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Preface

The Landscape Character Study was carried out following guidelines set out by the Countryside Agency. The landscape was divided into Landscape Description Units (LDUs), based on the Historic landscape characterisation study for Kent 2001. The Study Area was divided up into sectors from A - G the order was the priority at the time for looking at areas concerned with GADF to feed into the planing of those areas - F and G being landscapes that would not be considered for development.

Each LDU parcel was assessed from an average of 3 points - larger LDUs had more reference points than smaller ones - by two surveyors. Landscape Description Units were based on the Kent Historic Landscape Character Study 2002; Landscape Character Areas of Kent were taken from the Babbie/KCC report 2004.

All sites were viewed from public rights of way using a combination of transport by car and walking footpaths and bridleways. Site notes were recorded on a two-sided A4 record sheet by hand and later transferred to the word documents contained in this data set.

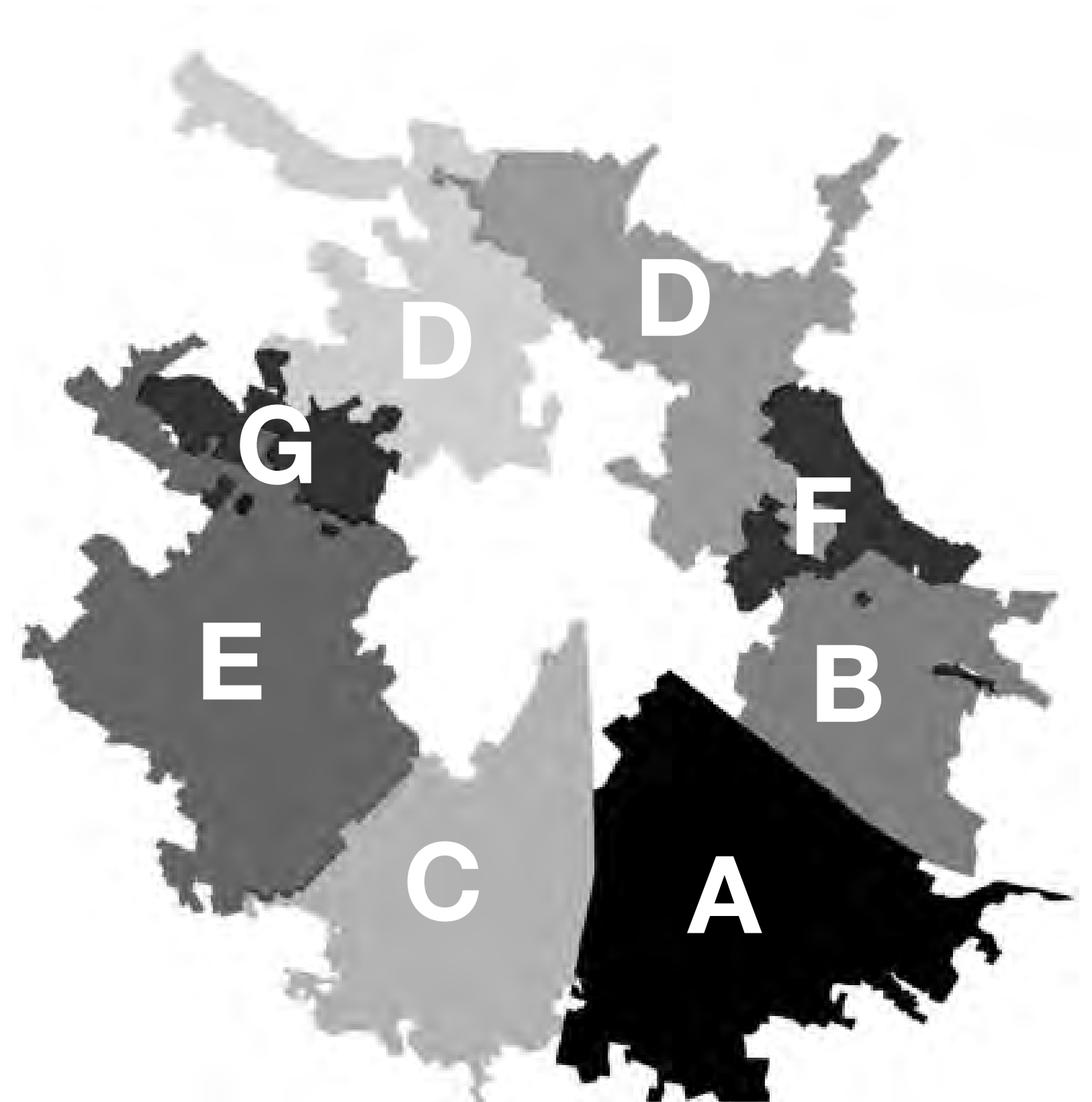
Each LDU is numbered, each filed photograph carries the LDU reference and a photograph location number reference - e.g. D1.3 for LDU D1, third photograph location. The photographs have been saved as jpegs and were generally taken at 1Gb resolution. This data set includes the location maps for the key photographs taken of each LDU. The photographs plus a digital set of the data sheets are contained in a CD bound into the back cover of the data set.

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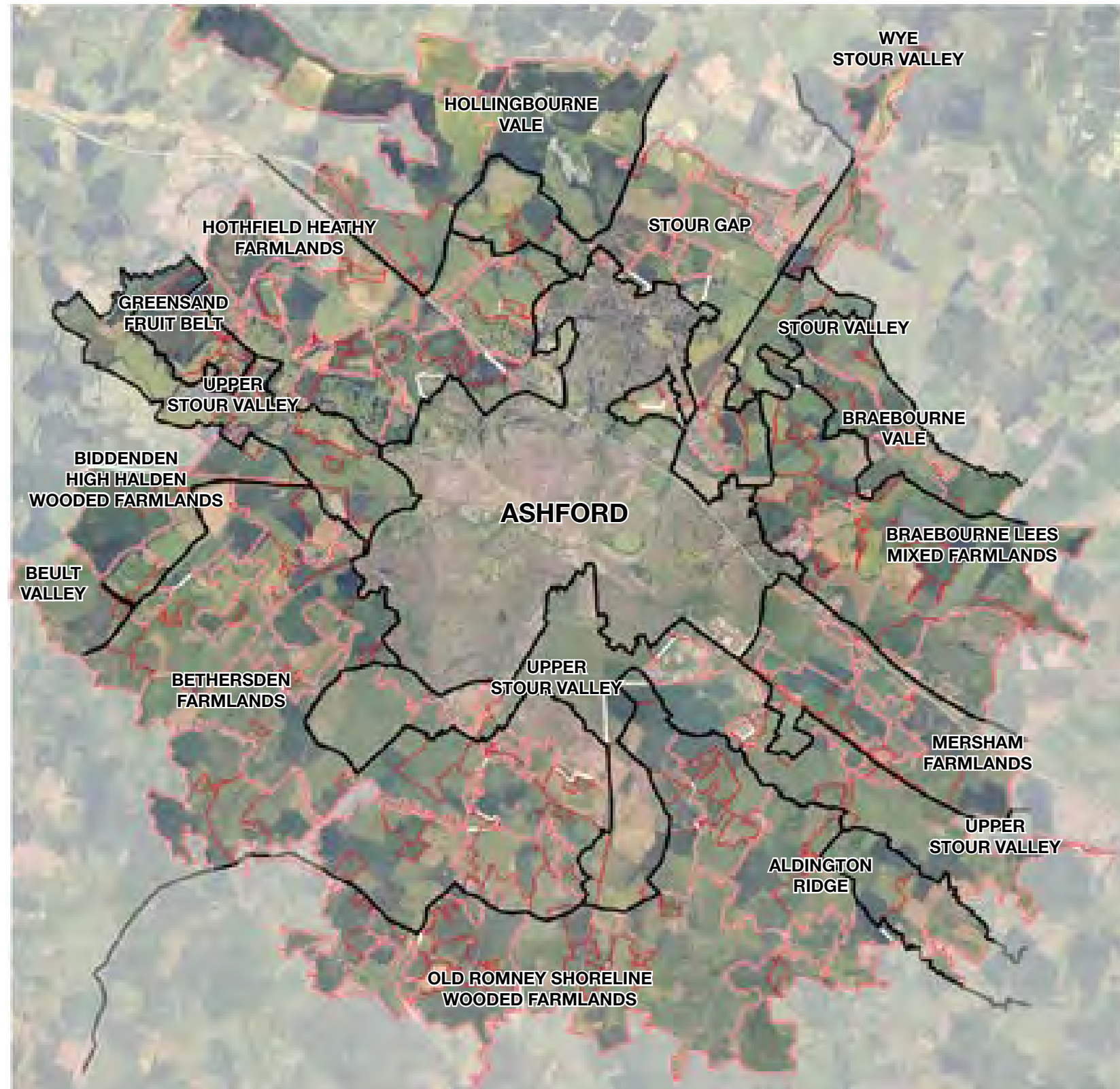
For the assessments the LDUs were grouped by similarity into large blocks we have called District Landscape types (DLT). The 58 DLTs were assessed to fall into one of nine categories used by the County Landscape Character Study. A team of four senior landscape architects and ecologists visited each area as a travelling collegium over a period of four days making on site assessments and checking these by return to specific areas. These first thoughts were then tested by the same team in this studio a few days later to check for consistency of appraisal. Then each area was checked against the field sheets. This work has been presented in these documents as tables.

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Study Area Fieldwork Sectors



The Ashford Character Study Area

Black line shows Kent County Landscape Character Areas

Red fine lines show Historic Landscape Character Parcels used as a basis for the Landscape Description Units (LDUs) in this study

White lines show District Areas as defined in the assessment



Section 1 Introduction

Introduction

The Kent Lanscape Character Study

The Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands is a gently undulating landscape characterised by extensive coppiced broadleaf and mixed plantation woodlands, linked by small to medium sized fields and paddocks. Hornbeam can be dominant as the coppice layer with wood anemones carpeting the ground in spring, and conspicuous ditch and bank at the laneside.

As the land rises towards the south and south east, it begins to divide into a distinct pattern of ridges and valleys until the woodlands open out at the edge of the Old Romney shoreline, giving spectacular views over Romney Marsh as far as Dungeness. The land drops steeply down through an open arable landscape towards the expansive low-lying flat farmlands of the marsh and Shirley Moor.

The landscape between Woodchurch, Kenardington and Appledore is more undulating with a smaller scale landscape pattern similar to the High Weald due to the underlying Tunbridge Wells sands. Settlement is scattered and consists mainly of farmsteads and small suburban-style villages such as Bromley Green and Shadoxhurst that cluster round a few vernacular buildings of more historic origins. Appledore stands out architecturally in the locality, but with the old shoreline too marked by a number of churches of historic origin. The Royal Military Canal is a remarkable historic feature at the edge of the character area, valued now as much for the wildlife it supports.

Generally the feeling is of a remote and unpopulated landscape. The area has a less prosperous ambience than the London-orientated western Low Weald, with occasional vernacular buildings in poor repair.

The traditional land use pattern has been affected by mechanisation to give the large hedgeless fields on the south-east slopes, by the creation of conifer plantations within the broadleaf woods and through the linear creep of development in the past from the few villages along the otherwise unspoilt lanes. Rusting, overgrown cars are testimony to a time when dumping in the woodlands was locally a problem. A strong sense of concord is maintained in most places, due to the enclosure provided by the large tracts of woodland and many small fields and lanes at their margins. Where this pattern breaks down on the south facing slopes a different although bleaker identity is in harmony with the cultivated and open landscapes of Romney Marsh.

The Ashford Landscape Character Study

- Approximately 40% of this County Landscape Character Area (CLA)
- There are 5 large Landscape Description Units (LDUs) in this CLA lying within the study area. The CLT extends much further to the north west. We have omitted the LDU that includes Westwell from the Ashford Study due to its size.
- The LDUs are based on the Historic Landscape Character map for Kent, there are 4 Historic landscape character types in this study area:
 - HLT 1 - Field Patterns
 - HLT 4 - Woodlands
 - HLT 9 - Settlements
 - HLT 10 – Parkland and Designed Landscape
- We have grouped these into 2 District Landscape Types (DLTs)

Assessment

Many of the judgements made about landscape are subjective but the process of landscape assessment provides a robust methodology based on current best practice.

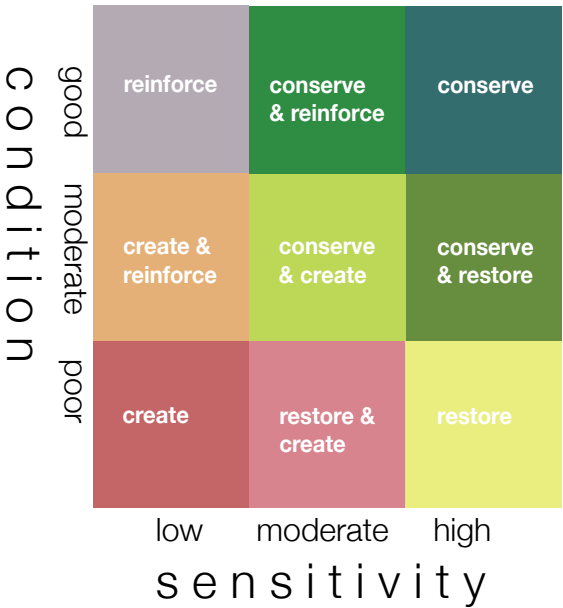
The physical attributes of the landscape are considered in conjunction with the historical and cultural influences, nature conservation interests and landuse. These factors are analysed further in the field to determine the key characteristics, aesthetics, visual unity, ecological integrity, condition of heritage features and impact of built development. The condition and sensitivity of each character area is then determined.

Condition describes the integrity and unity of the landscape such as its functional integrity and visual unity - for example an urban fringe with many detracting elements and loss of unifying features will be of poor condition.

Sensitivity of the landscape refers to its overall character and quality and the extent to which these factors will be tolerant of change in general.

Capacity determines the ability of the landscape to accommodate change without causing loss of the essential character and local distinctiveness. Capacity will vary according to the type and nature of change being proposed.

The matrix combines condition and sensitivity which indicates the area's ability to accommodate change and the appropriate land management or use, and will assist in the overall policies or development that might be appropriate to a particular area.



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Location of Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands



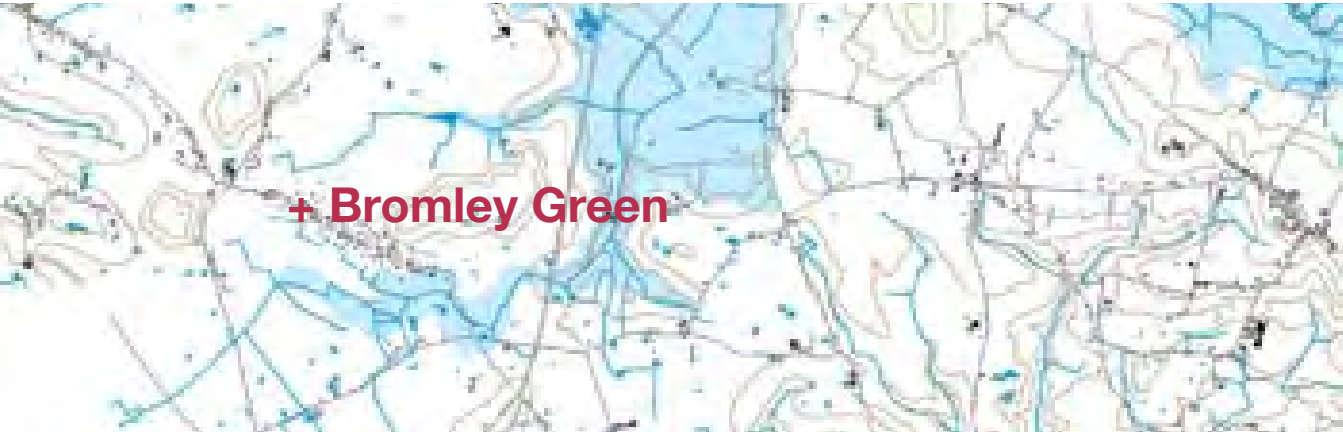
Location of Landscape Description Units and District Areas in the Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

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Landscape context



Geology



Flooding

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Heritage

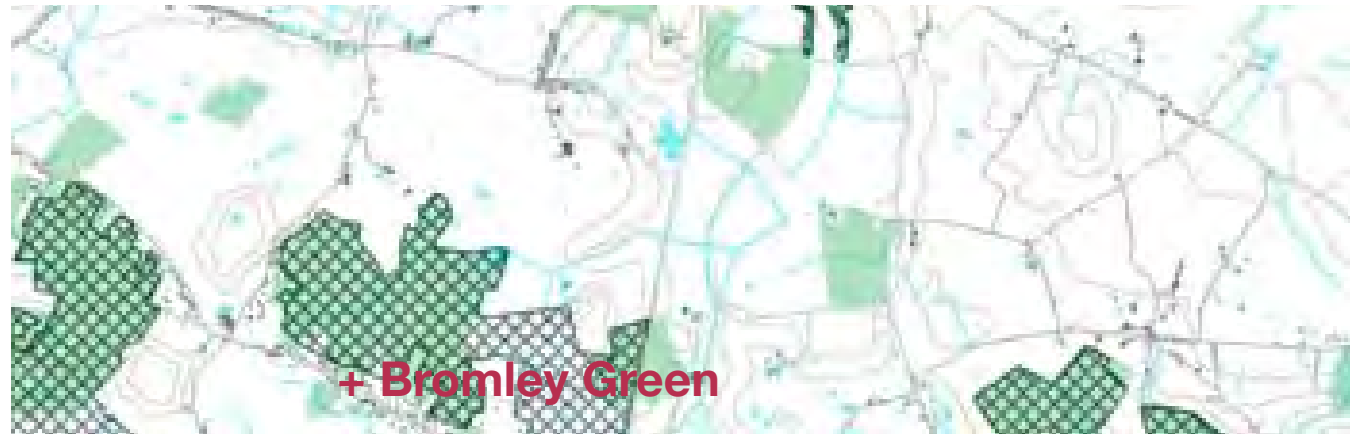
Geology
The whole area lies on Wealden clay, the heavy nature of the soil presumably making clearance for agriculture unattractive.

