# Bingley Parish Neighbourhood Plan

## Distinctive Views and Vistas – Supporting Evidence

Post- Examination Changes

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# Distinctive Views and Vistas

## Introduction

Bingley is a highly scenic area. The views are not only appreciated by those that live within the plan area, but also those that visit the area and live in the adjoining parishes. A landscape of gently undulating fields and woodlands makes for a fine panorama when viewed from all compass points.

Local landmarks such as Wilsden, Haworth, Otley Chevin and Emley Moor (just outside the Plan area) are impressive and contribute to the area's unique identity and history and the community's sense of place.

The plan area also has a number of high quality vernacular buildings, the views to which are equally impressive and important to the community.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has identified views that are important to the character of the area.

This document outlines the most important views in the Plan area, which the Neighbourhood Plan seeks to acknowledge and protect through Policy NE1: Green Belt.

Photographs kindly provided by Christine Taylor

| Ref. | V1 |
|---|---|
| Location | Heights Lane layby/gate just south of the junction with Otley Road. |
| W3W | Swim.unlocking.sweep |
| Description | Stunning local and distant views north, west, and south as far as Emley Moor transmission mast. Westwards from same junction down to East Morton, stunning views over Aire valley to Wilsden, Haworth etc; |
| Importance | Full stunning views across the whole area. Looking south-west Bingley is nestled in the valley bottom and the view highlights the rural setting of the parish. |
| Policy | Developments to be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the views |

| Ref. | V2 |
|---|---|
| Location | Lay-by in Heights Lane from the junction with Otley Road before Higher Heights Farm |
| W3W | Compiler.distract.bucks |
| Description | A panorama ranging from NW direction (views up Aire Valley, Wilsden, over Keighley to Haworth and moors) through south (over Bradford to Emley Moor) to east directions with views of Baildon Moor and beyond. |
| Importance | Full stunning views across the whole area. Looking south-west Bingley is nestled in the valley bottom and the view highlights the rural setting of the parish. |
| Policy | Developments to be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the views. |

| Ref. | V3 |
|---|---|
| Location | Heights Lane southward opposite Tewitt Lane |
| W3W | Firms.enchanted.films |
| Description | The view westwards over Aire valley, towards Wilsden. |
| Importance | Stunning view across the whole area. The view highlights the rural setting of the parish. |
| Policy | Developments to be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the view |

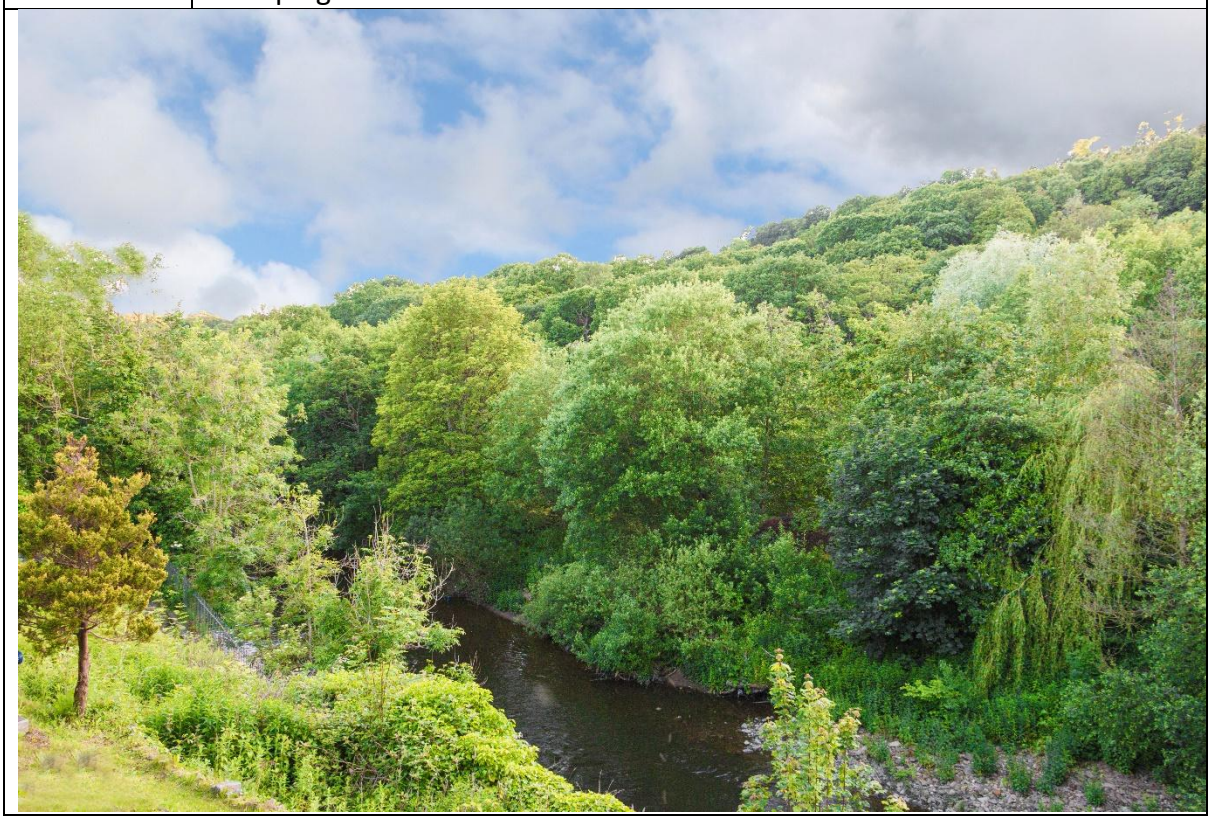
| Ref. | V4 |
|---|---|
| Location | 100m along Tewitt Lane, Eldwick |
| W3W | Tiger.dwell.entitles |
| Description | The view towards the Southeast over Eldwick. |
| Importance | Stunning view across the Eldwick area. The view highlights the rural setting of the parish. |
| Policy | Developments to be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the view |

