

The Parish of Echinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green

Key Views Report for ES&BG NP

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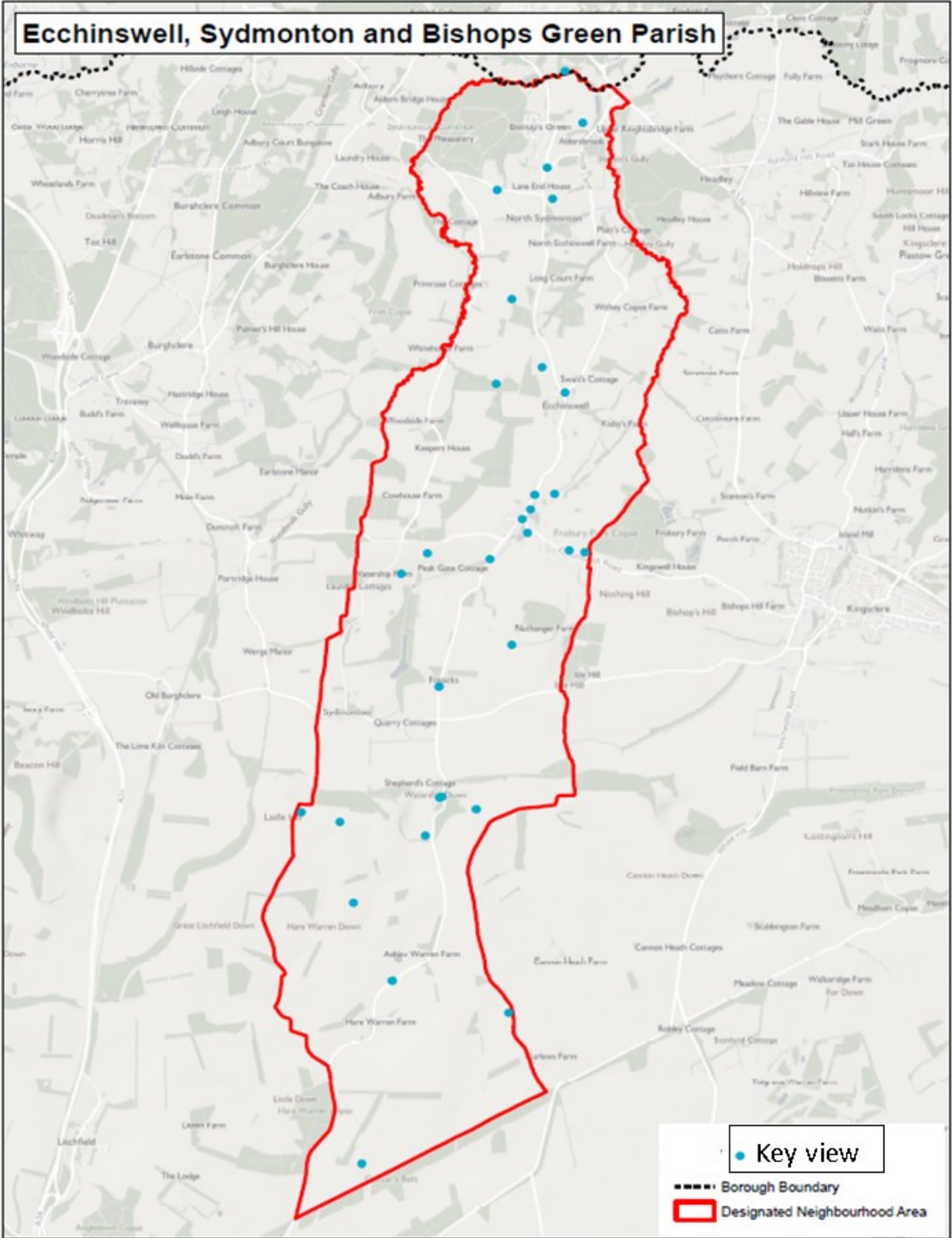
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1. Introduction

Like many rural parishes, ES&BG Parish is distinctive in how the villages and smaller settlements within the Parish connect with the surrounding landscape. Through public consultations, local residents expressed a clear view that ES&BG's landscape setting and the Parish's green infrastructure assets are highly valued. Maintaining the connections between settlements and the surrounding countryside are seen as crucially important for any development in the area. This has guided the choice of key views.



2. Features Specific to Echinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish

The Basingstoke and Deane Landscape Character Assessment (May 2021) defines 20 distinctive landscape areas across the Borough, 5 of which are to be found within ES & BG Parish (LCA 1, LCA 2, LCA 7, LCA 8 & LCA 10). These are described in detail in the ES & BG Neighbourhood Plan Infrastructure and Biodiversity Evidence Report.

