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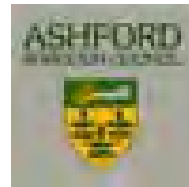
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# Preface

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.

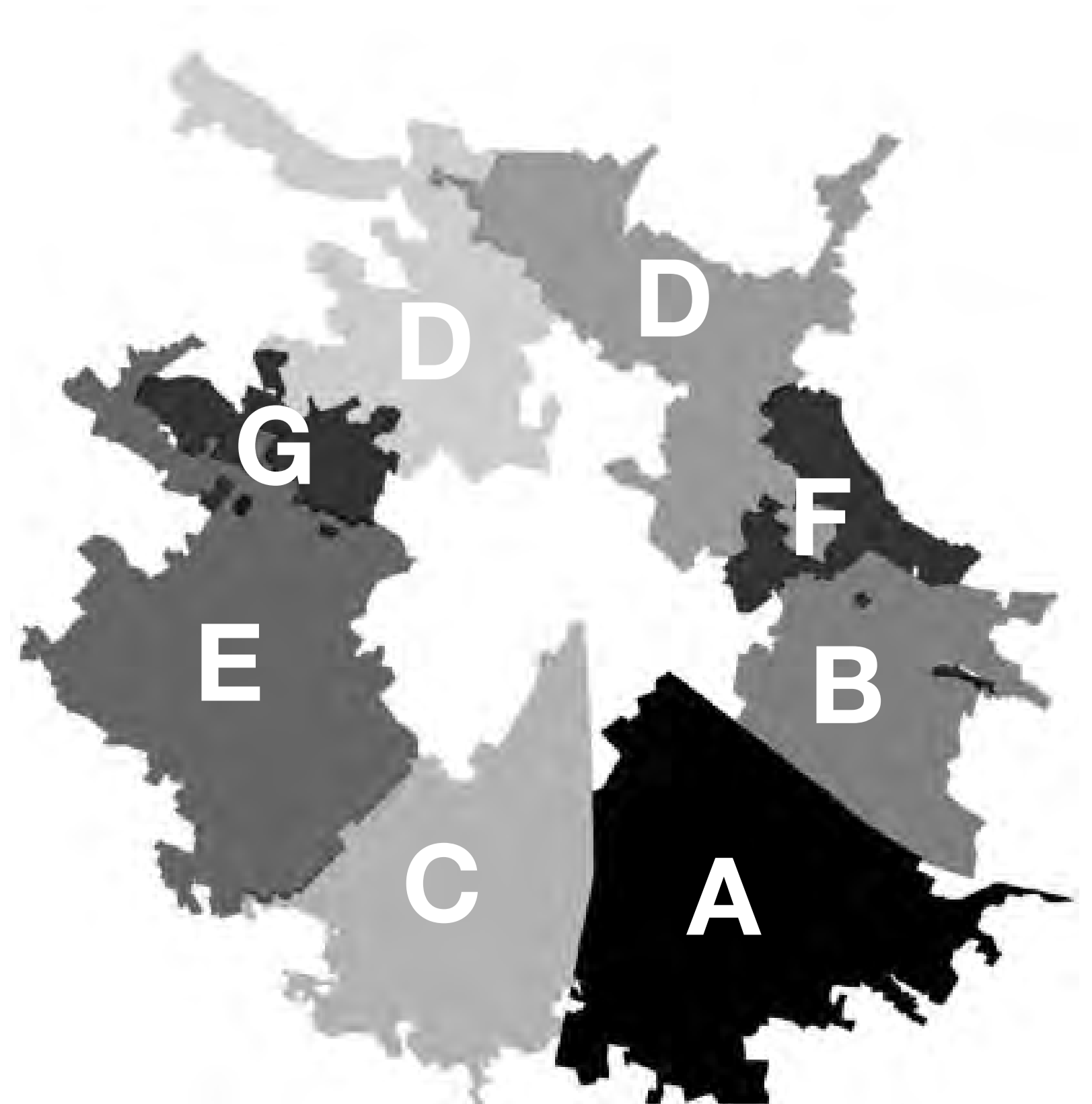
Each LDU is numbered, each filed photograph carries the LDU reference and a photograph location number reference - e.g. D1.3 for LDU D1, third photograph location. The photographs have been saved as jpegs and were generally taken at 1Gb resolution. This data set includes the location maps for the key 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**



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### 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 Landscape Character Study

The Hothfield Heathy Farmlands extend over an undulating landscape from Sandway eastwards to the outskirts of Ashford, and are formed on a mixed geology of the Folkestone beds, the underlying Sandgate Beds and the alluvial deposits of the Great Stour. The headwaters of the Great Stour cut into the landscape, draining to the east. It differs from the landscape to the south in the inferior quality of the soils, these being generally poor and acid or subjected to seasonal waterlogging, leading to a greater frequency of grassland and cereals. On soils of better quality, mainly south of the motorway, a greater frequency of arable crops are grown in a more open landscape.

Settlement is scattered in villages such as Lenham and Charing Heaths, Tutt Hill and Hothfield, where 20th century development has enlarged but not overwhelmed the vernacular centres. These villages are connected by a winding network of tranquil lanes, often crossing north-east to south-west as in the Weald- the pattern of the old ‘drove’ roads which were used to take swine to the summer grazing in the wooded Weald.

A particular feature of the area are the historic parklands, including Chilston Park, Hothfield Place and Godinton. Whilst extensive broadleaf woodlands are not a feature of the landscape, small copses and plantations of chestnut coppice do occur for example at Hurst Wood and near Calehill House. Larger-scale woodland can be found, however, at Ashford Warren, Hothfield Common and Hothfield Lake. The most distinctive feature of this south east area is the heathland of Hothfield Common, a valley bog enclosed by birches formed at the junction of the sandstones and the clayey Sandgate Beds. This is just a small remnant of the once far greater extent of heathland that extended in the Greensand Belt in the past, as evidenced by many of the place names such as Lenham and Charing Heath and Hothfield.

This farmed landscape is divided for much of its length by the A20 or the M20, the latter crossing under the railway at Tutt Hill to avoid the Gault Clays. Whilst not highly visible in much of this undulating landscape, it is audible for many miles and intrudes on the tranquility of the small lanes. This transport intrusion is compounded by the Channel Tunnel Rail Link. Ashford Warren, the golf course and the coppice woodlands south of the M20, help contain the western outskirts of Ashford at the current time.

Considerable residential development is proposed to the north-west of the town, however, at Potter’s Corner, Hoad’s Wood and around Goats Lees that could have a tremendous impact on this end of the character area, and the nature of Ashford itself.

## The Ashford Landscape Character Study

- Approximately 40% of this County Landscape Character Area (CLA)
- There are 31 Landscape Description Units (LDUs) in this CLA lying within the study area
- The LDUs are based on the Historic Landscape character map for Kent, there are 7 Historic landscape character types in this study area:
  - HLT 1 - Field Patterns
  - HLT 2 - Commons
  - HLT 4 - Woodlands
  - HLT 7 - Valley Floor and Water Management
  - HLT 9 - Settlements
  - HLT 10 - Parkland and designed landscape
  - HLT 11 - Recreation
- We have grouped these into 7 District Landscape Types (DLTs)

In carrying out the survey and discussing the results we find that there are a minor adjustment that should be made to the County Landscape Character Area Boundary:

- The Barracks Site and Lodge Wood developments are now extensions to Ashford and so should be removed from the County Landscape Character type.
- The outlier of Greensand Fruit Belt CLA should be incorporated within this CLA as an extension of HHF6. The Kent Historic Landscape Characterisation Study reveals that there were no orchards within this area.

## 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.

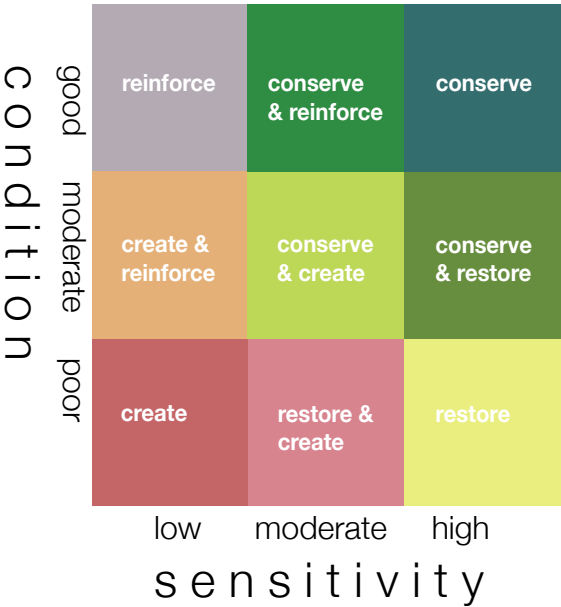
The physical attributes of the landscape are considered in conjunction with the historical and cultural influences, nature conservation interests and landuse. These factors are analysed further in the field to determine the key characteristics, aesthetics, visual unity, ecological integrity, condition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

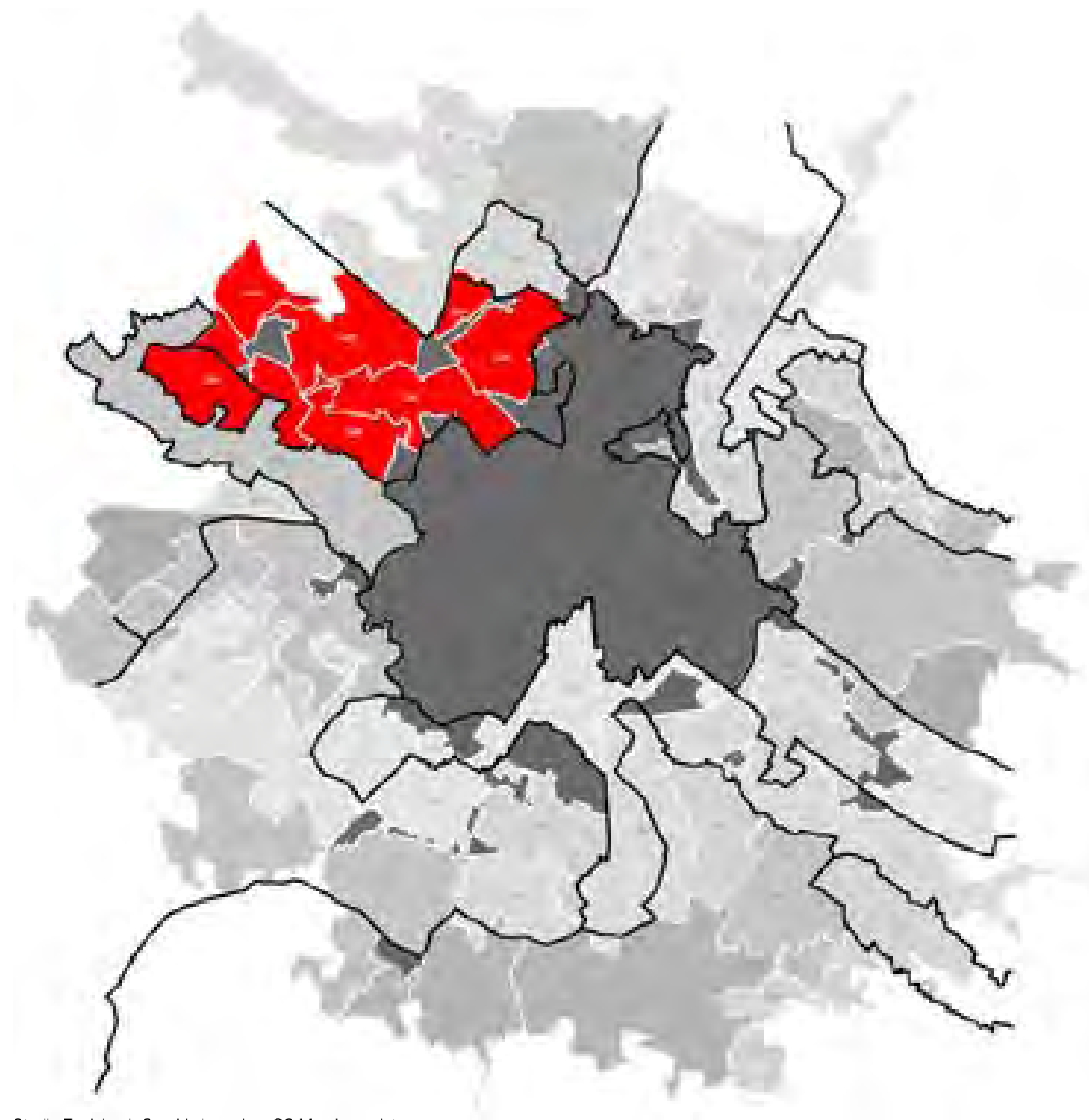
Condition describes the integrity and unity of the landscape such as its functional integrity and visual unity - for example an urban fringe with many detracting elements and loss of unifying features will be of poor condition.

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 Hothfield Heathy Farmlands



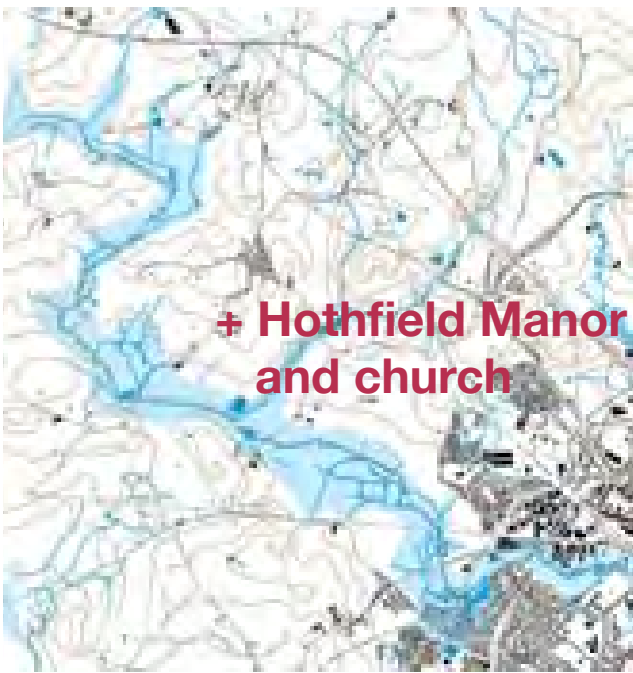
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### Location of Landscape Description Units and District Areas in the Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

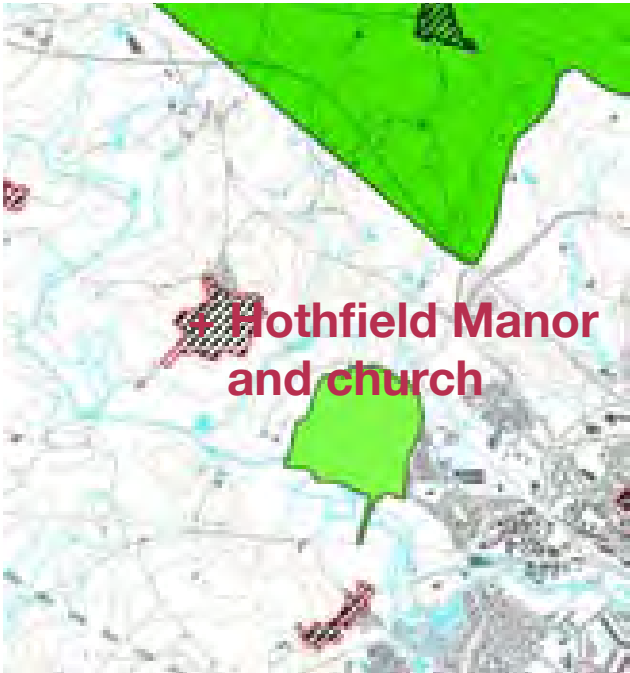
# Landscape context



Geology



Flooding



Heritage

**Geology**  
The area lies on the Wealden Greensand Ridge with sandy loam soils.

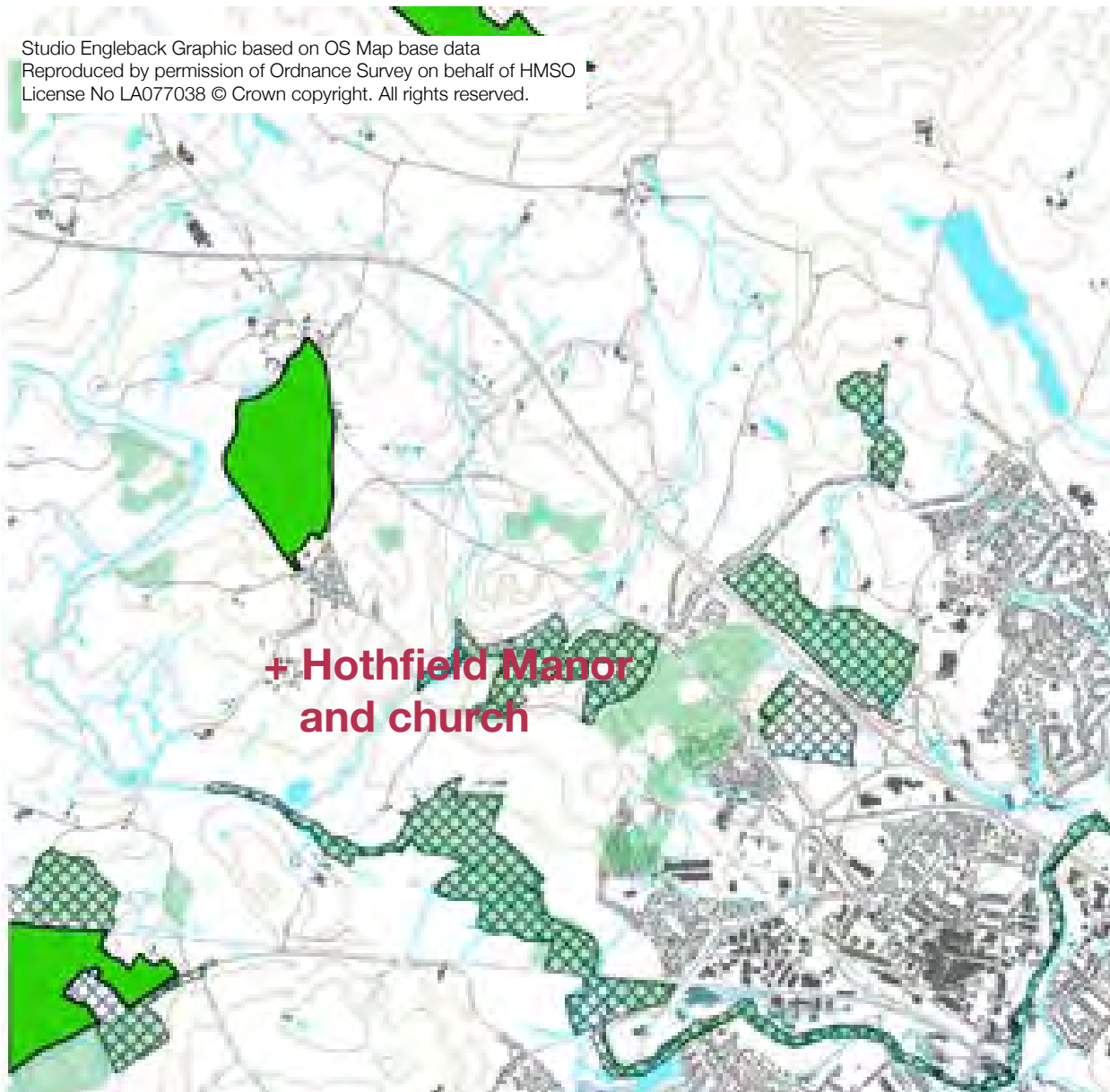
**Flooding**  
The area is above the floodplains. Some localised acid mire is caused where there is localised poor drainage

**Heritage**  
Hothfield Manor and Church are in a conservation area. Hothfield Common is a significant heritage feature.

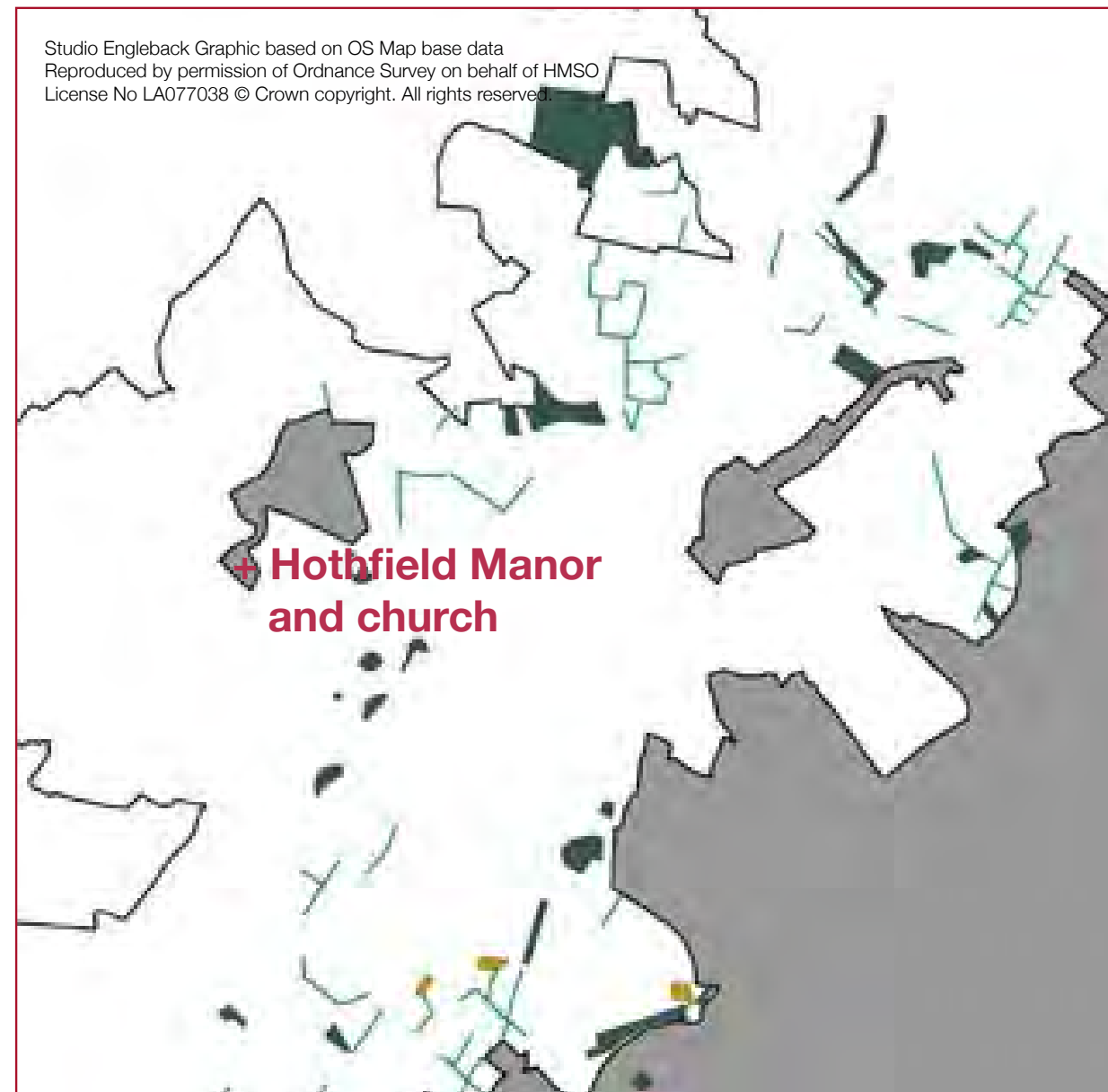
**Ecology**  
Hothfield Common is an SSSI that is being managed to restore acid mire/bog, heath and acid grassland habitats.

**Features lost since the 1870s**  
Loss of hedgerows is negligible, however a number of small copses to the west of Godinton Park have been cleared.

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## Ecology



## Features lost since 1870's

Loss of hedgerows is negligible, however a number of small copses to the west of Godinton Park have been cleared.





## Section 2 Assessment



# Assessment Summary

This county area extends from the north western suburbs of Ashford to include Godinton Park and Hothfield Common and is crossed by both the M20 and the CTRL.

