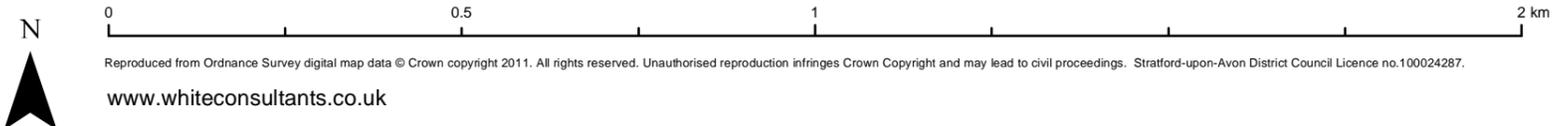
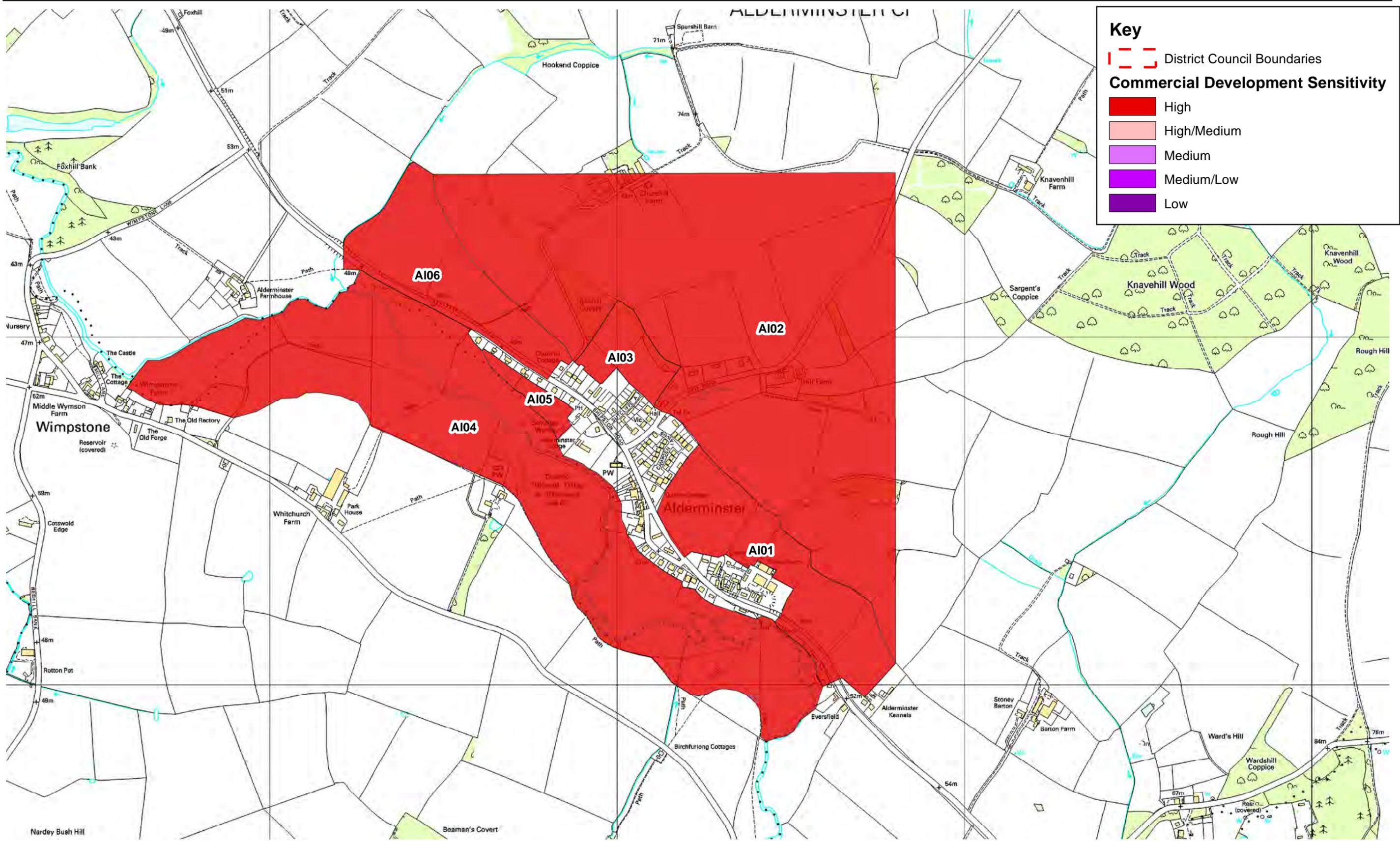


