

## CHARACTER ASSESSMENT PRO FORMA

### Character Area: Godalming Town

Topography	Land Uses	Layout	Roads, streets, routes
<p>Landscape setting/gradient of the local area (flat, sloping, valley, plateau, hilltop, etc)</p>	<p>Residential, Retail, Leisure and Recreation, Commercial, Employment, Community, etc</p>	<p>Relationship between buildings, spaces and routes, and how these elements are arranged in relation to each other. Building plots (wide narrow, long, short, etc)</p>	<p>Vehicular routes, pedestrian pathways, cycle paths, shared surfaces, rights of way, bridleways, alleyways, etc</p>
<p>The town lies in a valley between two steep wooded hills, Holloway Hill and Frith Hill. The River Wey lies to the north and the flood plain (Lammas Lands) are to the north of this. It is a large green, wooded flat area.</p>	<p>From Bridge Street through to the Inn on the Lake is mainly retail but also encompasses residential, commercial and leisure facilities.</p>	<p>The buildings follow the road. Mainly taking on the appearance of terraced areas. Individual buildings are close together and 2/3 storey giving a feeling of enclosure.</p>	<p>The town has a one-way system with lanes emanating from this. There is a bypass which is parallel to the road on the south side of the town. Cut throughs and alleys lead mainly to the station at the west of the town and to the residential areas at the top of the hillsides.</p>

<b>Spaces</b>	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Landmarks</b>	<b>Green and natural features</b>
<p>Parks, playing fields, allotments, cemeteries, village greens, car parks, market squares, etc</p>	<p>Building heights, arrangement (detached, semi-detached, terraced or apartments), materials, construction era, roof types, distinct/predominant architectural features, window types, condition, etc</p>	<p>Distinct and instantly recognisable local features (including buildings, statues and monuments, and other locally significant features of the local area, both built and natural)</p>	<p>Trees, hedgerows, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, woodland, landscaped areas etc.</p>
<p>Large area of green space around River Wey containing park, bowling green, allotments, bandstand, cemetery and Grade 1 listed church. Various small car parks and one large car park.</p>	<p>Buildings give mainly terraced effect and are predominantly 2/3 storey and Grade 2 listed. Some post war modern additions are also evident. Mainly brick and slate built. On the south side of the town between the bypass and nestling into Holloway Hill are a collection of Victorian and Edwardian detached and semidetached houses.</p>	<p>The Pepperpot is the outstanding feature of the town. A small 2 storey building standing at the south end of the High Street adjoining Church Street forming an island in the road. This was originally used for council meetings and built in 1814. It was named the Pepperpot as it resembles a Georgian Pepper pot</p>	<p>The River Wey cuts through the flat area to the north of the town. The steep slopes are wooded and there is a large park between the river and the town.</p>

<b>Streetscape</b>	<b>Views</b>	<b>Summary of Key defining characteristics/other observations</b>
<b>Lamp posts, benches and seating, street surfacing materials, signage, boundary treatments, etc</b>	<b>Important views in and out of the character area (record location of viewpoint, and direction and extent of view)</b>	
<p>Street surface is mainly tarmac with granite setts. Pavements are brick or tarmac. Small seating areas around the town with street lights and bins evenly spaced throughout. Summer beading plants are displayed outside shops/restaurants and pubs</p>		<p>Medieval town retaining many features and much character. Framed by green steep wooded areas which deaden noise from A3. Pleasing rural feel to the town and slow pace of life.</p>

**Godalming Town Character Assessment: Photo Montage**



View from Frith Hill towards Holloway Hill, showing Godalming nestling in the Wey valley





The Lammas Lands looking towards St Peter and St Pauls Church showing the wooded hillside behind



St Peter and St Pauls Church



View from Church Yard over looking Band Stand towards Frith Hill



The Pepperpot



The High Street looking East showing a mixture of residential (flats) and retail



The High Street looking West towards the Inn on the Lake



Church Street leading to the Pepperpot showing paving and York stone paving slabs



Church Street towards the church





Bridge Street

River Wey





Flambard Way towards Holloway Hill



Flambard Way (tree and shrub lined)



Flambard Way looking west towards Ockford Road



Croft Road towards St Edmund's church



Ockford Road



Ockford Road