

Technical Review of Areas of Special Landscape Quality and Strategic Gaps

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Criteria for "Valued Landscape"

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para 5.29: Valued Landscapes: "... Areas of the landscape whose character is judged to be intact and in good condition, and where scenic quality, wildness or tranquillity, and natural or cultural heritage features make a particular contribution to the landscape, or where there are important associations, are likely to be highly valued."

Landscape quality/condition	A measure of the physical state of the landscape. It may include the extent to which typical character is represented in individual areas, the intactness of the landscape and the condition of individual elements.
Scenic quality	The term used to describe landscapes that appeal primarily to the senses (primarily but not wholly the visual senses).
Rarity	The presence of rare elements or features in the landscape or the presence of a rare Landscape Character Type. [Based on its application within other studies, this would represent rarity within the district or county.]
Representativeness	Whether the landscape contains a particular character and/or features or elements which are considered particularly important examples.
Conservation interests	The presence of features of wildlife, earth science or archaeological or historical and cultural interest can add to the value of the landscape as well as having value in their own right.
Recreation value	Evidence that the landscape is valued for recreational activity where experience of the landscape is important.
Perceptual aspects	A landscape may be valued for its perceptual qualities, notably wildness and/or tranquillity.
Associations	Some landscapes are associated with particular people, such as artists or writers, or events in history that contribute to perceptions of the natural beauty of the area.

Stage 1 Assessment Landscape Character Areas assessed against Box 5.1 criteria

KEY Does the Area match the criteria?

Complete match
Good match
Fair match
Partial match

Box 5.1 Criteria: Individual topic cells are coloured only where rated differently to the Overall Match.

LCA area	LCA Name	Overall Match Rating	Quality/condition	Scenic quality (incl views)	Rarity	Representativeness	Conservation interests	Recreation value	Perceptual aspects	Other / Association
1.1	Upper Hamble Valley	Complete match	Good condition. Natural, unspoilt rural character, topographic unity	Exceptional scenic quality, and views good, visual unity. Views in from the west and the river.	Tidal river valley	Tidal river valley	SPA/SSSI/SAC/ Ancient semi-natural woodlands, inter-tidal, wetlands Protected wreck site of Henry V flagship 'Grace Dieu' in river	Footpath access on east bank limited, but area important contribution to landscape setting of Hamble Country Park to west, and river users.	High levels of tranquillity, well contained, little human activity. Relative sense of remoteness in N part. Less noisy activity on river north of A27	River based events
1.2a	Swanwick Wood and Lakes	Good match	Good condition. Natural, unspoilt coherent character, heavily wooded, topographic unity. N.A.T.S. campus is well planted and managed.	Exceptional scenic quality, visibility restricted, visual unity	Higher part of tidal river valley sides, ancient woodland	Higher part of tidal river valley sides, ancient woodland	SPA/SSSI/SAC/ Nature reserve, ancient woodland	GI and recreation network - landscape setting important	Relatively high levels of tranquillity. Relative absence of human activity despite N.A.T.S. and proximity of M27. Relatively peaceful, undisturbed	No references available
1.2b	Swanwick Wood and Lakes	Good match	Good condition. Predominantly rural and unspoilt with coherent character and topographic unity. More open than 1.2a.	Exceptional scenic quality, visibility restricted, visual unity	Part of tidal river valley	Part of tidal river valley, some ancient woodland	SPA/SSSI/SAC/ Part of Curbridge Nature reserve, ancient woodland	GI and recreation network - landscape setting important	Relatively high levels of tranquillity away from roads. Future influence of N Whiteley development may impact.	No references available
2.1a	Lower Hamble Valley Side	Good match	Generally good condition. River side. Typical busy riverside landscape. Low lying flat topography with some urban fringe character at edge of Swanwick.	High scenic quality, visual unity. Views to and from the river. Mixture of busy waterfront and wooded river margin.	Tidal river valley, river related land uses.	Tidal river valley	SPA, SSSI, SINC, Bursledon Brickworks Museum, Listed bldg II*	Relatively restricted public access other than for boat users. Self contained playing field.	Lively and distinctive sense of river based activities. Relatively tranquil setting to playing field.	Regatta and other sailing events
2.1b	Lower Hamble Valley Side	Complete match	Good condition. Valley side landscape, extensively wooded, topographic unity, semi-rural, relatively unspoilt	Exceptional scenic quality, semi rural. Visual unity. High quality views, to and from river, where not limited by woodland.	Tidal river valley	Tidal river valley	SPA, SSSI, Ancient woodland, Registered parks & gdns - Holly Hill. Listed bldg. Sarisbury Green Conservation Area adjoins.	Extensive public access and PROW network including riverside walk. Holly Hill Park	Narrow, enclosed lanes, pastoral character. Much of shore has rural feel where wooded.	Regatta and other sailing events

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2.1c	Lower Hamble Valley Side		Good condition. River side. Gently sloping/flat land adj river mouth. Topographic unity	exceptional scenic quality. Visual unity. Open high quality views. Trees on Newtown Rd important valley edge feature.	Tidal river valley	Tidal river valley	Exceptional environmental value. SPA, SSSI, wetland & grassland habitats, Warsash Conservation Area adjoins.	Exceptional amenity value. Solent Way and Strawberry Field open space make the most of the setting.	Mix of riverside settlement of Warsash and wildness of southern end at Hook Lake.	Regatta and other sailing events
2.2a	Warsash Nurseries		W area: Good condition. River valley side with fields and some low density housing. E area: Moderate condition, some elements poor. Flatter fields, horticultural uses, partly abandoned. Suburban residential along Brook Lane.	W area: Contained by woodland to north and south, views restricted. E area: Moderate scenic quality. Views restricted.	W area: River valley side. E area: Horticultural land use	W area: River valley side. E area: Horticultural landscape	No designations. Contains valuable green infrastructure.	W area: Important PRow link between settlement, river and Holly Hill CP. E Area: Limited public access. 2 short sections of PRow	W area: Secluded private character. Relatively tranquil. E area: Lack of tranquillity. Surrounded by busy roads.	No references available
2.2b	Warsash Nurseries		Good condition. River side and wooded, low density residential valley side. Some commercial and residential development along Brook Lane.	Strong visual relationship with river. Generally attractive.	Tidal river valley side and shore	Tidal river valley side and shore	SPA, SSSI, SINC	Riverside PRow.	Tranquil setting with lively river activity.	No references available
3.1a	Hook Valley		Good condition. River valley system, heavily wooded. Unspoilt, natural, rural character.	High scenic quality, attractive character. Few views into area	Minor river valley system	minor river valley system	SSSI/SINC/LNR Hook Park historic parkland	Public open space - Warsash Common. Recreation ground. A number of public footpaths, section of NCR 2. GI sub-regional Blue Corridor	Tranquillity, enclosure, intimacy, seclusion for most public routes and spaces. Relative wildness.	No references available
3.1b	Hook Valley		Good condition. Open coastal plain, farmland, playing field - larger-scale 'grain'.	High scenic quality, more open simple character. Glasshouse complex well contained by trees.	Open undeveloped coastal plain	Open coastal plain	SINC, Hook Conservation Area. Attractive estate hamlet.	Limited public access, but rural setting for Hook Lane Recreation Ground.	Less wild than 3.1a, but farmland still has a good level of tranquillity	No references available

