

Ipstones Settlement Description

- Ipstones is set within the Dissected Sandstone Highland Fringe character area.
- The village core is located around the original hamlet of cottages, terraces, inns and several smaller hamlets that make up the conservation areas.
- The northern part of the village lies on a gritstone ridge with steep slopes, whilst the rest of the village lies on a gentle gradient to the valley.
- Modern residential developments have merged the village hamlets.
- Vegetation across the higher slopes of Ipstones ridge is minimal whereas the south
 of the village is more sheltered with more tree cover towards the valley.
- Red gritstone dry stone walls enclose the boundaries within the original hamlets.
- The townscape is a mixture of brick and stone buildings with use of gritstone and sandstone in varying shades of pink and yellow.
- Long distance views extend from the Red Lion Inn over the village.
- The landscape setting to the settlement comprises areas of irregular shaped fields often with strong vegetation along the stramlines.

Visual Open Space

IP01 / Mayfair Avenue

Suitable

 Maintained grassland bounded by mature trees and hedgerow with shrubs north to south. Drystone wall on Froghall Road. Shaded site. Important link and public open space.

IP02 / Land between Brookfields Road and Froghall Road

Not suitable

 Relatively level raised from Brookfields Road. Post and rail fence boundary in good condition. Long grass with no public access.

IP03 / Land to west of Brookfields Road

Not suitable

• Gentle slope from east to west. Grassland with cattle grazing. Boundary drystone wall with hedge and post and wire fencing.

| | Ipstones | | |
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| | Regional (Joint) Character Area | 64 Potteries & Churnet Valley | |
| GENERAL CHARACTER / LANDSCAPE | Landscape Character Types | Dissected Sandstone Highland Fringe | |
| | Historic Landscape Classification | Ipstones is described mainly as 'Settlement', with a small area of 'Ornamental, Parkland and Recreation' in the north-western part of the settlement. A strip of woodland follows the course of the stream which flows from south of the settlement, continuing south to join the River Churnet. | |
| | Geology | Solid Geology: Lower Coal Measures (Argillaceous Rocks) covering most of settlement Millstone Grit/ sandstone extending north along High St and NW | |
| | Minerals | A number of disused shafts are located along the south-eastern edge of the settlement. | |
| | Topography | Slight slopes from S to N and spread out on either side of Brook | |
| | Contour Range | 250-280m | |
| | Significant Vegetation (e.g. trees, woodland, heathland, marshes, commons, parkland) | Ancient/Semi-Natural Woodland: | |
| SPECIFIC LANDSCAPE FEATURES | | Other Significant Woodland / Tree-Belts: • Historic treebelt between Belmont Road and Church • Tree corridor along brook on eastern edge | |
| | | Registered Commons: Park Road Waste Odda Common Blakelow Noonsun Common Ipstones Edge Mellows Lane Common | |

| | | Swineholes Wood |
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| | Historic Parkland | None |
| | (1 st Edn. OS Map) | |
| | Water Bodies / Water Courses | Caldon Canal (S of Ipstones)Stream (NE of Ipstones) |
| | Floodplains | No floodplains within or surrounding the settlement. |
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| | Major Routes | B5053 Froghall Rd/ High Street |
| | (e.g. roads, railways, canals) | |
| | Significant Visual Features / Landmarks / Viewpoints | Viewpoint west of Churchfields FarmMethodist Chapel |
| | (e.g. hedgerows, stone walls, significant architectural features) | |
| | Other Significant Landscape Features | Blackbank Wood Coltstone |
| | (e.g. mineral workings) | Greenstile Stocks Green Noonsun Common Hay House Tree belt - Stones Farm/ Belmont Road Tree belt - E of Well House Farm |
| | | Tree belt along stream to E of High St. |
| DESIGNATED AREAS | Green Belt / Special Landscape Area | Special Landscape Area Settlement contained by Special Landscape Area |
| | Designated Areas of Ecological Significance (e.g. SSSIs / SPAs / Nature | SBIs: The Clough (east of) Whitehough (south of) Lowtop (east of) |
| | Reserves / SBIs / SACs) (www.magic.gov.uk/Staffordshire | Parkgate (south of)Greenhills |
| | Moorlands Local Plan) | Newhouse WoodRuelow WoodBlackbank Wood |
| | | SSSIs: |
| | | Churnet Valley |
| | | Lowland Heath: |
| | | Black Heath Forestside Cottage |

