

A Short User Guide for the Suffolk Landscape Character Assessment

1. Map

The Suffolk LCA has mapped the landscapes of the county at a scale of 1:50000. Therefore the boundaries between landscapes are only indicative of the change of the physical and cultural patterns between areas. This means that when working at a site scale, especially when close to boundaries, users should be careful to identify which landscape type the land parcel belongs to, based on its characteristics.

2. Descriptions and Illustrations

The descriptions are designed not only to describe the landscape, but also to explain how it has developed and changed. The illustrations are a synthesis of the landscape type in one illustration. They are not designed to represent an idealised objective for the landscape type and should not be used as such. Furthermore, in some cases considerable artistic licence has been used to bring together characteristic features in one small area which are usually more widely separated.

3. Guidance

- I. The guidance has been written principally to address the needs of development management. That is, to provide summary of the forces that have and are at work in the landscape and the key forces for change operating in the landscape at the time of writing
- II. The guidance is not intended, and cannot be considered to be definitive for a particular site. Rather it is intended to give a clear indication of the issues raised by and principals to be followed when, dealing with a particular type of development
- III. The guidance is not exhaustive. Therefore, some types of development will take place in landscapes where they are not included in the development management section. In these cases the guidance for other landscapes where this type of development is discussed may be useful and appropriate.

4. Images

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