

## Landscape Character Reading List

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This Information Note signposts past publications relating to Landscape Character and its assessment. It is intended for research purposes only and accompanies TIN 8/15 on Landscape Character.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Information relating to landscape character and its assessment has grown over the years. It has also extended as better connections have been made with related themes. In the process of time much older information has been archived or become dispersed across the web. This Technical Information Note simply draws together as much as possible of this legacy of information on landscape character assessment into a searchable document to assist researchers.
- 1.2 This reading list is necessarily focussed. For practical reasons, it has not yet been possible to pull together links to information on Historic Landscape Characterisation, Seascape or Townscape assessment. Drawing together the wealth of local landscape and townscape character assessments (although clearly a valuable exercise) is also out of scope although many links are given to local work and Historic Landscape Characterisation in Wales. Similarly, information on datasets used to undertake landscape character assessment will need to await a future publication.
- 1.3 As an Information Note, this document is silent about the value of any of the resources referred to. Inclusion of documents in this note does not imply endorsement of them or recommendation to use them, just that they exist and may be found useful. Similarly it is suggested that nothing is read into the way that resources are ordered or organised or the omission of any resource.
- 1.4 The status of any of the material listed in this note will depend on a number of factors. For guidance on status, the first port of call could be the body that published it originally. This Note is also not intended to be a principal reference for current practice and during its production Natural England in particular has stressed this point.
- 1.5 This Technical Information Note may be updated periodically. In the meantime one place for discussion and suggested changes will be the Landscape Character group on the LI's Social and Professional Network, [TalkingLandscape](#).
- 1.6 A companion Technical Information Note 8/15, on the current approach to Landscape Character and its assessment is being published alongside this.
- 1.7 Please note that for simplicity references in this document have been abbreviated. For any further information, or full bibliographic reference, please consult the published resource itself or the publisher.

## 2. 'Strategic' Landscape Character Assessments

2.1 For the current methodologies in use please see TIN 8/15 and the websites of Natural England, Scottish Natural Heritage, Natural Resources Wales and DOENI. Below are hyperlinks to other, in most cases older, documents that discuss methodologies, supporting material and strategic scale completed assessments. Within geographical areas, material is typically listed with the most recent first. No commentary is provided and readers will need to come to their own view about which information is relevant for their purposes.

### 2.2 ENGLAND (METHODOLOGY AND ASSESSMENT)

For current resources see the [Gov.uk website](#). A few particular publications follow:

[An approach to Landscape Character Assessment](#), Natural England October, 2014

[Landscape & Seascape Character Assessments](#), 2014

[Introduction to National Character Area Profiles](#)

[National Character Areas](#), 2014

[Datasets and analysis behind National Character Area Profiles](#)

[Natural Areas](#)

Further information may be found by a [search of the NE publications site](#)

### 2.3 LI BRANCH AREA (formerly REGIONAL) STUDIES WITHIN ENGLAND

[East Midlands NCA profiles](#) 2014

[East Midlands Region Landscape Character Assessment](#) 2010

[East Midlands](#) CCv4 2004

[East Midlands CQC Indicator Profile](#) 1990-1998

[East of England NCA profiles](#) 2014

[East of England Regional Typology](#) (including guidance on use of a regional typology) 2009

[East of England](#) CCv6 2004

[East of England Indicator Indicator Profile](#) 1990-1998

[North East NCA profiles](#) 2014

[North East](#) CCv1 2004

[North East CQC Indicator profiles](#) 1990-1998

[North West NCA profiles](#) 2014

[North West Regional Landscape Character Framework](#) – 2009

[North West](#) CCv2 2004

[North West CQC Indicator profiles](#) 1990-1998

[South East & London NCA profiles](#) 2014

[South East & London](#) CCv7 2004

[South East & London CQC Indicator Profiles](#) 1990-1998

[South West NCA profiles](#) 2014

[South West](#) CCv8 2004

[South West CQC Indicator Profiles](#) 1990-1998

[West Midlands NCA profiles](#) 2014

[West Midlands](#) CCv5 2004

[West Midlands CQC Indicator Profile](#) 1990-1998

[Yorkshire & Humber NCA profiles](#) 2014

[Yorkshire & The Humber](#) CCv3 2004

[Yorkshire and the Humber CQC Indicator profile](#) 1990-1998

## 2.4 SCOTLAND

[SNH website](#) 2015

[SNH Commissioned Report 29: Overview of Scotland's national programme of Landscape Character Assessment](#) 2004

