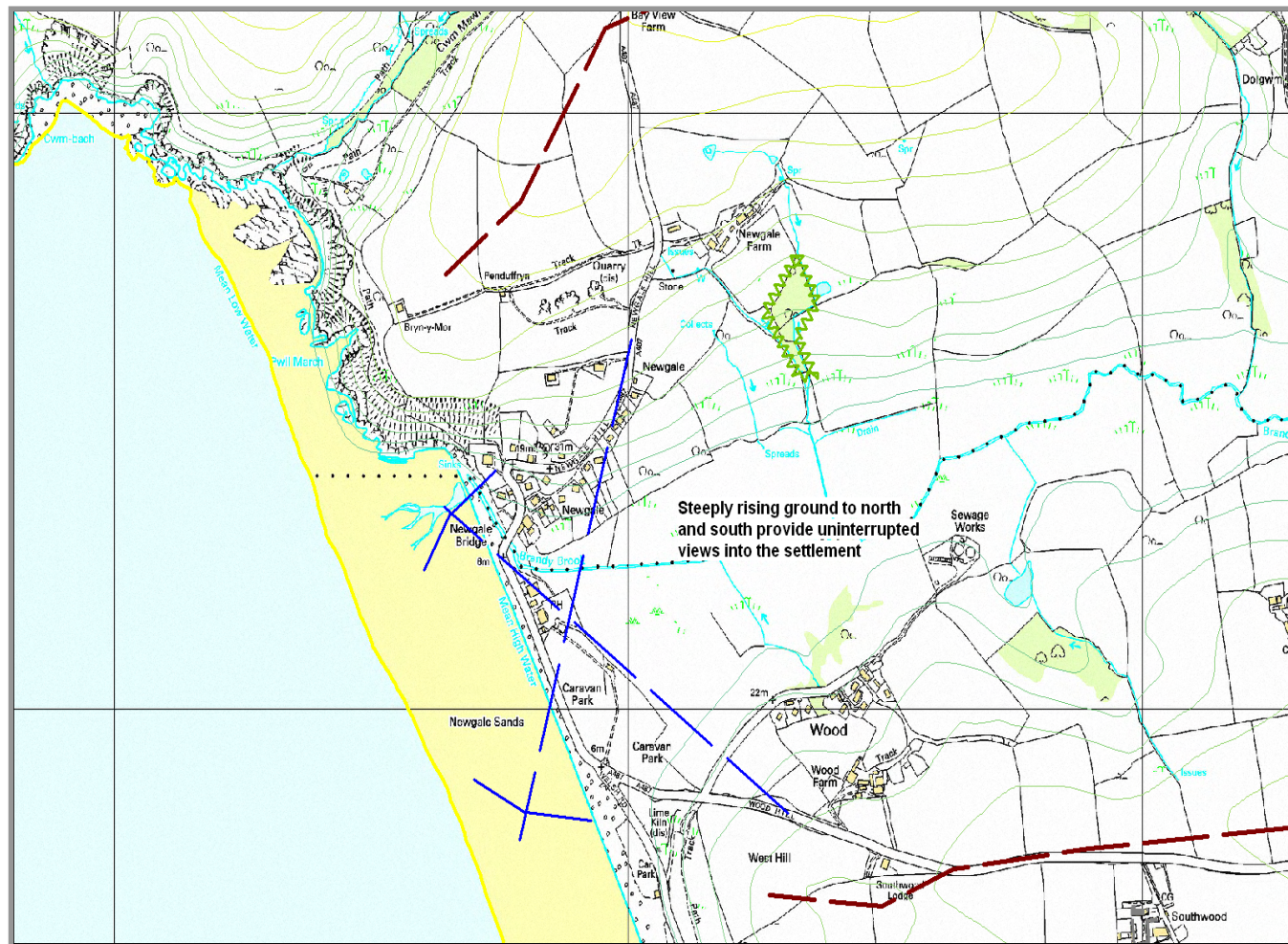


**Newgale** – a very small linear village settlement strung along the main A487 road, with a strong coastal character, contained by steeply rising landform to the north and south and with a distinctive shingle beach raised above the level of the road. The built form has no unifying architectural style, layout or form. There are panoramic views eastwards over St Brides Bay and along the coastline



## Newgale



Newgale viewed from the south east on the A 487



The village is linear in form, strung along the A487 main road. The low-lying land in the middle ground lies on land vulnerable to inundation if the sea bank is breached by storms combined with a high tide

Views from the south east



There is very limited scope for in-fill residential development within the village, as a result of the steep landform on the approaches, the low-lying land backing the sea bank, and the high visibility of much of the settlement from the surrounding high ground



PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK  
SETTLEMENTS CAPACITY STUDY - FIELD SURVEY SHEET

Settlement Name: Newgale						
Date:	10/8/07	Surveyors:	JC/RM			
LCA's in Local Context	LCA 12 – St Bride's Bay					Insert details from LCA Study
Settlement Type:			Notes:			
	Urban					
	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	Sand Shore	Cliff	Rock Shore	Shingle Shore	Estuary
	Bay	Cove	Shingle bank	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) ...		
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 Deciduous or Evergreen
	Hedgebank					Note Managed or Unmanaged
	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  Southwards and westwards, along the coast and out over St Bride's Bay	
Views in from surrounding land	•	•		•	Note photograph location and OS Grid Ref and plot direction and angle of view on plan  From the north and south, on the high ground, and from the A487. Also to the upper parts of the northern area of the settlement from Newgale Sands	
Settlement Landform:	Flat	Rolling/Undulating	Hill & Scarp	Rocky	Convex	Concave
Surrounding Landform	Flat	Rolling/Undulating	Hill & Scarp	Rocky	Convex	Concave
Development Opportunities	None. The small linear settlement consists of a string of properties set along the A487 main road. Even small residential infill sites at Newgale could not be assimilated in such a way as to be visually unobtrusive, since much of the land is visible from the higher ground above, to the south and the north and the steep sites along the A487 would require cut and fill to create development platforms.					
Development Constraints	Hard settlement edges, with a lack of vegetation other than intermittent low scrub, and little room for softening by vegetation. Steeply rising ground to the north and south provides uninterrupted views into the settlement. The development on the road rising to the north is prominent and open to views from the south on the beach and the A487.					
Other Notes: The sustainability of the Newgale protective shingle bank is in doubt, given the likely consequences of climate change on sea levels. No development should be considered on the flat ground along the back of the beach or inland, since this area may well become frequently inundated.						