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4.1	Chilling - Brownwich Coastal Plain		Good condition, unspoilt, undulating landscape, agricultural, large scale field pattern. Remoteness, isolation, naturalness. Minor areas of previous mineral extraction since restored.	Expansive strongly rural character with long distance panoramic sea and countryside views, plus more intimate wooded areas and ponds. Pylons cross the area but do not detract. 'Undeveloped' character.	One of the most extensive areas of undeveloped coast in Hampshire. Remoteness and associated tranquillity.	Undeveloped coastal plain.	SPA, SSSI, LNR, SINC. Ancient semi natural woodland, coastal farmland important for wildfowl. GI blue corridor. SPA etc? Cliffs of national geological significance.	National Cycle Route 2, Solent Way, Extensive PRoW and permissive path network. Water based activities. Popular destination for appreciation of landscape and tranquillity.	Highest tranquillity ratings and lowest levels of light pollution in borough (along with the lower Meon valley and Forest of Bere). Distinctly rural, unspoilt character with sense of remoteness. Residential area adjoining Hook Park is quiet and well contained by valuable woodland.	No references available
5.1a	Titchfield Corridor		Wooded central valley in good condition, western area lacks vegetation and has highly urbanised surroundings giving it fringe characteristics.	Part is a distinctive , important wedge of greenspace. The woodland restricts internal views but is visible from a wide area. Pylons run through but woodland reduces intrusion.	Part with intact wooded Brownwich Stream valley landscape.	Part Wooded valley: Heath associated / Horti & smallholdings: small scale	SINC Ancient semi-natural woodland (Brownwich valley)	Network of permissive paths. Sylvan Glade area of designated public open space.	Low tranquillity in W area. Enclosed, attractive character in central wooded area, which minimises intrusion of pylons.	No references available
5.1b	Titchfield Corridor		Intact, densely wooded valley landscape in good condition.	Woodland restricts internal views but is visible from a wide area. Pylons run through but woodland reduces intrusion.	Intact wooded valley landscape	Wooded valley: Heath associated	LNR, SINC Semi-natural woodland (Brownwich valley) GI ... blue corridor..	Network of permissive paths. Area of designated public open space. Kites Croft	Moderate tranquillity. Essentially unspoilt, enclosed and semi-natural character. Pylon route, but does not significantly detract.	No references available
5.1c	Titchfield Corridor		Patchwork of land uses (education/pasture/horticulture) and lower condition of some land detracts from quality.	Suburban character. Views ..largely restricted	No rare qualities noted	Open coastal plain: fringe character	SINC Semi-natural woodland (Brownwich valley) GI ... blue corridor	West Hill Park School & grounds - private	Relatively low tranquillity. Semi-rural ...with suburbanising influences	No references available
5.1d	Titchfield Corridor		Attractive backdrop of mature trees to the recreation ground. Urban context and suburban character detract from its quality	Relatively undistinguished landscape with a suburban character.	No rare qualities noted	Enclosed coastal amenity land	No designations. Contains valuable green infrastructure.	Public open space with treed boundary has value within a predominantly built up area. Hunts Pond Road recreation ground	Relatively low tranquillity in the urban context.	No references available

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6.1a	Lower Meon Valley		Good condition. Unspoilt rural character. Flat river valley floor, open floodplain pasture. Coherent sense of place. Topographic unity.	High scenic quality, particularly in the lower reaches. Visual unity. Open views in from Cliff Rd, internal views from PROWs.	Open river valley with fragile landscape.	Open river valley	SSSI/NNR/SINC. Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve. Titchfield Canal, historic sea wall and water flow management.	Extensive PROW network, Solent Way, NCR 2	High levels of tranquillity and a sense of wildness, especially in and around the nature reserve. Lowest levels of light pollution (along with Chilling - Brownwich and Forest of Bere).	No references available
6.1b	Lower Meon Valley		Good condition. Gentle valley sides with open, large scale farmland. Coherent sense of place and unspoilt rural character with topographic unity.	High scenic quality. Visual unity. Extensive internal views from footpaths	Part of open river valley.	Open river valley	Parts of SSSI/NNR/SINC. Titchfield Canal	Extensive PROW network	High levels of tranquillity with rural setting. Lowest levels of light pollution (along with Chilling - Brownwich and Forest of Bere).	No references available
6.1c	Lower Meon Valley		Good condition. Gentle valley sides with smaller - scale pastures. Coherent sense of place and topographic unity. Commercial uses in places on E edge give localised fringe character.	High scenic quality. Visual unity. Extensive internal views from PROWs. Commercial uses do not detract - woodland at higher levels important for containment.	Part of open river valley, containing some commercial uses in the NE.	Open river valley	SINC/SSSI associated with tributary	PROW network linking to valley floor, Crofton Manor Equestrian Centre	Generally high levels of tranquillity and low levels of light pollution, other than equestrian centre floodlighting.	No references available
6.2a	Upper Meon Valley		Unifying river valley landform in generally good condition. Semi-rural, pastoral landscape with good screening vegetation. Some features of W slopes and NW corner detract from quality.	Generally high scenic quality. Some good views in from E edge of Titchfield, and out from W slopes above abbey, otherwise restricted by vegetation. Detracting influences on W slopes. Hotel and retirement complex generally well contained by woodland.	Fragile open river valley landscape.	Open river valley	SINCs. Exceptional heritage value - Titchfield Abbey SAM and Conservation Area including the Monastic Barn and other listed buildings, historic fish ponds and Stony Bridge. Titchfield Conservation Area adjoins.	PROW network, though poor links to Abbey and riverside. Informal open space, as well as recreation ground, on W slopes within Abbey Conservation Area.	Generally unspoilt. Lacks the 'wilder' qualities of Lower valley floodplain. Valley floor itself is unspoilt, intimate and riparian. Traffic noise close to A27, but otherwise an underlying sense of seclusion. Detracting influences on W slopes.	No references available

