

Appendix 10 – Study Areas Photomontages

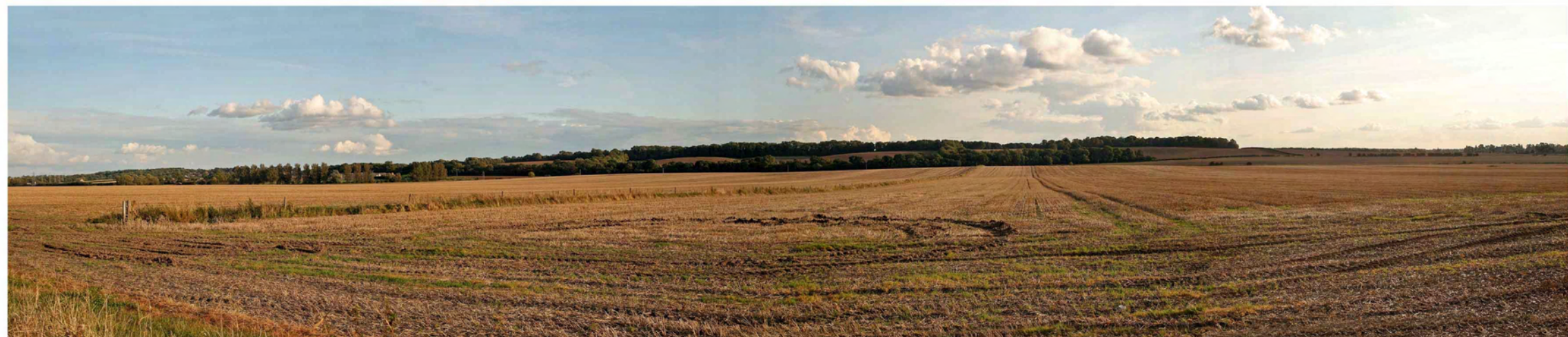
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The view southwest from Nettle Hill, at the far eastern edge of study area C3b. This is at the edge of the 'Dunsmore Parklands' and 'Feldon Plateau' landscape character types, with some notable topographic variety and a medium scale pattern of mixed farmland. Ansty is located along the ridge to the right, whilst the M6 and, beyond it, new development at the former Ansty airfield, is visible to the left. In the distance are views of the Mount Pleasant business area and Coventry. The M6 creates a definitive boundary between settlement and Green Belt in this locality.



View northwest from Smeaton Lane near Peter Hall, Combe Fields - looking from study area C4b to C4c. The Combe Fields Rolls Royce factory has for the last 50 years been a rather anomalous island of industrial development in an otherwise agricultural landscape setting. However a large area of commercial development is now under construction to the north of the site and other development land is for sale. Intensive arable farming has left an open, rather featureless landscape in this locality. However the 'Dunsmore Parklands' character type (see study areas C4 a/b/c/d, C5a/b/c and C6 a/b/c) is still distinctly rural in character and any future development here would need to be carefully considered.



View south from Smeaton Lane (as above) - looking at study area C5b. The landscape rises up to a ridge (along which runs the B4027 Brinklow Road). The shelterbelts indicate that this area is all part of the former Combe Abbey estate. The farm in the mid-distance to the left is 'The Grange' - a name that often indicates monastic farming origins. This landscape should all be considered as the historic setting to Combe Abbey.

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Coventry - North and East
Photomontage Sheet 1



View east from Harvest Hill, Oak Lane, above Alton Hall Farm, study area C17e. The locality is part of the 'Ancient Arden' landscape character type - a small-scale farmland landscape with pasture, woodland and scattered settlement. An historically rich landscape which is important to the setting of Coventry. (The city centre is visible in this view). It is interesting to note that Allesley and the Brownhill Rover works are not generally visible in this locality.



View north looking over study area C16b from Upper Eastern Green. An area of 'Ancient Arden' that has been degraded by urban fringe land-use. There are a variety of historical landscape features in the locality - but a detailed study may reveal opportunities for future development.



View north from the pedestrian bridge at Tile Hill railway station - looking at study area C15a. Plants Hill and Tile Hill woods are visible on higher ground in mid-distance. A variety of construction is underway around Tile Hill station and it has not been established to what extent this area is already committed to future development. It is at the edge of the 'Ancient Arden' character type and a successful transition between settlement and countryside needs to be maintained in future.



The Coundon Wedge (study area C18c). A remarkably intact corridor of 'Ancient Arden' enclosed by Coundon, Allesley and Brownhill, but still apparently maintaining viability as pastoral farmland. An attractive asset for local residents. There appear to be a variety of management activities underway to ensure sustainable use as a farming and recreational resource.

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The Prologis Park development at Keresley is a largescale commercial development on a former colliery site. It is prominent in many local views. Around Keresley there is a variety of 'urban fringe' landuse and declining farmland. However it is considered that settlement sprawl needs to be contained in this locality and that the Green Belt should be protected and enhanced.



Study areas C5 and C6 form the setting of the Combe Abbey estate.



Small areas east of Coventry may present future development opportunities - eg land around the Brandon Speedway stadium.



Derelict land near Grange Farm east of Toll Bar End. Development opportunity?



Former Peugeot works at Ryton. Plans are underway for mainly commercial and light industrial redevelopment.

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View west from the A423 near the former Peugeot works at Ryton (study area C9a). A low lying landscape with somewhat degraded farmland and a variety of 'urban fringe' type landuse. There may be some opportunities for development in this area.



View east from the Baginton/Bubbenhall Lane looking towards Coventry airport. The landscape around the airport (study area C10) has many post-industrial and urban fringe features. There may be opportunities for future development - particularly if it can be designed to enhance other aspects of local landscape character. However the airport is located on a relatively prominent plateau and visual impact issues must be considered. The inset shows views to Coventry from Rowley Road, Baginton.

