Landscape Character Assessment Sheet **Ref: Sedlescombe – S2**

Location: West of Village County Landscape Character Area: Brede Valley

Viewpoint No: 2 Direction of View: North

Description
This is pleasant and tranquil countryside and an area of transition from large gardens and large houses. There are meadows with horse paddock and some loss of field structure due to removal of hedges. There are enclosed gardens with garden vegetation including feature pine trees on the higher ground.

Location and Form in Relation to Local Settlement Pattern
There is some historic settlement with large houses in large gardens developed along the main street. This is a nucleated village with a pub and post office and a small green.

Evaluation Scores

Quality - Good
Value - High (AONB)
Sensitivity:
Visual - Moderate / High on upper slopes
Character - Moderate

Landcover and landscape elements

farm buildings	walls	woodland (broadleaf) x	river	footpath x
churches	fences x	plantation	stream x	track
needle pines	hedges x	isolated trees - pines x	lake	road / lanes
pasture	banks	tree clumps	reservoir	industrial
industry	shelterbelt	hedgerow trees	pond	urban
vernacular buildings x	field pattern x	parkland x	canal - ditches	
settlement (historic)	estate	scrub	waterfall	
built up - edge	pasture x	marsh	beach	
mineral workings	orchards		dune	
other			coastal	

Landform

flat	plain	coast
undulating x	rolling lowland x	estuary
rolling	plateau	broad valley
steep	hills	narrow valley
vertical	scarp	deep gorge
	cliff	

Aesthetic factors

BALANCE	harmonious	balanced x	dominant	chaotic
SCALE	intimate	small	medium x	large
ENCLOSURE	confined	enclosed in places	open x	exposed
TEXTURE	smooth	textured x	rough	very rough
COLOUR	monochrome	muted x	colourful	garish
DIVERSITY	uniform	simple	diverse x	complex
MOVEMENT	remote	quiet	peaceful x	active
UNITY	unified	interrupted	fragmented	chaotic
FORM	straight	angular	curved x	sinuous
SECURITY	comfortable	safe x	unsettling	threatening
STIMULUS	boring	bland	interesting x	invigorating
PLEASURE	offensive	unpleasant	pleasant x	beautiful

Landscape Condition
Generally good. Well managed gardens. Grazed meadows and paddocks.

Most Appropriate Management Strategy
Conservation
Mature trees and hedges. Setting of historic houses.

Ability to Accommodate Change/stability of characteristic/attributes vulnerable to change and which are irreplaceable.
Low / Moderate capacity. This is limited to infill in the less sensitive plots. Development would not be acceptable beyond the development boundary.

Visual appraisal
Key Visual Receptors
Houses, Footpaths and AONB landscape. A21.
Types of view
Longer from higher ground.
Visual barriers
Trees and hedges.

Scope to mitigate visual intrusion

Moderate – Low. Some scope to strengthen village edge.