

Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council

Wirral Environmental Sensitivity Study Map Appendix

November 2021

Figure 1.1: The Wirral Peninsula - Settlement areas

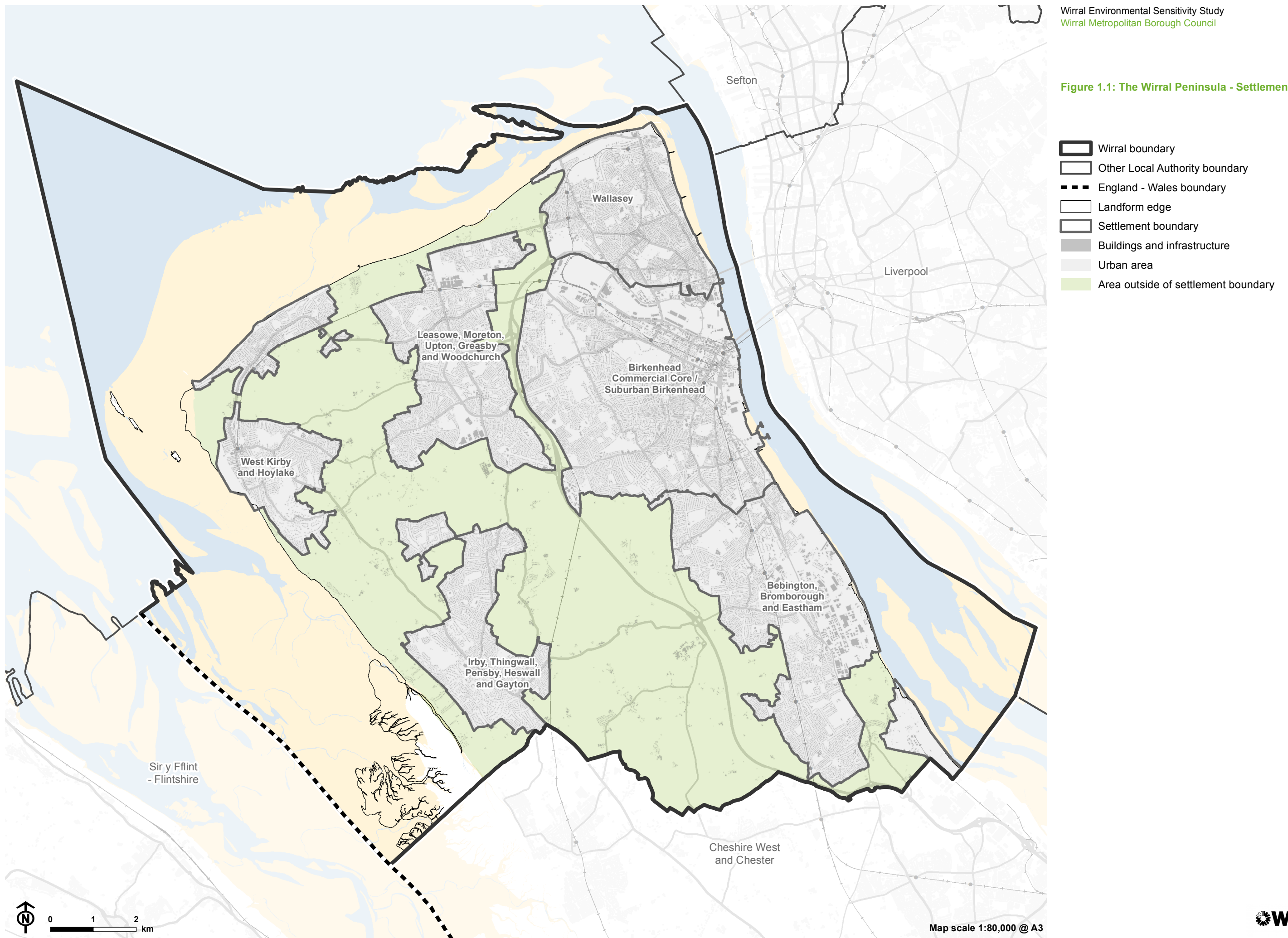
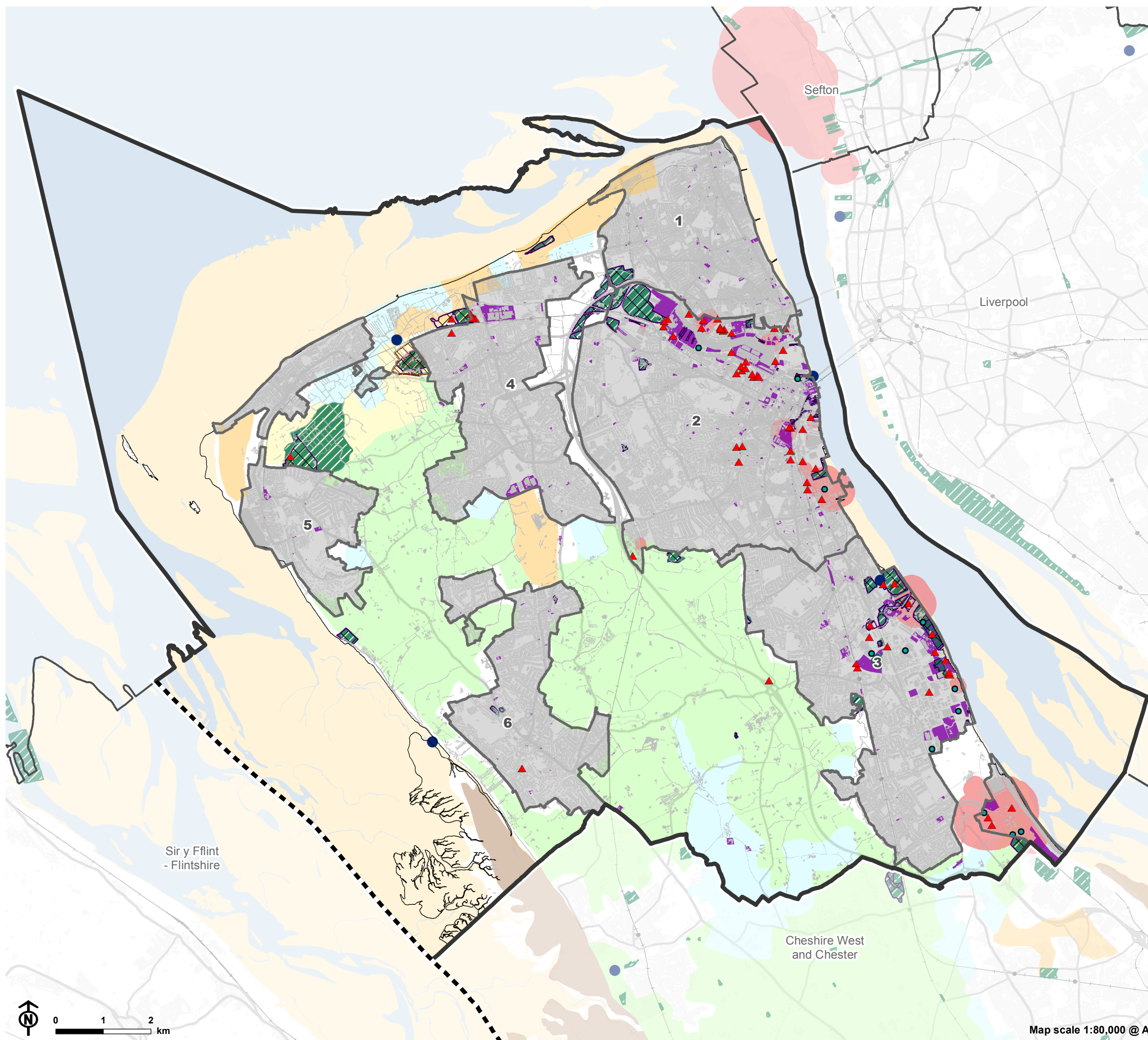


Figure 3.1: Land, soils, minerals and waste sites in Wirral



- Wirral boundary
- Other Local Authority boundary
- England - Wales boundary
- Landform edge
- Settlement boundary
- Permitted waste site
- Industry / processing facility
- Urban waste water treatment plant
- Physical constraints
- Waste disposal site
- Historic landfill site
- Mineral reserve
- Brownfield site
- COMAH site

Agricultural Land Classification

- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Grade 5
- Non Agricultural

Note

Physical constraints include roads, railways, buildings, water courses, waterbodies, flood defences, areas of coastal erosion and permitted waste sites.

The Agricultural Land Classification data is very coarse in detail and in some instances mistakenly categorises urban land outside of settlement boundaries. Settlement boundary lines should therefore be used to delineate 'urban areas'. Removal of the ALC urban classification has resulted in white space appearing around the edges of these settlement boundary lines.

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Figure 3.2: Land, soils, minerals and waste sites in Wirral and their sensitivity

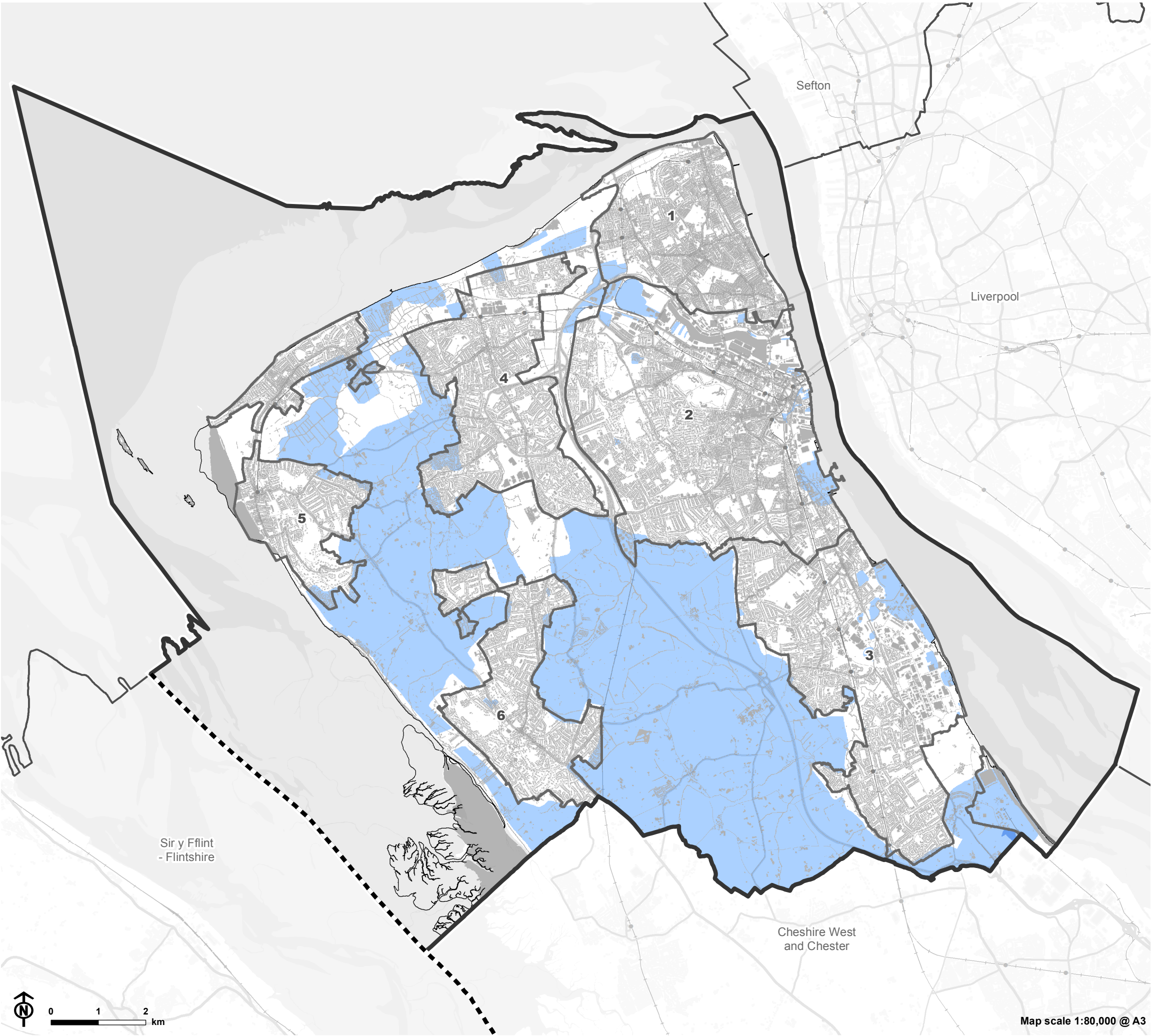
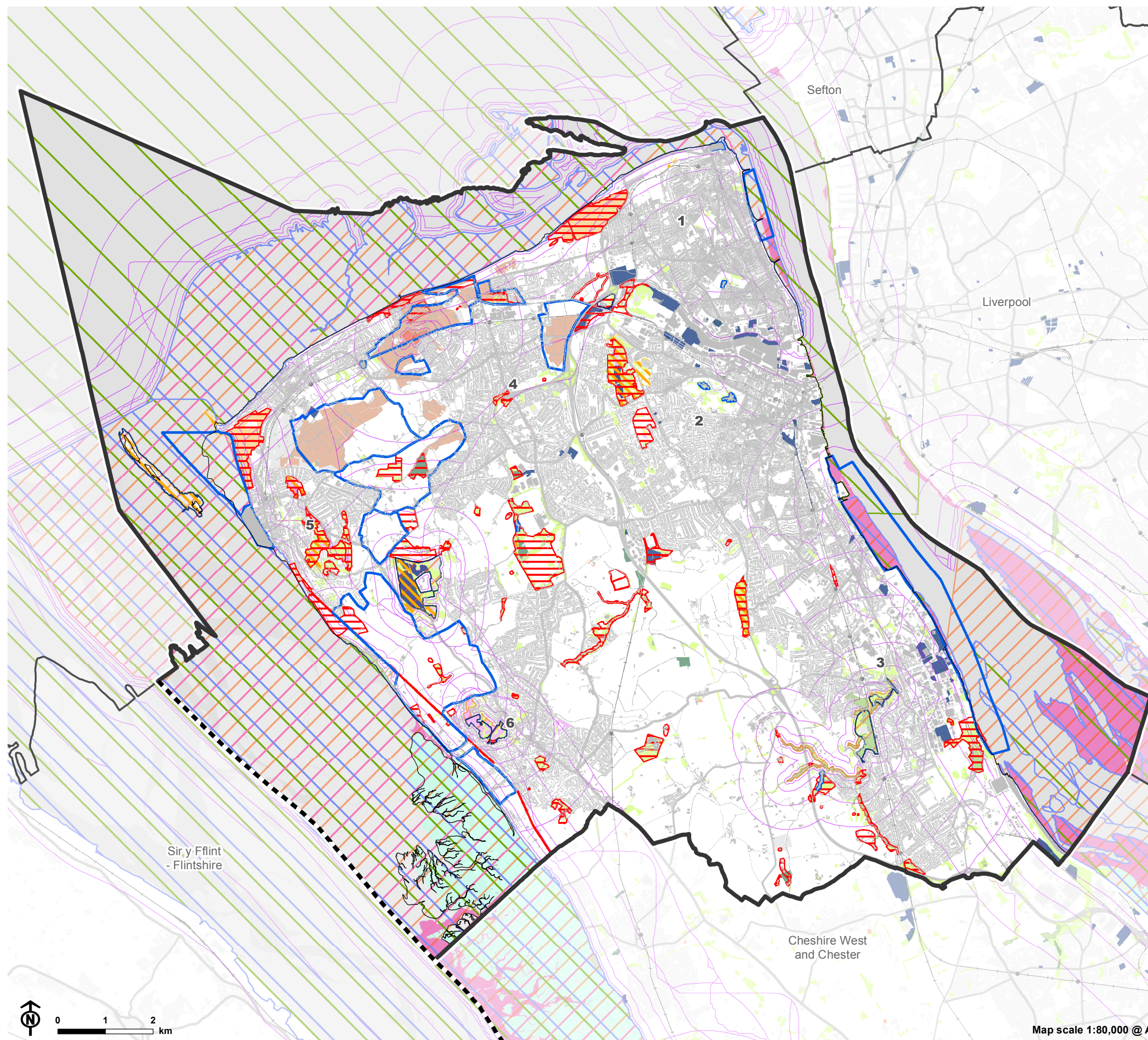


Figure 4.1: Ecology and geology assets in Wirral



- Wirral boundary
 - Other Local Authority boundary
 - England - Wales boundary
 - Landform edge
 - Physical constraint
 - Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
 - Special Protection Area (SPA)
 - Ramsar
 - Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
 - SSSI Impact Risk Zone - (IRZ) Residential
 - Local Wildlife Site (LWS) (2021)
 - WeBS boundaries
 - Local Nature Reserve (LNR)
 - Local Geological Site (LGS)
 - Ancient woodland
- Priority Habitat Inventory (PHI)**
- Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh
 - Coastal saltmarsh
 - Coastal sand dunes
 - Deciduous woodland
 - Good quality semi-improved grassland
 - Lowland dry acid grassland
 - Lowland heathland
 - Lowland meadows
 - Maritime cliff and slope
 - Mudflats
 - No main habitat but additional habitats present
 - Reedbeds
 - Saline lagoons
 - Traditional orchard
 - Open mosaic habitat

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Figure 4.2: Biodiversity and geodiversity assets in Wirral and their sensitivity

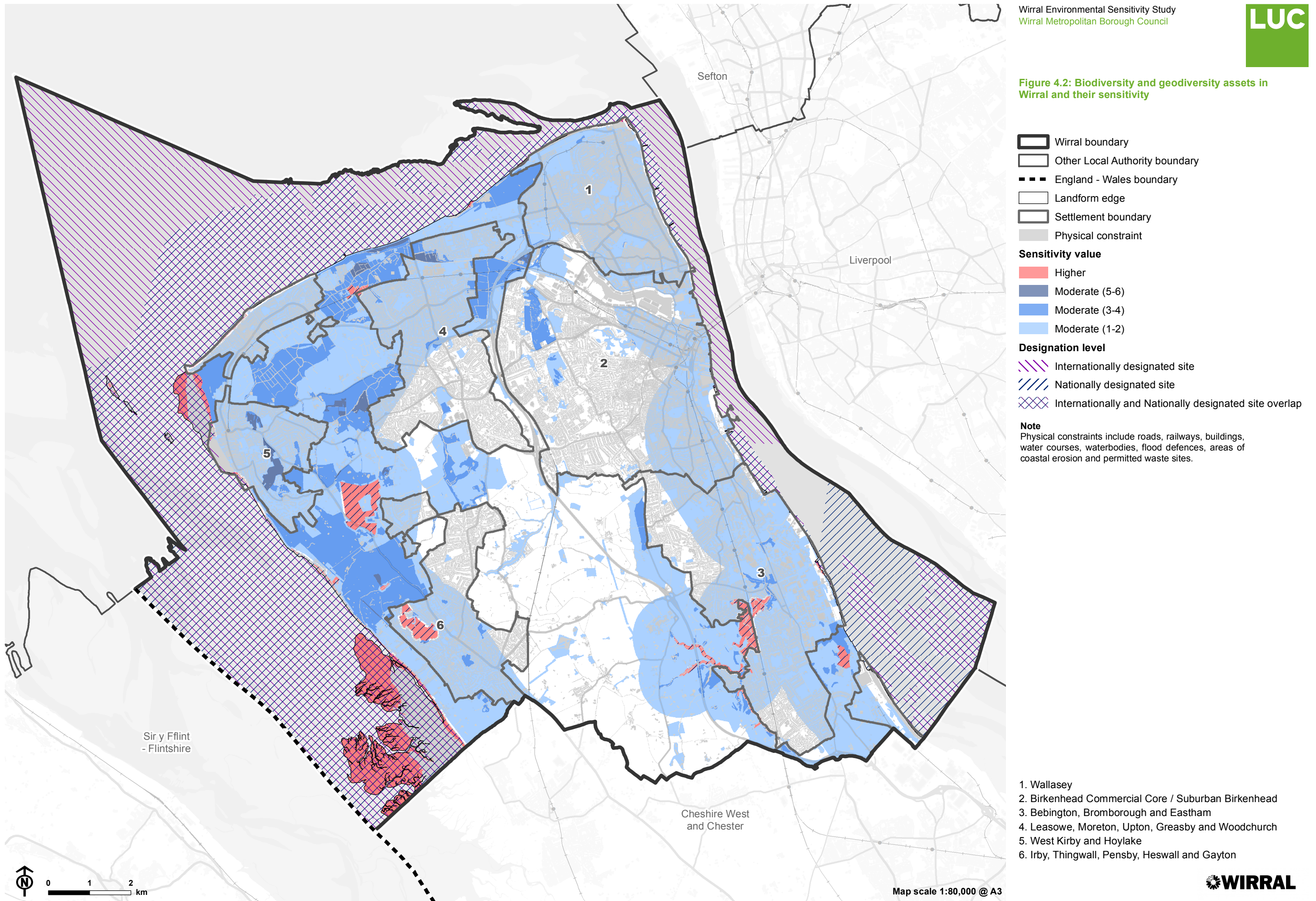


Figure 5.1: Water and coastal environment assets in Wirral

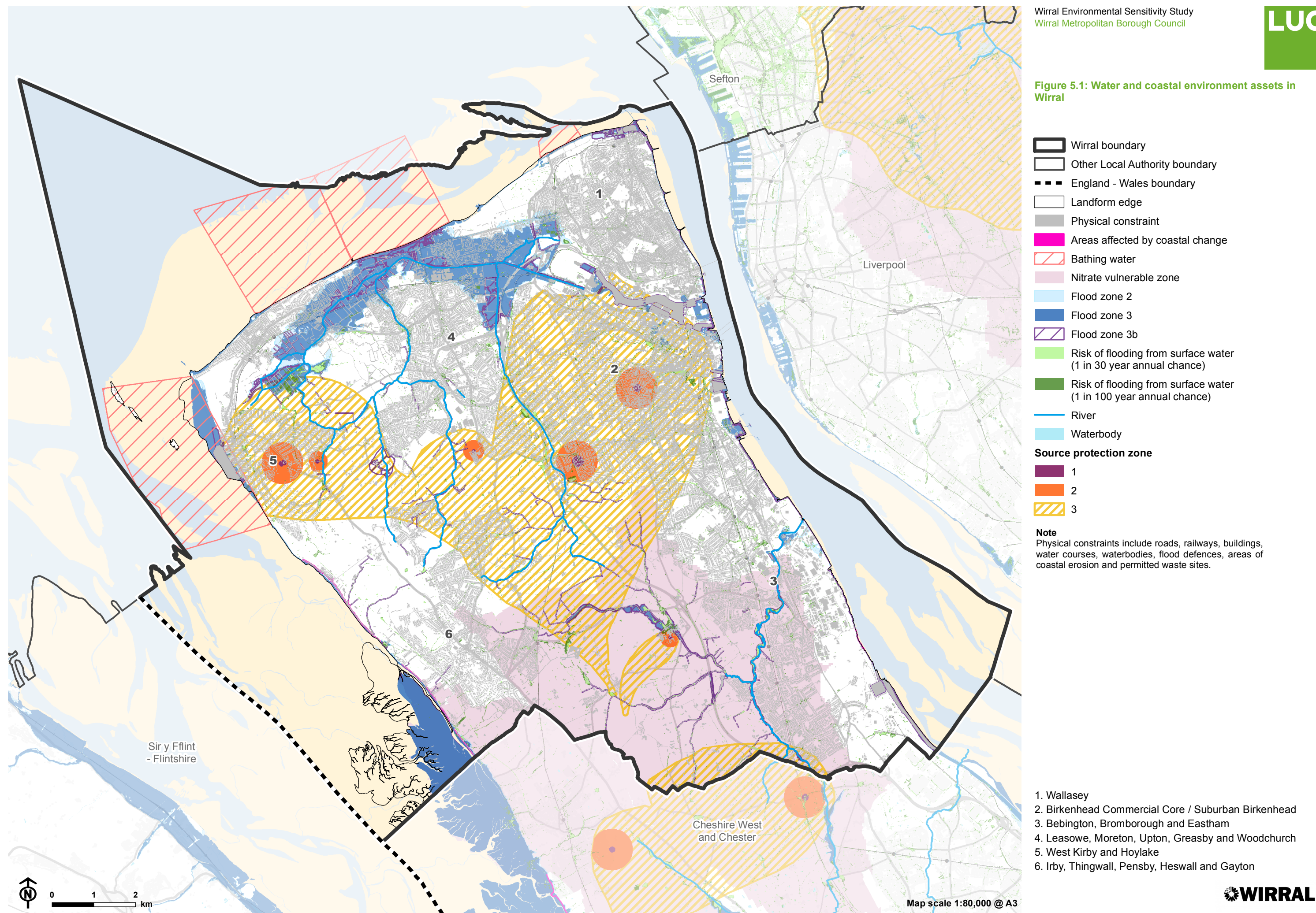
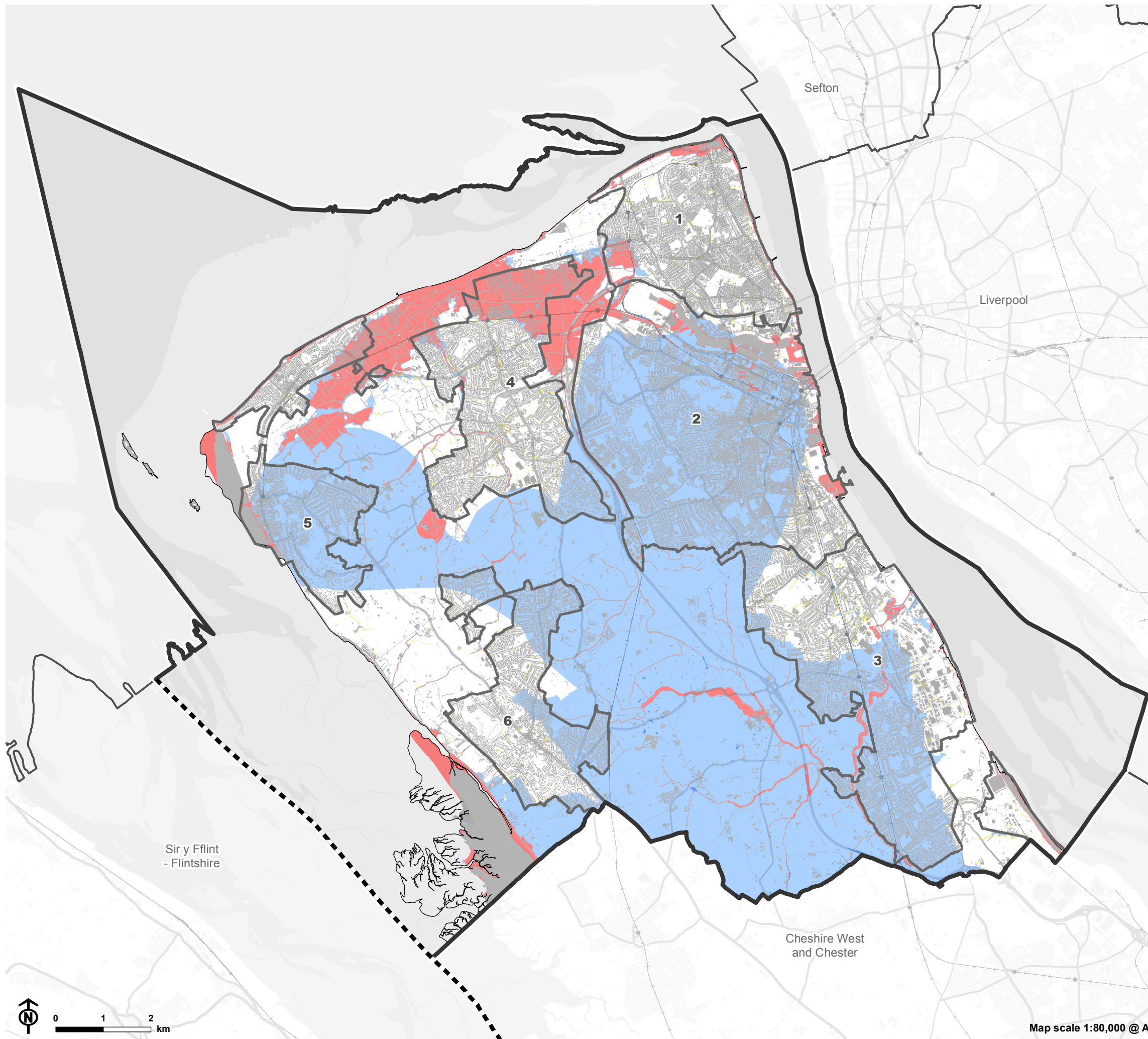