The ES & BG Design Guidance and Codes (July 2022) defines 6 distinctive character areas in the parish (LLCA 01, LLCA 02, LLCA 03, LLCA 04, LLCA 05, LLCA 06) and describes them in detail.

The North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NWD AONB) which crosses the south of the Parish presents the Parish with far reaching views over the rural landscape, for instance from the Chalk Scarp adjacent to Ladle Hill and from the Greensand ridge near Nuthanger Farm.

Key views have been chosen with all this information in mind.

3. Methodology

Members of the steering group and other interested individuals submitted a long list of significant views. These were shared with the residents at the consultation events in May 2022.

A shortlist from these views was selected by a panel from the steering group and each one was tested against the criteria below.

Assessment Criteria

Key views were chosen using the following criteria.

The view:

- is accessible to the public (views from Rights of Way or Green Spaces)
- is easily recognisable and appreciated by residents.
- shows a range of physical (natural or man-made) features and an expanse of the parish or shows a building of particular historic importance
- was judged to have at least one of the following values
 - aesthetic (A)
 - historical (H)
 - biodiversity (B)
 - tranquillity (Tr)
 - typifies an area (Ty)
 - extensive view (E)

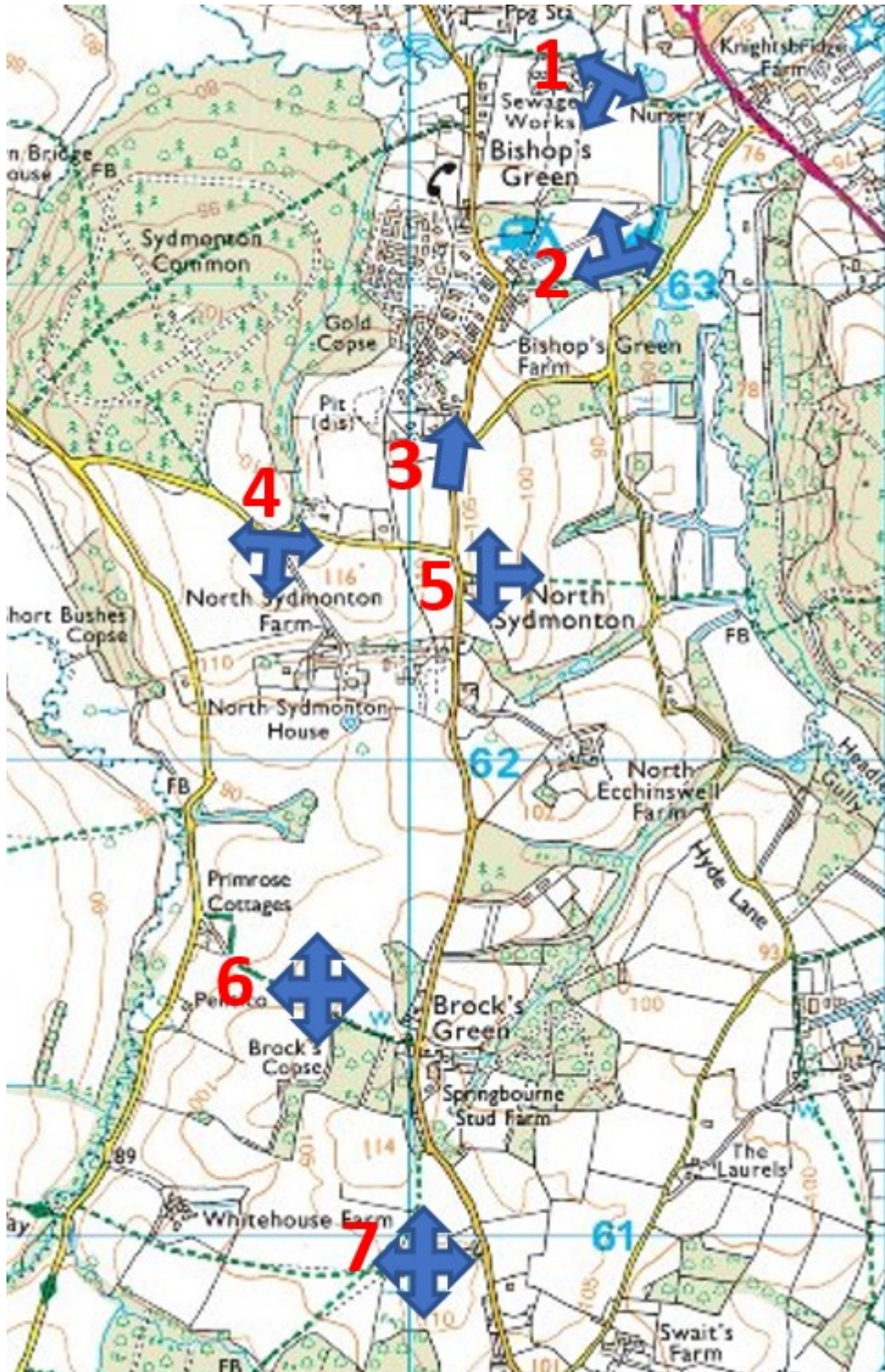
The abbreviations above are used to describe the criteria ascribed to each view described in the Key View Details - Section 4.




