

## 5.0 VISUAL ASSESSMENT

### 5.3 VISUAL ASSESSMENT FROM THE WIDER STUDY AREA

Figure 5.2 opposite illustrates the locations of the representative viewpoints from the wider study area which are limited by the surrounding woodlands on the hillsides of Wellow Park to the south, Ollerton Pit Wood to the north and the hill to the west. These woodlands combine to create a verdant skyline and sense of enclosure to the northern and central parts of the study area. The southern part of the study area has an agricultural character with gently sloping topography and open views north towards the woodlands and settlements of Wellow and Ollerton.

#### 5.3.1 RESIDENTIAL

Views of the Site from the residential properties within the wider study area are truncated by the intervening topography and vegetation (Viewpoint 31).

#### 5.3.2 TRANSPORT CORRIDORS

Whinney Lane to the north of the Site has linear views towards the Site along the alignment of the road corridor for receptors travelling south (Viewpoint 26). There are partial views of a short section of the northern boundary vegetation beyond the residential environment. Views of the Site from Rufford Lane to the south west of the Site

#### 5.3.3 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Views from the PRow network within the wider study area to the south of the Site are generally truncated by the intervening topography and vegetation (Viewpoints 31, 33 and 35). There are partial views of the southern Site boundary vegetation from PRow Ollerton and Broughton FP3 to the south west of the Site (Viewpoint 32).

#### 5.3.4 VISITOR ATTRACTIONS AND SCENIC VIEWPOINTS

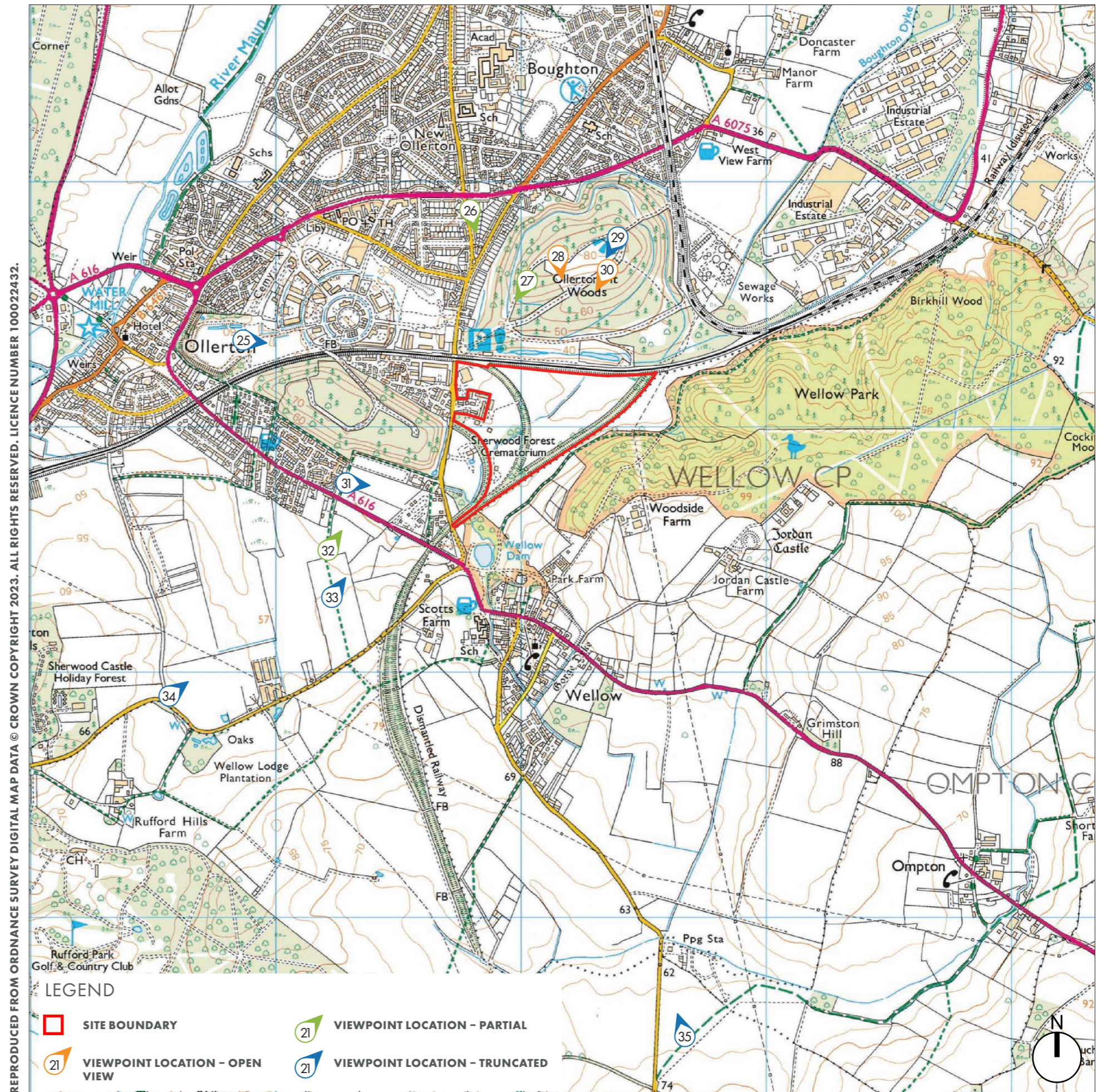
A scenic viewpoint is identified on the hilltop of Ollerton Pit Wood to the north of the Site (Viewpoint 29). At the time of the field work views were truncated due to the long grass in the foreground, with distant panoramic views to the landscape beyond. From other areas of the hilltop and from the permissive routes climbing the hill, there are open views of the central tree belt and areas of the western half of the Site set against a backdrop of the rooftops of properties on Kelsey Avenue and Beacon View to the north of the Site (Viewpoints 27, 28 and 30).