We have made a minor adjustment to the Kent CLA boundary by including the outlier of Greensand Fruit Belt CLA.

The overriding feature of the Hothfield Heathy Farmlands is its variable topography, landuse and character. To the north of Sandyhurst and to the south of the M20 are large gently undulating arable fields with thick hedgerows to lanes (probable old drove roads). Old maps reveal a loss of woodland and internal field hedges in these areas. To the north of the M20 and adjacent to Ashford the landuse is mixed with farmland, business park and golf course, whereas to the south of the M20 there are extensive coppice woodlands including Hoad's Wood and The Warren.

Godinton Park is a Special Landscape Area on the greensand ridge but has suffered decline over the years. Hothfield Common is an acid valley bog remnant of a larger heathland that at one time extended further along the greensand, and is designated SSSI.

To the south of Hothfield the farmland is gently sloping with a mix of medium sized arable fields and pasture with scattered woodland shelter belts and isolated farmsteads with traditional pre 19<sup>th</sup> century houses, including Hothfield Manor with medieval church, walled garden and extensive estate wall. There is an oast at Paddocks Farm. This coherent pattern of elements reflects the former fruit production within the Greensand Fruit Belt.

There are glimpsed views to the North Downs and south to the Great Stour Valley. The M20 and CTRL are audible throughout much of the area.

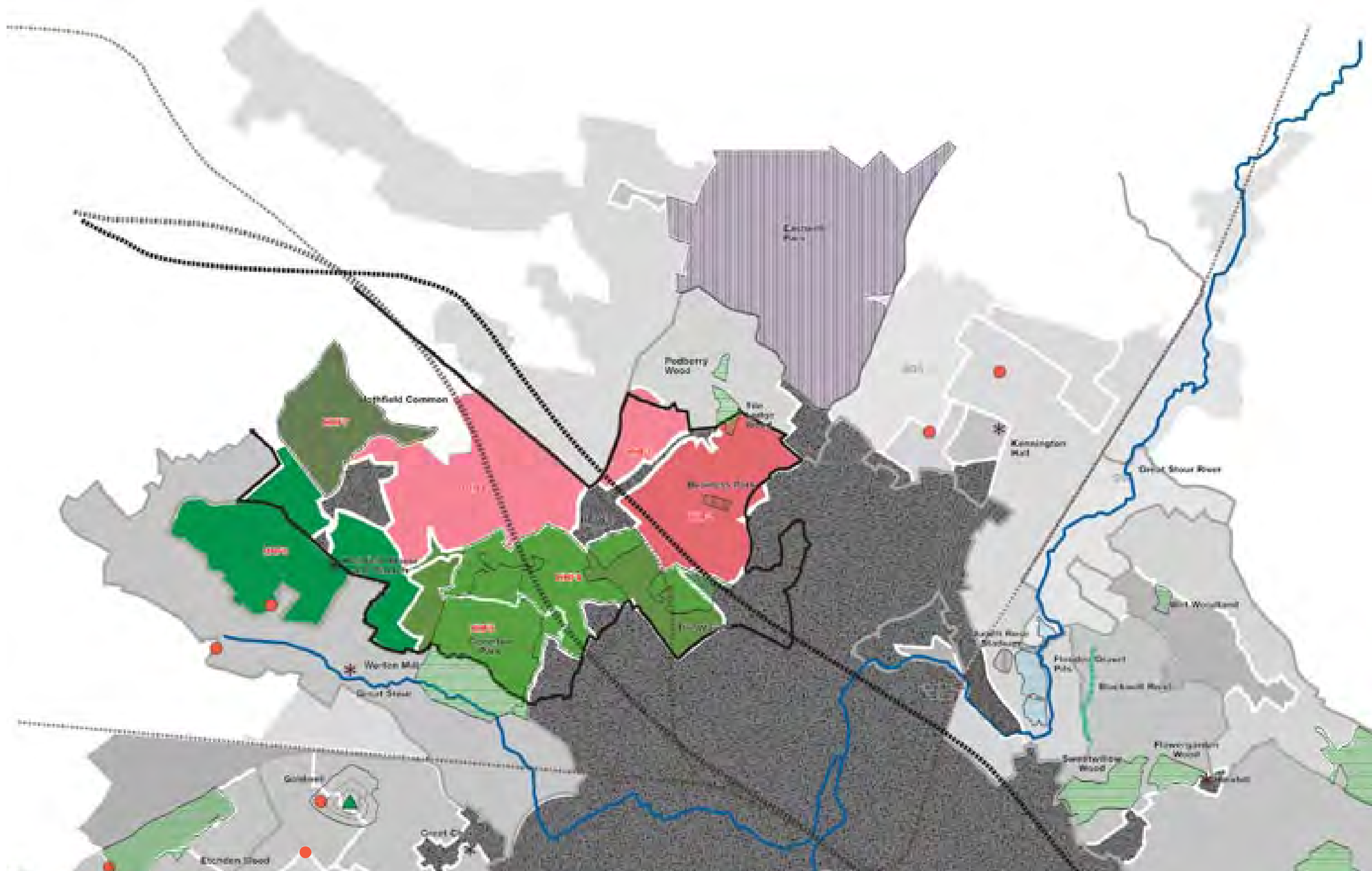


Location of Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

|                    |                      |                    |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| reinforce          | conserve & reinforce | conserve           |
| create & reinforce | conserve & create    | conserve & restore |
| create             | restore & create     | restore            |

Policy recommendation







**View northwards from the edge of Sandyhurst towards Kingsland (D31.1)**



**Lodge Wood (D48.3)**



**Godinton Park (G10.4)**



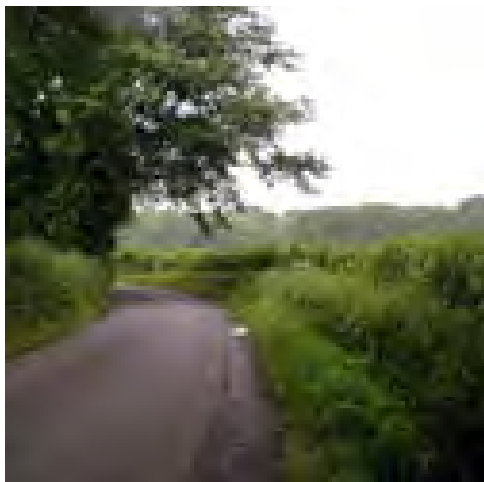
**Looking south from Maidstone Road (D36.3)**



**Lady's weir (G9.2am)**



**Farmland near Hall Farm to the west of Hothfield (G26.1)**



**Godinton Lane (G7.3)**



**Hothfield manor church (G23.2) and surrounding farmland with coves and shelterbelts (G26.1)**



**Hothfield Common (G29.1)**

| CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES        | HHF1 | HHF2 | HHF4 | HHF5 | HHF6 | HHF7 | HHF8 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Landuse</b>                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Farming                        | ○    | ○    |      |      | ○    |      | ○    |
| Recreation                     |      | ○    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Parkland                       |      |      |      | ○    |      |      |      |
| Woodland                       |      |      | ○    | ○    | ○    | ○    | ○    |
| Business Park                  |      | ○    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Heathland                      |      |      |      |      |      | ○    |      |
| <b>Topography</b>              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Flat                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Gently undulating              |      |      | ○    | ○    | ○    | ○    | ○    |
| Rolling                        | ○    | ○    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Steeply sloping                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Lakes/ ponds                   |      | ○    | ○    |      |      |      | ○    |
| Streams/ dykes                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Vegetation cover</b>        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Intact hedgerows               |      |      |      |      | ○    |      |      |
| Hedgerow trees                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Feature trees                  |      | ○    |      | ○    | ○    |      |      |
| Evidence of hedgerow clearance | ○    |      |      |      |      |      | ○    |
| Evidence of woodland loss      |      |      |      |      |      |      | ○    |
| <b>Farming type</b>            |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Predominantly arable           | ○    |      |      |      |      |      | ○    |
| Mixed farming                  |      | ○    |      |      | ○    |      |      |
| Mainly pasture                 |      |      |      | ○    |      |      |      |
| Wet meadows                    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Local vernacular</b>        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Ragstone, pegtiles, ship lap   |      |      |      |      | ○    |      |      |
| Oast house                     |      |      |      |      | ○    |      |      |
| <b>Visibility</b>              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 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



**Godinton Park (G10.3am)**  
Traditional open English parkland landscape surrounding Godinton manor house, with cattle-grazed (fenced) grounds – low intensity. Characterised by scattered mature trees, some veteran, with notable standing dead wood. A number of mixed mature plantations, including some areas of young coppice to NE and a small flower meadow to NE (beside CTRL). The CTRL impact is purely noise (as it is well-screened by trees). The new development to the E boundary is well screened by a plantation. There are fine, long views to the south.



**Hothfield Manor (G23.1)**  
Walled garden and Lime allee approach to the church and farm for the Godinton estate. Characterised by high mellow weathered brick garden walls and lean-to brick sheds onto the lane. Now surrounded by small paddocks for Shetland/pit ponies. Interior of walled garden appears to be developed and no longer in horticultural use. Ragstone Gothic church with timber shingle spire set in a large graveyard with a number of large yews, some smaller ornamental trees and beech and oak to rear. Metal estate fencing to drive. Collection of Victorian/Edwardian farm buildings and houses in red brick clustered at south eastern part of the garden with feature dove cote. Small woodland behind settlement.

# Detractors



**Key**

**CTRL/ Eurostar Rail Line**

**Railway Line**

**A2070(T)**

**M20**

**Detractor**



**CTRL (B19.7)**  
Sits in cutting through most of the area so noise is main intrusion.



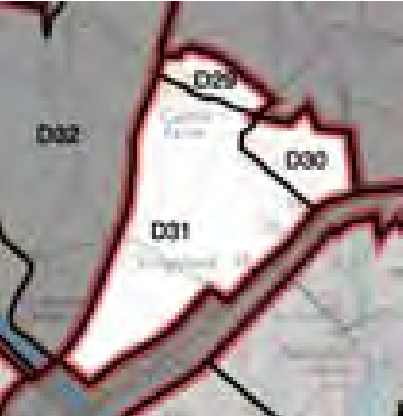
**Hollybush Business Park (D40.12)**  
Office building and car park at edge of new public parkland with fishing lake. Large scale new planting – ash through the carpark, field maple, guelder rose, field maple, birch, oak, cherry, Scots pine, thorns etc less than 10 years old. Timber post and rail fencing to offices, open to park.





## Section 3 Field Work & Data Sheets

# HHF 1 Kingsland



Location of HHF 1 within Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## District Landscape Type: HHF 1 Kingsland

Comprising: D30, D31

### CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Large rolling arable fields bordering the linear settlement of Sandyhurst, with open elevated views to Ashford to the southwest.
- A thick hedgerow borders the lane, but some internal field boundaries have been lost.
- Noise from the M20 is apparent.

### ANALYSIS

#### Condition

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

Generally a coherent pattern of farmed landscape elements but with some loss of wildlife corridors.

#### Sensitivity

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

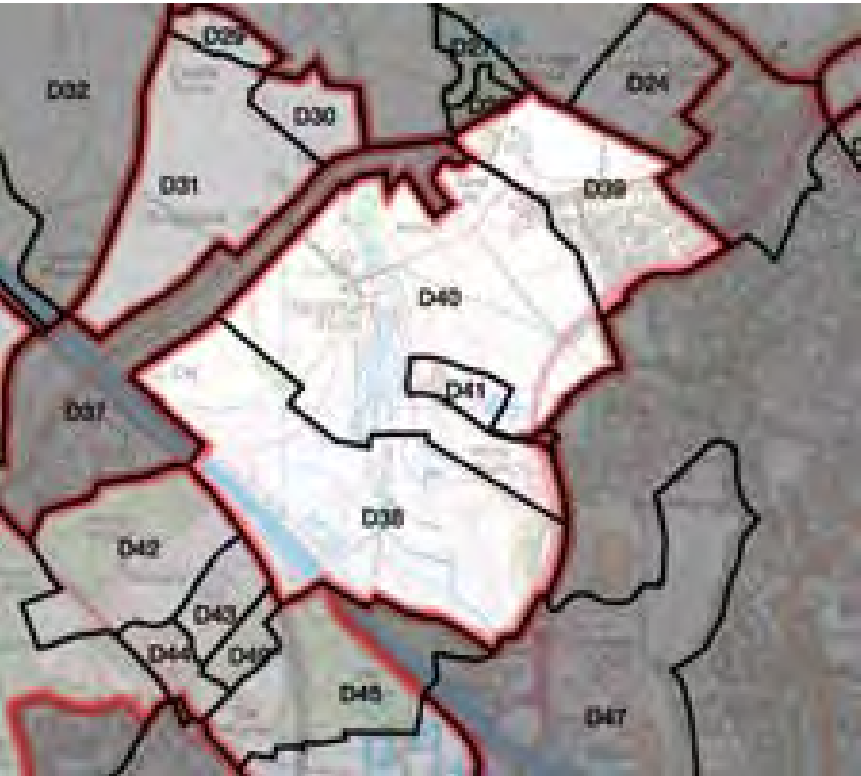
Moderate sense of place and high visibility.

### POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

**restore & create**  
- restore hedges to reinforce tree lines



# HHF 2 Sandyhurst Farm



Location of HHF 2 within Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## District Landscape Type: HHF 2 Sandyhurst Farm

Comprising: D38, D39, D40, D41

### CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Bowl topography with mix of open space, business park, farmland and recreational areas including a golf course.
- The open space associated with the business park has a typical gardenesque landscape with ornamental fishing ponds and non-native planting.
- The farm, with neglected barns is mixed with arable land, wet woodland and pasture, landscaped fishing ponds and naturalising grassland. The farm is overlooked by the business park.
- A wooded golf course lies adjacent to the M20 and recreation ground and playing fields to north of the area.

### ANALYSIS

#### Condition

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

Highly variable pattern of elements with discordant mix of farming, business park and recreation giving a fragmented character. The M20 on embankment is partially screened by adjacent planting but noise is evident.

#### Sensitivity

|                       |     |             |          |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------|----------|
| Sense of place:       | low | Landform:   | low      |
| Extent of tree cover: | low | Visibility: | moderate |

The sense of place is weak and visibility intermittent.

### POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

**create**  
- priority to plant native species

# HHF 4 Godinton Woodlands



Location of HHF 4 within Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## District Landscape Type: HHF 4 Godinton Woodlands

Comprising: D42, D43, D44, D45, D46, D48, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7, G9

### CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- An extensive area of broadleaf woodland on steeply undulating ground comprising sweetchestnut coppice with rides and oak/birch woodland.
- The sunken Godinton Lane cuts through the woodland and clearing.
- Wet woodland around Lady’s Weir with associated marginal planting.
- Small extent of ribbon development associated with Maidstone Road.
- Some dumping around Hoads Wood and pressure from recreational use especially at The Warren.
- Noise from the M20 and CTRL impacts on the northern area.

### ANALYSIS

#### Condition

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

Coherent pattern of extensive semi-natural woodland of high ecological value and distinctiveness with sunken lane and old pond with weir.

#### Sensitivity

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

Old coppiced woodlands, rides and sunken lane give a strong sense of place. Visibility is restricted.

### POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

**conserve & restore**  
- introduce coppice regime

# HHF 5 Godinton Park



Location of HHF 5 within Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## District Landscape Type: HHF 5 Godinton Park

Comprising: G8, G10

### CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- A gently sloping English parkland landscape with pasture, mature trees (some veteran), mixed mature plantations and coppice.
- Fine views to the North Downs north of Godinton Lane and to the south from within the Park.
- The CTRL is audible to the north.

### ANALYSIS

#### Condition

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

A medium grade parkland with many original features intact, but with some sense of decline and alteration (large poplars detract from overall setting).

#### Sensitivity

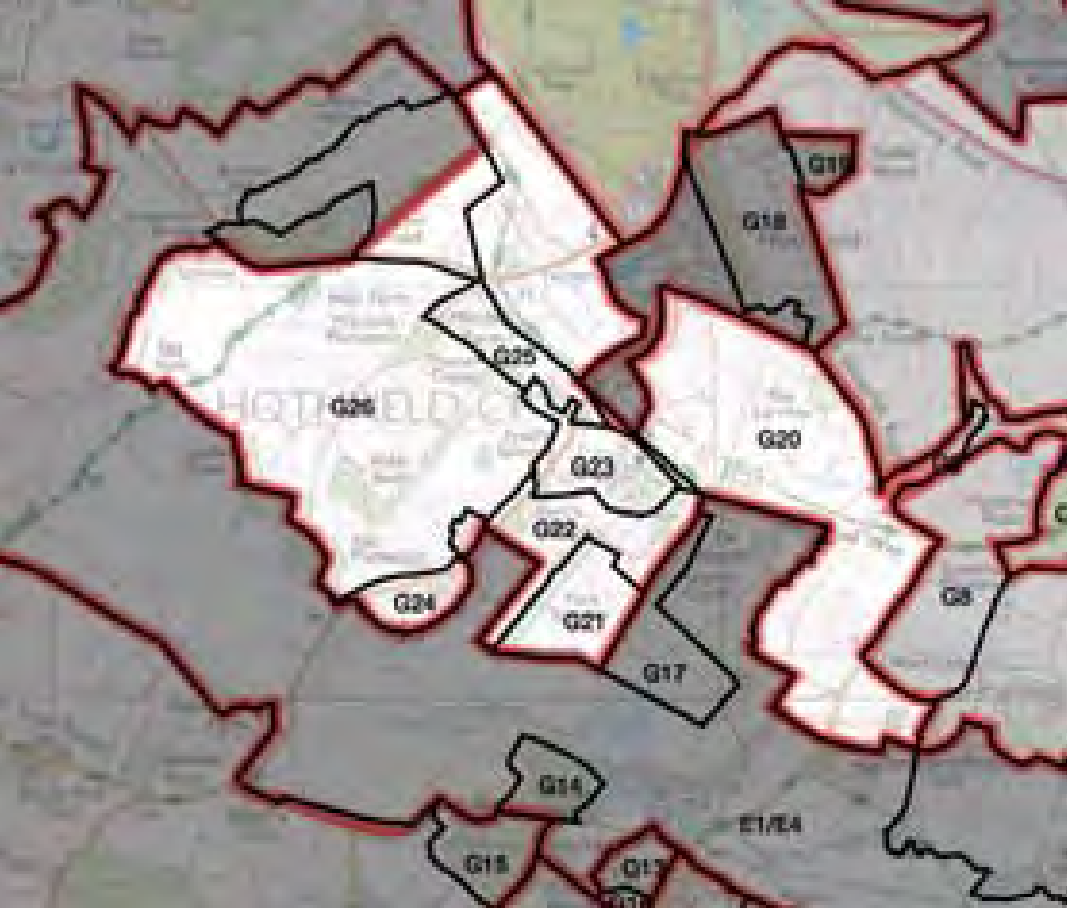
|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Sense of place:       | moderate |
| Landform:             | moderate |
| Extent of tree cover: | moderate |
| Visibility:           | moderate |

The parkland features give a sense of continuity over time though this has been weakened to some degree. Visibility is variable and long distant where there are no intervening trees.

### POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

conserve & restore

# HHF 6 Hothfield Wooded Farmlands



Location of HHF 6 within Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## District Landscape Type: HHF 6 Hothfield Wooded Farmlands

Comprising: G20, G27, G28, G21, G22, G23, G24, G25, G26

### CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Gently sloping farmland around Hothfield with a mix of medium sized arable fields and pasture with scattered linear woodland blocks (some wet).
- South of Waterfall Road which is sunken in places, is an area of rough pasture dotted with mature trees.
- Some isolated farmsteads with traditional pre 19<sup>th</sup> century houses and most notably Hothfield Manor with medieval church, walled garden and extensive estate wall. There is an oast at Paddocks Farm.
- Crossed by byway and the Greensand Way.
- Glimpsed views to the North Downs and south to the Great Stour Valley.

### ANALYSIS

#### Condition

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

Coherent pattern of fields and woodland clumps/ shelterbelts associated with the old orchards and fruit production within the greensand fruit belt. Woodland clumps, especially the wet woodlands are of high ecological value. Many vernacular buildings.

#### Sensitivity

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

An historic landscape with strong sense of place. Moderate visibility.

### POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

**conserve & reinforce**

- conserve the diversity of landuse
- conserve and reinforce woodland/ shelterbelts

# HHF 7 Hothfield Common



Location of HHF 7 within Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

District Landscape Type: **HHF 7 Hothfield Common**  
Comprising: G29

### CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- A valley bog at the junction of sandstones and clayey Sandgate Beds, comprising heathland with acid grassland, birch woodland and scrub. The area is a nature reserve and is well used for dog walking.

### ANALYSIS

#### Condition

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Pattern of elements: | high |
| Detracting features: | none |
| Distinctiveness:     | high |
| Cultural heritage:   | high |
| Ecology:             | high |
| Functionality:       | high |

An intact coherent pattern of heathland elements that are important semi-natural habitats and integral to the local drainage system.

#### Sensitivity

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

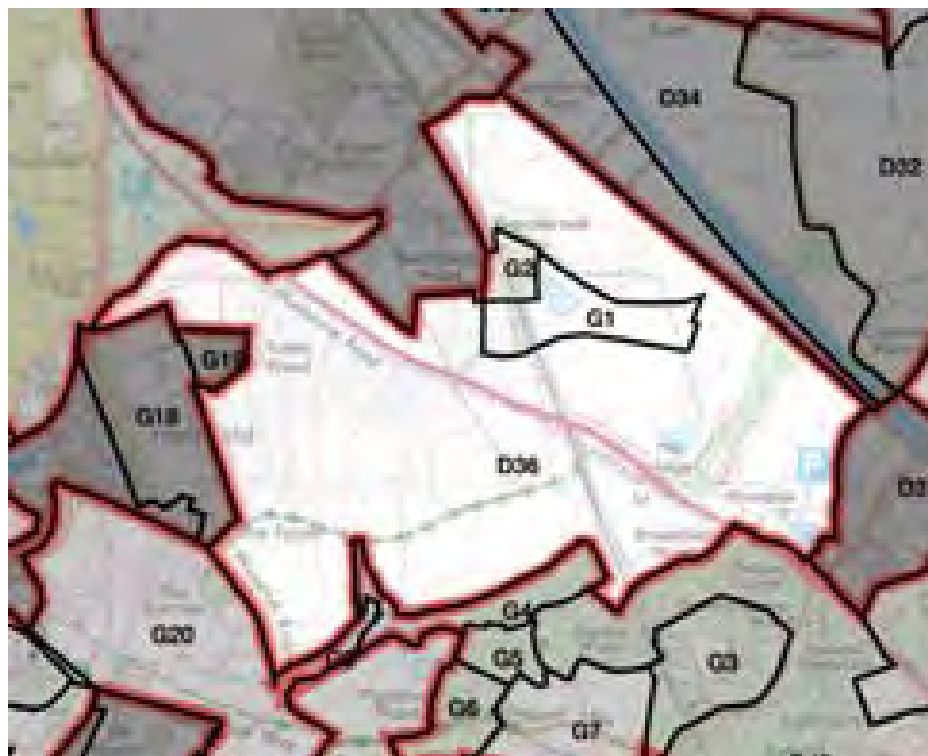
The heathland has a remote and timeless quality and strong sense of place. Views are contained by the tree cover.

### POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

#### conserve & restore

- conserve through improved management/ grazing regime
- restore parts of the heath that have been lost

## HHF 8 Hothfield Open Farmlands



### Location of HHF 8 within Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## District Landscape Type: **HHF 8** Hothfield Open Farmlands

Comprising: G1, G2, D36

## CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Gently sloping mixed farmland around Hothfield of predominantly large arable fields with some isolated woodland blocks and associated small ponds.
- Crossed by byway and the Greensand Way.
- Open views to the North Downs and south to the Great Stour Valley.
- Detractors are the CTRL and M20 on embankment.

## ANALYSIS

### Condition

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

Loss of pasture to arable in the last 20 to 30 years. Historic maps indicate some clearance of woodland at The Larches and Beechbrook Wood and loss of some field boundaries to the south of Maidstone Road.

