Appendix B

THAXTED, UTTLESFORD

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT

PROFORMAS

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PROFORMA 1 Key View – Template

Key view no.:		Date:					
Viewpoint location:							
Roadway	Bridleway	Footpath	Harcamlow Nation	nal Trail			
Receptors/users: (e.g. v	vehicle drivers/passengers	, walkers on footpath)				
Direction of view:							
Range:	Short	Medium	Long				
Extent of view (e.g. cha	nnelled/enclosed, expansi	ve, far-reaching pand	ramic, radial):				
Does view incorporate	local landmarks/focal fea	tures?					
Brief description of view:							
Is view already compromised by development?							
Sensitive view / sightlin	ne?						
1 Lowest	2	3	4 Hig	5 ghest			
How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village):							
Overall evaluation of si	gnificance / value of view	:					
1 Lowest	2	3	4 Hig	5 ghest			
Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view?							
Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)							

Key view no.: 3

Viewpoint location: Footpath (49_8) Roadway Bridleway Harcamlow National Trail **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: South east** Medium Range: Short Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire) and Windmill (tower and sails) Brief description of view: Long distance panoramic view across undulating farmland and the wooded Chelmer valley, to encompass parts of Thaxted's western settlement edge, filtered by intervening vegetation Is view already compromised by development? Generally unspoilt, apart from pylons to north (not visible in cropped photo) Sensitive view / sightline? 2 3 5 1 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: Lowest Highest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect on view, due to current unspoilt nature of view; erosion of rural character of landscape surrounding Thaxted Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?) Conserve the rural and undeveloped character of the landscape

Date: 27/04/16 Key view no.: 6 **Viewpoint location:** Footpath (49_38) Roadway Bridleway Harcamlow National Trail **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: South east Medium** Range: Short Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): However riverside vegetation restricts view to east Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes – Church (top of spire) Brief description of view: Medium distance view across farmland and the wooded Chelmer valley towards Thaxted's western settlement edge, screened by the valley's strong vegetative framework Is view already compromised by development? No - unspoilt Sensitive view / sightline? 2 3 5 1 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Key view of wooded Chelmer valley Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: Lowest Highest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect on view, due to current unspoilt rural nature of view; erosion of rural character of landscape surrounding Thaxted Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?) Conserve the rural and undeveloped character of the landscape

Key view no.: 8

Viewpoint location: Footpath (49_17) Roadway Bridleway Harcamlow National Trail **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: East** Medium Range: Short Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire) and Windmill (tower and sails) Brief description of view: Long distance panoramic view across expansive farmland and the wooded Chelmer Valley, to encompass much of the extent of Thaxted's western settlement edge, filtered by intervening vegetation Is view already compromised by development? Recent development at X; pylons north of Thaxted Sensitive view / sightline? 1 2 3 5 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): The town's compact nucleated form and strongly rural setting are very apparent Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: 1 Highest Lowest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect on view, due to further erosion of rural character of landscape surrounding Thaxted Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?) Conserve the rural and undeveloped character of the landscape

Key view no.: 10

Viewpoint location: Footpath (49_17) Roadway Bridleway Harcamlow National Trail **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: East** Medium Range: Short Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire) and Windmill (tower and sails) Brief description of view: Long distance panoramic view across expansive farmland and the wooded Chelmer Valley, to encompass much of the extent of Thaxted's western settlement edge, filtered by intervening vegetation Is view already compromised by development? Recent development at X; pylons north of Thaxted Sensitive view / sightline? 1 2 3 5 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): The town's compact nucleated form and strongly rural setting are very apparent Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: 1 Highest Lowest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect on view, due to further erosion of rural character of landscape surrounding Thaxted Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?) Conserve the rural and undeveloped character of the landscape

Key view no.: 12

Viewpoint location: Roadway (Bolford St) Harcamlow National Trail Bridleway Footpath **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view:** North east Medium Range: Short Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire and part of south elevation) and Windmill (full extent) Brief description of view: Iconic long distance panoramic view over expansive rolling farmland, to encompass parts of Thaxted's western settlement edge, filtered by intervening vegetation Is view already compromised by development? Pumping station in middle ground, distant pylons north of Thaxted Sensitive view / sightline? 1 2 3 4 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): The town's compact nucleated form and strongly rural setting are very apparent Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: 4 Lowest Highest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Key view no.: 13

Viewpoint location: Roadway (Bolford St) Bridleway Footpath Harcamlow National Trail **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view:** North east **Medium** Range: Short Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire and part of south elevation) and Windmill (tower and sails) Brief description of view: Iconic medium distance expansive view over rolling farmland, to encompass limited parts of Thaxted's western settlement edge, filtered by intervening topography and vegetation. Church spire aligns with the centre-point of the road, enhancing the Church's dominance and creating a pleasing symmetry. Is view already compromised by development? Pumping station in middle ground Sensitive view / sightline? 2 3 4 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): The town's strongly rural setting is very apparent Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: 5 4 1 2 Highest Lowest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Key view no.: 16 Date: 27/04/16 **Viewpoint location:** Footpath (49_34) Harcamlow National Trail Roadway Bridleway **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view:** North east **Medium** Range: Short Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire), Windmill (tower and sails) and United Reformed Church (south east façade) Brief description of view: Dramatic medium range view over undulating farmland of three key listed buildings arranged in close proximity: the United Reformed Church, the Church and the Windmill Is view already compromised by development? No – unspoilt (NB telegraph poles) Sensitive view / sightline? 2 3 4 1 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Rare view of these three listed buildings arranged in close proximity Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: 4 Lowest Highest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Key view no.: 17		Date: 27/04/16				
Viewpoint location:						
Roadway Brid	leway	Footpath (49_101)	Harcamlow Na	<mark>itional Trail</mark>		
Receptors/users: (e.g. vehicle	drivers/passengers,	walkers on footpath)				
Direction of view: North						
Range: Sho	ort	Medium	Long			
Extent of view (e.g. channelle	d/enclosed, expansiv	re, <mark>far-reaching panor</mark>	<mark>amic</mark>):			
Does view incorporate local la Yes - Church (spire and part of	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		d sails)			
Brief description of view: Long distance panoramic view over gently undulating farmland to parts of Thaxted's southern and western settlement edges, filtered by intervening topography and vegetation. The Church spire and Windmill provide focal points on the horizon.						
Is view already compromised No – unspoilt	by development?					
Sensitive view / sightline? 1 Lowest	2 3	3 4		5 Highest		
How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village):						
Overall evaluation of signific 1 Lowest	ance / value of views			5 Highest		
Potential impact of small-scal High adverse effect	le residential develo _l	oment(s) within the l	ine of view?			
Recommendations and mitigate (any particular sensitivities or Protect open view to Church a	mitigation relating to	existing vegetation (or topography?)		

