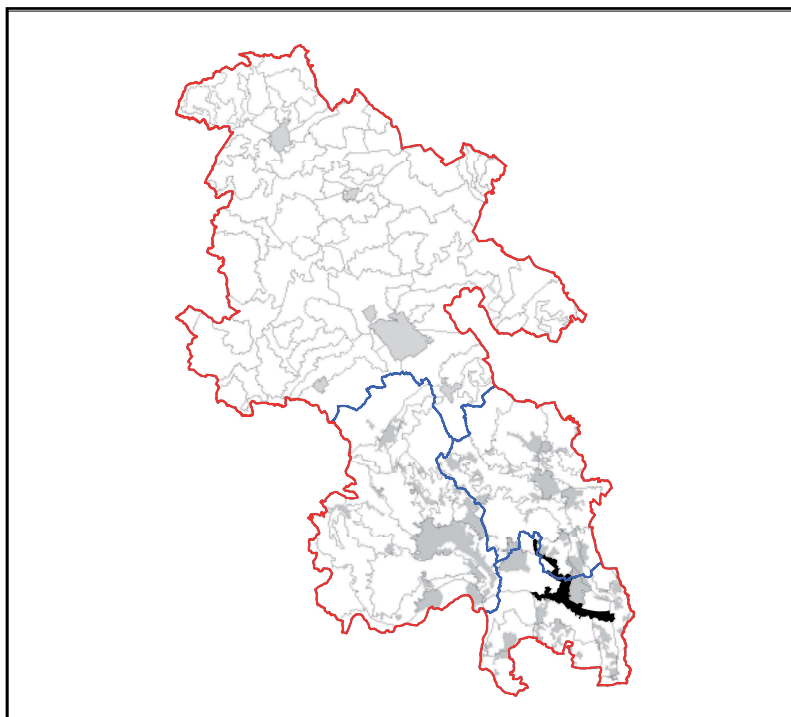


LCT 23 RIVER VALLEY

Constituent LCAs

LCA 23.1 Alder Bourne



KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Small scale, shallow and broad river valley, with steep, narrow tributary valleys. Slowly permeable loamy/clayey soils from the valley floor.
- A mix of rough grazing, pasture and paddock, with occasional arable farmland, delineated by an extensive network of hedgerows and hedgerow trees.
- Deciduous and broadleaved wooded higher valley sides, providing a sense of enclosure.
- Sparsely populated, with isolated farmsteads and villages along the valley floor. Some suburban expansion.
- Largely comprising early field enclosures, with some modern subdivisions. Areas of historic parkland.
- Busy roads cut the landscape, and create visual and audible influences. However, a strong rural character prevails elsewhere.
- Woodland encloses and limits views, with long views afforded from valley sides.