## Sensitivity

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

Weak sense of place and gently sloping land gives open views towards North Downs and Great Stour Valley.

## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

## restore & create







# Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## **HHF1:** Kingsland

Survey Date: 4.11.04    Reference: D30    Location: North of Sandyhurst    Surveyors: AK/MG

|   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Study Sector:   |   | Kennington (Map ref: TR001458)  |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands  |  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |   | 1.13 Prairie fields (19 <sup>th</sup> Century enclosure with extensive boundary loss)         |  |
| Boundaries:   |   | Arable of D25 to north and east; arable of D31 to west; linear housing of Sandyhurst to south |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Landform<br>Rolling arable  | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>From top of knoll, long distance views to south west    |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements   | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Open, restricted to south west by landform |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed   | Key visual elements<br>Hedgerow along lane  | Pattern and scale<br>Small parcel of unenclosed arable within larger arable context          |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled  | Key visual elements   | Pattern  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Arable   | Seasonal variation   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |   |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Knoll  |   | Species associations   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Arable   |   | Other  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation  |   | Species  |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt  |   | Species  |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Boundary hedgerow and ditch to south                             |   | Species<br>Hazel, hawthorn, field maple  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>Footpath to northern boundary, lane to south |   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)<br>Lane to south                                   |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts   |   | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing<br>Housing along lane to south                           |
| Other features (such as moats)  |   |   |  |

Reference: D30 ctd.

|  |   |        |                                 |                                     |
|--|---|--------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Brief summary description:   |   |        |                                 |                                     |
| Small rolling arable parcel rising steeply to north west with open views to south west. Possible hedgerow clearance. Designation of parcel is questionable – appears the same as D25 and the northern section of D31. Boundary hedgerow along lane to south is overlooked by adjacent housing. |   |        |                                 |                                     |
| Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance   |   |        |                                 |                                     |
| Traffic noise from M20.<br>Traffic along lane  |   |        |                                 | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |   |        |                                 |                                     |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches   | Ecological corridors and networks<br>Boundary hedgerow mainly continuous  |        | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low |                                     |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend<br>High  |   |        |                                 |                                     |
| Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |   |        |                                 |                                     |
| Tree Cover   | Age structure   |        |                                 | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Field Boundaries   | Survival of historic field pattern and condition<br>Boundary hedgerow along lane intact, possible hedgerow loss |        |                                 | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Other features   |   |        |                                 | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |   |        |                                 |                                     |
| Type   | Siting  | Design | Extent                          | High                                |
| M20 noise  |   |        |                                 | Moderate                            |
|  |   |        |                                 | Low                                 |



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Survey Date: 4.11.04    Reference: D31    Location: Kingsland    Surveyors: AK/MG

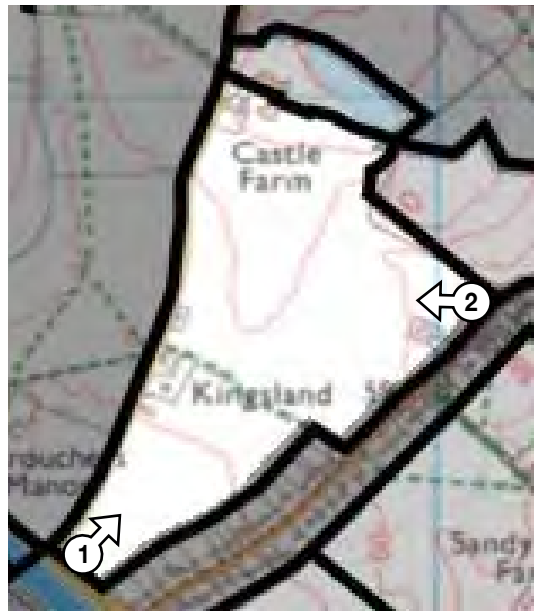
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| Study Sector:   |   | Kennington (Map ref: TQ998465)   |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |   | 1.6 Rectilinear with wavy boundaries (? Late medieval to 17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> Century enclosure)       |  |
| Boundaries:   |   | West to arable of D32; north to wetland of D29 and arable of D30; south to M20; east to linear housing of Sandyhurst |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Landform<br>Rises to north   | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Long to north west; short to north east; restricted elsewhere |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Hedgerow trees, garden trees at south east boundary   | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Framed to south, open to north                   |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed                                       | Key visual elements<br>Hedgerows   | Pattern and scale<br>Medium scale to south, large to north   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled  | Key visual elements<br>Scattered farms, linear housing at boundary   | Pattern  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Mixed arable  | Seasonal variation   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |  |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds   |  | Species associations   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Arable   |  | Other  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation  |  | Species  |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>Isolated hedgerow trees                   |  | Species<br>Oak   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Hedges, gardens                                    |  | Species<br>Hazel, elder, dog rose, blackthorn  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>Footpath bisects, M20 to south |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)  |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>Scattered farms                              |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing<br>M20, urban edge   |
| Other features (such as moats)  |   |  |  |

Reference: D31 ctd.

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|--|--|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Brief summary description:   |  |   |                                 |                                     |
| Medium sized parcel of mixed arable farmland in two distinct sections separated by hedgerow. Open landscape to north links to surrounding rolling farmland, smaller enclosed field to south is bounded on three sides by roads and/or housing with noise from M20 very evident. Three scattered farms are insignificant. Good hedgerow along lane to west. |  |   |                                 |                                     |
| Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance   |  |   |                                 |                                     |
| Parcel split into two distinct areas – southern section enclosed by roads and housing with M20 apparent; northern section more rural, in keeping with open, rolling landscape of D25.  |  |   |                                 | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |  |   |                                 |                                     |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches   |  | Ecological corridors and networks<br>Hedgerows continuous along road and through parcel | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low |                                     |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend<br>High  |  |   |                                 |                                     |
| Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |  |   |                                 |                                     |
| Tree Cover   | Age structure<br>Mature  |   |                                 | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Field Boundaries   | Survival of historic field pattern and condition<br>Hedgerow clearance / pattern lost on northern boundary, otherwise good |   |                                 | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Other features   |  |   |                                 | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |  |   |                                 |                                     |
| Type   | Siting   | Design  | Extent                          | High                                |
| M20 noise  |  | In cutting – prevents visual impact   |                                 | Moderate<br><br>Low                 |



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# Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## **HHF2:** Sandyhurst Farm



Survey Date: 5.11.04    Reference: D38    Location: Ashford Golf Course    Surveyors: LH/MG

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|---|---|--|---|
| Study Sector:   |   | Kennington (Map ref: TR001447)   |   |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |   |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |   | 11.2 Golf courses  |   |
| Boundaries:   |   | Mixed farmland of D40 to north; linear housing of Sandyhurst to west; woodland of D42,43,45 to south; Kennington to east |   |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Landform<br>Undulating landscaped golf course  | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>none                         |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>mature oaks, scattered mixed younger planting   | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Filtered        |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed   | Key visual elements  | Pattern and scale   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled  | Key visual elements<br>golf course, club house   | Pattern   |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Fairways, greens  | Seasonal variation  |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |  |   |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Streams, small ponds   |  | Species associations  |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary   |  | Other   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Two woodland blocks   |  | Species   |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>Mature oaks, scattered groups – varied ornamental. M20 planting |  | Species<br>Oak, birch, cherry, pine, conifers, hawthorn, chestnut |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Ditches  |  | Species   |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>footpath, M20 to south                               |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)                         |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>Golf course buildings and landscaping                              |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing                               |
| Other features (such as moats)  |   |  |   |

Reference: D38 ctd.

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| Brief summary description:   |  |   |        |                                     |
| Medium – large rectangular golf course with M20 to south. Very wooded feel to landscape, with two small woodland blocks and many scattered groups of mature oak and planted ornamental trees. M20 on embankment is very evident but well screened. Varied topography – landscaped undulations and natural landform. Mown fairways and greens, short rough and ditches. |  |   |        |                                     |
| Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance   |  |   |        |                                     |
| Inward looking, enclosed and intact but noise from M20   |  |   |        | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |  |   |        |                                     |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches<br>Small woodland blocks, small ponds, wooded edges   |  | Ecological corridors and networks<br>Streams and ditches. M20 corridor planting will mature |        | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend<br>Moderate  |  |   |        |                                     |
| Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |  |   |        |                                     |
| Tree Cover   | Age structure<br>varied                          |   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Field Boundaries   | Survival of historic field pattern and condition |   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Other features   |  |   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |  |   |        |                                     |
| Type   | Siting   | Design  | Extent | High                                |
| M20  | On embankment                                    | New planting  |        | Moderate<br><br>Low                 |





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**D38.1**



**D38.2**



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Survey Date: 4.11.04    Reference: D39    Location: West of Goat Lees    Surveyors: AK/MG

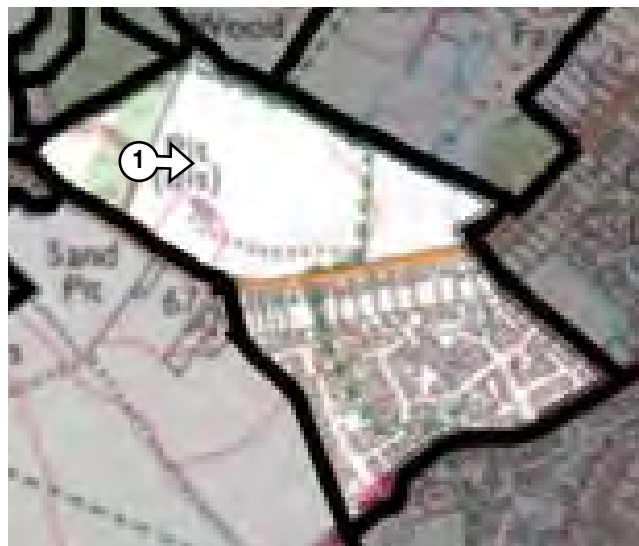
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| Study Sector:   |  | Kennington (Map ref: TR007457)   |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 1.9 Small regular with straight boundaries   |  |
| Boundaries:   |  | North to Tile Lodge wood, arable of D25 and pasture of D24; South-east to Kennington and south west to arable of D40 |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Landform<br>Flat recreation ground   | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Long glimpses east; medium to north; restricted elsewhere |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Woodland to west, hedge to north, scattered parkland trees                                    | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Open   |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed  | Key visual elements<br>Hedge to north  | Pattern and scale<br>Medium, pattern lost  |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled   | Key visual elements<br>Club house, car park  | Pattern  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Recreation, sports pitches  | Seasonal variation   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |  |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds  |  | Species associations   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Recreation  |  | Other  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Mixed deciduous to west  |  | Species<br>Hornbeam, oak, horse chestnut, ash  |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>Hedgerow with standards to north; scattered parkland trees |  | Species<br>Ash, oak, Leylandii, ornamentals  |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Hedge / sunken lane? to north is a strong feature                   |  | Species<br>Hazel, damson, field maple  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>Footpath to boundary, recreation ground         |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)<br>Sunken treed lane to north?                       |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>Club house, car park  |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing<br>Housing to south east                                   |
| Other features (such as moats)  |  |  |  |

Reference: D39 ctd.

|  |        |  |        |                                     |
|--|--------|--|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Brief summary description:   |        |  |        |                                     |
| Medium sized parcel of flat recreation ground with football pitches, tennis courts, club house and car park. Strong woodland block to west links to Tile Lodge wood (D26, D27) to north. Strong continuous hedgerow with standards to north along possible sunken lane. Scattered ornamental planting. |        |  |        |                                     |
| Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance   |        |  |        |                                     |
| Traffic noise from M20.  |        |  |        | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |        |  |        |                                     |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches<br>Woodland to west   |        | Ecological corridors and networks<br>Hedgerow / sunken lane to north, woodland links to Tile Lodge Wood          |        | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend<br>Moderate  |        |  |        |                                     |
| Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |        |  |        |                                     |
| Tree Cover   |        | Age structure<br>Mixed, mainly mature, some coppice  |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Field Boundaries   |        | Survival of historic field pattern and condition<br>Now a recreation ground. Strong hedge and standards to north |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Other features   |        |  |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |        |  |        |                                     |
| Type   | Siting | Design   | Extent | High                                |
| Club house   |        |  |        | Moderate                            |
| M20 noise  |        |  |        | Low                                 |



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Survey Date: 5.11.04    Reference: D40    Location: Sandyhurst Farm    Surveyors: LH/MG

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| Study Sector:   |  | Kennington (Map ref: TR004453)   |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 1.10 Medium regular with straight boundaries   |  |
| Boundaries:   |  | Golf course of D38 to south, linear housing of Sandyhurst to west; Kennington to east; recreation ground of D39 to north |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Landform<br>Gently undulating  | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Long to north, otherwise inward looking       |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Woodland;<br>ornamental planting<br>around ponds  | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Filtered                         |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed  | Key visual elements<br>Apparent around farm – trimmed hedges, leafy rides  | Pattern and scale<br>Medium – large around farm, pattern lost around ponds         |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled   | Key visual elements<br>Farm buildings, adjacent business park and housing  | Pattern<br>scattered farmstead   |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Apparent but highly variable: arable, pasture, landscaped ponds                                   | Seasonal variation   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |  |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Ponds and stream  |  | Species associations<br>Alder, juncus, reeds                                       |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Arable  |  | Other<br>Sheep and manicured grounds of business park, fishing ponds, gorse scrub  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Wet woodland   |  | Species<br>Alder   |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>wooded field edges, naturalising gorse/oak, scattered planting   |  | Species<br>Birch, sweet chestnut, cherry, pine, fir                                |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Hedges, stock fencing   |  | Species<br>Laurel, privet, hawthorn  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>footpath with good gates, local road to business park |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)<br>Mown rides to west at rear of housing |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>Farm buildings, adjacent business park and housing                  |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing<br>Urban edge to north east                    |
| Other features (such as moats)  | Circular brick weir  |  |  |

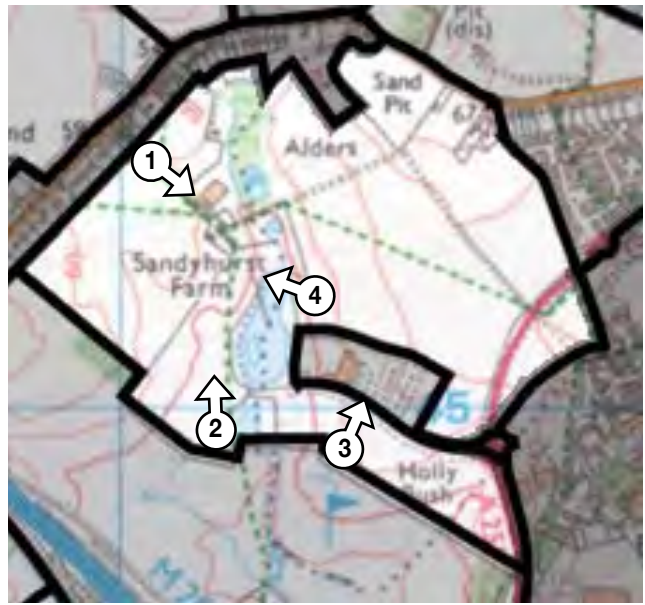
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| Brief summary description:   |   |   |        |                                     |
| Highly variable parcel of inward looking, undulating mixed farmland, landscaped fishing ponds and naturalising grassland with gorse/oak scrub. Farmland comprises wet sheep grazed pasture with rush and gorse, and open arable. Wet woodland to north, farm cottages and neglected barns. Business park to east overlooks and dominates parcel. Strong loss of character in highly modified parcel. |   |   |        |                                     |
| Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance   |   |   |        |                                     |
| M20 noise, business park, urban edge.<br>Artificial landscape  |   |   |        | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |   |   |        |                                     |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches   |   | Ecological corridors and networks       |        | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |
| Woodland, rough pasture with gorse/oak scrub, ponds  |   | Stream, strong wooded boundary to south |        |                                     |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend<br>Very variable   |   |   |        |                                     |
| Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |   |   |        |                                     |
| Tree Cover   | Age structure<br>varied, but nothing over mature, young planting and scrub                |   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Field Boundaries   | Survival of historic field pattern and condition<br>Largely lost, some hedges around farm |   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor +          |
| Other features   |   |   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |   |   |        |                                     |
| Type   | Siting  | Design                                  | Extent | High                                |
| M20 – noise  |   |   |        | Moderate                            |
| Adjacent business park and housing   |   |   |        | Low                                 |





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| Study Sector:   |  | Sandyhurst (Map ref: TR004450)   |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 9.6 Post 1810 settlement (general)   |
| Boundaries:   |  | D40  |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant   | Key visual elements<br>business park style office building set within extensive carparking                   |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Apparent   | Landform<br>sloping  |
| TREE COVER  | Apparent   | Key visual elements<br>mix of roadside and structure planting including ash, pine, silver birch, field maple |
| FORM & LAYOUT   | Linear<br>Clustered<br>Sprawling   | compact  |
| AGE & CONDITION   | Pre-war<br>Post-war<br>1960-70's<br>1980-1990's<br>Recent  | 1980-1990's  |
| KEY FEATURES – in what way do the following contribute to the local distinctiveness of the settlement?                |  |  |
| Building style  | Roof & materials/ scale<br>Three storey red brick with glass block staircase                       |  |
| Street Scene  | Frontage/ verge/ boundaries/ materials<br>Wide road with wide grassy verges and structure planting | Planting/ signage/ lighting<br>Lighting to carpark   |
| Edge condition  | New housing<br><br>N/A   |  |
| Other features (include detractors)   | Noise from M20   |  |
| PERCEPTION of the place – is it tranquil/ safe/ pleasant/ legible/ accessible?<br>Intrusive large scale business park |  |  |

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| <b>Brief summary description of settlement/ edge conditions and its siting within the wider landscape:</b><br>Rising ground from the west towards Bockhanger. Office building and car park at edge of new public parkland with fishing lake boarding this LDU. Large scale new planting – ash through the carpark, field maple, guelder rose, field maple, birch, oak, cherry, Scots pine, thorns etc less than 10 years old. Timber post and rail fencing to offices, open to park. |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the settlement and note any detracting features and their significance   |  |  |  |  |
| Large office building and carpark in green setting. Local views out to west, north and south.  |  |  |  | <b>Intact</b><br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| <b>Settlement integrity/ edge condition</b> – how well does the settlement hold together   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Extent of settlement</b>  |  | Only one building  | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br><b>Low</b> |  |
| <b>Intensity of built form and trend</b><br><br>Low – business park  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Local vernacular</b>  | <b>Survival of features and condition</b><br>N/A                       |  |  | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor                   |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>  | <b>Age structure</b><br>all new plating on large scale                 |  |  | <b>Good</b><br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>  | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b><br>Not obvious |  |  | Good<br>Variable<br><b>Poor</b>            |
| <b>Other features</b>  |  |  |  | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor                   |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Type</b><br>Office block  | <b>Siting</b>  | <b>Design</b><br>Undistinguished large pitched roof, brick walls with feature sunscreens in grey blue and stair enclosed in glass bricks | <b>Extent</b><br>unique                | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br><b>Low</b>     |



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# Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## **HHF4:** Godinton Woodlands

Survey Date: 5.11.04    Reference: D42    Location: Hoad's Wood    Surveyors: LH & MG

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| Study Sector:   |   | Kennington (Map ref: TQ996446)  |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands  |  |
| Historic Landscape Character:   |   | Replanted other pre-1810 woodland   |  |
| Boundaries:   |   | Sandyhust Lane settlements to north, north west, M20 to north east, D43 to south east, A20, study boundary, D44 and D48 to south and west |  |
| TOPOGRAHY   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Landform<br>Apparent, falls to south and east   | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Restricted in all directions by trees                     |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Dominant with strong woodland edge along A20   | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Restricted by trees, some clearance to south |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed   | Key visual elements<br>Insignificant overall but locally dominant with security gates and fencing   | Pattern and scale<br>Subdivisions of varied size within woodland                               |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled  | Key visual elements<br>Apparent to south, unsettled to north  | Pattern<br>No clear pattern  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Insignificant  | Seasonal variation<br>Deciduous trees  |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |   |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>None   |   | Species associations<br>None   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary, residential<br>Coppice woodland  |   | Other<br>Sub-station, residential and agribusiness   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Coppice   |   | Species<br>Sweet chestnut, some oak  |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>Large linear beech along A20 remnant  |   | Species  |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Yew hedge with barbed wire, security fence   |   | Species  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>A20 passes through southwest corner, with parking and dumping on disused sections of road created by road improvements |   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)<br>Thick wooded edge to road                         |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>Bungalow near road   |   | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing<br>Disused road, sub station, glass house                  |
| Other features (such as moats)  | None  |   |  |

Reference: D42 contd

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| Brief summary description:   |   |   |        |                                     |
| Small parcel of sloping woodland between M20 and A20, at south western edge of study area with intact sweet chestnut coppice to north and considerable woodland clearance to south with sub-division and recent development including a sub station, a few houses and a plant nursery. The A20 here is characterised by the strong woodland edge and several sections of remnant disused road now used for parking and dumping |   |   |        |                                     |
| 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 is an interrupted landscape with woodland clearance and some development, and the M20 forming one boundary  |   |   |        | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |   |   |        |                                     |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches<br>Over 50% remains as coppice woodland, remainder is sub divided with clearance  |   | Ecological corridors and networks<br>None                                   |        | High<br><br>Moderate<br>Low         |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend<br>Currently low to moderate, trend towards woodland clearance and habitat loss  |   |   |        |                                     |
| Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |   |   |        |                                     |
| Tree Cover   |   | Age structure<br>Mixed ages and good condition.<br>Coppice has been managed |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Field Boundaries   |   | Survival of historic field pattern and condition<br>N/a                     |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Other features   |   | None  |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |   |   |        |                                     |
| Type<br>Sub station<br>Bungalow<br>Glass house<br>M20  | Siting<br>Generally well concealed by trees | Design  | Extent | High<br>Moderate<br>Low             |



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**D42.3**



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**D42.2**

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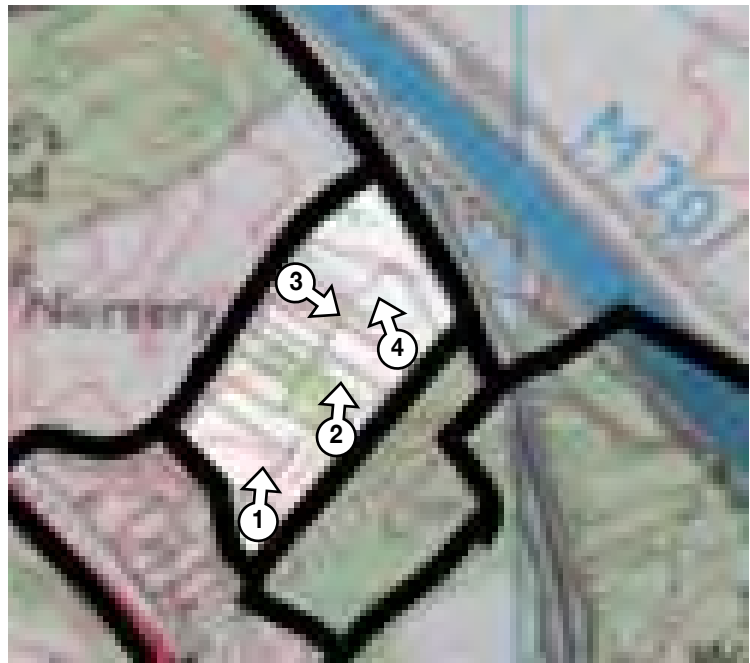
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| Development Area:   |   | Sandyhurst   |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |  |
| Historic Landscape Character:   |   | 1.9 Small regular with straight boundaries   |  |
| Boundaries:   |   | D42 to W; M20, railway and golf course (D38) to N; woodland of D49 and The Warren to E; D44 residential to S |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant  | Landform<br>Slopes south - north and towards centre  | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Restricted in all directions by trees         |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant  | Key visual elements<br>Coppice woodland of varied age  | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Filtered through trees           |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Insignificant overall but small fenced section of young coppice to S                  | Pattern and scale<br>Small enclosure   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Unsettled   | Key visual elements  | Pattern  |
| LANDUSE   | Apparent  | Key visual elements<br>Woodland  | Seasonal variation<br>Deciduous trees  |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |  |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Small pond to N (seasonal?)  |  | Species associations<br>Willow   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Coppice woodland   |  | Other<br>Recreation  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Coppice   |  | Species<br>Sweet chestnut, some oak, hornbeam, birch. Scattered pine and fir in NW |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt  |  | Species  |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Barbed wire fence around younger coppice in S            |  | Species  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>Network of footpaths and bike trails |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)  |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts   |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing<br>Railway and M20 apparent to N               |
| Other features (such as moats)  | None  |  |  |

