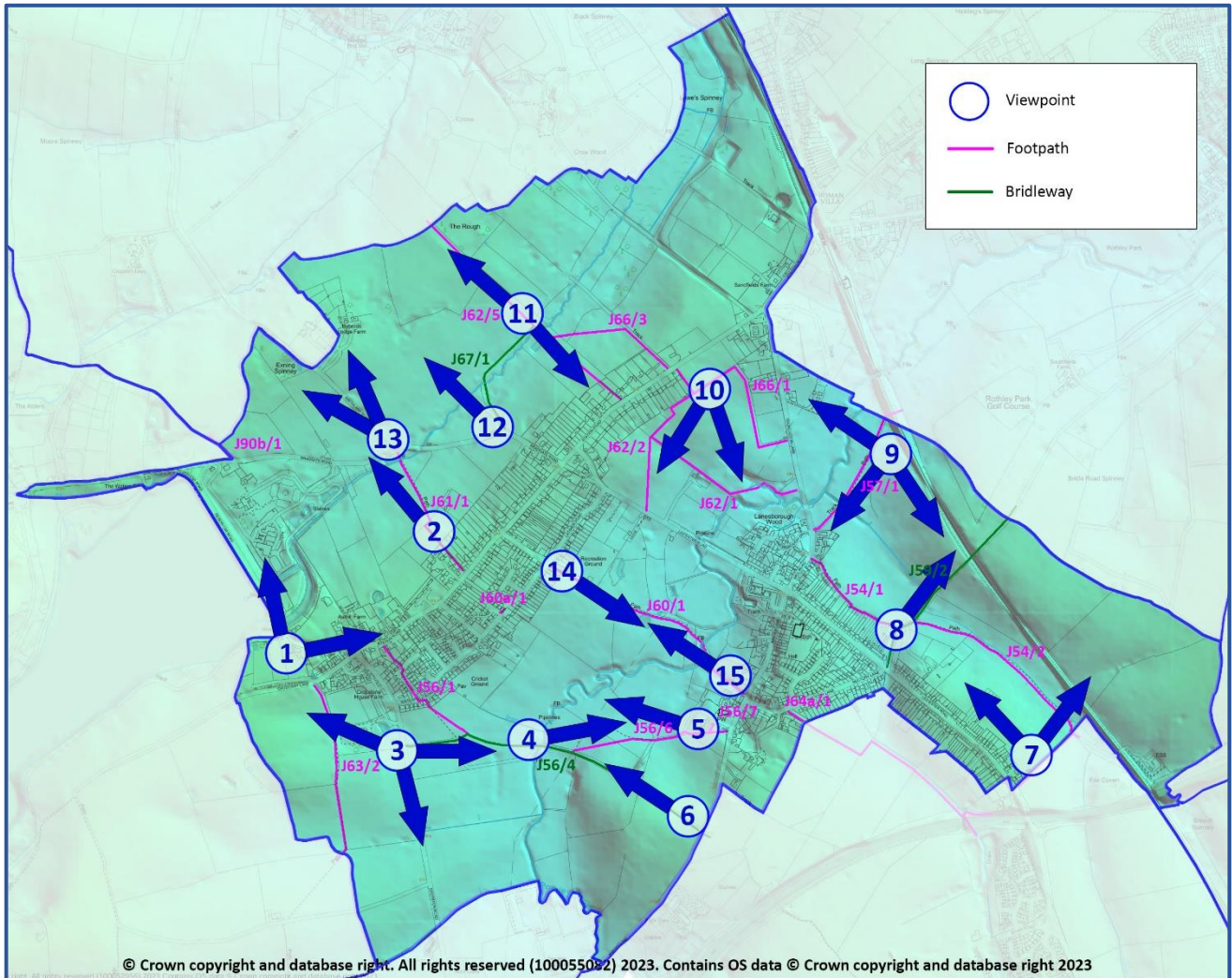


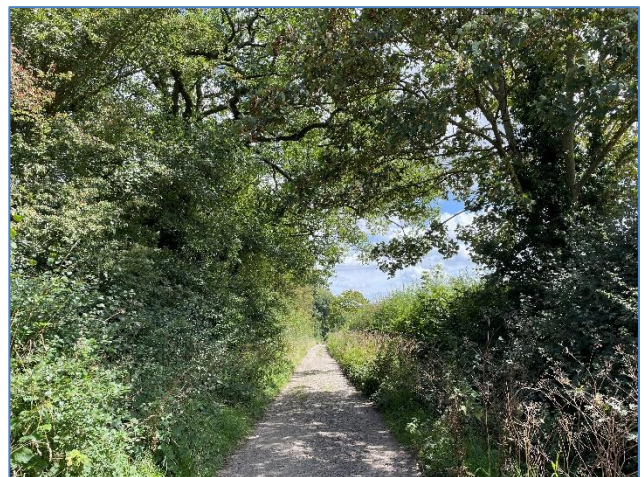
IMPORTANT VIEWS IN THURCASTON AND CROPSTON

LOCATIONS



EVIDENCE BASE

1. Views west along Causeway Lane, Cropston, towards Cropston Reservoir; east along Causeway Lane, Cropston, towards Cropston; and northeast along the Cropston Reservoir dam and wall near Parish Boundary, with trees of the Old Pumping Station on skyline, from Footpath J75 at top of Causeway Lane.





