

### **SOUTH DEVON AONB & SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE**

AONB Management Plan provides the following rationale and key disctinctive characteristics for the South Devon AONB Designations

#### Rationale

- The setting to the AONB provided by surrounding areas of land, sea and urban settlement together with the inter-visibility between the AONB and these areas is of great significance.
- Distant views from locations within the South Devon AONB include many significant features that are not located within the AONB boundary.

### Distinctive characteristics (DC) (selected relevant)

(Distinctive Characteristics are those components that define what it is that gives South Devon its sense of place. They generally apply to areas smaller than the AONB as a whole.)

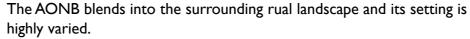


The urban edge is a reconised part of the setting of the AONB.

- Plymouth and Torbay form important components of the South Devon AONB setting at the western and eastern ends of the area and contrast strongly with the deeply rural nature of the AONB itself.- DC.
- Residents from Plymouth, Torbay and other areas of the South Hams choose to visit
  the South Devon AONB in significant numbers throughout the year for both leisure
  and business purposes. The reverse is also true with a high dependency of South
  Devon AONB residents for employment opportunities, goods and services provided
  by the neighbouring towns and city. DC
- Away from Torbay and Plymouth City, the principal character of neighbouring inland areas forming the setting of the AONB is one that is sparsely settled and deeply rural in nature.
- The inland boundary of the AONB is mostly not marked by a distinct change in scenery and the landscape character continues seamlessly into the neighbouring countryside. The hinterland of the AONB particularly the rural largely undeveloped countryside, farmland and woodland is particularly significant as a setting for the AONB

Special Qualities described in the Management Plan- The following italized list of special qualities define the unique natural beauty for which the South Devon AONB is designated as a nationally important protected landscape:





- · Iconic wide, unspoilt and expansive panoramic views.
- A variety in the setting to the AONB formed by the marine environment, Plymouth City, market and coastal towns, rural South Hams and southern Dartmoor



The AONB lies adjacent to the tranquil and remote South Hams landscape.

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In this locality, the AONB is grouped around the River Dart watercourses.

- Ria estuaries (drowned river valleys), steep combes and a network of associated watercourses.
- Deeply rural rolling patchwork agricultural landscape.
- Deeply incised landscape that is intimate, hidden and secretive away from the plateau tops.
- Areas of high tranquillity, natural nightscapes, distinctive natural soundscapes and visible movement.
- A breadth and depth of significant habitats, species and associated natural events
- A landscape with a rich time depth and a wealth of historic features and cultural associations.

#### Vision for the AONB

- 4.2 The Management Plan describes the Vision for the AONB as a place valued, recognised and treasured forever for its nationally important natural beauty and distinctive character:
- its rugged, undeveloped coastline with wooded estuaries, secluded river valleys, rolling hills, abundant wildlife and rich natural environment;
- its distinctive historic landscape character including its patchwork fields, Devon banks and hedges, green lanes, historic settlements and archaeological remains shaped by centuries of human activity and maritime and farming traditions;
- its rural tranquillity, dark skies, fresh air, clean water, fertile soils and mild climate;
- its living, working countryside where community and economic activity sustain the landscape and bring prosperity and social well-being to ensure a good quality of life for its residents.

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4. Trees along the boundary of field 5, the northern site boundary



7. Godrington along the A3022



2.AONB Dittisham Cott Farm Kingston



5. Doctor's surgery and adjacent residences at Galmpton



8. Waddeton Court





6. Galmpton and blocks of woodland



9. Waddeton Court

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## Published Landscape Character

## Site and Surrounding Landscape Character

South Hams District Landscape Character Assessment LCT 3B: Lower rolling farmed and settled slopes

The site lies wholly within the Rolling Farmland Landscape. Adjacent to the south and west lies the South Hams District landscape also rolling farmland, which blends in with the South Devon AONB to the south and west. (Fields 5 and 6).

The site has a more urban edge character to the east with the noise of the busy A3022 and the adjacent urban edge of Goodrington and north with the newly developing White Rock residential phase 1. This would include fields 6.5 and 1.

A field away to the south east lies Galmpton residential area and Common, with the Conservation area further south.

