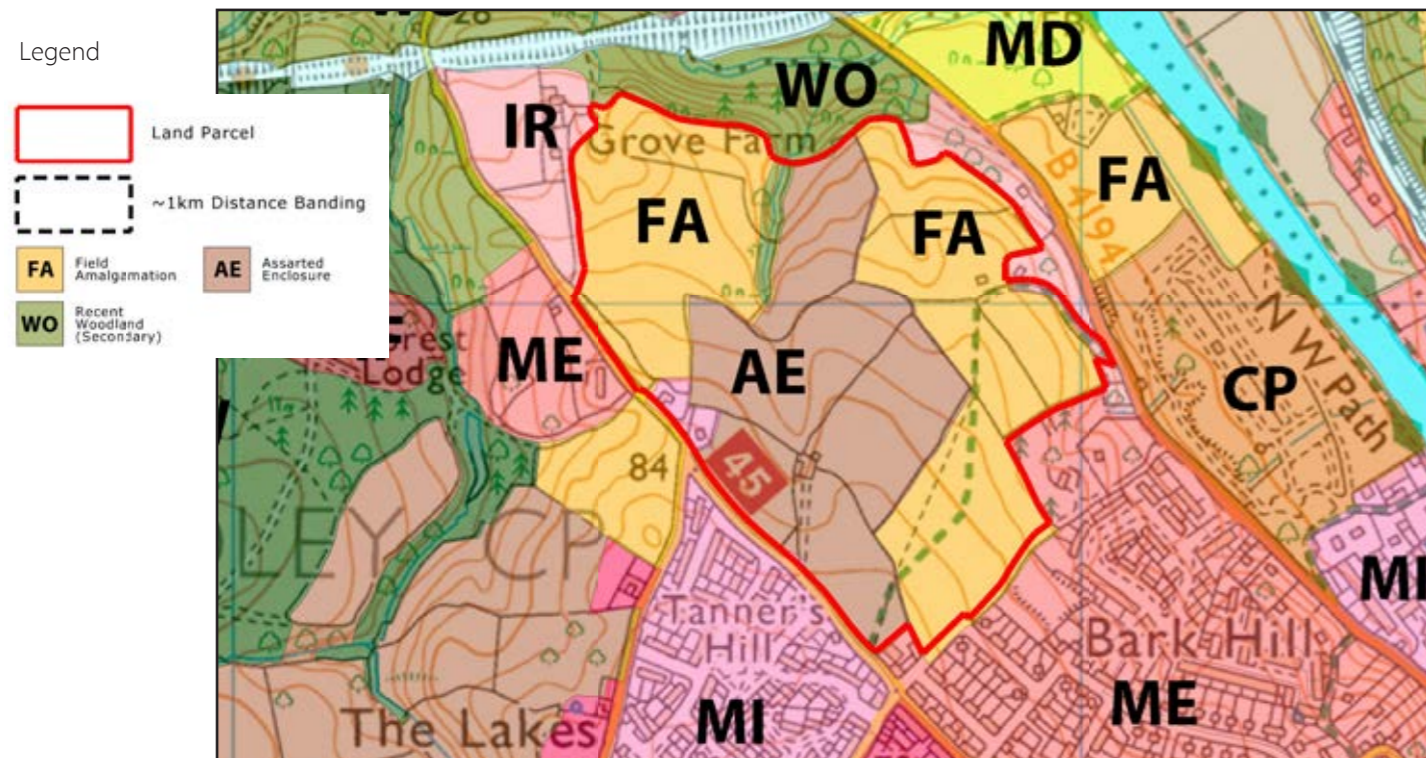
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Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The land is crossed by a public footpath and a national cycle route follow Dry Mill Lane. In addition to being highly accessible to nearby local residents the land is also visible to many people in the community from their dwellings. The parcel of land fulfils this criteria.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The site is part of the Dowles Brook Forest Smallholdings and Dwellings LDU (Worcestershire LCA) and forms a discrete pocket of land contained to the north by woodland, the west by woodland and Dry Mill Lane, the south and east by the built up edge of Bedwley and the northeast by Dowles Road
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	Views across the valley from both Dry Mill Lane and the public footpath incorporate the land parcel in the foreground and wider views, recognised in historic published literature for their high quality, resulting in an overall High rating
History	Ancient field boundary hedgerows, a rare historic assarted enclosure landscape type and historic references to the footpath through the site result in an overall High rating
Tranquillity	Intervisibility with the town is restricted by hedgerows and landform. Limited light pollution and noise sources, resulting in an overall Medium to High rating
Recreational Value	The public footpath through the site and the national cycle route along Dry Mill Lane links to the recreational network in the wider countryside resulting in an overall High rating
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	The Site contains mature hedgerows and trees and lies adjacent to mature woodland. The parcel is close to the Wyre Forest National Nature Reserve and lies adjacent to a SSSI. Overall Medium to High rating.

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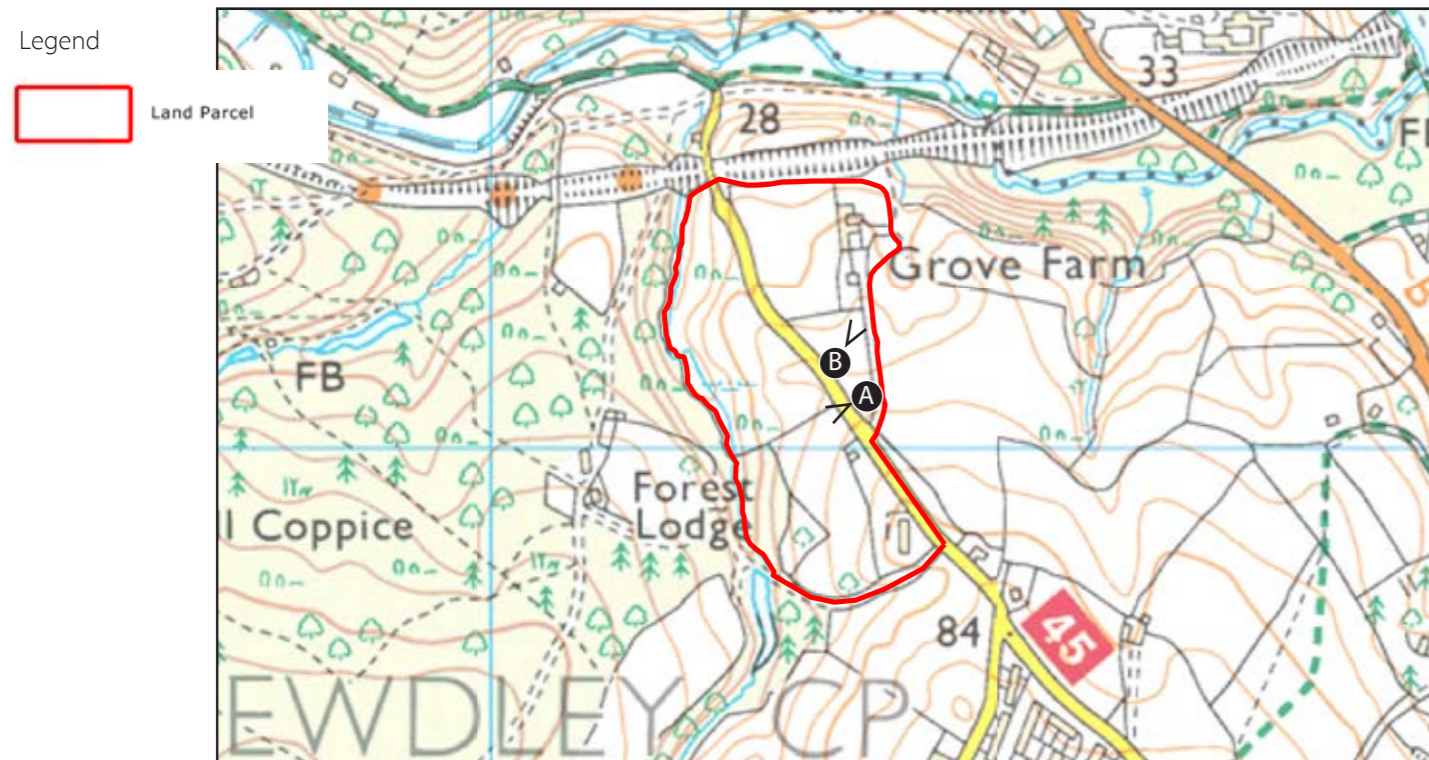
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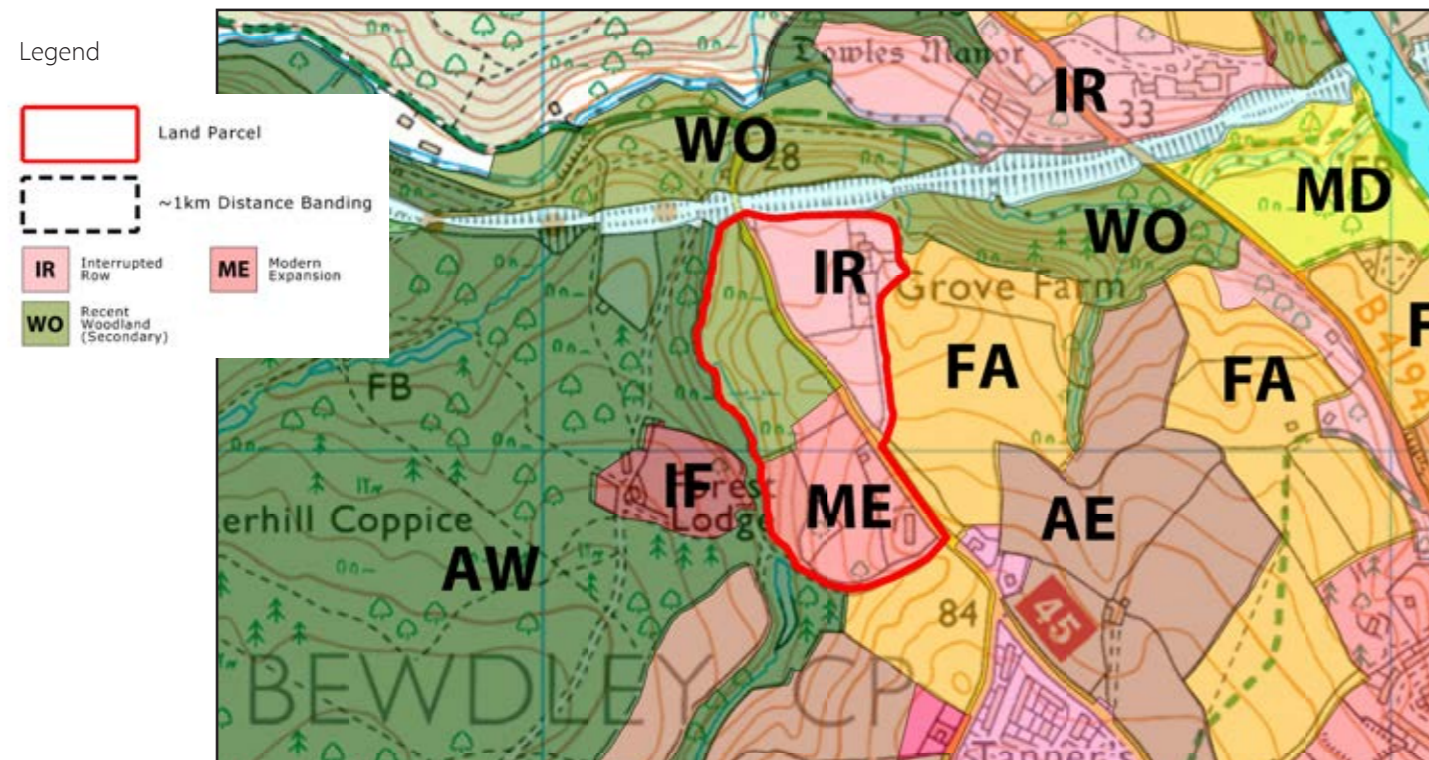
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Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel is bisected by Dry Mill Lane and National Cycleway 45 that connects to the northern edge of Bewdley at Tanner's Hill.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel forms a pocket of land contained by the disused railway to the north, Wyre Forest to the west and different historical landscape areas to the south and east.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	Rural views along Dry Mill Lane include orchards and the Wyre Forest, resulting in an overall High rating
History	The historic landscape character is a patchwork of recent woodland (orchards), Interrupted Row and Modern expansion, resulting in an overall Medium rating.
Tranquillity	Intervisibility within the town is restricted by landform and vegetation and limited other disturbance apart from occasional vehicular traffic along Dry Mill Lane to the Wyre Forest visitors car park and scattered farmstead clusters, resulting in an overall Medium to High rating.
Recreational Value	Dry Mill Lane that runs through the parcel is also a National Cycle Route and the public car park at the northern boundary of the parcel, within the Wyre Forest provides accessibility to the wider countryside and Forest, resulting in an overall High rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	The parcel contains mature hedgerows and trees and west of Dry Mill Lane the parcel lies within the Wyre Forest SSSI. Overall High rating.

