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PREFACE

In order to promote urban regeneration and sustainable patterns of development, Government Guidance¹ encourages the concentration of new housing and employment development within sustainable locations, according to a sequential search approach.

The search sequence should start with the re-use of brownfield land within urban area, then progress to Greenfield sites as urban extensions and finally consider new settlements around nodes in good transport corridors.

As part of a series of studies to inform the Local Development Framework process, Chichester District Council has commissioned this study to assess the physical and environmental constraints on development in and adjacent to the Sussex Downs AONB and the Chichester Harbour AONB, within the District, with a view to identifying the capacity of the landscape in these areas to accommodate future strategic development.

¹ Planning Policy Statement 7: Sustainable Development in Rural Areas, 2004

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Chichester District Council appointed Hankinson Duckett Associates (HDA) in January 2009, to consider the landscape capacity for development within and adjacent to the areas of the Sussex Downs AONB and Chichester Harbour AONB within the District. The project will, as part of a wider series of studies, assist work on the Chichester District Local Development Framework (LDF). The Planning Inspector's Report (June 2007) on the District's Core Strategy required the Council to undertake a review of the capacity of the AONBs to accommodate development.

1.2 This study has been carried out to inform the Core Strategy by identifying where strategic development might be accommodated without an unacceptable impact on the landscape character of the two AONBs in general and on the setting of outstanding assets within the District. As part of the preparation work to identify strategic housing locations to be included in the Council's Core Strategy, the Landscape Capacity Study together with the Sustainability Appraisal and other studies will be used to identify the most sustainable options.

1.3 The study area (illustrated on HDA1) included all the towns and villages within or adjacent to the Sussex Downs AONB and Chichester Harbour AONB, that were identified in the client brief, together with additional surrounding areas identified by HDA as essential context for the capacity study. The extent of the additional areas of study was determined by desk top assessment, site work and preliminary local landscape characterisation. To facilitate mapping of the assessment, the towns and villages were ordered into zones:

- Zone 1 Hammer, Camelsdale and Fernhurst
- Zone 2 Rogate and South Harting,
- Zone 3 Stedham, Easebourne, Midhurst and Cocking
- Zone 4 Lodsworth and Graffham
- Zone 5 Petworth and Fittleworth
- Zone 6 Northchapel
- Zone 7 Compton
- Zone 8 Singleton
- Zone 9 Bury
- Zone 10 Lavant
- Zone 11 Boxgrove
- Zone 12 Funtington, Hermitage, Southbourne, Nutbourne West, Nutbourne East, Broadbridge, and Bosham
- Zone 13 West Wittering and Birdham

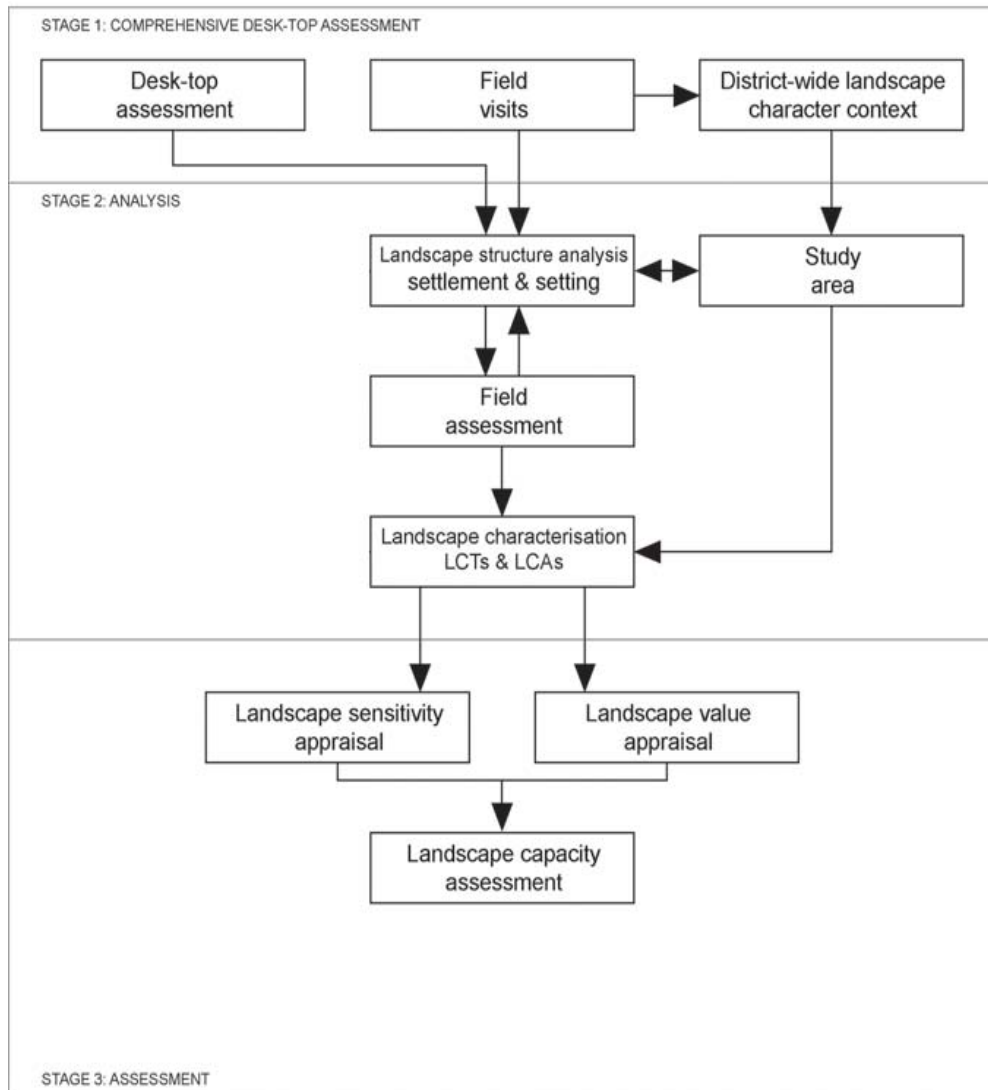
2 APPROACH

- 2.1 Landscape capacity is defined as the extent to which a particular area or type of landscape is able to accommodate change without significant effects on overall landscape character; or change in landscape type². It reflects the inherent sensitivity of the landscape itself and its sensitivity to the development in question; and the value attached to the landscape, or to specific elements within it.
- 2.2 This assessment of capacity has therefore been based on a series of judgements on landscape sensitivity and landscape value and mapped on a landscape character area basis.
- 2.3 The assessment of landscape character and visual sensitivity, takes into account the following factors, namely:
- Inherent landscape quality, i.e. the intactness and condition of the landscape³
 - Contribution each area makes to the distinctive setting of a particular settlement.
 - Consistency with the form or pattern of existing settlement and the relationship the settlement has with the underlying landscape structure.
 - Contribution to the rurality of the surrounding landscape, either by virtue of its own inherent rurality or the containing influence of the landscape being assessed on neighbouring settlements.
 - Contribution to the separation between existing settlements.
- 2.4 Landscape value includes consideration of:
- National and local landscape designations, which do not include gap policies.
 - Non-landscape designations for example; Heritage, amenity, biodiversity and flood zones.
 - Contribution to outstanding assets which includes the South Downs, the Rother valley and Chichester Harbour channels and marshland i.e. those features which provide the local distinctiveness or overriding character of the particular designated landscape.
 - Special cultural or historic associations, time depth and
 - Perceptual aspects such as scenic beauty, tranquillity or remoteness.
- 2.5 The District is predominantly rural in character and has a diverse and varied landscape. The South Downs and Chichester Harbour, which are designated as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty constitute the majority of the study area. These high quality landscapes have a high intrinsic landscape value and will be sensitive to direct impacts on their distinctive character and landscape fabric. They also rely on the surrounding landscape for context and setting.

² The Countryside Agency: Topic Paper 6 Techniques and Criteria for judging capacity and sensitivity

³ The Countryside Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage: Landscape Character Assessment April 2002

- 2.6 The landscape lying outside the AONBs will not only contribute to the setting of the AONBs, but provide context and setting for settlements in the District. Consequently much of the landscape within the study area is likely to be of either high landscape value, or high landscape sensitivity, or both.
- 2.7 Each aspect of the sensitivity and landscape value analysis has been assessed on a five point scale (very low, low, medium, high, very high) and a corresponding value (1-5) assigned. For the purposes of arriving at an overall rating for sensitivity or value the scores have been aggregated, subject to a two stage process. Initially, the scores for each character area have been added together to give a single value which falls within bands of sensitivity and value ranging from negligible to slight, moderate, substantial and major. As a second and final stage, the overall rating and the initial profile for each landscape character area have been reviewed to assess whether a specific or overriding aspect of sensitivity or value is being lost in the consolidation of the profile into a single overall rating. Values have then been adjusted up or down to reflect individual situations. This review ensures that professional judgement is the final arbiter in the assessment process. The results from these assessments have then been combined to give an overall judgement relating to landscape capacity.
- 2.8 The detailed methodology for the capacity study is set out in the technical appendices, and the key project stages summarised in Box 1 below.



Outputs

2.9 The final outputs from this study will be:

1. A report setting out the key findings of the study.
2. Full technical appendices setting out the results of the study with tables and maps.
3. A GIS database.

3 LANDSCAPE CHARACTER CONTEXT

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 Landscape Character Assessments which cover the areas of the Sussex Downs AONB and Chichester Harbour AONB within the District, were both carried out in 2005⁴ and have been used as part of a comprehensive baseline of information that provides a robust basis for determining and mapping local landscape character areas and landscape capacity of the areas within and adjacent to the AONBs in the District.

3.2 The landscape of Chichester District

3.2.1 Chichester District is covered by four regional character areas: Wealden Greensand (120), Low Weald (121), South Downs (125) and South Coast Plain (126)⁵. These are subdivided by the South Downs Integrated Landscape Assessment which covers the Sussex Downs AONB and the Chichester Harbour AONB Landscape Character Assessment.

South Downs Integrated Landscape Assessment

3.2.2 The South Downs Integrated Landscape Assessment covers the Sussex Downs AONB within Chichester District, including both the South Downs and the Wealden areas to the north of the South Downs.

3.2.3 The assessment divides the area into a number of character areas. It identifies areas of prominent Greensand Hills plus Low Weald, described as lowland clay vale enclosed by the Greensand Hills, to the north of the study areas around Hammer, Camelsdale, Fernhurst and Northchapel. Further south are the sandy arable and Wealden farmland areas of the Rother Valley which connect the settlements of Rogate, Stedham, Midhurst, Easbourne, Lodsworth, Petworth and Fittleworth. To the east of the study areas there are the Arun valley sides and major river floodplain, adjacent to the settlement of Bury.

3.2.4 The East Meon to Bury Greensand Terrace, at the foot of the Buriton to Bury downland scarp, takes in the settlements of South Harting, Cocking and Graffham. The settlements of Compton, Singleton and Lavant are located within Chalk Valley Systems character areas, which wind their way between the wider Downland character areas.

3.2.5 Funtington is located at the southern edge of the assessment area within an Upper Coastal Plain character area. Boxgrove, outside of the Sussex Downs AONB, is just outside the area covered by the South Downs Integrated Landscape Assessment, but is

⁴ South Downs Joint Committee, 'South Downs Integrated Landscape Character Assessment' December 2005; Chichester Harbour Conservancy & the Countryside Agency, 'Chichester Harbour AONB Landscape Character Assessment' June 2005.

⁵ The Countryside Agency 'Countryside Character Volume 7: South East and London' 1999

close to the character area identified as Upper Coastal Plain to the north of the settlement.

Chichester Harbour AONB Landscape Character Assessment

- 3.2.6 The Chichester Harbour AONB Landscape Character Assessment covers all of the Chichester Harbour AONB within Chichester District as well as land adjacent to the AONB, further inland to the north and east.
- 3.2.7 The settlements along the A259, to the north of the AONB, are within the Havant to Chichester Lower Coastal Plain which runs east-west across the top of the assessment area. The assessment describes this area as flat, open arable farmland with strong rectilinear field patterns. Below this character area are character areas associated with the peninsulas and Channels of the AONB. Bosham lies in Bosham Peninsula character area described in the assessment as a wide, flat to gently sloping peninsula, with mostly large, arable fields.
- 3.2.8 Further south, Birdham is located within the Manhood peninsula character area, described as broadly flat, predominantly open arable farmland but with small scale hedged paddocks, concentrated around villages, which have an intimate character, but also notes the presence of disperse modern roadside development along the A286. Adjacent to the south of this character area is the Wittering Coastal strip character area, within which West Wittering is located. The key characteristics of this character area include open coastal grassland, marsh and large arable fields plus linear, coastal development of detached houses. The assessment also notes that car borne summer holiday traffic and busy car parks diminish tranquillity.

3.3 Local Landscape Characterisation

- 3.3.1 The aim of the local landscape character assessment has been to identify landscape types and areas at an appropriate scale to understand the localised variation in character within the Areas of Search, with the objective of providing the framework for the assessment of sensitivity, value and capacity.
- 3.3.2 A schedule of draft generic landscape units, Landscape Character Types (LCTs) was prepared based on information gathered through the familiarisation site visits, the desk-top assessment and district landscape character study. Each LCT was identified by a code, and used as part of the field assessment to map the occurrence of LCTs within the Areas of Search. The characteristics of each LCT were described and evaluated using field survey sheets, which have provided a record of the associated field assessment, together with photographs. The final schedule of LCTs with summary descriptions is set out in the technical appendices and is illustrated on Figure HDA 2.

3.3.3 Within the Areas of Search, and leading on from the LCT work, local landscape character areas (LCAs – unique areas related to a specific place) were identified, described and mapped. The LCAs (as opposed to the LCTs) provide the framework for the qualitative assessments. Summary descriptions of each local landscape character area are set out in the technical appendices and the locations of the character areas are shown on Figure HDA 3.

4 LANDSCAPE STRUCTURE ANALYSIS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 In addition to the landscape characterisation of the study area HDA undertook a structural analysis of the study area.

4.1.2 The aim of landscape structure analysis is to identify the main elements which contribute to the structure, character and setting of the settlements. This technique, in conjunction with the local character assessment, forms a basis for then identifying appropriate directions for settlement growth, in landscape terms. If development is consistent with the setting and structure of the local settlement pattern and its landscape context, then the essential character of those settlements and the surrounding area should be retained. If future development is not consistent with that structure, then the relationship between the town or village and its setting will be damaged, and the landscape character of the area adversely affected.

4.1.3 Local settlement pattern, in relation to the underlying landscape structure, is assessed as part of the sensitivity analysis for each character area. Where character areas are consistent with the general settlement pattern and underlying landscape structure the area is assessed as having a lower sensitivity to future development and has a low score within the sensitivity matrix. Character areas which are at odds with the underlying landscape structure associated with a settlement are assessed as having higher sensitivity and a correspondingly high score in the matrix.

4.1.4 HDA's Landscape Structure Analysis uses a 'sieve-mapping' technique, drawing on both the desk assessment and detailed field assessment. The information has been mapped and grouped into thirteen zones:

- Zone 1 Hammer, Camelsdale and Fernhurst
- Zone 2 Rogate and South Harting,
- Zone 3 Stedham, Easebourne, Midhurst and Cocking
- Zone 4 Lodsworth and Graffham
- Zone 5 Petworth and Fittleworth
- Zone 6 Northchapel
- Zone 7 Compton
- Zone 8 Singleton
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- Zone 10 Lavant
- Zone 11 Boxgrove
- Zone 12 Funtington, Hermitage, Southbourne, Nutbourne West, Nutbourne East, Broadbridge, and Bosham

Zone 13 West Wittering and Birdham

Detailed maps and figures containing the baseline data are included in the technical appendices and the results summarised.

4.2 LANDSCAPE STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

WEALD (Zones 1 and 6)

- 4.2.1 Zones 1 and 6 are located towards the north of the District within in the Weald. They include the settlements of Hammer, Camelsdale, Fernhurst and Northchapel.
- 4.2.2 These two zones relate to the Black Down Hills. Zone 1 includes the Blackdown Hills themselves as well as the high Blackdown foothills to the west. Zone 6 is located on the lower, less steep, eastern footslopes to the Blackdown Hills. Large areas of these Wealden landscapes are occupied by substantial woodland, most notably Greenhill Wood and Home Wood. The undulating topography and woodland helps to buffer the urban influence of Haslemere which lies north of the study area.
- 4.2.3 The settlement of **Hammer** (zone 1) is located to the southwest of Haslemere, on lower north facing slopes which fall to the valley floor to the north of the settlement. The London to Portsmouth railway line runs along the valley bottom. Tight up against the south of Hammer is Hammer Hill, an area of wooded higher ground, one of a number of spurs coming off of The Ridge.
- 4.2.4 **Camelsdale** (zone 1), to the east of Hammer, is also contained to the north by the railway line and Haslemere. To the west and south of the settlement are a number of spurs leading down from the Marley Heights ridge. Running to the east and around the north of the settlement is a strong valley feature. The south of the settlement is contained by high ground and the wooded Marley Common.
- 4.2.5 Also within zone 1 is **Fernhurst**, to the south of Hammer and Camelsdale. The town is located at the foot of steep, significantly wooded, south facing slopes to the north, which lead down from Friday's Hill. The topography continues to fall to the south of Fernhurst towards the River Rother, but at a gentler gradient compared to the slopes to the north of the settlement. To the south of the settlement are a number of minor ridges and wooded valleys which contain watercourses descending to the River Rother to the south.
- 4.2.6 The village of **Northchapel** is located in zone 6, on generally southeast facing slopes. It is contained by woodland on high ground to the north and south. Woodland also contains the settlement beyond agricultural land to the east. A minor valley feature and watercourse runs through the area and passes through the southern end of the settlement.

