

# South Gloucestershire Landscape Character Assessment

## Annex II: Strategic Viewpoints

### South Gloucestershire Council

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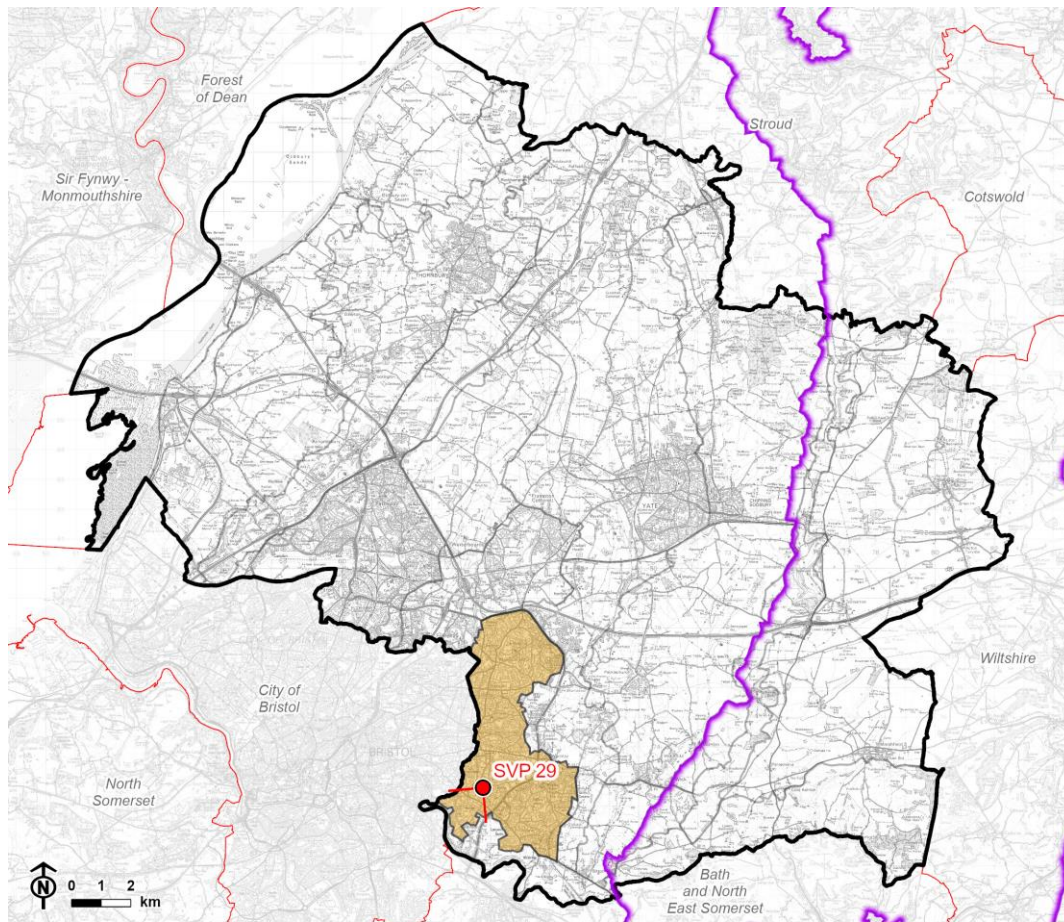
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# Chapter 32