#### 5.3.5 EMPLOYMENT

Sherwood Energy Village to the north west of the Site is an employment area surrounded by open space. There are views to Ollerton Pit Wood and the surrounding townscape to the east and north. There are partial views of the northern Site boundary vegetation experienced by the employees within the Village (Viewpoint 25).

#### 5.3.6 COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

There are no community buildings within the wider study area with views of the Site.



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FIGURE 5.2 – VISUAL SUMMARY FROM WIDER STUDY AREA (OS MAPPING, 2023)





**PHOTOGRAPH - VIEWPOINT 25**

**VALUE: HIGH**

VIEW FROM THE OPEN SPACE NETWORK WITHIN SHERWOOD ENERGY VILLAGE TO THE NORTH WEST OF THE SITE, LOOKING EAST TOWARDS THE SITE. VIEWS OF THE SITE ARE TRUNCATED BY THE INTERVENING BUILT FORM AND VEGETATION. THE CHARACTER OF THE VIEW IS OF A WELL WOODED, UNDULATING LANDSCAPE WITH BUILT FORM SET DOWN ON THE LOWER GROUND.



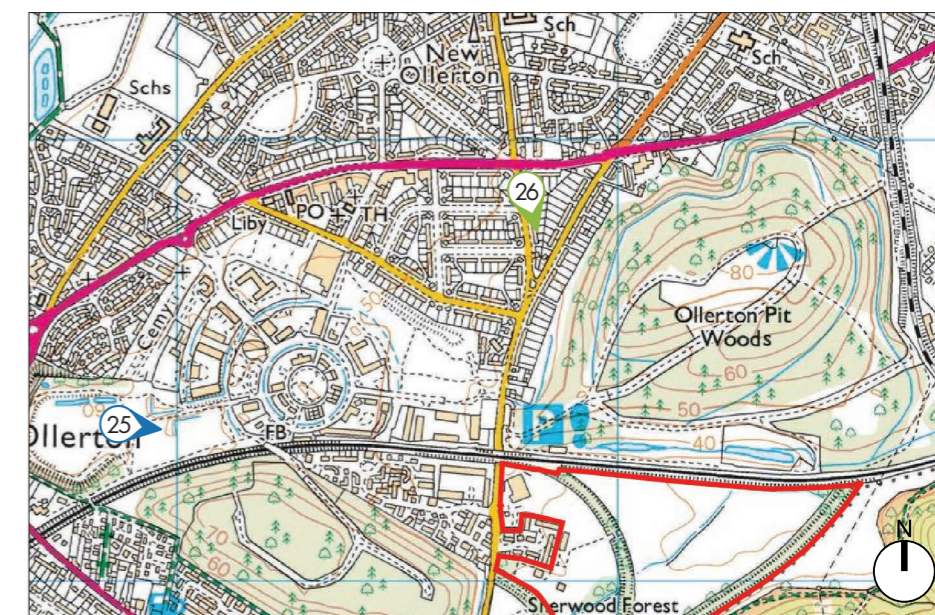
**PHOTOGRAPH - VIEWPOINT 26**

**VALUE: LOW**

VIEW FROM WHINNEY LANE TO THE NORTH OF THE SITE, LOOKING SOUTH ALONG THE RESIDENTIAL STREET. THERE ARE PARTIAL VIEWS OF THE TREE TOPS WITHIN OLLERTON PIT WOOD AND ALONG THE NORTHERN SITE BOUNDARY WHERE THESE RISE ABOVE THE INTERVENING BUILT FORM. THE SITE VEGETATION MAKES A SMALL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHARACTER OF THE VIEW.

**LEGEND**

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- ① **VIEWPOINT LOCATION - OPEN VIEW (AN OPEN VIEW OF THE WHOLE OF THE SITE OR OPEN VIEW OF PART OF THE SITE).**
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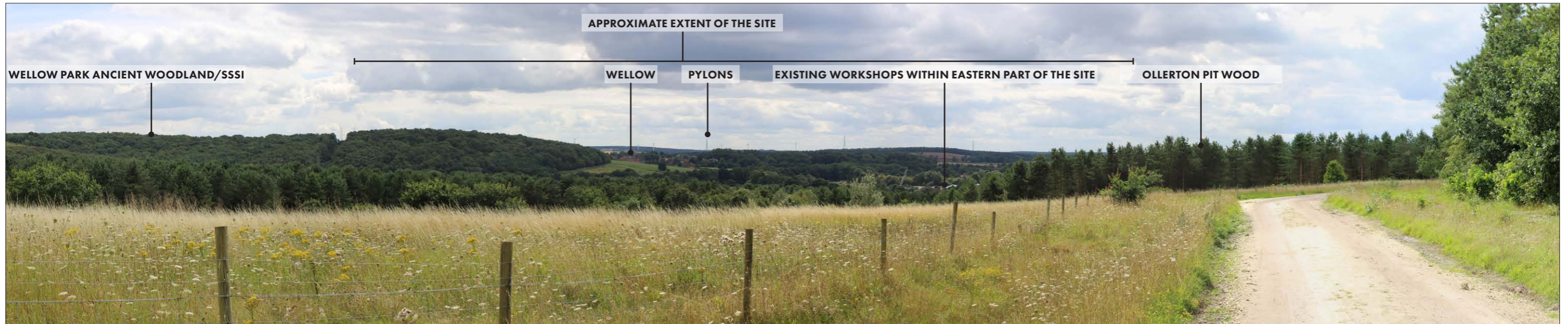