Photographs (except Key View 1N) were taken by Mike Norman, John Dain or Marian Dain

4. Key View Details

4.1. Bishops Green and the Northern Area of the Parish

Map of Key View Sites in the northern area of the parish



Key:  360° panorama  180° panorama  linear view

Key view 1N – Bishops Green Farm from north – photos taken from BDBC Landscape Sensitivity Study April 2021 **SU 50457 63425 - (Ty)**



Looking South East



Looking South

Key View 2 – View of Bishops Green Farm looking North **SU 50388 63033 – (Ty, E)**



Key View 3N – View into Bishops Green from the South SU 50120 62673 (Ty)



Key View 4N – View south from Featherbed Lane SU 49713 62454 (A, B, Ty, E)



Key View 5N – View from path by the Old Sun House SU 50183 62379 (A, B, Tr, Ty, E)



Key View 6N – Panorama from Brock's Copse SU 49814 61476 (A, B, Tr, Ty)



Looking South to Beacon Hill

Key View 7N - Panorama from field behind Ratt's Cottages SU 50049 60930 (A, B, Tr, Ty)

View south

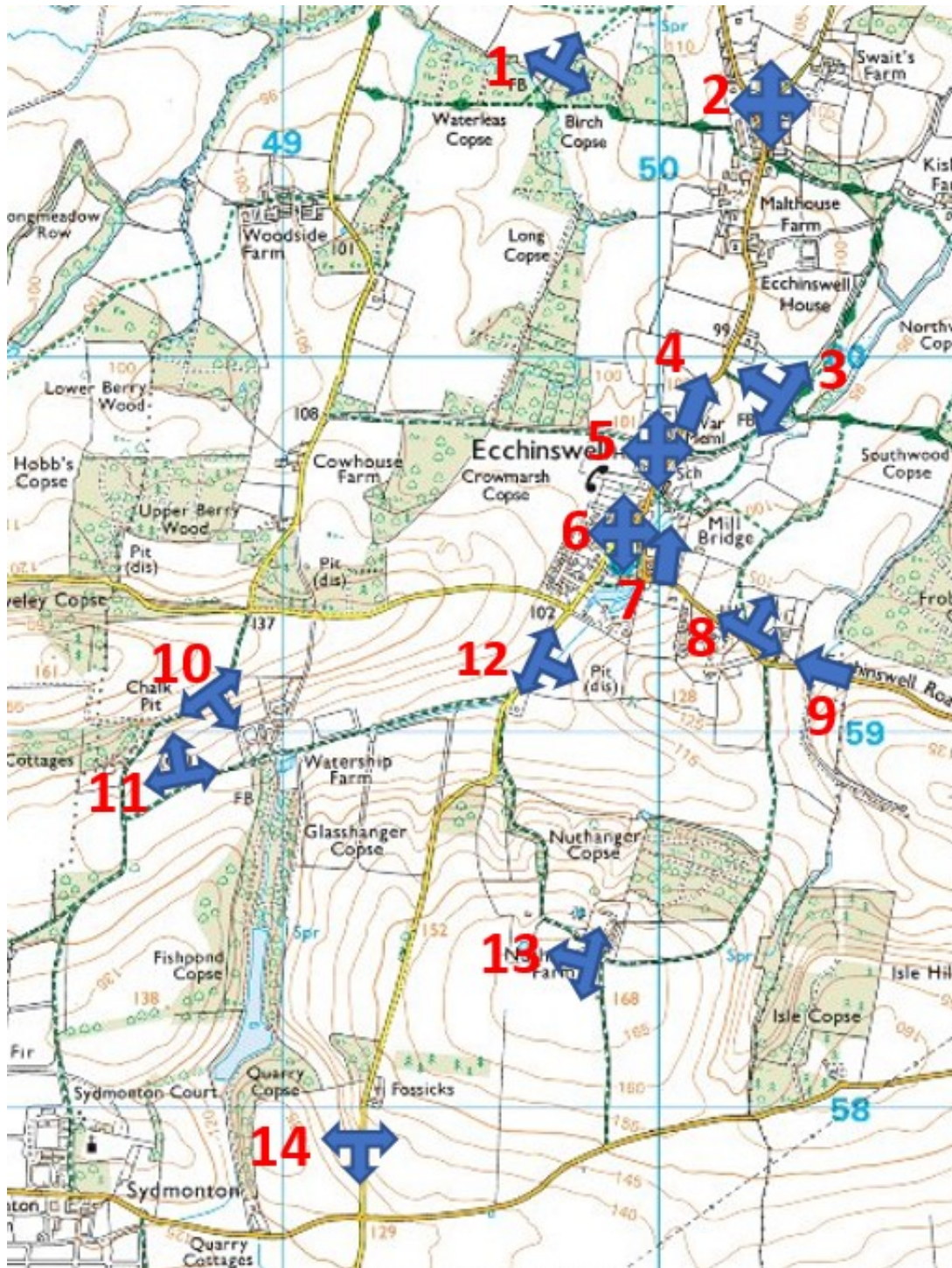


View north



4.2. Echinswell and the Central Area of the Parish

Map of Key View sites in the central area of the parish



Key:  360° panorama  180° panorama  linear view

