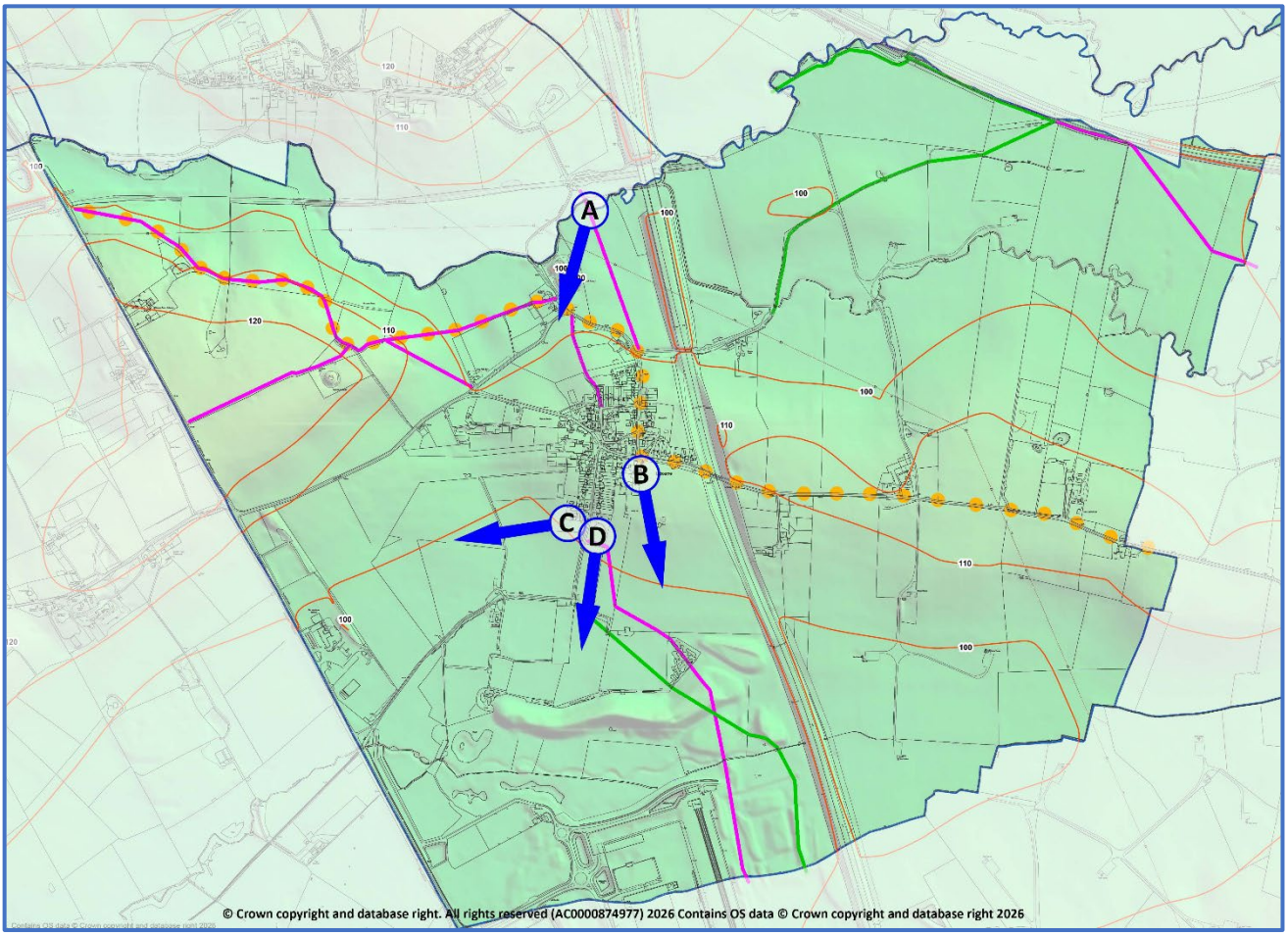
APPENDIX 5

IMPORTANT VIEWS IN LILBOURNE

LOCATIONS



EVIDENCE

A. From the bench and river crossing on footpath EX/003 Northwest over Lilbourne Castle earthworks to the parish church and up the hill to the modern village. This is an important 'sense of place' view of Lilbourne from a popular location (seat is a memorial to a villager) and is part of the *setting* of the heritage assets. Despite the proximity of the M1 road this is a tranquil viewpoint.	

B. from the end of Stonehouse Court (off Yelvertoft Road) extensive views southwards

The view is over many acres of farmland all the way to the buffer zone between Lilbourne and DIRFT, which is being developed as Lilbourne Meadows nature reserve. Although the M1 motorway impacts on tranquillity, the wind turbines in the distance are elegant and part of the modern landscape. From medieval times, Lilbourne had a windmill on a purpose-made mound to the south of Yelvertoft Road. This hummock can be seen in one of the fields looking towards Lilbourne Meadows.



C. Southwest from Country View and the gateway on Hillmorton Lane

Takes in an Enclosure landscape of hedged and ditched fields toward Roman Watling Street (A5 road). The view faces away from from the M1 corridor and, with the high hedges, this provides a calmness and tranquillity to this southwestern quarter of the parish that is highly valued by residents and walkers.

Numerous species of wildlife can be seen across the fields, with some birds permanently resident and others only visiting during their annual migrations. Frequently, buzzards and red kites can be seen soaring above the village, and their whistling calls can be heard every day. At night, foxes and owls can be heard and as there are bat boxes in Lilbourne Meadows nature reserve, the bats can be seen swooping across residents' gardens and the fields at dusk. There are also roe and muntjac deer, rabbits, hedgehogs, and small rodents visiting regularly.



D. South from Jubilee Meadow Park to Lilbourne Meadows nature reserve

The view takes in an area of well-preserved ridge and furrow earthworks (pasture fields with rare breed sheep) and extends to the southern boundary of the Neighbourhood Area, including the protected remains of Hillmorton WW2 radio station.

The viewpoint is used by birdwatchers for scoping rarities flying over the nature reserve.

