

Brendon



Natural Factors - Set within Landscape Character Type (B) High Wooded Coast, Combes & Cleaves and surrounded by Type (F) Enclosed Farmed Hills with Commons.

Cultural Factors - Farmed and Common land.

Aesthetic Factors - Dramatic landform reinforced by woodland and land management.

Landscape Character Sensitivity - **MODERATE**

The extensive woodland valley system provides strong well unified underlying structure, however the remaining open landscape of agricultural land and moorland fringe is ill defined and weak.

Visual Sensitivity - **MODERATE / LOW**

A relatively enclosed landscape only partially seen from surrounding open country. Some open spaces that are visually prominent with little opportunity to mitigate along roadsides and some well-hidden locations where further woodland planting would mitigate developments.

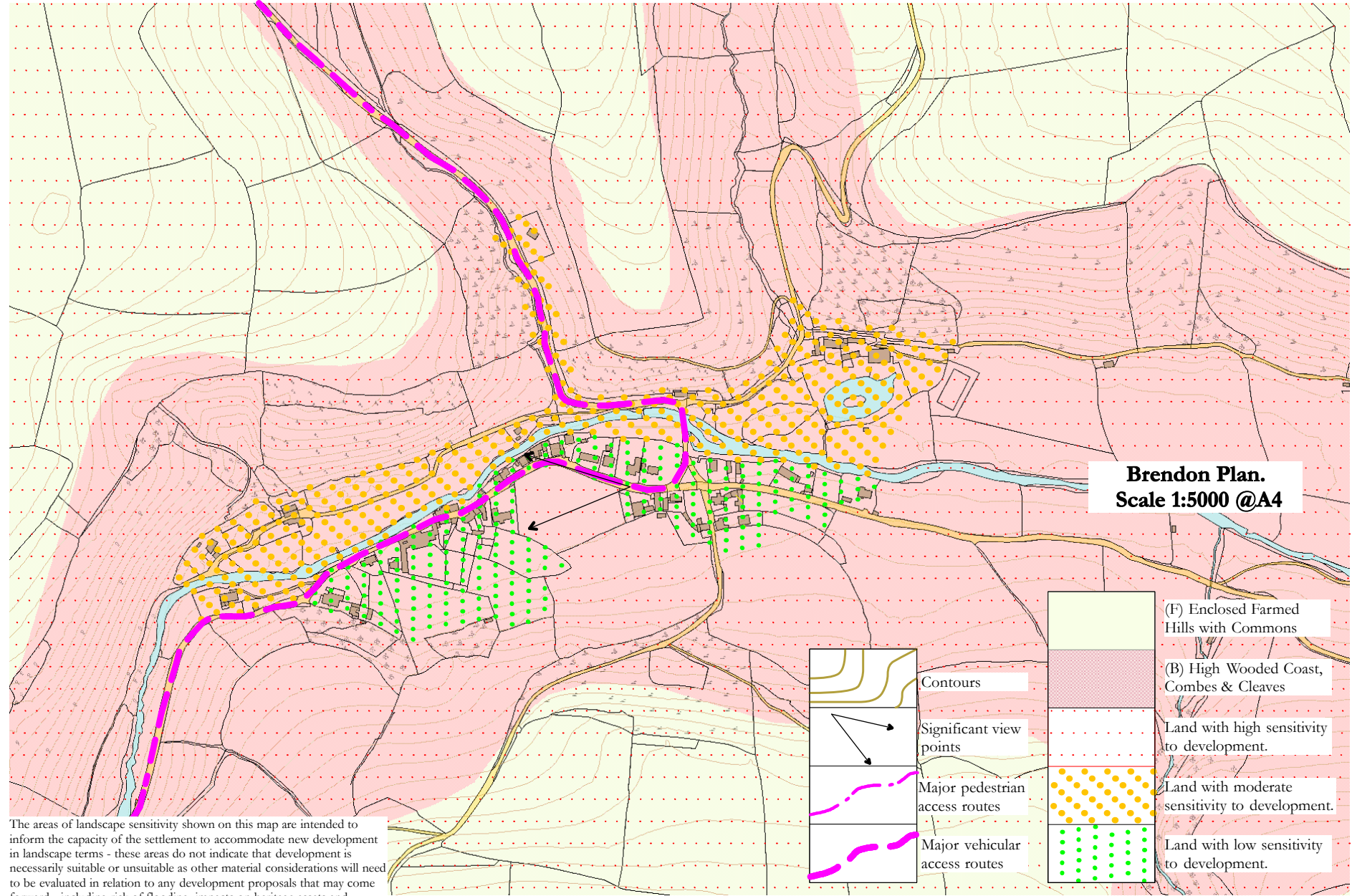
Landscape/Settlement Value - **HIGH**

Tourism value and high scenic beauty.