Key View 1C – View of mature oak trees in arable land SU 49795 60803 (A, Tr, Ty, E)



Key View 2C – Panorama from the pond SU 50254 60669 (A, H, B, Tr)



Summer panorama



From the North



From the South West

Key View 3C – Panorama characterising the gap between pond and village SU 50327 59867 (H, Ty)



Key View 4C – View of church from the South SU 50198 59970 (A, H, B)



Key View 5C – Panorama near the War Memorial SU 50120 59900 (H, Ty)



Key View 6C - Panorama from the junction by the Royal Oak pub SU 49918 59516 (A, H)



Looking North



Looking South

Key View 7C – View North from Digweeds bridge SU 49963 59409 (A, H, Tr, Ty)



Key View 8C – Panorama from Ecchinswell Rd by footpath SU 50243 59260 (B, Ty, E)



Key View 9C – View into Echchinswell from Kingsclere SU 50481 59148 (H, Ty)



Key View 10C – Panorama looking from the path to Laundry Cottages SU 48811 59078 (A, B, Tr, Ty, E)



Looking South East

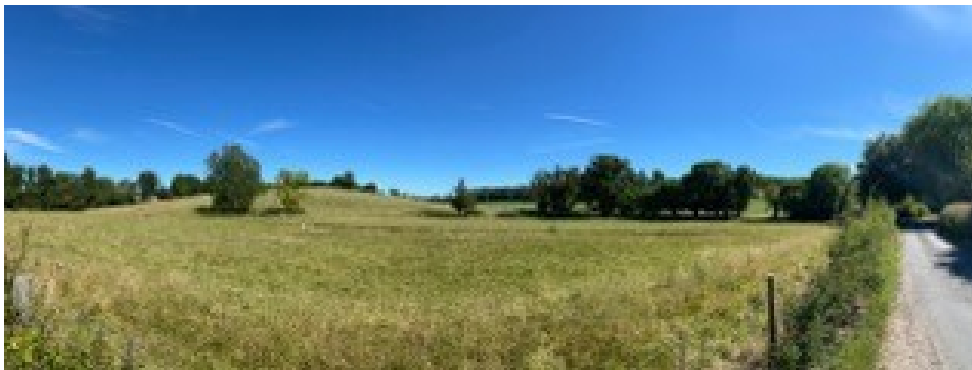


Looking South West

Key View 11C – Iconic tree line on hill top – can be seen for miles SU 48721 58821 (A, Tr, Ty)



Key View 12C – Panorama from the foot of Ham Hill SU 49672 59152 (A, B, Ty, E)



Key View 13C – View West from Ham Hill SU 49848 58345 (A, B, Tr, Ty, E)