2. Panorama across pasture Field 2-16 towards Swithland Wood from Footpath J61, leading from Station Road Cropston to Bradgate Road



3. Panoramic view toward Bradgate Park to northwest of Cropston Road, Cropston; from Footpath J63, east to Thurcaston across valley of the Rothley Brook; and from Footpath J63, east across valley of the Rothley Brook to well-preserved ridge and furrow field, southwest of Thurcaston

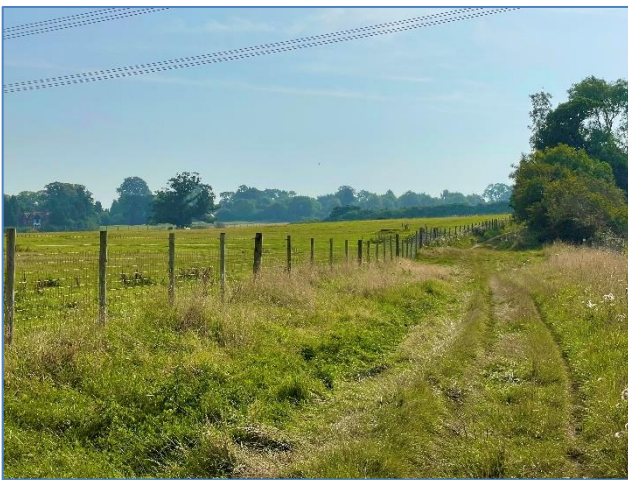




4. From footpath J56, off Cropston Road, looking east towards Coffin Bridge; west towards Cropston Road from near Coffin Bridge; and north across fields 1-09 and 1-05 to Cropston from Coffin Bridge



5. From Anstey Lane, Thurcaston, view west along Footpath J56, following line of sunken road of Old Thurcaston adjacent to All Saints Churchyard; from top of Footpath J56, Old Thurcaston, panorama of the valley of the Rothley Brook and water meadows, with Cropston and the Charnwood Hills including Bradgate Park beyond; from bridleway J56 close to Coffin Bridge, looking northeast across the ridge and furrow fields of 9-10 and 9-11 towards Thurcaston; and northeast towards All Saints Church, Thurcaston, from Footpath J56



6. From Anstey Lane, Thurcaston, panorama northwest along Bridleway J56 to Cropston and beyond to the Charnwood Hills.



7. Sweeping views from Leicester Road and track leading northeast along Parish boundary towards the green corridor of the GCR, (LWS), linking with Footpath J54 to Wanlip. Important Zone of Separation, as the fields on rising ground to the horizon are now allocated for the new Broadnook development. Also northwest across fields 8-01 and 8-02 behind houses of Thurcaston village on Leicester Road, from adjacent track, bordered by green corridor of GCR (LWS). Important zone of separation as the fields on rising ground to the northeast are now allocated for the new Broadnook development.



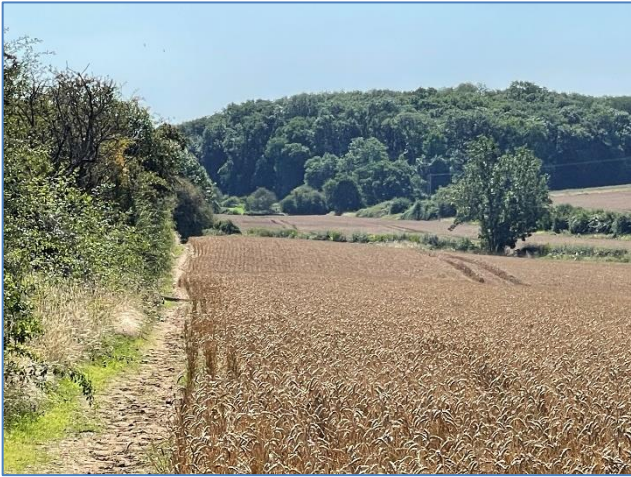
8. View northeast along Bridleway J59 towards GCR embankment; and along Bridleway J59 running northeast through OSSR land, near to junction with Leicester Road, Thurcaston.