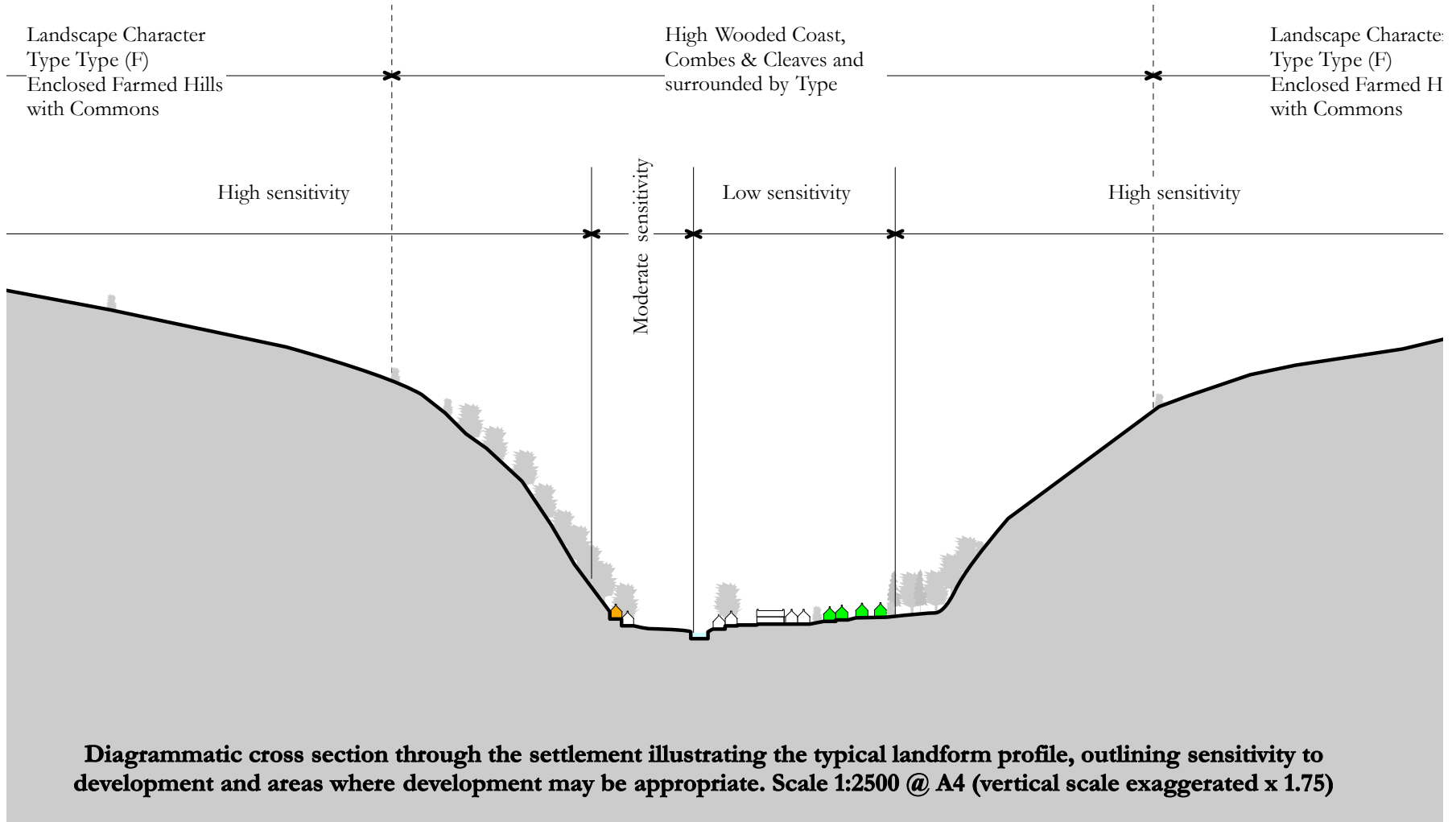
Landscape / Settlement Capacity - **MODERATE**

There is capacity within the settlement for small scale development within areas of low and moderate landscape sensitivity - however it is recommended that only small percentage of these areas should be developed for housing.





The areas of landscape sensitivity shown on this map are intended to inform the capacity of the settlement to accommodate new development in landscape terms - these areas do not indicate that development is necessarily suitable or unsuitable as other material considerations will need to be evaluated in relation to any development proposals that may come forward - including risk of flooding, impacts on heritage assets and protected species, access and other highway considerations.



Land with Low Sensitivity to Development.

Land with low sensitivity to development includes the relatively flat land surrounding the historic settlement of Brendon. Appropriate locations for development include areas not be easily seen from the wider landscape or from within the settlement. Existing development, trees and hedgerows would help screen and ameliorate new development.