[Landscape Character Assessment Guidance for \[England and\] Scotland, 2002](#)

[SNH Commissioned Report: Landscape Character Vignettes](#), 1999

Individual reports:

[Aberdeen 80](#) | [Alt link](#) 1996

[Argyll and Firth of Clyde 78](#) 1996 | [Alt link](#)

[Ayrshire 111](#) 1998 | [Alt link](#)

[Banff and Buchan](#) 37 1997

[Ben Alder, Ardverikie and Creag Meagaidh 120](#) 1999

[Cairngorms 75](#) 1996

[Caithness and Sutherland 103](#) 1998

[Central Region 123](#) 1999

[Clackmannanshire 96](#) 1998

[Dumfries and Galloway 94](#) 1998

[Dunfermline and District 019](#) 1996

[Fife 113](#) 1999

[Glasgow and Clyde Valley 116](#) 1999

[Inner Moray Firth 90](#) 1998

[Inverness 114](#) 1999

[Kinross-shire 77](#) 1995

[Loch Lomond and the Trossachs 140](#) 2009

[Lochaber 97](#) 1998

[Mar Lodge 79](#) 1996

[Moray and Nairn 101](#) 1998

[Orkney 100](#) 1998

[Ross and Cromarty 119](#) 1999

[Shetland Isles 93](#) 1998

[Skye and Lochalsh 71](#) 1996

[South and Central Aberdeenshire 102](#) 1998

[Stirling to Grangemouth 124](#) 1999

[Tayside 122](#) 1999

[The Borders 112](#) 1998

[The Lothians 91](#) 1998

[Western Isles 092](#) 1998

## 2.5 WALES

The approach in Wales differs as the existing national coverage of LANDMAP information is used as the starting point to inform LCA. However this otherwise fits into the same LCA methodology as set out in Natural England's 2014 'An Approach to Landscape Character Assessment' document (see the appendix on LANDMAP).

LANDMAP information is available via [interactive website](#) and as [GIS downloads](#) (under 'spatial data').

[National Landscape Character Areas](#) (similar in scale to England's NCAs)

There also many local planning authority led LCAs. Their formats vary; some are presented within wind farm sensitivity and capacity assessments while others only cover their Special Landscape Areas.

[Anglesey](#) 2011

[Blaenau Gwent](#) 2015 (within joint wind farm assessment)

[Brecon Beacons National Park](#) 2012

[Bridgend](#) 2013

[Caerphilly \(north\)](#) 2015 (within joint wind farm assessment)

[Caerphilly \(south\)](#) 2015 (within consultation wind farm assessment)

[Cardiff](#) 2008 (part coverage for Special Landscape Areas)

[Carmarthenshire](#) 2011 (part coverage for Special Landscape Areas)

[Ceredigion](#) 2010 (part coverage for Special Landscape Areas)

[Conwy](#) 2014 (within joint wind farm assessment)

[Denbighshire](#) 2013 (within joint wind farm Assessment)

[Flintshire](#) 2015 (no LCA, but an old study from 1996 is cited but not on-line)

[Gwynedd](#) 2012

[Merthyr Tydfil](#) 2015 (within joint wind farm assessment)

[Monmouthshire](#) (not currently on-line but see page 3 of the document linked here)

[Neath Port Talbot](#) 2004

[Newport](#) 2009 (part coverage for Special Landscape Areas)

Pembrokeshire (currently in preparation)

[Pembrokeshire Coast National Park](#) 2011

[Powys](#) 2008 (not published on-line but see the linked report paras. 5.102 to 5.104)

