

PART 2



POLICY FRAMEWORK

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7.1 The Character Assessment will form part of the borough's landscape evidence base and will be consistent with the strategies and policies contained in the Hinckley and Bosworth review Local Plan for the next plan period to 2036 which will present a single Local Plan, replacing the Core Strategy (2009) and Site Allocations and Development Management Policies documents. In particular, it is intended to supplement planning policies by describing the landscape character to which these policies apply. Any new Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that supplement or replace the existing and future policy framework will take account of and where necessary refer to the Borough Landscape Character Area Assessment and any subsequent review.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), 2012

7.2 The NPPF refers to landscape character in relation to recognising the different character of different areas; conserving landscapes as an important part of the natural environment; protecting valued landscapes (including – but not limited to - designated landscapes such as AONBs and National Parks); and encouraging landscape character studies as part of preparing Local Plans.

7.3 The following extracts from the NPPF are those most relevant to landscape and character. Words in bold are emphasised for the purposes of this report.

7.4 **Key NPPF policies in relation to landscape character of Hinckley and Bosworth:**

Paragraph 17 (Core planning principles):

"take account of the different roles and character of different areas, promoting the vitality of our main urban areas, protecting the Green Belts around them, recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside and supporting thriving rural communities within it..."

"...contribute to conserving and enhancing the natural environment and reducing pollution. Allocations of land for development should prefer land of lesser environmental value, where consistent with other policies in this Framework".

Paragraph 109 (Conserving and enhancing the natural environment):

"The planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:

...protecting and enhancing valued landscapes..."

7.5 Other parts of the NPPF relevant to landscape character are:

Paragraph 55 (Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes): *"To promote sustainable development in rural areas, housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities... Local planning authorities should avoid new isolated homes in the countryside unless there are special circumstances... design should... be sensitive to the defining characteristics of the local area."*

Paragraph 58 (Requiring good design): *"Planning policies and decisions should aim to ensure that developments... optimise the potential of the site to accommodate development...; respond to local character and history, and reflect the identity of local surroundings and materials..."*

"...Local and neighbourhood plans should develop robust and comprehensive policies that set out the quality of development that will be expected for the area. Such policies should be based on stated objectives for the future of the area and an understanding and evaluation of its defining characteristics".

Paragraph 125 (Conserving and enhancing the natural environment): *"By encouraging good design, planning policies and decisions should limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation."*

Paragraph 97 (Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change): *Local planning authorities should "... design their policies to maximise renewable and low carbon energy development while ensuring that adverse impacts are addressed satisfactorily, including cumulative landscape and visual impacts".*

Paragraph 113 (Conserving and enhancing the natural environment): *"Local planning authorities should set criteria based policies against which proposals for any development on or affecting protected wildlife or geodiversity sites or landscape areas will be judged..."*

Paragraph 156 (Plan Making: Local Plans): Local planning authorities should set out strategic policies to deliver "... **conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape.**"

Paragraph 170 (Using a proportionate evidence base: Historic environment): "*Where appropriate, **landscape character assessments** should also be prepared, integrated with assessment of historic landscape character, and for areas where there are major expansion options **assessments of landscape sensitivity.***"

The European Landscape Convention (ELC)

7.6 The European Landscape Convention (ELC) came into effect in the UK in March 2007. It establishes the need to recognise landscape in law; to develop landscape policies dedicated to the protection, management and planning of landscapes; and to establish procedures for the participation of the general public and other stakeholders in the creation and implementation of landscape policies.

7.7 The ELC definition of 'landscape' recognises that all landscapes matter, be they ordinary, degraded or outstanding:

"Landscape means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors".

7.8 The Convention puts emphasis on the whole landscape and all its values and is forward looking in its approach, recognising the dynamic and changing character of landscape. Specific measures promoted by the Convention, of direct relevance to this study include:

- the identification and assessment of landscape; and
- improved consideration of landscape in existing and future sectoral and spatial policy and regulation.

7.9 This Landscape Character Assessment, which has involved extensive stakeholder participation, will contribute to the implementation of the ELC in Hinckley and Bosworth Borough. It will help to establish the importance of landscape and guide its future protection, management and planning.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER CHARACTER ASSESSMENTS

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8.1 Landscape does not stop at administrative boundaries but continues seamlessly into surrounding administrative areas. Therefore, an aim of this assessment was to join up with the Landscape Character Assessments of adjacent authorities, and sit within the existing national assessment (the National Character Areas published by Natural England⁴).

National Scale

National Character Areas (NCAs)

8.2 The borough includes part of four different National Character Areas (NCAs)⁴. These are briefly described below and shown on **Figure 7**.

NCA 71: Leicestershire and South Derbyshire Coalfield

8.3 The landscape is a continuing transition from an unenclosed rolling landform that was extensively scarred by abandoned collieries, spoil tips and clay pits, to a matrix of new woodland, restored colliery sites, active brick pits and commercial developments that are woven into an essentially rural, agricultural landscape. Settlement consists of a mix of small hamlets, enlarged market towns and former mining settlements.

NCA 72: Mease/Sence Lowlands

8.4 A gently rolling agricultural landscape centred on the rivers Mease, Sence and Anker. These lowlands retain a rural, remote character, with small villages, red brick farmsteads and occasional historic parkland and country houses.

NCA73: Charnwood

8.5 A unique landscape with upland qualities formed by a mosaic of heathland, farmland, parkland and woodland. Some distinct areas of rocky outcrops situated amongst a relatively well wooded landscape, with many areas of mixed, deciduous and coniferous woodlands.

NCA94: Leicestershire Vales

8.6 A large, relatively open, uniform landscape composed of low-lying clay vales interrupted by a range of varied river valleys. The city of Leicester occupies the north eastern area of the NCA and visually dominant settlements contribute to the sense of place. Other large to medium sized settlements are scattered throughout with many attractive small towns, villages and buildings and features of historic interest in between. The north of the area has a predominance of settlements and a general lack of tranquillity which contrasts strongly with the distinctly more rural feel in the south, where a mixture of arable and pastoral farmland is found.

Regional Scale

8.7 A number of character assessments for areas in Leicestershire and the East Midlands have been produced. These have provided context for the production of this assessment and informed the character types and boundaries.

East Midlands Regional Landscape Character Assessment

8.8 Three of the areas classified by the East Midlands Landscape Character Assessment lie within Hinckley and Bosworth; these are summarised below:

Village Farmlands (5a)

8.9 This character area is characterised by undulating arable farmland with some cattle grazing on the less well drained soils. Sinuous hedgerow patterns, remnant ridge and furrow and winding rural lanes reflect medieval land management practices and provide an intact historic character. Country houses and associated coverts, plantations and estate farmlands also have an influence over the character of the area.

Settled Coalfield Farmlands (9a)

8.10 The Settled Coalfield Farmlands is largely influenced by the rich mineral resources and the extensive extraction that has taken place since the industrial revolution. Industrial development and past mining activity is a common feature in the area and contributes to the sense of history and cultural identity. The settlement pattern has

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-character-area-profiles-data-for-local-decision-making/national-character-area-profiles>

also been defined by the industry with a number of scattered farmsteads being formed into sprawling mining villages. Arable and pasture farmland is still present around the industrial uses and is interspersed with a mosaic of small woodlands and copses.

Forested Ancient Hills (10d)

- 8.11 This elevated area is defined by rocky outcrops overlooking the lowland plain and has a well-wooded character. Smaller areas of heathland, arable and pasture farmland and medieval parks are also situated within the pattern of deciduous and coniferous woodland and contribute to the biodiversity of the area. Woodland provides a great sense of enclosure on the lower lying areas whilst expansive views across the lowland landscape can be obtained from the elevated positions of the hills.

*The Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Landscape and Woodland Strategy*⁵

- 8.12 Four of the areas covered by the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Landscape and Woodland Strategy lie within Hinckley and Bosworth.

The Coalfield

- 8.13 A gentle undulating landform mostly within the National Forest showing effects of past and present coal and clay working. Land use is mainly mixed farmland with generally low woodland cover and former mining towns and villages form a relatively dense settlement pattern.

Mease/Sence Lowlands

- 8.14 An undulating landscape of mixed arable and pasture with frequent small valleys and many sites of ecological value. The area has a generally well-treed appearance with frequent hedgerow trees being mainly mature oaks, although little actual woodland. Willows are often associated with streams and field ponds.

Charnwood Forest

- 8.15 An upland landscape with rocky outcrops and fast-flowing streams which forms part of the National Forest and has many sites of ecological value. The area has a distinctive mixture of woodland, farmland, heathland and parkland with a high proportion of woodland cover and buildings and walls in local stone.

Upper Soar

- 8.16 An open rolling landscape with distinct high level ridges which forms an elongated basin. The area has urban influences from larger settlements and Leicester, and large villages with evidence of industrial past. Land use is mixed agriculture with arable emphasis to the west and pasture to the east and there is little woodland. Local rock outcrops and former quarries are fairly common and the River Soar corridor forms a significant feature through the built up area.

The National Forest Strategy 2014-2024

- 8.17 The northern part of the borough is within the National Forest, an area which covers 200 square miles across Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire. The National Forest Strategy was first published in 1994 and has since been revised in 2014. The 2004-2014 Strategy defined Landscape Character Areas which cover the northeast part of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough. The areas relevant to this study are as follows:

Enclosed Farmlands: Charley, Thornton

- 8.18 A predominantly rural, open character area with sparse woodland and mixed farmland and few urban intrusions. Fields are medium to large in size and defined by hedgerows with scattered hedgerow trees, or stone field walls (in Charnwood).

- 8.19 More traditional small fields with thick hedges exist around villages. Trees around watercourses and small estate woodlands create a well wooded appearance in places.

Coalfield Village Farmlands: Stanton under Bardon, Ellistown

- 8.20 A fragmented character with a mix of settlements including red brick mining villages, opencast mineral workings, new built development and extensive areas of reclaimed land. Open, gently rolling farmland consists of well cropped medium to large fields with declining hedgerows and mature hedgerow trees. New woodland planting helps to integrate new built development and mineral workings and views are long.

Urban/Urban Fringe: Markfield, Groby

- 8.21 Large settlements and occasional mineral workings are dominant with major roads and railways. Farmland with poor quality hedgerows and hedgerow trees is sandwiched between urban and industrial areas with remnant pastures around some settlements. Urban trees, open spaces and new woodland planting contribute to

⁵ Leicestershire County Council, 2001. Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Landscape and Woodland Strategy

the landscape setting of urban areas and activities such as horse grazing and allotments increase the fragmented appearance.