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6.2b	Upper Meon Valley		River valley landform. Essentially rural & unspoilt wooded farmland. At its narrowest, mainly eastern valley sides. Fields with somewhat scruffy fringe character are absorbed by extensive woodland.	Generally high scenic quality. School has open views down and across valley. Main views from extensive PRoW network.	Open river valley landscape, fragile	Open river valley	SINCs Site of Fontley ironworks SAM	PRoW network, though not along riverside within borough.	Essentially rural and unspoilt. Underlying sense of seclusion. No significant intrusion from built areas or transport corridors.	Associations with Henry Cort, iron master
7.1a	Fareham - Stubbington Gap		Level or undulating open coastal plain in arable or horticultural use. Scattered blocks or belts of trees concentrated around edges of settlements. Condition generally good. Quality intact and consistent across area as a whole, but may be affected by new bypass.	Expansive, open character allows long distance views. Trees and woodland break up expansiveness in places, providing some visual containment. New bypass will have an impact.	Part of undeveloped coastal plain.	Open coastal plain, but in context of adjoining settlements	Ancient woodland SINCs. Arable farmland with low tree cover lacks diversity. Provides open link between Alver and Meon Valleys.	Opportunities for quiet recreation within easy reach of urban areas.. PRoW network in relatively poor condition. Publicly accessible fishing pond SW of solar farm. School playing fields. New bypass will have an impact.	Largely unspoilt open countryside with predominantly rural, agricultural character. Lacks sense of remoteness and natural qualities found elsewhere in the undeveloped coastal plain. New bypass likely to reduce tranquillity.	No references available
7.1b	Fareham - Stubbington Gap		Sewage treatment works contained within vegetated earth bunds. Solar farm. Pylons	Limited scenic quality. Screening vegetation effective. Pylon lines associated with solar farm.	Limited characteristic s of coastal plain	Large utility sites	No designations, but contains some valuable green infrastructure.	PRoWs cross between the adjoining settlements.	Low tranquillity due to industrialised uses.	No references available
8.1a	Woodcot		Flat, low-lying, predominantly unspoilt, rural agricultural character. medium scale arable fields, intact structure of hedgerows, sign. tree belts to periphery. Generally well-managed.	Scenic quality not exceptional, affected by some urban intrusion. Views mainly from Newgate Lane, properties.	No rare qualities noted	A moderate example of open coastal plain - weak structure	No designations, but contains valuable green infrastructure.	Limited PRoWs - Brookers Lane and Woodcot Lane. Some severance effects where new bypass to Newgate Lane South	Open character, tree belts screen from urban areas. Some intrusion from Newgate Lane traffic.	No references available
8.1b	Woodcot		Flat, low-lying. Two areas - recreation land and playing fields. Suburban rather than rural character.	Scenic quality not exceptional, affected by some urban intrusion. Views limited - mainly from Newgate Lane.	No rare qualities noted	Enclosed coastal amenity land	No designations, but contains some valuable green infrastructure.	Public open space at Speedfields Park. PRoW across north side.	Some intrusion of urban features. Sense of 'landlocked' countryside	No references available

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8.2a	Peel Common & Alver Valley		Overall quality substantially degraded. Some strong landscape structure. Strip of land either side of Newgate Lane, residential & small scale grazing to E & W. Fringe character.	Influence of busy roads, street lighting. Character & quality of views .. heavily influenced by urban characteristics	No rare qualities noted	Mix of open coastal plain - fringe, weak & strong	No designations, but contains some valuable green infrastructure.	Public open space - Brookers Field. GI aim to create links to Alver Valley Country Park.	Low tranquillity. Influence of busy roads, street lighting	No references available
8.2b	Peel Common & Alver Valley		Moderate quality and condition, semi-rural character. Open land, divided into paddocks	Strong attractive backdrop of woodland, less urbanised context than 8a. Views restricted by wooded framework.	No rare qualities noted	Open coastal plain - strong	SINC. Some valuable green infrastructure.	No public access	Semi-rural character	No references available
8.2c	Peel Common & Alver Valley		Relatively high quality, generally unspoilt. Lee Golf course occupies large part with a small area of paddocks in SW. Strong woodland belts, copses & scrub. Some 'semi-natural' qualities	Attractive, well treed. Some attractive views within, but few publicly accessible viewpoints.	No rare qualities noted	Mainly enclosed coastal amenity land	SINC, Important range of woodland, heathland and River Alver wetland habitats.	Lee Golf club. PRoW cuts through. Aim of create links to Alver Valley Country Park.	Attractive, enclosed .. well treed. Some 'semi-natural' qualities, but formal recreation rather than rural character.	No references available
9.1a	Wallington River valley (E facing slopes)		Open river valley. Part of rolling chalkland landscape. Open, agricultural, rural character with large scale arable/grass fields. Intact and unspoilt. Topographic unity	High scenic quality, visual unity, few urban influences. Clear sense of place. Good views to and from Portsdown and PRoWs. Will be viewed from Welborne.	Scarcity of chalkland landscape.	Chalk downland & valley	No designations. Limited biodiversity assets.	PRoW network, links to Forest of Bere, SDNP, Portsdown Hill. Good views from paths. No open space. Will have a future role as Welborne developed.	Few urban influences at present. High tranquillity and low levels of light pollution away from M27. Future Welborne settlement edge will influence.	No references available
9.1b	Wallington River valley (Floodplain)		Rural, unspoilt. Low-lying, flat, small to medium sized fields under pasture around tree lined river margins.	Rural, unspoilt. Valley floor largely hidden from long views in/out by sloping foreground.	Chalkland open river valley	Chalkland open river valley	SINC - part of Gravelhole Copse, remnant ancient woodland, riparian habitats. GI sub-regional 'Blue corridor'	PRoW links along river to Forest of Bere/SDNP and up to Portsdown Hill. Good views from paths? More significant future role as Welborne developed.	High tranquillity and low levels of light pollution away from M27. More intimate and pastoral than 9.1a	No references available

