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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Landscape Capacity Study has been produced in order to help inform decisions about the future extent and direction of development within the borough of Basingstoke. It is one of a number of different studies being undertaken by the Borough Council that will input to the emerging Local Development Framework.
- 1.2 The study has been undertaken using current best practice advice for the assessment of the impact of development on landscape character and visual amenity.
- 1.3 **It should be noted that the overall assessment given to any area does not mean that the assessment applies to the whole area – it may apply to one part of it. Further detailed assessment of the areas will be required as part of the next stage of the development of the Local Development Framework.**

2. Objectives and Extent of the Study

- 2.1 The main objectives of the study are to;
- Provide a transparent, consistent and objective assessment of landscape capacity throughout the study area
 - Identify where urban extensions could best be accommodated without unacceptable adverse landscape and visual impacts
- 2.2 The extent of the study area extends to include the areas immediately surrounding Basingstoke, Tadley and Bramley as shown on *Figure 1: The Study Area*.

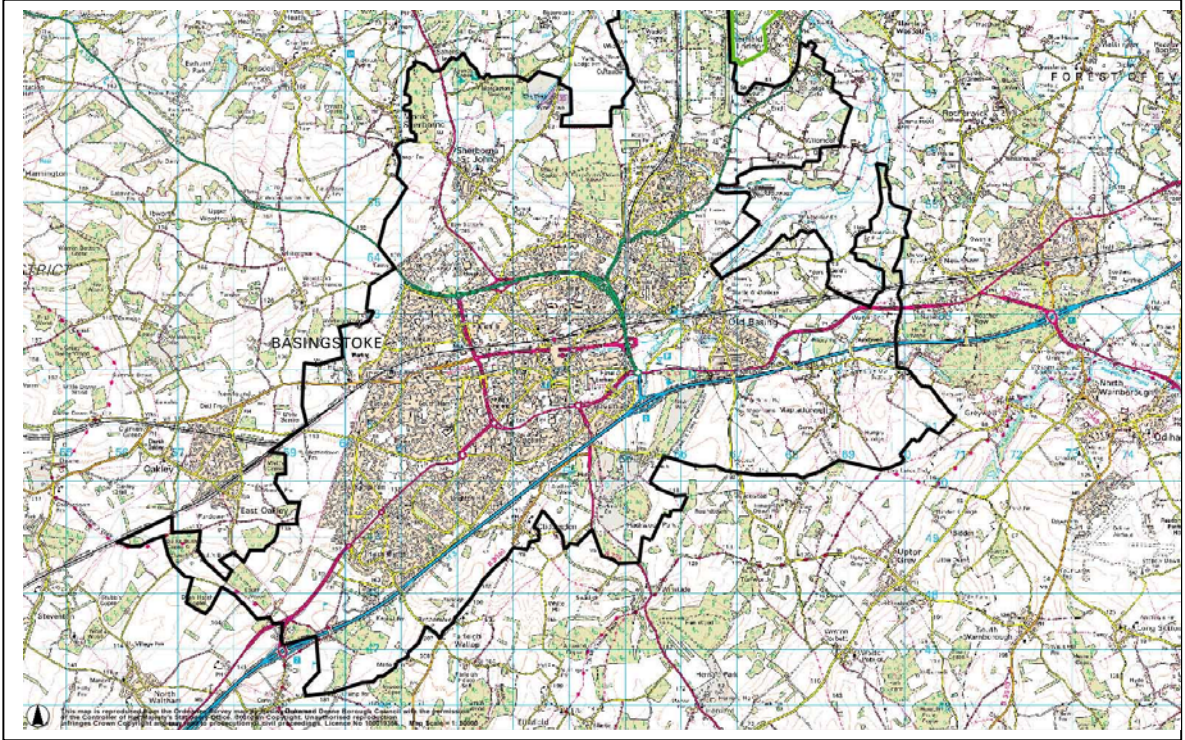
3. Approach and Methodology

- 3.1 The process for undertaking this study involves two stages;-
- Definition of local level landscape character areas.
 - Assessment of landscape capacity.

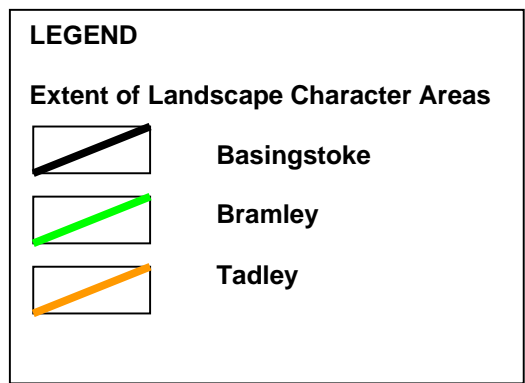
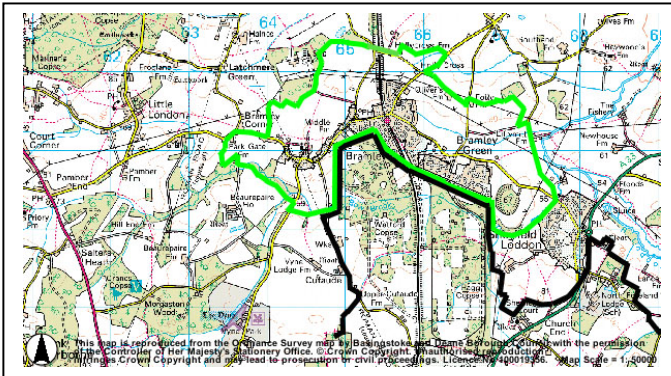
Definition of local level landscape character areas

- 3.2 Prior to assessment of landscape capacity a review of the areas within the study area was required in order to define boundaries for assessment. These boundaries are called 'Character Areas' and the establishment of these is based on guidance within "Landscape Character Assessment - Guidance for England and Scotland" (Countryside Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage, April 2002).
- 3.3 Character areas are defined as...'**distinct, recognisable and consistent patterns of elements in the landscape that makes that landscape different from another**'. Elements and features assessed include a number of different aspects such as the geological pattern, landform, land use, vegetation, ecology, scale and enclosure.
- 3.4 This characterisation process has already been completed to a district-wide level within the Borough Landscape Character Assessment - June 2001 (BLCA). However the areas within this are considered to be too large for assessment of landscape capacity. Therefore the character areas within the BLCA were refined in order to produce smaller local-level character areas. This was carried out through desk-top study and on-site assessment using the above guidance.

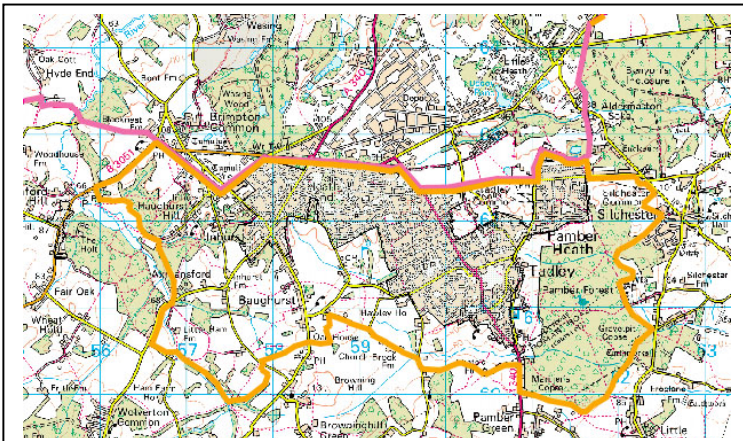
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BRAMLEY STUDY AREA



TADLEY STUDY AREA



**FIGURE 1:
THE STUDY AREA**

Assessment of Landscape Capacity

3.5 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 character or overall change in landscape type’**.

Ref - *‘Topic Paper 6 - Techniques and criteria for judging capacity and sensitivity’* (Countryside Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage, Jan 2004) and illustrates methods for assessing Landscape Capacity.

3.6 The Landscape Capacity is a combination of the sensitivity of the landscape character (both physical/aesthetic and visual) and the value attached to the landscape, and can be expressed as follows;-

Landscape Capacity to accommodate specific type of change (Note 1)	=	Landscape Character Sensitivity Landscape Sensitivity (see 3.9 a below) plus Visual Sensitivity (see 3.9b below)	+	Landscape Value (see 3.9c below)
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This is adapted from *Figure 1(b): Summary of factors to consider in judging landscape capacity for a particular type of change. Page 5, ‘Topic Paper 6 - Techniques and criteria for judging capacity and sensitivity’* (Countryside Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage, Jan 2004)

Note 1 - In order to provide a consistent assessment, the nature of the type of development that are likely to have an impact on the landscape needs to be defined . For the purposes of this study, it has been agreed that the likely form of development will consist of mainly 2-3 storey residential development with some 4 storey buildings; however, likely numbers of houses and layouts have not been defined but have been assumed to be in range of 35-50 houses per hectare.

3.7 Using this method, the Landscape Sensitivity and Visual Sensitivity of each character area are combined to produce an overall Landscape Character Sensitivity.

3.8 The Landscape Character Sensitivity is then combined with the Landscape Value of the area to produce the overall Landscape Capacity for each character area. The value of the landscape is important in the process as the value attached to certain landscapes will need to be considered in relation to the capacity of the landscape to accept change.

3.9 These aspects and the elements assessed within them can be defined as follows;-

a. Landscape Sensitivity

This is based on judgements about sensitivity of physical and aesthetic elements in the landscape that are most likely to be affected.

The level of sensitivity is based on**a professional judgement about the degree to which the landscape in question is robust, in that it is able to accommodate change without adverse impacts on its character. This means making decisions about;-**

- **whether or not significant characteristic elements of the landscape will be liable to loss through disturbance;**
- **whether or not they could be easily restored and;**
- **whether important aesthetic aspects of character will be liable to change;**

- **the consideration of new elements, which may also have a significant influence on character.**

These decisions need clear and consistent thought about three factors;-

- **the individual elements that contribute to character; their significance and their vulnerability to change;**
- **the overall quality and condition of the landscape in terms of its intactness; representation of typical character and condition; and**
- **the aesthetic aspects of landscape character – including scale; enclosure, diversity, form, colour, line pattern and texture. These elements may have significance for judgements about sensitivity and are different from the perceptual aspects of landscape character which are much more subjective.**

(Page 5-6, Topic Paper 6 - Techniques and Criteria for Judging Capacity and Sensitivity' (Countryside Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage, Jan 2004)

Assessment of these will help to measure the endurance of the landscape character representing the likelihood of change in relation to the degree to which the landscape is able to tolerate change.

The aspects most likely to be affected and illustrations as to how the level of sensitivity are assessed is based on the following;-

Natural Factors

- **Vegetation** – the nature and extent of woodland and hedgerows will have different sensitivities (e.g. an area with a strong and extensive hedgerow structure will be more sensitive to change than a landscape with few hedges; natural woodland may be more sensitive than a plantation).
- **Extent and pattern of semi-natural habitat** – presence, size and dispersal of semi-natural habitats. There are areas which have greater sensitivity due to the nature of habitats (e.g. species rich grassland will be more sensitive than areas in continued arable crop production).
- **Landform and drainage** – presence of water courses, distinctive features (valleys, scarps etc), slopes and elevation all contribute to the sensitivity of the landscape (e.g. features such as prominent slopes, ridges and river valleys would be more sensitive to development than flat landscapes).

Cultural factors

- **Land use/function of the area** – the nature of land use, the level of scarcity and resilience to change will all have a level of sensitivity attached (e.g. an area of woodland would be more sensitive to change than area of urban fringe activities such as paddocks)
- **Settlement Patterns** – nature and extent of settlement patterns, would they be sensitive to change (e.g. sprawling urban fringe may be less sensitive to change than a clear town/country divide)
- **Historical features** – the presence of historical features adds to the sensitivity because of the need to preserve their integrity. Features such as historical parks, Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM), Roman roads and scarce/uncommon historical landscape types. The level of sensitivity will depend on their presence, nature and extent.

Landscape quality and condition

- **Representation of typical character** – this will indicate how similar the area is to the landscape character area within which it exists, how many of the typical features it exhibits.
- **Intactness** – this indicates how well the landscape has survived over a period of time and whether significant features have been lost (eg hedges, woods).
- **State of repair** – this assesses how well the landscape is looked after and whether elements such as hedges have been managed consistently.

Aesthetic Factors

- The aesthetic value of the character areas includes an assessment of sensitivity of the following elements – scale, enclosure, diversity, texture, form, pattern and prominence of skyline. (e.g. areas which are small scale; open character; display a greater level of unity rather than fragmentation; possess a number of local visual horizons could all have a greater level of sensitivity).

b. Visual Sensitivity

The study will also take account of the visual sensitivity of the landscape and consideration as to the way people see the landscape. This depends on; -

General Visibility

- This considers the level of visibility (or intervisibility) in the area, based on the nature of the landform and vegetation cover. Landscapes with higher levels of intervisibility are more sensitive to change.
- This will also consider any key views and the contribution the area makes to the visual setting of an area (including visual links to the wider landscape). Areas containing wider panoramas across areas of countryside will be more sensitive.

Population

- This element will consider the number (magnitude) of people likely to perceive change in the landscape. The higher the number of people then the greater the level of magnitude.
- The purpose of viewers being within an area (sensitivity) is considered, as the nature of activity will have a bearing on how visually sensitive the landscape is (e.g. residential and recreational pursuits (e.g. walking) are considered to be more sensitive than transient views of people travelling through or where there are views from workplaces).

Mitigation Potential

- This aspect considers the likelihood of change being mitigated, without the mitigation measures themselves having an adverse effect (for example, planting trees to screen a development in a large-scale open landscape could have as great an impact as the development itself). The level of sensitivity relates to how appropriate mitigation may be in an area, for example, in an area where mitigation is more appropriate the sensitivity would be lower.

c. Landscape Value

The value of the landscape is an important element in assessing the overall landscape capacity of an area. These are more subjective, experiential or perceptual aspects that can also reflect the local value of a landscape to a community and includes both designated and non-designated elements. These include; -

Designations

- The value of a landscape can be recorded by some form of formal designation – from national down to local level. The nature, number and extent of the designation may also indicate the level of sensitivity of the landscape to change – whether physical, visual or historical and is recorded within the assessment as such.

