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 In the process of time much older information has been archived or become dispersed across the web.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


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
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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)

**Ceredigion** 2010 (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


‘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


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 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


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


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

Countrywide Character and Planning, LCN workshop 21 Jul 1999

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
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
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 Countryscape 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
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
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
Landscape Institute Conferences focus on leading role of landscape architects in tackling climate change 7
IALE (UK) Conference: Landscape Ecology & Conservation 7
LANDMAP comes of age 8
Natural England announce increased funding for the ELC 9
Update on the Natural England ELC Action Plan 9
Wind Energy Development in Northern Ireland’s Landscapes: Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance 10
SNH research – climate change, landscape and quality of life 12
Report on Research to Support the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention in England 14
Valuing agricultural landscapes 20
Applying LCA in the Forest of Dean – raising the standard of development in rural areas 23
‘Cultural Landscape Management’ – report on the ICOMOS-UK Summer Conference

29 Autumn 2008

LCN Workshop: Landscape and Ecosystem Services 3
ialeUK Workshop: Urban landscape ecology 3
Lasting Legacy of the Scottish Landscape Forum 4
Countryside Quality Counts moves to new web address 5
Cumbria’s Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document 5
European Landscape Convention – Action plan guidelines 6
Landscape as Heritage – The Management and Protection of Landscape in Europe 7
“Europe Loses its Face”: The state and condition of European cultural landscapes 7
Implementing the Council of Europe’s European Landscape Convention in England 8
World Wide Worcs: the landscapes of Worcestershire on the web 12
An update on Suffolk Landscape Character Assessment 16

30 Winter 2008
From historic landscapes to future landscapes 3
Consultation on Natural England’s draft policies 3
Draft River Basin Management Plans 4
Helping hill farmers protect historic uplands 4
A natural signature for the urban environment? 5
The Farmsteads Toolkit 6
Future of rural land use on the agenda 7
HELM training programme 2009 7
ParkCity conference 8
Landscape and environment programme conference: Living Landscapes 8
LCN Workshop: Landscape and ecosystem services 9
Ensuring England’s National Character Areas are fit for the future 10
Biennale Toscana del Paesaggio 11
5th Conference on the European Landscape Convention 11
Comment on the Landscape Character & Ecosystem Services Workshop, Reading, 2nd December 2008 12
Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnerships 13
The Designation History Series in England and Wales 17

31 Spring 2009
Northern Ireland’s Landscapes Unlocked 3
i ale UK Conference 2009: announcement and call for papers 3
ELC Action Plan Guidelines workshops 4
Feedback on the European Landscape Convention seminar 4
New website for RECEP-ENELC 5
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