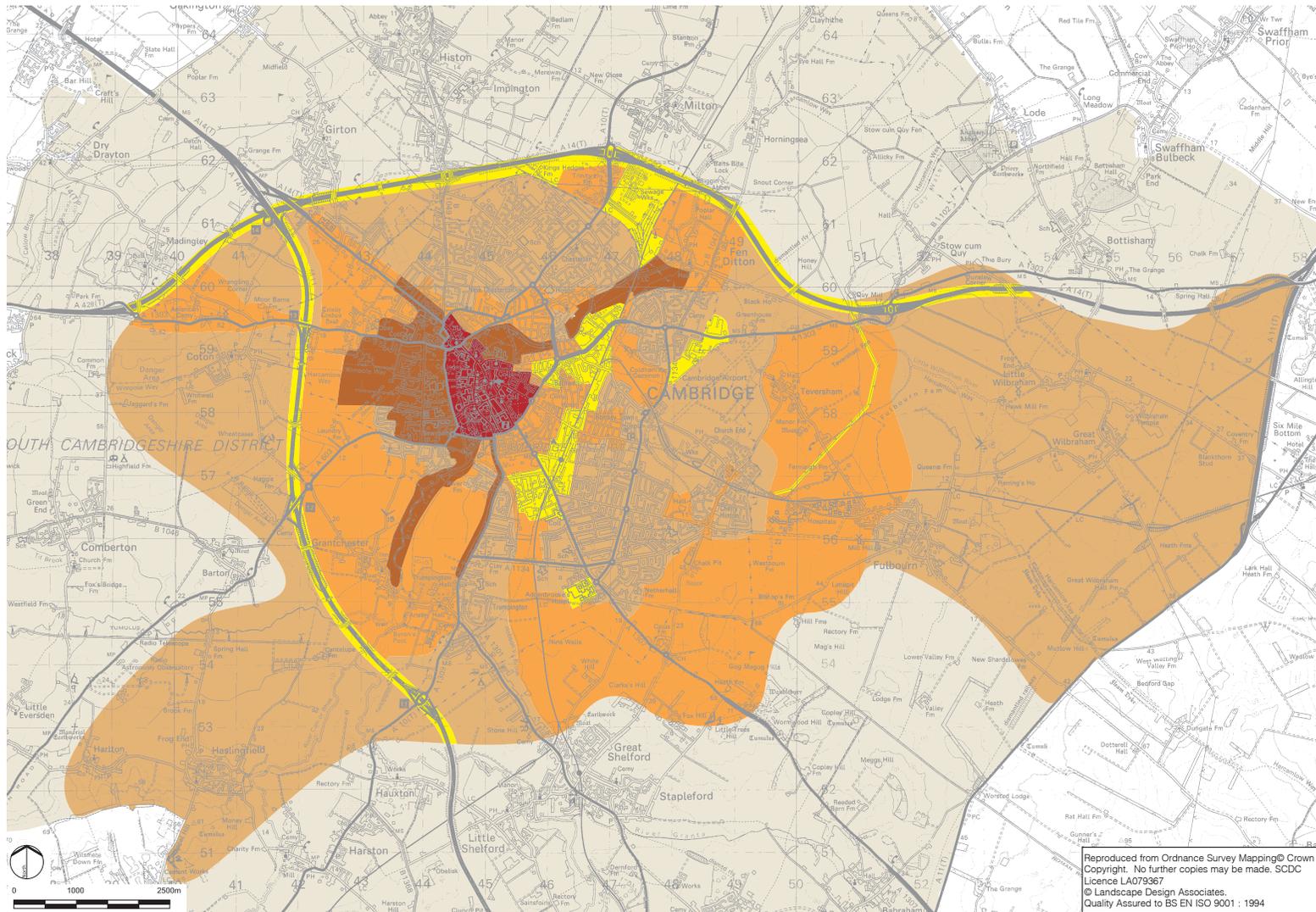# Cambridge Green Belt Study

Townscape and Landscape Role and Function

Visually cohesive historic core

This is the compact medieval core. Elements such as historic street pattern, building type, scale, architectural style, detailing and materials all generate a strong sense of the story of the city.

Distinctive townscape / landscape

These are areas defined as specifically recognisable and distinctive to the city. They include townscape and landscape components such as quintessential views, the interaction of buildings forming spaces or the setting to local events, landform, backdrops to the city, areas of rich biodiversity, historic approach routes and landmarks of positive character. These areas, frequently contiguous with the historic core, often borrow from or bestow character to them.

Supportive townscape / landscape

These are areas of townscape / landscape which support the character of the historic core and areas distinctive to the city. They provide the backdrop and ambience, and bolster the sense of place of the city and its approaches.

Connective townscape/landscape

These are areas of townscape / landscape which are an integral part of the city and its environs, but lack individual distinction, or do not play a significant contribution to the setting of the city.

Visually Detracting Townscape/Landscape

These are areas or elements which detract from the distinctive and special character of the city and its setting.

Outer Rural Areas of the Green Belt

These are areas of landscape from which distinct views of the city are scarce or absent. The function of this landscape is in providing a backdrop to views of the city, and in providing a setting for approaches to connective, supportive and distinctive areas of townscape and landscape.

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