Date: 27/04/16 Key view no.: 19 **Viewpoint location:** Roadway (B1051) Footpath Harcamlow National Trail Bridleway **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: North** Short Medium Range: Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire and part of south elevation) and Windmill (tower, sails and staging) Brief description of view: Long distance narrow glimpse over gently undulating farmland which captures just the Church spire and the Windmill, framed by vegetation. Is view already compromised by development? No Sensitive view / sightline? 1 2 3 5 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Only view of Church and Windmill from B1051 Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: Lowest Highest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?) Keep sightline open

Date: 27/04/16 Key view no.: 20 **Viewpoint location:** Roadway (B184) Footpath Harcamlow National Trail Bridleway **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: North** Short Medium Range: Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Enclosed to east, expansive to west Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire and part of south elevation) and Windmill (tower and sails) Brief description of view: Long distance view over rolling countyside of parts of Thaxted's southern and western settlement edges. The Church spire and the Windmill provide focal points. Is view already compromised by development? Distant pylons north of Thaxted Sensitive view / sightline? 1 2 3 5 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: Lowest Highest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Date: 27/04/16 Key view no.: 23 **Viewpoint location:** Footpath (49_37) **Harcamlow National Trail** Roadway Bridleway **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: North** Short **Medium** Range: Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Enclosed to east, expansive to west Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire and part of south elevation), Windmill (tower, sails and staging) and United Reformed Church (south east façade) **Brief description of view:** Medium range view over rolling countyside of the Church, Windmill (including its staging) and southeast façade of the United Reformed Church, as well as part of Bolford Street's attractive settlement edge. Is view already compromised by development? **Pumping station** Sensitive view / sightline? 1 2 3 4 5 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: 1 2 3 4 Lowest Highest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Date: 27/04/16 Key view no.: 25 **Viewpoint location:** Footpath (49_37) **Harcamlow National Trail** Roadway Bridleway **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: North** Short **Medium** Range: Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Enclosed to east, expansive to west Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire and part of south elevation), Windmill (tower, sails and staging) and United Reformed Church (south east façade) **Brief description of view:** Medium range view over rolling countyside of the Church, Windmill (including its staging) and southeast façade of the United Reformed Church, as well as part of Bolford Street's attractive settlement edge. Is view already compromised by development? **Pumping station** Sensitive view / sightline? 1 2 3 4 5 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: 1 2 3 4 Lowest Highest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Key view no.: 26

Viewpoint location: Roadway Footpath (49_95) Harcamlow National Trail Bridleway **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: North west** Medium Long Range: Short **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire) and Windmill (part of tower and sails) Brief description of view: Long distance panoramic view over undulating farmland to parts of Thaxted's southern and western settlement edges, filtered by landform and vegetation Is view already compromised by development? No Sensitive view / sightline? 2 3 5 1 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: Lowest Highest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Key view no.: 29

Viewpoint location: Roadway Footpath (49_95) Harcamlow National Trail Bridleway **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: North west** Medium Long Range: Short **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire) and Windmill (part of tower and sails) Brief description of view: Long distance panoramic view over undulating farmland to parts of Thaxted's southern and western settlement edges, filtered by landform and vegetation Is view already compromised by development? No Sensitive view / sightline? 2 3 5 1 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: Lowest Highest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Key view no.: 31

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Viewpoint location:						
Roadway (B1051)	Bridleway	Footpath	Harcamlow	National Trail		
Receptors/users: (e.g.	vehicle drivers/pa	ssengers, walkers on footp	ath)			
Direction of view: Sou	th west					
Range:	Short	Medium	Long			
Extent of view (e.g. ch	annelled/enclosed	, <mark>expansive</mark> , far-reaching pa	anoramic):			
Does view incorporate Yes - Church (spire)	e local landmarks/t	focal features?				
Brief description of view: Long distance expansive view over farmland to Thaxted's eastern settlement edge						
Is view already compromised by development? Yes — new development at Moscotts creates a very harsh rural-urban interface, with extremely poor integration of the development into the surrounding agricultural landscape; pylons						
Sensitive view / sightle 1 Lowest	line?	3	4	5 Highest		
How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village):						
Overall evaluation of 1 Lowest	significance / valu 2	e of view: <mark>3</mark>	4	5 Highest		
Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? Medium - high adverse effect						
Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)						

Key view no.: 32

Viewpoint location: Footpath (49_29) Harcamlow National Trail Roadway Bridleway **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: South west** Medium Range: Short Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire) Brief description of view: Long distance expansive view over undulating farmland to Thaxted's eastern settlement edge, largely screened by mature vegetation on the edge of Thaxted and along the Crispey Brook Is view already compromised by development? Yes – recent development at Ellers Way and Noel Close is visible through gaps in the vegetation, and the tops of new houses at Moscotts break the skyline; pylons Sensitive view / sightline? 1 2 3 4 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: 5 4 1 2 Highest Lowest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Key view no.: 34