| Ref. | V5 |
|---|---|
| Location | From the front garden of Dick Hudson's Pub, south to The Springs area. |
| W3W | Tile.maps.documents |
| Description | Stunning local and distant views in all compass directions, as far as Otley Chevin to the east. |
| Importance | Stunning views across the whole area. The view highlights the rural setting of the parish. |
| Policy | Developments to be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the view |

| Ref. | V6 |
|---|---|
| Location | Glovershaw Lane just outside the Parish boundary looking northwards. |
| W3W | Carbon.restored.functions |
| Description | Local views north and distant views west, south. |
| Importance | Stunning view across the whole area. The view highlights the rural setting of the parish. |
| Policy | Developments to be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the view |

| Ref. | V7 |
|---|---|
| Location | Sheriff Lane at junction with Woodland Road. |
| W3W | Once.spark.bulldozer |
| Description | Local and distant stunning views ranging from Baildon Moor in east, through SE and south towards Idle, Bradford (across Aire Valley), and across Bradford (stunning at night with street lights on in city). |
| Importance | Stunning view across the whole area. The view highlights the rural setting of the parish. |
| Policy | Developments to be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the view |

| Ref. | V8 |
|---|---|
| Location | View of the River Aire and Holme House woods beyond from Airedale Street near Riverside Walk. |
| W3W | Alleges.cascaded.take |
| Description | The view to the SSW from the Town Square up the Harden Valley with St Ives woodland at close hand to the right is an unusual and attractive view from the centre of a town. |
| Importance | The view highlights the rural setting of the town and highlights the distinctiveness brought by the River Aire. |
| Policy | Developments to the right of the river be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the view |



| Ref. | V9 |
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| Location | Myrtle Park |
| W3W | Clearcut.lyrics.panicking |
| Description | The surrounding views of open countryside from the bottom meadow of Myrtle Park where the Agricultural Show and Music Festival were held and a 5 minute walk from Main Street provide a stunning backdrop to the Festival in particular. |
| Importance | The view highlights the rural setting of the town. |
| Policy | Developments to be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the view |

