

Landscape Character Area Metadata

Title

Landscape Character Areas

Alternative Title

LCA

Dataset Language

eng

Abstract

Landscape character is defined as 'a distinct, recognisable and consistent pattern of elements in the landscape that makes one landscape different from another, rather than better or worse'. Put simply, landscape character is that which makes an area unique.

The Hertfordshire Landscape Character Area data has been developed to support better decision-making with regard to landscape conservation and management and development planning and management. Maps have been used to record analysts', field surveyors' and consultees' views and the landscape has been subdivided into areas which have an 'identity', typically linked to physical or cultural factors, but which may simply be recognised as such by local communities. These areas are described in detail in landscape character area statements. The statements can be used by developers, their agents and planners and charitable bodies to help guide development and landscape change to be more sustainable. Developers' agents and charities in particular may find it helpful to have the boundaries as GIS data to use in their own systems.

Landscape Character Assessment has been undertaken widely in one form or another since the 1970s, however the current coverage of landscape character assessment across the country derives from government and government agency policy in the 1990s. A hierarchy of scale is found helpful, and the Hertfordshire Landscape Character Assessment provides local detail to support the broad National Character Area statements being prepared by Natural England for similar purposes.

Landscape Character Areas boundaries do not consistently follow any one landscape element, although field boundaries are frequently used. Some urban areas are excluded from the surrounding Landscape Character Areas because they are predominately urban in character (and are recorded as "No Landscape Character Area" in the data).

Topic Category

Habitat

Keyword

Keyword Value: Countryside Conservation

Originating Controlled Vocabulary: Integrated Public Sector Vocabulary (IPSV)

Originating Controlled Vocabulary Citation: Version 2.00 - 2006-05-23

Keyword Value: Bio-geographical regions

Originating Controlled Vocabulary: GEMET - INSPIRE Spatial Data Themes (GEMET)

Originating Controlled Vocabulary Citation: 2008-12-05

Temporal Extent

2000/2009-08

Dataset Reference Date

Date: 2009-09-25

Date Type: Publication

Lineage

Originally there were 6 files, created at different times: South Herts (2000), St. Albans (2001), Dacorum (2003), East Herts (2004), Welwyn Hatfield (2005), North Herts (2006)

These were combined and additional Non-Landscape Character Areas created for the urban areas to give full coverage for the county.

Boundaries were re-digitised and merged to the 1:10,000 Scale Raster data, at a viewing scale of 1:2,000.

Revised boundaries were validated by site survey.

IPR: Ordnance Survey

Product: 10,000 Mapping

Date: 2009

Bounding Coordinates

Hertfordshire

West Bounding Longitude: -0.76

East Bounding Longitude: 0.22

North Bounding Latitude: 52.10

South Bounding Latitude: 51.58

Extent

Extent: Hertfordshire

Authority Code: GB-HRT

Vertical Extent Information

- NOT APPLICABLE -

Minimum Value:

Maximum Value:

Coordinate reference system:

Spatial Reference System

Spatial Reference System: National Grid of Great Britain

Authority Code: GB

Spatial Resolution

10 metre

Resource Locator

- NOT APPLICABLE -

Data Format

Name of Format: ESRI/Shape file, ESRI/SDE

Version of the Format: - NOT APPLICABLE-

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Additional information source

Natural England - [Landscape Character](#)
[Landscape of Hertfordshire - character assessment](#)

Unique Resource Identifier

Code: LCA
Codespace: HBRC

Spatial Data Service Type

- NOT APPLICABLE -

Coupled Resource

- NOT APPLICABLE -

Resource Type
dataset

Conformity

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Specification Date: 2008-12-04

Specification Date Type: Publication

Degree: False (Not Conformant)

Explanation: Not xml

Data Specifications for Annex 2 and 3 not confirmed

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Metadata Language

eng

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More Information

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Unknown

Attributes

LCAID: Landscape Character Area ID
LCANAME: Landscape Character Area name
ALIAS: Landscape Character Area alias
HA: Area in hectares
NOTES: Notes concerning Sub Area status
LCA: Binary flag indicating either 1 a named Landscape Character Areas or 0 urban / no character
SUBAREA: Binary flag indicating either 1 a Sub Area or 2 not a Sub Area
URL: URL linking to additional resource

OSGB36 National Grid Bounding Coordinates

West: 486000 **East:** 552000 **North:** 245000 **South:** 189000