

Criteria group	Criteria	Measurement of criteria Scores: A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1	Importance	Comments
Existing Landscape Features	Slope analysis	<p>A = Plateau / gently undulating</p> <p>B = Rolling / undulating landform providing some enclosure</p> <p>C = Tributary valleys / lower valley slopes / gentle side slopes</p> <p>D = Valley floor / floodplain / locally prominent slopes</p> <p>E = Elevated landforms, plateau edge, prominent slopes on valley sides</p>	Primary (1.5x)	<p>Higher capacity ↑</p> <p>↓ Lower capacity</p>
	Enclosure by vegetation	<p>A = Enclosed by mature vegetation – extensive tree belts / woodland</p> <p>B = Semi-enclosed by vegetation - moderate woodland cover, good quality tall hedgerows or hedgerows with hedgerow trees</p> <p>C = Moderate enclosure by vegetation - scattered small woodlands, fragmented shelterbelts and/or medium to low hedgerows</p> <p>D = Limited or poor hedges (with no trees) and/or isolated copses</p> <p>E = Largely open with minimal vegetation</p>	Primary (1.5x)	
	Complexity / Scale	<p>A = Extensive simple landscape with single land use</p> <p>B = Large scale landscape with limited land use and variety</p> <p>C = Large scale landscape with variations in pattern, texture and scale or medium scale with limited variety</p> <p>D = Small or medium scale landscape with a variety in pattern, texture and scale</p> <p>E = Intimate and organic landscape with a richness in pattern, texture and scale</p>	Secondary (1x)	
	Landscape character – quality / condition	<p>A = Area of weak character in a poor condition</p> <p>B = Area of weak character in a moderate condition or of a moderate character in a poor condition</p> <p>C = Area of weak character in a good condition or of a moderate character in a moderate condition or of a strong character in a poor condition</p> <p>D = Area of moderate character in a good condition or of a strong character in a moderate condition</p> <p>E = Area of strong character in a good condition</p>	Secondary (1x)	<p>The condition of the landscape partially reflects the active management of the landscape for agriculture, amenity uses or nature conservation.</p> <p>See Condition/Strength of Landscape Character matrix.</p>
Visual Factors	Openness to public view	<p>A = Parcel is well contained from public views</p> <p>B = Parcel is generally well contained from public views</p> <p>C = Parcel is partially contained from public views</p> <p>D = Parcel is moderately open to public views</p> <p>E = Parcel is very open to public views</p>	Secondary (1x)	<p>Public views will include views from roads and railways, rights of way and public open space. The assessment was based on a winter evaluation.</p> <p>Score will depend on the extent of the visibility from all the Parcel perimeters and the rights of way through Parcel.</p>
	Openness to private view	<p>A = Parcel is well contained from private views</p> <p>B = Parcel is generally well contained from private views</p> <p>C = Parcel is partially contained from private views</p> <p>D = Parcel is moderately open to private views</p> <p>E = Parcel is very open to private views</p>	Secondary (1x)	<p>This relates to private views from residential properties. The assessment was based on a winter evaluation.</p> <p>The score will depend on the extent of visibility from all the Parcel perimeters.</p>

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	Relationship with existing urban conurbations	<p>A = Location where built development will form a natural extension of an adjacent part of urban fabric</p> <p>B = Location where built development will form some close associations with the existing parts of urban fabric</p> <p>C = Location where built development will form some moderate associations with existing urban fabric</p> <p>D = Location where built development will only form some limited associations with the existing urban fabric due to intervening features</p> <p>E = Location where development will be isolated from and not form any relationship with existing urban fabric</p>	Primary (1.5x)	Considers the relationship of the Parcel to the existing urban form. The intention it is to understand the relationship with the existing urban fabric of the settlements. Consideration is also given to the extent of openness of the urban fringe, and the density/scale of existing development, as well as location relative to settlement layout. This will also include existing levels of connectivity and potential for future connectivity.
	Prevention of settlement coalescence / adverse effects or historic settlement patterns	<p>A = Development would not compromise any separation / historic settlement patterns</p> <p>B = Development would have slight impact on separation / historic settlement patterns</p> <p>C = Development would have moderate impact on separation / historic settlement patterns</p> <p>D = Development would significantly compromise separation / historic settlement patterns</p> <p>E = Development would cause complete coalescence would eradicate historic settlement pattern</p>	Primary (1.5x)	
Potential Landscape Features	Scope to mitigate the development	<p>A = Good scope to provide mitigation in the short to medium term in harmony with existing landscape pattern</p> <p>B = Good scope to provide mitigation in the medium term and in keeping with existing landscape pattern</p> <p>C = Moderate scope to provide mitigation in the medium term broadly in keeping with existing landscape pattern</p> <p>D = Limited scope to provide adequate mitigation in keeping with the existing landscape in the medium term</p> <p>E = Very limited scope to provide adequate mitigation in the medium to long term</p>	Primary (1.5x)	The ability of the landscape to provide effective mitigation that is not harmful. This is based on a number of factors including: scale; enclosure; pattern; type and maturity of the vegetation; movement; and visibility of the Parcel
Landscape Value	Strength of Character and Condition: Effect of development on the relative value attached to different landscapes	<p>A = Location where built development will have no impact</p> <p>B = Location where built development will have minor impact on an area of Medium or Low Landscape Value</p> <p>C = Location where built development will have a noticeable impact on an area of Medium Landscape Value</p> <p>D = Location where built development will have a prominent impact on an area of Medium or High Landscape Value</p> <p>E = Location where built development would have an extensive impact on an area of Medium or High Landscape Value</p>	Secondary (1x)	

Strength of character / condition			
Strength of character	Weak	Moderate	Strong
S1/ Impact of landform *	Insignificant	Apparent	Dominant/Prominent
S2/ Impact of landcover *	Insignificant	Apparent	Dominant/Prominent
S3/ Historic pattern *	Insignificant	Apparent	Dominant/Prominent
S4/ Tranquillity	Discordant	Moderate	Tranquil
S5/ Distinctiveness/rarity	Frequent	Unusual	Unique/rare
S6/ Visual unity	Incoherent	Coherent	Unified
Totals * Prime character categories if tie	>	>	>
Condition	Poor	Moderate	Good
C1/ Landcover Change	Widespread	Localised	Insignificant
C2/ Age Structure of Tree Cover *	Over mature	Mature or young	Mixed
C3/ Extent of semi-natural habitat survival *	Relic	Scattered	Widespread/Linked
C4/ Management of semi-natural habitats	Poor	Not obvious	Good
C5/ Survival of cultural pattern (fields and hedges)	Declining/Relic	Interrupted	Intact
C6/ Impact of built development *	High	Moderate	Low
Totals * Prime condition categories if tie	>	>	>

		Strength of character / condition matrix		
CONDITION	Good	Strengthen and Reinforce	Conserve and Strengthen	Safeguard and Manage
	Moderate	Improve and Reinforce	Improve and Conserve	Conserve and Restore
	Poor	Reconstruct	Improve and Restore	Restore condition to maintain character
		Weak	Moderate	Strong
		STRENGTH OF CHARACTER		