





**Table 7.1: Wessex Downs and Western Vale Fringes -
Landscape and settlement character**

Key

- Typical characteristic
- ◆ Occasional characteristic

		Flat floodplain pasture	Flat, open farmland	Flat, semi-enclosed farmland	Parkland and estate farmland	Open rolling downs	Semi-enclosed rolling downs	Amenity landscape
LANDSCAPE CHARACTER								
Scale	large		●	●		●	●	
	medium	●			●			●
	small							
Diversity	complex				●			
	moderate	●		●			●	●
	simple		●			●		
Structure	strong	●		◆	●			
	medium	◆		●			●	●
	weak		●			●		
Enclosure	open		●			●		
	semi-enclosed	●		●			●	●
	enclosed/intimate				●			
Boundaries	straight	●	●	●		●	●	●
	sinuous				●			
	stone walls							
	hedges	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	hedgerow trees	●		●	●		●	●
	estate boundaries				●			
SETTLEMENT/BUILDING CHARACTER								
Location	hilltop							●
	ridgetop							
	hillside				●	●	●	
	valley side							
	valley floor		●	●				
Size	individual dwellings		●	●	●	●	●	●
	hamlets					●	●	
	small village			●				
	large village					●		
	town					●		
Pattern	dispersed			●		●	●	
	concentrated							
Form	nucleated					●	●	
	linear			●		◆		
Materials	stone (chalk)			◆	◆	◆	◆	
	brick			●	●	●	●	
	flint			●	●	●	●	
	cob							
	timber frame/weatherboard			●	●	●	●	
	tiles			●	●	●	●	
	thatch			●	●	●	●	
	slate			◆	◆	◆	◆	

**Table 7.2: Wessex Downs and Western Vale Fringes -
Landscape quality and sensitivity**

Key

- Typical characteristic
- ◆ Occasional characteristic

		Flat floodplain pasture	Flat, open farmland	Flat, semi-enclosed farmland	Parkland and estate farmland	Open rolling downs	Semi-enclosed rolling downs	Amenity landscape
LANDSCAPE QUALITY AND SENSITIVITY								
Scenic quality	high	◆			●	◆	●	
	medium	●	●	●		●		
	low							●
Sense of place	strong	●			●		●	
	medium			●				
	weak		●			●		●
Intrusive influences	uncommon	●			●		●	
	occasional		●	●		●		●
	frequent							
Other heritage values (eg. Historic Park or Garden, SSSI, Conservation Area etc.)	uncommon	●	●		●			●
	occasional			●		●	●	
	frequent							
Visual sensitivity	high		●			●		●
	medium	●		●			●	
	low				●			
Sensitivity to change	high	●			●		●	
	moderate		●	●		●		
	low							●
Management strategy	conserve	◆			●		●	
	repair	●		●		●		
	restore		●			●		●
	reconstruct							

Notes on landscape quality and sensitivity:

1 Scenic quality of floodplain pasture to south of Didcot enhanced by proximity to Wessex Downs.

2 Scenic quality of open rolling downs to south of Didcot and at Wittenham Clumps influenced by strong landform and adjacent landscapes