

Landscape and Ecology Study of Greenfield Sites in Worthing Borough
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Appendix C: 2007 Worthing Gap and Landscape
Capacity Study Local Landscape Character
Areas Summary Descriptions

TABLE B: LOCAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS – SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

(see plan HDA3)

No.	Local Landscape Character Area (LCA)	Local Landscape Types (LCT)	Description
01	Ecclesden Hills	L1a L2 L3 L14 P1 T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predominantly pasture and arable fields. • Situated on raised topography above coastal plain to the south, divided by minor valley running diagonally through character area. • Wide ranging, long distance views towards Downs and coast, partially broken-up by small blocks of woodland. • Scattered settlement. • Urban influence from surrounding urban areas.
02	Angmering Coastal Plain	H1 L1a L2 L3 L15 T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrow strip held between Littlehampton to the south and Angmering to the north, contains small groups of land uses, including small arable fields, recreation and horticulture. • Predominantly horticultural fields to the east with a number of large horticultural buildings. • Extensive golf course in the west. • Heavy urban influence from Littlehampton and, to a lesser degree, Angmering. • Bounded in the south by busy A259 road. • On similar topography to Angmering, below foothills to the north.
03	Kingston Lower Coastal Plain	L1a, L1b L2 L3 L14 L15 M1 T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixture of arable, pasture, paddocks, unmanaged land and caravan site. • Central arable area relatively rural with only minor urban influence. • Fringe areas influenced by adjoining urban areas. • Largely one visual compartment.
04	High Down – Titnore Hills	L1a L2 L3 M1 W1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerably wooded with mixture of arable and pasture. • Mainly situated on high ground out-crop within wider upper coastal plain. • Distant views of the coast over settlement to the south. • Contains High Down Hills National Trust recreational fields along southern edge of character area. • Distant urban influence from settlement to the south, low settlement within character area.

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05	Goring Coastal Plain	L1a L1c L2 H1 T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely horticultural with enclosed and semi-open large arable fields adjacent to western edge of Worthing. • Located to the south of High Down Hill. • Bisected by A259 road. • Urban influence to the south.
06	Ferring Lower Coastal Plain	L1b L2 L15 T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arable fields with a mixture of smaller peripheral uses including recreation and unmanaged land. • Significant urban influence on two sides. • Tourist activity along southern coastal edge.
07	Durrington Upper Coastal Plain	L1a L1c L3 L15 M1 T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainly semi-open arable fields and occasional pastoral fields, with recreational uses adjacent to settlement. • Bounded by settlement to the east and south, A27 to the north and woodland to the west. • On upper coastal plain, gentle south-facing slopes. • Hard urban edge and intervisibility with housing along east and south edges.
08	Mount Carvey Downs	D1a D1b D2a D2b T1 U1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely recreation (Worthing golf course) on mainly open downland. • Hard urban edge and intervisibility with housing along west and south edges. • Bounded to the east by prominent ridge line.
09	Titch Hill Downs	D1a D1b D2a D2b B1 T1 U1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely open downland with some more enclosed areas. • Wide open southerly views of settlement and the coast beyond. • Abuts hard urban edge in places. • Further views of downs limited from southern part of character area, due to topography. Wider downs to the north become visible from northern part of character area.

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10	Sompting Upper Coastal Plain	L1a L1c L2 L3 L14 P1 T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predominately small scale pasture, with paddocks, recreation and some arable fields. • Contains low density settlement. • Moderately high urban influence. • Bisected by A27 road. • Upper coastal plain gentle south facing slopes.
11	Loose Lane Coastal Plain	L1a L2 L3 T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predominantly arable fields. • Partially enclosed by pastoral fields to the north, south and east, which are bounded by vegetated streams/ditches. • Bounded by railway to the south and industrial estate to the west. • Largely one visual compartment with filtered views of development along most sides of the character area.
12	Brooklands Lower Coastal Plain	T1 U1 W1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly recreational use on lower coastal plain. • Northern part contains recreational fields and waste processing site. • Southern part contains Brooklands recreational site. • Hard urban edge along most of the perimeter of the character area. • Bounded by railway line to the north. • Undeveloped coastline. • Open nature of southern part of character allows intervisibility between adjacent development either side of the character area.