
Broad type

Civic Amenities

Broad type scope note

This Broad Type covers public provision of services intended to benefit all of society. Other services appear in other Broad Types, principally because their provision is usually not wholly the responsibility of national or local government and their agencies. Amenities in this Broad Type have been grouped into three Intermediate Types relating to: the management of our water supply, the various means by which we dispose of waste, and the attempts we make to control the effects of floods and the sea.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Flood And Erosion Defence

Intermediate type scope note

Provision of structures to remove, reduce or mitigate the risk of coastal, riverine and/or estuarine flooding from the sea, rivers or unchannelled rainfall run-off or to counter losses to coastal land from maritime erosive forces.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Flood And Erosion Defence

Narrow type

Flood Defence

Narrow type scope note

Artificial constructions used to prevent water flooding the surrounding area. Often taking the form of a bank or wall but may be more elaborate (e.g. the Thames Barrier) and include run-off drains and reservoirs.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Flood And Erosion Defence

Narrow type

Groynes

Narrow type scope note

A series of structures extending into the sea for the purpose of preventing further lateral movement of washed up sand and shingle.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Flood And Erosion Defence

Narrow type

Sea Wall

Narrow type scope note

A form of sea defence, may be of hard and strong material (e.g. concrete) or an earthen bank constructed on the landward part of a coast to reduce the effects of strong waves.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Waste Disposal

Intermediate type scope note

Buildings, sites and structures associated with the disposal of domestic and industrial waste.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Waste Disposal

Narrow type

Incineration Plant

Narrow type scope note

A site for burning refuse to ashes using an incinerator.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Waste Disposal

Narrow type

Landfill

Narrow type scope note

A site for the disposal of waste materials by burial.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Waste Disposal

Narrow type

Recycling Depot

Narrow type scope note

A facility for the deposition, collection and recycling of waste materials. These are usually publicly-owned facilities consisting of areas for dumping, sorting and transfer. The type also includes sites for waste metal recovery and recycling, colloquially known as “scrapyards”. These are typically less organised sites than the public recycling centres with scrap vehicles and parts piled up in what can seem, to the untrained eye, a disorganised manner.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Waste Disposal

Narrow type

Sewage Works

Narrow type scope note

An area in which local sewage is filtered and purified in large rectangular or circular tanks.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Water Storage And Supply

Intermediate type scope note

Sites and structures associated with the storage and distribution of water.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Water Storage And Supply

Narrow type

Dam

Narrow type scope note

A structure built to form a barrier to restrain water or other liquid (including waste), raising its level on one side, to prevent flooding or to form a reservoir.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Water Storage And Supply

Narrow type

Reservoir

Narrow type scope note

A body of water or other liquid, wholly or partly artificial and sometimes covered, used to collect and store water, or other liquid for a particular function. Most often for the collection and supply of water for public and industrial use.

Broad type

Civic Amenities

Intermediate type

Water Storage And Supply

Narrow type

Waterworks

Narrow type scope note

Buildings, engineering constructions and machinery, used for the purpose of supplying a town, or region with water distributed through pipes.



Broad type

Civic Provision

Broad type scope note

This Broad Type covers services provided by national or local government, or by other public bodies, charities and organised religions, that affect or are available to individual members of society. Many are physical representations of the principles of civil society which have developed in Britain and Europe over many centuries: providing for good health and spiritual succour, respectfully disposing of the dead, educating young people and enabling the continued development of adults, and dealing appropriately with those who break the law. The Broad Type also encompasses the civil bureaucracies that maintain these services.

Many of the terms focus on particular building types (cathedral, prison, school, etc), but historic characterisations typically also draw in all directly related spaces and ancillary features.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Association

Intermediate type scope note

Facilities provided for use and benefit of associations of interest. These interests can be geographical, social/ethnic, religious, professional and/or communities. They may be provided by local government, religious, professional, charity or other philanthropic interests.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Association

Narrow type

Club House

Narrow type scope note

A building or group of buildings providing social, recreational and/or training facilities for a members' club. These generally lack extensive associated grounds and can include purpose built facilities or converted buildings. They are mapped in the dataset where their premises are sufficiently extensive to become characteristic of an area.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Association

Narrow type

Community Centre

Narrow type scope note

Multi-purpose building or complex holding halls, offices and other facilities for community purposes.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Association

Narrow type

Guildhall

Narrow type scope note

Halls and associated premises built for the business of a craft, trade, or merchants' guild.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Association

Narrow type

Inn of Court

Narrow type scope note

Complex of buildings and grounds housing facilities for the professional associations of barristers in England and Wales. There are four Inns of Court: Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn, Middle Temple and Inner Temple.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Association

Narrow type

Private Members Club

Narrow type scope note

A traditional private social or gentlemen's club, providing facilities for dining and socialising, often characterised by their members' interest in politics, literature, travel or some other pursuit.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Association