ROTHER VALLEY AND DOWNLAND FOOTSLOPES (Zones 2, 3, 4 and 5)

- 4.2.7 Zones 2, 3, 4 and 5 are centred on the River Rother valley and A272 corridor which runs broadly east-west through the middle of Chichester District.
- 4.2.8 Running broadly parallel to the Rother Valley, the undulating landscape of The Weald ascends to the north. To the south of the wider Rother Valley, the topography rises rapidly to form the scarp slopes and elevated downland of the South Downs.
- 4.2.9 The settlements of Rogate, Easebourne, Lodsworth, Petworth and Fittleworth are located to the north of the River Rother on the lower slopes of The Weald. Stedham and Midhurst are located on the south side of River Rother. Further south, located at the foot of the South Downs, are the villages of South Harting, Cocking and Graffham.
- 4.2.10 The settlement of **Rogate** is located in zone 2 on a minor high point within the south facing slopes to The Weald, with the River Rother valley to the south. The village is located on the A272 which passes through the middle of the settlement.
- 4.2.11 To the south of Rogate, in zone 2, lies **South Harting**. This settlement is located at the foot of the South Downs and is encircled by high ground. The village is enclosed by steep north-facing downland slopes to the south, Torberry Hill, located on an outlier of high ground to the west, and ridge features either side of a minor valley to the north and northeast. The majority of the landscape surrounding South Harting is in arable use.
- 4.2.12 The settlement of **Stedham** (zone 3) is situated south of the River Rother and to the southeast of a small local ridge feature, which runs broadly east-west from the northwest of Stedham towards the village of Iping. The River Rother limits the village to the north, with the south facing footslopes of The Weald descending towards the Rother to its north. To the east of the village, on flatter, lower lying ground, is a large area of sports fields, To the southwest, the village is bounded by woodland. The A272 passes broadly east-west with close proximity to the village, partly through the woodland to the south.
- 4.2.13 The village of **Easebourne** (zone 3), is located below prominent south facing slopes of The Weald, to the north of the settlement, with a ridge leading down from The Weald to the east of the settlement. South of the settlement, the topography continues to fall towards the River Rother, but less steeply than the slopes to the north. Much of the immediate setting to the River Rother, to the south of Easebourne, is wooded.
- 4.2.14 The other side of the River Rother from Easebourne, is the town of **Midhurst** (zone 3). The majority of the town sits in lower lying ground between areas of high ground to the east and west. To the northwest of the town, the land slopes steeply up to a small ridge

before dropping back down to the River Rother valley floor, this high ground separates the northwest of Midhurst from the river. The Town is contained by a combination of high ground and woodland to the east and west. To the west is a wooded ridge and Midhurst Common, to the east is a prominent wooded ridge, upon which West Lavington sits.

4.2.15 To the south of Midhurst there are gentle slopes which face northeast towards the settlement, most of which are in arable production or set to pasture. The town's relationship to the River Rother is limited to its northeastern edge, where it adjoins the river valley.

4.2.16 Situated at the foot of the north facing Downland footslopes, lies **Cocking**, also in zone 3. The village is contained to the south by the downland slopes, and by ridge features leading out from the downs, to the east and west of the settlement. A collection of woodland, a wooded disused railway line, high points and watercourses provide varying degrees of containment to the north of the settlement. The majority of the surrounding landscape is used for agricultural purposes with generally large arable fields on the north facing slopes to the south. The A286 cuts north-south through the village as it travels between Midhurst to the north and Singleton to the south.

4.2.17 **Lodsworth** (zone 4) is located on southeast facing slopes at the end of a partially wooded ridge feature within a wider area of complex Wealden topography. The land continues to fall towards a wooded valley and watercourse which flows south into the River Rother, before rising again to any local high point further east. Another high point, topped by woodland is within close proximity to the settlement to the southwest. These high points help contain the settlement and add to its remote, rural character. Arable is the predominant land use to the south and west of the village, where as smaller field sizes, pasture and small woodland blocks dominate to the north and east.

4.2.18 To the south of Lodsworth, also in zone 4, is the village of **Graffham**. Graffham is located at the foot of the north facing Downland footslopes. The village is contained to the south by the downland slopes, and by minor low ridge features, to the east and west of the settlement. Significant woodland and scattered groups of settlement lie to the north. Several watercourse fall from the south towards a local valley feature to the immediate northwest of the village. The majority of the settlement follows the main north-south road which runs roughly parallel with the valley. Pasture and paddocks are the predominant land use on the slopes around the village with strongly wooded slopes to the south on The Downs.

4.2.19 The settlement of **Petworth** is located in Zone 5. The town is situated on a ridge which extends down from The Weald to the northwest. A strong, partly wooded, valley feature

winds its way from north to south, to the east of the settlement and contains a watercourse which flows into the Rother to the south. Topography adjacent to the eastern edge of the town falls sharply to this valley. To the east of the valley the topography rises rapidly to form steep slopes which face Petworth to the west. There is high ground to the north, above the settlement of Hampers Green, to the north of Petworth. To the northwest is Petworth House and park.

4.2.20 Topography to the south of the town falls southwards towards the Rother valley and affords wide views over the wider Rother valley and of the South Downs further south. A small valley feature set within the overall south facing slopes, runs broadly north-south to the southwest of the town. The land to the south of Petworth is largely intensive arable farming, and to the east are smaller scale pastoral fields on the valley sides.

4.2.21 To the north of the River Rother is the village of **Fittleworth** (zone 5), situated between the High Weald and the South Downs. Fittleworth sits between two curving ridges, both topped with woodland. The village extends south through the pinch point of the surrounding ridges, beyond this the land falls towards the River Rother to the south. Undulating topography to the north largely falls towards a minor valley feature to the northeast of the village. Land to the north and the south tends to be used for agriculture with a mix of medium / small pasture and arable fields with small blocks of woodland.

SOUTH DOWNS (Zones 7, 8, and 10)

4.2.22 Zones 7, 8, and 10 are located towards the middle of the study area, to the north of Chichester. Included within these Zones are the settlements of Compton, Singleton and Lavant.

4.2.23 These three zones are located within the South Downs, and contain steep slopes and elevated downland which surround the settlements. Large areas of these zones contain arable farmland with some smaller blocks of woodland and pasture. Undulating topography helps to protect the settlements in these zones from the urban influence of the city of Chichester to the south.

4.2.24 The settlement of **Compton** is located in Zone 7 towards the west of the District. Compton is situated between two steep downland ridges to the east and west of the settlement. Telegraph Hill is to the east and Compton Down to the west, both of which rise steeply above the village, with woodland at lower level, providing containment on both aspects. To the north of the village is another ridge that runs from Up Park south to Hundred Acre Farm. A valley feature runs from the north and sweeps to the west of the

village between the village and Draft Road Plantation and continues south through West Marden.

- 4.2.25 The village generally follows the B2146 that winds its way through the South Downs, roughly north–south though the zone from South Harting in the north to Emsworth in the south. There are a number of woodland blocks mainly situated on the steeper sides of the ridges to the west and the east, otherwise the predominant land use surrounding Compton is that of arable agriculture.
- 4.2.26 To the east of Compton, in Zone 8, is the village of **Singleton**. The settlement itself is located on the valley floor and is surrounded by a number of complex ridges. The river Lavant runs from east to west through the village with a number of smaller valleys joining it from the north and south adjacent to the village.
- 4.2.27 To the north of Singleton, from the west, lies Hat Hill, Levin Down and Green Hill and to the south are Singletonhill Plantation, Knights Hill and Park Hill, all areas of higher ground which contain Singleton to the north and south. To the west and east of Singleton, further along the valley lie the villages of West Dean and Charlton. Although there is highly undulating landform around the village, the predominant land use in the area is arable agriculture with some pasture. To the southwest of the village is West Dean Park.
- 4.2.28 The village of **Lavant** (zone 10) lies at the southern edge of the South Downs, to the north of Chichester. The village is surrounded by downland slopes to the north, east and west. The River Lavant valley cuts through the downs along the east of the settlement, and onto the coastal plain, to the south of the village. Lavant is largely limited to slightly higher ground within the valley floor. To the east of the valley, downland slopes and boundary vegetation provide containment to Lavant and an area of pastoral land to the east of the village which the edge of Lavant overlooks. Generally land use along the valley floor consists of pastoral land whilst the valley slopes are larger arable fields.

DOWNES AND ARUN VALLEY (Zone 9)

- 4.2.29 Zone 9 is located at the eastern end of the study area, northeast of Chichester. This zone includes the settlement of Bury.
- 4.2.30 Zone 9 is to the west of the River Arun where the Arun Valley cuts roughly north-south through the South Downs. The southwest of the zone contains generally easterly facing slopes lead down from the South Downs and the flatter, lower land of the Arun Valley to the north and east of the zone. The zone consists of some large areas of woodland towards its western edge and a number of ridges and valleys that run through and across the zone, as well as the A29 and railway line crossing from north to south.

4.2.31 The village of **Bury** is located northeast of Chichester within zone 9, on the lower part of northeast facing slopes where the South Downs meets the Arun Valley. There are a number of ridges leading down from The Downs to the east with Bury Hill offering containment to the south and west of the village. To the north of the village there are two small valleys that run broadly west-east into the Arun Valley, between these two valleys is another spur leading from The Downs. The land use around the village is mixed with both blocks of woodland and larger arable fields on the higher ground to the west. There are smaller, pastoral fields to the east along the river valley and water meadows within the river valley to the east.

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN (Zone 11)

4.2.32 To the east of Chichester is situated Zone 11, this Zone contains the settlement of Boxgrove.

4.2.33 Zone 11 is generally located on gentle south facing slopes within the transitional upper coastal plain area, with the South Downs to the north and the lower coastal plain to the south. The zone is bisected by the A27 and the A285 both of which run from the south western corner of the zone north eastwards.

4.2.34 The settlement of **Boxgrove** is situated between the A27 and A285 on land falling very gently towards the coast. There is some containment to the north of the village provided by a number of small woodland blocks situated on the lower slopes of The Downs including Redvin's Copse, Redvin's Copse West and Sandpit Copse. Larger scale arable fields are the predominant land use around the settlement although there is some horticulture to the southeast.

COASTAL PLAIN (Zone 12)

4.2.35 Zone 12 is located to the west of Chichester, on the upper and lower coastal plain, to the south of the South Downs. A corridor of transport links, including the A259, railway, and the A29, runs broadly east-west through the zone, to the north of the Chichester Harbour peninsulas.

4.2.36 A string of settlements, including Hermitage, Southbourne, Nutbourne West, Nutbourne East and Broadbridge are located in close proximity to each other on the coastal plain, along the A259.

To the north of the zone, on the south facing footslopes of the South Downs, lies the village of Funtington.

- 4.2.37 To the south of the zone there are a number of peninsulas separated by the channels which make up the Chichester Harbour. The Village of Bosham is located towards the north of Bosham peninsula, to the south of Broadbridge.
- 4.2.38 The settlement of **Funtington** is situated to the north of the zone on the lower footslopes of the South Downs. It is the highest settlement in zone 12 and is situated around the junction of the B2178, Hares Lane, Watery Lane and Common Road. Funtington is situated on the lower south facing slopes, becoming steeper as they rise into the South Downs to the north. To the south of the settlement there is some containment offered by vegetation associated with low density settlement along West Ashling Road.
- 4.2.39 Funtington is predominantly surrounded by large arable fields, of which many to the south and west are used for pig farming, to the north and east of the settlement there are pastoral fields and paddocks, there is also an area of land used for horticulture to the south.
- 4.2.40 Towards the western end of the zone lies the village of **Hermitage**, it is located between the railway line and the A259 but generally set around the A259. The settlement is situated on very gentle south facing slopes adjacent to Emsworth harbour and Emsworth, located to the west. Also to the west of the settlement runs the River Ems, which continues southwards into Emsworth Channel via Slipper Mill pond. To the south of the settlement there is some containment provided by vegetation associated with low density development and roads at the north of Thorney Island. To the north there is also containment, this is provided by a small woodland block and strong hedgerow vegetation and associated hedgerow trees. Land use around the village is mixed with small pastoral fields to the north, the east side is dominated by large arable fields, to the south there are a number of small scale pastoral fields and to the west is the settlement of Emsworth.
- 4.2.41 **Southbourne** is to the east of Hermitage. This is a larger settlement and extends south of the A259 and north almost as far as the A27. Southbourne is located on similar topography to Hermitage, falling very gentle towards the coast. The land between Southbourne and Hermitage is predominantly arable fields which sweep around the northern and north eastern sides of the settlement. To the east of Southbourne there is a variety of land use including smaller pastoral fields, camping grounds and horticulture. To the southern edge of the settlement is the Thorney Channel.
- 4.2.42 The majority of **Nutbourne West** is located along the A259, to the east of Southbourne. The settlement is slightly lower than Southbourne (to the west) and Nutbourne East (to the east) but lies on the same very gentle south facing slopes. Through the centre of the village, from the north, runs Hambrook which continues south to join Thorney Channel.

Low density development continues out from the settlement in both directions along the A259 towards Southbourne and Nutbourne East. The settlement is surrounded by a number of varying land use including; horticulture, pastoral, arable and camping.

4.2.43 **Nutbourne East** is again situated on the very gentle south facing slopes, further east along the A259. The majority of the settlement is located to the north of the A259 and is on slightly higher ground than Nutbourne West. The eastern limit of the village is generally along Broad Road, although the village crosses this boundary at its northern end. Low density development on the eastern side of Broad Road, to the north of the settlement, connects Nutbourne East to the village of Hambrook to the north. The settlement is generally surrounded by arable fields and horticulture to the south east.

4.2.44 Approximately 2km further east along the A259, is the settlement of **Broadbridge**, which is situated between the A259 and the railway line to the north of Bosham west of Chichester. Bosham Stream passed through the western end of the settlement as it progresses southwards towards Bosham and the Bosham Channel. The north and east settlement edge overlooks large arable fields. Broadbridge is quite some distance from Nutbourne East to the west, but low density development along roads which run south from the settlement connect the village to Bosham to the south.

MANHOOD PENINSULA (Zone 13)

4.2.45 The Manhood Peninsula is an area of flat coastal plain, to the southeast of the Chichester Harbour system at the southern end of the study area.

4.2.46 At the southwestern end of the peninsula, where Chichester Harbour meets the sea, is the village of West Wittering. Further inland from the sea, but within relatively close proximity to Bosham Channel is the village of Birdham, northeast of West Wittering.

4.2.47 **Birdham** is largely located to the northern side of the A286, with a small area to the south at the junction with the B2179 and B2198. The village is fairly spread out, with pockets of open space within the overall settlement form. Watercourses to the north of the village flow northwards into Chichester Channel via Birdham Pool and the marina. To the south, the settlement abuts large open arable fields, but containment is provided further south and east by low density development, in particular a number of small scale nurseries. To the west of the village are small to moderate size arable fields and pasture. Due to nurseries and other small scale development along the B2198 to the south of Birdham, the perception of separation between Birdham and the small settlement of Somerley further south, is limited.

4.2.48 **West Wittering** lies southwest of Birdham, on flat, low lying ground towards the end of the Manhood peninsula. The B2179 which connects West Wittering to East Wittering to the southeast, runs through the village. Romans Landing is the western part of the settlement, with back gardens at its northwest corner adjacent to the foreshore of Chichester Channel. A stream runs out through the centre of the settlement via an area of marsh to the south of Roman Landing, into Chichester Channel. West Strand, a line of ribbon housing development along the sea front lies to the south of the character area.

4.2.49 Large, open and semi-open arable fields lie to the south and east, between the West Wittering and East Wittering. There are a mixture of land use elsewhere, including more enclosed, smaller paddocks and pasture to the north and a number of large caravan parks to the north and east of the village. Footpath and road access to West Wittering beach including The Spit and East Head, lead out from the south of West Wittering, either side of large open grass fields, the southern parts of which are seasonal used for car parking.

5 LANDSCAPE CAPACITY APPRAISAL

5.1 Introduction

5.1.1 Baseline information collated as part of the desk top study and site survey work, together with the structural analysis and landscape characterisation have all been fed into the landscape sensitivity and landscape value assessments. Each landscape character area has been evaluated using the following matrices derived from the techniques and criteria identified in Topic Paper 6 of the Countryside Agency's landscape Character Assessment Guidance⁶

Landscape Sensitivity

LCA	Inherent Landscape Qualities (intactness and condition) ⁷		Contribution to distinctive settlement setting	Inconsistency with existing settlement form / pattern	Contribution to rurality of surrounding landscape	Contribution to separation between settlements	Sensitivity 1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	Final Assessment Landscape Sensitivity
	low	high						
							5 10 15 20 25	

Landscape Value

LCA	Landscape Designation		Other Designation (nature conservation, heritage, amenity, including flood zone)	Contribution to setting of 'outstanding assets'	Special cultural/ historic associations	Perceptual aspects (eg. scenic beauty, tranquillity, wildness)	Sensitivity 1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	Final Assessment Landscape Value
	low	high						
							5 10 15 20 25	

5.1.2 In order to assess the sensitivity of the landscape to development, assumptions have been made as to the likely built form of any new development areas. It has been assumed that buildings would be largely 2 or 3 storeys in height with occasional landmark buildings. There would be open space provision and a strong landscape framework with tree planting of appropriate scale, area and design to ensure that the development achieves a good fit in the landscape.

5.1.3 The results of the landscape sensitivity and landscape value assessments are set out in Tables 1 and 2 and are combined to give an overall judgement relating to landscape capacity as follows;

⁶ The Countryside Agency: Topic Paper 6: techniques and criteria for Judging Capacity and Sensitivity.

