

Table 1: Wye Valley AONB Landscape Management Zones and Features

<u>LMZ ID</u>	<u>Landscape Management Zones</u>	<u>LCA ref</u>	<u>Features</u>
<u>LMZ01</u>	<u>Woolhope Dome</u>	<u>HC Character Areas:</u> <u>Woolhope Dome</u> <u>Landscape Types:</u> <u>Principal Wooded Hills</u> <u>Wooded Hills and Farmland</u> <u>Principal Timbered Farmlands</u> <u>Principal Settled Farmlands</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ancient broadleaved & mixed woodland</u> • <u>Varied topography</u> • <u>Hedgerow network often with mature trees</u> • <u>Mixed farming</u> • <u>Traditional orchards with locally distinctive apple & pear varieties</u> • <u>Streams</u> • <u>Irregular field patterns, often linked with semi-natural grassland</u> • <u>Scattered settlement pattern</u> • <u>Commons</u> • <u>Filtered and medium distance views</u> • <u>Grey and brown Silurian limestone soils</u>
<u>LMZ02</u>	<u>Herefordshire Floodplain (Wye Meadows)</u>	<u>HC Character Areas:</u> <u>Central Herefordshire</u> <u>Archenfield</u> <u>Landscape Types:</u> <u>Riverside Meadows</u> <u>Principal Settled Farmlands</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Floodplain grassland with mature trees</u> • <u>Streamside and hedgerow trees, traditionally pollarded</u> • <u>Ditches and wetland habitats</u> • <u>River bank vegetation, mud cliffs and wildlife</u> • <u>River channel islands, beaches and riffles</u> • <u>Minimal settlement</u> • <u>Bridges</u>
<u>LMZ03</u>	<u>Sollers Hope Ridges and Valleys</u>	<u>HC Character Areas:</u> <u>Central Herefordshire</u> <u>Archenfield</u> <u>Leadon Vale</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hedgerows with mature trees</u> • <u>Mixed farming</u> • <u>Fragments of ancient woodland</u> • <u>Varied topography</u>

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		<u>Landscape Types:</u> <u>Principal Settled Farmlands</u> <u>Wooded Estatelands</u> <u>Principal Wooded Hills</u> <u>Estate Farmlands</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Medium to long distance views</u> • <u>Clustered settlement pattern</u> • <u>Parkland</u> • <u>Narrow lanes with hedges and hedgebanks</u> • <u>Remnants of traditional orchards</u> • <u>Red soils of Devonian Old Red Sandstone</u>
<u>LMZ04</u>	<u>Hentland Ridges and Valleys</u>	<u>HC Character Areas:</u> <u>Archenfield</u> <u>Landscape Types:</u> <u>Principal Settled Farmlands</u> <u>Timbered Plateau Farmland</u> <u>Principal Timbered Farmland</u> <u>Sandstone Farmlands</u> <u>Wooded Estatelands</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hedgerows with mature trees</u> • <u>Mixed farming</u> • <u>Fragments of ancient woodland</u> • <u>Varied topography</u> • <u>Filtered medium distance views</u> • <u>Clustered settlement pattern</u> • <u>Estate parkland</u> • <u>Narrow lanes with hedges and hedgebanks</u> • <u>Red soils of Devonian Old Red Sandstone</u>
<u>LMZ05</u>	<u>Kings Caple Lowlands</u>	<u>HC Character Areas:</u> <u>Archenfield</u> <u>Landscape Types:</u> <u>Principal Settled Farmlands</u> <u>Principal Wooded Hills</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hedgerows define field boundaries</u> • <u>Arable, horticultural and mixed farming</u> • <u>Open aspects with medium distance views</u> • <u>Steep northern wooded slope to river</u> • <u>Red soils of Devonian Old Red Sandstone</u>
<u>LMZ06</u>	<u>Archenfield Lowlands</u>	<u>HC Character Areas:</u> <u>Archenfield</u> <u>Landscape Types:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hedgerows define field boundaries</u> • <u>Arable, mixed farming and orchards</u> • <u>Medium distance views</u>