Figure 5.3: Water and coastal environment assets in Wirral and their sensitivity



- Wirral boundary
- Other Local Authority boundary
- England - Wales boundary
- Landform edge
- Settlement boundary
- Physical constraint

Sensitivity value

- Higher
- Moderate (5-6)
- Moderate (3-4)
- Moderate (1-2)
- Lower

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Figure 6.1: Historic environment in Wirral

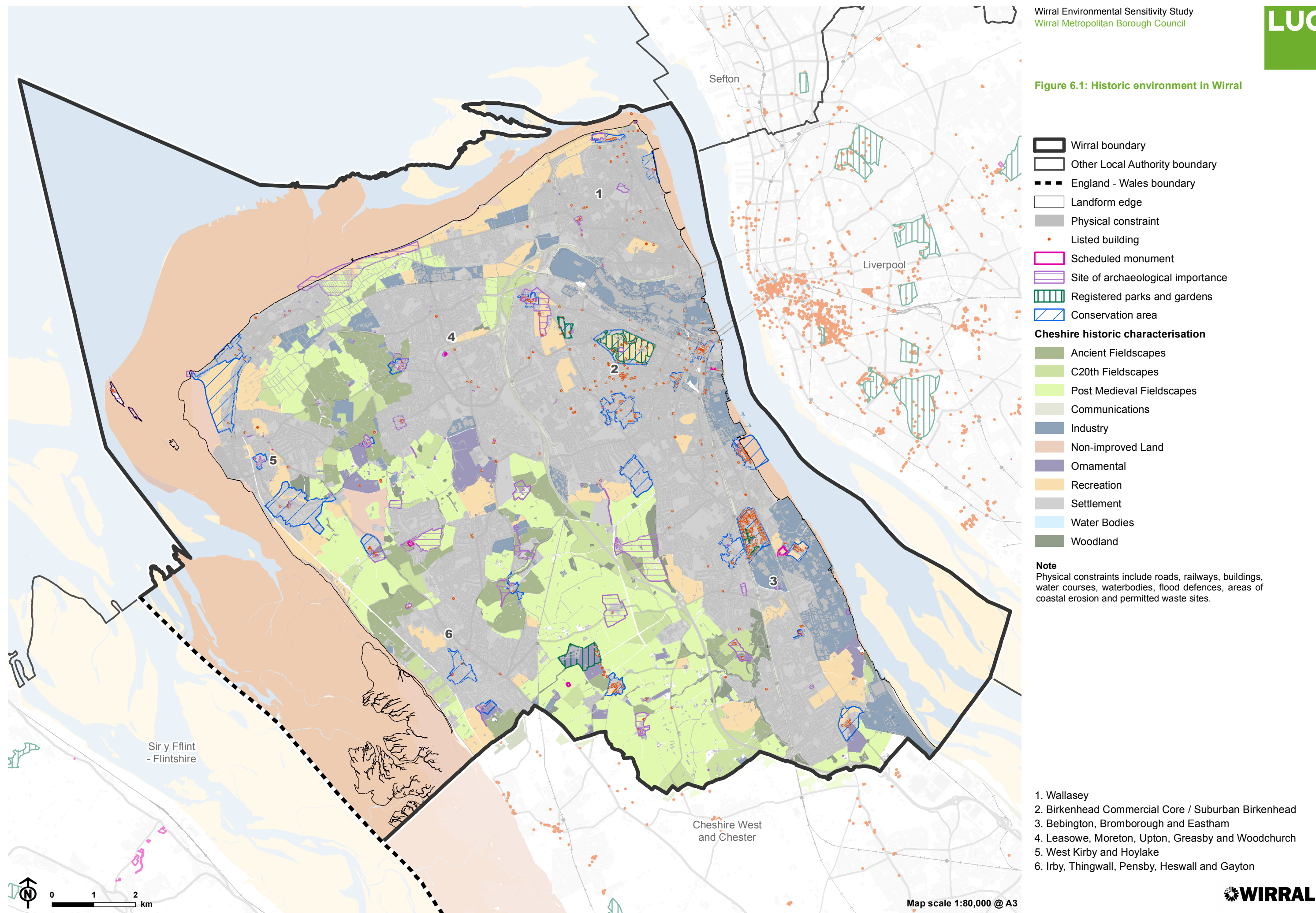
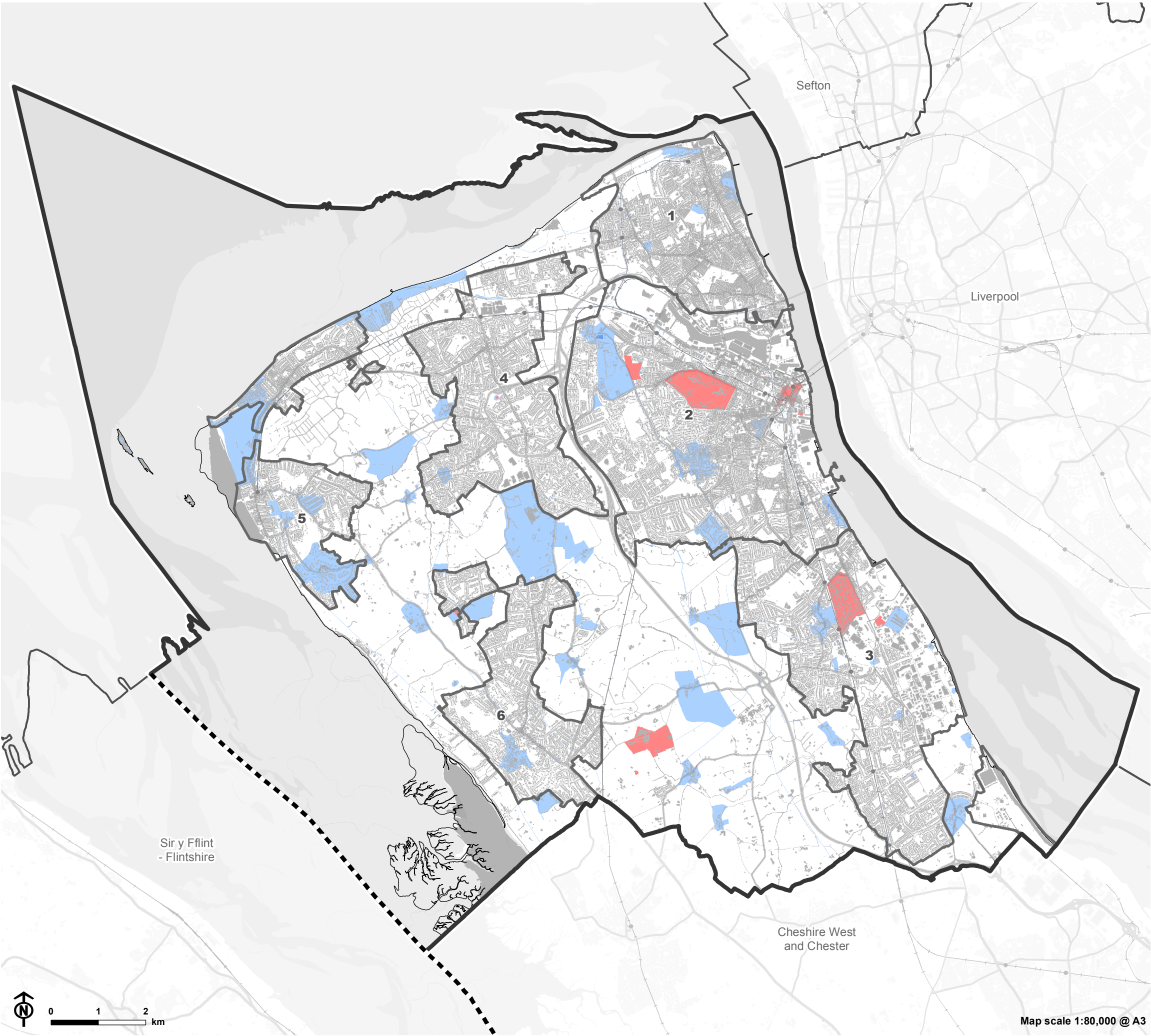
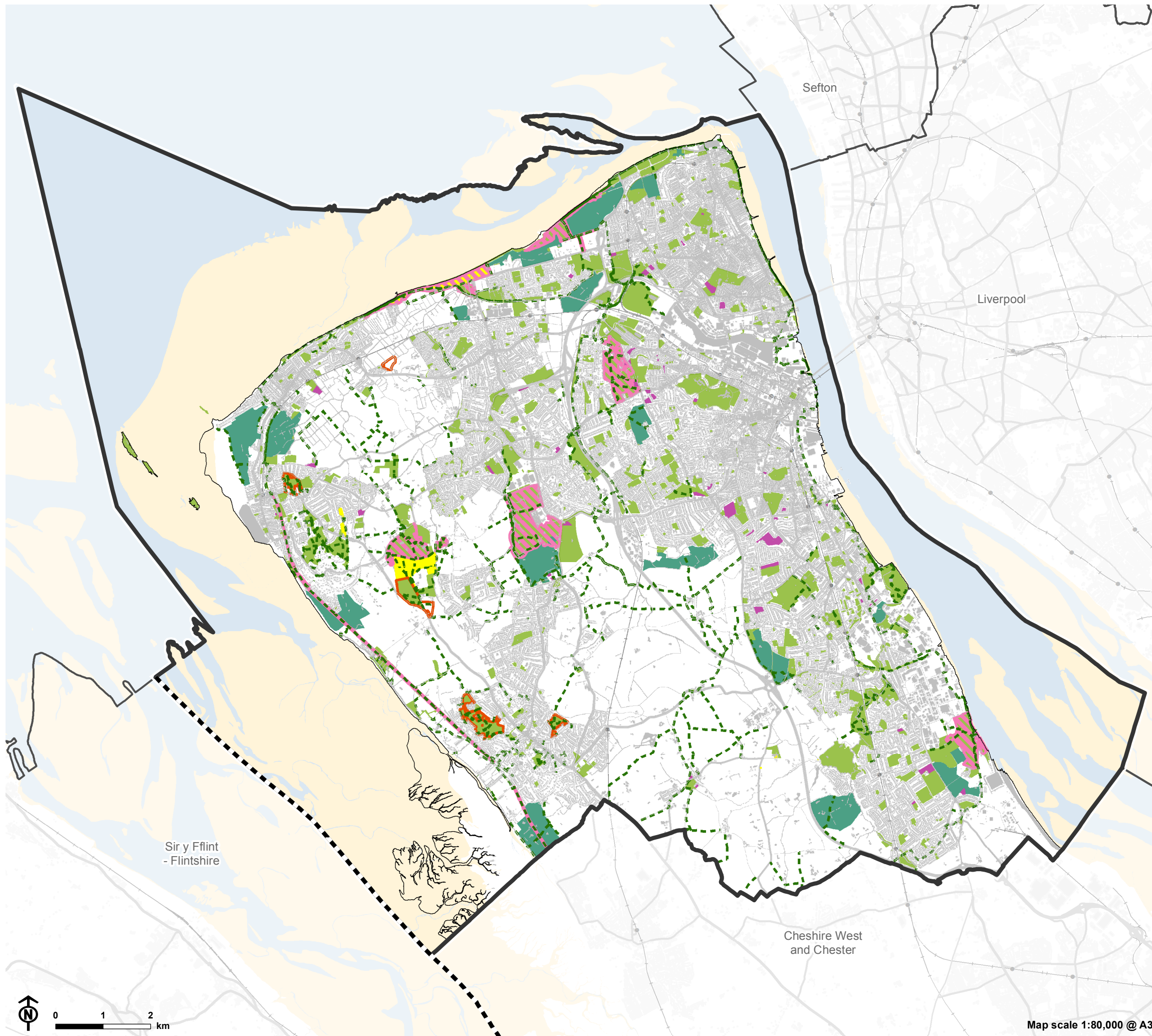


Figure 6.2: Cultural heritage assets in Wirral and their sensitivity



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Figure 7.1: Green space and recreation assets in Wirral



- Wirral boundary
- Other Local Authority boundary
- England - Wales boundary
- Landform edge
- Physical constraint
- Public Right of Way
- Open country
- Registered common land
- Open space
- Allotment
- Golf course
- Country park

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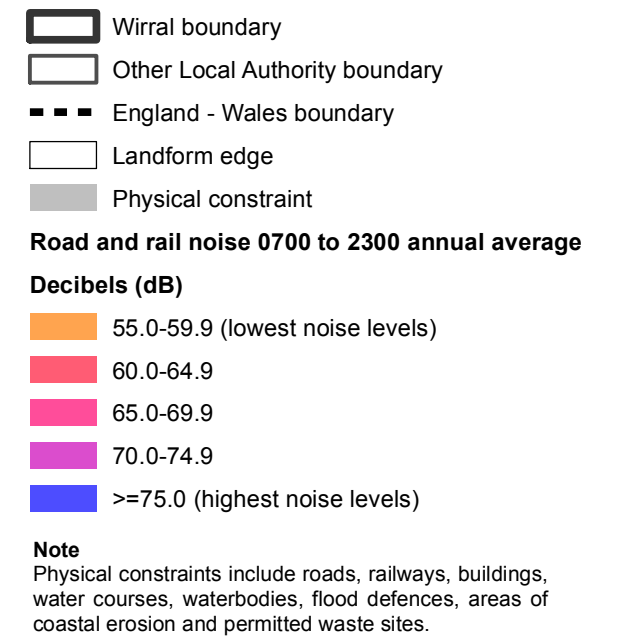
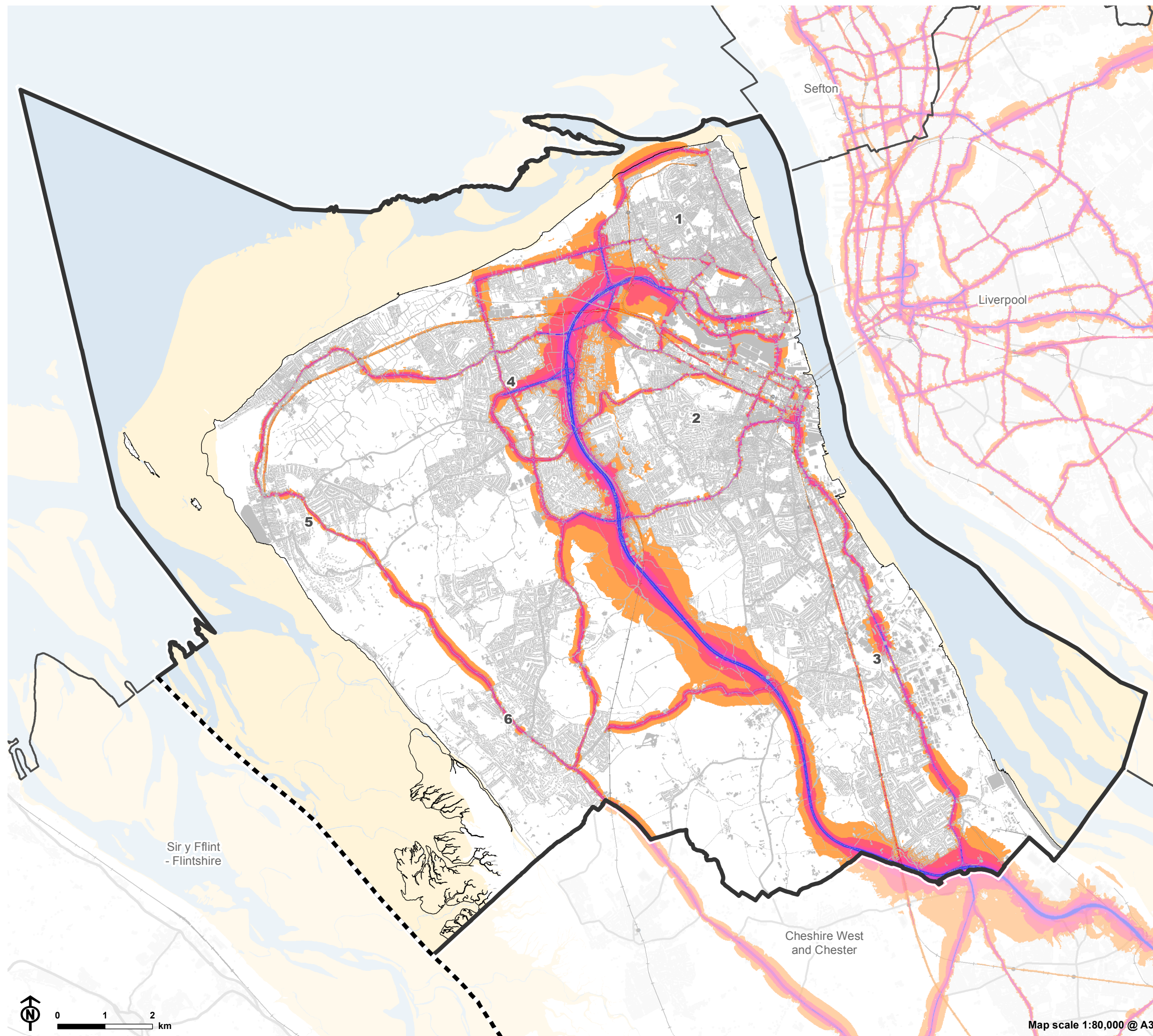
Open space layer consists of accessible open spaces including those categorised as play areas, pitches, parks, recreation areas, amenity greenspaces, open country and semi-natural greenspaces.

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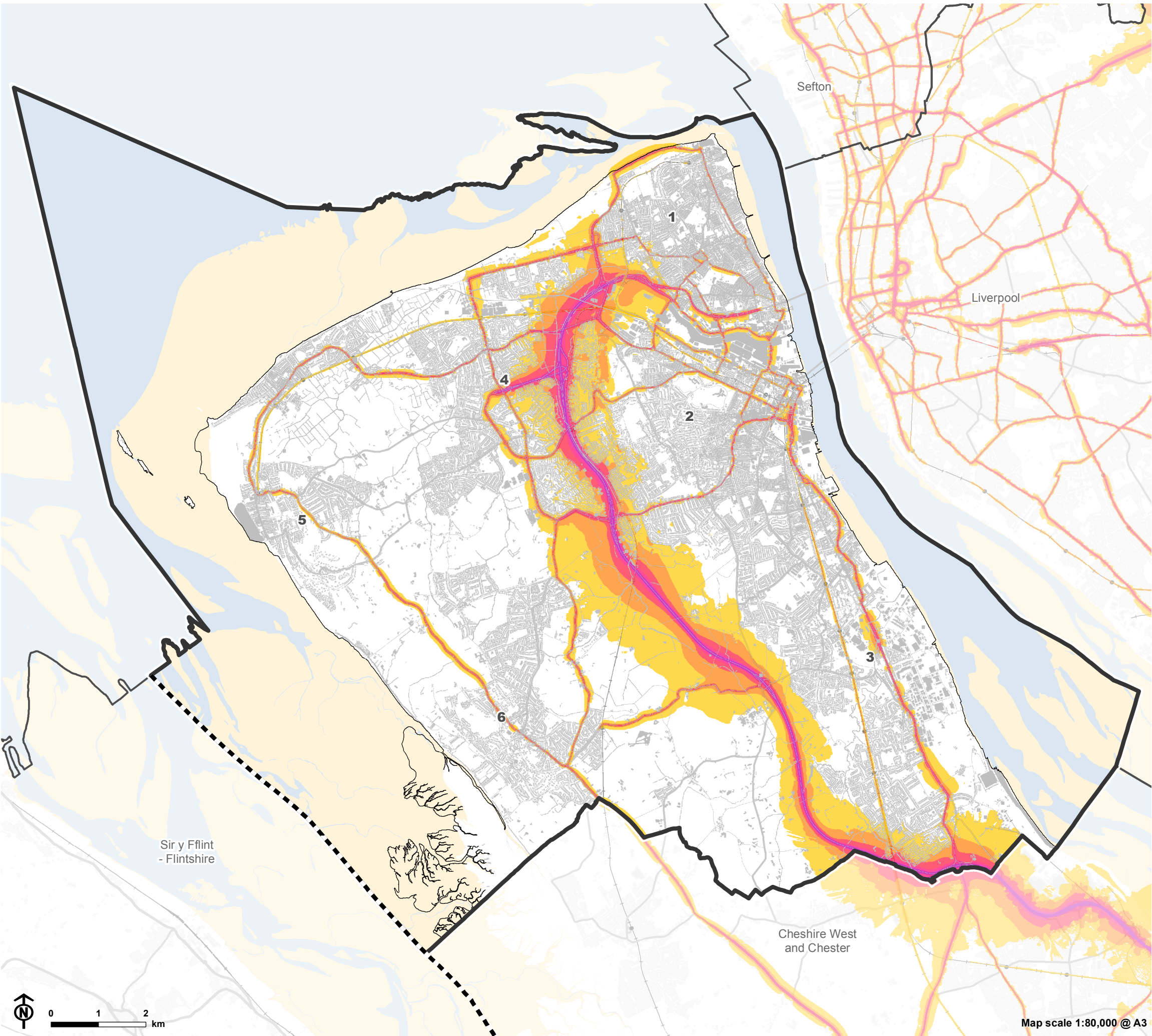
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Figure 7.2: Day time noise exposure in Wirral



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Figure 7.3: Night time noise exposure in Wirral



- Wirral boundary
- Other Local Authority boundary
- England - Wales boundary
- Landform edge
- Physical constraint

Road and rail noise night time (2300 - 0700) annual average

Decibels (dB)

- 50.0-54.9 (lowest noise levels)
- 55.0-59.9
- 60.0-64.9
- 65.0-69.9
- ≥70.0 (highest noise levels)

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Figure 7.4: Air quality in Wirral

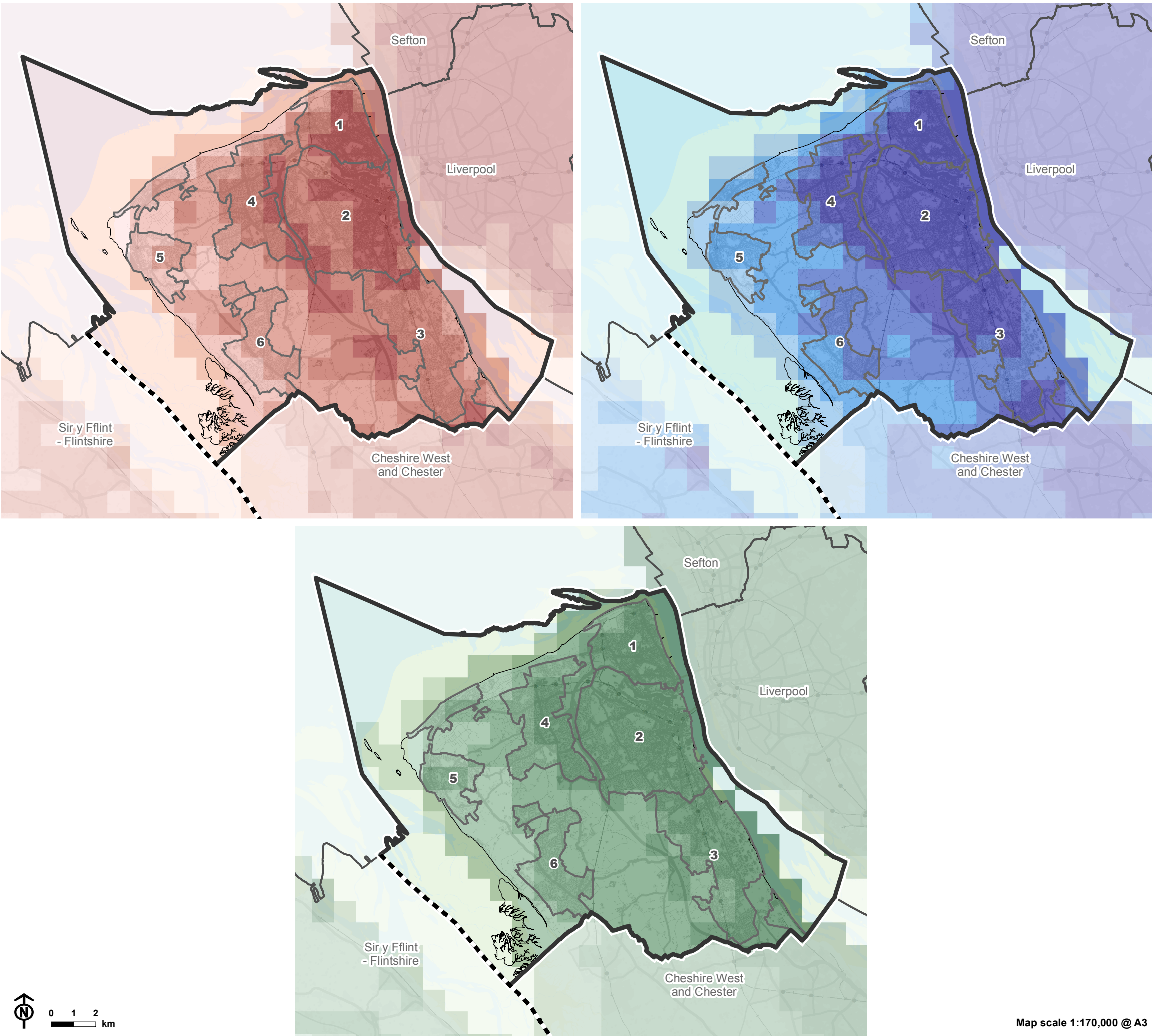
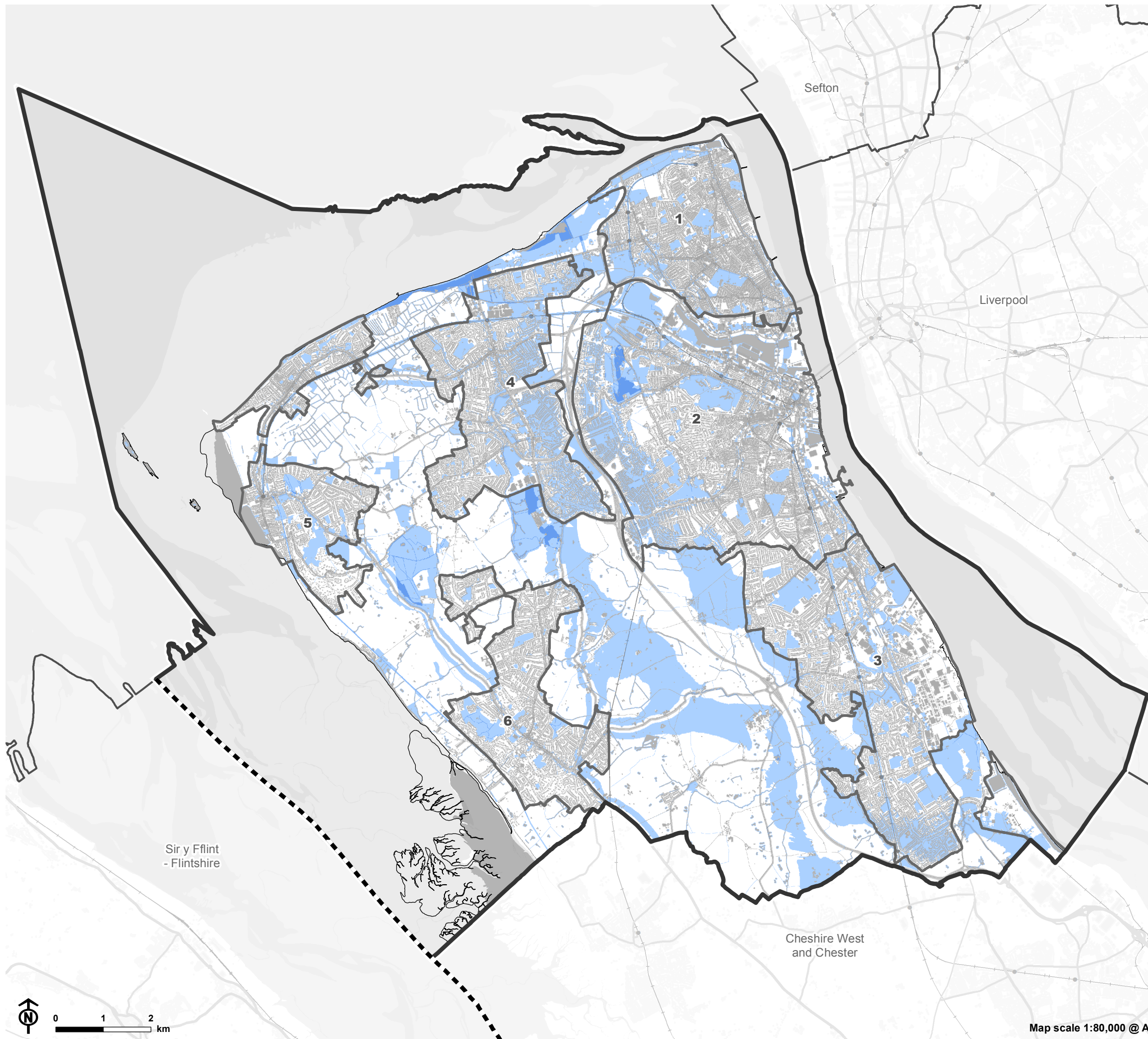


