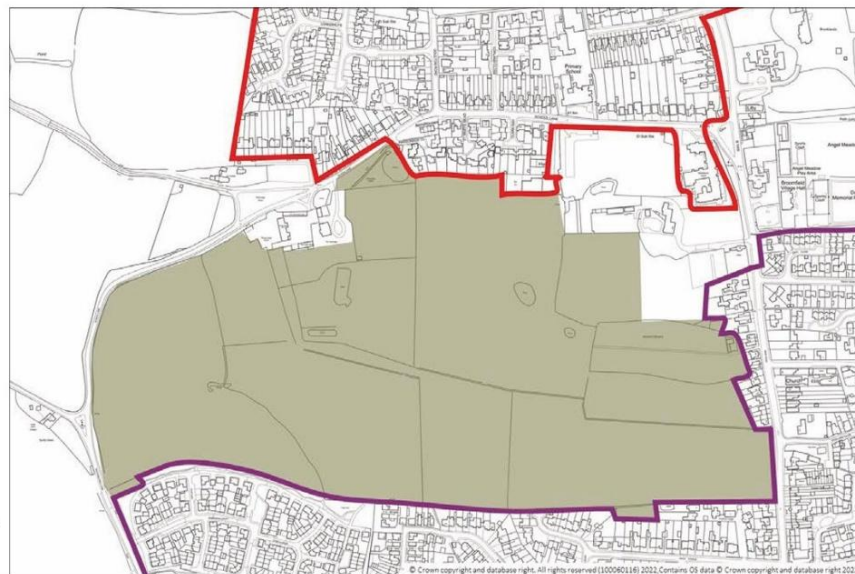


## Landscape and Countryside

The Neighbourhood Plan is a ‘landscape-led’ Plan. That’s because so much of it is about conserving and enhancing the countryside around the village. If the Plan is passed, these are the main things that any new planning applications will need to take account of:

- **Keeping the Gap between Broomfield village and the Chelmsford urban area.**

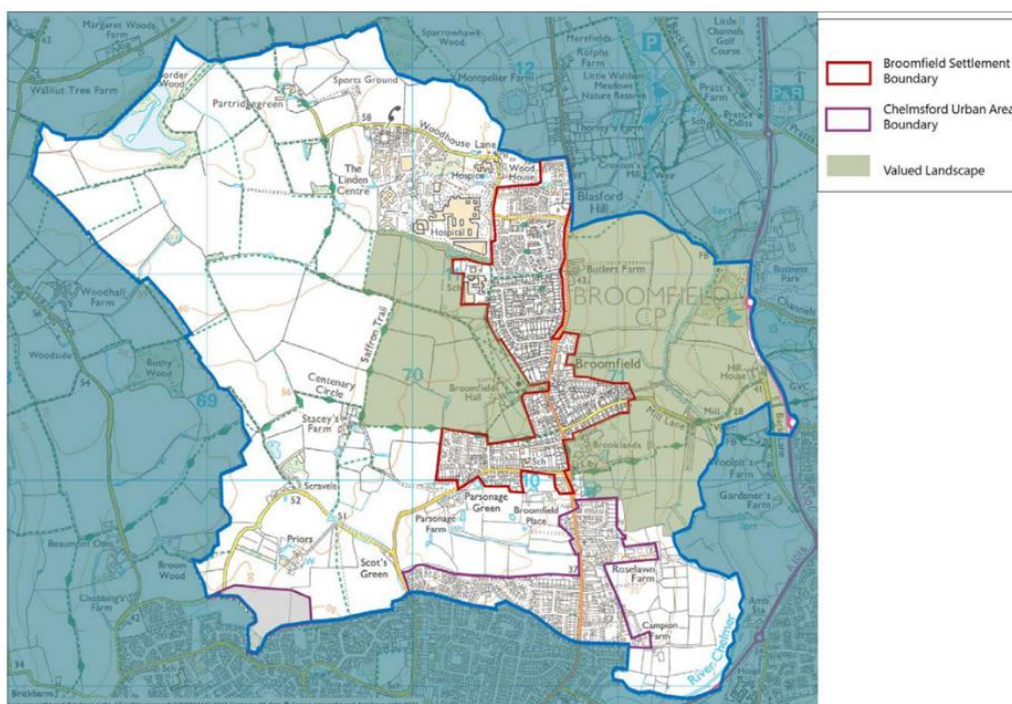
The ‘Felsted Field Gap’ (opposite Roselawn Fields) will become a strategic buffer to stop the urban area expanding northwards to coalesce with the village.



Map 4 - Settlement Buffer (shaded area)

- **Valued Landscapes**

Two large areas of countryside have been assessed as being ‘Valued Landscape’. This means they’re judged to have a combination of important characteristics that makes them very special.