Perceptual Aspects

- The perceptual value of character areas need to be considered within the assessment. The tranquillity of an area can be defined by the extent of noise sources

within an area; the absence of views of development and the absence of human activity. The scenic beauty of an area is the subjective value given to an area relating to pleasing patterns and combinations of landscape features that appeal primarily to visual senses. The value will relate to the presence and extent of these aspects.

Settlement Edge

- This aspect refers to the functional (as opposed to visual) role that an area has in relation to the settlement edge. This could relate to whether or not an area defines some form of physical separation between two areas. The level of sensitivity will relate to the presence and extent of these aspects.

Local Associations

- There are sometimes parts of landscape areas that have special associations or meanings to a local community and therefore make a contribution to the value of the local landscape. Often, these are not designated but still need to be recorded in some manner in relation to the landscape capacity of the area. Assessing this aspect is an intensive area of work, often requiring extensive local knowledge beyond the resource capability of this study. Therefore, in order to reflect this in the assessment, each area is assumed to have a medium level of sensitivity in relation to cultural associations, except where there is some known aspect that contributes to the value of the area. It is possible that this element could be reviewed as time progresses.

4. Assessment Thresholds

4.1 Each of the three aspects described above in 3.9 (a. Landscape Sensitivity, b. Visual Sensitivity and c. Landscape Value) have been assessed on a 5 point scale – low, low/medium, medium, medium-high and high. This assessment is based on how prominent each of the categories is within the character area and also the relative sensitivity of each element to change.

Landscape Character Sensitivity

4.2 In order to establish the overall Landscape Character Sensitivity for each of the character areas the individual assessments for Landscape Sensitivity and the Visual Sensitivity are combined on a matrix as below (see also 3.6 above):-

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY	High	Medium	Medium/High	Medium/High	High	High
	Medium/High	Low/Medium	Medium	Medium/High	Medium/High	High
	Medium	Low/Medium	Low/Medium	Medium	Medium/High	Medium/High
	Low/Medium	Low	Low/Medium	Low/Medium	Medium	Medium/High
	Low	Low	Low	Low/Medium	Low/Medium	Medium
	Low	Low/Medium	Medium	Medium/High	High	
	VISUAL SENSITIVITY					

Landscape Capacity

4.3 The result for the Overall Landscape Character Sensitivity is then combined on a similar matrix with the Landscape Value for each of the character areas to produce the overall Landscape Capacity.

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY	High	Medium	Medium/Low	Low	Low	Low
	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium	Medium/Low	Low	Low
	Medium	High	Medium/High	Medium	Medium/Low	Low
	Low/Medium	High	High	Medium/High	Medium	Medium/Low
	Low	High	High	High	Medium/High	Medium
	Low	Low/Medium	Medium	Medium/High	High	
LANDSCAPE VALUE						

4.4 In relation to this study, the following indicates the likely level of development that a landscape character area could accommodate;-

- **Low** – The landscape character area could not accommodate areas of new development without a significant and adverse impact on the landscape character. Occasional, small scale development may be possible, providing it has regard to the setting and form of existing settlement and the character and the sensitivity of adjacent landscape character areas.
- **Low/ Medium** – Thresholds for development are low and development can be accommodated only in limited situations, providing it has regard to the setting and form of existing settlement and the character and the sensitivity of adjacent landscape character areas.
- **Medium** - Thresholds for change are intermediate with the landscape character area able to accommodate areas of new development in some parts, providing it has regard to the setting and form of existing settlement and the character and sensitivity of adjacent landscape character areas.
- **Medium/ High** – Thresholds for change are high and the area is able to accommodate larger amounts of development, providing it has regard to the setting and form of existing settlement and the character and the sensitivity of adjacent landscape character areas.
- **High** – Thresholds for change are very high and much of the area is able to accommodate significant areas of development, providing it has regard to the setting and form of existing settlement and the character and the sensitivity of adjacent landscape character areas

4.5 It should be noted that this assessment provides a guide as to the capacity of each of the character areas. The precise location and extent of development would depend on a closer study and evaluation of each character area.

5. Summary of Results

(Detailed landscape capacity assessments of character areas are included in Appendix A).

5.1 BASINGSTOKE AREA

Ref	Name	Landscape Sensitivity	Visual Sensitivity	Landscape Value	OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY
BA01	Sherborne St John Slopes	Medium	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW
BA02	Southern Weybrook Slopes	Medium/High	Medium	Medium/High	LOW
BA03	Vyne Mosaic	Medium/High	Medium	Medium/High	LOW
BA04	Cufaude East	Medium	Medium	Medium	MEDIUM
BA05	Bramley Camp	Low/Medium	Low	Low/Medium	HIGH
BA06	Sherfield Court Mixed Farmland	Medium	Medium	Medium	MEDIUM
BA07	West Sherfield	Medium/High	Medium	Medium/High	LOW
BA08	Wildmoor Mixed Farmland and Woodland	Medium	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW
BA09	Pyotts Hill Farmland	Medium/High	Medium/high	Medium/High	LOW
BA10	Loddon Valley Floor	Medium/High	Medium/high	Medium/High	LOW
BA11	Open Loddon Valley Sides	Medium/High	Medium	Medium/High	LOW
BA12	East Basing Enclosed Farmland	Medium	Medium	Medium/High	MEDIUM/ LOW
BA13	Enclosed Lyde Valley Floor	Medium/high	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW
BA14	Open North Hackwood Slopes	Medium/High	High	Medium/High	LOW
BA15	River Loddon/Basing Fen	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW
BA16	Mapledurwell Open Farmland	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW
BA17	Hackwood Park	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW
BA18	Audley's Wood	Medium	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW
BA19	Cliddesden Valley	Medium	Medium/High	Medium	MEDIUM/ LOW
BA20	Farleigh/Cliddesden Slopes	Medium/High	High	Medium	LOW
BA21	South Basingstoke Amenity and Woodland	Medium	Medium	Medium	MEDIUM
BA22	North-East Dummer Farmland and Woodland	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW
BA23	West Of Kempshott Open Arable	Medium	Medium/high	Medium	MEDIUM/ LOW
BA24	Enclosed Worting Mixed Farmland	Medium/High	Medium	Medium/High	LOW
BA25	Worting-Rooksdown Open Arable Farmland	Medium	Medium	Medium	MEDIUM

5.2 BRAMLEY AREA

Ref	Name	Landscape Sensitivity	Visual Sensitivity	Landscape Value	OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY
BR01	Minchens Lane Slopes	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium	MEDIUM/ LOW
BR02	North Bramley Enclosed Farmland	Medium	Medium	Medium	MEDIUM
BR03	North Bramley Open Farmland	Medium	Medium/high	Medium/high	LOW
BR04	North Bow Brook Slopes	Medium	Medium	Medium/High	MEDIUM/ LOW
BR05	North West Bramley Farmland	Medium	Medium/high	Medium/High	LOW

5.3 TADLEY AREA

Ref	Name	Landscape Sensitivity	Visual Sensitivity	Landscape Value	OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY
TA01	Skates Farm Valley	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW
TA02	Ron Ward Meadow Slopes	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW
TA03	Church Brook Valley Floor	Medium	Medium	Medium/High	MEDIUM/ LOW
TA04	Bishopswood Golf Course Slopes	Medium	Medium	Medium	MEDIUM
TA05	West Baughurst Farmland	Medium/high	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW
TA06	North Axmansford Farmland and Woodland	Medium/High	Medium	Medium/High	LOW
TA07	Haughurst Hill Slopes	Medium/High	Medium	Medium/High	LOW
TA08	North West Baughurst Woodland	Medium/High	Medium/high	Medium/high	LOW
TA09	Pamber Heathland	High	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW
TA10	Pamber Forest	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium/high	LOW
TA11	Pamber Forest Edge	Medium/High	Medium/High	Medium/High	LOW

5.4 Therefore the distribution of landscape capacity across the study area can be categorised as follows; -

Landscape Capacity – High

- BA05 - Bramley Camp

Landscape Capacity – Medium/ High

- None

Landscape Capacity – Medium

- BA04 - Cufaude East
- BA06 - Sherfield Court Mixed Farmland
- BA21 - South Basingstoke Amenity and Woodland
- BA25 - Worting-Rooksdown Open Arable Farmland
- BR02 - North Bramley Enclosed Farmland
- TA04 - Bishopswood Golf Course Slopes

Landscape Capacity – Medium/ Low

- BA12 - East Basing Enclosed Farmland
- BA19 - Cliddesden Valley

- BA23 - West Of Kempshott Open Arable
- BR01 - Minchin's Lane Slopes
- BR04 - North Bow Brook Slopes
- TA03 - Church Brook Valley Floor

Landscape Capacity – Low

- BA01 - Sherborne St John Slopes
- BA02 - Southern Weybrook Slopes
- BA03 - Vyne Mosaic
- BA07- West Sherfield
- BA08 - Wildmoor Mixed Farmland and Woodland
- BA09 - Pyotts Hill Farmland
- BA10 – Loddon Valley Floor
- BA11 - Open Loddon/Lyde Valley Sides
- BA13 - Enclosed Lyde Valley Floor
- BA14 - Open North Hackwood Slopes
- BA15 – River Loddon/Basing Fen
- BA16 - Mapledurwell Open Farmland
- BA17 - Hackwood Park
- BA18 - Audley's Wood
- BA20 - Farleigh/Cliddesden Slopes
- BA22 - North-East Dummer Farmland and Woodland
- BA24 - Enclosed Worting Mixed Farmland
- BR03 - North Bramley Open Farmland
- BR05 - North West Bramley Farmland
- TA01 - Skates Farm Valley
- TA02 - Ron Ward Meadow Slopes
- TA05 – West Baughurst Farmland
- TA06 – North Axmansford Farmland and Woodland
- TA07 – Haughurst Hill Slopes
- TA08 – North West Baughurst Woodland
- TA09 – Pamber Heathland
- TA10 – Pamber Forest
- TA11 - Pamber Forest Edge

Glossary of Terms used in the following Appendix

AONB – Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (National designation)

SSSI – Site of Special Scientific Interest (National designation)

SINC – Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (designated by Hampshire County Council)

SAM – Scheduled Ancient Monument (National Designation)

PRoW – Public Right Of Way

APPENDIX A – DETAILED LANDSCAPE CAPACITY ASSESSMENTS OF CHARACTER AREAS.

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA1 – Sherborne St John Slopes

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area is partly located on the slopes beyond a ridge on the northern edge of Basingstoke and as a consequence is relatively prominent; a quality that is highlighted by its generally open character. This area is also important as a settlement gap, separating the town from Sherborne St John. To the west in particular, the openness and the vegetation character also means that mitigation is not appropriate.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- Gently sloping landform from a significant ridge along southern boundary
- Mixed farmland/paddocks with little woodland; hedges in varying condition and limited across area; occasional farmsteads; A340 forms western boundary; minor roads and footpaths cross the area.
- Elements produce an open landscape, enclosed by surrounding landform and vegetation
- Unified large scale landscape with few discordant features within it
- Parliamentary fields are a common historic landscape type in the area
- The area is representative of the wider landscape character although there has been some hedge removal
- The ridgeline along the southern boundary is a significant feature in relation to the skyline.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Long distance views through the area of a generally rural landscape; landform and vegetation screen many views of Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, respectively, whilst garden vegetation and roadside hedges give a soft edge to Sherborne St John. Beyond the site to the east there are views of new development at Popley
- The ridge along the southern boundary is a significant feature providing visual separation between the village and Basingstoke.
- There are a number of properties along the edge of the village looking over this character area. In addition there is a network of roads and footpaths.
- Given this is an open landscape with a relatively intact character, there is limited potential for mitigation, as the introduction of new areas of screen planting would have an adverse impact on an area which contains little woodland.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- This area is very significant in relation to maintaining physical separation between Basingstoke and Sherborne St John. There are no features to the north of the ridge that development could extend to without adversely affecting the setting of the village.
- Whilst there are no designations in the area, the south-eastern corner abuts Carpenter's Down, a significant SINC.
- The proximity of the A340 and settlements limit the sense of tranquillity, although it is a sloping landform with a unified farming character that does have some scenic beauty.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE
Local Character Area: BA2 – Southern Weybrook Slopes

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area lies to the north-western edge of Basingstoke beyond a belt of mature beech trees that create a distinctive boundary between the built area and open countryside beyond. Much of the land slopes towards the countryside and this influences the character. The area is open in character with many longer distance views, particularly to the north and is close to the North Wessex Downs AONB. The lack of significant woodland in the area itself limits the appropriateness of mitigation planting.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- Landform varies from rolling in the elevated southern part of the area to a more noticeable slope which falls to the northern boundary and Weybrook (beyond the site).
- Land use comprises mixed farmland and a golf course. The A340 and A339 (both trunk roads, define parts of two boundaries. Linear development is located along the north-eastern boundary and there is a network of footpaths in the area.
- There is little woodland in the area although a number of hedges, some with trees and vegetation within the golf course. The Spinney is a notable belt of mature beech defining the edge of development in Basingstoke.
- The area is very representative of the wider landscape character area although the development of the golf course has affected its intactness.
- The landform and lack of significant vegetation within the area results in an open landscape. The continuity of farmland beyond the site does result in a strong rural character to this area, with the edge of Basingstoke having a limited influence.
- The landform does have an impact on the local skyline.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are generally longer distance views from the southern part of the area, across the adjacent countryside. Views are more enclosed to the north.
- The Spinney is a significant feature and contains the urban appearance of Basingstoke.
- The A340/A339 are busy roads and there is a network of rights of way.
- The open nature of this landscape and the lack of an existing vegetation structure suggest that there is not a great potential for extensive mitigation.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The North Wessex Downs AONB boundary is about 500 metres from the site and given the open character of the area, it is considered that this area has an impact on this designation
- The golf course, the two main roads and the proximity to Basingstoke limit tranquillity in this area, although the rural farming landscape does have scenic beauty.
- This area is significant in defining the physical edge of Basingstoke. The extent and height of the trees within the Spinney provide clear definition between the urban and rural areas.
- Part of the route of a Roman Road runs along the eastern boundary of the site.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA3 – Vyne Mosaic