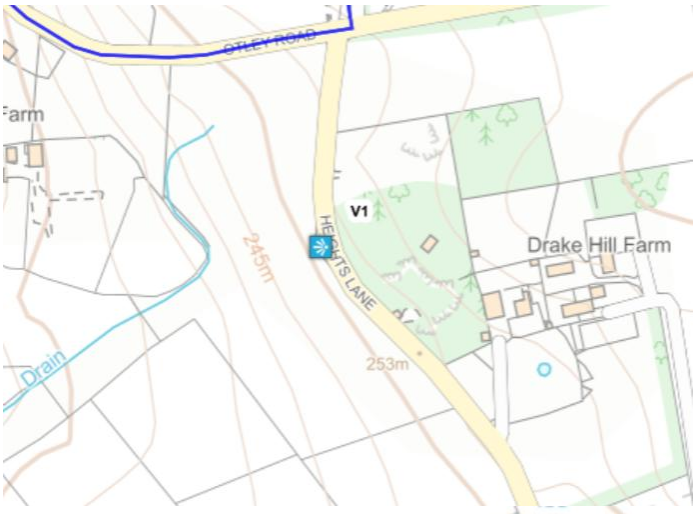
| Ref. | V10 |
|---|---|
| Location | Gilstead Moor accessed via footpath from Grange Road. |
| W3W | Emailed.twitching.interacts |
| Description | The view westwards over Bingley Town from Gilstead Moor. |
| Importance | Stunning view across the town. The view highlights the rural setting of the town. |
| Policy | Developments to be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the view |

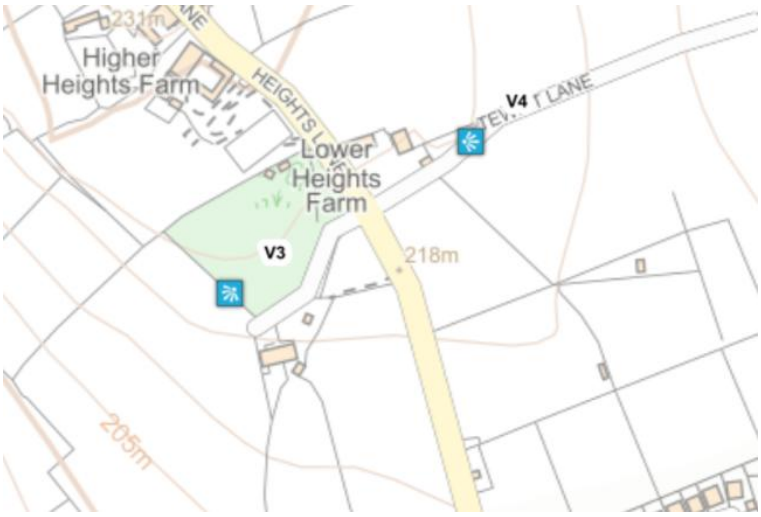
| Ref. | V11 |
|---|---|
| Location | Altar Lane at Druid's Altar. |
| W3W | Crunchy.outs.fidget |
| Description | The view northeast to east over Riddlesden from St Ives Estate, including Druid's Altar. |
| Importance | Stunning view. The view highlights the rural setting of the parish. |
| Policy | Developments to be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the view. |

| Ref. | V12 |
|---|---|
| Location | Altar Lane at Druid's Altar. |
| W3W | Gong.nuance.mule |
| Description | Another view, east to southeast, over Bingley from St Ives Estate, including Druid's Altar. |
| Importance | Stunning view across the town. The view highlights the rural setting of the parish. |
| Policy | Developments to be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the view. |

| Ref. | V13 |
|---|---|
| Location | Five Rise Locks |
| W3W | Camcorder.available.unfair |
| Description | Looking northwards directly up the spectacular staircase of 5 locks at Bingley. |
| Importance | Locks are a grade 1 listed structure and one of the 7 wonders of the waterways. Preserving their location within a rural setting is essential. |
| Policy | The lines of trees to both the left and right of the lock flight to be retained to act as a barrier and a setting for the locks.<br>Developments on either side of the locks to be sensitively designed to not erode or impinge on the view. |

Extracts from Location Map showing the location and direction of each view.





