

and superficial), topography and drainage, land cover, historic landscape character<sup>18</sup>, historic parks and gardens and historic features. In order to ensure a consistent and robust approach across the Study Area, the use of these datasets for the definition of County Landscape Character Types, took precedence over fit with more detailed existing District Level landscape units.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> At the time of preparation of this report, a draft Historic Landscape Character GIS layer was provided (which was subject to checking and revisions). As part of this, GIS polygons, based on groups of modern land parcels were defined to reflect common historic characteristics and assigned to broad Historic Landscape Types. These Historic Landscape Types were used to inform the Enclosure/Field Pattern definitive attribute sections for each Landscape Character Type defined within the Study.