

Landscape Assessment of the Borough of Rugby

Sensitivity and Condition Study

Summary of Rugby Town's Urban Fringe



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This summary is abstracted from the main report, Landscape Assessment of the Borough of Rugby – Sensitivity and Condition Survey and refers only to the countryside immediately surrounding Rugby itself.

Section five of the report, "Summary of Findings", is shown in tabular form for quick and easy referencing. For more detail and definitions of terms the main document should be referred to. The Landscape Character Types (LCT) were originally referred to in the Warwickshire Landscape Guidelines. Their key characteristics have been summarised in the report but for more information the Warwickshire Landscapes Guidelines (1993) should be referred to. The sensitivity information which includes: fragility of inherent character (both cultural sensitivity and ecological sensitivity); visual sensitivity; and overall sensitivity, is based on a desktop study carried out at the Landscape Description Unit (LDU) level. This was supported by fieldwork undertaken in the summer of 2005, during which time the condition of the smaller Land Cover Parcels (LCP) was assessed.

The following patterns have emerged from the study:

- The north of Rugby is in a particularly weak condition.
- To the south of the town, the importance of the southern escarpment cannot be over-emphasised, being highly sensitive, and in strong condition.
- There are a number of sites of local significance around the urban fringe whose condition is in decline. These would benefit from further protection and enhancement measures to ensure their long-term benefit to future generations. They include; Hillmorton Locks, Newbold, Cosford, Newton, and the River Avon corridor.
- There are large areas to the east and west of the town whose condition is also in decline but which are in less sensitive locations.
- There is nowhere within the urban fringe that is of low sensitivity.

LCP ref	Character type	Ecological Sensitivity	Cultural Sensitivity	Visual Sensitivity	Condition
1	Feldon-Vale Farmlands	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
2	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	High	Strong
3	Feldon-Ironstone Fringe	Low	Low	High	Declining
4	Feldon-Ironstone Fringe	Low	Low	High	Declining
5	Feldon-Vale Farmlands	Low	Low	Moderate	Declining
6	Feldon-Vale Farmlands	Low	Low	Moderate	Declining
7	Feldon-Ironstone Fringe	Low	Low	High	Declining
8	Feldon-Vale Farmlands	Low	Low	Moderate	Declining
9	Feldon-Vale Farmlands	Low	Low	Moderate	Declining
10	Feldon-Vale Farmlands	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Declining
11	Feldon-Vale Farmlands	Low	Low	Moderate	Declining
12	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
13	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
14	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Low	Declining
15a	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
15b	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
15c	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
16	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
17	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	High	Low	Moderate	Declining
18	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	Moderate	Declining
19	High Cross Plateau-Village Farmlands	Low	Moderate	High	Declining
20	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Moderate	Low	Strong
21	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Moderate	Low	Strong
22	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Moderate	Low	Weak
23	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	Moderate	Declining
24	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	Moderate	Strong
25	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	Moderate	Weak
26	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	Moderate	Weak
27	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	Moderate	Weak
28	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	High	Declining
29	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Moderate	Low	Declining
30	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	High	Declining
31	High Cross Plateau-Village Farmlands	Low	Moderate	High	Strong
32	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	High	Strong
33	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	High	Strong
34	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	Moderate	Declining
35	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	Moderate	Strong
36	High Cross Plateau-Open Plateau	Low	Low	Moderate	Declining
37	Dunsmore-Parklands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Declining

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38	Dunsmore-Parklands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Declining
39	Dunsmore-Parklands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Declining
40	Dunsmore-Parklands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Declining
41	Dunsmore-Parklands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Strong
42	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Strong
43	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
44	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
45	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Strong
46	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
47	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	High	Low	Moderate	Declining
48	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
49	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	High	Low	Moderate	Declining
50	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Strong
51	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
52	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Strong
53	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Weak
54	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Low	Moderate	??	Strong
55	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
56	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
57	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
58	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
59	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Declining
60	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Declining
61	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Declining
62	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Strong
63	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Strong
64	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Declining
65	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Low	Moderate	Low	Strong
66	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Low	Moderate	Low	Declining
67	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	High	Strong
68a	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	High	Strong
68b	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	High	Declining
68c	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	High	Strong
69	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Strong
70	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	High	Strong
71	Dunsmore-Plateau Fringe	Low	Moderate	High	Declining
72	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Strong
73a	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Strong
73b	Dunsmore-Plateau Farmlands	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Strong

Location of LCPs as on Summary Table