9. Multiple viewpoint taking in many valued aspects of the landscape and recreational amenities of the Plan Area.

a) Field Pond on northwestern edge of Thurcaston, looking northeast to the Great Central Railway line from Footpath J57, near to Mill Lane, Thurcaston; b). Footpath J57, looking northeast across mature hedgerows to GCR embankment; c) Footpath J57, approaching the GCR embankment and Parish Boundary to the northeast; d) panorama west across the fields and hedgerows bordering Thurcaston to Bradgate Park from the popular GCR embankment path; e) northwest along GCR embankment path with steam train heading for Birstall; f) northwest along popular GCR embankment path towards Swithland Hall Estate; g) continuation of GCR embankment path, looking southeast along mature hedgerow corridor to Breeches Spinney and Parish boundary; h) southwest to Thurcaston from Footpath J59, near junction with GCR embankment path; i) from bridge over Great Central Railway Line looking south east towards Birstall from Footpath J59; j) north west into Rothley Golf Course from Footpath J59 (Compartment 7-02); k) southwest along Footpath J57, close to GCR embankment; and southeast across Rothley Golf Course, bordered by GCR to the southwest, from Footpath J57





10. From Footpath J62, behind houses on Station Road, Cropston, panorama south towards Thurcaston; and southwest from Footpath J62, behind houses on Station Road, Cropston, with land sloping gently down to the Rothley Brook



11. View southeast along Footpath J62, towards Station Road, Cropston from Footpath J67; northwest from Footpath J62 towards Parish boundary with Swithland. 'The Rough' wood to the northeast, part of the Swithland Hall Estate, forms a much-loved landmark along this route; panoramic view toward the Charnwood Hills, northwest of Footpath J62, from 'The Rough'; from 'The Rough' along Footpath J62 southeast towards Cropston; and from junction of Footpaths J62 and J66, looking east to the woodlands of Swithland Hall Estate.

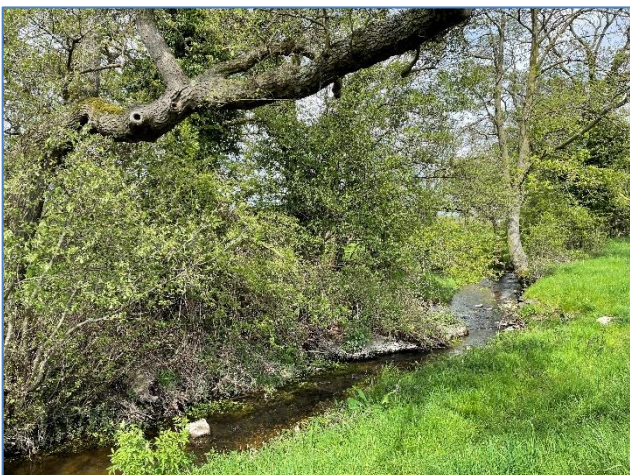




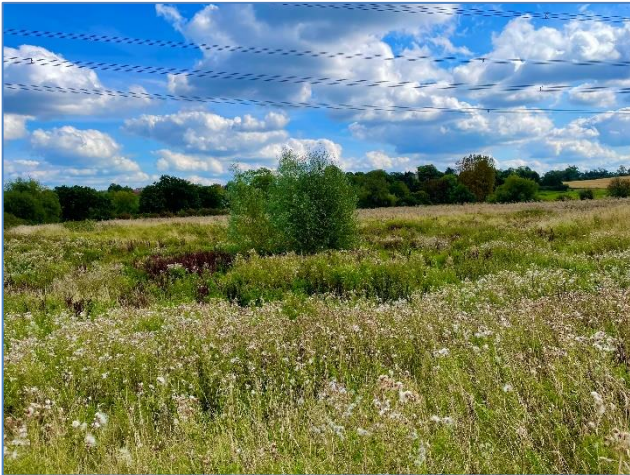
12. From Bradgate Road, Cropston, view north across Ridge and Furrow field 2-09 to stream, mature hedgerows and field 2-04 beyond; from Bradgate Road, at junction with Station Road, Cropston, looking northwest beyond Bybrook Farm to Swithland Woods on the horizon; and from footpath J67, running northeast between field 2-04, with fine specimen oak trees and stream with species-rich marginal vegetation and mature hedgerow.



13. From bridge on Bradgate Road, Cropston, view west towards junction with Swithland Road, beyond to the agricultural land of Bybrook Farm (Field 2-04) and Exning Spinney; picturesque Leicester Lane northwest towards Exning Spinney; from Leicester Lane looking northwest along avenue of mature oak trees; from Leicester Lane southwest into Field 2-06 and beyond towards Puddledyke; and northeast from bridge over outlet stream, Footpath J61, close to Bradgate Road/ Leicester Lane junction.



14. Along Brooky Lane, southeast towards green corridor of the Rothley Brook and Sandham Bridge; northeast across rough pasture fields towards Leicester Road; and southwest across field pond in Field 9-02 to green corridor of the Rothley Brook



15. Brooky Lane (Footpath J60) at its southern end: northwest from Anstey Lane, Thurcaston, towards Sandham Bridge; northwest along Brooky Lane to green corridor of the Rothley Brook (LWS); view of Rothley Brook from Sandham Bridge, looking southwest; near Sandham Bridge, view east across 'The Paddocks' to Anstey Lane, Thurcaston; southwest across LWS water meadow, rich in important meadow indicator plant species; southwest towards Rothley Brook, alongside field 9-02; and northwest towards Cropston from Brooky Lane, alongside Field 9-02 and mature, berry-rich hedgerow.