Figure 7.5: Green space, health and wellbeing assets in Wirral and their sensitivity



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- Other Local Authority boundary
- England - Wales boundary
- Landform edge
- Settlement boundary
- Physical constraint

- Sensitivity value**
- Moderate (5-6)
 - Moderate (3-4)
 - Moderate (1-2)

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Figure 8.1: Land use cover types in Wirral

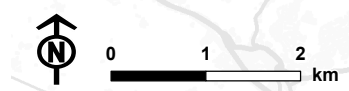
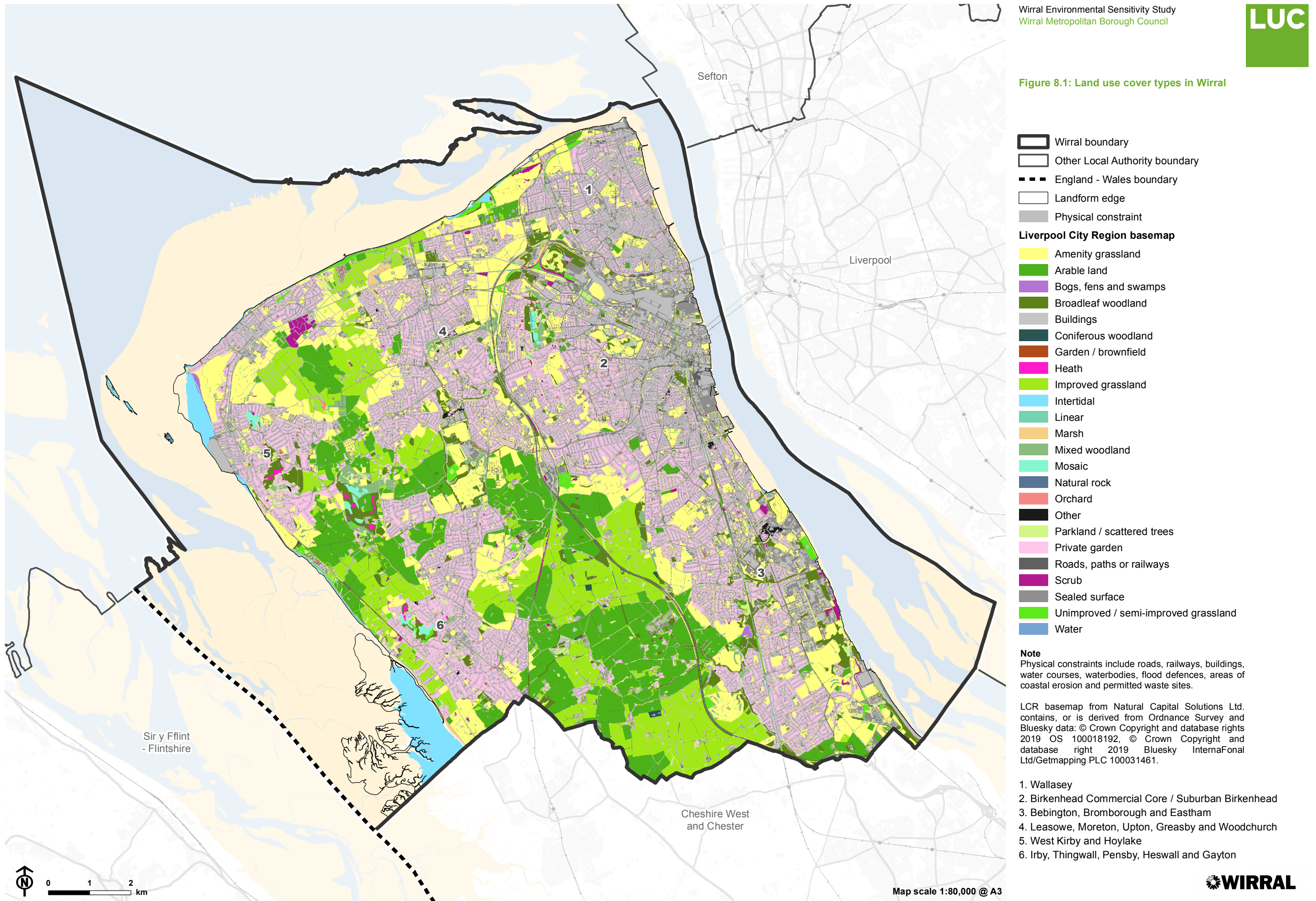
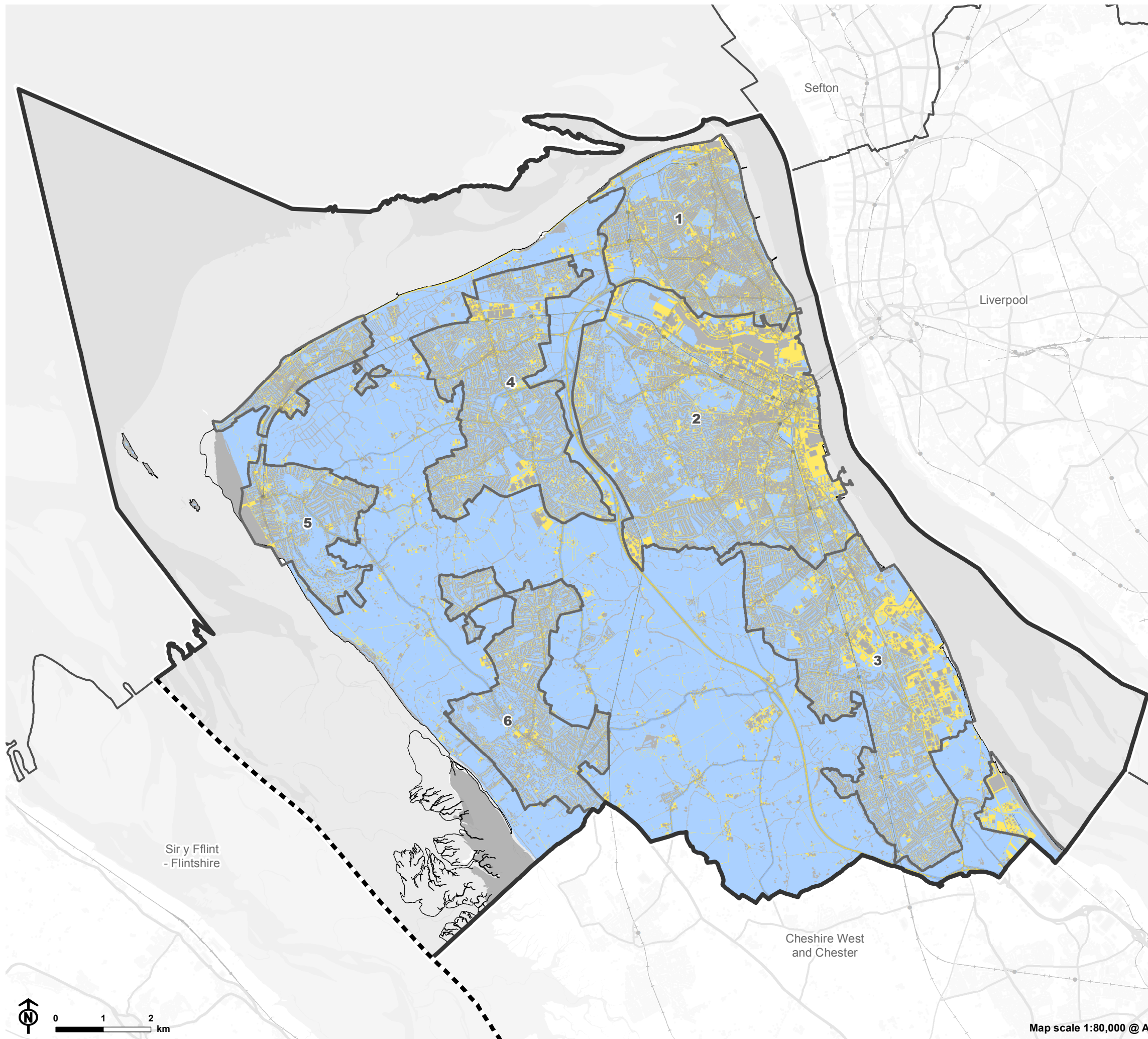


Figure 8.2: Carbon storage assets (based on land use cover types) in Wirral and their sensitivity



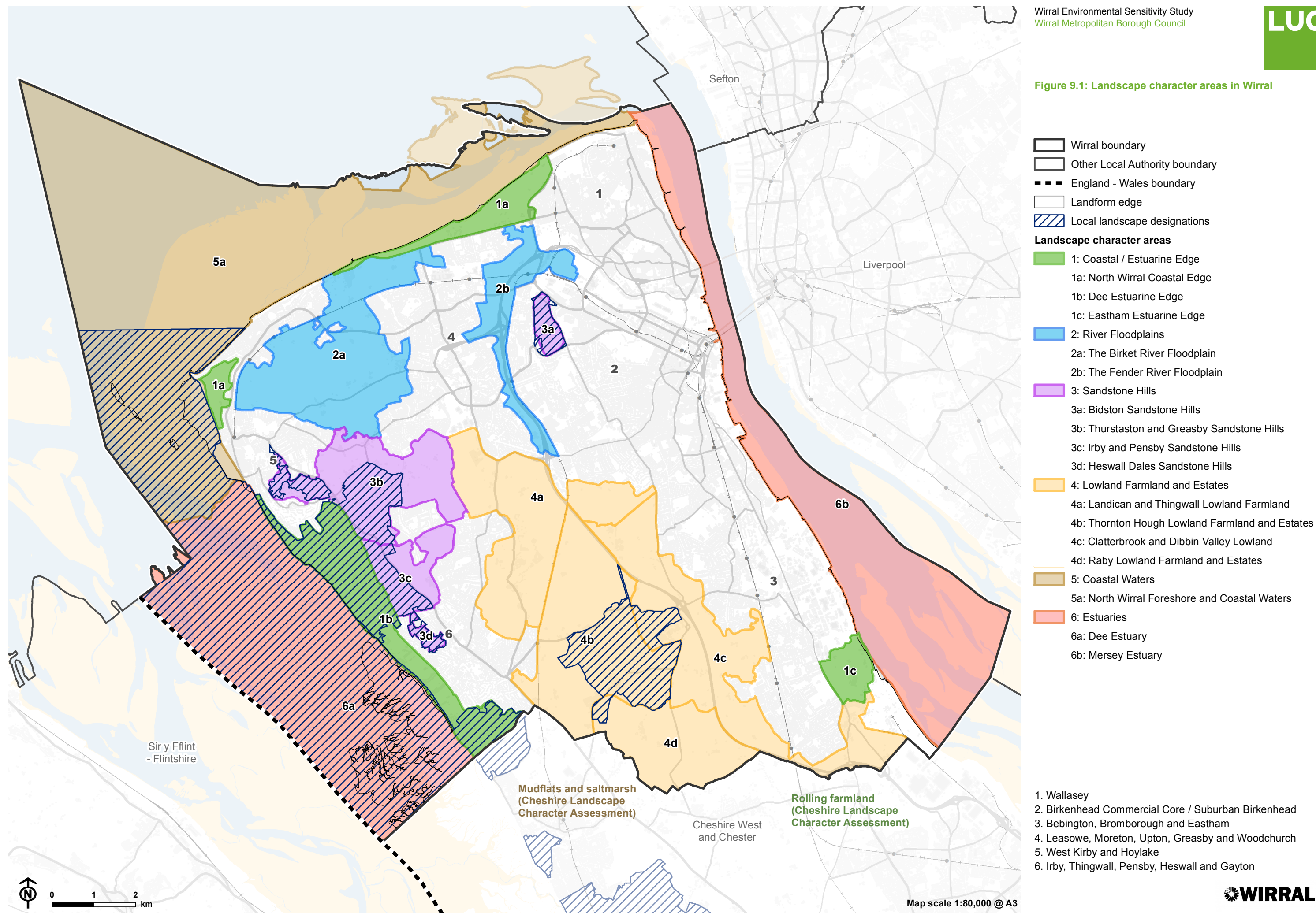
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- Other Local Authority boundary
- England - Wales boundary
- Landform edge
- Settlement boundary
- Physical constraint
- Sensitivity value**
- Moderate
- Lower

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Figure 9.1: Landscape character areas in Wirral



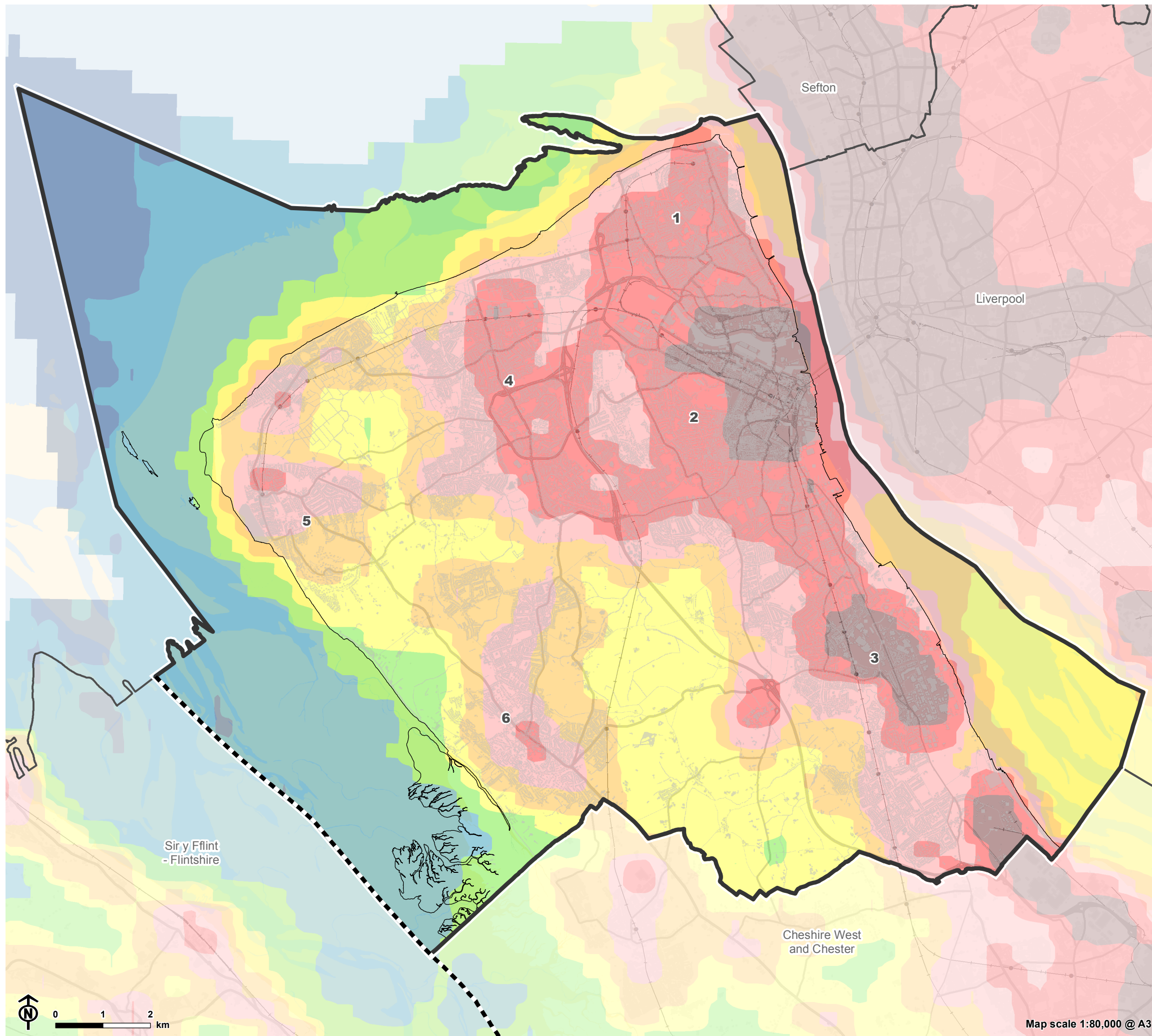
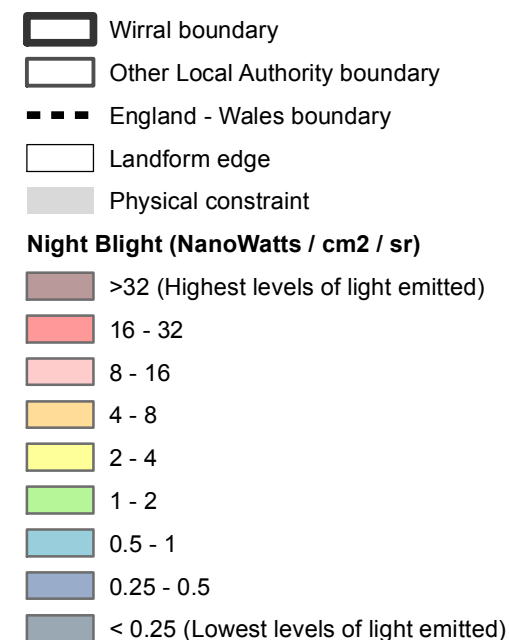


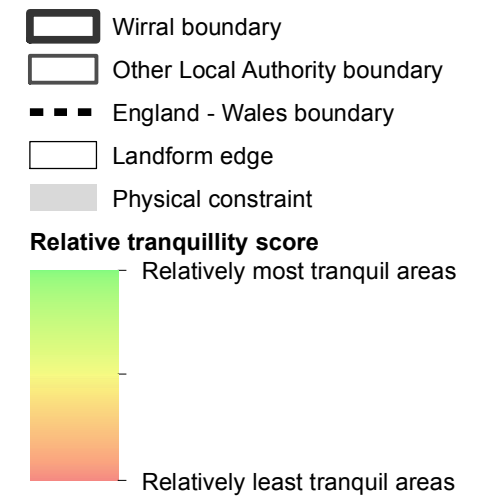
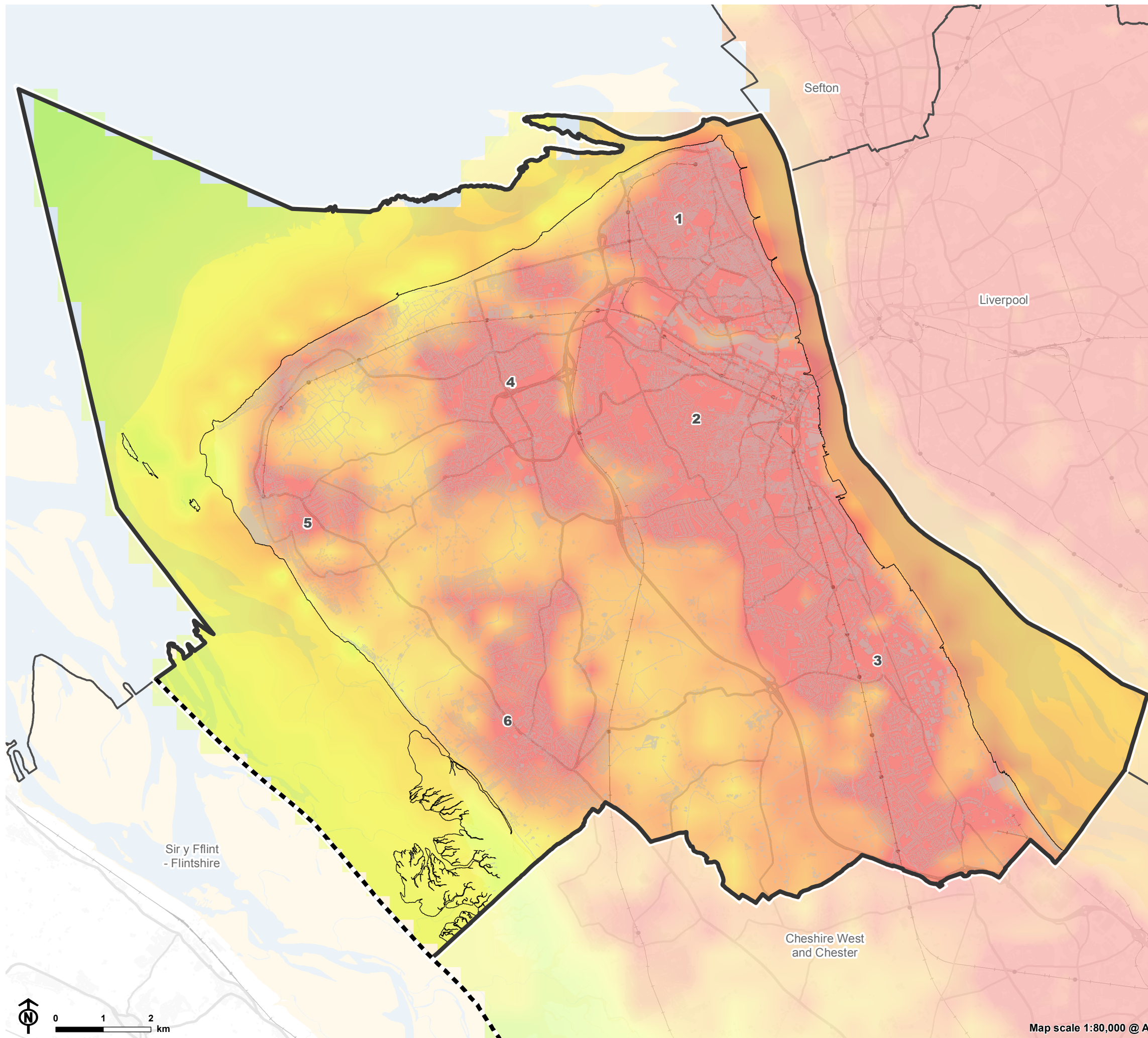
Figure 9.2: 'Night Blight' mapping of light emission in Wirral



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Figure 9.3: Areas of 'tranquillity' in Wirral



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Figure 9.4: Landscape Sensitivity Assessment (LSA)

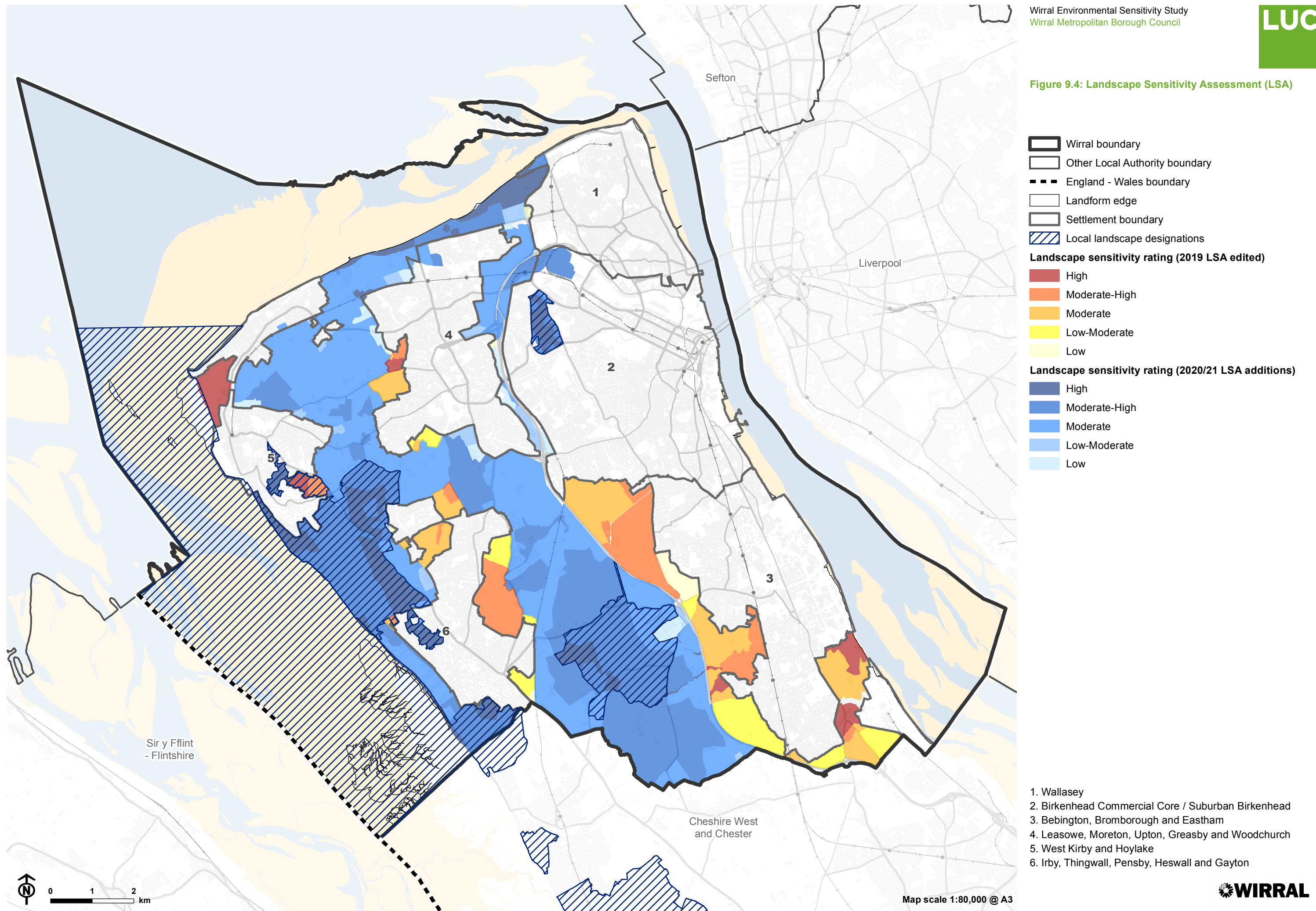
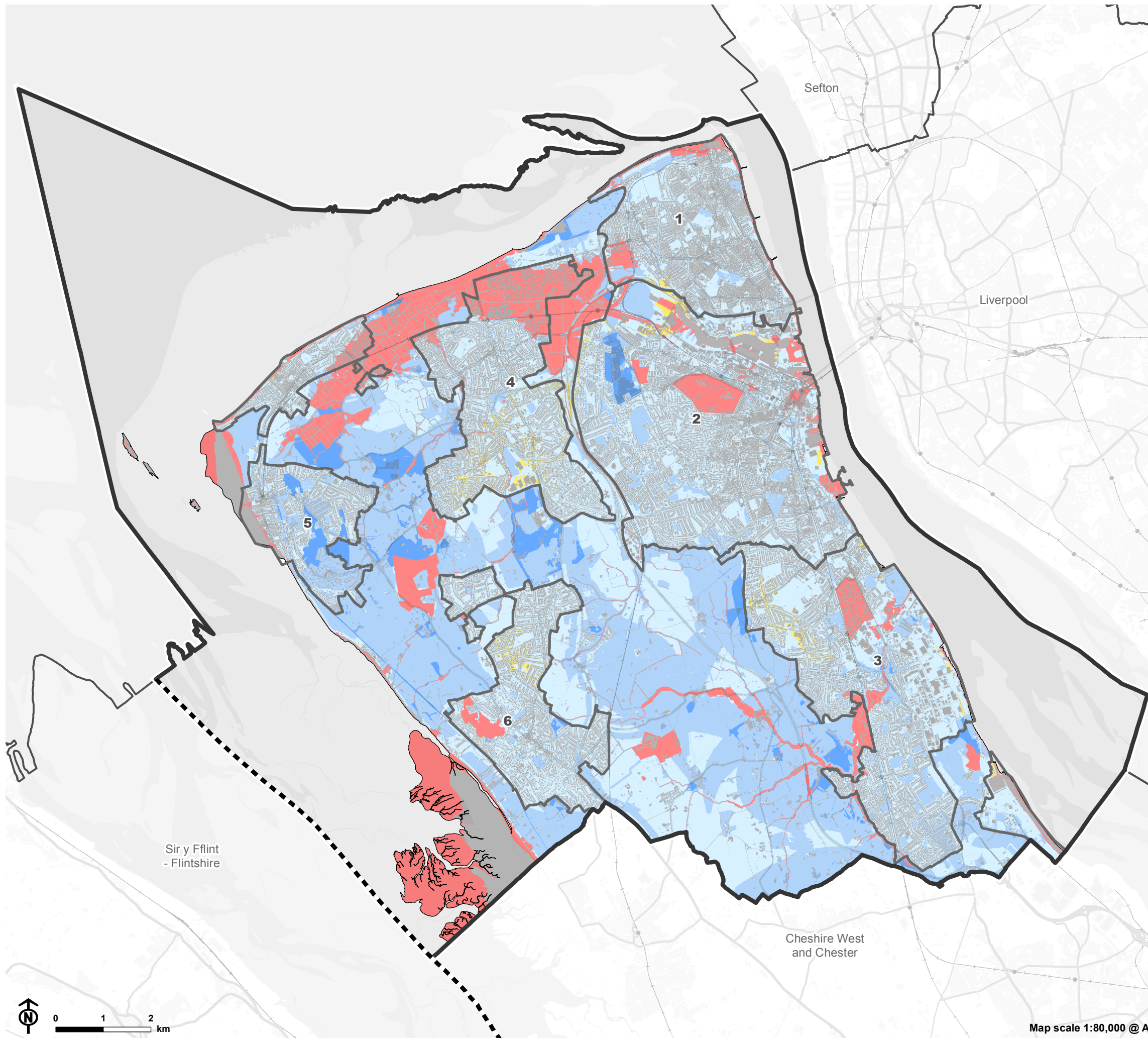