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**Alderminster
Landscape Sensitivity to Housing Development**



**Alderminster
Landscape Sensitivity to Commercial Development**

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LCP/Zone AL01

Settlement: Alderminster

Landscape sensitivity to housing development high/medium

This zone consists of mixed farmland on land rising up from the north side of the Stour valley on the northern edge of Alderminster, associated with Tithe Farm. Its southern boundary is formed by the A3400 and housing along it; its northern boundary partly follows a low ridge that separates it from the wider landscape to the north. At its western end there is new development within the settlement while to the east the two end fields are part of the wider farmed landscape (with Alderminster Kennels at the far eastern end not part of the settlement) and abut the floodplain of the river Stour (AL04).The zone is widely visible from the floodplain and housing along the Wimpstone-Crimscote road and from PROWs within AL04, but not from Shakespeare's Way long distance route which is along the A3400 through the settlement. Due to its visibility and association with the wider farmed landscape, and its location partly outside the settlement, this site is considered inappropriate for housing development.

Landscape sensitivity to commercial development high

This zone consists of arable fields on land rising up from the north side of the Stour valley on the northern edge of Alderminster, associated with Tithe Farm. Its southern boundary is formed by the A3400 and housing along it; its northern boundary partly follows a low ridge that separates it from the wider landscape to the north. At its western end there is new development within the settlement while to the east the two end fields are part of the wider farmed landscape (with Alderminster Kennels at the far eastern end not part of the settlement) and abut the floodplain of the river Stour (AL04).The site is widely visible from the floodplain and housing along the Wimpstone-Crimscote road and from PROWs within AL04, but not from Shakespeare's Way long distance route which is along the A3400 through the settlement. Due to its visibility and association with the wider farmed landscape, the proximity of two listed buildings, and its location partly outside the settlement, this zone is considered inappropriate for commercial development.

Landscape characteristics

LDU level

Physiographic Soft rock vales & valleys

Ground type Claylands

Land cover Arable farmlands

Settlement pattern Villages and estate farms

LDU level

Cultural sensitivity P2

Ecological sensitivity C3

Visual sensitivity L1

Land Cover Parcel data

Land Use Mixed farming

Pattern Small/medium_regular

Origin Cultivated

Designations

Landscape/planning

Green Belt Parks, Gardens and Amenity Green Spaces Ancient woodland TPO

Biodiversity

SSSI Local Wildlife Sites Local Nature Reserves Warks Wildlife Trust Reserves

Views of development many 270

Presence of people frequent

Summary medium

Comments the A3400 where it passes through Alderminster is also the route of Shakespeare's Way long distance footpath, and bounds part of the site's southern boundary. There is settlement edge to west and south, with Tithe Farm and its associated buildings a significant element on the southern boundary.

Functional relationship of area with settlement, wider landscape or adjacent assessed area
Corridor?

Comments part of wider farmed unit with no public access

Visual relationship of area with settlement, wider landscape or adjacent assessed area

Setting?

Comments from AL04 and the area to the south, especially the rural road between Wimpstone and Crimscote, this strip of farmland rising to the north of the settlement defines its boundary with the wider landscape, which is contained to the north by a ridgeline below Hill Farm.

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually?

...functionally?

Comments -

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge C20-21 edge

Nature of edge neutral

Form of edge moderately indented

Comments linear edge to modern housing development on western edge; indented edge to Tithe Farm and its buildings.

