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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The LANDMAP Historic Landscape aspect of the study area identified 85 separate aspect areas, ranging in size from 0.2 to 107 square kilometres and representing 10 different landscape patterns. These 85 areas were examined and each was evaluated against five pre-set criteria – *Integrity, Survival, Condition, Rarity and Potential* - and given one of five scores – *Unassessed, Low, Moderate, High or Outstanding*. Each set of resulting scores were then amalgamated and a overall evaluation score for each area obtained. The distribution of these scores are as follows,

Outstanding	18 (19%)
High	31 (38%)
Moderate	20 (25%)
Low	16 (19%)
Unassessed	0

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Radnorshire *LANDMAP* forms part of an ongoing pan-Wales project of landscape assessment. The area studied extends over the whole of Radnorshire and covers approximately 1226 square kilometres of mid Wales. The Historic Landscape Aspect work was undertaken by The Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) on behalf Powys County Council and the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) in 2004. This original study was carried out in accordance with the 2003 *LANDMAP* methodology which did not require the evaluation of aspect areas defined at Level 3 areas. In order to bring the Historic Landscape Aspect into line with other *LANDMAP* aspects, new guidance allowing for evaluation at Level 3 was produced in 2008, and in 2009 CCW issued a series of contracts to evaluate these previously defined areas. The evaluation exercise for the Radnorshire *LANDMAP* Historic Landscape Aspect was carried out between October 2008 and March 2009 by CPAT.

2. METHODOLOGY

Overview

This is an assessment of the intrinsic value of Aspect Area defined in the Radnorshire LANDMAP. The Historic Landscape Aspect criteria for the identification of this intrinsic quality have been adapted from those used to evaluate the impacts of development on historic landscapes found in the *Guide to Good Practice on Using The Register of Landscapes of Historic Interest in Wales in the Planning and Development Process* (known as AISIDOHL2 as of 2007) These are *Integrity, Survival, Condition, Rarity and Potential*.

Using the guidance, each aspect area was assessed against the five criteria and allocated one of four ‘scores’ – *Low, Moderate, High, Outstanding*. For each assessment criterion, scores of 1-4 were allocated, with 1 corresponding to Low and 4 to Outstanding, as follows:

Score	Evaluation
4	Outstanding
3	High
2	Moderate
1	Low

No area was scored as *Unassessed*.

A total score was then obtained by adding the scores for each criteria and an Overall Evaluation allocated according to the following table.

Total Score	Overall Evaluation
17-20	Outstanding
13-16	High
9-12	Moderate
5-8	Low

The Evaluation scores were recorded in the Evaluation Matrix section of the LANDMAP Collector database.

Data collection analysis and recording

Digital mapped sources that were used were the Ordnance Survey (OS) 1:10,000, 1:50,000 and 1:25,000 raster maps, OS Landline and contour data and latterly OS Mastermap data for the whole of the study area. Digitally geo-referenced vertical aerial photography (AP) of Radnorshire supplied by GetMapping and that produced by COWI supplied by CCW, and used under their licence, were also used as a mapping source and in addition to this occasional reference was made to editions of early OS mapping. The GetMapping and COWI AP data, and oblique aerial photography also proved useful for identifying (relatively) current land use, vegetation types and land cover as well as helping to identify the nature of many boundary features and therefore for assessing integrity, condition and survival

The primary source of historical and archaeological information was the Historic Environment Record (HER), maintained by CPAT. Much of the information in these records is point data, but it also includes some polygonal data derived from a number of paper-based sources. These documentary and manuscript sources that were consulted included lists of listed buildings, the register of historic parks and gardens, and the historic landscapes registers together with the historic landscape characterization reports for *The Elan Valley, The Middle Wye*.

Where possible the assembled data were examined and analysed digitally using MapInfo Professional 7.8 GIS software. Initial assessments of each aspect area against the five evaluation criteria were made using the GIS. A very limited programme of field visiting was undertaken to check decisions taken in the desk-based assessment, but heavy reliance was also placed on detailed field data collected as part of the various Cadw pan-Wales assessment projects undertaken by CPAT over the past 10-15 years.

A database was created in version 5.0.16, 5.0.17 and 5.0.18 of the XML based LANDMAP Collector software supplied by CCW. Associated texts were prepared in Word 2000, and submitted as both hard copy and Adobe Acrobat (version 9.0) PDF files.

