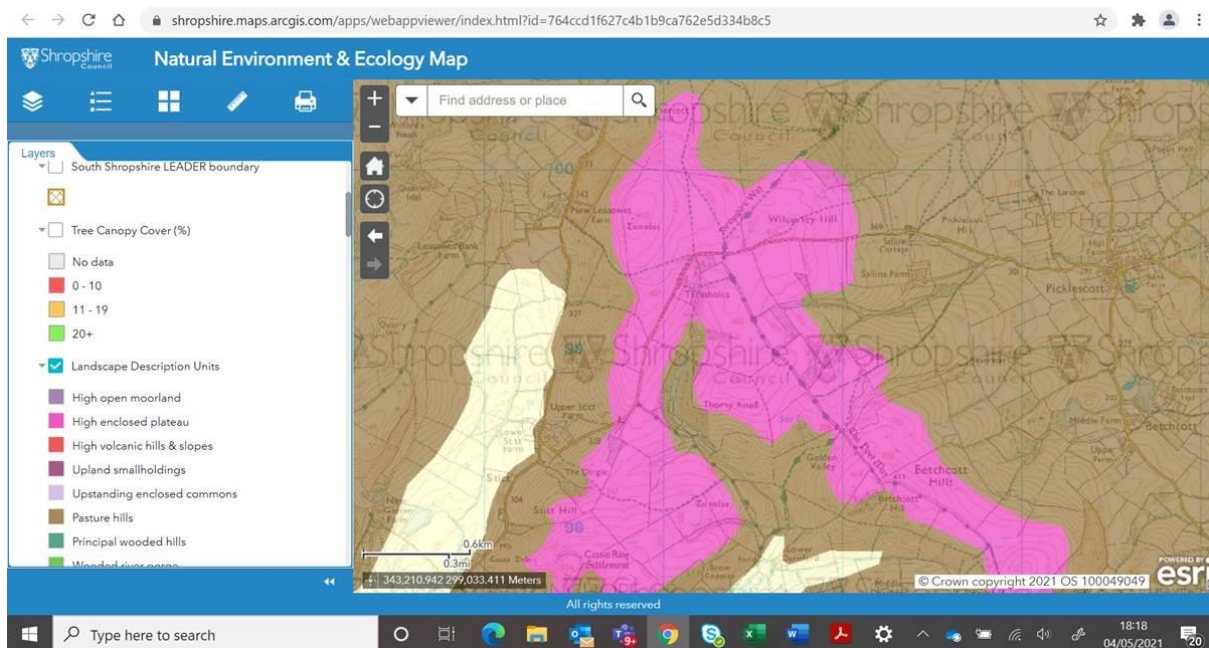


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21/01999/AGR Agricultural Building and access track, Land N of Upper Stitt Farm

I am mindful that this is a notification not a full planning application, and that it comes from a young farmer seeking to expand his business. In these circumstances, the AONB Partnership is not objecting outright to the proposal, but we would like to register some concerns. The location here is high up in open countryside and is in quite a prominent location in relation to the road, to public rights of way and the Long Mynd to the south. It sits within an area of the High Enclosed Plateau landscape type (see map extract), within which there is very little built development apart from the historic Thresholds farmstead with mature trees around it. The proposed building seems large in proportion to the parcel of land and it lies immediately above a headwater stream with pools, so any likely effects of nutrient run-off and diffuse pollution from the different proposed management of the land should be considered too.



The AONB Partnership has produced Agricultural Buildings Design Guidance available at <https://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/our-work/aonb-partnership/planning-advice> which contains advice on how best to site and design agricultural buildings within the AONB. If the building were to go ahead, it would be desirable to incorporate some planting of native broadleaved trees of species suitable to the location, accepting that these will take quite some time to grow.

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