Reference: D43 contd

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b>  |                              |  |               |                               |
| Small rectangular shaped parcel of steeply sloping mixed-age sweet chesnut coppice. Small enclosure of young (c. 10 yrs) coppice to S that appears actively managed. Majority of parcel contains older neglected chestnut coppice with oak and birch standards, cleared in patches leaving rotting stumps and deadwood. Small pond to the north, adjacent to the raised railway line, may be seasonal. Heavy pressure from recreational uses - dog walkers, bike trails and littering. |                              |  |               |                               |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |                              |  |               |                               |
| M20 noise apparent to N over railway. Some damage from recreational uses   |                              |  |               | Interrupted, more intact to S |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |                              |  |               |                               |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches</b><br>Woodland and small pond   |                              | <b>Ecological corridors and networks</b><br>Links well to surrounding woodland |               | High - but vulnerable         |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>Low - moderate   |                              |  |               |                               |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |                              |  |               |                               |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>  |                              | <b>Age structure</b><br>Mixed aged coppice plus standards                      |               | variable                      |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>  |                              | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b>                        |               |                               |
| <b>Other features</b>  |                              | Pond   |               | Variable                      |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |                              |  |               |                               |
| <b>Type</b><br>M20 noise   | <b>Siting</b><br>Not visible | <b>Design</b>  | <b>Extent</b> | Moderate                      |



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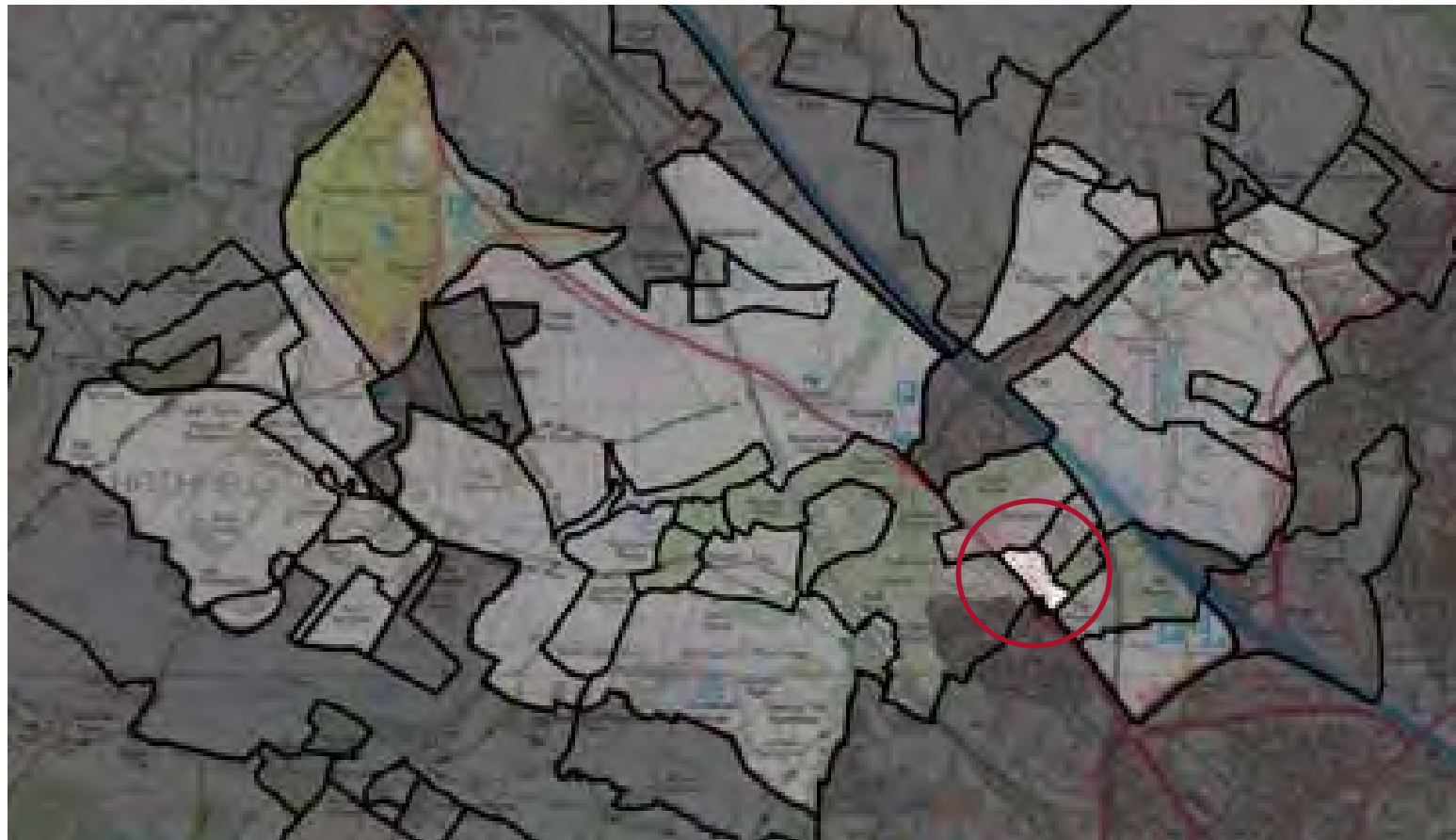
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| Study Sector:  |  | Sandyhurst (Map ref: TQ997443)  |
| County Landscape Character Area:   |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands  |
| Historic Landscape Type:   |  | 9.6 Post 1810 settlement (general)  |
| Boundaries:  |  | D48 to the S, D42 & D43 to N, D49 & D45 to E  |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES  | Dominant   | Key visual elements<br>Row of detached properties and bungalow fronting onto the dual carriageway |
| TOPOGRAPHY   | Apparent   | Landform<br>Gentle slope  |
| TREE COVER   | Apparent   | Key visual elements<br>mature garden trees including horsechestnuts, silver birch, and ash        |
| FORM & LAYOUT  | Linear   | linear  |
| AGE & CONDITION  | Pre-war<br>Post-war<br>1960-70's<br>1980-1990's<br>Recent  | Early 20 <sup>th</sup> century  |
| KEY FEATURES – in what way do the following contribute to the local distinctiveness of the settlement? |  |   |
| Building style   | Roof & materials/ scale<br>Red brick, white and cream, pebbledash  |   |
| Street Scene   | Frontage/ verge/ boundaries/ materials<br>Slip road giving access<br>Narrow grass verge with stone walls and close board fencing | Planting/ signage/ lighting<br>lighting   |
| Edge condition   | New housing<br>N/A   |   |
| Other features (include detractors)  | Traffic along the A20  |   |
| PERCEPTION of the place – is it tranquil/ safe/ pleasant/ legible/ accessible?<br>Busy main road       |  |   |

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| Brief summary description of settlement/ edge conditions and its siting within the wider landscape:<br>Ribbon development at the fringe of a woodland overlooking a duelled section of the A20 leading into Ashford. The parcel is located on land falling from the west to east, with a woodland backdrop. Most houses post 1930, brick, painted render, some hung tile, early 20th century suburban vernacular. Large front gardens with shrubs, lawn, and some trees. A variety of edge treatments including: low ragstone walls, block retaining walls, timber picket, close boarded fence, mown verge and slip road with parking separated from the A20 by a further grass strip. |   |                       |        |                                     |
| Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the settlement and note any detracting features and their significance  |   |                       |        |                                     |
| Street frontage faces south west over the A20. 8 dwellings read as a settlement isolated from nearby development.  |   |                       |        | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| Settlement integrity/ edge condition – how well does the settlement hold together  |   |                       |        |                                     |
| Extent of settlement   |   | 8 dwellings in a line |        | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |
| Intensity of built form and trend<br>medium  |   |                       |        |                                     |
| Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |   |                       |        |                                     |
| Local vernacular   | Survival of features and condition<br>Local vernacular materials used on half of the buildings. |                       |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Tree Cover   | Age structure<br>character derived from immediate backdrop of woodland on three sides.          |                       |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Field Boundaries   | Survival of historic field pattern and condition<br>N/A   |                       |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Other features   |   |                       |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place<br><br>N/A   |   |                       |        |                                     |
| Type   | Siting  | Design                | Extent | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |



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D44.1



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| Study Sector:   |   | Kennington (Map ref: TR001443)  |   |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Hollingbourne Vale  |   |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |   | 4.5 19 <sup>th</sup> Century plantations  |   |
| Boundaries:   |   | Pasture of D46 to south; over M20 to golf course to north; urban edge to east; D43,44 to west |   |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Landform<br>undulating, steep in places   | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>restricted in all directions     |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>woodland   | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>open in some glades |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed   | Key visual elements   | Pattern and scale   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled  | Key visual elements<br>railway, M20   | Pattern   |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Woodland – dog walking and biking                                      | Seasonal variation  |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |   |   |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Distinctive land form  |   | Species associations  |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary   |   | Other   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Oak/birch woodland, some oak coppice  |   | Species<br>Oak, birch, hawthorn, cherry, bracken in glades            |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt  |   | Species   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric   |   | Species   |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>network of footpaths and off-road cycle tracks |   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)                             |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>Railway, M20, car park                                       |   | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing                                   |
| Other features (such as moats)  |   |   |   |

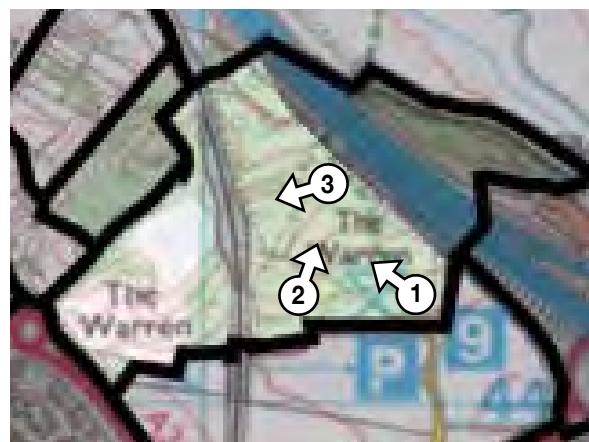
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| Brief summary description:<br><br>Medium sized oak/birch woodland with distinctive topography. M20 and railway cut through parcel, although majority of parcel remains intact. Small car park to south and a network of off-road cycle tracks criss-cross woodland. Scattered open glades. Some oak coppice. Traffic noise apparent throughout. Vulnerable from recreational users. |               |  |        |                                     |
| Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |               |  |        |                                     |
| M20 and railway cut through parcel, but majority intact.  |               |  |        | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |               |  |        |                                     |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches<br>100%  |               | Ecological corridors and networks                |        | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend<br>Low, recreational pressure   |               |  |        |                                     |
| Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |               |  |        |                                     |
| Tree Cover  |               | Age structure<br>mature                          |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Field Boundaries  |               | Survival of historic field pattern and condition |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Other features  |               |  |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |               |  |        |                                     |
| Type  | Siting        | Design   | Extent | High                                |
| M20   | On embankment |  |        | Moderate                            |
| Railway   | In cutting    |  |        | Low                                 |





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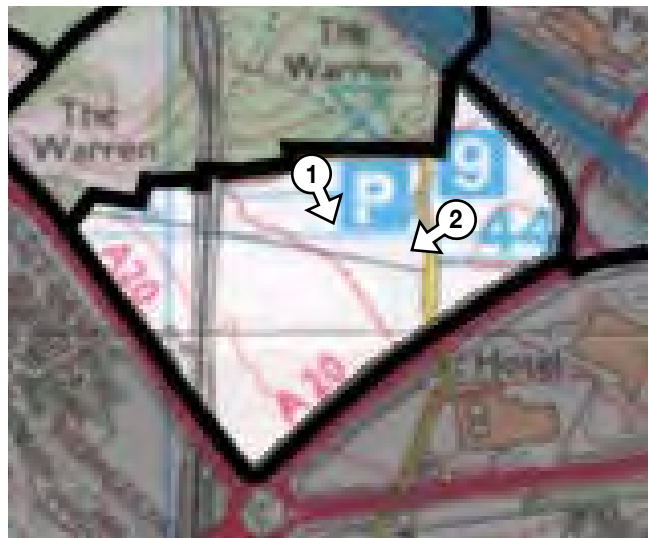
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| Study Sector:   |  | Kennington (Map ref: TR003439)  |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hollingbourne Vale  |  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 1.9 Small regular with straight boundaries                                      |  |
| Boundaries:   |  | Woodland of The Warren to north; M20 to east; A20 to south; A28 to west         |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Landform  | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>restricted by roads on embankments and wood |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>tree-lined lane, wood, planted rail and road embankments | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>filtered                       |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed                                    | Key visual elements<br>Gappy, overgrown hedges, stock fencing                   | Pattern and scale<br>Small scale   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled                                     | Key visual elements<br>railway  | Pattern  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Neglected pasture and horse grazing                      | Seasonal variation   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |   |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds  |   | Species associations   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Horse grazing   |   | Other  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation   |   | Species  |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>hedgerow trees and planted embankments |   | Species<br>Oak, ash, hazel, hawthorn, spindle                                    |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric  |   | Species  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>Lane and footpath           |   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)  |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts  |   | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing<br>Roads on three sides                      |
| Other features (such as moats)  |  |   |  |

Reference: D46 ctd.

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| Brief summary description:  |   |   |                                   |                                     |
| Rural relic surrounded on three sides by M20 and trunk roads, and by strong wood to north. Flat rough pasture, winding tree-lined country lane, regenerating scrub and horse grazing. Railway bisects parcel to west. |   |   |                                   |                                     |
| Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |   |   |                                   |                                     |
| Roads and railway – high noise  |   |   |                                   | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |   |   |                                   |                                     |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches<br>ungrazed pasture to east  | Ecological corridors and networks<br>Lane, hedges and wood edge                         |   | High<br><br>Moderate +<br><br>Low |                                     |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend<br>Low  |   |   |                                   |                                     |
| Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |   |   |                                   |                                     |
| Tree Cover  | Age structure<br>mature hedgerows and younger regeneration, new planting on embankments |   |                                   | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Field Boundaries  | Survival of historic field pattern and condition<br>Intact                              |   |                                   | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Other features  |   |   |                                   | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |   |   |                                   |                                     |
| Type  | Siting  | Design                                      | Extent                            | High                                |
| Roads on three sides, railway   | On embankment   | New planting will screen more as it matures |                                   | Moderate+<br><br>Low                |



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| Development Area:   |  | Sandyhurst  |   |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands  |   |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 4.9 Pre 19 <sup>th</sup> century coppices   |   |
| Boundaries:   |  | Ashford housing to E / D14, D37 to N / D36 to NW / woodland G4 and G5 to SW / G7 to S     |   |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Landform<br>Variable, undulating in places  | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Long views from top of CTRL cutting to the S   |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Rotational coppice   | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Open across young coppice, framed by older coppice, restricted in dense coppice   |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed  | Key visual elements<br>Some old coppice banks remain, but neglected                       | Pattern and scale   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled   | Key visual elements<br>New housing to E, CTRL to S, A20 to N                              | Pattern   |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Coppice managed on rotation. Recreation with interpretation boards | Seasonal variation<br>Deciduous   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |   |   |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds  |   | Species associations  |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Rotational coppice  |   | Other<br>Recreation   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>SW coppice planted 1860, varying ages, some less than 10 years old; mature elsewhere.  |   | Species<br>Ash, oak, willow, alder, hornbeam, silver birch, sycamore, bramble. Some veteran conifers and rhododendron. Herbs: wood sage, yellow pimpernel, centaury. New planting along CTRL: oak/ash/sweet chestnut. Planting to urban edge W: birch, hawthorn, cherry, privet |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>Woodland is more variable to W edge  |   | Species   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stockfence/electric<br>Old coppice banks  |   | Species<br>Sweet chestnut   |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>A20 to N, CTRL to S, public footpath to E section. Criss-crossed by tracks, some with tarmac and lighting |   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)<br>Godinton Lane is sunken  |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br><br>Housing encroaching to E, CTRL in cutting to S with drainage channels.  |   | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing   |
| Other features (such as moats)  | Habitat of the rare pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly. Footbridge links woodland over the CTRL.  |   |   |

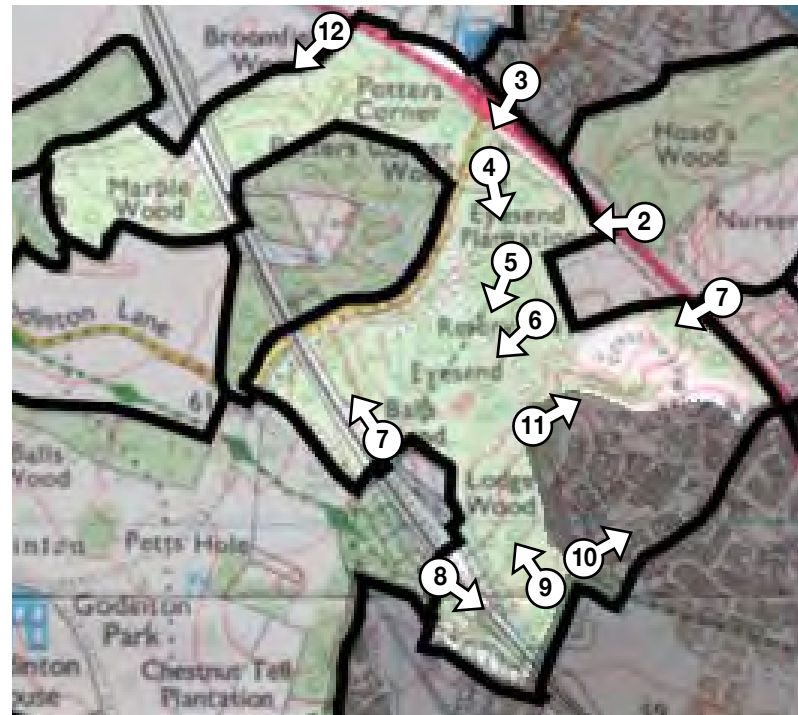
Reference: D48

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>A sprawling parcel of mainly sweet chestnut plantation, which appears actively managed in rotation. Some stands are less than 10 years old. There is open access for public recreation to E, with interpretation boards (photographed), in conjunction with the Forestry Commission. The parcel is heavily-impacted on three sides by the A20 to N boundary, new housing to E (with new native planting) and the CTRL bisecting the S section (with grass embankment and new planting). Some recreational impacts evident. Godinton Lane bisects North-South and is sunken in places. W section of woodland has no public access and has more variable mature species. |                 |   |  |  |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance   |                 |   |  |  |
| CTRL bisects to S, housing encroaches to E, A20 to N boundary. Rotational coppice of mixed ages. Some evidence of fires, informal play and dog walking.   |                 |   |  | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented  |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |                 |   |  |  |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches</b><br>Varied aged coppice, some open glades – herb rich.   |                 | <b>Ecological corridors and networks</b><br>CTRL grassland embankment and new planting. Linking woodland. |  | High but fragmented.<br>Good for invertebrates.<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>Rotational coppice  |                 |   |  |  |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |                 |   |  |  |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>   |                 | <b>Age structure</b><br>Varied, some mature, some young.  |  | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor   |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>   |                 | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b><br>Old banks, coppice stools, some fencing.       |  | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor   |
| <b>Other features</b>   |                 | Godinton Lane is sunken   |  | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor   |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |                 |   |  |  |
| <b>Type</b>   | <b>Siting</b>   | <b>Design</b>   | <b>Extent</b>                            | High   |
| CTRL  | Bisects to S    | In cutting  | Noise and visual impact<br>Visual impact | Moderate +<br>(locally v high)   |
| New housing   | Encroaches on E | New planting will screen  |  | Low  |
| A20   | N boundary      | Noise   |  |  |





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| Study Sector:   |  | Godinton (Map ref: TQ990447)   |   |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |   |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 4.8  |   |
| Boundaries:   |  | Woodland D48 to N, E and S. G7 arable to W.                                |   |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Landform<br>Slopes to W  | Views out (long/short/restricted)   |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Coppice   | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Framed along rides, with a clearing for a house; otherwise restricted in dense coppice  |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed  | Key visual elements<br>Mature standards along road boundary, formerly laid | Pattern and scale   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled   | Key visual elements<br>CTRL bisects to SW, large house and gardens         | Pattern<br>CTRL raised on embankment  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Managed coppice, no evidence of current activity    | Seasonal variation<br>Deciduous   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |  |   |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Pond on OS map - private  |  | Species associations  |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Coppice   |  | Other   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Sweet chestnut coppice – varied ages. New planting area associated with CTRL                                 |  | Species<br>Hornbeam, sycamore, birch, elder, hazel, alder, ash. Herb layer: bluebell, centuary, wood sage, yellow pimpernel, willowherb. New planting: oak, Chinese fir, sweet chestnut |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt   |  | Species   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stockfence/electric<br>Mature standards along road – formerly laid  |  | Species<br>Hornbeam, sweet chestnut   |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>Local road to SE boundary plus 2 rides towards property. CTRL.          |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)   |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br><br>CTRL on embankment with bridge to SW. Isolated property in woodland with gardens. |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing   |
| Other features (such as moats)  |  |  |   |

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>A small teardrop-shaped parcel, of mainly young sweet chestnut coppice, of varying age stands. Some mature standards. The parcel is impacted by the noise and sound of the CTRL embankment to the SW. Associated new planting in this area will mature to provide a screen. There is one isolated house with gardens in a woodland clearing. The parcel slopes gently towards the W, which is apparent in places. The rides through this wood have a species-rich herb layer. Trees in the E boundary along the lane were formerly laid. |   |   |                              |                                     |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance   |   |   |                              |                                     |
| Interrupted by CTRL which is prominent, plus there is a clearing in the woods for a house and garden. The remaining woodland fragments are intact.  |   |   |                              | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |   |   |                              |                                     |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches</b><br>Dense coppice to W. Standards. Small grassland area and native planting.   |   | <b>Ecological corridors and networks</b><br>Surrounded by woodland of D48 on 3 sides and has linking streams. |                              | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>Low, no evident of current activity.  |   |   |                              |                                     |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |   |   |                              |                                     |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>   | <b>Age structure</b><br>Varied age coppice, mainly young (less than 20 yrs). Some mature standards. New planting in places. |   |                              | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>   | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b>   |   |                              | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| <b>Other features</b>   |   |   |                              | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |   |   |                              |                                     |
| <b>Type</b>   | <b>Siting</b>   | <b>Design</b>   | <b>Extent</b>                | High                                |
| CTRL and bridge   | On embankment   |   | CTRL has locally high impact | Moderate                            |
| Property in woodland  | Screened by coppice   |   |                              | Low                                 |