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area has a strong and intact rural character. There are extensive areas of woodland, many designated, which along with the gently undulating landscape create a small scale character. This is augmented by the well kept Vyne House and associated parkland and as a consequence the capacity of this landscape is low.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium /High				

Summary of Characteristics

- This is an undulating landscape, more gentle in the north and with a number of local highpoints to the south.
- There are large areas of woodland throughout along with parkland trees.
- Vyne House (Grade 1 Listed Building and Park) and its grounds are located within the area, along with areas of arable farmland. The A340 passes through the western end of the site in addition to occasional minor roads. There is a network of paths.
- The area is very typical of the wider landscape character, in addition to being intact and in a good state of repair.
- The woodland, parkland and farmland all combine to create a strong rural pattern with few discordant elements.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The extent of woodland limits views to near distance, except for a few areas on higher ground to the south.
- Key views exist towards Vyne House.
- Although this area is more remote from settlement, The Vyne is a well used visitor attraction and footpaths are well used.
- Given the extent of woodland, it is considered that there is some potential for mitigation in this area.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Vyne House is a Grade 1 listed Building and Garden and there are 9 SINCs covering a large extent of the area.
- The A340 limits tranquillity towards the western part; however, it is greater to the east, which also has a higher level of scenic beauty.
- This area has a limited impact on the settlement edge of Sherborne St John.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA4 - Cufaude East

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: MEDIUM

This area is located to the north-east of Basingstoke, with a southern boundary formed by the Hampshire Business Park. The military camp (Bramley Camp) and development along Cufaude Lane influence the character of the area which along with a fairly gentle landform, good vegetation structure and potential for mitigation suggests that the landscape character could accommodate some degree of change.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- Generally flat landform, with gentle slope from south to north
- Predominantly arable farming with small copses/shelterbelts to the south
- Hedges are low with some gappy in the north, stronger hedge structure to the south
- Farmsteads, occasional residential properties and a small industrial development along Cufaude Lane. Bramley MOD Camp forms the NE boundary; there are few Public Rights of Way
- Small Wavy Fields are an historic landscape type that are infrequent in the area
- Reasonably representative of wider landscape character but a number of hedges have been removed affecting intactness
- Mixture of generally regular field sizes – small to south, large in centre and medium to north.
- Flat landform, vegetation and field sizes create a character that is generally open within the area but enclosure provided by vegetation associated with Bramley Camp.
- Industrial Units and security fencing of Bramley Camp are discordant features.
- The higher ground along the southern boundary has some impact on the skyline

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- There is a reasonably high level of intervisibility within the area
- Within the western part of the area views of a more rural countryside, however, to the east, the MOD Camp and the industrial units do influence views.
- The southern boundary of the area defines the boundary to Basingstoke
- There are relatively few users in the area
- The flat landform, vegetation pattern and scale of field sizes mean that there is greater potential for mitigation within parts of this area, particularly to the east and south.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- 2 SINC's, Listed buildings at Upper Cufaude Farm
- Proximity to Bramley Camp, the railway line and varying types of settlement limit any sense of tranquillity and scenic beauty to the east, although this is greater to the west along Cufaude Lane. In some parts, this road has a strong rural 'country lane' character.
- The planting and ridge on the southern boundary provide effective containment of the urban edge of Basingstoke (Hampshire International Business Park)

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA5 – Bramley Camp (Site not visited, desk top study and surrounding area visited)

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: HIGH

This character area covers a military area know as Bramley Camp, the high security nature of it has resulted in a development which has completely altered the original landscape character. This is particularly noticeable from the nature of the woodland and security fencing on the perimeter.

The woodland itself would provide an effective buffer to the existing settlement of Bramley as well as providing a good basis for mitigation within any future development.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Low/Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- Generally flat landform containing extensive areas of coniferous woodland planted to obscure the activities within clearings in Bramley Camp.
- This area is not at all typical of the general character of the wider area and the development of the camp has completely altered the historical character of the area.
- The extent of woodland has resulted in a very intimate small scale character, where the coniferous woodland has created a relatively monotonous character. The features within the camp and its security fencing are discordant features.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Low				

Summary of Characteristics

- The flat landform and extent of vegetation means that there is a very low level of intervisibility.
- Views are of military activities within a woodland setting
- The Camp has a very harsh visual edge created by the fencing and the alien character of the coniferous woodland.
- Access to the area for the general public is strictly limited
- The extent of woodland could provide a basis for a significant mitigation strategy

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Low/Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are no designations in the area
- The nature of the area contributes very little to the scenic beauty of the area although is assumed that there are parts within the area that do have some level of tranquillity, due to the lack of human activity and enclosure provided by the woodland.
- The northern edge provides a wooded setting to Bramley

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA6 – Sherfield Court Mixed Farmland

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: MEDIUM

This is a small character area to the north of Chineham, adjacent to the A33. It has an enclosed character and is influenced by the adjacent Bramley Camp and a number of other man made influences (the A33 and pylons). It has a more limited impact on the setting of Sherfield-on-Loddon, although any development here would need to ensure an adequate buffer to prevent coalescence with the village.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The landform of the area contains a minor tributary feature that is very subtle in nature
- A number of small shelterbelts and copses within the area and field boundaries are bound by low continuous hedgerows
- Land is generally farmland, which surrounds Sherfield Court, which is the focus of a cluster of small properties and a church. Pylons cross the area
- There are footpaths around Sherfield Court and within the northern part of the area. The eastern boundary is formed by the A33.
- This area is only partially representative of the local landscape character and the construction of Bramley Camp has noticeably affected the intactness of the landscape.
- It is an enclosed small-medium scale landscape.
- Bramley Camp also impacts on the unity and pattern of the landscape, the straight boundary of coniferous planting and the security fencing fragment the character.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- Views are generally contained to the character area itself, being framed by woodland and plantations within the character area and in the adjacent Bramley Camp.
- Views are influenced by the non-rural land uses within and surrounding the area (pylons, security fence and buildings within Bramley Camp and views of traffic along the A33).
- There are a few properties along A33, the road itself and around Sherfield Court and footpath.
- There is a strong existing vegetation pattern within this area - there is the potential to replicate this approach as fields are small and additional planting would fit in with the existing character.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics:

- There are listed buildings at Sherfield Court and one property along the A33. The area is likely to have a greater impact on the setting to Sherfield Court
- The site's proximity to the A33, Bramley Camp and the presence of pylons all limit any scenic beauty, tranquillity or remoteness in this area
- This area does not have an immediate relationship with the setting to Chineham. However, it is more important in relation to the setting of the cluster of buildings around Sherfield Court.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA07- West Sherfield

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area is located to the south and west of Sherfield-on-Loddon and is currently entirely separated from the existing urban edge of Basingstoke.

Landform in the area is locally prominent, which along with the land use and vegetation creates a rural character. The influence of Bramley Camp, the A33 and the edge of the village are all contained. This area is also important as it provides the visual and physical setting to the village and should be retained to prevent any coalescence should new development in Basingstoke continue in this direction. For these reasons, the landscape capacity is low.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The land falls from a highpoint along the southern boundary to the north, east and west towards Bow Brook, which forms the northern boundary of the site.
- There are no significant areas of woodland within the area, although occasional field boundaries in the north are lined by shelterbelts. Hedged field boundaries are more prevalent in the north.
- Land use comprises farmland around Goddard's Farm which also has some paddocks. These activities along with the vegetation give the area a generally strong rural character. However, this is tempered in some locations particularly as Bramley Camp lies to the immediate west, whilst the settlement of Sherfield on Loddon provides the eastern boundary. There are a couple of footpaths but these are contained in the southern part of the area.
- The area is in a reasonable state of repair and occasional field boundaries appear to have been removed. Bramley Camp is beyond the site, although this has had an impact on the intactness of the landscape. It is representative of the wider landscape character.
- Fields are generally medium in size, which along with the landform and the vegetation cover, has resulted in a semi-enclosed character.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The level of intervisibility is greater in the southern part of the area, which is on higher land and allows longer distance views across the countryside. The landform and vegetation limits intervisibility in the north.
- Views are of a generally rural nature, although the harsh edge of Bramley Camp and the more exposed edges of Sherfield on Loddon do provide an urbanising influence. The A33 is well

contained by the landform.

- A number of residential properties along the edge of Sherfield on Loddon face onto the area and the footpaths appear to be well used.
- The pattern of vegetation, could allow some potential mitigation, although its effectiveness would be limited in some instances by the landform.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Part of the Sherfield on Loddon Conservation Area extends in to this character area and the area borders other parts of it.
- The presence of Bramley Camp and the proximity of the village limit any sense of tranquillity. The appearance of the paddocks, pylons and the edge of the Bramley Camp also limit scenic beauty, however, this is greater in the northern part of the site.
- The eastern part of this area provides the physical setting to Sherfield –on-Loddon and provides an important buffer that should be retained around the village.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA08- Wildmoor Mixed Farmland and Woodland

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

Located to the north-east of Chineham, there is only a small part of this area that is linked to the built up area, and that is separated by the A33.
 The combination of the landform, small and numerous copses and woods, isolated farmsteads and occasional residential properties give the area a rural character, notably limiting any influence of the urban area. There is also a strong network of footpaths in this area.
 As a consequence of the above it is considered that any new development in this area would be limited.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The land is generally flat although there are a number of subtle highpoints, from which the land falls away towards the River Loddon and Petty’s Brook (along the northern, eastern and southern boundaries).
- The character area contains a number of woodlands, copses, parkland trees and shelterbelts.
- The main land uses here include North Foreland Lodge school (19th Century Parkland) with grounds, a golf course and smaller areas of farmland and mixed woodland.
- There are a number of farmsteads, occasional groups of properties and a garden centre along Wildmoor Lane. There is a network of footpaths within the area.
- This area is representative of the local landscape character; however parts of the historic parkland and a number of field boundaries have been removed.
- Field sizes along with the landform and extent of vegetation create a sense of enclosure within a landscape of medium scale.
- The ridge within the southern part of the site is significant in the local context.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- Views are of a rural landscape with any urban influence limited to the western boundary (A33 road) and occasional views of an incinerator chimney which is beyond the site.
- Views are generally framed by vegetation although it comprises a mixture of longer and near distance views, depending on field size.
- Residents in this area are limited, although there is an extensive footpath network and a golf course.

- The historic pattern of this landscape indicates that there is potential to provide mitigation planting within this area. However, this is more evident in the rural area away from the existing settlement at Chineham.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are 4 SINCS, two listed buildings and Sherfield Hall Park is listed as one of HCC's Historic Parks and Gardens
- Tranquillity is generally limited to occasional areas within the east of the area, due to the A33, an incinerator and the golf course. Scenic beauty is higher to the east.
- The area has a strong and distinct rural character and is important to the setting of the urban area.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE
Local Character Area: BA09 – Pyotts Hill Farmland

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This character area is located to the north of Old Basing, close to the A33. It has a strong rural character, which along with the landform, its role in the physical and visual setting to the area and the historical elements, means that the landscape capacity for development is low.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Land falls from a high point along the south-western boundary to the north towards Petty's Brook and to the north-east towards the River Loddon valley floor. There is a ridge running through the site.
- There is limited woodland within the character area and is restricted to occasional shelterbelts. There are a number of hedgerows within the character area forming field and road boundaries.
- The land is used exclusively for arable farming with Pyotts Hill Farm in the centre. The A33 forms the western boundary and there are a number of paths. Chineham Incinerator lies along the northern boundary.
- The route of a Roman Road passes through the area and a Park Pale forms the southern boundary.
- Fields are generally large within this area giving it a large scale, this combined with the landform gives the area an open character.
- The ridge also gives greater importance to the skyline.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- Views from lower ground to the north are of a generally rural landscape with mid-distance views across an open landscape, although the incinerator does influence some views
- From higher ground to the south, there are longer distance views across a farming landscape, although the incinerator, pylons and the A33 are visible.
- This area provides the visual setting to the adjacent part of Old Basing.
- A number of residential properties about this character area in addition to the A33 and path.
- Given the landform and vegetation structure in this area, there is little potential for mitigation.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Park Pale is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, part of the Basing Conservation Area abuts the site and there are listed buildings at Lodge Farm
- The presence of the A33 and residential properties limits much sense of tranquillity; however, this is greater in the east towards the River Loddon.
- The well vegetated edge of Old Basing and the rural nature of the landscape give a greater level scenic beauty, however, the incinerator does affect this in some areas.
- This is a well defined boundary and is an important element in relation to the setting of Pyotts Hill.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA10 – Loddon Valley Floor

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This character area lies along the valley floor of the River Loddon to the north-east of Old Basing. The valley is a distinctive feature with a small scale pastoral character. The pylons and Chineham Incinerator (which lies beyond the site) do influence the character to some degree, although the influence is contained. The combination of the river, the pastoral character, limited mitigation potential and the designations result in a low landscape capacity.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The main characteristic of this area is the narrow flat valley floor of the River Loddon, through which the river runs. Beyond the valley the land rises gently to either side.
- Vegetation comprises occasional strips of narrow woodland along the course of the river; field boundaries are generally defined by medium height hedges which are gappy in places. Vegetation is more extensive to the west.
- Land use within the area mainly comprises flood meadow and pasture. There is a small water treatment station along the northern boundary and a cluster of buildings, barns, caravans and storage areas associated with Blacklands Farm along the eastern boundary of the area.
- A number of public rights of way line the valley floor, although there are no roads crossing the character area.
- The area is representative of the wider landscape character in terms of landform, pattern, pastoral character and settlement density. Intrusions (high voltage electricity pylons) are relatively well contained and the area is generally intact. Aside from occasional gaps in hedgerows, it is in a good state of repair.
- It is a small scale character area within the valley floor, although there is a sense of openness, partly due to the more open rising valley sides beyond the site. The pylons, the water treatment station, some of the storage around Blacklands Farm and Chineham Incinerator (which is outside but close to the character area) are discordant features within an otherwise unified pastoral landscape

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Although this is a small character area, with a number of hedgerows and narrow woodlands, most of the vegetation follows the west-east course of the river and therefore there is a

reasonably high level of intervisibility. However, this is lower towards the western end close to Old Basing.

