

Glossary

Landscape Sensitivity - relates to the ability of a landscape to accept change without alteration of the defining characteristics of that landscape.

Assessment * - an umbrella term used to encompass all the different ways of looking at, describing, analysing and evaluating landscape.

Character * - a distinct pattern or combination of elements that occurs consistently in a particular landscape.

Character Area * - a unique geographic area with a consistent character and identity, which forms part of a landscape character type.

Character Type * - a generic term for landscape with a consistent, homogeneous character. Landscape character types may occur in different parts of the county, but wherever they occur, they will share common combinations of geology, topography, vegetation of human influences.

* Definitions as noted in A Landscape Strategy for Lancashire Landscape: Character Assessment. Environmental Directorate Lancashire County Council, December 2000 with minor amendments 2004.