Flooding
The upper part of the Stour flood plain (East) affects lower lying areas south of Bromley Green..

Heritage
There are no conservationa areas here - the heritage is green - the woodlands, and green lanes in particular.

Ecology
The woods are a key feature, a number are designated SNCI and there is a regional woodland park mooted for these ancient

Features lost since the 1870s
There has been extensive loss of woodland at Bromley Green, Ham Street Road, Hornash Lane and Shadoxhurst. The clearings provided generous elongated plots for residential development probably during the inter and post war eras. Bliby Wood has also been cleared to one third its original size.



Ecology

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Section 2 Assessment

Assessment Summary

This county area sits to the south of Ashford on the outer edge of our study area.

There is one settlement centre - Bromley Green surrounded by mature coppice woodlands of Bishops Wood and Capel Wood.

We have made some major adjustments to the Kent CLA boundary by excluding a major part of the northern extension which is not wooded and relates better to the lower lying Upper Stour Valley or the higher ground of the Aldington Ridge.

The area is characterised by undulating mixed farmland with generally strong hedgerows interspersed with old coppiced woodlands, which give strong sense of enclosure to the landscape and a valuable network of wildlife corridors and semi- natural habitats. Overall the patchwork of small fields with mature woods and scattered farmsteads give a strong sense of place.

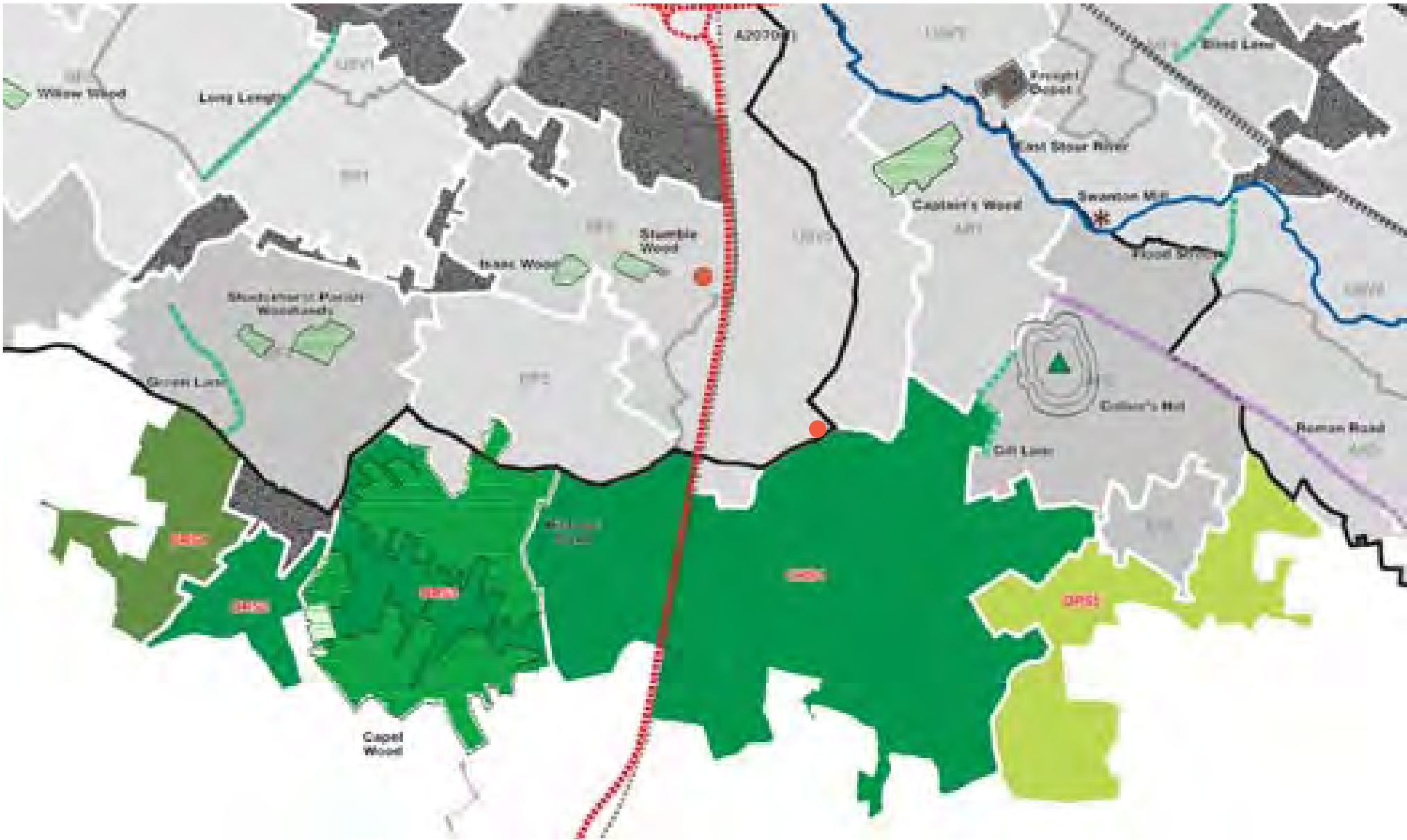
Historic maps indicate that there has been some clearance of woodland especially to the west and around Bliby Wood in the north. Today there is some localised weakening of woodland edge by settlement encroachment.

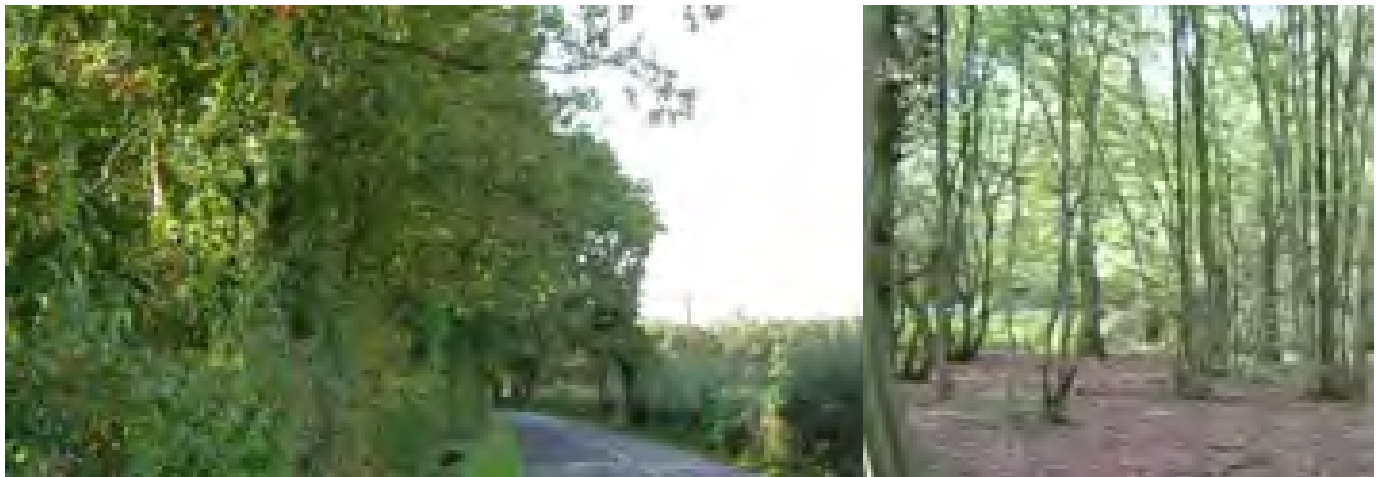


Location of Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

reinforce	conserve & reinforce	conserve
create & reinforce	conserve & create	conserve & restore
create	restore & create	restore

Policy recommendation





Great Turrels Wood from Hornash Lane (C44.2) Bishop's Wood (C35.3)



Farmlands around Bromley Green Farm (C45.7)













Farmland to the east of Bishop's Wood (C35.1) Farmland near Little Gains Farm to the north of Aldington Frith (A34.1)

CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES	ORS1	ORS2	ORS3	ORS4	ORS5
Landuse					
Farming					
Recreation					
Parkland					
Woodland					
Business Park					
Plant Nursery					
Topography					
Flat					
Gently undulating					
Rolling					
Steeply sloping					
Lakes/ ponds					
Streams/ dykes					
Vegetation cover					
Intact hedgerows					
Hedgerow trees					
Feature trees					
Evidence of hedgerow clearance					
Evidence of woodland loss					
Farming type					
Predominantly arable					
Mixed farming					
Mainly pasture					
Wet meadows					
Local vernacular					
Ragstone, pegtiles, ship lap					
Oast house					
Visibility					
Open long distance					
Intermittent					
Restricted					

Distinctive Elements



Key	
	Church
	Historic Building
	Oast House
	Hilltop/ Scenic Views
	River Stour
	Green Lane
	Roman Road
	Woods
	Parks
	Flooded Gravel Pits



Bishops Wood (C35.3)
Large parcel of former hornbeam coppice with oak standards comprising Bishop's Wood to the E and Forty Acre Wood to the W. Largely undisturbed to the NE where it borders farmland and a golf course, but encroached upon elsewhere by paddocks and gardens of the linear development at Bromley Green and Hamstreet Road.

Detractors



A2070 (A21.6)
The road cuts through Golden Wood and impacts locally on the surrounding farmland.



Section 3 Field Work & Data Sheets

ORS 1 Shadoxhurst Woods



Location of ORS 1 within Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

District Landscape Type: ORS 1 Shadoxhurst Woods

Comprising: C44, C46

CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Pre 1801 coppiced woodlands comprising hornbeam with oak standards (over mature), ancient banks and ditches at boundaries.
- Bambridge Wood has remnants of former conifer plantation colonised by birch with glades.
- A byway divides the two woodlands.
- The woodland has been encroached upon in places by adjacent housing, gardens and paddocks and there is evidence of biking use and dumping.

ANALYSIS

Condition

Pattern of elements:	low
Detracting features:	moderate
Distinctiveness:	moderate
Cultural heritage:	high
Ecology:	high
Functionality:	high

Overall these are intact ancient woodlands of high ecological and heritage value.

Sensitivity

Sense of place:	moderate
Landform:	low
Extent of tree cover:	high
Visibility:	low

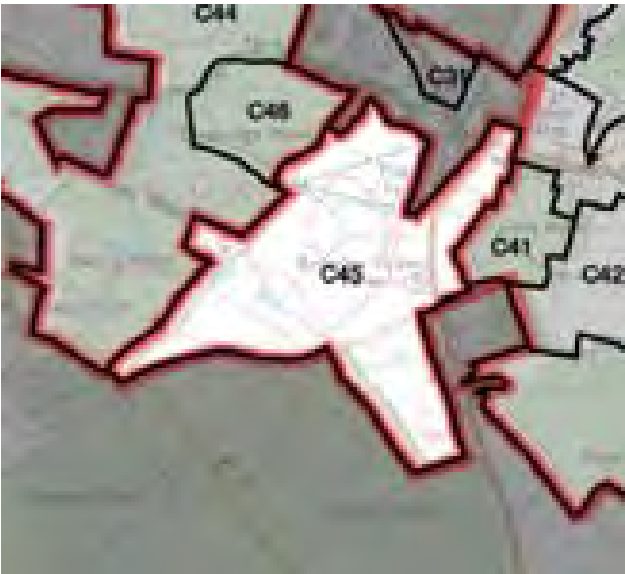
The woodlands have an ancient quality but in places this has been weakened by encroachment from adjacent suburban areas. Visibility is restricted.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

conserve & restore

- conserve the woodlands through improved management
- restore woodlands edges

ORS 2 Bromley Green Farm



Location of ORS 2 within Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

District Landscape Type: ORS 2 Bromley Green Farm

Comprising: C45

CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Area of pasture with thick hedges and hedgerow trees enclosed by woodland.
- Views restricted.

ANALYSIS

Condition

Pattern of elements:	moderate
Detracting features:	low
Distinctiveness:	moderate
Cultural heritage:	moderate
Ecology:	moderate
Functionality:	high

A working intact landscape with coherent pattern of elements. Thick hedges linking to surrounding woodlands are important wildlife corridors.

Sensitivity

Sense of place:	moderate
Landform:	moderate
Extent of tree cover:	moderate
Visibility:	moderate

Characteristic pastoral landscape with an apparent sense of place. Gently sloping land enclosed by thick hedgerows and woodlands with restricted views.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

conserve & reinforce

ORS 3 Bromley Green Woods



Location of ORS 3 within Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

District Landscape Type: ORS 3 Bromley Green Woods

Comprising: C34, C35, C41, C42, C43

CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Extensive woodland of former hornbeam coppice with oak standards, part cleared for the suburban settlement of Bromley Green.
- At Long Hurst the oak/ birch woodland is of varied quality and divided into linear small holdings with varied use such builders’ yards, paddocks and abandoned polytunnels.
- Within Capel Wood there are patches of Scot’s pine plantation, encroachment by gardens and dumping to the north.
- Views are contained by the woodland.

ANALYSIS

Condition

Pattern of elements:	moderate	Detracting features:	low
Distinctiveness:	moderate	Cultural heritage:	high
Ecology:	high	Functionality:	high

There is some fragmentation to the woodland especially at Long Hurst, however overall this is an intact extensive woodland with a distinct and unified character. The semi natural woodlands, especially those of pre -1810 date are of high ecological and cultural interest.

Sensitivity

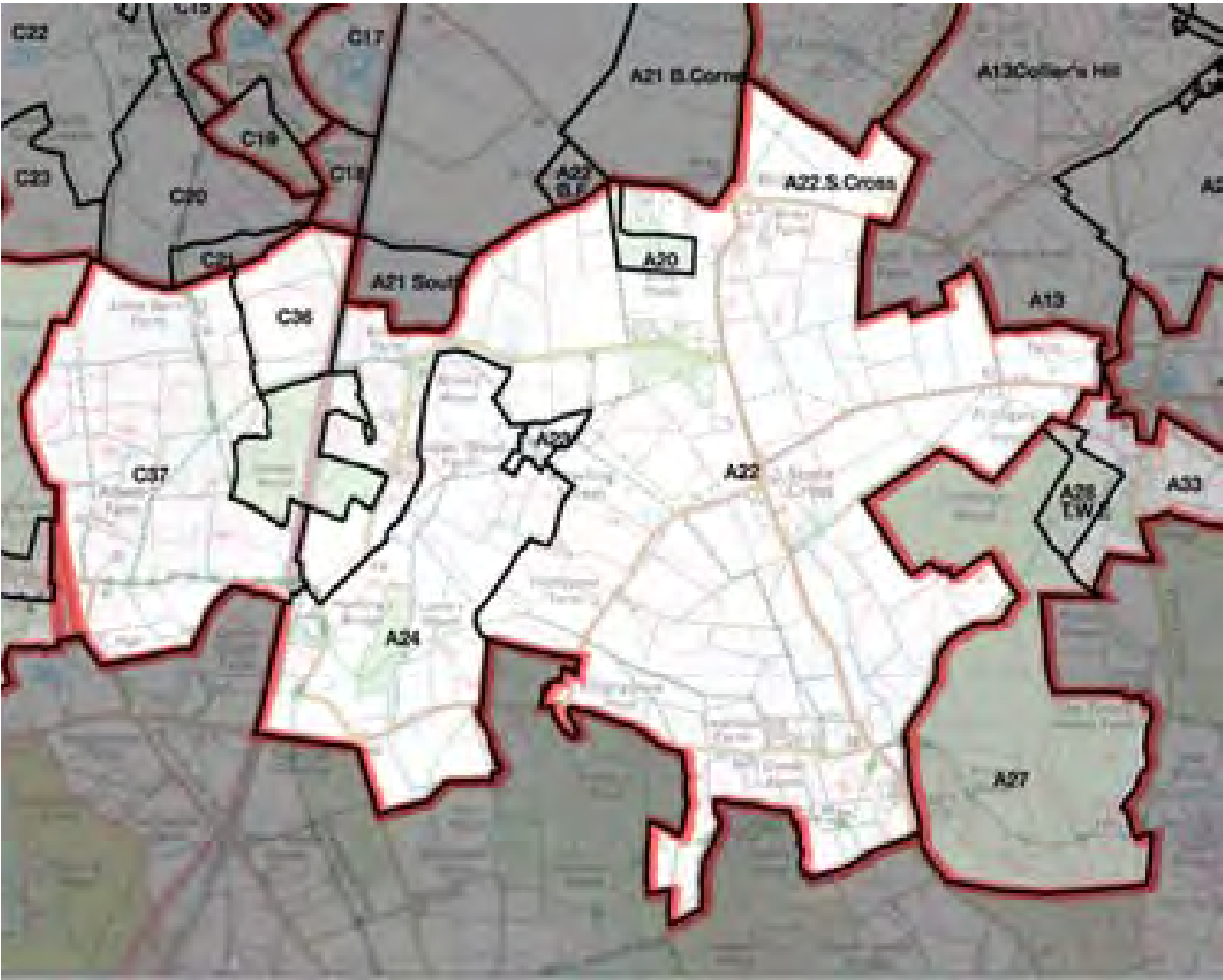
Sense of place:	high
Landform:	low
Extent of tree cover:	high
Visibility:	low

The former coppiced woodlands have a strong sense of place, although this is lessened on the fringes by encroachment and conifer plantations. Views are enclosed and visibility is low.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

conserve & reinforce

ORS 4 Golden Wood – Stone Cross Farmlands



Location of ORS 4 within Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

District Landscape Type: ORS 4 Golden Wood - Stone Cross Farmlands

Comprising: C36, C37, A20, A22, A23, A24

CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Undulating farmland with isolated farms and scattered woodlands.
- Patchwork of small to medium sized intensively farmed arable fields and pasture enclosed by thick thorn hedges which have few hedgerow trees, whereas to the south there are more trees and the backdrop of the adjacent woodland gives a wooded feel.
- Golden Wood and Bliby Wood are notable woodlands, the latter mature hornbeam coppice with oak standards. There are scattered small ponds throughout.
- The area is crisscrossed by a network of lanes and footpaths and the Greensand Way.
- Detractors include the railway and A2070 to the west, power lines and localised dumping.
- Long distance views towards the North Downs.