[Rhondda Cynon Taff \(north\)](#) 2015 (within joint wind farm assessment)

[Rhondda Cynon Taff 2008](#) (part coverage for Special landscape Areas)

[Snowdonia National Park](#) 2014

[Swansea \(outside Gower\)](#) 2012 (part coverage for Special Landscape Areas)

[Gower](#) 2013

[Torfaen \(north\)](#) 2015 (within joint wind farm assessment)

[Torfaen \(south\)](#) 2011 (part coverage for Special Landscape Areas)

[Vale of Glamorgan](#) 2008

[Wrexham](#) 2007

Historic Landscape Characterisations – [NW](#), [NE](#), [SE](#) and [SW](#)

Seascapes - [National](#) scale and also local SCA for [Anglesey](#), [Snowdonia](#) and [Pembrokeshire](#).

## 2.5 NORTHERN IRELAND

[Gateway page to DOENI assessments](#)

## 2.6 IRISH REPUBLIC

[A draft national landscape strategy for Ireland](#), 2014

[Response by LINI to White Paper, 2011](#)

### **3. Local [authority] Landscape Character Assessments**

- 3.1 While there is a very useful archived [database of local landscape character assessments](#), this was never complete and has not been updated since November 2010. The starting point for more detailed research will typically be all the relevant tiers of councils and consultants' reports. But for [Wales](#) the section in this Technical Information Note may be helpful.
- 3.3 Undertaking an [advanced search on the National Archive](#) may also be helpful.



## 4 Particular topics

### 4.1 AGRICULTURE

[Monitoring the effects of Environmental Stewardship on Landscape Character and Quality](#) 2013

[Landscape Character and Agri-Environment Schemes](#), LCN Workshop 30 May 2003

[Living buildings in a living landscape](#), 2006

### 4.2 BIODIVERSITY

[Planning for biodiversity: opportunity mapping and habitat networks in practice: a technical guide](#) ENRR687 2006

[‘Opportunity maps’ for landscape-scale conservation of biodiversity: A good practice study](#)

ENRR641 2005

[Landscape Character & Biodiversity](#), LCN workshop, 10 May 2005

[The Living Landscapes Project: landscape character and biodiversity: Final report](#) ENRR475 2004

### 4.3 CAPACITY & SENSITIVITY

N.B. The definition of the terms capacity and sensitivity varies, e.g. between Scotland and England.

[Practical Approaches to Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity](#) , LCN Workshop 2009

[Landscape sensitivity of the East of England](#), 2009 (includes material consistent with unpublished work by LUC for Natural England)

[Landscape Capacity & Sensitivity](#) CCN Workshop, 27 Jan 2004

[Hampshire County Council proposal regarding Strategic Landscape Sensitivity](#) 2004

[Techniques and criteria for judging capacity and sensitivity \(TOPIC PAPER 6\)](#) 2002 | [Alternate link](#)

### 4.4 CLIMATE

[Climate change and natural forces - the consequences for landscape character \(TOPIC PAPER 9\)](#) 2002

#### 4.5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Local landscape character assessment: An evaluation of community-led schemes in Cheshire  
By:James, P; Gittins, W. Landscape Research v32 Issue:4 Pages:423-442 Published:Aug 2007

[Landscape Character Assessment - how stakeholders can help \(TOPIC PAPER 3\)](#) 2002

[Stakeholder involvement in landscape character assessment](#) – the Hertfordshire experience, 2000

#### 4.6 COMPUTER-BASED METHODS

[Use of GIS and other computer methods \(TOPIC PAPER 4\)](#) 2002

[Countryside Character and GIS](#), LCN Workshop 8 Mar 2000

#### 4.7 DESIGNATED LANDSCAPES

[Review of Local Landscape Designations](#), 2006

#### 4.8 ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

[Landscape & Ecosystem Services](#), LCN Workshop 2 Dec 2008

#### 4.9 EFFECTS OF DEVELOPMENT/CHANGE ON LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

[Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. LI/IEMA, 2013](#)

