

Appendix 1.

Sample Survey Form and Sketch

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL
LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT SURVEY SHEET 1

Landscape Character: CAM & WELLOW BROOKS. Viewpoint No. 39
 Location: 682537 Direction of view: SW
 Date: 9.7.99 Weather: DRY. WARM Film/Photo No.
 2pm CLOUDY

Landscape Elements/Factors:

Landform: steep sloping batch overlooking
 flat, gently/steeply sloping, undulating, plateau, hill, narrow/wide valley incised with narrow shallow valleys

Land Use: rough arable, pasture, horticulture, recreation, forestry. waste land becoming scrub

Vegetation Cover: grassland, hedges, tree belts, parkland, woodland, scrub

Field Boundaries: tall/clipped/intermittent/hedgerow, with/without trees, fences, walls
 → may be eroded hedges which now comprise more brambles, nettles etc. (colliery spoil screening?)

Field Pattern: regular, angular, linear, irregular

Field Sizes: to small, medium, large

Shape/Form of Features: linear, curved, rectangular, irregular, variable, rounded

Settlement/Structures (age and style): villages, isolated farms, barns, groups of dwellings
 urban edge. Visible dwellings pinky buff brick, traditional buildings of white lias

Building Materials: Traditional Oolitic limestone, white lias limestone, red sandstone, brick, Pennant sandstone

Roofing Materials: slate, stone, clay tiles, brown concrete

Routes: few roads, dense road network, tracks
 2 way

Character of Routes: Narrow, enclosed, sunken, winding, straight with kinks

Enclosure: opened, enclosed

Views/Relationships to other Character Areas: close to B & NES boundary and alongside Radstock

Visual Horizon: woodland, industry, urban (settlement / retail), ridgeline
 church spire, residential.

Detractors:

Features (landmarks and finer details): Stratten on the fosse church spire. The batch on which we were sat - historical, + ecological + visual interest.

Senses: noise (water, road, aircraft, wind), smell, wind BIRDSONG, voices ice cream van. dog barking.

Balance: harmonious, discordant, chaotic
 Urban area detracts from otherwise harmonious landscape.

Diversity: uniform, simple, diverse, complex

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LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT SURVEY SHEET 2

Change/Strategy/Management:

Past History: Mining area
Evidence of Recent Change: Industrial expansion
Vulnerability to Change: Expansion of residential / industrial uses.
Management: hedges (laid / trimmed), other features
Public Use: gaps need to be infilled
Landscape Strategy: improvement, restoration, conservation, maintenance

Description of Landscape Character:

A plateau landscape incised by minor narrow & shallow valleys and intruded upon by a batch, at the south of Radstock. Residential areas and industrial buildings are a negative influence on the landscape as they are not well related to the rural area. Fields are small to medium, angular and irregular and bounded by mostly clipped, or what appear to be clipped, hedges. Some hedges may have ended and have been replaced by brambles, nettles etc. Only occasional trees feature in the hedges. Surprisingly tranquil
Traditional dwellings are of lias limestone, modern dwellings are in a pinky buff brick with brown concrete tiles. Industrial buildings are constructed of steel cladding - the dark grey is more subtle in appearance than the yellowy/buff colour.

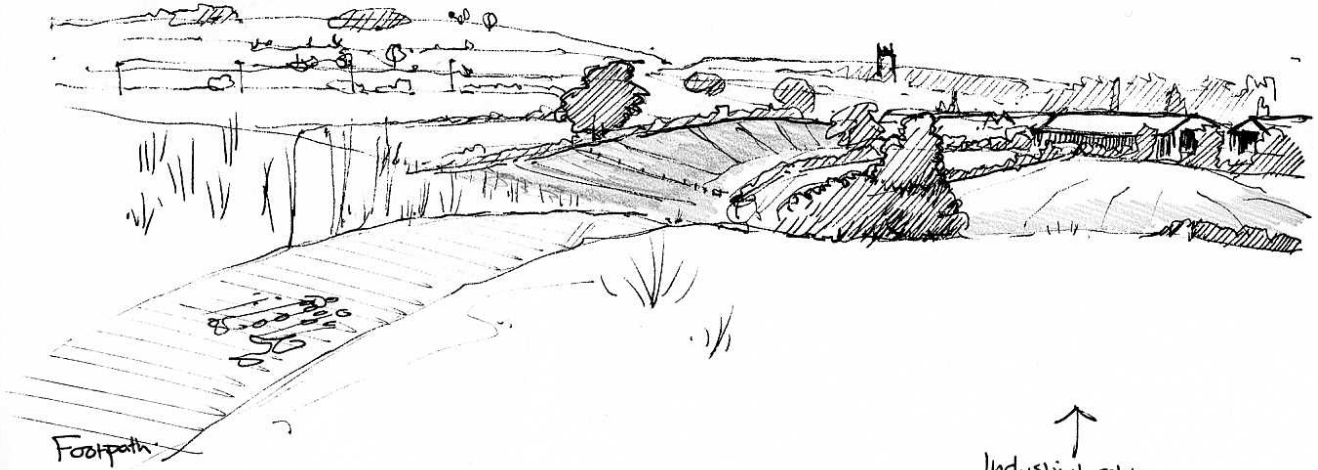
Sketch (on separate sheet):



Mark key features on plan barns, ponds

Straiten on the Fiss
Church tower

Small Shallow valley
Inscribed into Plateau.



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Industrial estate

Thin grass sward on Boken.

39. Cam valley (?) looking