⁷ "from visual, functional and ecological perspectives" p53 The Countryside Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage 'Landscape Character Assessment Guidance for England and Scotland, 2002













⁸ excluding gap policy

		Landscape Value				
		Major	Substantial	Moderate	Slight	Negligible
Landscape Sensitivity	Major	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible / low	Low	Low / medium
	Substantial	Negligible	Negligible / low	Low	Low / Medium	Medium
	Moderate	Negligible / Low	Low	Medium	Medium / high	High / medium
	Slight	Low	Low / medium	Medium /high	High	High / Very high/
	Negligible	Low / medium	Medium	High / medium	High / Very high/	Very high













Table 1 Landscape Sensitivity

No	Landscape Character Area	Inherent Landscape Qualities (intactness ⁹ and condition)	Contribution to distinctive settlement setting	Inconsistency with existing settlement form / pattern	Contribution to rurality of surrounding landscape	Contribution to separation between settlements	Sensitivity	Final Assessment Landscape Sensitivity
		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
							5 10 15 20 25	
01	West Hammer Wooded Slopes	High boundary and woodland intactness.	Wooded setting to Hammer.	Valley floor and sides, western Hammer extends into the valley but generally lower than existing development.	Contains an amount of scattered settlement, but perception of rurality aided by mature vegetation.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		SUBSTANTIAL
02	North Hammer – Camelsdale Urban Edge	Wooded valley with low boundary loss.	Some contribution to the northern edge of Hammer and Camelsdale and the southern edge of Haslemere, but not overly distinctive.	Valley floor and sides, generally lower than existing development.	Moderate – low due to urban influence.	Contribution to separation between Hammer, Cammelsdale and Haslemere.		SUBSTANTIAL













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
03	Springhead Ridge							SUBSTANTIAL
		Some boundary loss but reasonably intact hedgerow structure, small field sizes.	Well vegetated slopes, moderately distinct setting to west Camelsdale and south Hammer.	Inconsistent, slopes mostly above existing development.	Rural pasture slopes with some settlement.	Separation between Hammer and Camelsdale.		
04	Hammer Ridge Plantations							SUBSTANTIAL
		Significant woodland blocks, low boundary loss.	Moderately distinct setting to the south of Hammer.	Generally higher than the surrounding development. Little relation to existing development, south facing.	Strongly wooded slopes south of Hammer.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		











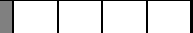

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No	Landscape Character Area	Inherent Landscape Qualities (intactness ¹¹ and condition)	Contribution to distinctive settlement setting	Inconsistency with existing settlement form / pattern	Contribution to rurality of surrounding landscape	Contribution to separation between settlements	Sensitivity	Final Assessment Landscape Sensitivity
		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
05	East Cammelsdale Slopes							SUBSTANTIAL
		Reasonably intact hedgerow structure, small field size.	Distinct sloping setting to the east of Cammelsdale.	Largely west facing slopes higher and outside valley within which the adjacent area of Cammelsdale is situated.	Moderately rural with little settlement.	Contribution to separation between Cammelsdale and Shepherds Hill area of Haslemere.		
06	Marley Wooded Slopes							SUBSTANTIAL
		Significant blocks of woodland	Provide distinctive wooded edge to settlement.	Settlement tends to spread along the valleys, generally higher than surrounding settlement.	Rural wooded slopes.	Contributes to separation between Cammelsdale and Kingsley Green and Marley Heights.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
07	North Fernhurst Slopes							SUBSTANTIAL
		Significant blocks of woodland and intact hedgerow boundaries.	South facing, partly wooded setting to urban edge.	South facing slopes but generally higher than the existing settlement.	Intact rural setting on higher ground than existing settlement. With wooded valley, and little settlement	Contributes to separation between Fernhurst and low density settlements Friday's Hill and Marley Heights only.		
08	South Fernhurst Slopes							SUBSTANTIAL
		A few areas of high boundary loss but contains several wooded gills.	A number of wooded valleys running south from the existing settlement with farmed valley sides and ridges.	Lower valley slopes below main settlement. More valley and ridge formation than to the north but some existing settlement extending south along a ridge.	Area nearest the existing settlement remains strongly intact with woodland abutting the settlement. A number of farmsteads and small areas of scattered settlement.	No significant contribution to settlement separation but acts as overall separation to buildings to the south including Fernhurst Research Centre.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
09	Northchapel – Hillgrove Weald							MODERATE
		Some significant tree belts, gill woodland and blocks of woodland across the character area. Very low boundary loss.	Doesn't contribute to setting of the Northchapel.	In valley bottom, inconsistent with Northchapel's location on northeast side of valley.	Rural landscape visible to varying degree from surrounding areas, including Blackdown Hills.			
10	Northchapel North Western Weald							MODERATE
		Poor hedgerow network, but significant blocks of woodland and riparian associated woodland. Very low boundary loss.	Some minor contribution to northern approach to Northchapel.	Higher ground above the majority of Northchapel settlement.	Rural landscape but not widely visible from the surrounding landscape.	No separation function.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
11	Northchapel Eastern Settlement Edge							MODERATE
		Limited hedgerow network and boundary vegetation, influenced by settlement edge uses, although fairly low boundary loss.	Pleasant setting, of moderately distinctive slopes, facing the north and east of Northchapel.	Similar undulating topography to settlement, but inconsistent with Northchapel's general north-south orientation along A293 road.	Relatively rural landscape, raised area to the north visible from the south.	No separation function.		
12	Northchapel Southern Weald							MODERATE
		Limited hedgerow network and boundary vegetation, but block of ancient woodland to the east of the character area and good tree belts to roads. Low boundary loss.	Rural, wooded southern approach to Northchapel.	Similar undulating topography to settlement in places, but majority of character area disconnected and distance from main settlement.	Moderate rurality but mostly contained from the surrounding landscape.	No separation function.		

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No	Landscape Character Area	Inherent Landscape Qualities (intactness ¹⁵ and condition)		Contribution to distinctive settlement setting	Inconsistency with existing settlement form / pattern	Contribution to rurality of surrounding landscape	Contribution to separation between settlements	Sensitivity 1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	Final Assessment Landscape Sensitivity
		low	high						
13	North Rogate Weald								SUBSTANTIAL
		Large extents of boundary loss with large modern arable fields with very little hedgerow network.	Large rolling south facing arable fields sloping towards existing settlement.	Settlement situated on saddle north of weald outlier, mainly follows road alignments rather than the complex topography, although it is generally higher than the existing settlement.	Rural but intensively farmed with small areas of settlement scattered within the area. Open views to wider landscape.	Contributes to separation between Rogate and small settlements of Terwick Common and Fyning.			
14	East Rogate Weald								SUBSTANTIAL
		Some boundary loss however hedgerow network retention.	Rolling south facing arable fields surrounding the village of Fyning which is nucleated around a road junction.	Gentle south facing slopes detached from existing settlement.	Nucleated settlement based around road junctions, generally detached from existing settlement with rural characteristics.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.			

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
15	Southeast Rogate River Rother Valley Floor							SUBSTANTIAL
		Little boundary loss with a number of intact hedgerow networks and wooded area.	Distinctive settlement setting but distant from the settlement itself.	Valley floor separate from significant settlement which lies on higher ground further to the north.	Rural and fairly remote, some scattered settlement and farmsteads, areas of woodland and valley floor but distant from the settlement.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		
16	South Rogate Weald							SUBSTANTIAL
		Little boundary loss with a number of intact hedgerow networks and small wooded area.	Distinctive hill setting to the south of the settlement.	Settlement in saddle to the north, character area is higher outlier to the south.	Rural land use with little scattered settlement prominent from existing settlement.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		







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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
17	Western Rogate River Rother Valley Floor							MODERATE
		Fairly high levels of boundary loss creating large arable fields but some hedgerow networks and small woods still exists.	Rolling south facing arable fields as with the area to the north but distant from settlement.	Valley floor and low valley sides separate from significant settlement which lies on higher ground further to the north.	Rural and fairly remote, little scattered settlement and farmsteads, small areas of woodland and valley floor / lower sides but distant from the settlement.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		
18	Northwest Midhurst River Rother Valley							SUBSTANTIAL
		Good structure following the river valley, roadside banks and the smaller field boundaries within the area. Some high levels of boundary loss.	Part of setting to Stedham. River is not the immediate setting to Midhurst, edge of settlement is up and away from the river.	Existing settlement mostly on higher ground to the south of the river valley.	Rural and fairly remote, small number of dwellings / little urban influence. Good woodland structure along river valley floor. Few views of Midhurst or Stedham from majority of the character area.	Forms part of wider separation between Midhurst and Stedham.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
19	Iping – Stedham Rise							SUBSTANTIAL
		Contains small area of woodland/plantation plus trees associated with estateland and a few lengths of hedges. Relatively low boundary loss overall.	Moderately distinctive rise in topography plus estate land setting to the west of Stedham.	Mainly higher ground above the settlement.	Rural but partly designed landscape with some urban influence.	Separates Stedham and Iping.		
20	Stedham Sports Fields							SUBSTANTIAL
		Hedgerows and field boundaries have been removed for recreational purposes. A few tree lines.	Open, recreational land use providing Fairly distinctive, setting to the east of Stedham and southern approach.	Topography sloping away from the settlement towards the River Rother.	Fairly rural, but designed landscape.	Forms part of wider separation between Midhurst and Stedham.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major 5 10 15 20 25	
21	The Severals Woodland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Significant ancient woodland.	Distinctive wooded area with low hills setting to the west of Midhurst.	Settlement is generally on low lying land contained by woodland to the west and higher ground to the north, west and southeast.	Rural with some urban influence along roads and at the eastern edge of the area nearest the settlement. Little settlement within the area.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
22	North Midhurst Farmland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Hill tops with woodland, but some boundary loss.	High ground to the north but doesn't contribute significantly to the settlement setting. High ground provides containment to the settlement to the south.	High ground to the north of the settlement. Town generally occupies the lower lying ground to the south.	Little urban influence, medium sizes arable fields with some small groups of woodland on higher ground that the settlement.	Contributes to a wider separation between Midhurst and Easebourne.		
23	Midhurst River Rother Valley							SUBSTANTIAL
		Well vegetated river valley floor with some retained hedgerow structure.	Distinctive valley setting to the north east of Midhurst.	Generally lower than existing settlement, valley tends to be separate from settlement. Within floodzone.	Generally at either end of the area there is little urban influence but between the two settlements there are significant influences.	Strong contribution to the gap between Midhurst and Easbourne.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major 5 10 15 20 25	
24	Midhurst – West Lavington Weald							SUBSTANTIAL
		Areas of woodland with varying hedgerow structure, some boundary loss.	Distinctive west facing slopes up to the existing settlement with more enclosed / wooded areas to the south.	Generally north west facing slopes whereas existing settlement tends to be on low lying ground or south east facing slopes.	Tends to be rural with woodedland blocks, faces the existing settlement, some urban influence to the south and west of the area. Forms containment to the town.	Contributes significantly to the gap between Midhurst and West Lavington. Currently no visual links between the two.		
25	West Lavington Southern Weald							SUBSTANTIAL * raised by one point, as highly inconsistent with settlement form/pattern and unsuitable for development in landscape terms.
		Contains woodland pasture, small fields and blocks of woodland to the north, contains quarry to the south which has strongly wooded surroundings and is visually well contained.	Not very distinctive, little intervisibility and distant from existing settlement.	Detached from main settlement, falls away to Costers Brook.	Occasional scattered settlement in overall rural, enclosed landscape.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
26	Midhurst Southern Weald							MODERATE
		Limited hedgerow network, but wooded to eastern end of character area.	Not distinct, medium sized arable and pasture to the south of the character area, although contains wooded edge to the south of Midhurst.	Low lying area consistent with the south western area of Midhurst.	Flat agricultural land with more wooded higher ground to the south west, more visible from the existing settlement.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		
27	Bepton Common – Pitsham Weald							SUBSTANTIAL
		Well maintained hedgerow network with limited boundary loss.	Not distinct, medium sized agricultural fields, part of wider setting to settlement.	Distant from existing settlement, north east facing slopes as opposed to the south east facing slopes and low lying valley of Midhurst.	Rural, largely undeveloped landscape, low intervisibility with Midhurst.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
28	Northwest Easebourne Farmland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Limited hedgerow network, but some tree belts and sunken lanes lined with hedges and standard trees.	Small / medium sizes agricultural fields, lower Wealden slopes setting above Easebourne.	Above settlement, open and exposed.	Some small settlements, but generally little urban influence.	Contributes some separation between Easebourne and Old Buddington.		
29	Northeast Easebourne Farmland							MODERATE
		Poor hedgerow networks with little intact woodland to the west of Easebourne Street, trees and hedgerows to The Race and along eastern character area boundary.	Steeper slopes leading down from the higher Weald, contributes to the northern setting of the settlement.	Higher ground than existing settlement to the south.	Higher ground than existing settlement and abuts to the northern urban edge. Ribbon settlement along the main road to the east, but large area of relatively open, sloping unsettled land to the west.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		













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		low high					5 10 15 20 25	
30	Southeast Easebourne Estate Farmland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Hedgerow network has some small lengths of hedgerow plus woodland blocks.	Estate park / farm land, distinctive landuse and buildings.	Generally consistent with the existing settlement.	High proportion of recreation and parkland in a rural setting, little urban influence.	Contributes to eastern separation between Easebourne and Midhurst.		
31	North Lodsworth Valley							SUBSTANTIAL
		Broken hedgerow structure, relatively high boundary loss. Large tracts of retained gill woodland.	Steep, generally south facing slopes with valleys and ridges running south to the settlement. Wooded setting to the north west of the settlement. Woodland abuts urban edge.	Steep valley slopes with north east and south west facing slopes, generally not consistent with the east facing slopes of the existing settlement. character area detached from settlement by woodland.	Little settlement or urban influence, on generally higher ground.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major 5 10 15 20 25	
32	East Lodsworth Valley	Generally intact with good hedgerow networks and existing woodland blocks.	Large areas of woodland on higher ground with medium / small agricultural fields on valley slopes below the village.	Character area within Lodsworth valley.	Little urban influence or settlement, wooded and rural land use on valley side facing existing settlement.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		SUBSTANTIAL
33	West Lodsworth Slopes	Some large areas of boundary loss and gentrified landscape, permanent pasture with broken hedgerow structure.	Not particularly distinctive, some hard urban edge with parkland edge nearer the south of the area.	Generally consistent, on south east facing slopes.	Generally rural landscape and land use but large arable fields and designed landscape. Little urban influence.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		MODERATE













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
34	Petworth Parkland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Well maintained designed parkland.	Distinctive contribution to the setting of the north west of Petworth.	Generally consistent with the existing settlement, some areas higher to the northeast.	Although a highly managed, designed landscape there are few urban influences and consists of 'rural' land use and features.	Contribute to wider separation between Petworth and Tillington.		
35	Petworth – Hampers Green Farmland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Boundary features relatively intact, includes tree belts.	Contribution to setting of Hampers Green, lower setting to Petworth.	Complex topography in relation to the existing settlement, generally lower ground, detached from main settlement.	Limited intervisibility with Petworth, and strong rural character.	Separates Petworth from Hampers Green.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
36	East Petworth Slopes							SUBSTANTIAL
		Good hedgerow retention on the slopes nearest the settlement and to the south some small blocks of woodland. Includes riparian woodland. Some moderate boundary loss.	Strongly sloping valley feature adjacent to existing settlement along its length.	Steep valleys sides facing towards existing settlement.	Rural land use with areas of woodland and strong boundary vegetation especially to the south, with some scattered settlement to the south.	Contributes to overall separation between Petworth and Byworth and Haslington.		
37	Petworth Southern Urban Edge							MODERATE
		Moderate boundary loss with good boundary vegetation retention and small areas of woodland.	Contributes to the setting of the south of Petworth.	Generally consistent in terms of topography as well as settlement structure.	Some urban influence with a road link running through the area, settlement along the road.	Separates Petworth from groups of settlement within character area and contributes to the wider separation between Petworth and Byworth and Haslingbourne.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
38	South Petworth Farmland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Well maintained hedge lines along road. Expansive landscape exposed to the South Downs although moderate boundary loss across the area.	South facing slopes, distinctive large arable fields with Petworth set on higher ground to the north.	South facing slopes, generally lower than the existing settlement with valley feature to the east.	Rural landscape part of wider continuum. Low urban influence but some scattered settlement.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		
39	North Fittleworth Farmland							MODERATE
		Limited hedgerow structure with relatively high boundary loss.	Not particularly distinctive.	Complex topography, generally south facing towards complex river valley system. Detached from settlement.	Rural land use but generally large scale arable apart from area nearest the settlement which is pastoral and contains wooded areas.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		

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		low high						
							5 10 15 20 25	
40	North Fittleworth	Moderate boundary removal, fairly good hedgerow retention and woodland blocks.	Low land contributes to the north of Fittleworth but not distinctive.	Consistent low valley sides as with the north of the existing settlement. settlement located between spurs of higher ground . Character area generally open and gently sloping to the north of the settlement.	Some areas of scattered settlement and areas of woodland.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		MODERATE
41	Fittleworth Common Ridge	Area nearest the settlement is wooded but further away there is little hedgerow network.	Forms a strong wooded edge to the south east of the settlement on ridge.	Generally on higher ground that existing settlement or separated from it by the ridge.	Wooded edge to the settlement contributes to the rurality of the area. Some scattered settlement with urban influence further from the settlement.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.		SUBSTANTIAL













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
42	South Fittleworth River Rother Valley	Some boundary loss with little hedgerow network or woodland. Valley feature.	River valley and low sides that run to the south of the settlement on the southern approach, but distant from the settlement itself.	Very low river valley running east – west to the south of the settlement where as the settlement itself is contained to the west and east by higher ground.	Rural land use with a little urban influence, distant from the existing settlement.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.	5 10 15 20 25	SUBSTANTIAL
43	Hesworth Common Slopes	Boundary features relatively intact, significant woodland.	Wooded setting to the west of Fittleworth.	Generally inconsistent with existing settlement. Higher ground containing existing settlement to the east.	Woodland assists perception of rurality. Non wooded areas have rural land use, little urban influence.	No significant contribution to settlement separation.	5 10 15 20 25	SUBSTANTIAL













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		low	high						
44	South Harting Western Footslopes								MODERATE
		Intensive farmland, fairly limited boundary vegetation. Relatively high boundary loss.	Arable setting. Downland to the south provides a more spectacular setting to the settlement.	Character area with fairly similar topography to settlement on eastern side of valley feature.	Rural landscape but limited contribution to surrounding landscape in comparison due to enclosing woodland and topography.	No contribution to separation between settlements.			
45	South Harting North-eastern Foothills								SUBSTANTIAL
		Riparian vegetation and some hedgerows, but mostly high boundary loss recorded.	Riparian valley feature of moderate distinctiveness although does not provide particularly prominent setting to the village.	Existing settlement limited to south of east-west road to East Harting. Topography descends towards northeast of character area away from main settlement along valley feature.	Relatively rural landscape but lessened slightly by scattered settlement. Limited contribution to surrounding landscape.	Separates South Harting from East Harting.			

