

5.1 Introduction

Previous landscape character assessment undertaken by The Landscape Partnership for HCC, to the south of the District, included Character Areas overlapping the District boundary. The numbers given to those Character Areas (34, 37, 133) have been retained to avoid potential for confusion. Alternative versions of LCA 34, 37 & 133 exist within the HCC study and should be referred to in parallel with the character areas in this document. The alternative versions can be found at:

LCA 34:

LCA 37:

LCA 133:

Four Character Areas (39, 132, 144 & 145), previously identified by The Landscape Partnership, also lie across the District boundary and exist within the HCC study. These Character Areas are not included in this study but can be obtained by clicking on the relevant link below.

LCA 39:

LCA 132:

LCA 144:

LCA 145:

New Character Areas identified by the NHDC and SBC assessment have been numbered sequentially from 200. (NB Numbers 204, 206 and 207 have not been used). The numbering of the Character Areas runs generally from south to north for those to the west of the A1(M) and from west to east for those to the east of the motorway.

Some boundaries to Character Areas, especially those to the north and northeast have been drawn to provisional boundary lines where it is clear from site survey that the Character Area extends significantly into the neighbouring county. In these instances and after discussion with neighbouring authorities, it has been noted that boundaries will be considered in further detail by those authorities at an appropriate time.

Where Character Areas extend beyond the District boundaries the descriptions cover the general character of the whole area but detailed description relates only to those parts within or overlapping the NHDC boundary.

This is where the LCA 34, 37, 132 and 133 can be found. Originally done by TLP in April 2005 for Welwyn Hatfield District Council.

<http://www.welhat.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id+1168&p=0>

This is where the LCA 39, 144, and 145 can be found. These were adopted in 2007 as EH LCA.

http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/media/pdf/5/m/LCA_SPD_PDF.pdf