ANALYSIS

Condition

Pattern of elements:	high	Detracting features:	low
Distinctiveness:	high	Cultural heritage:	moderate
Ecology:	moderate	Functionality:	high

A coherent and intact pattern of farmland elements with few detracting features. The woodlands, ponds and hedges combine to provide a good network of semi-natural habitats. The historic maps indicate that hedgerow loss is very limited, but that there has been some clearance of woodland especially to the west and around Bliby Wood in the north.

Sensitivity

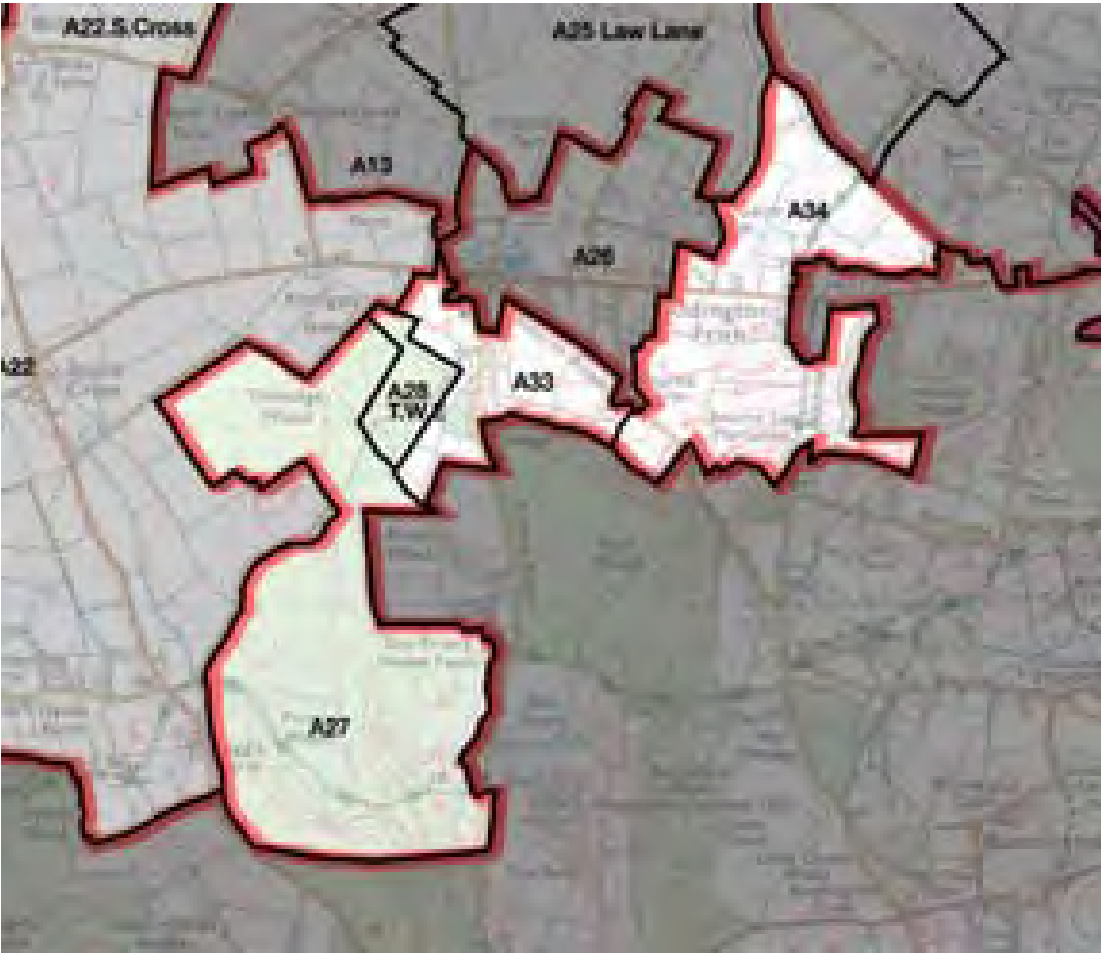
Sense of place:	high	Landform:	moderate
Extent of tree cover:	moderate	Visibility:	moderate

Overall the area has a remote quality and strong sense of place. Visibility is intermittent restricted in places by the thorn hedges, hedgerow trees and woodland clumps.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

conserve & reinforce
- stream restoration

ORS 5 Aldington Frith Wooded Farmlands



Location of ORS 5 within Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

District Landscape Type: **ORS 5 Aldington Frith Wooded Farmlands**

Comprising: A27, A28, A33, A 34

CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Rolling wooded mixed farmland to the south of Aldington Frith with grazing/ arable and variable field boundaries.
- Tilelodge Wood is extensive former hornbeam coppice with oak standards set within a steep valley with streams.
- Saxon Shore Way footpath cuts through Tilelodge Wood.
- Some rhododendron invasion.

ANALYSIS

Condition

Pattern of elements:	moderate
Detracting features:	low
Distinctiveness:	moderate
Cultural heritage:	moderate
Ecology:	high
Functionality:	high

A coherent pattern of traditional rolling farmland elements with extensive woodland. The old woodlands contain ancient hornbeam coppice banks, ditches and glades and provide varied habitats for flora and fauna, and link to hedgerows and streams. There has been some loss of hedgerows to the north.

Sensitivity

Sense of place:	high
Landform:	moderate
Extent of tree cover:	high
Visibility:	moderate

The old woodlands and pastoral landscape creates a strong sense of place. Landform is variable from gently sloping open fields to steeply sided woodland valleys. Views are generally intermittent or enclosed.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

conserve & create

Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

ORS1: Shadoxhurst Woods

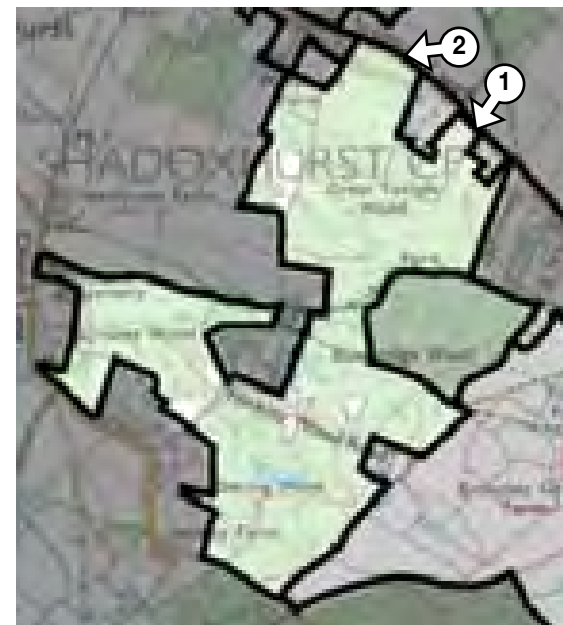
Study Sector:		Kingsnorth (Map ref: TQ984377)	
County Landscape Character Area:		Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands	
Historic Landscape Type:		4.9 Pre-1801 coppices	
Boundaries:		Hornash Lane to NE, C46 (woodland) & C45 to E; elsewhere outside study area	
TOPOGRAPHY	Insignificant	Landform mainly flat	Views out (long/short/restricted) restricted
TREE COVER	Dominant	Key visual elements over mature coppice with oak standards	Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted) restricted
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Insignificant	Key visual elements Not clear boundaries, but part of woodland for sale	Pattern and scale n/a
SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES	Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements wood unsettled but encroached upon in places	Pattern houses with gardens/ paddocks
LANDUSE	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Neglected coppice	Seasonal variation Deciduous trees
KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features	Rivers/ knolls/ ponds Some seasonal streams/ ditches. Ford to centre and possibly wet woodland. Ponds on OS map are private.		Species associations
Landuse/farm type	Primary Neglected coppice		Other
Woodlands	Coppice/plantation Hornbeam coppice & oak standards (over mature)		Species Hornbeam, oak with some ash, birch, sweet chestnut with understorey of hazel, hawthorn, elder, blackthorn, ivy, honeysuckle and bluebell flora.
Tree cover	Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt some standing dead wood at junction of Church Lane & by-way.		Species
Field boundaries	Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric Neglected raised bank & ditch evident in many areas.		Species Juncus in ditch
Highways and footpaths	Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access Byway bisects E/W. Local Hornash Road to N, church lane to S.		Other features (such as tree-lined lanes) Byway with tree tunnel to W.
Built features	Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts		Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing Encroachment by suburban housing.
Other features (such as moats)			

Reference: C44

Brief summary description: Large irregular shaped parcel of over-mature hornbeam coppice with oak standards. Bluebell is a notable flora component (survey in May for full extent). Evidence of ancient raised banks & ditches at boundaries. A by-way bisects the parcel E-W, and local roads bound for small stretches to the N and SW. A number of ponds shown on OS map are private. The woodland remains intact within but is being encroached upon (esp. to N & S) by suburban houses, gardens and paddocks. Part of the woodland is for sale.				
Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance				
Some light dumping along byway to W. Bike use along by-way. Woodland remains intact but is being encroached upon by housing.				Intact
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches continuous woodland Ponds (unsurveyed)		Ecological corridors and networks Important woodland linking extensive woodland to S		High
Intensity of land use and habitat trend Neglected coppice – v. low				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover		Age structure over mature coppice, some regenerating understorey		Good
Field Boundaries		Survival of historic field pattern and condition Raised bank & ditch with neglected coppice stools present in places		Variable
Other features				Good Variable Poor
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type gardens/ paddocks of suburban housing, some clearances in wood	Siting at edges	Design	Extent To N, S and central	Low, but threaten integrity of wood



C44.1



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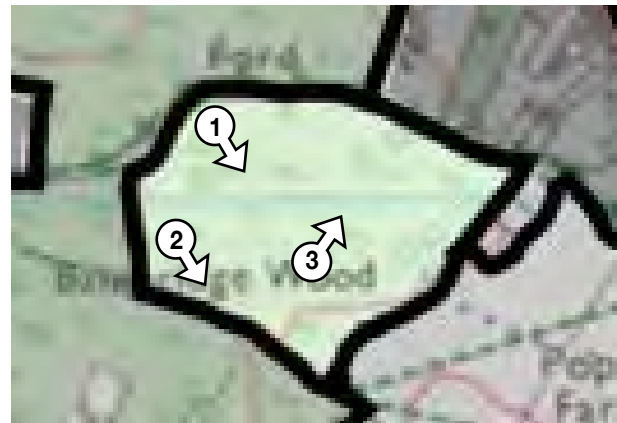
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Survey Date: 15/7/05 Reference: C46 Location: Bambridge Wood Surveyors: AM, HA

Study Sector:		Kingsnorth (Map ref: TQ985370)	
County Landscape Character Area:		Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmland	
Historic Landscape Type:		4.4 replanted other pre-1810 woodland	
Boundaries:			
TOPOGRAPHY	Dominant	Landform flat	Views out (long/short/restricted) framed from boundary of arable, restricted in woodland
TREE COVER	Dominant	Key visual elements dense scrub and mature coppice	Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Insignificant	Key visual elements Stock fence to north & west	Pattern and scale
SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES	Unsettled	Key visual elements	Pattern
LANDUSE	Apparent	Key visual elements Recreation plantation	Seasonal variation Deciduous and flooding
KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features	Rivers/ knolls/ ponds Stream running N-S, possibly major flows		Species associations
Landuse/farm type	Primary		Other
Woodlands	Coppice/plantation Runs N-S		Species Some weak young spruce/ conifer in middle. Access difficult and obscured by border of dense birch regeneration.
Tree cover	Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt Fairly uniform age and young standards. Some young coppice areas. W edge very dense coppice & young birch		Species Sweet chestnut, hornbeam, holly, oak, birch with heathy glades
Field boundaries	Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric NW & NE - ditch & remains of ancient bank coppice. Some wire stock fence. W- very dense young standards & coppice.		Species
Highways and footpaths	Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access footpath along edges		Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)
Built features	Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts none		Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing
Other features (such as moats)	none		

Reference: C46

Brief summary description: A small block of mixed woodland containing remnants of conifer plantation species. These have been overtaken by semi-natural woodland regeneration, mainly tall pioneer birch, some oak and hawthorn in dense close stands. There is a recreational footpath circling the wood with signs of biking use, evidence of flooding and a stream running north-south through the middle. Links to woods & wetland areas to the N, W, S providing an important ecological corridor.				
Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance				
Dense woodland with short views out to arable crop in the south.				Intact
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches Former plantation use is now insignificant but some small conifers remain. Semi-natural species have regenerated to support native communities. North corner has a glade with acid/ heath/woodland plant community species of tormentil, broom etc.		Ecological corridors and networks Linked to semi-natural woodlands corridors to N, W, S. Stream within integrates with wet woodland, Streams & pond habitat with in N, S,W parcels.		High
Intensity of land use and habitat trend low				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover	Age structure Remains of ancient hornbeam coppice to bank to north is now dilapidated. Pioneer birch and predominantly young dense growth of regenerating trees.			Variable
Field Boundaries	Survival of historic field pattern and condition			Variable
Other features				Good Variable Poor
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type none	Siting	Design	Extent	High Moderate Low



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Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

ORS2: Bromley Green Farm

Study Sector:		Kingsnorth (Map ref: TQ989365)	
County Landscape Character Area:		Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmland	
Historic Landscape Type:		4.5 Post 1801 plantations	
Boundaries:		C46 & C3T to N, C4T & C43 to E, C44 to W	
TOPOGRAPHY	Apparent	Landform gentle hill in middle of parcel	Views out (long/short/restricted) mainly restricted by woods and hedges
TREE COVER	Apparent	Key visual elements frames parcel with woodland at NW & S borders	Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted) filtered by some trees along hedgerows
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Apparent	Key visual elements Some boundary hedgerows absent – continuous arable fields. Some hedgerows enclosure sheep pasture areas to E.	Pattern and scale
SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES	Insignificant	Key visual elements small group of farm buildings to E along road	Pattern
LANDUSE	Dominant	Key visual elements Mix of arable crops & sheep grazing	Seasonal variation Crops & deciduous trees
KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features	Rivers/ knolls/ ponds Several wetland areas/ ponds & wet meadow to the southern half draining towards the west.		Species associations Rushes, willow
Landuse/farm type	Primary N- arable crops (wheat) S- sheep grazing For most appears to be wet meadow possibly un-grazed (no access)		Other
Woodlands	Coppice/plantation		Species
Tree cover	Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt		Species
Field boundaries	Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric Some hedgerows especially around sheep pastures with a few mature trees		Species Willow, oak, hazel, blackthorn, hornbeam, dogrose, mallow, primrose, trefoil
Highways and footpaths	Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access Main road runs along east. Footpaths (some marked) cross parcel		Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)
Built features	Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts		Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing Telegraph poles overhead running N-S across middle
Other features (such as moats)			

Brief summary description: A medium size irregular shape parcel of farmland of arable, sheep pasture and wet meadow framed by woodlands to the north, west and south, and by a good hedgerow obscuring road to the E. Two unmarked footpaths cross the parcel. Some good hedgerows remain providing traditional enclosure patterns to the sheep pasture & meadow. These are largely absent in arable crop areas where a few large mature trees still remain. The parcel is potentially of high habitat value ecologically due to wet meadow, ponds and adjoining woodland/ wetland corridor.				
Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance				
Visually fairly unified farmland (pasture, arable & meadow) mainly framed by woodland to N, S & W.				Intact
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches possibly important wetland meadow to south with ponds & ditches.		Ecological corridors and networks Adjoining woodlands enhance the parcel's ecological value. Hedgerows could be improved. Potential for plants & invertebrates.		High
Intensity of land use and habitat trend A mix of high intensity arable and moderate low intensity pasture.				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover		Age structure A few good mature trees of oak & ash. Variable quality scrub & trees in hedges where present.		Variable
Field Boundaries		Survival of historic field pattern and condition Some are absent in arable crop fields. Some intact & good hedgerows in pastures.		Variable
Other features				Good Variable Poor
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type main road	Siting joins east side	Design	Extent Noise	Moderate
Farm buildings	east	Traditional cottage & farm out buildings – vernacular style		Low



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Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

ORS3: Bromley Green Woods

Date: 08/10/04 Location: C34 N of Bishop's Wood Map reference: TR003375

Context: Kent LCA: Bethersden Farmlands HLT: 4.3 Other pre-1810 woodland		
Aesthetics – what is your overall impression of this area?		
TOPOGRAHY	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Landform Woodland
TREE COVER	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Hornbeam coppice
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Dominant Apparent Insignificant Unenclosed	Key visual elements PRIVATE LAND
SETTLEMENT & LANDUSE	Dominant (LU) Apparent Insignificant Unsettled (S)	Key visual elements Hornbeam coppice
Key characteristics – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?		
Natural features		Species associations
Farm type	Primary	Other
Woodlands	Heritage features Coppice with standards	Species Hornbeam, oak, ash etc.
Hedgerow trees	Heritage features	Species
Other trees	Heritage features	Species
Field Boundaries	Heritage features ? PRIVATE LAND	Species
Highways	Verges	Other features
Buildings	Villages	Farmsteads
Other features		

C34 North of Bishop’s Wood

C34 ctd.