Receptors

Receptors	Sensitivity
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rural residents	high
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urban residents	high
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long distance/public footpaths	medium
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roads/rail/cycleways	medium/low
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Comments key receptor is listed building Quince Cottage on western edge, while the listed building near Tithe Farm may also have views of the site. Rural receptors are houses to south of AL04 and Whitchurch church and farm within it (listed buildings). Hill Farm to the north is screened by landform and vegetation but may have some views into the site. Houses on New Road, linear development extending out from the northern edge of the settlement, may have views filtered by the overgrown boundary to the field at the western end of the site. Users of the long distance footpath (Shakespeare's Way) and other PROWs are likely to have little perception of the site when immediately adjacent, due to dense vegetation and buildings, but may have distant views above buildings, especially from the eastern end of the settlement.

Other

Other factors eastern end of zone abuts Flood Zone 3 (zone AL04)

Potential for landscape enhancement

-

Potential mitigation if area potentially suitable for development

maintenance of dense vegetation along A3400

LCP/Zone AL02

Settlement: Alderminster

Landscape sensitivity to housing development high/medium

This zone consists of a swathe of farmland on the northern edge of Alderminster, forming a rural backdrop to the settlement when viewed from the south across AL04. It is mainly in arable cultivation, in medium to large fields with a variety of hedges, many of them low to medium and in good condition, a few gappy and with a few overgrown tree rows which nonetheless act as a strong filter, and with several small to medium blocks of woodland. Within the site there are two farms, Churchill Farm (part) and Hill Farm, plus C20 housing linear development along the western side of New Road extending at right angles from the northern edge of the settlement. The copses and woodland belts, together with field boundaries, give a clear form to the landscape. The entire zone lies within the open farmed landscape and is separated from the settlement by AL03 and AL01. It is also widely visible from the south. For these reasons it is not considered appropriate for housing development,

Landscape sensitivity to commercial development high

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Landscape characteristics

LDU level

Physiographic Soft rock uplands

Ground type Claylands

Land cover Ancient wooded farmlands

Settlement pattern Villages and estate farms

LDU level

Cultural sensitivity P2

Ecological sensitivity C3

Visual sensitivity R1

Land Cover Parcel data

Land Use Mixed farming

Pattern Medium/large_regular

Origin Cultivated

Designations

Landscape/planning

Green Belt Parks, Gardens and Amenity Green Spaces Ancient woodland TPO

Biodiversity

SSSI Local Wildlife Sites Local Nature Reserves Warks Wildlife Trust Reserves

Historic/archaeology

Cons. Area SAMs Historic Parks/Gardens Listed Buildings Registered Battlefield

Other

Flood

Characteristics

Landform locally undulating hill slopes

Landcover mainly arable with some woodland

Field boundaries

Type	Hedgerows <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hedgebanks <input type="checkbox"/>	Stone walls <input type="checkbox"/>	Wet ditches <input type="checkbox"/>
Species	Thorn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elm <input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ancient <input type="checkbox"/>
Condition	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Redundant <input type="checkbox"/>	Relic <input type="checkbox"/>
Management	Trimmed <input type="checkbox"/>	Outgrown <input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Hedge/Stream Trees

Extent	Dense <input type="checkbox"/>	Scattered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Insignificant <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input type="checkbox"/>
Age of mixture	Mixed Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overmature <input type="checkbox"/>	Immature <input type="checkbox"/>	

Other Trees

Extent	Prominent <input type="checkbox"/>	Apparent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Insignificant <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input type="checkbox"/>
Age of mixture	Mixed Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overmature <input type="checkbox"/>	Immature <input type="checkbox"/>	

Patch Survival

Extent	Widespread <input type="checkbox"/>	Localised <input type="checkbox"/>	Relic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Management	Intense <input type="checkbox"/>	Traditional <input type="checkbox"/>	Neglected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Ecological corridors

Condition	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Declining <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fragmented <input type="checkbox"/>
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Intensity of Use

Impact	High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Pattern

Settlement pattern one farm unit and part of another; C20 housing along New Road extending at right angles from settlement edge.

Other built features -

Presence of water -

Scale medium to large

Sense of enclosure

open but with copses and areas of woodland within extensive views

Diversity simple

Skyline

Prominence/ importance apparent **Complexity** simple

Comments there are a number of very local skylines due to the complexity of the landform. Main trend is ridgeline parallel to river valley midway across site.