#### 4.10 EUROPE

[Research to Support the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention in England](#) 2008

[The European Landscape Convention and its relevance to landuse and landscape planning](#), LCN Workshop 29 Jan 2008

[European Landscape Character Assessment Initiative Chapter 5](#)

#### 4.11 EXAMPLES OF USE

One source of case studies is the [LI's website](#)

#### 4.12 FORESTRY

[Report of Landscape Character/Forestry Seminar Worcester](#) 17 Jun 2004

#### 4.13 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

[Landscape Character and Green Infrastructure](#), LCN workshop 16 May 2006

#### 4.14 HERITAGE

[Historic Landscape Character](#)

[From historic landscapes to future landscapes](#), LCN workshop, 18 Mar 2009

[Understanding Historic Landscape Character \(TOPIC PAPER 5\)](#) 2002

#### 4.15 LANDSCAPE CHANGE

[Assessment of the effects of Environmental Stewardship on landscape character](#) NECR158 2014

[Tracking change in the English Landscape 2nd assessment 1998 - 2003](#) 2007 | Online tool at <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20101219012433/http://countryside-quality-counts.org.uk/jca/> (Snapshot 19 Dec 2010)

[Tracking change in the English Landscape 1st assessment 1990-1998](#) 2004

[Land use change at the urban:rural fringe and in the wider countryside](#) 2006

[Managing change in the Countryside: The role of landscape character](#), LCN workshop 3 Dec 1999

#### 4.16 METHODOLOGY HISTORY

[Beyond the view](#), Countryside Agency 2006

[“The assessment of countryside and landscape character in England: An Overview”, Carys Swanwick Chapter 7, Countryside Planning: New Approaches to Management and Conservation](#), Ed Kevin Bishop & Adrian Philips, 2004

[Recent Practice and the evolution of Landscape Character Assessment \(TOPIC PAPER 1](#) – a full discussion of background, authored by Carys Swanwick Hon FLI, 2002

[Landscape Character Assessment Guidance for England and Scotland](#), 2002 | [Alternative link](#) | [Alternative link](#)

Interim Landscape Character Assessment Guidance, Countryside Agency/SNH 1999

The Character of England: Landscape, Wildlife and Natural features, Countryside Commission, 1996

'*Landscape Assessment Guidance*' Countryside Commission Guidance CCP 423, 1993

'Assessment and conservation of landscape character: The Warwickshire Landscapes Project Approach', CCP 332, Countryside Commission 1991, ISBN 0861702905

A review of recent practice and research in landscape assessment CCD25 Countryside Commission 1988

Landscape Assessment – a Countryside Commission approach. CCD18 Countryside Commission, Cheltenham 1987

#### 4.17 PLANNING

[“Landscape Character and Prematurity in planning decisions”](#), DCLG letter, 27 March 2015

[LI view on treatment of LCA in NPPF](#), 2012

[Landscape character and SEA](#), LCN workshop 13 Sep 2006

[Landscape character: A spatial Framework for Local Development Policy](#), LCN workshop 27 Jan 2005

[Landscape character and criteria-based development policies](#), c.2004

[Landscape Character Assessment and its place in Planning Policy](#), LCN workshop, 28 Jan 2003

'The Use of Character Assessment in Development Plans', SNH Review Series, 2000

[Countryside Character and Planning](#), LCN workshop 21 Jul 1999

'Planning for Sustainable Development: Towards Better Practice', DETR 1998

#### 4.18 ROADS

[Landscape character on the road](#), LCN workshop 31 Jan 2006

[Landscape indicators for SEA of Local Transport Plans](#), 2005

Traffic Appraisal and Impact Monitoring System, Report by Ecologica for Countryside Agency, 2000 (referred to, for example, in [“The assessment of countryside and landscape character in England: An Overview”](#), Carys Swanwick Chapter 7, [Countryside Planning: New Approaches to Management and Conservation](#), Ed Kevin Bishop & Adrian Philips, 2004, p217-8)