- Views are of a generally pastoral valley landscape; however, views of the pylons, incinerator and occasional glimpses of properties (the latter two are outside the area) do have an impact on some views.
- Footpaths within the area appear to be well used.
- The linear vegetation pattern within the area could be reinforced in places, although it is unlikely to be sufficiently enough to provide effective mitigation without impacting on the character of the area, as aside from the linear woodlands alongside the river, much of the vegetation is not high enough to screen development.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The entire course of the River Loddon through this area is a SINC and the woodlands at Lower River Row and Upper River Row are also SINC's. There are two further SINC's abutting the southern boundary of the area.
- The presence of the pylons and the nearby incinerator both contribute to the lack of tranquillity of the area. However, there is some sense of tranquillity in some locations, close to the river, away from human influence.
- Again, the pylons and incinerator along with some of the farm development do limit the scenic beauty of the area, although there are larger areas to the south and east where scenic beauty is greater.
- The western extreme of the character area does contribute to the setting of Basing, however further east this is more limited.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA11 – Open Loddon/Lyde Valley Sides

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This character area is located along the north-eastern edge of Basing, extending eastwards and has a strong rural character. The urban form is generally well screened aside from occasional views of the incinerator, pylons, the railway line and roads. There are a number of designations in the area, which along with the strong historical associations means that the landscape has a low capacity for development.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- This character area occupies the sloping land on the southern side of the River Loddon and the western side of the River Lyde.
- There are occasional deciduous copses in the area and vegetation along the embankments of the railway. Treed hedges often define field boundaries and roads. Garden vegetation screens much of the urban form.
- Land use is generally farmland, although there are some paddocks to the west near Basing. There are a number of farmsteads throughout the area and dwellings along Newnham Road
- The A30 and London – Basingstoke rail line are the main transport corridors through the area. The former is located to the southern edge of the area and the latter through the middle.
- The historic landscape type (Hangars) is not very common in the area.
- The area is partly representative of the wider landscape character. Occasional hedges appear to have been removed, although the area does appear to be in a good state of repair.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- Generally views within this area are of a rural farming landscape with little urban influence and intervisibility is contained by landform
- Occasional views of pylons and the Chineham incinerator stack and within the southern part of the area, views are dominated by the A30. However, the rail line is generally well screened by vegetation.
- The western end of the character area is important in relation to the visual setting to Old Basing.
- There are few residential properties and footpaths in the area, however, the railway is a major route as is the A30
- The potential for mitigation is limited to the western part of this character area.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Numerous designations - 4 SINCs, all of which are designated as Semi Natural Ancient Woodland; Scheduled Ancient Monument at Oliver’s Battery; and part of the area is also with in the Old Basing Conservation Area.
- Tranquillity is limited by the transport corridors and views of the incinerator stack and pylons. However views of a farming landscape combined with woodland and the landform do contribute to scenic beauty.
- The area adjacent to Old Basing is significant in relation to the English Civil War and is an important feature in the setting to the village

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Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA12 – East Basing Enclosed Farmland

It should be noted that the overall assessment given to any area does not mean that the assessment applies to the whole area – it may apply to one part of it. Further detailed assessment of the areas will be required as part of the next stage of the development of the Local Development Framework.

SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: MEDIUM/ LOW

This area is located beyond the eastern edge of Old Basing on generally elevated ground. There is a stronger rural character in the northern and central parts of the area, however the urban edge of Old Basing and the transport corridors, along with views of these elements have a strong influence on the character of the southern part of the area. The presence of Hangers increases the sensitivity in some locations.

The vegetation pattern suggests that mitigation planting could be possible in some of the flatter parts of the site. Any development would need to be restricted to lower ground and would need to respect the historic character of the route of the Basingstoke Canal.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The landform in this character area is on higher ground gently falling in all directions from a highpoint in the centre of the area.
- There are a number of large deciduous copses on higher ground, whilst the hedgerow structure differs from being low and maintained to the south and containing treed hedges in the north.
- Land use is a mixture of arable farmland and woodland.
- The eastern edge of Old Basing forms the western boundary of the area whilst farmsteads exist at Wild Wood Farm and Hodds Farm.
- The A30 forms the southern boundary and the Basingstoke to London rail line passes through the area. There are a couple of longer footpaths through the area.
- This area is typical of the landscape character. Although the hedgerow structure is intact, there is a notable area of woodland towards the centre of the site that has been removed.
- The extent of woodland in this area has created an enclosed small-medium scale landscape.
- The presence of a high point within the area does increase the prominence of the skyline.
- Part of the area contains Hangers, an historical landscape type that is not common in the borough.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- Views within this area are a mixture of rural and urban edge and there is a varying degree of intervisibility.

- From higher ground longer distance views are often framed by, and sometimes obscured by the vegetation within the area.
- The area immediately to the east of Old Basing is an important element in the visual setting to the village.
- Residential properties along the edge of Old Basing, the A30, the railway line and public rights of way.
- The historical presence of woodland and the remaining vegetation structure would indicate that this area could accommodate some form of mitigation planting. However, the elevated nature of parts of this area could reduce its effectiveness.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The area includes the corner of Old Basing Conservation Area and 9 SINC's.
- The proximity of the urban edge and the A30 limit any sense of tranquillity and remoteness. However the farmland framed by blocks of woodland does give some sense of scenic beauty, particularly to the north of the railway line.
- The steeper sloping ground to the south eastern corner of the area is an important element as it provides the physical setting to Old Basing. The south-western boundary marks the route of the Basingstoke Canal, which is now disused and filled in along other parts of its length.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE
Local Character Area: BA13 – Enclosed Lyde Valley Floor

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This character area is largely contained within the valley floor of the River Lyde and has a strong rural character created by a number of small scale fields, farms and riparian vegetation. There is very little urban influence in the area, there are three major transport routes passing through the area, however their influence is limited to the narrow corridors that they run along.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- This character area follows the valley floor of the Lyde River, it is wider to the north and narrower to the south around Mapledurwell
- There is an extensive network of woodland, copses, hedgerows and shelterbelts in the area
- There are occasional areas of semi-improved neutral grassland along the valley floor.
- Farmland, paddocks and woodland are the main uses of this area.
- A network of minor roads and footpaths follow the valley floor linking the farmsteads, a number of residential properties along them and the village of Mapledurwell.
- Hangars are not a common historic landscape type in the area.
- The M3, A30 and Basingstoke – London railway lines are major transport corridors crossing this area.
- The area is representative of the typical character. The M3 has affected the intactness of the landscape, but this is limited to a narrow corridor, elsewhere the landscape is relatively intact. The area is in a good state of repair.
- This is a very small scale and intimate landscape with a strong rural character, typically found in a river valley
- There are areas along the edges of the southern part of the site which have a greater significance in relation to the skyline.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Views are of a farming landscape, the small scale of the landscape and vegetation network mean that there is a low level of intervisibility. The transport corridors are well contained
- There are a number of residential properties throughout the area ,footpaths and roads.
- Although this is a small scale and intimate landscape, the level of mitigation potential is limited due to the sensitivity of elements in the landscape.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are a number of designations - an SSSI (Mapledurwell Fen) and 13 SINCS; a number of listed buildings, Mapledurwell has a Conservation Area.
- The proximity of the M3 limits any sense of tranquillity particularly in that area, however it is greater in parts of the north. There is a high level of scenic beauty.
- This area is only partially linked to the existing settlement edge of Old Basing as the M3 forms part of the area abutting the settlement.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA14 – Open North Hackwood Slopes

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This is an area on prominent slopes, containing extensive areas of amenity uses in addition to a number of significant nature conservation and historical designations. Part of the area provides the physical and visual separation between Basingstoke and Basing.

The A30 and M3 both have a strong influence on the area and there are a number of views over the built up areas of Basingstoke and Basing. However the landform, land use, biodiversity and designations with in the area mean that the landscape has a low capacity.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics:

- This is a sloping valley landscape which falls towards the Loddon Valley, beyond the north-western boundary, much of the area is on prominent slopes.
- Vegetation is extensive at Crabtree Plantation in the centre of the site, whilst strong hedgerows line the A30 and the northern boundary.
- An extensive area of semi-improved natural grassland in the northern half of the site, whilst Crabtree Plantation is semi-natural woodland.
- Land use is made up of Common land and an amenity area at Basing Lime Pits, whilst the southern half of the site comprises amenity open space and woodland.
- There are a number of defined public rights of way within the site in addition to the A30 and the M3. Residential parts of Old Basing border the eastern boundary.
- The historic landscape type (Other Commons) is not frequent in the area
- The area is partly typical of the typical landscape character, but despite to intrusion of the M3 along the southern boundary and the trunking of the A30, the area is otherwise intact.
- The amenity areas have an open character, however greater enclosure is provided by the woodland at Crabtree Plantation.
- The landform means that the skyline is a prominent feature.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	High				

Summary of Characteristics

- As the area is on higher ground there are more longer distance views over the surrounding area.

- The northern-eastern part of the site is important in providing the visual setting to Basing and Basing House.
- There are number of well used recreational facilities in this area along with a number of residential properties looking onto the area.
- The prominent open landscape means that there is little potential for mitigation.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics:

- Part of Hackwood Park, which is a Grade 1 Listed Park, lies within the character area. There are also 2 SINCs at the western end of Crabtree Plantation. The northern part of the site provides the immediate setting to Basing House.
- The presence of the A30 and M3 limits any sense of tranquillity; however the well managed amenity areas do add a sense of scenic beauty.
- This area is important in providing physical separation between Basing and Basingstoke.
- The proximity of this area to Basing House means that it has a strong historical association with the English Civil War.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA15 – River Loddon/Basing Fen

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

The landscape capacity of this area is low; it is a narrow character area along a river valley floor, part of which provides the physical separation between Old Basing and Basingstoke. Large parts of the area have strong historical, nature conservation and recreational interests, thus reducing the capacity for development. The exception to this is the area to the east of the Hampshire Clinic.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- This character area is located along the Loddon valley floor, with the built up area of Basing lying immediately to the south-east, with Daneshill and Lychpit to the immediate north-west. The River Loddon runs through the centre of the area.
- There are a number of small copses and carrs within the area and short stretches of hedgerow, link the copses, which occupy most of the land use.
- There are extensive areas of semi-improved neutral grassland and semi-natural broadleaved woodland in the area and a localised area of marshy grassland.
- Aside from the copses, land use consists of the occasional paddock, amenity open space, carr, water meadows and rough ground.
- There is very little settlement, although a small housing area and private hospital (The Hampshire Clinic) exist at the western end. Towards the northern end of the area Millfield and Loddon Valley open space recreation areas occupy large parts of the valley floor. A number of footpaths follow the valley floor.
- This area is consistent with the wider character of this area. The area is intact and generally in a good state of repair, except for the area along the western boundary adjacent to the ring road.
- It is a small scale enclosed character area created by the landform and vegetation. The character of the vegetation along the river all contribute to an area with a variety of textures and patterns.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Views are contained by the vegetation and development within the character area, however there are some longer views along the river corridor, particularly to the northern end. The vegetation influences the character of many views. The north-eastern boundary is important in

relation to the visual setting of the neighbouring part of Lychpit.