Key views

To settlement	False	From settlement	False
Landmarks	Whitchurch church in AL04	Detractors	11kV lines

Intervisibility

Site observation medium **...to key features** **...from key place**

Comments backdrop to settlement, which is highly visible within wider landscape from opposite side of river

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads

Views of development one side 180

Presence of people occasional

Summary high/medium

Comments New Road is single road within site and there are no PROWs. Views of settlement are dwarfed by scale of wider river valley landscape and

extensive views beyond to south west.

Functional relationship of area with settlement, wider landscape or adjacent assessed area

Corridor?

Comments part of wider farmed units with no public access other than roads

Visual relationship of area with settlement, wider landscape or adjacent assessed area

Setting?

Comments serves as backdrop to settlement when viewed from south and PROW in AL04.

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually?

...functionally?

Comments development of eastern end of this zone could landlock all or part of AL01 and AL03 and could impact on AL06. Development of this site would have visual impact on setting of settlement and river valley.

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge

C20-21 edge

Nature of edge neutral

Form of edge smooth/linear

Comments small section of site's southern boundary abuts recent development around Campden Lawns.

Receptors

Receptors

Sensitivity

rural residents

high

urban residents

high

roads/rail/cycleways

medium

Comments key receptors would be Churchill Farm and Hill Farm, plus houses along New Road. Dwellings along northern edge of Campden Lawns would be impacted. Users of New Road would have views of any development.

Other

Other factors -

Potential for landscape enhancement

-

Potential mitigation if area potentially suitable for development

-

Landscape sensitivity to housing development high/medium

This zone consists of three pasture fields on land to the north of Alderminster, sloping up from the Stour valley to the south. Its northern boundary consists of large trees and an overgrown hedge; the hedge to the west, along the track to Churchill Farm, is mixed species, dense and in good condition. The north western field appears to be being managed for conservation purposes and contains one small building. The field to the east is visible from the end of Sutcliffe Avenue but is screened by vegetation from development along New Road. As part of the backdrop to the settlement when viewed from the river valley and the area to the south, this zone is partly visible. The only part that might therefore be considered appropriate for housing development is the small south western field, but this contains several TPOd lime and oak trees, which would have to be further safeguarded from development impact, and unimproved pasture which would require survey and assessment of its biodiversity significance before any further decisions are made. This would therefore be quite a small site but development further up the slope is likely to be visible in the wider landscape. It is therefore considered that most of this site is inappropriate for housing development and that there are significant restraints on the remaining area.

Landscape sensitivity to commercial development high

This zone consists of three pasture fields on land to the north of Alderminster, sloping up from the Stour valley to the south. Its northern boundary consists of large trees and an overgrown hedge; the hedge to the west, along the track to Churchill Farm, is mixed species, dense and in good condition. The north western field appears to be being managed for conservation purposes and contains a small building. The field to the east is visible from the end of Sutcliffe Avenue but is screened by vegetation from development along New Road. As part of the backdrop to the settlement when viewed from the river valley and the area to the south, this site is partly visible, and any commercial development within it would be highly visible within the wooded farm landscape. Commercial development would also be out of scale with that of the settlement and of this small site. For these reasons commercial development is considered inappropriate.

Landscape characteristics

	LDU level
Physiographic	Soft rock uplands
Ground type	Claylands
Land cover	Ancient wooded farmlands
Settlement pattern	Villages and estate farms
	LDU level
Cultural sensitivity	P2
Ecological sensitivity	C3
Visual sensitivity	R1

Land Cover Parcel data

Land Use	Pastoral
Pattern	Small/medium_regular
Origin	Cultivated

Designations**Landscape/planning**

Green Belt Parks, Gardens and Amenity Green Spaces Ancient woodland TPO

Biodiversity

SSSI Local Wildlife Sites Local Nature Reserves Warks Wildlife Trust Reserves

Summary high/medium

Comments zone does not abut a road, abuts settlement on only one side and can only be approached via a farm track; it has limited views over a wide expanse of river valley landscape.