Narrow type

Professional Institution

Narrow type scope note

Buildings housing the headquarters of a professional or learned institution. Usually includes committee rooms, libraries, galleries and lecture halls. They can be either purpose-built or repurposed earlier buildings

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Association

Narrow type

Trades Union Building

Narrow type scope note

A building where the administrative functions of a Trade Union are carried on

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Intermediate type scope note

Institutions of government that support civil behaviour or habits of personal living which then cement viable relations between individuals and wider society.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Ambulance Station

Narrow type scope note

Buildings and land for the provision of ambulance station services. They usually comprise relatively recent purpose-built structures (1960s and onwards) of a utilitarian nature. Older examples have greater architectural sophistication. All generally have an accessible apron at the frontage of the compound to allow easy access to the road system for emergency vehicles and secure perimeter fencing on all other sides.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

City Hall

Narrow type scope note

A large building, often with directly associated and usually defined grounds, used for the transaction of the public business of a city, the holding of courts of justice, entertainments and other activities.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Civic Centre

Narrow type scope note

A building or complex often with several buildings where municipal offices and other public buildings are situated.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Civic Infrastructure

Narrow type scope note

Areas comprising and dominated by major, often publicly funded, civil engineering works designed to improve the social and economic functioning of relatively large parts of urban areas.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Embassy

Narrow type scope note

The residence and office of an ambassador and location for that country's chief diplomatic mission, includes associated land. This can encompass buildings specifically built for the purpose and earlier structures repurposed to become an embassy.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Fire Station

Narrow type scope note

Buildings and land for the provision of fire services. They are usually purpose-built and range from 19th century station houses to recent structures of a generally utilitarian nature. Older examples have greater architectural sophistication. All generally have an accessible apron at the frontage of the compound to allow easy access to the road system for emergency vehicles and secured perimeters (walling and/or fencing) on all other sides.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Local Government Office

Narrow type scope note

A building which houses administrative functions relating to local government. Includes directly associated and usually defined grounds.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Mint

Narrow type scope note

A place where money is coined under public authority.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Municipal Depot

Narrow type scope note

Yards and structures associated with the provision of civic services, particularly road maintenance.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

National Government Office

Narrow type scope note

A building which houses administrative functions relating to central government and its agencies. Includes directly associated and usually defined grounds.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Parliament House

Narrow type scope note

A building in which a parliament meets and conducts the business of government.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Police Station

Narrow type scope note

Buildings and land for the provision of police services. They are usually purpose-built and range from 19th century station houses to recent structures of a generally utilitarian nature. Older examples have greater architectural sophistication. They often have internal courtyards for secure vehicle access and secured perimeters (walling and/or fencing).

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Public Square

Narrow type scope note

An open area, often paved or cobbled, surrounded by buildings and accessible to the public.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Register Office

Narrow type scope note

An office at which the registration of marriages, births and deaths are recorded, and in which marriage and civil partnership ceremonies may take place.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Civil

Narrow type

Town Hall

Narrow type scope note

A large building and directly associated and usually defined grounds used the town's primary seat of local government. It is used for the transaction of public business, the holding of courts of justice, entertainments and other activities.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Commemoration

Intermediate type scope note

Structures and landscapes designed to commemorate notable persons, groups or events where commemoration is their chief purpose and they have no other additional, primary, function (i.e. a war memorial would sit under this type but a Coronation Hall, as a public hall for hire for community events, would not).

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Commemoration

Narrow type

Commemorative Monument

Narrow type scope note

A building, structure or landscape created to commemorate a person, group or event. Includes associated landscaping and public realm.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Commemoration

Narrow type

War Memorial

Narrow type scope note

A structure, building or site commemorating soldiers and civilians killed in war. Includes associated landscaping and public realm.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Education

Intermediate type scope note

Provision of teaching and related material intended to have a formative, and often also a normative, effect on the mind, character and abilities of an individual.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Education

Narrow type

City Farm

Narrow type scope note

Educational farm located within an urban or peri-urban area. Can be a petting farm

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Education

Narrow type

College Campus

Narrow type scope note

Buildings and grounds of secondary or tertiary educational establishments, below the status of universities.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Education

Narrow type

Gallery

Narrow type scope note

A building, or complex of buildings, in which works of art are displayed, permanently or temporarily.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Education

Narrow type

Library

Narrow type scope note

A building, or complex of buildings, where books, or other materials, are classified by subject and stored for use by the library's members. Includes directly associated and usually defined grounds.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Education

Narrow type

Managed Heritage Asset

Narrow type scope note

Archaeological or historic site presented to the public.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Education