Viewpoint location: Footpath (49_30) Roadway Bridleway Harcamlow National Trail **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: South west Medium** Range: Short Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire) Brief description of view: Medium distance view along the Crispey Brook and over farmland to Thaxted's eastern settlement edge, partially screened by mature vegetation on the edge of the town. Is view already compromised by development? Yes – recent development at Ellers Way and Noel Close creates a harsh rural-urban interface, with poor integration of the development into the surrounding agricultural landscape Sensitive view / sightline? 3 1 2 5 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: 1 Highest Lowest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Key view no.: 36

Viewpoint location: Roadway (Copthall Lane) Harcamlow National Trail Bridleway Footpath **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: South west** Short **Medium** Range: Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire) Brief description of view: Medium distance view along Copthall Lane and across farmland to Thaxted's eastern settlement edge, screened by mature vegetation along the Crispey Brook. Is view already compromised by development? No Sensitive view / sightline? 1 2 3 5 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: Lowest Highest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Key view no.: 37

Viewpoint location:					
Roadway	Bridleway	Footpath (49_29)	Harcamlow Na	ntional Trail	
Receptors/users: (e.g. veh	icle drivers/passengers	s, <mark>walkers on footpath</mark>)	1		
Direction of view: South v	vest				
Range:	Short	<mark>Medium</mark>	Long		
Extent of view (e.g. chann	elled/enclosed, expans	sive, far-reaching pano	ramic):		
Does view incorporate loo	cal landmarks/focal fea	atures?			
Brief description of view: Medium distance view alo edge in the vicinity of Barr Lane.					
Is view already compromised by development? Yes - recent development on elevated land at Barnards Field is visible, intruding on the otherwise undeveloped rural character of the view.					
Sensitive view / sightline?	•				
1 Lowest	2	3	1	5 Highest	
How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village):					
Overall evaluation of sign	nificance / value of view	w:			
1 Lowest	2	3	1	5 Highest	
Potential impact of small- High adverse effect	scale residential devel	opment(s) within the	line of view?		
Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)					

Key view no.: 40

Viewpoint location: Footpath (49_13) Harcamlow National Trail Roadway Bridleway **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: South** Short Medium Range: Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes – Church (spire) and Windmill (tops of sails) Brief description of view: Long distance expansive view over undulating farmland and the wooded river valley to Thaxted's northern settlement edge Is view already compromised by development? Yes - the recently built properties of Little Maypole are prominent on the horizon, their red tiled roofs contrasting sharply with the general darker roofscape Sensitive view / sightline? 3 1 2 5 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: 1 Highest Lowest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Key view no.: 41

Viewpoint location: Roadway (B184) Harcamlow National Trail Bridleway Footpath **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: South** Short Medium Range: Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire) Brief description of view: Long distance view across the valley to part of Thaxted's northern settlement edge, largely filtered and/or blocked by the intervening topography and vegetation Is view already compromised by development? Yes - the recently built properties of Little Maypole are prominent on the horizon Sensitive view / sightline? 2 4 5 1 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: 4 Lowest Highest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? Medium adverse effect Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?)

Key view no.: 45

Viewpoint location: Footpath (49_97) Roadway Bridleway Harcamlow National Trail **Receptors/users**: (e.g. vehicle drivers/passengers, walkers on footpath) **Direction of view: South** Short **Medium** Range: Long **Extent of view** (e.g. channelled/enclosed, expansive, far-reaching panoramic): Does view incorporate local landmarks/focal features? Yes - Church (spire) Brief description of view: Middle distance view across farmland towards Thaxted's northern settlement edge (in the vicinity of Little Maypole, Clare Court and The Maypole) and down to the wooded River Chelmer valley and farmland beyond. Is view already compromised by development? Yes - the recently built properties of Little Maypole are prominent on the horizon Sensitive view / sightline? 1 2 3 5 Lowest Highest How does view contribute to character of area? (e.g. of historic significance; key view of Church/Windmill/United Reformed Church; emphasises strong relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village): Overall evaluation of significance / value of view: 1 Highest Lowest Potential impact of small-scale residential development(s) within the line of view? High adverse effect – potential for new development to intrude on view of Church Recommendations and mitigation? (any particular sensitivities or mitigation relating to existing vegetation or topography?) Preserve presence of Church within sightline

PROFORMA 2 LPLCA Field Survey Sheet – Template

LPLCA no.:	Date:
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Existing landscape character criteria
Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape):
Land-use and classification:
Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):
Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):
Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):
Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):
Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):
Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):
Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):
Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):
Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):
Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):
Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)
Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place? (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak) (e.g. due to landscape of historic significance/time-depth, emphasises strong historic relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village):

Existing visual amenity criteria

	p of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):
visually enclosed/ within/around LPI	ess of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework LCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level le limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the ual access):
Visual influence o	of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):
Thaxted/Church/v	iew(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; /serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; impromised by development):
	on of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: ative/neutral, strong/average/weak)
<u>Photographs</u>	
Photograph no's:	

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LPLCA no.: 1 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape):

- Varies strong-weak: part of LPLCA1 directly abuts the western side of the main built up area of Thaxted in the vicinity of Watling Lane; elsewhere the LPLCA is physically separated from the main town by other agricultural landuses.
- Within LPLCA1 a traditional dispersed rural settlement pattern persists, despite its partial physical proximity to Thaxted town.