Brief description: Small parcel of fine abandoned hornbeam coppice with standards that is the northern arm of the larger Bishop's Wood (C35) where it crosses in to the Bethersden Farmlands Landscape Character Area. It is surrounded to the N, E and W by Homelands Golf Course (and is therefore inaccessible to the public), where it is a powerful visual feature.				
Visual unity – assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of detracting features				
Detractors:				Intact Interrupted Fragmented
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habit Continuous woodland, linked to C35.	Ecological corridors		High Moderate Low	
Intensity of land use Low				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover	Extent Continuous woodland	Age structure Over mature coppice with regeneration towards boundaries?	Good Variable Poor	
Field Boundaries	? PRIVATE LAND			Good Variable Poor
Other features				Good Variable Poor
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type	Siting	Design	Extent	High Moderate Low



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Date: 08/10/04 Location: C35 Bishop’s Wood Map reference: TR001371

Context : Kent LCA: Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands HLT: 4.3 Other pre-1810 woodland		
Aesthetics – what is your overall impression of this area?		
TOPOGRAHY	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Landform Woodland Views Out From edges only, N towards golf course (C23); E to C37 farmland; S and W to villages
TREE COVER	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Hornbeam coppice Views within Restricted by trees, although not dense
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Dominant Apparent Insignificant Unenclosed	Key visual elements FROM MAP ONLY – private land Pattern Small paddocks associated with development at Hamstreet Road and Bromley Green
SETTLEMENT & LANDUSE	Dominant (LU) Apparent Insignificant Unsettled (S)	Key visual elements Hornbeam coppice Seasonal variation Deciduous woodland
Key characteristics – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?		
Natural features	Stream to N	Species associations Juncus
Farm type	Primary	Other
Woodlands	Heritage features Coppice with standards	Species Hornbeam, oak, ash, hawthorn, dog rose, holly
Hedgerow trees	Heritage features	Species
Other trees	Heritage features	Species
Field Boundaries	Heritage features Hedge and ditch	Species Hawthorn, dog rose
Highways	Verges	Other features
Buildings	Villages	Farmsteads
Other features		

C35 ctd.

Brief description: Large parcel of former hornbeam coppice with oak standards comprising Bishop's Wood to the E and Forty Acre Wood to the W. Largely undisturbed to the NE where it borders farmland and a golf course, but encroached upon elsewhere by paddocks and gardens of the linear development at Bromley Green and Hamstreet Road.				
Visual unity – assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of detracting features				
Detractors: Encroachment to S and W by residential development set in woodland with associated gardens and paddocks. Pylons bisect the parcel.				<i>Intact</i> Interrupted (but intact to NE) <i>Fragmented</i>
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habit Continuous woodland	Ecological corridors Stream to N of Bishop's Wood	High <i>Moderate</i> <i>Low</i>		
Intensity of land use Low				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover	Extent Continuous woodland	Age structure Neglected coppice with regeneration towards boundaries	Good <i>Variable</i> <i>Poor</i>	
Field Boundaries	Hedgerow and ditch, barbed wire fence		<i>Good</i> Variable <i>Poor</i>	
Other features			<i>Good</i> <i>Variable</i> <i>Poor</i>	
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type Pylons bisect wood SE to NW	Siting	Design	Extent	<i>High</i> <i>Moderate</i> Low +



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Study Sector:		Kingsnorth (Map ref: TQ993367)	
County Landscape Character Area:		Bethersden Wooded Farmlands	
Historic Landscape Character:		Post 1810 plantation	
Boundaries:		Hornash Lane to north, Bromley Green settlements and C42 cattle pasture to east, study boundary to south, C45 pasture to west	
TOPOGRAPHY	Insignificant	Landform Insignificant	Views out (long/short/restricted) None
TREE COVER	Apparent	Key visual elements Dominant	Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted) Restricted
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Apparent	Key visual elements Insignificant, stock fence to west	Pattern and scale N/a
SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES	Apparent	Key visual elements Unsettled	Pattern Part of a wider pattern of linear settlements in existing/former woodland
LANDUSE	Apparent	Key visual elements Apparent former coppice	Seasonal variation Deciduous trees
KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features	Rivers/ knolls/ ponds None		Species associations
Landuse/farm type	Primary Woodland		Other None
Woodlands	Coppice/plantation Hornbeam coppice with oak standards, Some oak and birch coppice		Species Birch, holly, ash, hazel along north boundary, bluebells, honeysuckle, bramble
Tree cover	Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt Woodland, see above		Species See above
Field boundaries	Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric N/a		Species
Highways and footpaths	Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access Footpath running e to w. Hornash Lane forms n boundary		Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)
Built features	Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts None		Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing
Other features (such as moats)	None		

Brief summary description:				
Small parcel of hornbeam coppice with oak standards with Hornash Lane to north, Bromley Green settlements and cattle pasture to east, study boundary to south and more pasture to west. Restricted views out in all directions. Some notable oak and birch coppice amongst the hornbeam. Holly is the dominant understorey species. Some patches of bluebells (requires survey in may)				
Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance				
This parcel is an intact remnant of original extensive woodland plantation, now surrounded by settlements and pasture				Intact
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches Continuous patch		Ecological corridors and networks Linked to extensive woodland		Moderate
Intensity of land use and habitat trend Low land use				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover		Age structure Mixed coppice ages, condition generally good		Good
Field Boundaries		Survival of historic field pattern and condition Stock fence to east and west, open to north, condition variable		Variable
Other features				
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type n/a	Siting	Design	Extent	Low



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Survey Date: 8.10.04 (Amended 19.07.05)
Reference: C42 Location: North of Capel Wood Surveyors: LH/KP + MG/HMA

Study Sector:		Kingsnorth (Map ref: TQ995365)	
County Landscape Character Area:		Bethersden Wooded Farmlands	
Historic Landscape Character:		Small regular with straight boundaries	
Boundaries:		Bromley Green Road and settlements to north, Long Hurst Wood to east, Capel Wood to south, Little Hurst Wood to west	
TOPOGRAPHY	Insignificant	Landform Insignificant, falls slightly to south	Views out (long/short/restricted) None, woodland in all directions
TREE COVER	Apparent	Key visual elements Apparent, strongly wooded boundaries only	Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted) Open
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Dominant	Key visual elements Dominant with woodland edge and stock fencing	Pattern and scale Medium size fields now, no longer small
SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES	Unsettled	Key visual elements Unsettled	Pattern
LANDUSE	Apparent	Key visual elements Cattle and horse grazing, hay crop in summer to east	Seasonal variation Deciduous trees at boundaries
KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features	Rivers/ knolls/ ponds None		Species associations N/a
Landuse/farm type	Primary Grazing		Other Pasture/hay crop
Woodlands	Coppice/plantation Strong woodland to boundaries		Species Oak, some thorn and hornbeam
Tree cover	Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt Very scattered, one fine standard oak to n		Species Oak
Field boundaries	Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric Stock fence and electric		Species N/a
Highways and footpaths	Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access Footpath runs e to w across centre		Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)
Built features	Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts None		Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing
Other features (such as moats)	None		

Reference: C42 contd

Brief summary description:				
Rectangular parcel of open pasture enclosed by strong woodland to south, east and west with wooded Bromley Green settlements to north. Footpath crosses from E to W. Small area to E of parcel used for hay in summer. Very popular with swallow (suggests rich Dipteran fauna)				
Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance				
This parcel is an intact working landscape with no visual detractors				Intact
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches None (rough pasture in summer)	Ecological corridors and networks Strong woodland edge, but no corridors within parcel		Moderate – due to boundaries and rough pasture	
Intensity of land use and habitat trend Moderate land use				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover	Age structure Woodland edges only, mixed age			Good
Field Boundaries	Survival of historic field pattern and condition Stock fencing			Good
Other features	None			Good Variable Poor
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type None	Siting	Design	Extent	High Moderate Low N/a

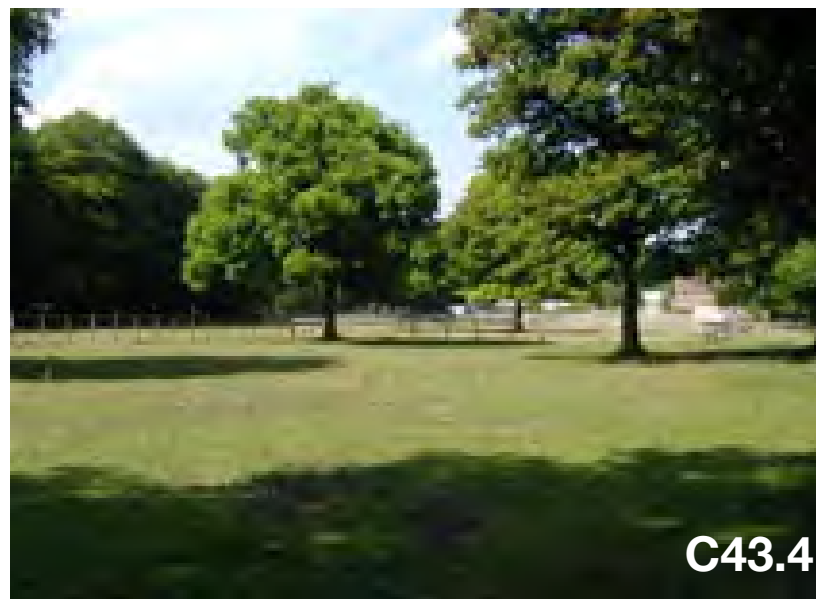
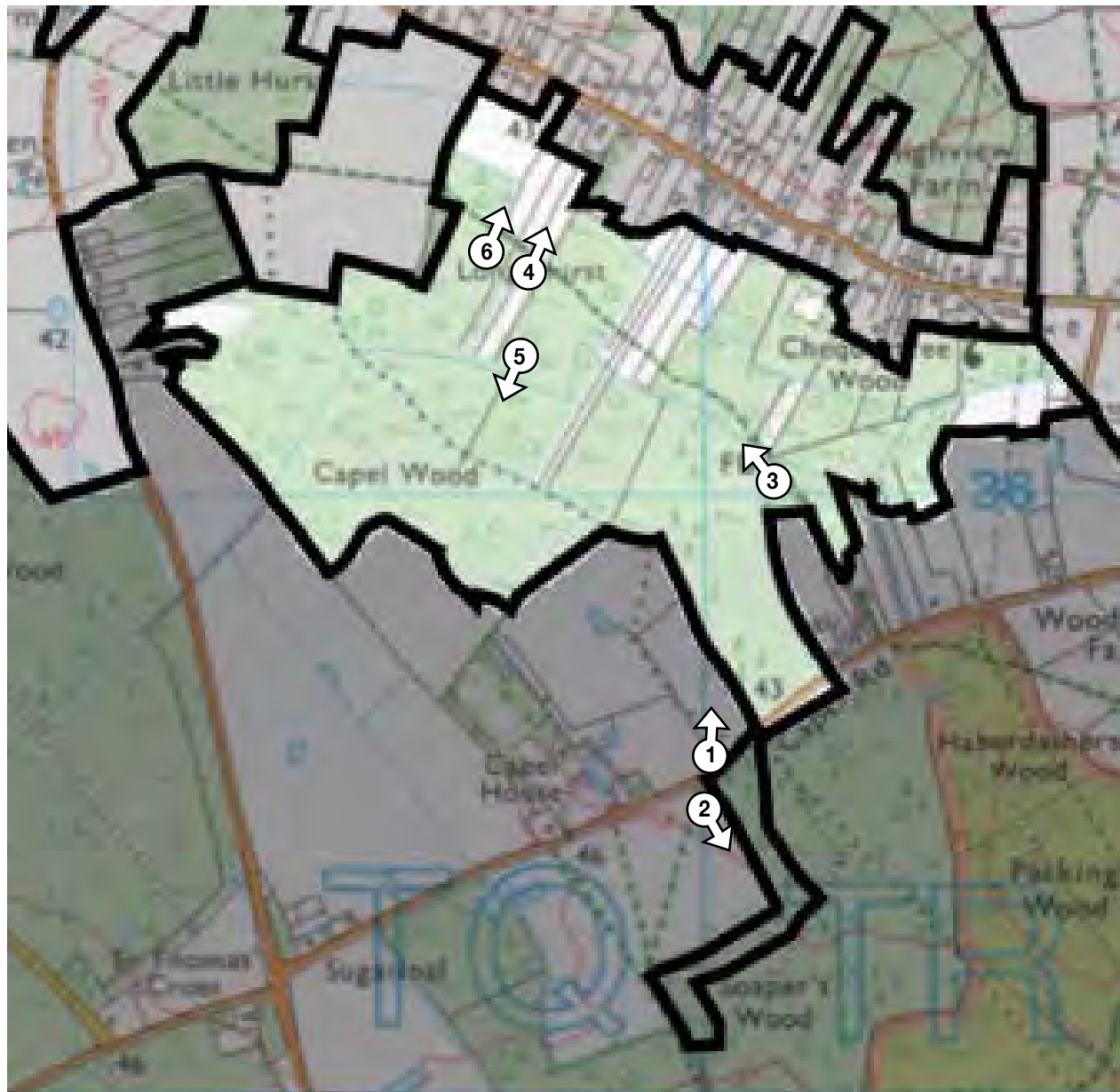
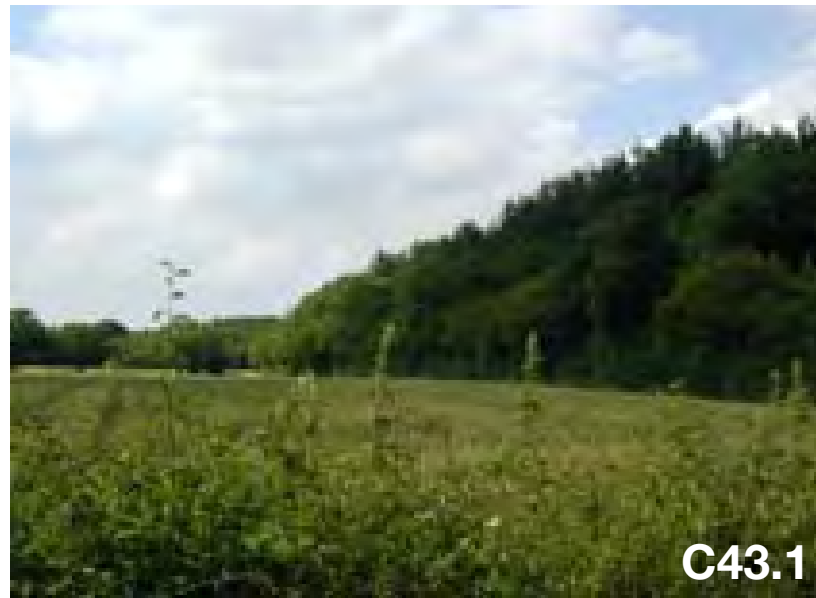


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Study Sector:		Kingsnorth (Map ref: TQ997363)	
County Landscape Character Area:		Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands	
Historic Landscape Type:		4.3 other pre –1810 woodland	
Boundaries:		Edge of study area to E, S + W; C42 to NW	
TOPOGRAPHY	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Landform	Views out (long/short/restricted)
TREE COVER	Dominant	Key visual elements Neglected coppice & Scot's pine plantation	Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted) restricted and framed in horse paddock
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Apparent	Key visual elements Some evidence of old boundary banks and some internal ditches. Wooden fencing enclosing horse paddocks etc.	Pattern and scale Narrow strips of horse pasture (small scale)
SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES	Insignificant	Key visual elements Encroachment especially from the N.	Pattern Linear, associated with the road.
LANDUSE	Insignificant	Key visual elements Mainly neglected coppice, but apparent horse grazing.	Seasonal variation Deciduous woodland
KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features	Rivers/ knolls/ ponds Some streams/ drains – mainly unvegetated		Species associations
Landuse/farm type	Primary Hornbeam coppice/ Scot's pine plantation		Other Horse paddocks to N
Woodlands	Coppice/plantation Oak dominant throughout, hornbeam coppice more prevalent to S. Oak/birch woodland to N, with some young hornbeam. Scot's pine plantation in places to W.		Species Scot's pine, some coppiced ash, birch & sweetchestnut. Understorey of blackthorn, elder, field maple, hawthorn, young sycamore, holly, bracken, bramble & honeysuckle.
Tree cover	Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt		Species
Field boundaries	Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric Some evidence of ancient raised bank & ditch & internal drains		Species hornbeam
Highways and footpaths	Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access local roads bisect to S, footpath crosses to NW/ SE		Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)
Built features	Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts Encroached upon by settlement to N+S		Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing
Other features (such as moats)			

Brief summary description: Fairly large and irregular shaped woodland parcel comprising mainly hornbeam coppice with oak, although there are patches of Scot's pine plantation to the west and less dense oak/ birch woodland to the N. Some evidence of ancient raised bank & ditch remain at boundaries. Bisected by local road to S, and crossed by a footpath NW/SE. Heavily encroached upon to the N and S by housing and grazing paddocks, with one notable clearance of horticulture. Some dumping also present to the north. Woodland remains intact to the west, but is interrupted to the N&S boundaries, threatening its integrity as an important woodland corridor.				
Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance				
Some evidence of bike tracks & recreation along footpath. Encroachment by suburban housing and associated gardens, some dumping to the N.				Intact – to W Interrupted - to N&S
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches continuous woodland but variable. Some small glades.		Ecological corridors and networks Woodland links to further extensive habitat to S		High - but threatened by dumping & encroachment from housing & paddocks
Intensity of land use and habitat trend Mainly low				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover		Age structure mainly overmature hornbeam coppice but lots of regeneration. Oak – mature & young		Good -but some evidence of woodland thinning to N
Field Boundaries		Survival of historic field pattern and condition Some evidence of ancient raised bank & ditch		Variable
Other features				Good Variable Poor
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type suburban housing, garden & paddocks	Siting to N &S	Design	Extent Encroaching – thinning out of woodland & some dumping	Moderate



