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SURREY AGLV Review

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Appendix 1 : Field Sheets

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WAVERLEY

Record Sheet	Description
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WAVERLEY SHEET 1

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA Greensand Valley

Reference No. WS1

Description

The Upper Wey is a very attractive river valley with steep sided wooded slopes and an open flat valley floor of pasture and open water meadows set within a mosaic of hedgerows. Extremely popular with visitors, the area is a small-scale intimate landscape with a relatively secluded feel. It has distinctive bridges, picturesque villages and a wealth of historic and cultural interest. This diverse landscape is rich in wildlife.

Characteristic Features	AONB	W2
Narrow, winding valley produce a small scale intimate landscape	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Open valley floor	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Meadows	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Narrow bridging points	✓✓✓	✓✓
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS		
AONB	Attractive river valley fringed with woodland and characterised by a flat, open valley floor producing a secluded intimate landscape.	
W2	Same as AONB	
PERCEPTION		
Views	Framed	Framed
Scale	Intimate	Intimate
Enclosure	Confined	Confined
Variety	Varied	Varied
Texture	Smooth	Smooth
Colour	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Peaceful
Unity	Unified	Unified
Naturalness	Tamed	Tamed

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WAVERLEY SHEET 2

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA Greensand Plateau

Reference No. WS2

Description

The area around Shackleford is a gently sloping and undulating plateau with large expanses of open rolling farmed landscape. It is dominated by the high points of Crooksbury Hill and Puttenham Common, and the A3 corridor. Key features of significance include dense woodland plantations, small valleys, heathy commons, historic parkland and distinctive architecture designed in the Surrey Arts and Crafts Style.

Characteristic Features	AONB	W2
Undulating terrain	✓✓	✓✓
Dense woodland and occ open heath	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Small rectangular fields	✓✓✓	X
Large open heath around Puttenham	✓✓✓	X
Large fields around Shackleford	✓✓✓	X
Dense well screened settlements	✓✓✓	X
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS		
AONB	Gently sloping plateau with dense wooded plantation, heathy commons and vernacular architecture – Surrey Arts and Crafts style.	
W2	A recent, high value housing estate of Moor Park in a woodland setting.	
PERCEPTION		
Views	Distant	Intermittent
Scale	Medium	Small
Enclosure	Semi-enclosed	Enclosed
Variety	Varied	Simple
Texture	Textured	Rough
Colour	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Active
Unity	Interrupted	Interrupted
Naturalness	Tamed	Disturbed

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WAVERLEY SHEET 3

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA Greensand Hills and Wooded Weald

Reference No. WS3

Description

The Hascombe countryside is an open rolling plateau with a pattern of rounded interlocking hills and steep sided valleys. It forms a large-scale landscape of pasture, wooded ridges and heaths. This secluded landscape has provided the inspiration and the setting for the Arts and Crafts Movement. The area has a pleasant rural atmosphere, concealing hidden villages and hamlets, with distinctive old cottages and Edwardian country houses, many constructed in local Bargate stone and tile hung.

Characteristic Features	AONB	W3a	W3b
Hills and interlocking valleys	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Well wooded ridges enclosing pockets of mixed farmland	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Conifers and ornamental shrubs	✓	✓	✓
Dense hedgerows and network of lanes	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Hamlets in valley	X	✓	X
Villages on sandy ridge	✓✓✓	X	X
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS			
AONB	Interlocking shallow valleys with small pockets of woodland in valley floor and wooded ridges and steep sided hills – mixed arable pasture – managed hedges – beech, oak – woodland – well settled – medium fields – isolated large homes.		
W3a & W4a	Same as for AONB		
PERCEPTION			
Views	Distant	Intermittent	Intermittent
Scale	Medium	Medium	Medium
Enclosure	Semi-end	Semi-enclosed	Semi-enclosed
Variety	Varied	Varied	Varied
Texture	Textured	Textured	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Peaceful	Peaceful
Unity	Unified	Interrupted	Interrupted
Naturalness	Tamed	tamed	tamed

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WAVERLEY SHEET 4

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA North Downs

Reference No. WS4

Description

Comprising a series of low sandy hills, the Puttenham Vale forms a narrow, enclosed pastoral valley with medium sized fields, thick hedges, woodland, winding lanes and attractive scattered villages. The area is dominated by the spectacular Hog's Back ridge with small irregular sized fields divided by hedgerows and woodland. The dip slope has a more open and regular field pattern supporting extensive arable farming. The tree-lined Hog's Back forms a dramatic backdrop to views from an extensive area and affords expansive views out over Surrey's countryside.