To the south west the site blends in with a more remote, tranquil and rural landscape of the South Hams and the nearby South Devon AONB. This would include field 3, some of the southern edge of field field 2 and possibly the western edge of field 4.

However almost all parts of the site, possibly with the exception of field I, from one orientation or another form part of the landscape setting of the South Devon AONB to the urban edge.

Waddeton Conservation Area lies partly within the Rolling farmland landscape character within the AONB. The south western part of the site forms a part of the landscape transition from the AONB.

Other relevant character areas / landscape receptors with intervisibility with the site and the site as part of their landscape setting include the following types within the AONB

LCT IB Open Inland Plateau LCT ID Inland undulating uplands LCT 2C: River valley slopes and combes

And the following type to the north west, within the South Hams landscape but outside of the AONB.

LCT 3A: Upper farmed and wooded slopes

Chart taken from the South Devon AONB and South Hams Landscape Character Assessment 2007

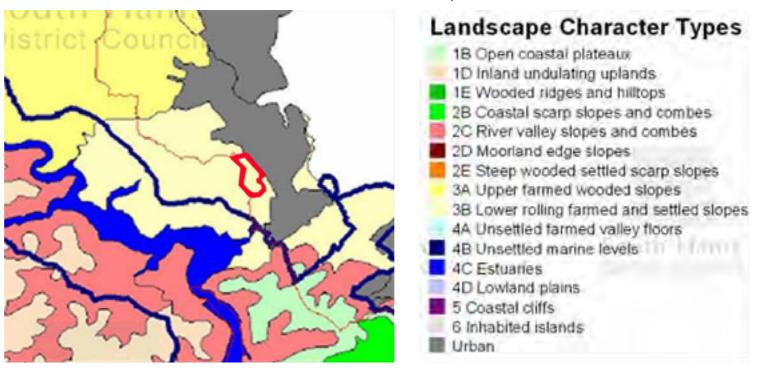
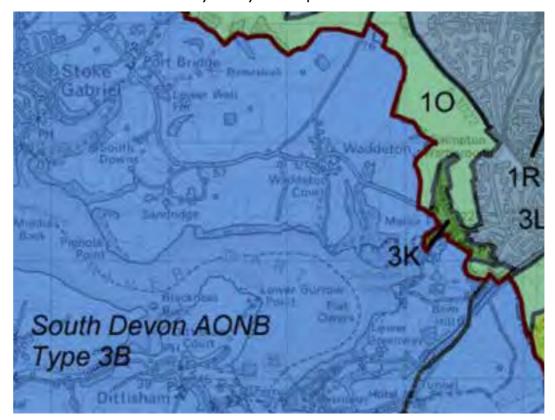
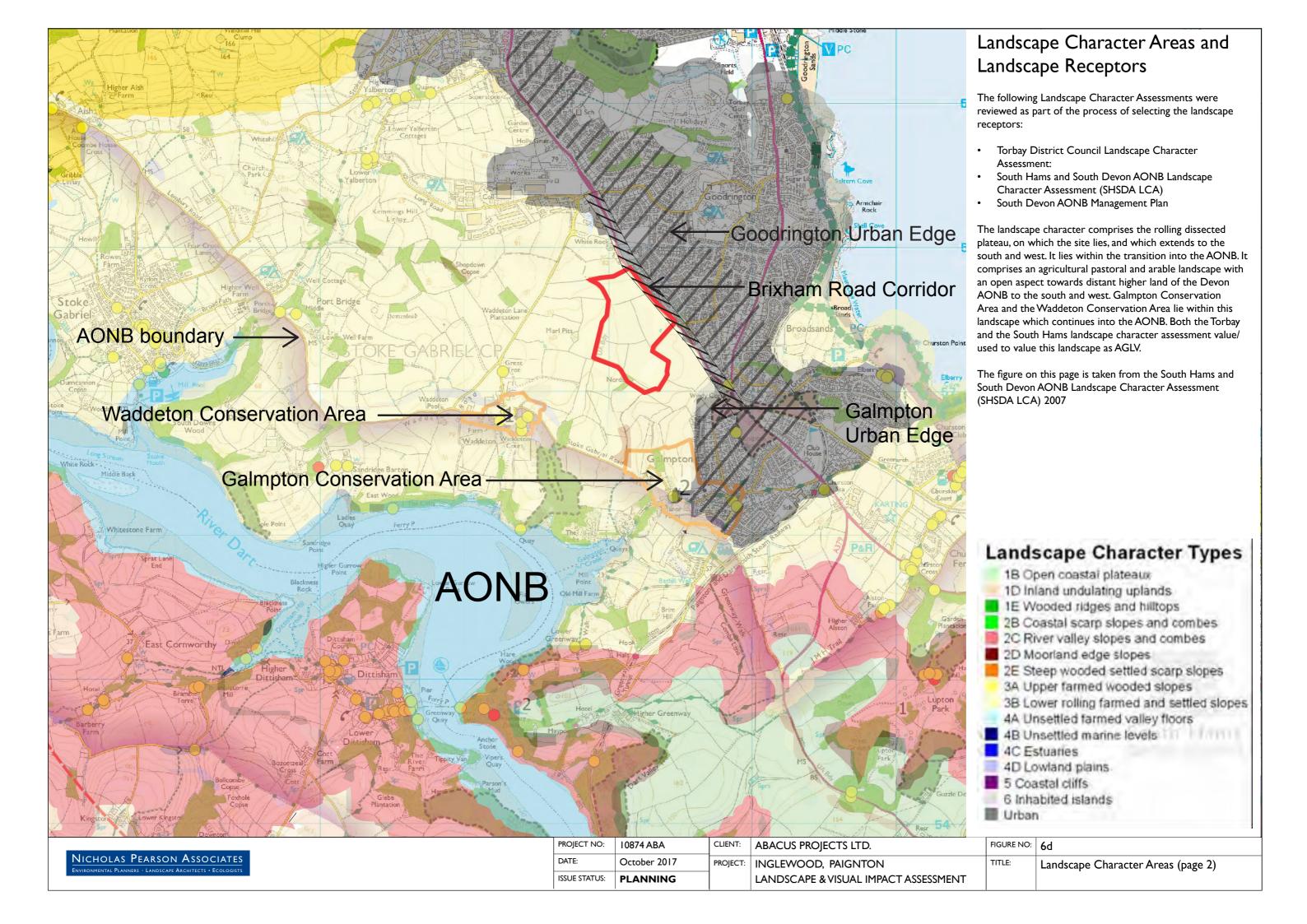