Functional relationship of area with settlement, wider landscape or adjacent assessed area

Corridor?

Comments typical settlement-edge pasture use as apt of wider farmed units with no public access

Visual relationship of area with settlement, wider landscape or adjacent assessed area

Setting?

Comments part of setting of settlement viewed from AL04 and PROWs in it and to the south

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually?

...functionally?

Comments -

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge

C20-21 edge

Nature of edge neutral

Form of edge moderately indented

Comments mix of old and new housing along edge, with one listed building between southern boundary and A3400.

Receptors

Receptors

Sensitivity

rural residents

high

urban residents

high

Comments no road or PROW users nearby have views into the zone; PROWs with visibility are at a distance within or beyond AL04.

Other

Other factors -

Potential for landscape enhancement

safeguarding TPO trees; managing relic hedge

Potential mitigation if area potentially suitable for development

replacing relic hedge within site; safeguarding TPO trees

LCP/Zone A104

Settlement: Alderminster

Landscape sensitivity to housing development high

This zone consists of part of the Stour river valley. It is flat unimproved pasture (some neutral grassland) with riparian vegetation including pollard willows. It is of high biodiversity potential, highly visible over a wide area and visually significant as the setting for the listed buildings within it and for Alderminster to the north. It also lies within a Flood Zone 3 area. Is therefore considered to be completely inappropriate for housing development.

Landscape sensitivity to commercial development high

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Landscape characteristics

LDU level

Physiographic River Valleys

Ground type Wet meadowland

Land cover Pastoral farmlands

Settlement pattern Meadowland on large estates

LDU level

Cultural sensitivity P2

Ecological sensitivity C3

Visual sensitivity L0

Land Cover Parcel data

Land Use Pastoral

Pattern Medium/large_regular

Origin Meadow

Designations

Landscape/planning

Green Belt Parks, Gardens and Amenity Green Spaces Ancient woodland TPO

Biodiversity

SSSI Local Wildlife Sites Local Nature Reserves Warks Wildlife Trust Reserves

Historic/archaeology

Cons. Area SAMs Historic Parks/Gardens Listed Buildings Registered Battlefield

Other

Flood

Characteristics

Landform flat valley floor

Landcover mix of improved and unimproved pasture; church and farm

Field boundaries

Type Hedgerows Hedgebanks Stone walls Wet ditches

Species Thorn Elm Mixed Ancient

Condition Good Poor Redundant Relic

Management Trimmed Outgrown Mixed

Hedge/Stream Trees

Extent Dense Scattered Insignificant None

Age of mixture Mixed Age Overmature Immature

Other Trees

Extent Prominent Apparent Insignificant None

Age of mixture Mixed Age Overmature Immature

Patch Survival

Extent Widespread Localised Relic

Management Intense Traditional Neglected

Ecological corridors

Condition Intact Declining Fragmented

Intensity of Use

Impact High Moderate Low

Pattern

Settlement pattern one church (listed building); one farm (listed)

Other built features farm buildings

Presence of water Stour valley

Scale small laterally but extensive **Sense of enclosure** open
linear feature

Diversity uniform

Skyline

Prominence/ importance not applicable **Complexity**

Comments -

Key views

To settlement False **From settlement** False

Landmarks Whitchurch Church;
Alderminster Lodge **Detractors** -

Intervisibility

Site observation high ...to key features ...from key place

Comments Whitchurch church, farm and associated vegetation form key landmark in river valley from various popints in settlement and from PROWs

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads people

Views of development one side 180 **Presence of people** infrequent

Summary high/medium

Comments Alderminster is quite well screened by vegetation along its southern edge and within the settlement, so all views of it from the river valley are filtered to some degree. There are views of isolated development to the south also. The A3400 is well screened, with glimpsed views only of vehicles on it within the settlement. The Wimpstone-Crimscote road does not carry much traffic. There are PROWs to either end of the site.

Functional relationship of area with settlement, wider landscape or adjacent assessed area

Corridor?

Comments part of Stour river valley floodplain with some public access linking into the settlement

Visual relationship of area with settlement, wider landscape or adjacent assessed area

Setting?