[Guidance on the Methodology for multi-modal studies](#), Vol 2 Ch 4, DETR 2000

#### 4.19 SUSTAINABILITY

[Landscape character and sustainable communities](#), LCN workshop 26 May 2004

[Links to other sustainability tools \(TOPIC PAPER 2\)](#) 2002

#### 4.20 URBAN FRINGE

[Landscape character in and around urban areas](#), LCN workshop 13 Jul 2005

[Linking Town and Country – Landscape character in the urban fringe](#), LCN workshop, 15 Oct 2003

#### 4.21 WIND ENERGY

TOPIC PAPER 8 (*Landscape character and wind energy developments* ) was never published however the Countryside Agency at the time referred people to its [comments on PPS22](#) for guidance

## 5. The Landscape Character Network

- 5.1 The Landscape Character Network was at one time a premier resource for the subject. Through it, Natural England enabled an extensive sharing of knowledge and experience in the field, in particular through Events and Newsletters. Website content from 2002-2010 can be accessed and searched via the National Archives site:

[About the network:](#)

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20100707141229/http://www.landscapecharacter.org.uk/node/1>

[History of the network](#)

Links to some of the main CCN/LCN resources such as the case studies, newsletters and workshop proceedings are included in this Technical Information Note for convenience.

### 5.2 LCN CASE STUDIES

The LCN website contained a developing series of case studies of the application of LCA.

[An Integrated Rural Development Programme in the Forest of Dean](#)

[Local Management Zone Strategies for the Great North Forest](#)

[Management Plan for the Wye Valley](#)

[Planning to Maintain the Diversity of Derbyshire Landscapes](#)

[The Oxfordshire Wildlife and Landscape study](#)

[Stratford Town's Urban Edge: A Pilot Study](#)

[From Special Landscape to Landscape Character](#)

[Stepping Stones Green Wedge Management Plan](#)

[The Durham Landscape - a GIS Interface](#)

[St Helens Green Infrastructure Project](#)

[Warwickshire Tree Scheme](#)

[Criteria-based landscape policies and guidance in Local Development Documents: An approach in West Sussex](#)

### 5.3 CCN/LCN NEWS

CCN/LCN News – Autumn 2002-Autumn 2010. As full a listing of contents as possible has been included below to save researchers' time since no other keyword-searchable index is known of. Unfortunately issues before No.9 are currently only available as hardcopy.

#### [9 Autumn 2002](#)

Planning Inspector stresses importance of Landscape Character Assessment 2  
Character Assessment in Denby Dale 2  
Civic Trust 2003 Rural Design Awards 2  
Hong Kong Landscape Character Assessment 3  
Update on new Landscape Character Assessment Topic Papers 3  
Lifescapes uses landscape characterisation to help deliver biodiversity 4  
2003 Landscape Character Assessment Workshops 4  
Town Design Statement pilots 4  
English Heritage's New Characterisation Team 5  
Lancashire County Council review of Historic Landscape Characterisation 5  
Welcome to the revitalised Countryside Character Network 6  
Countryside Quality Counts – tracking change in the English countryside 8  
A Character Assessment of Oxford – managing change in urban areas 9

#### [10 Summer 2002](#)

The Broads Landscape Character Assessment - pilot project 2  
Workshop: LCA and Agri-Environment Schemes 2  
Countryside Character Network Update 3  
Rural Routes and Networks publication stresses importance of landscape character 3  
Salisbury Plain Training Area LCA 4  
Call for case studies of best practice in Landscape Character Assessment 4  
Regiona and Place: A study of English Rural settlement 5  
Stakeholder involvement: Is it actually selective participation? A new approach in the Test Valley 6  
CCN Workshop: Landscape Character and its place in planning policy 8

#### [11 Spring 2003](#)

Denby Dale Produce Parish Landscape Character Assessment 2  
CCN Workshop: 'Linking Town and Country' 2  
Landscape Characterisation of County Clare 3  
Seascape Assessment Work in Wales 4  
CPRE Launch Countryside Character Campaign 5  
Making Countryside Character Work For Sustainable Development 7  
CCN Workshop Review : LCA and Agri-Environment Schemes 9  
Scoping Study for Landscape and Agri-Environment Training 10

