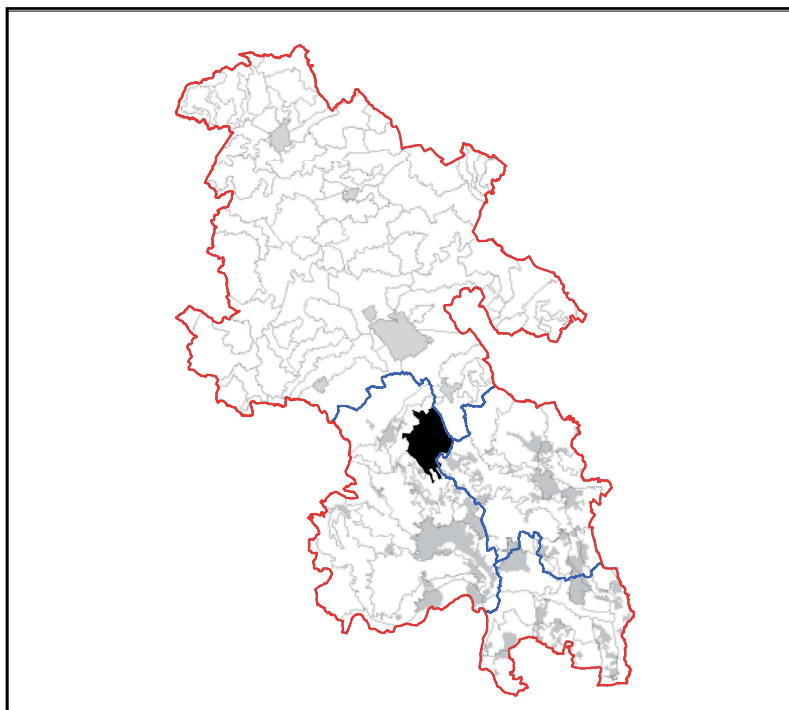


LCT 14 WOODDED PLATEAU

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LCA 14.1 Great Hampden



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KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Upland chalk plateau cut by dry chalk valleys, which create a rolling topography.
- Arable fields dominate the slopes and floor of incised dry valleys. Fields are often bounded by sinuous woodland edges and straight hedgerows with occasional hedgerow trees.
- Woodland (deciduous and mixed with some coniferous plantation) is prominent across the area, including wooded commons. Large areas of ancient replanted and ancient & semi-natural woodland.
- Sparsely settled with the small villages, scattered farms and individual properties, often with a strong vernacular.
- Archaeological features are dispersed across the landscape, including historic houses and parkland.
- Winding rural lanes cross the landscape, with large areas accessible only by foot. A dense network of local footpaths and tracks occur through woodland and across wooded commons, including long distance footpaths.
- Varying degrees of enclosure, with open rolling farmland and long views, contrasting with dense woodland blocks.
- A rural, peaceful and relatively remote area due to the high proportion of woodland and lack of settlement.