

# SETTLEMENT ASSESSMENT PROFORMA

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Character Area: Park Estate = Midland Rd, Severn Rd, Festival Rd, Park Rd, Willow Rd, Rylands Rd .....

Date: Feb.....

Weather: ...cloudy.....

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## 1. PATTERN

Character Element	Photo(s)
<p><b>A. Topography:</b> Flat Hilly Steep Shallow Plateau Valley            Linear valley Several valleys</p> <p>Set in one of Strouds 5 valleys, running West towards M5 Motorway</p>	
<p><b>B: Layout:</b> Linear Grid-like Winding Regular Irregular            Buildings close to the road Buildings well set back Front gardens            Back gardens Long plots Thin plots Short plots Wide plots            Clear centre No obvious centre</p> <p>Park Estate was built as Social Housing ihowever now there are a good number of private dwellings amongst them.</p>	
<p><b>C: Spaces:</b> Gaps between buildings Green spaces Hard space            Places where local events take place Well used Not well used</p> <p>The greens on Severn Rd and Midland Rd offer good grass for play and relaxation. Views of surrounding hills including Doverow can be seen.</p>	
<p><b>D: Green and Natural Features:</b> Trees Bushes Hedges            Green backcloth to buildings Areas of intense greenery            Arase without greenery</p> <p>Midland Rd green has a large mature tree on it.</p>	
<p><b>E: Wildlife and Ecology:</b> Area used/inhabited by wildlife Not used at all</p>	

<p>Area used for wildlife to pass through    What wildlife?    Important plants?</p> <p>Insects and birds use the hedges and trees.</p>	
<p><b>F: Roads, Streets and other Movement Routes:</b> Pavements    Kerbs  Grass verges    Drainage ditches    Wide roads wide    Narrow roads  Straight roads    Curving roads    Cul-de-sacs    Through roads  On-plot parking    On-street parking    Parking courts</p> <p>There are path ways from Midland Rd to Court View and the Stroudwater Ind site. Another leads up to Park Rd from Midland to Severn Rd then to the rear of Park parade.</p>	
<p><b>G. Landmarks:</b> Are there key landmarks visible from a distance (church tower), community landmarks (pub) or special but smaller features (old milestone)?</p> <p>Midland Rd green and Severn Rd green. Tree on green on corner of Midland Rd and Severn Rd. Red phonebox on green between Midland Rd to Severn Rd</p>	
<p><b>H: Views Out:</b> Are there places (often, occasional) where one can see out to other areas or to the landscape?</p> <p>Doverow Hill can be seen from the greens and when looking East down Severn Rd and Midland Rd</p>	
<p><b>I: Views In:</b> Are there places around* where it is possible to get views into this area? (* You will need to go round and about to spot these.)</p>	

## 2. BUILDINGS AND DETAILS

<p><b>A: Predominant Building Shape and Heights:</b> Wide frontages  Narrow frontages    Terraced    Semi-detached    Detached    1 storey  2 storeys    3 storeys    Common shapes    Varied shapes</p> <p>A variety of buildings, Terraced or semi-detached</p>	
<p><b>B: Roofs:</b> Flat roofs    Pitched roofs    Steep pitch    Shallow pitch  Varied pitch    Lean-tos    Parapet fronts (hidden roofs)  All pitched roofs</p>	
<p><b>C. Predominant Materials:</b> Some common    Nothing common  Walls (brick, stone, render, hung tile)?    Roofs (tile, slate, other)?  Boundaries (walls, hedges, fences)?    Ground (tarmac, concrete, setts, paving stones)?</p> <p>Cement render, with some rubble stone building and occasional concrete block and reconstitute stone.  Boundaries are mainly fences, and occasional hedges. Most ground is set to garden.</p>	

**D: Details:** What details contribute to character: porches, window shapes, roof decorations, chimneys, benches, letter boxes, signs, flags?

Older properties tend to have narrow casement, with some sash windows. Modern properties tend to have larger windows with some "picture" windows in 1960's developments. There are a number of properties with porches. Chimneys are universal.