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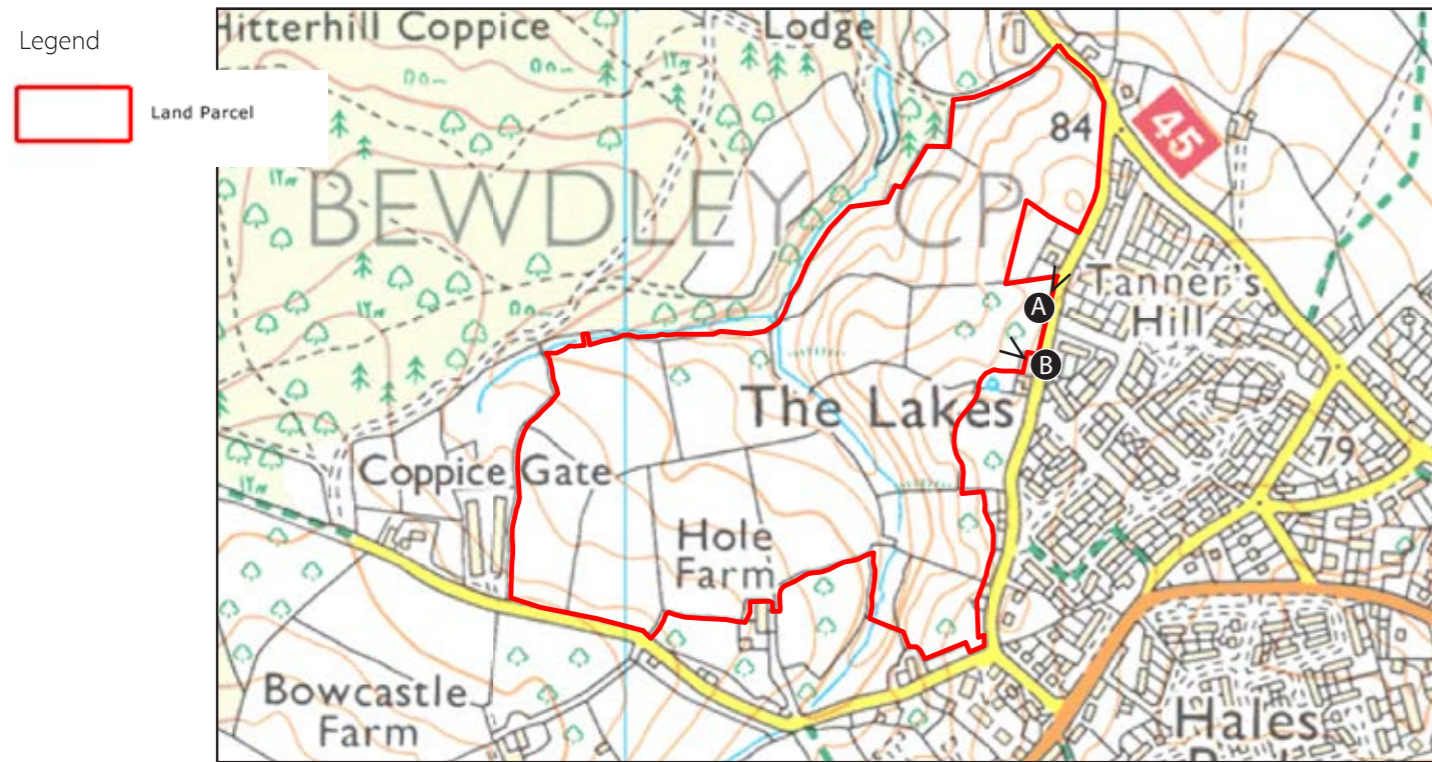
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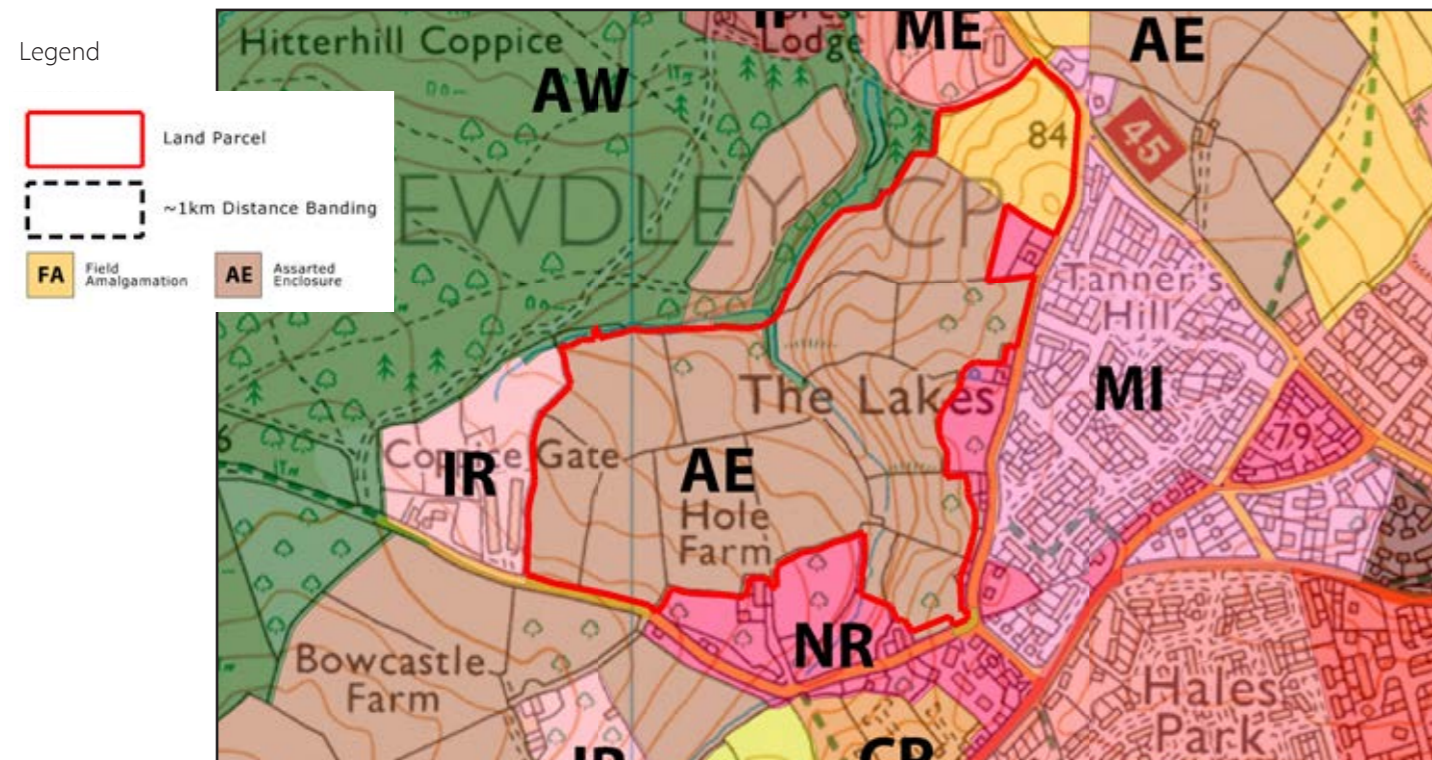
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Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel lies west of Hop Pole Lane (public highway) on the western edge of Bewdley adjacent to the suburb of Tanner's Hill.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Forest Smallholdings Landscape Type and comprises a number of fields that are contained by the Wyre Forest to the north, development at Coppice Gate and Hole Farm to the west and south and the built development of Bewdley to the east.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	No public access to the parcel where the character can be appreciated. Predominantly rural views along Hop Pole Lane which is largely contained by tall mature hedges with occasional glimpses of isolated dwellings to the west of the lane and orchards/farmland and the built up edge of Bewdley to the east, resulting in an overall High rating
History	The historic landscape character of the fields is predominantly Assorted Enclosure and lies adjacent to the Wyre Forest, resulting in an overall Medium to High rating.
Tranquillity	Intervisibility with the town is restricted by landform and planting along both sides of Hop Pole Lane which is a narrow single lane with passing places, resulting in an overall Medium to High rating.
Recreational Value	Hop Pole Lane and Tanner's Hill facilitate occasional views of the parcel although largely screened by hedgerows. There is no public access to the parcel, resulting in an overall Low rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	The parcel contains mature hedgerows and trees and the eastern part of the parcel lies within the Wyre Forest SSSI and northern boundary is adjacent to the National Nature Reserve. Overall High rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel meets the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.

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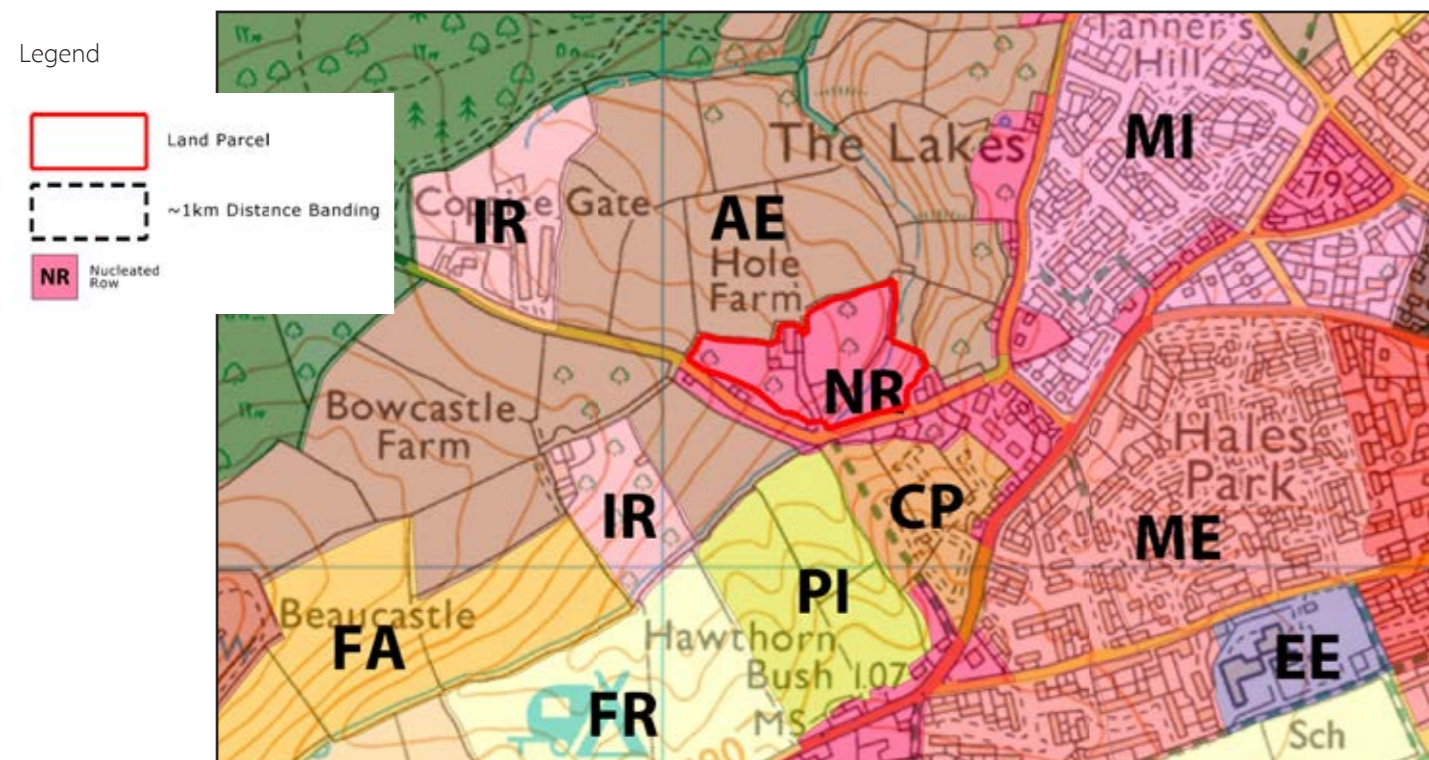
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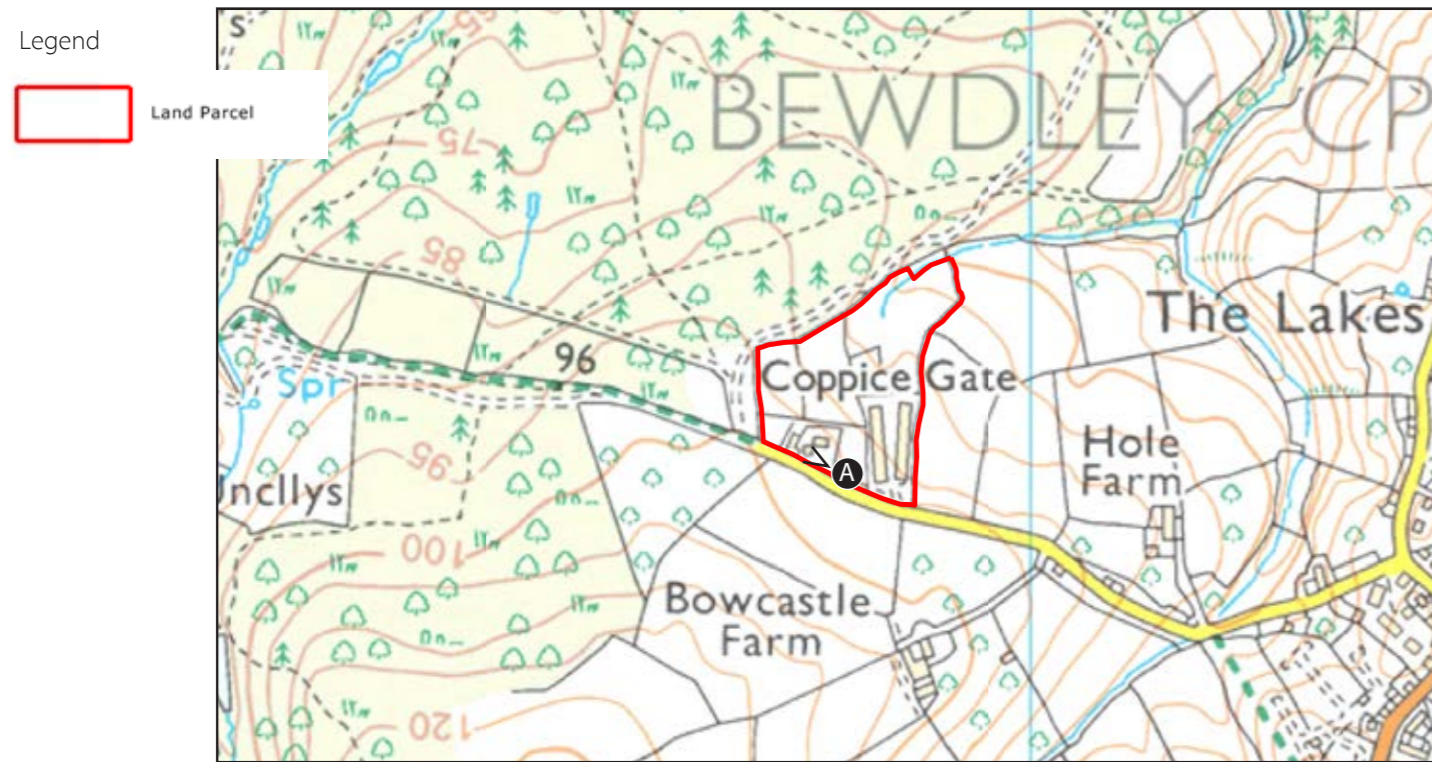
Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel lies north of Tanner's Hill (public highway) on the western edge of Bewdley adjacent to a caravan park and close to the suburb of Bewdley at Hales Park.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Forest Smallholdings Landscape Type and comprises two fields adjacent to Hole Farm and bounded by Tanner's Hill to the south.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	No public access to the parcel where the character can be easily appreciated. Predominantly rural views along Tanner's Hill which is typically contained by mature hedges and trees with occasional glimpses of the land from Tanner's Lane. Overhead lines are a local detractor. Overall Medium to High rating.
History	The historic landscape character of the fields is Nucleated Row reflecting farmstead context and resulting in an overall Medium rating.
Tranquillity	Intervisibility with the caravan park and the town is restricted by landform and planting along Tanner's Hill which is a narrow single lane with passing places, resulting in an overall Medium to High rating.
Recreational Value	Tanner's Hill facilitates occasional views of the parcel although largely screened by hedgerows. There is no public access to the parcel, resulting in an overall Low rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	The parcel contains mature hedgerows and trees and the western edge of the parcel lies adjacent to the Wyre Forest SSSI. Overall Medium to High rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel does not meet the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.