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		<u>Principal Settled Farmlands</u> <u>Sandstone Farmlands</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Clustered settlement pattern</u> <u>A40 cluster of light industrial use</u> <u>Red soils of Devonian Old Red Sandstone</u>
<u>LMZ07</u>	<u>Ross-on-Wye</u>	<u>HC Character Areas:</u> <u>Archenfield</u> <u>Landscape Types:</u> <u>Urban</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Distinctive Spire and skyline</u> <u>Devonian Old Red Sandstone buildings and cliffs</u> <u>Mix of stone and rendered buildings on escarpment overlooking river</u> <u>Cultural association with Wye Tour and Picturesque Movement</u>
<u>LMZ08</u>	<u>Walford Lowlands</u>	<u>HC Character Areas:</u> <u>Archenfield</u> <u>Landscape Types:</u> <u>Principal Settled Farmlands</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Hedgerows define field boundaries</u> <u>Arable and horticultural farming</u> <u>Open aspects with medium distance views</u> <u>Estate parkland</u> <u>Linear settlement pattern</u> <u>Red soils of Devonian Old Red Sandstone</u>
<u>LMZ09</u>	<u>Wye Gorge</u>	<u>HC Character Areas:</u> <u>Archenfield</u> <u>Forest of Dean</u> <u>Landscape Types:</u> <u>Principal Wooded Hills</u> <u>Wooded Hills and Farmland</u> <u>Principal Settled Farmlands</u> <u>Forest Smallholdings and</u> <u>Dwellings</u> <u>Unenclosed Commons</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Ancient, semi-natural and mixed broadleaved & coniferous woodland</u> <u>Ancient and extensive tree cover pattern and skyline</u> <u>Steeply sloping topography</u> <u>Tributaries and cascades</u> <u>Dramatic limestone cliffs</u> <u>Quartz conglomerate outcrops</u> <u>Narrow floodplain pastures on the valley floor.</u> <u>Hedgerow network often with mature trees</u> <u>Mixed farming</u> <u>Linear settlements bordering valley floor often at bridging points</u>

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		<u>Forest of Dean Character Areas:</u> <u>The Wye Valley - Common Grove to The Slaughter</u> <u>The Wye Valley - Redbrook to Brockweir</u> <u>The Wye Valley - Brockweir to Tutshill</u> Monmouthshire Landscape Character Area: <u>The Wye Valley</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Small clusters of historic squatter settlements on valley sides surrounded by intricate pattern of small fields, drystone walls, narrow lanes and small deciduous woodlands</u> • <u>Predominantly unwooded Coppett Hill Common</u> • <u>Long panoramic views from high vantage points and medium 'picturesque' views from valley floor</u> • <u>Long history as an important route way and boundary feature, including Offa's Dyke.</u> • <u>Rich heritage of local natural resource transport and exploitation</u> • <u>Ancient meanders preserved as the course of tributary streams.</u> • <u>Woodlands and riverine habitats of high ecological and scenic value.</u> • <u>Tintern Abbey.</u> • <u>Cultural association with Wye Tour and Picturesque Movement</u> • <u>Strong sense of place due to distinctive landform, woodland and river</u>
<u>LMZ10</u>	<u>Dean Edge</u> <u>Limestone Hills</u>	<u>Forest of Dean Character Areas:</u> <u>Bicknor Hills</u> <u>High Meadow Woods and Staunton</u> <u>Coleford and Christchurch</u> <u>Newland Hills</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Rolling landscape of interlocking convex hills and dry valleys formed from Carboniferous Limestone and Coal Measures.</u> • <u>Large areas of mixed and coniferous woodland</u> • <u>Generally poor soils and hilly landform well suited to pasture.</u> • <u>Fields defined by well maintained hedgerows with hedgerow trees and copses on steeper slopes.</u> • <u>Small villages are well integrated with their surroundings.</u> • <u>Scowles and other remnants of mining activity.</u> • <u>Medium and long distance views</u>
<u>LMZ11</u>	<u>River Trothy</u> <u>Convergence</u>	Monmouthshire Landscape Character Area:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flat valley floor convergence of the rivers Monnow, Wye and Trothy</u> • <u>Lines of alder and willow enclose river banks</u>