Land-use and classification:

- Narrow river valley associated with the River Chelmer and its tributary the Crispey Brook.
- Some smaller pastoral fields, areas of rough or wet meadow pasture and private gardens occupy the narrow River Chelmer floodplain.
- A string of small wet deciduous woodlands occurs along the River Chelmer corridor, with dense riverside trees; trees also line Crispey Brook.
- Traditional orchard area east of Whiteleys.
- Watling Lane: route of ancient pathway.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Vary.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

- Distinctive narrow river valley landform associated with the River Chelmer and the southern stretch of its tributary the Crispey Brook.
- LPLCA1 occupies the lowest part of the study area.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

LPLCA1 comprises the small meandering channel of the River Chelmer, with its tributary the Crispey Brook, together with adjacent floodplains.

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

• Small blocks of Deciduous Woodland and a Traditional Orchard area.

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

PRoWs 49 8, 49 10, 49 18, 49 34, 49 49 (Harcamlow Way National Trail), 49 65, 49 91, 49 96

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Strongly undeveloped enclosed green rural character.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

(e.g. due to landscape of historic significance/time-depth, emphasises strong historic relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village):

Existing visual amenity criteria

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak): Wooded river valley provides distinctive visual feature within the wider landscape.

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

Key views 6, 10, 16, 17, 19

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings:

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photographs

Photograph no's:

5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 44

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LPLCA no.: 2 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- LPLCA2 is physically separated from Thaxted's main built up area by LPLCA1.
- Within LPLCA2 a traditional dispersed rural settlement pattern prevails, although the area also includes a small modern residential development east of Cutlers Green, and the pumping station off Bolford Street.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

- Intensive arable farmland.
- Small blocks of deciduous woodland.
- Small areas of private gardens.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Vary but predominantly hedgerows.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down from plateau to the east towards the River Chelmer.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

- Listed buildings at Cutlers Green Farm.
- Small blocks of Deciduous Woodland.

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

PRoWs 49_5, 49_6, 49_8, 49_13, 49_17, 49_38

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Strongly undeveloped open rural character.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

(e.g. due to landscape of historic significance/time-depth, emphasises strong historic relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village):

Existing visual amenity criteria

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

• Open, visually exposed landscape with far-reaching radial/panoramic views.

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g.):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

Key views 3, 8, 12, 13, 40, 41

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photographs

Photograph no's:

1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 40, 41

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LPLCA no.: 3 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- LPLCA3 directly abuts the south western side of the main built up area of Thaxted.
- Within LPLCA3 a traditional peri-urban settlement pattern persists, including peripheral farmsteads, burial ground and windmill.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

- Land associated with windmill.
- Burial ground.
- Small pastoral fields, paddocks and meadows associated with peripheral farmsteads.
- Private gardens.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Vary.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down to the west towards the River Chelmer.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows): Windmill and burial ground add further time-depth dimensions.

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

- Part of LPLCA3 (around the windmill and Park Farm) lies within the CA.
- Listed buildings include the windmill and the Borough.

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

- PRoW 49_37 (Harcamlow Way National Trail)
- Public access to windmill and burial ground.

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

- Peri-urban character.
- Windmill provides key landmark feature.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

(e.g. due to landscape of historic significance/time-depth, emphasises strong historic relationship of

town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village):

Existing visual amenity criteria

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA): Varies.

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

Varies.

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak): Windmill constitutes key landmark feature.

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

No key views.

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photographs

Photograph no's:		

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LPLCA no.: 4 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- LPLCA4 is physically separated from Thaxted's main built up area by LPLCA3.
- Within LPLCA4 a traditional dispersed rural settlement pattern persists: Parkstile Cottage is the sole building within this LPLCA.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

- Intensive arable farmland.
- Private garden associated with Parkstile Cottage.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Vary.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down to the south towards the River Chelmer.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

Listed building: Parkstile Cottage.

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

PRoWs 49_35, 49_37 (Harcamlow Way National Trail)

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Strongly undeveloped rural character.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

(e.g. due to landscape of historic significance/time-depth, emphasises strong historic relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village):

Existing visual amenity criteria

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak): Varies - gradient of visual influence from weak to strong from south to north.

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

Key views 16, 23

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photographs

Photograph no's: 15, 16, 22, 23, 24

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LPLCA no.: 5 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- LPLCA5 directly abuts the southern side of the main built up area of Thaxted.
- Within LPLCA5 a traditional peri-urban settlement pattern persists, including peripheral farmsteads, a car repair workshop and club houses associated with a bowling green and tennis courts.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

- Small pastoral fields, areas of unkempt grassland, recently planted parkland and private gardens associated with peripheral farmsteads.
- Bowling green.
- Tennis courts.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Vary.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down to the west towards the River Chelmer.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds): Small ponds

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

- Part of LPLCA5 lies within the CA.
- Listed buildings outside the CA: Claypitts Farmhouse.

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

PRoW 49 90

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Varies.

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

- Peri-urban character.
- Strength varies.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Note: Highlighted options indicate those which apply to this particular parcel

(e.g. due to landscape of historic significance/time-depth, emphasises strong historic relationship of town to its rural setting; part of open rural approach to village):

Varies.

Existing visual amenity criteria

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA): Varies.

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

Varies.

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

Key view 29.

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Varies.

Photograph no's:	
28, 29	

LPLCA no.: 6 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- Varies strong-weak: a small portion of LPLCA6 directly abuts the southern side of the main built up area of Thaxted; elsewhere the LPLCA is physically separated from the main built up area of Thaxted by LPCA5. The physical relationship of the landscape with the urban conurbation weakens progressively moving south away from the town.
- No buildings occupy this LPLCA.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

• Intensive arable farmland.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Vary but predominantly absent.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down to the west towards the River Chelmer and the Crispey Brook.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

PRoW 49_101

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Strongly undeveloped open rural character.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

• Open landscape with far-reaching panoramic views.