Woodland Parklands: Newtown Linford

8.22 A distinctive diverse landscape with hills, stream valleys and distinctive craggy granite rock outcrops in Charnwood. A strongly wooded character with woodlands a feature on hilltops, steep valley slopes and along stream corridors. Farmland is a mixture of arable and pasture with medium sized fields bounded by hedgerows with hedgerow trees and stone field walls (in Charnwood). Remnant semi-natural vegetation is a distinctive feature and settlements include scattered farmsteads, country houses, hamlets and small villages, with many vernacular buildings.

Charnwood Forest Landscape Character Assessment

8.23 This is a character assessment which assesses the broad area of the 'Charnwood Forest' character area identified in the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Landscape and Woodland Strategy in more detail. Charnwood Forest is a distinctive area of rugged upland landscape which lies towards the north-western corner of Leicestershire known for its rolling topography, high woodland content and areas of rocky outcrops. It divides the Charnwood Forest area into seven landscape character areas, of which two areas lie within Hinckley and Bosworth. These are:

- *Thornton and Markfield; and*
- *Bardon.*

Borough/ District Landscape Character Assessments

8.24 Where available, Landscape Character Assessments for the surrounding boroughs/districts have been consulted to inform the

assessment, boundaries, names and character types. These are:

- Charnwood Borough Landscape Character Assessment, 2012;
- Blaby District Character Assessment, 2008;
- North Warwickshire Landscape Character Assessment, 2010;
- North West Leicestershire Landscape Character Assessment, 2008; and
- Nuneaton and Bedworth Landscape Character Assessment, 2012.

Neighbourhood-Scale Character Assessments

8.25 To date, a number of character assessments have been produced to support Neighbourhood Plans. A landscape character assessment is produced at a borough-wide scale and therefore cannot analyse character to the same degree of detail as an assessment carried out at a neighbourhood scale. Therefore it will be useful to also refer to more localised assessments where these are available, which may include neighbourhood plan character assessments or Conservation Area Appraisals and Assessments. The following Neighbourhood Plan character assessments have been consulted as part of this assessment:

- Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan 2014-2026;
- Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan Character Assessment;
- Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Landscape Character Assessment Consultation Results;
- Bosworth Battlefield: The Way Forward, August 2013; and
- Conservation Area Appraisals for Hinckley and Bosworth.

METHODOLOGY

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Guidance

9.1 The method for undertaking this Landscape Character Assessment follows the method promoted by Natural England through An Approach to Landscape Character Assessment, which embeds the principles of the European Landscape Convention (ELC) within it. The 2014 guidance updates the previous 'Landscape Character Assessment: Guidance for England and Scotland', published by the Countryside Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage in 2002, though the methodology is broadly the same as the previous guidance.

9.2 The 2014 guidance lists the five key principles for landscape character assessment:

- Landscape is everywhere and all landscape has character;
- Landscape occurs at all scales and the process of Landscape Character Assessment can be undertaken at any scale;
- The process of Landscape Character Assessment should involve an understanding of how the landscape is perceived and experienced by people;
- A Landscape Character Assessment can provide a landscape evidence base to inform a range of decisions and applications;
- A Landscape Character Assessment can provide an integrating spatial framework- a multitude of variables come together to give us our distinctive landscapes.

Process of Assessment

9.3 The process for undertaking the study involves four main stages: Desk study; Field survey; Review of the classification and description; and Evaluation of value associations.

Desk study

9.4 A review of the previous (2006) assessment against relevant planning policy and current guidance was undertaken. The output of this stage was a report to the Council outlining a number of recommendations, summarised below:

- Consider providing a user guide to accompany the assessment;
- Undertake further stakeholder consultation to support the update;

- Review the classification to include a hierarchy of overarching character types and potentially subdivision of some larger areas, aiming to provide consistency with adjacent character areas;
- Identify key landscape values/ sensitivities in line with the NPPF, which is particularly important in the absence of landscape designations;
- Provide more detailed guidance for future protection, enhancement and management, set out as landscape strategies; and
- Update the content of the assessment to integrate new information since the 2006 assessment (see below).

9.5 Desktop analysis of new information since the 2006 assessment included review of documents and GIS data, notably information within the National Character Area (NCA) profiles, Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC), Conservation Area Appraisals, and Village Design Statements/ Neighbourhood Plans.

9.6 Data used within the report, including data collated in the GIS database, is shown in **Table 1**.

Field survey

9.7 Field surveys were undertaken to gather details on each of the character areas, to collect perceptual information on character and to check the classification.

Review of the classification and description

9.8 This included desk-based review of character area boundaries and descriptions which were updated following field survey.

Evaluation of value associations

9.9 This included analysis of value associations and identification of key sensitivities using a combination of desk study (designations and documents), public consultation and update following field survey. An evaluation of landscape value was informed by criteria adapted from the 'Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment'⁶ and using **Table 2**.

⁶ Landscape Institute and IEMA, 2013 Box 5.1

Table 1 GIS Data

Name	Source
Base OS mapping at 1:25k and 1:50k	Ordnance Survey
Terrain 50 Contour data	Ordnance Survey
Historic Maps	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Bedrock geology 1:625k	BGS
Night skies and light intrusion	LUC/ CPRE
Historic Landscape Character Types (HLC)	Archaeology Data Service
Rivers and flood zones	Environment Agency
Agricultural Land Classification	Natural England
Cultural and heritage designations	Historic England and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Landscape and nature conservation designations	Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), Natural England and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Local Plan designations	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

Table 2 Valued Features and Qualities in Hinckley and Bosworth

Type of Value	Valued Features and Qualities across Hinckley & Bosworth Borough	Evidence
Perceptual qualities	<p>Particularly high scenic quality indicated by harmonious pattern of features or scenic contrasts.</p> <p>Sense of tranquillity or 'remoteness'.</p> <p>Important, distinctive or memorable views.</p>	<p>Field survey, stakeholder consultation.</p> <p>CPRE dark skies mapping.</p> <p>Maps, field survey, stakeholder consultation.</p>
Historic character	<p>Heritage designations (Conservation Areas, listed buildings, Scheduled Monuments).</p> <p>Historic Parks and Gardens / Registered Battlefields – from the National Register compiled by Historic England</p> <p>Intact historic (late post medieval) landscape character indicated by a prevalence of late post medieval historic landscape types.</p> <p>Relics of the hosiery industry – including jitties, passages and courtyards.</p>	<p>Register of Parks and Gardens by Historic England.</p> <p>Stakeholder consultation.</p> <p>HLC</p> <p>HERs</p>
Natural character	<p>Ecological or wildlife designations (e.g. Local Wildlife Sites, SSSI).</p>	<p>Data from Natural England, HBBC, stakeholder consultation.</p>
Built character	<p>Locally distinctive buildings, with readily recognisable vernacular</p>	<p>Field survey, listed buildings, stakeholder consultation.</p>
Recreational value, where experience of the landscape is important	<p>Recreational routes.</p> <p>Outdoor visitor attractions.</p> <p>Quiet rural lanes.</p>	<p>Shown on OS 1:25,000 scale map, stakeholder consultation.</p>
Functional value	<p>Special function as a setting to designated landscapes or towns, as a visual backdrop or open gap.</p>	<p>Field survey, stakeholder consultation.</p>

Consultation

9.10 Two stakeholder consultation workshops were held; at Twycross Zoo and at The Atkins Building, Hinckley. The sessions were attended by local special interest groups and other stakeholders. A summary of the comments received and input from participants is provided in **Appendix 1**.

Changes to Character Area Boundaries

9.11 Amendments were made to the character area boundaries in order to reflect changes in the landscape since 2006, so that the boundaries follow landscape or physical features on the ground wherever possible, and following consultation.

9.12 The alterations are summarised in the following table.

Table 3 Change to Character Area Boundaries

Character Area	Changes to boundary and reason
A	Western boundary moved to align more closely with underlying geological pattern and to delineate between more industrial/ urban influences in A and more rural character in Area B. Setting of M1 included within A.
A/ B	Recognise slight change in character of area around Stanton under Bardon (highlighted by Charnwood Forest LCA and National Forest Strategy) but too detailed for this scale of assessment.
B/ D	Newbold Verdon moved into area D to align more closely with topography, character of villages and in response to stakeholder comments. Also included is the area around Rothley Brook including Botcheston and Newton Unthank – similar to character within Blaby to the east.
B/ D	Southern boundary of B altered to align more closely with National Forest boundary which it follows in the south-east part and then widens to include Barlestone. Barlestone considered not to be similar in character to J although it could be potentially be included in D it is also considered similar to character of B. Line follows ridgeline. In response to consultation comments.
B/ J	Nailstone moved into area J to align more closely with hydrology pattern and character of villages (Nailstone was a former Gopsall estate village).
C/ D	Osbaston and Brascote area brought into Area C in response to consultation comments that it is former parkland as well.

Changes to Character Area Names

9.13 Amendments were made to the character area names in order to tie the areas in to the wider landscape type into which they fit, as well as

to accommodate comments during consultation. The changes are summarised in the following table.

Table 4 Changes to Character Area Names

Area	Previous Name/ reason for change	New Name	New Type
A	Charnwood Fringe. Change to Charnwood Forest (in response to consultation comments) and is not part of fringe but is part of forest. Settled Forest Hills – reflects that there are significant settlements in the area, the woodland and topography.	Charnwood Forest Settled Forest Hills	Settled Forest Hills
B	Forest Hills. Name to reflect association with Charnwood Forest (response to consultation comments).	Charnwood Fringe Settled Forest Hills	Settled Forest Hills
C	Market Bosworth Parkland. Removed 'Market' to avoid confusion with urban character area, also to reflect the wider area and association with	Bosworth Parkland Agricultural Parkland	Agricultural Parkland

	<p>battlefield.</p> <p>'Agricultural Parkland' is the type used in the Blaby LCA.</p>		
D	<p>Desford Vales.</p> <p>'Vales' may be misleading terminology (in response to consultation comments); not representative of whole area. Newbold brought into the area and therefore reflected in the name.</p>	<p>Newbold and Desford Rolling Farmland</p>	<p>Rolling Farmland</p>
E	<p>Stoke Golding Vales.</p> <p>As above with regard to 'vales'.</p>	<p>Stoke Golding Rolling Farmland</p>	<p>Rolling Farmland</p>
F	<p>Hinckley, Barwell and Burbage Fringe.</p> <p>Consultation comments – area name should also include 'Earl Shilton'. However it was considered we should move away from association with urban area and focus on the landscape – therefore suggest reference to 'Burbage Common' is appropriate.</p>	<p>Burbage Common Rolling Farmland</p>	<p>Rolling Farmland</p>
G	<p>Fen Lanes. Fen Lanes only relates to a small area (in response to consultation comments, and 'fen' not representative of whole area).</p> <p>River Sence crosses through whole area therefore is representative.</p>	<p>Sence Lowlands</p>	<p>Lowlands</p>
H	<p>Upper Mease.</p> <p>The River Mease skirts only a small section of the northern boundary of the area – therefore it may not be representative of the whole area?</p>	<p>Twycross Open Farmland</p>	<p>Open Farmland</p>
I	<p>Gopsall Parkland.</p>	<p>Gopsall Parkland Agricultural Parkland</p>	<p>Agricultural Parkland</p>
J	<p>Upper Sence.</p> <p>Change from 'Sence' to avoid confusion with LCA G now called Sence.</p>	<p>Barton Village Farmlands</p>	<p>Village Farmlands</p>