Figure 10.1: Composite mapping of environmental sensitivity in Wirral



- Wirral boundary
- Other Local Authority boundary
- England - Wales boundary
- Landform edge
- Settlement boundary
- Physical constraint

Sensitivity value

- Higher
- Moderate (13-14)
- Moderate (10-12)
- Moderate (7-9)
- Moderate (4-6)
- Moderate (1-3)
- Lower

Note

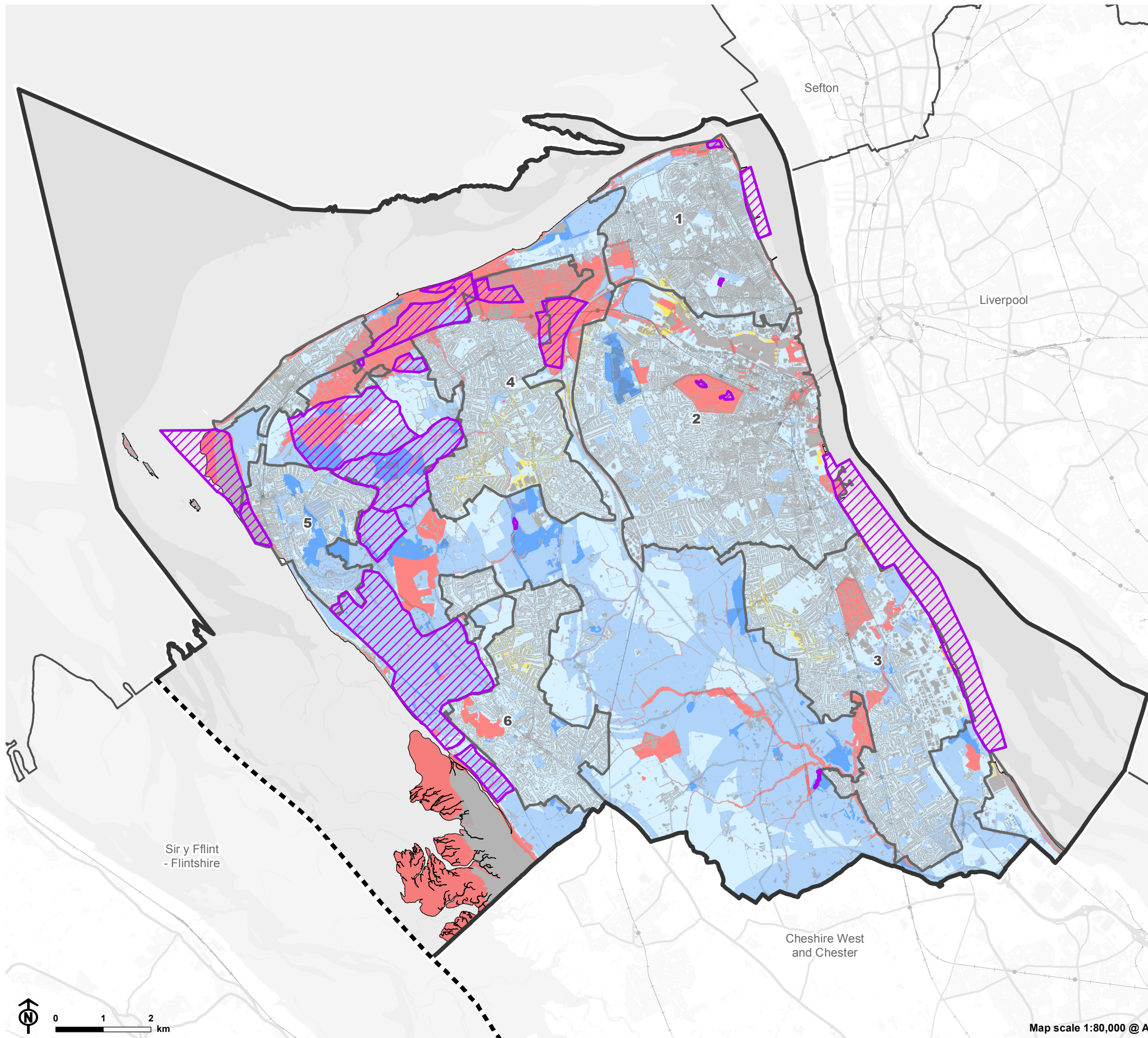
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Figure 10.2: Composite mapping of environmental sensitivity in Wirral (including WeBS Core Count data)



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- England - Wales boundary
- Landform edge
- Settlement boundary
- Physical constraint

Sensitivity value

- Higher
- Moderate (13-14)
- Moderate (10-12)
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- Moderate (4-6)
- Moderate (1-3)
- Lower
- WeBS boundary

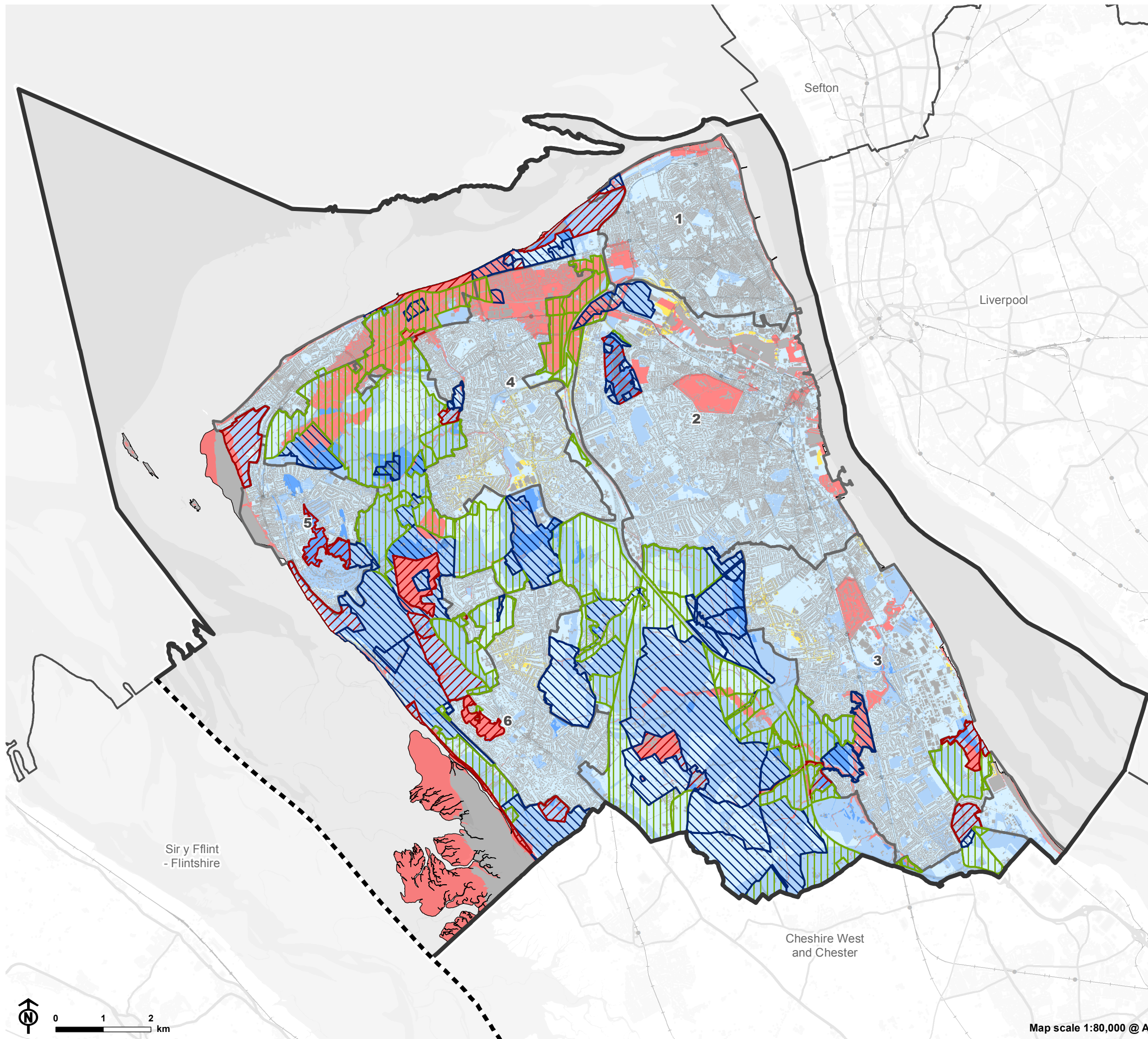
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Figure 10.3: Composite mapping of environmental sensitivity in Wirral (including areas of heightened Landscape Sensitivity)



- Wirral boundary
- Other Local Authority boundary
- England - Wales boundary
- Landform edge
- Settlement boundary
- Physical constraint

Sensitivity value

- Higher
- Moderate (13-14)
- Moderate (10-12)
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- Lower

Landscape sensitivity rating

- High
- Moderate-High
- Moderate

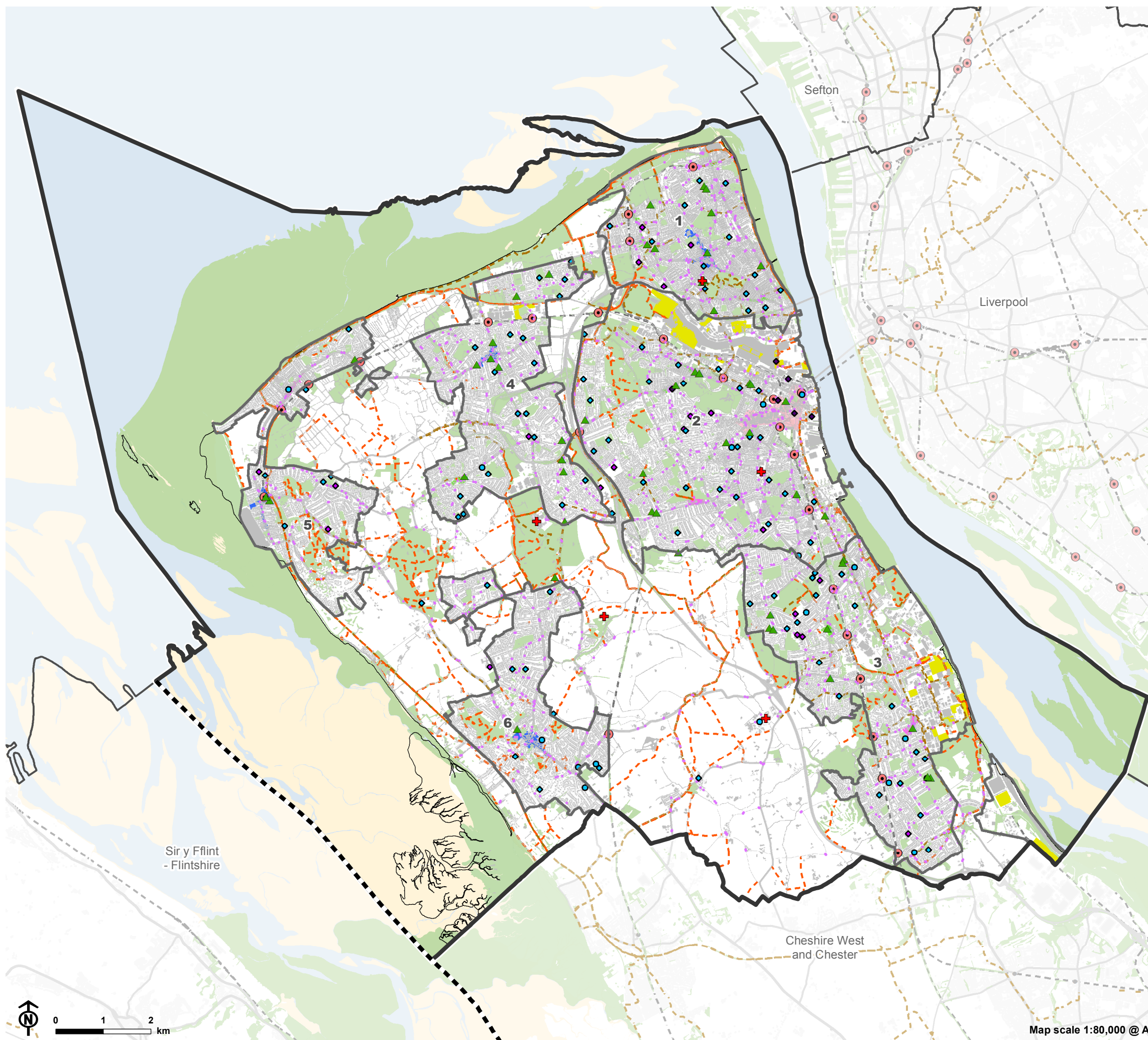
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Figure 11.1: Location of key services and open space in Wirral



- Wirral boundary
- Other Local Authority boundary
- England - Wales boundary
- Landform edge
- Settlement boundary
- Physical constraint
- + Hospital
- ▲ GP surgery
- Primary or middle school
- ◆ Secondary school
- ◆ Further or higher education
- Bus stop
- Rail station
- Public Right of Way
- Cycle route
- Local centre
- Town centre
- District centre
- Sub-regional centre
- Employment centre
- Open space

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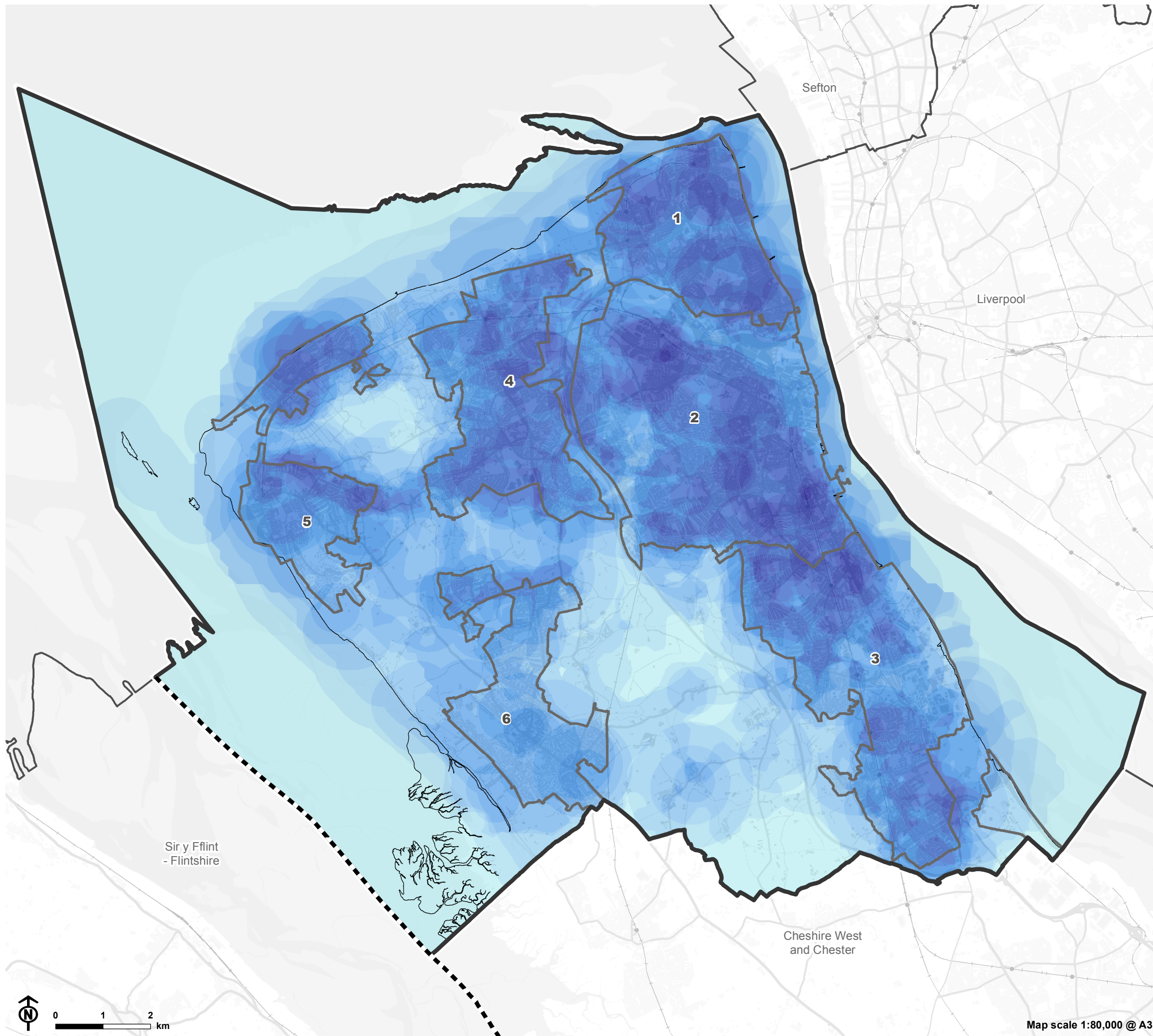
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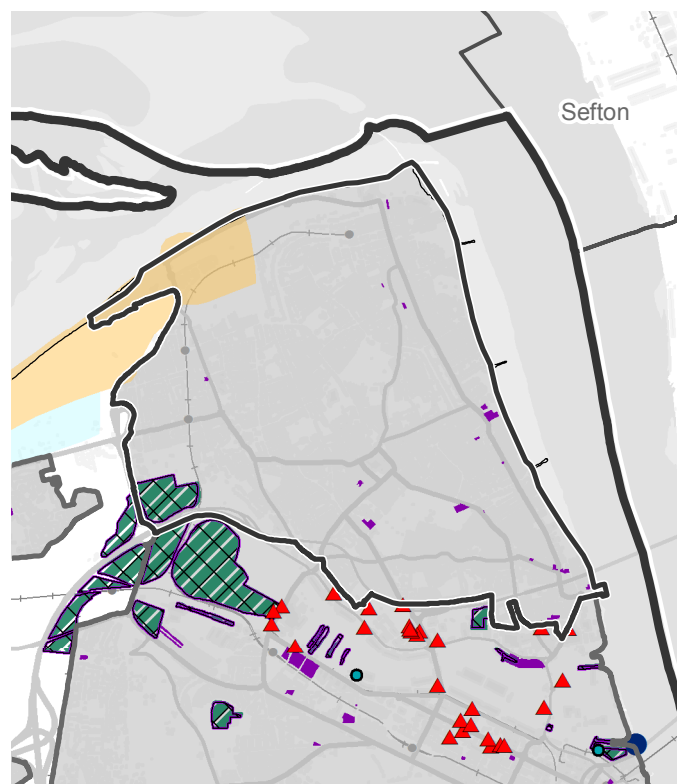


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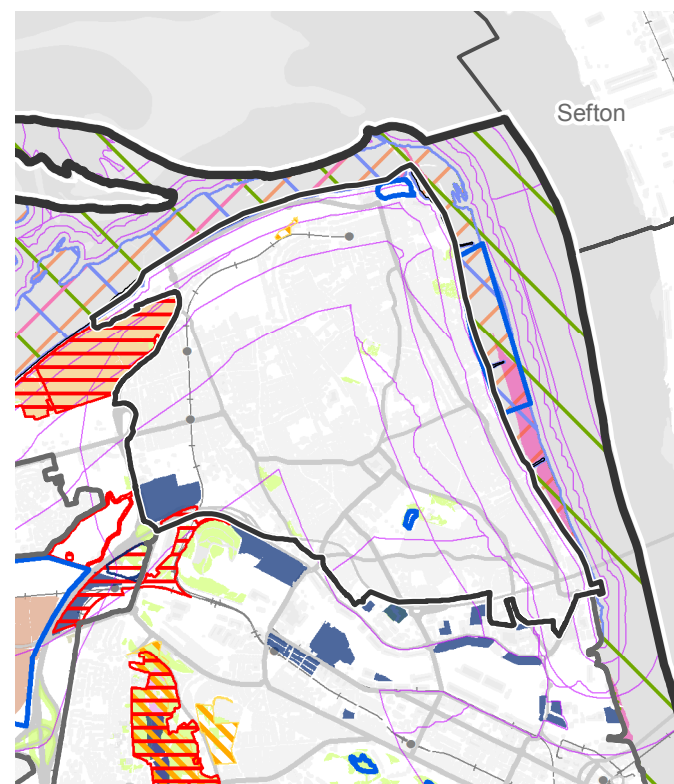
Figure 11.2: Accessibility to key services and open space in Wirral



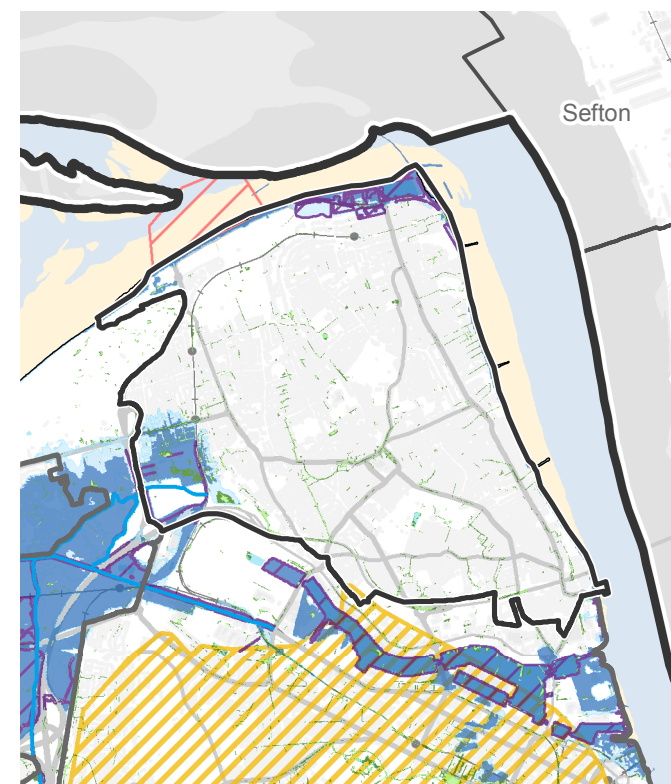
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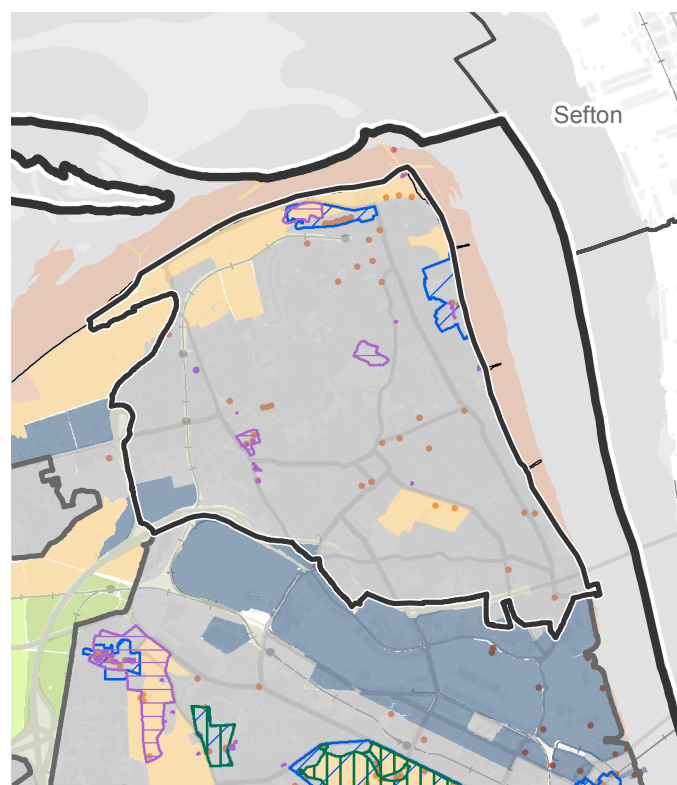
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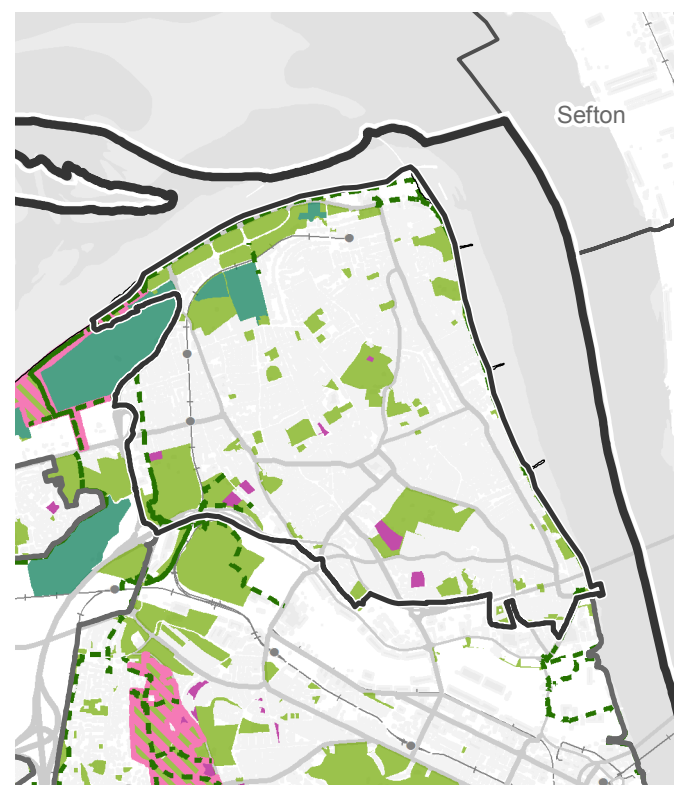
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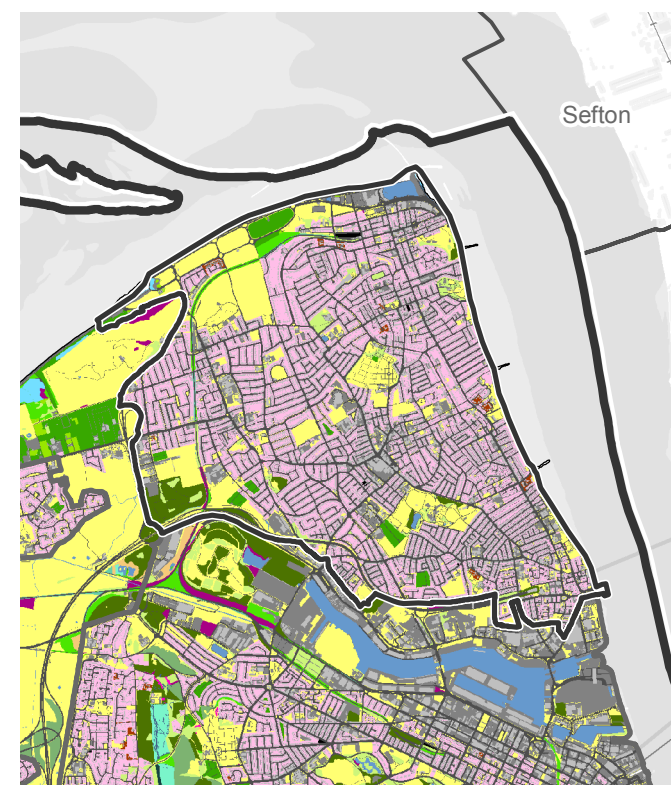
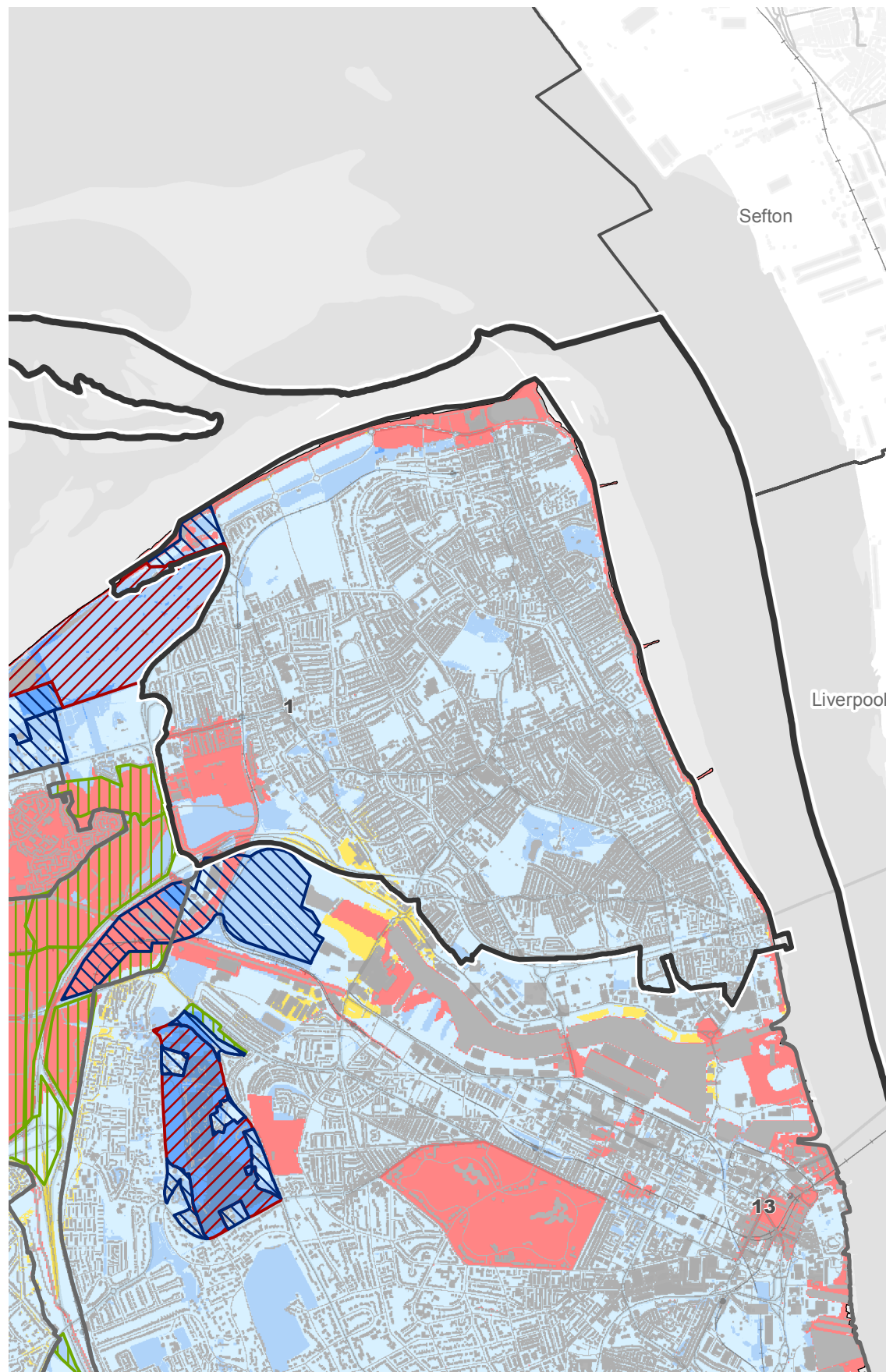