Characteristic Features	AONB	W1a	W4
Low, sandy hills			✓✓✓
Valley broadens and flattens near Godalming			✓
Small irregular fields with scrappy, bushy hedgerows			✓
Large regular open fields towards Guildford			✓
Linear Villages, scattered farm and large houses on slopes.			✓✓
			✓✓✓
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS			
W4	Hilly with enclosed fields—woodland—heavily settled—horsiculture/golf course evident, noisy		
W1a	Similar in character to the chalk landscape of East Hampshire. The northern half of this area appears to be of greater scenic quality than the southern which is closer to Farnham.		
PERCEPTION			
Views			Panoramic
Scale			Medium
Enclosure			Open
Variety			Uniform
Texture			Textured
Colour			Colourful
Movement			Active
Unity			Interrupt
Naturalness			Tamed

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WAVERLEY SHEET 5

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA **Wooded Weald**

Reference No. WS5

Description

This is a low lying area of undulating, small-scale, secluded, farmed landscape, comprising a patchwork quilt of small field units set within a mosaic of mature woodland, shaws and overgrown hedgerows. It is an area punctuated by steep sided wooded ghylls. The area has an important industrial and cultural heritage, having associations with glass making and iron working. It also boasts many fine examples of distinctive tile hung and half-timbered buildings.

Characteristic Features	WAONB1	WAONB2	W6a	W6b
Gently undulating landform	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Steep sided ghylls	✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
Patchwork of irregular medium fields and mature woodland	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
Shaws and tall hedgerows	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Ponds often of historic origin	✓	✓	✓	✓✓
Scattered settlement of hamlets and farmsteads	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Extensive areas of species rich ancient woodland and commercial plantations	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS				
AONB1	<p>A mix of undulating woodland and farmland rising gradually to the Greensand ridge. The area is characterised by a small scale patchwork of fields within an irregular pattern of mature woodland. The wood often follows streams which have cut steep sided ghylls. Shaws and hedges predominate.</p> <p>As for AONB1 but more undulating, influence of Surrey Hills more pronounced and smaller fields but sense and good woodland coverage. Very high quality. Transitional quality between ornamental Hascombe Hills and more rolling wooded weald</p> <p>As for AONB but less enclosed, more distant views but same topography, woodland cover and unity</p> <p>Same as AONB but more densely wooded horizon - very good eg of wooded weald.</p>			
AONB2				
W6a				
W6b				
PERCEPTION				
Views	Intermittent	Distant	Distant	Intermittent
Scale	Medium	Small	Medium	Medium
Enclosure	Enclosed	Semi-enclosed	Semi-enclosed	Enclosed
Variety	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied
Texture	Textured	Textured	Textured	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Peaceful	Peaceful	Peaceful
Unity	Unified	Unified	Unified	Unified
Naturalness	farmed	farmed	farmed	farmed

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WAVERLEY SHEET 5

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA **Wooded Weald**

Reference No. WS5

Characteristic Features	W6c	W6d	W6e
Gently undulating landform	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓
Steep sided ghylls	✓✓	X	✓✓
Patchwork of irregular medium fields and mature woodland	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓✓
Shaws and tall hedgerows	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
Ponds often of historic origin	✓	✓✓	✓
Scattered settlement of hamlets and farmsteads	✓✓✓	X	✓✓✓
Extensive areas of species rich ancient woodland and commercial plantations	✓✓	✓	✓✓✓
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS	W6c	W6d	W6e
W6c	Same as AONB but slightly more green but medium sized fields are compensated for by larger and denser blocks of woodland. Fragmented disturbed landscape, large fields some unmanaged, aerodrome buildings, horsiculture, generally flatter. As for 6c well managed landscape.		
W6d			
W6e			
PERCEPTION			
Views	Intermittent	Intermittent	Intermittent
Scale	Medium	Medium	Medium
Enclosure	Semi-enclosed	Open	Semi-enclosed
Variety	Varied	Varied	Varied
Texture	Textured	Rough	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Muted	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Active	Peaceful
Unity	Unified	Fragmented	Unified
Naturalness	farmed	disturbed	Farmed