APPENDICES

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The supporting appendices to the Landscape Character Assessment are as follows:

Appendix 1: Glossary

Appendix 2: Stakeholder Consultation

Appendix 3: Sample Field Survey Sheet

Appendix 4: Bibliography and References

Appendix 1 Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
AOD	Above Ordnance Datum (sea level).
Agricultural Land Classification	The classification of agricultural land in England in Wales.
Ancient woodland	Woods that are believed to have been continuous woodland cover since at least 1600 AD.
BAP Priority Habitat	UK Biodiversity Action Plan priority species and habitats were identified as being the most threatened and requiring conservation action under the UK BAP. The original lists of UK BAP priority habitats were created between 1995 and 1999 and were subsequently updated in 2007. See http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-5155 for further information.
Condition	A judgement on the intactness and condition of the elements of the landscape.
Covert	A thicket in which game can hide.
Heathland	A shrub land habitat found mainly on free-draining infertile, acidic soils, characterised by open, low-growing woody vegetation.
HLC	Historic Landscape Characterisation.
Jitty	The narrow passage between rows of terraced houses, or a fenced or hedged pathway linking two areas of a village.
Landscape character	The distinct, recognisable and consistent pattern of elements that occurs consistently in a particular landscape and how these are perceived. It reflects particular combinations of geology, landform, soils, vegetation, land use and human settlement.
Landscape character areas (LCA)	Single unique areas that are the discrete geographical area of a particular landscape type.
Landscape character types (LCT)	Distinct types of landscape that is relatively homogenous in character. They are generic in nature in that they may occur in different areas in different parts of the country, but share broadly similar combinations of geology, topography, drainage patterns, vegetation, historic land use and settlement pattern.
Landmark	An object or feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen and recognized from a distance, especially one that enables someone to establish their location.
Landscape Strategy	Principles to manage and direct landscape change for a particular landscape type or character area including identification of any particular management needs for specific elements.

Midlands-Style Hedge Laying	Also known as The Midland Bullock. An ancient rural craft that involves driving stakes into the ground behind the line of roots facing the road or plough land, with brush on the animal side to stop them from eating new growth. The hedge slopes towards the animals, and strong binding is woven along the top providing additional strength so that bullocks cannot twist it off with their horns.
Natural Character	Character as a result of natural or semi-natural features such as woodland, grassland, hedgerows etc.
NCA	National Character Area – defined within the <i>National Character Area Study, Natural England (2013)</i> - NCAs divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity, history, and cultural and economic activity.
Nucleated Settlements	A settlement that is clustered around a centre, in comparison to a linear or dispersed settlement.
Outcrop	A rock formation that is visible on the surface.
OS	Ordnance Survey.
Perceptual	The ability to interpret or become aware of something through the senses.
Sensitivity	A judgement of how sensitive or vulnerable a landscape component is to change.
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest.
Till	Unsorted glacial sediment, derived from the erosion and entrainment of material by the moving ice of a glacier.

Appendix 2: Stakeholder Consultation

Introduction

This report summarises the stakeholder consultation undertaken for the borough Landscape Character Assessment. Effective stakeholder consultation is key to the process and success of landscape character assessment, ensuring a wide range of views and values are represented.

Two consultation events were held by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) and facilitated by LUC at different locations. Attendees included Borough Councillors, Parish Councillors, Neighbourhood Plan groups, local interest groups and some environmental stakeholders. The sessions were open to members of the public as well as local special interest groups and other stakeholders and included a presentation to explain the work being carried out, followed by an interactive workshop.

The details of the consultation events are provided in Error! Reference source not found.. The consultation technique aimed to achieve active participation and to generate information appropriate to inform the landscape character assessment in order for stakeholders to understand and contribute to the process of LCA, rather than simply being consulted on the final report.

A list of attendees at each event is provided below.

Monday 13th March, 2pm

Windows on the Wild conference room

Twycross Zoo

Attendee	Representing
Cathie Watkins	Barlestone Parish Council and Neighbourhood Development Plan
John Wasteney	Market Bosworth Parish Council
John Pope	Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan
Nigel Palmer	Market Bosworth Heritage Society
Clive Stretton	Sheepy Parish Council
John Ward	Sheepy Parish Council
Roger King	Newbold Verdon Parish Council
Tim Wright	Newbold Verdon Parish Council
Ed Walsh	Newbold Verdon Parish Council
Cllr Bill Crooks	Borough Councillor - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Bill Sharp	Carlton Parish Council
Simon Cooper	Carlton Parish Council
Regis Auckland	Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council and Neighbourhood Development Plan
Russell George	Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council and Neighbourhood Development Plan
Mary Briggs	Stanton Under Bardon Parish Council
Ian Briggs	Stanton Under Bardon Parish Council

Bernard West	Stanton Under Bardon Parish Council
Pat Crane	Desford Neighbourhood Plan
Bernard Grimshaw	Desford Neighbourhood Plan
Tony Lockley	Markfield Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan
Kristina Cox	Natural England
Claire Oldham	Twycross Zoo
Cllr Martin Cartwright	Borough Councillor - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
William Wally	Twycross Parish Council
Allan Taylor	Twycross Parish Council

Wednesday 22nd March, 2pm

Partridge Suite, Atkins Building

Hinckley

Attendee	Representing
Mark Nickerson	Borough Councillor - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Sarah Beale	Stoke Golding Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan
David Goodsell	Stoke Golding Heritage Group
Chris Peat	Carlton Parish Council
Philip Metcalfe	National Forest
Howard Wilkins	Burbage Parish Council and East Midlands Association
Cyril Blackford	Ashby Canal Association
Cllr Bron Witherford	Borough Councillor - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Cllr Stan Rooney	Borough Councillor - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Sylvia Beck	Groby Parish Council
Cllr Reg Ward	Borough Councillor - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Linda Mayne	Sutton Cheney Parish Council
Cllr Miriam Surtees	Borough Councillor - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Chris Coe	Earl Shilton Town Council
Paul Statham	Earl Shilton Town Council
Richard Clark	Leicestershire County Council
Cllr Mike Hall	Borough Councillor - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Objectives of the Consultation Events

The objectives of the consultation events were to:

- Inform people about the landscape character assessment.
- Understand what people value about the landscape/ townscape in Hinckley and 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.

The Workshop Exercises

The second part of the consultation event involved a workshop. Participants were invited to sit in roughly equal groups with a map of the existing character assessment placed on each table.

Time	Duration	Exercise
2.40-2.50	10 mins	Exercise 1: Classification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there any variations within the character areas? <i>NB – note that boundaries represent areas of transition and not precise.</i> Do the names of the areas make sense? Do the names of the areas reflect the locality?
2.50-3.05 pm	15 mins	Exercise 2: Values (What is special and why?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you value about the landscape and why? <i>e.g. views/ historic environment/ natural environment/ recreation/ experience of landscape/ tranquil/ scenic/ strong sense of place/ distinctive</i>
3.05-3.15	10 mins	Exercise 3: Cultural Associations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do any of the areas have particular cultural associations <i>e.g. people, artists, events in history</i>
3.15-3.30	15 mins	Exercise 4: Issues and Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the changes in the areas across the borough? <i>e.g. changes in land uses, new developments</i> What are the opportunities for the landscape in the areas?
3.30–3.35 onwards	5 mins	Summary/ Next steps + Q&A



Workshop at Twycross Zoo



Workshop at Hinckley

Summary of Responses

Comments from each event were compiled and analysed according to which landscape character area they related to. The comments are reproduced on the tables on the following pages.

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Stakeholder Consultation: Twycross Zoo, 13th March 2017

Exercise 1: Classification

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5
1. National Forest influence doesn't get recognised in current boundaries - has special significance. Changing lots over 10 years since 2006. Huge # of trees planted	Newbold Verdon settlement relates more to area D (Desford Dales) due to topography. See boundary change suggestion on map. Issues may arise due to higher land being targeted for renewable energy.	The areas as they are do not serve the urban areas they surround.	1. Semi-urban – densely populated, Groby. Markfield, Ratby.	G – post glacial lake area. Agree current designation classification. Tourism, good cycling routes, Ashby Canal and marina, steam railway.
2. Areas J+C don't necessarily need to be defined by the brook as currently is the case	Transition zones around and along boundaries. Subtle changes in landscape.	Area A- maybe not a 'fringe' but a part of the forest.	2. Wind turbines – Newbold W. Desford.	B and A – top part heavily influenced by forestry (National Forest), Regional Park strategy (see highlight line).
3. Re. Area G – is it the appropriate name – Fens are only in south element. Most population to north.	Market Bosworth character area could be wider. Church dominates wider landscape.	Forest area needs to be enhanced.	3. Coal mining – Bagworth/Thornton.	Stanton/ Bagworth – heavily influenced by Strategic warehousing.
4. Question delineation between Areas B & D – why has it been drawn as is? See dotted line.	Stanton under Bardon. Feels separate from Charnwood Area by A50. Rugged feel to area due to topography.	General Parkland in Area C – Protect.	4. Name change?	Newbold Verdon – developed on grounds of mining (inc Desford).
5. Area A – been significant change. Will become more industrialised over coming years. Stanton under Barden Parish may no longer be rural. Also solar farms here located.	Names. Bosworth has many associations not just related to topography. Parkland(s), Battlefield. Vistas from Twycross Zoo and other vantage points around the borough.	Need to consider the historic landscape S.W. Canal Corridor and walks off them – into Shendon. Lots of good circular walks [pink circle].	5. Agricultural – makes sense – similar topography.	Nailstone – 'purely' developed from mining industry.
6+7. Solar farms having impact	Visual amenity can be lost through incremental	I – concerns about crown land	6. Land ownership questions	Newbold and Barlestone – similar, lots of family

on character	infrastructure changes e.g. power lines, solar farms, wind turbines.	and pressure to develop.		connections (see blue highlight). On a ridge.
	Names. Fen Lanes is confusing. Fen Lanes is a small sub area within Area G, may not relate to more western sections e.g. Sheepy Magna.	Nice enclosure fields for walks [pink box] – lots of renewable development – not keen on solar farms – impact of wind turbines. Need to protect higher grade agricultural land.	7. Keep two areas separate – questions over history vs present.	D – Caterpillar plant old WWII airfield, now large scale employment. Take out Newbold V and Barlestone from B.
		Charity fields [pink *] – 3 rd railway built in the country. Natural beauty and wild flowers (heritage).	8. [Stoke Golding Vales] Name makes sense.	A – change to Charnwood Forest not Fringe.
			9. Green wedge still relevant.	B – make 'Fringe'.
			10. HS2 will have big influence.	C- yes; D-yes; G- Fen Lanes= local name, well known.