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9.2	N Fareham Downs: Furze Hall Fringe		Strip of dense woodland/ scrub between urban fringe and M27	Not highest scenic quality. Some attractive semi-natural qualities. Views of woodland from footbridge, M27.	No rare qualities noted	Scrub	No designations, but contains some valuable green infrastructure.	Accessible local landscape for informal recreation.	Rough' scrubby fringe, some attractive semi-natural qualities.	No references available
10.1	Forest of Bere	High, as ASLC. Role re Welborne	Large scale, intact, gently rolling, wooded farmland, Topographic unity. Rural, unspoilt character	High scenic quality - mature mixed woodland. Form wooded backdrop to N Fareham Downs. Visual unity. Internal views from PROWs	Mixed farmland and woodland.	Mixed farmland and woodland - strong relationship with surrounding wider context.	Ancient woodland, SINCS	PROW network, providing strategic connections.	Highest tranquillity ratings and lowest levels of light pollution in borough (along with Chilling - Brownwich and the lower Meon valley) Sense of remoteness from urban area.	No references available
11.1	W Portsdown Hill		Open expansive arable chalk downs and valley side forming western flanks of Portsdown Hill. Unspoilt, intact rural character Large scale arable fields. Topographic unity. Lack of tree cover.	Visual unity. Distinctive area of chalk scenery. Urban influence (e.g M27, Park & ride) confined to pockets along S edge, effects localised. Sweeping expansive views to S & W. Pylons are prominent.	topographic & visual unity - chalk scenery	Open arable chalk downland - integral part of wider Portsdown Hill landscape.	SAM - WW2 gunsite, Monument Farm. 3 GII listed bldgs to SW corner	PROWs, including Allan King Way recreational route on Swivelton Lane. and link from river valley.	High tranquillity in N part, away from M27. Low sense of wildness as intensively farmed. Exposed, elevated, spacious.	No references available
11.2a	Portsdown Escarpment		Narrow S facing chalk scarp landscape. Open arable fields, former chalk pit, M27 embankment. Topographic unity. Generally intact. Some urbanising uses detract from rural character.	Visual unity, despite intrusion of towering pylons . Views of Fort Nelson nearby. Panoramic views out	Chalk downland	Chalk downland	SINC. Setting of nearby Fort Nelson	Picnic area and viewpoint associated with Fort Nelson, PROWs incl connection to Portchester, Allan King Way recreational route.	Only moderate tranquillity given M27 below. Exposed, elevated, spacious. Lack of wildness offset by expansive views.	No references available
11.2b	Portsdown Escarpment		Chalk scarp landscape, including open grassland, Topographic unity. Generally intact.	Visual unity, strong relationship with wider coastal landscape. Panoramic views out.	Chalk downland of Portchester Common especially scarce feature	Chalk downland	SSSI	Portchester Common access land. PROWs and network of tracks.	Only moderate tranquillity given M27 below. Exposed, elevated, spacious. Lack of wildness offset by expansive views.	No references available

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11.3a	W Portchester Fringe Farmland		Intensively farmed lower flanks of Portsdown, severed from it by M27. Limited vegetation cover. Disturbed ground, piecemeal development detracts from its quality and condition.	Intrusive features, including power lines and roads, detract. Views in from Downend Rd and Allan King Way PRoW	No rare qualities noted	Some characteristics of Chalk Downland Open Arable	No designations. Limited biodiversity assets.	PRoW - Allan King Way link between Portchester and Portsdown.	Some open expansive character. Intrusive features - power lines, roads etc detract from perceptual qualities.	No references available
11.3b	W Portchester Fringe Farmland		An area of re-colonising disturbed ground and around Downend Chalk Pit, a former quarry, together with small fields and minor built development.	Limited scenic quality due to its fringe character and isolation from the main part of Portsdown Hill.	Rare chalk habitats in former quarry.	Some specific aspects of chalk landscape.	Downend Chalk Pit SSSI	Limited recreational value. Riding school.	Enclosed fringe character.	No references available
11.3c	W Portchester Fringe Farmland		Intensively farmed lower flanks of Portsdown, severed by M27. Limited vegetation cover. Disturbed ground and piecemeal development detracts from its condition.	Intrusive features - roads etc detract. Views in from Upper Cornaway Lane on E side.	No rare qualities noted	Represents some characteristics of Chalk Downland Open Arable	No designations. Limited biodiversity assets.	PRoW - green lane of Upper Cornaway Lane link between Portchester and Portsdown.	Intrusive features - power lines, roads etc detract from perceptual qualities. Some open expansive character.	No references available
11.4	Fort Wallington Fringe		Small fragmented part of lower Portsdown Hill, severed by M27. Apart from a water meadow, quality and condition is relatively low. Urban fringe uses including horse grazing and waste transfer station.	Limited scenic quality. Urban fringe. Meadow enclosed by belts of trees, but area mostly hidden from view.	No rare qualities noted	Limited representation of river floodplain and chalk landscapes.	SINC - Water meadow. Part of the setting of the Wallington Conservation Area (outside boundary) This small area retains rural/attractive character. Setting of Fort.	PRoW crosses W part. Water meadow valued area of open space. Tunnel under M27 for access along River valley	Urban fringe, some industrial influence. Strong vegetation cover is positive feature - reduces intrusion of M27 & Waste stn	No references available
12.1a	Cams - Wicor Coastal Fringe		Generally high quality and good condition. Predominantly open, low-lying undeveloped Cams peninsula and enclosed river. Unified..flat, low-lying topography. Important historic woodland. Well managed.	High scenic quality. Views in from N and W including Town Quay, Salterns and the A27. Extensive internal views. Views out to the Creek and Gosport shore from the coastal footpath.	Undeveloped coast. Enclosed river and creek.	Undeveloped coast. Parkland & grounds, Enclosed river and creek.	SPA, SAC, SSSI, SINC, Cams Hall Conservation Area, Listed bldgs, Historic Park & Gdn - Cams Hall	Significant areas for informal and formal recreation. Parkland with golf course. PRoW links along coast - Fareham Creek Trail.	Open character contributes to setting of Fareham creek, Lwr & Upper Quays. Relative tranquillity adjoining urban areas.	No references available