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

Key views 17, 20.25

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photographs

Photograph no's: 17, 18, 20, 21, 25

LPLCA no.: 7 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- Varies strong-weak: part of LPLCA7 directly abuts the southern edge of town in the vicinity of Bardfield Road; elsewhere the LPLCA is physically separated from the main built up area of Thaxted by LPCA5. The physical relationship of the landscape with the urban conurbation weakens progressively moving south east away from the town.
- Within LPLCA7 a traditional dispersed rural settlement pattern persists: Prior's Hall Farmhouse and Cottages comprise the only buildings within this LPLCA.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

- Intensive arable farmland.
- Private gardens associated with Prior's Hall.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Vary.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down to west towards the River Chelmer and the Crispey Brook.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

Prior's Hall farmhouse and Cottages listed buildings.

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

PRoWs 49_32, 49_95, 49_100

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Strongly undeveloped open rural character.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

• Open landscape with far-reaching panoramic views.

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

Key view 26

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photographs

Photograph no's: 26, 27, 30

LPLCA no.: 8 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- LPLCA8 directly abuts the eastern edge of town in the vicinity of Barnards Field and Bardfield Road, as well as incorporating ribbon development further east along Bardfield Road.
- Within LPLCA8 a peri-urban settlement pattern exists, comprising a disused depot off Copthall Lane and ribbon residential development on the northern side of Bardfield Road.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

- Intensive arable farmland.
- Area of hard standing associated with depot off Copthall Lane.
- Private gardens associated with ribbon development off Bardfield Road.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Vary.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down to north west towards the Crispey Brook.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Generally rural character.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

• Lack of PRoWs within LPLCA8 restrict public visual access.

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

No key views

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photograph no's:		

LPLCA no.: 9 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape):

- Varies strong-weak: LPLCA9 directly abuts the eastern side of the main built up area of Thaxted in the vicinity of Copthall Lane, Brook View and Noel Close. The physical relationship of the landscape with the urban conurbation weakens progressively moving north east away from the town.
- No buildings occupy this LPLCA.

Land-use and classification:

- Copthall Lane: route of ancient pathway.
- Narrow tree-lined Crispey Brook.
- Linear fields of wet meadow pasture ("Walnut Tree Meadow") and intensive arable occupy the narrow floodplain.
- Small block of woodland at northern end.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Vary.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

LPLCA9 contains the northern stretch of the small tributary stream the Crispey Brook.

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

PRoWs 49_29 (Copthall Lane), 49_30

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Undeveloped enclosed rural landscape character.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

Key views 36, 37

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photographs

Photograph no's: 35, 36, 37, 38

LPLCA no.: 10 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- LPLCA10 is physically separated from Thaxted's main built up area by LPLCAs 11 and 12.
- No buildings occupy this LPLCA.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

- Small linear fields of intensive arable farmland historic field pattern.
- Small areas of woodland/scrub.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down to south east towards the Crispey Brook.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

PRoW 49 27

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Undeveloped enclosed rural landscape character.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

No key views

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photograph no's:			

LPLCA no.: 11 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- Part of LPLCA11 directly abuts the eastern edge of town in the vicinity of Moscotts, Guelphs Lane, Ellers Way and Noel Close; elsewhere the LPLCA is physically separated from the main built up area of Thaxted by LPCA12. The physical relationship of the landscape with the urban conurbation weakens progressively moving north east away from the town.
- No buildings occupy this LPLCA.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

- Intensive arable farmland.
- Small wooded area.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Vary.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down to south east towards the Crispey Brook.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

PRoW 49 29

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Undeveloped rural landscape character, diluted by harsh urban interface.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):
• Harsh urban interface.

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

Key views 31, 32, 34

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings:

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photographs

Photograph no's: 31, 32, 33, 34

LPLCA no.: 12 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- LPLCA12 directly abuts the eastern edge of town in the vicinity of Guelphs Lane, The Mead and Weaverhead Close.
- No buildings occupy this LPLCA.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

• Area of naturally regenerating scrub/woodland.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down to south east towards the Crispey Brook.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Regenerating scrub/woodland character.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

No key views

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photograph no's:	
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LPLCA no.: 13 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- LPLCA13 directly abuts the eastern edge of town in the vicinity of Bellrope Meadow, Guelphs Lane and Rochelle Close.
- Within LPLCA13 a peri-urban settlement pattern exists, comprising buildings associated with the recreation ground and a care home.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

- Playing fields.
- Hard-surfaced multi-purpose court.
- Children's play area.
- Areas of hardstanding and soft landscape associated with care home.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Vary.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex): Land slopes down to south.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

Small Traditional Orchard area.

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

- PRoW 49 98.
- Public access to recreation ground.

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Recreational/community character.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

No key views

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings:

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photographs

Varies.

Photograph no's:	
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LPLCA no.: 14 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- LPLCA14 is separated from the main built up area of Thaxted by the B184 and the B1051. A care home and housing on Bellrope Meadow, Burns Way and Moscotts lie immediately south of the B1051.
- Within LPLCA14 a peri-urban settlement pattern exists, with Goddards Farmhouse and other associated agricultural/equestrian structures.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

• Small fields, paddocks and private gardens associated with Goddards Farm.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent): Vary.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down to north west towards the River Chelmer.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

• Peri-urban character.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

No key views

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photograph no's:			

LPLCA no.: 15 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- LPLCA15 is separated from the main built up area of Thaxted by LPLCAs 13, 14 and 15.
- No buildings occupy this LPLCA.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

• Intensive arable farmland.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent): Vary.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down to north west towards the River Chelmer.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

PRoWs 49 20, 49 24

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Undeveloped rural landscape character.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PRoWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

No key views

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photograph no's:			

LPLCA no.: 16 Date: 27/04/16

Existing landscape character criteria

Physical relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak); settlement pattern/buildings within the landscape:

- LPLCA8 directly abuts the northern edge of town in the vicinity of Clare Court, The Maple and Watling Lane.
- No buildings occupy this LPLCA.