Narrow type

Museum

Narrow type scope note

A building or group of buildings where objects of value such as works of art, antiquities, scientific specimens, or other artefacts are housed, conserved and displayed. Includes directly associated and usually defined grounds.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Education

Narrow type

Observatory

Narrow type scope note

Complex of buildings containing astronomical telescopes and other scientific equipment for making and communicating observations on natural phenomena.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Education

Narrow type

School

Narrow type scope note

Primary and secondary educational establishments, buildings and directly associated and usually defined grounds, including car parking etc. The type covers institutions of both the private and state sector.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Education

Narrow type

University Building

Narrow type scope note

Buildings belonging to educational establishments awarding degrees and undertaking research. These differ from the 'University Campus' Narrow Type as they do not sit within a wider campus development.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Education

Narrow type

University Campus

Narrow type scope note

Educational establishments awarding degrees and undertaking research set in defined grounds. Comprises university buildings and directly associated grounds. For individual university buildings sited outside defined campuses, the 'University Building' Narrow Type is to be used.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Funerary

Intermediate type scope note

Related to respectful disposal of the bodies of the dead.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Funerary

Narrow type

Cemetery

Narrow type scope note

Place, usually defined, where the dead are carefully and respectfully placed, usually via interment.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Funerary

Narrow type

Crematorium Complex

Narrow type scope note

Place (building and grounds) where the dead are respectfully incinerated and remembered.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Health

Intermediate type scope note

Helping individuals maintain a satisfactory condition of mind and body, and freedom from sickness, injury and pain.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Health

Narrow type

Baths

Narrow type scope note

A building, usually open to the public, containing a number of areas for bathing. This is to be used when only a bathing, not swimming, facility is present.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Health

Narrow type

Hospice

Narrow type scope note

An establishment providing care to those with long-term chronic conditions requiring intermittent specialist treatment (including respite care) or end of life care for terminally ill patients. They are generally relatively small medical establishments distinguished by low-rise buildings in a landscaped environment. Some operate from adapted earlier buildings, including villas or small country houses, but purpose-built structures on new sites are becoming increasingly prevalent.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Health

Narrow type

Hospital

Narrow type scope note

Establishment (buildings and directly associated grounds) providing care to casualties and the seriously or chronically ill.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Health

Narrow type

Medical Centre

Narrow type scope note

A building where advice, counselling and medical treatment is available. These are usually purpose-built modern structures housing GPs' surgeries and allied services such as physiotherapy but can also include converted buildings.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Health

Narrow type

Psychiatric Hospital

Narrow type scope note

A hospital where patients suffering from psychiatric disorders receive medical care and treatment. Traditionally they were often places where psychiatric patients were kept confined away from society receiving minimal medical care or attention. Examples from the mid-20th century onwards focus on providing active care in a rehabilitative, usually purpose-built, facility.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Health

Narrow type

Residential Care Home

Narrow type scope note

Staffed accommodation for elderly or vulnerable people who require nursing or other care on-site. They usually consist of individual residents' bedrooms with communal and some medical facilities.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Legal

Intermediate type scope note

Buildings and facilities related to the execution of law. This includes courts, corrective institutions and holding facilities for immigration and deportation.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Legal

Narrow type

Court House

Narrow type scope note

A building in which judicial court is held. These are usually purpose-built with more recent examples set within landscaped grounds including secure parking areas and transfer facilities.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Legal

Narrow type

Prison

Narrow type scope note

An establishment (buildings and directly associated and usually defined grounds) where offenders are confined.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Legal

Narrow type

Workhouse

Narrow type scope note

Establishment (buildings and directly associated and usually defined grounds) where the community's poor were maintained at public expense, and provided with labour.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Intermediate type scope note

Organised public system, often involving agreed symbols and behaviours, relating humanity to particular beliefs and values. Often links explanatory schemes (for example of the origin and meaning of life) to morality and ethics.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Abbey

Narrow type scope note

A religious house governed by an abbot or abbess. Includes associated buildings and grounds.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Cathedral

Narrow type scope note

The principal church of a diocese in which the cathedra or bishop's throne is to be found. Includes precinct and immediately related features.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Chapel

Narrow type scope note

Place of Christian worship; can include non-conformist (and non-parochial) churches and privately owned chapels. Includes immediately associated and usually physically defined land.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Church

Narrow type scope note

Place of Christian worship, usually serving a parish. Includes churchyard and immediately related features.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Ecclesiastical Palace

Narrow type scope note

The official residence of a senior clergyperson, such as bishop or archbishop.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Friary

Narrow type scope note

A religious house specifically for men and of chiefly mendicant (i.e. relying chiefly on donations of alms) religious orders. Includes associated buildings and grounds.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Friends Meeting House

Narrow type scope note

A place of worship, building and directly associated, often defined, grounds for members of the Society of Friends, often referred to as the Quakers. The Society was a denomination founded by George Fox in c.1650 who believed in pacifist principles and a rejection of the sacrament.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Monastery