Chart taken form the Enderby Torbay landscape Character Assessment



The site lies within Landscape Character Type (LCT) I Rolling Farmland - I ONorth Galmpton with the adjacent LCT Secluded Valley - 3K Galmpton Valley

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# Landscape Character Areas and Landscape Receptors

1.0 The following Landscape Character Assessments were reviewed as part of the process of selecting the landscape

Torbay District Council Landscape Character Assessment: South Hams and South Devon AONB Landscape Character Assessment (SHSDA LCA)

South Devon AONB Management Plan

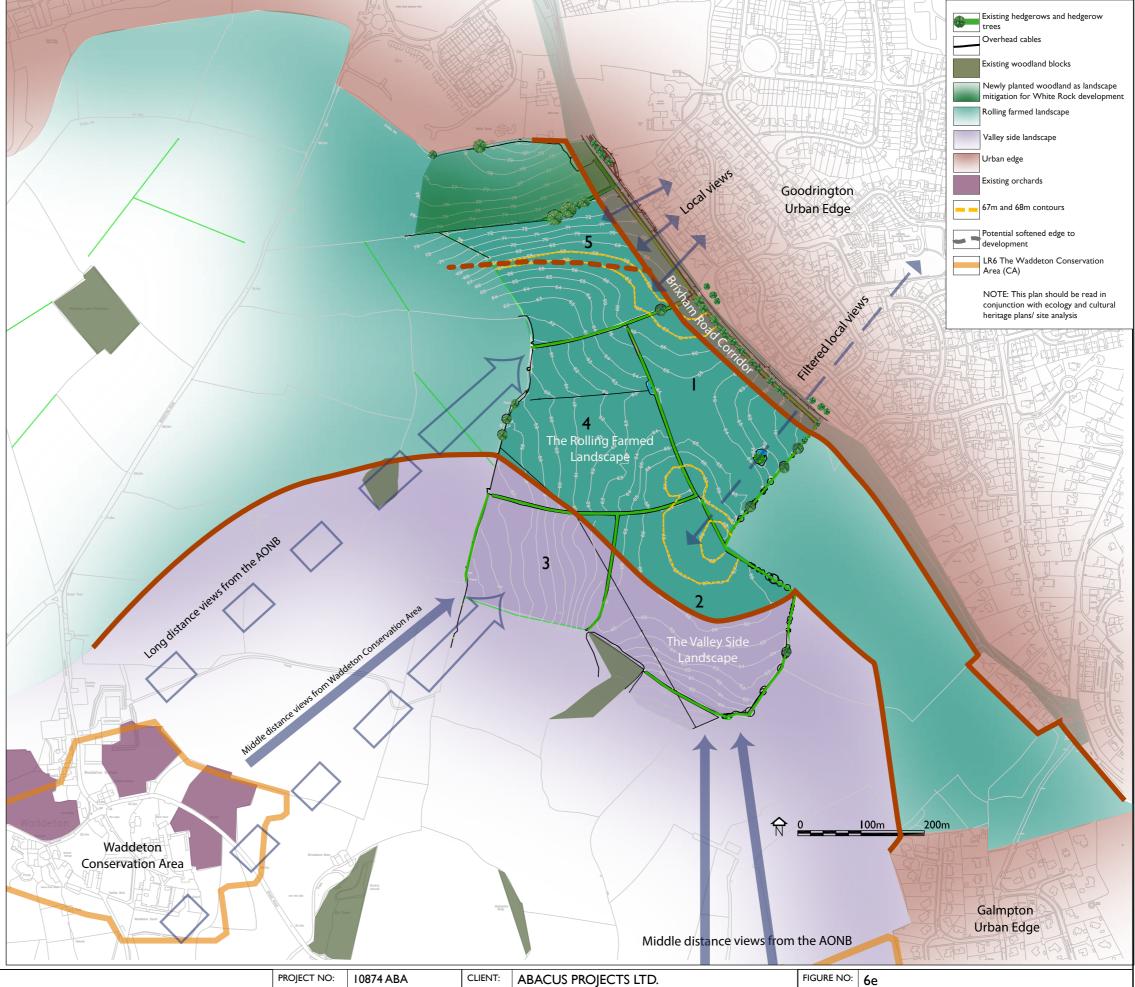
2.0 Landscape receptors, which will be used in the assessment process have been identified. Some are based on the SHSDA LC Areas and others have been selected in order to capture the local character of the site and its context. They are as

LRI [based on SHSDA Landscape Character Type (LCT) 3B LCT 3B: Lower rolling farmed and settled valley slopes]

Agricultural Landscape to the west of Goodrington. This comprises the rolling dissected plateau on which the site lies and which extends to the south and west. It comprises an agricultural pastoral and arablelandscape with an open aspect in certain places towards distant higher land of the Devon AONB to the south and west. Galmpton Conservation Area lies within this landscape and the Waddeton Conservation Area lies within this landscape which continues in the AONB. Both the Torbay and the South Hams landscape character assessment value this landscape. This is also the landscape on the edge of the AONB, between the AONB and the urban edge. It is assessed locally as a whole as LR 5 below. This is subdivided into two receptors: Rolling Farmed Landscape and Valley Side Landscape.