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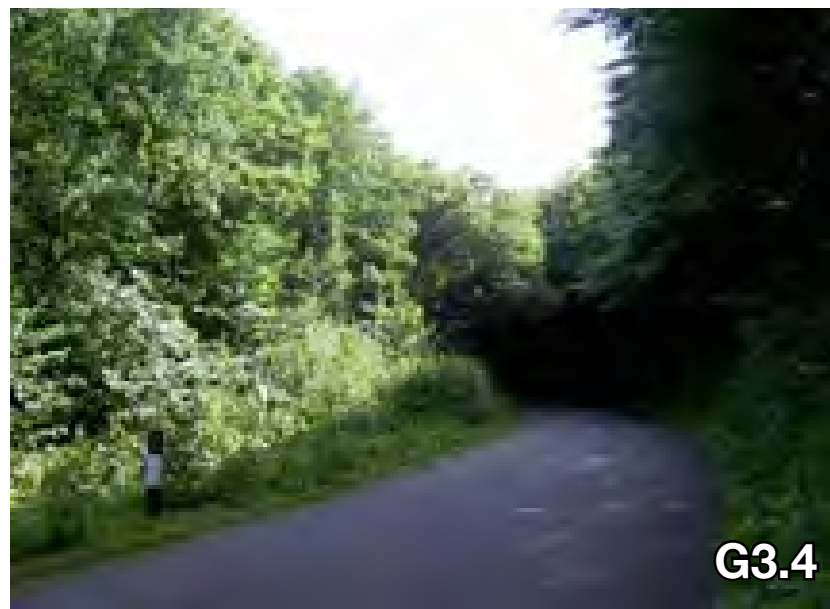
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G3.6



G3.3



G3.4



G3.7

Survey Date: 12.7.05    Reference: G4    Location: Ladys Weir    Surveyors: AM/MG/HM

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| Study Sector:   |   | Godinton (Map ref: TQ998447)  |   |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Hothfiled Heaty Farmland  |   |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |   | 7.2 Valley floor woodland   |   |
| Boundaries:   |   | D36, arable to N. G5, D48 woodland and G8 arable to S.              |   |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Landform<br>Valley floor<br>woodland                                | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>From edges, long glimpses north.       |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements   | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Restricted                |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed                                     | Key visual elements   | Pattern and scale   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled                                      | Key visual elements<br>A weir is shown on OS map, No public access. | Pattern   |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements   | Seasonal variation<br>Deciduous, likely to flood                            |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |   |   |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Streams from north and east                                    |   | Species associations<br>Nettle, yellow flag,willowherb, white willow, alder |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Unmanaged. Evidence of shootin, game hunting                                 |   | Other   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Wet woodland  |   | Species<br>Willow, alder, oak, sweet chestnut, poplar                       |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt  |   | Species   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>N/a  |   | Species   |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>By right of way at north tip |   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)                                   |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>Weir on OS map                             |   | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing   |
| Other features (such as moats)  |   |   |   |

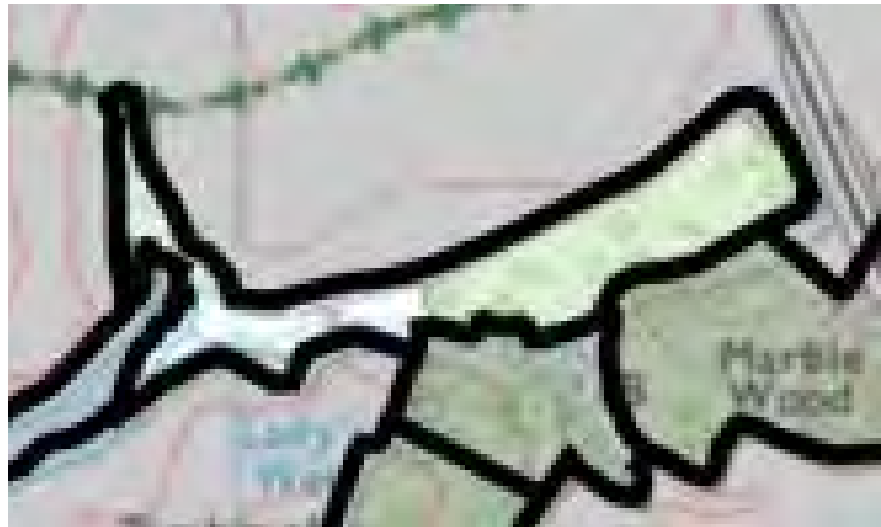
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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>L shaped parcel of valley floor wet woodland enclosing a number of streams. Links to lake of G9 to west and to surrounding woodland to S and E. Bordered elsewhere by arable land. Noise from transport corridors in north evident. Weir indicated on OS map is inaccessible. |   |   |               |   |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |   |   |               |   |
|  |   |   |               | <b>Intact</b><br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented    |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |   |   |               |   |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches</b><br>Continuous wet woodland<br>Possible runoff from arable crop (D36) but good buffer strip.  |   | <b>Ecological corridors and networks</b><br>Streams linking lake of G9. Linking woodland to S and E |               | <b>High</b><br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low        |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b>   |   |   |               |   |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |   |   |               |   |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>  | <b>Age structure</b><br>Mature with some regeneration   |   |               | <b>Good</b><br>Variable<br>Poor               |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>  | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b> |   |               | <b>Good</b><br>Variable<br>Poor               |
| <b>Other features</b>  |   |   |               | <b>Good</b><br>Variable<br>Poor               |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |   |   |               |   |
| <b>Type</b>  | <b>Siting</b>   | <b>Design</b>   | <b>Extent</b> | <b>High</b><br><br><b>Moderate</b><br><br>Low |





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Date: 12/07/05      Reference: G5    Location: West of Marble Wood      Surveyors: am,mg,h

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| <b>Study Sector:</b>   |   | Godinton (Map ref: TQ982445)                                      |  |
| <b>County Landscape Character Area:</b>  |   | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands  |  |
| <b>Historic Landscape Type:</b>  |   | 4.3 Other pre-1810 woodland                                       |  |
| <b>Boundaries:</b>   |   | G4 woodland to N, G8 to W, woodland of G6 and G7 to S, D48 to W.  |  |
| <b>TOPOGRAPHY</b>  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br><b>Insignificant</b>  | <b>Landform</b><br>Wetland to N                                   | <b>Views out</b> (long/short/restricted)   |
| <b>TREE COVER</b>  | <b>Dominant</b><br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | <b>Key visual elements</b><br>Mature coppice                      | <b>Views within</b> (filtered/framed/open/restricted)  |
| <b>ENCLOSURE PATTERN</b>   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br><b>Insignificant</b><br>Unenclosed  | <b>Key visual elements</b><br>Hazel coppice to E boundary with G7 | <b>Pattern and scale</b>   |
| <b>SETTLEMENT &amp; BUILT FEATURES</b>   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br><b>Unsettled</b>   | <b>Key visual elements</b>  | <b>Pattern</b>   |
| <b>LANDUSE</b>   | <b>Dominant</b><br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | <b>Key visual elements</b><br>Coppice - unmanaged                 | <b>Seasonal variation</b><br>Deciduous trees   |
| <b>KEY CHARACTERISTICS</b> – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |   |  |
| <b>Natural features</b>  | <b>Rivers/ knolls/ ponds</b><br>Wet stream to N   |   | <b>Species associations</b><br>Iris, meadowsweet   |
| <b>Landuse/farm type</b>   | <b>Primary</b>  |   | <b>Other</b>   |
| <b>Woodlands</b>   | <b>Coppice/plantation</b><br>Mature coppice   |   | <b>Species</b><br>Alder, sweet chestnut, hornbeam. Understorey of hazel, ash, elder, hawthorn, bracken, dog rose |
| <b>Tree cover</b>  | <b>Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt</b>   |   | <b>Species</b>   |
| <b>Field boundaries</b>  | <b>Hedges/ditches/stockfence/electric</b><br>Slightly raised hazel coppice bank to E. Poor fence to NE. |   | <b>Species</b><br>Hazel, hawthorn  |
| <b>Highways and footpaths</b>  | <b>Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access</b><br>No public access                      |   | <b>Other features</b> (such as tree-lined lanes)   |
| <b>Built features</b>  | <b>Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts</b>  |   | <b>Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing</b>   |
| <b>Other features</b><br>(such as moats)   |   |   |  |

Reference: G5

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>A small damp woodland of mixed over-mature coppice, currently unmanaged and dominated by alder to NW, with some hornbeam and sweet chestnut. A good amount of regeneration. The woods is wetter to the N, due to a seasonal stream. There is a section of slightly raised coppice bank to the SE. |  |   |               |  |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |  |   |               |  |
|  |  |   |               | <b>Intact</b><br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |  |   |               |  |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches</b><br>Continuous woodland coppice, wetter to NW   |  | <b>Ecological corridors and networks</b><br>Woodland with links to G6 to the S and G4/D48 to the N. |               | <b>High</b><br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>Unmanaged coppice – over mature  |  |   |               |  |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |  |   |               |  |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>  | <b>Age structure</b><br>Mature coppice, good regeneration                            |   |               | <b>Good</b><br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>  | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b><br>Hazel coppice bank to SE. |   |               | <b>Good</b><br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| <b>Other features</b>  |  |   |               | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor                   |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |  |   |               |  |
| <b>Type</b>  | <b>Siting</b>  | <b>Design</b>   | <b>Extent</b> | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low            |



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Survey Date: 12.7.05    Reference: G6    Location: Pigsbrook wood    Surveyors: AM/MG/HA

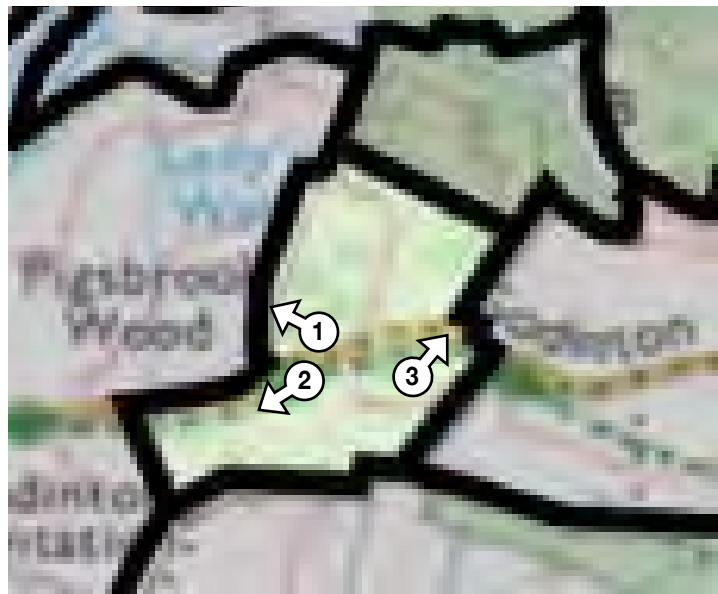
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| Study Sector:   |  | Godinton (Map ref: TQ982443)                                |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands                                  |  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 4.8   |  |
| Boundaries:   |  | Arable of G7to E, G8 to W and G10 to S. Woodland of G5 to N |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Landform<br>Slight rise to W                                | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Restricted, some short over arable                      |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>In south, cleared in north           | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Restricted                                 |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed                                  | Key visual elements<br>Hazel coppice to NE boundary         | Pattern and scale  |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled                                   | Key visual elements   | Pattern  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Woodland                             | Seasonal variation<br>Deciduous  |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |   |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds  |   | Species associations   |
| Land use/farm type  | Primary<br>Woodland. North part is managed by Forest Enterprise                      |   | Other  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Over mature/neglected coppice, Some clearance                  |   | Species<br>Oak, ash, sycamore, larch, hornbeam, hazel. Ancient woodland indicators, bluebell |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt   |   | Species  |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Stock fence to SE                             |   | Species  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>Bisected by Godinton lane |   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)  |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts  |   | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing  |
| Other features (such as moats)  |  |   |  |

Reference: G6

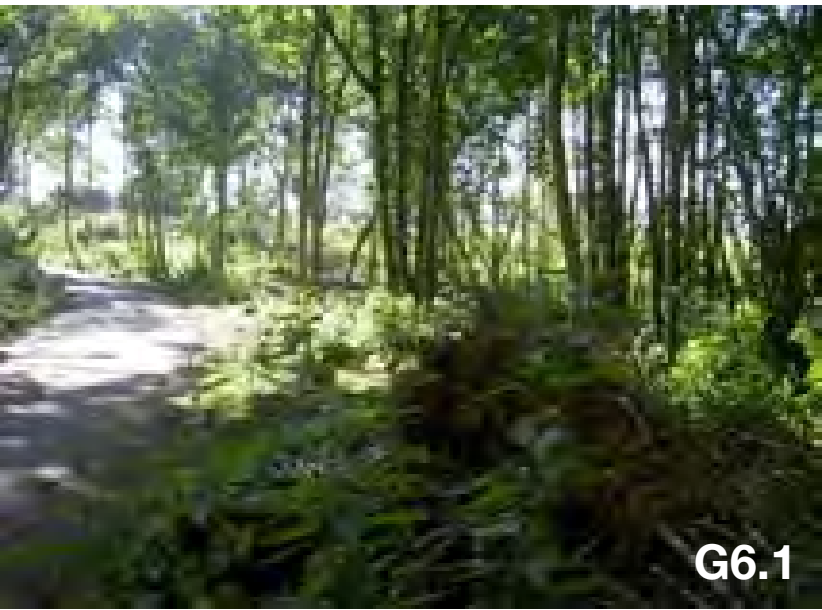
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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>Small woodland with slight rise to west. Bisected by local road lane from E to W. Mixed woodland with varied age structure and species composition. Good field layer. Notable clearance to north by Forest Enterprise threatens integrity of woodlands |  |   |        |                                     |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent land uses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |  |   |        |                                     |
| By lane and clearance<br>Inconsistent structure and and density   |  |   |        | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |  |   |        |                                     |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches<br>Mixed woodland, varying age structure, Open canopy  |  | Ecological corridors and networks<br>Linked to continuous woodland. Good hedgerows in E and W |        | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend<br>Sections actively managed to north   |  |   |        |                                     |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |  |   |        |                                     |
| Tree Cover  | Age structure<br>Variable, good regeneration     |   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Field Boundaries  | Survival of historic field pattern and condition |   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Other features  |  |   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |  |   |        |                                     |
| Type  | Siting   | Design  | Extent | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |



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Survey Date: 14/7/05    Reference: G7    Location: Godinton Lane    Surveyors: MG +AM

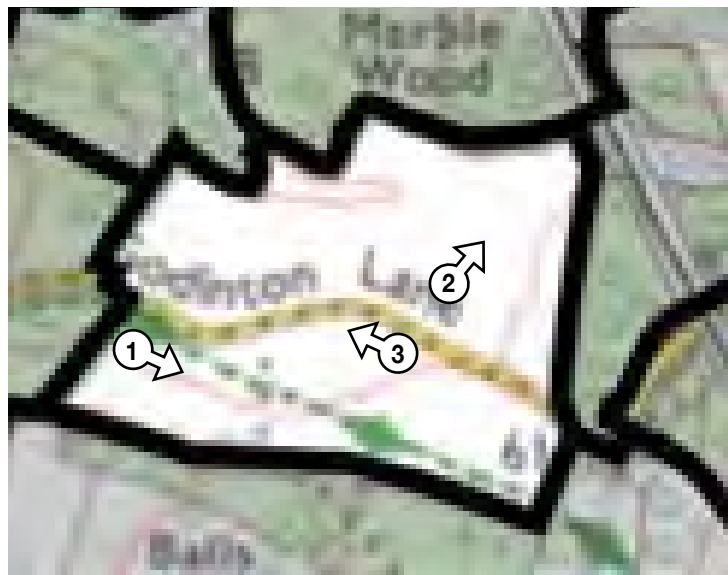
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| Study Sector:   |  | Godinton (Map ref: TQ984443)   |   |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |   |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 1.9  |   |
| Boundaries:   |  | G10 to south: Godington House (parkland + plantations)<br>N.E,W – various woodland types |   |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Insignificant  | Landform<br>very slight rise to south  | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>restricted in all directions by woodland |
| TREE COVER  | Apparent   | Key visual elements<br>woodland boundary of mature trees                                 | Views within (framed)<br>continuous hedgerows with scattered trees            |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed  | Key visual elements  | Pattern and scale   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Apparent   | Key visual elements<br>boundary woodlands + hedgerows along lane                         | Pattern<br>small to medium  |
| LANDUSE   | Apparent   | Key visual elements<br>Pasture to south<br>Arable to north                               | Seasonal variation  |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |  |   |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds  |  | Species associations  |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary southern section – cattle grazed pasture<br>north section - arable   |  | Other   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation   |  | Species   |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/scattered (south)<br>Hedgerow trees scattered along lane<br>Scattered new planting in southern section and in south parcel |  | Species beech, oak, sycamore, chestnut, ash, hawthorn, elm, yew, field maple  |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>N/S: woodland edge to all boundaries except lane<br>Lane: hedges/hedgerow trees and stock fencing |  | Species mature oak/ash along lane<br>Hedge mainly hazel/elder on lane         |
| Highways and footpaths  | local road/footpath footpath across southern section, Local Godinton Lane bisects parcel   |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)                                     |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>CTRL embankment NE boundary   |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing   |
| Other features (such as moats)  |  |  |   |

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b> small to medium sized parcel with largely flat topography bisected by Godinton Lane (E-W). Arable to north, pasture to south of lane with scattered new native parkland planting. Parcel enclosed on all sides by nature deciduous woodland. Continuous hedgerow along Godinton Lane with mature hedgerow trees, CTRL impacts to NE corner. An overall sense of wooded enclosure. |             |  |        |   |
| <b>Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance</b>   |             |  |        |   |
| N+S sections are separately intact  |             |  |        | Intact  |
| <b>Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?</b>  |             |  |        |   |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat &amp; patches</b> Boundary woodlands – mature. Young planting in pasture to south will mature   |             | <b>Ecological corridors &amp; networks</b> Linked boundary woodland, continuous hedgerow with mature trees along both side of lane |        | <b>Ecological Value</b> Moderate – plus with surrounding areas of high ecological integrity |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>Intensive arable to the north, moderate pasture to the south  |             |  |        |   |
| <b>Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change</b>   |             |  |        |   |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>   |             | <b>Age structure</b> mature woodland boundaries plus mature hedgerow trees on lane, scattered new planting in south pasture.       |        | Good  |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>   |             | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b> thick continuous hedgerow, looks managed, no gaps                          |        | Good  |
| <b>Other features</b>   |             |  |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor  |
| <b>Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place</b>  |             |  |        |   |
| Type  | Siting      | Design   | Extent |   |
| CTRL  | NE boundary | Elevated on embankment   |        | Low   |



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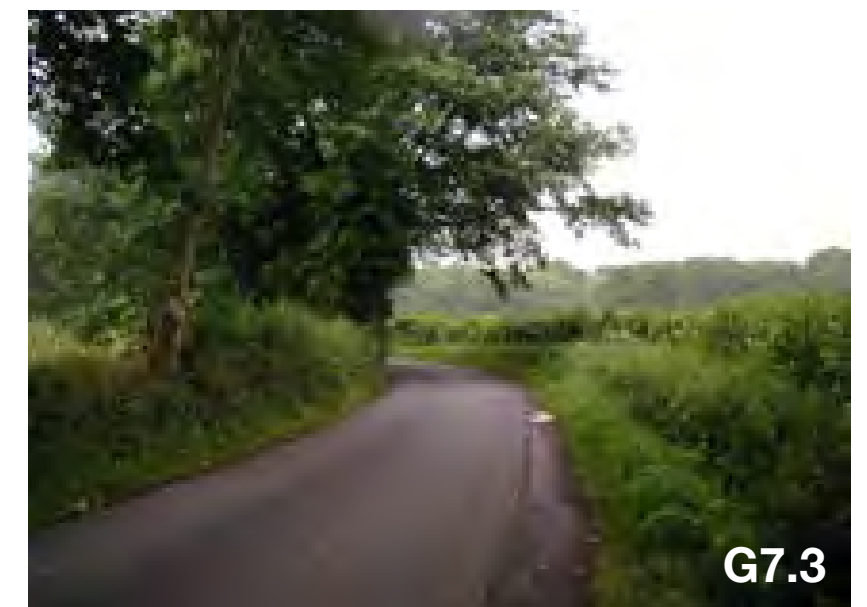
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Date: 12/07/05      Reference: G9      Location: Lake E of Waterfall Rd      Surveyors: am,mg,h

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| Study Sector:   |  | Godinton (Map ref: TQ979445)   |   |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |   |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 7.7  |   |
| Boundaries:   |  | D36 to N, G20 to W, G8 to S, G4 to E.  |   |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant Apparent Insignificant  | Landform Lake  | Views out (long/short/restricted) Arable of G8 to S               |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant Apparent Insignificant  | Key visual elements Scattered mature oaks  | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted) Framed by woodland |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant Apparent Insignificant Unenclosed   | Key visual elements  | Pattern and scale   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant Apparent Insignificant Unsettled  | Key visual elements  | Pattern   |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant Apparent Insignificant  | Key visual elements Created lake, currently use unknown.                                     | Seasonal variation Fishing?                                       |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |  |   |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds Lake – but man-made, with water flowing East to West. Gentle slopes.                 | Species associations Fringing vegetation: rushes, reedmace, yellow flag, nettles, tall herbs |   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary Recreation?  | Other  |   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation   | Species  |   |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt Scattered groups to boundaries                                | Species Oak, ash, horse chestnut, some alder regeneration, crack willow                      |   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stockfence/electric Approx 4metre fringing vegetation between lake and adjacent arable crop | Species  |   |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access No public access                                   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)  |   |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts Dam with sluice feature to W edge                                | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing  |   |
| Other features (such as moats)  |  |  |   |

Reference: G9

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>A small, medium-size lake, in a long thin shape, framed by a block of mature trees. The E boundary comprises wet woodland of G4. The S boundary outlook is towards sloping arable farmland with a thin buffer of vegetation. There is some wetland scrub to the NW. The lake is fed by streams flowing from E to W, controlled by a man-made concrete dam and rustic sluice. This creates a waterfall with a fall of approx 2 to 3 metres. The land use is unclear and there is no public access. The lakeside comprises fringing emergent vegetation, especially to the N. A small coppice forms the SW corner adjoining G8. |                   |  |  |                                     |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |                   |  |  |                                     |
| The concrete dam construction with waterfall to W is visible from the road, with some rubbish in the stream to the W. The stream and lake look managed.  |                   |  |  | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |                   |  |  |                                     |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches<br>Lake – fed by streams and with fringing vegetation of reeds with some scrub and trees.   |                   | Ecological corridors and networks<br>Streams and woodland link to E. |  | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>Unclear  |                   |  |  |                                     |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |                   |  |  |                                     |
| Tree Cover   |                   | Age structure<br>Mature oak etc, young alder and willow              |  | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Field Boundaries   |                   | Survival of historic field pattern and condition                     |  | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| Other features   |                   |  |  | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |                   |  |  |                                     |
| Type   | Siting            | Design   | Extent   | High                                |
| Dam/sluice   | West edge of lake | Concrete construction with rustic sluice 'wheel'                     | Visible from road, but not visually detracting | Moderate<br><br>Low                 |





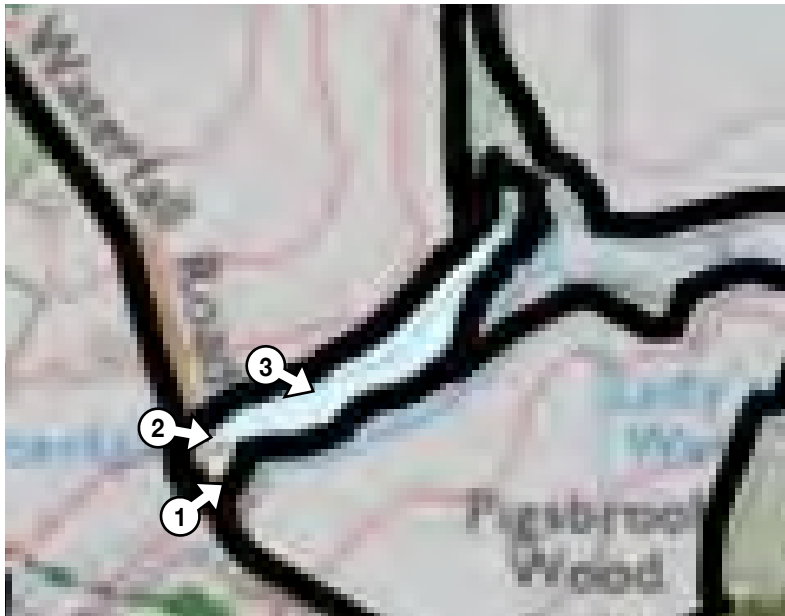
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# Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## **HHF5:** Godinton Park

