

South Petherton Local Visual Landscape Study



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Introduction

The views considered in this study were identified in the South Petherton Peripheral Landscape Study 2008¹ and by members of the South Petherton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and by members of the community. What follows is an assessment of Important Local Views, which are local views that contributes significantly to the viewer's ability to recognise and appreciate South Petherton. These are views that help create what is distinct about the Parish.

The view identified have been numbered and named and are set out on the Locally Important Views Map. This survey is focused primarily on the village of South Petherton, though it is acknowledged that there are important views across the Parish.

Some of the views are of the village centre from the outskirts; some are views out of the village across the surrounding countryside. Some of the views are particular and feature a distinct area; some are panoramic or wide ranging.

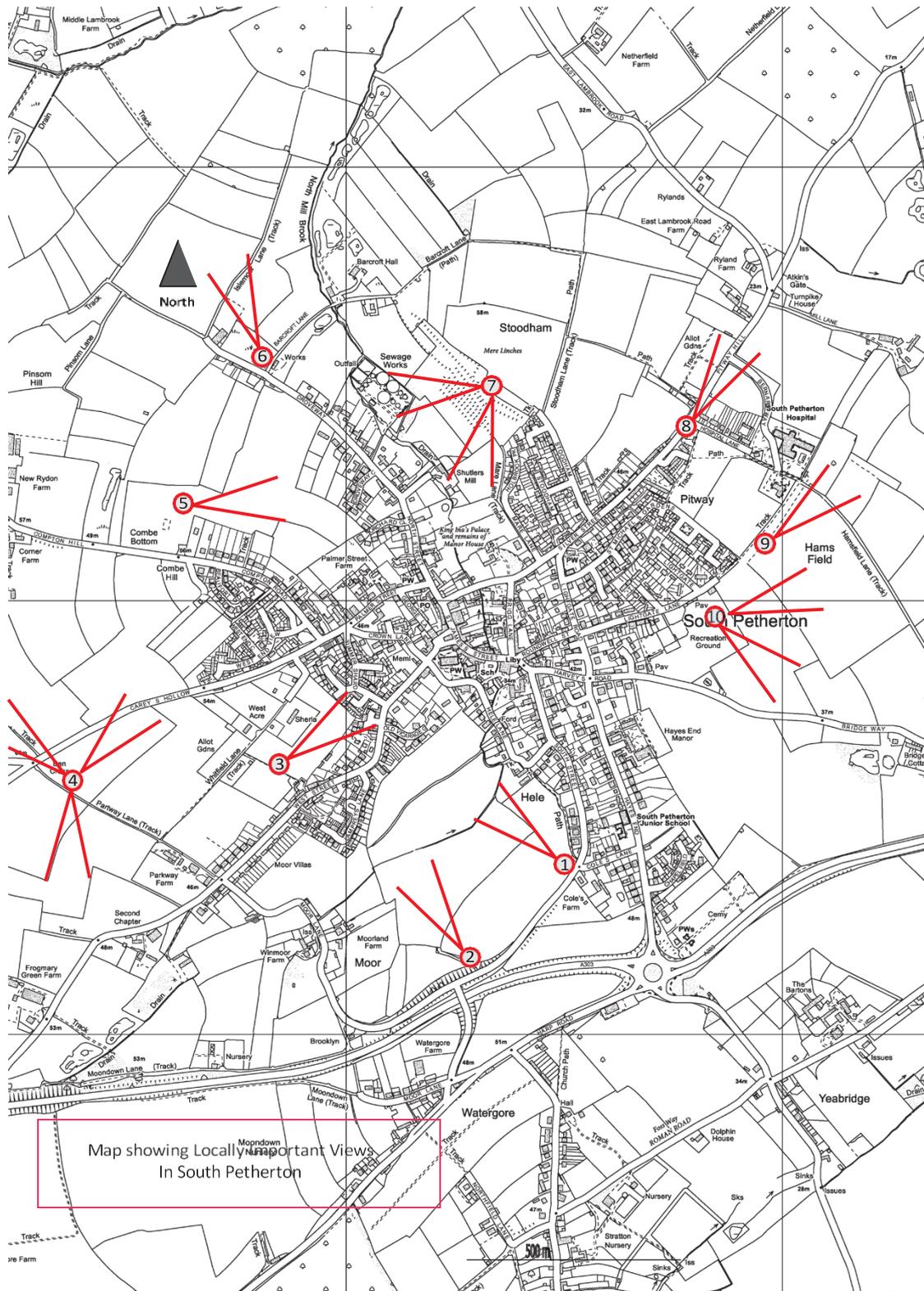
Most of the views are detailed and described in the South Petherton Peripheral Landscape Study. The purpose of this survey is not to repeat that analysis, but to identify the most locally important views. These are views identified by the emerging Neighbourhood Plan as important to the character and landscape setting and the landscape area within which they site are therefore worthy of protection from inappropriate development.