## Strategic Viewpoint 29: Mount Hill (Hanham)

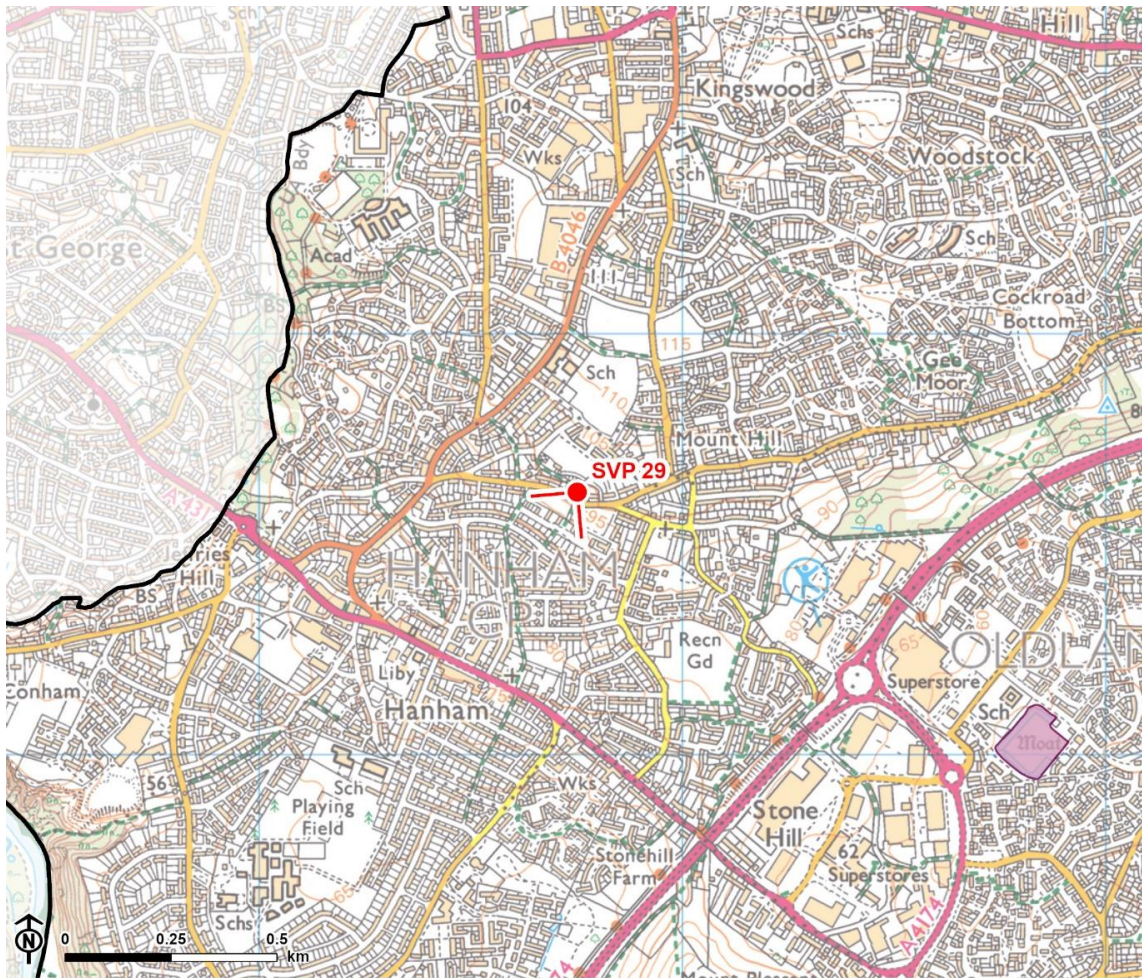
Figure 32.1: Location of Strategic Viewpoint 29 and landscape character context




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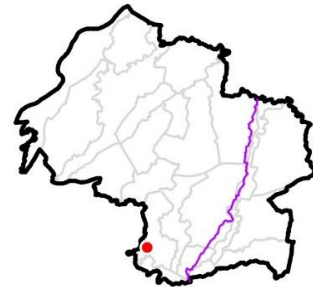
-  Council boundary
-  Neighbouring local authority
-  Cotswolds National Landscape (AONB) boundary
-  LCA 14: Kingswood
-  Strategic viewpoint and angle

Figure 32.2: Detailed map of the location of Strategic Viewpoint 29



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-  Council boundary
-  Cotswolds National Landscape (AONB) boundary
-  Scheduled monument
-  Strategic viewpoint and angle



## Viewpoint Information

**Grid reference:** ST 64760 72666

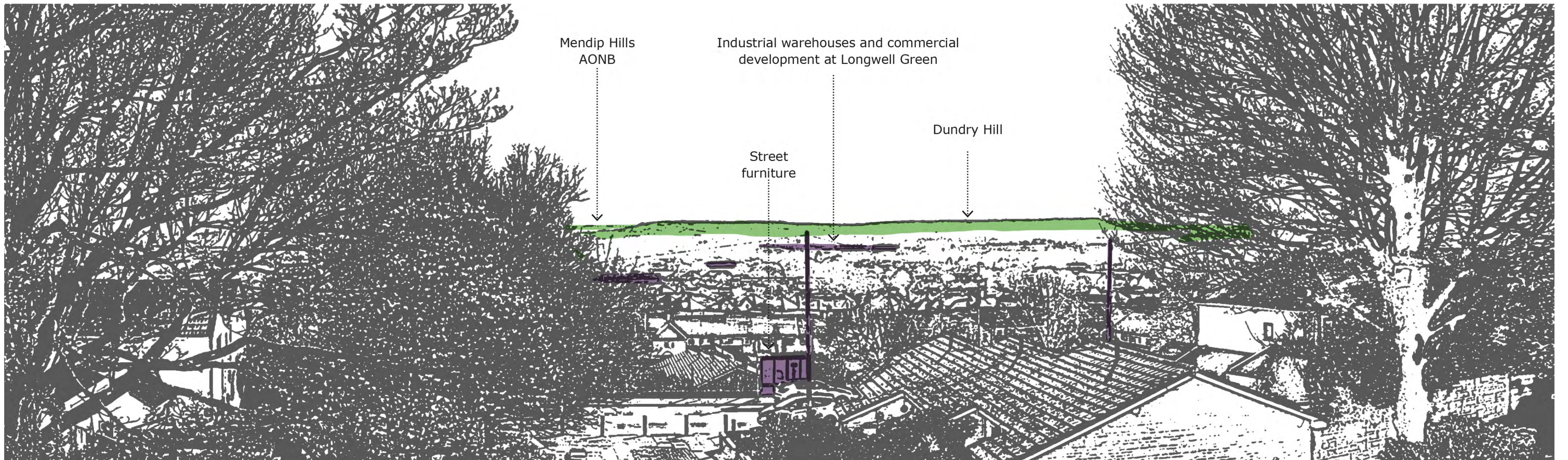
**View location:** Hanham Mount, Mount Hill Road, Kingswood