Date: 12/07/05      Reference: G8      Location: West of Godinton Plantation      Surveyors: am,mg,h

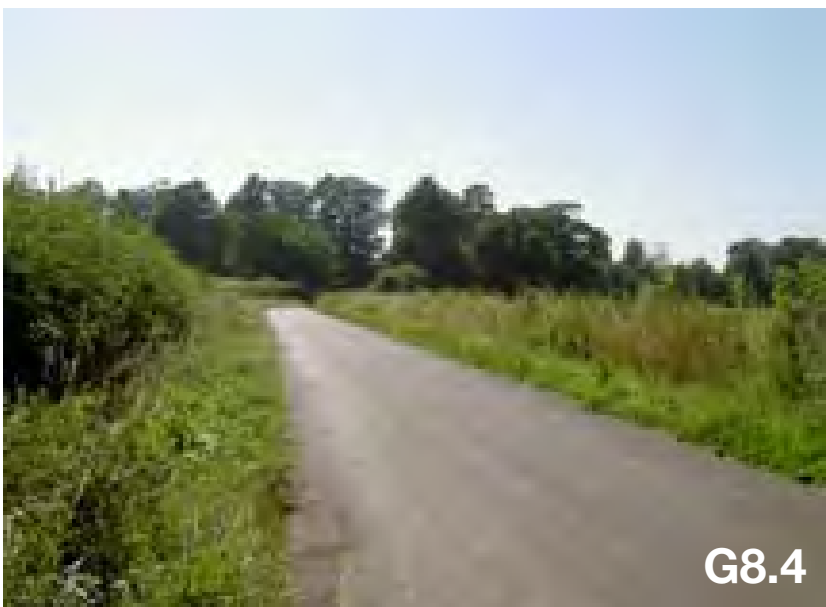
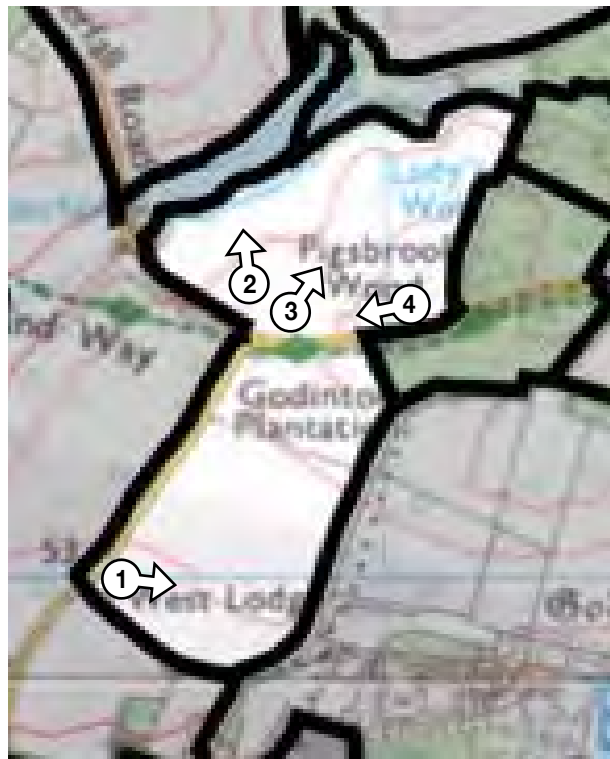
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| Study Sector:   |  | Godinton (Map ref: TQ979441)   |   |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |   |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 1.9 small regular shape enclosure with straight boundaries                 |   |
| Boundaries:   |  | G20 to S and W, G10 to SE, G9 and G4 to N, G5 and G6 to NE.                |   |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Landform<br>Sloping, apparent to north field, insignificant to south field | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Long from N field towards lake and North Downs, restricted from S by high hedgerows and wooded boundaries. |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>At boundaries and thin strip to NW                  | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Framed by boundary woods. Some distant views to North Downs from the north field              |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed  | Key visual elements<br>Boundary woodland and hedgerow along lane           | Pattern and scale<br>Small to medium enclosure, regular shape, as HLT   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled   | Key visual elements<br>Farmhouse to SW corner                              | Pattern<br>Isolated   |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Arable crop   | Seasonal variation<br>With crop in July   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |  |   |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Stream to NW boundary, man-made bank to W edge  |  | Species associations<br>Covered by mature canopy  |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Arable crops, different in each field   |  | Other   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Thin strip of woodland to NW boundary  |  | Species<br>Lime, yew, hawthorn, elm, sycamore, ash, oak, sweet chestnut   |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>Few scattered trees to north field, plus a group of sycamores on W junction and along hedge.                             |  | Species   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stockfence/electric<br>Lane to W has a high continuous mixed native hedgerow and a wide tall grass verge.<br>Low verge with new hedge planting to N field |  | Species<br>Hawthorn, hazel, elm, dogwood, nettle. New plantings of beech and oak  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>Along W edge of southern section, plus Godinton Lane bisects the parcel E-W                                   |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)   |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br><br>One isolated house to SW  |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing   |
| Other features (such as moats)  |  |  |   |

Reference: G8

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>A small to medium size parcel, of largely flat land, split into two distinct sections, bisected by Godinton Lane. There is a strong, continuous high hedgerow along the south side of the lane. There are arable crops to the south. There is an isolated house in the SW corner, enclosed by hedgerows and trees. A different arable crop is planted in the N field, which also contains several scattered mature trees. The N field slopes gently N, towards a lake and trees. There are long views to the North Downs, rising above the trees beyond the far boundary. There is a small strip of woodland to the NW, with a stream along its boundary. |   |  |               |   |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |   |  |               |   |
| Overall, an intact landscape with two distinct and separated characters to the N and S parcels. The N is an open landscape of arable field with long views to the North Downs, framed by trees to the N,W and E. The S section is enclosed by hedgerows.   |   |  |               | <b>Intact</b><br><b>Interrupted</b><br><b>Fragmented</b>  |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |   |  |               |   |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches</b><br>Strong hedgerows with scattered mature trees. Thin strip of mature woodland to NW.  |   | <b>Ecological corridors and networks</b><br>Strong continuous hedgerow to section S of Godinton Lane and good wide verges. Young hedge and young verge to N of lane will mature. Stream to NW. |               | <b>High</b><br><br><b>Moderate</b><br>Moderate-plus, due to strong corridors, boundary trees and stream<br><b>Low</b> |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>Intensive arable fields.   |   |  |               |   |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |   |  |               |   |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>  | <b>Age structure</b><br>Mature  |  |               | <b>Good</b><br><b>Variable</b><br><b>Poor</b>   |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>  | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b><br>Stronger hedge to S parcel, efforts being made to improve N parcel hedgerow boundary |  |               | <b>Good</b><br><b>Variable</b><br><b>Poor</b>   |
| <b>Other features</b>  |   |  |               | <b>Good</b><br><b>Variable</b><br><b>Poor</b>   |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |   |  |               |   |
| <b>Type</b>  | <b>Siting</b>   | <b>Design</b>  | <b>Extent</b> | <b>High</b><br><br><b>Moderate</b><br><br><b>Low</b>  |



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| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |   | 10.1 Pre 1810 parkland   |  |
| Boundaries:   |   | G11 to S / Ashford to E / D48 woodland to NE / G7 pasture and arable, plus G3 and G6 woodland to N / arable G8 to W                        |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Landform<br>Gently undulating slopes, river, spinney   | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Long glimpses S to Chilmington  |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Manor with grazed parkland, dotted with mature trees, grazing and small wood areas                                  | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Large stately manor house overlooks its own grounds including an ornamental garden and extensive parkland. |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed   | Key visual elements<br>Open English parkland. No hedgerows visible. Few stock fences.  | Pattern and scale<br>Subtle fencing – open feel.   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled  | Key visual elements<br>Godinton House stately manor and gatehouses. Fringe housing well screened beyond E boundary.                        | Pattern  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Cattle-grazed parkland. Footpaths for recreation. Areas in Countryside Stewardship Scheme managed for conservation. | Seasonal variation<br>Deciduous trees.   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |  |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Dry pond – seasonal or dried out?  |  | Species associations<br>Tall herb vegetation   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Cattle grazed pasture<br>Countryside Stewardship Scheme.   |  | Other  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Scattered plantations including native species. Many mature standard parkland native trees (especially oak). Good herb layer. Some young hazel coppice to NE. |  | Species<br>Ash, hornbeam, field maple, hawthorn, dead elm, privet, sycamore, birch, Scot's pine  |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>Scattered mature trees (some veteran. Some standing dead and dying wood.  |  | Species<br>Oak horse chestnut, plane, sweet chestnut, field maple, hornbeam.   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stockfence/electric  |  | Species  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>CTRL hidden in NE corner (but it is audible). Greensand Way footpath to N and E. Access to house and grounds.            |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)  |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br><br>Gatehouse to N. Godinton House, urban edge and CTRL.   |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing  |
| Other features (such as moats)  | Flower-rich meadow to NE corner with reptile fencing (probably associated with CTRL).   |  |  |

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>Traditional open English parkland landscape surrounding Godinton manor house, with cattle-grazed (fenced) grounds – low intensity. Characterised by scattered mature trees, some veteran, with notable standing dead wood. A number of mixed mature plantations, including some areas of young coppice to NE and a small flower meadow to NE (beside CTRL). The CTRL impact is purely noise (as it is well-screened by trees). The new development to the E boundary is well screened by a plantation. There are fine, long views to the south. |  |               |   |  |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |  |               |   |  |
| Unspoilt English parkland landscape and manor house. New housing well screened to E. CTRL does not detract from parkland.<br>Fine, distant views out to S.   |  |               |   | <b>Intact</b><br><i>Interrupted</i><br><i>Fragmented</i> |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |  |               |   |  |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches</b><br>Plantation woodlands, some rough grazed grassland, especially to NE corner, areas designated for nature conservation. Standing dead wood.   | <b>Ecological corridors and networks</b><br>CTRL in one corner links to D48 woodland.  |               | <i>High</i><br><br><b>Moderate plus</b><br><br><i>Low</i> |  |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>Low to moderate. Areas of cattle grazing which look rotated.   |  |               |   |  |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |  |               |   |  |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>  | <b>Age structure</b><br>A range including many mature and veteran scattered native trees, especially oak and ash. Some young coppice and some plantation woodland. |               |   | <b>Good</b><br><i>Variable</i><br><i>Poor</i>            |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>  | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b><br>Subtle – parkland landscape.  |               |   | <b>Good</b><br><i>Variable</i><br><i>Poor</i>            |
| <b>Other features</b>  | Manor house  |               |   | <b>Good</b><br><i>Variable</i><br><i>Poor</i>            |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |  |               |   |  |
| <b>Type</b>  | <b>Siting</b>  | <b>Design</b> | <b>Extent</b>   | <i>High</i>  |
| CTRL   | In cutting, NE   |               | Low, but noise evident                                    | <i>Moderate</i>  |
| New housing  | E boundary   |               | Screened by trees   | <b>Low</b>   |





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# Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

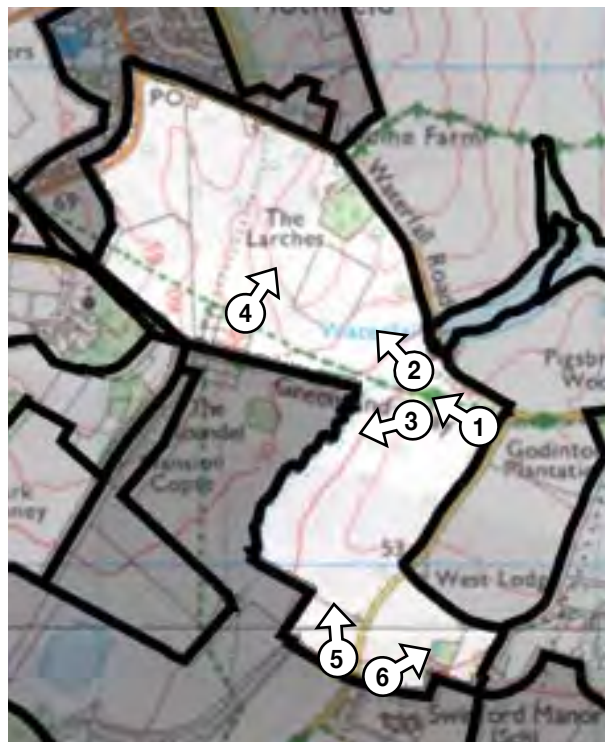
## **HHF6:** Hothfield Farmlands

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| Study Sector:   |  | Godinton (Map ref: TQ975445)   |   |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |   |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 7.1 Misc valley bottom paddocks and pastures   |   |
| Boundaries:   |  | G18 Hothfield to N / D36, G9 lake, G8 arable to E / E1 E4 floodplain to S / G22 and G23 to W / G25 and study boundary to NW. |   |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Landform<br>Gently undulating slopes towards stream  | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Medium length, some long glimpses to North Downs and to the S                |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Scattered mature deciduous trees  | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Mainly open   |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed  | Key visual elements<br>Some stock fencing, especially to boundaries. Hedgerows along most of lanes. Brick wall to N          | Pattern and scale<br>Large scale, irregular, but smaller fields to SE   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled   | Key visual elements<br>Derelict small brick farm building to S corner  | Pattern<br>Isolated   |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Mainly rough pasture, light sheep grazing   | Seasonal variation<br>xx  |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |  |   |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Stream runs N-S (threat from spraying of thistles)  |  | Species associations<br>Emergent vegetation, nettles, dragonflies, goat willow, horsetail, alder                  |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Sheep grazed, low intensity. Spraying of thistles evident.  |  | Other   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Small coppice to SE :<br>The Larches to N in a small copse:  |  | Species<br>Poplar, ash, oak.<br>Sycamore, oak, ash, field maple.  |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>Scattered mature trees and some deciduous dead wood:<br><br>Some hedgerow trees along lanes:<br>Some new native planting along road by school. |  | Species<br>Oak, beech, horse chestnut, sweet chestnut, lime, copper beech.<br>Ash, field maple.                   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stockfence/electric<br>Hedge along lane, some stock fencing, brick wall to N. Some metal railings.  |  | Species<br>Hawthorn, hazel, elm, elder  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>Local road boundaries to W, N and E. Greensand Way crosses E/W.   |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)<br>Waterfall Rd is deeply sunken in sections, with old vegetated walls. |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts  |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing<br>Village edge to NW.  |
| Other features (such as moats)  |  |  |   |

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>Medium sized irregular parcel of sheep-grazed pasture, rough in places. Dotted with mature trees throughout, with 2 small coppices, one to N and one to SE. The landscape undulates towards the stream that runs N to S. Surrounded to W, N and E by local roads, with some lengths of hedgerow. Waterfall Rd to NE boundary has a fine sunken section. The Greensand Way passes through the parcel East to West. A brick wall forms the NW boundary. Mainly open landscape with long glimpses to N Downs and the south in places. The SE section has a more enclosed feel. |   |   |               |  |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |   |   |               |  |
| The edge of the village detracts slightly to NW; in particular the metal fence around the school. There appears to be some loss of hedgerows.  |   |   |               | <b>Intact</b><br><i>Interrupted</i><br><i>Fragmented</i> |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |   |   |               |  |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches</b><br>Two woodland copses, rough sheep-grazed pasture (low grazing intensity). The farmer is about to join Environmental Stewardship Scheme.  |   | <b>Ecological corridors and networks</b><br>Stream runs N to S. |               | <i>High</i><br><br><b>Moderate</b><br><br><i>Low</i>     |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>Low intensity grazing  |   |   |               |  |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |   |   |               |  |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>  | <b>Age structure</b><br>Mainly mature trees, scattered in pasture, in copses and along hedges in lanes. Some dead wood.       |   |               | <b>Good</b><br><i>Variable</i><br><i>Poor</i>            |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>  | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b><br>Some hedgerow loss along lanes. Brick wall to N in good condition. |   |               | <i>Good</i><br><b>Variable</b><br><i>Poor</i>            |
| <b>Other features</b>  | Waterfall Road – sunken.  |   |               | <b>Good</b><br><i>Variable</i><br><i>Poor</i>            |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |   |   |               |  |
| <b>Type</b>  | <b>Siting</b>   | <b>Design</b>   | <b>Extent</b> | <i>High</i><br><br><i>Moderate</i><br><br><b>Low</b>     |



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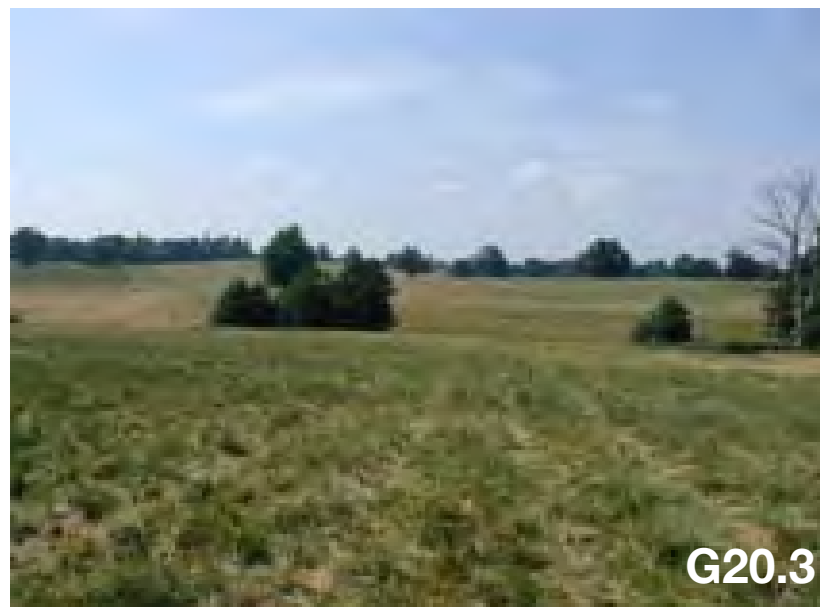
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Survey Date: 14.7.05      Reference: G21      Location: Park Spinney      Surveyors: HA/MG

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| Study Sector:   |  | Godinton (Map ref: TQ969441)                                    |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Greensand Fruit Belt – Egerton                                  |  |
| Historic Landscape Character:   |  | 7.1   |  |
| Boundaries:   |  | Arable of E1/4 to west and G17 to south; G 22 to north and east |  |
| TOPOGRAHY   | Dominant<br><b>Apparent</b><br>Insignificant                                   | Landform<br>Gentle slope towards west                           | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Long views over arable land, restricted to north and west |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements   | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Open   |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br><b>Apparent</b><br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed                     | Key visual elements<br>wire stockfence                          | Pattern and scale<br>Linear tree cover at the border to G22.                                   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled                             | Key visual elements   | Pattern  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Arable                                   | Seasonal variation   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |   |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds  |   | Species associations   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Arable  |   | Other  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation   |   | Species  |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>Linear along border to G22     |   | Species<br>See G22   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Stockfence at the south and west border |   | Species  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access                        |   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)  |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts                                      |   | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing  |
| Other features (such as moats)  |  |   |  |

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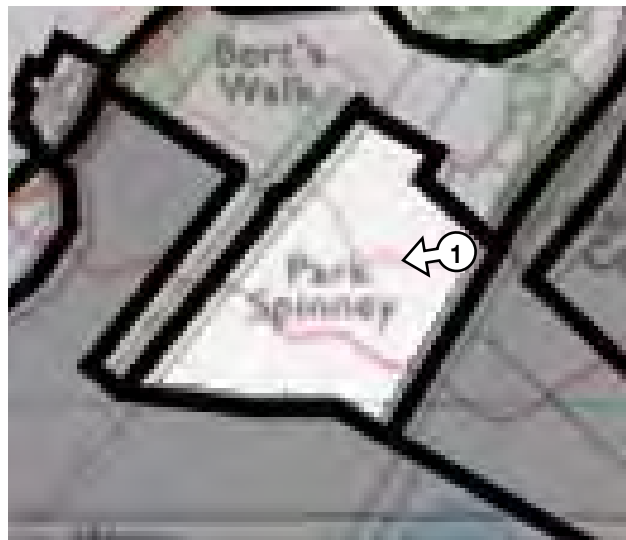
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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>A small patch of arable land. Described as part of the GFB – Egerton landscape character area but is now more part of the Upper Stour Valley area. Low ecological integrity, except edge along G22 |        |   |        |  |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance   |        |   |        |  |
| Long views down Upper Stour Valley, Part of larger arable area.   |        |   |        | <del>Intact</del><br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |        |   |        |  |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches<br>None  |        | Ecological corridors and networks<br>Small verges, low value, but some tree cover and hedgerows along border to G22 |        | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br><del>Low</del>     |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>High arable activity  |        |   |        |  |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |        |   |        |  |
| Tree Cover  |        | Age structure   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor                       |
| Field Boundaries  |        | Survival of historic field pattern and condition  |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor                       |
| Other features  |        |   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor                       |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |        |   |        |  |
| Type  | Siting | Design  | Extent | High<br>Moderate<br>Low                        |



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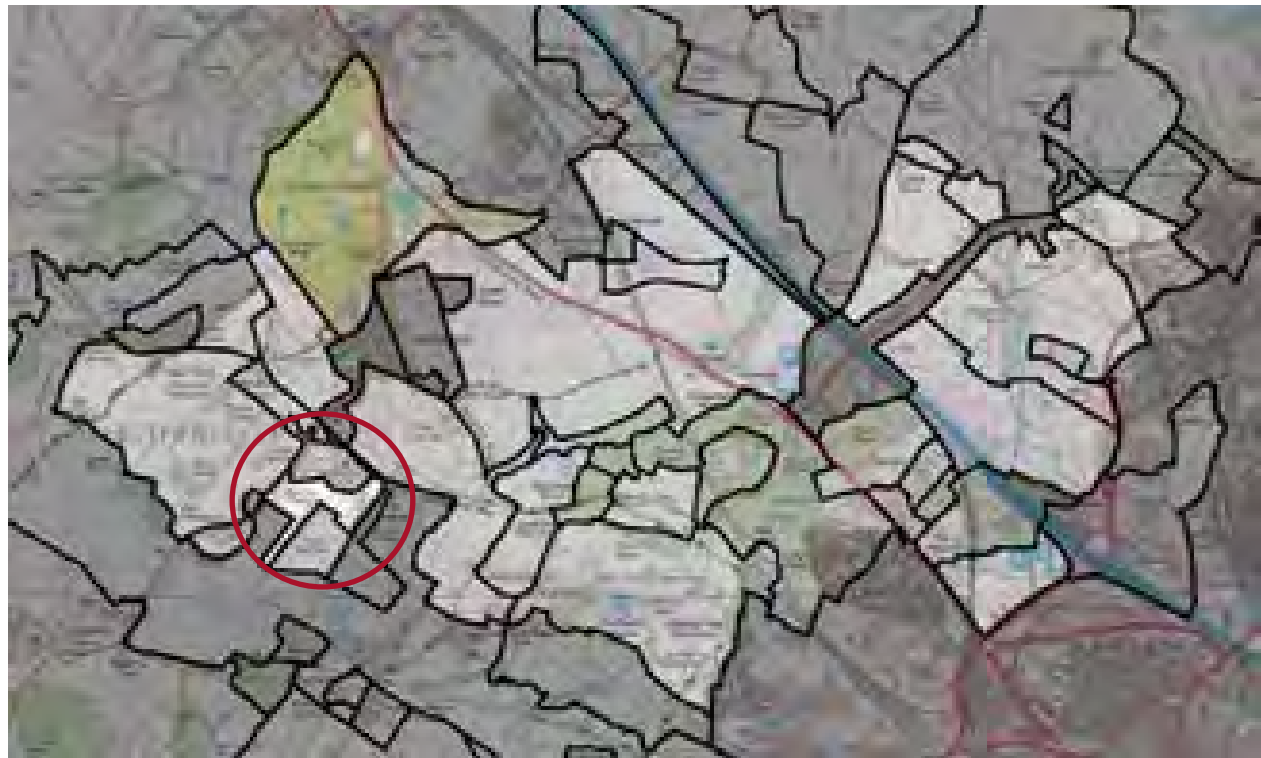
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| Study Sector:   |   | Godinton (Map ref: TQ969444)  |   |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Greensand Fruit Belt- Egerton   |   |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |   | 1.9   |   |
| Boundaries:   |   | Arable of G21 to S, G17 to E G26 and E1/4 to W and G20 to N. Urban of G23 to N. |   |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Insignificant   | Landform<br>Gentle slope to south   | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Long views over open farmland. Trees restrict views out to E, W, N |
| TREE COVER  | Apparent  | Key visual elements<br>Some blocks of mature woodland and tree groups.          | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Pockets of open fields, Otherwise framed              |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Apparent  | Key visual elements<br>Historic brick wall in W. Others are fences and woods    | Pattern and scale   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Old wall boundary to G22                                 | Pattern   |
| LANDUSE   | Apparent  | Key visual elements<br>Grassland, woodland and horse grazing.                   | Seasonal variation<br>Deciduous   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |   |   |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds   |   | Species associations  |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Meadow in SE, Horse grazed in central, mature woods in S and W   |   | Other   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>SE: Ornamental planting<br>W: linear mature canopy  |   | Species<br>Larch, pine, sprouse, oak, lime<br>Oak, ash, lime, holly, birch, sycamore                    |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>See above   |   | Species<br>Field layer of nettles and rhododendron  |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Mostly stock fence, Some buildt walls to road in W and to graveyard in G23 |   | Species   |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>No public access                                       |   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)   |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>Some walls at the borders.   |   | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing   |
| Other features (such as moats)  |   |   |   |