Exercise 2: Values

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5
	Wide vista south from Twycross Zoo	Groby Pool and Shepshed (in Leicester) form large, natural open water bodies in Leicestershire	Canal and different walks	LCA G – farm, arable, very tranquil, Shenton Hall, Bosworth Site at Fens Lane. MIRA (historic airfield). Orton – Twycross night skies, lack of light pollution. Open views are very popular to visitors. Highland to west (see black arrows on map). High point near Appleby Magna. Pressures for wind turbines. Views from Wellsborough
Sheepy Neighbourhood Development Plan Views and Characteristics Assessment will pass on to consultants, or should pursue this – lots of very useful	Many highly valued views and vistas identified within the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Development Plan	Important mound edged by forest to the south of Desford	Battlefield	LCA C – got the lot, history tourism, etc

views/input. John Ward, Vice Chair 07970 871562				
George Stevenson, Coalville – cultural association that stretches into LCA A and B from the north	Enclosure, experience of walking etc. Many little gems and experiences within each character area	Thornton reservoir – freight line was the first in Leicestershire - Leicester to Bagworth	Shakerstone train station <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Railway track - Queen Victoria - Steam trains - Voluntary - Educational 	LCA B – quarries and agriculture are dusty. 2 solar farms. Bardon has modern sheds for employment. A50 and M1. Poor infrastructure, SSSIs, Local Nature Reserves. Oldest rocks/fossils. Great views from the ridges. Walkers. Waterbodies e.g. Thornton. Marked footpaths. Highest point under 1000 is the highest in the Midlands. Easy access to areas of woodland, good wildlife. Opportunity to exploit woodland especially links to Bradgate Park.
Battlefield, Roman Settlements potentially (Roman roads). Lost villages around battlefield e.g. Ambien	Tranquillity can be found quite quickly when off the main roads. Easily accessible transition from urban to rural. The perceptions are from a rural environment	LCA G – An area of remoteness	Gated Lane to the north of Ambion Hill	LCA D – Mallory Park. Cadeby has historical value. Views from Desford. Newbold Heath is 800' above sea level.
Views from Carlton are important because of their distance of views and the pastoral, undisturbed nature with lack of development	Newbold Verdon has small vales	national footpath with great views around Bagworth		LCA I and J – Shackerstone historical village. Canal. Railway. Gopsal Parkland.
Great panoramic views out from the top of the old quarry near to Markfield. Locally considered as a beauty spot. Now water in quarry. View of Breedon Church to the north east of Borough.	Stanton under Bardon – concealed aggregates industries and roads do not dominate the landscape	Leicester Round – Great walk around Hinckley and Bosworth and through the town of Market Bosworth	Cyclists and walking	LCA A – Markfield looking at landscape in Neighbourhood Development Plan.
don't like the proliferation of wind turbines in the North east of borough	Seasonal changes in the environment. Very visible in rural areas. The area changes due to the season, weather etc and how people use the area	Richard III route from battlefield to Leicester and with added features	Newbold – Silt ponds walk to be preserved large lakes. Peaceful, wildlife i.e. birds. Idyllic feeling close to nature	
Small villages agriculture,	Even with transient populations	Handal field around Gopsall Park	Bagworth heath country park	

country parks all make the countryside here attractive and tranquil	people will still have associations with their local area		turned desolate land to beautiful area. Significant for industrial revolution, i.e. mining. Lost the church	
When you walk between villages, it is highly attractive that you will walk through countryside – rural hamlets etc. Don't want coalescence.	A447 is seen as dividing line. The area west of the road lends itself more to recreation and has strong recreational value.	Dan's field to the east of Market Bosworth	Mallory park – cyclists/motor sport	
Walking and cycling very important to local people – great access / rights of way including distinct path markers	How the area is managed. Visual amenity reduced by development within 'less sensitive areas' which further detracts from the character. Newbold Verdon are carrying out a local landscape character assessment as part of their Neighbourhood Development Plan.	Bagworth Park contains a dry moated site and was the former hunting grounds associated with Richard III	Enhancement edges of Desford	
Ashby Canal with canal bridges defining feature of the area.	Self-fulfilling prophecy of value and sensitivity judgements on character. Consideration of context is required	The beautiful villages in the rural area to be retained for character and pubs and churches - Shakerstone and pubs - Along canal corridor	Volume of traffic – School runs at Market Bosworth – Wear and tear on roads. Lorries. Safety. Speed control. Air quality.	
		Fox coverts, around Newbold Verdon relating to deer and fox hunting.	Hedgerows, mud on roads.	
		Wildlife corridor/gateways are missing from the area	Urban – good shopping alternatives. Excellent refurb. New leisure – uplifted	
		LCA G – dark skies away from conurbations.	Green land on fringe is scruffy – planting?	
			Burbage Horsepool – buildings, history, greenery – slice of history and character	
			Flat and open in Fens Lanes area	

			Burbage common	
			Finest Ridge and Furrow in the country at Old rectory, Northumberland and Fenton Lane	
			Kilns	
			Barton Road heritage	
			A lot of beautiful impressive landscape	
			Private land issue for access	
			Market Bosworth – too many to mention. Dixie, Market Square, pubs, wooden frame, thatched roof. Conservation Area vital to landscape in Market Bosworth.	

Exercise 3: Cultural Associations

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5
Sam Johnson	Bosworth Battlefield legacy – wider than just the battlefield area. Also include education area of influence of wider hinterland. Dixie of Bosworth	Delius – denoted a field in Market Bosworth – LCA C	Market Bosworth – King Richard III, Battlefield	Bagworth invention of the steam whistle (trumpet) local story to prevents farmers getting hit by trains
George / Robert Stevenson – as per reference in previous exercise	Coalfield Area – some physical reminders as well as memories of the industry	Coal mining in LCA B along the rail line – a lot of coal mine turned over to the National Forest	Famous poet - Mallory, church yard.	Charnwood Forest, playground of Attenborough
LUC should talk to history societies – Sheepy, Newbold Verdon, Market Bosworth, Markfield	Gopsall temple of Handel	Desford – Mathew Smith chok – held roof up – LCA D	Handle – Gopsall Hall – Queen Victoria	LCA A Hill Hall – 1 of 3 homes of native crayfish
Ashby Canal & Battlefield Line Railway particularly important to LCAs J and C	Twycross Zoo – PG Tips association with Chimpanzee	The canal from Market Bosworth to Nuneaton follows the contours so no locks all through the	Train line for Queen Vic	LCA A Ellis & Everard cheau & quarry co

		borough		
Golf Course to the north of Market Bosworth abandoned/closed therefore risks associated and potential for detriment to landscape		Memorial at Station Road in Market Bosworth – Churchill, Spitfire Pilot – LCA C	Composer Delius owned Bosworth Hall. ‘Deliu’s Corner’	Lady Byron buried at Gopsall
Collieries – old brass bands Ellis Town, Bagworth – LCA A and B		Robert Stevenson – Railway Line	St James Church Twycross. Window. French ‘priceless’	Lady Jane Grey family from Groby
Handel resident Gopsall Farm, near Twycross		Lord Byron – grave (daughter) at Kirby Mallory	Bosworth Hall - hospital	Carlton / Market Bosworth – Dick Turpin haunts
Battlefield – Richard III		Lady Jane Grey – Groby Hall – LCA D	Powerful antiquity across borough	Cock Inn Sebson is 800 years old.
Hansom Cabs, Hinckley		Oak and Ash tree (Peckleton) – story of two lover – LCA D	Thomas Hooker attended school	LCA A Roman Fort outside Ratby
Triumph motorbikes, Hinckley		Newbold – lost villages – bishop built Newbold Hall and the outline of formal gardens and old moat still visible	‘Dixie’ admiral. American independence.	Underground warrens between houses from Ratby to Markfield
Barwell Bachmann Model railways and shoe factories		Peckleton Plague village – church in middle of field with everything demolished around it – Ridge and Furrow – LCA D	Desford tubes – metal pipes. Huge name in Leices	LCA A Bradgate stables
Hosiery in Hinckley		Roman Road at Fen Lane and Roman Villa at Barton Road in Market Bosworth	Ada Lovelace	Gopsall Park – station halt and Haulde (water music) written in the Folly, crown estates
		Cadeby is a Bronze Age village	Local artist – Johnston – Market Bosworth	I & G, Gibbit Lane – reinstated
			Remains 410. Barton in Beans, grows food for the people.	Earl Shilton castle remains and land settlement area – WWII small holdings and houses
			Newbold Verdon – doomsday book. Arms of ‘DeVerdun’ family	Across borough lots of WWII history are airfields
			Hoisery – shoe and boot trail. Earl Shilton / Barwell	Markfield is home to the last nuclear bunker
			Triumph	Little Twycross music festival

			Hansom Cab	Charnwood 1850-54 enclosure patterns
			19. Sketchly Dyeworks	Framework knitting and boot and shoe in Barwell, Earl Shilton and Hinckley hosiery
				Handsom Cab
				Richard Armitage

Exercise 4: Issues and Opportunities

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5
National Forest new planting – Charnwood Fringe etc	Wind turbines, solar farms (farm diversification) within Newbold Verdon, Stanton – LCA A and B	Area between Ratby and Groby bought by National Forest and given over to local school for education	Sand and gravel extraction creates different topography – opportunities for recreation i.e. park and long term investment.	National Forest / Charnwood Forest – lots of big empty sheds so opportunities to enhance landscape and deal with transport noise. Old railway lines but poor bridge infrastructure
Housing quotas on each village is big change	Ongoing changes in workforce based on reduction in local employment in farming and mines (pre-2006)	Planting associated with National Forest near Ratby and east of area.	Small changes create an accumulation of issues	North of borough has stronger affinity with Coalville
Development on the boundaries – NBBC and NWBC	Reduced access to the area e.g. loss of rural bus routes within Carlton and elsewhere	Solar farms are a blot on the landscape and wind turbines between Newbold and Desford	Field land huge – vastly changing hedgerows, depleting vegetation and wildlife.	C – Marina in Market Bosworth
Gopsall Estate (Crown) now sold off	Infrastructure has not kept pace with development. Increase in use of car, not only aligned to new development but also with people visiting the area.	Area to the north west of Hinckley extending to Wykin House Farm has changed in character	Crown selling land. Tennant farmers. Who's bought? (Twycross)	Influx of housing and renewable energy farms reducing agricultural land
Traffic volumes have grown, infrastructure hasn't	Warehouse and distribution centres upon transport corridors and their impact on environment e.g. Stanton under Bardon, pressure along the A5	Fear of development corridor	Volumes of traffic – LCA H, J and G	Useable space from new developments (play and open space) not coming forward, lack of good S106 contributions from change
Developers should put more into landscapes – more money	Open up the countryside to people – rights of way. Network of footpaths in Carlton	Wildlife gateways need to be highlighted and enhanced	Flooding – cumulative effect	More neighbourhood plans being prepared

