

APPENDIX TWO – STATUTORY AND OTHER DESIGNATIONS

Status	Description
Conservation Areas	Conservation Areas are designated under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and are defined as; “areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance”. Local Planning Authorities are responsible for their designation and periodic review.
Listed Buildings	The List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest is compiled and maintained by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport under the provisions of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Alterations to Listed Buildings must be authorised by the Local Planning Authority.
Scheduled Monuments	A scheduled monument is an historic building or site that is included in the Schedule of Monuments kept by the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. The regime is set out in the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. The consent of the Secretary of State is required for any works affecting a Scheduled Ancient Monument. Applications to schedule or deschedule a monument are administered by Historic England, who will carry out an assessment and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State.
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Natural England designates SSSIs under the provisions of Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. It describes an area of particular interest to science due to the rare species of fauna or flora or important geological or physiological features that may lie in its boundaries. SSSIs have high conservation value, and need to be protected. They often contain important habitats such as grasslands, parkland and woodland.
Historic Parks and Gardens (HPG)	The Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England is maintained by Historic England. HPGs are protected within the land-use policies of Statutory Local Plans.
County Wildlife Sites	County Wildlife Sites are a conservation designation in the United Kingdom, which despite conferring no statutory protection onto a site, does affirm its importance and value for wildlife in its county context.
Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS)	Regionally important geological and geomorphological sites (also known as regionally important geological sites) are locally designated sites of local, national and regional importance for geodiversity (geology and geomorphology)