| | | Black Heath Upper Cadlow Swineholes Wood & Black Heath BAS: 2 sites RIGs: Local Nature Reserves: Harston Wood (south) |
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| | Nature Conservation Sites (Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan) | Area along the stream which passes to the SW of Ipstones, just south of The Stones |
| | Scheduled Ancient Monuments | None |
| | Proposed/recent development (Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998)/ Aerial photos) | No significant recent development |
| BUILT ENVIRONMENT | Conservation Areas (Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998)) | Ipstones Conservation Area |
| | Other | |

Date of Reassessment: 17/07/08

| Settlement: | Ipstones | |
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| VOS number / Site: | | yfair Avenue |
| Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc. | Maintained grassland bounded by mature trees and hedgerow with shrubs north to south. Drystone wall on Froghall Road. Shaded site. Important link and public open space. | |
| Criteria | Notes | |
| Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement? | ✓ | Open grassed site, mature trees on both boundaries – footpath runs through to main road. |
| Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself? | ✓ | Views from footpath and informal recreational use for adjoining residents. |
| External Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)? | × | |
| Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)? | ✓ | Through site from Mayfair Avenue to Froghall Road. |
| Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement? | ✓ | Yes. Significant break dividing 2 storey from single storey dwellings |
| Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value? | ✓ | Hedges, trees and shrubs. |
| Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association? | × | |
| Recommendation: | Suitable as VOS The site has visual amenity within the residential area while providing a link between 2 major routes in Ipstones. | |



View to east from within the site



View within the site towards southern boundary

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| Settlement: | Ipstones | |
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| VOS number / Site: | IP02 / Land between Brookfields Road and Froghall Road | |
| Brief Description: | Relatively level raised from Brookfields Road. Post and rail | |
| Topography, vegetation, access | fence bou | indary stone wall boundary in good condition. Long |
| etc. | | n no public access. |
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| Criteria | | Notes |
| Character | | Openness with a countryside character. |
| Does the site contribute to the | | |
| character of the surrounding | | |
| neighbourhood / settlement? Amenity Value | | |
| Is the site of amenity value to the | | |
| public while not requiring public | × | |
| access to the site itself? | | |
| External Views | | Views from surrounding routes and individual |
| Does the site allow the public to | ~ | properties are limited due to the sloping landform |
| enjoy significant external views | × | and the walled and vegetated site boundary. |
| across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)? | | - |
| Internal Views | | There are partial views across part of the site. |
| Does the site allow the public to | | Thoro are partial views across part of the cite. |
| enjoy significant internal views | × | |
| across the open area (i.e. views | | |
| within the VOS)? | | Cita within appear inting area providing a break |
| Break Between | | Site within conservation area providing a break between old and new. |
| Development Does the site form a significant | ✓ | between old and new. |
| break between development | | |
| within a settlement? | | |
| Ecological Value | | Limited – open grassland with an absence of |
| Is the site of local ecological | × | hedges. Unimproved grassland. |
| value? | | |
| Cultural or Historical | | |
| Association | × | |
| Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical | | |
| association? | | |
| Recommendation: | Not suita | ble as VOS |
| | Site does not have amenity value or ecological value while | |
| | views are | |
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View to east from pub car park on Froghall Road