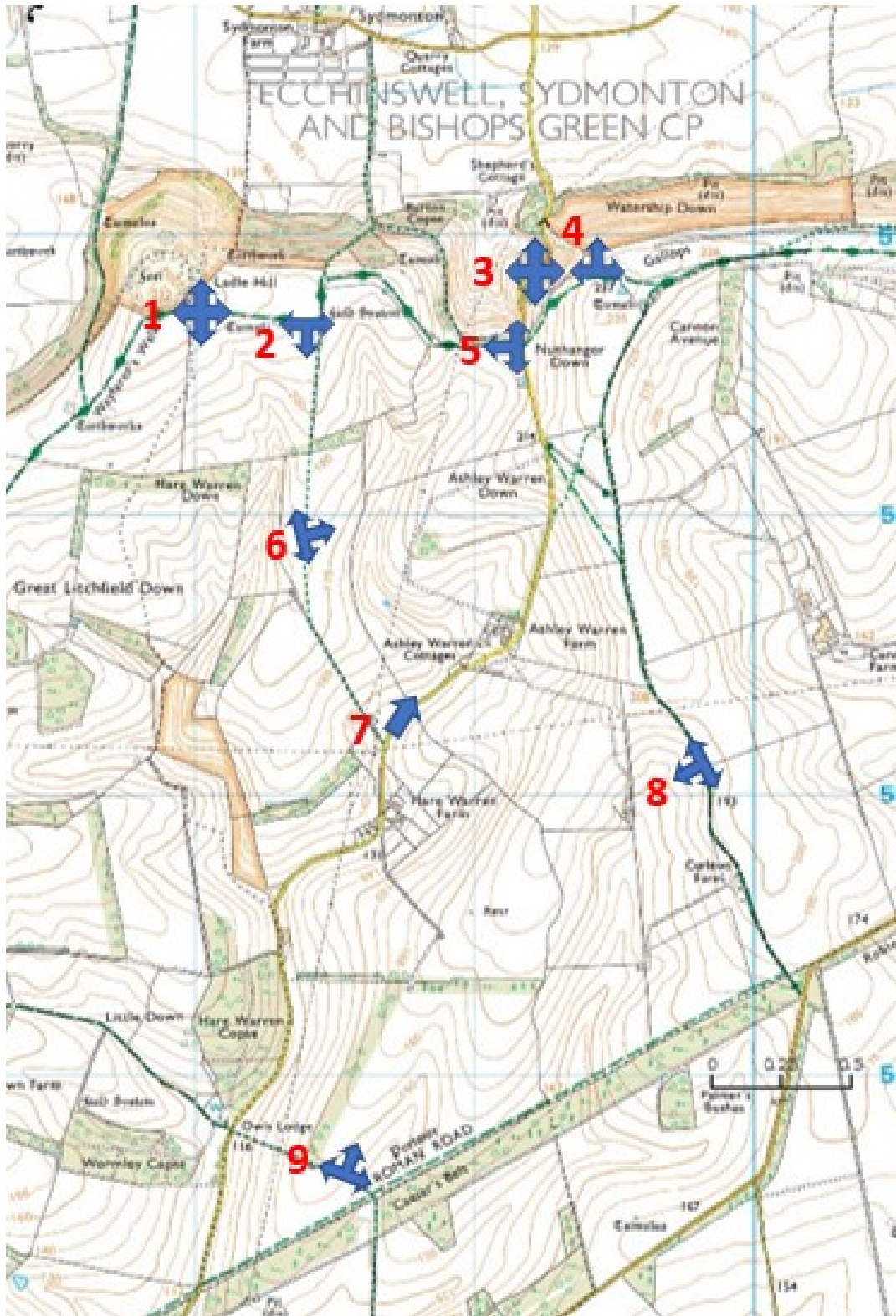





Key View 14C – View from the road to Watership Down SU 49223 57919 (A, B, Tr, Ty, E)



4.3 Sydmonton and the Southern Area of the Parish

Map of Key views in the southern area of the parish



Key:  360° panorama  180° panorama  linear view

Key View 1S- Panorama from Ladle Hill (tumulus) including iconic tree **SU 48014 56733 (A, H, B, Tr, Ty, E)**



Key View 2S – View from the ridge **SU 48436 56670 (A, B, Tr, Ty, E)**



Key View 3S –panorama from the scarp SU 49232 56883 (A, B, Tr, Ty, E)



Key View 4S - View North from Watership Down SU 49504 56903 (A, B, Tr, E)



Key View 5S – View West from the top of Sydmonton Down SU 49161 56560 (A, B, Tr, Ty, E)



Key View 6S –View East towards Watership Down and The Gallops SU 48452 55875 (A, B, Tr, Ty, E)



Key View 7S – View North towards Ashley Warren including commemorative beech trees SU 48680 55084 (A, H, B, Tr, Ty, E)



Key View 8S – Panorama West from the footpath near Curlew Farm SU 49841 54972 (A, B, Tr, Ty, E)



Key View 9S – Panorama near Caesar's belt Roman Road SU 48584 53641 (A, H, B, Tr, Ty, E)