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Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

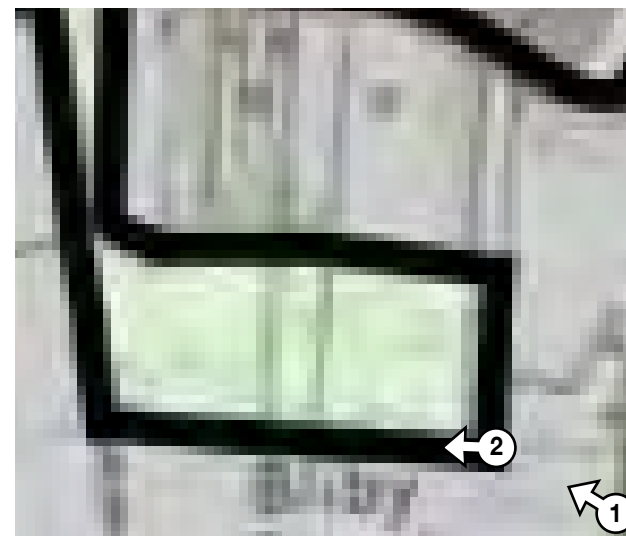
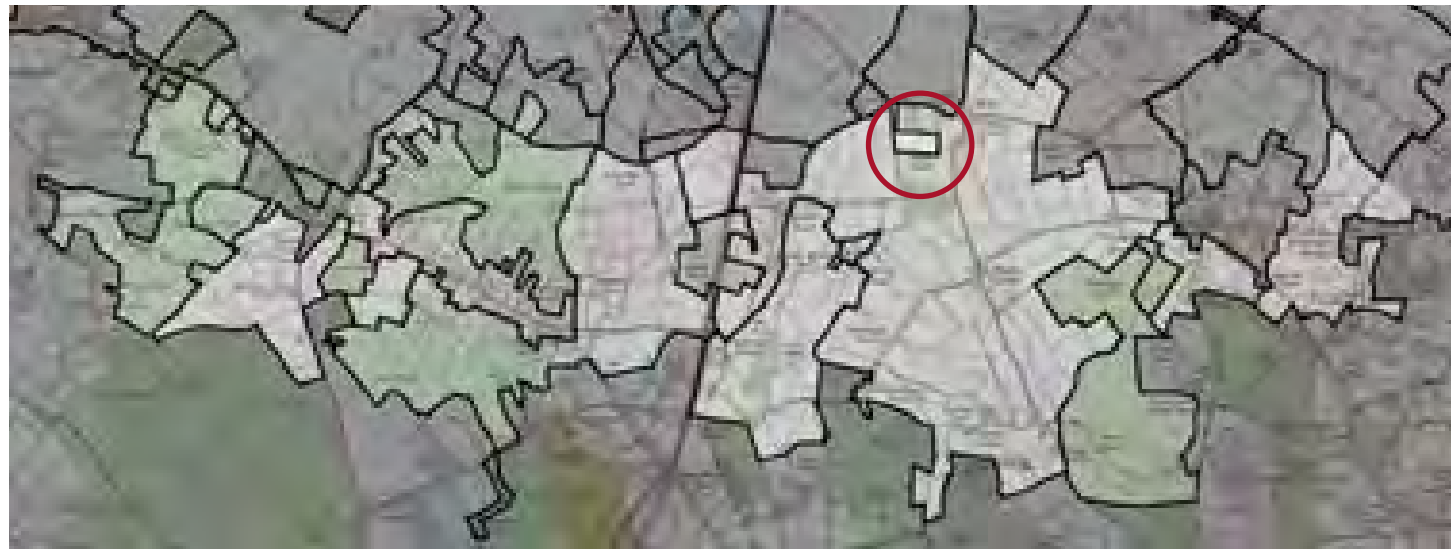
ORS4: Golden Wood – Stone Cross Farmlands

Date: 24.09.04 Location: A20 Bliby Wood Map reference: TR025374

Context: Kent Landscape Study Area: Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands HLT: 4.9 Pre-19 th C coppices			
Aesthetics – what is your overall impression of this area?			
TOPOGRAHY	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Landform	Views Out To South & West over farmland
TREE COVER	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Strong edge	Views within Restricted
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Post & rail to North deep ditch to South	Pattern
SETTLEMENT & LANDUSE	Dominant Apparent Insignificant Unsettled	Key visual elements Woodland	Seasonal variation
Key characteristics – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features			Species associations
Farm type	Primary		Other
Woodlands	Heritage features Oak standards & hornbeam coppice		Species Thorn, Goat Willow, Blackthorn
Hedgerow trees	Heritage features		Species
Other trees	Heritage features		Species
Field Boundaries	Heritage features		Species
Highways	Verges		Other features
Buildings	Villages		Farmsteads
Other features			

A20 ctd.

Brief description: Small L-shaped tract of mature Hornbeam coppice & Oak standards. Settlements to north were recently formed from cleared woodland.				
Visual unity – assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of detracting features				
Detractors: Settlements to North, lane to East				Intact <i>Interrupted</i> <i>Fragmented</i>
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habit Whole parcel	Ecological corridors Newly dredged ditch - extensive clearance of scrub and herbaceous		High <i>Moderate</i> <i>Low</i>	
Intensity of land use: Low - Some incursion from houses to North				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover	Extent No evidence of recent coppicing	Age structure Mainly mature some younger understorey	<i>Good</i> Variable <i>Poor</i>	
Field Boundaries				<i>Good</i> <i>Variable</i> <i>Poor</i>
Other features				<i>Good</i> <i>Variable</i> <i>Poor</i>
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type	Siting	Design	Extent	<i>High</i> <i>Moderate</i> <i>Low</i>



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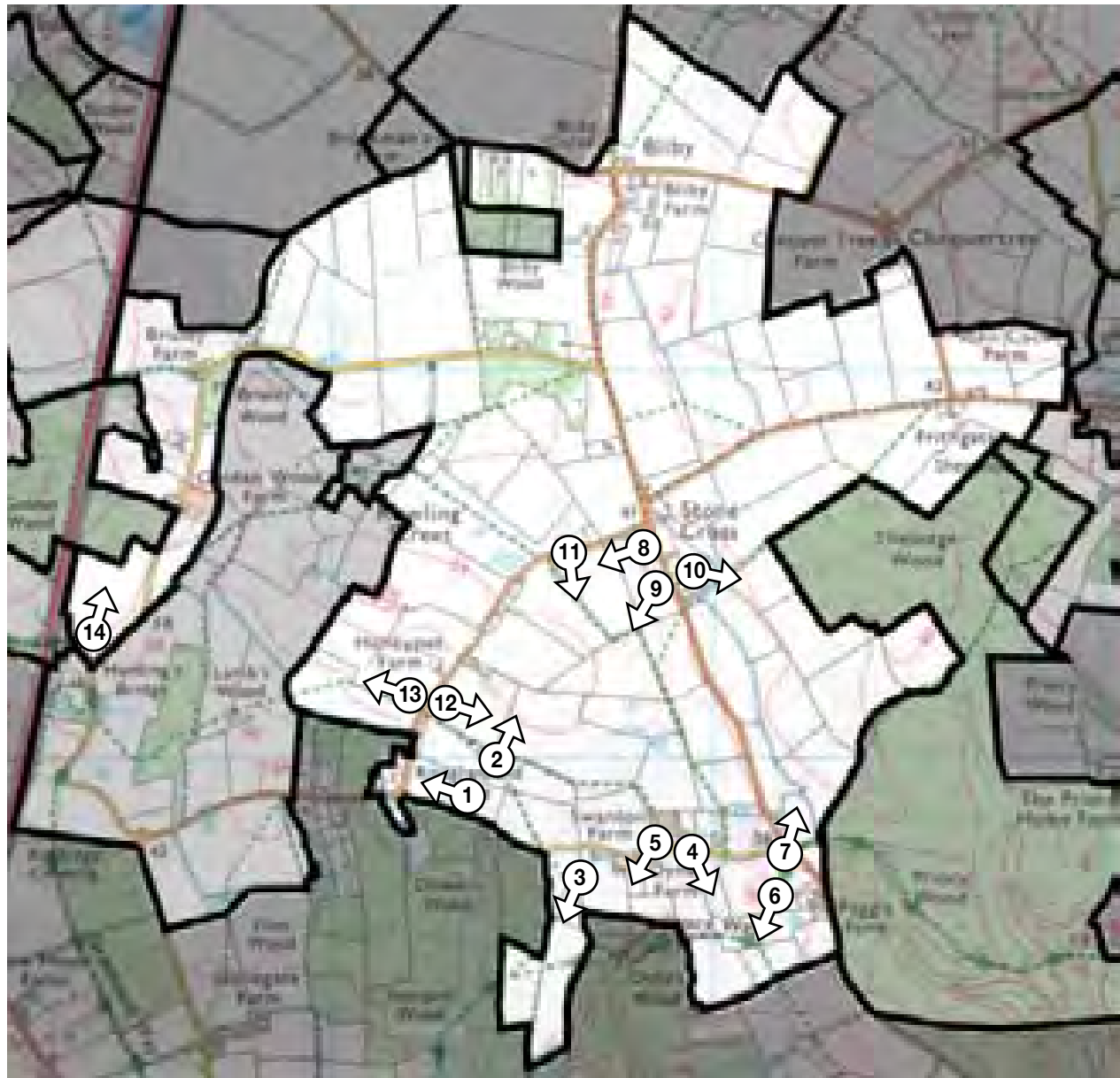


Date: 24.09.04 Location: A22 North - Near Brockmans Farm Map reference: TR022376

Context: Kent LCA: Upper Stour Valley HLT: 1.9 Small regular with straight boundaries (parliamentary type enclosure)			
Aesthetics – what is your overall impression of this area?			
TOPOGRAHY	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Landform Flat	Views Out Limited
TREE COVER	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements	Views within
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Strong to South, especially at woodland corner, hedges cleared to West and North	Pattern
SETTLEMENT & LANDUSE	Dominant Apparent Insignificant Unsettled	Key visual elements Arable	Seasonal variation
Key characteristics – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features			Species associations
Farm type	Primary Arable	Other	
Woodlands	Heritage features	Species	
Hedgerow trees	Heritage features Intermittent oak standards	Species	
Other trees	Heritage features	Species	
Field Boundaries	Heritage features Thorn and Bramble, post and wire	Species	
Highways	Verges To edge	Other features	
Buildings	Villages	Farmsteads	
Other features			

A22 north ctd.

Brief description: Small parcel of open arable farmland, extensive hedgerow clearing to North and West				
Visual unity – assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of detracting features				
Detractors: Hedgerow clearance				<i>Intact</i> Interrupted <i>Fragmented</i>
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habit	Ecological corridors Not continuous		<i>High</i> <i>Moderate</i> Low	
Intensity of land use: High				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover	Extent On South boundary 2 mature Oaks and Ash	Age structure Mature	Good <i>Variable</i> <i>Poor</i>	
Field Boundaries	Gappy to North, reasonable to West			<i>Good</i> <i>Variable</i> Poor
Other features				<i>Good</i> <i>Variable</i> <i>Poor</i>
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type	Siting	Design	Extent	<i>High</i> <i>Moderate</i> <i>Low</i>



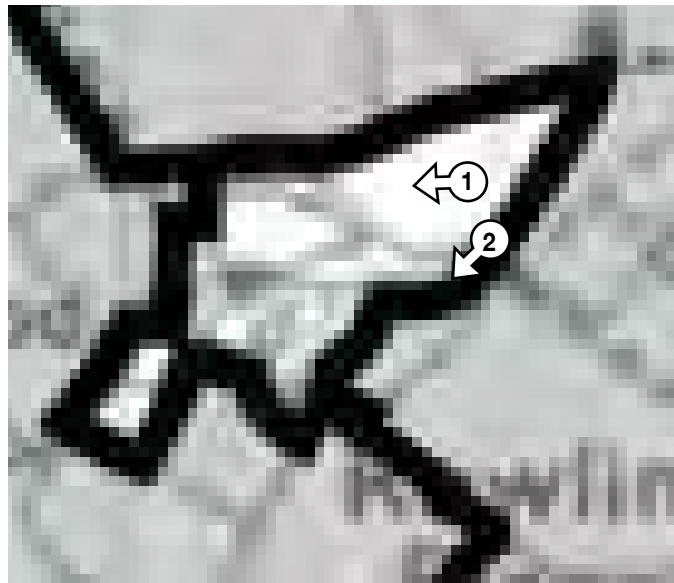
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Study Sector:		Cheeseman's Green (Map ref: TR021368)	
County Landscape Character Area:		Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands	
Historic Landscape Type:		9.2 Scattered settlement with paddocks (1810 extent)	
Boundaries:		A24 to W, A22 to E	
SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES	Dominant Apparent Insignificant Unsettled	Key visual elements	
TOPOGRAPHY	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Landform Has a level, low lying appearance	
TREE COVER	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Farm at end of cul de sac lane. Builds that can be seen nestle in vegetation – willows dominant. Also dead elms, std field maples, oak, ash	
FORM & LAYOUT	Linear Clustered Sprawling		
AGE & CONDITION	Pre-war Post-war 1960-70's 1980-1990's Recent	Could not determine all, but farm house 19 th century or before	
KEY FEATURES – in what way do the following contribute to the local distinctiveness of the settlement?			
Building style	Roof & materials/ scale		
	Brick, tile, some ragstone		
Street Scene	Frontage/ verge/ boundaries/ materials	Planting/ signage/ lighting	
Edge condition	New housing		
	N/A		
Other features (include detractors)	Some old victorian/edwardian street lamps		
PERCEPTION of the place – is it tranquil/ safe/ pleasant/ legible/ accessible? Very tranquil, surrounded by horse pastures, remote quality, lane has central strip of grass emerging adding to this sense of place			

Reference: A23

Brief summary description of settlement/ edge conditions and its siting within the wider landscape: Very gently undulating topographical setting, low lying with ponds and reed/rush filled ditches. Very rural quality of country lanes with well maintained hedges & hedgerow trees, willow copses seem to absorb farm buildings which cannot be seen easily from the public right of way.				
Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the settlement and note any detracting features and their significance				
Internal views to lane, immediate paddocks				Intact Interrupted Fragmented
Settlement integrity/ edge condition – how well does the settlement hold together				
Extent of settlement	As far as any settlement can be seen.... The vegetation ties this group together	High Moderate Low		
Intensity of built form and trend Low, farm group				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Local vernacular	Survival of features and condition Brick, ragstone and tile can be seen	Good Variable Poor		
Tree Cover	Age structure mature oak and ash, willows, field maple. Dead elms in hedgerow	Good Variable Poor		
Field Boundaries	Survival of historic field pattern and condition High proportion of timber post and rail fencing reflects equine activities. Hedges, some high with bullace, thorns, dogwood	Good Variable Poor		
Other features		Good Variable Poor		
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place N/A				
Type	Siting	Design	Extent	High Moderate Low



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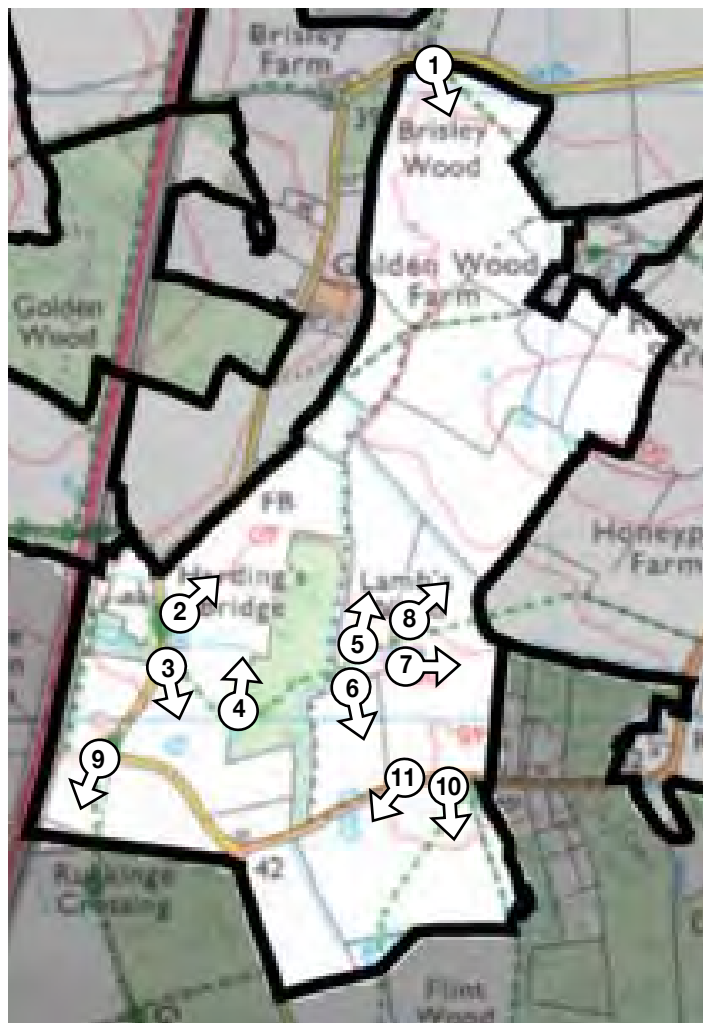
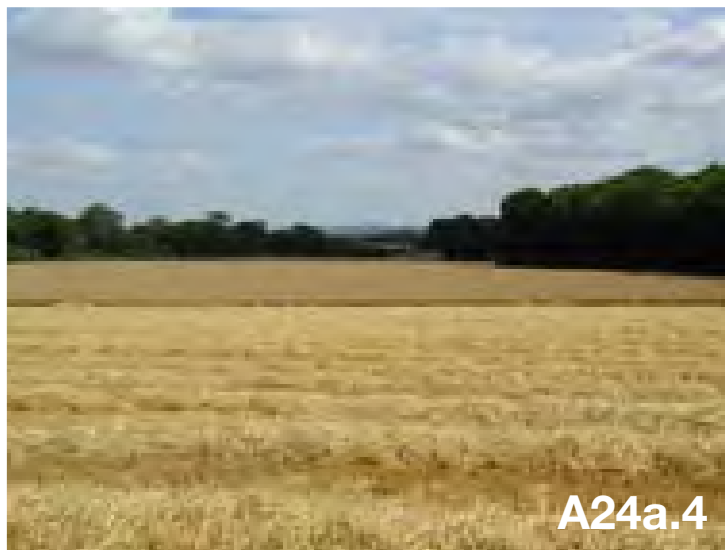