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Drain
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V6
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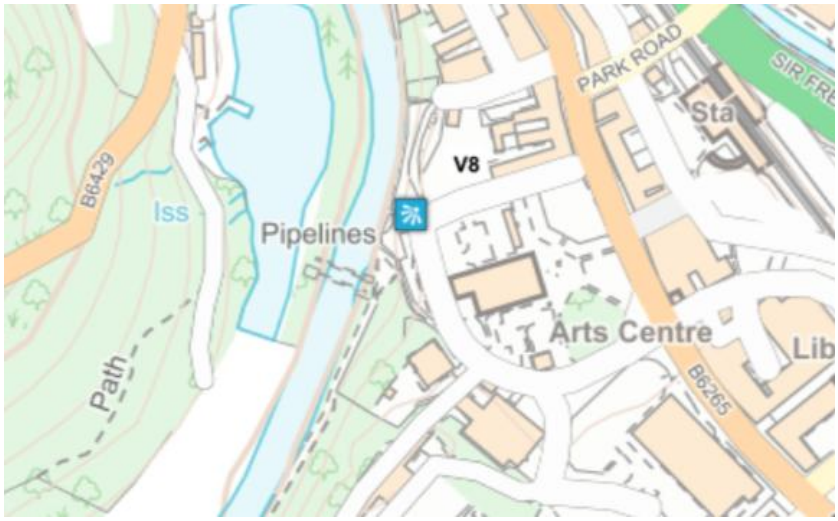
SHERIFF LANE
AVENUE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