4.17 **Landscape Setting of Foxhunt Green**

**Settlement Profile**

4.17.1 Foxhunt Green is situated approximately five miles to the south east of Heathfield, one mile south of Waldron and two miles to the north east of East Hoathly. It is situated a mile outside the boundary of the High Weald AONB.

4.17.2 Foxhunt Green is a very small linear residential hamlet with a monastery. Houses are large and set back from the road.

**Landscape Character**

4.17.3 The landscape surrounding the settlement falls within the following County Landscape Character Area(s):

- South Slopes of High Weald (5) – see Section 4.3 for details

4.17.4 At the more local scale, the landscape surrounding the settlement also lies within the following Local Landscape Character Area(s):

- A5: Hawkhurst Common – see Section 4.4 for details

4.17.5 The key features and characteristics of the landscape around Foxhunt Green are illustrated on Figure 4.12 and summarised below:

- **Remnant Historic Landscapes**: Foxhunt Green is set within a predominantly ancient fieldscape of regular piecemeal enclosure to the north, cohesive and aggregate assarts to the east and south, and irregular piecemeal enclosure and historic planned private enclosure to the west. Small to medium sized blocks of Ancient Woodland are scattered throughout the settlement setting. There is a monastery to the east end of the hamlet.
- **Landscape Detractors**: A row of pylons to the south-west of the settlement are landscape detractors.
- **Urban Edges**: All edges are sensitive due to presence of mature vegetation.
- **Watercourses and Waterbodies**: Small streams and drainage ditches and small ponds in the Ancient Woodland and to the north of the hamlet.
- **Footpaths and Bridleways**: There are a few footpaths to Foxhunt Green but none that go to the village. The Vanguard way passes to the east.

4.17.6 Areas of distinctive landscape that have been identified around the settlement are shown on Figure 4.12 as ‘Landscape Setting Areas’. The distinctive characteristics that define each Landscape Setting Area are highlighted within the table below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Landscape Setting Area</th>
<th>Distinctive Characteristics</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>• An ancient patchwork of small fields, thick mature hedgerows and Ancient Woodlands; • Strong sense of tranquillity and remoteness.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>• Large-scale, modern fields; • Thin belts of Ancient Woodland; • Stream corridor which lined with small-scale pastoral fields in the centre of the area.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>• Historic landscape of large-scale arable and pastoral fields, with occasional mature field trees and low trimmed hedgerows.</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Landscape Setting Areas

Landscape Sensitivity (n/b see Methodology):
- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Low
- Very Low

Landscape Features and Characteristics:
- Remnant Historic Landscape - Historic
- Remnant Historic Landscape - Ancient
- Culturally Important Landmarks
- Landscape Detractors
- Sensitive Urban Edge
- Prominent Urban Edge
- Watercourses/Waterbodies
- Significant Views
- Key Ridgelines
- Footpaths/Bridleways

Conservation Designations:
- Conservation Areas
- Listed Buildings
- Locally Listed Buildings
- Historic Parks and Gardens
- Scheduled Monuments
- Statutory Wildlife Designations/
  Local Wildlife Sites
- Ancient Woodlands
- Tree Preservation Orders
- South Downs National Park
- High Weald
- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

FIGURE 4.12
LANDSCAPE SETTING OF FOXHUNT GREEN
### Landscape Sensitivity

4.17.7 The inherent Landscape Sensitivity of each Landscape Setting Area, evaluated in line with the methodology set out within Section 2.4, is shown in the table below:

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<tr>
<th>Criteria</th>
<th>Landscape Setting Area</th>
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<th>3</th>
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<tr>
<td>Strength of Place</td>
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<tr>
<td>Distinctiveness</td>
<td>Distinct</td>
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<tr>
<td>Continuity</td>
<td>Ancient</td>
<td></td>
<td>Recent</td>
<td>Historic</td>
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<tr>
<td>Strength of Place</td>
<td>Strong</td>
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<td>Very Weak</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
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<td>Visibility</td>
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<td>Landform</td>
<td>Apparent</td>
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<td>Insignificant</td>
<td>Insignificant</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tree Cover</td>
<td>Intermittent</td>
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### Landscape Value

4.17.8 The inherent Landscape Value of each Landscape Setting Area, evaluated in line with the methodology set out within Section 2.4, is shown in the table below:

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<td>Low</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
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### Contribution to Landscape Setting of Settlement

4.17.9 There is currently no Conservation Area within Foxhunt Green.

4.17.10 The Contribution of each Landscape Setting Area, evaluated in line with the methodology set out within Section 2.4, is shown in the table below:

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<td>Major</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Limited</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
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4.17.11 **Landscape Setting Area 1** is considered to make a Major contribution to the Landscape Setting of the settlement as a result of its strong landscape pattern, overall strong sense of remoteness and tranquillity. There is also inter-visibility with the historic core of the settlement.

4.17.12 **Landscape Setting Area 2** is considered to make a Limited contribution to the Landscape Setting of the settlement as a result of its very weak strength of place. This area encompasses a predominantly modern landscape of large-scale fields, which lack historic continuity.

4.17.13 **Landscape Setting Area 3** is considered to make a Moderate contribution to the Landscape Setting of the settlement as a result of its moderate strength of place and some inter-visibility with the historic core, from certain viewpoints.