

conditions or negotiating a planning obligation. Detailed guidance on the re-use of rural buildings to residential use is contained in Supplementary Planning Guidance No. 5 published separately by the Council.

MATURE LANDSCAPE AREAS

POLICY EV4 DEVELOPMENT WHICH DOES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CHARACTER AND QUALITY OF MATURE LANDSCAPE AREAS WILL BE PERMITTED.

Existing Mature Landscape Areas are listed below and shown on the Proposals Map:

Rural Area

Ra	SOUTH OF HUCKNALL
Rb	MISK HILLS
Rc	UNDERWOOD
Rd	BAGTHORPE
Re	JACKSDALE
Rg	ANNESLEY
Rh	KIRKBY PARK
Ri	HOLLINWELL
Rj	DUMBLES
RI	COXMOOR/KINGS MILL
Rm	HUTHWAITE/SPRINGWOOD
Rn	SKEGBY BOTTOMS
Ro	TEVERSAL
Rp	DOVEDALE/HARDWICK PARK
Rq	PAPPLEWICK

- 3.39 The County Council has undertaken a Countryside Appraisal project to provide a strategic, countrywide overview and information base for the landscape of Nottinghamshire. The Appraisal is an important resource designed to be used as a tool for landscape protection, conservation, management and enhancement. One of the main elements of the Countryside Appraisal is the identification of Mature Landscape Areas (MLAs) through a formal assessment of the qualities of the local countryside in accordance with PPG7. Survey work identifying MLAs was initially published in 1994 and subsequently reviewed during 1999.
- 3.40 MLA's are a local countryside designation, to identify and protect valuable and vulnerable parts of Nottinghamshire's Landscape which have remained relatively unchanged over time. They are located in areas least affected by urban development, mineral extraction, extensive commercial forestry or intensive modern agricultural practices resulting in the permanent loss of important landscape features. The MLA review methodology has adopted a more consistent approach to the inclusion of arable land. Whereas previously all areas of intensive arable land were excluded because it was considered to indicate significant change in the landscape qualities that were being assessed, it is now recognised that arable areas which retain their basic structure of field boundaries, tree cover and other important features, for example field ponds, may also be included.
- 3.41 Policies EV1 and EV2 explain the limited types of development which may be appropriate in the rural parts of the District, whether defined as Green Belt or Countryside. Policy EV4 identifies 15 Mature Landscape Areas (MLA) in the District, as defined by Nottinghamshire County Council. Under policy EV4, should a proposal be acceptable in principle based upon policies EV1 or EV2, the actual form of the development will need to have regard to the particular landscape characteristics of importance to that locality and be in sympathy with and complementary to those characteristics. This approach reflects Government advice indicating that Local Plans are required to include policies on the conservation of the natural beauty and amenity of land and to determine specific policies reflecting different types of countryside. During the plan period the list of MLAs may be affected by the designation of new sites, the