Comments essential component of setting of settlement when viewed from the south and visual focus of local landscape

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually?

...functionally?

Comments theoretical potential for AL05 to become landlocked if AL04 developed.

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge C20-21 edge

Nature of edge positive **Form of edge** moderately indented

Comments edge follows contour of floodplain, so gently curving. Several listed buildings on southern edge of settlement adjacent to this site.

Receptors

Receptors **Sensitivity**

rural residents high

urban residents high

long distance/public footpaths high

roads/rail/cycleways high/medium

Comments any development of this site would have a high impact on all receptors

Other

Other factors Flood Zone 3; potentially high biodiversity value of unimproved grassland along northern edge

Potential for landscape enhancement

-

Potential mitigation if area potentially suitable for development

-

Landscape sensitivity to housing development high/medium

This zone comprises flat, open pasture between the settlement edge and the River Stour floodplain. It is a few metres above the floodplain and the river and mature pollarded willows and other trees line the secondary water channel which forms the south western boundary leading to the river. There are glimpses of the church tower and the zone lies adjacent to the large listed dwelling Alderminster Lodge and to the rear of various listed dwellings which appear to be estate cottages on Shipston Road. The latter reflect the essentially linear form of the settlement and, viewed from the road, there are distinctively wide gardens giving a feeling of space along the frontage. There are views across the river valley from the zone and from the pub car park adjacent. The area is a relatively tranquil zone associated with the river corridor. Overall, the zone's sensitivities lie in its contribution to the green corridor of the river, its openness complementing the loose form of the adjacent linear development and its role as part of the setting to various listed buildings. Housing development is considered inappropriate.

Landscape sensitivity to commercial development high

This zone comprises flat, open pasture between the settlement edge and the River Stour floodplain. It is a few metres above the floodplain and the river and mature pollarded willows and other trees line the secondary water channel which forms the south western boundary leading to the river. There are glimpses of the church tower and the zone lies adjacent to the large listed dwelling Alderminster Lodge and to the rear of various listed dwellings which appear to be estate cottages on Shipston Road. The latter reflect the essentially linear form of the settlement and, viewed from the road, there are distinctively wide gardens giving a feeling of space along the frontage. There are views across the river valley from the zone and from the pub car park adjacent. The area is a relatively tranquil zone associated with the river corridor. Overall, the zone's sensitivities lie in its contribution to the green corridor of the river, its openness complementing the loose form of the adjacent linear development and its role as part of the setting to various listed buildings. Commercial development is considered highly inappropriate.

Landscape characteristics**LDU level****Physiographic** Soft rock vales & valleys**Ground type** Claylands**Land cover** Arable farmlands**Settlement pattern** Villages and estate farms**LDU level****Cultural sensitivity** P2**Ecological sensitivity** C3**Visual sensitivity** L1**Land Cover Parcel data****Land Use** Pastoral**Pattern** Medium/large_regular**Origin** Cultivated**Designations****Landscape/planning**Green Belt Parks, Gardens and Amenity Green Spaces Ancient woodland TPO **Biodiversity**SSSI Local Wildlife Sites Local Nature Reserves Warks Wildlife Trust Reserves

Historic/archaeology

Cons. Area SAMs Historic Parks/Gardens Listed Buildings Registered Battlefield

Other

Flood

Characteristics

Landform gradient to river floodplain

Landcover unimproved pasture

Field boundaries

Type	Hedgerows <input type="checkbox"/>	Hedgebanks <input type="checkbox"/>	Stone walls <input type="checkbox"/>	Wet ditches <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Species	Thorn <input type="checkbox"/>	Elm <input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ancient <input type="checkbox"/>
Condition	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor <input type="checkbox"/>	Redundant <input type="checkbox"/>	Relic <input type="checkbox"/>
Management	Trimmed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Outgrown <input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed <input type="checkbox"/>	

Hedge/Stream Trees

Extent	Dense <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scattered <input type="checkbox"/>	Insignificant <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input type="checkbox"/>
Age of mixture	Mixed Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overmature <input type="checkbox"/>	Immature <input type="checkbox"/>	