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✓✓ = evident

✓✓✓ = conspicuous

WAVERLEY SHEET 6

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA Greensand Valley

Reference No. WS6

Description

Stretching from Holmwood Common in the east to Wonersh in the west, this is a low lying area of gently undulating farmland rising up to join the Greensand ridge. The area comprises small-scale irregular field patterns, largely pastoral, within a well-defined woodland setting. The area has an intimate, secluded feel with a scattering of villages and hamlets, greens and commons, and a network of narrow, winding, enclosed lanes with mature hedgerow oak trees. Other features in the area include localised framed views of the Greensand ridge, unique wooded ghylls, large country houses with parkland, and distinctive styles of buildings, especially cottages and farmhouses.

Characteristic Features	AONB	M3a	W7a	W7b	W8a
Undulating landform	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓
Small scale irregular fields, hedgerows and oak copses	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓
Bushy hedgerows and shaws	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓
Small streams	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
Large country house and small parklands	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓✓	X
Lanes connecting Wealden villages with Greensand Hills	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓
Intimate secluded landscape	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS					
M3a	Undulating, small to medium mixed arable/pasture field deferred by shaws and copses providing a well wooded landscape character with restricted views. Winding lanes. Slightly less managed feel to hedges.				
W7a	As M3a but slightly larger fields.				
W7b	As for M3a but more individual parkland trees.				
W8a	As for M3a but flatter due to river valley. Less enclosed with views to distant hills and birch gives a slightly different character.				
PERCEPTION					
Views	Intermittent	Intermittent	Intermittent	Intermittent	Distant
Scale	Small	Small	Medium	Small	Medium
Enclosure	Enclosed	Enclosed	Enclosed	Enclosed	Semi-end
Variety	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied
Texture	Textured	Textured	Textured	Textured	Rough
Colour	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Active	Active	Active	Active
Unity	Unified	Unified	Unified	Unified	Interrupted
Naturalness	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed

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WAVERLEY SHEET 7

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA Greensand Hills

Reference No. WS7

Description

The Leith Hill area comprises of a series of prominent wooded hills, divided by deep interlocking valleys. The topography of this part of the Greensand Hills creates a dominant and dramatic elevated landscape with commanding views over the Weald. The area retains an isolated feel and sense of wildness, with small settlements in secluded valleys, extensive woodland cover, small-scale agriculture in wooded clearings, distinctive architecture and a network of attractive lanes, many of them sunken.

Characteristic Features	AONB	W8b
Hills and interlocking valleys	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Well wooded	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Exotic woodland edge	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Small regular fields assorted	✓	✓✓
Sunken lanes	✓✓✓	✓✓
Little settlement	✓✓	✓
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS	AONB	W8b
AONB	Dense mixed woodland with exotic conifers on sloping ground with incised valleys. A prominent key feature of the Surrey Hills.	
W8b	As for AONB but more open. Fringe hill to the Leith Hill massif	
PERCEPTION		
Views	Intermittent	Intermittent
Scale	small	Small
Enclosure	confined	Semi-enclosed
Variety	Simple	Varied
Texture	textured	Textured
Colour	colourful	Colourful
Movement	Vacant	Peaceful
Unity	unified	Unified
Naturalness	Restrained	Farmed

