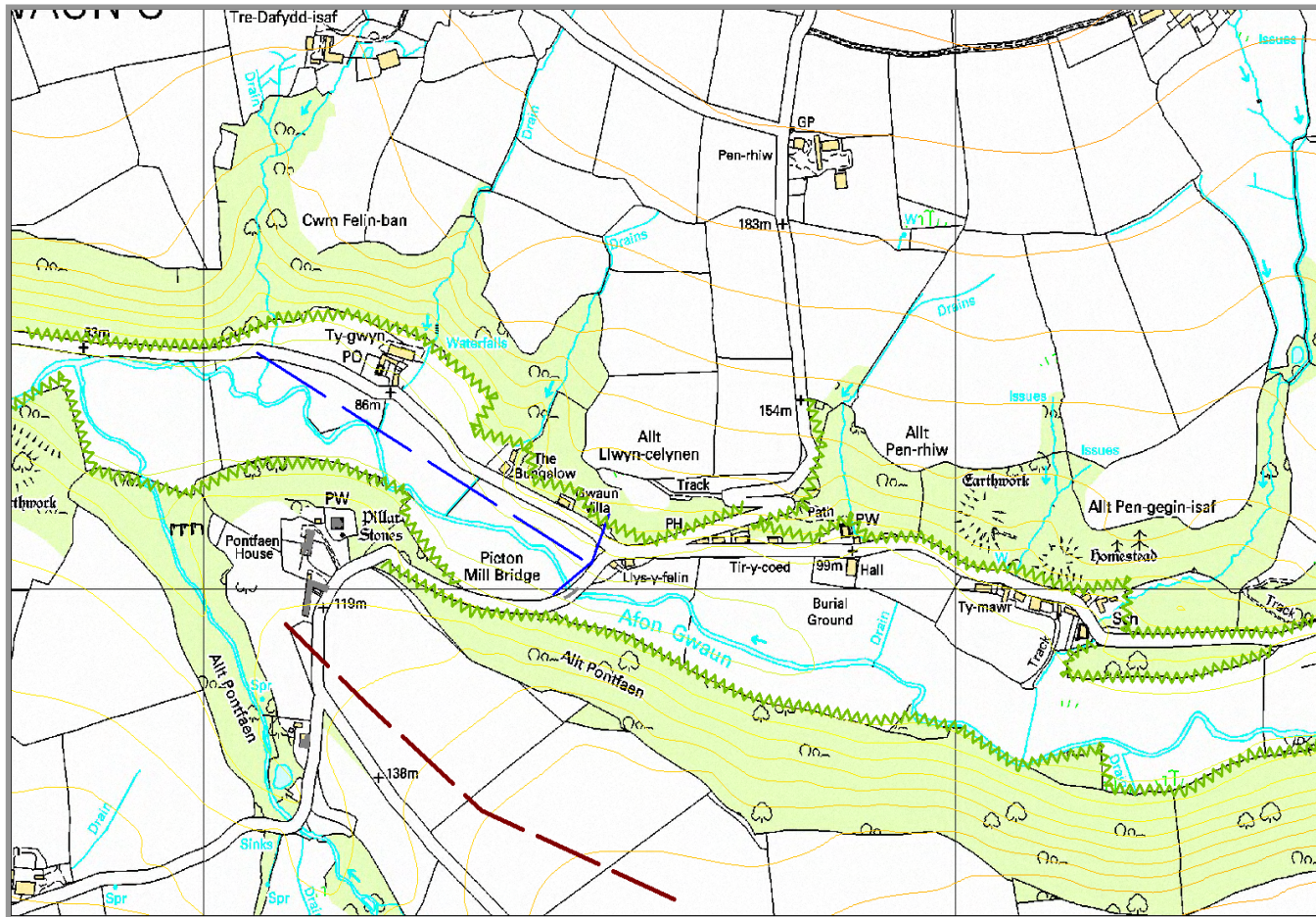


Pontfaen – a small, dispersed linear settlement within the steep-sided wooded river valley of Cwm Gwaun. The church and bridge are the primary local landmark features. This is a tranquil, rather isolated old settlement, set in a largely unspoilt traditional agricultural landscape, with traditional built forms predominating



Pontfaen - view from the valley road east towards the settlement

The highly dispersed linear hamlet is linear in form, set along the narrow, steep-sided valley of the Afon Gwaun. The skyline to both sides has continuous deciduous woodland cover. This dense mature woodland is a very distinctive feature of the Afon Gwaun river valley and contributes very strongly to the sense of place



View to west from the road by the cemetery



There is very limited scope for in-fill residential development within the valley, as a result of the steep landform, the river floodplain and the continuous woodland cover along the valley sides.

View east from the valley road to the river bridge

Pontfaen

**PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK
SETTLEMENTS CAPACITY STUDY - FIELD SURVEY SHEET**

Settlement Name: Pontfaen						
Date:	10/8/07	Surveyors:	JC/RM			
LCA's in Local Context	LCA 26 – Cwm Gwaun/Afon Nyfer					Insert details from LCA Study
Settlement Type:	Urban		Notes: A highly dispersed valley bottom settlement nestling in a densely-wooded deep river valley			
	Village					
	Harbour					
	Hamlet	•				
Settlement Attributes:						
Settlement Form:	General:	Linear	Nucleated	Dispersed	Planned	Organic
	Scale:	Large	Medium	Small		
	Density:	High	Medium	Low		
	Pattern:	Linear	Grid	Organic		
Settlement Landmark or Focal Point	Church	Castle	Monument	Cross	Earthwork	Standing Stone
	Large House	High Walls	River	Stream	Pond	Lake/Pool
	Bridge	Ford	Mill	Pound	Green	Hill
	Wood S to N & S	Sand Shore	Cliff	Rock Shore	Shingle Shore	Estuary
	Bay	Cove	Note <u>S</u> kyline features and direction of view			
	Conservation Area?	Yes/No		Insert Name(s)		
	Listed Buildings?	Yes/No		Insert Number of buildings outside Conservation Area(s) 3		
Settlement Edge Condition:	North	South	East	West	Insert refinements, e.g. NE, SW as appropriate	
Hard					Abrupt transition to surrounding landscape with little or no cover	
Muted		•	•	•	Smoother transition to surrounding landscape with some vegetation cover	
Soft	•				Edge well integrated into surrounding landscape by vegetation cover	
Woodland	•D				Note <u>D</u> eciduous or <u>E</u> vergreen	
Hedgebank		•M	•M	•M	Note <u>M</u> anaged or <u>U</u> nmanaged	
Wall					Note height and materials	

Settlement Edge:	North	South	East	West	Insert refinements, e.g. NE, SW as appropriate	
Views out from within settlement			•	•	Note photograph location and OS Grid Ref and plot direction and angle of view on plan Very local, within and along the axis of the valley	
Views in from surrounding land					Note photograph location and OS Grid Ref and plot direction and angle of view on plan None, due to the extensive continuous deciduous woodland cover on the valley sides and the sinuous nature of the valley landform	
Settlement Landform:	Flat	Rolling/Undulating	Hill & Scarp	Rocky	Convex	Concave
Surrounding Landform	Flat	Rolling/Undulating	Hill & Scarp	Rocky	Convex	Concave
Development Opportunities	None, except for very limited local residential infill only, on individual sites.					
Development Constraints	The steep valley landform, flat river floodplain, dense and continuous valley-side woodland, and the potential loss of the existing porosity of the built form, together define the sense of place and are locally very distinctive.					
Other Notes:						