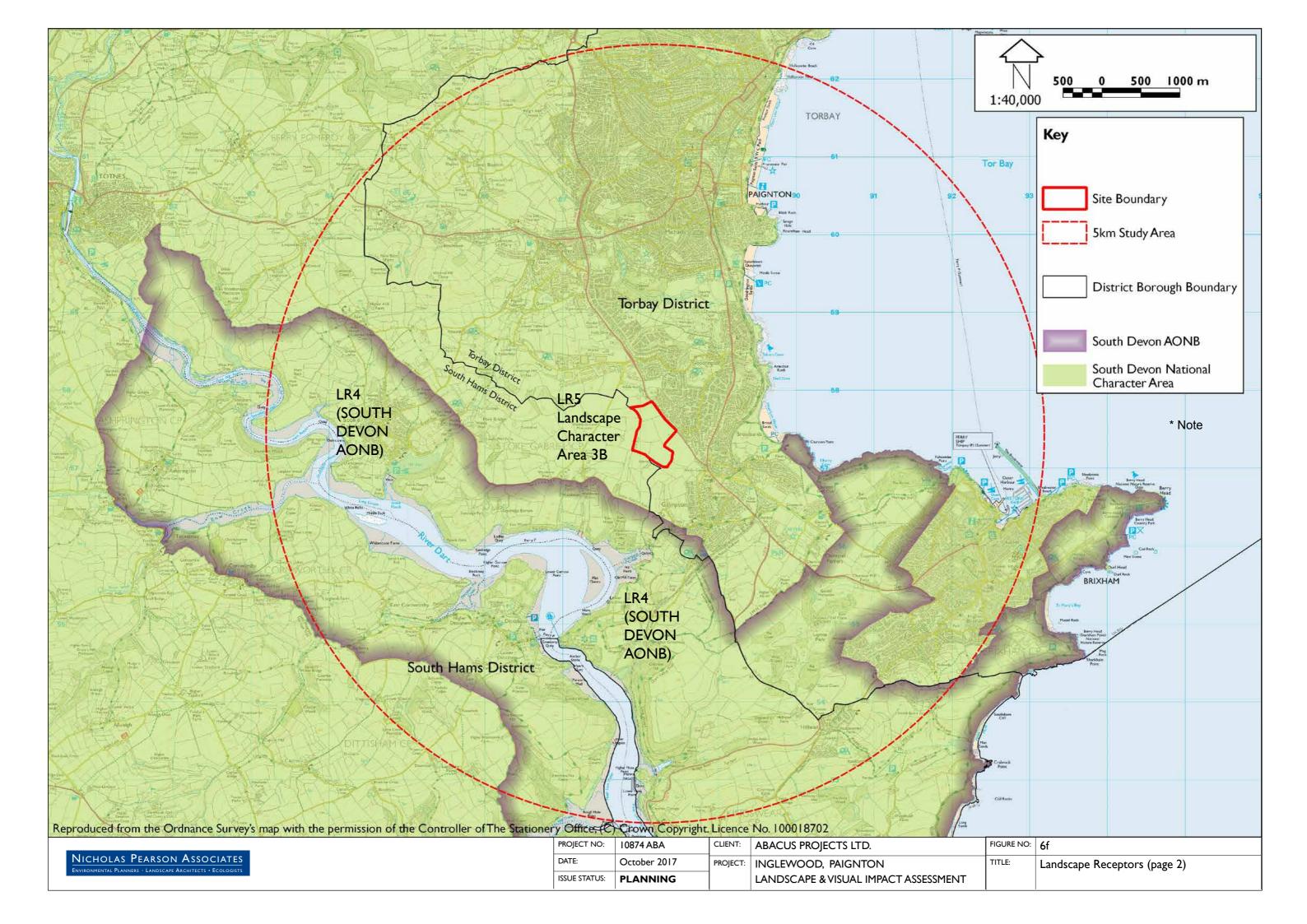
- LR1a The Rolling Farmed Landscape lies between Goodrington and Waddeton Lane to the west and beyond. It includes most of the site and the area outside the site in which ecological mitigation will occur.
- LRIb The Valley Side Landscape to include the southern part of the site and the slopes just south of the site leading to the Stoke Gabriel Road and the wooded slopes of the River Dart. The Waddeton Conservation Area set within the agricultural landscape/ valley side landscape.
- LR2 The Brixham Road, Corridor, A3022 tree lined road
- LR3 The urban edge/ urban landscape/ Goodrington and of Galmpton
- LR4 The local AONB landscape as a whole within the study.
- LR5 The Devon Landscape Character Type (LCT) 3B] Lower Rolling Farmed and Settled Valley Slopes landscape as a whole within the study area to include both that in the Torbay District and that in the South Hams district as it is one landscape. This is also the landscape on the edge of the AONB, between the AONB and the urban edge.
- LR6 Waddeton Conservation Area
  - \* Galumpton Conservation Area