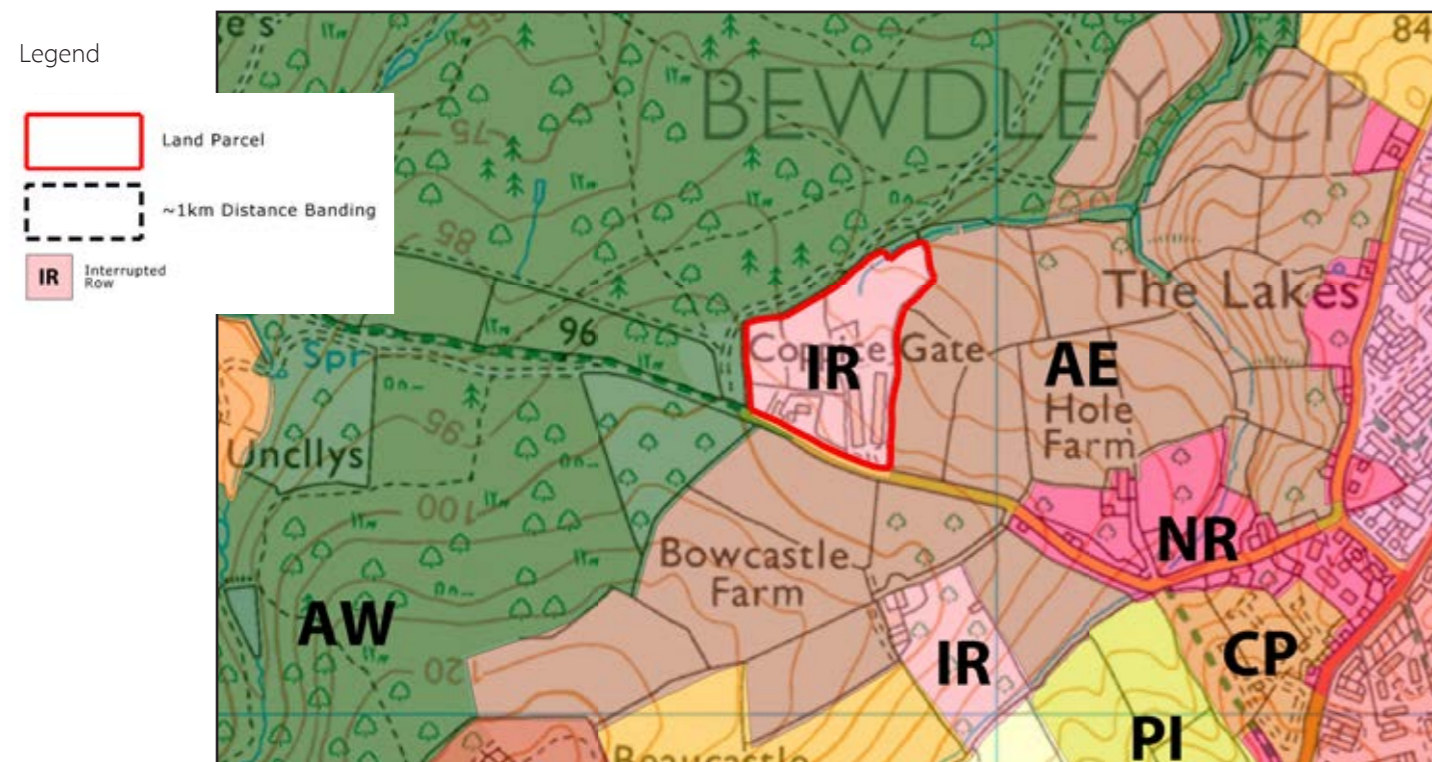
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1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel lies west of Bewdley and whilst over 500m from the edge of the town is relatively accessible via Tanner's Hill, noting a public car park adjacent to the southwest corner of the parcel within the Wyre Forest.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Forest Smallholdings Landscape Type and comprises a number of paddocks as well as a poultry farm and farmstead.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	No public access to the parcel where the character can be easily appreciated. Predominantly rural views along Tanner's Hill which is typically contained by mature hedges and trees with occasional glimpses of the land from Tanner's Lane. Modern poultry farm buildings are a local detractor but backdrop of forest dominates. Overall Medium rating.
History	The historic landscape character of the fields is Interrupted Row reflecting farmstead context on edge of forest and resulting in an overall Medium rating.
Tranquillity	Context dominated by the forest and predominantly rural setting but significant built development, resulting in an overall Medium rating.
Recreational Value	Tanner's Hill facilitates occasional views of the parcel although largely screened by planting. There is no public access to the parcel itself, resulting in an overall Low rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	The parcel contains some mature hedgerows and trees and lies adjacent to the Wyre Forest SSSI and National Nature Reserve. Parcel includes a Local wildlife Site. Overall Medium to High rating.

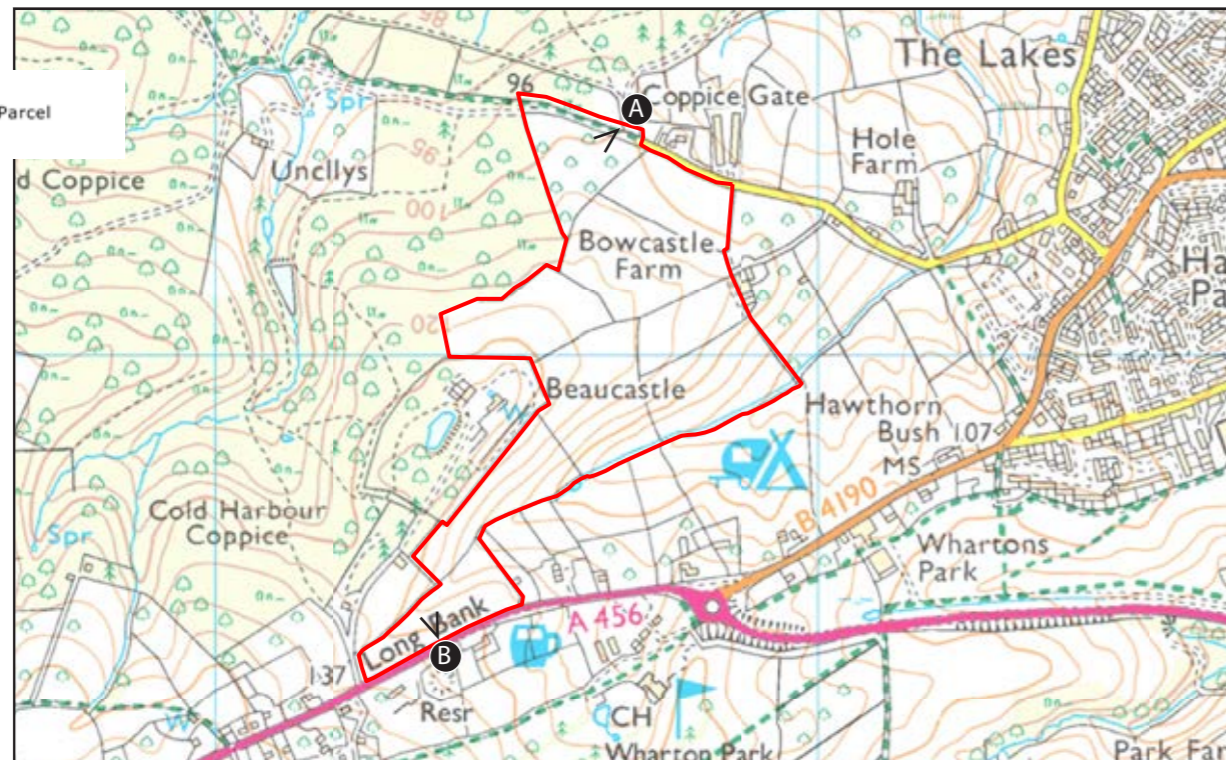
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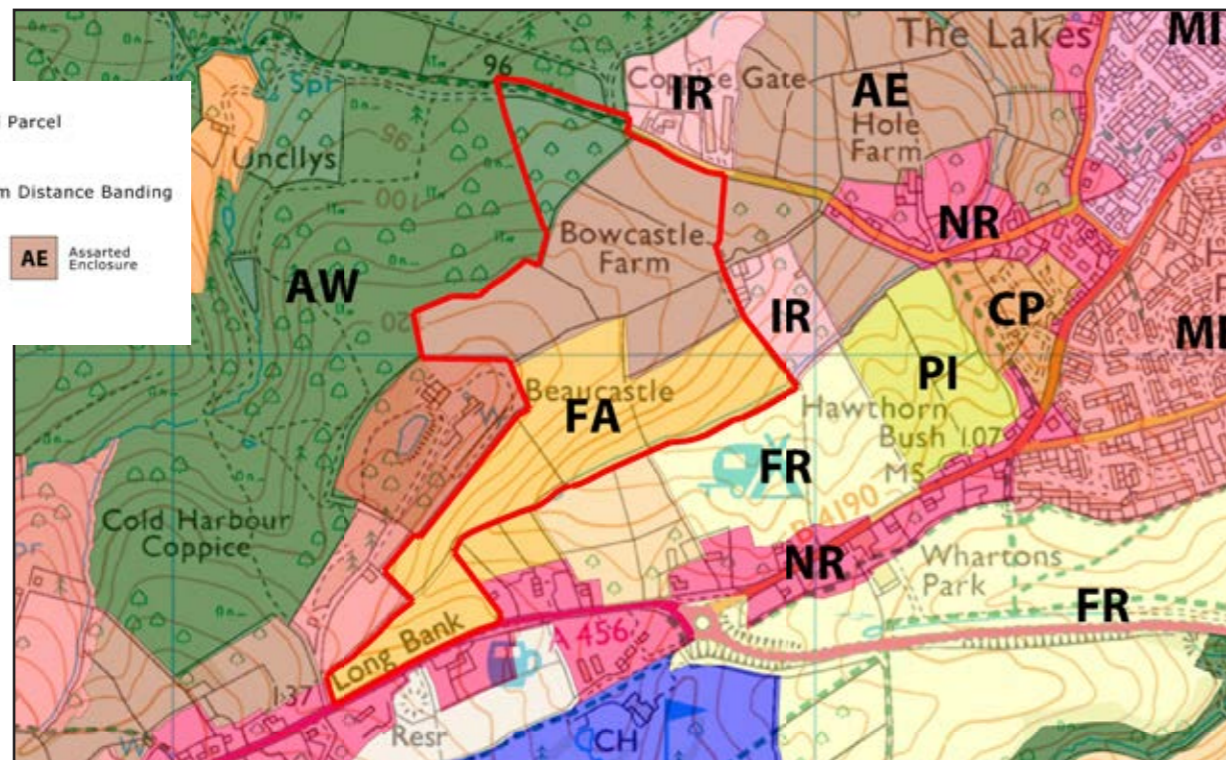
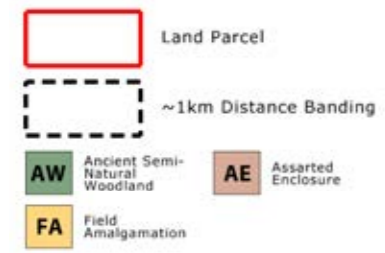
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The Worcestershire County Landscape Character Assessment Technical handbook identifies the Landscape Condition as Good and the Landscape Sensitivity of the parcel as High. With both being the highest of a 4 point scale. See mapping at Figures 5 and 6. This parcel of land also intersects with the WP07.2 Pound Bank Forest Smallholdings and Dwellings Landscape Description Unit.

Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel lies west of Bewdley and whilst over 500m from the edge of the town is relatively accessible via Tanner's Hill, noting a public car park adjacent to the northern end of the parcel within the Wyre Forest.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Forest Smallholdings Landscape Type and comprises a number of pastoral fields.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	No public access to the parcel where the character can be easily appreciated apart from a public footpath along the northern edge. Strongly rural views. A456 corridor at southern boundary is a local detractor but backdrop of forest dominates. Overall High rating.
History	The historic landscape character of the land from north to south is semi-natural ancient woodland, assarted enclosure and field amalgamation reflecting context on edge of forest and subsequent agricultural development resulting in an overall Medium to High rating.
Tranquillity	Context dominated by the forest and predominantly rural setting with no built development, resulting in an overall Medium to High rating (locally reduced near A456 at southern boundary)
Recreational Value	Tanner's Hill and public footpath along northern boundary facilitates occasional views of the parcel although largely screened by planting. There is no public access to the parcel itself apart from the public footpath to the north, resulting in an overall Low to Medium rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	The northern tip of the parcel covers the Wyre Forest SSSI, with the southwest boundary adjacent to a SSSI and the northwest boundary adjacent to the National Nature reserve. The parcel contains some mature hedgerows and trees and lies adjacent to the National Nature Reserve. Overall Medium to High rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel does not meet the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.

