

The parcel is predominantly comprised of an agricultural field network delineated by hedgerows, trees and fencing. These dominant landscape features give this parcel a rural character. Views across the landscape are achieved from public footpaths and are filtered by the aforementioned vegetated field boundaries.

The A40 and A48 divide the parcel and form prominent landscape features. They also produce perceptual disturbance for local receptors. These are the primary access routes to the area.

Idyllic rural views are present from the footpath. These reinforce the rural character of the landscape in this location. Auditory disturbance is present from the nearby road network.

Tree belts and small woodlands are present within the parcel and provide an important Green Infrastructure feature.

It was noted during field visits that the footpath to the south of the railway line is overgrown. This suggests the path is not used often. Increased maintenance of footpaths should be provided.

Flood Zone 2 and 3 areas are present within the south west of the parcel. These areas play an important role in flood management within the area and form part of the local Green Infrastructure network.

This parcel has limited public access along footpaths. There is limited interconnectivity between footpaths from the north. There is no pavement along this stretch of the A40. Due to the low lying topography views out are generally limited by intervening features. However, some views out can be achieved depending on the viewers location.









The setting of the Grade 1 listed Highnam Court and Church of the Holy Innocents will be a consideration of any development.

The railway line creates a prominent physical barrier between the fields to the north and south of it. This divides the rural landscape and creates a detracting element within the landscape. Some sections of the railway are noticeably elevated above the parcel which creates a visual barrier. Planting along the railway line is not continuous and gaps are present.

Isolated farmsteads are characteristic of this landscape and serve the neighbouring fields.

There is no settlement within this rural parcel. Some dwellings are present to the south and form part of a loose settlement pattern. The dwellings are located on elevated terrain above the flood plain.

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-  Parcel Boundary. This takes account of Local Authority boundaries, historic field boundaries, infrastructure corridors and watercourses.
-  Contours. These highlight a characteristically low lying landscape as the topography gently falls towards the River Severn to the south east. This gently sloping character is punctuated by small elevated land forms.
-  Public Rights of Way (PRoW). The area within the parcel and beyond is well served by footpaths. These are valuable features within the area that promote activity and tourism. They also provide important Green Infrastructure corridors.
-  Grade 2 listed structure within or adjacent to the boundary of the parcel. If numbered it represents a number of listed structures near to each other.
-  Grade 1 listed Highnam Court and the Church of the Holy Innocents to the north east of the parcel.
-  Approximate area of designated Flood Zone. This occupies the lowest lying areas of the parcel.
-  The Gloucester to Newport railway line crosses the northern boundary of the parcel. This is a significant feature of the local landscape.
-  The A40 and A48 roads are the primary transport corridors within the parcel

**Landscape Features:**

- Mixed agricultural field network comprised of arable and pastoral farming;
- Hedgerow field boundaries, individual field trees and small copses;
- Low lying landscape with elevated land forms punctuating an otherwise relatively flat landscape;
- Minor watercourses and areas of flood meadow;
- A public footpath crosses the parcel;
- Limited historical built environment within the parcel. The setting of grade 1 listed Highnam Court and the Church of the Holy Innocents requires additional assessment;
- A40 and A48 roads and Railway transport corridor; and
- Highnam roundabout

**Visual Receptors:**

- Residents in rural dwellings;
- Public footpath users;
- Farm workers; and
- Road and rail users.