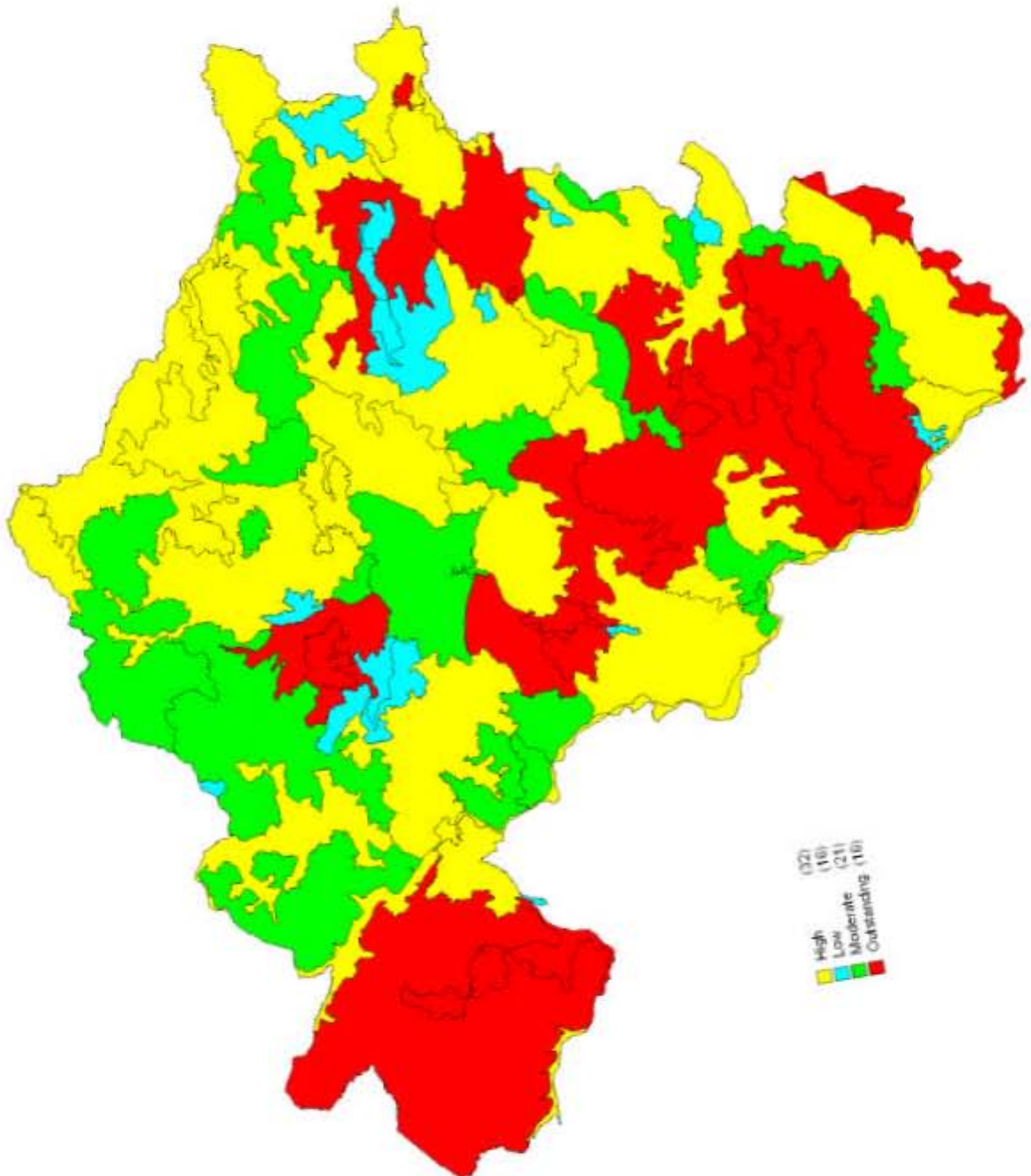
3. OVERALL EVALUATION OF HISTORIC LANDSCAPE ASPECT AREAS

The following table summarizes the overall evaluations awarded to Historic Landscape Aspect Areas, in line with the LANDMAP 2008 guidance. The derivations of these overall scores can be found for each area in the Collector database.

