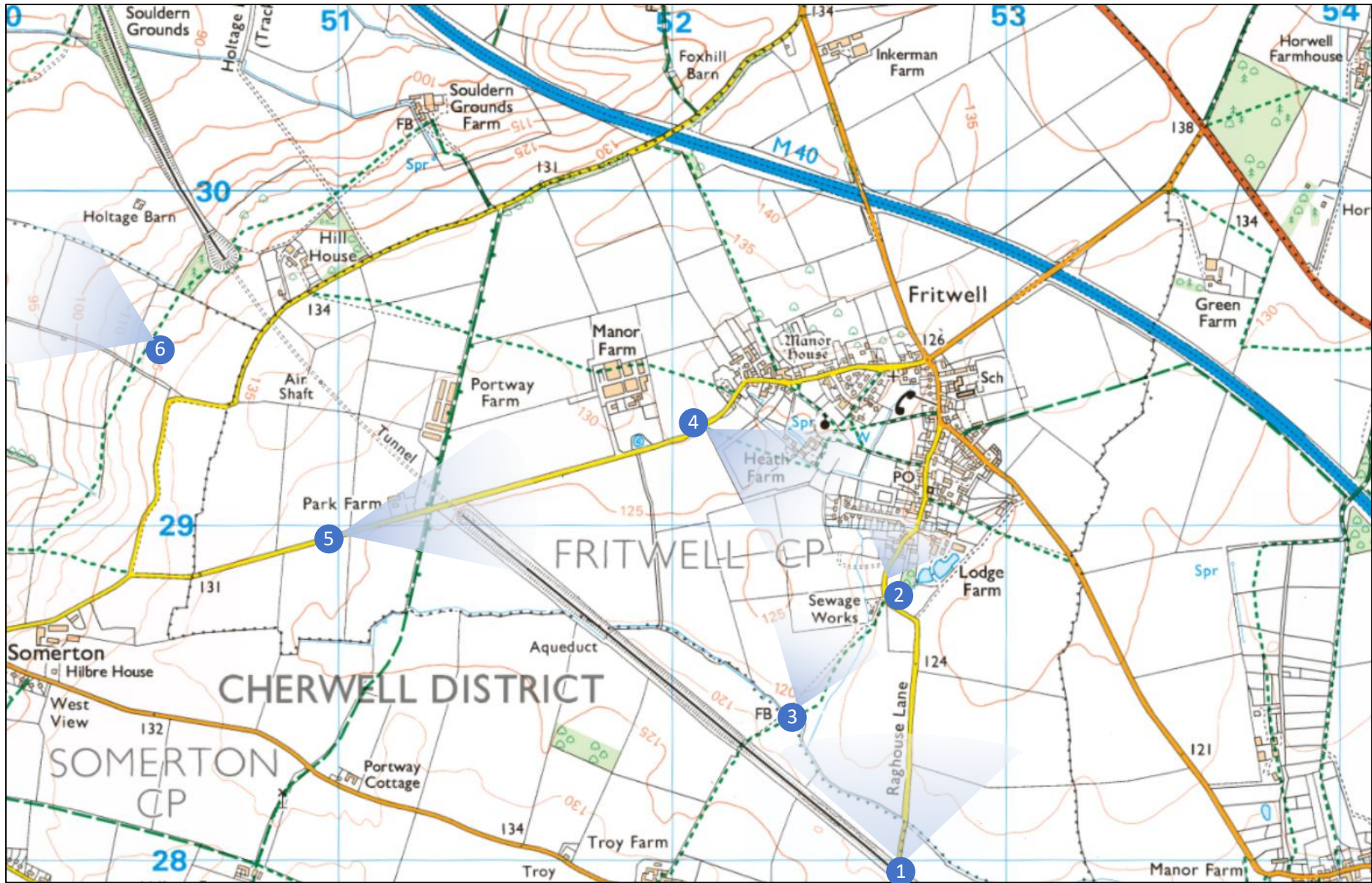


## **Descriptions and Importance of Fritwell Viewing Points and Vistas marked on the map**

*(The number is the viewing point and the splay of the triangle indicates the direction of the vista)*

1. Raghouse Lane is a narrow, single-track road from the village of Fritwell and climbing gently southwards towards Heyford airbase / Heyford Park at the top of the limestone plateau – a popular route for walkers, dogs, horses, cyclists and agricultural vehicles associated with the surrounding farms. Looking back northwards towards the village, the traditional agricultural landscape is of hedgerows surrounding large open fields of grassland and low-growing crops under expansive skies.
2. Walking back northwards along Raghouse Lane towards the village offers long views across the farmland on either side together with trees, hedgerows, birds, butterflies, wild animals and a wild-life pond. On approaching the settlement a narrow s-bend in the road leads to the older traditional cottages and other properties in this area giving a traditional and visually attractive entrance to the Fritwell settlement area.
3. Footpath 219/1 leaves the village southwards towards Troy farm and when crossing the small bridge over the stream the view looking back to the north shows the agricultural fields and the treescape bordering the village from this direction.
4. Fritwell Footpath 219/9 leads from the historic II\* St. Olaves Church in the heart of the conservation area across ancient stone stiles. The path then heads north-west, uphill through tranquil grassland often grazed by sheep, cows or horses, towards the highest point of the village, before emerging near the village gates at the western end of North Street and commanding views back across the village and surrounding rural landscape. Fritwell is unique in the area for retaining a strongly defined historic settlement, and from this vantage point the layout of the village, which originally consisted of two manorial estates (II\* Manor House historically DeLisle Manor on North Street and the site of Ormond Manor now Lodge Farm along East Street at the southern end of Fritwell) can be clearly seen.
5. North Street leaves the village westwards towards Somerton. Views (eastwards) back towards the settlement are wide and expansive, characterised by traditional agricultural landscape of low-growing crops, grassland and grazing animals. On entering the village the low density of the approach gives further opportunities for rural views between houses and at gateways.
6. Significant vista overlooking the Cherwell Valley, Clifton and a Victorian viaduct. Often used as a route for cyclists, runners and walkers.



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