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WAVERLEY SHEET 8

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA Wealden Greensand

Reference No. WS8

Description

Characteristic Features	W3a	W3b
Steeply undulating landform with small hills	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Dense blocks of conifers and woodland	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Tall bushy mixed hedgerows	✓✓	✓✓
Irregular field patterns	✓✓	✓
Isolated large houses	✓✓	✓✓
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS		
	A mix of undulating woodland and farmland rising gradually to the Greensand ridge. The area is characterised by a small scale patchwork of fields within an irregular pattern of mature woodland. The wood often follows streams which have cut steep sided ghylls. Shaws and hedges predominate.	
PERCEPTION		
Views	Intermittent	Intermittent
Scale	Medium	Medium
Enclosure	Semi-enclosed	Semi-enclosed
Variety	Varied	Varied
Texture	Textured	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Peaceful
Unity	Interrupted	Interrupted
Naturalness	tamed	tamed

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GUILDFORD

Record Sheet

Description

GS1	GUILDFORD 1 ; Landscape Character Area: North Downs – GAONB1 G3a G1
GS2	GUILDFORD 1 ; Landscape Character Area: North Downs G2
GS3	GUILDFORD 1 ; Landscape Character Area: Greensand Valley GAONB G4a G5

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GUILDFORD SHEET 1

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA North Downs

Reference No. GS1

Description

Comprising a series of low sandy hills, the Puttenham Vale forms a narrow, enclosed pastoral valley with medium sized fields, thick hedges, woodland, winding lanes and attractive scattered villages. The area is dominated by the spectacular Hog's Back ridge with small irregular sized fields divided by hedgerows and woodland. The dip slope has a more open and regular field pattern supporting extensive arable farming. The tree-lined Hog's Back forms a dramatic backdrop to views from an extensive area and affords expansive views out over Surrey's countryside.

Characteristic Features	GAONB1	G1	G3a
Low, sandy hills	✓✓✓	X	✓✓✓
Valley broadens and flattens near Godalming	✓✓✓	X	✓
Small irregular fields with dense bushy hedgerows	✓✓✓	X	✓
Large regular open fields towards Guildford	✓	✓✓✓	✓
Linear Villages, scattered farm and large houses on slopes.	✓✓	✓	✓✓
Dramatic views of Hog's Back	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
OTHER CHARACTERISTICS			
GAONB	Small, enclosed, well wooded landscape – dense settlement – wooded ridges and low horizons – Arts and Crafts features Watts Chapel horsiculture a problem and gardenification and road noise A3!		
G3a	Hilly with enclosed fields–woodland–heavily settled-horsiculture/golf course evident, noisy.		
G1	Medium scale, regular shaped fields, undulating; remnant hedgerows, poor condition; mixed arable (large) and smaller pasture fields – fragmented; scattered trees; noise of A31 – isolated villages, but well settled.		
PERCEPTION			
Views	Intermitt	Intermitt	Panoramic
Scale	Small	Small	Medium
Enclosure	Encl	encl	Open
Variety	Varied	Simple	Uniform
Texture	Textured	Textured	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Active	Active	Active
Unity	Interrupt	Interrupt	Interrupt
Naturalness	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed

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GUILDFORD SHEET 2

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA North Downs

Reference No. GS2

Description

Ranmore and Hackhurst Downs is a densely wooded and sparsely settled area of rolling downland characterised by a gently undulating dip slope with far reaching views towards London. The south facing wooded scarp slope overlooks the delightful Pipbrook and Tillingbourne valleys providing dramatic views of the wooded Greensand Hills. The area has an isolated, wild feel, with pockets of farmland clearings contained within a mosaic of woodland, shaws, hedgerows and commercial forestry. Enclosed dry valleys on the dip slope and areas of common and heathland, largely colonised by trees, together with winding, enclosed lanes, boundary banks and scattered farmsteads, are also distinctive features of the area.

