

# LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT PROFORMA

Surveyors(s): Vicky Redding..... Area name or number: ...Doverow Hill

View Point Numbers: .....

Date: May 2016... Weather: Good.....

## 1. DESCRIPTION

Character Element	Photo(s)
<p><b>A. Landform:</b>            Doverow Hill rises to 469 feet and is a strongly undulating hill with some steep valleys and a relatively flat 6 acre wooded plateau on top with some steep sided dips from when the hill was used for quarrying and for making bricks.</p> <p>The quarry face exposes lower Jurassic rocks deposited on the sea bed approximately 180 million years ago. The Lower Lias, the clays used for brick making, show an important sequence of clays with minor sandstones and limestones. The Marlstone at the top of the face are of Middle Lias Age and are richly fossiliferous. It is especially important for very minute fossils which can only be seen under a microscope.</p>	
<p><b>B. Landcover:</b>            Doverow Hill is a mixture of open farmland and woodland. A large area has been planted with grapevines. It also has a number of large and distinctive trees.</p>	
<p><b>C. Landuse:</b>            Doverow Hill is a mixture of arable farmland, grazing land, vinyards and orchards.</p>	
<p><b>D. Field Boundaries:</b>            The field boundaries are hedgerows both with and without trees. There is also some fencing.</p>	

<p><b>E. Field Sizes and Patterns:</b> The field sizes are irregular and are mainly of a medium size.</p>	
<p><b>F. Routeways:</b> There is one narrow road and bridge over the railway line which provides access to Doverow Hill. There are several tracks and a number of footpaths, public and otherwise, including the Cotswold Way which criss-cross the hill. Most of the routeways are winding and quite narrow.</p>	
<p><b>G. Buildings and Structures:</b> There are some isolated farm buildings, including farmhouses and barns on the approach to Doverow Hill and some stables for horses near the railway line. There is also a farmhouse and farm buildings beyond Doverow Hill near Far Westrip.</p> <p>There are some power wires criss crossing the hill.</p>	
<p><b>H. Water and Drainage:</b> There are no significant water features apart from some small streams, springs and water troughs for cattle.</p>	
<p><b>I. Enclosure and Scale:</b> The landscape is large, open and in places is exposed.</p>	

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

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<p><b>A. Views:</b> There are sweeping views across to Selsley Common and the Cotswold escarpment, the River Severn and the Severn Bridge, the Forest of Dean, the Malvern Hills and the valleys of Stroud.</p>	
<p><b>B. Landmarks:</b> Buildings: Selsley Church, Ebley Mill, Dairycrest, Natural features: River Severn, May Hill, Malvern Hills, Standish Woods and Haresfield Beacon, River Severn Structures: Severn Bridges, M5 motorway.</p>	

### 3. SUMMARY

<p><b>A. Scenic Quality:</b> Doverow Hill is a fantastic vantage point which creates a feeling of being on top of the world. The views are breathtaking and highly scenic, they regularly appear in local pictorial calendars. The overall feeling is of space and tranquility. Normal rural smells and sounds associated with arable and dairy farming.</p>
<p><b>B. Activities and Associations:</b> Popular for walking including long distance walkers on the Cotswold Way, dog walking, photography (including commercial photography) and playing games, including tobogganing when it snows and using rope swings on some of the larger trees. Doverow Wood is a popular meeting place for young people who hold parties there in summer. People sometimes camp on the hill.</p>
<p><b>C: In a few words or a sentence or two, what are for you the key <u>positive</u> features about this area? What makes it special?</b> A strong sense of the countryside right on the edge of the town with far reaching views of the surrounding Cotswold AONB and Cotswold escarpment. Intimate mix of the small settlements in a rural farmland setting.</p>
<p><b>D: In a few words or a sentence or two, what are for you the key <u>negative</u> features about this area? What detracts from it?</b> Noise from traffic on the main road and the dominance of the white Dairycrest building on the otherwise scenic landscape. Also littering from recreational use of Doverow Wood.</p>

