3 The Character of the Chiltern District Landscape

3.1 The landscape character of Chiltern District has been created by a combination of physical, historic, natural, social and economic processes. The diversity is recognised in the identification of landscape types. Each of these landscape types has a distinct and relatively homogenous character with similar physical and cultural attributes, including geology, landform, land cover and historic evolution. The landscape types are further subdivided into component landscape character areas. The character areas are discrete geographic areas that possess the common characteristics described for the landscape type. Each character area has a distinct and recognisable local identity.

3.1 The landscape classification for Buckinghamshire is set out in Appendix 5 and illustrated on Figure 3.1.

3.3 The landscape types and character areas which lie within Chiltern District are set out in Table 3 and illustrated on Figure 3.2. The classification and boundary mapping has been undertaken using GIS, with mapping at a scale of 1:25,000.

Table 3: The Chiltern District Landscape Classification

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Figure 3.1: Buckinghamshire Classification

Key
- Buckinghamshire County boundary
- District boundaries
- Settlements
- Buckinghamshire Landscape Character Assessment
  1: Wooded Ridge
  2: Incised Valleys
  3: Valley Bottom
  4: Undulating Clay Plateau
  5: Shallow Valleys
  6: Greensand Ridge
  7: Wooded Rolling Lowlands
  8: Vale
  9: Low Hills and Ridges
  10: Chalk Foothills
  11: Chalk Escarpment
  12: Chalk Dip Slope
  13: Chalk River Valleys
  14: Wooded Plateau
  15: Undulating Plateau
  16: Settled Plateau
  17: Dipslope with Dry Valleys
  18: Rolling Farmland
  19: Settled River Valley
  20: Undulating Farmland
  21: Valley Slope
  22: Mixed Use Terrace
  23: River Valley
  24: Wooded Terrace
  25: Lowland Fringe
  26: Floodplain

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Figure 3.2: Chiltern Classification

Key

- Buckinghamshire County boundary
- District boundaries
- Landscape Character Areas
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  - 13.3: Hughenden
  - 13.5: Misbourne Upper
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  - 22.2: Chalfont St Peter
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  - 23.1: Alder Bourne

Note: LCA boundaries have been digitised at 1:25k but are shown on a 1:50K OS base.

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