Characteristic Features	AONB	G2
Rolling landform		✓✓✓
Enclosed dry valleys		✓✓
Extensive areas of heaths & commons		X
Large fields		✓✓✓
Sparse settlement		✓✓✓
Boundary banks and enclosed winding lanes.		✓
OTHER CHARACTERISTICS		
G2	Large fields – enclosed by tree belts – unmanaged remnant hedgerows – horsiculture present – open views to wooded ridges – dry valleys flattening out as slope shelves/flattens.	
PERCEPTION		
Views		Distant
Scale		Large
Enclosure		Open
Variety		Simple
Texture		Smooth
Colour		Muted
Movement		Peaceful
Unity		Unified
Naturalness		Tamed

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GUILDFORD SHEET 3

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA Greensand Valley

Reference No. GS3

Description

Located between the high ground of the North Downs and Leith Hill, this is a delightful and highly attractive secluded valley landscape of mixed farming within a wooded setting. The landscape has a rich mosaic of fields, woods, country estates, streams, ponds, villages, parkland, hills, churches and scenic roads. It also has a wealth of cultural and historic interest and is a popular visitor destination.

Characteristic Features	GAONB2	G4a	G5
Valley	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Small Wooded hills within valley floor	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Regular shaped fields of mixed agriculture	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Hedgerows well formed and bushy	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓
Past industrial mill ponds	✓✓	✓	?
Private estates	✓	✓	?
Dense network of tracks	✓✓	✓✓	✓
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS			
G4a	Valley comprising a mix of regular fields and woodland (birch) with narrow river/canal with occ. Undulating small hills a feature.		
AONB	Attractive valley landscape contained by chalk scarp to the north and Greensand Hills to the south. Undulating valley floor with regular shaped field and dense network of lands and tracks		
PERCEPTION			
Views	Intermittent	Intermittent	Intermittent
Scale	Small	Small	Small
Enclosure	Enclosed	Enclosed	Enclosed
Variety	Varied	Complex	Varied
Texture	Textured	Textured	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Active	Active
Unity	Unified	Interrupted	Interrupted
Naturalness	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed

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MOLE VALLEY

Record Sheet	Description
MVS1	MOLE VALLEY 1 ; Landscape Character Area : North Downs Scarp MAONB1; MAONB2; M1b/1; M1b/2.
MVS2	MOLE VALLEY 2 ; Landscape Character Area : Wooded Weald MAONB1; M3a.

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MOLE VALLEY SHEET 1

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA North Downs Scarp

Reference No. MVS1

Description

The prominent scarp slope of the North Downs provides a dramatic and dominant feature overlooking the farmed landscape of the Holmesdale Valley and wooded Greensand Hills to the south. The scarp comprises a rich mosaic of pasture, ploughed land, downland, woodland and scrub. The north facing dip slope is an open, undulating, large scale landscape, with wooded shaws, pasture, large arable fields, parkland, scattered small settlements, isolated farmsteads and narrow lanes. In contrast, the Holmesdale Valley is more densely settled with major road corridors, extensive industry and an agricultural landscape of mixed farming and dense hedges.

Characteristic Features	MAONB1	MAONB2		M1b/1	M1b/2
South-facing scarp slope	X	X		X	X
Pasture, crops, scrub and woodland	✓✓✓	✓✓✓		✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Undulating northern dip slope	✓✓✓	X		✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Valley of dense settlements, roads & industrial activity	X	X		X	X
Sparse settlement of isolated farms	✓	X		✓	X
M25 road corridor	X	X		X	✓✓
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS					
MAONB2	Small regular fields cut out of heathy woodland – birch, oak and conifer – generally flatter/plateau like.				
M1b/2	Gently rolling, mix of pasture and woodland blocks. Distant views – noise of M25 – horsiculture prevalent.				
M1b/1 MAONB1	Pronounced rolling landform. Woodland/pasture mosaic and interlocking valleys – heath woodland and bracken – exotic conifers and horsiculture – good quality distant views				
PERCEPTION					
Views	Distant	Inter		Distant	Distant
Scale	Large	Small		Large	Medium
Enclosure	Varied*	Confined		Varied*	Semi-enc
Variety	Varied	Varied		Varied	Varied
Texture	Smooth	Textured		Smooth	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Colourful		Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Active		Peaceful	Active
Unity	Unified	Unified		Unified	Interrupt
Naturalness	tamed	Tamed		tamed	Tamed

MOLE VALLEY SHEET 2

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LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA **Wooded Weald**

Reference No. MVS2

Description

Stretching from Holmwood Common in the east to Wonersh in the west, this is a low lying area of gently undulating farmland rising up to join the Greensand ridge. The area comprises of small-scale irregular field patterns, largely pastoral, within a well-defined woodland setting. The area has an intimate, secluded feel with a scattering of villages and hamlets, greens and commons, and a network of narrow, winding, enclosed lanes with mature hedgerow oak trees. Other features in the area include localised framed views of the Greensand ridge, unique wooded ghylls, large country houses with parkland, and distinctive styles of buildings, especially cottages and farmhouses.