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
46	South Harting Southern Footslopes							MODERATE
		Relatively few lengths of hedges and small groups of trees. Significant areas of high boundary loss.	Farmland setting to south of the settlement. The contribution this character area provides to the setting of the settlement is insignificant in relation to the setting the Downland slopes to the south provide.	Mostly north facing slopes at the foot of the Downs, slightly higher than South Harting to the northwest. Settlement is on lower ground towards the valley feature north of the character area.	Intervisibility with downland to the south.	Minor contribution to separation between South Harting and East Harting.		
47	South Harting Enclosed Centre							SLIGHT
		Contains minor riparian feature along western edge of the character area, plus mature trees.	Small area enclosed by the settlement. Provides partial setting to listed buildings within adjacent Conservation Area.	Small scale fields surrounded by existing settlement and on similar topography. Includes riparian feature but no floodzone.	No contribution to surrounding landscape.	Encircled by existing settlement.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
48	Cocking Western Foothills							MODERATE
		Some significant lengths of hedges with standard trees. Lengths of riparian woodland to the northwest of the character area. Areas of relatively high boundary loss.	Open rural setting to settlement.	Small nucleated settlement mostly on higher footslopes than majority of the character area to the northwest.	Rural landscape with limited urban influence. Part of the wider setting to the South Downs.	No significant contribution to separation between settlements.		
49	Cocking Eastern Foothills							SUBSTANTIAL
		Limited hedges and tree cover. Area of relatively high boundary loss through the centre of the character area.	Prominent high point to the east of Cocking.	Hill separate from the settlement.	Rural landscape, some contribution to wider landscape.	Part of overall wider separation to Heyshott only		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
50	Cocking Southern Downland Edge							SUBSTANTIAL
		Edge of chalk downland with significant tree belts and woodland. Varying boundary loss across the character area.	Iconic downland forms setting to the settlement.	Steep slopes above the settlement.	Rural landscape, widely visible from surrounding landscape to the north.	No significant separation function.		
51	Graffham North – western Foothills							SUBSTANTIAL
		Good network of boundary hedges and tree lines plus blocks of woodland. Mostly relatively small field sizes with generally low boundary loss.	Partially wooded, undulating setting, slightly higher than Graffham to the east of the character area.	Higher ground than Graffham which sits in minor valley feature to the east of the character area.	Rural, largely unsettled landscape, although not widely contributing to the surrounding landscape due to enclosure by woodland to the north and the downs to the south.	No significant separation function.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
52	Graffham Northern Fringe							SUBSTANTIAL
		Considerable amount boundary vegetation, small blocks of woodland, riparian vegetation and vegetation associated with settlement. Small Mostly small parcels of land with low boundary loss, although slightly degraded by scattered settlement.	Enclosed, setting to north of Graffham.	Differing topography to majority of Graffham.	Rural, but settled landscape.	Separates Graffham from Upper Norwood to the southeast of the character area.		
53	Graffham Eastern Pasture							SUBSTANTIAL
		Good boundary hedge and tree structure Relatively damp (in winter) pasture with relatively high concentration of drains/ditches. Very low boundary loss overall.	Intact pastoral setting to the east of Graffham.	Falls away slightly from the eastern edge of Graffham, towards valley feature within the centre of the character area.	Rural, unsettled landscape.	Separates Graffham from Upper Norwood to the northeast of the character area.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major 5 10 15 20 25	
54	Graffham Southern Footslopes	Significant number of large, well maintained, relatively open paddocks to the east of Graffham with semi-enclosed arable and pasture to the west. Relatively little boundary vegetation overall and area of high boundary loss to the east, but some significant standard trees.	Picturesque pasture and paddocks setting to the north of Graffham.	Mostly higher topography falling towards the settlement.	Rural landscape, visible from surrounding landscape.	No contribution.		SUBSTANTIAL
55	Compton Northern Downland	Chalk downland with some significant hedgerows plus occasional blocks of woodland, although some areas of high boundary loss.	Prominent south facing downland slopes setting to the north of Compton.	South facing downland slopes above nucleated settlement of Compton to the south.	Rural, sloping landscape.	No significant separation function.		SUBSTANTIAL













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
56	Compton Eastern Downland Slopes							MAJOR
		Chalk downland slopes with significant area of Ancient Woodland hanger.	Highly distinctive steep slope and hanger immediate setting to the east of Compton.	Steep slope and hanger, highly inconsistent with the existing settlement below.	Rural slopes and hanger, visible from the west.	Minor contribution to separation between Compton and West Marden.		
57	Compton Southern Downland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Some hedgerows and a tree belt with conifer trees, but high boundary loss across most of the character area.	Open, rural approach to the south of Compton.	Lower lying semi-open fields.	Mostly rural landscape but influence from settlement to the north and south.	Separates Compton from West Marden. Minor intervisibility between the two in winter.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
58	Singleton Northern Downland Slopes							MAJOR
		Good hedgerow and woodland structure. A few areas with significant boundary loss.	Distinctive downland setting to settlement to the south.	Higher, sloping ground, to the north of settlements.	Prominent rural landscape, although rurality lessened by minor influence from settlement.	Part of separation between Singleton and West Dean.		
59	Singleton River Lavant Valley							SUBSTANTIAL
		Elevated chalk valley with some significant hedges to the west of the character area, some significant boundary loss to the east of the character area.	Valley feature setting to east and west of Singleton.	Similar topography along valley, either side of the settlement.	Rural landscape, although influence from settlement.	Separates Singleton from West Dean and Charlton.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major 5 10 15 20 25	
60	Singleton Southern Downland Slopes							SUBSTANTIAL
		Chalk downland slopes with significant area of woodland and some hedges. Fairly high boundary loss to the east of the character area.	Distinctive downland setting to the south of Singleton.	Higher, sloping ground, to the south of Singleton.	Prominent rural landscape, including woodland to the west.	Minor wider separation function between Singleton and Charlton.		
61	Bury Western Matrix							SUBSTANTIAL
		Some substantial tree belts, hedges and riparian woodland. Includes an area of relatively high boundary loss. Degraded by industrial uses to the northeast.	Unremarkable western setting to Bury.	Largely on similar topography to Bury, but on other side of A29 to main settlement. Includes area of floodzone through the middle of the character area.	Rural landscape. Fairly enclosed.	Provides separation between Bury, West Burton and low density housing within the character area.		















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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
62	Bury Northern Slopes							SUBSTANTIAL
		Some hedgerow structure and small areas of woodland. Generally low boundary loss.	Topography to the north of Bury visually contains the settlement.	Character area largely consists of slopes which fall towards valley feature which runs broadly east-west to the north of the settlement. Bury located beyond high ground to the south of the character area.	Rural and connects to wider Arun valley to the east.	No significant separation function.		
63	Bury River Arun Valley							MAJOR
		Arun Valley watermeadows	Highly distinctive eastern setting to Bury.	Wide valley to the east of Bury.	Rural landscape, but minor urban influence.	Constitutes the majority of the separation between Bury and Amberley.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
64	Bury Southern Downland Edge							SUBSTANTIAL
		Includes Ancient Woodland, hedgerows and riparian vegetation. Low boundary loss.	Highly distinctive steep downland slopes providing setting to the south of Bury.	North facing slopes about Bury.	Largely unsettled, rural landscape widely visible from surrounding landscape.	No contribution to separation between settlements.		
65	Funtington Downland Foothills							SUBSTANTIAL
		Significant lengths of hedges, tree belts and small areas of woodland. Mostly low boundary loss.	South facing downland slopes setting to Funtington below.	Sloping ground above settlement.	Rural landscape visible from the upper coastal plain to the south.	No significant contribution to separation between settlements.		

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		low	high						
66	Funtington Bosham Stream								SUBSTANTIAL
		Some significant tree lines and riparian vegetation. Relatively low boundary loss.	Moderate, fairly indistinct contribution to the southeast of Funtington.	Similar topography to the southeast corner of Funtington, but overall character area slopes away to valley feature.	Rural in character, Funtington largely screened from view.	Provides separation between Funtington and West Ashling.			
67	Funtington Upper Coastal Plain								SUBSTANTIAL
		Intensively farmed landscape, with high boundary loss and limited boundary vegetation.	Relatively flat, open setting to south and west of Funtington.	Funtington hugs the base of downland footslopes. Character area open, expansive landscape to the south.	Rural landscape but filtered views of settlement which encloses the character area to the south.	Separates Funtington from the western part of the West Ashling and groups of settlement along the southern edge of the character area.			













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
68	Lavant Western Downland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Open chalk downland slopes with moderate hedgerow network and some groups of trees. Fairly high boundary loss overall.	Distinctive downland slopes setting to the west of Lavant.	Predominantly east facing slopes above settlement to the east.	Prominent, highly rural landscape.	No significant contribution to separation between settlements.		
69	Lavant Northern River Lavant Valley							SUBSTANTIAL
		Downland with hedges, groups of trees and riparian vegetation. Overall relatively low boundary loss.	Relatively enclosed, pastoral landscape set between steep slopes on either side of the character area, providing valley setting to the north of Lavant.	Similar topography of continuing valley feature within which Lavant lies, but contains significant area of floodzone, and is relatively distant from the centre of the settlement.	Rural landscape visible from immediately surrounding sloping landscape.	No significant contribution to separation between settlements.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
70	Lavant Eastern River Lavant Valley							SUBSTANTIAL
		Majority of tree cover is new planting, but low boundary loss.	Pastoral setting to the east of Lavant.	Similar valley topography, but majority of the character area contains floodzone.	Southern end amenity open space. Limited contribution to the wider landscape, contained by settlement to the west and south and topography to the east.	Partially separates Mid Lavant from East Lavant.		
71	Lavant Eastern Downland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Chalk downland slopes with some hedgerows. Relatively high boundary loss overall.	Distinctive downland slopes setting to the east of Lavant.	Steep southwest facing slopes above Lavant to the west.	Prominent, rural landscape	Minor contribution to separation between Mid Lavant and East Lavant, to the south of the character area.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
72	Strettington and Halnaker Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Woodland to the north and road side hedgerows.	Contribution to wider northwest semi-open setting to Boxgrove, borders the main settlement.	Largely detached from the Boxgrove.	Rural landscape, settlement within the character area minor detraction.	Separates Boxgrove from Halnaker.		
73	Boxgrove Western Settlement Edge Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Regular hedge pattern although original hedge pattern lost.	Paddock setting to the west of Boxgrove.	Similar topography to Boxgrove to the east. Bounded on two sides by existing development. Floodplain to western and southern side of Boxgrove and Tangmere.	Fairly enclosed paddock use providing moderate contribution to the rurality of the surrounding landscape.	Partially separates the west of Boxgrove from Tangmere to the south of the A27.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
74	Boxgrove Eastern Settlement Edge Coastal Plain							MODERATE
		Significant vegetation associated with settlement and boundaries, with low boundary loss overall.	Character area with lower density listed building setting to the northeast of Boxgrove including Priory.	Similar topography to northern part of the settlement, but approaching slightly higher ground to the north. Floodplain runs through character area.	Relatively rural, visible from wider landscape to the east.	Part of wider separation between Boxgrove and Halnaker.		
75	Boxgrove Eastern Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Moderate hedgerow network, with some areas of woodland to the east. Low boundary loss overall.	Relatively open, rural setting to the east of Boxgrove.	Large fields on ground rising away to the north from the main settlement.	Relatively rural landscape with some detracting influences eg A27 to the south.	Provides separation between Boxgrove and the small settlement of Crockerhill to the east. Wider separation between Boxgrove and Halnaker.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
76	North Hermitage Enclosed Pasture							SUBSTANTIAL
		Significant tree cover: along boundaries, in small woodland blocks and along riparian feature. Low boundary loss.	Pleasant, enclosed partially wooded setting to northwest of Hermitage.	Similar topography to settlement, although beginning to rise slightly to the north. Contains small number of dwellings, particularly along stream to the southwest of the character area.	Relatively rural in relation to settlement to the south and west, but limited contribution to the surrounding landscape.	Part of wider separation between Hermitage and New Brighton, and Emsworth and Hermitage.		
77	Hermitage – Southbourne Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		High boundary loss resulting in limited hedgerow network generally, although some hedges and trees towards the character area edges.	Open setting to the northeast of Hermitage and the west of Southbourne.	Open, exposed fields on similar topography to settlements, although beginning to rise slightly to the north.	Open farmland providing rural setting to the settlements to the south, but only a moderate contribution to wider landscape to the north.	Large part of the separation between Hermitage and Southbourne.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
78	Prinsted Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		A few substantial lengths of hedgerows, particular towards the edges of the character area. Hedges and trees associated with routes and settlement to the southeast. Fairly low boundary loss overall.	Treed setting, with arable fields beyond, to the south-western edge of Southbourne.	Similar topography to Southbourne to the east, although further east than the main north-south orientation of the settlement.	Moderately rural, but not an overly prominent contribution to the wider landscape.	Part of the separation between Hermitage and Southbourne.		
79	Hermitage Southern Settlement Edge							SUBSTANTIAL
		Pasture with high levels of boundary vegetation and tree groups with low boundary loss.	Treed and enclosed setting to the south of Hermitage.	Slightly lower topography than Hermitage to the north. Contains marina and sewage works.	Well vegetated, but with urban influence, limited contribution to wider landscape.	Northern part of the character area separates Hermitage from Southbourne.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
80	Thornham Marsh Fringe							SUBSTANTIAL
		Mosaic of grassland, creeks and saltmarsh.	Wider rural setting to the south of Hermitage.	Low lying, largely detached from main settlement.	Largely unoccupied visible from the wider landscape, although influence from infrastructure south of Hermitage.	No significant contribution		
81	Southbourne North eastern Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Large scale arable fields with limited boundary vegetation, although low boundary loss recorded overall.	Moderately distinctive open setting to the northeast of Southbourne.	Open, exposed fields on similar topography to settlements, although beginning to rise slightly to the north and located further east than the main north-south orientation of Southbourne.	Open farmland providing rural setting to the settlements to the south, but only moderate contribution to wider landscape to the north.	Separates Southbourne from Hambrook and groups of settlement to the south.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
82	Southbourne Eastern Settlement Edge							MODERATE
		Vegetation associated with small scale parcels of land and low density development. Some hedgerow lengths to the southeast of the character area. Low boundary loss overall.	Relatively indistinctive landscape with a mixture of uses extending from the eastern edge of Southbourne.	Contains a number of existing areas of development, although character area located further east than the main north-south orientation of Southbourne.	Little contribution to wider landscape due to proximity to settlement.	Separates Southbourne from Nutbourne West.		
83	Southbourne Southeastern Settlement Edge							SUBSTANTIAL
		Fairly good hedgerow structure and low boundary loss.	Relatively indistinct landscape, hedgerows provide partial containment of settlement edge.	Similar landform.	Contributes to the wider landscape to the south.	Separates Southbourne from Nutbourne West.		

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		low	high						
84	Nutbourne East – Hambrook Mosaic								SLIGHT
85	Nutbourne West – Nutbourne East Coastal Plain								SUBSTANTIAL