Other Trees

Extent	Prominent <input type="checkbox"/>	Apparent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Insignificant <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input type="checkbox"/>
Age of mixture	Mixed Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overmature <input type="checkbox"/>	Immature <input type="checkbox"/>	

Patch Survival

Extent	Widespread <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Localised <input type="checkbox"/>	Relic <input type="checkbox"/>
Management	Intense <input type="checkbox"/>	Traditional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neglected <input type="checkbox"/>

Ecological corridors

Condition	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Declining <input type="checkbox"/>	Fragmented <input type="checkbox"/>
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Intensity of Use

Impact	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Pattern

Settlement pattern adjacent to low density housing on Shipston Road

Other built features small sewage works

Presence of water south western edge abuts secondary channel to main river

Sense of enclosure enclosed

Scale small

Diversity simple

Skyline

Prominence/ importance

Complexity

Comments forms containing landform at local scale to river corridor

Key views

To settlement False	From settlement False
Landmarks -	Detractors sewage works is minor detractor

Intervisibility

Site observation medium ...to key features ...from key place

Comments visible from river corridor such as from St Mary's Church on south side of river

Tranquillity

Noise sources roads people

Views of development one side 180

Presence of people infrequent

Summary high/medium

Comments the location on the river corridor and the associated pollard willows gives a high sense of tranquillity, only marred by road noise and the overlooking by backs of dwellings

Functional relationship of area with settlement, wider landscape or adjacent assessed area

Corridor?

Comments pasture managed as part of wider farmed unit with no public access

Visual relationship of area with settlement, wider landscape or adjacent assessed area

Setting?

Comments integral with semi natural landscape of river corridor

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually?

...functionally?

Comments closely associated and reliant on river corridor AL04

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge

C20-21 edge

Nature of edge positive

Form of edge smooth/linear

Comments detached dwellings in large gardens

Receptors

Receptors

Sensitivity

rural residents

high

urban residents

high

roads/rail/cycleways

medium

Comments main receptors are from dwellings adjacent. Some glimpses from Shipston Road and longer views from south of river.

Other

Other factors -

Potential for landscape enhancement

-

Potential mitigation if area potentially suitable for development

-

LCP/Zone AL06

Settlement: Alderminster

Landscape sensitivity to housing development high/medium

This zone consists of two arable and one pasture field at the western end of Alderminster, on sloping land rising northwards out of the Stour river valley. Their boundaries are a mix of low well-managed thorn hedge, gappy mixed hedge and mixed hedge and tree row, with a dense covert to the north of the easternmost field. It forms part of the setting of the village and a backdrop to the river valley AL04. It is highly visible in the wider landscape, from areas to the south and from the listed buildings and PROWs within site AL04 and lies outside the settlement, which abuts it with a short single row of linear development along the A3400, well outside the village centre. The mapped northern boundary cuts across the three fields, the change in slope actually occurring at the boundary with the covert and hedge to the north. There is therefore no natural boundary to any potential development at the eastern end of the zone, which would be least visible, and the whole zone is therefore considered inappropriate for housing development.

Landscape sensitivity to commercial development high

This zone consists of two arable and one pasture field at the western end of Alderminster, on sloping land rising northwards out of the Stour river valley. Their boundaries are a mix of low well-managed thorn hedge, gappy mixed hedge and mixed hedge and tree row, with a dense covert to the north of the easternmost field. The zone forms part of the setting of the village and a backdrop to the river valley AL04. It is highly visible in the wider landscape, from areas to the south and from the listed buildings and PROWs within site AL04 and lies outside the settlement, which abuts it with a short single row of linear development along the A3400, outside the village centre. The mapped northern boundary cuts across the three fields, the change in slope actually occurring at the boundary with the covert and hedge to the north. It is not considered that there is any potential for commercial development in this zone.