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12.1b	Cams - Wicor Coastal Fringe	Area of.. Lower intrinsic value	Good condition but undistinguished quality compared to other parts of coastal plain. Open flat arable farmland. Unified..flat, low-lying topography. ..open farmland.. Fringe character .. development around edges..pylons.	Relatively undistinguished. Urban edge in full view from Allan King Way. Pylons cross W end.	Part of undeveloped coastal plain.	Open coastal plain - but fringe character.	No designations. Limited biodiversity assets.	Allan King Way adjoins on coast.	Open farmland character. Portchester urban edge and pylons intrude on character. Almost no direct visual connection with coast.	No references available
12.1c	Cams - Wicor Coastal Fringe		Moderate to High quality. Worthy of protection and enhancement. Low-lying coastal edge with patchwork of open amenity grassland, fields, allotments, woodland. Some intrusion from urban edge.	Both moderate and high scenic value. Vegetation and attractive waterfront views of Portsmouth Harbour and historic features. Much of urban intrusion screened by vegetation.	Both undeveloped coast (although narrow in places) and also important heritage assets.	Open coastal plain	SPA, SAC, SSSI, SINC, SAM - Portchester Castle, Portchester Conservation Area.	Public open space for informal and formal recreation with an open outlook close to urban area, including Wicor recreation ground and Portchester Castle surrounds. Coastal PRoW - Allan King Way	Relative tranquillity close to urban edge. Expansive sense of space to south. Rich & varied landscape experience. Some urban intrusion.	No references available
13.1	Burrige - Swanwick - Whiteley Road corridors		Leafy streetscape. Continuous strip of low density ribbon dev. Suburban frontages, farmland to back. Trees & woodland are valuable.	Leafy suburban character. Farmland screened by development other than from PRoWs & lanes.	No rare qualities noted	Low density ribbon development	Ancient Woodland, SINC	PRoWs connect to Swanwick Woods to W and Whiteley to E.	Leafy suburban character	No references available
13.2a	Swanwick & Burrige Fringes		Generally intact & unspoilt, essentially rural character. Mix of uses, small scale fields within mature framework of woodland trees & hedgerows, adjoins Swanwick Woods	Strong framework of woodland etc and green lanes. Views mostly screened by vegetation and bldgs along road corridors	No rare qualities noted	Small scale horti & smallholdings.	Connections to network of habitats in Swanwick Wood/Lakes. Small SINC	Two PRoWs and links connecting Swanwick & Burrige with Swanwick Wood and Hamble Valley.	Strong sense of enclosure & seclusion. Some localised urban intrusion.	No references available

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13.2b	Swanwick & Burrige Fringes		Moderate condition. Dominated by Rookery Fm waste recycling and restored mineral extraction. Mixed uses around.	Urban fringe character. Significant woodland blocks. Restored landform restricts views	No rare qualities noted	Disturbed and recolonising landscape	No designations, but contains some valuable green infrastructure.	Public access limited - no PRow	Relatively low tranquillity. Urban fringe character.	No references available
13.2c	Swanwick & Burrige Fringes		Small area between M27 and urban edge of Whiteley. Mix of small scale pasture, housing in heavily wooded setting	Dense woodland restricts views.	No rare qualities noted	Mixed farm/woodland	Ancient Woodland, SINC	Public access limited - no PRow	Heavily wooded and enclosed, but lacks rural character due to proximity of M27/other urbanising influences	No references available
14.1	North Sarisbury		Unified characteristics .. Relatively intact. Small area .. semi-rural, wooded .. Between M27 to N and urban edge of Swanwick, Sarisbury & Park Gate.	Strongly wooded enclosed character. Views restricted other than localised ones from footpaths/bridleways	Mixed Farmland & Woodland: small scale - scarce landscape type	Mixed Farmland & Woodland: small scale - valued as remnant of scarce landscape type	SINC woodland. Grassland & scrub habitats. Adjoins Sarisbury Conservation Area	PRow network incl link across M27 via underpass, Public open space - Beacon Bottom, in E part	Intimate, secluded and pastoral character. Isolation from countryside - fringe character incl. intrusion of road/rail noise, 'scruffiness'	No references available

Criteria from Recent Appeal Cases

National Precedents and examples	Stroud appeal 2014 - "Demonstrable physical attribute"	Stroud Judgement 2015 - "...integral part of wider landscape..."	Ashlawn Rd W, Rugby 2017 "...something ... out of the ordinary.."	Funton Brickworks, Kent 2017 - "designated"	https://www.landmarkchambers.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/SAB-NPPF2-Valued-Landscape.pdf
Examples of recent appeal cases and the inspectors' judgements on what constitutes a 'valued landscape'. Extracts taken from Landmark Chambers and LUC guidance.	From LUC's Conclusion: ... to be "valued" would require the site to show some demonstrable physical attribute rather than just being popular. LUC	From other quotations from Inspector's report: "... The small site itself may not exhibit any of the demonstrable physical features but as long as it forms an integral part of a wider 'valued landscape' it would deserve protection" Landmark Chambers	From LUC's conclusion: Many areas of countryside are understandably valued by local residents, but to be considered 'valued' in the context of the NPPF, there needs to be something 'special' or out of the ordinary that can be defined. LUC	Appeal decision - Inspector deemed the area in which the site lay was a 'valued landscape' for the purposes of Para 109* of the Framework because the site is designated as an AHLV. LUC *Para 109 of NPPF 2012, now Para 170 of NPPF 2018	https://landuse.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Valued-landscapes.pdf
Local Appeal cases within the borough	Old Street, Stubbington 2019 Physical attributes and integral part of valued landscape	Posbrook Lane 2019 ".. Shares attributes of the valued landscape.."			https://www.fareham.gov.uk/casetrackerplanning/GetFile.aspx?docref=0ee81bd1-24fc-46c5-982e-bc874730dee1
	From the inspector's report: Para 32 "... I consider that the appeal site overall possesses sufficient physical attributes to be deemed as an integral part of the Lower Meon Valley and contributes to its valued landscape..."	From the inspector's report: Para 28 "... no difficulty accepting that the Lower Meon Valley is a valued landscape am of the view that the appeal site shares a number of those attributes including the nature of the rural landscape and topography, its scenic quality and that it is representative of the valley sides character type.			https://www.fareham.gov.uk/casetrackerplanning/GetFile.aspx?docref=1517777f-63bd-474c-872e-d214fa509d5a

**Stage 2 and 3
Assessment**

Stage 2 - Recent appeal case criteria:

LCA area	LCA Name	Box 5.1 Match	Demonstrable physical attribute	Integral part of wider 'valued landscape'	'Out of the ordinary' landscape
			Forms an intact and coherent landscape	Reads as a clear, coherent part of a wider 'valued landscape'.	Distinctive character and features can be clearly perceived.
1.1	Upper Hamble Valley	High	Wooded tidal river valley - river side	Part of wider Hamble valley - extends outside borough. Eastleigh BC - adjoining SSSI in River Hamble Country Park, and Hedge End/Bursledon local gap.	Distinctive river valley
1.2a	Swanwick Wood and Lakes	Good	Wooded tidal river valley sides	Part of wider Hamble valley - extends outside borough.	Part of distinctive wooded river valley
1.2b	Swanwick Wood and Lakes	Good	Wooded river valley sides	Part of wider Hamble valley. Adjoining outside borough: Winchester CC - part of Curbridge Nature Reserve	Part of distinctive wooded river valley
2.1a	Lower Hamble Valley Side	Good	Part of tidal river valley	Part of wider Hamble valley. Within borough: Adjoins Swanwick Shore Conservation Area. Outside borough: Adjoins Eastleigh BC - Hedge End/Bursledon local gap and Bursledon Conservation Area.	Distinctive river valley. Urban fringe elements are predominantly river related uses which contribute to distinctiveness
2.1b	Lower Hamble Valley Side	High	Part of tidal river valley	Part of wider Hamble valley. Within the borough: Adjoins Sarisbury Green Conservation Area. Adjoining outside borough: Eastleigh BC - Bursledon Conservation Area, SSSI and Bursledon/Hamble local gap.	Distinctive river valley
2.1c	Lower Hamble Valley Side	High	Part of tidal river valley	Part of wider Hamble valley. Within borough: Adjoins Warsash Conservation Area. Outside borough: Adjoins Eastleigh BC - Hamble Conservation Area.	Distinctive river valley
2.2a	Warsash Nurseries	Partial	River valley side in the west, no distinctive attributes in eastern part.	Western area is part of the wider Hamble valley. Eastern part lies beyond the valley extents.	Part of distinctive river valley
2.2b	Warsash Nurseries	Good	Part of tidal river valley	Part of wider Hamble valley. Adjoining outside borough: Eastleigh BC - Hamble Conservation Area.	Part of distinctive river valley. Some suburban and commercial development along Brook Lane on eastern edge.

Stage 3 - Review and Recommendations

Suitability for ASLQ Designation	Recommendations, including notes on additional areas outside LCA boundaries
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 1.2a & b to form new Upper Hamble Valley ASLQ
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 1.1 and 1.2b to form new Upper Hamble Valley ASLQ.
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 1.1 and 1.2a to form new Upper Hamble Valley ASLQ
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation.	Combine with 2.1b & c, west part of 2.2a and 2.2b to form new Lower Hamble Valley ASLQ. Swanwick Shore Conservation Area contributes to valued landscape. Include as part of ASLQ
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 2.1a & c, west part of 2.2a and 2.2b to form new Lower Hamble Valley ASLQ. Sarisbury Green Conservation Area contributes to valued landscape. Include as part of ASLQ
Contains potential housing allocation at Warsash Maritime Academy site. Associated vegetation important containing feature so should be included within ASLQ.	Combine with 2.1a & b, west part of 2.2a and 2.2b to form new Lower Hamble Valley ASLQ. Warsash Conservation Area contributes to valued landscape. Include as part of ASLQ
The valley side in the west of the area is an integral part of the river setting. Suitable for designation so should be included as part of ASLQ. Elsewhere only a low match for criteria so not suitable for designation. Now a potential housing allocation.	Combine western part with 2.1a, b & c and 2.2b to form new Lower Hamble Valley ASLQ.
Most of area meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation.	Combine with 2.1a, b & c and west part of 2.2a to form new Lower Hamble Valley ASLQ. Omit development along Brook Lane - follow former ASLQ boundary here.

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LCA area	LCA Name	Box 5.1 Match	Demonstrable physical attribute	Integral part of wider 'valued landscape'	'Out of the ordinary' landscape
			Forms an intact and coherent landscape	Reads as a clear, coherent part of a wider 'valued landscape'.	Distinctive character and features can be clearly perceived.
3.1a	Hook Valley	High	Wooded valley system	Part of wider Hamble valley systems	Distinctive valley system, but also includes built part of Locks Heath School.
3.1b	Hook Valley	Good	Coastal plain	Part of wider undeveloped coast	Part of rare undeveloped coastal plain
4.1	Chilling - Brownwich Coastal Plain	High	Coastal plain	Undeveloped coastal plain.	Distinctive and rare undeveloped coast. Existing development is well contained by vegetation. Elevated NE corner with mixed residential/horticultural is less distinctive.
5.1a	Titchfield Corridor	Partial	Partly - area of intact wooded Brownwich valley.	Part of wider Brownwich valley.	Some distinctive features, i.e. distinct wooded valley.
5.1b	Titchfield Corridor	Good	Intact wooded valley landscape	Part of wider Brownwich valley.	Distinct intact wooded valley landscape
5.1c	Titchfield Corridor	Partial	No distinct attributes	Area is not part of the undeveloped coastal plain	No distinctive features of note.
5.1d	Titchfield Corridor	Partial	Partly - area of intact wooded valley landscape.	Small area within an urban context	No distinctive features of note.
6.1a	Lower Meon Valley	High	Open river valley	Part of wider Meon valley.	Distinctive river valley
6.1b	Lower Meon Valley	High	Part of open river valley	Part of wider Meon valley - extends outside borough.	Distinctive river valley
6.1c	Lower Meon Valley	Good	Part of open river valley	Part of wider Meon valley. Tree belts at higher edges are an important component.	Part of distinctive river valley. Commercial uses in N part do not significantly detract.
6.2a	Upper Meon Valley	Good	Part of open river valley. Some upper western part, E of Titchfield, does not read as topographically part of valley.	Part of wider Meon Valley - extends outside the borough. Some of upper western part, E of Titchfield, is less integral to the river valley, topographically and visually. Adjoining settlement gap, Winchester policy CP18.	Part of the distinctive Meon valley. Some of upper western parts lack distinctiveness.