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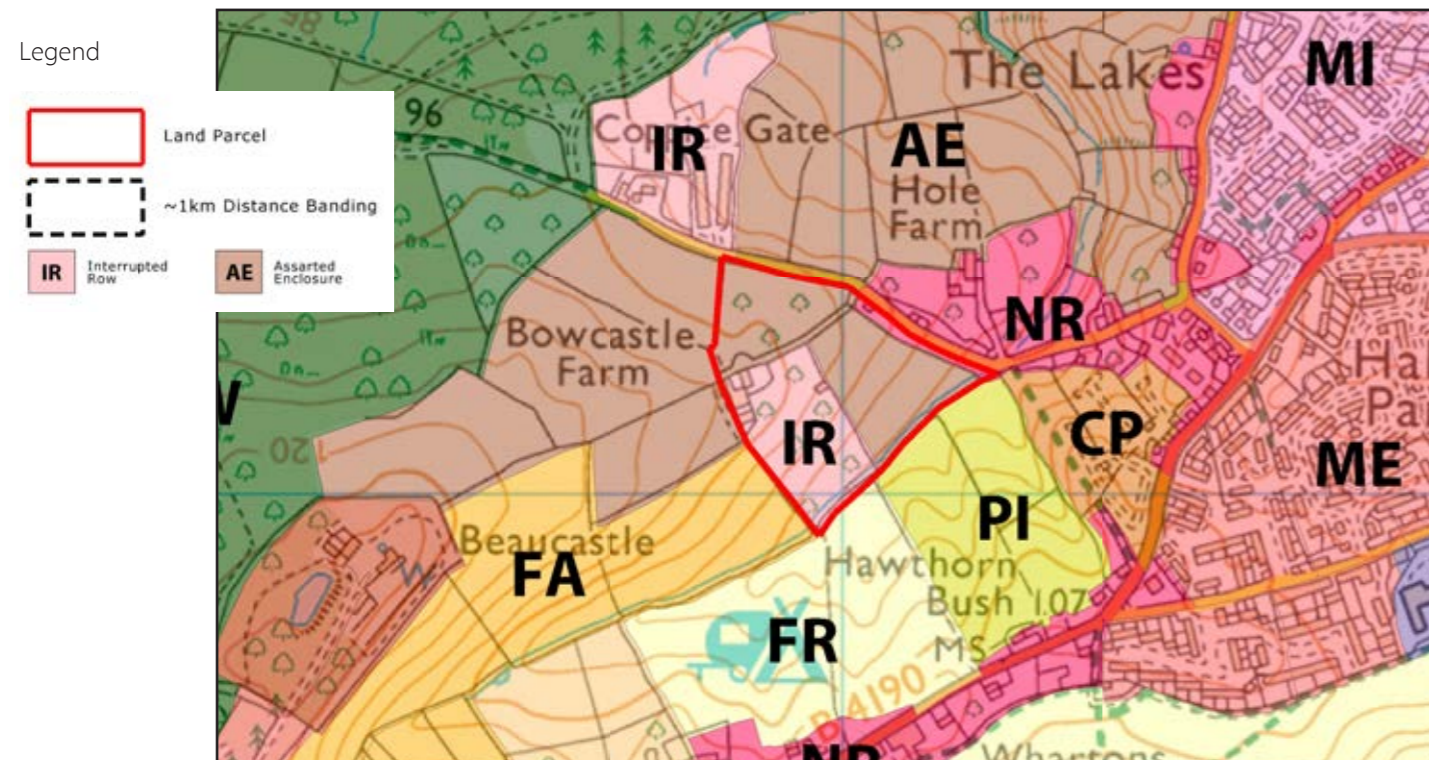
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Historical Landscape Character



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Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel lies west of Bewdley and is relatively accessible via Tanner's Hill. The eastern part closest to the river lies in the floodplain.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Forest Smallholdings Landscape Type and comprises several pastoral fields with remnant forest.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	No public access to the parcel where the character can be easily appreciated apart from glimpses from Tanners Hill – predominantly at field access points. Strongly rural views with slight detractors of modern barns at Bowcastle Farmstead. Backdrop of forest important. Overall Medium to High rating.
History	The historic landscape character of the land is Assarted Enclosure and Interrupted Row around Bowcastle Farm reflecting context on edge of forest and subsequent agricultural development resulting in an overall Medium to High rating.
Tranquillity	Rural setting with built development limited to Bowcastle Farmstead, resulting in an overall Medium to High rating
Recreational Value	There is no public access to the parcel itself apart from Tanner's Hill public highway to the north, resulting in an overall Low rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	The western part of the parcel is designated as the Beaucastle SSSI. The parcel contains a number of mature trees set in pasture. Overall High rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel does not meet the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.

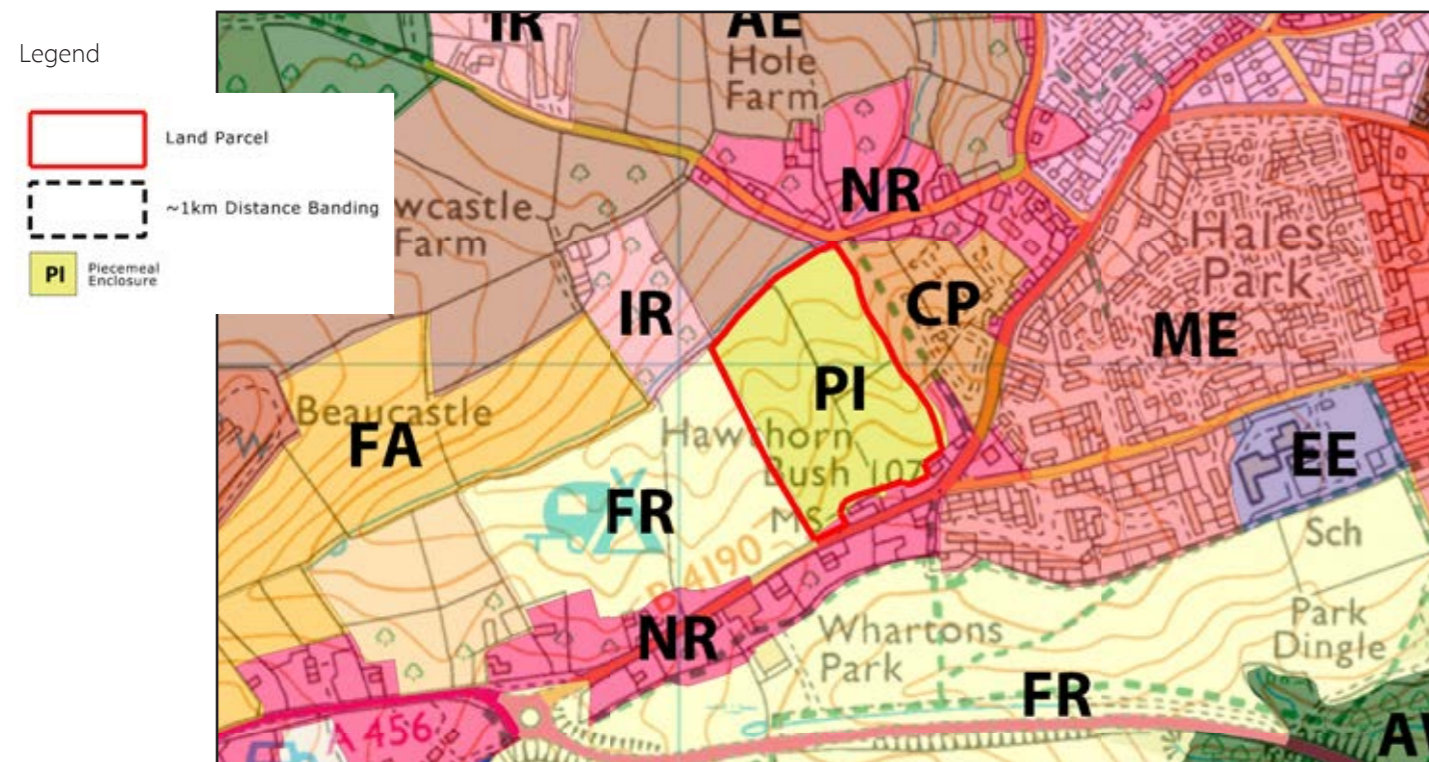
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Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel lies west of Bewdley and is relatively accessible via Tanner's Hill to north and B4190 to the south.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Forest Smallholdings Landscape Type and comprises several pastoral fields with remnant forest.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	No public access to the parcel where the character can be easily appreciated. Strongly rural character with adjacent leisure uses and associated built development and the road corridor to the south detracting. Overall Medium rating.
History	The historic landscape character of the land is Piecemeal Enclosure reflecting historic agricultural development and resulting in an overall Medium rating.
Tranquillity	Rural setting with influence of caravan park to the east and camp site to the west and B4190 to the south, resulting in an overall Low to Medium rating
Recreational Value	There is no public access to the parcel itself although the B4190 passes to the south, resulting in an overall Low rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	The eastern part of the parcel is designated as the Browns Close Meadow SSSI. The parcel contains a number of mature hedgerows and trees. Overall High rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel does not meet the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.

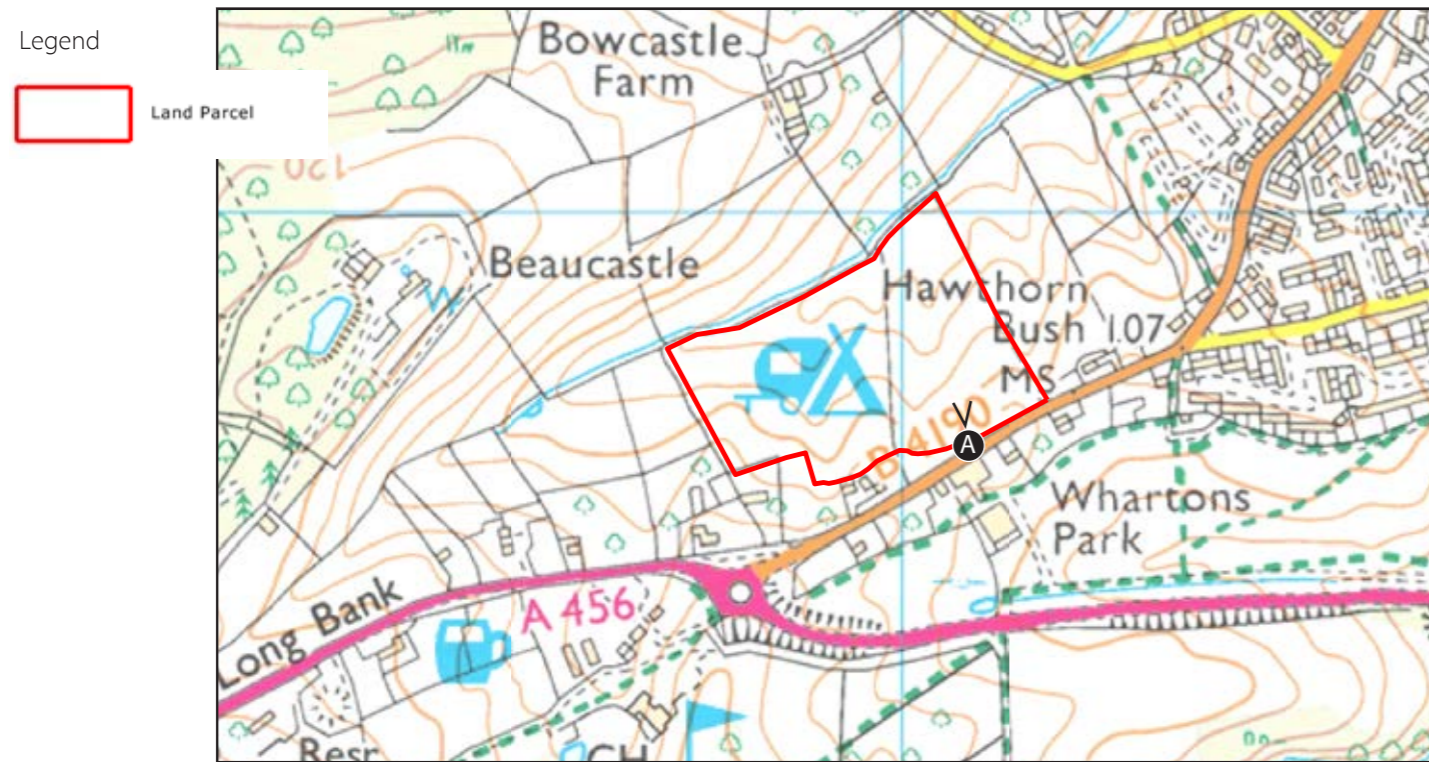
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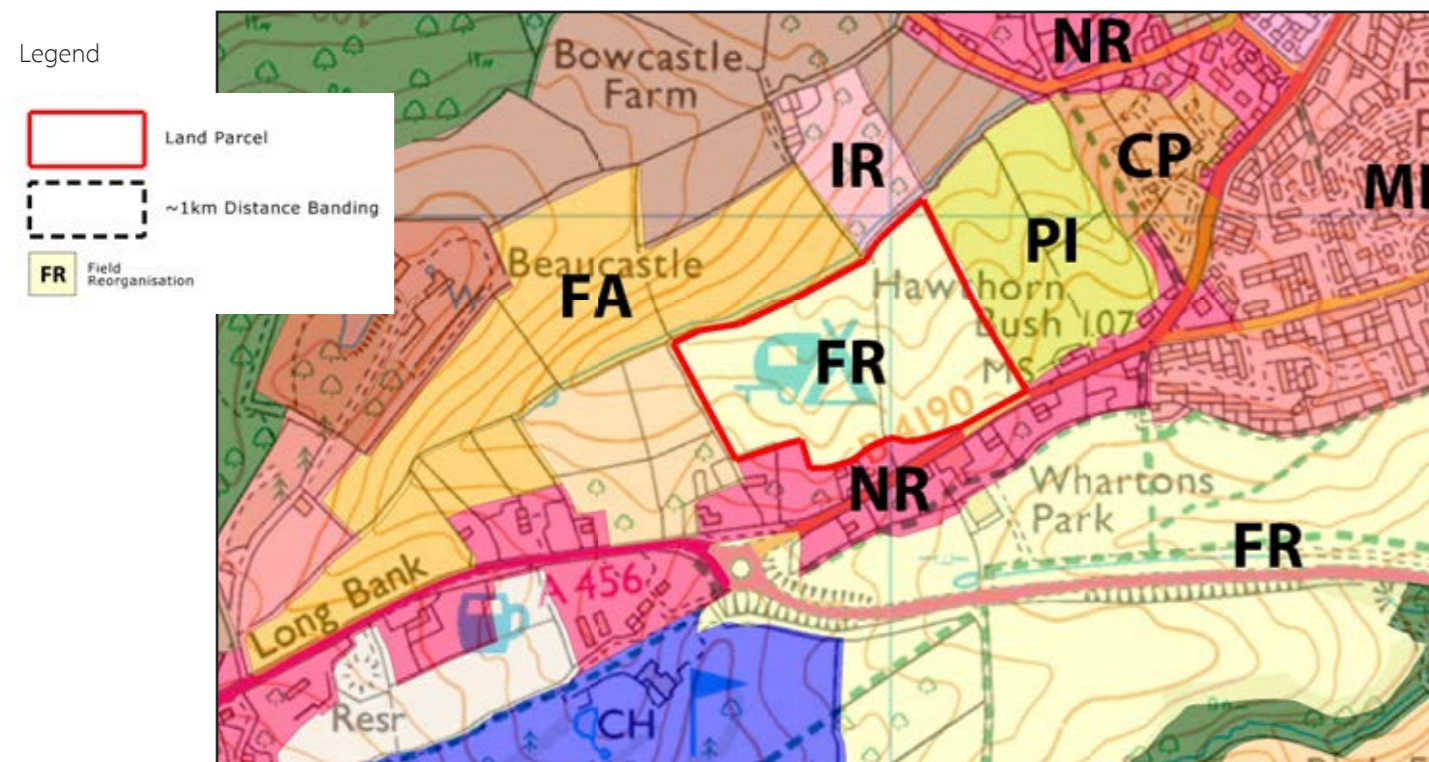
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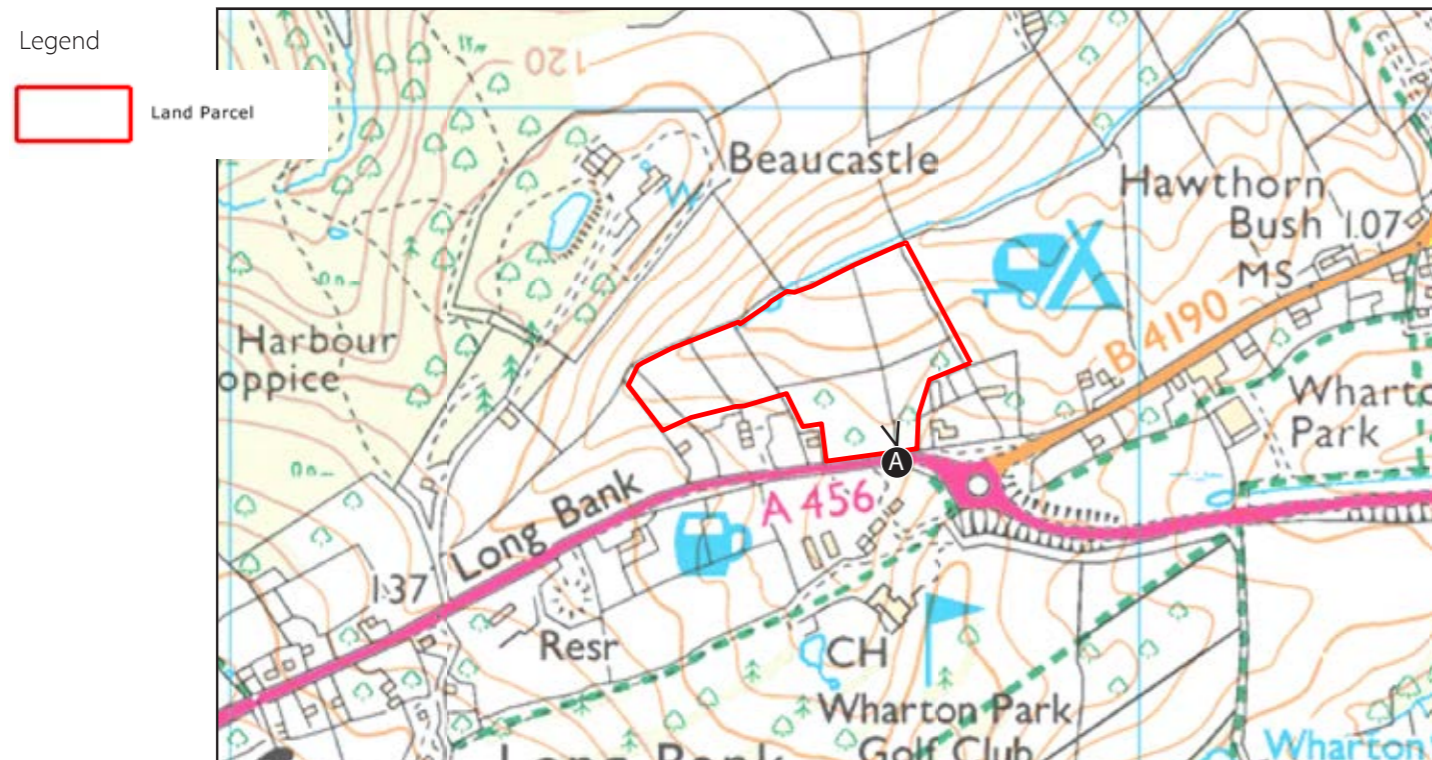
(Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria)	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel lies west of Bewdley and is relatively accessible via Tanner's Hill to north and B4190 to the south.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Forest Smallholdings Landscape Type and comprises several mown fields with caravan pitches
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	No public access to the parcel where the character can be easily appreciated. Rural character at perimeter of parcel with mature hedgerows containing transient leisure use and associated built development and the road corridor to the south detracting. Overall Low to Medium rating.
History	The historic landscape character of the land is Field reorganisation and resulting in an overall Low to Medium rating.
Tranquillity	Influence of caravan and tents on the site and retail development to the south and the B4190 corridor, resulting in an overall Low rating
Recreational Value	The private recreation value is evidently high but there is no public access to the parcel itself, resulting in an overall Low rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	Mown amenity grassland has limited wildlife value. The parcel however is enclosed by a number of mature hedgerows and trees. Overall Medium rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel does not meet the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.