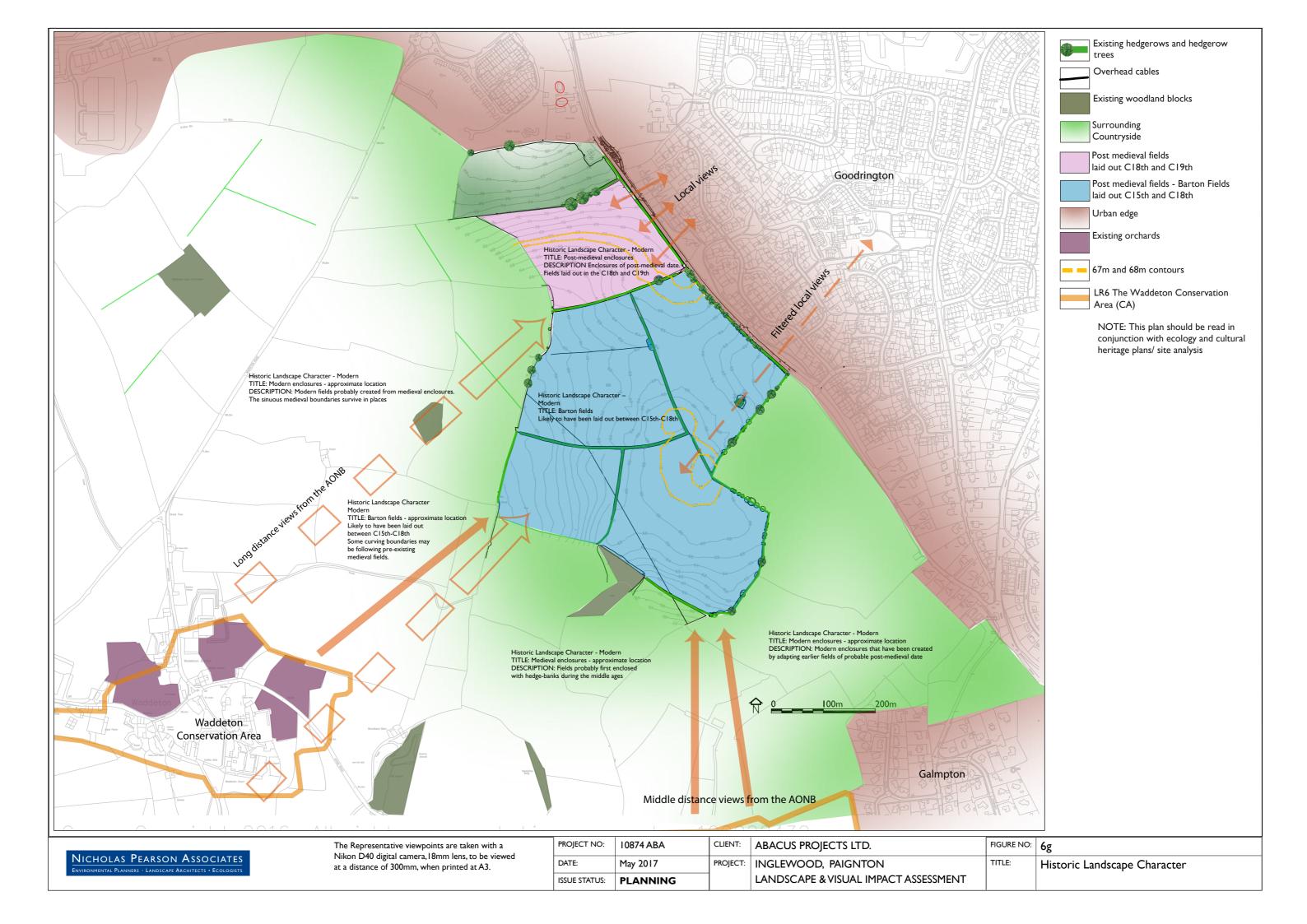
\*Note LR4 and LR5 are on the next page





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1. Site urban edge



2. Site rural edge



5. Godrington Urban edge and field 4 on more rural edge of the site



3. Site rural edge



6. Site rural edge



4. Field 3 and rural edge

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