Narrow type scope note

A religious house specifically of monks, canons or religious men (NB communities of friars are covered by the Narrow Type 'Friary'). Includes associated buildings and grounds.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Mosque

Narrow type scope note

Place (buildings and directly associated, usually defined, grounds) of Islamic worship.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Nunnery

Narrow type scope note

A religious house of nuns/canonesses or religious women. Includes associated buildings and grounds. Includes associated buildings and grounds.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Priory

Narrow type scope note

A religious house governed by a prior or prioress. Includes associated buildings and grounds.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Religious Community

Narrow type scope note

Buildings and associated grounds housing where a group of devotees to a religion live and worship. Use a more specific type, e.g. Abbey, Friary, Priory, Monastery or Nunnery, where known.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Synagogue

Narrow type scope note

Place of worship (buildings and directly associated and usually defined grounds) for communities of Jews.

Broad type

Civic Provision

Intermediate type

Religion

Narrow type

Temple

Narrow type scope note

Place of worship for faiths including Buddhism and the Hindu and Sikh religions. The term is also used for Roman and Romano-British places of worship.

Broad type

Commerce

Broad type scope note

This Broad Type covers systems, activities, functions and institutions involved in transferring goods and services from producers to consumers and thus affecting the business and profitability of an economy. In historic characterisations this can span fairly localised hubs to facilities directly serving major national and international trade hubs. In all cases, these systems of commerce also depend on the separate Broad Type Communications and Movement and the products of several other Broad Types.

The Broad Type has been subdivided along the lines of storage of goods, their sale and the activities of those involved in business more generally.

Broad type	Intermediate type
Commerce	Business

Intermediate type scope note

Being in a state of busily undertaking commercially viable work; being a body undertaking such business.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Commerce	Business	Bank Branch

Narrow type scope note

A commercial bank's high street outlet where public retail banking operations may be transacted

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Commerce	Business	Business Park

Narrow type scope note

Area designed to accommodate several businesses, usually non-industrial, but normally not exclusively retail.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Commerce	Business	Conference Centre

Narrow type scope note

A purpose-built, or modified, building and directly associated grounds for organisations and associations to meet for conferences, presentations and consultation.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Commerce	Business	Landmark Commercial Building

Narrow type scope note

Set-piece commercial development housing national or international headquarters, sometimes of multiple companies, in a visually striking building. These are usually in a highly modern style and are designed to be prominent, often through being significant

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Business

Narrow type

Newspaper Office

Narrow type scope note

A building or set of rooms where a newspaper is compiled and produced, before being printed. May include facilities for printing.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Business

Narrow type

Office Development

Narrow type scope note

Building/s purpose-built to accommodate offices for the conduct of business, usually consisting of multiple storeys of accommodation. Earlier examples are usually cellular in plan (sometimes known as 'chambers'), later examples develop more open, flexible floorplates with lift provision, etc. They may be taller than surrounding other development, particularly residential, and are often animated with service uses at ground floor/street level (food & drink/retail). Use the Narrow Type 'Office Premises' for offices in buildings that were not purpose built for office use

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Business

Narrow type

Office Premises

Narrow type scope note

Building/s which have been converted from other uses to accommodate offices for the conduct of business. The alteration to office use results in a notable change in the character of the building/s and can be evidenced by aspects such as business signage, suspended ceilings, utilitarian lighting, window treatments and extensions to house facilities such as lifts. When they are conversions of residential buildings, the change in character is often notable due to a lack domestic accoutrements (e.g. front gardens, single household refuse disposal facilities) and the variation between properties associated with individual householder's tastes. Use the Narrow Type 'Office Premises' for offices in buildings that were not purpose-built for office use.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Hospitality

Intermediate type scope note

Venues and concerns offering food, drink and/or overnight accommodation to a paying clientele.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Hospitality

Narrow type

Hotel

Narrow type scope note

A building and its directly associated grounds, used for the accommodation of paying travellers and guests.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Hospitality

Narrow type

Inn

Narrow type scope note

A public house for the lodging and entertainment of travellers, etc.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Hospitality

Narrow type

Public House

Narrow type scope note

Establishments authorised to sell and allow the consumption of alcoholic liquors on their premises. They can vary widely in scale, expression and provision of facilities, from very modest bars within a domestic or street setting to very large, ornate or complex examples such as 'gin palaces' or roadhouses containing multiple public rooms and outdoor spaces for eating and drinking, entertainment and sports.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Hospitality

Narrow type

Restaurant

Narrow type scope note

Premises which serve food primarily for sit-down customers but may also serve take-away food.



Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Hospitality

Narrow type

Takeaway

Narrow type scope note

Premises which serve food to take-away customers.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Market

Intermediate type scope note

An open space or covered building(s) to which livestock, goods, etc, are brought and displayed for sale.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Market

Narrow type

Fish Market

Narrow type scope note

A market where fish is sold. Includes closely and functionally associated open areas, built structures, wharves, quays and distribution facilities.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Market

Narrow type

General Purpose Market

Narrow type scope note

A market where a wide variety of goods are bought and sold. May be an open space, sometimes with associated arcades or booths, or a covered hall, enclosed or with open sides, providing flexible space for stalls.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Market

Narrow type

Market Place

Narrow type scope note

An area, often consisting of widened streets or a town square used for regular or occasional markets. Whilst many remain in use, some were superseded from the later 18th century onwards by purpose built facilities, including market halls, sometimes specialising in particular kinds of produce.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Market

Narrow type

Meat Market

Narrow type scope note

A market where meat products are bought and sold in bulk (although some examples accept retail customers too). Usually set up by municipal authorities because of their strategic function and catchment, they are often on an impressive scale with elaborate architectural expression. 19th century examples incorporate facilities for holding and slaughtering animals on site.



Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Market

Narrow type

Wholesale Produce Market

Narrow type scope note

A market where goods, generally perishable foodstuffs, are bought and sold in bulk (although some examples accept retail customers too). Usually set up by municipal authorities because of their strategic function and catchment, they are often on an impressive scale with elaborate architectural expression. They are usually specialised by produce type: meat, fish, fruit, flowers etc.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Retail

Intermediate type scope note

Structures and areas associated with shopping for goods directly by private individuals.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Retail

Narrow type

Garden Centre

Narrow type scope note

A place, buildings and directly associated grounds, where gardening tools, plants, etc, are sold.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Retail

Narrow type

Premier Shopping Street

Narrow type scope note

Shopping street comprising large-scale, high status stores or flagship brand headquarters in a premium city centre location attracting international visitors.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Retail

Narrow type

Retail Park

Narrow type scope note

Area designed for retailing, often at the edge of an urban area convenient for private transport.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Retail

Narrow type

Shopping Arcade

Narrow type scope note

A covered street of small-scale shops often with a unifying highly glazed and decorative design, occupied by high-end retailers such as jewellers.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Retail

Narrow type

Shopping Centre

Narrow type scope note

Area largely devoted to retail; typically at a hub within a town or city. They are usually purpose-built and consist of shop space arranged over multiple floors around central walkways. The shop space is designed in units to allow flexibility and the arrangement of one or more units into shops over one or more floors. The central walkways are usually open to roof height to create a feeling of space.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Retail

Narrow type

Shopping Street

Narrow type scope note

Street (often with associated back yards etc) predominantly fitted with retail outlets.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Retail

Narrow type

Shops and Showrooms

Narrow type scope note

This type comprises structures designed as, or in use as, retail premises. They are distinct from Shopping Centres and Shopping Streets as they are usually single concerns set amidst a differing land use. They are an infrequent type and the majority are of fairly recent origin and occupy modern utilitarian buildings or repurposed earlier structures.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Retail

Narrow type

Superstore

Narrow type scope note

A large self-service store set in extensive car parking and selling foods and some household goods.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Retail

Narrow type

Vehicle Showroom

Narrow type scope note

Outlet selling cars, motorbikes, vehicles etc. Sometimes with garaging or workshops

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Storage And Handling

Intermediate type scope note

Facilities (buildings and directly associated grounds) for the storage, handling and transfer of goods.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Storage And Handling

Narrow type

Distribution Centre

Narrow type scope note

A building or buildings and directly associated grounds, used for the collation, storage and transfer of goods or merchandise either within a large business (e.g. supermarkets) or commercial carriers and delivery services (i.e. Royal Mail, DHL). Structures employed in such centres are commonly large, tall and shed-like, maximising capacity to hold material and transfer it to a haulage fleet.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Storage And Handling

Narrow type

Freight Handling

Narrow type scope note

Sites and structures associated with the handling of commercial cargo.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Storage And Handling

Narrow type

Lockup Storage

Narrow type scope note

Yards used for small-scale secure storage in individual lock-ups. Can encompass container-based storage sites.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Storage And Handling

Narrow type

Motor Vehicle Storage

Narrow type scope note

An area where motor vehicles are stored, often associated with commerce.



Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Storage And Handling

Narrow type

Storage Building

Narrow type scope note

Building, or complex of buildings, used for small-scale secure storage. Can encompass both purpose-built stores and repurposed existing buildings. Many are on the 'self store' model where private individuals or small business buy or rent self-contained units within the larger building.

Broad type

Commerce

Intermediate type

Storage And Handling

Narrow type

Warehousing

Narrow type scope note

A building or part of a building and directly associated grounds, used for the storage of goods or merchandise.