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>An irregular shaped parcel of mixed use woodland blocks and meadow. There is a mature linear wood boundary to the west and a five foot high old red brick manorial wall dividing G22 with the adjoining wood. There is a mature copse to the east comprising oornamental conifers and mixed natives. Restricted views out to open farmland to the E. long views out to hills, farmland and trees to the south from the central horse-grazed meadow. A linear woodland block extends to the south. G22 borders Hothfield manor buildings to N. |        |  |        |                                 |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |        |  |        |                                 |
| Long voews to trees and hills in S from SE. Long views to medium-sized arable fields on G21 side. Views restricted on W side. Central meadow has views out to the south over arable fields, trees and hedgerows.   |        |  |        | Intact                          |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |        |  |        |                                 |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches</b><br>SE: Mature canopy, without glades and poor understorey. Some rhododendron.<br>W: Evidence of wet woods  |        | <b>Ecological corridors and networks</b><br>SE: links to woods and graveyard in G 23.<br>No linking hedgerows.   |        | Moderate                        |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend  |        |  |        |                                 |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |        |  |        |                                 |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>  |        | <b>Age structure</b><br>SE: Mainly mature(ornamental) with open glades/meadow<br>W: Mainly mature<br>S: Younger woodland                               |        | Good                            |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>  |        | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b><br>SE: Boundaries evident by stock fence<br>W: Historic wall<br>S: Stockfence, some hedgerows. |        | Variable                        |
| <b>Other features</b>  |        |  |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor        |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |        |  |        |                                 |
| Type   | Sifing | Design   | Extent | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low |





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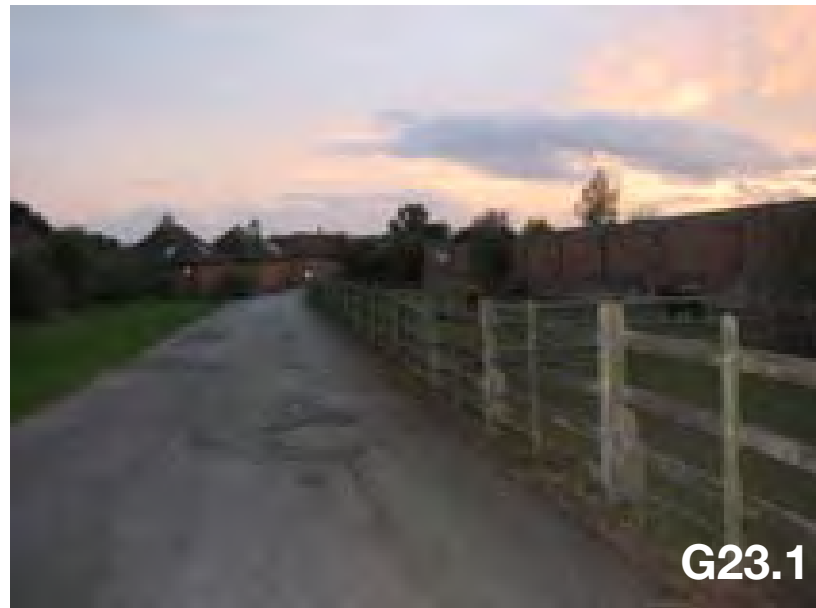
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| <b>Study Sector:</b>   |  | (Map ref: TQ969445)   |                                    |
| <b>County Landscape Character Area:</b>  |  | Greensand Fruit Belt - Egerton  |                                    |
| <b>Historic Landscape Type:</b>  |  | 9.7 Village/ hamlet 1810 extent   |                                    |
| <b>Boundaries:</b>   |  | G25 to N,G20 to E, G22 to S, G26 to W   |                                    |
| <b>SETTLEMENT &amp; BUILT FEATURES</b>   | Dominant<br><b>Apparent</b><br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled  | <b>Key visual elements</b><br>medieval church<br>Hothfield Manor - walled garden now part of Hothfield Manor Centre |                                    |
| <b>TOPOGRAPHY</b>  | Dominant<br><b>Apparent</b><br>Insignificant   | <b>Landform</b><br>Gentle slope   |                                    |
| <b>TREE COVER</b>  | Dominant<br><b>Apparent</b><br>Insignificant   | <b>Key visual elements</b><br>mature limes on approach to church with sycamore and ash                              |                                    |
| <b>FORM &amp; LAYOUT</b>   | Linear<br>Clustered<br>Sprawling   | Clustered   |                                    |
| <b>AGE &amp; CONDITION</b>   | Pre-war<br>Post-war<br>1960-70's<br>1980-1990's<br>Recent  | Medieval  |                                    |
| <b>KEY FEATURES</b> – in what way do the following contribute to the local distinctiveness of the settlement?          |  |   |                                    |
| <b>Building style</b>  | <b>Roof &amp; materials/ scale</b><br>Ragstone church with tiled roof and timber steeple<br>Brick outbuildings<br>Tall brick walls with piers to walled garden                         |   |                                    |
| <b>Street Scene</b>  | <b>Frontage/ verge/ boundaries/ materials</b><br>Narrow lane to church with grass verge bounded by walled garden<br>Main road bounded by manor estate wall with brick coping and piers |   | <b>Planting/ signage/ lighting</b> |
| <b>Edge condition</b>  | <b>New housing</b><br>N/A  |   |                                    |
| <b>Other features (include detractors)</b>   | -  |   |                                    |
| <b>PERCEPTION of the place</b> – is it tranquil/ safe/ pleasant/ legible/ accessible?<br>Tranquil and secluded setting |  |   |                                    |

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| <b>Brief summary description of settlement/ edge conditions and its siting within the wider landscape:</b><br>Walled garden and Lime allee approach to the church and farm for the Godinton estate. Characterised by high mellow weathered brick garden walls and lean-to brick sheds onto the lane. Now surrounded by small paddocks for Shetland/pit ponies. Interior of walled garden appears to be developed and no longer in horticultural use. Ragstone Gothic church with timber shingle spire set in a large graveyard with a number of large yews, some smaller ornamental trees and beech and oak to rear. Metal estate fencing to drive. Collection of Victorian/Edwardian farm buildings and houses in red brick clustered at south eastern part of the garden with feature dove cote. Small woodland behind settlement. |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the settlement and note any detracting features and their significance   |  |   |  |  |
| Parkland setting, allee of limes main feature, poplar plantation to south a dominant block of vegetation   |  |   |  | <b>Intact</b><br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| <b>Settlement integrity/ edge condition</b> – how well does the settlement hold together   |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Extent of settlement</b>  |  | Integrated estate farm/ working garden buildings clustered around much older church | <b>High</b><br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |  |
| <b>Intensity of built form and trend</b><br>Compact  |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Local vernacular</b>  | <b>Survival of features and condition</b><br>Ragstone church with timber steeple<br>High walled garden and extensive lower estate walls in mellow brick with half round brick coping |   |  | <b>Good</b><br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>  | <b>Age structure</b><br>mature lime allee next to walled garden. Large yews in church yard with some smaller ornamentals and oak and beech at rear                                   |   |  | <b>Good</b><br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>  | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b><br>Hedges to the lane – mixed thorns   |   |  | <b>Good</b><br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| <b>Other features</b>  | Estate Walls a key character feature   |   |  | <b>Good</b><br>Variable<br>Poor            |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Type</b><br>residential   | <b>Siting</b><br>within walled garden  | <b>Design</b><br>private could not be seen  | <b>Extent</b><br>private could not be seen | <b>High</b><br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low     |



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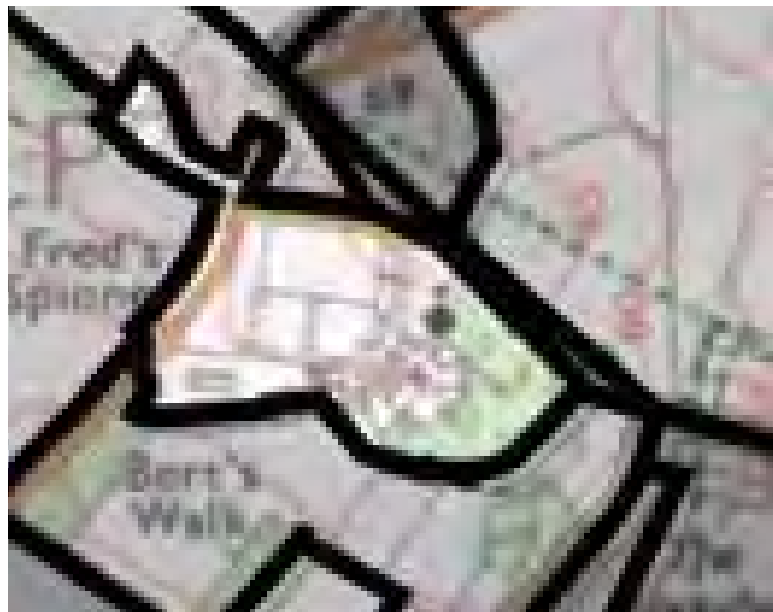
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| Study Sector:  |  | Godinton (Map ref: TQ963441)   |
| County Landscape Character Area:   |  | Greensand Fruit Belt - Egerton   |
| Historic Landscape Type:   |  | 9.2 Scattered settlements with paddocks (post 1810 extent)   |
| Boundaries:  |  | G26 to N, E1/4 to S  |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled   | <b>Key visual elements</b><br>early Victorian revival house and low brick wall to road, collection of barns and outbuildings in brick with slate roofs rather than tile, plus newer late 20 <sup>th</sup> cent. Farm buildings now wood turning business.  |
| TOPOGRAPHY   | Dominant<br><b>Apparent</b><br>Insignificant   | <b>Landform</b><br>Very gentle slopes to low point beyond southern end of LDU where gate closing main road suggests road floods – corresponding gate about half mile further on near Rippers Cross Farm (E1-E4) at edge of study area where water back up from the Hothfield flood defence at Worton Mill. |
| TREE COVER   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br><b>Insignificant</b>   | <b>Key visual elements</b><br>birch and shrubs to front of barns   |
| FORM & LAYOUT  | Linear<br><b>Clustered</b><br>Sprawling  |  |
| AGE & CONDITION  | <b>Pre-war</b><br>Post-war<br>1960-70's<br>1980-1990's<br>Recent   | Early-mid Victorian, some more recent sheds post 1960s   |
| <b>KEY FEATURES</b> – in what way do the following contribute to the local distinctiveness of the settlement?  |  |  |
| Building style   | <b>Roof &amp; materials/ scale</b><br>House – 2 floor, yellow stock and slate roof, gothic fenestration. Main barn black ship weather boarding with slate roof – 2 floor height, remaining buildings mainly 2 storey, brick with slate roofs. Also some corrugate steel. |  |
| Street Scene   | <b>Frontage/ verge/ boundaries/ materials</b><br>Wide mown verge to road then low weather brick wall – a long feature matching estate features elsewhere   | <b>Planting/ signage/ lighting</b><br>Gardenesque planting in deep front garden between buildings and low garden wall.   |
| Edge condition   | <b>New housing</b><br>N/A  |  |
| Other features (include detractors)  | Steel gate to close road during flooding   |  |
| <b>PERCEPTION of the place</b> – is it tranquil/ safe/ pleasant/ legible/ accessible?<br><br>Rural farm group with new business use. Attractive House. |  |  |

Reference: G24

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| <b>Brief summary description of settlement/ edge conditions and its siting within the wider landscape:</b><br>Compact rural farm style settlement now with local industry use (wood turning). Set back from the lane behind wide mown verge and deep front garden, planted with variety of medium to large shrubs to screen hard standing for parking. House most attractive early Victorian with low wall and garden beyond. Little tree cover, open aspect with parkland setting beyond. |   |        |  |  |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the settlement and note any detracting features and their significance   |   |        |  |  |
| Farmed parkland  |   |        |  | <b>Intact</b><br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| <b>Settlement integrity/ edge condition</b> – how well does the settlement hold together   |   |        |  |  |
| Extent of settlement   | Close knit  |        | <b>High</b><br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low |  |
| <b>Intensity of built form and trend</b><br>High in manner of farm buildings   |   |        |  |  |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |   |        |  |  |
| Local vernacular   | Survival of features and condition<br>Form of some barns, but otherwise more Victorian in character   |        | Good<br><b>Variable</b><br>Poor        |  |
| Tree Cover   | Age structure<br>few trees  |        | Good<br>Variable<br><b>Poor</b>        |  |
| Field Boundaries   | Survival of historic field pattern and condition<br>Estate boundary to road intact as low brick wall. |        | Good<br><b>Variable</b><br>Poor        |  |
| Other features   | Noted use of slate for roofing – non local material   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor               |  |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place<br><br>N/A  |   |        |  |  |
| Type   | Siting  | Design | Extent                                 | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low            |





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Survey Date: 14.07.05      Reference: G25      Location: Mitchell Farm      Surveyors: AM/HA

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| Study Sector:   |  | Godinton (Map ref: TQ967448)  |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Greensand Fruit Belt – Egerton  |  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 1.9 Small reg. W. straight boundaries   |  |
| Boundaries:   |  | N. part bordered by G25 to W.<br>S. part bordered by G23 to W.                      |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Insignificant  | Landform<br>Flat  | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Long views to N over fields to trees.   |
| TREE COVER  | Apparent   | Key visual elements<br>Along boundaries.  | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Open, Restricted from N side to S side by lane with tree line/hedgerow |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Apparent   | Key visual elements<br>Wall from S side to biscting lane, Tree cover at W boundary. | Pattern and scale  |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Apparent   | Key visual elements<br>Small farm in N corner. Small village to E. Church to S.     | Pattern  |
| LANDUSE   | Apparent   | Key visual elements<br>Arable, meadow and pasture                                   | Seasonal variation<br>Yes.   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |   |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds  |   | Species associations   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Meadow in south, arable in middle, Cow grazing in N   |   | Other  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation   |   | Species  |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>S: linear/scattered trees to SW boundary line of limes along lane.<br>N:Hedgerows on E, W, N boundaries with few scattered mature trees. |   | Species<br>Lime, oak, pine, sycamore, ash, lilac, hawthorne, holly   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>S: wall to N, fence and trees to W, Fence to E<br>N: Range of stockfence and hedgerows.   |   | Species<br>Hawthorne.  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>Footpath along NE edge<br>Bisected by tree lane   |   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)  |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>Wall along lane   |   | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing  |
| Other features (such as moats)  |  |   |  |

Reference: G25

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>A long small parcel bisected by a lane to E-W also with access N-S along the Greensand way along E edge. A mixture of small fields used for cattle-grazing beside the farm settlement in the north corner, plus arable farmland and fallow grassy meadows elsewhere. A flat English countryside farm landscape, with mixed boundaries of hedges, fences and a few trees. Long glimpses to rolling hills in all direction. Views to village houses and church in south parcel. |               |  |               |                          |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |               |  |               |                          |
| South part: Long views to SE to mature trees. Intact English country landscape, but with vernacular style village houses seen to NE.   |               |  |               | Intact                   |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |               |  |               |                          |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches</b><br>Some meadows on both N and S part.  |               | <b>Ecological corridors and networks</b><br>Some hedgerows on north part, but not intact.  |               | Moderate                 |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>Varied, arable is high.  |               |  |               |                          |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |               |  |               |                          |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>  |               | <b>Age structure</b><br>Mature trees in meadow, and along lane. Younger ornamental trees along boundaries to village settlements |               | Variable                 |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>  |               | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b><br>Hedgerows and trees along outer boundaries, internal is missing       |               | Variable                 |
| <b>Other features</b>  |               |  |               | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |               |  |               |                          |
| <b>Type</b><br>Farm house in N   | <b>Siting</b> | <b>Design</b><br>Modern with a country style look  | <b>Extent</b> | Low                      |





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Survey Date: 14.07.05      Reference: G26      Location: Hall Farm      Surveyors: MG/HA

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| Study Sector:   |   | Godinton (Map ref: TQ963447)  |   |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Greensand Fruit Belt – Egerton  |   |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |   | 1.6 Rec. w. wavy boundaries   |   |
| Boundaries:   |   | Valley floor of E1/4 to N, S, W. Arable/mixed of G25 to N and G22 to E.                       |   |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Apparent  | Landform<br>Just slight undulations   | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Mainly medium due to internal and boundary woodland.                         |
| TREE COVER  | Apparent  | Key visual elements<br>Plantations, alder beds, copse, spinney                                | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Open, but framed in places by plantation and boundary woodland. |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Boundary hedgerows along lanes, some high internal hedgerows, woodland | Pattern and scale<br>Open, irregular  |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Hall farm to N   | Pattern<br>Isolated   |
| LANDUSE   | Apparent  | Key visual elements<br>Arable and woodlands   | Seasonal variation<br>With crop and deciduous   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |   |   |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Stream and ponds on OS, no public access, Appears to be som loss of associated hedgerows.      |   | Species associations  |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Arable (varied)  |   | Other<br>Small section of hay crop at Hall Farm   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Various plantation, no public access.   |   | Species<br>Popplar, alder, willow, oak, scot's pine, larch  |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>Hedgerow trees, scattered mature trees. Linear strip to `N of Hall farm |   | Species<br>Oak, ash, scot's pine, larch   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Hedges along lane, some high, rich internal hedgerows to N.                      |   | Species<br>Hazel, field maple, blackthorne, hawthorne, beech, elder, oak.   |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>Local road on border to N, E and S footpath to NW corner     |   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)   |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>Hall farm – Farm – Farm house and large barn in progress of renovation.    |   | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing   |
| Other features (such as moats)  |   |   |   |

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>Medium large parcel of mixed arable farmland with scattered woodland and plantations. Some appear wet. Open for large streches due to loss of hedgerows, but those that remain are largely in good condition, esp along right-by-way. Bounded to N, E, and S by local roads with hedgerow and scattered hedgerow trees. Fine farmhouse at Hall farm to NW of parcel. Overall sense of well-treated landscape due to internal and boundary woodlands. |        |  |        |                          |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance   |        |  |        |                          |
| Telegraph poles   |        |  |        | Intact                   |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |        |  |        |                          |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches</b><br>Various woodland plantation and some wet woodland, but scattered throughout parcel.  |        | <b>Ecological corridors and networks</b><br>Hedgerows along lanes. Thick in places, some specially rich hedgerows to NW streams.                                       |        | Moderate                 |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>High intensity arable, low intensity woodland   |        |  |        |                          |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |        |  |        |                          |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>   |        | <b>Age structure</b><br>Mainly mature, few planted oaks.   |        | Good                     |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>   |        | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b><br>Mainly continuous along lane to SE and NW, Some hedgerows loss, but thick and continuous where remain to NW |        | Variable                 |
| <b>Other features</b>   |        |  |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |        |  |        |                          |
| Type<br>Farm  | Siting | Design   | Extent | Low                      |



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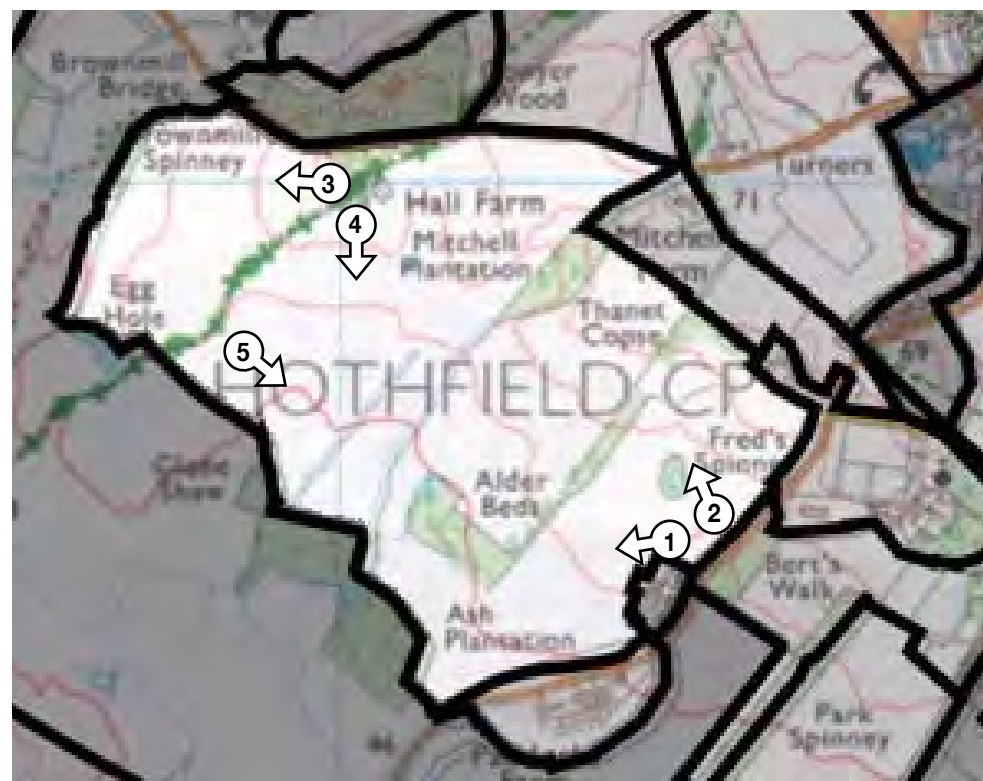