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
86	Upper Chidham Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Some hedgerows and tree lines along roads and field boundaries with low boundary loss overall.	Provides open arable setting to the south of Nutbourne West and Nutbourne East. Allowing open views of Harbour as part of wider setting.	Character area at top of peninsula. Relatively open, exposed landscape on slightly lower topography south of Nutbourne West and Nutbourne East.	Part of extensive rural landscape with limited influence from settlement.	Wider separation between Nutbourne West and Nutbourne East, to the north of the character area. Also part of wider separation between Chidham and Nutbourne West and Nutbourne East.		
87	Nutbourne East North – eastern Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Good hedgerow structure, particularly to the north of the railway line. Low boundary loss.	Provides semi-open setting to surrounding settlement.	Similar topography to surrounding settlement, although inconsistent with existing north-south orientation of settlement.	Enclosed nature provides sense of rurality although limited contribution to the surrounding landscape.	Separates Nutbourne East and Hambrook from area of significant settlement to the south and east of the character area.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
88	Nutbourne East Nurseries	Abundance of vegetation associated with small scale development plus some substantial hedgelines and trees in less settled areas to the southwest and northeast of the character area. Area of high boundary loss to the southwest, but relatively loss boundary loss overall.	Unremarkable setting to Nutbourne East.	Contains large amount of existing development, although largely inconsistent with main north-south orientation of Nutbourne. Majority of character area detached from main settlement. Descends to lower ground at the top of Bosham Channel.	Provides treed backdrop to character areas to the south and channels further south.	Part of wider separation between Bosham and Nutbourne East.		MODERATE
		Large fields to the north with minor boundary vegetation, some hedges and trees associated with settlement to the south of the character area. Mostly high boundary loss, particularly to the north of the railway.	Provides open arable setting to the northwest corner of Broadbridge.	Similar topography but substantial floodzone adjacent to west of Broadbridge. Open, exposed fields largely detached from significant settlement. Raising slightly to the north.	Large scale, fairly rural landscape, visible from high ground outside AONB to the north, but pylons reduce rurality.	Part of wider separation only.		
89	Mulberry Farm Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
90	Bosham Channel Northwest Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Moderate network of boundary vegetation, including tall poplar tree line to the south of the character area. High boundary loss recorded across almost all of the character area.	Rural setting to the northwest of Bosham	Unsettled, open channel edge. Lower topography at the top of Bosham Channel than Broadbridge to the northeast of the character area, although character area shares similar topography to Bosham to the south. Substantial floodzone.	Unsettled, rural area, visible from the wider Chichester Harbour.	Part of separation between Bosham and Broadbridge.		
91	Broadbridge – Fishbourne Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Mostly large field sizes, but some moderate lengths of boundary vegetation and small groups of trees. High boundary loss to the central and western parts of the character area. Low boundary loss to the southeast of the character area.	Provides relatively open eastern approach to Broadbridge.	Similar topography, settlement currently contained by railway.	Large scale, fairly rural landscape.	Majority of separation between Broadbridge and Fishbourne to the east.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
92	Bosham – Broadbridge Coastal Plain							MODERATE
		Some significant lengths of hedgerows and shelterbelt tree lines. Area towards the centre of the character area with high boundary loss recorded. Low boundary loss elsewhere within the character area.	Indistinct setting, combination of glasshouses and agriculture to the northeast of Bosham and south of Broadbridge.	On similar topography to both Bosham and Broadbridge. Existing scattered settlement and small scale development contained within the character area. Floodzone to the south.	On moderate rurality due to influence from scattered settlement and small scale development contained within the character area.	Separates Broadbridge from Bosham. Although there is intervisibility between the two settlement, and development along roads between the two, plus wider setting to Fishbourne.		
93	Bosham Southeast Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Contains several small blocks of woodland and significant lengths of continuous hedgerow. High boundary loss recorded for majority of the character area.	Provides open setting to the east of Bosham.	Not overly dissimilar topography to settlement to the west, although becoming distant from the centre of Bosham to the west, and fairly open and exposed towards the centre of the character area. Floodplain wraps around east of valley.	Mostly rural landscape, with limited settlement.	Wider separation between Bosham and Fishbourne.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
94	Birdham Western Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Relatively good hedgerow network plus tree belts. Low boundary loss across the character area.	Provides semi-open rural setting to the west of Birdham.	Same flat topography as Birdham, although character area extends beyond main orientation at western edge of Birdham.	Rural landscape.	Separates Birdham from Shipton Green.		
95	Birdham Northern Settlement Edge							MODERATE
		Areas with good boundary vegetation and groups of trees associated with settlement. Area of high boundary loss within the northwest part of the character area.	Rural setting to northern area of Birdham.	Closely related to existing settlement. Majority of character area similar topography to Birdham, although land falls slightly towards watercourse at the northwestern part of the character area.	Contiguous with wider rural landscape to north. Central area contained by settlement.	Part of wider separation between Birdham and settlement to the north.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
96	Birdham Pool Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Good network of hedgerows, in particular to the east of the character area, including alongside Birdham Pool. Vegetation associated with low density settlement also present towards the north of the character area. Mostly low boundary loss.	Disconnected from Birdham, but provides "harbour character" setting to low density settlement to the north and minor setting to Westlands to the northwest of the character area. Wider rural setting.	Topography falls towards Birdham Pool. Character area is low lying, with Birdham on higher ground. Character area is detached from Birdham, but far western end of character area is well related to Westlands.	Moderately rural landscape towards the centre of character area, but low contribution to the surrounding landscape overall.	Separates Birdham from Westlands and low density settlement to the north of the character area.		
97	Birdham Eastern Nurseries							MODERATE
		Good hedge and tree structure and vegetation associated with low density development. Low boundary loss.	Horticultural setting to the east of Birdham.	On similar topography to Birdham and contains existing settlement, but annexed main road.	Relatively low rurality due to land uses, but landscape structure provides backdrop to wider rural landscape.	Separates Birdham from low density development within the character area only.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major 5 10 15 20 25	
98	Whitestone – Woodhorn Coastal Plain							MODERATE
		High boundary loss, but good vegetation along remaining boundaries, particularly along the southern edge of the character area.	Open setting to the south of Birdham, not overly distinct.	Similar flat topography to Birdham, but large, fairly exposed fields. Annexed from settlement by main road.	Rurality limited due to surround settlement to the west, continuation with the wider landscape to the east.	Separates Birdham from low density development to the south and northeast.		
99	Almodington Nurseries							SUBSTANTIAL * raised from Moderate, as highly inconsistent with settlement form/pattern and unsuitable for development in landscape terms.
		Some tree belts and lengths of hedges, particularly towards the edges of the character area. Moderate boundary loss. A number of nursery structures in poor condition.	Detached from any significant settlement.	Detached from any significant area of settlement.	Low rurality due to land uses.	No significant separation function.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
100	Somerley – Almodington Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Good network of hedges and trees along field boundaries. Low boundary loss.	Arable rural setting to the east of Somerley Conservation Area.	Similar flat topography to Birdham, but detached from main area of settlement. Contiguous with rural landscape to the south.	Rural arable landscape, field boundaries limit influence from settlement.	Provides part of the separation between the southern extension of Birdham and the northern edge of Somerley.		
101	Birdham – Somerley Settled Coastal Plain							MODERATE
		Large amount of vegetation associated with small scale development, good hedgerow retention with some dense hedgerows to the northeast of the character area. Low boundary loss.	Approach to the south of Birdham characterised by low density settlement and nurseries. Immediate setting to north of Somerley	On similar flat topography to Birdham and contains existing settlement, but is becoming fairly distant from main settlement of Birdham.	Hedgerows and outer/edge fields contribute to wider rurality and limit influence from settlement.	Gap between Birdham and Somerley.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major 5 10 15 20 25	
102	Ella Nore Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Some intact hedgerow structure particularly to the east of the character area, and trees associated with low density settlement towards the north. Containing larger field pattern with moderate boundary loss recorded to the south of the character area.	Provides semi-enclosed, coastal edge setting to the north of Roman Landing area of West Wittering.	Topography rises slightly towards centre of the character area away from Roman Landings. Fairly large field sizes further north than exiting settlement area.	Mostly rural area, containing only minor settlement with some intervisibility with West Wittering. Overlooks Chichester Channel.	No significant contribution.		
103	Rookwood Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Intact hedges and vegetation associated with lake to the west of the character area. Low boundary loss.	Provides semi-enclosed setting to northeast of Malthouse Cottages hamlet.	Topography falls towards watercourse, lake and floodzone. Adjacent to small settlement of Malthouse Cottages only.	Rural landscape containing only a few dwellings.	No significant separation function.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
104	Walnut Tree Coastal Plain							MODERATE
		Intact hedgerow structure and trees, dense boundary vegetation along the western edge of the character area. Some areas of moderate boundary loss to the west.	Not overly distinct northern setting to West Wittering.	Slightly higher topography than adjoining area of West Wittering. Character area contains existing settlement to the northeast and caravan park.	Relatively rural landscape lessened by caravan park which cover a significant part of the character area.	Provides part of overall separation between West Wittering and Malthouse Cottages.		
105	West Wittering Eastern Settlement Edge							MODERATE
		Good hedgerow network, particularly towards the north of the character area.	Small scale fields/paddocks, eastern setting to West Wittering.	Similar low lying topography as the eastern part of West Wittering, contains a number of low density settlements.	Relatively rural landscape lessened by caravan parks which covers a significant part of the character area.	Provides part of overall separation between West Wittering and Malthouse Cottages.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major		
106	Furzefield Western Coastal Plain								SUBSTANTIAL
		Relatively good network of hedges and boundary trees.	Abuts part of the northern edge of East Wittering, but provides rural, semi-open setting to Malthouse Cottage and low density groups of settlement to the east of the character area.	Largely detached from any significant areas of settlement.	Rural, largely unsettled landscape.	Provides part of overall separation between West Wittering, East Wittering and the numerous small groups of settlement to the east.			
107	West Wittering Southern Coastal Plain								SUBSTANTIAL * raised by one point from Moderate, as highly sensitive separation between settlements.
		Boundary vegetation limited, although character area contains a few significant lengths of hedges and some vegetation associated with buildings. High boundary loss recorded across the character area.	Provides an open arable setting to the south of West Wittering, the west of East Wittering and to the north of the West Strand linear settlement.	Generally large open fields on similar low lying flat topography upon which the surrounding settlements are located. Contains area of floodzone.	Low rurality and contribution to the surrounding landscape diminished by noticeable urban influence, including surrounding settlement and link road through character area.	Provides separation between West Wittering, East Wittering and West Strand.			

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
108	Cockbush Common Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Contains extensive vegetation associated marsh to the north and wetlands. Low boundary loss recorded.	Distinctive coastal edge setting to the southwest of West Wittering.	Flat, low lying, exposed coastal edge fields separated from main areas of settlement by wetlands and marsh towards the north of the character area. Contains large area of floodzone.	Unsettled open fields but occupied to the south by significant number of vehicles during the summer.	Part of overall separation between the Roman Landings area to the west of West Wittering and the West Strand strip of development along the coast.		
109	Roman Landing Coastal Plain							MODERATE
		Almost no boundary vegetation through the north and centre of the character area, but significant amount of tree cover to the south of the character area.	Provides open aspect, consisting of grazing paddocks, to the south of the settlement setting, with a wooded backdrop to the south of the character area.	Small scale fields surrounded by existing settlement on three sides and on the same low lying flat topography.	Trees to the south of the character area have a minor contribution to the rurality of the surrounding landscape and help reduce views of Roman Landing from the south.	No significant contribution to separation between different settlements.		

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Table 2 Landscape Value

No	Landscape Character Area	Landscape Designation		Other Designation (nature conservation, heritage, amenity, including flood zone)	Contribution to setting of 'outstanding assets'	Special cultural/historic associations	Perceptual aspects (eg. scenic beauty, tranquillity, remoteness)	Landscape Value					Final Assessment Landscape Value	
		low	high					1-5 Negligible	6-10 Slight	11-15 Moderate	16-20 Substantial	21-25 Major		
01	West Hammer Wooded Slopes	Within AONB.		Some registered Common Land. Contains Conservation Areas along the valley. Contains some SNCI along the valley.		Contains assarts and informal fieldscapes with medieval time depth.	Fairly enclosed, limited intervisibility, train track runs to the north of the area.							MODERATE
02	North Hammer – Camelsdale Urban Edge	Within AONB. AONB generally surrounded by development.		Contains a number of listed buildings. Contains Conservation Areas along the valley. Contains a small area of SNCI and floodzone.		None identified from database of collated information.	Medium scenic beauty, main road runs to the south and through the area							MODERATE

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03	Springhead Ridge	Within AONB.	Contains a number of listed buildings. Adjacent to a Local Nature Reserve and		Contains medieval assarts.	Fairly enclosed, limited intervisibility, quite a lot of scattered houses set in large gardens.		MODERATE
04	Hammer Ridge Plantations	Within AONB. Managed woodland.	Adjacent to a small SNCI and Local Nature Reserve.		None identified from database of collated information.	Attractive managed woodland.		MODERATE

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		low high						
							5 10 15 20 25	
05	East Cammelsdale Slopes	Within AONB.	Small area of Ancient Woodland.	Lower foothills to the Blackdown Hills.	None identified from database of collated information.	Woodland and elevated nature allow a degree of tranquillity and scenic beauty, but perception of remoteness reduce by urban influence.		MODERATE
06	Marley Wooded Slopes	Within AONB.	Includes large area of Registered Common Land as well as being adjacent to a Conservation Area. Includes an area of Local Nature Reserve.	Lower foothills to the Blackdown Hills.	None identified from database of collated information.	Wooded slopes, tranquil moderate scenic beauty.		MODERATE

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
07	North Fernhurst Slopes							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB, high quality Wealden landscape.	Contains a number of listed buildings and a small area of Registered Common Land. Contains large tracts of Ancient Woodland.	Lower slopes setting to Blackdown Hills to the northeast, highest hill in Sussex	Contains large areas of ancient woodland and medieval assarts.	Attractive, strongly undulating landscape, partially wooded.		
08	South Fernhurst Slopes							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB, high quality Wealden landscape.	Contains a number of listed buildings as well as a Conservation Area. Contains tracts of Ancient Woodland and adjacent to an SNCI.	Gill landscape	Contains The Cross and village green (original village centre) area to the southeast of Fernhurst, with church (c.1100) and Stone Age and Roman remains. Contains large amount of medieval assarts.	Attractive sloping landscape, partially wooded, with several gills.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
09	Northchapel – Hillgrove Weald							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.	Contains Listed Building, abuts Registered Common Land to the west, contains area of Registered Common Land to the east. Area of Ancient Woodland, SNCI.	Blackdown Hills to the west, tallest hills in Sussex.	Likely Saxon animal enclosures at Diddlesfold. Medieval glass kiln at Tanlands Copse. Medieval assarts covering majority of the character area.	Fairly remote in places, pleasant pastoral landscape.		
10	Northchapel North Western Weald							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.	Contains Listed Building, abuts Conservation Area, area of Ancient Woodland, SNCI, PSR.	Blackdown to the west, tallest hills in Sussex	Likely Saxon animal enclosures as Diddlesfold. Contains a number of medieval assarts.	Sense of remoteness due to enclosure to the north, but urban influence to the south reduces tranquillity and remoteness.		

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		low high						
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11	Northchapel Eastern Settlement Edge	Adjacent to AONB to the west.	Contains Conservation Area, Registered Common Land and Listed Buildings. Abuts ancient woodland, SNCI and floodzone.	Wider setting to Blackdown Hills and adjoining character area.	Mitchell Park, formerly Micel (great) Park east of the character area. Medieval assarts covering the majority of the character area.	Pleasant, but tranquillity and remoteness influenced by settlement which the character area overlooks to the south.		SUBSTANTIAL
12	Northchapel Southern Weald	Partly AONB to the southwest.	Contains Listed Buildings, Ancient Woodland, PSR, floodzone and registered common land.	Wider setting to Blackdown Hills.	Majority of character area covered by medieval assarts.	Pleasant, fairly tranquillity and remote.		SUBSTANTIAL

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
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13	North Rogate Weald	Within AONB. Generally large arable fields.	Contains a number of listed buildings as well as Historic Parkscapes. Includes a PSR. Abuts Conservation Area.		Contains areas of medieval assarts.	Open, low scenic beauty and rurality, tranquillity to the south limited by the A 272.		MODERATE
14	East Rogate Weald	Within AONB. Generally medium / large arable fields.	Includes a PSR. Includes a number of listed buildings. Abuts SSSI and Ancient Woodland.		Medieval assarts cover majority of the character area.	Open, moderate scenic beauty and rurality, tranquillity limited by the A 272.		MODERATE

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15	Southeast Rogate River Rother Valley Floor	Within AONB.	Contains some listed buildings and an area of Historic Parkscape. Includes SSSI, PSR, Ancient Woodland, floodzone.	Setting to River Rother.	Contains a number of fieldscapes and assarts with medieval time depth.	Moderate scenic beauty, tranquil pastoral landscape along valley floor.		SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.	Contains a number of listed buildings as well as part of a Conservation Area. Adjacent to a floodzone.	Hills above River Rother Valley.	Mostly made up of medieval assarts.	Tranquil with high ruralness but large scale arable agricultural fields.		
16	South Rogate Weald	Within AONB.	Contains a number of listed buildings as well as part of a Conservation Area. Adjacent to a floodzone.	Hills above River Rother Valley.	Mostly made up of medieval assarts.	Tranquil with high ruralness but large scale arable agricultural fields.		MODERATE

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17	Western Rogate River Rother Valley Floor	Within AONB. Generally medium / large arable fields.	Contains a listed building. Contains an area of SNCI and adjacent to SNCI as floodzone.	Part of valley to River Rother.	Made up of medieval assarts.	Moderately remote and tranquil, rural overall but medium / large arable fields.		SUBSTANTIAL
18	Northwest Midhurst River Rother Valley	Within AONB.	Contains a number of listed buildings and part of a Conservation Area. Contains floodzone, SNCI, PSR and adjacent to areas of Ancient Woodland.	River Rother valley rural setting.	Old water mill (now disused) on the River Rother, to the north of the character area, (used for the production of blotting paper). Contains a few assarts with medieval time depth.	Very tranquil and highly rural.		SUBSTANTIAL

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19	Iping – Stedham Rise							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.	Includes Historic Parkscape and abuts Conservation Area to the east. Contains PSR, and abuts Ancient Woodland and SNCI to the north.	Setting to Rother House and Historic Parkland.	Contains Rother House and Historic Parkland. Area of medieval assarts to the east of the character area.	Tranquil, but not overly remote.		
20	Stedham Sports Fields							MODERATE
		Within AONB.	Contains area of Conservation Area.	Immediate setting to River Rother valley	None identified from database of collated information.	Moderately tranquil, not overly remote.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
21	The Severals Woodland	Within AONB.	Contains Open Access Land, Registered Common Land. Contains SSSI, PSR, Ancient Woodland, Floodzone and SNCI.	Woodland setting to River Rother	Contains a large proportion of medieval common land.	Highly tranquil and rural, pleasant wooded nature.		SUBSTANTIAL

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22	North Midhurst Farmland	Within AONB.		Contains Historic Parkland and is adjacent to Conservation Areas. Contains Protected Species Register and Ancient Woodland.	Hill tops and woodland setting to River Rother.	Contains large area of assarts with medieval time depth.	Fairly rural and moderate scenic beauty, small scale arable fields and woodland.						SUBSTANTIAL
23	Midhurst River Rother Valley	Within AONB.		Contains Listed Buildings, Historic Parkland, Registered Parks and Gardens, Scheduled Ancient Monuments and Conservation Area. Contains Floodzone, SNCI, Protected Species Register and adjacent to Ancient Woodland.	Rural slopes, partial setting to Cowdray House and Castle remains dating from 1520.	Contains designed landscapes and assarts with medieval time depth.	Fairly rural and relatively high scenic beauty, small scale arable fields and blocks of woodland.						SUBSTANTIAL

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24	Midhurst – West Lavington Weald	Within AONB.	Contains Listed Buildings and Historic Parkscape. Contains Protected Species Register.		None identified from database of collated information.	Moderately rural landscape with some woodland areas.		MODERATE
25	West Lavington Southern Weald	Within AONB, contains visually well contained quarry.	Contains some listed buildings, Protected Species Register adjacent to Ancient Woodland to the northeast.		Remnant parkland character to the north of the character area.	Varied scenic beauty, wooded areas and woodland pasture add to the rurality.		MODERATE

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26	Midhurst Southern Weald	Within AONB. Medium sizes agricultural fields, adjacent to ongoing development.	Adjacent to SNCI.		Includes some assarts with medieval time depth.	Flat, medium sizes agricultural land with woodland and pond to eastern edge.		MODERATE
27	Bepton Common – Pitsham Weald	Within AONB.	Contains some listed buildings, Protected Species Register and Floodzone.	Eastern end of character area setting to Dunsford House, home of Richard Cobden.	Proximity to Dunsford House, home of Richard Cobden.	Attractive and high scenic beauty.		MODERATE

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28	Northwest Easebourne Farmland			Contains some Listed Buildings, contains Protected Species Register and adjacent to Ancient Woodland and Floodzone.	Part of sloping setting to River Rother. Elevated slopes north of Easebourne.	Includes medieval fieldscapes.	Tranquil and relatively remote but minor influence from settlement to the south east.						MODERATE
		Within AONB.											
29	Northeast Easebourne Farmland			Contains listed buildings and Conservation Area and adjacent to Registered Parks and Gardens and Historic Parkscape, contains Protective Species Register.		Contains remains of Easebourne Priory dating from 1238.	Tranquil and relatively remote but some influence from settlement to the south and generally larger arable fields.						SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.											