Potential for more tree plantation across the borough	Open up commercial activity e.g. tea rooms, a place to rest, a place to stay overnight so you can explore	Tarmac Larfarge Nature Reserve (Newbold / Cadeby area) in Public Open Space	Farmers not living in the area at all.	Opportunities to undertake soil quality studies and loss of farmland
Re-establishing full length of Ashby Canal	Many attractions but infrastructure may have not yet 'caught up' or 'realised'	Fieldhead Landfill site turned into Nature Reserve	Opportunities to better use farmland for solar farms	Missing opportunities to combine renewable energy with empty sheds i.e. photovoltaic cells on roofs
Investment in derelict buildings	Make more of Ashby Canal as an infrastructure corridor		Safe cycle routes.	Brexit – uncertainty about stewardship subsidies post 2020?
Country parks – opportunity for establishing new country parks utilising Ashby Canal, quarries etc	Build on existing tourism offer without being unsustainable		Bypass restrictions – contrive family traffic through village	
Must protect, very valuable landscape			Tree and hedgerow survey as part of Neighbourhood Development Plan (being done in Market Bosworth)	
			Section 106 priorities, individual communities needs	
			GP services, schools – joint working	
			Museum in Bosworth – Tourism. Development over time. Footpath from Marina to Waterpark	
			Canal and Rivers Trust – opening up canal	
			Sutton Cheney Wharf	

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Stakeholder Consultation: Atkins Building, 22nd March 2017

Exercise 1: Classification

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5
Gopsall Farm – family owned for a while	1. Large, flat areas – same flat nature. Great archaeological significance. Looked out over the are from Bosworth. To be protected	1. Along A5 perhaps different (?) but Higham on the Hill and Stoke Golding same detail	LCA A This region has tighter field boundaries and a different topography to the rest of the character zone. Related to the enclosure acts	Range of land uses within Ambien Ward which crosses 2 landscape areas. Impact from MIRA is managed. Despite rural location MIRA bring positive elements
Fen Lane – old Roman road	2. Wooded and river	Hinckley/Barwell should be kept separate. Historical different development (shoe vs knitting industries). Identity	LCA B The river corridors have a distinctive character in terms of land use than other sections of the borough	Dadlington could form part of a distinctive Bosworth Battlefield Character Area. Other settlements should form part of that area. Ashby Canal – if new area, should be called Ambien
Earl Shilton not mentioned in LCA F	3. Rural agricultural	UCA 9 and 10 need development	(labelled X) Area of settlements are on high ground and are on the edge of the lower western side of the borough. This marks a key boundary between the higher and lower sections of the borough	There remains a distinctive difference between Charnwood Fringe and National Forest
Earl Shilton comes into LCA D – Desford Vales	4. Twycross Zoo – makes sense to include it in LCA H	Agree with names	LCA C This zone could/should be included in Market Bosworth Parklands given that historic park is within the area	(see green boundary and arrows) National forest influence means there is potential for boundary to move north due to the new plantations
No difference between Barwell	5. Another tourist area	LCA J – name makes sense	LCA D	LCA H,I,J better off as one.

and Earl Shilton			Fenn Lanes zone could potentially be subdivided to reflect different influence if the River Sence and the landscape described in LCA A	Gopsall estate influence on this area should also be considered since has been sold
Burbage old village becoming huge suburb	6. No sense in names – no significance	Areas make sense	LCA E 'Vale' may not be an accurate description of the Stoke Golding zone	(orange dot) Burbage – perception is just two fields left so these fields are very important to protect – fringes of Burbage are really important landscape
Hinckley Central – conurbation	7. If Bosworth is singled out, so should Shakerstone and Barton in Beans	Fen Lanes – agree with name		Hinckley, Barwell, Burbage and Earl Shilton Fringe (suggested name change)
Great metropolitan area of Hinckley?	8. Natural boundary the railway?	Desford, Newbold Verdon – similar character but no easy split		
Changing boundaries – green space/urban space i.e. developable?	9. Ratby, Groby, Markfield – natural application	Thornton and Bagowrth similar		
	10. Industrial heritage	Nailstone and Bagworth are similar		
	11. Hill vs Vale – vale maybe misleading			
	12. Beautiful views – up high			
	13. No linkage to what the landscape is today			

Exercise 2: Values

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5
Newbold Verdon – homogeneous – street view of church	Earl Shilton to Old John (Mallory Park)	Stoke Golding - Tranquil - Greenery, open spaces, lack of traffic and people (although	LCA A Local granite and Swithland slate stone has a very distinctive character	Potential for pockets of landscape to accommodate further plantation, much like the National Forest – linking settlements through plantations for example around Burbage

		<p>increasingly busy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strong sense of place - Walking, canal - Battle Bosworth and crowning at Crown Hill - Not too big - Leicestershire village: red brick, pitched roofs 		Common and Stoke Golding
Burbage church view from Aston Lane	Oaken Ash – oldest walk beginning at Earl Shilton	Implied gap between Dadlington and Stoke Golding – distinctiveness of communities, feel you are in the country – green space	LCA B Carlton Stone used widely in Carlton, Market Bosworth, quarried locally	Separation between Dadlington and Stoke Golding very important in landscape terms
Views into Stoke Golding of church	Amazing view for miles from the north eastern edge of Barwell	Gap between Hinckley and Barwell	LCA C Groby Old Hall, barns and outbuildings converted sympathetically – valued local building	Green Aslene – highly valued areas in National Forest. Martin Shore Woods, Thornton Reservoir – also easily accessible
Separation between Hinckley / Barwell – sports and parks – vistas – burbage common	Historic buildings – Atkins, museum, St Marys Church (roundheads) within Hinckley		LCA D Landscape changes from stone wall to hedges – distinctive character	Unfortunate that we are losing industrial identities of different field – small boards/signs along footpaths – all over the borough, no particular area
Old streets in Desford – Main Street and High Street date back to 16 th century	Red Lion, Earl Shilton, off Hinckley Road, cottages for framework knitters	Industrial connection between Barwell and Earl Shilton is important. Rivalry – distinct identities	LCA E North of Groby bypass – lack of development, no quarrying, Groby pool, very picturesque	Very valuable view from the settlement edge of Earl Shilton looking south of Shilton Road
Lindridge Lane views	Top of Wood Street park to Kirkby Mallory (Kirkby Hall) Lady Byron	Earl Shilton sits above plains	LCA F Bradgate Stables – owned by quarry. Distinctive style of structure, hidden away	Very attractive road just north of Newbold Verdon with views, context etc
Market Bosworth – views across undeveloped slopes	Mallory Park	Earl Shilton linear High Street. Wide streets with trees (increase and enhance trees)	LCA G National Forest – post-industrial landscape – transformation Charnwood Forest – more	Valued landscape of separation importance between Hinckley and Barwell as well as Stoke Golding and Dadlington -

			distant industrial past, more rugged	retention of settlement identity Important views all around Stoke Golding and adjacent landscape.
Twycross, Alton on the Hill (LCA C, J, I) sparsely developed	Beautiful view from Stoke Golding. MIRA blends into background of view	Barwell – narrow roads, congested, was once quaint before traffic	LCA H Ashby Canal towpaths – attractive views and landscape	Ashby canal very valuable through LCA G, C, E
South of M69 – Lutterworth Road, Burbage – nice woodland area with stream	Green spaces between villages i.e. Dadlington and Stoke Golding	Industrial heritage – buildings	LCA I Battlefield – key historic environment. Opportunities to enhance recreational value of the extended battlefield beyond existing lines.	Valuable walks to the north of Stoke Golding and opportunities to interact with the landscape
Undeveloped nature of canal and Bosworth Railway line	Thornton Reservoir – tourist attraction, natural beauty, birds and wildlife		LCA J Sutton Cheney/Dadlington churches – connections to Tudor dynasty, battle of Bosworth, coronation of Henry VIII	
Thornton reservoir very attractive	Groby pool – water feature	Access to countryside, Bosworth Battlefield, canal		
Accessibility of landscape around Battlefield (LCA C) including the Leicestershire Round - Scenic - Fresh air - Variation of views – open/enclosed, farmland/woodland - Sense of past – can't help but think of battlefield	Canal area/ Shakerstone, family friendly i.e. Sutton Cheney	Hedgerow removal has occurred around Peckleton		
Miners wheels in Newbold Verdon, Desford etc	History and cottages at Market Bosworth, Bosworth Hall, local historic people there			
	Need to try to keep people in the			

	Fen Lanes area. Development to keep sense of place			
	Quakers started at Fenny Drayton			
	Strong sense of place in villages in LCA G. Need to ensure a fresh view on development to encourage vibrancy			

Exercise 3: Cultural Associations

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5
Festival of Market Bosworth – 2 weeks every year	Lady Jane Grey walked through villages and across streets	<i>UCA 9 and 10</i>	Fenny Drayton – Birthplace of George Fox	Hinckley medieval street pattern valued – conservation area
Hanson Cap, Hinckley	George Fox began the Quakers – Fenny Drayton	Boot and shoe industry came from these 2 areas	Sheepy – knights Templar site	Through Burbage – lots of alleys/jettys/footpaths through parks – many ways to travel on foot through area has strong value
Invention of knitting machines, Hinckley	King Richard II, battle	Hinckley hosiery manufacture, Atkins	Dixie Baronets at Market Bosworth	Concordia Theatre in Hinckley valued part of urban character
Peckleton and Desford music festivals	Digging of the canals for transport	Industries went into the villages – cottage industries – hosiery in Stoke Golding	Elizabeth Woodville – Edward IV wife – mother of princes in the tower	Bradgate Park associations within LCA A – recreational resource
Steam Railway – Bosworth Line	Boot and shoe and hosiery – Barwell and Earl Shilton. 14 factories all now gone	Hansom Cab created in Hinckley. Hinckley used to be 'home of Hansom Cab' now 'home of Triumph'	Earl Home – Gopsall	Gopsall temple – Handel
Ashby Canal – 215 years old – Benjamin Outram (canal engineer)	Home of hosiery, Hinckley	Residents of Shilton – Battle of Waterloo	John Nicholls – Historian	Cold Comfort Farm book – Comfort Farm, Rogues Lane
Richard III	Knitting framework, Illyfe	Fenny Drayton – George Fox born ? – Quakers	Davey Graham, Hinckley	Lots of families walked from Birmingham along canals to settle here
Gopsall Family and other original Leicestershire families still own a lot of farms	Roundheads at St Marys	Henry Tudor – Stoke Golding – crowned	Hinckley Horse mentioned in Henry V (Shakespeare)	Coal mining legacy from Leicestershire Coalfield – buildings, landscape remnants

