

Our lovely valley is...Special ..

...And now has a support group:

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The Upper Glem Valley...running from Hawkedon in the east and covering the villages of Stansfield, Denston, Stradishall and Wickham Street... has a new landscape status... an LVL...Locally Valued Landscape.

With its collection of historic buildings and churches and ancient field patterns and woodlands, our valley is considered to be valued in planning terms, so that any future proposals within the area should meet special conditions that ***“avoid the loss of key characteristics that underpin the scenic quality and significance of the LVL,”*** say the planners at West Suffolk Council (WSC). They look at factors to consider in planning and development issues in our area for the next 20 years.

An exhibition of the **LVL** proposals including maps, photographs and descriptions, was held at **Stansfield Village Hall** in mid 2022 which was attended by almost 40 people from several villages in the valley. A Friends group has been formed with the aim of sharing future information about the valley which has the email address **friendssupperglemvalley@gmail.com**.

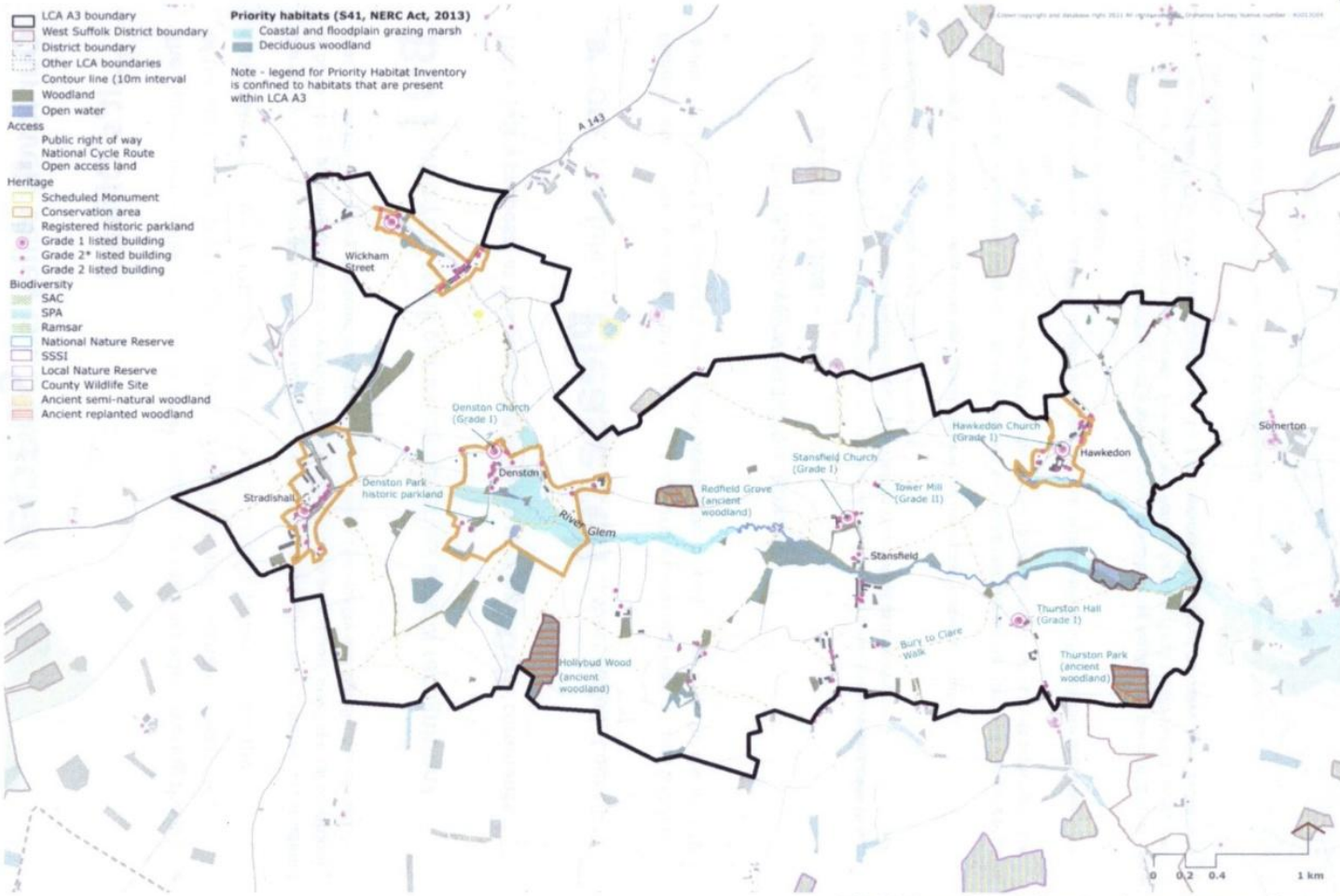
West Suffolk Council’s proposal to give our valley the status of an LVL follows a comprehensive landscape study which has identified eight areas within West Suffolk as qualifying for “valued landscape” LVL designation, with several more areas still being evaluated.

Our valley is described as having some key natural, cultural and perceptual features including:

- Rich and varied cross valley views to key landmarks and traditional land management and enclosure patterns.
- Rural, enclosed and tranquil character of the many narrow roads and tracks that connect settlements and farmsteads.
- Rural intact landscape setting to historic villages and church landmarks which is sensitive within this small scale valley landscape.

Your views about this proposal can be sent to Email:planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk **or Tel: 01284 757368**

To read more go to the West Suffolk Council website – Local Plans - and open the consultation documents to read more. See: Strategic Policies Part One: SP15 Locally Valued Landscape. https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwestsuffolk.inconsult.uk%2FWSLP_Preferred_Options%2FviewCompoundDoc%3Fdocid%3D12706580%26partid%3D12707924%26sessionid%26voteid%26fbclid%3DIwAR3ZR2WN_b_9cmv-LuFGJZbd6Y_FI9Ro75um5sAesyddliKlqq9OWi4&h=AT2H0sSm There are also 9 pages of maps and descriptions about the features and assets of our valley in the Background Evidence Documents, which has a separate tab.



LCA A3 Upper Glem Valley - Landscape assets and features