**3. SUMMARY**

**A: In a few words or a sentence or two, what are for your group the key positive features about this area? What makes it special?**

The greens and views of surrounding hills of Doverow, and Selsley

**B: In a few words or a sentence or two, what are for your group the key negative features about this area? What detracts from it?**

Some unkempt gardens

**LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT PROFORMA**

Surveyors(s): ..... Area name or number: .....

View Point Numbers: ..... Date: ..... Weather: .....

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**1. DESCRIPTION**

Character Element	Photo(s)
<b>A. Landform:</b> Flat Gently undulating Strongly undulating Steep valley Valley side/floor Plateau	

<p><b>B. Landcover:</b> <i>Open farmland</i>    <b>Farmland with trees/woods</b>    <i>Woodland</i>  <i>Parkland</i>    <i>Wetland</i></p>	
<p><b>C. Landuse:</b> <i>Arable farmland</i>    <i>Grassland</i>    <b>Grazing</b>    <i>Mixed</i>    <i>Forestry</i>  <i>Industrial</i>    <i>Brownfield</i>    <i>Orchards</i></p>	
<p><b>D. Field Boundaries:</b> <i>Tall</i>    <i>Clipped</i>    <i>Intermittent</i>    <b>Hedgerow</b>  <i>With/without trees</i>    <i>Fences</i>    <i>Walls</i></p> <p><b>none</b></p>	
<p><b>E. Field Sizes and Patterns:</b> <i>Small</i>    <b>Medium</b>    <i>Large</i>    <i>Regular</i>    <i>Angular</i>  <i>Linear</i>    <i>Irregular</i></p> <p><b>none</b></p>	
<p><b>F. Routeways:</b> <i>Few roads</i>    <i>Dense road network</i>    <i>Tracks</i>  <i>Straight/Winding</i>    <i>Narrow</i></p>	
<p><b>G. Buildings and Structures:</b> <i>What manmade elements are in the landscape?</i>  <b>Village(s)/Town</b>    <b>Isolated Farms</b>    <b>Barns</b>    <i>Groups of dwellings</i>    <i>Pylons</i>  <i>Masts</i>    <i>Wires.</i> <i>How do they 'sit' and what natural features influence that?</i></p>	

<p><b>H. Water and Drainage:</b> <i>Stream</i>    <i>River</i>    <i>Reservoir</i>    <i>Wet ditches</i>  <i>Ponds</i>    <i>Lake</i></p>	
<p><b>I. Enclosure and Scale:</b> <i>Tight</i>    <i>Enclosed</i>    <b>Open</b>    <i>Exposed/Intimate</i>  <i>Small</i>    <i>Large</i>    <i>Vast</i></p>	

**2. VIEWS AND LANDMARKS** (mark on the map)

<p><b>A. Views:</b> <i>Sweeping</i>    <i>Channeled</i>    <i>Long</i>    <i>Short</i>    <b>Glimpsed</b>  <i>Across/to a place or landmark.</i></p>	
<p><b>B. Landmarks:</b> <b>Buildings</b>    <b>Structures</b>    <b>Natural features</b>    <b>History</b>    <i>Archaeology</i></p>	

**3. SUMMARY**

<p><b>A. Scenic Quality:</b> <i>Think about sounds, smells and colours, how it makes you feel, does it feel tranquil? Think about balance (harmonious - chaotic) and diversity (uniform – complex) Seasonal features can also be important.</i></p> <p><i>Mature Tree on Midland Rd green.  No through Road so fairly quiet on Midland, Festival, Willow and Severn Rds Park Rd has some access to school and library.</i></p>
<p><b>B. Activities and Associations:</b> <i>What do people do in this landscape? Work and/or leisure? Do people paint or photograph it? Are there local poems or stories? What makes you identify with it or value it?</i></p> <p><i>Park Estate Residents Association.  APT All pulling together working with community.</i></p>

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**C: In a few words or a sentence or two, what are for you the key positive features about this area? What makes it special?**

*A unique part of Stonehouse with a distinct area between Oldends Lane and Berryfields. Was all social housing but a third are now privately owned and most are well kept. Many young families live in Park Estate*

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**D: In a few words or a sentence or two, what are for you the key negative features about this area? What detracts from it?**

*Historical associations of social housing areas.*

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