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30	Southeast Easebourne Estate Farmland			Contains Listed Buildings, SAM, Registered Parks and Gardens, Historic Parkscape, Conservation Area, contains Protected Species Register and Floodzone.	Setting to castle and Cowdry House.	Contains Cowdray House and Castle features dating from 1520.	Manicured parkland / recreation landscape.						SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.											
31	North Lodsworth Valley			Contains listed buildings and adjacent to Registered Common Land, contains SSSI, Ancient Woodland,		Including small areas of medieval assarts.	Wooded valley slopes, rural and tranquil.						MODERATE
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32	East Lodsworth Valley	Within AONB. High quality AONB.	Contains Listed Buildings and Conservation Area. Contains protected Species Register, SNCI, Ancient Woodland and Floodzone.		St Peters church with 13 century tower. The spring near St Peters church was a place of pilgrimage in the Middle Ages. Also, historic Lodsworth Manor House south of the church.	Rural, tranquil, medium-high scenic value.		SUBSTANTIAL	
33	West Lodsworth Slopes	Within AONB.	Contains Listed Buildings, Historic Parkscape and adjacent to Conservation Area. Adjacent to Ancient Woodland.		Contains some medieval fieldscapes.	Rural, tranquil but large / medium arable fields with medium scenic beauty.		SUBSTANTIAL	

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34	Petworth Parkland	Within AONB.	Contains Listed Buildings, Registered Parks and Gardens, Historic Parkland, Conservation Area and is adjacent to Registered Common Land. Nearly all designated as SNCI.	Setting to Petworth House	Contains the stately home Petworth House and a Capability Brown park landscape.	Largely 'designed' landscape but tranquil and well maintained, very pleasant.		MAJOR
35	Petworth – Hampers Green Farmland	Close proximity to AONB.	Contains some Conservation Area and Registered Common Land. Contains some Floodzone.	Partial setting to Petworth Park and House on higher ground to the west.	Proximity to Petworth Park and House on higher ground to the west. Area of medieval assarts to the northwest of the character area.	Moderate low scenic beauty, medium / large arable fields, but rural and generally tranquil.		MODERATE

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36	East Petworth Slopes	Within AONB.	Contains some Listed Buildings and Conservation Area. Contains Protected Species Registered and Floodzone and adjacent to Ancient Woodland.		Areas of medieval assarts.	Rural, riparian features provide scenic interest, tranquil.		MODERATE
37	Petworth Southern Urban Edge	Within AONB.	Contains Listed Buildings.		None identified from database of collated information.	Average rural landscape with influence from the settlement to the north.		MODERATE

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38	South Petworth Farmland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.	Contains a Listed Building, adjacent to Ancient Woodland and Floodzone.	Setting to Petworth Park to the north. South Downs to the south.	Proximity to Petworth Park and House on higher ground to the north.	Rural landscape, large rolling, overall south facing, includes woodland and copses. Open views of wider AONB, aware of River Rother valley and expansive open view of the South Downs.		
39	North Fittleworth Farmland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.	Contains Conservation Area, Listed Buildings and Historic Parkscape. Contains Protected Species Register and Floodzone.		Some medieval assarts.	Rural landscape, tranquil and remote.		

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40	North Fittleworth			Contains Listed Buildings and Conservation Area. Contains Protected Species Register. Adjacent to Ancient Woodland.		Contains medieval assarts.	Some influence from the settlement at the southern end. Riparian features provide scenic features.						SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.											
41	Fittleworth Common Ridge			Contains Registered Common Land and adjacent to a Conservation Area. Adjacent to Protected Species Register sites.		Contains some medieval time depth.	Tranquil, wooded slopes add to the scenic beauty in otherwise rural landscape with arable / pig farming.						MODERATE
		Within AONB.											

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42	South Fittleworth River Rother Valley			Contains Conservation Area and Listed Buildings. Contains Protected Species Register. Substantial area of floodzone.	River Rother Valley.	Contains large area of medieval fieldscapes.	Tranquil, riparian features give scenic interest, Generally pleasant valley floor landscape.						SUBSTANTIAL
		Partly AONB.											
43	Hesworth Common Slopes			Contains Registered Common Land and adjacent to Conservation Area. Contains Protected Species Register and SNCI.		Some areas of medieval time depth.	Tranquil, and remote, pleasant wooded slopes.						SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.											

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44	South Harting Western Footslopes	Within AONB.		Contains or abuts South Harting Conservation area along eastern edge of character area. Abuts Registered Common Land at southwest corner. Setting to Listed Buildings within the Conservation Area. Close proximity to Torberry Hillfort SAM. Abuts SSSI, SNCI and Ancient Woodland to the south and west.	Southern part of character area is immediate setting to elevated downland. Setting to Torberry hill with its remains of Pre-Roman Iron Age Hillfort, to the northwest of the character area.	Remains of Pre-Roman Iron Age Hillfort on Torberry Hill adjacent to the northwest. Proximity to the South Downs.	Relatively tranquil, arable landscape, dominated by view of the South Downs and Torberry Hill.						MAJOR
45	South Harting North-eastern Foothills	Within AONB.		Contains Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas to the east and west. Contains floodzone and PSRs.		None identified from database of collated information.	Middle of character area along valley relatively tranquil and remote, but degraded by settlement towards edges of character area.						MODERATE

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46	South Harting Southern Footslopes	 Within AONB.	 Contains Listed Buildings, abuts Conservation Area to the north and Registered Common Land to the south. Abuts SSSI, Local Nature Reserve and SNCI to the south.	 Immediate setting to the elevated downland to the south.	 None identified from database of collated information.	 Relatively tranquil, farmland landscape, dominated by view of the South Downs to the south, but urban influence from South Harting.		SUBSTANTIAL
		 Within AONB, but landscape totally enclosed by built development.	 Listed Buildings and part of Conservation Area.	 Contribution to setting of Conservation Area including Grade 1 listed 12 th century church.	 To be considered as part of Conservation Area.	 Moderate scenic beauty.		
47	South Harting Enclosed Centre	 Within AONB, but landscape totally enclosed by built development.	 Listed Buildings and part of Conservation Area.	 Contribution to setting of Conservation Area including Grade 1 listed 12 th century church.	 To be considered as part of Conservation Area.	 Moderate scenic beauty.		SUBSTANTIAL

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48	Cocking Western Foothills							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.	Contains small area of Registered Common Land and Listed Building. Abuts Conservation Area.	Part of setting to the South Downs scarp.	None identified from database of collated information.	Rural landscape with limited urban influence, tranquil and relatively remote. High scenic beauty due to relationship with the South Downs.		
49	Cocking Eastern Foothills							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.	Contains Conservation Area and Listed Building to the western end of the character area. Contains PSR, floodzone and small area of Ancient Woodland.	Local setting to the South Downs	11th century church and medieval assarts to the west and south of the character area.	Rural landscape with limited urban influence, although slightly exposed in the locality.		

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50	Cocking Southern Downland Edge							MAJOR
		Within AONB.	Listed Building, small area of SSSI, SAC, Ancient Woodland and small area of floodzone.	Immediate setting to elevated downland to the south.	Historic and cultural association with the South Downs adjacent to the south.	Iconic chalk downland slopes relatively remote although occasional settlement.		
51	Graffham North – western Foothills							MODERATE
		Within AONB.		Partially wooded northern setting to the South Downs.	Contains a number of medieval assarts.	Fairly enclosed, remote and tranquil landscape with only minor urban influence.		

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52	Graffham Northern Fringe	Within AONB.	Listed Buildings, SNCI.	Partially wooded setting to the South Downs.	Kiln sites dating from late 16 th century in the area.	Fairly enclosed, remote and tranquil landscape but with considerable amounts of scattered, low density settlement.		MODERATE
53	Graffham Eastern Pasture	Within AONB.	PSR, setting to Listed Building.	Pastoral setting to the South Downs.	Medieval assarts to the west of the character area adjacent to the settlement.	Pleasant fairly enclosed pasture, relatively remote and tranquil.		SUBSTANTIAL

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54	Graffham Southern Footslopes							MAJOR
		Within AONB.	Contains Historic Parkscape, Conservation Area and Listed Buildings. Abuts Ancient Woodland to the south.	Immediate, relatively open, setting to the South Downs.	Historic Parkscape associated with Graffham Rectory to the south of the character area. Medieval assarts to the west of the character area.	Rural, landscape, fairly remote, dominated by the downland slopes to the south, although some minor influence from settlement.		
55	Compton Northern Downland							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.	Contains Historic Parkscape, Listed Buildings, SNCI, PSR, abuts Conservation Area and SPA.	Compton Park and South Downs elevated downland.	Little Green recorded as a manor 1695, now a school. Compton Church, partly 12th century, to southeast corner of character area. Association with the South Downs and Compton Park.	Downland slopes, slightly degraded by some scattered settlement.		













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56	Compton Eastern Downland Slopes	Within AONB.	Abuts Conservation Area to the south and is setting to Conservation Area and Listed Buildings further north. Contains large tract of Ancient Woodland.	Steep slopes below iconic South Downs elevated downland	Bevis's Thumb Long Barrow, to northeast.	Iconic downland slopes and hanger.		SUBSTANTIAL
57	Compton Southern Downland	Within AONB.	Abuts Conservation Areas to the north and South. Setting to Listed Buildings. Contains significant floodzone broadly north-south through the character area.	Lower lying setting to iconic South Downs slopes either side of the character area.	Compton Down, site of semaphore station from 1840s.	Pleasant landscape, but sense of remoteness and tranquillity fairly limited due to influence from settlement and main road.		SUBSTANTIAL

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58	Singleton Northern Downland Slopes	Within AONB.	Contains Registered Common Land, Open Access Land, abuts two Conservation Areas to the south and is within close proximity to a third at the southeast corner of the character area. Contains Listed Building. Contains area of SNCI and SSSI. Contains significant area of floodzone through the centre of the character area.	Part of elevated downland within South Downs.	None identified from database of collated information.	Rural downland landscape, although some views of settlement to the south reduce sense of remoteness and tranquillity.		SUBSTANTIAL
59	Singleton River Lavant Valley	Within AONB.	Contains areas of Conservation Area, Registered Park/Garden, Historic Parkscape and Listed Building. Contains significant Floodzone and SNCI.	Distinctive elevated feature within the South Downs.	The Weald and Downland Open Air Museum of Historic Buildings and association with the South Downs	Relatively rural, dominated by downland to the north and south, although influence from settlement reduces sense of remoteness and tranquillity.		SUBSTANTIAL

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60	Singleton Southern Downland Slopes	Within AONB.	Contains large area of Registered Park/Garden and Historic Parkscape, Listed Building and PSR. Close proximity with two Conservation Areas.	Part of elevated downland within the South Downs.	Includes the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum of Historic Buildings. Part Saxon Church to north of the character area. The Trundle Hill associated with William Blake, about 1km to the south of the character area.	Rural downland landscape, partly wooded. Although some influence from Museum.		MAJOR	
61	Bury Western Matrix	Within AONB.	Abuts Conservation Areas at either end of the character area. Setting to Listed Building. Setting to small area of Registered Park/Garden and Historic Parkscape to the west. Includes floodzone through the middle of the character area.	Enclosed lower lying setting to South Downs northern slopes to the south of the character area.	Areas of medieval assarts and informal fieldscapes to the north of the character area.	Rural landscape but settlement and road reduces tranquillity and remoteness.		MODERATE	

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62	Bury Northern Foothills	Within AONB.	Includes Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas, PSRs, length of floodzone.	Immediate setting to the wider River Arun Valley to the east of the character area.	Church with 12th Century tower with a cedar-shingled spire. Large area of medieval enclosure.	Rural, fairly tranquil landscape.			SUBSTANTIAL
63	Bury River Arun Valley	Within AONB	Almost entirely SNCI, large area of floodzone, includes PSR, abuts Conservation Area to the west, abuts SSSI and SPA to the northeast.	Part of wider River Arun Valley	None identified from database of collated information.	River Arun Valley, high scenic beauty, tranquillity and fairly high remoteness.			SUBSTANTIAL













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
64	Bury Southern Downland Edge							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.	Includes Listed Building and Ancient Woodland. Abuts two Conservation Areas.	Prominent sloping setting to the River Arun Valley to the east of the character area, as well as sloping setting to the elevated downland of the South Downs to the south of the character area.	Medieval assarts to the northwest of the character area.	Distinctive downland slopes, relatively high tranquillity and remoteness, only minor urban influence.		
65	Funtington Downland Foothills							SUBSTANTIAL
		Majority within AONB.	Contains Ancient Woodland. Setting to Historic Parkscape and Listed Building to the west. Abuts Conservation Area to the south.	Footslopes to the South Downs .	None identified from database of collated information.	Iconic downland slopes, relatively high tranquillity and remoteness, although some minor urban influence.		

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66	Funtington Bosham Stream							MODERATE
		Close proximity to AONB.	Contains Listed Building and floodzone. Abuts Ashling Historic Park along eastern edge of the character area.	Contributes to southern setting of the South Downs. Historic park to the east.	None identified from database of collated information.	Relatively unremarkable farmland.		
67	Funtington Upper Coastal Plain							MODERATE
		Close proximity to AONB.	Includes Listed Buildings. Abuts and includes Conservation Areas to the northeast and southeast. Abuts Historic Park to the southwest. Includes PSR and length of floodzone to the east.	Contributes to setting of the South Downs slopes to the north. Historic park to the southwest.	Setting to church, dating from the 12th Century.	Limited tranquillity and scenic beauty due to intensive farming activity and influence from settlement to the north, south and research establishment to the west.		

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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
68	Lavant Western Downland	Majority of character area within AONB.	Contains Listed Building and significant floodzone. Abuts Ancient Woodland to the west.	Downland slopes.	None identified from database of collated information.	Iconic downland slopes, high scenic beauty and relatively high tranquillity and remoteness, commands views over surrounding area and Lavant.	5 10 15 20 25	SUBSTANTIAL
69	Lavant Northern River Lavant Valley	Within AONB.	Includes Listed Buildings, PSR, SNCI and significant area of floodzone.	Contributes to setting of the South Downs slopes to the east and west. Valley running north into South Downs.	None identified from database of collated information.	Relatively enclosed, pleasant pastoral landscape, moderate tranquillity.	5 10 15 20 25	MODERATE

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70	Lavant Eastern River Lavant Valley	Within AONB.	Abuts Conservation Area to the south. More than 50% of the character area covered by floodzone.	Partial setting to downland slopes to the east.	None identified from database of collated information.	Pleasant landscape, but relatively low tranquillity and remoteness.		MODERATE
71	Lavant Eastern Downland	Within AONB.	Abuts SNCI to the east and Conservation area to the south. Setting to Listed Buildings.	Sloping setting to elevated South Downs downland further east.	None identified from database of collated information.	Iconic downland slopes, high scenic beauty and relatively high tranquillity. Particularity remote to the east of the character area.		SUBSTANTIAL

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72	Strettington and Hainaker Coastal Plain	Northern half of character area within AONB.	Contains Listed Buildings, Ancient Woodland and PSR. Abuts Registered Park/Garden to the northwest. Abuts SAM along northern edge of the character area. Contains Conservation Area to the northeast.		Devils Ditch along northern edge of the character area.	Relatively rural, flat landscape with influences from settlement within the character area.		MODERATE
73	Boxgrove Western Settlement Edge Coastal Plain	Close proximity to AONB.	Floodzone along the eastern edge of the character area.		None identified from database of collated information.	Land use and proximity to Boxgrove and the A27 results in low tranquillity and remoteness and low scenic beauty overall.		SLIGHT

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74	Boxgrove Eastern Settlement Edge Coastal Plain							MODERATE
		Close proximity to AONB.	Contains Conservation Area, Listed Buildings and floodzone, all across large part of the character area.		Remains of Boxgrove Priory from 1115.	Moderately tranquil, pleasant landscape despite low density settlement, but low remoteness.		
75	Boxgrove Eastern Coastal Plain							MODERATE
		Abuts AONB to the northwest of the character area.	Abuts Conservation Area with Listed Buildings to the northwest. Contains significant area of floodzone.	Minor setting to downland slopes to the north.	None identified from database of collated information.	Moderately remote, with moderate scenic beauty but limited tranquillity due to A27 and settlement.		













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		low high					1-5 Negligible 6-10 Slight 11-15 Moderate 16-20 Substantial 21-25 Major	
76	North Hermitage Enclosed Pasture							MODERATE
		Close proximity to AONB to the south.	Includes Listed Buildings. Includes some floodzone along watercourse to the west.	Glimpses south of the northern part of Slipper Mill Pond but Chichester Harbour channels not disenable.	None identified from database of collated information.	Enclosure allows a degree of tranquillity, but influence from dwellings reduces remoteness.		
77	Hermitage – Southbourne Coastal Plain							SLIGHT
		Close proximity to AONB to the south.		Long distance glimpses of Printhead Channel from the southern end of the character area. Land south of Hermitage forms an undeveloped foreground to channel. Most elevated section of the South Downs just about visible.	None identified from database of collated information.	Open, exposed landscape remote in places, but less so towards the south and east of the character area adjacent to settlement. Influence from A27 along northern edge. Low scenic beauty.		

