

3 The Character of the South Bucks Landscape

- 3.1 The character of South Bucks District has been created by a combination of physical, historic, natural, social and economic processes. The diversity is recognised in the identification **8 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.
- 3.2 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 South Bucks 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 South Bucks Landscape Classification

Landscape Character Type (LCT)		Landscape Character Area (LCA)	
18	Rolling Farmland	18.2	Penn
19	Settled River Valley	19.1	High Wycombe
		19.2	Lower Misbourne
20	Undulating Farmland	20.1	St Giles
		20.2	Burnham
22	Mixed Use Terrace	22.1	Beaconsfield
		22.2	Chalfont St Peter
		22.3	Tatling End
		22.4	Iver Heath
23	River Valley	23.1	Alder Bourne
24	Wooded Terrace	24.1	Burnham Beeches
		24.2	Farnham and Stoke Common
25	Lowland Fringe	25.1	Stoke and Langley Park
26	Floodplain	26.2	Dorney
		26.3	Colne Valley

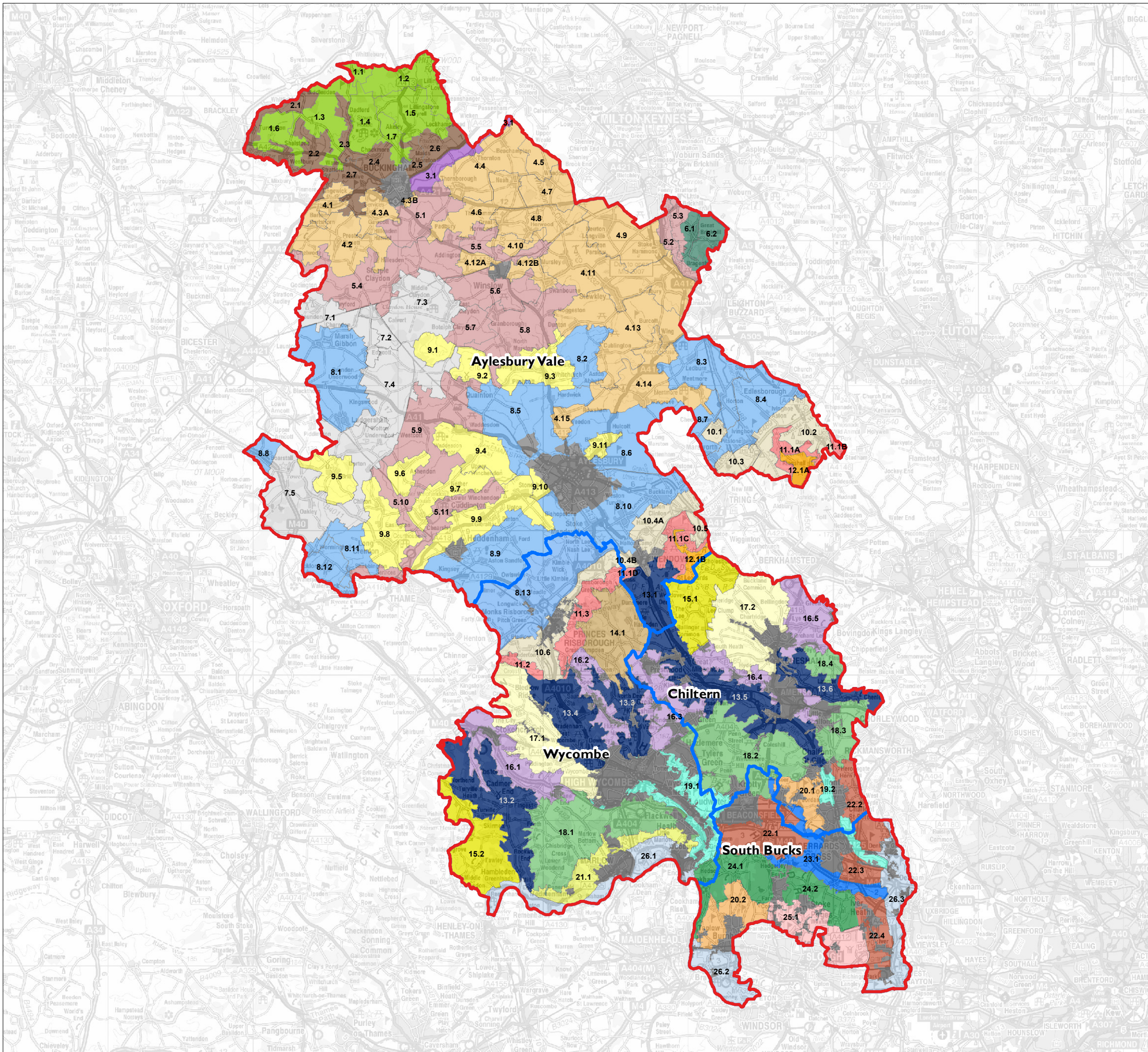


Figure 3.1: Buckinghamshire Classification

Key

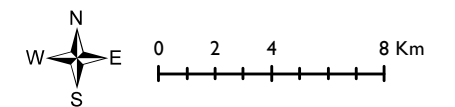
Buckinghamshire County boundary

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: South Bucks Classification

Key


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Landscape Character Areas

 Settlements


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 23.1: Alder Bourne


 24: Wooded Terrace


 24.1: Burnham Beeches


 24.2: Farnham and Stoke Common

 25: Lowland Fringe

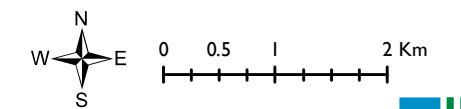
 25.1: Stoke and Langley Park

 26: Floodplain

 26.2: Dorney

 26.3: Colne Valley

Note: LCA boundaries have been digitised at 1:25k but are shown on a 1:50K OS base



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