International Conference - 'The Aesthetics of Agriculture' 10

West Sussex Partnership Project 11

### [12 Autumn 2003](#)

Countryside Agency Publish New Landscape Character Assessment Topic Papers 2

Linking Town and Country - Landscape Character in the Urban Fringe 3

Countryside Agency Launch New Guidance on Concept Statements 3

ODPM release Consultation Draft of Planning Policy Statement 7 4

European Landscape Conference Comes to Cardiff : 7th - 9th December 2003 4

COE Host Workshops for the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention 4

'Building On What's Special' in the Forest of Dean 5

Kent Lifescapes Programme : Using Landscape Description Units to Identify Biodiversity Opportunities 8

Northamptonshire Current Landscape Character Assessment 10

### [13 Winter 2003](#)

New Landscape Character Assessment Topic Paper on Historic Landscape Characterisation 2

Landscape Character Workshop on Landscape Capacity and Sensitivity 3

Countryside Quality Counts - The 'Where Does Change Matter?' Web-based consultation 3

2004 Iale Conference to deal with Forestry in the Landscape 4

English Nature Area-Based Initiatives 4

CCN Workshop Review: Landscape Character in the Urban Fringe 5

Scottish Natural Heritage 'Sharing Good Practice'Event on LCA and LVIA 6

Report on the Cardiff European Landscape Conference 2003 7

The Rural-Urban Fringe: Promoting the Potential of the Land Around Our Towns and Cities 8

Landscape Character Assessment and Design Statements: Working Together to Produce Better Urban and Rural Environments 11

Using Landscape Character Areas to Determine Landscape Sensitivity to Onshore wind Development 12

### [14 Spring 2004](#)

CCN Workshop: Landscape Character and Sustainable Communities 3

Landscape community loses leading practitioner 4

OECD publish report on agricultural impact on landscapes 4

Forthcoming LCA Topic Paper on new landscape character 5

Practical resources area on CCN website 5

New research into the landscape character Assessment method 5

Future Landscapes: forthcoming 'events' 6

CCN Workshop Review: Landscape Capacity and Sensitivity 7

Breaking New Ground in Burwardsley: Testing the Landscape Character Assessment Guidance at Parish Level 8

New approach for Landscape Impact Assessment 12



### [15 Summer 2004](#)

New Countryside Agency LCA Projects: Database of LCAs in England and the Environmental Stewardship Scheme 3  
'Countryside Quality Counts' Project feeds into Countryside Agency's 2004 State of the Countryside' Report 4  
Invitation to tender – Landscape Character Assessment for Oadby and Wigston Borough 4  
European Landscape Convention goes into force in ratifying states 4  
CCN Workshop Review: Landscape Character and Sustainable Communities 5  
New Landscape Planning Policy Demonstration Projects 6  
Dibden Bay – Environment Wins the Day 7  
Developing the Methodology for Strategic Landscape Sensitivity 10  
A Review of the Scottish National Programme of Landscape Character Assessment 14

### [16 Autumn 2004](#)

English Nature publish Living Landscapes 3  
Project report on landscape character and biodiversity  
Progress towards a national database of Landscape Character Assessments in England  
Survey reveals local green preference 4  
English Heritage and Lancashire County Council publish guide to using HLC 4  
Landscape Character as a cross disciplinary topic 5  
ICOMOS/IUCD conference declaration 7  
Community Landscape Character Statements 10  
Cambridge Green Belt Study – a vision for the future of Cambridge 12  
Hidden Depths: the Thames Gateway Historic Environment Characterisation Project 15  
Integrating the human dimension of place in Landscape Character Assessment: the potential of behavioural observation 18