**View direction:** View south and south-west over LCA 14: Kingswood.

**Relationship with Visually Important Hillside (VIH):** The viewpoint is not located on any VIH.

**Experienced by:** Pedestrians along public footpaths KW/21/20, KW/24/10 and KW/41/10, as well as visitors to Hanham Mount memorial site.

Figure 32.3: View Composition of Strategic Viewpoint 29



 Key landscape feature


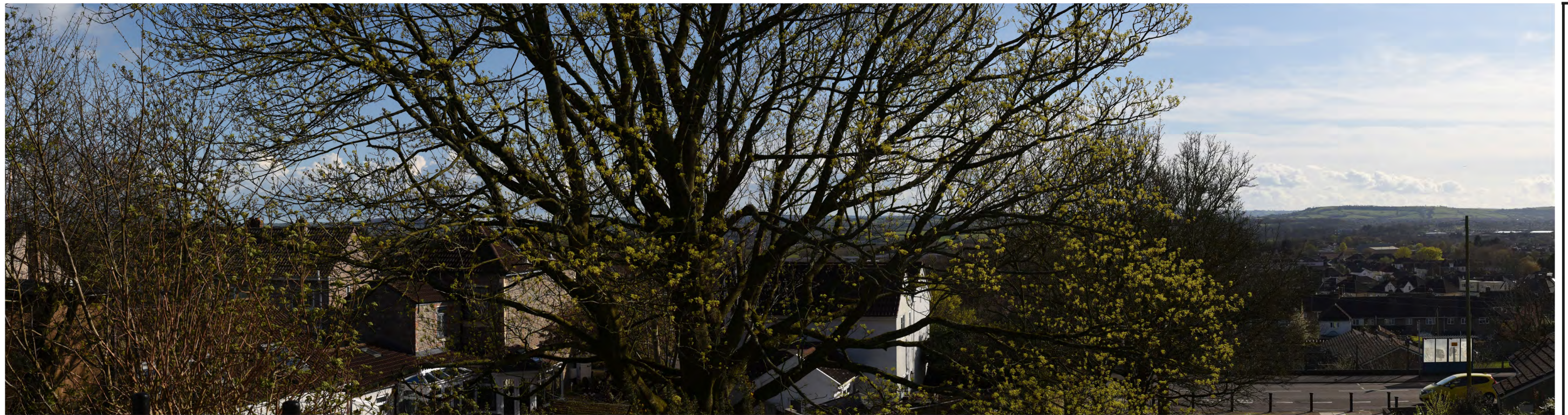
 Detractive feature

Figure 32.4: Full Panoramic Photograph of Strategic Viewpoint 29



Strategic Viewpoint 29: Hanham Mount



Strategic Viewpoint 29 (continued)



## Characteristics

### Popularity, access and facilities

- The viewpoint location is marked on Google Maps as 'Hanham Mount' and is likely to attract visitors as a result.
- The viewpoint is publicly accessible along public footpath KW/21/20 and can be reached via Mount Hill Road, as well as from Gunnings Close to the north.
- A bus stop and a small parking area are provided adjacent to the viewpoint on Mount Hill Road. There is also an information board, outdoor pulpit and commemorative landscaped garden at the viewpoint location, facilitating enjoyment and interpretation of the landscape.

### Quality, value and features of the view

- An elevated viewpoint that provides panoramic views (180°) over the urban area of Hanham, Conham, Kingswood (within LCA 14), towards the wooded slopes of the Avon Valley (within LCA 16), and beyond to North Somerset.
- Dundry Hill (in North Somerset) is a dominant landform feature and forms the skyline in views to the south-west. The edge of the Mendip Hills National Landscape (AONB) can also be seen in long views to the south.
- Large warehouses and industrial buildings in Longwell Green (including Gallagher Shopping Centre), and infrastructure along Mount Hill Road (e.g. streetlamps, bus stop, chain link fence) detract from the overall composition of the view.

## Summary

The Hanham Mount viewpoint is categorised as a SVP as it meets most of the criteria to some extent. It is a well-known viewpoint and likely to attract many visitors, being at the site of the Hanham Mount memorial; it is located on a public footpath with an information board, outdoor pulpit and commemorative landscaped garden provided to facilitate enjoyment and interpretation of the landscape. It provides a panoramic view that takes in the notable landscape features of Dundry Hill and the Mendip Hills National Landscape (AONB).

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