- Views along the northern boundary and within the northern part of the area are affected by views of adjacent development at Daneshill (an industrial estate), the Ring Road and electricity pylons.
- There are large areas of recreation to the north of the area and a number of popular footpaths, in addition to some residential properties. It is therefore considered that users of this area have a higher sensitivity.
- There are only limited opportunities for mitigation potential towards the north-western boundary.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Basing Fen is one large SINC covering much of the character area. Basing House is adjacent to part of the southern boundary which forms the setting to this Scheduled Ancient Monument.
- The presence of the ring-road and the rail line limit much sense of tranquillity from most areas. However, the intimate scale of the landscape and enclosure created by the vegetation does add to the scenic beauty.
- The area is important as it provides physical separation between Basingstoke and Old Basing.
- Parts of this character area have strong associations with Basing House and the Civil War. Furthermore the route of the now disused Basingstoke Canal runs through the area.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA16 – Mapledurwell Open Farmland

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

Much of this area is physically separated from the built up area of Basingstoke, which along with its strong rural character means that there is a low capacity for development. It includes an annex to the north west of Hackwood Park, which is important as it provides both the physical separation between Basingstoke and Hackwood Park and is part of the setting to the latter.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The landform is rolling, falling from a number of highpoints and ridges towards a number of valley features which drain from south to north into the Lyde River.
- There is very little woodland within the character area, there is more vegetation on lower ground within the valley features
- Land use in the character area mainly comprises arable farming.
- The few properties within this character area are generally located around Huish Farm and there are also farmsteads are located closer to the valley floor in settlements. Up Nately is a small settlement in the north-east corner of the character area.
- A network of footpaths cross the eastern part of the area and the M3 defines part of the northern boundary.
- This area is very typical of the landscape character. It is reasonably intact and in a good state of repair.
- The combination of field size, the landform and the vegetation pattern produces a generally medium scale open landscape which is more exposed on the higher ground.
- As this area is on higher ground and very open, it has a greater significance in relation to the skyline.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are more distant views with a high degree of intervisibility. However on roads and paths on lower ground, the landform obscures views beyond local ridges and highpoints.
- This is a sparsely populated area with few properties, roads and some footpaths.
- The large size of fields, the rural character, absence of hedgerows and elevated landform mean that there is very limited potential for mitigation.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- There is one SINC within the character area; Up Nately has a conservation area and the area also provides the setting to Hackwood Park, a Grade 1 listed Garden.
- The sense of remoteness increases towards the eastern end of this area, particularly on lower ground away from the M3. Most views are rural in nature giving a higher degree of scenic beauty.
- The western end of this area does provide the physical separation between Basingstoke and Hackwood Park.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA17 – Hackwood Park

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This is a Grade 1 Listed House and Garden, separated from the built up area of Basingstoke. It is a designed landscape, intact, well managed with a number of designed views. These elements along with the vegetation pattern and historical character, mean that the landscape has low capacity for development.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- This is a rolling landscape, falling towards the north-eastern boundary.
- There are a number of areas of woodland, parkland trees and copses throughout the area, but few hedgerows.
- Hackwood House is a Grade 1 listed house and garden. The grounds are a mixture of Parkland and woodland with areas for grazing.
- There are a number of smaller groups of cottages and lodges along the northern and western boundaries.
- This area is typical of the landscape character and as a Grade 1 Listed Park it is generally intact and in a good state of repair,
- Woodland within this character area and woodland blocks in adjacent areas create a generally enclosed landscape, which is small in scale. As a designed parkland there is a variety of textures and uniformity.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are rural parkland views throughout the character area, generally framed by blocks of woodland and thus limiting the level of intervisibility.
- As a parkland landscape there are some designed longer views and occasional longer distance views from higher ground.
- There are few paths and dwellings in the area.
- This area is very significant in providing the visual setting to Hackwood House.
- As a designed parkland, there is very little scope for mitigation planting as this would adversely affect the character of the designation.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- Hackwood Park is a Grade 1 listed park covering the entire area. In addition, there are 3 SINCS within it.
- The designed nature of the parkland, its rural hinterland to the east and south, do increase the level of tranquillity in some area, however, this is tempered by the proximity of the A339 and the M3.
- The management of the area and the design of the features within the park do give it a greater extent of scenic beauty.
- The historic character of this area is a deer park. The building and park itself do have important historical and cultural associations.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE
Local Character Area: BA18 – Audley’s Wood

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area lies to the south of Basingstoke beyond the M3, which provides a very strong boundary between the urban and countryside areas. The countryside character is reinforced by the low level of intervisibility provided by the landform and nature of the vegetation. These elements along with the well managed grounds of Audley’s Wood and the farmland add to the visual qualities of the area. As a consequence the landscape capacity of this area is low.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- This area is generally flat with some subtle undulations.
- Woodland is more extensive within the northern part around Audley’s Wood Hotel, in addition to a number of thick shelterbelts which define field and road boundaries.
- There are three land-uses within the character area – arable/pasture farming; woodland and shelterbelt plantations; and Audley’s Wood hotel and its parkland grounds.
- There is a farm at Pensdell Farm and a riding centre, along with a small linear settlement along Hackwood Lane and footpaths to the west and north. Basingstoke is effectively separated by the M3 and roadside vegetation, reinforcing a rural character.
- This area is representative of the landscape character and it is in a good state of repair.
- The House and parkland at Audley’s Wood is a feature that was not apparent on the 1870-1880 Ordnance Survey plan and it is therefore considered that its development will have had an impact on the intactness of the area.
- Within the north and east, fields are small, creating a generally small scale enclosed landscape.
- Less extensive vegetation within the south and west create a larger scale and less enclosed landscape.
- The different areas of old parkland and open arable farm land are distinct elements but are consistent in pattern and form.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Views are of the rural countryside and in the northern area there is generally a low level of intervisibility due to extensive vegetation. However, intervisibility is greater in the south.
- The eastern part of the area provides the visual setting to Hackwood Park and the M3 is largely screened.
- The hotel is a main focus for visual receptors, along with residents in the properties to the south

and footpath users.

- The open nature of the southern part of this area means that there is little opportunity for mitigation here, although it would be higher in the enclosed, wooded northern area.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- There is one SINC within this character area, the hotel building is also listed and the area provides the setting to the Grade 1 Listed House and Garden at Hackwood House.
- The proximity of the M3 and the A339 limits any sense of tranquillity, particularly to the north.
- The managed grounds around Audley's Wood and the rural appearance of the rest of the area both contribute to a good level of scenic beauty.
- This area is separated from Basingstoke by the M3 and has little impact on its physical setting, however, it does relate to the physical setting of both Cliddesden and the properties on Hackwood Lane.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BASINGSTOKE
Local Character Area: BA19 – Cliddesden Valley

It should be noted that the overall assessment given to any area does not mean that the assessment applies to the whole area – it may apply to one part of it. Further detailed assessment of the areas will be required as part of the next stage of the development of the Local Development Framework.

SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: MEDIUM/ LOW

This character area is located to the south of Basingstoke and focuses around a distinctive dry valley feature, the centre of which is the village of Cliddesden. The area is predominantly arable farmland which influences the character of the area and means that the higher ground is more sensitive in relation to skyline views. The M3 provides a strong northern edge to the area, clearly defining the town/countryside split and limiting the sense of tranquillity. The character of the edge of the village in addition to the hedgerow structure would allow some mitigation planting in some limited locations.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The village of Cliddesden lies within a distinctive dry valley and is part of a complex of dry valleys within the wider area. The landform gives the impression that the area lies within a valley surrounded by a rolling landscape.
- There are no woodlands within the area but there is a network of low hedges, some with trees.
- Cliddesden is a generally a linear settlement with a varied edge. There are a couple of farms on the edge of the village, beyond which land is predominantly used for arable farming. The area is crossed by a few footpaths.
- This area is only partly representative of the typical landscape character.
- It is in a reasonable state of repair and apart from the construction of the M3, appears to be intact.
- The field pattern is relatively small, which along with the valley feature creates a greater sense of enclosure. However, there is less sense of enclosure to the south-east of the village which is adjacent to more open countryside.
- The landform means that the areas on the outskirts of the village make significant contributions to the skyline.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Towards the southern end of the character area there are a number of longer distance views but from other parts of the character areas views are short-middle distance.
- There are a number of properties in the village looking over this character area. In addition there is a network of roads and footpaths.

- There are some smaller fields within the area, where the hedgerow structure could be extended. However, the sharply sloping landform and the lack of extensive woodland, limits the appropriateness and effectiveness of mitigation.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- Cliddesden has a Conservation Area designation covering much of the village, along with a number of listed building designations. The area around the village is important to its setting.
- The presence of the M3 close to the site means that there is no sense of tranquillity.
- It is a well kept village set in a distinct farming landscape and thus giving a significant degree of scenic beauty.
- The M3 contains Basingstoke and retains separation from Cliddesden,

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Area: BASINGSTOKE
Local Character Area: BA20 – Farleigh/Cliddesden Slopes

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

The steep, prominent slopes of the area are a very significant local feature providing the visual and physical setting to Basingstoke. They are important in a wide number of views throughout the town. The M3 provides a clear boundary between the built up and large scale open rural area, within which there are no areas where development could be accommodated. As a consequence it is considered that the landscape of this area has no capacity for development.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Land falls from a significant ridge along the eastern boundary of this area and is part of a ridge which continues west beyond the site. From the highpoint, land falls to the north-west and south-west.
- There are a number of narrow shelterbelts and small copses dotted throughout the northern part of the character area. To the south, there are more extensive woodland blocks
- Land use comprises arable farming with associated farmsteads at Kennel Farm, Clump Farm and Manor Farm (all in the south).
- The M3 forms the western boundary and Farleigh Hill forms the eastern boundary. The only footpath exists in the south and there is a single road crossing the centre of the area.
- This area is very representative of the typical landscape character. It is in a good state of repair and within the area itself is generally intact. The development of Cliddesden has had little impact on the area.
- Field sizes vary slightly. To the south they are large and are medium size within the north. In the north, the lack of vegetation and more significantly, the prominently sloping landform means that there is little sense of enclosure and it is an open landscape. In the south, woodland provides more enclosure, although its location towards the edge of the character area and continuous views towards higher ground mean that the enclosure is limited.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	High				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are a number of long distance views northwards over the M3, Basingstoke and across the countryside beyond, particularly from higher ground and there is a high level of intervisibility.
- The area is visible from many locations within Basingstoke and the surroundings, forming a rural backdrop. It is also significant, as the higher ground forms the skyline.

- Apart from the roads in and around this area there are very few other viewers within the actual area, although there are many within the surrounding areas that could be considered as receptors
- There are only isolated blocks of woodland in the north and central parts of this area, which along with a sloping landform which combined together result in no potential for mitigation.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- There is one designation to the north of this character area, at Middle Copse which is a SINC
- The proximity of the M3 means that there is no sense of tranquillity. In most views away from the motorway, it is a distinct farming landscape which does have a very high level of scenic beauty.
- The highly prominent landform, combined with the severance of the M3, means that this is a very significant feature in the setting to the settlement edge of Basingstoke.

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Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA21 – South Basingstoke Amenity and Woodland

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: MEDIUM

This is a small character area bound by the M3, the A30 and residential development. These elements along with the travellers camp and Highways depot in the south, have a strong influence on the character.

The area is well wooded and would be able to accommodate some development with appropriate mitigation, however, the woodland also provides the transition between urban and rural areas which would need to be retained.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The land falls from the southern boundary to the north, east and west. A dry valley feature crosses the centre of the area, before the land rises again to the northern boundary.
- Narrow shelterbelts surround Basingstoke Golf Course, which has small groups of trees adjacent to fairways. Woodland covers a lot of the area to the south.
- There is a golf course in the northern and central parts of the character area and the M3 and A30 form the eastern and western boundaries respectively. There is a Highways depot and derelict travellers camp to the south, close to the M3 junction.
- This area is only partly representative of the typical landscape character. Much of the woodland to the south is intact, however, this is not the case with the construction of the M3 and the development of a golf course at Kempshott Park. It is in a reasonable state of repair.
- The extensive woodland and generally flatter landscape mean that this is generally an enclosed landscape. Similarly, because of the mature trees, Basingstoke Golf Course has an enclosed character. The presence of the M3 and some of the peripheral uses do provide a discordant element to the character area.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The extensive coverage of vegetation limits intervisibility, and there are very few longer distance views.
- The woodland in and around the golf course provides the visual transition between the rural and urban area.
- The M3 and A30 both have an impact on some of the views.
- There are a number of users of the golf course and occasional dwellings. The roads are

significant transport corridors with a high number of users (although the M3 is in cutting).

- There is the potential for mitigation planting within the western half of the character area.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The presence of the M3, A30 and amenity uses limits any sense of tranquillity.
- The golf course is well maintained and with the mature trees possesses some scenic beauty – however the roads, the motorway junction and adjacent uses do temper this.
- The area does provide the physical setting to the adjacent residential area at Beggarwood and as a heavily wooded area is important in wider character as it provides the transition from the urban to rural area.

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Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA22 – North East Dummer Farmland and Woodland

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area is effectively separated from the built up part of Basingstoke, as it is linked only by Old Down woodland park. The naturalistic character of the park reinforces the divorced nature of this area. Furthermore, the ridge in the eastern part of the site is an important feature in the visual setting of Basingstoke, is locally prominent and provides clear separation between town and country. The landscape capacity of the area is low.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The landform is gently rolling, with a number of dry valleys and occasional highpoints throughout the character area. Land falls away beyond the northern boundary of the site.
- There are a number of woodlands and narrower shelter belts within the character area along with a good hedgerow structure.
- Land use within the area comprises arable farmland and areas of woodland, with two farm complexes at Bulls Buses Farm and Southwood Farm. Other settlement is very limited.
- There are some footpaths in the area and rural country lanes skirt the western boundary. The route of a Roman road runs through the area.
- This area is reasonably representative of the typical landscape character. The landscape is generally intact, with occasional hedgerows having been removed and is in a good state of repair.
- Fields within this area are generally medium size. There are a number of large woodlands, which provide some enclosure.
- The landform creates a number of local horizons giving the impression that it is a more open landscape in some places. The rolling nature of the landform means that the skyline is prominent in some locations.
- The combination of farmland and woodland presents a unified character to the area.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Views are generally of a farming landscape, which has a strong influence on the character of the area.
- Some longer distance views of Basingstoke and the surrounding countryside are possible in

parts and in other parts views are framed or obscured by landform and vegetation. Consequently intervisibility is varied.

- Parts of the area is important to the visual setting to the edge of Basingstoke
- A ridge runs through part of the eastern section of the area, this is significant as it provides the visual setting for Basingstoke from many locations.
- There are a few footpaths within the area, minor roads and occasional farm dwellings.
- The rolling landform and strong rural character of this area would limit locations where mitigation would be appropriate.
- To the east, the area is closer to the urban edge - however, this is on a significant ridge, which would limit the effectiveness of mitigation.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/ High				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are three round barrows near to Bulls Bushes Farm that are Scheduled Ancient Monuments. There are 6 SINCs within this character area, 5 of which are classified as Semi Natural Ancient Woodlands
- The proximity of the A30 and the M3 limit any sense of tranquillity. However, the combination of rolling farmland and woodland does create a distinctive sense of scenic beauty.
- Much of this area is physically separated from the urban area although the eastern part does provide the landscape setting to Basingstoke.
- The route of a Roman Road, from Winchester to Silchester runs through this character area.