Broad type

Communications And Movement

Broad type scope note

This is a wide-ranging Broad Type that includes movement of people, information and freight over land, through the air and across water. It covers systems whose organisational rigour (largely dependent on safety concerns) is variable. Moving from A to B makes physical expression of many of these terms either linear or nodal, forming networks that overlay and to varying degrees help us understand and give meaning to other characterisations. There is a particularly close relationship with the Commerce Broad Type, for example.

Provision for water transport is especially complex, reflected in the proliferation of related terms, but this properly reflects the extent that the sea, in particular, is utilised by society, and how complex are the ways that it is perceived in relation to transport, for example through the range of hazards it presents and the devices created to counter these.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Air Transport

Intermediate type scope note

Features associated with control, accommodation, servicing and testing of aircraft.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Air Transport

Narrow type

Air Terminal

Narrow type scope note

Buildings and their directly associated grounds at an airport from where passengers await, embark and disembark from an aircraft.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Air Transport

Narrow type

Aircraft Storage Facility

Narrow type scope note

A building or place where aircraft can be stored and maintained.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Air Transport

Narrow type

Airfield

Narrow type scope note

Small-scale commercial or private field used for air travel, mainly fixed-wing.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Air Transport

Narrow type

Airport

Narrow type scope note

Large-scale commercial base for air travel.



Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Air Transport

Narrow type

Control Complex

Narrow type scope note

Buildings and associated structures and areas for safely guiding air traffic into and out of an airport.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Air Transport

Narrow type

Heliport

Narrow type scope note

Field or plot, often with hangars and other buildings, used for commercial or private helicopter travel.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Air Transport

Narrow type

Runway

Narrow type scope note

Take-off and landing lane with permanent surface.



Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Communications

Intermediate type scope note

Buildings and facilities related to the communication of information via physical media, such as post, and electronic transmission networks.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Communications

Narrow type

Post Office

Narrow type scope note

A building where postal business is carried on.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Communications

Narrow type

Sorting Office

Narrow type scope note

A place where letters and parcels are sorted before being distributed. Whilst older examples were usually found in association with a large general post office, more recent ones are standalone and often close to distribution networks.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Communications

Narrow type

Telecommunication Complex

Narrow type scope note

A complex of buildings and other structures (and directly related grounds) used to transmit information via telecommunication systems.



Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Inland Waterway

Intermediate type scope note

Natural and artificial passages for inland waterborne travel and transport.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Inland Waterway

Narrow type

Canal

Narrow type scope note

Artificial watercourse, usually connecting existing watercourses or bodies, constructed for the purpose of inland navigation and transportation or irrigation. Nowadays also used for recreational purposes.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Inland Waterway

Narrow type

Canal Tunnel

Narrow type scope note

A tunnel through which a canal runs.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Maritime Safety

Intermediate type scope note

Features or structures sited at important position finding or dangerous points on the coast, or on inland waters, for the guidance and warning of mariners.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Maritime Safety

Narrow type

Buoyage

Narrow type scope note

Floating, fixed markers indicating to a navigator a sea area to approach or avoid. Single or arrangements of buoys, beacons and lights are often used to demarcate safely navigable entrances to estuaries and rivers, submerged hazards and foul areas.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Maritime Safety

Narrow type

Coastguard Station

Narrow type scope note

A building or group of buildings situated close to the sea used by coastguards, or a volunteer coastwatch, to enable them to monitor the coastline.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Maritime Safety

Narrow type

Daymark

Narrow type scope note

An unlit, highly visible and distinctive feature on the coast that can be used by mariners for navigation during daylight only.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Maritime Safety

Narrow type

Landmark Tower

Narrow type scope note

A prominent structure situated on land specifically as a guide to navigation or warning to sailors.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Maritime Safety

Narrow type

Lifeboat Station

Narrow type scope note

A building designed to house a lifeboat, usually with a ramp to launch the boat into the sea, to enable provision of lifesaving services along the coast and in inshore and offshore waters. Generally lifeboat stations have a structure or storage area for have a structure or storage area for housing the boat. This structure also usually houses a crew area. The structures are owned and operated by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). As the RNLI has been in operation since the 1820s, the form and date of lifeboat stations varies widely.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Maritime Safety

Narrow type

Lighthouse

Narrow type scope note

A tower or structure, with a powerful light or lights at the top, usually erected at an important or dangerous point on or near the sea-coast for the warning and guidance of mariners, but may also be sited inland.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Maritime Safety

Narrow type

Rocket Station

Narrow type scope note

A coastal site containing equipment that enabled a lifeline to be fired at stricken ships that were close to the coastline.