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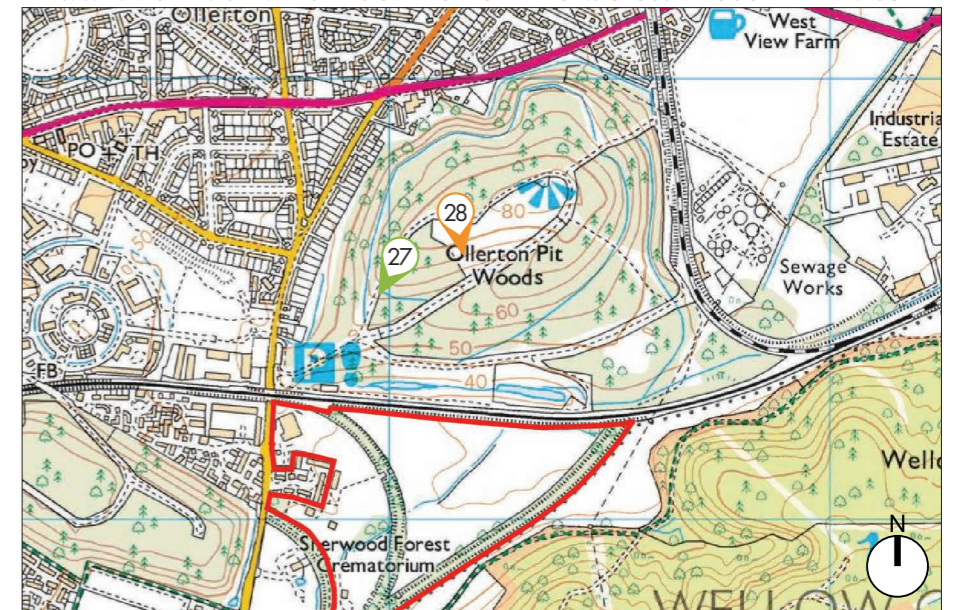
**PHOTOGRAPH - VIEWPOINT 27** **VALUE: HIGH**  
 VIEW FROM THE PERMISSIVE ROUTE HALF WAY UP THE HILL WITHIN OLLERTON PIT WOOD, LOOKING SOUTH WEST TOWARDS THE SITE. THERE ARE PARTIAL VIEWS OF THE SITE BOUNDARY VEGETATION WITH THE ROOFTOPS OF THE PROPERTIES WITHIN KELSEY AVENUE BEYOND. THE CONIFEROUS WOODLAND WITHIN OLLERTON PIT WOOD CREATES A LINEAR VIEW ACROSS THE SITE TO THE LANDSCAPE BEYOND.



**PHOTOGRAPH - VIEWPOINT 28** **VALUE: HIGH**  
 VIEW FROM THE PLATEAU WITHIN OLLERTON PIT WOOD, LOOKING SOUTH ACROSS THE SITE TO THE WIDER LANDSCAPE BEYOND. THERE ARE OPEN VIEWS OF PART OF THE EASTERN HALF OF THE SITE AND THE SOUTH EASTERN SITE BOUNDARY VEGETATION WITHIN THE LOWER GROUND IN THE MIDDLE DISTANCE, FORMING PART OF A WELL VEGETATED VALLEY FLOOR. WELLOW PARK ANCIENT WOODLAND/SSSI IS PROMINENT ON THE SKYLINE WITH THE BUILT FORM IN WELLOW PARTIALLY VISIBLE AMONGST THE TREES. WIND TURBINES AND A SERIES OF ELECTRICITY PYLONS CROSS THROUGH THE LANDSCAPE ABOVE THE WOODLANDS AND ARE PROMINENT AGAINST THE SKYLINE.

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**PHOTOGRAPH – VIEWPOINT 29** VALUE: HIGH

VIEW FROM THE SCENIC VIEWPOINT WITHIN OLLERTON PIT WOOD AS IDENTIFIED ON OS MAPPING, LOOKING SOUTH WEST TOWARDS THE SITE. VIEWS OF THE SITE ARE TRUNCATED BY THE LONG GRASS WITHIN THE INTERVENING LANDSCAPE. THE ANCIENT WOODLAND/SSSI OF WELLOW PARK IS VISIBLE AGAINST THE SKYLINE WITH THE PYLONS AND WIND TURBINES PROMINENT AGAINST THE SKYLINE BEYOND THE SITE.

