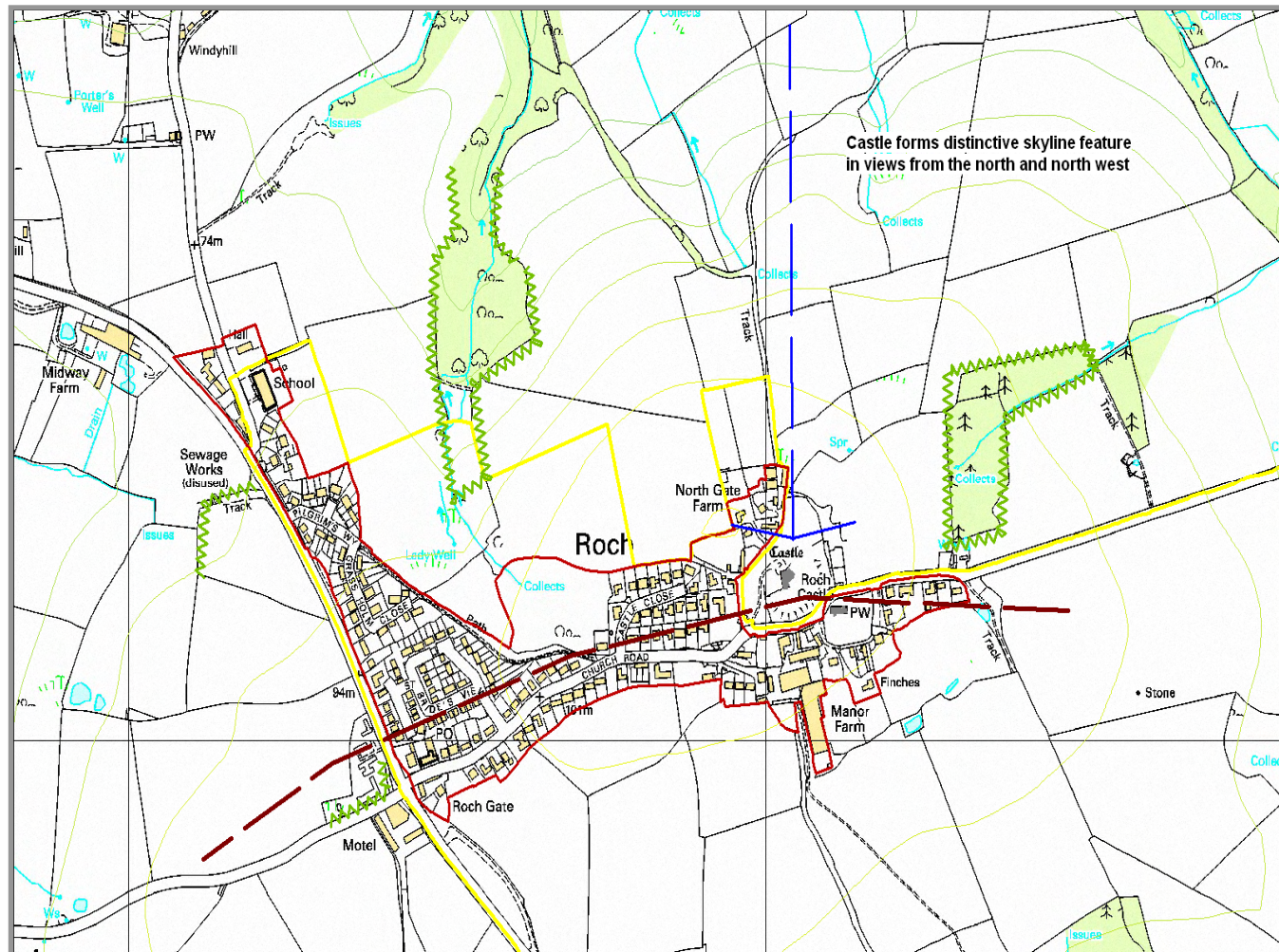
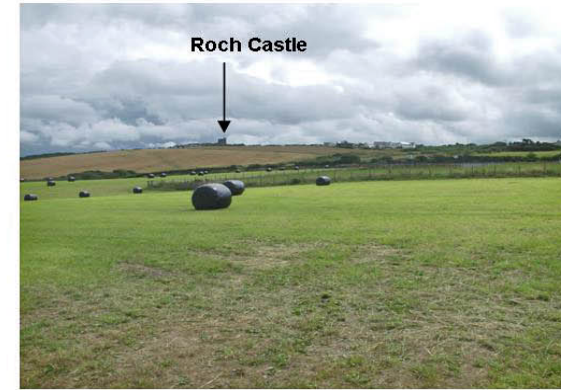


Roch – a small linear village settlement on high ground within open rolling landform. The imposing castle sited on its rocky outcrop is a very distinctive local feature, visible from a considerable distance. The old core of the village around the castle and the church have traditional built forms but more modern residential development to the east are incongruous and contribute nothing to the sense of place, especially along the A487 road frontage, which defines the western village boundary and abuts the National Park boundary



Roch



Roch - view south east from the minor road running northwards from the village

Roch Castle forms a prominent and distinctive skyline feature visible from much of the land to the north of the village and the A487 to the north west

The northern edge of the village has hard edges, notably at the school site shown to the right of this photograph. There is no scope for additional development within the National Park without detriment to the setting of the castle



View south from the minor road to the north



View east from the minor road to the north

Local removal and depletion of hedge banks north of Roch has changed the scale of the fields, in contrast to the more characteristic field size and pattern in the adjoining areas of the Brandy Brook Landscape Character Area, seen here in the distance

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

Settlement Name: Roch						
Date:	10/8/07	Surveyors:	JC/RM			
LCA's in Local Context	LCA 13 - Brandy Brook, to the north LCA 12 - St Bride's Bay, to the west The prominent and imposing form of Roch Castle is an important visual reference for the Brandy Brook LCA					Insert details from LCA Study
Settlement Type:	Urban		Notes: Northern and western edges abut the National Park boundary.			
	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 S to S	Monument	Cross	Earthwork	Standing Stone
	Large House	High Walls	River	Stream	Pond	Lake/Pool
	Bridge	Ford	Mill	Pound	Green	Hill
	Wood S to SE	Sand Shore	Cliff	Rock Shore	Shingle Shore	Estuary
	Bay	Cove		Note Skyline features and direction of view		
	Conservation Area?		Yes/No	Insert Name(s)		
	Listed Buildings?		Yes/No	Insert Number of buildings outside Conservation Area(s) 2 Castle & Church		
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				Note <u>D</u> eciduous or <u>E</u> vergreen	
	Hedgebank				• 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 To the coast to the west and over the Brandy brook area of farmland to the north	
Views in from surrounding land	•			•	Note photograph location and OS Grid Ref and plot direction and angle of view on plan From the north from the higher ground in the Brandy brook area. From the west along the A487.	
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 residential infill only, on individual sites within the settlement boundary					
Development Constraints	The sweeping open broad rolling landform is emphasised locally by the depletion and removal of field boundary hedgebanks to north. To the west the A487 is a defensible boundary to the National Park with some hedgebanks.					
<i>Other Notes:</i> Recommend a planting scheme by agreement to assimilate the school site into the adjacent landscape and soften the existing hard transition. Management agreements with local farmers would benefit the field boundary hedgerows and reduce the uncharacteristic openness and scale of the fields in the vicinity, which are unlike most of the fields within the Brandy Brook LCA. Further removal of field boundary hedgebanks and consequent extensification of the agricultural landscape here should be actively discouraged.						