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Development Area:		Cheeseman's Green (Map ref: TR018369)	
County Landscape Character Area:		Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands	
Historic Landscape Type:		Small rectilinear with wavy boundaries and ponds	
Boundaries:		A22 to N, E & W; A23 settlement to NW; study boundary to S.	
TOPOGRAPHY	Apparent	Landform rises to E	Views out (long/short/restricted) mainly short/ restricted, some long glimpses north towards the North Downs.
TREE COVER	Apparent	Key visual elements boundary woodlands, hedgerow trees along lanes, scattered standards	Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted) open, framed in places by boundary woodlands
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Apparent	Key visual elements Hedgerows especially along lanes	Pattern and scale Medium scale – some loss of hedgerow (no longer small scale)
SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES	Insignificant	Key visual elements Herding's Bridge – scattered houses – fenced off with assoc. trees and shrub.	Pattern
LANDUSE	Dominant	Key visual elements arable	Seasonal variation With crop
KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features	Rivers/ knolls/ ponds Scattered ponds, streams/ditches (reeds)		Species associations Reedmace, willowherb, bur-reed, iris, sedges, dragonflies, marsh frogs.
Landuse/farm type	Primary arable		Other Very small horse paddock at Herding's Bridge. Small section of hay crop to W.
Woodlands	Coppice/plantation At boundaries to S + Lamb's Wood (separate parcel). Very small block of remnant hornbeam coppice to W of Herding's Bridge.		Species Hornbeam, oak and ash
Tree cover	Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt Scattered oak, hedgerow trees (mainly along lanes)		Species Ash, oak, hornbeam and field maple
Field boundaries	Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric Hedgerows, some remnant hornbeam coppice bank.		Species Blackthorn, hawthorn and field maple
Highways and footpaths	Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access Local roads cross to W & S, major A2070 bounds to SW		Other features (such as tree-lined lanes) Lanes are well treed
Built features	Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts Scattered houses at Herding's Bridge.		Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing Telegraph poles
Other features (such as moats)			

Reference:

Brief summary description: Large irregular shaped parcel dominated by arable farmland with fine long glimpses to N. Downs in places. Notable rise to east of parcel. The enclosure pattern is now mainly medium scale, with some loss of internal hedgerows apparent. Tree cover is provided by the boundary woodlands to the S and by Lamb's Wood (separate parcel) which is enclosed to the central south. The local lanes which cross to the southwest have largely continuous hedgerows with good sections of mature trees. Further ecological interest is provided by the many scattered ponds and small isolated relict block of hornbeam coppice to the W. The major A2070 bounds to the SW but is well screened by a high hedgerow.				
Visual context and unity – <i>assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance</i>				
Noise of A2070 evident to the SW, some loss of hedgerows, but remains an intact working landscape.				<i>Intact</i>
Ecological integrity – <i>how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?</i>				
Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches Scattered small ponds and very small block of remnant hornbeam coppice		Ecological corridors and networks Streams and ditches		<i>Moderate</i>
Intensity of land use and habitat trend Generally high intensity				
Condition of heritage features – <i>assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change</i>				
Tree Cover		Age structure mature		<i>Good</i>
Field Boundaries		Survival of historic field pattern and condition Good hedgerow along lanes (some old hornbeam coppice bank); some loss of internal hedgerows		<i>Variable</i>
Other features				<i>Good Variable Poor</i>
Impact of built development – <i>how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place</i>				
Type	Siting	Design	Extent	
A2070	SW boundary	Well screened by high hedge/ trees	noise	<i>Low</i>



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Study Sector:		Kingsnorth (Map ref: TR013373)	
County Landscape Character Area:		Bethersden Wooded Farmlands	
Historic Landscape Character:		Small rectilinear with wavy boundaries	
Boundaries:		C21 sheep grazing to north, A2070/rail corridor to east, study boundary to south and C37 sheep grazing to west	
TOPOGRAHY	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Landform Insignificant with very gentle rise from A2070	Views out (long/short/restricted) Long views to north and east towards N Downs, restricted to west and to south by landform and Golden Wood
TREE COVER	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Insignificant with very intermittent h'row trees along boundaries	Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted) Open
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Dominant Apparent Insignificant Unenclosed	Key visual elements Apparent, hedges and ditches	Pattern and scale Wavy boundary to south only, fields now large and h'row clearance is likely to have taken place
SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES	Dominant Apparent Insignificant Unsettled	Key visual elements Unsettled	Pattern Part of a wider pattern of scattered farmsteads
LANDUSE	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Arable is apparent	Seasonal variation Crop rotation
KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features	Rivers/ knolls/ ponds None		Species associations
Landuse/farm type	Primary Arable		Other None
Woodlands	Coppice/plantation None		Species
Tree cover	Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt Very intermittent h'row trees around parcel boundary		Species Oak, , thorn,
Field boundaries	Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric Hedges, ditches		Species Thorn, elder
Highways and footpaths	Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access A2070 trunk road forms east boundary, two footpaths		Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)
Built features	Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts None		Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing
Other features (such as moats)	None		

Brief summary description:				
Small parcel of large scale open, unsettled arable farmland bordered by A2070 trunk road to east, sheep grazing to north and west and study boundary to south with fine long views to the north and east towards the North Downs. Tree cover insignificant with very intermittent hedgerow trees along parcel boundaries. Thick thorn hedges to west and south linking into Golden Wood, valuable as ecological corridors in an intensively farmed area, gappy hedge remnants elsewhere, original field pattern fragmented.				
Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance				
This parcel is a fragmented landscape with few remnants of original small scale enclosure pattern , gappy hedgerows to south and west, noise from close proximity of the A2070 and rail. Rural surroundings to north, west and south, and across transport corridor to east, fine long views to the North Downs,				Intact Interrupted Fragmented
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches No patches		Ecological corridors and networks Gappy hedges to s and w, thick to n and e and linked to Golden Wood	High Moderate Low	
Intensity of land use and habitat trend High current land use intensity				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover		Age structure Many mature trees, condition generally good	Good Variable Poor	
Field Boundaries		Survival of historic field pattern and condition Very gappy hedges need infilling, condition-variable	Good Variable Poor	
Other features			Good Variable Poor	
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type n/a	Siting	Design	Extent	High Moderate Low



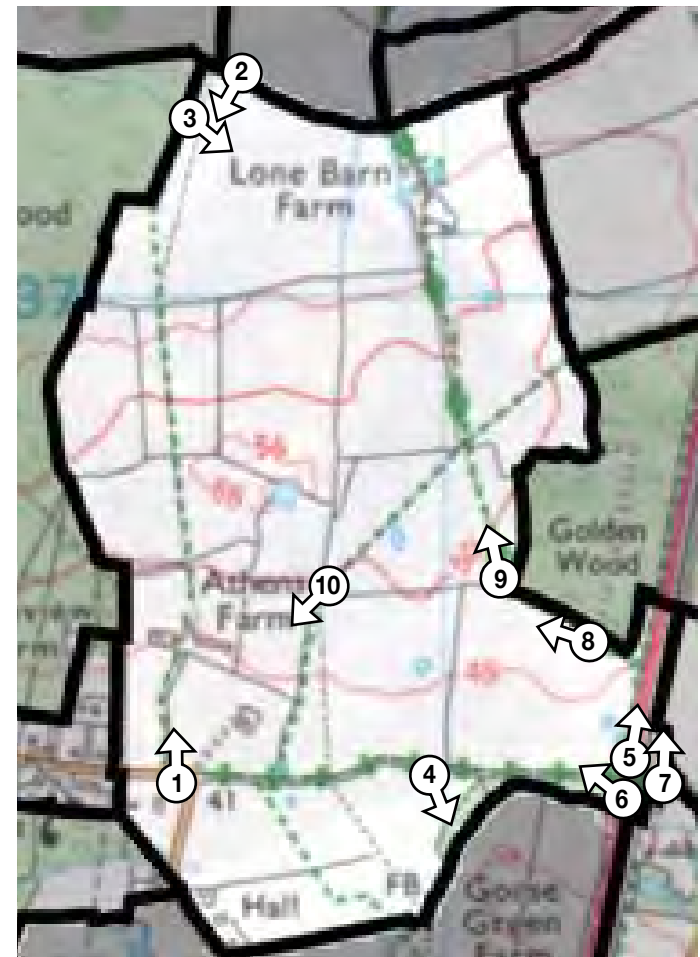
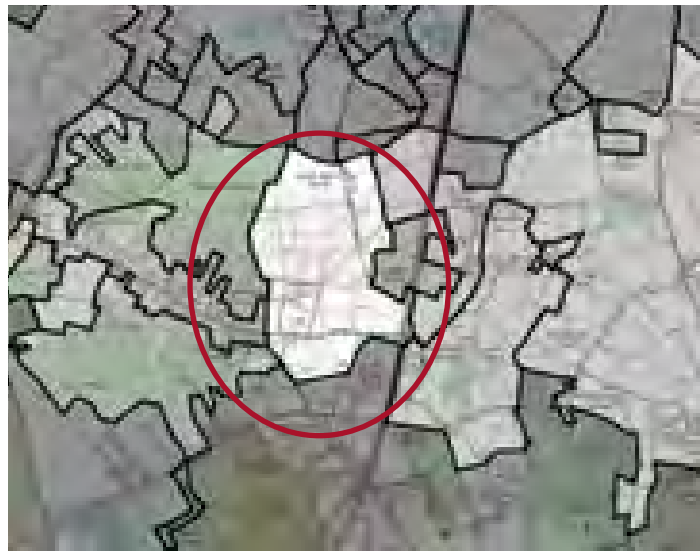
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Study Sector:		Kingsnorth (Map ref: TR008365)	
County Landscape Character Area:		Bethersden Wooded Farmlands	
Historic Landscape Character:		Irregular straight boundaries	
Boundaries:		C20 sheep grazing to north, C36 arable to east, study boundary to south and Bishop's Wood to west	
TOPOGRAPHY	Apparent	Landform Apparent with distinct rise towards the south	Views out (long/short/restricted) Long views to north and east towards N Downs, restricted to west by Bishop's Wood, and to south by landform and Golden Wood
TREE COVER	Apparent	Key visual elements Apparent with 2 strong w'land blocks beyond boundary and intermittent h'row trees and strip of woodland to SE within parcel	Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted) Quite open though restricted by landform
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Apparent	Key visual elements Apparent, stock fence and gappy hedges – Stronger hedgerows to S	Pattern and scale Medium size fields
SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES	Apparent	Key visual elements Lone Barn farmstead is apparent	Pattern Part of a wider pattern of scattered farmsteads
LANDUSE	Apparent	Key visual elements Sheep grazing is apparent to N, Athens farm to SW	Seasonal variation With arable crop and deciduous tree cover
KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features	Rivers/ knolls/ ponds Hill to south, scattered (seasonal) ponds		Species associations Willow rush
Landuse/farm type	Primary Sheep grazing		Other Arable to S (mixed), Horse paddock at Athens farm.
Woodlands	Coppice/plantation Small strip to SE with some hornbeam coppice		Species Oak, hornbeam, ash, hazel, field maple
Tree cover	Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt Intermittent h'row trees, clustered groups around farms		Species Oak, hornbeam, thorn, ash, sycamore, willow, scot's pine at Athens fm.
Field boundaries	Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric Poor stock fencing and gappy hedges, more cont. to S along A2070, Ditches with iris, rushes and reedmace		Species Thorn, rose, elm, beech, f. maple, hornbeam
Highways and footpaths	Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access Greensand Way runs n to s thru parcel, another f'path follows east edge of B's Wood A2070 to SE boundary (well screened)		Other features (such as tree-lined lanes) By –way to SW enclosed by mature trees and h\'rows. Local lane to SW corner
Built features	Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts Semi-derelict farm buildings , 2 newly roofed at Lone Barn farm, Athens fm to SW. light industrial use		Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing
Other features (such as moats)	None		

Brief summary description: Large gently rolling parcel of fairly remote open sheep pasture, with some mixed arable to south, south of Lone Barn Farm It's rising to the south with fine views towards the North Downs to the north and east, bordered by Bishop's Wood to the west and Golden Wood to the south. Tree cover is apparent with the two strong woodland blocks at boundaries to E and W and intermittent hedgerow trees and a tree group at the farmstead. A small strip of woodland is present in the SE corner, with remnant hornbeam coppice. A medium scale enclosure pattern of gappy hedges and poor stock fencing is also apparent. Although the h'rows are more cont. to S, especially along the by-way. The parcel is bordered by farmland and woodland and is bisected by the Greensand Way, a local long distance footpath. As well as a series of other footpaths. The A2070 borders to SE, but is extremely well screened by high h'row and snipe.				
Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance				
This parcel is still (just) an intact rural landscape with fine long views to the North Downs although the gappy hedgerows, proposed new turf farm and slight noise from proximity of the A2070 and rail do threaten. Athens fm seems to be a tractor depot of some kind – locally detracts.				<i>Intact</i>
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches Some small ponds (especially to SE near A2070) and scrub near farm to north. Isolated woodland strip to SE. Some rough pasture with patches of rush.		Ecological corridors and networks Very gappy hedges but better to S, some ditches, not interlinked.		<i>Moderate</i> <i>High in woodland and rough pasture, low in arable and grazed pasture</i>
Intensity of land use and habitat trend Low current landuse intensity but imminent change to highly intensive turf farm				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover		Age structure Many mature trees, condition generally good, some regeneration in wood to SE, some remnant hornbeam coppice		<i>Good</i>
Field Boundaries		Survival of historic field pattern and condition Very gappy hedges need infilling and protection from stock. More intact to S. good h'row along A2070		<i>Variable</i>
Other features				
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type A2070	Siting To SE boundary	Design Well screened by h'row	Extent	<i>Low - moderate</i>
Tractor park	Rear of Athens fm	Sprawling	Local impact only	



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Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