Land-use and classification (including vegetation cover, key tree and hedgerow species):

• Intensive arable farmland.

Boundary features (e.g. hedgerows, fences, absent):

Vary.

Topography (e.g. level, gently sloping/undulating, steep, complex):

Land slopes down to west towards the River Chelmer.

Hydrology (e.g. river valley, watercourse, floodplain, ditches, small ponds):

Landscape scale (e.g. large, medium, small and intimate):

Landscape complexity (e.g. high, medium or low variety of uses):

Time depth (e.g. strong, medium, weak; e.g. due to historic field patterns, enclosed meadow pastures along the river valley floodplain, intimate ancient pathways, mature trees and hedgerows):

Landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity designations (e.g. CA, listed buildings, Priority Woodland Habitat):

Public access (physical) (e.g. PRoWs, Harcamlow Way National Trail):

PRoW 49 97

Tranquility (e.g. high, medium, low):

Thaxted lies immediately below Stansted Airport's flight approach path, impacting on the area's tranquillity.

Landscape condition (e.g. good, medium, poor):

Strength of landscape character (e.g. strong, average, weak)

Undeveloped rural landscape character, diluted by urban interface.

Contribution of the landscape to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place?

(e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Visual relationship of landscape with existing urban conurbation (e.g. strong, medium, weak intervisibility; e.g. due to topography, strong/lack of vegetation cover within/around LPLCA):

Degree of openness of landscape to public views (e.g. high, medium, low; e.g. LPLCA generally visually enclosed/exposed by topography/vegetation/built form, strong vegetation cover/framework within/around LPLCA provides limited intervisibility with wider landscape, low-medium level hedgerows provide limited visual screening/enclosure from the wider landscape, PROWs within the LPLCA provide visual access):

Visual influence of landscape on the wider landscape (e.g. strong, medium, weak):

Presence of key view(s)/sight line(s) to the town and/or landmark features (e.g. key view(s) of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church; iconic view(s); some radial/panoramic views; some continuous/serial/intermittent views due to intervening vegetation and/or topography; view(s) already compromised by development):

Key view 45

Visual contribution of landscape to the setting of Thaxted town/CA/listed buildings: (e.g. positive/negative/neutral, strong/average/weak)

Photograph no's:	
44, 45	

PROFORMA 3 LPLCA Supporting Information – Template

LPLCA no.:	Date:
Representative photograph:	
Key landscape characteristics:	
Key visual characteristics:	
Key landscape planning and management issues:	
Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):	
Lanuscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low).	
Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):	
Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity	of a parcel in broad stratogic
terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):	
Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):	of the landscape within the
Overall landscape capacity for change (the effect of development in would diminish, improve or have little effect on local distinctiveness "Overall Landscape Sensitivity + Landscape Value = Overall Landscap Low, Low-Medium, Medium, Medium-High or High):	and sense of place, where

Opportunities for mitigation (e.g. retention and enhancement/reinforcement of existing hedgerows & trees; retention of key views/sight lines):
Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):
Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):
Known presence of allocated land/approved planning applications:

PROFORMA 3 LPLCA Supporting Information – Completed

LPLCA no.: 1 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:



Key landscape characteristics:

- Distinctive narrow river valley associated with the meandering River Chelmer and its tributary the Crispey Brook, with associated floodplains.
- Some smaller pastoral fields and areas of rough or wet meadow pasture occupy the narrow River Chelmer floodplain. A string of small wet woodlands occurs along the River Chelmer corridor, with dense riverside trees; trees also line Crispey Brook.
- Strongly undeveloped green rural character.
- Strong time-depth; contains the ancient pathway Watling Lane.
- Traditional dispersed settlement pattern.
- Small-scale, intimate landscape.
- Incorporates part of Harcamlow Way National Trail.

Key visual characteristics:

- Valley bottom is narrow with dense vegetation, affording confined and framed views and limited inter-visibility with wider landscape.
- Wooded river valley provides distinctive visual feature within the wider landscape.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

• Fragmentation of river valley landscape.

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape capacity for change (the effect of development in broad terms and whether it would diminish, improve or have little effect on local distinctiveness and sense of place, where "Overall Landscape Sensitivity + Landscape Value = Overall Landscape Capacity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. Low, Low-Medium, Medium-High or High):

Opportunities for mitigation (e.g. retention and enhancement/reinforcement of existing hedgerows & trees; retention of key views/sight lines):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect pastoral river valley landscape from further fragmentation by resisting inappropriate use and development.
- Protect traditional dispersed rural settlement pattern.
- Conserve and enhance green rural landscape character of the river valley.
- Protect historic field patterns.
- Protect pastoral fields, areas of rough and wet meadow pasture and wet deciduous woodlands which occupy the River Chelmer floodplain.
- Protect Traditional Orchard area.
- Protect historic Watling Lane.
- Protect key views and attractive views along the valley.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Conserve and enhance the green character of the river valley through appropriate management of wildlife habitats.
- Conserve and manage the ecological structure of woodland, orchard, pasture and meadows.
- Conserve Watling Lane.

Known presence of allocated land/approved planning applications:

Approved planning application adjacent – refer to Figure 1 Study area.

PROFORMA 3 LPLCA Supporting Information – Completed

LPLCA no.: 2 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:



Key landscape characteristics:

- Strongly undeveloped rural character.
- Large scale, intensive, arable farmland, with small blocks of deciduous woodland.
- Gently undulating land slopes down from plateau to the east towards the River Chelmer.
- Traditional dispersed settlement pattern.

