Appendix 12.2: Criteria for evaluating landscape quality, value and sensitivity

Table 12.9: Criteria for evaluation landscape quality, value and sensitivity. Adapted from criteria set out in the Landscape Institute and Institute of Environmental management and Assessment's Guidelines for

Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (2002)

Value	Typical Criteria	Typical Scale	Typical Examples
Exceptional	High importance, quality or rarity. No or limited potential for substitution	International, National	World Heritage Site, National Park, AONB
High	High importance, quality or rarity, Limited potential for substitution.	National, Regional, Local	National Park, AONB, AGLV,\LCI, ALLI
Medium	Medium importance, quality or rarity, Limited potential for substitution.	Regional, Local	Undesignated but value perhaps expressed through non-official publications or demonstrable use
Low	Low importance, quality or rarity.	Local	Areas identified as having some redeeming feature or features and possibly identified for improvement.
Very Low	Low importance, quality or rarity.	Local	Areas identified for recovery.