Southwest Coventry and Airport
Photomontage Sheet 3



View of Kenilworth Castle and its setting, looking east from track to High House Farm. The west side of Kenilworth (study areas K7, K8 and K9) is all historically significant as the setting to the castle and the town. The landscape in this view was formally a deer park - enclosed by the 'park pale'.



View looking southeast over 'Crewe Gardens' farm from Crew Lane. The landscape to the east of Kenilworth may have once been part of the Stoneleigh estate which now lies beyond the A46 Coventry-Warwick road. The A46 (in a cutting and enclosed by trees in this view) creates a significant boundary in today's landscape, and it could be argued that Kenilworth could expand towards the road without diminishing the wider landscape. However - note the intervisibility with the landscape further to the east.



The view east along Westwood Heath Road at the southern edge of Coventry and adjacent to the Kenilworth gap (study areas C13 and C14). Ribbon development diminished the gap between the settlements before Green Belt Policy was enacted. Present settlement boundaries appear to be clear and well defined. Recent development appears to have infilled areas in the south Coventry settlement pattern and provision of new 'green infrastructure' (see inset) appears to have been considered in the plans. Any further development here may now be very constrained.

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Coventry South and Kenilworth
Photomontage - Sheet 4.

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A 180 degree view of land east of Nuneaton - looking east from 'Golf Drive', Whitestone. The study areas NB8a and NB8b feature much of this open arable landscape (*Feldon Plateau* and *Estate Farmlands*). The Horeston Grange area of Nuneaton is visible to the left, whilst buildings in Hinckley are visible in the distance - illustrating the narrow gap between the towns. There may be opportunities for minor infill development along the eastern edge of Nuneaton - but the existing settlement boundary is generally well defined.



Panoramic view north towards Nuneaton from Astley Road, near Lodge Farm. The study areas NB1 (a / b), NB2 (a / b) and NB3 (a / b / c) are largely within the '*Arden Parklands*' landscape character type. With large blocks of woodland, well managed hedgerows and designed landscape features (Seeswood Pool is just visible), the influence of the Arbury Park Estate is very notable here. Any development in this area is likely to encroach on Arbury Park or its historic landscape setting.



The view east from the B4113 towards 'The Faultlands'. The southern edge of Nuneaton is visible to the left and buildings at the Griff Quarry, Gipsy Lane, to the right. This is '*Industrial Arden*' (study area NB7 a / b) and aspects of post-industrial, urban fringe landscape (this view appears to include a large area of reclaimed land now standing as grassland) is prevalent around much of Bedworth. It is considered that there would be development opportunities in these previously degraded landscape areas, although there may be a variety of constraints.

The second view (right) shows the east end of the NB7a study area - looking northwest from Gipsy Lane. The photo illustrates that there are still viable blocks of agricultural land within this study area. The even age (quite young) of remaining hedge trees suggest late enclosure.



Nuneaton and Bedworth
Photomontage Sheet 5

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View southwest from 'Hollyhurst Lakes' on the B4109 Coventry Road (looking over study areas NB5a/b, also labelled as C1a/b). This area, lying east of Bedworth, is part of the 'Industrial Arden' character type and is typical in that it includes large areas of post-industrial land and urban fringe land-use. There are views towards Coventry (including the Ricoh stadium area and Prologis Park) and industrial areas in Bedworth. Although there will be many constraints, this is an area that could offer opportunities for appropriate development - particularly if it could also enhance existing landscape assets.



View north from the same position - illustrating that Bulkington sits on a ridge. There is opportunity here to ensure a Green Belt break between settlements with tracts of viable agricultural land. The Rugby-Nuneaton railway line is a notable corridor between this viewpoint and Bulkington.



View from railway bridge on A4029, with a view over development land at the edge of Bulkington (study area NB6b). Land to the southeast of this position (NB5b) is agricultural in character, but with urban fringe characteristics (eg service infrastructure, paddocks with horsiculture etc). There may be opportunities to expand Bulkington into these areas whilst retaining the 'village' character and a viable break between Bulkington and Bedworth.

Nuneaton and Bedworth
Photomontage Sheet 6



The view east from Hampton Magna (A) (study area WL2) shows how this area lies within the visual catchment of historic Warwick (the cathedral and castle are visible). However towards the north end of the village, where the Parkway station detracts from the landscape setting (B), there may be some future development potential (see study areas WL2 and 3). Historic landscape features, ecological corridors such as Horse Brook (C), road corridors and the Avon flood plain (D), are likely to act as major constraints to any future development in WL1.



View northeast towards West Hill Hall from the A445 at Leamington. Much of the 'Arden Parklands' landscape character type features houses and former estate lands with a variety of heritage interest. This typifies the study areas north of Warwick and Leamington (WL4, 5, 6 and 7). The existing settlement boundaries also seem well defined. However there may be some opportunities for sensitively considered infill development around Blackdown.



View north towards Lillington and Cubbington from Welsh Road, east of Leamington. This is a well defined valley (tributary of the Leam) and part of the *Feldon Plateau Fringe*. Although flood risk and a viable farm landscape are likely to prevent future development in the valley - it could be argued that the skyline has already been degraded by post-war development and that appropriate settlement expansion on the upper slopes could be used to improve the setting.

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Parkland at Offchurch Bury. Although this area is outside of the study area there are good views towards Leamington and study areas WL10 and 11. Intervisibility with other areas would be a major consideration for any future development around Cubbington and Lillington.

Warwick and Leamington
Photomontage Sheet 7