George Canning – prime minister	Lady Byron gave Earl Shilton its first school	1485 Trail – will be implemented – connecting Bosworth villages	WWII connections to MIRA airfield, Desford Aerodrome	Ada Lovelace – Kirby Mallory
Charlotte Brame, Hinckley author	Where the American air force was based	Lovelace – lived in Hinckley area	Groby Quarry – ammunition dump from WWII	Richard III and Henry VII
Stella Gibbons, Cold Comfort Farm Farm still exists	Peg leg Watts	Barton in the Beans – clockmaker	Coal mining history in Barlestone, Newbold, Bagworth etc	'Centre of England' – Lindley Hall Farm (LCA G) Foot and mouth outbreak severe here – many memories from this
Hinckley Castle and moat	The Union at Hinckley is haunted	Canals and railways important heritage	Chapel Hill – Groby – framework Nailstone knitters cottage	George Fox memorial
Burbage Moat	Corpses brought from prison, opposite Nationwide in Hinckley, down to the Union basement	Barwell and Shilton cricket match – longest running village match	Hosiery / shoemaking in Hinckley, Earl Shilton, Barwell. Distinctive industrial architecture	plague village just outside of borough
Motte and Bailey at Shepperston – nice walk from Market Bosworth	Oaken Ash – 2 lovers who couldn't marry, 1 oak tree seed, 1 ash tree seed grew and intertwined	Burbage was agricultural – Hinckley was industrial	John Flower – painted Leicestershire landscape – some depictions of HBBC villages	A5 is old Roman Road
Shackerstone Festival – steam tractors, canal boats	All the big bands played at the George Ballroom in Hinckley	Danelaw didn't go further than the A5	Ashby canal connects northern industrial landscapes to southern section of borough	Dragon Lane Roman Road
Bosworth water park – festival in summer	Few actors – 'Greengrass' Heartbeat TV show		Coal mining areas to north of borough – tradition of model engineering – small scale rail etc	Fen Lane used to go direct to Leicester
Battlefield and its legacy	Concordia Theatre from a factory and volunteers		Agricultural history / archaeology very significant in large sections of the borough. Distinctive field form, architecture, machine etc	The Leicestershire Road – 100 mile walk around Leicestershire
Twycross Zoo	Borough of multinational people		In the vicinity of Market Bosworth, history of farming innovation, experimentation and modernisation. Lead by large estates especially through 19 th century e.g. Friezeland Farm	Bridleways should all be opened and maintained
Mallory Park and motorcycle racing	Sam Coe – cricketer from Earl Shilton			
MIRA – worldwide research centre in motor vehicles and Top	Danilo, Odeon, Regent – old cinemas. Harry's cinema at			

Gear have done racing here	Station Road, Earl Shilton – Mr Coopers			
Hinckley Museum	Art Gallery and studios – Atkins			
	Music studio – Kasabian record here.			
	Multi denomination religious buildings across buildings			

Exercise 4: Issues and Opportunities

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5
Major road screening – noise audible from Hinckley	Loss of factories in the urban areas to apartments	Changes in agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large fields, removing hedgerows - Less dairy farming, fewer animals 	Recreation development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battlefield line extended to Battlefield centre - New marina at Bosworth - Bosworth Water Park 	National Forest, potential to expand Green Infrastructure
Opening up of Junction 2 M69 both ways would take a lot of traffic out of Burbage – Burbage Bypass	Loss of substantial green field across the Borough, cumulative effect – ‘eroding the landscape’. These areas so important for families – breathe the clean air and see grass and vegetation e.g. Stapleton and Barwell	Creation of forest in National Forest area	Meadow – community / PC owned – potential for recreational use	A47 Clickers Way, road infrastructure
Small agricultural villages all have good connections with Leicester but little to Hinckley	Opportunities such as Atkins Building need to be encouraged. Make use of the historic opportunities that are already there	Reduction in wildlife e.g. lapwings were quite common.	Changing significantly with SUES	House building
Opportunities for a landscape barrier between Hinckley and Barwell	Take it back to ‘red brick’ style place – Earl Shilton	Hedgerow trees have reduced (not replaced) – disease	Hinckley West	Employment sites
MIRA has at least doubled in size since 2006	Opportunities in Conservation Areas – important to upkeep the sense of place	Urban sprawl – increase in housing	To west of borough – threats and opportunities from Crown Estate land being sold en masse Potential to open up some areas	Solar farms, wind turbines within LCA A and B

			of woodland to the public Tree planting needs to reflect historic character especially to the west of the borough	
400 homes west of Desford have an awful finish	Development that is sympathetic to the landscape but addresses the needs of the village. Keep the small villages from dying – good opportunities for affordable homes.	New development in Shilton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cars doubled parked along streets – planning of new streets not thought through - Maximisation of space – crammed in, less green space within built up area 	Flood risk could be lessened with additional planting in this region	Impact on local communities and landscapes from expansion e.g. MIRA, SUES
Opportunity to dual carriageway the A5 from Tamworth to Rugby. Example of Superb junction		Solar – near Stoke Golding		Watercourses. Ashby Canal not as well used. Impact from growth on drainage
DPD warehouse in Burbage is enormous and built on marsh		Huge amount of development to come		Farming practices – intensification, less treatment, less ploughing
Ashby Canal tow path from Perimeter Road to Limekilns on A5 – cycle route opportunities with other associated benefits		Significant increase in traffic due to people travelling further for work		River Mease Special Area of Conservation
		Tree planting! In urban areas and countryside (Earl Shilton)		Linkages of woodland, green infrastructure, corridors, planting. Expansion of existing sites e.g. National Forest sites, Burbage Common, sites near Battlefield Centre
		Water		Enhancement of public rights of way. Let people know they are there.
		Maintain footpaths		Providing trees within an urban environment
		Green areas within towns and villages		

Summary of Responses arranged by Character Area

LCA A

Values

- Great panoramic views out from the top of the old quarry near to Markfield. Locally considered as a beauty spot. Now water in quarry. View of Breedon Church to the north east of Borough.
- When you walk between villages, it is highly attractive that you will walk through countryside – rural hamlets etc. Don't want coalescence.
- Walking and cycling very important to local people – great access / rights of way including distinct path markers
- Ashby Canal with canal bridges defining feature of the area.
- Enclosure, experience of walking etc. Many little gems and experiences within each character area
- Tranquillity can be found quite quickly when off the main roads. Easily accessible transition from urban to rural. The perceptions are from a rural environment
- Stanton under Bardon – concealed aggregates industries and roads do not dominate the landscape
- Seasonal changes in the environment. Very visible in rural areas. The area changes due to the season, weather etc and how people use the area
- Groby Pool (and Shepshed in Leicester) form large, natural open water bodies in Leicestershire – natural open water in Leicestershire
- Fox coverts around Newbold Verdon relating to deer and fox hunting.
- Markfield looking at landscape in Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- Groby pool – water feature
- Local granite and Swithland slate stone has a very distinctive character
- National Forest – post-industrial landscape – transformation / Charnwood Forest – more distant industrial past, more rugged

Cultural Associations

- George Stevenson, Coalville
- Collieries – old brass bands Ellis Town, Bagworth
- Groby Quarry – ammunition dump from WWII
- Hill Hall – 1 of 3 homes of native crayfish
- Ellis & Everard cheau & quarry co
- Lady Jane Grey family from Groby
- Roman Fort outside Ratby
- Underground warrens between houses from Ratby to Markfield
- Bradgate stables
- Markfield is home to the last nuclear bunker
- Charnwood 1850-54 enclosure patterns

Issues and Opportunities

- Area between Ratby and Groby bought by National Forest and given over to local school for education
- Creation of forest in the National Forest area – potential to expand green infrastructure
- Solar farms and wind turbines
- Linkages of woodland, green infrastructure, corridors, planting. Expansion of existing sites e.g. National Forest sites, Burbage Common, sites near Battlefield Centre
- North east of borough don't like the proliferation of wind turbines
- Warehouse and distribution centres upon transport corridors and their impact on environment e.g. Stanton under Bardon, pressure along the A5
- Planting associated with National Forest near Ratby and east of area.

- National Forest / Charnwood Forest – lots of big empty sheds so opportunities to enhance landscape and deal with transport noise. Old railway lines but poor bridge infrastructure
- North of borough has stronger affinity with Coalville

LCA B

Values

- Enclosure, experience of walking etc. Many little gems and experiences within each character area
- Tranquillity can be found quite quickly when off the main roads. Easily accessible transition from urban to rural. The perceptions are from a rural environment
- Seasonal changes in the environment. Very visible in rural areas. The area changes due to the season, weather etc and how people use the area
- National footpath with great views around Bagworth
- A447 is seen as dividing line. The area west of the road lends itself more to recreation and has strong recreational value.
- Thornton reservoir – freight line was the first in Leicestershire - Leicester to Bagworth
- Bagworth Park contains a dry moated site and was the former hunting grounds associated with Richard III
- Fox coverts, lots of blue circles (LCA A, B, D) relating to deer and fox hunting.
- Bagworth heath country park turned desolate land to beautiful area. Significant for industrial revolution, i.e. mining. Lost the church
- quarries and agriculture are dusty. 2 solar farms. Bardon has modern sheds for employment. A50 and M1. Poor infrastructure, SSSIs, Local Nature Reserves. Oldest rocks/fossils. Great views from the ridges. Walkers. Waterbodies e.g. Thornton. Marked footpaths. Highest point under 1000 is the highest in the Midlands. Easy access to areas of woodland, good wildlife. Opportunity to exploit woodland especially links to Bradgate Park.
- Thornton reservoir - very attractive tourist attractive, natural beauty with birds and wildlife
- Carlton Stone used widely in Carlton, Market Bosworth, quarried locally
- Green Aslene – highly valued areas in National Forest. Martin Shore Woods, Thornton Reservoir – also easily accessible
- Merrylees Road very attractive road (views, context etc)
- National Forest – post-industrial landscape – transformation / Charnwood Forest – more distant industrial past, more rugged

Cultural Associations

- George Stevenson, Coalville – cultural association that stretches into LCA A and B from the north
- Collieries – old brass bands Ellis Town, Bagworth
- Coal mining history in Barelstone, Newbold Verdon, Bagworth along the rail line – a lot of coal mine turned over to the National Forest
- Bagworth invention of the steam whistle (trumpet) local story to prevent farmers getting hit by trains
- Charnwood Forest, playground of Attenborough
- Charnwood 1850-54 enclosure patterns