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		<u>River Trothy</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Little settlement</u> • <u>Arable and permanent grassland.</u>
<u>LMZ12</u>	<u>Llangovan Foothills</u>	<u>Monmouthshire Landscape Character Area: Llangovan Foothills</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Large fields with mature hedgelines, hedgerow trees and individual field trees.</u> • <u>Limited settlement and traditional farmsteads.</u> • <u>Long distance views</u>
<u>LMZ13</u>	<u>Devauden Escarpment</u>	<u>Monmouthshire Landscape Character Area: Devauden Escarpment</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Prominent and steep escarpment</u> • <u>Substantial woodland cover</u> • <u>Mixed farming and pasture with mature hedges</u> • <u>Scattered settlement and clustered villages</u> • <u>Long panoramic views to the north and west.</u>
<u>LMZ14</u>	<u>Trellech Sandstone Plateau</u>	<u>Monmouthshire Landscape Character Areas: Chepstow Parkland Trellech Grange Trellech forest and commons Tredunnock Trellech Plateau</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>High hills and ridges with inward looking basin</u> • <u>Flat or gently rolling plateau centred on the settlement Trellech.</u> • <u>Large woodland blocks of relict ancient forest and modern conifer plantations eg. Chepstow Park Wood</u> • <u>Mixed arable and pastoral farming</u> • <u>Red soils of Devonian Old Red Sandstone</u> • <u>Strong network of thick hedges, hedge banks, drystone walls and tree lines</u> • <u>Woodlands enclose fields of permanent pasture and enclaves of unimproved and semi-improved grassland.</u> • <u>Sparse settlement outside Trellech with large farmsteads and hamlets</u> • <u>Estates with associated parkland,</u> • <u>Distinctive settlement pattern related to small fields and common</u>

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			<u>land</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Intricate network of narrow winding lanes with remnant stone walls and mature hedges.</u> • <u>Springs, streams, wetland, marshland and bogs found, most notable at Cleddon bog.</u> • <u>Distinct sense of place from the relationship of the woodland, pasture and settlement</u> • <u>Evidence of early occupation, Iron Age enclosure of Gaer and medieval village of Trellech.</u> • <u>Long views and vistas across the Severn and towards the Brecon Beacons from high land.</u>
<u>LMZ15</u>	<u>Dean Edge Limestone Plateau</u>	<u>Forest of Dean Character Areas:</u> <u>Tidenham Chase</u> <u>St Briavels Common</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Gently undulating plateau with expansive views</u> ▪ <u>Strong field pattern of large or moderately sized arable and pasture fields</u> ▪ <u>Distinctive stone walls and ancient hedgerows</u> ▪ <u>Dispersed isolated farms which are located at the end of lanes and often associated with modern barn complexes</u> ▪ <u>Villages sited at the edge of the plateau</u> ▪ <u>Redundant Limestone quarries located across the landscape</u> ▪ <u>Small enclosures of semi-natural, unimproved grasslands, winding lanes, small woodlands and 'squatter' cottages on St Briavels Common</u> ▪ <u>Heathland landscapes at Tidenham Chase</u>
<u>LMZ16</u>	<u>Caerwent</u>	<u>Monmouthshire Landscape</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Gently rolling landscape with occasional narrow winding steep-sided</u>

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	<u>Limestone Plateau/Hinterlands</u>	<u>Character Area:</u> <u>Caerwent Hinterland</u>	<u>valleys</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Ancient, semi-natural and mixed coniferous and deciduous woodland.</u> ▪ <u>Mixture of arable and pastoral farming with traditional farmsteads and large country estates.</u> ▪ <u>Remnant parkland of large country estates</u> ▪ <u>Long views towards the Severn Estuary are possible.</u> ▪ <u>Nucleated village of St Arvans</u> ▪ <u>Chepstow Racecourse an important landscape at a local level.</u>

TABLE 2 LAND USE IN THE WYE VALLEY AONB

	WOODLAND	RIVER	MIRE AND HEATH	FARMLAND	SMALL FIELDS	ORCHARDS	SUB-URBAN	URBAN	TOTAL	
TOTAL	85	4	2	182	14	8	17	3	315	
PROPORTION OF AONB IN EACH LAND USE	27.0%	1.3%	0.6%	57.8%	4.4%	2.5%	5.4%	1.0%		

The areas for each landscape use have been estimated by determining the land use at each of the 315 intersections of the 1 km square national grid which fall within the AONB. The information was obtained from the OS Outdoor Leisure Map 14, Wye Valley and Forest of Dean, supplemented by 1:25,000 sheets for the rest of the AONB.

Each intersection represents 104.179 ha. The area occupied by each land use in each landscape zone can be obtained by multiplying the number in the appropriate box by 104.179 hectares (i.e. 32816 ha divided by 315 sample point)

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