Characteristic Features	MAONB1	M3a
Undulating landform	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Irregular intricate fields, hedgerows and oak copses	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Bushy hedgerows and shaws	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Small streams	✓✓	✓✓
Large country house, small parklands, and scattered hamlets of vernacular buildings	✓✓	✓
Network of enclosed, winding lanes connecting Wealden villages with Greensand Hills	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Glimpsed views of Greensand Hills		
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS		
MAONB1	Gradually rising but with flatter areas comprising small irregular well managed fields, pasture enclosed by shaws or small copses and windy lanes.	
M3a	Undulating, small to medium mixed arable/pasture fields defined by shaws and copses providing a well wooded landscape character with restricted views. Winding lanes. Slightly less managed feel to hedges.	
PERCEPTION		
Views	Intermittent	Intermittent
Scale	Small	Small
Enclosure	Enclosed	Enclosed
Variety	Varied	Varied
Texture	Textured	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Peaceful
Unity	Unified	Unified
Naturalness	Tamed	Tamed

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Record Sheet

Description

- RS1 REIGATE 1 ; Landscape Character Area : North Downs Scarp RAONB1; RAONB2; R2a; R2b; R3b; R3c; R3d;
- RS2 REIGATE 2 ; Landscape Character Area : Greensand Hills and Wooded Weald: R1b

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REIGATE SHEET 1

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA North Downs Scarp

Reference No. RS1

Description

The prominent scarp slope of the North Downs provides a dramatic and dominant feature overlooking the farmed landscape of the Holmesdale Valley and wooded Greensand Hills to the south. The scarp comprises a rich mosaic of pasture, ploughed land, downland, woodland and scrub. The north facing dip slope is an open, undulating, large scale landscape, with wooded shaws, pasture, large arable fields, parkland, scattered small settlements, isolated farmsteads and narrow lanes. In contrast, the Holmesdale Valley is more densely settled with major road corridors, extensive industry and an agricultural landscape of mixed farming and dense hedges.

Characteristic Features	RAONB1	RAONB2	R2a	R2b	R3b	R3c	R3d
South facing scarp slope	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Diverse landscape pattern of species rich ancient woodland, open downland, heathland, wood pasture and commons	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Undulating northern dip slope	✓✓✓	X	✓✓	✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Valley of dense settlements roads and industrial activity	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sparse settlement of isolated farms	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Major road corridors	X	X	✓✓	✓✓	X	X	X
Expansive views	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS							
RAONB1	Consistent landform pattern of rolling open valleys with scrub on valley sides. Wooded ridges and pasture dominant.						
RAONB2	Large flat, arable fields and low, shallow dry valleys, open views and minimal woodland – tall well managed hedges and occasional hedgerow trees – some tree						
R2a	Same as RAONB1						
R2b	Wooded heath with open areas utilised for golf courses but with characteristic features such as pines and heath retained.						
R3b	Same as RAONB1						
R3c	Same as RAONB1						
PERCEPTION							
Views	Inter	Distant	Inter	Inter	Inter	Inter	Inter
Scale	Medium	Large	Large	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Enclosure	Semi-enc	Open	Open	Encl	Open	Semi-enc	Semi-enc
Variety	Varied	Simple	Simple	Simple	Varied	Varied	Varied
Texture	Textured	Smooth	Textured	Textured	Textured	Textured	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Muted	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Active	Active	Peaceful	Peaceful	Peaceful	Peaceful
Unity	Unified	Unified	Unified	Inter	Unified	Unified	Unified
Naturalness	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed	tamed	Tamed

REIGATE SHEET 2

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LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA Greensand Hills and Wooded Weald

Reference No. RS2

Description

The Hascombe countryside is an open rolling plateau with a pattern of rounded interlocking hills and steep sided valleys. It forms a large-scale landscape of pasture, wooded ridges and heaths. This secluded landscape has provided the inspiration and the setting for the Arts and Crafts Movement. The area has a pleasant rural atmosphere, concealing hidden villages and hamlets, with distinctive old cottages and Edwardian country houses, many constructed in local Bargate stone and tile hung.