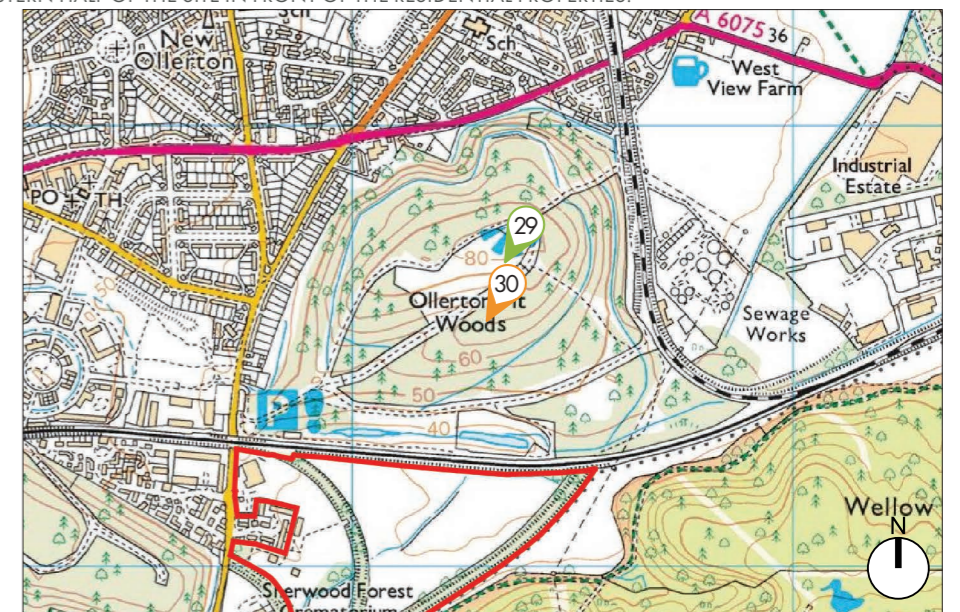


**PHOTOGRAPH – VIEWPOINT 30** VALUE: HIGH

VIEW FROM THE PERMISSIVE ROUTE WITHIN OLLERTON PIT WOOD DESCENDING TOWARDS THE LAKE IN THE SOUTH OF THE PARK. THERE ARE LONG DISTANCE VIEWS IN A SOUTH WESTERLY DIRECTION TOWARDS THE SITE AND BEYOND. THE VALLEY FLOOR HAS AN EXTENSIVE WOODED CHARACTER WITH THE ROOF TOPS OF PROPERTIES ON BEACON VIEW AND ST STEPHENS ROAD VISIBLE SET AMONGST THE TREES. THERE ARE OPEN VIEWS OF THE ROOFTOPS OF SOME OF THE WORKSHOP BUILDINGS WITHIN THE WESTERN HALF OF THE SITE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

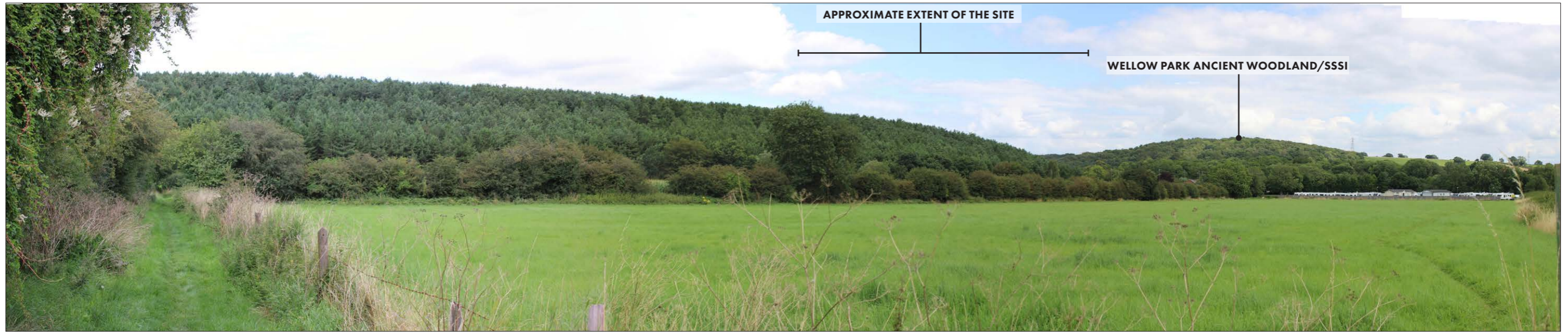
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**PHOTOGRAPH - VIEWPOINT 31**