Stage 3 - Review and Recommendations

Suitability for ASLQ Designation	Recommendations, including notes on additional areas outside LCA boundaries
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 3.1b to form new Hook Valley ASLQ. Omit buildings of Locks Heath school.
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 3.1a to form new Meon Valley ASLQ
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation. Woodland associated with residential area at Hook contributes to character.	Form new Chilling - Brownwich Coastal Plain ASLQ. Include shoreline down to Mean Low Water. Omit NE corner where character is less distinctive.
Only a low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation. NB potentially partly allocated for housing.	
Meets both sets of criteria, but is an isolated pocket between lower match areas. Not suitable for designation.	
Low match for appeal case criteria. Not suitable for designation.	
Only a low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation. NB potentially partly allocated for housing	
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 6.1b & c and 6.2a & b to form new Meon Valley ASLQ. Include Hillhead Harbour by following former ASLQ boundary out and along Mean Low Water line.
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 6.1a & c and 6.2a to form new Meon Valley ASLQ
Some commercial uses, but meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 6.1a & b and 6.2a & b to form new Meon Valley ASLQ.
Parts of the LCA meet both sets of criteria and are suitable for designation, but others don't. LCA extends beyond immediate river valley. Omit higher western areas beyond the valley rim.	Combine with 6.1a,b & c and 6.2b to form new Meon Valley ASLQ. Titchfield Conservation Area contributes to valued landscape. Include as part of ASLQ.

Stage 2 - Recent appeal case criteria:

LCA area	LCA Name	Box 5.1 Match	Demonstrable physical attribute	Integral part of wider 'valued landscape'	'Out of the ordinary' landscape
			Forms an intact and coherent landscape	Reads as a clear, coherent part of a wider 'valued landscape'.	Distinctive character and features can be clearly perceived.
6.2b	Upper Meon Valley	Good	Open river valley. Valley sides extend to high point in NE at Funtley	Part of wider Meon Valley, which extends outside the borough. Adjoining settlement gap, Winchester policy CP18.	Part of the distinctive Meon valley.
7.1a	Fareham - Stubbington Gap	Fair	Some characteristics of open coastal plain	Part of open coastal plain, but sense of being cut off from wider area by settlement and roads.	Strong sense of place. Moderately distinctive.
7.1b	Fareham - Stubbington Gap	Partial	No distinct attributes	Area is not part of the undeveloped coastal plain	No distinctive features of note.
8.1a	Woodcot	Fair	No distinct attributes	Limited perception of area as part of the undeveloped coastal plain due to urban context	No distinctive features of note.
8.1b	Woodcot	Fair	No distinct attributes	Limited perception of area as part of the undeveloped coastal plain due to urban context	No distinctive features of note.
8.2a	Peel Common & Alver Valley	Partial	No distinct attributes	Limited perception of area as part of the undeveloped coastal plain due to urban context	No distinctive features of note.
8.2b	Peel Common & Alver Valley	Fair	No distinct attributes	Limited perception of area as part of the undeveloped coastal plain due to urban context	No distinctive features of note.
8.2c	Peel Common & Alver Valley	Good	No distinct attributes	Relates to the wider Alver Valley, extending outside the borough. Gosport BC - Regeneration Area for Green Infrastructure and Alver Valley Country Park.	No distinctive features of note.
9.1a	Wallington River valley (E facing slopes)	High	Chalk downland & valley	Part of the wider chalk downland and Forest of Bere, extending outside the borough.	Distinctive chalk downland & valley
9.1b	Wallington River valley (Floodplain)	High	Chalk valley	Part of wider chalk downland & valley, extending outside the borough.	Distinctive chalk downland & valley
9.2	N Fareham Downs: Furze Hall Fringe	Partial	No distinct attributes	Part of wider N Fareham Downs, but separated from it by M27	No distinctive features of note.

Stage 3 - Review and Recommendations

Suitability for ASLQ Designation	Recommendations, including notes on additional areas outside LCA boundaries
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation. Potential housing allocations in NE corner have a localised effect.	Combine with 6.1a,b & c and 6.2a to form new Meon Valley ASLQ
Lower match for criteria, with additional pressures from new bypass and potential Strategic Growth Area allocation. Not suitable for designation.	
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation.	
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation. Potential housing allocation.	
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation.	
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation.	
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Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation.	
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 9.1b and 10.1 to form new Forest of Bere ASLQ
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 9.1a and 10.1 to form new Forest of Bere ASLQ
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation.	

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LCA area	LCA Name	Box 5.1 Match	Demonstrable physical attribute	Integral part of wider 'valued landscape'	'Out of the ordinary' landscape
			Forms an intact and coherent landscape	Reads as a clear, coherent part of a wider 'valued landscape'.	Distinctive character and features can be clearly perceived.
10.1	Forest of Bere	High	Rolling farmland and ancient woodland	Part of wider Forest of Bere landscape, extending outside the borough. Winchester CC - Settlement Gap and Countryside designations.	Distinctive rolling farmland and woodland
11.1	W Portsdown Hill	Good	Chalk downland	Part of wider Portsdown Hill chalk downland, extending outside the borough. Winchester CC - Countryside designation.	Distinctive chalk downland
11.2a	Portsdown Escarpment	Good	Chalk downland	Part of wider Portsdown Hill chalk downland, extending outside the borough. Winchester CC - Countryside designation.	Distinctive chalk downland.
11.2b	Portsdown Escarpment	Good	Chalk downland	Part of wider Portsdown Hill chalk downland, extending outside the borough. Portsmouth CC - Protected Open Space along ridge to east.	Distinctive chalk downland.
11.3a	W Portchester Fringe Farmland	Partial	No distinct attributes	Part of wider Portsdown Hill, but separated from it by M27	No distinctive features of note.
11.3b	W Portchester Fringe Farmland	Partial	Chalk pit	Part of wider Portsdown Hill, but separated from it by M27	Distinctive chalk pit.
11.3c	W Portchester Fringe Farmland	Partial	No distinct attributes	Part of wider Portsdown Hill, but separated from it by M27	No distinctive features of note.
11.4	Fort Wallington Fringe	Partial	Water meadow and river at western corner.	Part of wider Portsdown Hill, and Wallington River valley, but separated from them by M27. Wallington Conservation Area adjoins the western water meadow.	Water meadow and river, otherwise no distinctive features of note.

Stage 3 - Review and Recommendations

Suitability for ASLQ Designation	Recommendations, including notes on additional areas outside LCA boundaries
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 9.1a and b to form new Forest of Bere ASLQ
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with the parts of 11.2a and b north of M27, to form new Portsdown Hill ASLQ
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 11.1 and the part of 11.2b north of M27, to form new Portsdown Hill ASLQ
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 11.1 and the part of 11.2a north of M27, to form new Portsdown Hill ASLQ
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation. Potential Strategic Growth Area allocation.	
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation. Potential Strategic Growth Area allocation.	
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation. Potential Strategic Growth Area allocation.	
Overall a low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation. Potential for housing and employment allocations.	