Issues and Opportunities

- Creation of forest in the National Forest area – potential to expand green infrastructure
- Solar farms and wind turbines
- Linkages of woodland, green infrastructure, corridors, planting. Expansion of existing sites e.g. National Forest sites, Burbage Common, sites near Battlefield Centre
- Warehouse and distribution centres upon transport corridors and their impact on environment e.g. Stanton under Bardon, pressure along the A5
- National Forest / Charnwood Forest – lots of big empty sheds so opportunities to enhance landscape and deal with transport noise. Old railway lines but poor bridge infrastructure
- North of borough has stronger affinity with Coalville

LCA C

Values

- Battlefield, Roman Settlements potentially (Roman roads). Lost villages around battlefield e.g. Ambien
- Many highly valued views and vistas identified within the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Enclosure, experience of walking etc. Many little gems and experiences within each character area
- Tranquillity can be found quite quickly when off the main roads. Easily accessible transition from urban to rural. The perceptions are from a rural environment
- Seasonal changes in the environment. Very visible in rural areas. The area changes due to the season, weather etc and how people use the area
- A447 is seen as dividing line. The area west of the road lends itself more to recreation and has strong recreational value.
- Leicester Round – Great walk around Hinckley and Bosworth and through the town of Market Bosworth
- Richard III route from battlefield to Leicester and with added features
- Dan's field to the east of Market Bosworth
- Volume of traffic – School runs at Market Bosworth – Wear and tear on roads. Lorries. Safety. Speed control. Air quality.
- Market Bosworth – views across undeveloped slopes
- Twycross, Alton on the Hill sparsely developed
- Undeveloped nature of canal and Bosworth Railway line
- Accessibility of landscape around Battlefield (LCA C) including the Leicestershire Round: Scenic, Fresh air, Variation of views – open/enclosed, farmland/woodland, Sense of past – can't help but think of battlefield
- Groby Old Hall, barns and outbuildings converted sympathetically – valued local building
- Ashby canal very valuable

Cultural Associations

- Ashby Canal & Battlefield Line Railway particularly important
- Bosworth Battlefield legacy – wider than just the battlefield area. (see core area marked in green on map at letter A) Also include education area of influence of wider hinterland. Dixie of Bosworth
- Delius – denoted a field in Market Bosworth
- Memorial at Station Road in Market Bosworth – Churchill, Spitfire Pilot
- Robert Stevenson – Railway Line
- Roman Road at Fen Lane and Roman Villa at Barton Road in Market Bosworth
- Cadeby is a Bronze Age village
- Market Bosworth – King Richard III, Battlefield
- Composer Delius owned Bosworth Hall. 'Delius's Corner'
- Local artist – Johnston – Market Bosworth
- Framework knitting and boot and shoe in Barwell, Earl Shilton and Hinckley hosiery
- Ashby Canal – 215 years old – Benjamin Outram (canal engineer)

Issues and Opportunities

- Golf course to the north of Market Bosworth abandoned / closed therefore risks associated and potential for detriment to landscape
- Creation of forest in the National Forest area
- Marina in Market Bosworth

LCA D

Values

- Enclosure, experience of walking etc. Many little gems and experiences within each character area
- Tranquillity can be found quite quickly when off the main roads. Easily accessible transition from urban to rural. The perceptions are from a rural environment
- Newbold Verdon has small vales
- Seasonal changes in the environment. Very visible in rural areas. The area changes due to the season, weather etc and how people use the area
- A447 is seen as dividing line. The area west of the road lends itself more to recreation and has strong recreational value.
- How the area is managed. Visual amenity reduced by development within 'less sensitive areas' which further detracts from the character. Newbold Verdon are carrying out a local landscape character assessment as part of their Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- Important mound edged by forest to the south of Desford
- Fox coverts, relating to deer and fox hunting.
- Newbold – Silt ponds walk to be preserved large lakes. Peaceful, wildlife i.e. birds. Idyllic felling close to nature
- Mallory park – cyclists/motor sport
- Mallory Park. Cadeby has historical value. Views from Desford. Newbold Heath is 800' above sea level.
- Newbold Verdon – homogeneous – street view of church
- Old streets in Desford – Main Street and High Street date back to 16th century
- Miners wheels in Newbold Verdon, Desford etc
- Earl Shilton to Old John (Mallory Park)
- Top of Wood Street park to Kirkby Mallory (Kirkby Hall) Lady Byron
- Landscape changes from stone wall to hedges – distinctive character
- Merrylees Road very attractive road just north of Newbold Verdon with views, context etc

Cultural Associations

- Desford – Mathew Smith chok – held roof up
- Lord Byron – grave (daughter) at Kirby Mallory
- Lady Jane Grey – Groby Hall
- Oak and Ash tree (Peckleton) – story of two lover
- Newbold – lost villages – bishop built Newbold Hall and the outline of formal gardens and old moat still visible
- Peckleton Plague village – church in middle of field with everything demolished around it – Ridge and Furrow
- Cadeby is a Bronze Age village
- Famous poet – Mallory, church yard.
- Desford tubes – metal pipes. Huge name in Leices
- Remains 410. Barton in Beans, grows food for the people.
- Carlton / Market Bosworth – Dick Turpin haunts
- Peckleton and Desford music festivals
- Ada Lovelace at Kirkby Mallory
- Newbold Verdon – doomsday book. Arms of DeVerdun family

Issues and Opportunities

- Hedgerow removal has occurred around Peckleton
- 400 homes west of Desford have an awful finish
- Enhancement to edges of Desford
- Solar farms are a blot on the landscape and wind turbines between Newbold Verdon and Desford.
- Tarmac Larfarge Nature Reserve (Newbold / Cadeby area) in Public Open Space

LCA E

Values

- Battlefield, Roman Settlements potentially (Roman roads). Lost villages around battlefield e.g. Ambien
- Enclosure, experience of walking etc. Many little gems and experiences within each character area
- Tranquillity can be found quite quickly when off the main roads. Easily accessible transition from urban to rural. The perceptions are from a rural environment
- Seasonal changes in the environment. Very visible in rural areas. The area changes due to the season, weather etc and how people use the area
- Historic buildings – Atkins, museum, St Marys Church (roundheads)
- Red Lion, Earl Shilton, off Hinckley Road, cottages for framework knitters
- Beautiful view from Stoke Golding. MIRA blends into background of view
- Important views all around Stoke Golding and adjacent landscape.
- Green spaces between villages i.e. Dadlington and Stoke Golding
- History and cottages at Market Bosworth, Bosworth Hall, local historic people there
- Tranquil – Stoke Golding: Greenery, open spaces, lack of traffic and people (although increasingly busy); Strong sense of place, Walking, canal; Battle Bosworth and crowning at Crown Hill; Not too big; Leicestershire village - red brick, pitched roofs
- Implied gap between Dadlington and Stoke Golding – distinctiveness of communities, feel you are in the country – green space
- Earl Shilton sits above plains
- Earl Shilton linear High Street. Wide streets with trees (increase and enhance trees)
- North of Groby bypass – lack of development, no quarrying, Groby pool, very picturesque
- Separation between Dadlington and Stoke Golding very important in landscape terms
- Ashby canal very valuable
- Valuable walks to the north of Stoke Golding and opportunities to interact with the landscape.
- Stoke Golding is tranquil with greenery, open spaces, lack of traffic and a strong sense of place. Walking distance to canal and has associations with the Battle of Bosworth through Crown Hill.

Cultural Associations

- Hosiery / shoemaking in Hinckley, Earl Shilton, Barwell and its distinctive industrial architecture
- Hansom Cabs, Hinckley
- Triumph motorbikes, Hinckley
- WWII connections to MIRA airfield, Desford Aerodrome
- MIRA – worldwide research centre in motor vehicles and Top Gear have done racing here.
- Barwell Bachmann Model railways and shoe factories
- Bosworth Battlefield legacy – wider than just the battlefield area. (see core area marked in green on map at letter A) Also include education area of influence of wider hinterland. Dixie of Bosworth
- Hosiery – shoe and boot trail. Earl Shilton / Barwell
- Earl Shilton castle remains and land settlement area – WWII small holdings and houses
- Stella Gibbons, Cold Comfort Farm
- Ashby Canal – 215 years old – Benjamin Outram (canal engineer)
- Festival of Market Bosworth – 2 weeks every year

Issues and Opportunities

- Potential for pockets of landscape to accommodate further plantation, much like the National Forest – linking settlements through plantations for example around Burbage Common and Stoke Golding
- Barwell – narrow roads, congested, was once quaint before traffic
- Area to the north west of Hinckley extending to Wykin House Farm has changed in character
- Development on the boundaries – NBBC and NWBC

LCA F

Values

- Enclosure, experience of walking etc. Many little gems and experiences within each character area
- Tranquillity can be found quite quickly when off the main roads. Easily accessible transition from urban to rural. The perceptions are from a rural environment
- Seasonal changes in the environment. Very visible in rural areas. The area changes due to the season, weather etc and how people use the area
- Burbage Horsepool – buildings, history, greenery – slice of history and character
- Burbage church view from Aston Lane
- Separation between Hinckley / Barwell – sports and parks – vistas – burbage common
- South of M69 – Lutterworth Road, Burbage – nice woodland area with stream
- Historic buildings – Atkins, museum, St Marys Church (roundheads)
- Red Lion, Earl Shilton, off Hinckley Road, cottages for framework knitters
- History and cottages at Market Bosworth, Bosworth Hall, local historic people there
- Gap between Hinckley and Barwell
- Earl Shilton sits above plains
- Earl Shilton linear High Street. Wide streets with trees (increase and enhance trees)
- Barwell – narrow roads, congested, was once quaint before traffic
- Bradgate Stables – owned by quarry. Distinctive style of structure, hidden away
- Very valuable view from the settlement edge of Earl Shilton looking south of Shilton Road
- Oaken Ash – old walk beginning at Earl Shilton
- Amazing view for miles from the north eastern edge of Barwell
- Industrial connection between Barwell and Earl Shilton is important. Rivalry – distinct identities.
- Burbage moat
- Hinckley Castle and moat

Cultural Associations

- Hosiery / shoemaking in Hinckley, Earl Shilton, Barwell and its distinctive industrial architecture
- Hansom Cabs, Hinckley
- Triumph motorbikes, Hinckley
- Barwell Bachmann Model railways and shoe factories
- Hosiery – shoe and boot trail. Earl Shilton / Barwell
- Earl Shilton castle remains and land settlement area – WWII small holdings and houses
- Charlotte Brame, Hinckley author
- Lady Byron gave Earl Shilton its first school
- Corpses brought down from prison, opposite Nationwide in Hinckley down to the Union basement – The Union is now believed to be haunted.
- Oaken Ash – 2 lovers who couldn't marry; 1 oak tree seed, 1 ash tree seed grew and intertwined
- Sam Coe – cricketer from Earl Shilton
- Danilo, Odeon, Regent – old cinemas. Harry's cinema at Station Road, Earl Shilton – Mr Coopers
- Barwell and Earl Shilton cricket match – longest running village match
- Sketchly Dyeworks

