

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT Workshop.

Twycross Zoo – Monday 13th March 2017. 2.00 -4.00pm

Attended by John Ward & Clive Stretton.

Landscape Character Assessment is a tool used to define areas with consistent distinctive characteristics resulting from the interaction of geology, landform, soils, vegetation, land use and human settlement.

This was last done in July 2006.

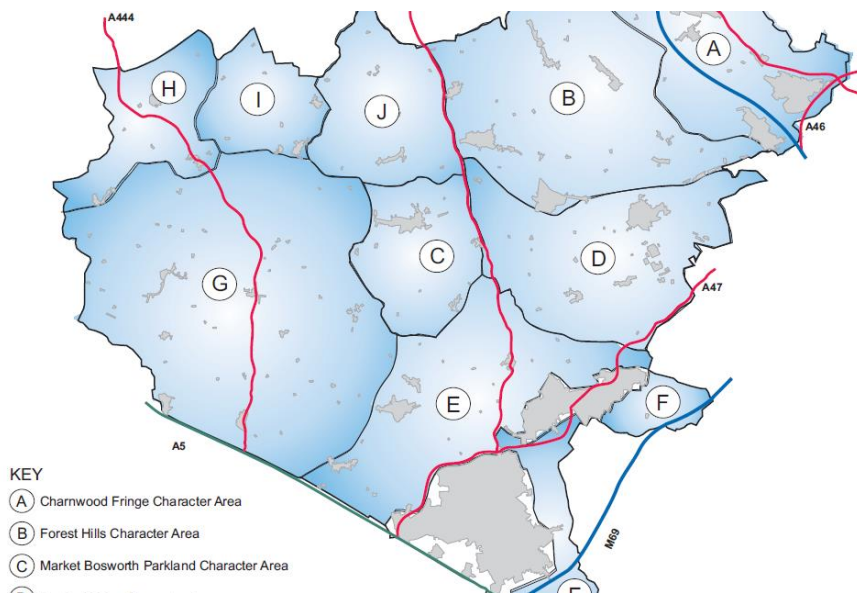
Workshop Objectives

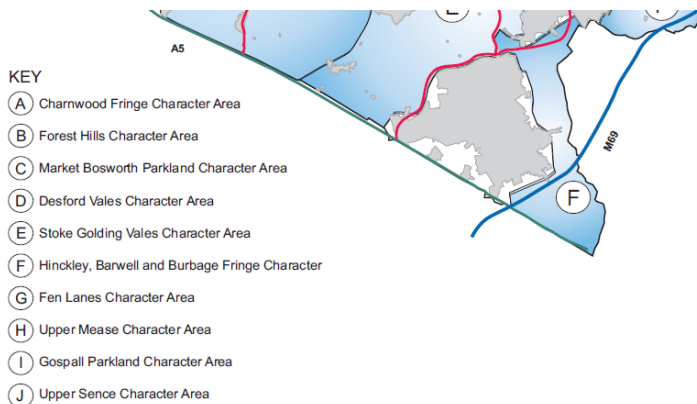
The information emerging from the workshop will be used to refine and supplement the assessment.

The objective of the workshop is to:

- Inform people about the landscape character assessment.
- Understand what people value about the landscape (including urban areas) in Hinckley & Bosworth Borough and why.
- Gather local perspectives on perceptual aspects
- Gather information on cultural associations.
- Gain information on what has changed in the landscape since 2006.
- Gain information on priorities for enhancement.

Character Areas





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The 'Fen Lanes Character Area' covers roughly Sheepy Parish.

Some extracts from the 2006 Report relating to Fen Lanes Character Area.

Capacity and Sensitivity
Landscape Strategies

A sensitive landscape due to its over-riding rural character and sparse distribution of small settlements.

A predominantly rural character area crossed by the River Sense. The open landscape and expansive views result in generally high sensitivity, although the large scale makes it resilient to change.

Protect and enhance the riparian habitats along the River Sense and its tributaries.

Preserve the pattern of scattered, rural, small scale settlements.

Preserve and enhance hedgerows and associated ditches as primary landscape features.

Encourage wide field margins along tributaries and field boundaries through promotion of Environmental Stewardship schemes.

Strengthen the wooded character of watercourses through additional tree planting using appropriate species such as willow and alder.

Promote increased woodland in strategic locations

Summary -A sensitive landscape due to its over-riding rural character and sparse distribution of small settlements.

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's) are designated by English Nature under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, in order to protect important wildlife and geological sites.

Within Hinckley & Bosworth there are seven designated SSSIs, the largest of which is the Ashby Canal, which is also a designated Conservation Area. The seven SSSIs :

Sheepy Fields, Sheepy Parva;

Ashby Canal;

Kendalls Meadow, Daddington;

Burbage Wood;

Cliffe Hill Quarry;

Botcheston Bog;

Groby Pool.

C Stretton – March 2017