OVERALL EVALUATION	LANDSCAPE PATTERN	AREA NAME	AREA UID
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldsapes	Bachawy	RDNRHL256
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldsapes	Cwmhir	RDNRHL123
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldsapes	Edw	RDNRHL914
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldsapes	Llanyre	RDNRHL194
Outstanding	Regular Fieldsapes	Llandrindod Common	RDNRHL237
Outstanding	Regular Fieldsapes	Lugg Valley	RDNRHL265
Outstanding	Regular Fieldsapes	Middle Wye	RDNRHL993
Outstanding	Regular Fieldsapes	Stannage	RDNRHL748
Outstanding	Regular Fieldsapes	Walton Basin	RDNRHL763
Outstanding	Other fieldsapes	Gelli Hill	RDNRHL427
Outstanding	Woodland	Great Park	RDNRHL994
Outstanding	Marginal Land	Elenydd	RDNRHL412
Outstanding	Marginal Land	Glascwm Hill	RDNRHL371
Outstanding	Marginal Land	Rhos-swydd	RDNRHL566
Outstanding	Nucleated Settlement	Llandrindod Wells	RDNRHL992
Outstanding	Nucleated Settlement	New Radnor	RDNRHL630
Outstanding	Nucleated Settlement	Presteigne	RDNRHL419
Outstanding	Designed	Elan Valley	RDNRHL532
High	Irregular Fieldsapes	Cefnlllys	RDNRHL825
High	Irregular Fieldsapes	Cwmaran	RDNRHL990
High	Irregular Fieldsapes	Cwmdeuddwr	RDNRHL426
High	Irregular Fieldsapes	Fedw	RDNRHL950
High	Irregular Fieldsapes	Llanstephen	RDNRHL469
High	Irregular Fieldsapes	Llwyn-barried	RDNRHL120
High	Irregular Fieldsapes	Pen-y-fforest	RDNRHL569
High	Irregular Fieldsapes	Rowley	RDNRHL941
High	Irregular Fieldsapes	Trecoed	RDNRHL141
High	Irregular Fieldsapes	Upper Ithon	RDNRHL613
High	Irregular Fieldsapes	Upper Teme	RDNRHL806
High	Irregular Fieldsapes	Weythel	RDNRHL765
High	Regular Fieldsapes	Afon Marteg	RDNRHL285
High	Regular Fieldsapes	Broad Heath	RDNRHL210
High	Regular Fieldsapes	Heyop	RDNRHL318
High	Regular Fieldsapes	Nant Melan	RDNRHL122
High	Regular Fieldsapes	Upper Arrow	RDNRHL949
High	Regular Fieldsapes	Upper Wye	RDNRHL874
High	Regular Fieldsapes	Upper Wye Valley	RDNRHL264

OVERALL EVALUATION	LANDSCAPE PATTERN	AREA NAME	AREA UID
High	Other fieldscapes	Beacon Hill	RDNRHL984
High	Other fieldscapes	Black Hill	RDNRHL723
High	Other fieldscapes	Maelienydd	RDNRHL762
High	Other fieldscapes	Radnor Forest	RDNRHL828
High	Woodland	Knill Wood	RDNRHL387
High	Marginal Land	Aberedw Hill	RDNRHL244
High	Marginal Land	Carneddau	RDNRHL304
High	Marginal Land	Kerry Ridgeway	RDNRHL121
High	Marginal Land	The Begwns	RDNRHL564
High	Water & Wetland	Claerwen	RDNRHL656
High	Nucleated Settlement	Knighton	RDNRHL746
High	Nucleated Settlement	Rhayader	RDNRHL490
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Cantel	RDNRHL396
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Llandegley	RDNRHL673
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Llandewi	RDNRHL996
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Pentre	RDNRHL235
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Upper Lugg	RDNRHL259
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Wern-fach	RDNRHL822
Moderate	Regular Fieldscapes	Ffridd	RDNRHL785
Moderate	Other fieldscapes	Beddugre Hill	RDNRHL870
Moderate	Other fieldscapes	Bwlch-y-Sarnau	RDNRHL975
Moderate	Other fieldscapes	Castle Hill	RDNRHL801
Moderate	Other fieldscapes	Clyro Hill	RDNRHL501
Moderate	Other fieldscapes	Drysgol	RDNRHL643
Moderate	Other fieldscapes	Gwastedyn Hill	RDNRHL577
Moderate	Other fieldscapes	Hergest Ridge	RDNRHL908
Moderate	Other fieldscapes	Pen Ithon	RDNRHL997
Moderate	Marginal Land	Rhosfallog	RDNRHL441
Moderate	Nucleated Settlement	Crossgates	RDNRHL756
Moderate	Other Settlement	Llanelwedd	RDNRHL139
Moderate	Extractive	Llanelwedd Quarry	RDNRHL268
Low	Irregular Fieldscapes	Brynhafod	RDNRHL808
Low	Irregular Fieldscapes	Cnwch	RDNRHL974
Low	Irregular Fieldscapes	Norton Brook	RDNRHL171
Low	Regular Fieldscapes	Black Nursery	RDNRHL900
Low	Other fieldscapes	Litton Hill	RDNRHL985
Low	Other fieldscapes	Storling Bank	RDNRHL269

OVERALL EVALUATION	LANDSCAPE PATTERN	AREA NAME	AREA UID
Low	Woodland	Cregiau	RDNRHL309
Low	Woodland	Cwmysgawen Common	RDNRHL979
Low	Woodland	Forest Wood	RDNRHL317
Low	Woodland	Glasdir Hill (Radnor Forest)	RDNRHL361
Low	Woodland	Graig Wood	RDNRHL932
Low	Woodland	Mynydd yr Eithin	RDNRHL332
Low	Marginal Land	Camlo Hill	RDNRHL298
Low	Marginal Land	Disgwylfa Hill	RDNRHL349
Low	Marginal Land	Ysgwd-ffordd	RDNRHL330
Low	Nucleated Settlement	Howey	RDNRHL173
Low	Extractive	Old Radnor Hill	RDNRHL493



Historic Landscape Aspect Areas evaluation scores for Radnorshire LANDMAP

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