Figure 12.1 Environmental constraints around Wallasey



Overall sensitivity



Accessibility

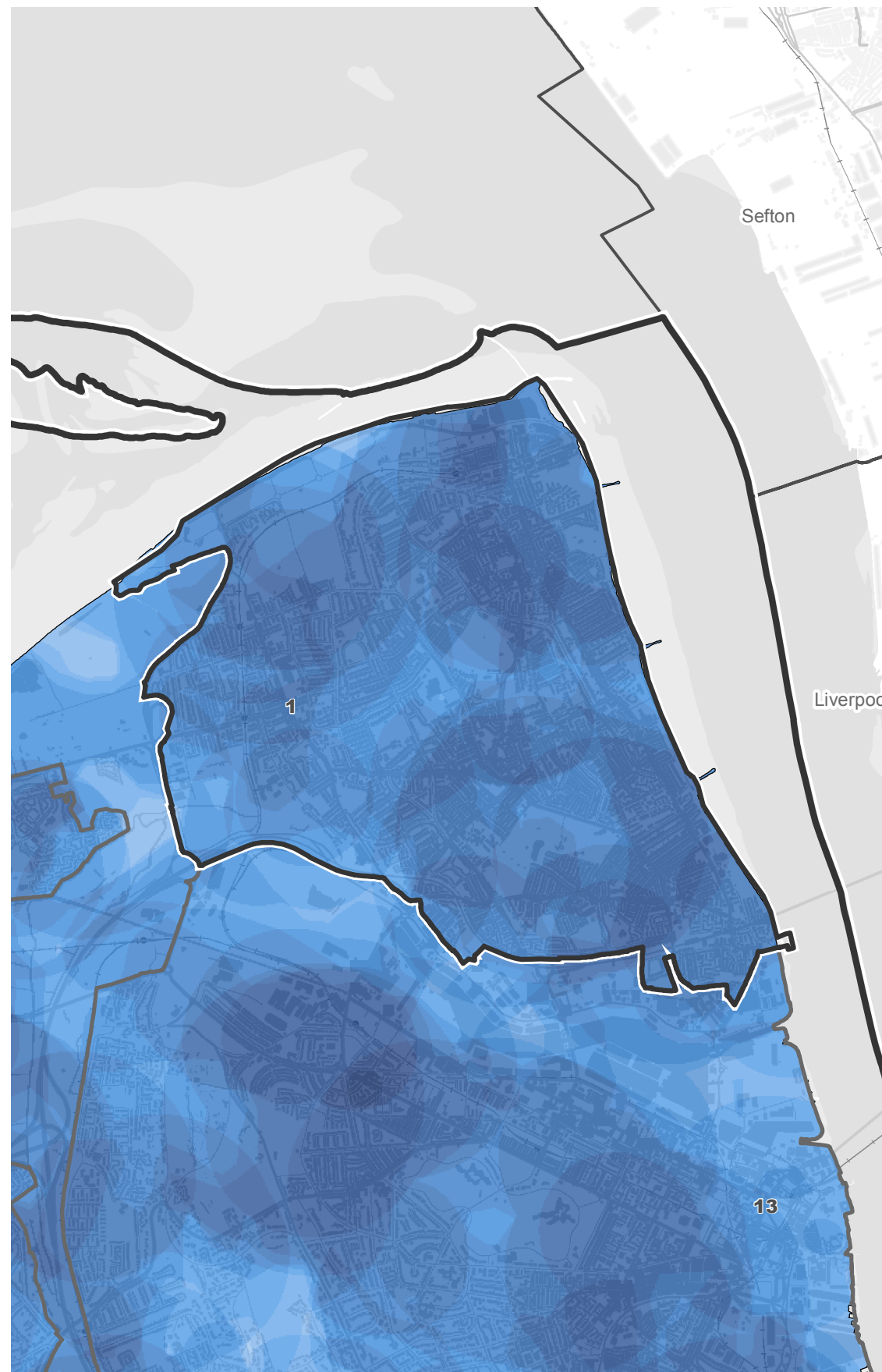
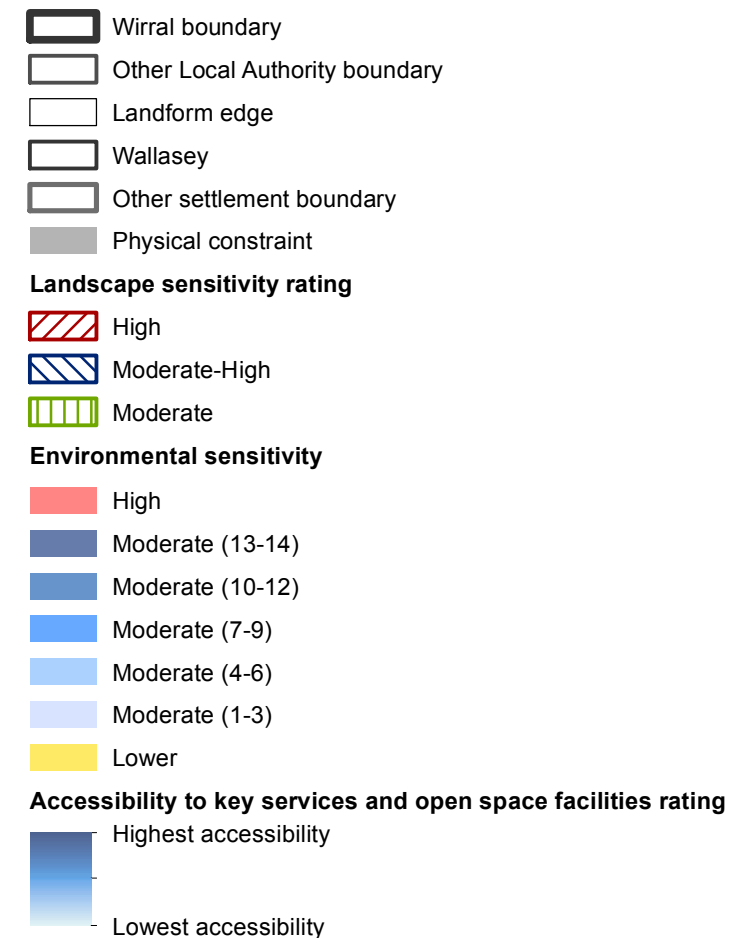


Figure 12.2 Mapping of environmental sensitivity (including landscape) and potential for carbon emissions around Wallasey



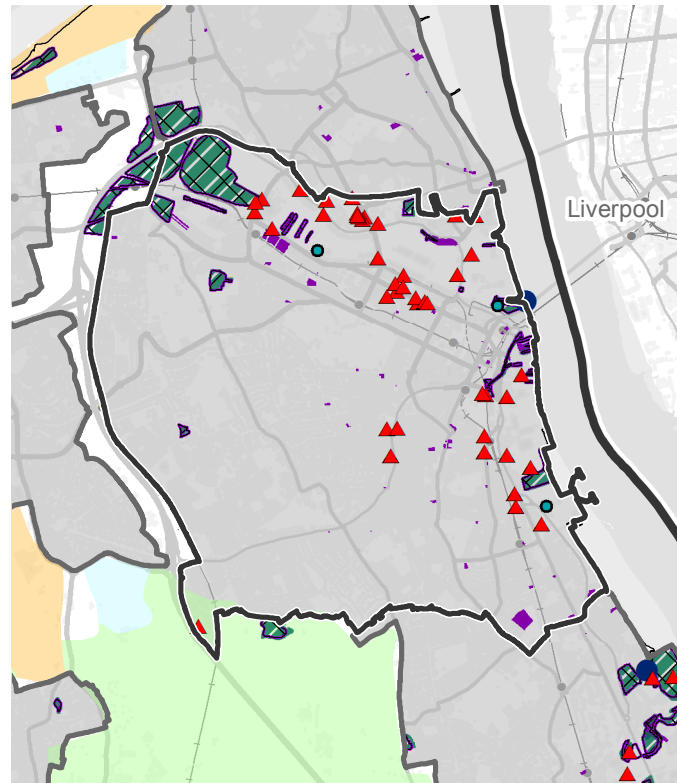
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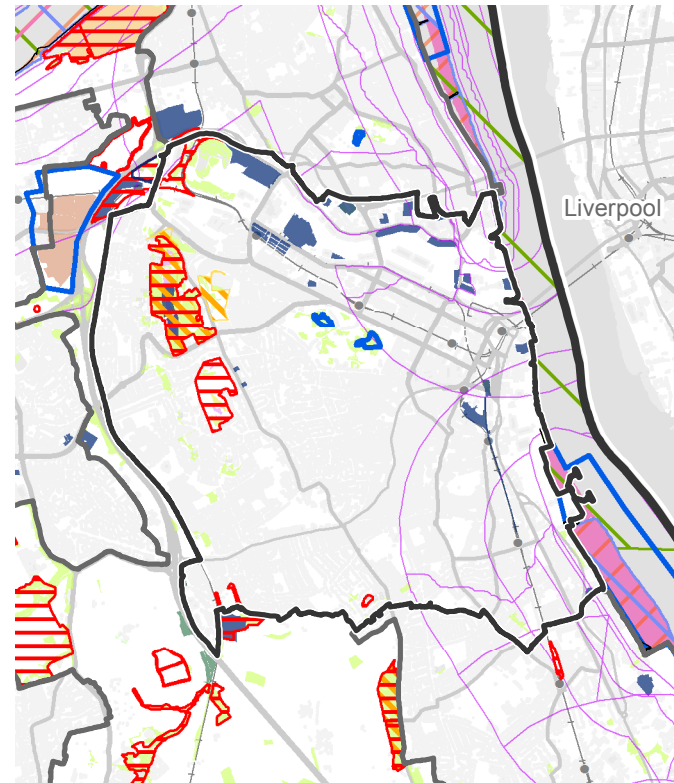


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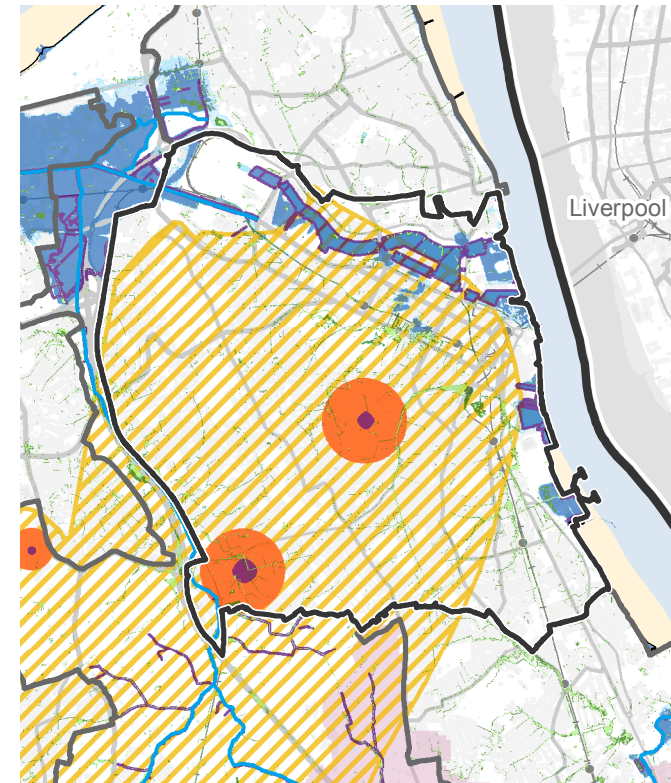
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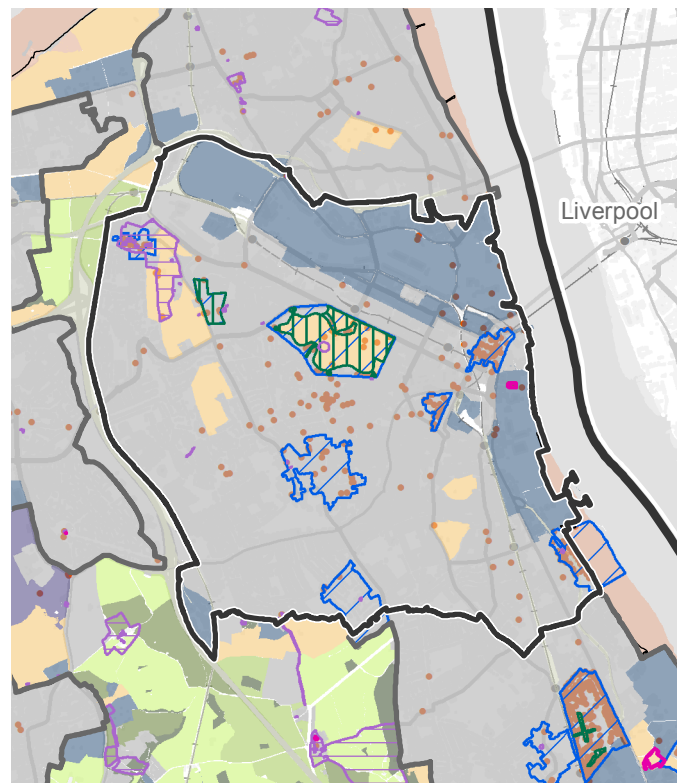
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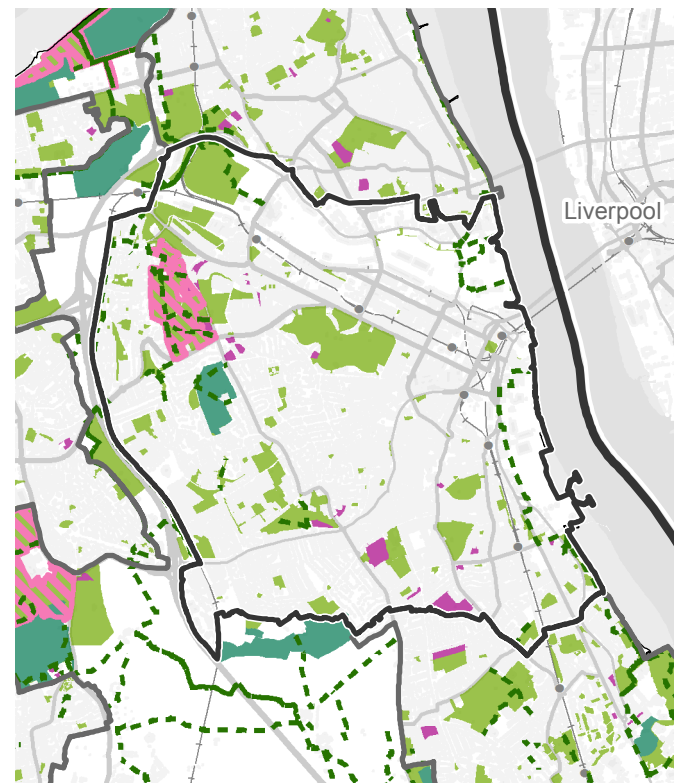
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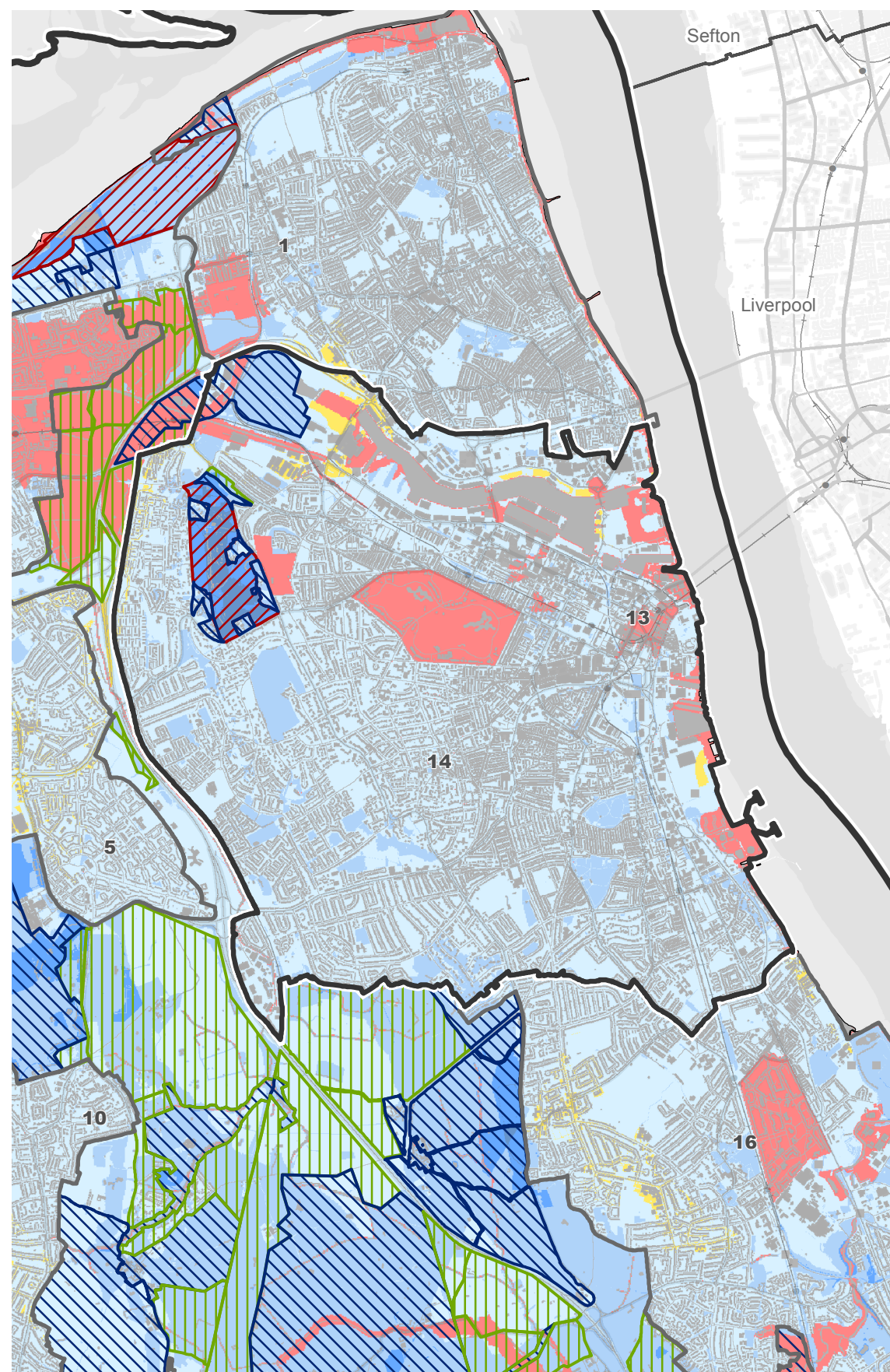
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Figure 12.3 Environmental constraints around Birkenhead Commercial Core / Suburban Birkenhead



Overall sensitivity



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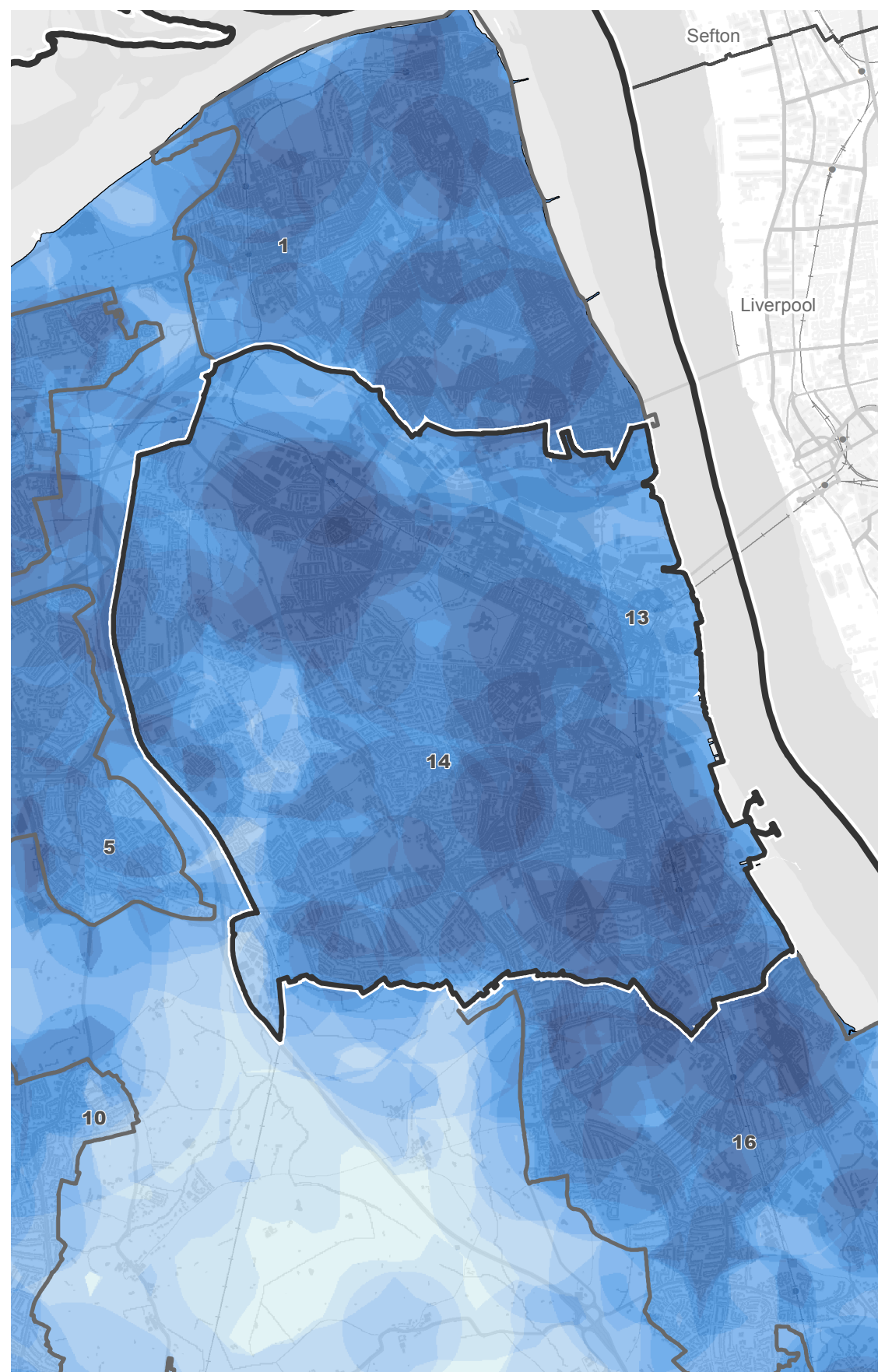


Figure 12.4 Mapping of environmental sensitivity (including landscape) and potential for carbon emissions around Birkenhead Commercial Core / Suburban Birkenhead

- Wirral boundary
- Other Local Authority boundary
- Landform edge
- Birkenhead Commercial Core / Suburban Birkenhead
- Other settlement boundary
- Physical constraint

Landscape sensitivity rating

- High
- Moderate-High
- Moderate

Environmental sensitivity

- High
- Moderate (13-14)
- Moderate (10-12)
- Moderate (7-9)
- Moderate (4-6)
- Moderate (1-3)
- Lower

Accessibility to key services and open space facilities rating

- Highest accessibility
- Lowest accessibility

Note

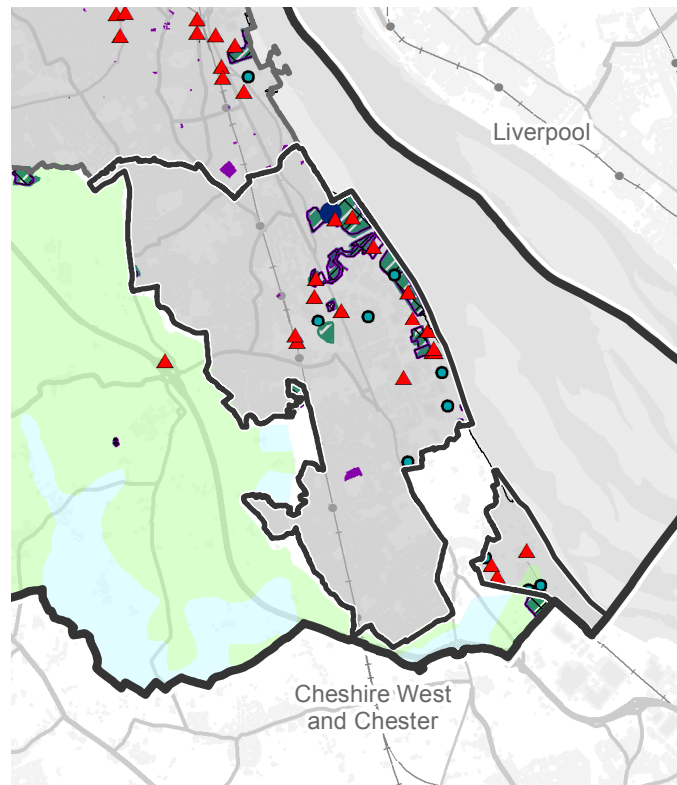
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- 2. Leasowe
- 5. Woodchurch
- 10. Thingwall
- 13. Birkenhead commercial core
- 14. Suburban Birkenhead
- 16. Bebington

