

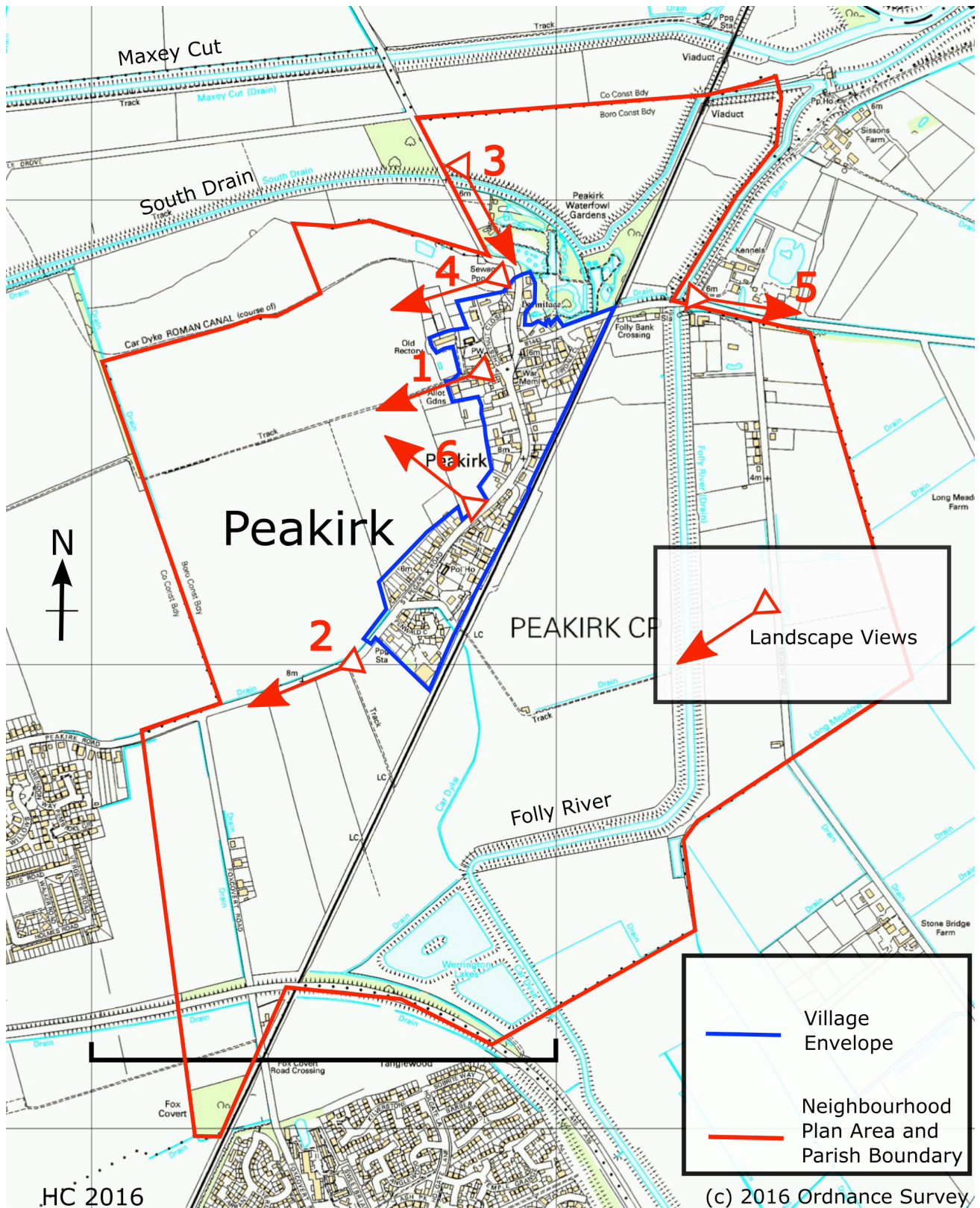
Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan 2030

Views important to the historic and cultural setting of Peakirk as described in PK2

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Map 2 identifies views out of and into the village.

View 1. From the end of Rectory Lane looking west towards Glinton church.