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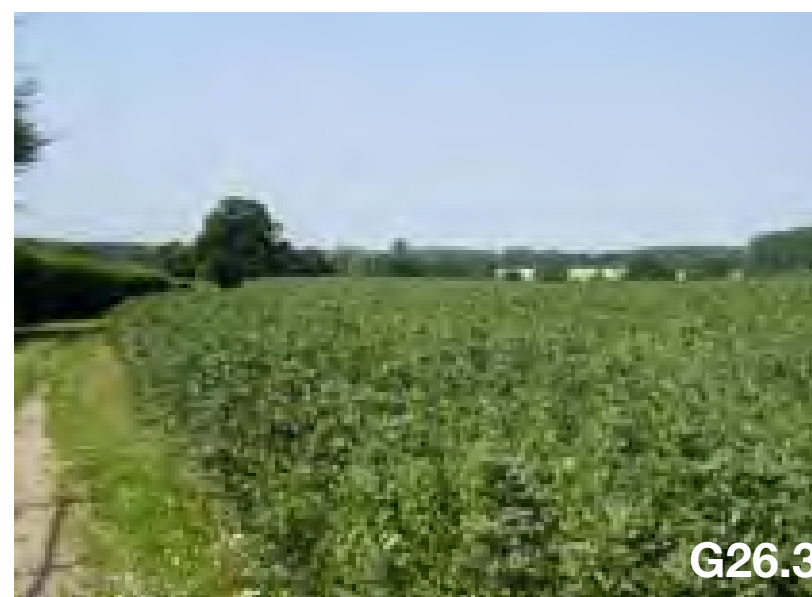
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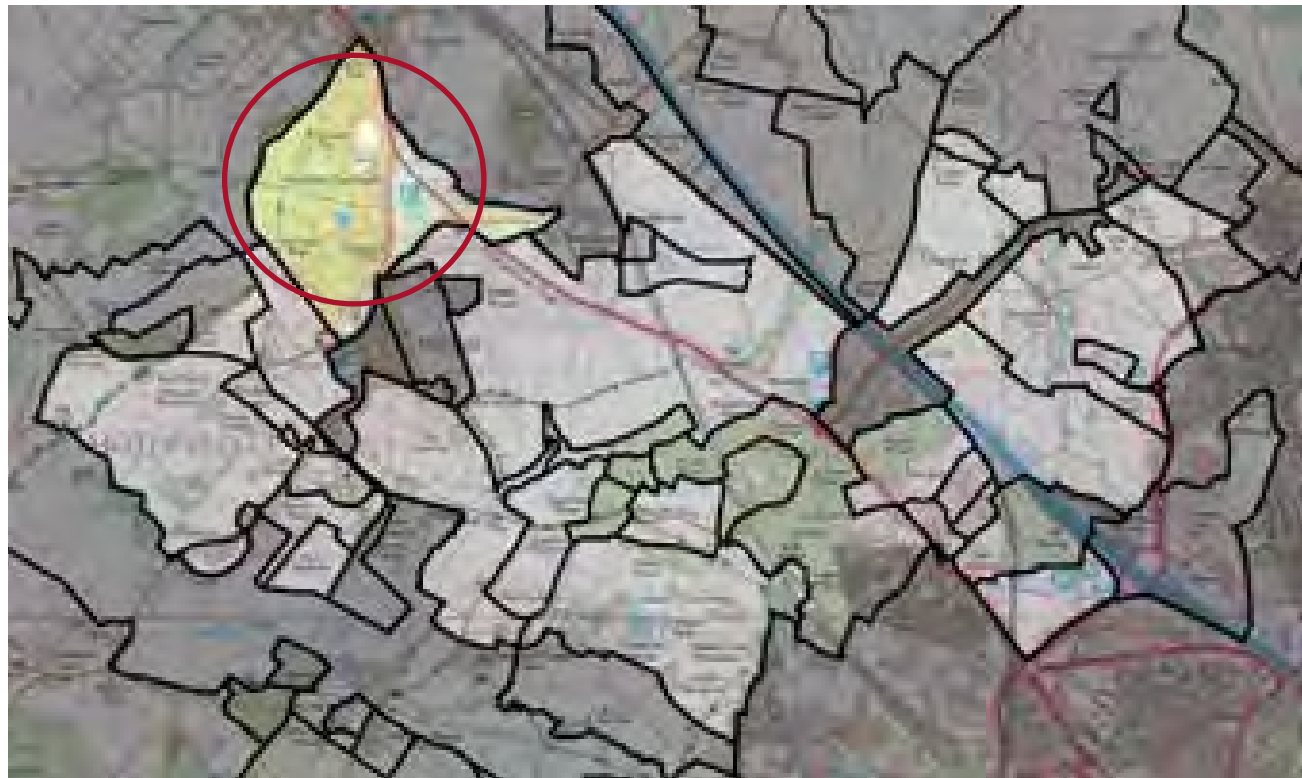


# Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## **HHF7:** Hothfield Common

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| Development Area:   |   | Sandyhurst                                 |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands                 |  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |   | 2.4 Commons wooded over                    |  |
| Boundaries:   |   | G18 and G28 to the south                   |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Apparent  | Landform<br>Undulating gently              | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Short to medium due to woodland or topography |
| TREE COVER  | Apparent  | Key visual elements<br>Woodland strip to E | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Mainly filtered                  |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Unenclosed  | Key visual elements                        | Pattern and scale<br>Open common land  |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Unsettled   | Key visual elements                        | Pattern  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant  | Key visual elements<br>common land         | Seasonal variation<br>heathland, bog   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |  |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>series of wet bogs   |  | Species associations<br>birch  |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>common land  |  | Other  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>acid woodland   |  | Species<br>predominantly birch   |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>scattered clumps  |  | Species<br><br>birch   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stockfence/electric<br>n/a   |  | Species  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>area is criss crossed by network of paths and A20 cuts through the eastern section |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)  |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br><br>Tutt Hill to north   |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing  |
| Other features (such as moats)  |   |  |  |

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>Valley bog acid heathland with clumps of birch trees and open areas with intermittent views.   |        |  |        |                                 |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance |        |  |        |                                 |
| The Common has a unified feel.  |        |  |        | Intact                          |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |        |  |        |                                 |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches<br>Extensive acid bog and heathland  |        | Ecological corridors and networks                          |        | High                            |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend<br>low  |        |  |        |                                 |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |        |  |        |                                 |
| Tree Cover  |        | Age structure<br>Mature acid bog heathland which is intact |        | Good                            |
| Field Boundaries  |        | Survival of historic field pattern and condition<br>n/a    |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor        |
| Other features  |        |  |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor        |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |        |  |        |                                 |
| Type<br><br>n/a   | Siting | Design   | Extent | High to Moderate<br><br><br>Low |



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# Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## **HHF8:** Hothfield Open Farmlands

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| Development Area:   |  | Sandyhurst   |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 1.13 Prairie fields  |  |
| Boundaries:   |  | D35 to N / G18 and G19 to W / G20, G9, G4, D48 to S.<br>D37 Ashford fringe to E.             |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Landform<br>Undulating gently  | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Long in places towards N Downs. Elsewhere short to medium due to woodland or topography               |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Woodland strip to E   | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Mainly open  |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed  | Key visual elements<br>Mainly open fields with gappy hedgerows                               | Pattern and scale<br>Large open arable, some smaller scale pasture and tree nurseries  |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled   | Key visual elements<br>Main A20 and CTRL, M20 to NE and local railway, but largely unsettled | Pattern<br>Linear transport corridors  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Arable  | Seasonal variation<br>With crop and deciduous trees  |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |  |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Stream runs north-south across the SW section, with a buffer of tall herb vegetation  |  | Species associations<br>Alder  |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Arable (varied), but mainly monoculture.  |  | Other<br>Tree nurseries, rough pasture, horse-grazed pasture, hay crop and sheep grazing to N of A20.                                      |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Small block to N of Tuhill Wood. Strip to E. Poplar plantation. Some scrub to SE along CTRL.                                     |  | Species<br>Sycamore, blackthorn, hawthorn, poplar, alder, ash, oak, rowen.   |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>Some hedgerow trees along A20, and along internal hedgerows. Occasional isolated mature oaks in fields |  | Species<br>Ash, oak  |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stockfence/electric<br>Gappy hedges along A20, some internal hedges of variable quality, some stock fencing                             |  | Species<br>Bracken, hawthorn, ash  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>A20 bisects E/W, CTRL N/S, plus 2 footpaths and tracks.                                     |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)<br>Bridleway (route not as on OS map) overgrown with tall herbs and scrub – important green link |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts  |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing<br>Urban edge to E   |
| Other features (such as moats)  | Attenuation pond near Mill house? Related to CTRL. Some new planting and rough grassland. Second drainage pond to SE of Beechbrook Wood?               |  |  |

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>Large and highly variable parcel of undulating mixed farmland strongly impacted on by transport corridors. Comprises large, open arable sections with extensive boundary loss, with new sections & tree nurseries. There is some horse and sheep grazing. There is a notable strip of woodland to E, dominated by poplar plantation. A bridleway crosses the southern section and this is an important ecological corridor in places. The A20 and CTRL both bisect the parcel, causing noise and visual intrusion. The M20 is highly evident to N, impeding on the otherwise fine long views to the N Downs. |   |  |               |   |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance   |   |  |               |   |
| The A20 bisects E/W; CTRL N/S; M20 is v apparent to the N. These detract from the views to the N Downs. The different land uses also impact on the visual unity, causing a very interrupted/fragmented feel.  |   |  |               | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented         |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |   |  |               |   |
| <b>Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches</b><br>Small woodland block, larger woodland strip to E, some rough grassland   |   | <b>Ecological corridors and networks</b><br>Streams, variable hedgerows, bridleway. Verges of CTRL will improve.   |               | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low to moderate |
| <b>Intensity of land use and habitat trend</b><br>Highly variable   |   |  |               |   |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |   |  |               |   |
| <b>Tree Cover</b>   |   | <b>Age structure</b><br>Mature woodland and hedgerow trees. Even-age poplars in plantation. Some regenerating alder in wetter areas                                    |               | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor                    |
| <b>Field Boundaries</b>   |   | <b>Survival of historic field pattern and condition</b><br>Historic pattern (1.13) still present in places, but now smaller scale tree plantations and grazing pasture |               | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor                    |
| <b>Other features</b>   |   | Bridleway especially to E  |               | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor                    |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |   |  |               |   |
| <b>Type</b><br><br>A20<br>CTRL<br>M20   | <b>Siting</b><br><br>Bisects E/W<br>Bisects N/S<br>On embankment to N of parcel | <b>Design</b><br><br>Noise<br>Noise /visual<br><br>Visual – detracts from North Downs  | <b>Extent</b> | High to Moderate<br><br><br>Low             |



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Survey Date: 13.7.05      Reference: G2      Location: Beechbrook wood      Surveyors: AM/HA

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| Study Sector:   |   | Godinton (Map ref: TQ9834455)  |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |   | 4.3 Other pre 1810 woodland (ancient?)                                   |  |
| Boundaries:   |   | Arable of D36. G1 is no longer a relevant parcel and is included in D36. |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Landform<br>Flat   | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Long views from boundary  |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Mature woodland                                   | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)   |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed   | Key visual elements<br>High metal fence                                  | Pattern and scale  |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled  | Key visual elements<br>Bisected by CTRL in N – S direction               | Pattern<br>Linear  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Woodland  | Seasonal variation<br>Deciduous  |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |  |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds<br>Stream exits at east edge and runs to pond in D36(G1)                  |  | Species associations   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary   |  | Other  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation  |  | Species<br>Sweet Chestnut, ash, oak, elder, sloe, alder, some elm, birch(newly planted), hornbeam, hawthorne |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>Mature canopy                                   |  | Species  |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Metal  |  | Species<br>Nettle and thistle  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>CTRL is biscting                     |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)  |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>M20 and CTRL gives visual and audible disturbance. |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing  |
| Other features (such as moats)  |   |  |  |

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>Small patch of mature woodland bisected by CTRL. Urther info not availabl because of restricted access. A fox was spotted but no info about ecological integrity. Stream, possibly seasonal, runs through and feeds pond on east side of parcel. Woodland can be ancient |  |                                 |                                      |                                     |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance   |  |                                 |                                      |                                     |
| Views out are fragmented, dominated by M20 and CTRL. More intact closer by, with sheep pasture and arable.  |  |                                 |                                      | Intact<br>Interrupted<br>Fragmented |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?  |  |                                 |                                      |                                     |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches<br>Isolated patch of woodland, Has adjacent wetland and stream runs within. Hare and Fox spotted.  | Ecological corridors and networks<br>West has corridors to and through D36. No corridors on east | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low |                                      |                                     |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend   |  |                                 |                                      |                                     |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change   |  |                                 |                                      |                                     |
| Tree Cover  | Age structure<br>Mature canopy   |                                 | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor             |                                     |
| Field Boundaries  | Survival of historic field pattern and condition   |                                 | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor             |                                     |
| Other features  |  |                                 | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor             |                                     |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place  |  |                                 |                                      |                                     |
| Type  | Siting   | Design                          | Extent                               | High                                |
| CTRL  | Cut through  |                                 | Noise and visual and physical impact | Moderate<br><br>Low                 |





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# Hothfield Heathy Farmlands

## **HHF:** Settlements

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| Study Sector:   |   | Sandyhurst (Map ref: TQ994449)  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |   | 9.6 Post 1810 settlement (general)  |
| Boundaries:   |   | D36 to W, D42 &D41 to E, D41 to   |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant  | <b>Key visual elements</b><br>Former country lane with mix of detached houses and bungalows divided by the CTRL/ M20 corridor |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Apparent  | <b>Landform</b><br>Gentle slope   |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant  | <b>Key visual elements</b><br>mature trees to gardens and remnant hedgerow oaks remain along verge                            |
| FORM & LAYOUT   | Linear<br>Clustered<br>Sprawling  | Clustered to south of CTRL/ M20, linear along lane to N   |
| AGE & CONDITION   | Pre-war<br>Post-war<br>1960-70's<br>1980-1990's<br>Recent   | Late victorian, 1930s to 1980's   |
| <b>KEY FEATURES</b> – in what way do the following contribute to the local distinctiveness of the settlement?   |   |   |
| Building style  | <b>Roof &amp; materials/ scale</b><br>Diverse mix of suburban styles  |   |
| Street Scene  | <b>Frontage/ verge/ boundaries/ materials</b><br>North side – wide lane with wide grass verge and mix of boundary treatments including:<br>- Hedges<br>- Brick walls (mostly new)<br><br>South side – sunken lane with loss of edge feature due to wide paved driveways | <b>Planting/ signage/ lighting</b>  |
| Edge condition  | <b>New housing</b><br><br>N/A   |   |
| Other features (include detractors)   | CTRL and M20  |   |
| <b>PERCEPTION of the place</b> – is it tranquil/ safe/ pleasant/ legible/ accessible?<br>Suburban sprawl along country lane with loss of many historic features |   |   |

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| <b>Brief summary description of settlement/ edge conditions and its siting within the wider landscape:</b> Former sunken rural lane more apparent north of the M20 where development as a ribbon either side with farmland to north and south. Remnants of hedgerow trees as old oaks in front gardens, and hedge to north. Settlement broader south of the M20 bounded to S by Hoad's Wood and to north by farmland. Here steep banks at side of road show former hollow lane character, breached by access to houses that sit higher than the road. Frontages a complete mix of open and enclosed, large areas of hard standing for cars. Very suburban character. |  |        |  |  |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the settlement and note any detracting features and their significance   |  |        |  |  |
| Limited views out, views mostly internal to the road and gardens fronting it.  |  |        |  | Intact<br>Interrupted<br><b>Fragmented</b> |
| <b>Settlement integrity/ edge condition</b> – how well does the settlement hold together   |  |        |  |  |
| Extent of settlement   | Broad to south of M20, ribbon development to north of M20. Despite diverse styles and both bungalows and houses reads as a fairly low density suburban unit. |        | High<br><br><b>Moderate</b><br><br>Low |  |
| <b>Intensity of built form and trend</b><br>Sub urban ribbon and infill development  |  |        |  |  |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |  |        |  |  |
| Local vernacular   | Survival of features and condition<br>Limited to use of brick and tile etc<br>Oldest buildings probably late Victorian                                       |        | Good<br>Variable<br><b>Poor</b>        |  |
| Tree Cover   | Age structure<br>Some fine old oaks, some ash and a variety of native and exotic non-native garden trees and large shrubs                                    |        | Good<br><b>Variable</b><br>Poor        |  |
| Field Boundaries   | Survival of historic field pattern and condition<br>Sporadically to the north of the lane – much elm and hazel, some thorns, dogwood, rose etc               |        | Good<br>Variable<br><b>Poor</b>        |  |
| Other features   | Solid old brick wall with piers as feature at northern end of the parcel   |        | Good<br>Variable<br>Poor               |  |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place:<br>Essentially all 'modern' development  |  |        |  |  |
| Type   | Siting   | Design | Extent                                 | High<br><br>Moderate<br><br>Low            |



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Survey Date: 13.7.05

Reference: G18

Location: Hothfield

Surveyors: AM/HA

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| Study Sector:   |   | Godinton (Map ref: TQ972453)   |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |   | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands   |  |
| Historic Landscape Character:   |   | 1.9  |  |
| Boundaries:   |   | Arable of D39 to west and G20 to south, Woodland of G 19 to west.                |  |
| TOPOGRAHY   | Dominant<br><b>Apparent</b><br>Insignificant  | Landform<br>Flat, slight slope to south  | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Restricted to north and west, long open to south and east |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant<br><b>Apparent</b><br>Insignificant  | Key visual elements<br>Along boundaries  | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>Open   |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br><b>Apparent</b><br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed  | Key visual elements<br>A range of hedges, fences and linear woodland             | Pattern and scale  |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Dominant<br><b>Apparent</b><br>Insignificant<br>Unsettled   | Key visual elements<br>Isolated farmhouses in southwest and along west boundary. | Pattern<br>Along boundary  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant   | Key visual elements<br>Apparent: arable<br>Insignificant: recreation in woodland | Seasonal variation<br>Deciduous<br>Yearly crop changes   |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |   |  |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds   |  | Species associations   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary<br>Arable   |  | Other<br>Woodland used by kids and for dumping   |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Mature canopy at north and west boundary, Poor field layer  |  | Species<br>Beech, Hornbeam, Holly, Sycamore, Elm, Sweet Chestnut, yew<br>Herb layer: bramble   |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt<br>West boundary and some scattered dead elms in arable field  |  | Species<br>See above   |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>Linear wood along west and partially north boundary, Hedgerow at south, woodland at boundary to G19 and stock fence at rest. Field in north has no boundary to D39 |  | Species  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access<br>public footpath at south boundary  |  | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)  |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>Few buildings along boundary, mostly domestic. Stonewall, elevates parcel in south corner  |  | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing<br>Urban edge at west boundary                             |
| Other features (such as moats)  |   |  |  |

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| Brief summary description:  |        |   |                              |   |
| Open arable parcel with linear tree cover and hedgerows to west and south. Wide open view to North Downs and South and east. Generally poor ecological integrity. Small portion of managed hedgerow and bank to south. Occasional scattered trees in field. |        |   |                              |   |
| Visual context and unity – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |        |   |                              |   |
| Open arable land with long views towards north, east and south , partially framed by woodland. M20 is visible in background   |        |   |                              | Intact<br><del>Interrupted</del><br>Fragmented        |
| Ecological integrity – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |        |   |                              |   |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches<br>Patchy, only on one side: woodland  |        | Ecological corridors and networks<br>Low to moderate, Woodland and some hedgerows, could be improved with planting. Woodland is fragmented with poor herb layer.      |                              | High<br><br><del>Moderate</del><br><br><del>Low</del> |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend<br>High arable activity   |        |   |                              |   |
| Condition of heritage features – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |        |   |                              |   |
| Tree Cover  |        | Age structure<br>Mature trees in linear woods. Low amount of regeneration – high use by trampling/bikes/dumping<br>Scattered trees on some hedges and in some fields. |                              | Good<br><del>Variable</del><br>Poor                   |
| Field Boundaries  |        | Survival of historic field pattern and condition<br>Not managed   |                              | Good<br>Variable<br><del>Poor</del>                   |
| Other features  |        | Old stonewall and good sunken lane banks with scrub to south.   |                              | <del>Good</del><br>Variable<br>Poor                   |
| Impact of built development – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |        |   |                              |   |
| Type<br>Housing at west edge<br><br>Lanes at south, west, and north edge.<br><br>M-20 in distance   | Siting | Design  | Extent<br><br><br>Some noise | High<br>Moderate<br><del>Low</del>                    |





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Survey Date: 13.7.05    Reference: G19    Location: Tolhill wood    Surveyors: AM/HA

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| Study Sector:   |  | Godinton (Map ref: TQ975452)                      |  |
| County Landscape Character Area:  |  | Hothfield Heathy Farmlands                        |  |
| Historic Landscape Type:  |  | 4.3   |  |
| Boundaries:   |  | D36 arable to N, E and S. G18 arable to W         |  |
| TOPOGRAPHY  | Apparent   | Landform<br>Slope to E                            | Views out (long/short/restricted)<br>Long from boundary      |
| TREE COVER  | Dominant   | Key visual elements<br>Managed coppice wood       | Views within (filtered/framed/open/restricted)<br>restricted |
| ENCLOSURE PATTERN   | Dominant<br>Apparent<br>Insignificant<br>Unenclosed                  | Key visual elements                               | Pattern and scale  |
| SETTLEMENT & BUILT FEATURES   | Apparent   | Key visual elements<br>Cellphone transmitter mast | Pattern  |
| LANDUSE   | Dominant   | Key visual elements<br>Coppiced wood              | Seasonal variation<br>Deciduous                              |
| KEY CHARACTERISTICS – in what way do the following contribute to local distinctiveness? |  |   |  |
| Natural features  | Rivers/ knolls/ ponds  |   | Species associations   |
| Landuse/farm type   | Primary  |   | Other  |
| Woodlands   | Coppice/plantation<br>Coppice  |   | Species<br>Sweet chestnut. Some ash at the edges             |
| Tree cover  | Groups/linear/hedgerow/scattered/shelterbelt                         |   | Species  |
| Field boundaries  | Hedges/ditches/stock fence/electric<br>5m wide, cut buffer to arable |   | Species  |
| Highways and footpaths  | Major road/railway/local road/footpath/no public access              |   | Other features (such as tree-lined lanes)                    |
| Built features  | Villages/settlements/farms/churches/oasts<br>Mast                    |   | Urban edge/pylons/masts/new housing                          |
| Other features (such as moats)  |  |   |  |

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| <b>Brief summary description:</b><br>A regular shaped small parcel of coppiced woodland surrounded by arable with some linking hedgerows. Sloping to east. Apparent noise from M20. Cellphone transmitter mast, screened by deciduous trees. |                 |   |                    |            |
| <b>Visual context and unity</b> – assess the views, outlook, adjacent landuses and overall unity of the landscape and note any detracting features and their significance  |                 |   |                    |            |
| Portion of coppice recently cut. Mast shielded by tall coppice   |                 |   |                    | Intact     |
| <b>Ecological integrity</b> – how well does this area of countryside function as a habitat for wildlife?   |                 |   |                    |            |
| Extent of semi-natural habitat and patches<br>Continuous managed coppice   |                 | Ecological corridors and networks<br>Linked by hedgerows to N and S |                    | Moderate + |
| Intensity of land use and habitat trend<br>Low intensity   |                 |   |                    |            |
| <b>Condition of heritage features</b> – assess current condition and make note of vulnerability to change  |                 |   |                    |            |
| Tree Cover   |                 | Age structure<br>Varied age   |                    | Variable   |
| Field Boundaries   |                 | Survival of historic field pattern and condition                    |                    |            |
| Other features   |                 |   |                    |            |
| <b>Impact of built development</b> – how well does modern development respect local vernacular, character and sense of place   |                 |   |                    |            |
| Type   | Siting          | Design  | Extent             |            |
| Mast   | In coppice      | Metal mast  | Screened           | Moderate   |
| M20/A20/CTRL   | North of parcel |   | Produce some noise |            |



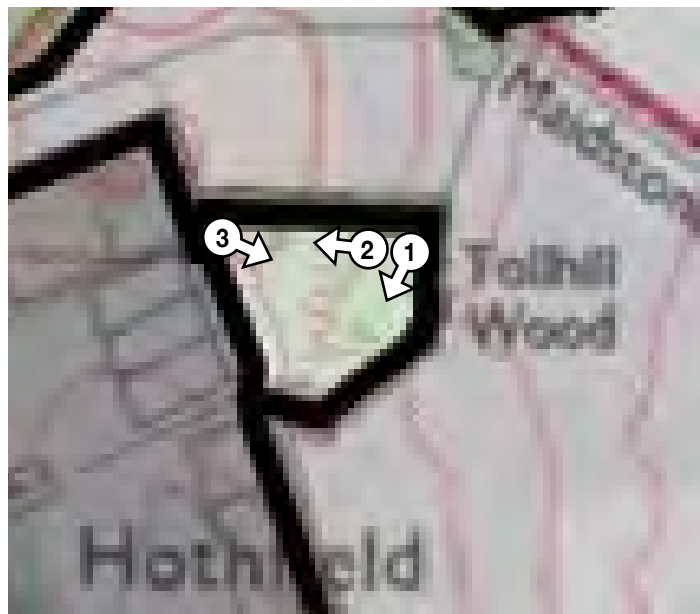
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