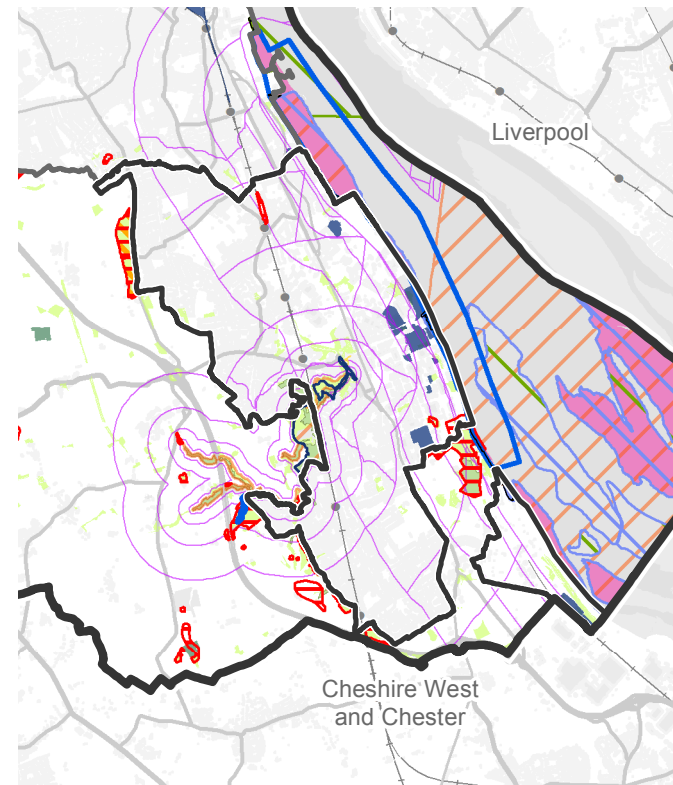


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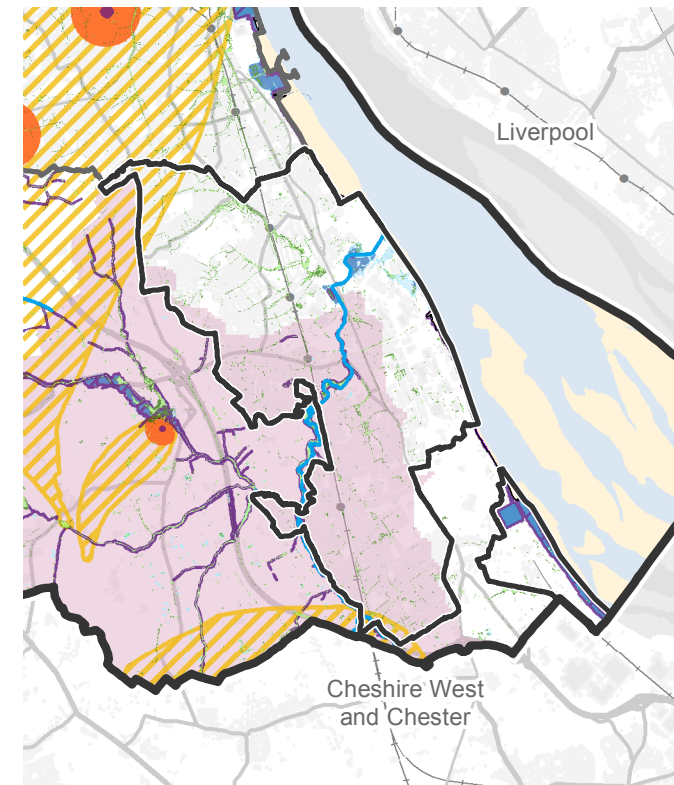
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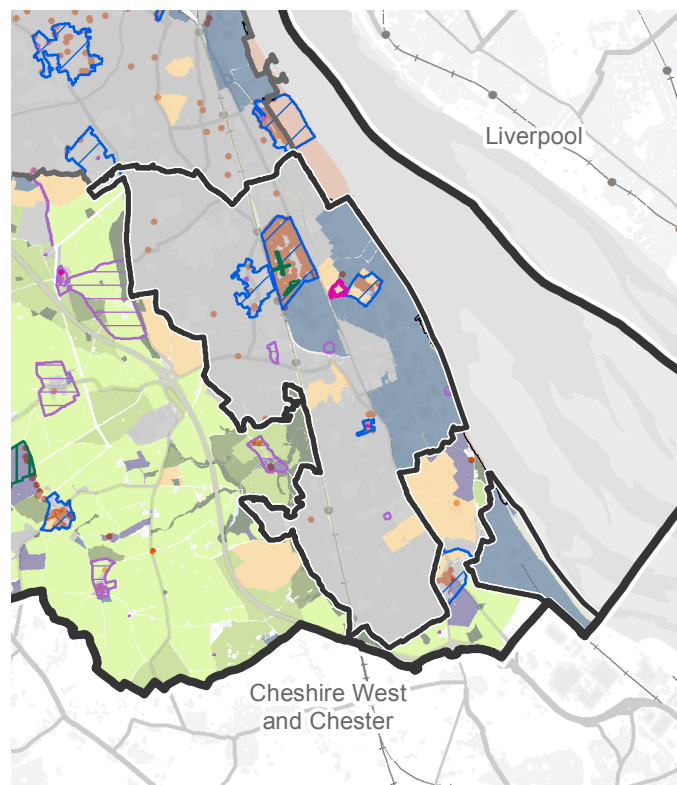
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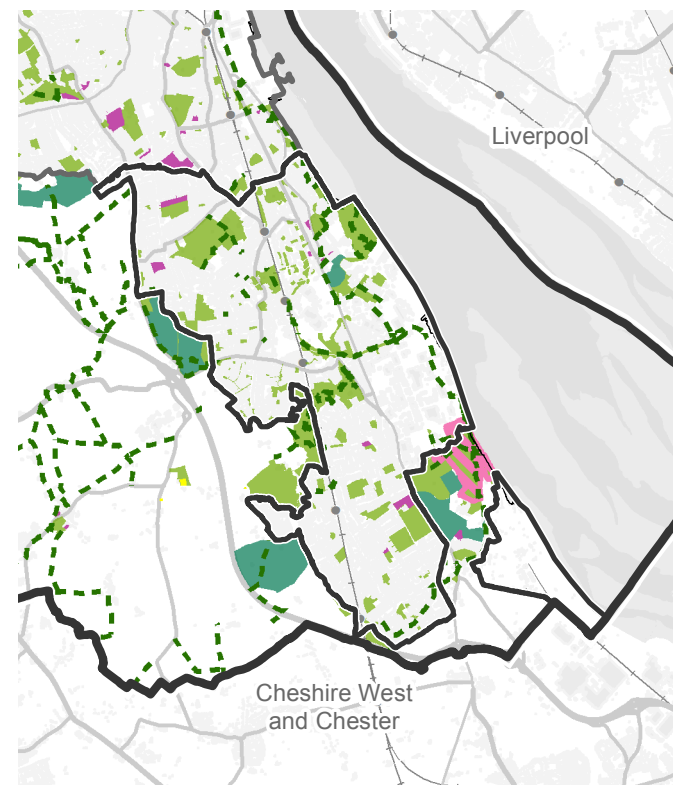
Core Theme 3. Water and coastal environment assets



Core Theme 4. Cultural heritage assets



Core Theme 5. Green space and recreation assets



Core Theme 6. Carbon storage assets

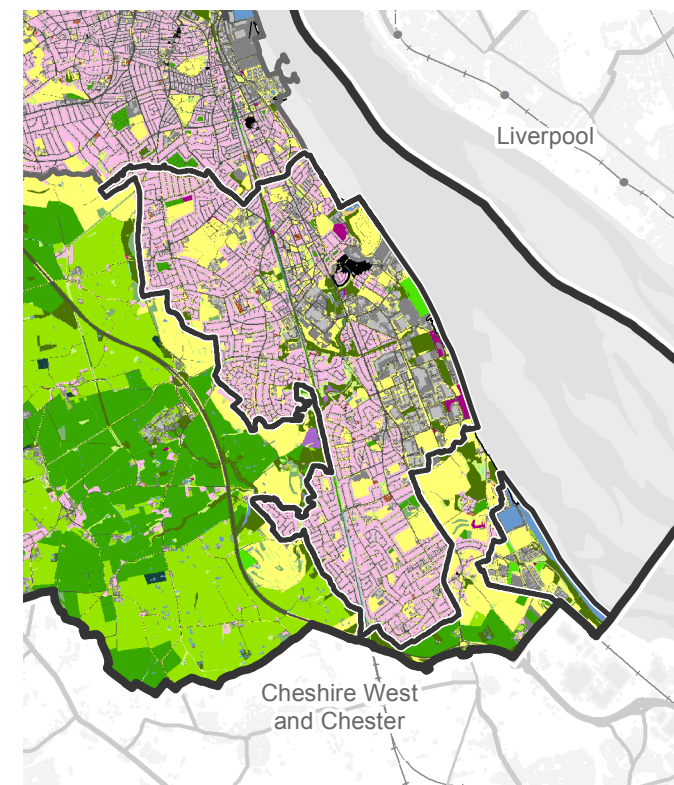
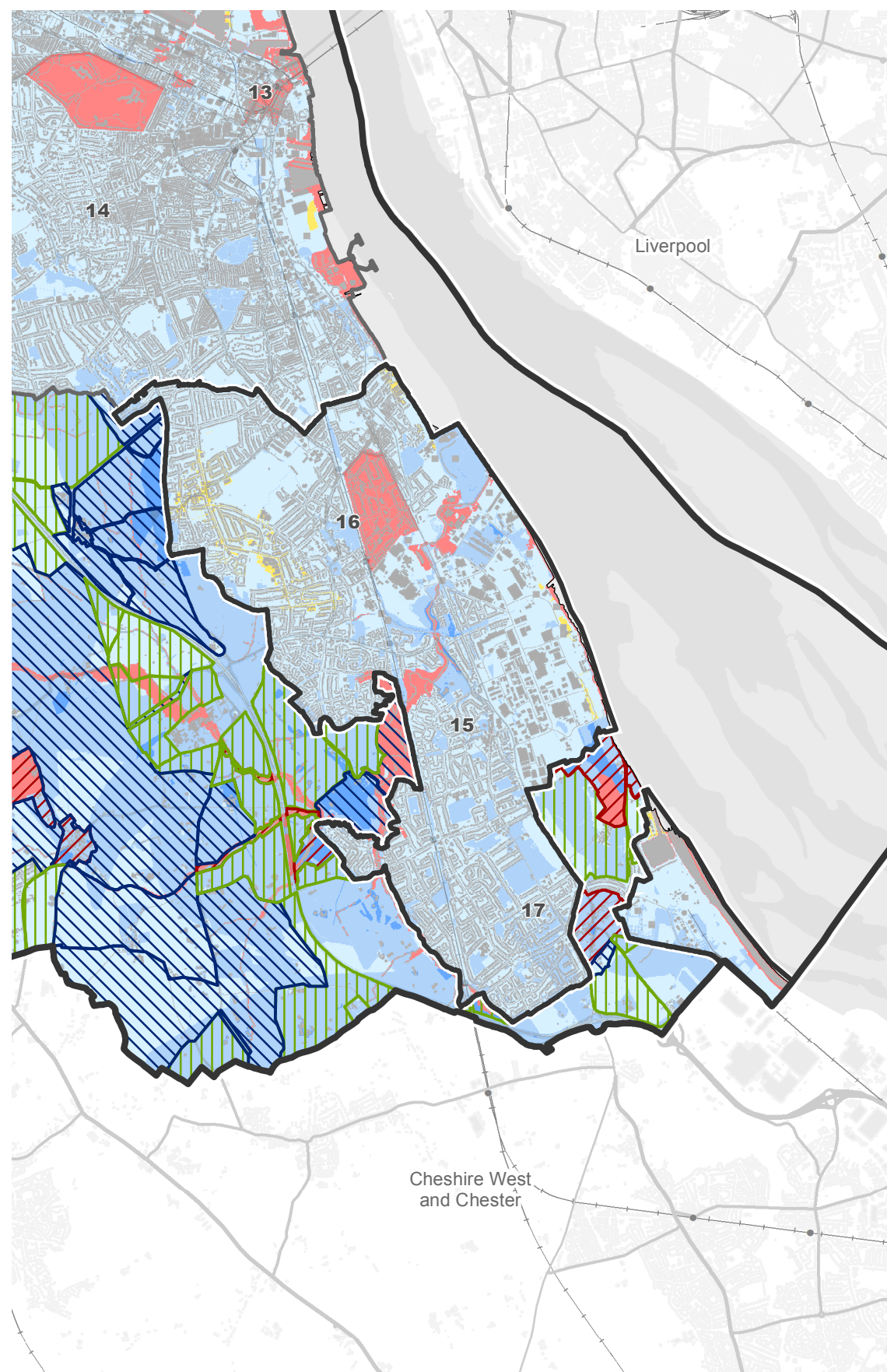


Figure 12.5 Environmental constraints around Bebington, Bromborough and Eastham



Overall sensitivity



Accessibility

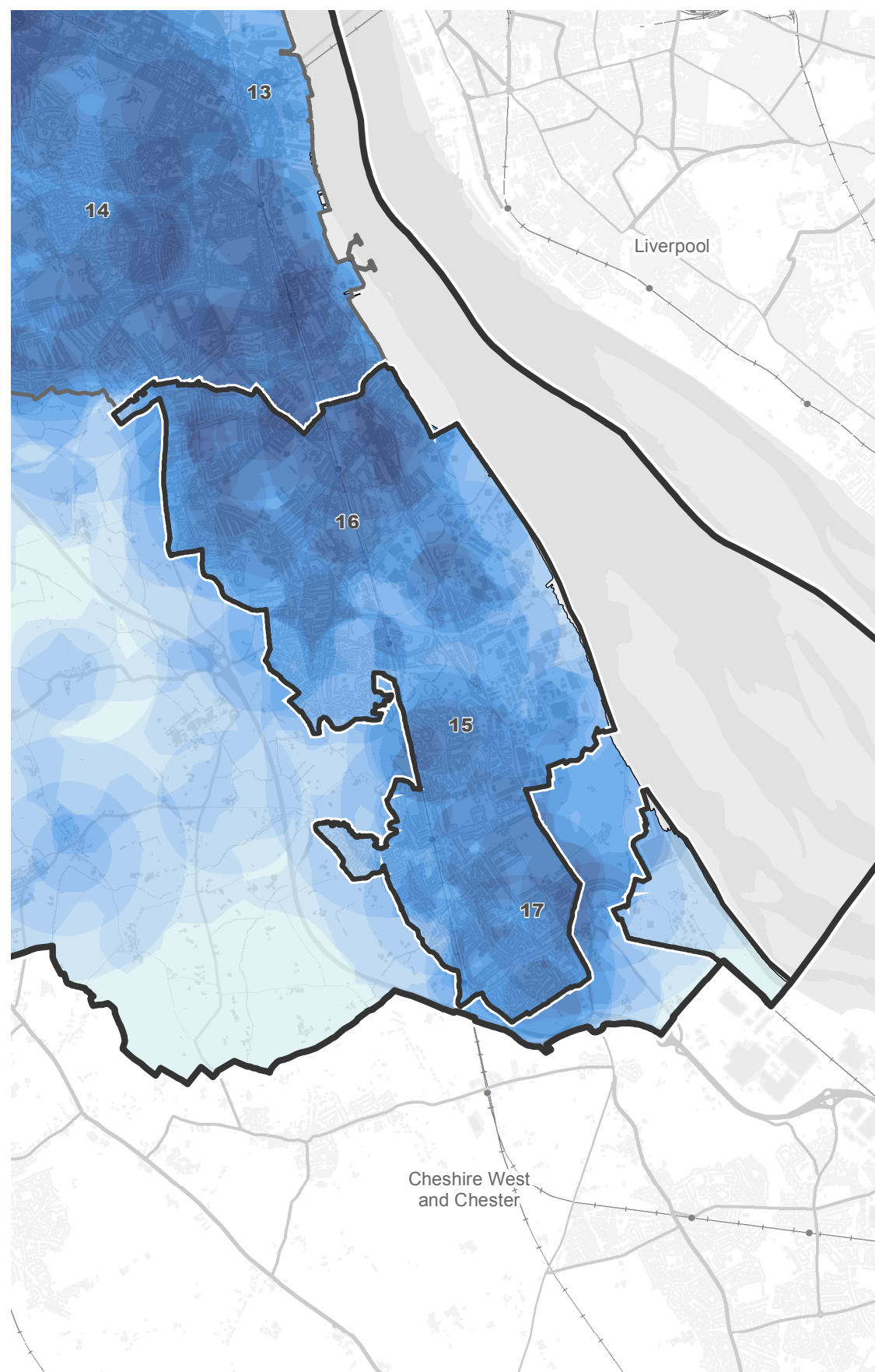
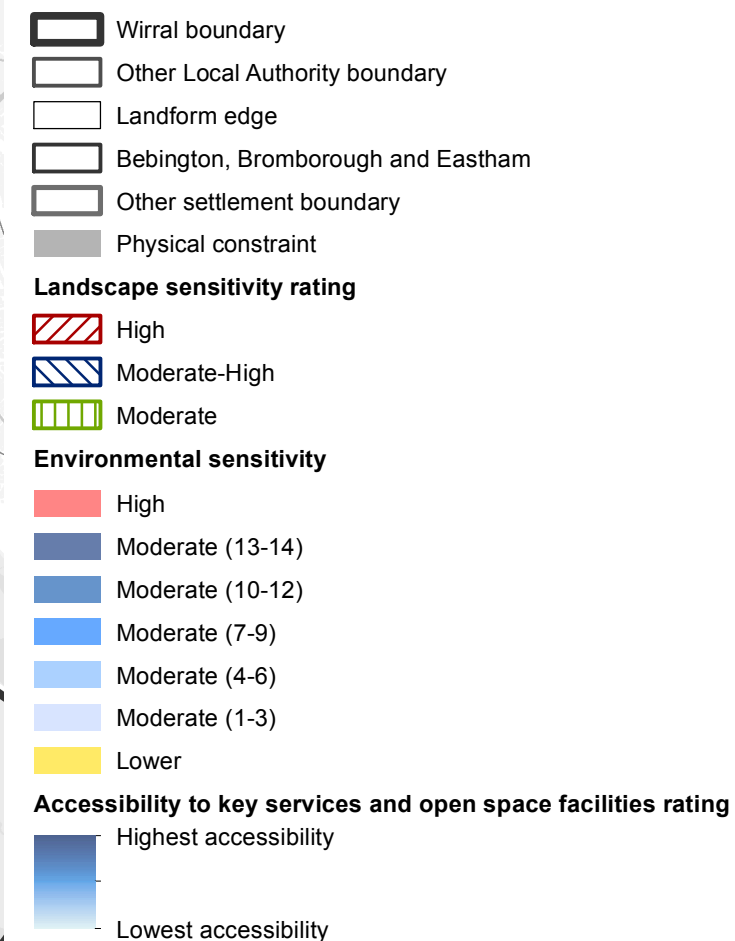


Figure 12.6 Mapping of environmental sensitivity (including landscape) and potential for carbon emissions around Bebington, Bromborough and Eastham



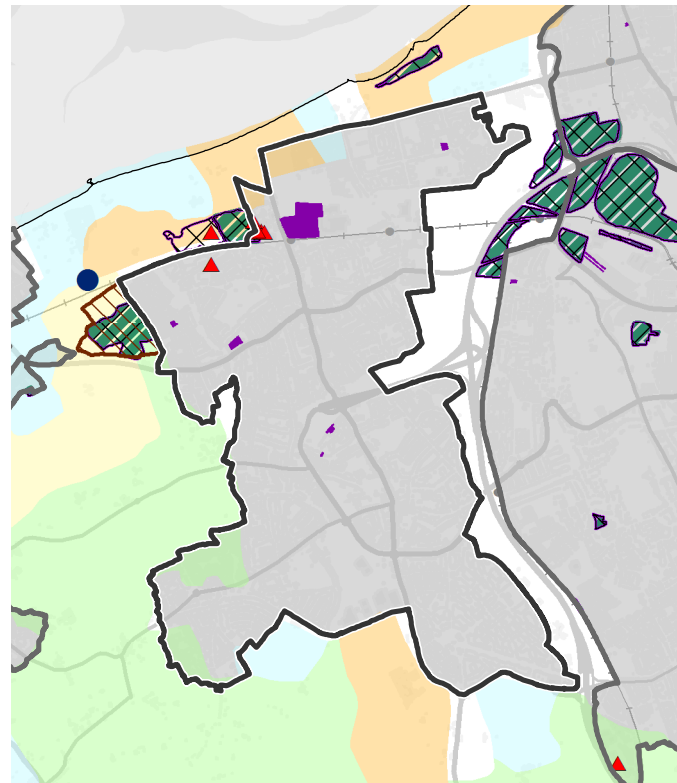
Note
Physical constraints include roads, railways, buildings, water courses, waterbodies, flood defences, areas of coastal erosion and permitted waste sites.

- 13. Birkenhead commercial core
- 14. Suburban Birkenhead
- 15. Bromborough
- 16. Bebington
- 17. Eastham

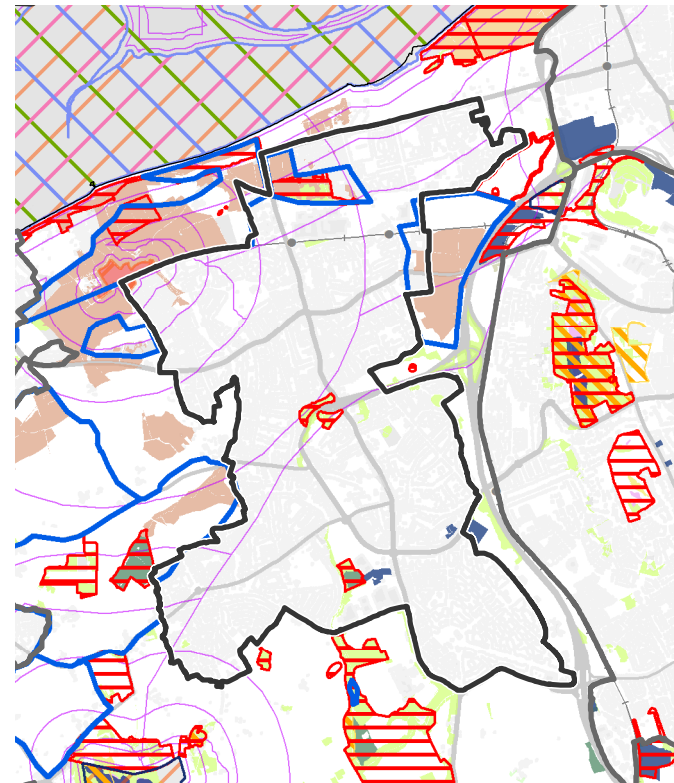


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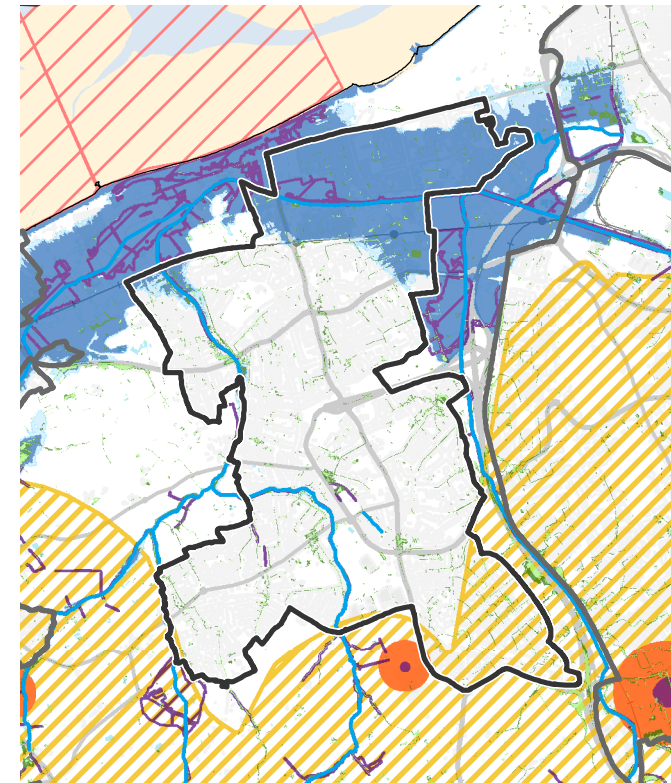
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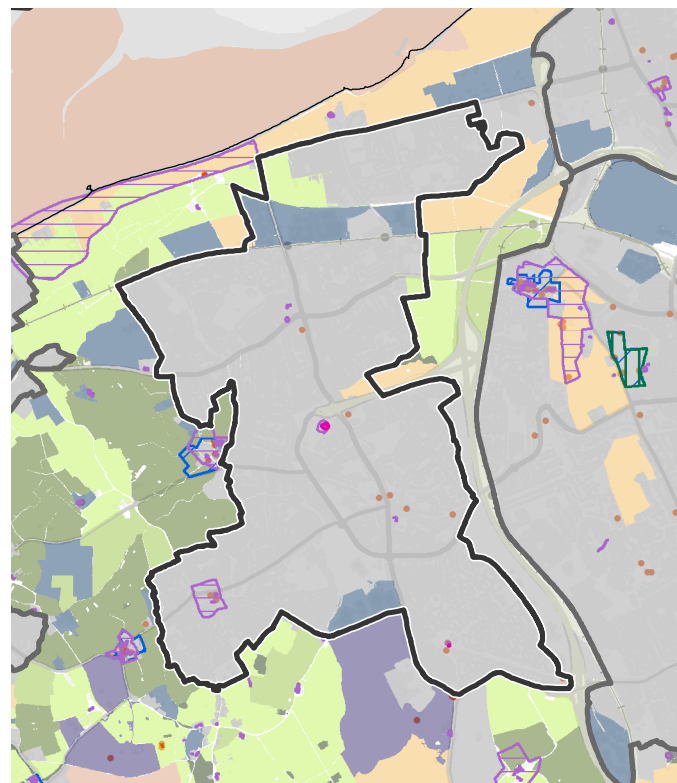
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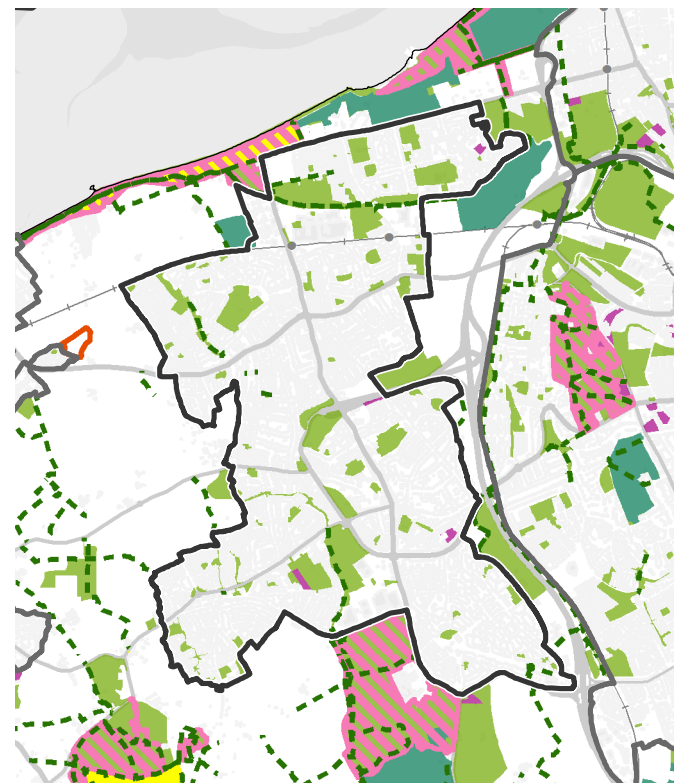
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Core Theme 4. Cultural heritage assets