View to south from layby on northern edge of the site

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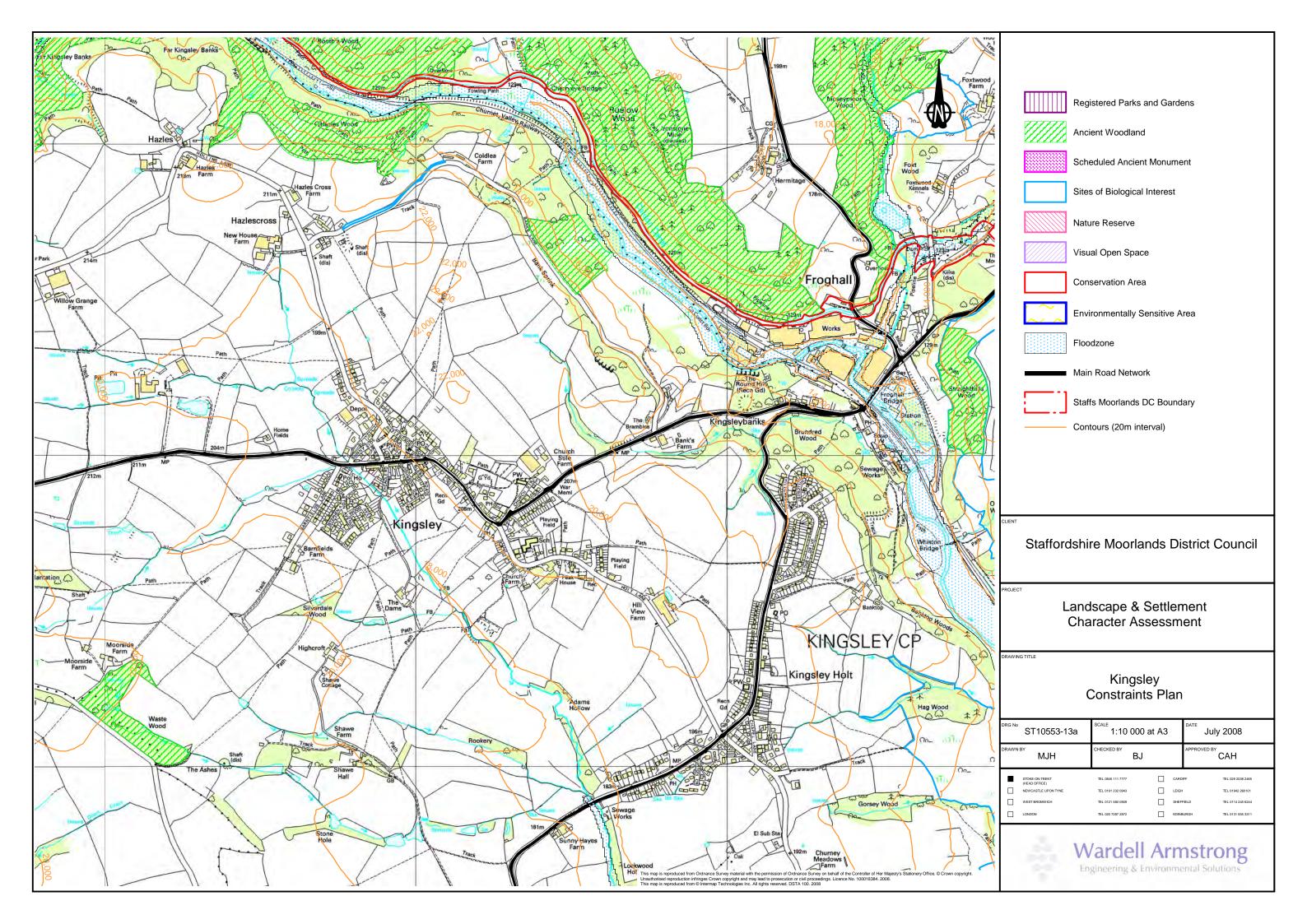
| Settlement: | Ipstones | |
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| VOS number / Site: | IP03 / Land to west of Brookfields Road (within conservation | |
| | area) | |
| Brief Description: | Small slightly sloping site. Grassland with cattle grazing. | |
| Topography, vegetation, access | Drystone | wall boundary with hedge and post and wire fencing. |
| etc. | | |
| Criteria | | Notes |
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| Character | | Grassland grazed by cattle |
| Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding | ✓ | |
| neighbourhood / settlement? | | |
| Amenity Value | | Little other than buffer to conservation area. |
| Is the site of amenity value to the | × | |
| public while not requiring public access to the site itself? | | |
| External Views | | Negligible. Views from across VOS to far distance |
| Does the site allow the public to | | Trognigion tromo nom across to a lar distance |
| enjoy significant external views | × | |
| across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)? | | |
| Internal Views | | None from west. Drystone wall raised above main |
| Does the site allow the public to | | road. Views from the east into the site. |
| enjoy significant internal views | X | Todd. Views from the edec into the energy |
| across the open area (i.e. views | | |
| within the VOS)? Break Between | | Yes. Development surrounds area. Acts as a |
| Development | | buffer between conservation area and development |
| Does the site form a significant | \checkmark | to south. |
| break between development | | to oodii. |
| within a settlement? | | |
| Ecological Value | ~ | Limited. Grazed land and some hedges. |
| Is the site of local ecological value? | × | |
| Cultural or Historical | | Field parcel unchanged from OS 1 ST Edition. |
| Association | | - 1.0.0 paroor anomangou nom oo i Lamon. |
| Does the site have significant, | X | |
| proven local cultural or historical | | |
| association? | | |
| Recommendation: | | ble as VOS |
| | The site does not significantly contribute to the amenity value | |
| | of the conservation area while views are limited. | |