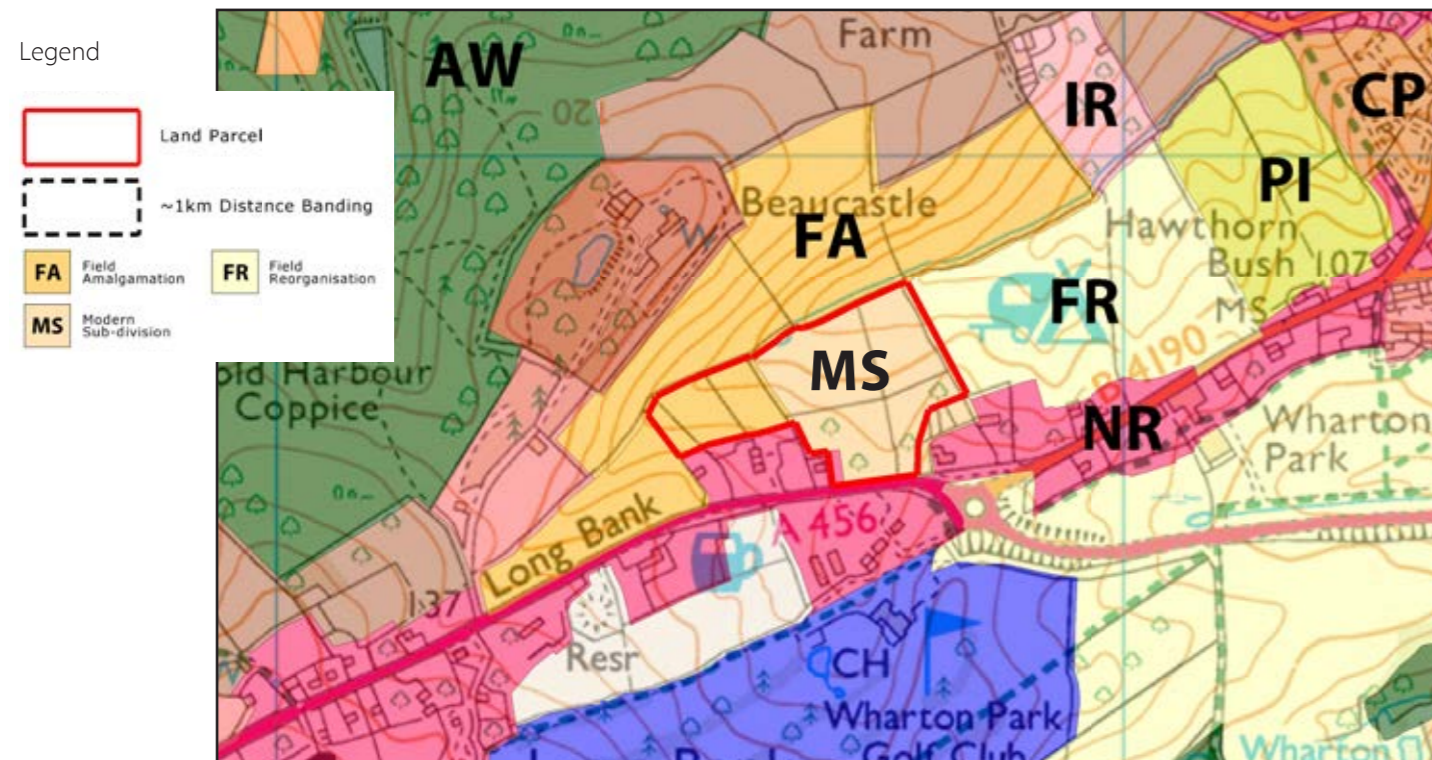
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The Worcestershire County Landscape Character Assessment Technical handbook identifies the Landscape Condition as Good and the Landscape Sensitivity of the parcel as High. With both being the highest of a 4 point scale. See mapping at Figures 5 and 6.. This parcel of land also intersects with the WP07.3 Dowles Brook Forest Smallholdings and Dwellings Landscape Description Unit.

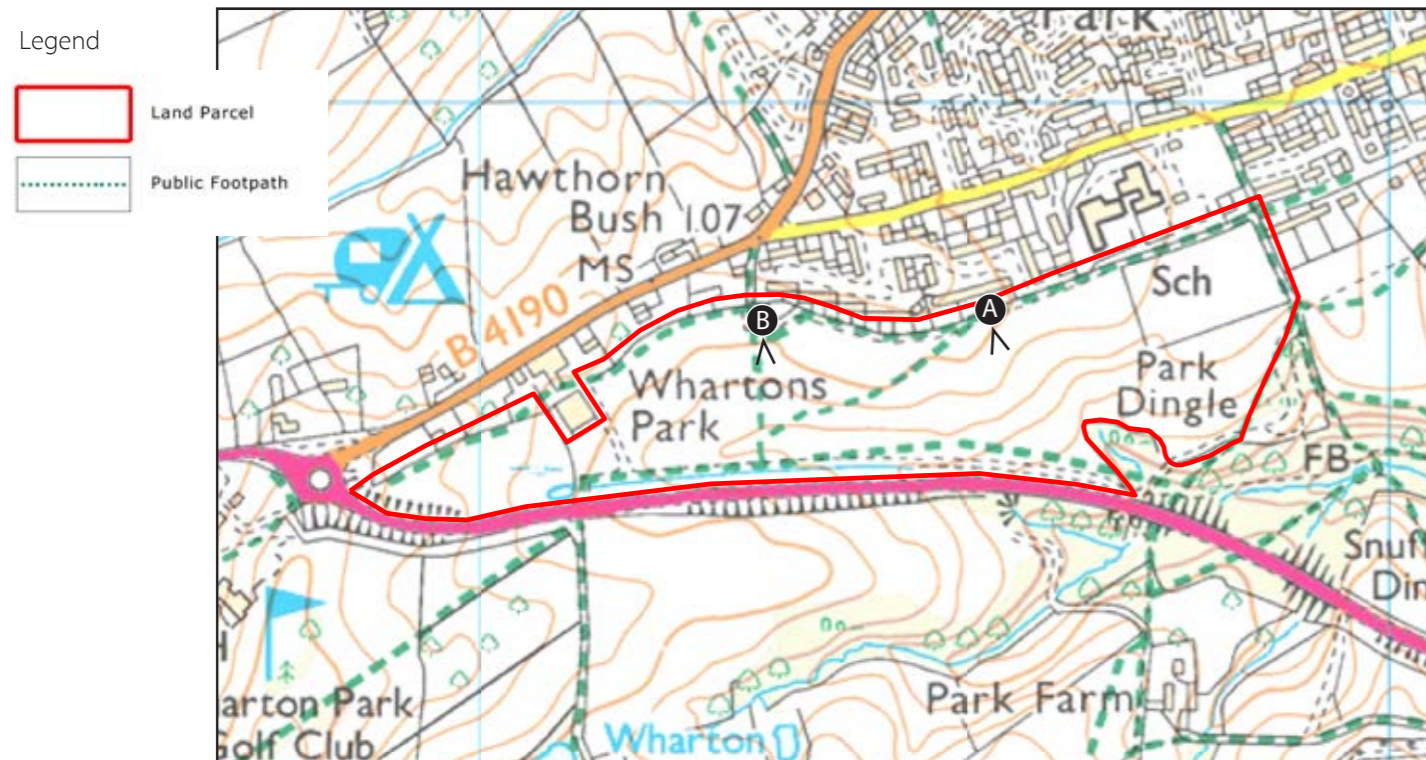
Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel lies south west of Bewdley and is relatively accessible via the B4190/A456.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Forest Smallholdings Landscape Type and comprises of several pastoral fields.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	No public access to the parcel where the character can be easily appreciated. Rural character with mature hedgerows with an isolated cluster of residential properties along the A456 to the south. Overall Medium to High rating.
History	The historic landscape character of the land is modern sub-division and Field Amalgamation resulting in an overall Low to Medium rating.
Tranquillity	Influence of the busy A456 corridor separated by mature hedgerows, resulting in an overall Medium rating.
Recreational Value	No public access to the parcel itself, resulting in an overall Low rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	The parcel is enclosed by a number of mature hedgerows and trees with some scrub. Overall Low to Medium rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel does not meet the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.