Core Theme 5. Green space and recreation assets



Core Theme 6. Carbon storage assets

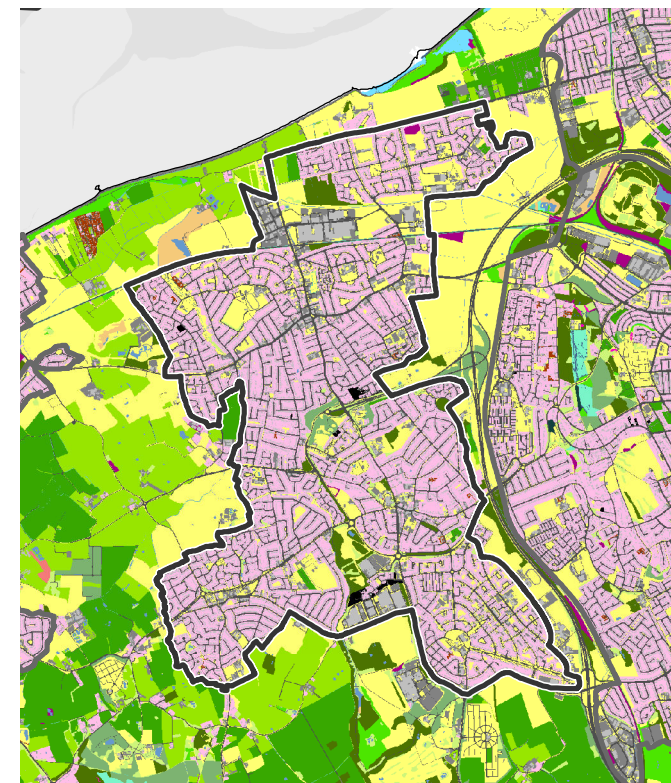
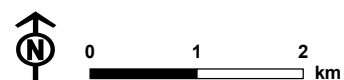
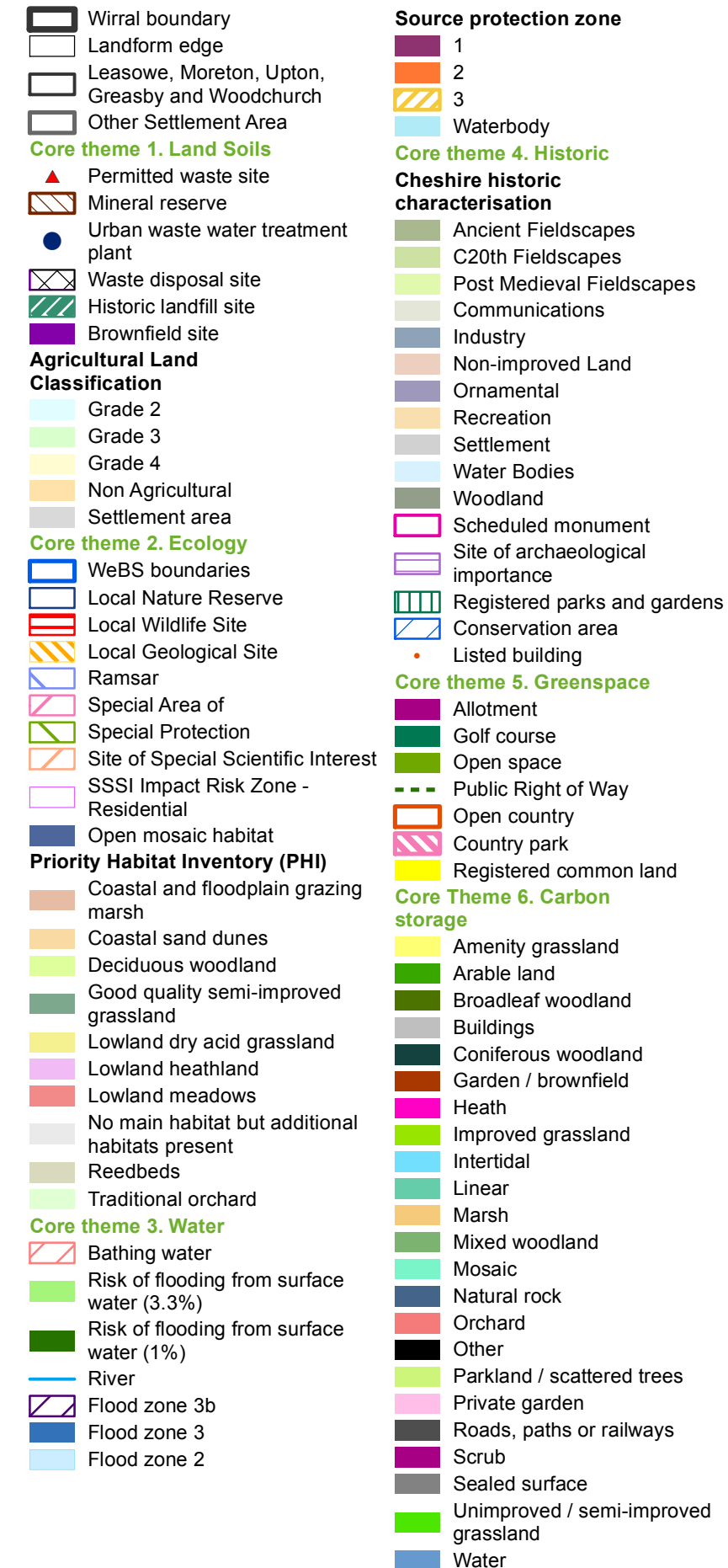
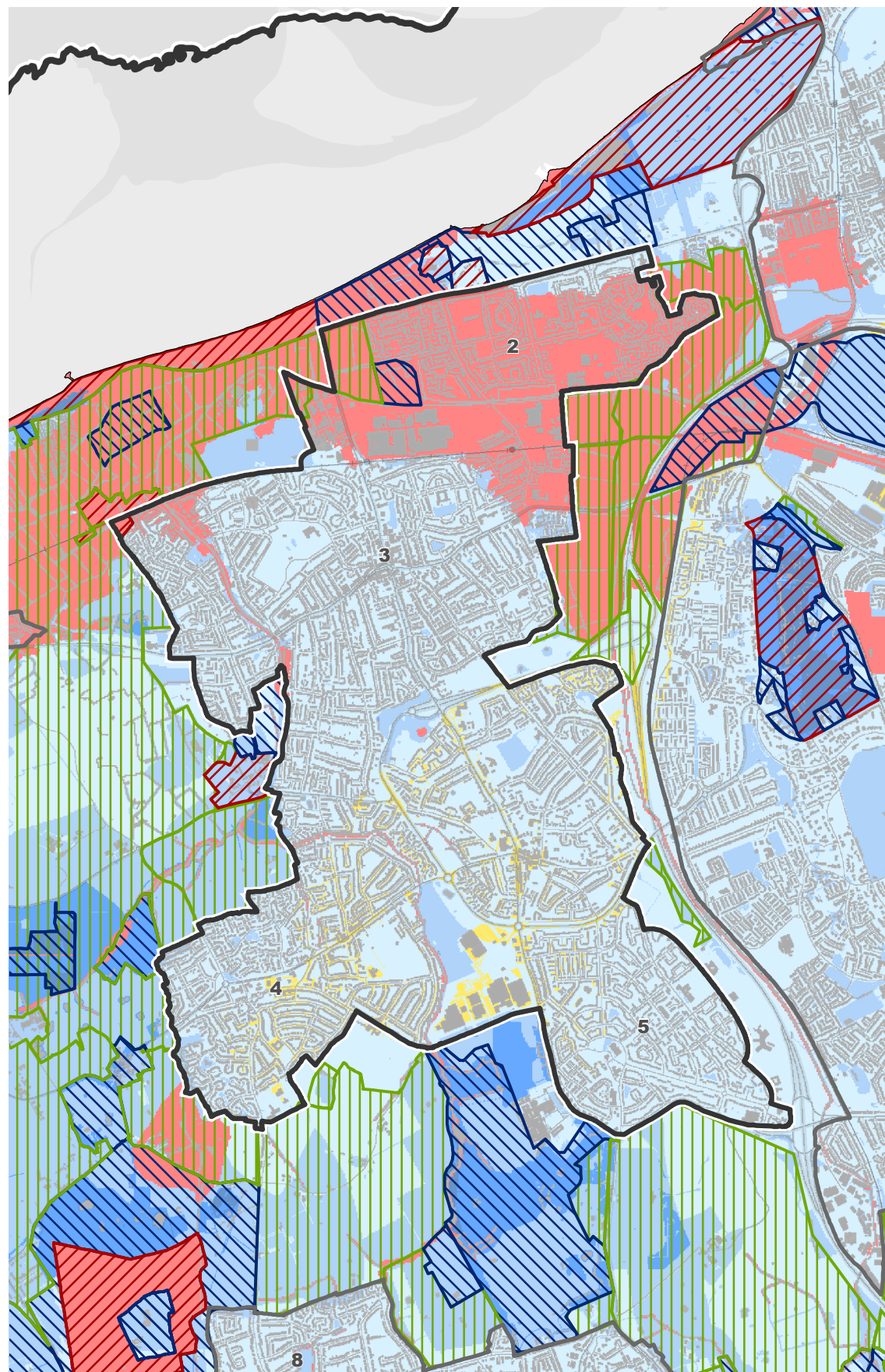


Figure 12.7 Environmental constraints around Leasowe, Moreton, Upton, Greasby and Woodchurch



Overall sensitivity



Accessibility

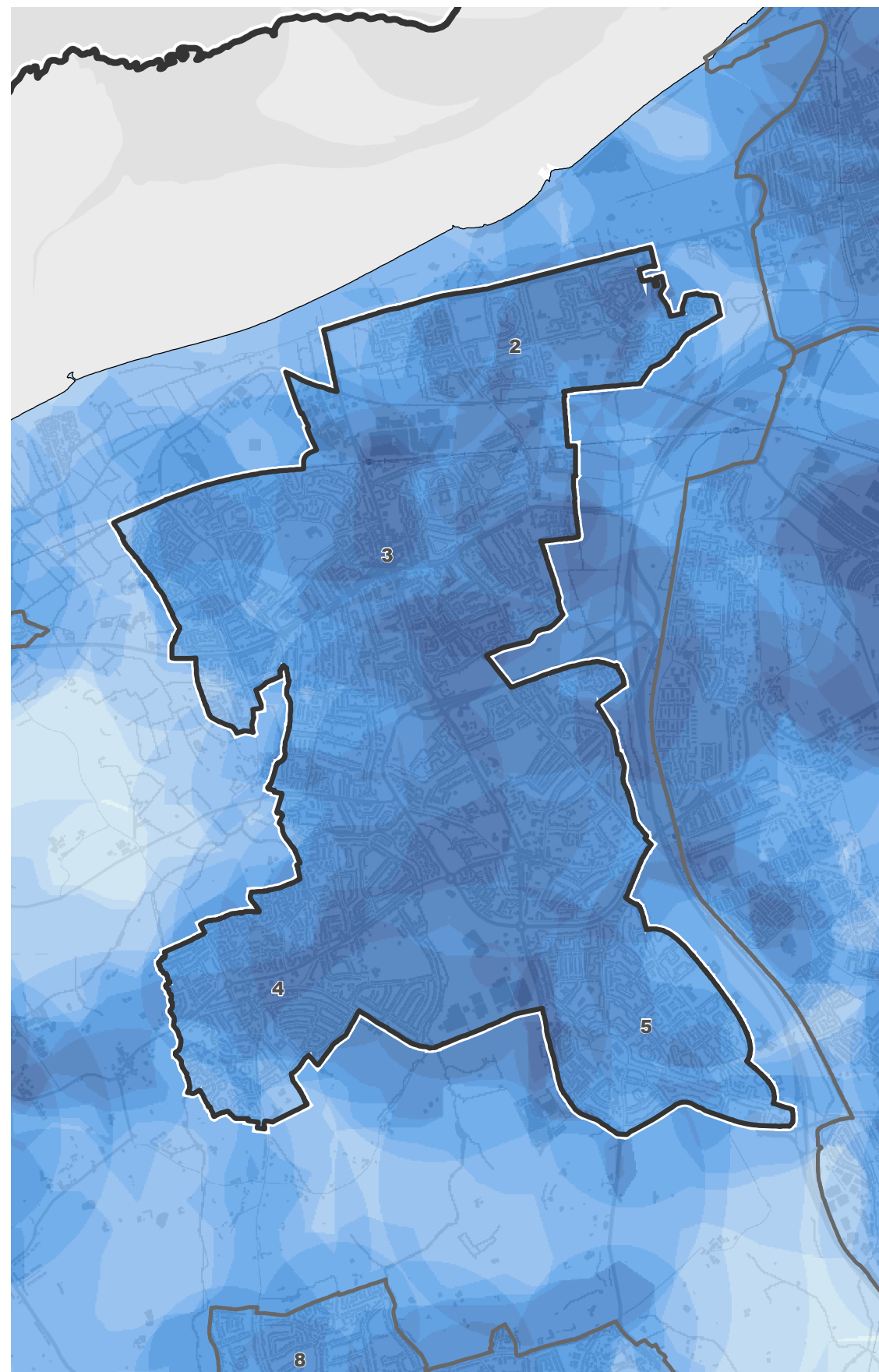


Figure 12.8 Mapping of environmental sensitivity (including landscape) and potential for carbon emissions around Leasowe, Moreton, Upton, Greasby and Woodchurch

- Wirral boundary
- Other Local Authority boundary
- Landform edge
- Leasowe, Moreton, Upton, Greasby and Woodchurch
- Other settlement boundary
- Physical constraint

Landscape sensitivity rating

- High
- Moderate-High
- Moderate

Environmental sensitivity

- High
- Moderate (13-14)
- Moderate (10-12)
- Moderate (7-9)
- Moderate (4-6)
- Moderate (1-3)
- Lower

Accessibility to key services and open space facilities rating

- Highest accessibility
- Lowest accessibility

Note

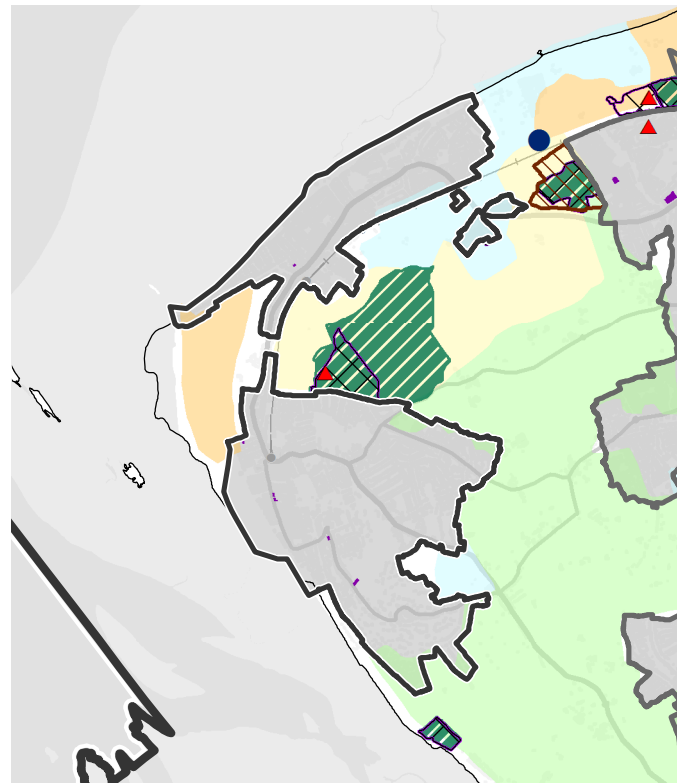
Physical constraints include roads, railways, buildings, water courses, waterbodies, flood defences, areas of coastal erosion and permitted waste sites.

- 1. Wallasey
- 2. Leasowe
- 3. Moreton
- 4. Greasby
- 5. Woodchurch
- 8. Irby

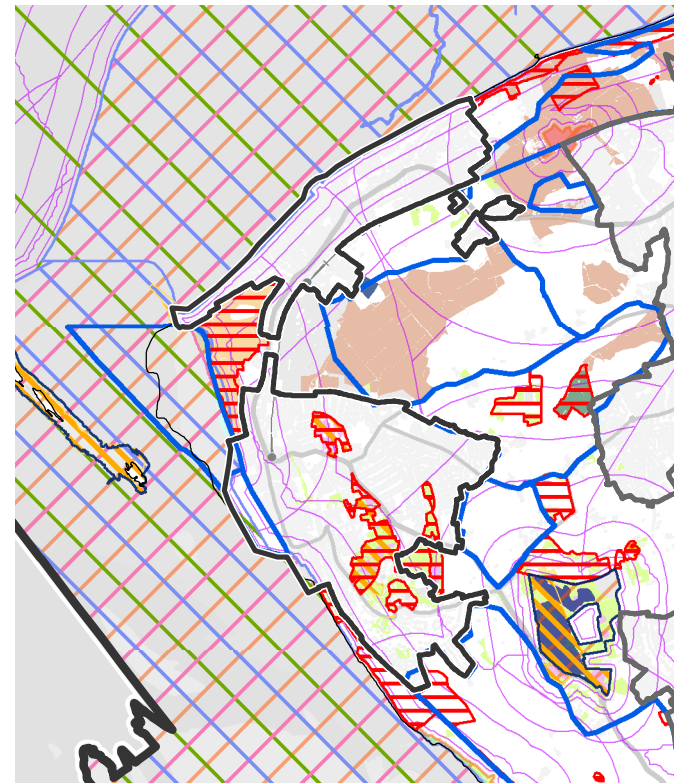


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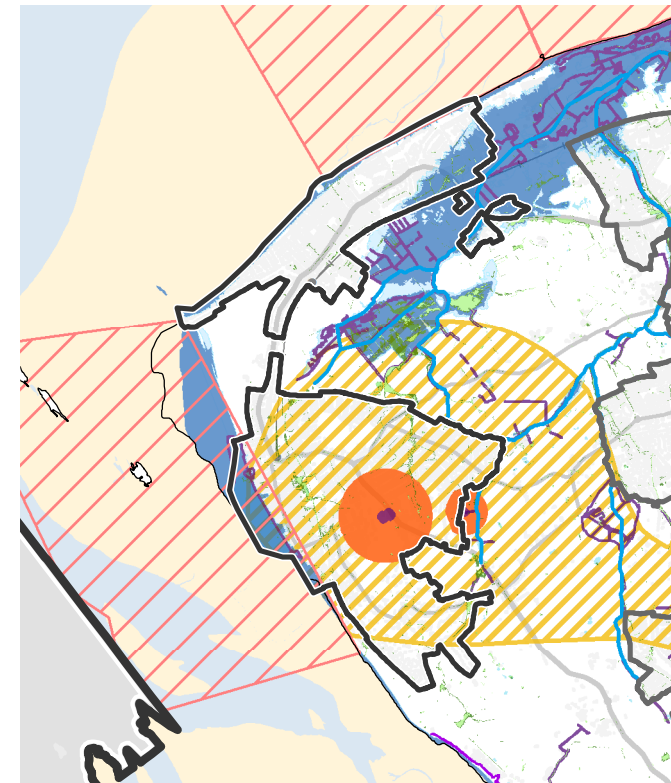
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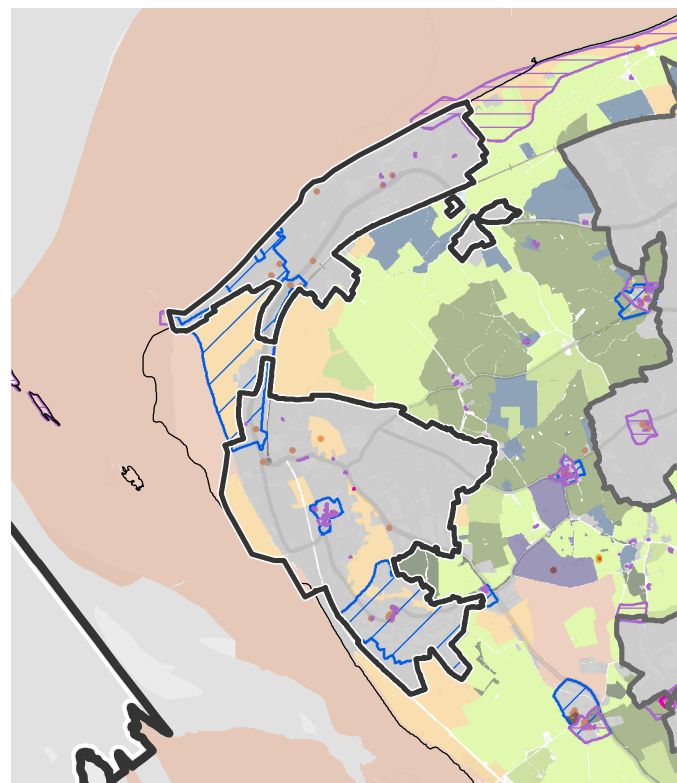
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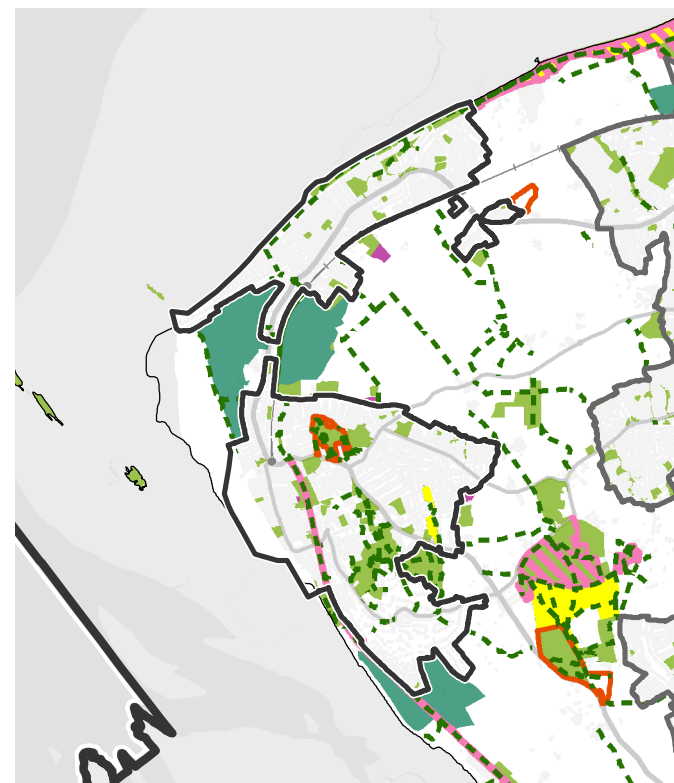
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Core Theme 4. Cultural heritage assets



Core Theme 5. Green space and recreation assets



Core Theme 6. Carbon storage assets

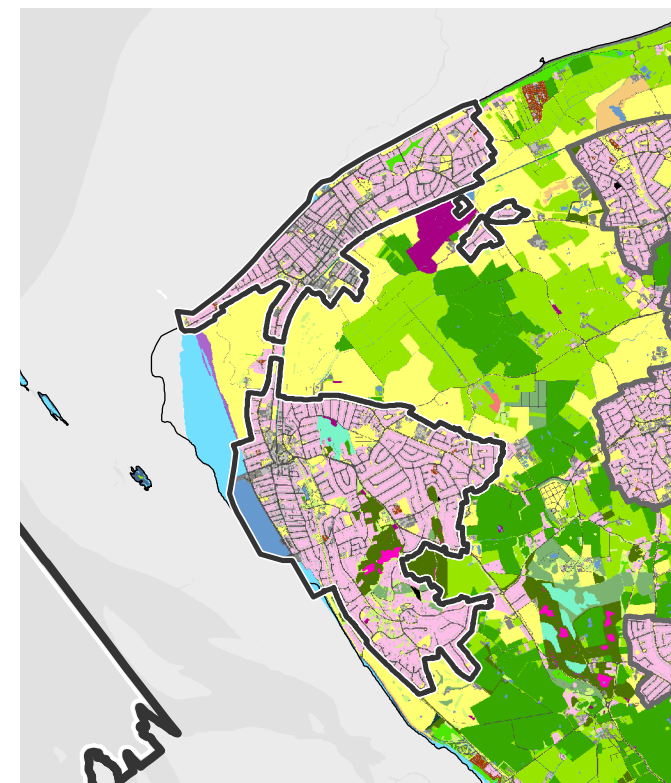
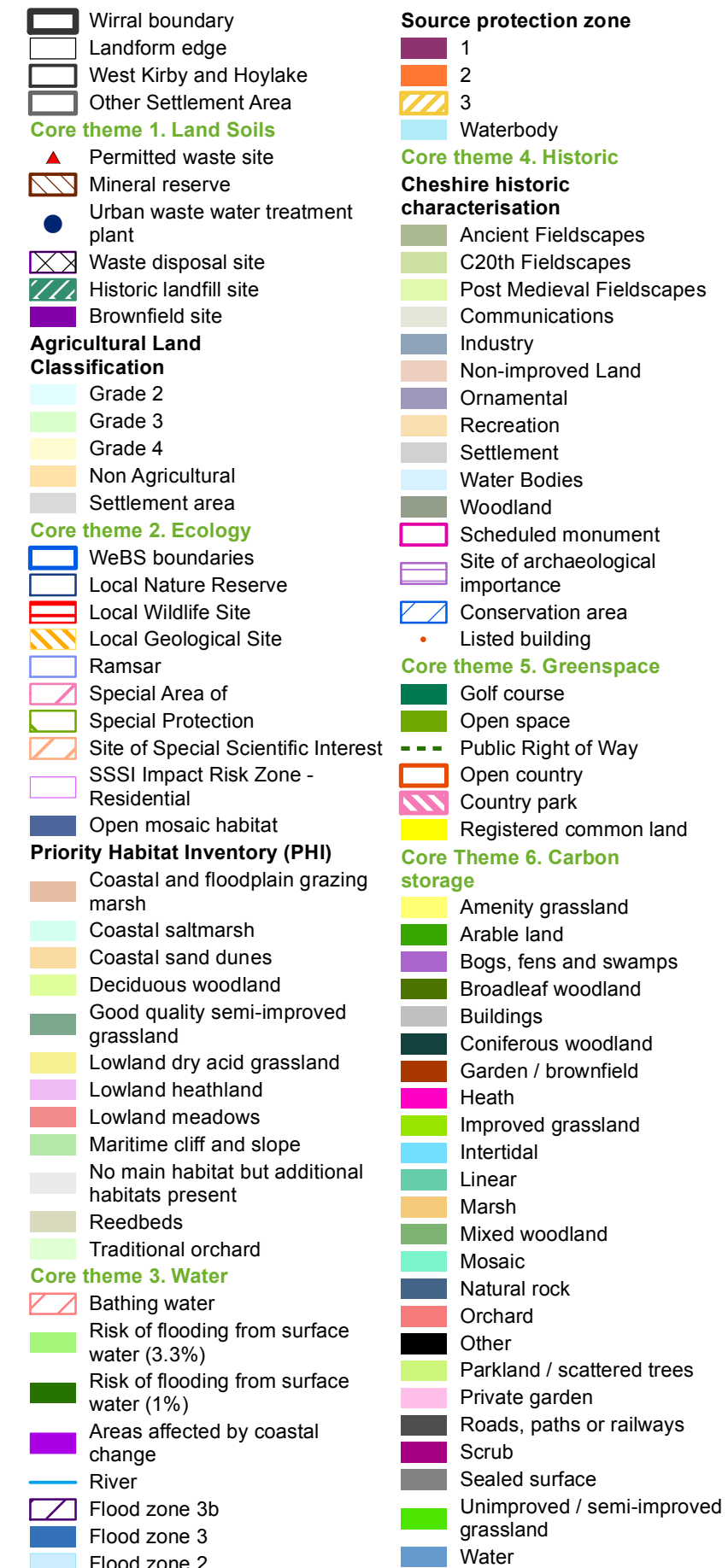
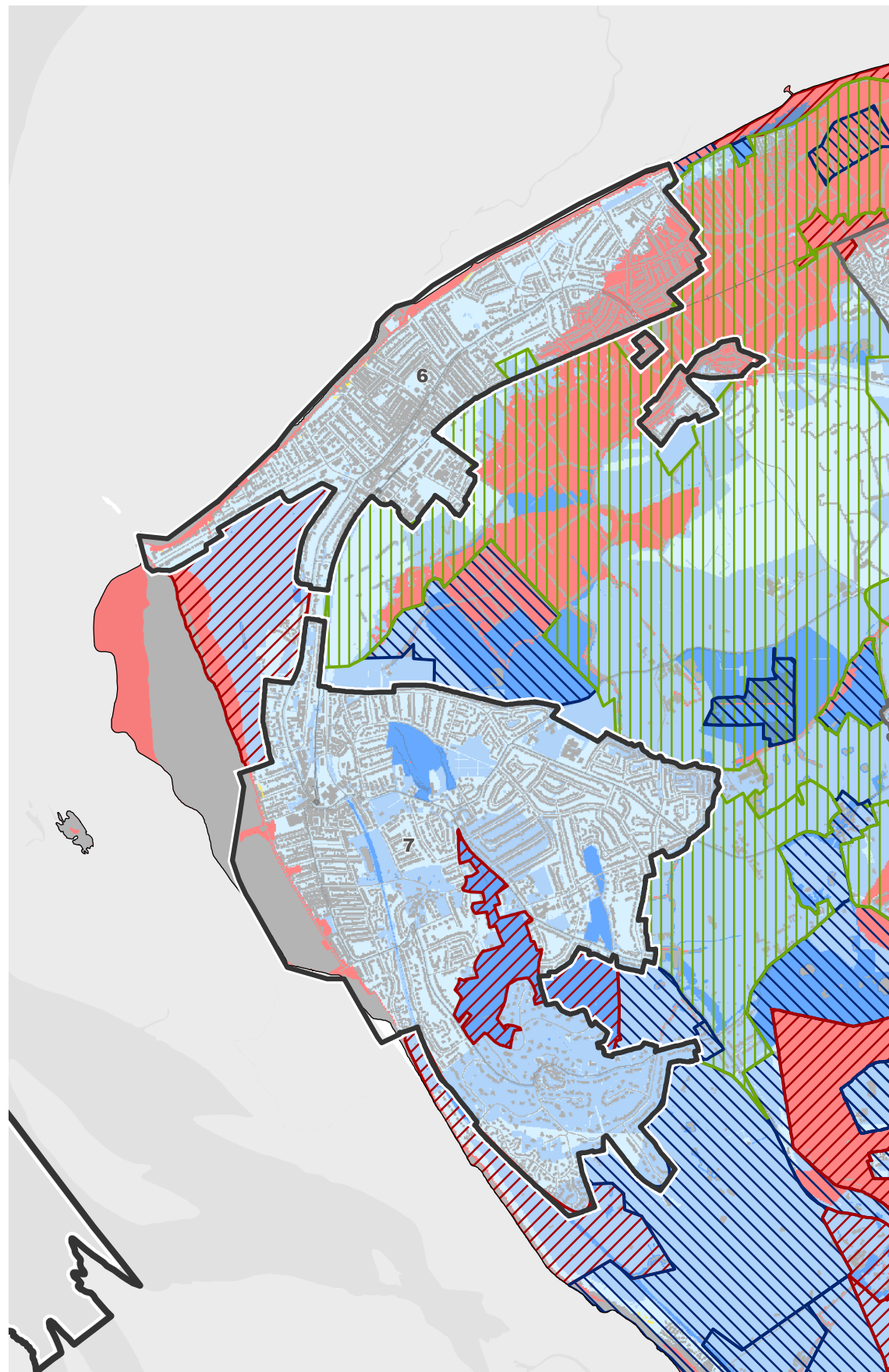