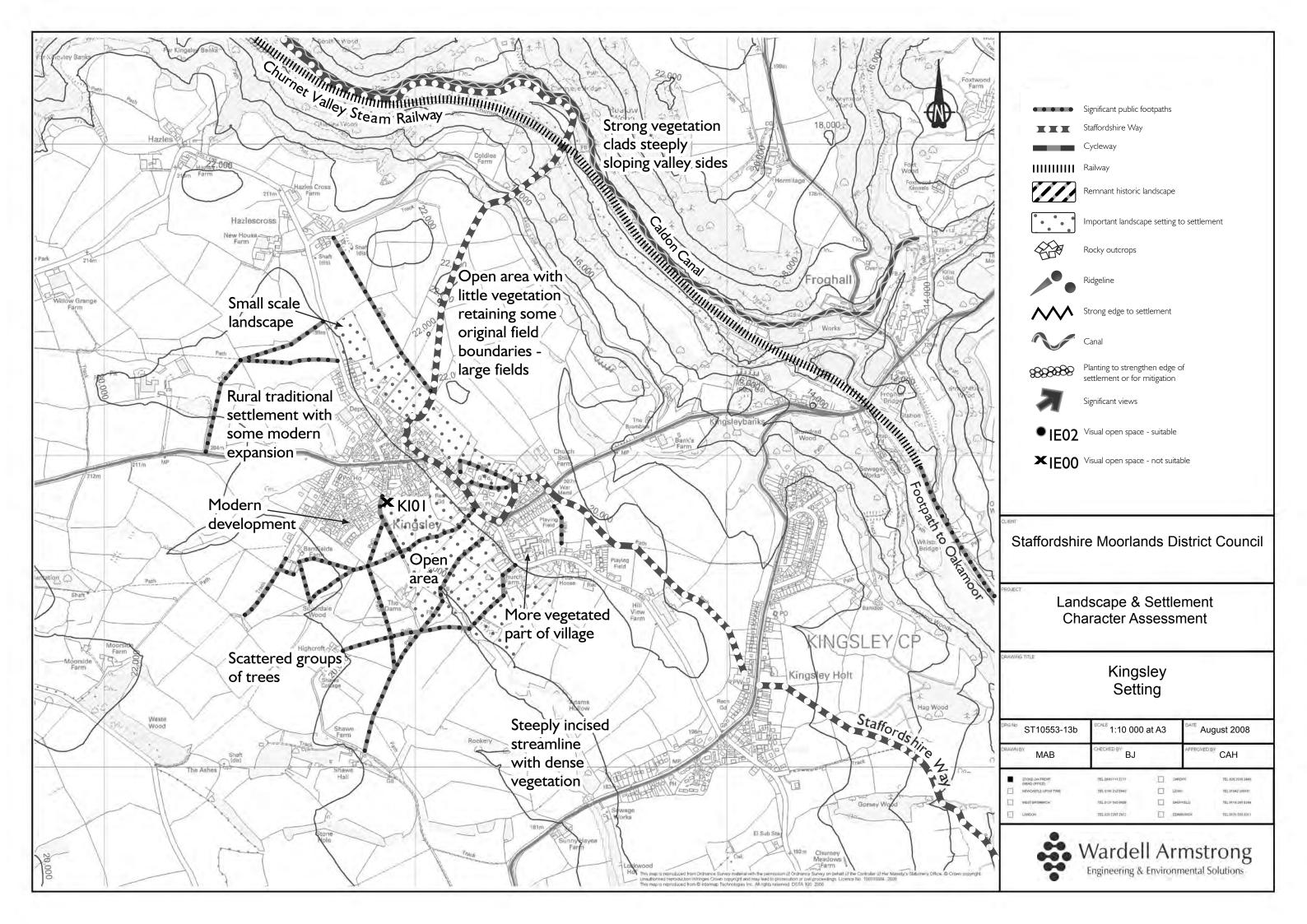


View to west from Brookfields Road



View to west from Brookfields Road





Kingsley Settlement Description

- Kingsley originated as a linear settlement lying along A52, where it runs along the top of a prominent ridge
- Ribbon development from the village expanded along adjacent roads.
- Moat earthworks define the extent of the village at its western end (East of stream)
- Settlement lies in a slight hollow with slopes to the south west and north east.
- It is contained by small scale landscapes to the north east and south west that form its landscape setting.

Visual Open Space

KI01 / Land Adjoining Cheadle Road

Not suitable

• Site consists of scrub land, with a water course running through the middle. Also running through the site is a track for vehicles to access the farm (The Dams) to the south. The land is on different levels, dipping in the middle at the brook to the east of Cheadle Road.

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| | Kingsley | | |
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| | Regional (Joint) Character Area | 64 Potteries and Churnet Valley | |
| | Landscape Character Types | Dissected Sandstone Uplands | |