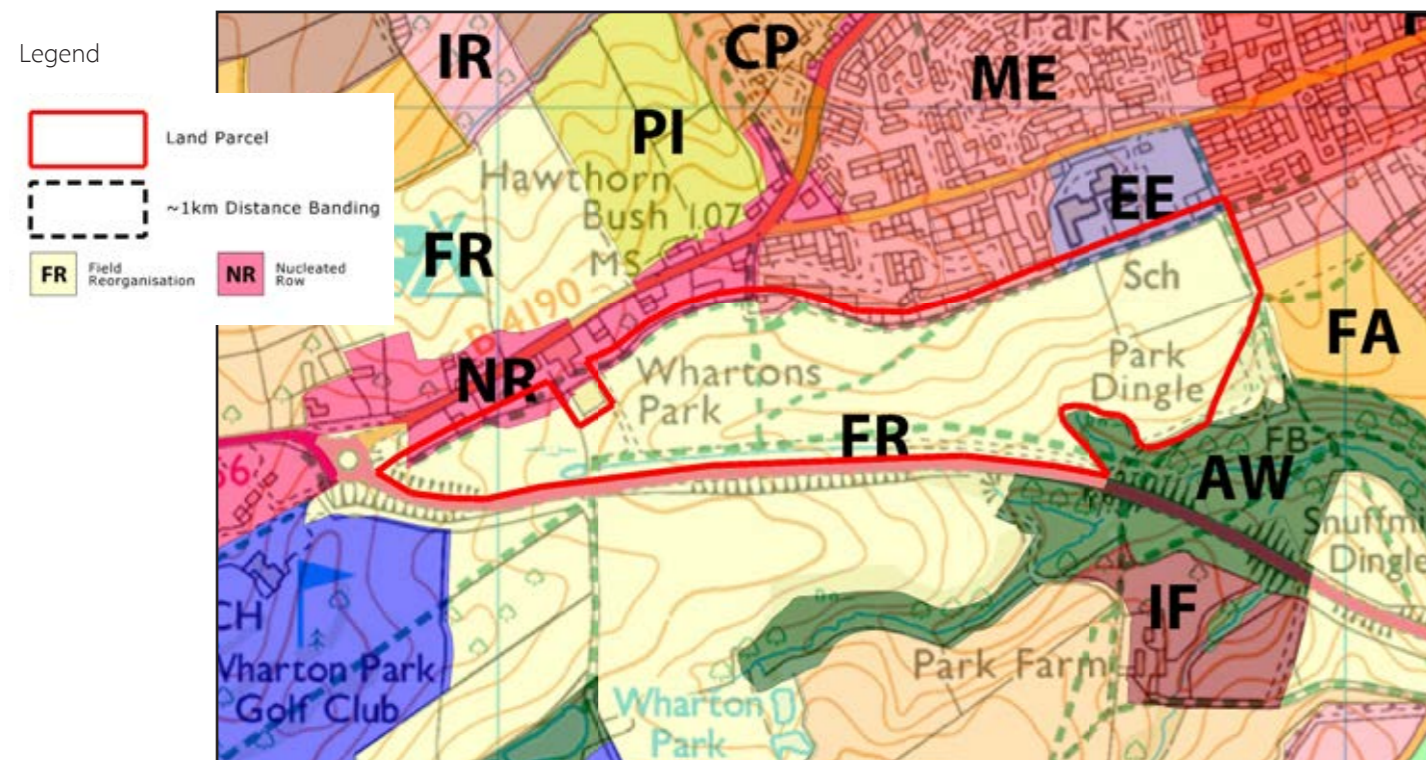
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Historical Landscape Character



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The Worcestershire County Landscape Character Assessment Technical handbook identifies the majority of the parcel as having a Landscape Condition of Good and a Landscape Sensitivity of High. With both being the highest of a 4 point scale. See mapping at Figures 5 and 6

This parcel of land also intersects with the WP07.3 Dowles Brook Forest Smallholdings and Dwellings Landscape Description Unit.

Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel lies south and adjacent to the suburb of Highclere in Bewdley and is very accessible via a network of public rights of way that pass through the parcel.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Timbered Plateau Farmlands Landscape Type and comprises open grassland with scrub and bounded by mature hedgerows with trees and is contained between the A456 corridor and built-up edge of Bewdley.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	Rural character with some influence from adjacent residential estate, school and road corridor. Overall Medium to High rating.
History	The historic landscape character of the land is field re-organisation resulting in an overall Low to Medium rating.
Tranquillity	Influence of the adjacent housing estate and busy A456 corridor separated by mature hedgerows, resulting in an overall Medium rating.
Recreational Value	Extensive public access with public rights of way and permissive paths, resulting in an overall High rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	The parcel is enclosed by a number of mature hedgerows and trees with some scrub and adjacent to a Local Wildlife Site. Overall Medium to High rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel does not meet the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.

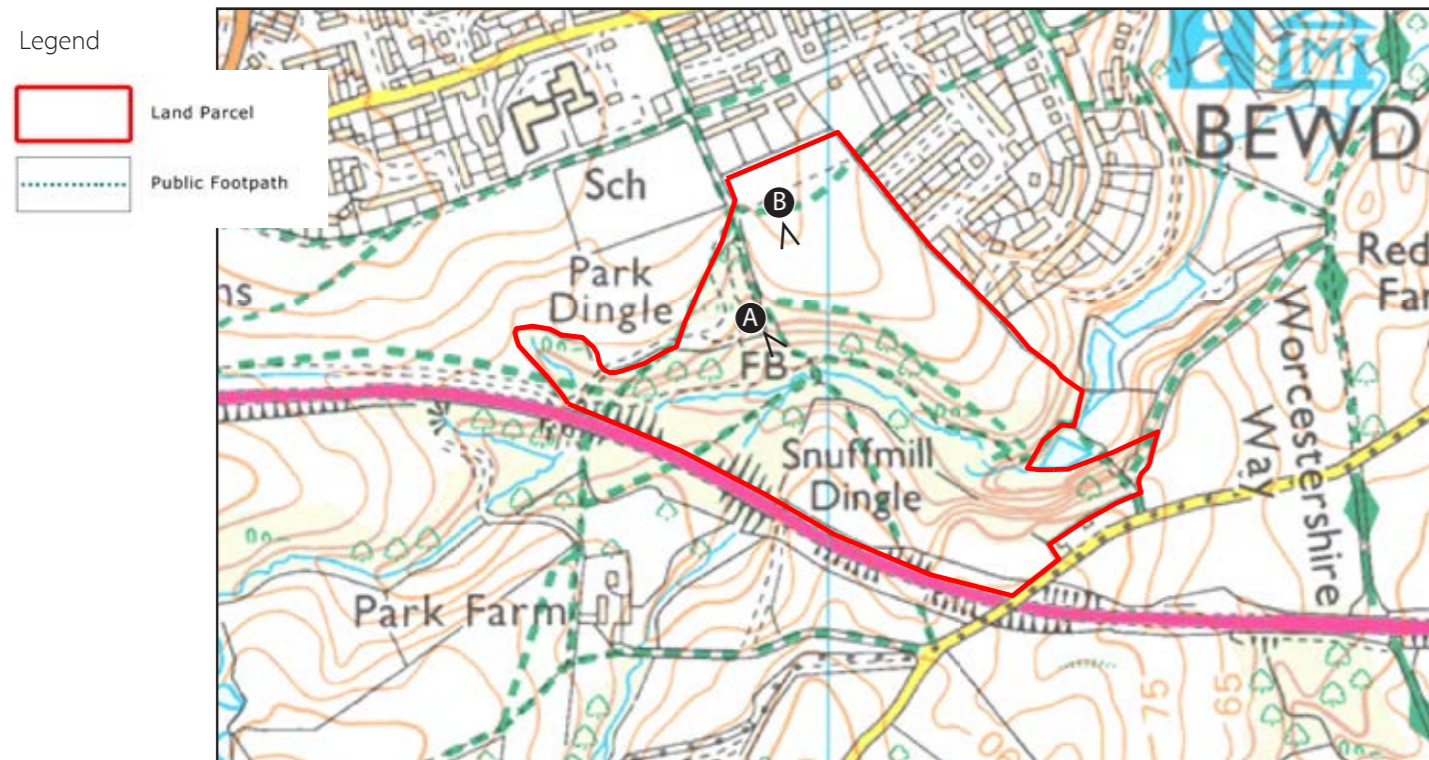
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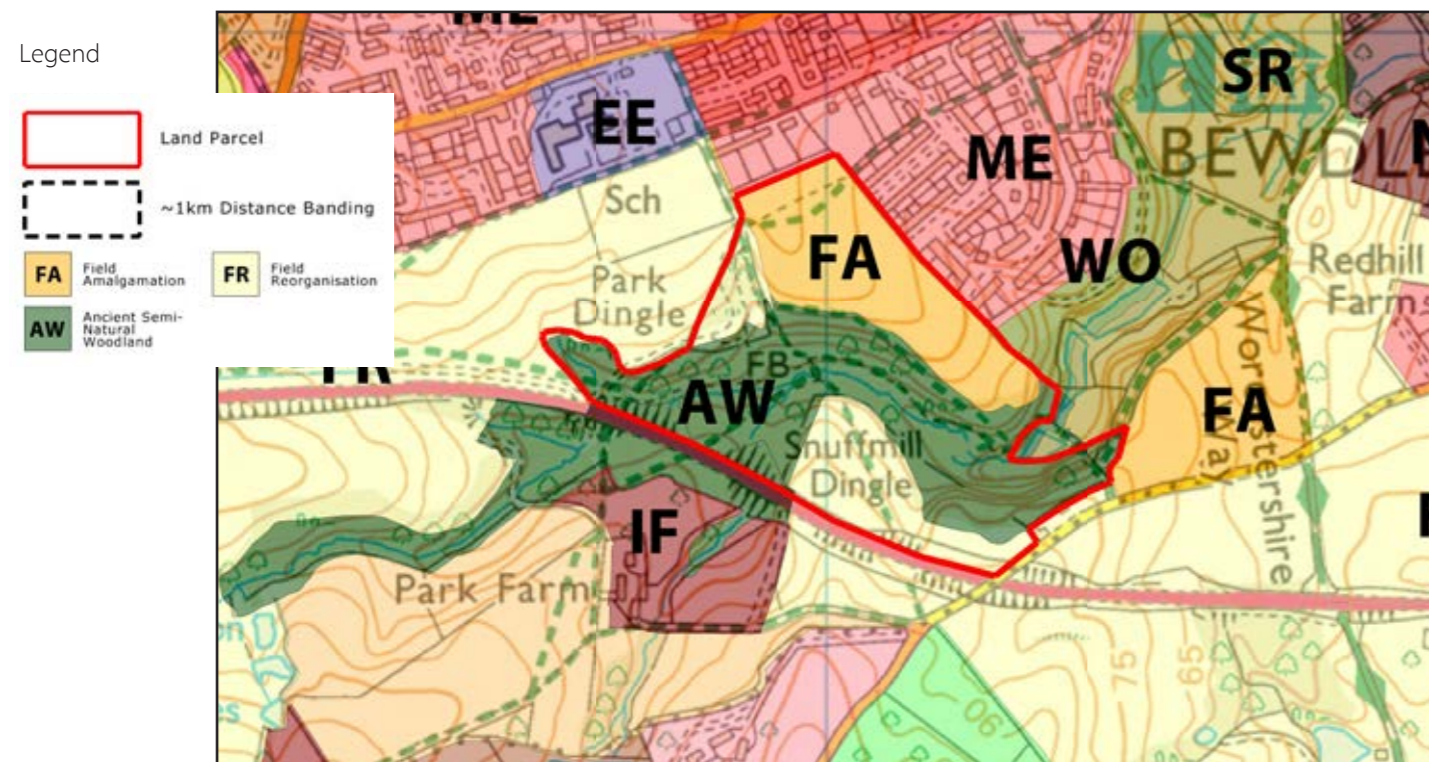
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The Worcestershire County Landscape Character Assessment Technical handbook identifies the Landscape Condition as Good and the Landscape Sensitivity of the parcel as High. With both being the highest of a 4 point scale. See mapping at Figures 5 and 6.

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Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel lies south and adjacent to the suburb of Hales Park in Bewdley and is very accessible via a network of public rights of way that pass through the parcel.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Timbered Plateau Farmlands Landscape Type and comprises open grassland with scrub and contains an area of ancient woodland around Snuffmill Dingle.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	Rural character with some minor influences from adjacent residential estate and road corridor. Long range views of scenic value from higher land with overall High rating
History	The historic landscape character of the land is predominantly ancient woodland with some peripheral Field Amalgamation resulting in an overall High rating.
Tranquillity	Influence of the adjacent housing estate and busy A456 corridor limited by topographical change, resulting in an overall Medium rating at perimeter of parcel and High in centre.
Recreational Value	Extensive public access with public rights of way and permissive paths, resulting in an overall High rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	No formal ecology designations however the parcel contains a significant area of ancient semi-natural woodland and a Local Wildlife Site. Overall High rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel meets the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space

