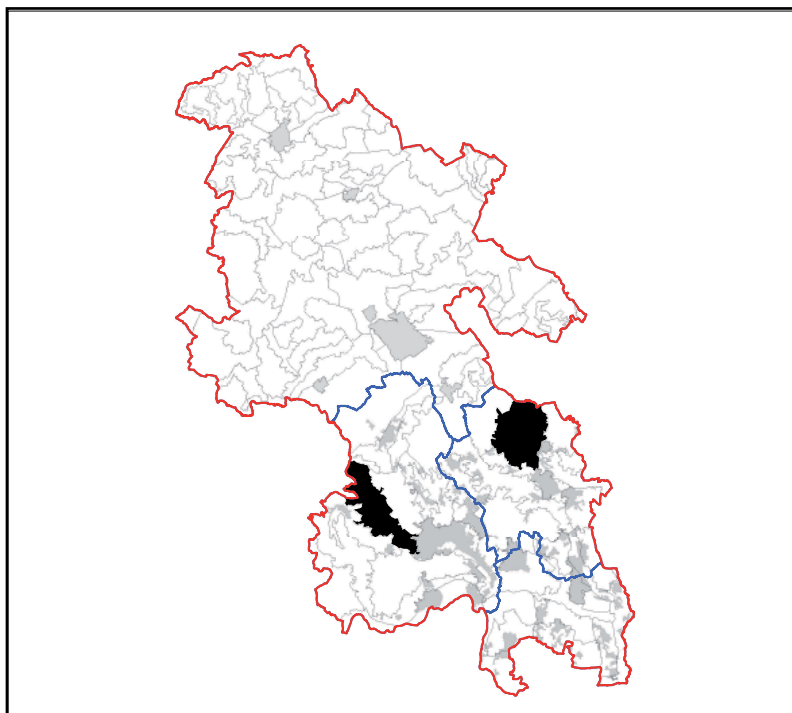


LCT 17 DIPSLOPE WITH DRY VALLEYS

Constituent LCAs

LCA 17.1 Bledlow Ridge
LCA 17.2 Bellington



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KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Large scale landscape comprising alternating dry valley and ridge topography. Dry valleys have cut down into landscape, exposing the chalk, whilst elevated ridges are overlain with clay with flints.
- Rolling and undulating topography, with steep slopes contrasting with flatter valley ridges. A smooth and sweeping landform.
- Agricultural land use dominates, with a mix of rough grazing, paddock, pasture and arable farmland. Hedgerows and wooden fencing defines boundaries.
- Blocks of woodland are dispersed, particularly along the upper slopes of valleys and along ridgelines.
- Relatively low density of settlement linearly dispersed along roads, and often spread along ridges. Comprising small villages and individual farmsteads, often with a strong historic character.
- Crossed by a comprehensive network of footpaths. Roads are generally rural and quiet, with little traffic and follow linearly along the valley and ridge landform.
- Extensive views up and down valleys and from the higher aspect of the ridges, contrasting with areas of woodland, with an intimate and secluded character.
- The repetitive undulations of the topography and extensive farmland land cover, contributes to a uniform and simple landscape pattern.