Land with Moderate Sensitivity to Development.

Land with moderate sensitivity to development includes the relatively flat land surrounding the historic settlement of Brendon, in locations not easily seen from the wider landscape but easily visible from within the settlement. The fields between Leeford Farm and Roseleigh have not been included. This open space significantly contributes the rural character of the settlement. The landform forces the road to sweep around the space giving it a significant presence. It provides the opportunity for wide views and a focus, for what is an otherwise, an over-linear settlement.

Land with High Sensitivity to Development.

Land with high sensitivity to development includes higher ground visually detached from the existing settlement and visually prominent from the wider landscape. It also includes the enclosure between Leeford Farm and Roseleigh, described above.

Examples of the Characteristics that Influence Character and Local Identity.



Small-scale units, with slate roofs and slate hanging, abut the highway.



Small-scale roadside cottages, showing a good balance between unity and variety.

Settlement Name	Brendon			
Surveyor	Paul Bryan		Date 23rd June 2011	
Landscape Character Sensitivity (based on LCA & verified in the field)				
Natural Factors	Rivers	Cliff	Coast	Landscape Character Types. Set within (B) High Wooded Coast, Combes & Cleaves and surrounded by (F) Enclosed Farmed Hills with Commons.
	Slopes	Scrub	Stream	
	Moorland	Woodland	Pond/wetland	
	Unimproved grassland	Hedges	Bracken	
Landform	Plateau	River Valley	Harbour	
	Rolling	Combe	Other	
Cultural Factors	Parkland	Gardens	Veteran trees	
	Prominent Archaeology	Designed landscapes	Farmland	
	Orchards	Specimen trees	Distinct enclosure patterns	
Settlement type	Hamlet	Village	Local rural centre	
Quality / Condition	Low	Moderate	High	
Aesthetic factors (Pattern, shape, scale, form enclosure)	Large scale	Small scale	Enclosed	
	Planned	Organic	Open	
	Nucleated	Fragmented	Linear	
	Outward-looking	Inward-looking	Other	
Position	Hill top	Valley	Coast	
	On side of hill	River side	Aspect (describe) South	
Settlement setting	Landscape dominates	Settlement nestles in landscape	Settlement dominates landscape	
Settlement edge (How does the settlement abut the landscape?)	Abrupt change to agriculture	Transition gardens	Transition wild	Landscape flows through the settlement
			Poor transition	
Animation	Quiet	Busy	Depending on season	
Design Elements and Materials (Describe)	Combination of a scatter of early roadside cottages and farmsteads with 19 th century infill and a small number or recent developments. Devonian Red Sandstone and render (off white). Slate roofs, some slate hanging – no thatch. A number of 19 th century properties with twin gables.			
Overall Landscape Character Sensitivity	Low	Moderate	High	Strong woodland valley system provides structural setting to village.

Visual Sensitivity				
General visibility	Low (Hidden from most view points)	Moderate (Partially seen in open country)	High (Seen in open country from most view points)	
Mitigation potential	High	Moderate	Low	Varies depending upon parts of the settlement. Wooded/ scrubby sloped provide camouflage opportunities.
Presence of tourist	Low	Moderate	High	
Sensitivity of the receiving landscape	Low	Moderate	High	
Overall Visual Sensitivity	Low	Moderate	High	Some unobtrusive locations where development would sit well with the existing layout, however some important open spaces that should remain open.
Landscape Value				
Presence of historic / landmark buildings.	None	Some	Many	
Designed Landscapes	No		Yes	
Important trees	None/Few	Some	Many	
Cultural identity / associations	Weak	Moderate	Strong	Lorna Doone connections
Tourism value	Low	Moderate	High	
Tranquillity	Not tranquil	Noted for its tranquillity	Extremely tranquil.	
Remoteness	Not remote		Remote	
Wildness	Urban	Rural	Wild	
Scenic beauty	Low	Moderate	High	
Significance to National Park character Does the settlement enhance the landscape?	Low significance	Significant	Very significant	
Wildlife value	Low	Some	High	
Other (describe)				
Overall landscape value	Low	Moderate	High	
Overall Capacity	High	Moderate	Low	
Total number of units	Capacity within low sensitivity areas: 17 units. Capacity within moderate sensitivity areas: 3 units			
Notes: Subject to appropriate mitigation, there is some capacity for mixed density development within low sensitivity areas. With additional screen planting, development could be well integrated into the existing settlement patterns. In addition to this, there are a number of hidden / camouflaged locations, within areas of moderate sensitivity where it may be possible to develop property of a specific, low key character. These would be low-rise buildings set in lightly wooded slopes The management of the curtilage would need to be very small in size or with strict controls.				