

Strategic Landscape Character

The Site and its immediate context are not located within a national or local quality landscape designation. The Site forms a very small part of the extensive Chilterns National Character Area (NCA). A small part of the Breachwood Green Ridge Landscape Character Area (LCA) as identified within the North Herts Landscape Study.

The Site lies within the Breachwood Green Ridge LCA, which features a gently rolling plateau ridge landscape, mainly large arable fields with smaller pockets of grazing around settlements and occasional scattered dwellings, with a field pattern degraded. A strong cultural pattern remains based on the layout of lanes and older woodlands.

The Site is split into three parcels separated by Luton Road running north to south and Brick Kiln Lane running west to east. The main features defining its character are:

- Adjacent villages of Cockernhoe, Mangrove Green and Tea Green, farmsteads and individual properties
- Countryside, Stubbocks Wood and the ridgeline defining Lilley valley to the north-east
- A landscape of arable fields with native hedgerow boundaries and hedgerow trees
- Distinctive woodland blocks, such as Brickkiln Wood and Slipe Spring
- A gently rolling plateau towards Luton
- Three PROWs, including the Chiltern Way, crossing the area, including a heavily treed walkway running along the southern side of the Site
- The urban edge of Wigmore
- Local roads and lanes – Luton Road, Darley Road, Chalk Hill, Brick Kiln Lane, Stony Lane

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Gently rolling plateau landform
- Large scale arable fields with scattered farmsteads and dwellings
- Mature remnant trees and remaining hedgerows of diverse species, with mixed woodland of old deciduous and established plantations
- Water tower at Tea Green
- Telecommunications mast at Hoo Park
- Parkland at Putteridge Bury

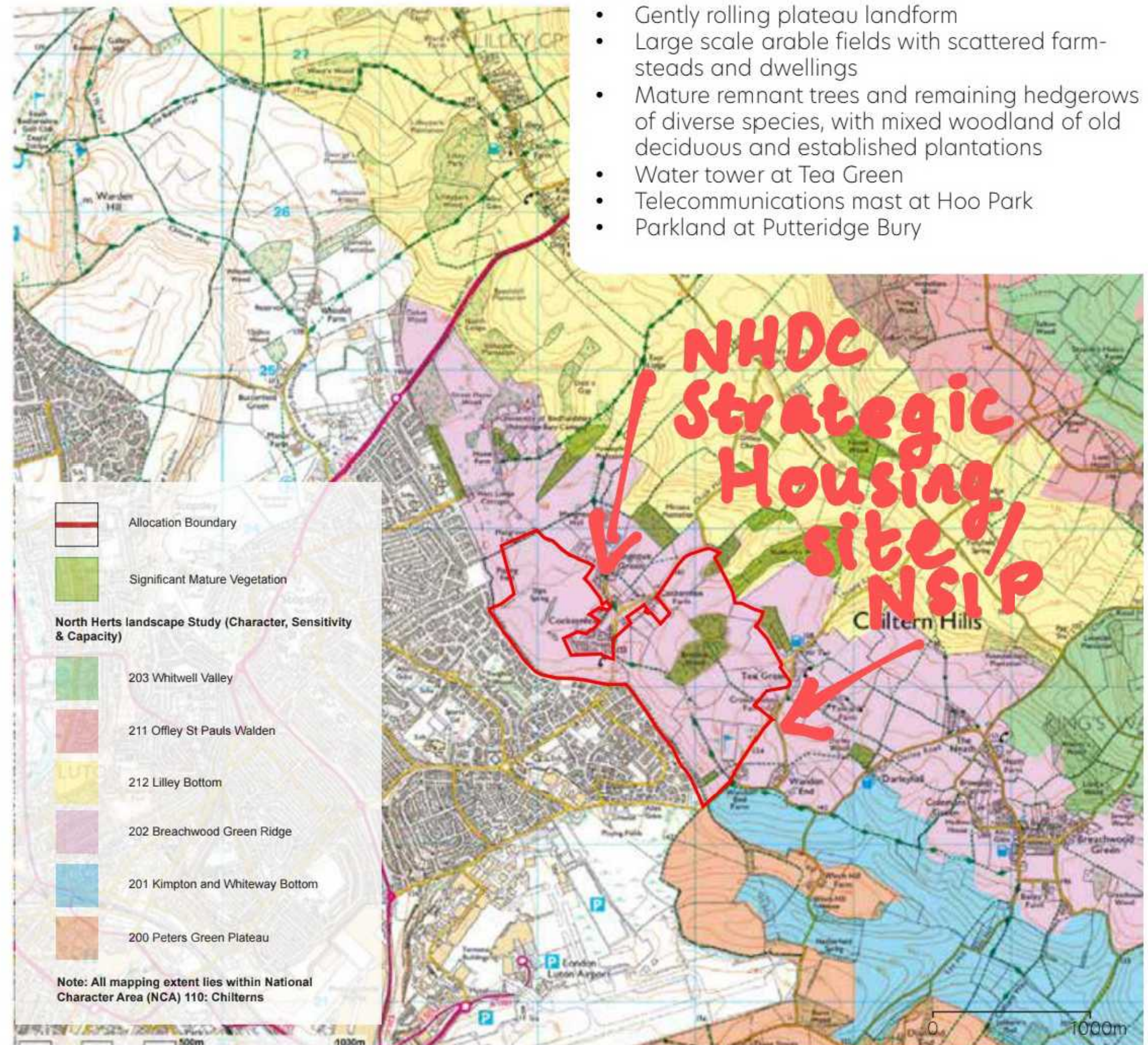


Figure 12. National and District Landscape Character