Characteristic Features	AONB	R1b
Hills and interlocking valleys	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Well wooded ridges encl	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Pockets of farmland		
Conifers and ornamental shrubs	✓	✓✓
Dense hedgerows and network of lanes	✓✓	✓✓
Hamlets in valley	X	X
Villages on sandy ridge	✓✓✓	✓
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS		
EE1	Large arable fields on rising ground with woodled ridge close the urban fringe of Epsom	
PERCEPTION		
Views	Distant	Distant
Scale	Medium	Small-medium
Enclosure	Semi-end	Semi-end
Variety	Varied	Varied
Texture	Textured	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Active
Unity	Unified	Unified
Naturalness	Tamed	Tamed

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EPSOM AND EWELL

Record Sheet

Description

EE1 EPSOM and EWELL 1 ; Landscape Character Area : North Downs Scarp RAONB1; EE1

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EPSOM and EWELL SHEET 1

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA North Downs Scarp

Reference No. EE1

Description

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Characteristic Features	AONB	EE1
Hills and interlocking valleys	✓✓✓	✓
Well wooded ridges encl	✓✓✓	✓✓
Pockets of farmland		X
Conifers and ornamental shrubs	✓	X
Dense hedgerows and network of lanes	✓✓	✓
Hamlets in valley	X	X
Villages on sandy ridge	✓✓✓	X
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS		
EE1	Large arable fields on rising ground with wooded ridge close to, and influenced by the urban fringe of Epsom	
PERCEPTION		
Views	Distant	Distant
Scale	Medium	Small-medium
Enclosure	Semi-end	Semi-end
Variety	Varied	Varied
Texture	Textured	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Active
Unity	Unified	Unified
Naturalness	Tamed	Tamed

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TANDRIDGE

Record Sheet	Description
TS1	TANDRIDGE 1 ; Landscape Character Area : North Downs Scarp TAONB1; TAONB2; T2a; T3a; T3b; T3c
TS2	TANDRIDGE 2 ; Landscape Character Area : Greensand Hills and Wooded Weald Hascombe 2 T1a; T1b; T4a; T4b
TS3	TANDRIDGE 3 ; Landscape Character Area : Wooded Weald T4c; T4d

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TANDRIDGE SHEET 1

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA North Downs Scarp

Reference No. TS1

Description

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Characteristic Features	TAONB1	TAONB2	T2a	T3a	T3b	T3c
South-facing scarp slope	✓✓✓	X	X	X	X	X
Diverse landscape pattern of species rich ancient woodland, open downland, heathland, wood pasture and commons.	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓✓
Undulating northern dip slope	X	✓✓✓	X	✓✓✓	X	✓✓✓
Valley of dense settlements, roads & industrial activity	✓✓	X	X	X	X	X
Sparse settlement of isolated farms	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Major road corridors	✓✓✓	X	X	X	X	X
Expansive Views	✓✓✓	✓✓✓				
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS						
TAONB1	Complex pattern of downland, woodland and scrub on the south facing scarp slope with dramatic views over the Holmesdale Valley.					
TAONB2	Large scale pattern of woodland/pasture in the context of rolling chalk downland.					
T2a	Large flat, arable fields and low, shallow dry valleys, open views and minimal woodland – tall well managed hedges and occasional hedgerow trees – some tree					
T3a	Rolling open fragmenting landscape of large fields, steep chalk valleys. Less coherent.					
T3b	Gently undulating open enclosed by woodland belts, large scale fields or golf course/horsiculture. Feels unmanaged.					
T3c						
PERCEPTION						
Views	Panoramic	Panoramic	Distant	Panoramic	Distant	Corridor
Scale	Medium	Medium	Large	Large	Large	Medium
Enclosure	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Semi-enc
Variety	Varied	Varied	Varied	Simple	Varied	Varied
Texture	Textured	Textured	Smooth	Textured	Textured	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Colourful	Muted	Muted	Muted	Colourful
Movement	Active	Peaceful	Active	Peaceful	Active	Peaceful
Unity	Unified	Unified	Unified	Fragmented	Fragmented	Unified
Naturalness	tamed	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed

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TANDRIDGE SHEET 2

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA Greensand Hills and Wooded Weald

Reference No. TS2

Description

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Characteristic Features	AONB	T1a	T1b	T4a	T4b
Hills and interlocking valleys	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓
Well wooded ridges enclosing pockets of farmland	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Conifers and ornamental shrubs	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Dense hedgerows and network of lanes	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Hamlets in valley	X	X	X	X	X
Villages on sandy ridge	✓✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓✓
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS					
AONB	Interlocking shallow valleys with small pockets of woodland in valley floor and wooded ridges. Pasture dominant pasture. Well managed hedges and beech, oak woodland. Well settled area with distant views to chalk ridge.				
T1a	Same as AONB – but no view of chalk ridge.				
T1b	Same as AONB				
T4a	Broad expansive farmland with large blocks of woodland with hedges and trees dominant. Mixed arable.				
T4b	Small to medium fields with good population of trees especially mature oaks and wooded shaws. Unevenly undulating landform with small hillocks. Sparsely settled.				
PERCEPTION					
Views	Distant	Distant	Distant	Distant	Distant
Scale	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium-large	Medium
Enclosure	Semi-end	Semi-encl	Open	Open	Open
Variety	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied
Texture	Textured	Textured	Textured	Textured	Textured
Colour	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful	Colourful
Movement	Peaceful	Peaceful	Peaceful	Peaceful	Peaceful
Unity	Unified	Unified	Unified	Unified	Unified
Naturalness	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed

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TANDRIDGE SHEET 3

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA **Wooded Weald**

Reference No. TS3

Description

This is a low lying area of undulating, small-scale, secluded, farmed landscape, comprising a patchwork quilt of small field units set within a mosaic of mature woodland, shaws and overgrown hedgerows. It is an area punctuated by steep sided wooded ghylls. The area has an important industrial and cultural heritage, having associations with glass making and iron working. It also boasts many fine examples of distinctive tile hung and half-timbered buildings.

Characteristic Features	AONB	T4c	T4d	
Gently undulating landform	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	
Steep sided ghylls	✓	X	✓	
Patchwork of irregular medium fields and mature woodland	✓✓	X	✓✓	
Shaws and tall hedgerows	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	
Ponds often of historic origin	✓	✓✓	✓✓	
Scattered settlement of hamlets and farmsteads	✓✓✓	✓	✓	
Extensive areas of species rich ancient woodland and commercial plantations	✓✓✓	X	✓✓✓	
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS				
AONB	A mix of undulating woodland and farmland rising gradually to Greensand Ridge. The area is characterised by a small scale patchwork of fields in an irregular pattern of mature woodland. Shaws and hedges predominate.			
T4c	Open agricultural landscape of large fields – mixed arable pasture. Low density tree cover but wooded horizons. Lacks intricacy of the Weald to the west of AONB.			
T4d	Small-medium fields, roads and streams enclosed by thick hedgerows and shaws on both sides.			
PERCEPTION				
Views	Intermittent	Distant	Distant	
Scale	Medium	Large	Medium	
Enclosure	Enclosed	Open	Semi-enclosed	
Variety	Varied	Simple	Varied	
Texture	Textured	Textured	Textured	
Colour	Colourful	Colour	Colour	
Movement	Peaceful	Peaceful	Peaceful	
Unity	Unified	Unified	Unified	
Naturalness	Tamed	Tamed	Tamed	

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