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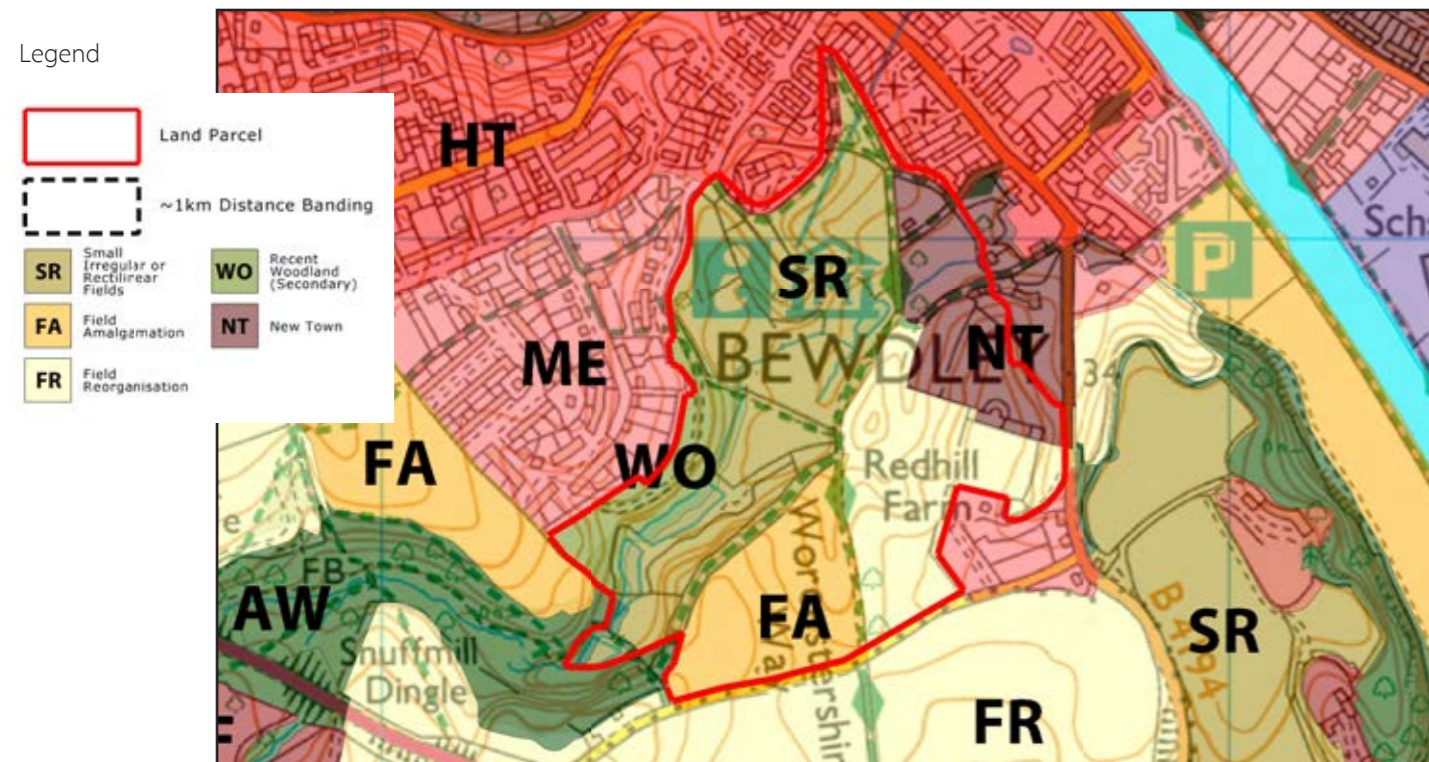
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1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel adjoins and lies south of Bewdley and is very accessible via a network of public rights of way that pass through the parcel.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Timbered Plateau Farmlands Landscape Type and comprises small to medium sized pastoral fields currently grazed by rare breeds cattle and areas of woodland. Contained by built development to north and east, ancient woodland to the west and Heightington Road to the south.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	Rural character with only limited and localised influences from adjacent residential estate and road corridor. Long range views of scenic value from higher land. Overall High rating.
History	The Northern tip lies within a Conservation Area. The historic landscape character of the land is a diverse patchwork of recent woodland, small irregular or rectilinear fields, field reorganisation and field amalgamation. There is also some post-war residential development at the northeastern corner of the parcel, included where extensive grounds and public rights of way contribute to the character of the parcel. Overall the rating is Medium to High.
Tranquillity	Influence of the adjacent housing estates and B4194 corridor are very localised and limited by topographical change, resulting in an overall High rating for the majority of the parcel.
Recreational Value	Extensive public access with public rights of way including the Worcestershire Way long distance footpath, resulting in an overall High rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	No formal ecology designations however the parcel contains a mosaic of habitats including woodland, pastoral fields and water bodies and lies adjacent to a Local Wildlife Site. Overall Medium to High rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel meets the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space

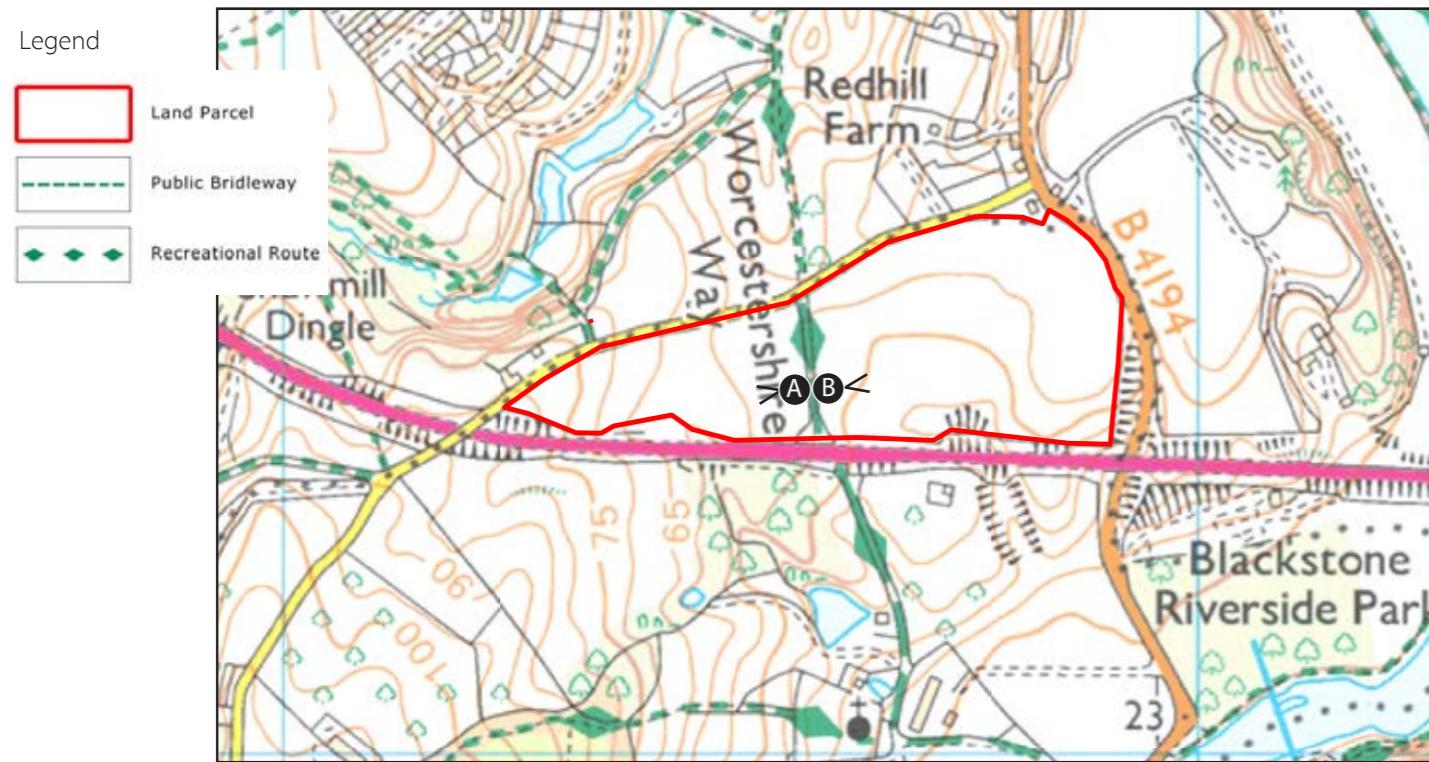
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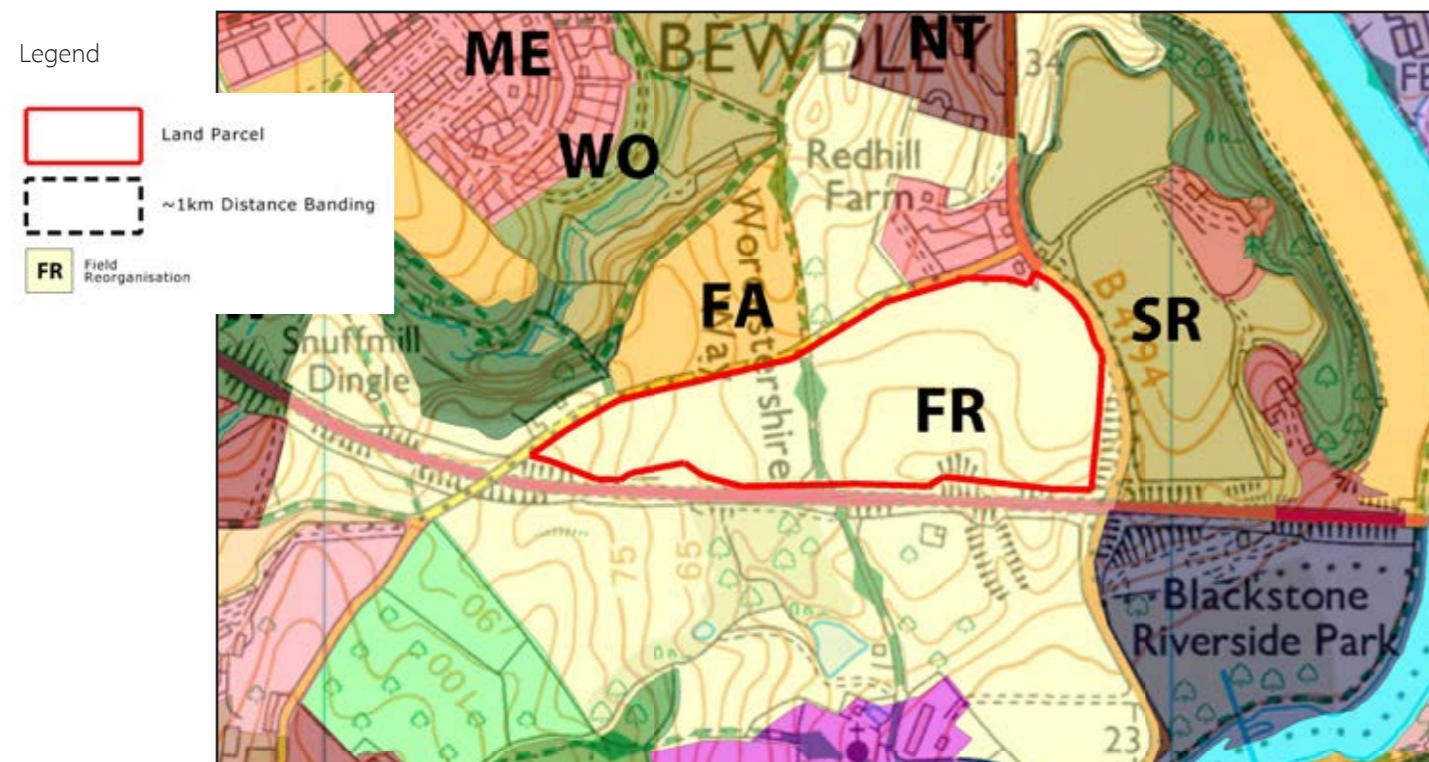
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The Worcestershire County Landscape Character Assessment Technical handbook identifies the Landscape Condition as Moderate and the Landscape Sensitivity of the parcel as Medium. With both being the second highest of a 4 point scale. See mapping at Figures 5 and 6.

This parcel of land also intersects with the WP07.3 Dowles Brook Forest Smallholdings and Dwellings Landscape Description Unit.

Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel lies south of Bewdley but is accessible via the local road network and the Worcestershire Way long distance footpath.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Timbered Plateau Farmlands Landscape Type and comprises medium sized arable fields contained by the A456 corridor to the south, Heightington Road to the north and west and B4194 to the west.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	Rural character with urbanising influences from road corridors. Public views restricted from Worcestershire Way by tree cover. Overall Medium rating.
History	The historic landscape character is field reorganisation. Overall the rating is Medium.
Tranquillity	Whilst rural in character, being surrounded by road corridors on all sides reduces tranquillity, resulting in an overall Medium rating.
Recreational Value	Worcestershire Way long distance footpath passes through the centre of the parcel but otherwise public access limited to the periphery, resulting in an overall Medium to High rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	No formal ecology designations however the arable farmland is flanked by mature hedgerows, trees and small woodland copses and adjacent to a Local Wildlife Site. Overall Medium rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel does not meet the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.

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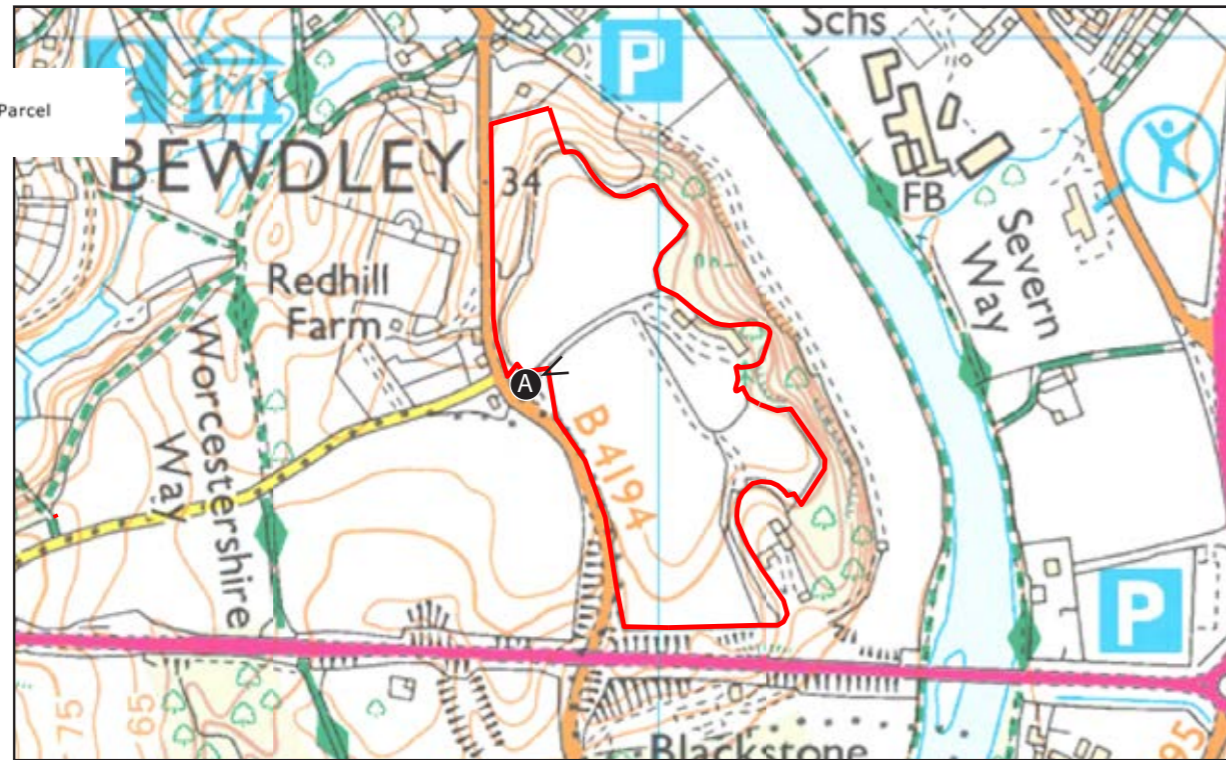