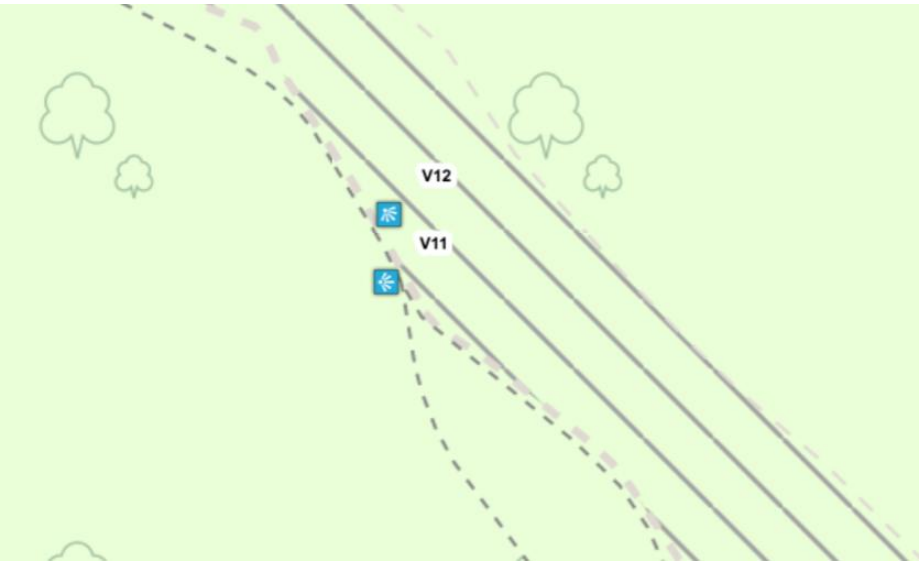
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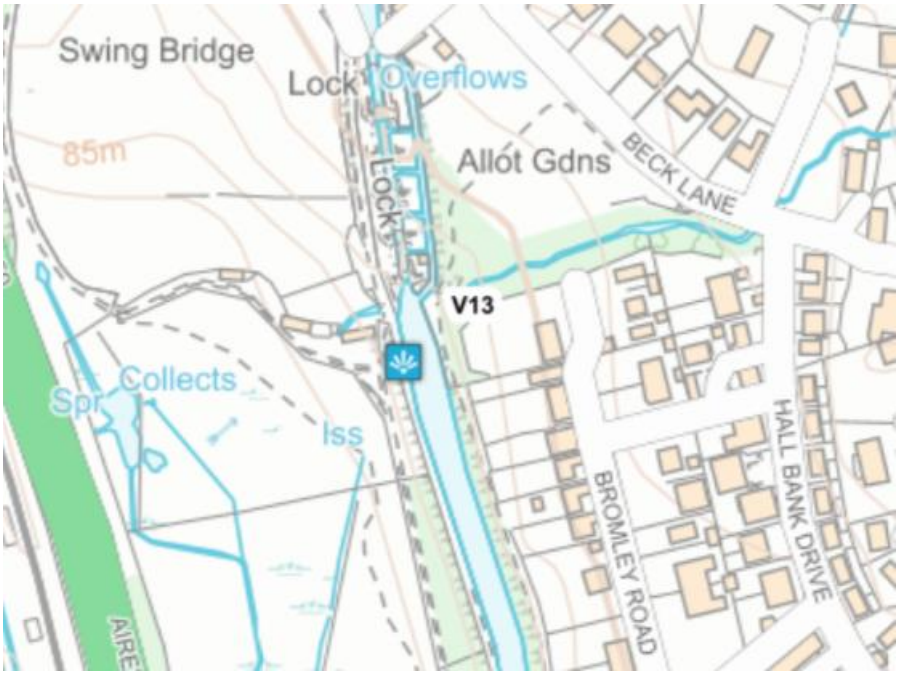
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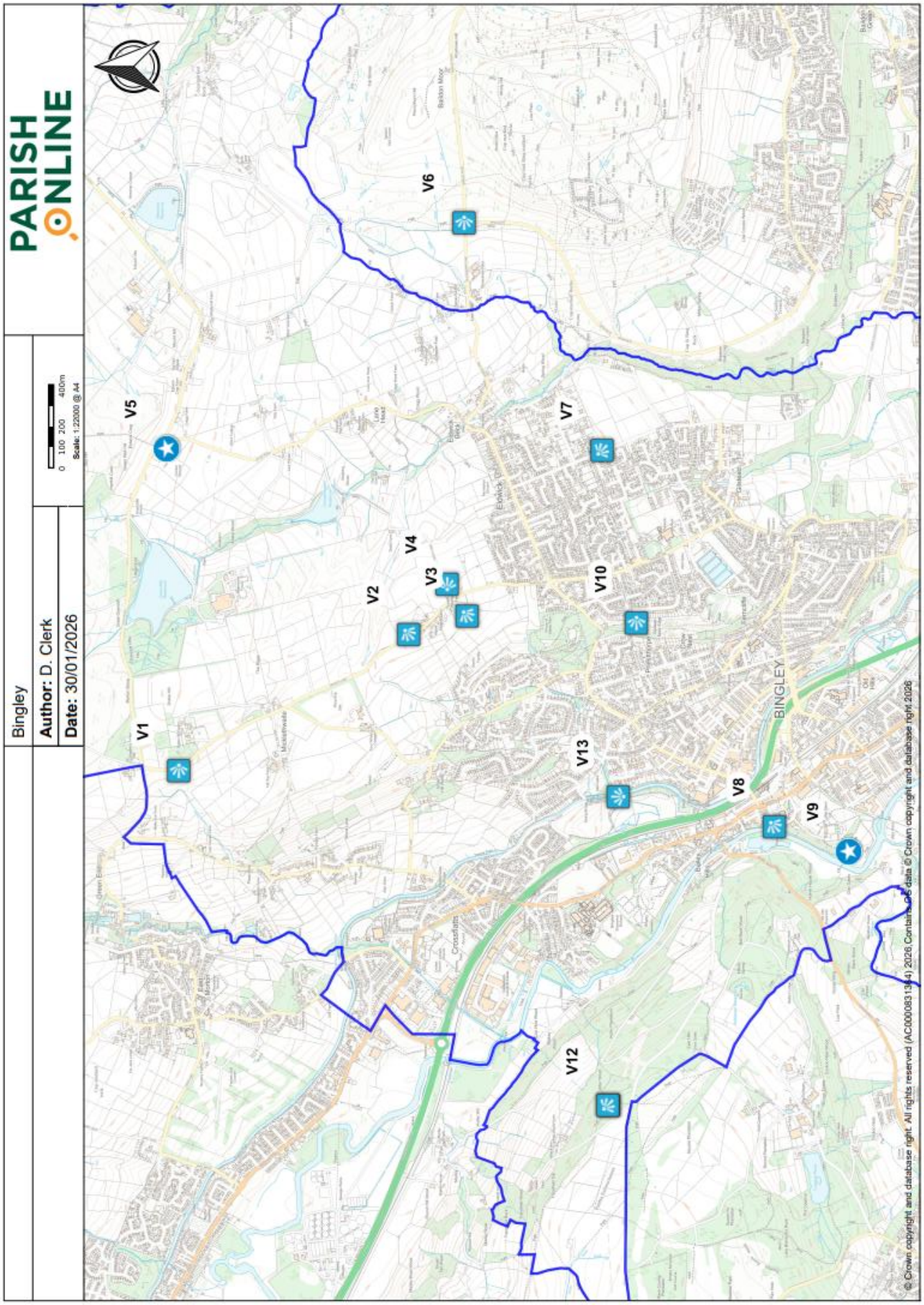
Locations of Views and Vistas