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78	Prinsted Coastal Plain	Within AONB.	Contains floodzone to the southeast. Close proximity to Southbourne Conservation Area.	Middle distance glimpses of Printhead Channel from the northern end of the character area. Boundary vegetation forms backdrop to channel.	None identified from database of collated information.	Urban influence largely filtered by vegetation. Relatively pleasant arable landscape.	5 10 15 20 25	SUBSTANTIAL
79	Hermitage Southern Settlement Edge	Within AONB.	Contains Listed Buildings, SNCI, PSR and floodzone. Abuts SAC, SPA, Ramsar, SSSI and Local Nature Reserve to the south.	Setting to wet pasture / marsh fringe to the north of Thorney Island. Extreme southwest corner of the character area part of setting to Emsworth channel.	None identified from database of collated information.	Character area enclosed by vegetation although influence from scattered development, including sewage works, reduces both tranquillity and remoteness.	5 10 15 20 25	MODERATE

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80	Thornham Marsh Fringe						5 10 15 20 25	MAJOR
		Within AONB.	SAC, SPA, Ramsar, SSSI, Local Nature Reserve, PSRs and floodzone. Also recorded as Brent Geese feeding area.	Immediate, open setting to Chichester Harbour channels on either side of the character area.	Possible Mesolithic flint working site at Nutbourne Creek to the southeast of the character area. Evidence of salt workings from Iron Age to the Roman period at Thornham Boat Yard.	Distinctive west pasture / marshland landscape, fairly tranquil but development influences reduce remoteness.		
81	Southbourne North eastern Coastal Plain							SLIGHT
		Close proximity to the AONB to the south.	Abuts small area of Ancient Woodland to the north.	Views of the South Downs in the far distance. No disenable view of Harbour.	None identified from database of collated information.	Remote in places, but reduced by influences from development and the A27 at the edges of the character area, and pylons, all visible in places across the relatively open character area.		

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82	Southbourne Eastern Settlement Edge	Abuts AONB along southern edge of the character area.	Contains Listed Buildings and PSR.	Distance glimpses of Printhead Channel from the southwest end of the character area, in particular along the A259..	None identified from database of collated information.	Contains mixture of uses including caravan parks and nurseries. Relatively low scenic beauty. Low tranquillity and remoteness.		MODERATE
83	Southbourne Southeastern Settlement Edge	Within AONB.	Contains Listed Building. Abuts SNCI to the south. Abuts SPA, Ramsar and SSSI to the east.	Glimpses of Printhead and Nutbourne Channels in winter months. Adjacent to immediate setting of Printhead and Nutbourne Channels. Treed nature with little development, but allows views to South Downs beyond.	None identified from database of collated information.	Low tranquillity and remoteness overall due to influence from settlement and horticultural uses in particular, more tranquil to the south of the character area.		SUBSTANTIAL

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84	Nutbourne East – Hambrook Mosaic	Close proximity to AONB to the south.	Small area of Ancient Woodland to the southwest corner of the character area.	Part of visual corridor for views from Nutbourne Channel towards the South Downs, although Nutbourne East and Hambrook not visible.	None identified from database of collated information.	Significant development influences including grain store, Marshals depot, pylons and settlement.		MODERATE
85	Nutbourne West – Nutbourne East Coastal Plain	Southern part of the character area, south of the A259, within AONB.	Contains Listed Buildings, includes small area of Ancient Woodland to the northwest.	Glimpses of Prinstead and Nutbourne Channels from part of the character area, in particular along the A259.	None identified from database of collated information.	Boundary vegetation, allows a degree of tranquillity and remoteness despite proximity to settlement on either side of the character area, but scenic beauty limited.		MODERATE

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86	Upper Chidham Coastal Plain	 Within the AONB.	 Small areas of floodzone to the southeast and southwest. Abuts SAC, SPA and Ramsar either side of the character area, plus abuts SSSI and Local Nature Reserve to the west.	 Immediate setting to Nutbourne Channel to the west and Bosham Channel to the east. Saxon and early Norman church tower to the southwest of Bosham visible across Bosham Channel from eastern edge of character area.	 None identified from database of collated information.	 Relatively high remoteness and tranquillity with limited influence from settlement.	 5 10 15 20 25	SUBSTANTIAL
		 Abuts AONB to the south.	 Abuts SNCI to the northeast.	 No views of South Downs or Chichester Harbour.	 None identified from database of collated information.	 Boundary vegetation, allows a degree of tranquillity and remoteness to the north of the railway line, but scenic beauty limited.		

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88	Nutbourne East Nurseries	Southwestern part of the character area, to the south of the A259, within AONB.	Listed Buildings, PSR and minor floodzone to the southwest corner of the character area.	View of Bosham Channel and Bosham village from the southeast corner of the character area.	None identified from database of collated information.	Low tranquillity and remoteness due to numerous groups of low density settlement and nurseries.			MODERATE
89	Mulberry Farm Coastal Plain	Abuts AONB along southern edge of the character area.	Contains significant length of floodzone to the east of the character area, abuts SNCI to the northwest of the character area.	Views of Bosham Channel, from most of character area, particularly from south of the railway.	None identified from database of collated information.	Large scale landscape with limited degree of remoteness and tranquillity. Pylons, A27, and distant views of settlement to the south result in low scenic beauty.			MODERATE

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90	Bosham Channel Northwest Coastal Plain	Within AONB.	Contains large area of floodzone and PSRs. Abuts Registered Common Land, SAC, SPA, Ramsar to the west. Also contains preferred Brent Geese feeding areas.	Immediate setting to Bosham Channel. Saxon and early Norman church tower to the southwest of Bosham visible from parts of the character area.	Historically significant settlement of 'Old Bosham', dating from Roman times, adjacent to the south. King Canute had a palace at Bosham, likely to be where the Manor House now stands, to the southwest of the village. King Harold II depicted at Bosham on Bayeux Tapestry. Saxon and early Norman church tower to the southwest of Bosham near Bosham Quay still stands.	Unsettled channel edge, although some detracting influences, eg A259.		MAJOR
91	Broadbridge – Fishbourne Coastal Plain	Abuts AONB along southern edge of the character area.	Setting to Listed Buildings to the northeast and southeast. Area of floodzone to the northwest.	No disenable views of South Downs or Chichester Harbour.	None identified from database of collated information.	Large scale landscape with degree of remoteness and tranquility but pylons, A27, and small scale development to the west and northeast of the character area result in low scenic beauty.		SLIGHT

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92	Bosham – Broadbridge Coastal Plain	Within AONB, degraded by small scale development within the character area.	Setting to Listed Buildings. Contains PSR and area of floodzone.	Contribution to setting of Bosham Channel to the west, with intervisibility between the two through gaps in intervening features along the western edge of the character area only.	Evidence of a cluster of Roman buildings at Broadbridge Farm.	Remoteness and tranquillity limited by influence from nurseries and small scale development along roadsides.		SUBSTANTIAL
93	Bosham Southeast Coastal Plain	Within AONB.	Contains Listed Building, PSR, block of Ancient Woodland and significant length of floodzone.	Minor contribution to setting of Bosham Channel to the west, with intervisibility between the two through gaps in intervening features along the western edge of the character area only.	Historically significant settlement of 'Old Bosham', dating from Roman times, adjacent to the south. King Canute had a palace at Bosham, likely to be where the Manor House now stands, to the southwest of the village. King Harold II depicted at Bosham on Bayeux Tapestry. Saxon and early Norman church tower to the southwest of Bosham near Bosham Quay still stands.	Remote and tranquil around the majority of the character area.		SUBSTANTIAL

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94	Birdham Western Coastal Plain	Northern two thirds of character area within AONB.	Abuts edge of Conservation Area to the southeast of the character area. Contains Listed Buildings, towards the north of the character area.	Contribution to setting of Chichester Channel to the west, with intervisibility between the two through gaps in intervening features at the northern edge of the character area only.	Roman Road used as footpath through southeast corner of character area.	Remote in places, but influences from settlement around the edges of the character area reduces tranquillity.		SUBSTANTIAL
95	Birdham Northern Settlement Edge	Within AONB, although degraded by settlement.	Includes Listed Buildings and PSR.	Partially setting to maritime character area to the north.	Church with restored 16th century tower, and setting.	Relatively low remoteness, tranquillity and scenic beauty due to settlement.		MODERATE













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96	Birdham Pool Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.	Contains Listed Buildings, Coastal Path, SNCI, floodzone and PSRs. Abuts SAC, SPA and Ramsar to the north.	Setting to Chichester Channel to the north.	Disused Chichester Ship Canal, opened in 1822, and lockgates, to the northeast of the character area.	Moderately tranquil landscape towards the centre of character area, but marina reduces tranquillity towards the north. Maritime character.		
97	Birdham Eastern Nurseries							SLIGHT
		Adjoins AONB to the north.	Contains Listed Building and is the setting to other Listed Buildings to the northwest.	Outside of visual envelope of Chichester Harbour and coastal strip.	None identified from database of collated information.	Scenic beauty, tranquillity and remoteness limited due to large amount of nurseries, low density settlement and caravan park across the majority of the character area.		

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98	Whitestone – Woodhorn Coastal Plain	Abuts AONB along the northern edge of the character area.	Setting to Listed Building at the far east of the character area.	North-eastern part of character area adjacent to Birdham Pool character area.	None identified from database of collated information.	Remoteness increases towards centre of the character area, but reduced by surround settlement and nursery buildings. Eastern part of character area contiguous with wider landscape to the east.		MODERATE	
99	Almodington Nurseries	Not in visual connectivity with AONB.	Setting to Listed Building to the north, contains some floodzone along watercourse.		None identified from database of collated information.	Scenic beauty, tranquillity and remoteness limited by large amount of nurseries and low density settlement across the majority of the character area.		SLIGHT	

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100	Somerley – Almodington Coastal Plain	Not in visual connectivity with AONB.	Abuts/setting to Conservation Area to the west, and is setting to Listed Buildings.		Remains of smock mill to southwest corner of character area.	Enclosed nature of character area due to layers of field boundaries allows for moderate tranquillity and remoteness. Surrounded on three sides by greenhouses and nurseries.		SLIGHT
101	Birdham – Somerley Settled Coastal Plain	Adjoins AONB.	Contains Listed Buildings, Somerley Conservation Area and small length of floodzone.	Outside of visual envelope of Chichester Harbour and coastal strip.	Former smithy within southern part of character area.	Attractive Conservation Area associated with Somerley, but overall low scenic beauty, tranquillity and remoteness due to large amount of low density settlement, nurseries and caravan park, across the majority of the character area.		MODERATE

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102	Ella Nore Coastal Plain	Within AONB.		Setting to Listed Buildings to the north, Coastal Path runs along the western edge of the character area. Includes areas of floodzone. Abuts SAC, SPA, Ramsar and SSSI to the west. Also preferred Brent Goose-feeding area.	Immediate setting to wider Chichester Harbour to the west. Predominately wooded edge of low tree belt with limited waterside development within vegetated edge. Limited views into the centre of the character area.	Maritime associations along coast.	Tranquil coastal edge with extensive views across harbour from eastern edge of character area and foreshore. Tranquillity reduced to the south by settlement influence.						MAJOR
		Within AONB.		Contains Listed Buildings and fairly significant area of floodzone through centre of the character area.	Largely enclosed landscape with little intervisibility with harbour. Western edge of character area contributes to wooded backdrop to harbour.	Limited maritime influence to the west.	Tranquil, remote landscape.						

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104	Walnut Tree Coastal Plain	Within AONB.	Listed Building to the northeast.	Contribution to setting of Chichester Harbour, contains Walnut Tree caravan park.	Limited maritime influence.	Moderately tranquil and remote, influenced by caravan park.		SUBSTANTIAL
105	West Wittering Eastern Settlement Edge	Adjoins AONB to the northwest.	Includes Listed Building and RSP. Abuts Conservation Area to the southwest.	No intervisibility with harbour or coastline.	None identified from database of collated information.	Caravan park, scattered settlement and radio mast reduce remoteness and tranquillity.		MODERATE

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106	Furzefield Western Coastal Plain	 <p>Northern part of character area within AONB.</p>	 <p>Contains Listed Building. Large area of floodzone to the southeast of the character area.</p>		 <p>None identified from database of collated information.</p>	 <p>Fairly remote, largely unsettled character area. With moderate tranquillity and scenic beauty. No visual connectivity with West Wittering. East Wittering visible to the south.</p>		MODERATE
		 <p>Abuts AONB to the west.</p>	 <p>Includes Listed Building and coastal path, plus significant area of floodzone to the northwest of the character area. Abuts SSSI, SPA and Ramsar.</p> <p>Also preferred Brent Goose-feeding area.</p>	 <p>Setting to Cakeham Manor.</p>	 <p>Cakeham Manor House with hexagonal tower, built in the early part of the 16th century still standing. Undercroft and hall dating from 13th century.</p>	 <p>Large scale fields relatively unsettled across the majority of the character area. Although influences from settlement, caravan park to the east and road through the middle of the character area, significantly reduces perception of tranquillity and remoteness.</p>		

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108	Cockbush Common Coastal Plain							MAJOR
		Within AONB.	Contains coastal path. Setting to Listed Buildings to the north. Contains SPA, Ramsar, SSSI and significant floodzone. Also preferred Brent Goose-feeding area.	Immediate setting to entrance to Chichester Harbour.	14 th century fishing port at Snow Hill. General relationship with harbour. Medieval common recorded.	Rural fields but occupied to the south by significant number of vehicles during the summer.		
109	Roman Landing Coastal Plain							SUBSTANTIAL
		Within AONB.	Contains Conservation Area, floodzone to the south and east and provides the setting to Listed Buildings.	Vegetation to the south of the character area contributes to the setting of the open coastal area and Chichester Harbour to the south and west. Eastern fields provide setting to 11 th century, Grade I listed church.	11 th century, Grade I listed church. Minor association with 14 th century fishing port at Snow Hill.	Remoteness significantly reduced by influence of settlement surrounding the character area on three side. Although enclosure provide a small degree of tranquillity.		

Table 3 Landscape Capacity

Combining Landscape Sensitivity and Landscape Value to give Landscape Capacity

		Landscape Value				
		Major	Substantial	Moderate	Slight	Negligible
Landscape Sensitivity	Major	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible / low	Low	Low / medium
	Substantial	Negligible	Negligible / low	Low	Low / Medium	Medium
	Moderate	Negligible / Low	Low	Medium	Medium / high	High / medium
	Slight	Low	Low / medium	Medium /high	High	High / Very high/
	Negligible	Low / medium	Medium	High / medium	High / Very high/	Very high

No	Landscape Character Area	Landscape Sensitivity	Landscape Value	Landscape Capacity
01	West Hammer Wooded Slopes	Substantial	Moderate	Low
02	North Hammer – Camelsdale Urban Edge	Substantial	Moderate	Low
03	Springhead Ridge	Substantial	Moderate	Low
04	Hammer Ridge Plantations	Substantial	Moderate	Low
05	East Cammelsdale Slopes	Substantial	Moderate	Low
06	Marley Wooded Slopes	Substantial	Moderate	Low
07	North Fernhurst Slopes	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
08	South Fernhurst Slopes	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
09	Northchapel – Hillgrove Weald	Moderate	Substantial	Low
10	Northchapel North Western Weald	Moderate	Substantial	Low
11	Northchapel Eastern Settlement Edge	Moderate	Substantial	Low
12	Northchapel Southern Weald	Moderate	Substantial	Low
13	North Rogate Weald	Substantial	Moderate	Low
14	East Rogate Weald	Substantial	Moderate	Low
15	Southeast Rogate River Rother Valley Floor	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / Low
16	South Rogate Weald	Substantial	Moderate	Low
17	Western Rogate River Rother Valley Floor	Moderate	Substantial	Low
18	Northwest Midhurst River Rother Valley	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
19	Iping – Stedham Rise	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
20	Stedham Sports Fields	Substantial	Moderate	Low
21	The Severals Woodland	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low

No	Landscape Character Area	Landscape Sensitivity	Landscape Value	Landscape Capacity
22	North Midhurst Farmland	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
23	Midhurst River Rother Valley	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
24	Midhurst – West Lavington Weald	Substantial	Moderate	Low
25	West Lavington Southern Weald	Substantial	Moderate	Low
26	Midhurst Southern Weald	Moderate	Moderate	Medium
27	Bepton Common – Pitsham Weald	Substantial	Moderate	Low
28	Northwest Easebourne Farmland	Substantial	Moderate	Low
29	Northeast Easebourne Farmland	Moderate	Substantial	Low
30	Southeast Easebourne Estate Farmland	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
31	North Lodsworth Valley	Substantial	Moderate	Low
32	East Lodsworth Valley	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
33	West Lodsworth Slopes	Moderate	Substantial	Low
34	Petworth Parkland	Substantial	Major	Negligible
35	Petworth – Hampers Green Farmland	Substantial	Moderate	Low
36	East Petworth Slopes	Substantial	Moderate	Low
37	Petworth Southern Urban Edge	Moderate	Moderate	Medium
38	South Petworth Farmland	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
39	North Fittleworth Farmland	Moderate	Substantial	Low
40	North Fittleworth	Substantial	Moderate	Low
41	Fittleworth Common Ridge	Substantial	Moderate	Low
42	South Fittleworth River Rother Valley	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
43	Hesworth Common Slopes	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
44	South Harting Western Foothills	Moderate	Major	Negligible / low
45	South Harting North-eastern Foothills	Substantial	Moderate	Low
46	South Harting Southern Foothills	Moderate	Substantial	Low
47	South Harting Enclosed Centre	Slight	Substantial	Low / Medium
48	Cocking Western Foothills	Moderate	Substantial	Low
49	Cocking Eastern Foothills	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
50	Cocking Southern Downland Edge	Substantial	Major	Negligible
51	Graffham North – western Foothills	Substantial	Moderate	Low
52	Graffham Northern Fringe	Substantial	Moderate	Low
53	Graffham Eastern Pasture	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
54	Graffham Southern Foothills	Substantial	Major	Negligible