### [17 Winter 2004](#)

ODPM guide to PPS22 links character to planning for renewable energy 3  
Towards A 'New Vernacular' – The Countryside Agency promote high quality, sustainable rural development 3  
Change and Creation – English Heritage encourage debate on the later 20th Century landscape 4  
LANDMAP Information available online soon 4  
The future looks bright – where next with Countryside Character Network? 5  
The Peak District Vision for Wildlife Project 6  
Demonstrating landscape character as a spatial framework for local development policy 8  
National Database of Landscape Character Assessment now accessible via the CCN website 11

### [18 Spring 2005](#)

Changes at the Countryside Agency 3  
New resources on CCN website 3  
Countryside Character Network Workshop: Landscape Character and Biodiversity 4  
'Making land use sustainable' – Forum for the Future develop sustainability appraisal tool 4  
Defra launch Environmental Stewardship Scheme 5  
IALE UK conference 'Landscape Ecology: planning, people and practice' 6  
Residential training course in LCA 6  
Countryside Quality Counts phase four 7  
Countryside users help researchers map 'tranquillity' 9  
CCN Workshop Review - Landscape Character: A Spatial Framework for Local Development Policy 11  
CPRE produce 'Unlocking the Landscape' action pack 13

### [19 Summer 2005](#)

New landscape team at the Countryside Agency 3  
Landscape character training for agri-environment advisers 4  
Countryside Quality Counts – consultation starts September 2005 5  
CCN Workshop: 'Landscape Character In and Around Urban Areas' 6  
Grant funding for Landscape Partnerships 7  
New CCN resources page – 'Landscape Character and Planning' 7  
CCN Workshop review: 'Landscape Character and Biodiversity' 8  
English Nature conduct good practice study of 'opportunity maps' for landscape scale conservation of biodiversity 10  
Tranquillity assessment and mapping 13

### [20 Autumn 2005](#)

The Countryside Character Network - phase IV 3  
Countryside Quality Counts – consultation underway 4  
LCA Case Study sheets – now available on CCN website 5  
CCN Workshop review: Landscape Character In and Around Urban Areas 7  
New resources on CCN website: Strategic Landscape Sensitivity 8  
Countryside Agency releases discussion paper on Landscape Indicators for Strategic Environmental Assessment of Local Transport Plans 8  
Shrewsbury and Atcham: an approach to landscape sensitivity and capacity 9  
Assessing landscape sensitivity and capacity within an EIA framework for wind farm development 13  
Environmental Character Assessment and its role in informing the choice of directions for sustainable growth 16

### [21 Winter 2005/6](#) | [Alternative link](#)

New Joint Character Area map of England 3  
Countryside Quality Counts – Countryside Agency thanks consultees 3

English Nature publish best practice study on ‘opportunity’ maps for the landscape scale conservation of biodiversity 4  
Environmental Stewardship – over a million hectares under agreement 4  
Database of LCAs in England: Countryside Agency encourage the submission of records 5  
Launch of first combined Village Design and Parish Landscape Statement 5  
Reflections from the far side of the world 6  
Welcome to the Landscape Character Network 7  
Landscape Character Assessment in the Republic of Ireland 10  
‘Heritage Counts’ towards landscape character 13

#### [22 Spring 2006](#)

Royal assent for the formation of Natural England 3  
Will your LCA be on the map? 3  
IALE UK conference looks at ‘Water and the Landscape’ 3  
West Midlands Woodlands Opportunities Map 4  
LCN Workshop: Landscape Character and Green Infrastructure 4  
Where does the Landscape Character Network live?  
Call yourself a landscape planner?  
European Landscape Convention 7  
LCN Workshop Report: ‘Landscape Character on the Road 13  
New Approaches to Historic Farmsteads 15  
Local Landscape Character Indicators – why the big headache? 20

