

Appendix I – Officer summary of evaluation recommendations from the *Swale Local Landscape Designation Review and Recommendations*

Area	Area	Overall recommendation	Additions	Deletions/Comments
1	North Kent Marshes – Medway Marshes	Retain as LLD with minor boundary amendments.	1. Extend LLD boundary to include the channel of the Medway within Swale.	
2	North Kent Marshes – Sheppey Marshes	Retain as LLD with minor boundary amendments.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extend LLD boundary to include the channel of the Medway within Swale at Queenborough and Swale. 2. Northern boundary to be extended to meet base of the slope, represented by the change of topography and character area boundary at: Slatcreek Head; Land at South Lees Marshes, west of Newhook Marshes; SW of prisons at Standford; Low lying land west of Capel Hill Farm 3. Extend at Leysdown to include land that rises slightly to the settlement edge at Priory Hill, including the Coastal Park (golf course). 	1. Exclude area at A249 Cowstead Corner as now contains warehouse development – push boundary back to coincide with the Elmley Marshes character area boundary.
3	North Kent Marshes – South Swale Marshes	Retain as LLD with minor boundary amendments.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Southern boundary extensions to follow character area boundary at Wildmarsh and Luddenham (see note below (3) in relation to Tonge and Luddenham LLD) 2. Graveney grazing marshes – recommended that the boundary is extended to include the two fingers of grazed marsh that continue south of Denly Hill (east of the village of Graveney) forming an area of distinctive ‘marsh’ character inland 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclude Graveney Hill/Cleve Hill as part of a larger arable landscape (rather than marsh landscape) and includes the large substation development. 2. Stone Arable Farmlands - exclude area around Norman’s Hill/Harty Ferry Cottages, which is more similar to the open arable landscape rather than marsh landscape. 3. Exclude arable farmland area north of Bax which does not retain any

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			<p>as far as the A299.</p> <p>3. The potential removal of the Tonge and Luddenham LLD (due to small size of remaining qualifying area) suggests that the boundary of the marshes LLD be extended to include part of this area to which it is functionally linked.</p>	wetland/marshland characteristics. Boundary consistent with character area.
4	Hartlip Downs	Remove LLD status.		Does not qualify under criteria and removal will aid consistency of approach across North Downs dip slope.
5	Rodmersham, Milstead and Highsted dry valley	Revise and extend LLD.	<p>1. Extend northwards to take in Highsted Quarry – wooded quarries provide a setting to the valley, are important for local wildlife and create separation from residential development along Ruins Barn Road and Woodstock Road with opportunities to enhance.</p> <p>2. Extend boundary to the east of Highsted to include the steep slopes of the valley side, which have an important role as a green backdrop framing the valley bottom settlement.</p>	
6	Syndale valley	Retain as LLD with minor extension.	<p>1. Minor extension to follow the character area boundaries at Beacon Hill.</p>	
7	North Street dip slope	Retain as LLD with no boundary changes.		
8	The Blean	Retain as LLD with minor boundary amendments.	<p>1. Small area of land between Clay Hill and Lamberhurst Farm forming part of landscape restoration at Victory Wood.</p> <p>2. Open area joining Canterbury CC boundary and linking Fishpond Wood to local woodland wildlife site</p>	None, but revised boundary with Blean Edge LLD proposed.

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			on edge of Swale (Denstead Lane) part of CCC Blean Local Landscape Designation.	
9	Lower Halstow – Iwade Ridge	Retain as LLD with no boundary changes		
10	Tonge and Luddenham	The area to the west of Conyer /Teynham does not merit LLD and is recommended for exclusion. The area remaining that meets the criteria is too small to justify as a landscape scale designation. It is therefore recommended to delete this LLD and to include the qualifying part within an extended South Swale Marshes LLD (see above).		1. Exclude area to west of Conyer /Teynham and reassign remaining designation to South Swale Marshes LLD.
11	Blean Edge Fruit Belt	Retain and extend LLD.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extend north-west edge to take in valley area west of Belvedere Farm and join with extended area of Blean LLD at Clay Hill - Lamberhurst Farm. Boundary defined along edge of Victory Wood. 2. Include small area west of Kemsdale Road to A229. 3. Larger extension south of the A2/Boughton Street to incorporate the rest of landscape character area 23 which is of similar quality and character on the edge of the Blean complex. This incorporates Oversland/South Street recommended as an extension to the Blean, and includes small additions of landscape character area 30 in the gap at Rhode 	

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			<p>Common.</p> <p>4. A revised edge with Blean LLD based on woodland extent.</p>	
12	Sheppey Court and Diggs Marsh	Retain LLD and extend to include the highly valued area at Barton's Point. Delete areas of lower quality that do not meet criteria.	1. Opportunity to extend to encompass the whole of the Queenborough Lines Scheduled Monument and the highly valued area of Barton's Coastal Park.	1. Remove the area on the western edge of Diggs Marsh.
13	Eastchurch Uplands	No LLD recommended.		