APPENDIX C

How to complete Landscape Character Parcel (LCP) Field Survey Sheet

LCP Ref – Record unique reference number prefixed by County Character Area initial, e.g. SH 01.

County Character Prefix

ES   East Nottinghamshire Sandlands
MN   Mid Nottinghamshire Farmlands
SH   Sherwood
SN   South Nottinghamshire Farmlands
TW   Trent Washlands

Character Type   Add County Character Area from pull down menu.

Conditions   Record weather at time of survey, particularly note visibility.

Location   Record point where record made entered as a text field.

LDU ref   Record the underlying LDU in which the LCP is located. This will generate a short description of the key characteristics, e.g.:

                  LDU 202 Vales and valley bottoms, alluvium fen peat, gleyed soils, unsettled (meadow and marsh), large estates coverts and tree groups.
                  If you do not know this at the time of survey, add another number to allow you to progress, as this field is mandatory.

Date   Record date of record.

Surveyor   Record initials of surveyor(s).

OS East   Record 6 figure grid reference using hand held GPS.

OS North   Record 6 figure grid reference using hand held GPS.

Note: Some descriptions are already included within text boxes - the programme allows you to select one only, or a new description can be typed.

1. **LANDFORM**

Describe landform using pull down menu. Firstly, record all components of the landscape present by adding √ to box. Secondly, estimate the proportions of each component within the LCP.

Dominant (D)   approx 75 – 100%
Prominent (P)   approx 50 – 75%
Apparent (A)   approx 10 – 50%
Insignificant (I)   > 10%

<u>Description</u>

Add a written description of the landform in the text field, include the height range within area noting the highest points.

<u>Views</u>

Describe views from the record point towards N, E, S and W:

Are views beyond LCP?
Are they constrained by landform or vegetation, either within the LCP or beyond?
Are views open or enclosed?

2. **LANDCOVER**

Describe land use using pull down menu. Firstly, record all components of the landscape present by adding √ to box. Secondly, estimate the proportions of each component within the LCP, as above.

<u>Description</u>

Add a written description of the key land uses and add information to clarify any of the factors recorded above.

<u>Vulnerability</u>

List any drivers for change which are likely to have a particular effect on land uses in this LCP, such as intensification of agricultural production, mineral extraction, flood risk.

Woodland Cover

Describe the pattern of woodland cover of the area. Firstly, record the pattern present by adding √ to box. Secondly, estimate the proportions of pattern within the LCP.

Description

Add a written description of woodland cover, adding information to clarify any of the factors recorded above record dominant tree species. Describe vegetation cover in order of scale, woodlands, roadside hedges, field boundary hedges.

Vulnerability

List any drivers for change which are likely to have a particular effect on woodland in this LCP, e.g. decline of mature tree species due to lack of management, removal of hedgerow trees in field boundary hedges due to agricultural intensification.

Field Boundaries

Describe field boundary components. Firstly, record components present by adding √ to box. Secondly, estimate the proportions of different types of boundary within the LCP.

Description

Add a written description of field boundaries, adding information to clarify any of the factors recorded above. Record hedgerow species, note any mixed species hedgerows.

Vulnerability

List any drivers for change which are likely to have a particular effect on field boundaries, such as agricultural intensification.

3.   **HISTORIC PATTERN**

Pattern Type

Firstly, select pattern type from:

Organic   Landscape which has not been enclosed in the 19th Century and has developed a pattern of land use since that time little by little, and not in any planned way.

Planned   Landscape which was enclosed in the 19th Century and has developed since then to a planned pattern.

Unenclosed   No agricultural enclosure in the 19th Century. Land remains open, e.g. moorland or common land.

If there is more than one pattern present, decide which is Dominant, Prominent, Apparent or Insignificant.

Field Boundary Type

Select boundary type; more than one type may be recorded.

Field Size

Record field size in comparison with the typical field size of the whole character area, e.g. Sherwood. Analysis of aerial photographs will be required at the desk top stage to determine this.

Overall Pattern

Select an overall pattern from the pull down menu which most closely resembles the LCP pattern.

Add text description to clarify the above or describe the pattern if it does not fit exactly into any of the above. It is important to record a pattern as this feeds into the information used to derive the policy zones.

Transport Pattern – Route

Add types of routes present. Add additional information to text field, e.g. road numbers.

Transport Pattern – Form

Add types of route pattern present; more than one pattern can be selected.

Transport Pattern – Verges

Add type of verges; more than one type can be selected.

Settlement Pattern

Record settlement size present within the LCP, if any settlement is present.

Building Style

Record whether vernacular building styles are present or are all buildings non-vernacular.

Historic Pattern Description

Desk based study will include analysis of historic maps, in particular Sanderson's Plan of 1835.

The text box should record how much of the historic field pattern in still intact and where it has been removed by recent development. It should describe any vernacular style of building, e.g. red brick and pantiled roofs.

Historic Pattern – Vulnerability to Change

This section should record the key drivers that have resulted in change of the historic pattern since 1835 and those occurring presently, such as reasons for loss of field pattern.

Overall Character Summary

A summary of all the preceding information should be recorded here to give a succinct synopsis of the LCP.

Representative Photograph

A photograph (or several) should be taken to indicate the key landscape character components of the LCP. A 6-figure grid reference and a further 6-figure reference to plot orientation are recorded in the field. This photograph need not be taken from the same position as the field survey record. As well as being attached to the character record, a photograph will also be used on the final policy sheet; so it is important that it is of good quality and its location accurately recorded.