

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.

Public footpaths cross the parcel at regular intervals. Due to the low lying topography views out are generally limited by intervening features. However, some distant views are achieved to the south, east and west depending on the viewers location.

Idyllic rural views are present from many of the footpaths. These reinforce the rural character of the landscape in this location.









Flood Zone 2 and 3 areas are present across the majority of the parcel. These areas play an important role in flood management within the area. The presence of these flood zones limits any development potential within the parcel.

Settlement within this rural parcel is limited. Some dwellings are present along Oakle Street in a linear settlement pattern. The dwellings are located on slightly elevated terrain above the flood plain.

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 the numerous public footpaths and are filtered by the aforementioned vegetated field boundaries.

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

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-  Parcel Boundary. This takes account of 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. 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 Church of St Andrew to the north of the parcel at Churcham and the Church of St Peter to the south of the parcel at Minsterworth.
-  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.
-  Idyllic rural views are achieved from public footpaths within the parcel. Some distant views are also achieved depending on elevation and intervening features.

Landscape Features:

- Mixed agricultural field network comprised of arable and pastoral farming;
- Hedgerow field boundaries, individuals field trees and small copses;
- Low lying landscape with elevated land forms punctuating an otherwise relatively flat landscape;
- Minor watersources and large areas of flood meadow;
- Numerous public footpaths cross the area; and
- Railway transport corridor and limited minor roads.

Visual Receptors:

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