Key visual characteristics:

• Open, visually exposed landscape with far-reaching radial/panoramic views, some of which are iconic.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape capacity for change (the effect of development in broad terms and whether it would diminish, improve or have little effect on local distinctiveness and sense of place, where "Overall Landscape Sensitivity + Landscape Value = Overall Landscape Capacity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. Low, Low-Medium, Medium-High or High):

Opportunities for mitigation (e.g. retention and enhancement/reinforcement of existing hedgerows & trees; retention of key views/sight lines):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect traditional dispersed rural settlement pattern.
- Protect undeveloped open rural landscape character.
- Protect historic field patterns and remaining hedgerows.
- Protect blocks of deciduous woodland.
- Protect key iconic far-reaching radial/panoramic views of the nucleated settlement of Thaxted, incorporating the Church and windmill.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas*.
- Conserve and manage the ecological structure of woodland.
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.

Known presence of allocated land/approved planning applications:

PROFORMA 3 LPLCA Supporting Information – Completed

LPLCA no.: 3	Date: 18/08/16
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Representative photograph:

N/a

Key landscape characteristics:

- Traditional peri-urban settlement pattern persists, including peripheral farmsteads, burial ground and windmill
- Peri-urban landscape character containing small pastoral fields, paddocks and meadows associated with peripheral farmsteads.
- Incorporates part of Harcamlow Way National Trail.

Key visual characteristics:

• Windmill provides key landmark feature.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape capacity for change (the effect of development in broad terms and whether it would diminish, improve or have little effect on local distinctiveness and sense of place, where "Overall Landscape Sensitivity + Landscape Value = Overall Landscape Capacity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. Low, Low-Medium, Medium-High or High):

Opportunities for mitigation (e.g. retention and enhancement/reinforcement of existing hedgerows & trees; retention of key views/sight lines):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect peri-urban settlement pattern and landscape character.
- Protect historic field patterns.
- Protect small pastoral fields, paddocks and meadows associated with peripheral farmsteads.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.
- Conserve and manage the ecological structure of pasture and meadows.

Known presence of allocated land/approved planning applications:

PROFORMA 3 LPLCA Supporting Information – Completed

LPLCA no.: 4 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:



Key landscape characteristics:

- Strongly undeveloped rural character.
- Gently sloping intensive arable farmland of medium scale.
- Traditional dispersed rural settlement pattern persists.
- Incorporates part of Harcamlow Way National Trail.

Key visual characteristics:

• Generally visually open landscape offering key views of the Church, windmill and United Reformed Church.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape capacity for change (the effect of development in broad terms and whether it would diminish, improve or have little effect on local distinctiveness and sense of place, where "Overall Landscape Sensitivity + Landscape Value = Overall Landscape Capacity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. Low, Low-Medium, Medium-High or High):

Opportunities for mitigation (e.g. retention and enhancement/reinforcement of existing hedgerows & trees; retention of key views/sight lines):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas*
- Protect traditional dispersed rural settlement pattern.
- Protect undeveloped rural landscape character.
- Protect historic field patterns and existing hedgerows.
- Protect key iconic views of Thaxted/Church/windmill/United Reformed Church.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.

Known presence of allocated land/approved planning applications:

PROFORMA 3 LPLCA Supporting Information – Completed

LPLCA no.: 5 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:



Key landscape characteristics:

- Traditional peri-urban settlement pattern persists, including peripheral farmsteads, a car repair workshop and club houses associated with a bowling green and tennis courts.
- Peri-urban landscape character containing small pastoral fields, areas of unkempt grassland, recently planted parkland and private gardens associated with peripheral farmsteads, bowling green and tennis courts.
- Landscape condition varies.

Key visual characteristics:

• Landscape offers key view of Church.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape capacity for change (the effect of development in broad terms and whether it would diminish, improve or have little effect on local distinctiveness and sense of place, where "Overall Landscape Sensitivity + Landscape Value = Overall Landscape Capacity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. Low, Low-Medium, Medium-High or High):

Opportunities for mitigation (e.g. retention and enhancement/reinforcement of existing hedgerows & trees; retention of key views/sight lines):

• Explore opportunity to develop and improve area around Claypitts Farm.

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect peri-urban settlement pattern and landscape character.
- Protect historic field patterns.
- Protect small pastoral fields associated with peripheral farmsteads.
- Enhance landscape condition where poor, e.g. explore opportunity to improve area around Claypitts Farm.
- Protect key view to Church.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.
- Conserve and manage the ecological structure of pasture, grassland and parkland.

Known presence of allocated land/approved planning applications:

LPLCA no.: 6 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:



Key landscape characteristics:

- Strongly undeveloped rural character.
- Large scale, intensive, arable farmland.
- No buildings.

Key visual characteristics:

• Open, visually exposed landscape with far-reaching panoramic views.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas*
- Protect undeveloped open rural landscape character.
- Protect key iconic far-reaching panoramic views of the nucleated settlement of Thaxted, incorporating the Church and windmill.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: General land management guidelines applicable to all
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.

LPLCA no.: 7 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:



Key landscape characteristics:

- Strongly undeveloped open rural character.
- Large scale, intensive, arable farmland.
- Includes Prior's Hall Farmhouse and Cottages.

Key visual characteristics:

• Open, visually exposed landscape with far-reaching panoramic views.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect undeveloped open rural landscape character.
- Protect historic field patterns and remaining hedgerows.
- Protect key iconic far-reaching panoramic views of the nucleated settlement of Thaxted, incorporating the Church and windmill.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.

LPLCA no.: 8	Date: 18/08/16
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Representative photograph:

N/a

Key landscape characteristics:

- Generally rural character.
- Intensive arable farmland of medium scale.
- Includes area of hard standing associated with depot off Copthall Lane and private gardens associated with ribbon development off Bardfield Road.
- No PRoWs within LPLCA.