View from Coles Lane across the fields to the Village Centre

¹ Peripheral Landscape Study South Petherton – 2008. Conservation and Design Unit South Somerset District Council.

Map showing Locally Important Views in South Petherton



- LV1 Coles Lane – Village Centre
- LV2 Moor Lane – Village
- LV3 Whitfield Lane – Village Centre
- LV4 180° panorama Carey's Hollow
- LV5 Combe Hill – North Street

- LV6 Drovers Lane – Mid Lambrook
- LV7 Mere Lynchets – Village and outskirts
- LV8 Pitway – Bower Hinton
- LV9 Recreation Ground – Ham Hill
- LV10 Hams Field – Ham Hill and outskirts

LV1 Coles Lane – Village Centre



View of the village skyline from the footpath to the rear of South Street across the fields between South Street, Hele Lane and West Street.

LV2 Moor Lane – Village



Wide ranging view from the edge of the village across the internal valley to the rear of South Street and Hele Lane.

LV3 Whitfield Lane – Village Centre



Land between Whitfield Lane and West Street surrounding 'Sheria' from the footpath to the south of the Whitfield Lane allotments. Often grazed by sheep.

LV4 Carey's Hollow – Panoramic





There are panoramic views from the footpath at the top of Carey's Hollow. On a clear day Ham Hill can be seen across the top of the village.

LV5 Combe Hill – Village



The views here are of the village and of the land to the rear of Palmer Street from the footpath across Combe Hill.

LV6 Droveway – Mid Lambrook



There are pleasant views of the countryside to the north of the village from Droveway.

LV7 Mere Lynchets – Village Centre and outskirts



One of the village's Local Green Spaces, Mere Lynchets is an important place both archaeologically and as a place used by the community for walking, picnicking and spending time. They are well-loved for their characteristic scars, but also for the views of the village and the periphery of the village.

LV8 Pitway – Martock



There are wide far reaching views from the hospital and from the top of Pitway Hill across the Eastern plateau towards Martock. These views are significant for many residents and visitors to the village as this is a main road through the village and many spend time either at the Medical Centre or the hospital.