Figure 12.9 Environmental constraints around West Kirby and Hoylake



Overall sensitivity



Accessibility

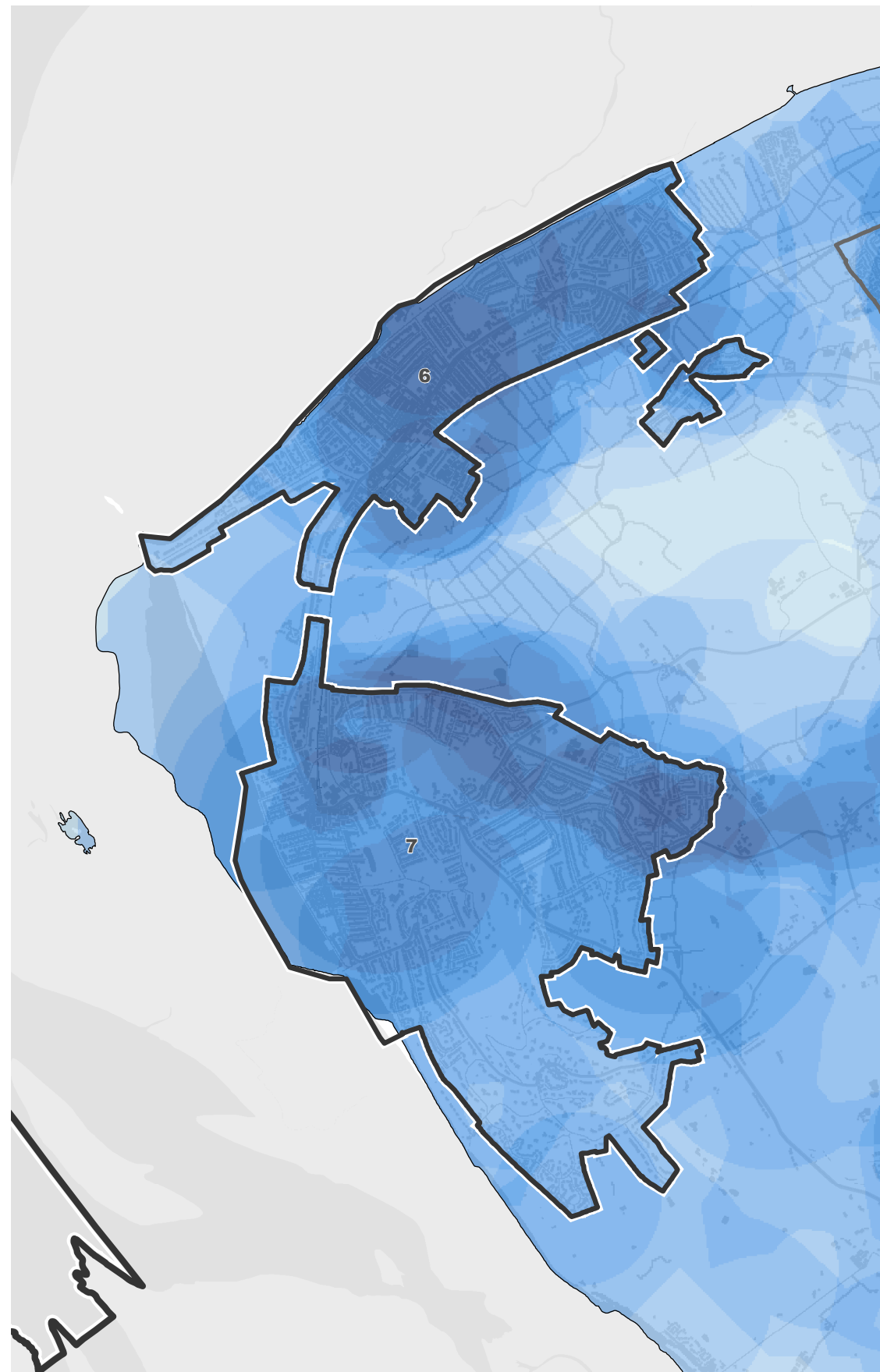
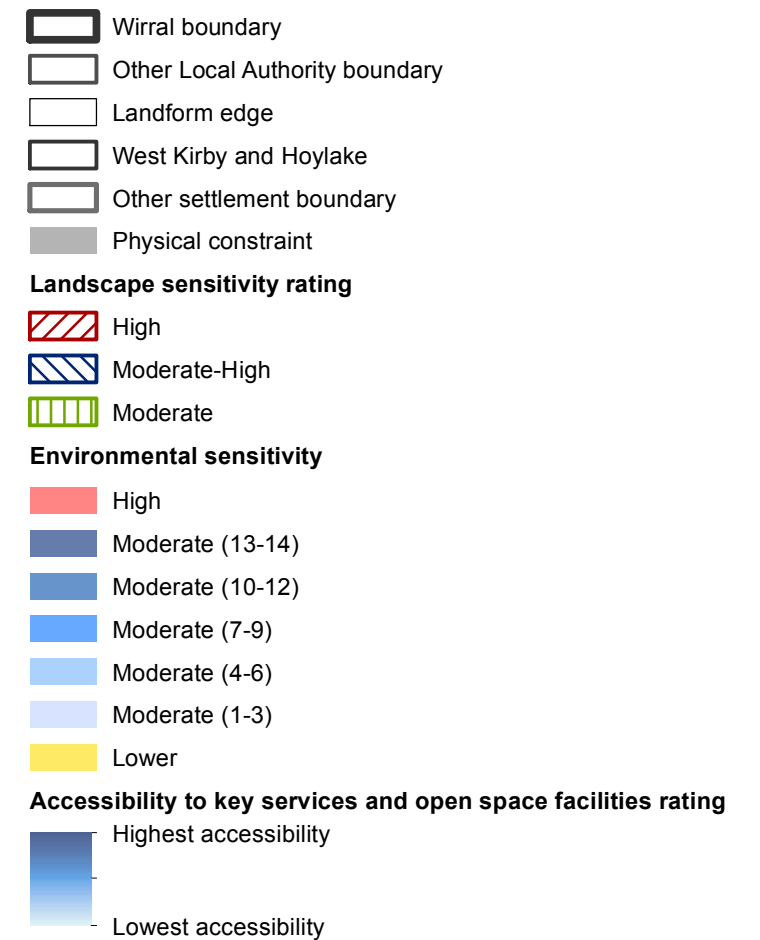
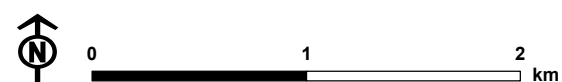


Figure 12.10 Mapping of environmental sensitivity (including landscape) and potential for carbon emissions around West Kirby and Hoylake



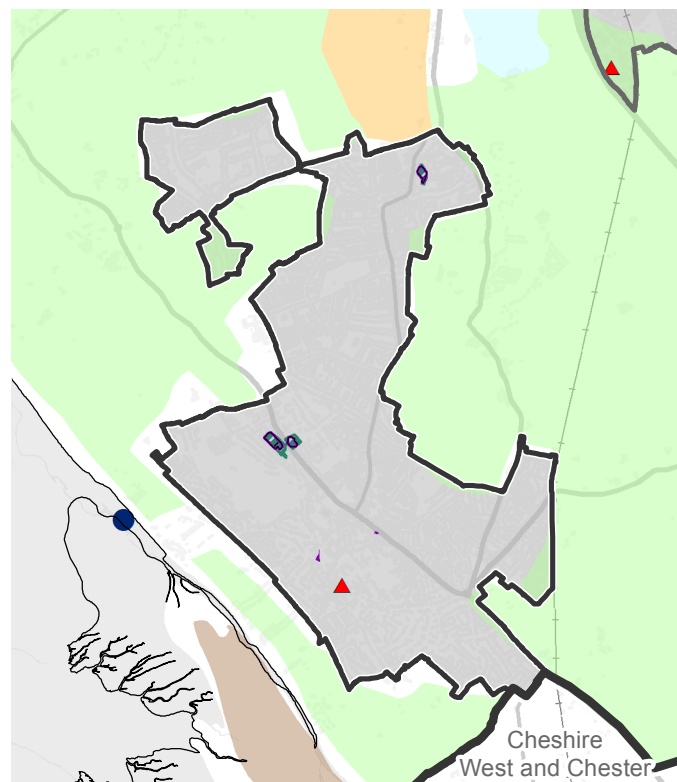
Note
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6. Hoylake
7. West Kirby

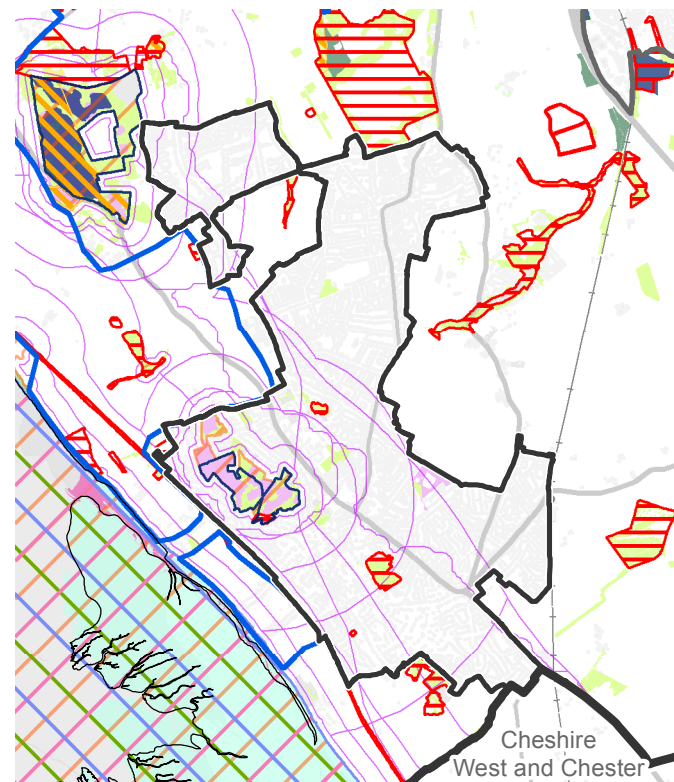


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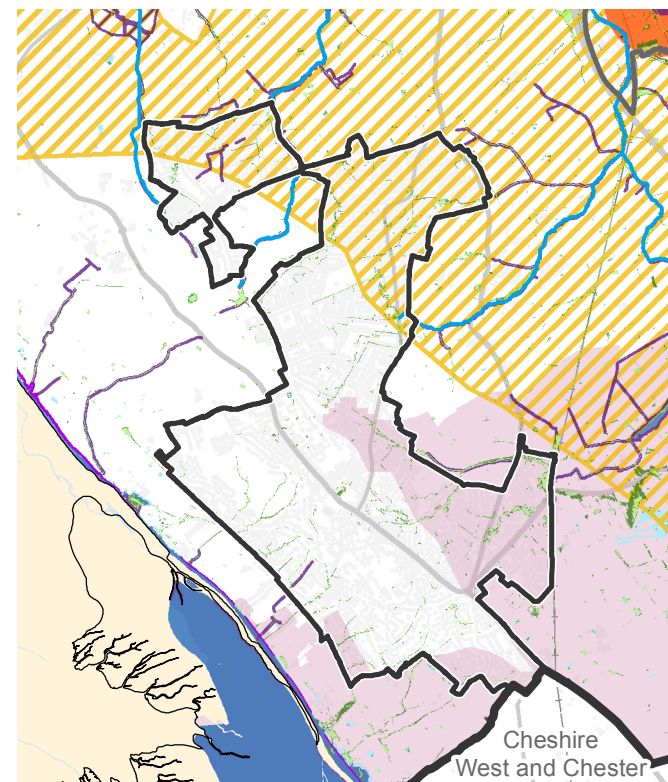
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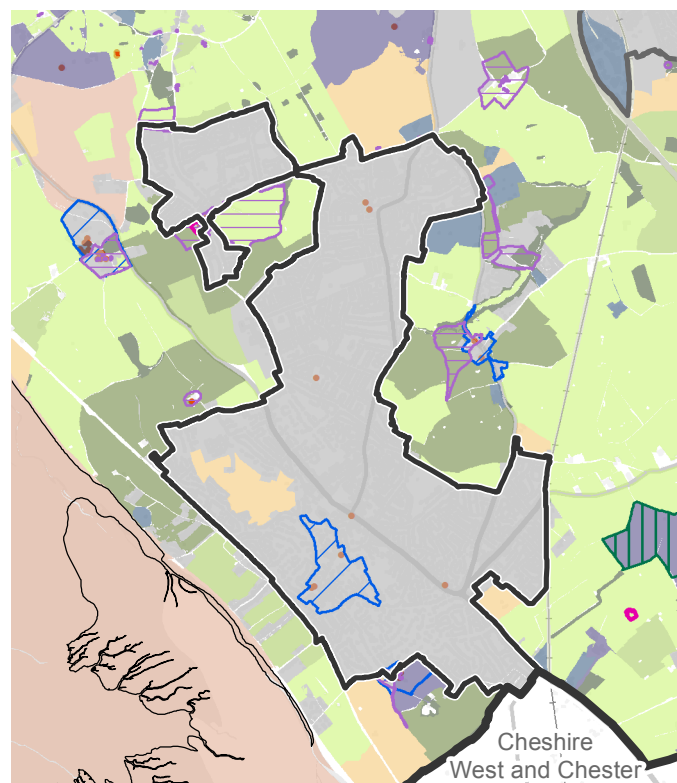
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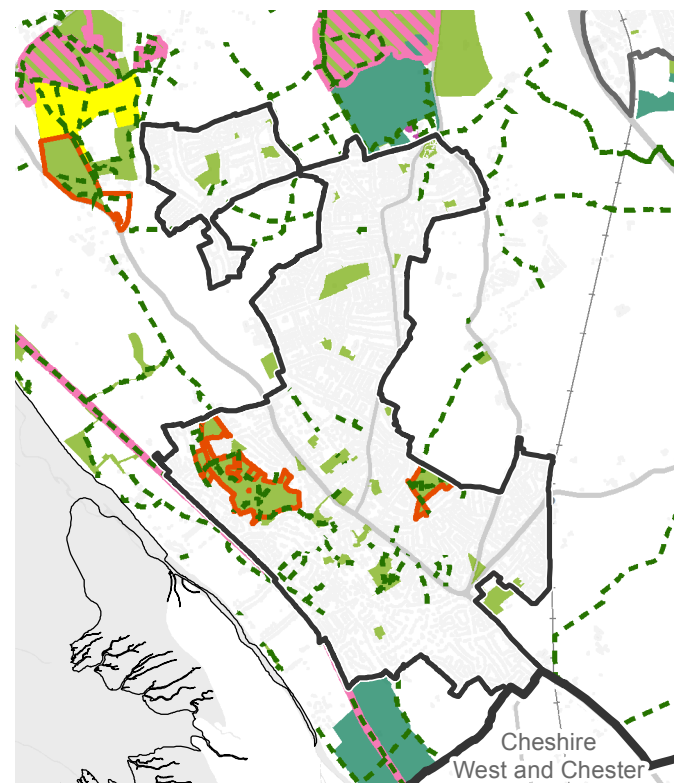
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Core Theme 4. Cultural heritage assets



Core Theme 5. Green space and recreation assets



Core Theme 6. Carbon storage assets

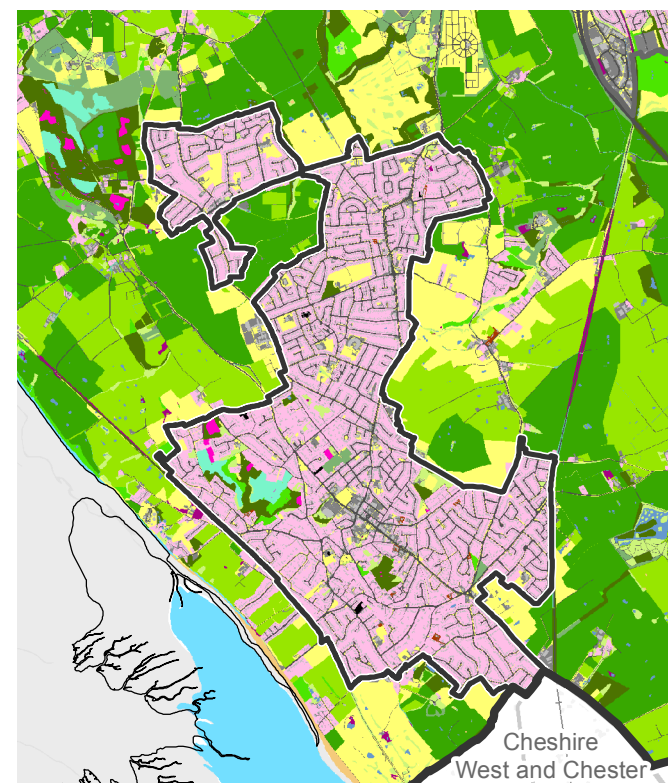
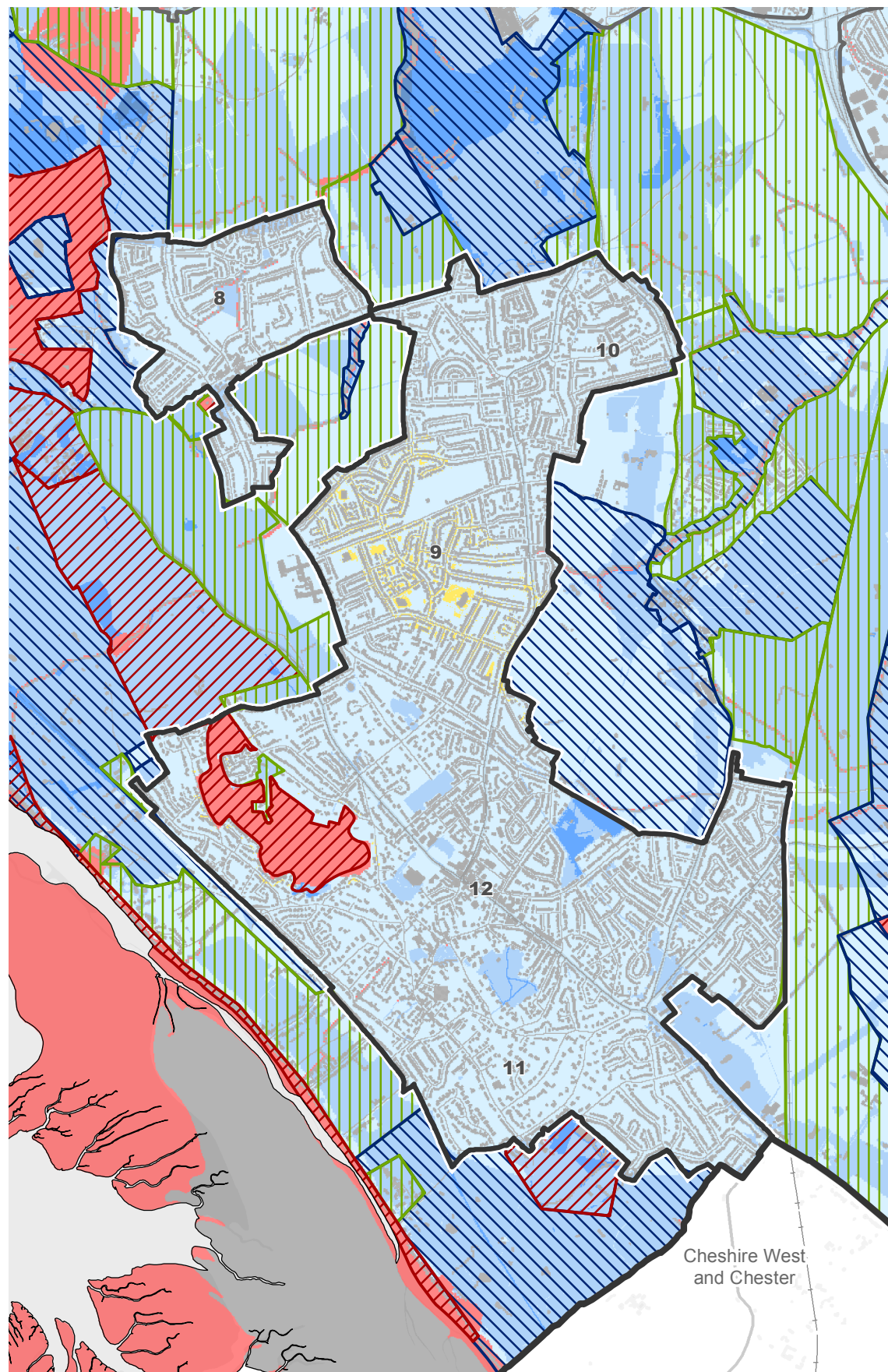


Figure 12.11 Environmental constraints around
Irby, Thingwall, Pensby, Heswall and Gayton



Overall sensitivity



Accessibility

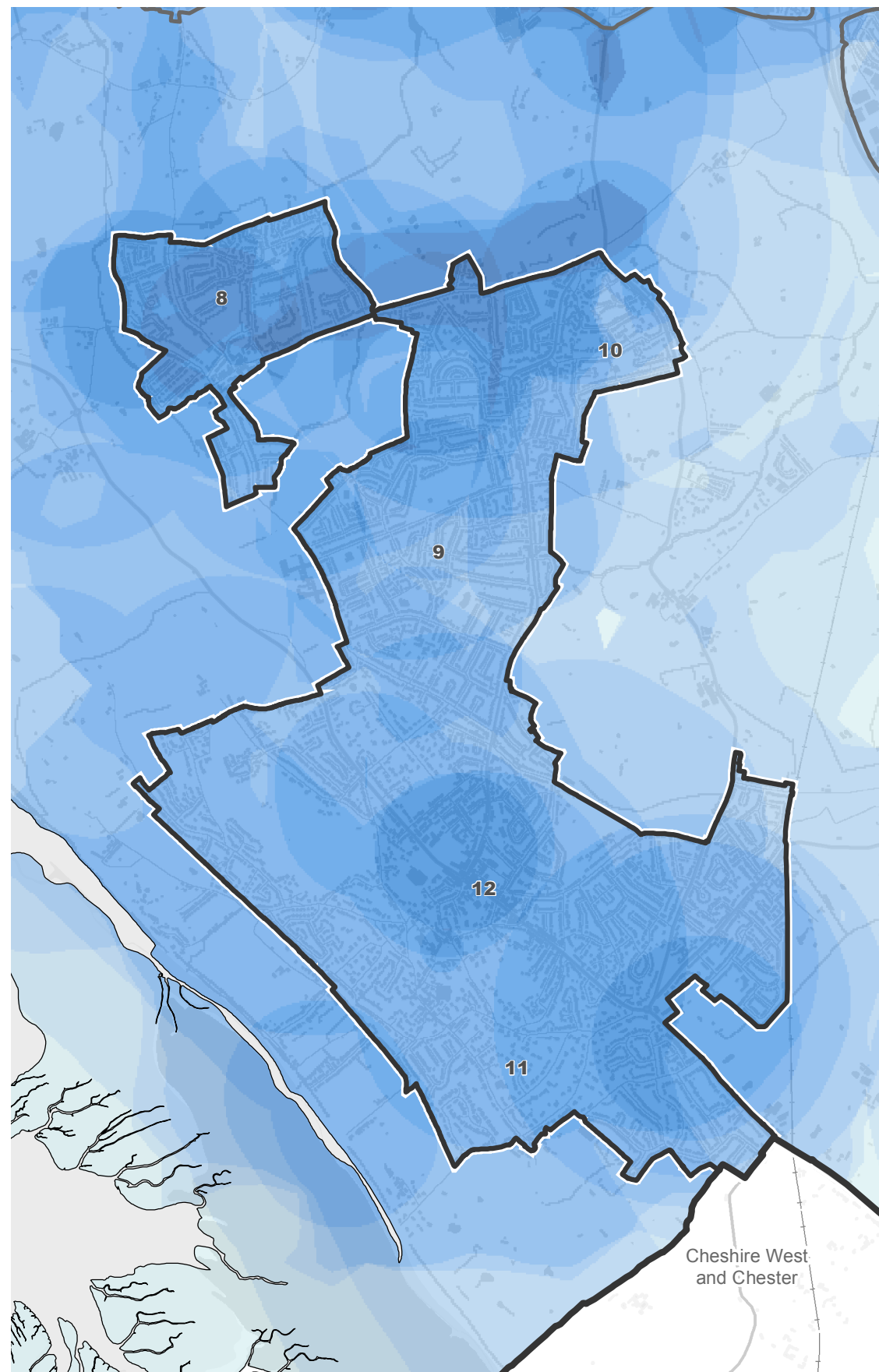


Figure 12.12 Mapping of environmental sensitivity (including landscape) and potential for carbon emissions around Irby, Thingwall, Pensby, Heswall and Gayton

- Wirral boundary
- Other Local Authority boundary
- Landform edge
- Irby, Thingwall, Pensby, Heswall and Gayton
- Other settlement boundary
- Physical constraint

Landscape sensitivity rating

- High
- Moderate-High
- Moderate

Environmental sensitivity

- High
- Moderate (13-14)
- Moderate (10-12)
- Moderate (7-9)
- Moderate (4-6)
- Moderate (1-3)
- Lower

Accessibility to key services and open space facilities rating

- Highest accessibility
- Lowest accessibility

Note

Physical constraints include roads, railways, buildings, water courses, waterbodies, flood defences, areas of coastal erosion and permitted waste sites.

- 8. Irby
- 9. Pensby
- 10. Thingwall
- 11. Gayton
- 12. Heswall



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