Key visual characteristics:

• Lack of PRoWs restrict public visual access.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect remaining rural landscape character.
- Protect historic field patterns and remaining hedgerows.
- Reinforce boundary planting alongside Copthall Lane to screen views from Copthall Lane to recent residential development.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.
- Manage reinforced boundary planting alongside Copthall Lane to effectively screen views from Copthall Lane to recent residential development.

LPLCA no.: 9 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:



Key landscape characteristics:

- Strongly undeveloped green rural landscape character.
- Narrow tree-lined Crispey Brook, with linear fields of wet meadow pasture ("Walnut Tree Meadow") and intensive arable occupying the narrow floodplain.
- Small block of woodland at northern end.
- Strong time-depth; contains the ancient pathway Copthall Lane.
- Small-scale, intimate landscape.
- No buildings.

Key visual characteristics:

• Landscape generally visually enclosed from wider landscape by vegetation.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect undeveloped enclosed rural landscape character.
- Protect historic field patterns and remaining hedgerows.
- Protect wet meadow pasture ("Walnut Tree Meadow").
- Protect small block of woodland.
- Protect historic Copthall Lane.
- Protect key views.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas*.
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.
- Conserve and manage the ecological structure of woodland and wet meadow pasture.
- Conserve and manage the ecological structure of woodland
- Conserve Copthall Lane.

Known presence of allocated land/approved planning applications:

A large housing development is currently approaching completion on the Sampford Road, east of Bellrope Meadow.

LPLCA no.: 10 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:

N/a

Key landscape characteristics:

- Strongly undeveloped rural landscape character.
- Small linear fields of intensive arable farmland with small areas of woodland/scrub.
- Small-scale, intimate landscape.

Key visual characteristics:

- Landscape generally visually enclosed from wider landscape by vegetation.
- No key views.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all*
- Protect undeveloped enclosed rural landscape character.
- Protect historic field patterns and remaining hedgerows.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas*.
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.

LPLCA no.: 11 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:



Key landscape characteristics:

- Otherwise undeveloped rural landscape character has been diluted by harsh urban interface.
- Medium scale, intensive arable farmland, with a small wooded area.

Key visual characteristics:

- Harsh urban interface with existing adjacent development.
- Key views have been compromised by existing adjacent development.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect remaining undeveloped rural landscape character.
- Explore opportunities to soften harsh urban interface, including screening recent developments projecting above the horizon with new native planting.
- Protect historic field patterns and existing hedgerows.
- Protect remaining key views to Church.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas*.
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.

Known presence of allocated land/approved planning applications:

Approved planning application adjacent – refer to Figure 1 Study area.

LPLCA no.: 12 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:



Key landscape characteristics:

• Area of naturally regenerating scrub/woodland character.

Key visual characteristics:

• LPLCA visually enclosed by strong vegetation cover within.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect regenerating scrub/woodland character.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas*.
- Conserve and manage the ecological structure of regenerating scrub/woodland.

Known presence of allocated land/approved planning applications:

Whole LPLCA allocated for education uses or other community uses (taken from emerging Uttlesford Local Plan)—refer to *Figure 1 Study area*.

LPLCA no.: 13 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:



Key landscape characteristics:

• Area of recreational/community landscape character with playing fields, small Traditional Orchard area, hard-surfaced multi-purpose court, children's play area and areas of hardstanding and soft landscape associated with care home.

Key visual characteristics:

• No key views, however, offers views of Church spire.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect recreational/community character.
- Protect views to Church.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas*.
- Maintain recreational areas to a suitable standard.

LPLCA no.: 14 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:

Key landscape characteristics:

• Area of peri-urban character with small fields, paddocks and private gardens associated with Goddards Farm.

Key visual characteristics:

• No key views.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect peri-urban settlement pattern and landscape character.
- Protect historic field patterns and remaining hedgerows.
- Protect small fields/paddocks associated with peripheral farmstead.
- Retain B1051 as northern settlement limit.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.

LPLCA no.: 15 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:

N/a

Key landscape characteristics:

• Intensive arable farmland of medium scale and strongly undeveloped rural landscape character.

Key visual characteristics:

No key views.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect undeveloped rural landscape character.
- Protect historic field patterns and remaining hedgerows.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas*.
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.

LPLCA no.: 16 Date: 18/08/16

Representative photograph:



Key landscape characteristics:

- Intensive arable farmland of medium scale.
- Undeveloped rural landscape character has been diluted by urban interface.

Key visual characteristics:

• Offers views of Church spire.

Key landscape planning and management issues:

Landscape character sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Visual sensitivity to change (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape sensitivity to change (evaluation of the sensitivity of a parcel in broad strategic terms), where "Existing Landscape Character Sensitivity + Visual Sensitivity = Overall Landscape Sensitivity" (Topic Paper 6) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Overall landscape value (evaluation of the function and significance of the landscape within the overall settlement context) (e.g. high, medium, low):

Suggested landscape planning guidelines (including, if appropriate, where and at what scale could development be appropriately absorbed?):

- Refer to section 10.3 of written report: *General landscape planning guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Protect remaining undeveloped rural landscape character.
- Protect historic field patterns and remaining hedgerows.
- Protect remaining key panoramic views to Church and wider valley landscape.

Suggested land management guidelines (recommendations for enhancement of LPLCA):

- Refer to section 10.4 of written report: *General land management guidelines applicable to all areas.*
- Conserve and enhance the existing hedgerow pattern, and strengthen through planting with hawthorn where gappy and depleted.

Known presence of allocated land/approved planning applications:

Approved planning application adjacent – refer to Figure 1 Study area.

Note: Highlighted options indicate those which apply to this particular parcel

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