Landscape characteristics

LDU level

Physiographic Soft rock vales & valleys

Ground type Claylands

Land cover Arable farmlands

Settlement pattern Villages and estate farms

LDU level

Cultural sensitivity P2

Ecological sensitivity C3

Visual sensitivity L1

Land Cover Parcel data

Land Use Cropping

Pattern Medium/large_regular

Origin Cultivated

Designations

Landscape/planning

Green Belt Parks, Gardens and Amenity Green Spaces Ancient woodland TPO

Biodiversity

SSSI Local Wildlife Sites Local Nature Reserves Warks Wildlife Trust Reserves

Historic/archaeology

Cons. Area SAMs Historic Parks/Gardens Listed Buildings Registered Battlefield

Other

Flood

Characteristics

Landform gently undulating; sloping ground rising northwards away from Stour river valley
Landcover adjacent to southern edge

Field boundaries

Type	Hedgerows <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hedgebanks <input type="checkbox"/>	Stone walls <input type="checkbox"/>	Wet ditches <input type="checkbox"/>
Species	Thorn <input type="checkbox"/>	Elm <input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ancient <input type="checkbox"/>
Condition	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor <input type="checkbox"/>	Redundant <input type="checkbox"/>	Relic <input type="checkbox"/>
Management	Trimmed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Outgrown <input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed <input type="checkbox"/>	

Hedge/Stream Trees

Extent	Dense <input type="checkbox"/>	Scattered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Insignificant <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input type="checkbox"/>
Age of mixture	Mixed Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overmature <input type="checkbox"/>	Immature <input type="checkbox"/>	

Other Trees

Extent	Prominent <input type="checkbox"/>	Apparent <input type="checkbox"/>	Insignificant <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Age of mixture	Mixed Age <input type="checkbox"/>	Overmature <input type="checkbox"/>	Immature <input type="checkbox"/>	

Patch Survival

Extent	Widespread <input type="checkbox"/>	Localised <input type="checkbox"/>	Relic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Management	Intense <input type="checkbox"/>	Traditional <input type="checkbox"/>	Neglected <input type="checkbox"/>

Ecological corridors

Condition	Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	Declining <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fragmented <input type="checkbox"/>
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Intensity of Use

Impact	High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Pattern

Settlement pattern none

Other built features none

Presence of water small pond on field boundary

Scale medium **Sense of enclosure** open

Diversity uniform

Skyline

Prominence/ importance **Complexity**

Comments landform to north forms local skyline

Key views

To settlement	False	From settlement	False
Landmarks	Whitchurch church and farm	Detractors	-

Intervisibility

Site observation medium **...to key features** **...from key place**

Comments intervisibility to/from Whitchurch church and farm in adjoining AL04.
Settlement largely concealed by vegetation and landform

Tranquillity

Noise sources	roads	people
Views of development	some	Presence of people frequent

Summary high/medium

Comments the zone's southern boundary is the A3400 which is also part of the Shakespeare's Way long distance footpath here. There are a few houses, including listed buildings, set down on the floodplain edge along the south

eastern site boundary but and one house on the eastern boundary.

Functional relationship of area with settlement, wider landscape or adjacent assessed area

Corridor?

Comments part of wider farmed units with no public access

Visual relationship of area with settlement, wider landscape or adjacent assessed area

Setting?

Comments this zone contributes to the rural setting of Aldminster when approached from the west along the A 3400 and when viewed from PROWs within adjoining AL04 and from houses and the road to the south of AL04.

Are adjacent assessed areas mutually reliant...

... visually?

...functionally?

Comments visually contiguous with AL02

Settlement edge

Pre C20 edge C20-21 edge

Nature of edge neutral Form of edge smooth/linear

Comments the houses on the extreme western edge of Aldminster are all set down below road level and well screened by boundary vegetation

Receptors

Receptors **Sensitivity**

rural residents high

urban residents high

long distance/public footpaths high

roads/rail/cycleways medium/low

Comments Aldminster Farm house has views of the site from the west; houses in Aldminster are set down from road level and are well screened, but may have some views into the site. Users of the PROWs in AL04, and visitors to listed building Whitchurch church would be affected, as would users of the Wimpstone-Crimscote road, but impact on road users of the A3400 would be low due to dense roadside vegetation on the site's southern boundary.

Other

Other factors -

Potential for landscape enhancement

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Potential mitigation if area potentially suitable for development

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