LV9 Hams Field – Ham Hill



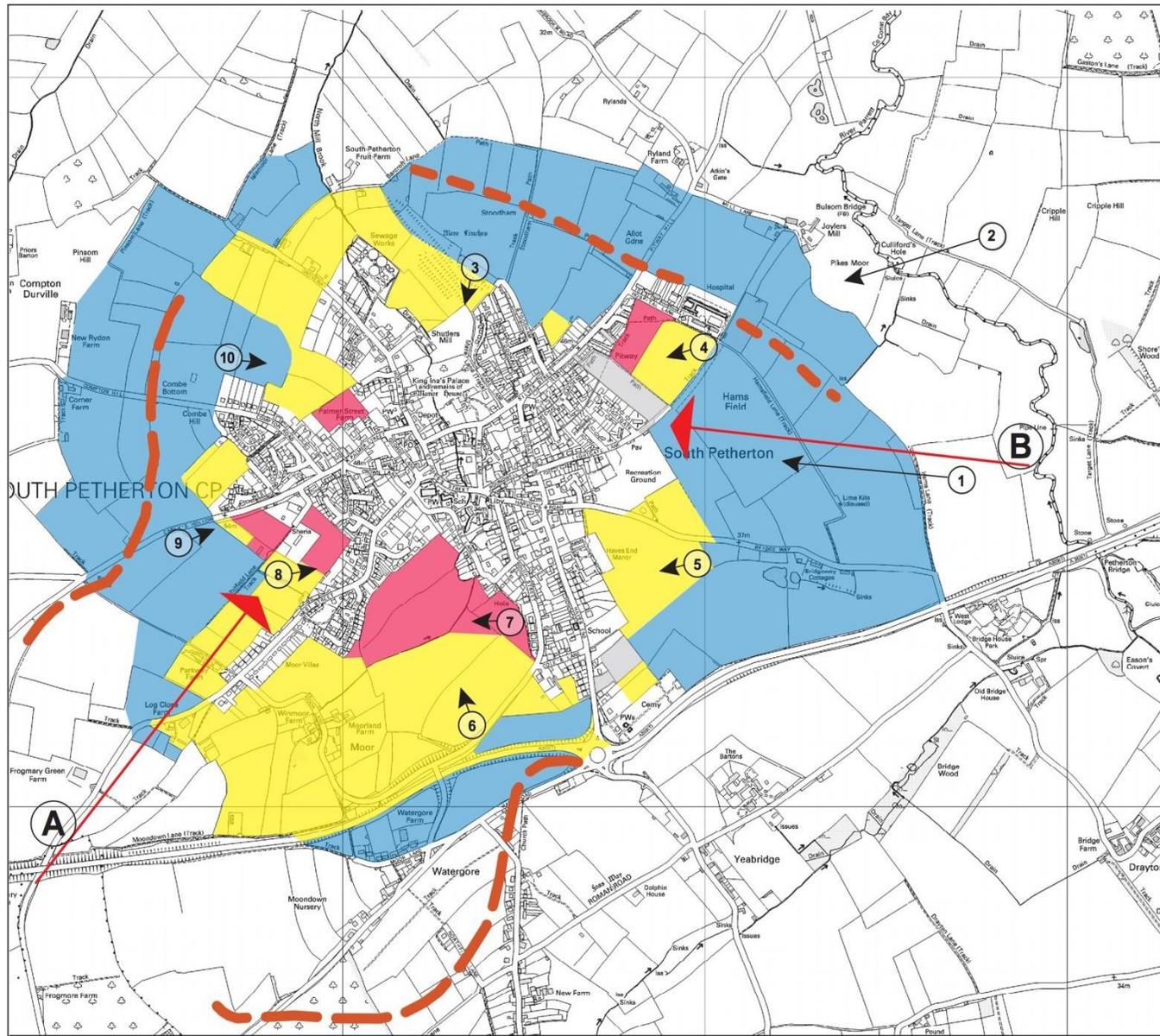
The most notable views from the village are those from the eastern edge around The Recreation Ground across the open fields towards Ham Hill. The long ranging views here create a very particular sense of place and situate the viewer firmly within the wider landscape. It should be noted that there are also excellent views from the vantage of Ham Hill of village as a whole.

LV10 The Recreation Ground – Ham Hill and outskirts



The views of Ham Hill from the Recreation Ground are long ranging and uninterrupted across the open countryside between South Petherton and Ham Hill. They are framed by the poplars characteristic of the county. The views here are not only significant because of their intrinsic character, but because the Recreation Ground is a hugely important place in the Parish to the community. It is a place where people regularly take part in a wide range of sports and activities; take their children to play in the well-appointed playground; and celebrate many of the village's key events during the year such as the Family Fun Day, which is part of the annual South Petherton Carnival. The views from the Recreation Ground are a fundamental part of the facility and part of what make it an important place for the community and ground the village in its wider vicinity.

Figure 3 Visual Sensitivity South Petherton



-  Prime line of Visual Containment
-  Secondary line of Visual Containment
-  Long distance views from:
A - Windwhistle Hill
B - Ham Hill
-  Line of distant photo viewpoint
-  Photo Vantage Points
-  Local Plan built allocation
-  Area of low visual sensitivity
-  Area of moderate visual sensitivity
-  Area of high visual sensitivity

scale 1:10,000 @ A3
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