**VALUE: HIGH**

VIEW FROM PROW OLLERTON AND BROUGHTON FP5 TO THE SOUTH WEST OF THE SITE, LOOKING EAST TOWARDS THE SITE. VIEWS OF THE SITE ARE TRUNCATED BY THE INTERVENING VEGETATION AND WOODLANDS ON HILLSIDES. THE CHARACTER OF THE VIEW IS OF AGRICULTURAL FIELDS SET AGAINST A WOODED BACKDROP.



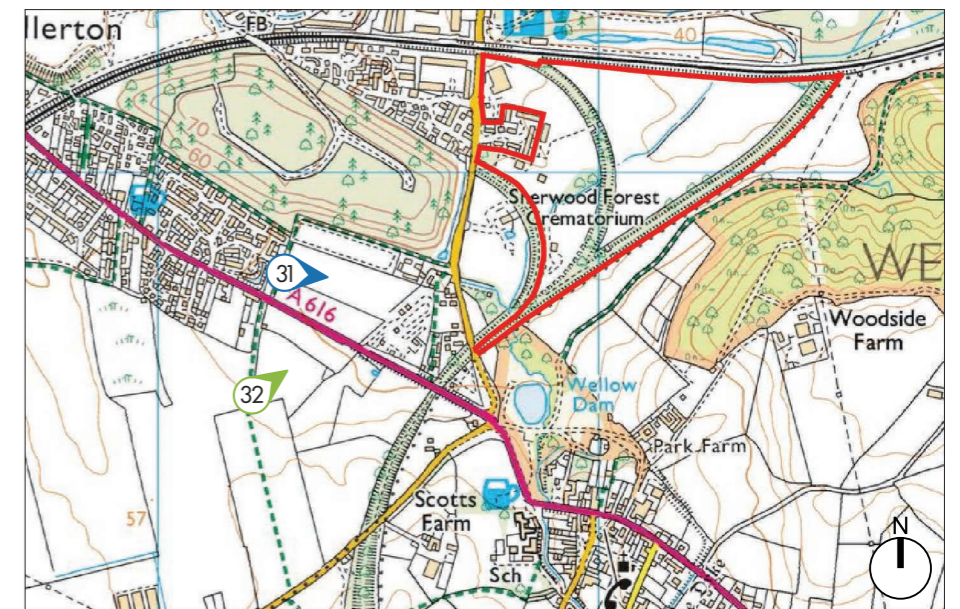
**PHOTOGRAPH - VIEWPOINT 32**

**VALUE: HIGH**

VIEW FROM PROW OLLERTON AND BROUGHTON FP3 TO THE SOUTH WEST OF THE SITE, LOOKING NORTH EAST TOWARDS THE SITE. VIEWS OF THE SITE ARE GENERALLY TRUNCATED BY THE INTERVENING VEGETATION AND WOODLANDS ON HILLSIDES. HOWEVER, THERE ARE PARTIAL VIEWS OF THE TREE TOPS OF THE SITE SOUTHERN SITE BOUNDARY VEGETATION, ALTHOUGH THIS IS DIFFICULT TO DISCERN IN THE SUMMER VIEW. THE CHARACTER OF THE VIEW IS OF FLAT, AGRICULTURAL FIELDS SET AGAINST A WOODED BACKDROP.

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