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Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA23 – West Of Kempshott Open Arable

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: MEDIUM/ LOW

This character area is located to the immediate west of Basingstoke. It has an open character with high levels of intervisibility and a number of hedgerows that have been removed. The landform is generally flat, except towards the southern end where it is more prominent in the local and wider context. The north–western and eastern boundaries of the area are defined by strong linear features (a railway and the urban edge of Kempshott) and are more noticeable in the northern part of the site.

The area has a number of recreational footpaths; a woodland park both of which are well used by the large local population. The sensitivity of the area is also increased by the presence of a Scheduled Ancient Monument and the route of a Roman road. The capacity of the area is medium/low and development would be better located toward the lower northern end.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The landform is generally flat, rising more steeply towards the southern boundary.
- There are no areas of mature woodland in the area.
- The land is generally arable crop production.
- A number of footpaths add to the recreational resource of the area, which is crossed by Pack Lane, linking Basingstoke and Oakley.
- The route of a Roman Road, defines the eastern boundary of the area, resulting in a clearly defined edge to Basingstoke. A rail line performs the same linear effect to the northern-western boundary.
- This area is representative of the landscape character. A number of hedgerows to the centre of the area appear to have been removed but the landscape is in a generally good state of repair.
- It is large scale farmland on rolling landform with an open character with a high level of intervisibility. This becomes smaller to the north as the area is influenced by the rail line and edge of Basingstoke
- It is a fairly monotonous landscape, the linear edge of Basingstoke fragmenting the unity of the landscape, whilst the low landform limits any significance of the skyline.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are a number of middle and longer distance views, notably influenced by the strong linear edge of Basingstoke. The lack of vegetation creates a high degree of intervisibility.
- There are some more elevated views across the wider countryside from higher ground. Because of the clearly defined edge this area contributes to the visual setting of the town.
- There are a number of well used paths, and residential properties overlooking this area, resulting in a greater sensitivity for this element.
- This is a flat landscape which appears to have had a number of hedgerows removed. In the southern part of the area, where field sizes are larger and the land starts to slope up, it is considered that there is less scope for reinforcing the hedgerow structure as this would have an adverse impact on the character of the area.
- However, in the northern part of the site, which is smaller scale, and more influenced by the urban edge and the railway line there is greater potential for mitigation.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- There is the site of an Iron Age settlement, which is classified as a Scheduled Ancient Monument along the eastern boundary of the site.
- The proximity of Basingstoke, means that there is little sense of tranquillity. The level of scenic beauty is greater towards the southern part of the area, where the edge of Kempshott is softened more effectively by garden vegetation.
- The clear linear edge of Basingstoke means that this character area is a significant element in the physical setting to the town.

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Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA24 – Enclosed Worting Mixed Farmland

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This character area has a distinct character, made up largely by the hamlet of Worting and the spaces surrounding it. This area is important in providing physical separation between Worting and Basingstoke and also the visual separation between Oakley and Basingstoke, which needs to be retained. As a result landscape capacity is low.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The landform in the area falls from the northern and southern boundaries to a shallow valley running west to east through the centre of the site.
- There are no significant areas of woodland within the character area, however the grounds of Worting House and a number of fields in the north-eastern part of the site are bound by mature shelterbelts. There are also a number of mature parkland trees around the House and individual trees within the Church grounds.
- To the west and south the land comprises farmland generally in arable use. The hamlet of Worting and Worting House are located towards the centre of the character area and the latter is surrounded by a small area of parkland.
- A rail line passes along the southern boundary; the B3400 passes through the centre of the area and there are footpaths.
- This area is only partly representative of the typical landscape character. However, it appears to be generally intact, however there are parts in the east that are overgrown and generally in a good state of repair.
- Fields within this character area are generally small, which combined with other elements have created a small scale and intimate landscape. This is slightly more open in the southern part.
- The varying land-uses and the small size of the area combine to give a diverse character to the area. The rising land to the south and north boundaries have greater significance in the local skyline.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- Views are generally contained by the elements within the area and are near distance in nature
- Views are influenced by the urban edge, particularly to the east.
- This area provides the visual setting to part of western Basingstoke in addition to providing visual separation between Oakley and Basingstoke.

- There is a greater potential for mitigation in the northern part of the area, which is more enclosed. However this is noticeably more limited to the southern boundary.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The settlement of Worting is covered by a conservation area designation and has a number of listed buildings within it. Given the small size of the area, the sensitivity of the designations is greater.
- The proximity of Basingstoke, the rail line and the B3400 limits any sense of tranquillity.
- The buildings and spaces within and around the hamlet do create a strong sense of place and have a higher level of scenic beauty.
- The area around Worting is important as it provide a very narrow physical separation from Basingstoke.

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Area: BASINGSTOKE

Local Character Area: BA25 - Worthing-Rooksdown Open Arable Farmland

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: MEDIUM

This area is located on the north- western edge of Basingstoke, on land that rises to a ridge beyond the area. It is typical of the landscape character and contains national designations in addition to featuring a Roman road. The land is fairly featureless and Roman Road, which forms the boundary rather than vegetated rear gardens, forms a harsher urban edge.

The area has a medium capacity for development. However, this would need to ensure that the layout respected the ridge to the west of the area and views from the AONB.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- A ridge, running south to north, runs along and beyond the western site boundary. From here the land falls from west to east towards the edge of the town.
- There are no areas of woodland within this area and no significant hedgerows.
- The land is used for arable farming, and the linear urban edge of Basingstoke forms the eastern boundary along Roman Road (which leads to Silchester). There are occasional footpaths in the area.
- This area is typical of the local landscape character. The landscape is generally intact and appears to be in a reasonable state of repair.
- Fields within the character area are medium to large size. The sloping landform and lack of vegetation mean that this is a very open landscape; however the ridges on the northern and western boundaries do provide enclosure from the wider countryside.
- The extent of farmland and lack of natural features give it a monotonous character.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are open views across the site, however views beyond the site boundary are limited because of the landform and woodland within adjoining character areas.
- The relative lack of garden vegetation and landscape structure means that the urban edge is harsher and visually intrusive on the area.
- There is a high level of intervisibility across the area and Basingstoke beyond it.
- Its sloping character means that it is an important element in the visual setting to this edge of

town.

- There are a number of residential properties on the edge of Winklebury looking over the area, the Roman Road is a busy road.
- The most visually sensitive part of this site is the western boundary, on higher ground and adjacent to open countryside. There are other areas of woodland here, so an extension of this woodland could be possible to provide screening of any development on lower ground, however, this would need to ensure that no development extended beyond the height of the ridge.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- At the northern end of the character area, there are 2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments at Catern Cross Roads. The North Wessex Downs AONB is approximately 1km to the west of the area, however there is no impact on this designation.
- The proximity of the Roman Road and the A339 means that this area has no sense of tranquillity.
- It is a featureless landscape, which combined with the stark urban edge of the town has little scenic beauty.
- This area is relatively important in relation to the settlement edge because it is adjacent to a ridge which defines a clear separation between the town and countryside.

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Area: BRAMLEY

Local Character Area: BR01 – Minchens Lane Slopes

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: MEDIUM/ LOW

This character area is on prominent land to the north-west of Bramley. It has a number of large mixed sloping fields, and does not have an extensive vegetation structure. These aspects limit the appropriateness of mitigation planting and similarly the capacity to accommodate development without impact on the character. The presence of the pylons and railway both have an impact on the landscape character.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- There is a local highpoint just beyond the east of the area at Bramley Frith from which the land falls in all directions towards the boundaries of this area.
- There are areas of woodland on the northern (Withy Copse) and beyond the north/western and western boundaries (Bramley Frith Wood).
- The land comprises arable farmland bisected by Minchens Lane and public rights of way run along part of the southern and western boundaries.
- Within the Bramley Frith Wood, there is a major electricity sub-station, from which large pylons cross the site. A rail line forms the eastern boundary whilst Cliff Meadow recreation area is beyond the southern boundary.
- This area is consistent with the typical landscape character. There are occasional boundaries within the north-western part of the site that have been removed, however, it does appear to be in a good state of repair.
- Fields in the area are varied in size but noticeably larger on higher and more sloping ground. These give the area a large scale character.
- The woodland on the northern and western boundaries do provide enclosure to the wider landscape. The slopes and highpoint are prominent features in the local skyline.
- The land use and vegetation create a simple and unified rural landscape.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Views within this area are generally of a rural landscape, however, the pylons are notable in many views.

- The eastern boundary provides a harsh edge to Bramley, although the railway line is only prominent when trains are passing.
- The highpoint and sloping land increase the prominence of the area which is important in relation to the visual setting of the village.
- The local footpaths are well used; there is a recreational area along the southern boundary which has some views into the site, in addition to some residential properties overlooking the area.
- The large sized fields, the existing vegetation pattern and most notably the rising landform would limit the appropriateness of any mitigation measures.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- Withy Copse is a SINC.
- The presence of the power lines and the proximity of the edge of Bramley limits any sense of tranquillity. However the rural sloping landform does have a good level of scenic beauty.
- The general character of this part of Bramley is of a linear settlement and therefore the open space beyond it does have an impact on the setting of the settlement edge.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BRAMLEY

Local Character Area: BR02 – North Bramley Enclosed Farmland

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: MEDIUM

This is a relatively small character area to the north of Bramley. It is on gently sloping ground and is within a strong vegetation structure. There are a limited number of designations and the area has a low/medium visual sensitivity. These suggest that some development could be accommodated within the area without an adverse impact on the landscape character and it would need to be located in areas that didn't impact on the adjacent countryside.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics.

- This area slopes gently from north-west to south-east towards a minor tributary that crosses part of the north-eastern part of the area.
- Vegetation within the area comprises a well established hedgerow pattern, often tree-lined along with vegetation along the railway embankment.
- Land use in the area comprises farmland, with occasional properties throughout the area. The northern edge of Bramley lies to the south.
- Olivers Lane bisects the northern part of the site and the Basingstoke to Reading railway forms much of the western boundary. There are no public rights of way within the area. High voltage electricity pylons cross the site from west to east.
- This area is partly representative of the typical landscape character. It is in a good state of repair and appears to be intact.
- Fields are generally smaller in size and regular in shape, and although there are no larger woodland blocks, the taller hedgerows do create a degree of enclosure, compared to the more open areas to the east.
- The predominance of farmland and hedgerows does give a notable degree of unity, although this is offset by the presence of power lines.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The strong hedgerow structure in the area does provide screening of much of this area from surrounding locations. From occasional higher locations along Oliver's Lane there are some open views towards Bramley and beyond.
- There are few residential properties looking over this area, there are no paths and few roads.
- The area has a strong hedgerow structure which could be extended to provide appropriate

mitigation; however, there are higher areas of ground where this may not be as effective.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are few designations, limited to four listed buildings in the area.
- This is a rural location and in some places does have some sense of tranquillity; however this is tempered by the presence of power lines crossing the area. The farming landscape does have some scenic beauty.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BRAMLEY

Local Character Area: BR03 – North Bramley Open Slopes

It should be noted that the overall assessment given to any area does not mean that the assessment applies to the whole area – it may apply to one part of it. Further detailed assessment of the areas will be required as part of the next stage of the development of the Local Development Framework.

SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area is located to the north and east of Bramley on sloping open farmland. These slopes give the area a higher visual sensitivity, which along with the designations and the limited potential for mitigation within the area result in a low landscape capacity.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- This area extends along the northern boundary of Bramley, it occupies an area of land that slopes gently towards a west-east running tributary that crosses the centre of the area. To the south-east is a local high point at Bull's Down, which falls to the east and south to tributaries of the River Loddon. The slopes on the northern side are more pronounced.
- There are a few small shelterbelts in the northern area, but here vegetation is mainly limited to low cut hedgerows, many of which have mature trees within them. There is a significant 'roundel' of mature trees within the south-eastern corner of the site.
- The area comprises arable farmland and has 3 small farmsteads along the boundaries. The built up area of Bramley lies beyond the southern boundary, whilst Sherfield-on-Loddon abuts the south-eastern boundary.
- There are a couple of footpaths towards the eastern end of the area and a narrow country lane crosses the area, linking similar rural roads that border it. High voltage power lines cross the northern part of the area.
- This area is representative of the typical landscape character. The area appears to be in a good state of repair although there are a number of field boundaries which appear to have been removed, notably to the east.
- Fields in this area are generally large in size and this creates a large scale landscape with an open character. The area is more enclosed in the south-eastern corner.
- The extent of arable farmland gives it a strong rural pattern and a notable degree of unity.
- The higher ground along the northern part of this site are close to a local ridge line and therefore the area is important in relation to the local skyline.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- The slopes, which are close to a ridge, are prominent in a number of views and the character of vegetation within the area allows a number of longer distance views throughout the area.
- The large open sloping fields to the north of Bramley are important as they are a significant feature providing a rural backdrop from a number of locations in the village.
- The road along the southern boundary is the main road into the village and in addition, there are many properties that overlook the area. Bramley Green is an open space looking over the area and there are rights of way in the east.
- The general character of vegetation in this area is low hedgerow with trees, which along with the sloping landform would provide limited mitigation potential.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- Bramley Green Conservation Area abuts part of the southern boundary and looks over the site. A number of the farms have listed buildings within their complex. A SINC at Ladyland Copse abuts part of the north-eastern boundary. There is a Scheduled Ancient Monument at Bulls Down to the east of Bramley.
- The proximity of Bramley and the presence of the power-lines combine with the open character of this area to limit any sense of tranquillity. However, the area does have a good sense of scenic beauty.
- The eastern edge of this area is a very significant gap between Bramley and Sherfield -on-Loddon. The slopes within the northern part of site are the most significant feature in relation to the settlement edge as they contain the village, providing it with a degree of separation from the rural character of the countryside beyond.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BRAMLEY

Local Character Area: BR04 – North Bow Brook Slopes

It should be noted that the overall assessment given to any area does not mean that the assessment applies to the whole area – it may apply to one part of it. Further detailed assessment of the areas will be required as part of the next stage of the development of the Local Development Framework.

SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: MEDIUM/ LOW

This area is located to the west of Bramley and to the south of The Street, it is important in relation to the gradual transition between the countryside and the built up area. The gaps between properties emphasis its linear character and is a distinctive feature. It also provides (and includes) the setting to the Conservation Area. Any development would need to ensure that this characteristic is retained and is likely to be more possible towards the east of the area.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The landform in this are is low lying, generally sloping southwards towards Bow Brook, which runs along the southern boundary of the area.
- The vegetation structure is varied, with tracts of broadleaf woodland associated with the water-course, extending two-thirds along the southern boundary.
- The hedgerow structure is more extensive in the west.
- Land use in the area is a mixture of small arable fields, pasture, paddocks and woodland.
- The main road leading west from Bramley forms the northern boundary, along which there are a number of properties and farms at Tudor Farm and Street Farm. These give the village a distinctive linear character.
- The area is representative of the typical landscape character, however there are a number of field boundaries to the east that have been removed.
- It is generally in a good state of repair, however, there are a number of more overgrown fields to the east.
- Field sizes are small, producing a small scale character to the area. This and the vegetation pattern gives a strong sense of enclosure.
- The varying land uses combined with the strong vegetation pattern give the area a diverse, but largely unified character.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The small scale of the area along with the extent of vegetation mean that intervisibility is low.
- The area is important in relation to the visual setting. It defines and reinforces the linear character of the village, with views to the woodland between properties along the main road.
- To the western end, there are a number of formal views across the estate of Beaurepaire

House.

- The extent of woodland/ hedgerow structure in this area could be extended to provide mitigation.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The Bramley Conservation Area extends into a section of the northern part of this site and along this boundary. Within the conservation area there are a number of historic buildings
- The proximity of Bramley and the small size of this site limits any sense of tranquillity. However the linear character of the area does add some sense of scenic beauty.
- This area is important in relation to the linear character of the village, the gaps between properties providing an important transition from countryside to the built up area further east.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: BRAMLEY

Local Character Area: BR05 – North West Bramley Farmland

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area is located to the north of The Street to the west of Bramley and close to the historical centre of the village. Part of the Conservation Area extends into this character area, which along with the visual sensitivity and linear character of the settlement results in a landscape with a low capacity for change. The visual sensitivity and the value of the landscape in this area illustrate that it has a low capacity.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- This area is on generally flat ground
- There are no areas of woodland within the area, vegetation being limited to low hedgerows, often lined with mature trees and garden vegetation backing on to the site.
- Land use is arable farmland with small areas of pasture along the southern boundary, associated with Church Farm,
- Residential properties back on to the southern and eastern boundaries; Middle Farm is located along the eastern edge and St James Church is along the southern boundary.
- There are also a number of footpaths crossing the area.
- This area is reasonably representative of the typical landscape character. There are a number of field boundaries that appear to have been removed, although it is in a good state of repair.
- Field sizes within this area are medium and small sized, with the larger ones within the north of the area. Field boundaries are generally regular, resulting in a small-medium scale landscape.
- The vegetation combined with the flat landform give the area an open character, although contained by the surrounding development within the village and also Bramley Frith to the north.
- It has a strong farming character, where the influence of the settlement is limited by its linear character and rear garden vegetation.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are a number of views through the area, although many views beyond the boundary are limited by surrounding vegetation, development and landform.
- Views of dwellings within the village are well contained by vegetation and there are notable views towards the Church.
- It is an important area in relation to the visual setting to Bramley.
- There are a number of well-used footpaths within and around the area; in addition to a number

of residential properties.

- It is considered that extending the vegetation structure would provide only a limited amount of appropriate mitigation.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Bramley Conservation Area extends across part of the south of this site and the area is an important element with respect to it and its setting. There is a SINC at Bramley Frith Wood adjacent to the northern boundary and there are also a number of listed buildings in the area.
- Tranquillity is limited within this area, given the proximity of surrounding land uses. However, the combination of elements and the soft visual edge of the village do add to the scenic beauty.
- The adjacent part of Bramley was the historical centre of the area and this area plays an important role in the character of the settlement, providing its rural setting.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: TADLEY

Local Character Area: TA01 – Skates Farm Valley

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area is located along the southern edge of Tadley, adjacent to the A339. The landscape has a low capacity for development because of the setting provided to the adjacent Conservation Area, the intimacy of the landscape and includes higher and more prominent ground.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Land sloping noticeably towards brook running west to east across the centre of the site.
- Generally unmanaged deciduous riparian vegetation along brook and field/garden boundaries. Extensive areas of semi-improved neutral grassland to north of brook.
- Land use in this area is generally small areas of pasture and paddocks
- The varying size of residential curtilage give this area an irregular interface with the settlement edge
- Small Parliamentary Fields are a relatively scarce historic landscape type in the borough
- The area is only partially representative of the wider landscape character, however it is in a reasonable state of repair and is intact.
- The landform, pattern of vegetation and small sized fields give this area a small scale and enclosed character. These elements combined with its relationship to the edge of Tadley give it a distinctive local character.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- This area in a small scale enclosed landscape, however the landform allows more open views across the area and hence greater intervisibility.
- The importance of the landform is reflected in the fact that this area provides a clear visual setting to this edge of Tadley from the A340.
- There are footpaths crossing the area; residential properties overlooking the area on the higher ground and the A340.
- There is a network of riparian vegetation and vegetated field boundaries which could be reinforced to mitigate any development so it is assumed that there is a reasonably high potential for mitigation. However, its position on higher ground means that higher development could potentially be more prominent.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- The area is adjacent to and provides the setting to, a Conservation Area.
- The area is adjacent to the A340 with the edge of Tadley and the Skates Farm complex along the southern boundary, which limits any sense of tranquillity.
- The combination of features gives the area a complex and varied character contributing to its scenic beauty.
- This area provides the physical setting to this edge of Tadley and development within it would have an impact on the physical character of the area.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: TADLEY

Local Character Area: TA02 – Ron Ward Meadow Slopes

It should be noted that the overall assessment given to any area does not mean that the assessment applies to the whole area – it may apply to one part of it. Further detailed assessment of the areas will be required as part of the next stage of the development of the Local Development Framework.

SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area is located on the south-western edge of Tadley. It has a strong rural character, prominent landform and a wide extent of natural habitats, a large part of the area is designated as a SSSI. These are the most notable site features, limiting the capacity of this landscape.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The land slopes noticeably away in all directions from a ridge running east to west across the centre of the site.
- There is a couple of small deciduous copses within the character areas and field boundaries are generally defined by low maintained and intact hedges
- There are extensive areas of unimproved neutral grassland across Ron Ward Meadows and to the south of Pound Farm.
- Land use in the area is generally made up of hay meadow, pasture and paddocks.
- Settlement is limited to two farmsteads with associated outbuildings.
- The area is reasonably representative of the landscape character; it is intact and in a good state of repair
- The size of fields, boundaries and landform give this area a generally enclosed character, which is slightly more open towards the higher ground to the east.
- The area has maintained a rural farming character despite its proximity to the edge of Tadley (which is contained by garden vegetation).
- The area along the northern boundary close to the ridge is a significant element in the local skyline
- The historic landscape within the area comprises small parliamentary fields, which is a relatively scarce historic landscape type within the borough.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- From higher ground there are more long distance views over the rural countryside to the south. This contrasts with the western part of the character area which is on lower ground and a greater extent of vegetation. In these locations intervisibility is relatively local.
- The area immediately adjacent to the edge of Tadley is important as it provides the visual setting to the town

- There is a footpath crossing the area; residential properties on the edge of Tadley and Church Lane
- The elevated nature of the area closest to the existing settlement means that any mitigatory planting at a lower level will generally not be as effective, even though there is a vegetation pattern that would support further planting.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Ron Wards Meadow and Tadley Pastures SSSI is located within this area
- This area is adjacent to the residential edge of Tadley , which limits much sense of tranquillity. However, the rural character is strong in this area and contributes to the scenic quality of the area
- The character of the countryside within this character area provides an important rural element in the setting to this part of Tadley.

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Area: TADLEY

Local Character Area: TA03 – Church Brook Valley Floor

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: MEDIUM/ LOW

This character area extends from Tadley in the east to Baughurst beyond the western boundary. It has an important role in both the visual settings to both settlements as well as providing physical separation between the built up areas. The south-eastern boundary also provides the setting to the Tadley – Church Road, Conservation Area. The flat landform and vegetation pattern would be appropriate for providing a structure that could be extended to provide mitigation, however, the above factors and the stronger rural character to the south and central areas would need to be retained.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- Generally flat land along the minor tributary valley of Church Brook.
- There are occasional small deciduous copses dotted around the area and a mixture of hedgerows and hedgerows with trees. This is an extensive network of varying condition.
- There is an area of semi-improved neutral grassland to the north west of Church Brook Farm.
- The area is predominantly used for pasture with a number of smaller paddocks, although to the west there is some arable farmland
- There are numerous footpaths crossing the area which also has occasional isolated dwellings.
- Part of the edge of Tadley lies along the eastern boundary, whilst the western boundary is formed by the properties along Baughurst Road.
- This area is partly representative of the local landscape character. However there are a number of hedgerows in the area which are gappy and some which have been unmanaged
- Fields within the area are a mixture of small and medium sizes, this along with the irregular field shape and occasional woodland gives the area a medium scale, enclosed by the landform and network of hedgerows and occasional copses.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The generally flat landform and vegetation pattern limits visibility within this area. There are some mid-distance views (eg towards the edge of Baughurst from the east) and a reasonable level of intervisibility in the area.
- The western edge of the area forms the visual setting to the linear development along Baughurst Road and a visual gap to Tadley.

- There are a number of footpaths crossing the area which is also includes parts of the built up areas of Tadley and Baughurst (residential dwellings) facing onto the area.
- Reinforcing the existing vegetation pattern could help to provide some mitigation potential.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- Part of the eastern part of this character area around Hawley Farm is designated as part of the Tadley - Church Road Conservation Area. The surrounding area also forms part of the setting to this. There are a few listed buildings along Church Lane
- The proximity of Tadley and Baughurst to the east and west along with the volume of traffic using Bishopswood Lane limits any sense of tranquillity in these areas, however the character of the farming landscape does add to the scenic beauty of the area.
- The extremes of this character area are both important in providing the setting to both Tadley and Baughurst.
- The western edge is perhaps the most important as it is a strong linear edge, reflecting that part of the settlement; development within this area would adversely impact the character.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: TADLEY

Local Character Area: TA04 – Bishopswood Golf Course Slopes

It should be noted that the overall assessment given to any area does not mean that the assessment applies to the whole area – it may apply to one part of it. Further detailed assessment of the areas will be required as part of the next stage of the development of the Local Development Framework.

SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: MEDIUM

This is a modified landscape which has only localised impacts on the adjacent area. There is the potential for mitigation within this area which would have limited impact on the character. There is the potential for development here although its layout would need to take into account the more elevated parts of the area and would be limited to the southern part of the area.

The northern end of the area provides physical separation between Baughurst and Tadley and therefore it would be essential to retain this buffer.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- This area slopes noticeably from north to south towards Church Brook beyond the site.
- Vegetation comprises a variety of deciduous and coniferous species planted to define fairways. Tall hedgerows and trees define the boundary of the golf course and driving range.
- A golf course and practice range along with associated clubhouse and buildings occupy much of the area. There is a small area of arable farmland and some small paddocks in the north-west corner. Footpaths cross the south-western corner of the golf course and the north-western corner.
- There are few features within this area that are typical of the wider character area and any remnants of the original landscape are non-existent. The golf course is in a good state of repair, however the paddocks are less well managed.
- The nature of golf courses and the vegetation around the small paddocks mean that this is a generally enclosed landscape. The paddocks are locally distinctive and contribute to the overall character of the area.
- The elevated nature of the landform means that in some locations it has a prominent skyline.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The nature of the planting within and surrounding the golf course and practice range limits intervisibility and views are naturally trained along fairways. Intervisibility is also limited within the paddocks.
- Within the area of farmland, views are longer-distance and this area provides some of the visual setting to Tadley and provides visual separation with Baughurst.
- Most views are limited to those playing golf along with some of the residential dwellings facing onto the course.

- The wooded nature of the course and the paddocks mean that there is potential to reinforce the vegetation pattern, although this could be less effective on the higher ground.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The only designation in the area is a listed building along the northern boundary.
- The nature of the character area along with the proximity of Bishopswood Road and the settlement edge, limit any sense of tranquillity. The golf course is a manicured landscape and as such does provide some scenic beauty.
- The vegetation within the golf course limits any contribution that this site makes to the settlement edge, except for a short length on the higher northern edge of the course and within the area of farmland which are more open.
- The narrow part of the character area in the north-west corner provides an important buffer between Baughurst and Tadley and would need to be retained to prevent coalescence of the two settlements.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: TADLEY

Local Character Area: TA05 – West Baughurst Farmland

It should be noted that the overall assessment given to any area does not mean that the assessment applies to the whole area – it may apply to one part of it. Further detailed assessment of the areas will be required as part of the next stage of the development of the Local Development Framework.

SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area is located to the west of Baughurst extending towards Axmansford. It has an undulating landform with two minor tributaries, resulting in an area where skyline views are an important feature and reduces any potential for mitigation.