| OFNIED AL | Historic Landscape Classification | Kingsley is described mainly as settlement, with two small areas of 'Ornamental, Parkland and Recreation' located in the far south and east of the village (playing fields). An area of 'Industrial and Extractive' is located just west of the village, with another larger area of 'Ornamental, Parkland and Recreation' identified to the south. | |
| GENERAL CHARACTER / LANDSCAPE | Geology | Solid Geology Lower Coal Measures Drift Geology Clay, Silt and Sandstone N & E at Kingsley Banks and Kingsley Holt | |
| | Minerals | A small operational clay and shale works is located just to the west of Kingsley. Kingsley is located just within the Cheadle shallow coalfield. Disused shafts located at Hazelcross, 400m N of settlement. | |
| | Topography Contour Range | Slight hollow with slopes to the SW and NE 200m-210m | |
| SPECIFIC LANDSCAPE FEATURES | Significant Vegetation (e.g. trees, woodland, heathland, marshes, commons, parkland) | Ancient / Semi-Natural Woodland: Waste Wood & The Ashes (outside area) Bank Sprink (many others outside area) Hazles Wood Banktop Woods Hag Wood Straight Hills Wood Ashbourne Hey Clewlow Sprink Key Wood Harston Wood Crowgutter & Booths Wood Ruelow Wood Moseymoor Wood Straight Hills Wood Troghall Bridge Kingsley Holt Hank Wood | |