This view follows a much used Public Right of Way based on the route of an historic footpath linking St. Benedict's church in Glinton, with St Pega's church in Peakirk. St Benedict's church used to be a Chapel of Ease for Peakirk and was served by curates until 1875 when a Rev. W. Wilkinson came to the village and was the first Parson of Glinton.

<http://www.glinton.net/church.html>

It is likely that this footpath was also part of a network of tracks connecting the village with the Dovecote and Tween Towns fields of the mediaeval landscape.

The location of this view marks the edge of the village buildings and the start of the open countryside that separates Peakirk from Glinton.

The importance of this area [LCA16] to the landscape setting of Peakirk is described in more detail in the Peakirk Landscape Character Assessment 2016



View 2. From the southern edge of the village looking along the B1443 towards Glington.

This view is from the southern edge of the village, where the housing ends and the countryside begins. It shows an immediate transition to open fields and sets the character for this part of the village. Foxcovert Road and the edge of Glington can be seen in the distance. The absence of trees and hedges, and the roadside drains reinforce the fen edge character of the village and contrasts completely with the two other road entrances in the north and east [see Views 3 and 5].

The importance of this area [LCA16] to the landscape setting of Peakirk is described in more detail in the Peakirk Landscape Character Assessment 2016



View 3. From the South Drain bridge on the Deeping Road looking south east towards Peakirk

This view shows the northern road entrance into the village. The long straight Deeping Road turns abruptly left into the settlement. The Village Envelope starts just beyond the bend. The view is framed by the mature trees and hedges of the Old Wildfowl Trust Site on the left hand side and on the right hand side a small arable field, identified as Deeping Road West is also bounded by mature trees.

This entrance to the village reflects the smaller scale, more enclosed nature of the landscape character in this area.

The importance of these areas, Old Wildfowl Trust Site [LCA14] and Deeping Road West [LCA 15A] to the landscape setting of Peakirk is described in more detail in the Peakirk Landscape Character Assessment 2016.



View 4. From the Deeping Road looking west across the Hermitage Field from the pumping station towards Car Dyke.

This view is also forms part of the entrance to the northern end of the village. The Hermitage Field marks the edge of the Village Envelope but is included in the Conservation Area. It marks the site of the Roman Car Dyke and is a site of Local Nature Conservation Importance and Scheduled Monument SM35726.

The break in the enclosed roadside hedges and trees leads to an unexpected and inviting view across the northern boundary of the village.

The importance of this area, The Hermitage Field [LCA15B] to the landscape setting of Peakirk is described in more detail in the Peakirk Landscape Character Assessment 2016.



View 5. Looking eastwards along the Thorney Road towards the junction with Meadow Road with Newborough Fen beyond.

This view out of the village to the east, marks the boundary between the settlement and Newborough Fen. The mature trees on both sides of the road provide a complete change of character from the open fen road to Newborough. Recently several major trees on the left hand side have been removed with the change in character clearly evident. The area on the left hand side is LCA23 Thorney Road to Corporation Bank and is not part of the Peakirk Neighbourhood Area but has a significant impact on the setting of the village. This is shown in more detail in the Peakirk Landscape Character Assessment 2016.



View 6. Looking north west from St Pegas Road over the wall across Meadow's Field.

This is a view out of the centre of the village across the Local Green Space Meadow's Field.

It shows the importance of retaining this view to open countryside and not allowing development near the edge of the designated space to intrude on its character. The area was designated because of its importance to the history of the development of Peakirk village as it marks the boundary between the older village and the 19th and 20th Century development and reflects the tradition of Saxon 'home fields' in close proximity to the settlement.

The importance of this area, Meadow's Field [LCA17] to the landscape setting of Peakirk is described in more detail in the Peakirk Landscape Character Assessment 2016.



Conclusion.

These views have been identified as important to the historic and cultural setting of Peakirk. Any development that would provide unsuitable visual intrusion that would prevent the continued enjoyment of these vistas, including views of distant buildings, areas of landscape and the juxtaposition of village edges and open agricultural countryside, will not be supported.