Future development would be very unlikely. [Read the professional assessment.](#)

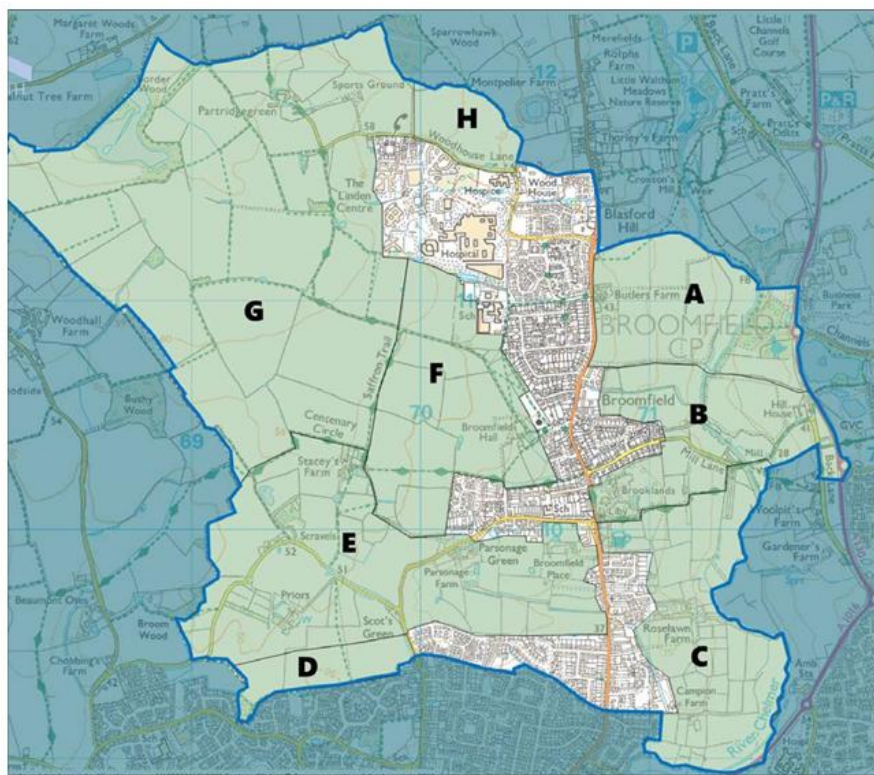
- **Local Green Spaces**

15 pieces of land will be designated as ‘Local Green Space’ meaning they will be treated like Green Belt, so future development would be highly unlikely.

[See map of the Local Green Spaces.](#)

- **Landscape Assessment**

Based on professional assessment, all the countryside in the Parish has been divided into 8 ‘local character areas’, A to H. These areas have all been professionally assessed to outline their special characteristics and sensitivities. Most of these areas are judged to have little or no capacity for residential or commercial development.

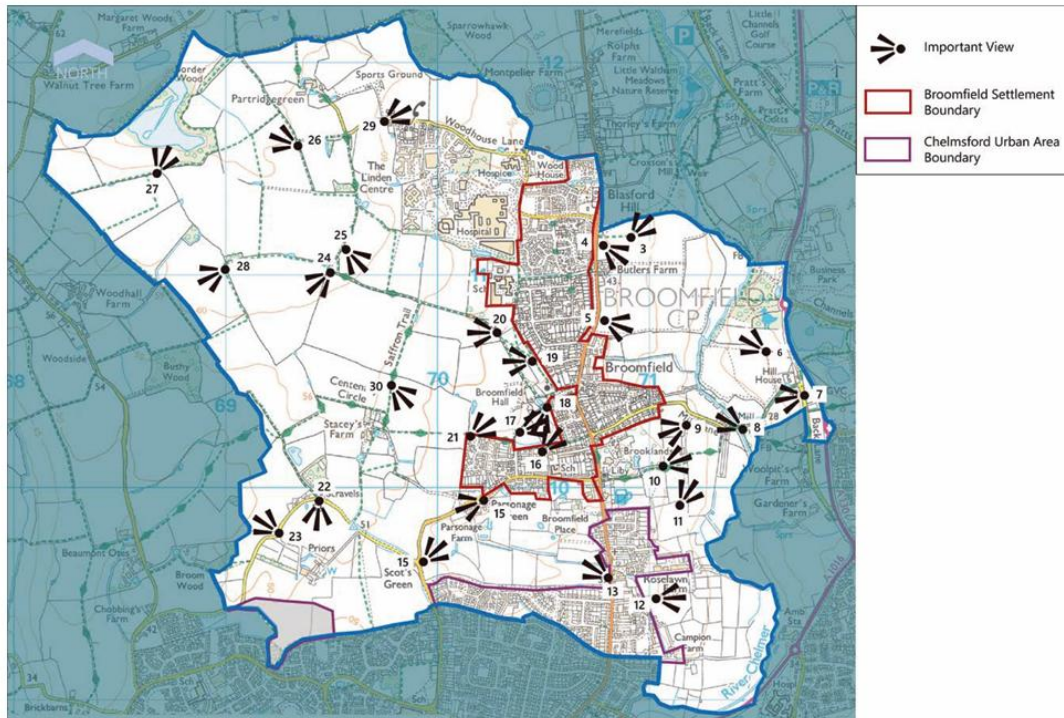


Map 3 - Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan Landscape Appraisal Character Areas

[Read the professional Landscape Appraisal.](#)

- **Key views**

29 views have been professionally assessed as ‘key views’. Any development within these views will have to explain how they would avoid spoiling the view.



Map 6 - Important views (numbered), listed and described in the Review of Local Green Space, Valued Landscape and Key Views

[See photos and full details of the views.](#)

Finally, for full details .....

[Read the full chapter on Broomfield's Landscape Setting](#)

Or, for more info about protected Local Green Spaces and conserving high quality farmland, [read the full chapter on the Natural Environment](#)