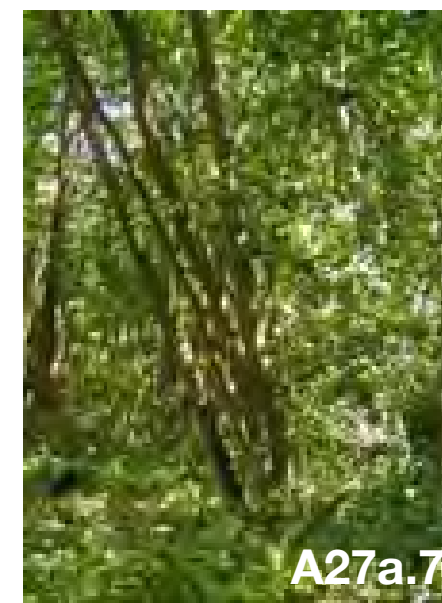
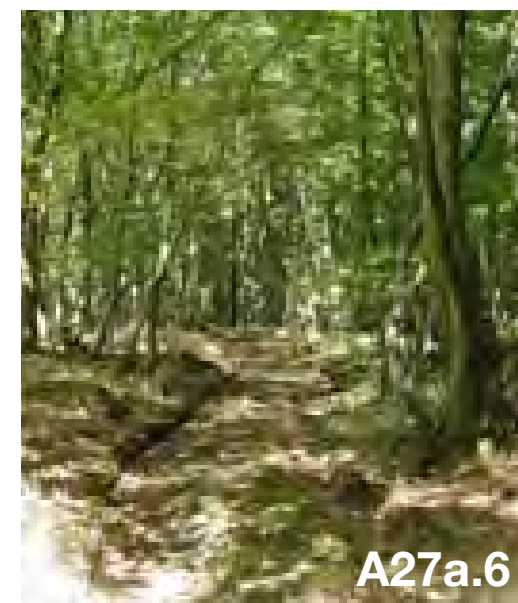
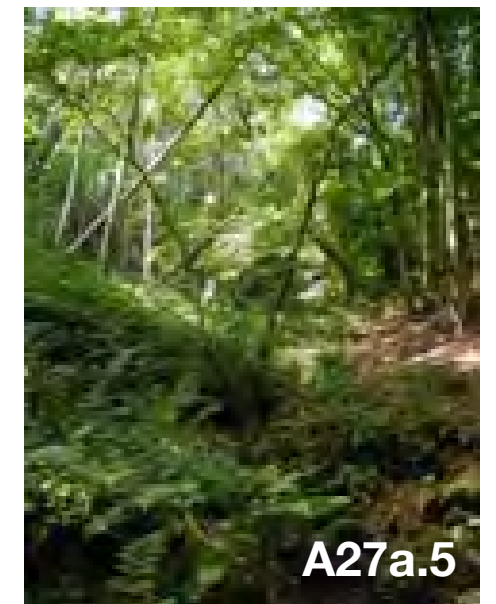
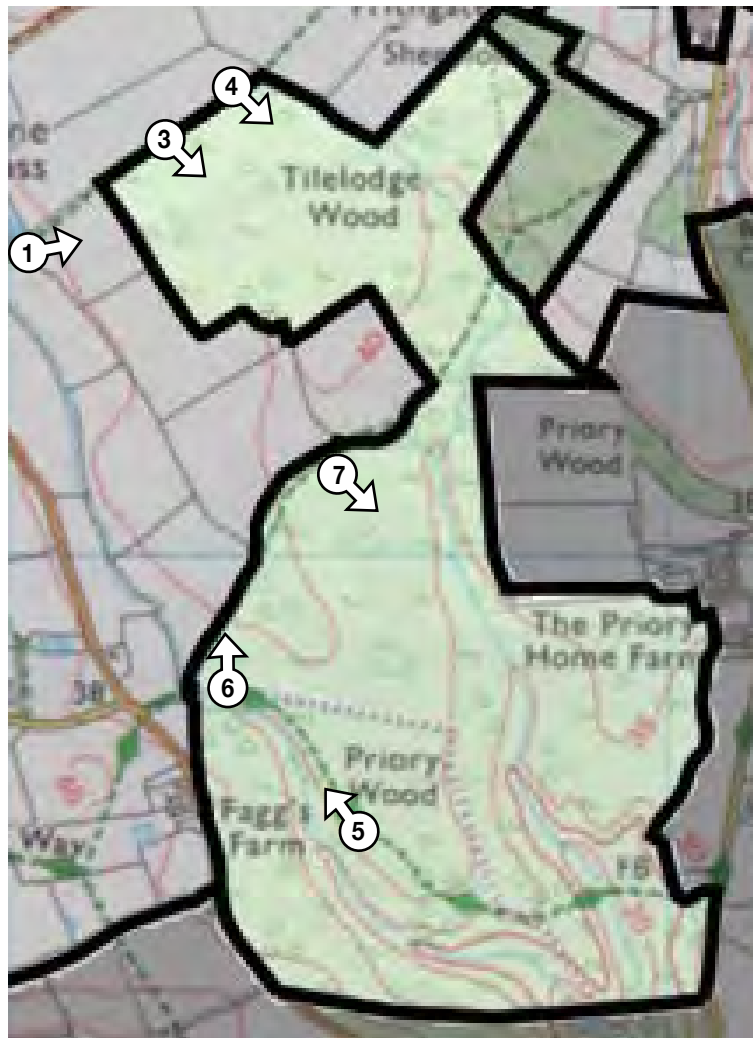
ORS5: Aldington Frith Wooded Farmland

Date: 24.09.04 (amended 20.07.05) **Location:** A27 Tilelodge Wood west **Map reference:** TR035365

Context: Kent LCA: Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands HLT: 4.6 Pre-1810 scarp and steep valley side woodland			
Aesthetics – what is your overall impression of this area?			
TOPOGRAHY	Apparent	Landform Flat woodland. Dominant to S – Steep valley side.	Views Out To north only – over pasture to Frith Gate, Colliers hill beyond
TREE COVER	Dominant	Key visual elements Hornbeam coppice, oak standards	Views within None
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Insignificant	Key visual elements Some ditches, Raised banks	Pattern
SETTLEMENT & LANDUSE	Dominant Unsettled	Key visual elements Woodland	Seasonal variation Deciduous woodland
Key characteristics – in what way do the following contribute to local distictiveness?			
Natural features	Steep valley sides. Streams		Species associations Sedge
Farm type	Primary		Other
Woodlands	Heritage features Overmature hornbeam coppice, oak standards. Some sweet chestnut and oak coppice.	Species Oak, Hornbeam, Ash, Hazel, Birch, Holly, Sweet chestnut	
Hedgerow trees	Heritage features	Species	
Other trees	Heritage features	Species	
Field Boundaries	Heritage features Ditch, barbed wire fence at edges. Some ancient hornbeam coppice banks and ditches.	Species Hornbeam	
Highways	Verges	Other features	
Buildings	Villages	Farmsteads	
Other features	Saxon footpath runs E to W through Dyre's wood and Priory wood		

A27 ctd.

Brief description: Fantastic track of former hornbeam coppice with mainly oak standards. Smaller section of Sweet chestnut coppice also present. Powerful boundaries with northern grazing pasture. Richest section of woodland within current study area. Characterized by dramatic steep sided valleys and streams to the south. The parcel has two arms entering the study area, with the E section stretching further N. Fine structure of bluebells in places. Saxon Way footpath runs E – W through Dyre's wood and Priory wood sections of parcel. Localised patches of rhododendron threaten integrity.				
Visual unity – assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of detracting features				
Detractors: Some evidence of informal play to W of Priory wood. Some patches of rhododendron				<i>Intact</i>
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habit Continuous woodland	Ecological corridors Linking hedgerows, streams		<i>High</i>	
Intensity of land use: Unmanaged				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover	Extent Continuous	Age structure mainly mature, some regeneration	<i>Good</i>	
Field Boundaries	Some relict hornbeam coppice banks and ditch			<i>Variable</i>
Other features				<i>Good Variable Poor</i>
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type	Siting	Design	Extent	<i>High Moderate Low</i>



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Date: 24.09.04 Location: A28 Tilelodge Wood east Map reference: TR038367

Context: Kent LCA: Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands HLT: 4.8 19 th Century coppices			
Aesthetics – what is your overall impression of this area?			
TOPOGRAHY	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Landform Flat woodland	Views Out To north only – over pasture
TREE COVER	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Hornbeam coppice	Views within Restricted
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Boundary ditch within	Pattern
SETTLEMENT & LANDUSE	Dominant Apparent Insignificant Unsettled	Key visual elements Woodland	Seasonal variation Deciduous woodland
Key characteristics – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features	Stream, steep sided		Species associations
Farm type	Primary		Other
Woodlands	Heritage features Hornbeam coppice, some oak coppice		Species Hornbeam, birch, oak, rhododendron, hawthorn, bramble
Hedgerow trees	Heritage features		Species
Other trees	Heritage features		Species
Field Boundaries	Heritage features		Species
Highways	Verges Ride through woodland		Other features
Buildings	Villages		Farmsteads
Other features			

A28 ctd.

Brief description: Northern half of a small 19 th Century coppice woodland (adjoining extensive tract of woodland to south) enters the study area. Mainly hornbeam coppice with some oak and birch, some oak coppice is notable. Steep sided stream and a ride pass through the parcel, and some invasion by rhododendron is an increasing threat.				
Visual unity – assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of detracting features				
Detractors: Rhododendron				Intact <i>Interrupted</i> <i>Fragmented</i>
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habit Continuous woodland	Ecological corridors Stream (dry) Ride and associated flora		High <i>Moderate</i> <i>Low</i>	
Intensity of land use: Unmanaged				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover	Extent Continuous	Age structure mainly mature	<i>Good</i> Variable – some <i>dieback</i> <i>Poor</i>	
Field Boundaries	Boundary ditch			Good <i>Variable</i> <i>Poor</i>
Other features				<i>Good</i> <i>Variable</i> <i>Poor</i>
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type	Siting	Design	Extent	<i>High</i> <i>Moderate</i> <i>Low</i>



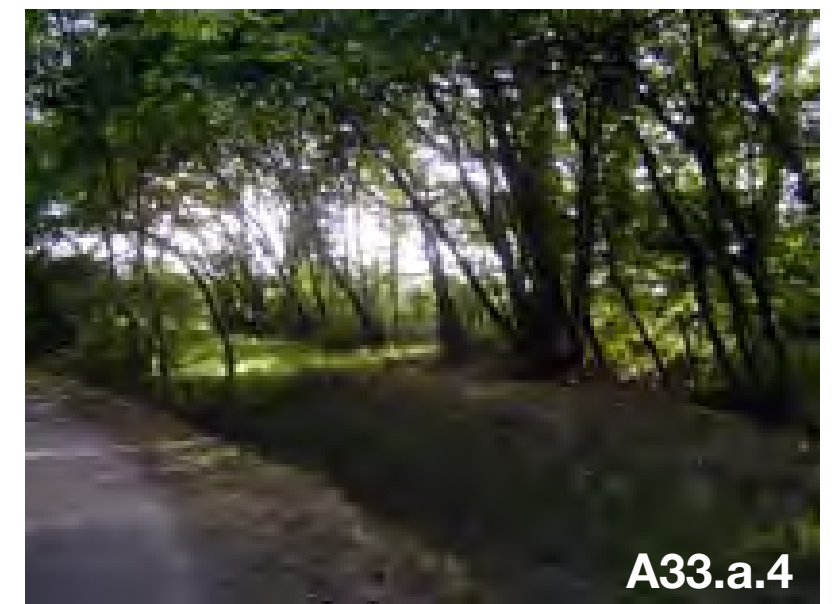
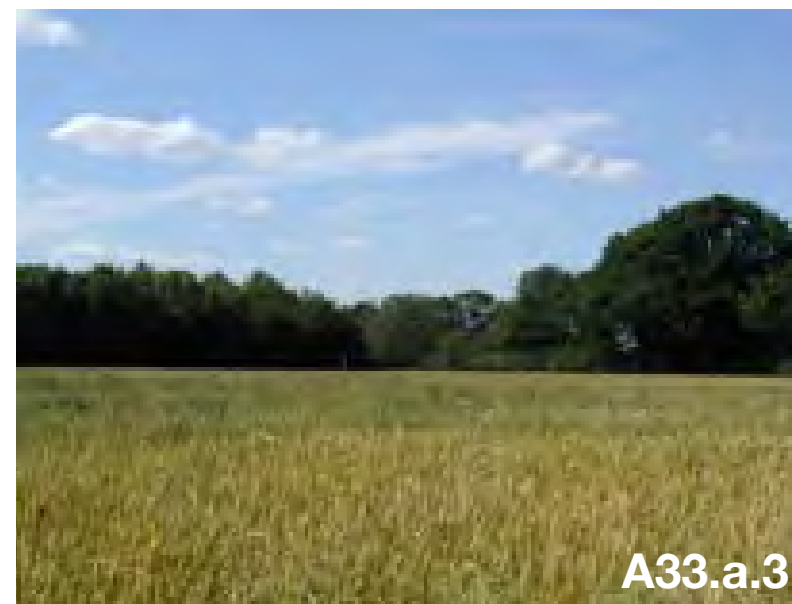
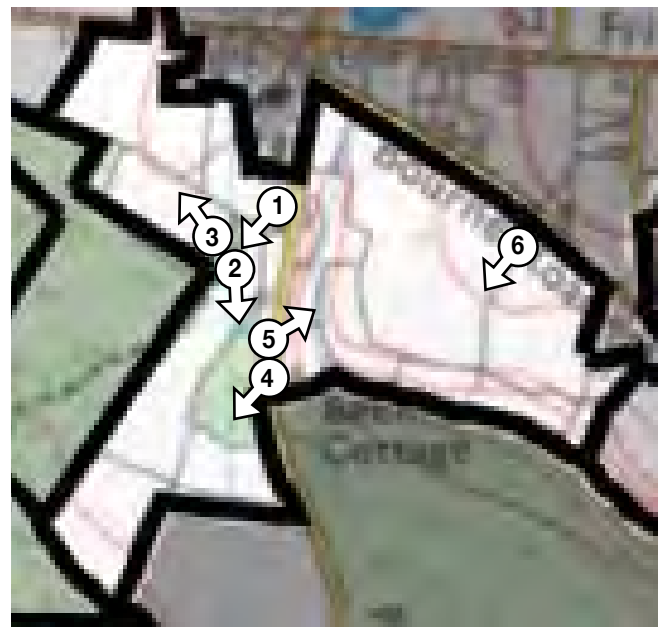
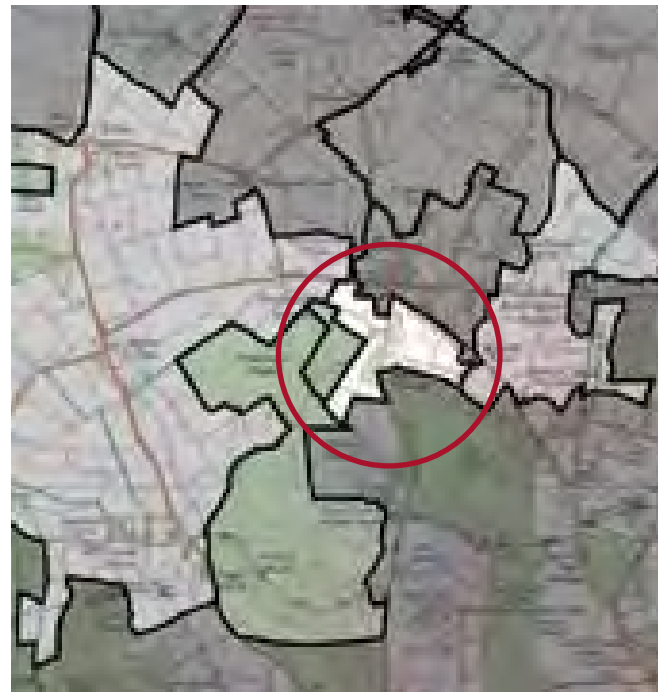
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Date: 24.09.04 Location: A33 N of Tilelodge Wood Map reference: TR041367

Sketch: Kent LCA: Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands HLT: 1.15 Small rectilinear with wavy boundaries			
Aesthetics – what is your overall impression of this area?			
TOPOGRAHY	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Landform Gentle slope to south	Views Out S to woodland, W to wood, E to assart, N to road through hedgerow trees
TREE COVER	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Small wood to E, hedgerow trees and boundaries of wood	Views within Open, filtered through hedgerows
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements Laid hedge, hedgerow, ditch, stock fence	Pattern Medium, regular
SETTLEMENT & LANDUSE	Dominant Apparent Insignificant Unsettled	Key visual elements Grazing pasture	Seasonal variation
Key characteristics – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features			Species associations
Farm type	Primary Pasture		Other
Woodlands	Heritage features Small copse, remnant of Tilelodge Wood		Species Oak, hornbeam
Hedgerow trees	Heritage features oak standards		Species Oak
Other trees	Heritage features		Species
Field Boundaries	Heritage features Old laid hedge		Species hawthorn
Highways	Verges Footpath		Other features
Buildings	Villages		Farmsteads
Other features			

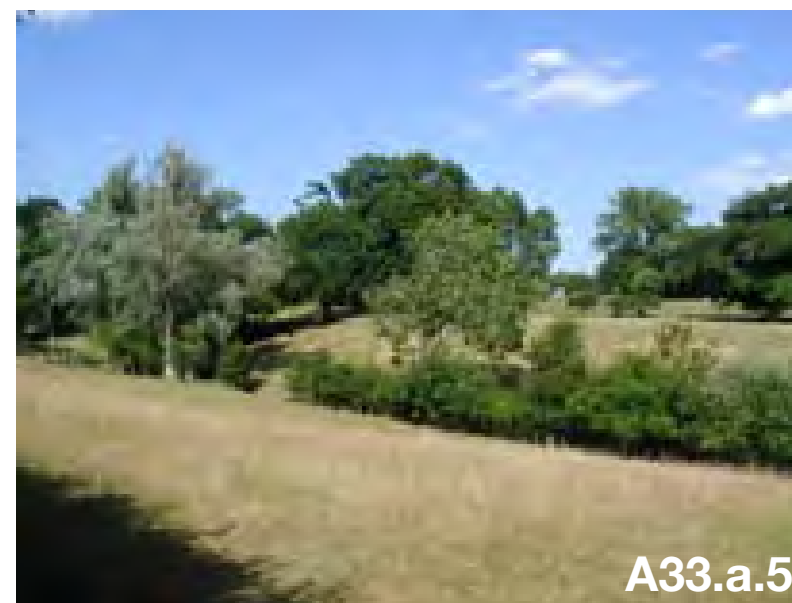
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Brief description: Small assart to NE of Tilelodge Wood comprising grazing pasture paddock with a notable formerly laid hawthorn hedge, now gappy with mature oaks. Small copse to the west of Beehive cottage is remnant of larger Park Wood and is on fringe of study area.				
Visual unity – assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of detracting features				
Detractors: Road to north, evidence of hedge removal				<i>Intact</i> Interrupted <i>Fragmented</i>
Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?				
Extent of semi-natural habit Grazing pasture	Ecological corridors Gappy hedgerows with mature standards		<i>High</i> Moderate <i>Low</i>	
Intensity of land use: Moderate				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Tree Cover	Extent Hedgerows and boundaries	Age structure Mainly mature	<i>Good</i> Variable <i>Poor</i>	
Field Boundaries	Hedgerows, ditch, stock fence			<i>Good</i> Variable <i>Poor</i>
Other features	Laid hedge in decline			<i>Good</i> <i>Variable</i> <i>Poor</i>
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type	Siting	Design	Extent	<i>High</i> <i>Moderate</i> <i>Low</i>