Issues and Opportunities

- Potential for pockets of landscape to accommodate further plantation, much like the National Forest – linking settlements through plantations for example around Burbage Common and Stoke Golding
- Screening to major roads – noise audible from in and around Hinckley
- Opening up of Junction 2 M69 both ways would take a lot of traffic out of Burbage
- Opportunities for a landscape barrier between Hinckley and Barwell
- DPD warehouse in Burbage is enormous and built on marsh

- A47 Clickers Way, road infrastructure
- Area to the north west of Hinckley extending to Wykin House Farm has changed in character
- Development on the boundaries – NBBC and NWBC

LCA G

Values

- Battlefield, Roman Settlements potentially (Roman roads). Lost villages around battlefield e.g. Ambien
- Enclosure, experience of walking etc. Many little gems and experiences within each character area
- Tranquillity can be found quite quickly when off the main roads. Easily accessible transition from urban to rural. The perceptions are from a rural environment
- Seasonal changes in the environment. Very visible in rural areas. The area changes due to the season, weather etc and how people use the area
- An area of remoteness
- dark skies away from conurbations.
- farm, arable, very tranquil, Shenton Hall, Bosworth Site at Fens Lane. MIRA (historic airfield).
- Orton – Twycross night skies, lack of light pollution.
- Open views are very popular to visitors.
- Views of highland to the west from Wellsborough and Orton on the Hill
- High point near Appleby Magna. Pressures for wind turbines.
- Views from Wellsborough
- Views into Stoke Golding of church
- Beautiful view. MIRA blends into background of view
- Strong sense of place in villages. Need to ensure a fresh view on development to encourage vibrancy
- Ashby canal very valuable
- post glacial lake area. Agree current designation classification. Tourism, good cycling routes, Ashby Canal and marina,
- steam railway.
- Fen Lanes is confusing. Fen Lanes is a small sub area within Area G, may not relate to more western sections e.g. Sheepy Magna.
- Wide vista south from Twycross Zoo
- Recreational value
- Fen Lane – old Roman road
- 1. Large, flat areas – same flat nature. Great archaeological significance. Looked out over the area from Bosworth. To be protected

Cultural Associations

- George Fox began the Quakers – Fenny Drayton
- King Richard III, battle
- Canals and railways important heritage
- Sheepy – knights Templar site
- Fen Lane used to go direct to Leicester
- ‘Centre of England’ Lindley Hall Farm – Foot and mouth outbreak severe here with many memories associated with this.
- Ashby Canal – 215 years old – Benjamin Outram (canal engineer)

Issues and Opportunities

- Sheepy Neighbourhood Development Plan Views and Characteristics Assessment will pass on to consultants, or should pursue this – lots of very useful views/input. John Ward, Vice Chair 07970 871562
- Volumes of traffic

- Opportunity to dual carriageway the A5 from Tamworth to Rugby
- Battlefield – key historic environment. Opportunities to enhance recreational value of the extended battlefield beyond existing lines.
- Bosworth water park – festival in summer
- 1485 Trail – will be implemented – connecting Bosworth villages
- MIRA has at least doubled in size since 2006
- Ashby Canal tow path from Perimeter Road to Limekilns on A5 – cycle route opportunities with other associated benefits
- New marina at Bosworth
- Impact on local communities and landscapes from expansion e.g. MIRA, SUES
- Bosworth Water Park
- Need to try and keep people in the Fen Lanes area – development to keep sense of place

LCA H

- Wide vista south from Twycross Zoo
- Enclosure, experience of walking etc. Many little gems and experiences within each character area
- Tranquillity can be found quite quickly when off the main roads. Easily accessible transition from urban to rural. The perceptions are from a rural environment
- Seasonal changes in the environment. Very visible in rural areas. The area changes due to the season, weather etc and how people use the area
- Ashby Canal towpaths – attractive views and landscape

Cultural Associations

- Handel resident Gopsall Farm, near Twycross
- Gopsall temple of Handel
- Twycross Zoo – PG Tips association with Chimpanzee
- St James Church Twycross. Window. French 'priceless'
- Little Twycross music festival

Issues and Opportunities

- Volumes of traffic

LCA I

Values

- Enclosure, experience of walking etc. Many little gems and experiences within each character area
- Tranquillity can be found quite quickly when off the main roads. Easily accessible transition from urban to rural. The perceptions are from a rural environment
- Seasonal changes in the environment. Very visible in rural areas. The area changes due to the season, weather etc and how people use the area
- Handal field around Gopsall Park
- The beautiful villages in the rural area to be retained for character and pubs and churches - Shakerstone and pubs - Along canal corridor
- Shakerstone train station; Railway track, Queen Victoria, Steam trains, Voluntary, Educational
- Shackerstone historical village. Canal. Railway. Gopsal Parkland.
- Twycross, Alton on the Hill sparsely developed
- Canal area/ Shakerstone, family friendly i.e. Sutton Cheney
- Battlefield – key historic environment. Opportunities to enhance recreational value of the extended battlefield beyond existing lines.

Cultural Associations

- Handle – Gopsall Hall – Queen Victoria
- Lady Byron buried at Gopsall
- Gopsall Park – station halt and Haulde (water music) written in the Folly, crown estates
- Gibbit Lane – reinstated
- Shackerstone Festival – steam tractors, canal boats
- Gopsall Family and other original Leicestershire families still own a lot of farms
- Ashby Canal – 215 years old – Benjamin Outram (canal engineer)

Issues and Opportunities

- Sutton Cheney Wharf

LCA J

Values

- Views from Carlton are important because of the long distant, pastoral and undisturbed nature with lack of development
- Enclosure, experience of walking etc. Many little gems and experiences within each character area
- Tranquillity can be found quite quickly when off the main roads. Easily accessible transition from urban to rural. The perceptions are from a rural environment
- Seasonal changes in the environment. Very visible in rural areas. The area changes due to the season, weather etc and how people use the area
- A447 is seen as dividing line. The area west of the road lends itself more to recreation and has strong recreational value.
- Shackerstone historical village. Canal. Railway. Gopsal Parkland.
- Twycross, Alton on the Hill sparsely developed
- Canal area/ Shakerstone, family friendly i.e. Sutton Cheney
- Sutton Cheney/Dadlington churches – connections to Tudor dynasty, battle of Bosworth, coronation of Henry VIII

Cultural Associations

- Ashby Canal & Battlefield Line Railway particularly important
- Remains 410. Barton in Beans, grows food for the people.
- Shackerstone Festival – steam tractors, canal boats
- Ashby Canal – 215 years old – Benjamin Outram (canal engineer)

Issues and Opportunities

- Volumes of traffic

Appendix 3: Sample Field Survey Sheet

FIELD SURVEY RECORD: LCA

Surveyors	
Date/ Time	
Weather	
Photo no's:	
Other relevant LCAs e.g. <i>East Mids Region</i>	
Adjacent LCA	<i>Note cross boundary classifications</i>

Boundaries

Note any changes to boundaries and reasons why, + mark on OS base

Key words / Summary

Add key words for description – elevation, landform, hydrology, visible cultural influences, land use / land cover, field patterns and boundaries, settlement, perceptual and experiential, views and visibility.

Valued Features and Qualities

Valued features and qualities⁷ - (circle)	
<p>Landscape Condition</p> <p><i>The physical state of the landscape and condition of individual elements (Buildings, hedgerows, boundaries etc.)</i></p>	<p>Well-managed, Intact, Characteristic elements in good condition, High landscape quality.</p> <p>Under-managed, Poor state of repair, Disturbed, Signs of decay, Degraded.</p>
<p>Scenic Quality</p> <p><i>Particular scenic and aesthetic qualities. Special pattern of landscape elements that create high aesthetic quality or sense of place. Views, visual unity.</i></p> <p><i>Balance, Proportion, Rhythm, Emphasis, Unity, Variety.</i></p>	<p>Harmonious, Unified, Dramatic features, Visual contrasts, Special pattern of landscape elements, High aesthetic quality, Important features in views, Distinctive skyline, Vertical, Horizontal.</p> <p>Discordant, Visual detractors, Incongruous elements, Unremarkable, Fragmented, Conflicting elements, Out of proportion.</p> <p>Views: Panoramic/ framed views, Memorable views, Distinctive views.</p>
<p>Distinctiveness</p> <p><i>Important examples of landscape features and characteristics that contribute to a strong sense of place and recognisable local distinctiveness. Representativeness. Typically recognisable of Hinckley & Bosworth</i></p>	<p><i>Rare features/ characteristics in the landscape, Coherent/ Strong landscape character – strong pattern of features, Distinct landform or topography, Important or recognisable features or characteristics.</i></p> <p>Indistinct character, Unremarkable.</p>
<p>Natural/ Historic Interest</p> <p><i>Presence of features of wildlife, earth science or archaeological or historical and cultural interest.</i></p>	<p>Natural character, Features of natural interest, Strong degree of naturalness – may be indicated by <i>ecological designations</i>, Historic character – e.g. indicated through <i>listed buildings, Conservation Areas, Scheduled Monuments</i>, Historic character, Features of historic interest e.g. indicated through <i>listed buildings, Conservation Areas, Scheduled Monuments</i>.</p>
<p>Landscape Function</p> <p><i>Particular or special role of the area in the local landscape context.</i></p>	<p>Special function as a setting to valued landscape features, Visual backdrop, Open gap, Recreation value - where experience of the landscape is important – e.g. <i>indicated through presence of outdoor visitor attractions/ country parks.</i></p>
<p>Perceptual aspects</p> <p><i>Experiential qualities such as sense of tranquillity</i></p>	<p>Wild, Sense of tranquillity, Remoteness, Lack of intrusion, Quiet, Calm, Colourful, Texture, Intimate, Vast, Enclosed, Open, Diverse Interesting, Inspiring, Exhilarating, Vibrant, Formal.</p> <p>Intrusion, Busy, Chaotic, Bland, Monotonous, Juxtapositions, Unsettling, Loud, Garish.</p>

⁷ Adapted from Box 5.1 'Range of factors that can help in the identification of valued landscapes' in Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, Landscape Institute and IEMA, 2013.

	<i>Dark skies and tranquillity mapping.</i>
<p>Associations</p> <p><i>Some landscapes are associated with particular people, such as artists or writers, or events in history.</i></p>	<p><i>Art, Literature, Battlefield, Film, Music, Myth/ Legend/ Folklore, People, Events.</i></p>

Detractors

- Visual intrusions
- Land management decline/change (horsiculture, hobby farms, incremental garden development)
- Development – including settlement, roads and agricultural buildings which may be unsympathetic to existing character

Landscape Strategy

<p>Strategy : <i>short succinct statement to encapsulate the main desired direction of change (circle)</i></p>		
Protection	Planning	Management

Additional Notes

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