No	Landscape Character Area	Landscape Sensitivity	Landscape Value	Landscape Capacity
55	Compton Northern Downland	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
56	Compton Eastern Downland Slopes	Major	Substantial	Negligible
57	Compton Southern Downland	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
58	Singleton Northern Downland Slopes	Major	Substantial	Negligible
59	Singleton River Lavant Valley	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
60	Singleton Southern Downland Slopes	Substantial	Major	Negligible
61	Bury Western Matrix	Substantial	Moderate	Low
62	Bury Northern Foothills	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
63	Bury River Arun Valley	Major	Substantial	Negligible
64	Bury Southern Downland Edge	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
65	Funtington Downland Foothills	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
66	Funtington Bosham Stream	Substantial	Moderate	Low
67	Funtington Upper Coastal Plain	Substantial	Moderate	Low
68	Lavant Western Downland	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
69	Lavant Northern River Lavant Valley	Substantial	Moderate	Low
70	Lavant Eastern River Lavant Valley	Substantial	Moderate	Low
71	Lavant Eastern Downland	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
72	Strettington and Halnaker Coastal Plain	Substantial	Moderate	Low
73	Boxgrove Western Settlement Edge Coastal Plain	Substantial	Slight	Low / Medium
74	Boxgrove Eastern Settlement Edge Coastal Plain	Moderate	Moderate	Medium
75	Boxgrove Eastern Coastal Plain	Substantial	Moderate	Low
76	North Hermitage Enclosed Pasture	Substantial	Moderate	Low
77	Hermitage – Southbourne Coastal Plain	Substantial	Slight	Low / Medium
78	Prinsted Coastal Plain	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / Low
79	Hermitage Southern Settlement Edge	Substantial	Moderate	Low
80	Thornham Marsh Fringe	Substantial	Major	Negligible
81	Southbourne North eastern Coastal Plain	Substantial	Slight	Low / medium
82	Southbourne Eastern Settlement Edge	Moderate	Moderate	Medium
83	Southbourne South eastern Settlement Edge	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / Low
84	Nutbourne East – Hambrook Mosaic	Slight	Moderate	Medium / High
85	Nutbourne West – Nutbourne East Coastal Plain	Substantial	Moderate	Low
86	Upper Chidham Coastal Plain	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low

No	Landscape Character Area	Landscape Sensitivity	Landscape Value	Landscape Capacity
87	Nutbourne East North – eastern Coastal Plain	Substantial	Moderate	Low
88	Nutbourne East Nurseries	Moderate	Moderate	Medium
89	Mulberry Farm Coastal Plain	Substantial	Moderate	Low
90	Bosham Channel Northwest Coastal Plain	Substantial	Major	Negligible
91	Broadbridge – Fishbourne Coastal Plain	Substantial	Slight	Low / Medium
92	Bosham – Broadbridge Coastal Plain	Moderate	Substantial	Low
93	Bosham Southeast Coastal Plain	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / low
94	Birdham Western Coastal Plain	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / Low
95	Birdham Northern Settlement Edge	Moderate	Moderate	Medium
96	Birdham Pool Coastal Plain	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / Low
97	Birdham Eastern Nurseries	Moderate	Slight	Medium / high
98	Whitstone – Woodhorn Coastal Plain	Moderate	Moderate	Medium
99	Almodington Nurseries	Substantial	Slight	Low / Medium
100	Somerley – Almodington Coastal Plain	Substantial	Slight	Low / medium
101	Birdham – Somerley Settled Coastal Plain	Moderate	Moderate	Medium
102	Ella Nore Coastal Plain	Substantial	Major	Negligible
103	Rockwood Coastal Plain	Substantial	Substantial	Negligible / Low
104	Walnut Tree Coastal Plain	Moderate	Substantial	Low
105	West Wittering Eastern Settlement Edge	Moderate	Moderate	Medium
106	Furzefield Western Coastal Plain	Substantial	Moderate	Low
107	West Wittering Southern Coastal Plain	Substantial	Moderate	Low
108	Cockbush Common Coastal Plain	Substantial	Major	Negligible
109	Roman Landing Coastal Plain	Moderate	Substantial	Low

5.2 Summary of Assessment

5.2.1 The results of the sensitivity and value profiling of the Study Area within the District has identified that a large proportion of the Area is either of high sensitivity, or high value, or both. This reflects the high proportion of AONB within the Study Area and the extent of the non-designated landscapes which are in visual continuity with the AONBs which play a significant role in the appearance and character of the setting to the designated landscapes. It also identifies that there are landscape character areas outside of the AONB which are also intrinsically distinctive and valuable landscapes sensitive to potential development. These landscapes are less dramatic than the South Downs or Chichester Harbour but exhibit a high degree of naturalness, such as the Rother Valley,

or, are largely intact and intimate in character as seen within the Wealden landscapes. Consequently much of the study area is heavily constrained with regard to the potential impacts of strategic large scale development.

- 5.2.2 In relation to this study, character areas which have major or substantial sensitivity or value, or both, i.e. negligible to low-medium ratings for landscape capacity indicates that development would have a significant and detrimental effect on the character of the landscape as a whole and, or, on the setting to existing settlement or Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty within the District. Development in these character areas should only be on a very small scale and proposals would need to demonstrate no adverse impacts on the setting to settlement or the wider landscape.
- 5.2.3. A rating of medium, where there are moderate ratings of sensitivity or value, identifies a landscape character area with the capacity for limited development, in some parts of the character areas, having regard for the setting and form of existing settlement and the character and sensitivity of adjacent landscape character areas.
- 5.2.4 Medium/High capacity identifies a landscape character area that has a generally lower sensitivity or value, which could accommodate more significant allocations of development but which has specific considerations such as sensitive adjacent character areas (e.g. areas within the AONB or areas within the visual setting of the AONB), separation between settlements, setting to settlements or impact on the wider landscape. Areas of high capacity, which are largely unconstrained in terms of landscape, are absent from the study area.
- 5.2.5 The quantum of development appropriate to any one character area will depend not only on the landscape capacity of the area but also on the size and form of the adjacent existing settlement; new development proposals would need to be closely related to, and in scale with, existing settlements. Character areas with medium landscape capacity have been identified as locations suitable for limited development which would 'round off' a settlement or develop infill sites. Character areas which have medium/high landscape capacity would be suitable locations for the development of infill sites and, or small urban extensions. Table 3 identifies the overall rating for each character area.
- 5.2.3 Each LCA is assessed in detail for sensitivity and value and is listed below with it's overall capacity rating. Figure HDA 13 illustrates the distribution of capacity across the study area.

Negligible landscape capacity:

34 Petworth Parkland

- 50 Cocking Southern Downland Edge
- 54 Graffham Southern Foothills
- 56 Compton Eastern Downland Slopes
- 58 Singleton Northern Downland Slopes
- 60 Singleton Southern Downland Slopes
- 63 Bury River Arun Valley
- 80 Thornham Marsh Fringe
- 90 Bosham Channel Northwest Coastal Plain
- 102 Ella Nore Coastal Plain
- 108 Cockbush Common Coastal Plain

Negligible / low landscape capacity:

- 7 North Fernhurst Slopes
- 8 South Fernhurst Slopes
- 15 Southeast Rogate River Rother Valley Floor
- 18 Northwest Midhurst River Rother Valley
- 19 Iping – Stedham Rise
- 21 The Severals Woodland
- 22 North Midhurst Farmland
- 23 Midhurst River Rother Valley
- 30 Southeast Easebourne Estate Farmland
- 32 East Lodsworth Valley
- 38 South Petworth Farmland
- 42 South Fittleworth River Rother Valley
- 43 Hesworth Common Slopes
- 44 South Harting Western Foothills
- 49 Cocking Eastern Foothills
- 53 Graffham Eastern Pasture
- 55 Compton Northern Downland
- 57 Compton Southern Downland
- 59 Singleton River Lavant Valley
- 62 Bury Northern Foothills
- 64 Bury Southern Downland Edge
- 65 Funtington Downland Foothills
- 68 Lavant Western Downland
- 71 Lavant Eastern Downland
- 78 Prinsted Coastal Plain
- 83 Southbourne South eastern Settlement Edge
- 86 Upper Chidham Coastal Plain
- 93 Bosham Southeast Coastal Plain

- 94 Birdham Western Coastal Plain
- 96 Birdham Pool Coastal Plain
- 103 Rockwood Coastal Plain

Low landscape capacity:

- 1 West Hammer Wooded Slopes
- 2 North Hammer – Camelsdale Urban Edge
- 3 Springhead Ridge
- 4 Hammer Ridge Plantations
- 5 East Cammelsdale Slopes
- 6 Marley Wooded Slopes
- 9 Northchapel – Hillgrove Weald
- 10 Northchapel North Western Weald
- 11 Northchapel Eastern Settlement Edge
- 12 Northchapel Southern Weald
- 13 North Rogate Weald
- 14 East Rogate Weald
- 16 South Rogate Weald
- 17 Western Rogate River Rother Valley Floor
- 20 Stedham Sports Fields
- 24 Midhurst – West Lavington Weald
- 25 West Lavington Southern Weald
- 27 Bepton Common – Pitsham Weald
- 28 Northwest Easebourne Farmland
- 29 Northeast Easebourne Farmland
- 31 North Lodsworth Valley
- 33 West Lodsworth Slopes
- 35 Petworth – Hampers Green Farmland
- 36 East Petworth Slopes
- 39 North Fittleworth Farmland
- 40 North Fittleworth
- 41 Fittleworth Common Ridge
- 45 South Harting North-eastern Foothills
- 46 South Harting Southern Foothills
- 48 Cocking Western Foothills
- 51 Graffham North – western Foothills
- 52 Graffham Northern Fringe
- 61 Bury Western Matrix
- 66 Funtington Bosham Stream

- 67 Funtington Upper Coastal Plain
- 69 Lavant Northern River Lavant Valley
- 70 Lavant Eastern River Lavant Valley
- 72 Strettington and Hainaker Coastal Plain
- 75 Boxgrove Eastern Coastal Plain
- 76 North Hermitage Enclosed Pasture
- 79 Hermitage Southern Settlement Edge
- 85 Nutbourne West – Nutbourne East Coastal Plain
- 87 Nutbourne East North – eastern Coastal Plain
- 89 Mulberry Farm Coastal Plain
- 92 Bosham – Broadbridge Coastal Plain
- 104 Walnut Tree Coastal Plain
- 106 Furzeffield Western Coastal Plain
- 107 West Wittering Southern Coastal Plain
- 109 Roman Landing Coastal Plain

Low / medium landscape capacity:

- 47 South Harting Enclosed Centre
- 73 Boxgrove Western Settlement Edge Coastal Plain
- 77 Heritage – Southbourne Coastal Plain
- 81 Southbourne North eastern Coastal Plain
- 91 Broadbridge – Fishbourne Coastal Plain
- 99 Almodington Nurseries
- 100 Somerley – Almodington Coastal Plain

Medium landscape capacity:

- 26 Midhurst Southern Weald

Area abutting the south-western edge of Midhurst which provides a pleasant but not notable, setting to the town at this location. Gently undulating Wealden land north of the downland foot slopes. Character area is within the Sussex Downs AONB, but consisting of pasture and arable fields, with only moderate scenic beauty. Woodland to the northwest and southeast provide containment from the wider landscape. Landscape features associated with the southern edge of the character area filter visibility with the wider landscape to the south of the character area. Abuts surrounding character areas 21, 24, 25 and 27, which have substantial landscape sensitivity.

37 Petworth Southern Urban Edge

Small character area abutting the south-eastern edge of Petworth. Area is located towards the end of the same ridge line which Petworth is located upon. Land falls away from the southern edge of the character area towards the River Rother valley, and falls steeply towards a water course to the east of the character area. The character area is within the Sussex Downs AONB, but the urban influence associated with the road and settlement limits scenic beauty and remoteness; vegetation associated with boundaries provides some sense of enclosure. Abuts character areas to the south and east (36 and 38), which have substantial landscape sensitivity.

74 Boxgrove Eastern Settlement Edge Coastal Plain

Small character area to the northeast of Boxgrove, on the upper coastal plain towards the foot of the southern South Downs slopes, which rise to the north of the character area. The character area is within close proximity to the Sussex Downs AONB to the north and contains the remains of Boxgrove Priory (dating from 1115). Floodplain crosses through the character area. There is settlement influence from adjacent Boxgrove, filtered by some boundary vegetation along the small scale fields which form the character area. Surrounded by character areas 72 and 75, which have substantial landscape sensitivity.

82 Southbourne Eastern Settlement Edge

Character area to the east of Southbourne on the coastal plain. The character area abuts the Chichester Harbour AONB to the south, however horticultural uses and caravan park with the character area, plus influence from adjacent settlement significantly limit the scenic beauty of the character area. The railway line cuts east-west through the character area, and the A259 runs along its southern edge. South of the railway line, the character area forms the separation between Southbourne and Nutbourne West. There is more sensitivity to development where there is intervisibility with the AONB including parts of the Prinstead Channel, from the southwest corner of the character area. Abuts character areas to the south, north and east (81, 83 and 85), which have substantial landscape sensitivity.

88 Nutbourne East Nurseries

The south-western part of the character area, to the south of the A259 is within the Chichester Harbour AONB, however the scenic beauty of the character area is devalued by areas of low density settlement and nurseries. Vegetation associated with this small scale development, in combination with some substantial hedge lines and tree belts provides visual containment, as well as a treed backdrop to land to the south and a robust southern edge to the character area. Sensitivity to

development is increased where there is intervisibility with the AONB, including parts of the Bosham Channel and Bosham village, from the southeast corner of the character area. Surrounded by character areas (86, 87, 89 and 90), which have substantial landscape sensitivity.

95 Birdham Northern Settlement Edge

Character area to the north of Birdham on the coastal plain. The southern part of the character area is contained on four sides by existing settlement, while the northern part of the character area abuts the northern edge of Birdham. The character area is within the Chichester Harbour AONB although significant influence from settlement limits remoteness and tranquillity. Boundary vegetation along the character area boundaries limits intervisibility with Chichester Harbour itself. Abuts character area 96 to the north which has substantial landscape sensitivity.

98 Whitestone – Woodhorn Coastal Plain

Character area to the southeast of Birdham on the coastal plain. The character area abuts the Chichester Harbour AONB along its northern edge. The landscape is fairly open across the western part of the character area, providing an open, although indistinct, setting to the south of Birdham. However, the western part of the character area is contained at its north, south and western edges, by settlement (including Birdham along its northern edge) and horticultural uses. These settlement influences detract from the scenic beauty and remoteness of the character area. The eastern end of the character area is more contiguous with the wider landscape to the east. Abuts character areas to the south (99 and 100) and northeast (96), which have substantial landscape sensitivity.

101 Birdham – Somerley Settled Coastal Plain

Character area to the southwest of Birdham on the coastal plain. The character area abuts the Chichester Harbour AONB to the north and contains the Somerley Conservation Area, however the majority of the character area consists of low density settlement, nurseries and caravan park which reduces its scenic beauty, remoteness and tranquillity. Vegetation across the character area prevents views of Chichester Harbour itself. The character area is somewhat detached from Birdham. Abuts character areas to the south (101) and west (94) which have substantial landscape sensitivity.

105 West Wittering Eastern Settlement Edge

Character area to the north and east of West Wittering on the coastal plain. The character area adjoins the Chichester Harbour AONB to the northwest, and although relatively rural, largely consists of small scale fields and paddocks with a

caravan park, scattered settlement and a radio mast which detract from the scenic beauty of the character area. Boundary vegetation across the character area prevents intervisibility with Chichester Harbour and the coastline, and provides areas of enclosure. Abuts character areas to the south (107) and east (106) which have substantial landscape sensitivity.

Medium / high landscape capacity:

84 Nutbourne East – Hambrook Mosaic

Character area on the coastal plain to the northwest of Nutbourne East. The character area is located within close proximity to the Chichester Harbour AONB to the south, but is influenced by significant development including grain store, Marshalls depot, pylons and settlement. These features, in combination with the railway line along its southern edge, largely enclose the character area. Central and eastern parts of the character area are in-keeping with the general north-south orientation of Nutbourne East, but are also a part of the overall visual corridor for views from Nutbourne towards the South Downs. The character area forms part of the gap between Nutbourne East and Hambrook, although the eastern part of the character area is already settled. The character area makes a low contribution to the rurality of the surrounding landscape and setting to settlement. Adjoining character areas 81, 85 and 87 have substantial landscape sensitivity.

97 Birdham Eastern Nurseries

Small character area to the east of Birdham which adjoins the Chichester Harbour AONB to the north. The character area is separated from Birdham by the A286 which runs along the northern boundary of the character area. The majority of the character area consists of nurseries, low density settlement and a caravan park, which limit its scenic beauty, tranquillity and sense of remoteness. There is no intervisibility with Chichester harbour itself.

Character area 96 which abuts to the northeast, has substantial landscape sensitivity and value.

7 CONCLUSIONS

7.1 Chichester District includes a broad spectrum of landscapes, from the lowland marsh and creeks associated with Chichester Harbour across the coastal plain to the Sussex Downs and the Weald further north. Much of the landscape is of high scenic quality and designated as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. These landscapes are therefore likely to be of high value and sensitive to the pressures of development. This study has

reviewed the landscape sensitivity and landscape value of the AONB landscapes and their immediate setting with a view to identifying the capacity for future development in these areas.

- 7.2 The Capacity Assessment has identified a limited number of landscape character areas which could accommodate a degree of change, in the form of new development. Nutbourne East-Hambrook Mosaic (No.84) and Birdham Eastern Nurseries (no.97) have been identified as having capacity and could, from a landscape perspective, accommodate some development without significant detrimental effect on the character of the landscape as a whole. Nine further character areas, as identified in section 6.0, have more limited capacity for development. Few character areas with capacity for development lie within the Sussex Downs or Chichester Harbour AONBs.
- 7.3 There are no areas of unconstrained landscape, and development proposals will need to have regard to the setting and form of existing settlement and the character and sensitivity of adjacent character areas. Landscape character and landscape capacity do vary, to an extent, across individual character areas. All the areas identified as having capacity for development will require further detailed assessment, at a larger scale, to refine the character area profiles identified in this study and identify the constraints and opportunities for future development.
- 7.4 Should sites identified as having capacity for development be brought forward as a preferred option a Development Brief should be prepared. The landscape profile identified in the sensitivity and value matrices should form the basis for the landscape context of the Development Brief.