#### [23 Summer 2006](#)

Database of Landscape Character Assessments in England – map of coverage 3  
Natural England partners champion landscape at the Royal Show 4  
Countryside Quality Counts: consultation round two 5  
New Countryside Agency publication looks at 33 years of changing agricultural landscapes 6  
Common Ground publication celebrates local distinctiveness 6  
Developments in biodiversity mapping in the regions 7  
European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage considers landscape 7  
Landscape in Natural England 8  
Think integration, think spatial, think future, think landscape! A report from the 4th Workshop for the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention 9  
Landscape Character Assessment in Ireland: an update 11  
Giving national meaning to local action – parish based Landscape Character Assessment in two Cheshire parishes 14  
LCN Workshop report: Landscape Character and Green Infrastructure 18

#### [24 Autumn 2006](#)

Database of Landscape Character Assessments in England – updated map of coverage 3  
New study explores the relationship between locality foods and landscape character 4  
Unlocking the landscape: communities turning the key 4

English Nature publish research report on environmental opportunity mapping and habitat networks 5  
Countryside Quality Counts consultation – deadline extended 5  
Looking to the future 6  
Local Landscape Designations – key findings of a review by the Countryside Agency Landscape, Access and Recreation division 7  
LCN Workshop Report: ‘Landscape Character and Strategic Environmental Assessment’ 11  
‘Landscape 2050: Reshaping the Landscape to Meet the Needs of the Future’ – report on the Landscape Institute conference 13

### [25 Spring 2007](#)

Introduction to Natural England’s Landscape and Nature Conservation Team 3  
Landscape: beyond the view 3  
Landscape Character SPD wins RTPi National Planning Award 4  
Landscape Ecology of Energy - IALE (UK) Conference 2007 5  
Countryside Quality Counts: assessment of landscape change in England now completed 6  
CPRE publish map of tranquillity in England 6  
Remember landscape evaluation? 7  
Isn’t it time for an approach to landscape, townscape and coastal seascape assessment on which everyone agrees? 8  
The West Midlands Living Landscape Group 12  
The Dorset County Boundary Survey 16  
EUROPARC Atlantic Isles ELC seminar 18

### [26 Winter 2007](#)

Update on the Natural England Landscape and Nature Conservation Policy Team 3  
LCN contract awarded to Countryside 3  
Assessing seascapes – a forthcoming regional scale study of Wales 4  
Landscape Institute restructure 4  
Assessing the Effect of Road Schemes on Historic Landscape Character 4  
Scotland’s Living Landscapes – the work of the Scottish Landscape Forum 5  
Themed issue of English Heritage’s Conservation Bulletin – ‘Modern Times’ 5  
European Landscape Convention Framework for Implementation in England 6  
Event report: European Landscape Convention Expert Seminar, Sheffield, November 2007 7  
‘Countryside Quality Counts’ in Catalonia 7  
England’s Historic Seascapes - archaeologists look beneath the surface to meet the marine challenges of the ELC 8  
Kent Downs Land Managers’ Pack 12

### [27 Spring 2008](#)

Natural England publishes landscape policy 3  
New legislation to create rights of access around the English coast 3  
The Condition and Quality of England’s Landscapes Project 4

CPRE's 'Unlocking the Landscape' initiative – an update 4  
East of England Integrated Regional Landscape Framework 5  
East Midlands Regional Landscape Scoping Study - 'A Way Forward' 6  
Glyndebourne Opera House Wind Turbine Public Inquiry 7  
CPRE's position on the Glyndebourne Wind Turbine Inquiry 7  
New ELC resources on the LCN website 8  
Research to Support the Implementation of the ELC in England 8  
New European landscape network for NGOs 8  
Education, Education, Education? 9  
The European Landscape Convention – its origins, focus and relevance at European level to land use and landscape planning, Michael Dower 10-15  
Landscape character map for Wales 16  
The South Downs National Park Public Inquiry reopens 19

### [28 Summer 2008](#)

Natural England publish State of the Natural Environment report and A Manifesto for the Natural Environment 3  
Landscape neglected in eco-town plans, says Landscape Institute 4  
Natural England supports the eco-towns concept and programme 4  
Farmsteads – update of recent work 5  
Character building – the Northamptonshire Environmental Character Assessment approach 6  
Highways Agency to update landscape assessment guidance in the Design Manual for Roads & Bridges 6  
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