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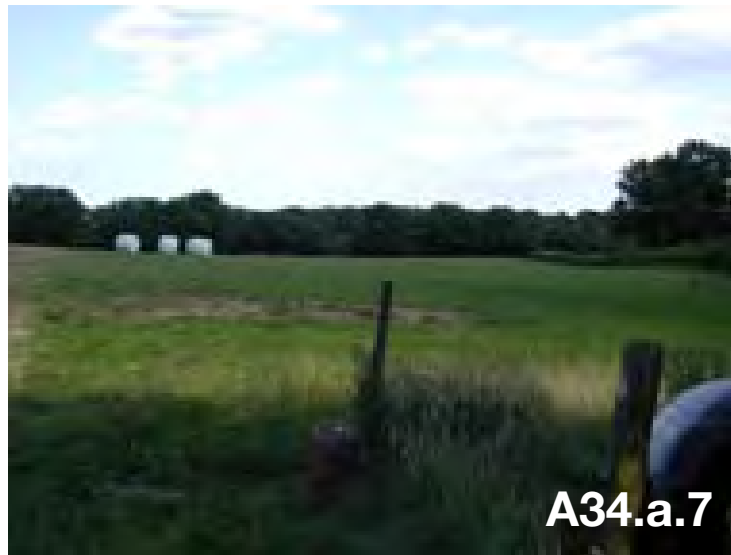
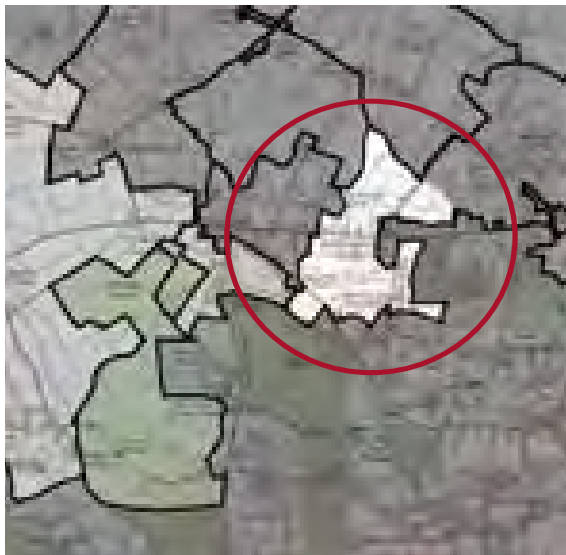
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Development Area:		Cheesmans Green (Map ref: TR040367)	
County Landscape Character Area:		Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands	
Historic Landscape Type:		1.15 Small rectilinear with wavy boundaries.	
Boundaries:		A28 woodland to W; Park wood and edge of studyarea to S; Aldington Ridge to E; A26, A25 and settlement to N	
TOPOGRAPHY	Apparent +	Landform Slopes to S, rises in NE corner. Steep-side valley to SW	Views out (long/short/restricted) Some long views to North Downs (N) and S from N. section. Otherwise generally restricted by boundary woodlands
TREE COVER	Apparent	Key visual elements Boundary woodlands, hedgerow trees	Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted) Generally framed, open across arable sections
ENCLOSURE PATTERN	Apparent	Key visual elements H'rows and h'row trees. Former laid hedge remnant to W.	Pattern and scale Small – medium scale. Some very small grazing paddocks, larger arable
SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES	Insignificant	Key visual elements Scattered bungalows along priory road. Boundary village housing	Pattern Linear
LANDUSE	Apparent	Key visual elements Sheep grazing, arable	Seasonal variation With crop and deciduous trees
KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness?			
Natural features	Rivers/ knolls/ ponds Stream to N of beehive cottage, some steeply sloping areas		Species associations White willow
Landuse/farm type	Primary Sheep-grazing, hay crop		Other Arable, small sections of horsiculture
Woodlands	Coppice/plantation At boundaries to W, S, E. Small block to W of beehive cottage (remnant of Park wood). Small copse to NW		Species Hornbeam coppice, oak, ash
Tree cover	Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt Hedgerow trees. Some fine streches		Species Oak, ash
Field boundaries	Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric Hedges generally continuous along lanes. Diverse in places, some gaps		Species Blackthorne, hawthorne, F. maple, elder, byrony, hazel, rose
Highways and footpaths	Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access Crossed by a number of local lanes and footpaths		Other features (such as tree-lined lanes) Rocky Bourne Rd – ancient and steep green lane. Green by-way to NE
Built features	Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts Scattered cottages along Priory Rd		Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing Village edge
Other features (such as moats)			

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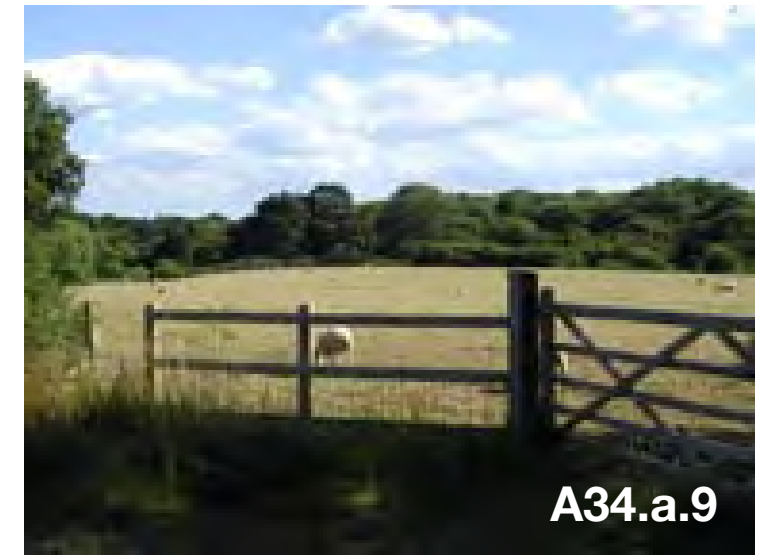
Brief summary description: Medium sized highly irregular-shaped parcel of mixed farmland. Primary land use is sheep-grazing (inc seasonal hay crop), with additional sections of arable and a small paddock of horsiculture. Topography is dominant in places, most notably to the south where the land slopes steeply towards Park Wood. There is a strong sense of wooded enclosure to the S due to boundary woodlands. A small section of woodland to the W consists of hornbeam coppice. The parcel is crossed by a number of local lanes, often with thick hedgerows with streches of mature oak and ash. Rocky Bourne Lane to the SE is a notable old green lane, and appears to be continued further N by a green by-way. Fine long views from the N of the parcel towards the North Downs ond towards S. Each sub-section of the parcel feel intact, but there is no sense of unity or shared character, due to interruptions from boundary village development at Aldington.				
Visual context and unity – <i>assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance</i>				
Interupted due to sprawling and irregular nature of parcel. Impossible to feel sense of unity. Sub-sections are intact				Interrupted
Ecological integrity – <i>how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?</i>				
Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches Small woodland block and copse, rough pasture		Ecological corridors and networks Hedgerows thick along lanes. Stream to SWW		Moderate
Intensity of land use and habitat trend Moderate				
Condition of heritage features – <i>assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change</i>				
Tree Cover	Age structure Mature			Good
Field Boundaries	Survival of historic field pattern and condition Remnant laid hedge to W, Some thick hedgerows, esp along lanes, some gappy.			Variable+
Other features	Green lane – rocky Bourne Rd and by-way to N			Good
Impact of built development – <i>how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place</i>				
Type	Siting	Design	Extent	High Moderate Low



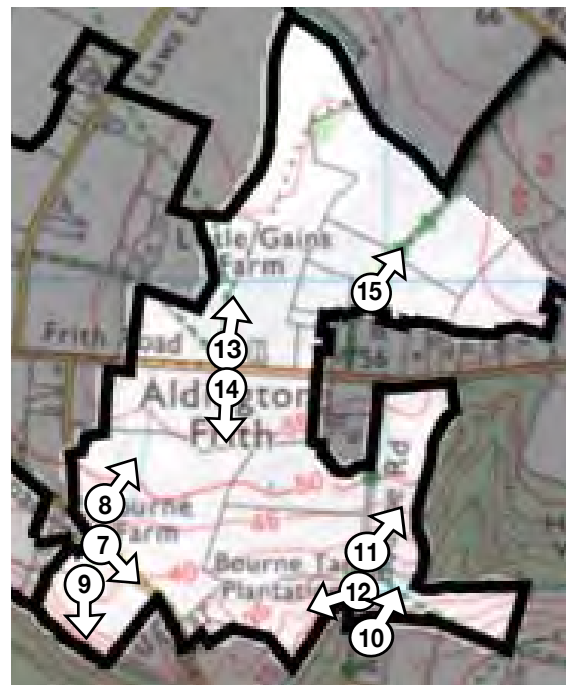
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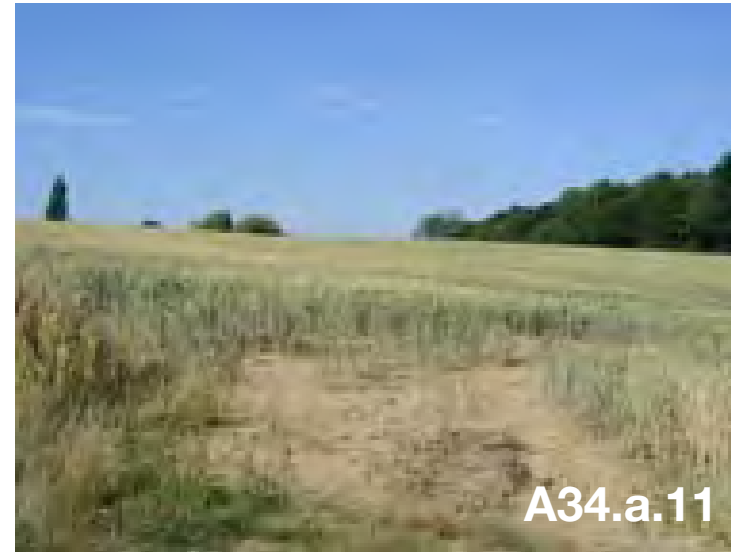
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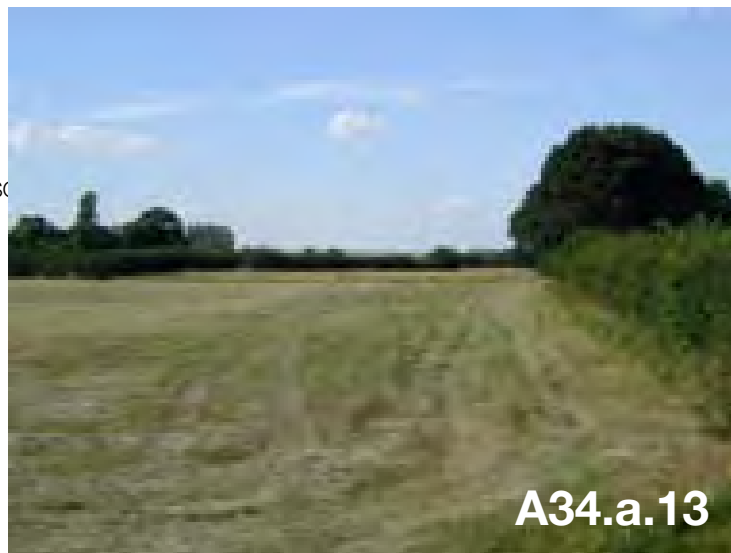
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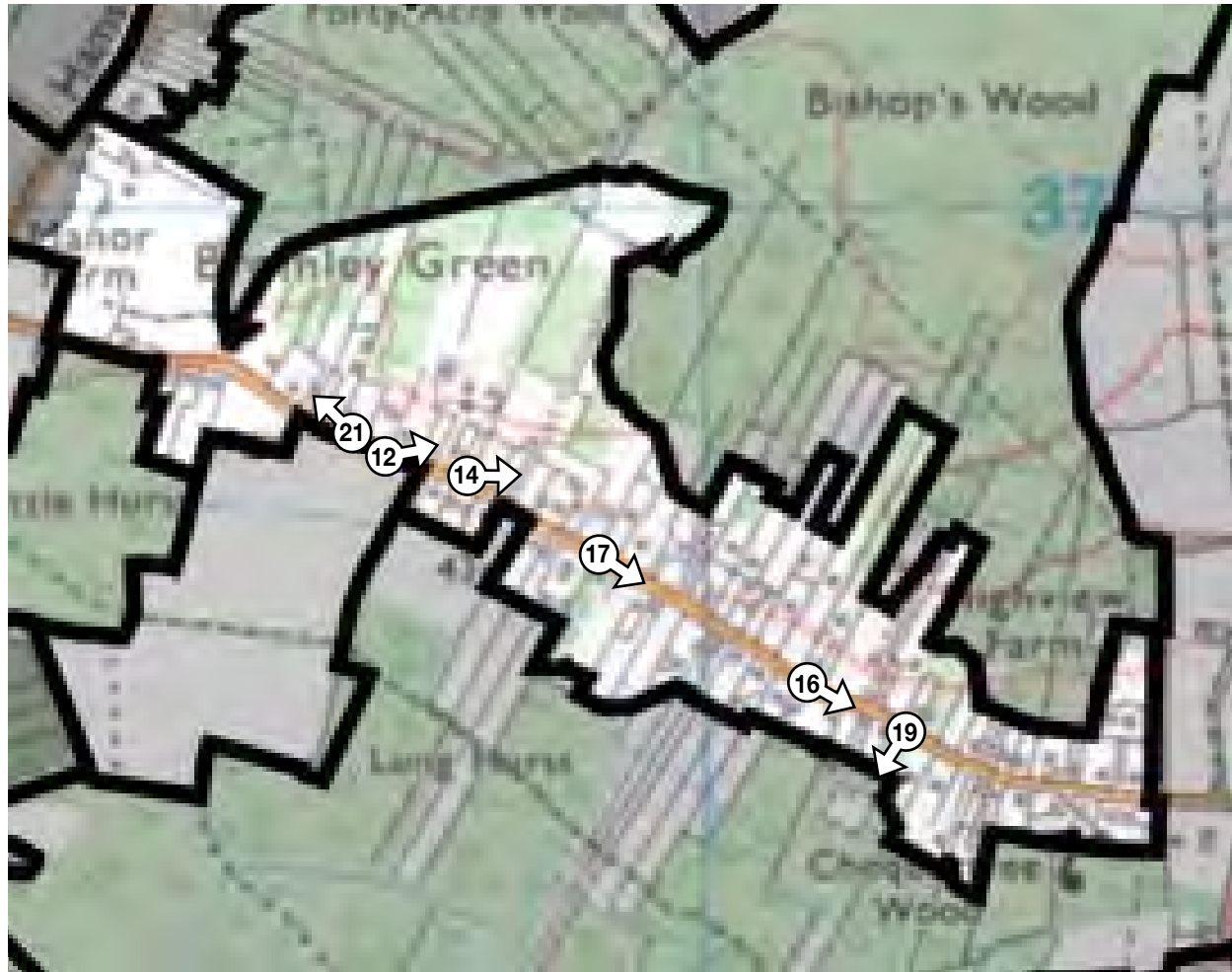
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Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands

ORS: Settlements

Study Sector:		Kingsnorth (Map ref: TQ994368)
County Landscape Character Area:		Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands
Historic Landscape Type:		9.2 Scattered settlement with paddocks (1810 extent)
Boundaries:		C44 (Great Turren Wood) & C46 (Bambridge Wood) to W, C45, C43, C41 (Little Hurst wood), C42, C43 (Capel Wood) to S, C37 to E, C35 (Bishops Wood & Four Acre Wood), C31 & C29 to N
SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES	Dominant Apparent Insignificant Unsettled	Key visual elements Linear settlement set within woodlands
TOPOGRAPHY	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Landform level
TREE COVER	Dominant Apparent Insignificant	Key visual elements oak and ash woodland with some beech, and mature ornamental trees to gardens; mature hedgerow trees
FORM & LAYOUT	Linear Clustered Sprawling	
AGE & CONDITION	Pre-war Post-war 1960-70's 1980-1990's Recent	Predominantly interwar and postwar
KEY FEATURES – in what way do the following contribute to the local distinctiveness of the settlement?		
Building style	Roof & materials/ scale Diverse mix of styles of bungalows, detached and semi-detached – brick, rendered blockwork	
Street Scene	Frontage/ verge/ boundaries/ materials Wide lane with overhanging oaks and native mix species hedgerow, but some loss adjacent to properties where leylandii/ beech/ privet hedging, walls with piers– white render, fencing –ranch style, close board and wide mown verge	Planting/ signage/ lighting
Edge condition	New housing N/A	
Other features (include detractors)	-	
PERCEPTION of the place – is it tranquil/ safe/ pleasant/ legible/ accessible? Wooded and secluded feel to settlement, especially where properties set back from road and hidden by vegetation.		

Brief summary description of settlement/ edge conditions and its siting within the wider landscape: A linear settlement within Old Romney Shoreline Wooded Farmlands extending west along Hornash Lane and east along Bromley Green Road set within woodland comprising a diverse mix of housing ages and styles, but generally spaced out and set back and hidden from the road within large gardens, or behind mature hedges or trees. The settlement is predominantly residential with some smaller industrial workshops and fitness centre.				
Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the settlement and note any detracting features and their significance				
The woodland encloses properties along Bromley Green Road, whereas views from Hornash Lane are restricted by the mature native mix hedgerows along the lane.				Intact <i>Interrupted</i> <i>Fragmented</i>
Settlement integrity/ edge condition – how well does the settlement hold together				
Extent of settlement		The wooded setting and hedgerow trees, especially the mature oaks ties the settlement together	High <i>Moderate</i> <i>Low</i>	
Intensity of built form and trend low				
Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change				
Local vernacular	Survival of features and condition A couple of pre 19 th century cottages remain intact		Good <i>Variable</i> <i>Poor</i>	
Tree Cover	Age structure mature hedgerow trees remain		Good <i>Variable</i> <i>Poor</i>	
Field Boundaries	Survival of historic field pattern and condition Some loss of native hedgerow adjacent to properties		<i>Good</i> Variable <i>Poor</i>	
Other features	-		<i>Good</i> <i>Variable</i> <i>Poor</i>	
Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place				
Type N/A	Siting	Design	Extent	<i>High</i> <i>Moderate</i> <i>Low</i>



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