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LCA area	LCA Name	Box 5.1 Match	Demonstrable physical attribute	Integral part of wider 'valued landscape'	'Out of the ordinary' landscape
			Forms an intact and coherent landscape	Reads as a clear, coherent part of a wider 'valued landscape'.	Distinctive character and features can be clearly perceived.
12.1a	Cams - Wicor Coastal Fringe	High	Undeveloped coast	Part of the wider undeveloped coast. Within the borough: Adjoins Town Quay Conservation Area, including Bath Lane Recreation Area, and open space on west bank of Salterns Lake. Outside the borough: Adjoins Portsmouth Harbour conservation designations SPA, Ramsar, SSSI.	Distinctive and rare undeveloped coast
12.1b	Cams - Wicor Coastal Fringe	Partial	Undeveloped coast	Part of wider undeveloped coast	Rare undeveloped coast.
12.1c	Cams - Wicor Coastal Fringe	Good	Undeveloped coast	Part of wider undeveloped coast. Within the borough: Adjoins Portchester Conservation Area. Outside the borough: Adjoins Portsmouth Harbour conservation designations SPA, Ramsar, SSSI.	Distinctive and rare undeveloped coast
13.1	Burrige - Swanwick - Whiteley Road corridors	Partial	No distinct attributes	Does not form part of a 'valued landscape'	No distinctive features of note.
13.2a	Swanwick & Burrige Fringes	Fair	No distinct attributes	Adjacent to but not part of Upper Hamble 'valued landscape'	No distinctive features of note.
13.2b	Swanwick & Burrige Fringes	Partial	Restored land	Does not form part of a 'valued landscape'	No distinctive features of note.
13.2c	Swanwick & Burrige Fringes	Partial	No distinct attributes	Does not form part of a 'valued landscape'	No distinctive features of note.
14.1	North Sarisbury	Fair	No distinct attributes	Does not form part of a 'valued landscape'	No distinctive features of note.

Stage 3 - Review and Recommendations

Suitability for ASLQ Designation	Recommendations, including notes on additional areas outside LCA boundaries
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation	Combine with 12.1c and the coastal edge of 12.1b, to form new Cams to Portchester Coast ASLQ. To the west, Town Quay Conservation Area and Salterns open space complete the setting of Fareham Creek, so should be included within ASLQ
Lower match for criteria. 12.1b as a whole not suitable for designation, but southern parts contribute to sense of open space along shoreline, including where Flood alert area identified.	Combine SW edge (min. 50 metre width) and field at SE corner with 12.1a and c, to form new Cams to Portchester Coast ASLQ.
Meets both sets of criteria - suitable for designation. Consider opportunities for enhancement. Small open space element of potential housing allocation.	Combine with 12.1a and the coastal edge of 12.1b, to form new Cams to Portchester Coast ASLQ. Portchester Conservation Area contributes to valued landscape. Include as part of ASLQ.
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation.	
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation.	
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation. Potential housing allocation.	
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation.	
Low match for criteria. Not suitable for designation.	

Scottish Natural Heritage Criteria - from 'Guidance on Local Landscape Designations' 2006

[The only available UK guidance on local landscape designations.]

How designations can be useful as a tool for local authorities

Para 2.7 An all-landscapes approach is not itself a substitute for identifying and taking action for landscapes which merit special attention, either because they are recognised as being of particular value and warrant safeguard or because they are degraded and require more active management or positive restoration.

Within this all-landscapes approach, LLDs can continue to play an important role in protecting and enhancing those landscapes which are recognised as being of particular value and merit special attention.

Para 2.8 As a tool for local authorities ...they can be particularly useful in the following circumstances:

to: safeguard important landscapes and ...features:

to: promote understanding and awareness of the distinctive character of the special qualities..(of LA area)

to: promote some of the most important outdoor settings for recreation and tourism ("");

to: contribute to wider policies where guiding urban expansion by specifically identifying and safeguarding areas of landscape importance within or close to existing settlements.

Candidate ASLQs as viewed against SNH criteria:

Landscape Criteria:

	Significance To what extent do the character and qualities of a particular landscape have special importance in the context of the local authority area?	Representativeness To what extent do the character and qualities of a particular landscape contribute to the distinctive local or regional identity of the local authority area?	Relative Merit To what extent do the character and qualities of a particular landscape merit designation compared to other parts of the local authority area?
Candidate ASLQs:			
Upper Hamble Valley, Lower Hamble Valley, Hook Valley, Meon Valley, Forest of Bere, Portsdown Hill, Brownwich/Chilling Cams/Portchester	Provide attractive accessible environments for the borough's urban population, as well as attracting visitors from outside e.g. the Hamble valley. They have importance for their nature conservation, cultural or historic value. Are settings for key activities including seasonal events	Distinctive topography, landscape feature or character. Coastal and river and downland landscapes. Particularly the undeveloped coast which is rare within the whole region.	Diminishing proportion of rural areas remaining in an increasingly urbanised area. More distinctive character. More valuable for recreation - more accessible, better amenity value, recreation opportunities, conservation, views. Better links to recreation networks including long distance trails - Solent Way, Hamble riverside walk, Allan King Way

Candidate ASLQs as viewed against SNH criteria:

Practical Criteria:

Candidate ASLQs:	Need To what extent will designation provide for more effective safeguard, management or promotion of the special attributes of the area being considered for designation?	Integrity Is the area to be designated both coherent enough and of sufficient size to make it practical to develop policies for its protection, management and promotion?	Support Is there sufficient support for the area to be designated, among both communities and other stakeholders within the proposed area?
Upper Hamble Valley, Lower Hamble Valley, Hook Valley, Meon Valley, Forest of Bere, Portsdown Hill, Brownwich/Chilling Cams/Portchester	Better awareness and recognition of the area's significance and value. Stronger guidance for development planning. Can the designation be applied where there are poor elements in what is otherwise a key area, and use this to encourage enhancements to bring lower quality elements up to a higher standard - e.g. Wicor shore	Consider size of area, how important it is in its position relative to urban populations, significance of nature/historical interests and physical attributes e.g. coast.	Consultation through the planning process.