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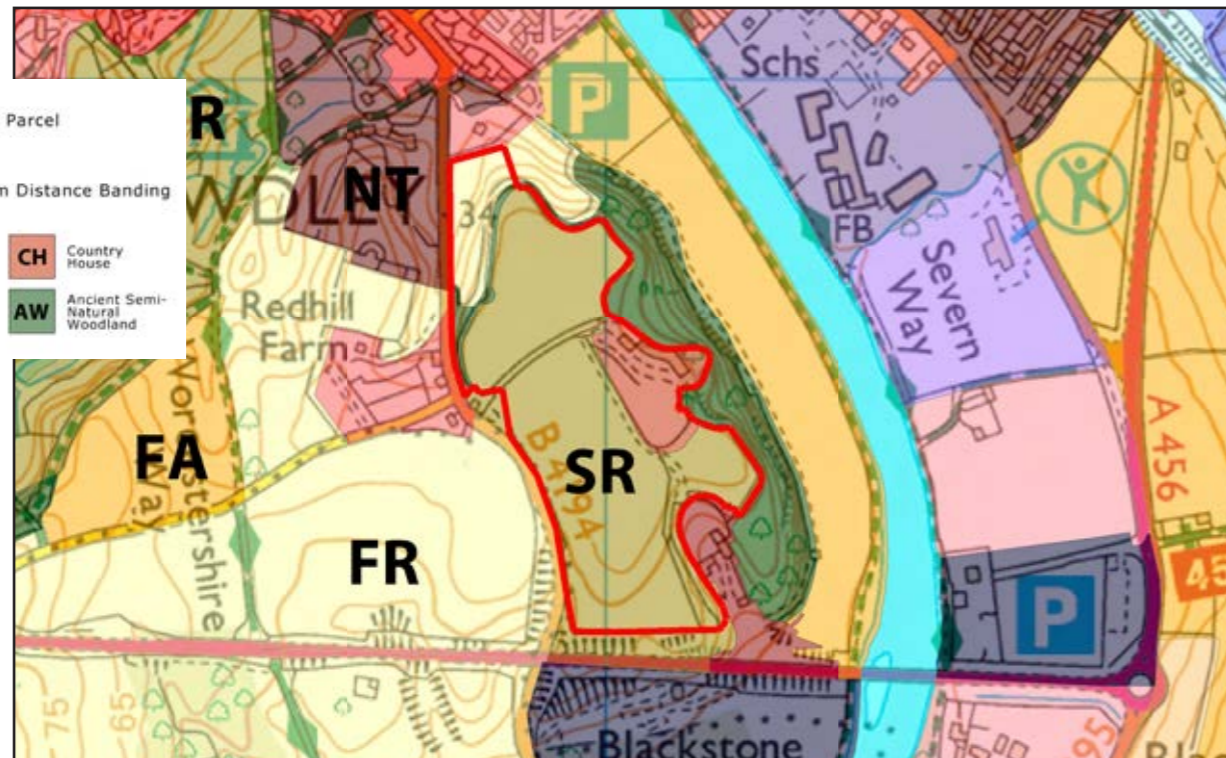
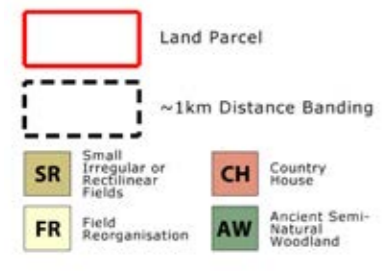
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The Worcestershire County Landscape Character Assessment Technical handbook identifies the Landscape Condition as Moderate and the Landscape Sensitivity of the parcel as Medium. With both being the second highest of a 4 point scale. See mapping at Figures 5 and 6.

This parcel of land also intersects with the WP07.3 Dowles Brook Forest Smallholdings and Dwellings Landscape Description Unit.

Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel is a plateau of arable farmland, lying south of Bewdley and is accessible via the B4194 with footway.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The parcel lies within the Timbered Plateau Farmlands Landscape Type and comprises medium sized arable fields contained by the A456 corridor to the south, B4194 to the west, ancient woodland on the river cliff to the east and low density built development to the north.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	Rural character of farmed fields enclosed by hedgerows and woodland with some localised urbanising influences including the B4194 and low density scattered dwellings. Public views restricted from B4194 by roadside hedgerows but some longer distance views to surrounding landscape. Overall Medium rating.
History	The northwestern edge lies within the Bewdley Conservation Area, the historic landscape character is small irregular or rectangular fields and settlement north of the parcel. The Grade 2* listed Winterdyne building lies at the eastern edge of the parcel. Overall the rating is High.
Tranquillity	Whilst rural in character, being flanked by road corridors on to the south and east reduces tranquillity locally, resulting in an overall Medium to High rating.
Recreational Value	No public access to the parcel and public access limited to the periphery along the B4194, although it is understood historic permissive access may be reinstated in the future. An overall Low to Medium rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	No formal ecology designations however the arable farmland is flanked by mature hedgerows and ancient woodland. Overall Medium rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel does not meet the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space.

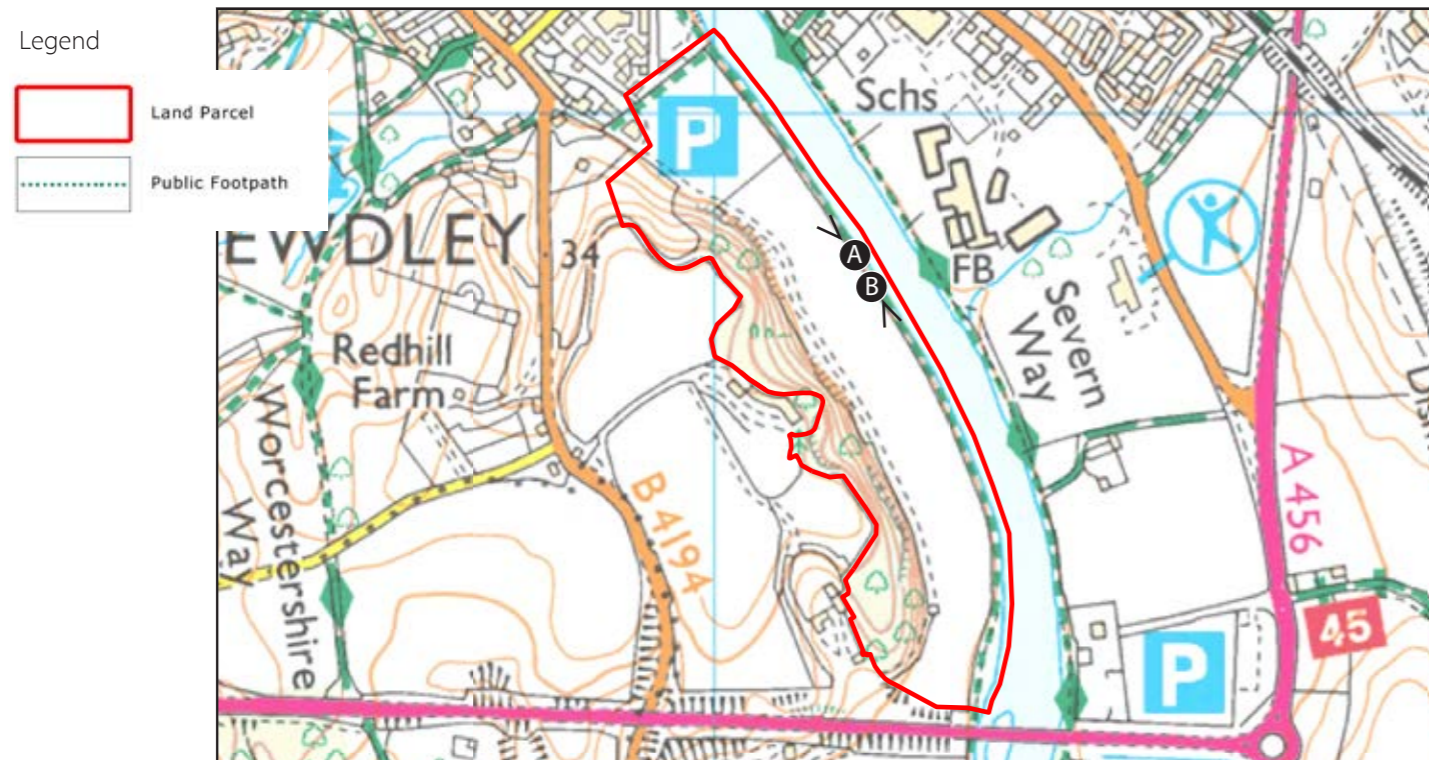
Photo A (1)



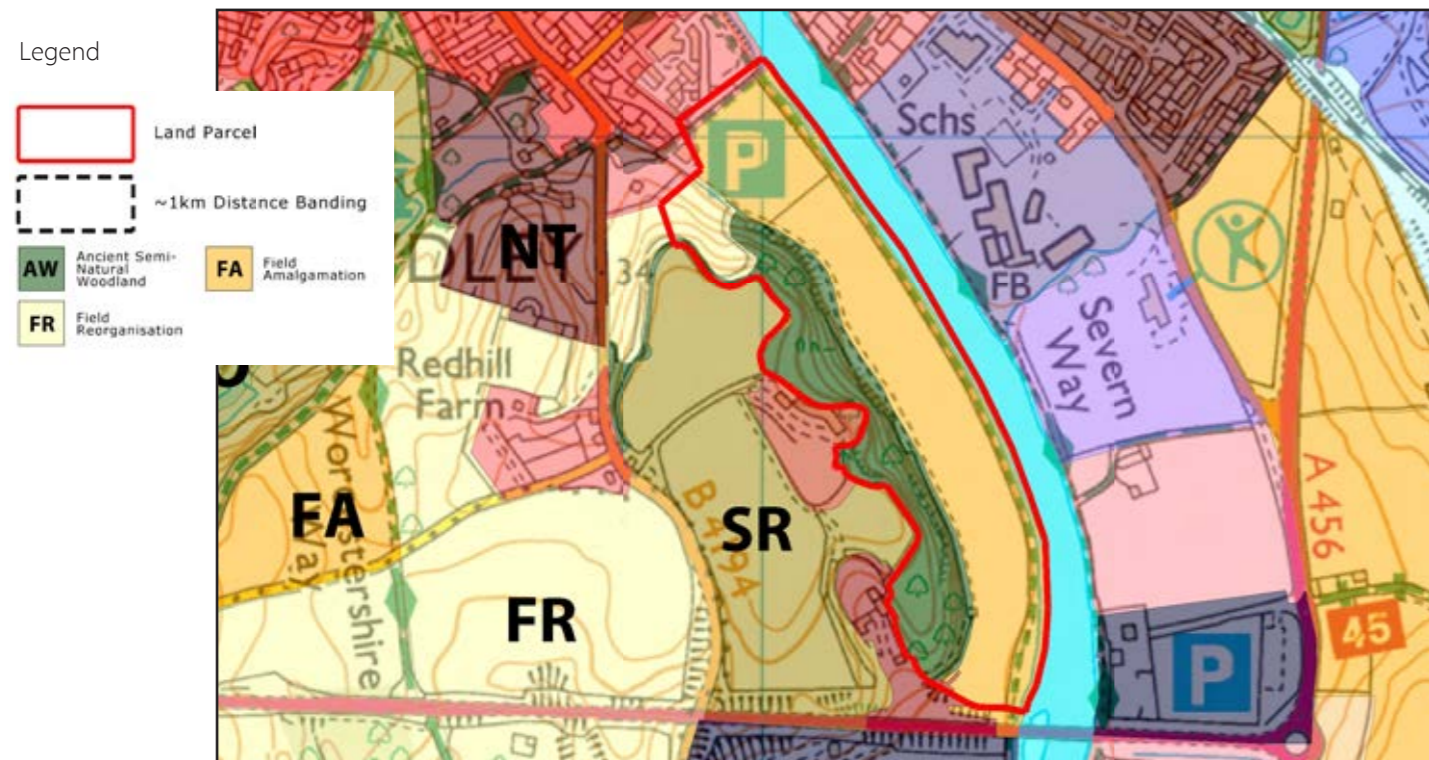
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Historical Landscape Character



Worcestershire County Council – Landscape Character Assessment

The Parcel lies within the Riverside Meadows Landscape Type and the Principal Wooded Hills Landscape Type.

The following documents are included at the back of this report as follows:

- Appendix 1: Landscape Type Information Sheet
- Appendix 2: Landscape Type Advice Sheet – Land Management
- Appendix 3: Landscape Type Advice sheet for planning and development

With respect to the settlement pattern of new development it is stated in Key Characteristics:

The parcel has a 'Dispersed settlement pattern of farmsteads and hamlets' and the enclosure pattern states 'Opportunities to reflect the organic field pattern may materialise through the shape of newly planted hedgerows, the outline of new woodland planting, the definition of road-side boundaries and verges, the spatial distribution and orientation of new buildings, avoiding uniformity of pattern in all cases.'

The Worcestershire County Landscape Character Assessment Technical handbook identifies the Landscape Condition as Moderate and the Landscape Sensitivity of the parcel as Medium. With both being the second highest of a 4 point scale. See mapping at Figures 5 and 6.

This parcel of land also intersects with the LDU KS03 River Severn – Bewdley to Winnall Riverside Meadows Landscape Description Unit

This parcel of land also intersects with the WP07.3 Dowles Brook Forest Smallholdings and Dwellings Landscape Description Unit.

Criteria based on NPPF paragraph 100 criteria	Parcel Analysis
1) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves	The parcel is low lying land south of Bewdley contained to the west by the river cliff and is accessible via the public footpath alongside the river that connects to the town and public car park.
2) Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	The majority of the parcel lies within the flood plain of the River Severn and comprises open grassland flanked by woodland on the river cliff, noting the cricket ground at the northern end of the parcel. The built up area of the town defines the northern limit and the A456 the southern limit of the parcel.
3) Demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance due to:	In order to achieve a demonstrably special status the methodology states that the parcel needs to score at least a 'High' level in at least two of the five assessed categories.
Natural beauty	Rural character with views from public footpath across majority of parcel of high scenic value of the river corridor and local points of interest including Blackstone Rock. Overall High rating.
History	The northwest part of the parcel lies within the Bewdley Conservation Area. The historic landscape character is ancient woodland and field amalgamation. The Grade 2* listed Winterdyne building lies west of the parcel. Overall the rating is High.
Tranquillity	Whilst tranquillity is reduced locally to the north and south by the settlement and road corridor respectively overall due to the proximity to the river and lack of significant detractors, the overall rating is assessed as Medium to High.
Recreational Value	Public access via a definitive public footpath along the river, Cricket ground to north and potential permissive access through the meadow/base of cliffs resulting in an overall High rating.
Wildlife Value (See Figure 4)	Ancient woodland adjacent to the meadow and river corridor designated as local wildlife site provide diverse habitats. Overall High rating.

Conclusion: The Parcel meets the criteria for designation as a Local Green Space

Photo A



Photo B



Figure 6 - Local Green Space Designation

