

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 **10 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

Landscape Character Type (LCT)		Landscape Character Area (LCA)	
13	Chalk River Valley	13.3	Hughenden
		13.5	Misbourne Upper
		13.6	Chess
14	Wooded Plateau	14.1	Great Hampden
15	Undulating Plateau	15.1	Lee and Buckland Common
16	Settled Plateau	16.3	Great Kingshill
		16.4	Hyde Heath
		16.5	Ashley Green
17	Dipslope with Dry Valleys	17.2	Bellingdon
18	Rolling Farmland	18.2	Penn
		18.3	Little Chalfont
		18.4	Codmore
19	Settled River Valley	19.1	High Wycombe
		19.2	Lower Misbourne
20	Undulating Farmland	20.1	St Giles
22	Mixed Use Terrace	22.1	Beaconsfield
		22.2	Chalfont St Peter
23	River Valley	23.1	Alder Bourne

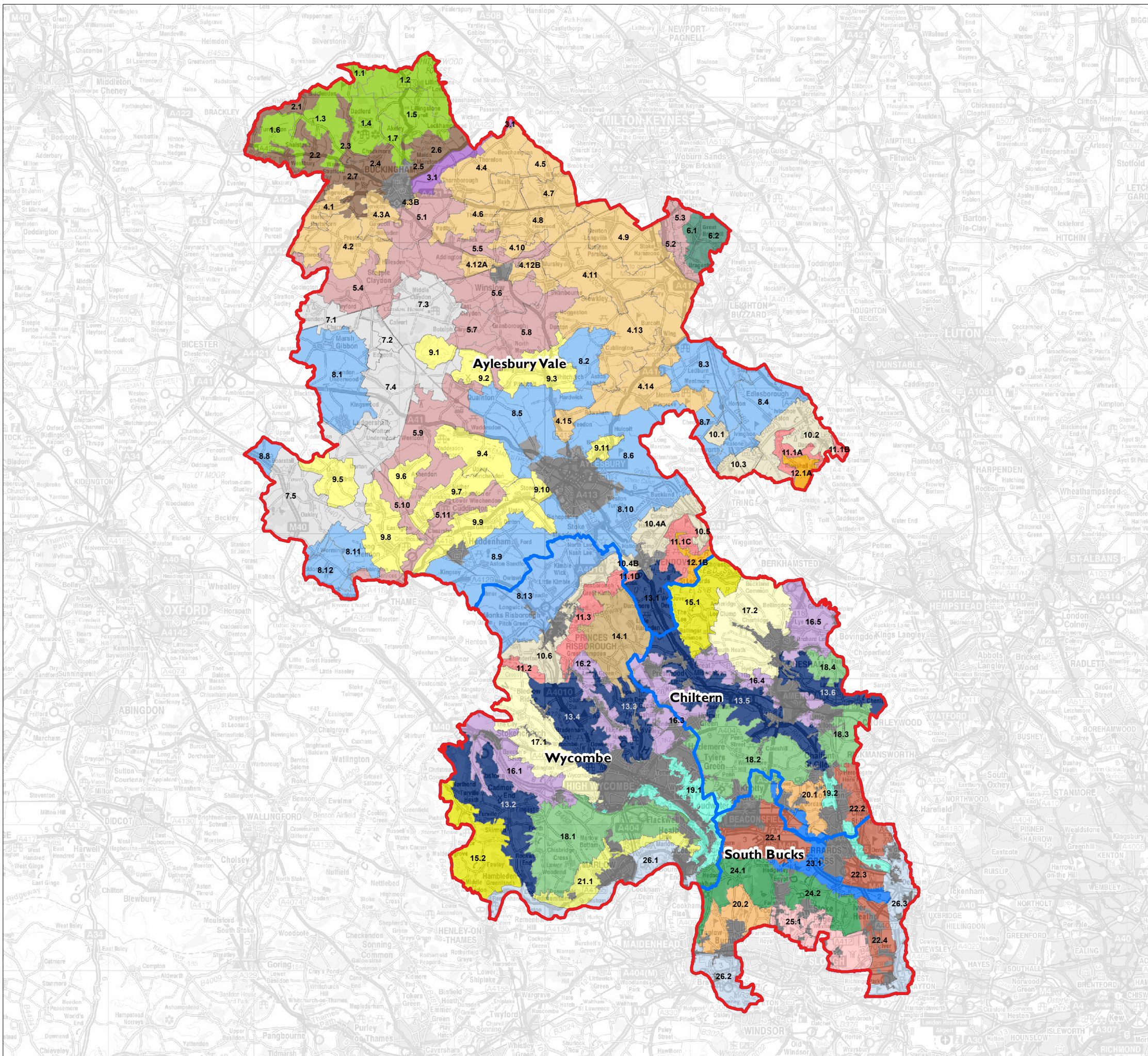


Figure 3.1: Buckinghamshire Classification

Key

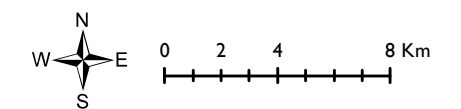
Buckinghamshire County boundary

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

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Landscape Character Areas

 Settlements

 13: Chalk River Valley


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
 20: Undulating Farmland

20.1: St Giles

 22: Mixed Use Terrace

22.1: Beaconsfield

22.2: Chalfont St Peter

 23: River Valley

23.1: Alder Bourne