| | | Bank Farm/ Kingsleybanks Adama Hallam and Church |
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| | | Land between Adams Hollow and Church Farm |
| | | Other Significant Woodland / Tree Belts: |
| | | Registered Commons: |
| | | Leys Heath, Whiston |
| | | The Round Hill Froghall |
| | | The Round Fill Frogram |
| | Historic Parkland | None |
| | (1 st Edn. OS Map) | |
| | Water Bodies / Water Courses | River Churnet passes 700m NE of Kingsley |
| | | Small stream flows NW to SE through centre |
| | | of settlement |
| | Floodplains | No major floodplains within or around settlement. |
| | | Only floodplain exists along River Churnet, 700m NE of settlement. |
| | Major Routes | A52, High St |
| | | Hazlecross Rd/ Hollins Lane. |
| | (e.g. roads, railways, canals) | Staffordshire Way |
| | Significant Visual Features / | St. Werburghs Church, Plough Inn, Tree/ hedgerow |
| | Landmarks / Viewpoints | field boundary west of Holt Lane to the south |
| | (e.g. hedgerows, stone walls, | |
| | significant architectural features) | |
| | Other Significant Landscape | Approx. 14 including: |
| | Features | Silverdale Wood |
| | | Bank Sprink |
| | (e.g. mineral workings) | Bank's Farm/ Kingsleybanks |
| | | Land between Adams Hollow & Church Farm |
| | Green Belt / Special Landscape | Green Belt |
| DESIGNATED | Area | The settlement is contained by Green Belt |
| AREAS | | Special Landscape Area |
| | | The settlement is contained by the Special |
| | | Landscape Areas |
| | Designated Areas of Ecological | SBIs: |
| | Significance | Churnet Valley |
| | | Mobberley Quarry |
| | (e.g. SSSIs / SPAs / Nature | The Plough Inn |
| | Reserves / SBIs / SACs) | The Dams (near) |
| | (www.magic.gov.uk/Staffordshire | Bank Sprink |
| | (WWW.magio.gov.aiv GtanordShire | Banks Wood |
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| | Nature Conservation Sites (Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan) | Codley banks Ruelow Wood (south of) Kingsleybanks SSSIs: Churnet Valley Whiston Eaves (outside area) Froghall Meadow & Pastures SBI Kingsley Moor SBIs to N/NW outside boundary (Consall Wood etc.) Lowland Heath: (Outside range) Blakeley Farm Site Whiston Hall Local Nature Reserves: BAS: Gorsey Wood Adams Hollow RIGs: Area along small stream, 150m NE of settlement, between Church Stile Farm and Bank's Farm. Area of land to the E and NE of The Dams, 250m S of settlement. |
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| BUILT ENVIRONMENT | Proposed/recent development (Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998)/ Aerial photos) Conservation Areas (Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (1998)) Other | Residential Area, Moreton Avenue (developed) Black Lane, Whiston (residential area outlined for development) Proposed employment site, A52, Froghall None |

Date of Reassessment: 01/08/08

| Settlement: | Kingsley | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| VOS number / Site: | KI01 / Land Adjoining Cheadle Road | | |
| Brief Description: Topography, vegetation, access etc. | Site consists of scrub land, with a water course running through the middle. Also running through the site is a track for vehicles to access the farm (The Dams) to the south. The land is on different levels, dipping in the middle at the brook to the east of Cheadle Road. | | |
| Criteria | | Notes | |
| Character Does the site contribute to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood / settlement? | ✓ | The site is characterised by the fact that it is acting as a buffer between the residential area and the countryside beyond. | |
| Amenity Value Is the site of amenity value to the public while not requiring public access to the site itself? | ✓ | Some amenity value for surrounding properties. | |
| External Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant external views across the open area (i.e. views from surrounding area into VOS)? | √ | There are wide views of the site from properties on elevated land at Johnson Crescent on the eastern side of the site and partial views from no. 17 Cheadle Road on the northern edge of the site. | |
| Internal Views Does the site allow the public to enjoy significant internal views across the open area (i.e. views within the VOS)? | √ | Views north to south across the site down the narrow valley to the open countryside. | |
| Break Between Development Does the site form a significant break between development within a settlement? | ✓ | Development on 3 sides of site. | |
| Ecological Value Is the site of local ecological value? | ✓ | There is likely to be some ecological value due to the hedgerows and trees, the brook and the overgrown scrub. | |
| Cultural or Historical Association Does the site have significant, proven local cultural or historical association? | × | | |
| Recommendation: | Not Suitable as VOS Land on western side of Cheadle Road in private ownership and part developed as gardens while the section to the eastern side is a small area of poorly drained scrubland and part pasture with a brook. | | |



View to east from Cheadle Road along edge of southern section of site



View from adjacent to no. 17 Cheadle Road on edge of site looking to south



View to east from Cheadle Road along edge of southern section of site