It has a strong rural character and sense of tranquillity, particularly to the central and southern parts of the area. Consequently the landscape has a low capacity.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are two more notable minor tributary valley features running along the southern boundary near to Pound Green and through the northern part of the area from Axmansford to Great Copse. Between these features the land undulates.
- There are a number of deciduous copses and an extensive hedgerow network throughout the area. More extensive riparian vegetation exists along the southern boundary
- There are a number of SINC's and areas of semi-natural ancient woodland.
- The area is predominantly farmland, comprising mainly arable land but with some smaller areas of pasture and paddocks.
- There are a number of footpaths within the area, which along with the rural roads provide links between the isolated farmsteads of Little Ham Farm, Church Green Farm and Inhurst Farm and the occasional dwellings (e.g. Violet Cottages). A number of properties along Baughurst Lane back onto the eastern boundary.
- The area is representative of the landscape character. The irregular pattern of the landscape suggests that the landscape is relatively intact and is in a good state of repair.
- The fields within this area vary in size and are irregular in shape. These elements combined with the vegetation pattern and undulating landform produce a semi-enclosed character, which is more enclosed towards the south east either side of Violet Lane.
- The landscape has a most noticeable impact on the skyline to the south of Great Copse where the fields are larger and the landform is more sloping. The continuing farmland gives the area a strong element of unity.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The combination of the landform and extent of vegetation means that intervisibility is greater

towards the northern end of the character area.

- In this area there are more extensive views of properties backing onto Baughurst Lane and the area is also important in defining the visual setting of this part of Baughurst.
- There is a network of footpaths crossing the area, and a number of dwellings along Baughurst Lane.
- Much of this area is separate from Baughurst and Tadley and therefore mitigation would not be appropriate. The eastern boundary of the area backs onto properties along Baughurst Road and towards the southern end of the road, the vegetation pattern could be reinforced to screen some localised areas of development. However, this is not appropriate towards the northern end of Baughurst Road, where the landform is more sloping and inherently visible.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are listed buildings at Curtis Farm and Manor Farm, along with SINC's.
- The northern and eastern edges of this area are closer to Baughurst and there are a number of fields in extensive equine use, both of which limit the sense of tranquillity. However the southern and western parts of the area are smaller in scale and have a more sedate farming character and greater sense of tranquillity in these areas. The central and southern parts of this site are of notable scenic beauty.
- The eastern edge of this area provides the physical setting to properties along Baughurst Lane and it is considered that the linear nature of this road is an important local feature which could be compromised through development.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: TADLEY

Local Character Area: TA06 – North Axmansford Farmland and Woodland

It should be noted that the overall assessment given to any area does not mean that the assessment applies to the whole area – it may apply to one part of it. Further detailed assessment of the areas will be required as part of the next stage of the development of the Local Development Framework.

SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This is a small character area located to the south-west of Baughurst. It is largely divorced from the settlement occupying a generally flat and enclosed area. The areas of farming and extensive areas of woodland within and surrounding the area give it a strong rural character and contribute to a higher level of scenic beauty. It is considered that the capacity of the landscape is low.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The northern part of this area is generally flat with a more noticeable slope falling southwards to the south of Wolverton Road.
- Vegetation within the area is more extensive along the southern boundary at Westfield Copse which follows the line of a small tributary and there are some low managed hedgerows. There is a small area of semi improved grassland to the south-east of Hoggerall Copse.
- This area borders 3 properties on the south-western edge of Baughurst and also includes a cluster of buildings around Inhurst Farm which incorporates horse stud. Fields within the area are used to keep horses as well as farming crops.
- The main Baughurst to Wolverton Road passes through the area and is linked to a number of minor roads. Footpaths cross the area as well.
- This area is representative of the typical landscape. It is in a good state of repair, although there is evidence of hedgerows having been removed.
- Fields within the area are small and irregular in shape, which along with the extensive woodland surrounding the character area gives it a small scale enclosed character.
- It is a rural farming landscape with little influence from the built up settlement of Baughurst.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- The enclosed character of the area limits any intervisibility, keeping views to the near distance. The area to the north-east provides the visual setting to this part of Baughurst.
- There are relatively few potential viewers in this area, with residents within the cluster of buildings at Inhurst Farm, footpath users and cars along the quiet lanes.
- The low lying nature of the land, the scale of the fields and enclosure would all suggest that reinforcement of existing hedges and extension of woodland would be in keeping with the character of the area. However, this would not be as effective in areas on higher ground.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- There is a SINC at Westfield Copse and Listed Buildings at Inhurst Farm
- This is a rural farming landscape and some of the elements within this (eg horse pens, paddocks and farm buildings) add an urbanising element to this area, however, some parts have a sense of tranquillity.
- The rural character, the enclosed nature of the landscape and low level of intervisibility do lead to areas of higher scenic beauty.
- The north-eastern corner of the area provides the physical separation between Baughurst and Inhurst Farm. The remainder of the area is not linked to the settlement.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: TADLEY

Local Character Area: TA07 – Haughurst Hill Slopes

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This character are is located to the south-west of Baughurst and contains the steep wooded slopes of Haughurst Hill. This settlement is linear in nature which reinforces the influence of the surrounding wooded rural character. Mitigation potential within the area is limited due to the steep slopes. Landscape capacity is low.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Landform within this area is part of a wider network of steeper slopes and minor tributaries.
- There are extensive areas of mainly deciduous woodland across the slopes. Parts of the woodland (notably at Great Haughurst Copse) are semi-natural ancient woodland.
- Woodland is the predominant land use within the area, with a number of small paddocks and areas of pasture.
- There are a number of minor roads in the area along which settlement follows a linear pattern. There are a number of footpaths within the woodland.
- This area is representative of the typical landscape character, it is intact and appears to be in a good state of repair.
- The extent of woodland and landform create a very high degree of enclosure which is at a very intimate scale. These elements combined with the residential properties and other land uses creates a diverse landscape.
- The landform means that the skyline is a more significant feature.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium				

Summary of Characteristics

- Views within this area are extremely near distance, due to the landform and vegetation. The extent of views also means that in locations closer to the roads, the influence of the residential properties is greater.
- The small paddocks are also important in providing the visual setting to the built up area.
- This area is sparsely populated, but with a variety of users.
- The small scale nature of this area and the extent of woodland cover would suggest that this area is capable of a high level of mitigation. However, this would be less effective on the more elevated ground.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- There are a number of nature conservation designations in this area
- The proximity to properties means that there is a limited sense of tranquillity in the area. Closer to the roads the natural scenic beauty is limited by the diverse nature of the buildings.
- However, within the woodland, screening provided by trees results in a greater degree of scenic beauty and wildness.
- Linear settlement lies along Inhurst Lane and Haughurst Hill. Additional development in the small fields within the roads could potentially lead to the coalescence of the areas of settlement losing the linear character.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: TADLEY

Local Character Area: TA08 – North West Baughurst Woodland

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SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This character area is located beyond the western edge of Baughurst and is west of Haughurst Hill. It occupies undulating land covered extensively by woodland and contains areas that are locally significant in skyline views. The Ashford Hill Nature Reserve occupies much of the area. It has an enclosed character and is largely separate from urban influences thus increasing the level of tranquillity. The elements contribute to the low capacity of the character area.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- The landform in this area is undulating formed by a number of dry valleys draining southwards
- The area is covered extensively in woodland with smaller areas of pasture on the fringes. There is also an extensive area of semi-improved natural grassland.
- Woodland is the main land use and within it there is Ashford Hill Nature Reserve. Footpaths cross the area and residential properties along Haughurst Hill form the eastern boundary.
- The landscape is reasonably typical of the wider landscape character, it is intact and in a good state of repair.
- The extensive woodland and slopes give the area a small scale and intimate character; within which the skyline is locally prominent.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- The woodland and landform result in a very low level of intervisibility for this area
- The woodland is important visual backdrop to development in this area.
- There is a network of footpaths; visitors to the nature reserves and some views from overlooking properties
- Although the area is well wooded, it is not an area where mitigation would be appropriate, due to the nature of the landform

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- Designations include Ashford Hill Nature Reserve and a number of Ancient Woodlands
- There is a greater level of tranquillity in this area due to its distance away from the built up area and the level of woodland, which obscures urbanising elements. In addition, the lack of urban intrusion also provides a degree of scenic beauty.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: TADLEY

Local Character Area: TA09 – Pamber Heathland

It should be noted that the overall assessment given to any area does not mean that the assessment applies to the whole area – it may apply to one part of it. Further detailed assessment of the areas will be required as part of the next stage of the development of the Local Development Framework.

SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area is located between Tadley to the west and Pamber Heath to the west. It is a unique area of Common land containing heathland and a high inherent sensitivity. This, along with the high landscape value of the area means that the area has a low capacity for development.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	High				

Summary of Characteristics

- This area, known as Tadley Common, is largely flat.
- It comprises an extensive area of heathland with smaller areas of woodland particularly in the western part at Mount Pleasant.
- It is common land with unrestricted access. The settlements of Tadley and Pamber Heath surround the eastern, southern and western sides. Tadley Court is located towards the centre of the area, close to a number of recreational facilities.
- The historic landscape type, Mixed Heathland and Woodland is relatively scarce in the Borough.
- This area is representative of the wider landscape character. It is intact and in a reasonably good state of repair.
- It is a small scale landscape and the surrounding settlement and vegetation within it, give it a generally enclosed character.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The enclosed character of the area means that visibility is contained within the area - these are longer distance in the areas of heathland but near distance in the more wooded areas.
- As the area is surrounded by many residential areas the area has an important role in defining the visual setting.
- This is an area of common ground with many footpaths and is extensively surrounded by residential properties. Therefore it is considered that the area is highly sensitive with respect to this factor.
- Given the extent of heathland and character of the existing vegetation it is considered that there is limited potential for mitigation.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- This area is largely covered by a SSSI
- The proximity of the surrounding development and the recreational facilities all have an impact on the tranquillity.
- The scrubby nature of the heathland impacts on the scenic beauty of this area.
- As the area is surrounded on 3 sides by residential development it does have an important relationship to the settlement edge.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: TADLEY

Local Character Area: TA10 – Pamber Forest

It should be noted that the overall assessment given to any area does not mean that the assessment applies to the whole area – it may apply to one part of it. Further detailed assessment of the areas will be required as part of the next stage of the development of the Local Development Framework.

SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This area is located beyond the eastern edge of Tadley and is largely separate from the built up area. It is largely covered by deciduous forest and has a low capacity due to the recreational resource that it provides, the sensitivity of designations that it includes and the higher levels of perceptual qualities within it.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The landform in this area is gently undulating falling towards 2 minor watercourses through the area.
- The area is covered by an extensive area of deciduous woodland, crossed with a number of footpaths and the route of a Roman Road leading to Silchester.
- Part of the area is Common land.
- The area is representative of the wider landscape type. In addition it is intact and in a good state of repair.
- The extensive area of woodland gives the area a very intimate level of enclosure.
- The skyline is more prominent along the north-western boundary of the site, close to Tadley

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- The enclosed character of the area means that intervisibility is very low and views are near distance. This area provides the visual setting to Tadley.
- The extent of the footpath network, adjacent residential and recreation areas mean that the sensitivity of users is higher.
- Given the sensitivity of the woodland in the area, it is considered that mitigation planting would not be appropriate.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/high				

Summary of Characteristics

- The area is covered by the Pamber Heath SSSI
- The woodland coverage reduces the impact of urbanising elements and therefore increases the level of tranquillity and also scenic beauty.
- The extent of the woodland and its proximity and prominence in relation to the edge of Tadley means that it has an impact on the settlement edge.

Landscape Capacity Study – Final Assessment

Area: TADLEY

Local Character Area: TA11 – Pamber Forest Edge

It should be noted that the overall assessment given to any area does not mean that the assessment applies to the whole area – it may apply to one part of it. Further detailed assessment of the areas will be required as part of the next stage of the development of the Local Development Framework.

SUMMARY OF OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY

Landscape Capacity of Area: LOW

This character area is located between Pamber Forest and the edge of the built up area of Tadley. It is a small scale, enclosed area with a distinct linear character and provides an important role in both the setting to the woodland and also the urban area. These are the main reasons why the landscape capacity of this area is low.

Landscape Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Natural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Cultural Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Landscape Quality and Condition:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Aesthetic Factors:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- This is a very narrow character area surrounding part of the northern and western edge of Pamber Forest. The land is higher along the northern section, falling to minor tributaries outside the area.
- Vegetation comprises frequent hedges which are generally intact and maintained at varying heights. There are some areas of semi-improved grassland along the southern area.
- Burney Bit is a local recreation area extending across the northern part of the area - it contains a number of footpaths, an area of play equipment and a car park. The southern part of the area contains a number of small paddocks, areas of pasture and larger residential gardens. The eastern edge of Tadley faces onto this area.
- There are few features of this area that are representative of the landscape character, however it is intact and although appearing scruffy is in a reasonable state of repair.
- The paddocks and pasture areas are small scales, which combined with the adjacent forest and extensive hedgerow pattern results in a high degree of enclosure. The degree of enclosure is less within Burney Bit as it is on higher ground and hedgerow cover is not extensive.
- Occasional development extends into the area interrupting the unity of the character area.

Visual Sensitivity: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

General Visibility:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Population:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Mitigation Potential:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Visibility within this area varies according to the landform and degree of enclosure. On higher ground at Burney Bit, there are some longer distance views across Pamber Forest towards Basingstoke.
- Along the southern section views are contained by the forest and network of hedgerows. Again the higher ground of Burney Bit is more important in the context of the skyline, in addition to providing the visual setting.

- The proximity of local residents and the recreational nature of Burney Bit would indicate that there is a greater degree of sensitivity in relation to this element.
- The degree of mitigation possible is determined by the vegetation pattern, which is more extensive along the southern section of the area. Here additional vegetation could be added, but the small size of the area means that potentially the extent of it may not be sufficient to mitigate any development sufficiently.

Landscape Value: (Low, Low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High or High)

Designations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Perceptual Aspects:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Settlement Edge:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
Local Associations:	L	L/M	M	M/H	H
OVERALL	Medium/High				

Summary of Characteristics

- Pamber Forest SSSI is located along the whole eastern boundary of this character area and extends into part of it.
- The proximity of this area to the A340 and the adjacent properties limits any sense of tranquillity, these factors also limit any inherent elements of scenic beauty.
- This is a very narrow character area, which follows a large section of the edge of Tadley and is therefore makes a high contribution to the value of the local landscape

Appendix B: Character Area Location Plans

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