Broad type	Intermediate type
Communications And Movement	Navigation

Intermediate type scope note

Areas relating to safe passage and route-finding for travel or transport on or in the water, whether inland, coastal or marine.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Communications And Movement	Navigation	Active Navigation Channel

Narrow type scope note

Sea or river channels, charted or otherwise, recorded as in active use by present shipping traffic, whatever the channels' date of origin.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Communications And Movement	Navigation	Anchorage

Narrow type scope note

An area of sea or coast where vessels anchor, often provided by sheltered conditions afforded by the topography of the nearby coast. They are often located along coastlines within bays or areas sheltered from prevailing winds and/or strong currents.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Communications And Movement	Navigation	Commercial Shipping Route

Narrow type scope note

Route regularly used by ships engaged in commerce or trade. May be defined by usage or in some areas, formally defined by regulation. Distinguished from the Active Navigation Channel by the association with commercial shipping.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Communications And Movement	Navigation	Disused Navigation Channel

Narrow type scope note

Sea and river channels no longer charted or recorded as in active navigational use for present shipping traffic, whatever the channel's broad date of origin.



Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Navigation

Narrow type

Dredged Area

Narrow type scope note

An area from which sediments have been removed to ensure a safe depth of water in channels and berths for navigational purposes or to mitigate risk of flooding or protect a sensitive habitat.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Navigation

Narrow type

Ferry Crossing

Narrow type scope note

A regular commercial passenger route across an area of sea, estuary, river or lake, or an area of port, dock or harbour. Includes chain link ferry crossings.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Navigation

Narrow type

Rock Outcrops

Narrow type scope note

An area dominated by rocks rising from the general level of the seabed and breaking the sea surface at some or all states of the tide, posing a risk for navigation.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Intermediate type scope note

Buildings, sites and structures associated with ports and docks together with their harbours.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Breakwater

Narrow type scope note

A structure which protects a beach or harbour by breaking the force of waves. It may be constructed entirely offshore at a strategic location or with one end attached to land. Commonly associated with ports and navigable river mouths.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Container Terminal

Narrow type scope note

An area of a port, dock or harbour where cargo vessels load and unload large storage containers. Includes associated container storage areas and rail terminals for containers transported to the terminal by rail.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Dry Dock

Narrow type scope note

A stone-faced enclosure, with entrance closed by a floatable caisson or by gates, which can be pumped dry for inspection, maintenance, or repair of the hull or underwater fittings of a ship or ships.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Ferry Terminal

Narrow type scope note

An area of a port, dock or harbour, often including buildings for passport control, customs and for sheltered waiting and storage, where passengers and vehicles using ferry services can embark/disembark and where supplies can be taken on board.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Harbour

Narrow type scope note

An area of the coast where ships can find shelter or safe anchorage. Harbours require features, natural or artificial that provide shelter and a pool area large and deep enough to accommodate vessels at anchor.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Landing Point

Narrow type scope note

A place where vessels can land passengers and goods.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Marina

Narrow type scope note

A dock or basin on the coast, an estuary or an inland waterway, used for mooring pleasure craft.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Port

Narrow type scope note

A settlement area that combines a harbour and terminal facilities at the interface between land and water transportation systems.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Quarantine Area

Narrow type scope note

An area, often linked to a port, where a period of detention was imposed on travellers or voyagers suspected of carrying infectious diseases before they were allowed to enter a country or town.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Quay

Narrow type scope note

An artificial bank or landing place, largely of solid construction, built parallel to, or projecting out from, the shoreline to facilitate the loading and unloading of vessels.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Wet Dock

Narrow type scope note

An artificial structure or group of structures enclosing an area of water which was impounded by lock gates to maintain water levels artificially, facilitating the loading, unloading, building or repair of ships.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Wharves

Narrow type scope note

Large structures built alongside the water's edge where ships may lie for unloading.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Port And Dock Installation

Narrow type

Working Pier

Narrow type scope note

A raised platform generally of iron or wood, supported on spaced pillars or props and projecting out into the sea; designed to facilitate the transfer of cargo and/or passengers on and off shipping.



Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Railway Transport

Intermediate type scope note

Buildings and structures associated with railway transport.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Railway Transport

Narrow type

Engine Shed

Narrow type scope note

Long sheds, into which railway lines run, used to house railway engines.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Railway Transport

Narrow type

Railway

Narrow type scope note

System of rail tracks along which passenger carriages or goods wagons are moved, usually by locomotive engines. Usually includes beds, cuttings, embankments, tunnels etc.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Railway Transport

Narrow type

Railway Bridge

Narrow type scope note

A bridge carrying a railway track.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Railway Transport

Narrow type

Railway Siding

Narrow type scope note

Stretches of track or tracks lying parallel to the main railway line enabling trains and trucks to either pass one another or be parked when not in use.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Railway Transport

Narrow type

Railway Station

Narrow type scope note

Where railway trains stop to load and unload passengers or freight. Includes buildings and directly related grounds.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Railway Transport

Narrow type

Railway Tunnel

Narrow type scope note

A tunnel through which a railway line runs.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Railway Transport

Narrow type

Railyard

Narrow type scope note

Complex, often attached to a railway station where engines, coaches and wagons are laid up and maintained.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Railway Transport

Narrow type

Tramway

Narrow type scope note

A light railway. Early usage tended to be in industrial contexts with animal drawn stock; later usage tended to be for the conveyance of passengers, often in urban areas, with vehicles run along sunken rails.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Railway Transport

Narrow type

Transport Interchange

Narrow type scope note

Facility acting as a connection point between two or more modes of public transport, usually rail to another means, such as tram or bus.



Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Railway Transport

Narrow type

Viaduct

Narrow type scope note

A bridge, usually resting on a series of arches, carrying roadways or railways over low-lying areas.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Intermediate type scope note

Buildings and structures associated with road transport.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Alley

Narrow type scope note

A narrow passageway or lane between buildings.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Bus Depot

Narrow type scope note

A building, with adjacent open areas, in which buses are maintained, usually having an extensive area free from upright columns or stanchions to permit overnight storage, repair bays, stores and an office.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Bus or Coach Station

Narrow type scope note

A building and open area from which buses, usually those working local or regional services, begin or end their journeys.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Cycle Path

Narrow type scope note

A path specifically designed for use by cyclists, and designated as such, that is not part of the highway.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Drove Road

Narrow type scope note

A road or track specifically used by drovers or herders to drive their animals to market.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Flyover

Narrow type scope note

A bridge for carrying a road or railway over another.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Garage

Narrow type scope note

Buildings which house motor vehicles. Includes garages for vehicle repair.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Motorway

Narrow type scope note

Large multiple carriageway for fast-moving motor traffic, continuing for long distances without traffic intersections and subject to legally specified 'motorway regulations'.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Motorway Services

Narrow type scope note

Extensive complexes adjacent to the motorway where services (e.g. restaurants, shops) are provided in addition to facilities for rest and buying fuel.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Multi Storey Car Park

Narrow type scope note

Structure for parking motor vehicles; usually in purpose-built multi-storey buildings.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Park And Ride

Narrow type scope note

Car parks with connections to public transport that allow people wishing to travel into busy areas to leave their vehicles and transfer to public transport for the remainder of their trip. Usually on the outskirts of towns and cities.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Ring Road

Narrow type scope note

Concentric road route around the periphery of an urban centre designed to circulate traffic without it having to enter and exit the centre. Usually in the form of a multiple carriageway road created expressly for this purpose.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Road

Narrow type scope note

An open, generally public, way for the passage of vehicles, people, and animals. Includes directly associated (i.e. not spatially separated) foot and cycle ways.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Road Bridge

Narrow type scope note

A bridge carrying a road.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Road Junction Complex

Narrow type scope note

A place where several roads meet, often negotiated using roundabouts.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Road Tunnel

Narrow type scope note

A tunnel through which a road runs.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Service Station

Narrow type scope note

A commercial complex, usually sited along motorways or trunk roads, providing facilities such as car parking, restaurants, shop and fuel stations.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Surface Car Park

Narrow type scope note

Area for parking motor vehicles at ground level; often has permanent surfacing but may be unsurfaced.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Toll Bridge

Narrow type scope note

A bridge whose upkeep and repair is financed by the exaction of a toll.



Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Toll Road

Narrow type scope note

A road whose upkeep and repair is financed by the exaction of a toll.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Track

Narrow type scope note

A route, not necessarily designed as such, established by repeated use by travellers.

Broad type

Communications And Movement

Intermediate type

Road Transport

Narrow type

Trunk Road

Narrow type scope note

Large road, often multiple carriagewayed, linking significant places.



Broad type

Cultural Topography

Broad type scope note

This Broad Type covers topographical forms on land, coast or on, within or beneath the sea that are made cultural by their cultural perceptions and usage by people and often by their shaping and imprints from cultural processes. Some have been used for economic gain, such as the grazing of bogs, cliffs, marshes, etc or the use of waterbodies to transport people and goods. Others are celebrated as 'wild' places to be explored, enjoyed or admired. All on land are owned and considered property; most are named; and most have stories attached to them. At sea, most is either owned or formally administered, and again much is named and made meaningful through knowledge and narratives.

Broad type	Intermediate type
Cultural Topography	Coastal And Intertidal

Intermediate type scope note

The topography at the interface of sea and land, subject to the constant changes in form and perception associated with the tides, the erosive and depositional forces of sea and issuing rivers. It includes the intertidal zone.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Cultural Topography	Coastal And Intertidal	Cliff

Narrow type scope note

A tall, steep and largely exposed face of the local geological formation, usually of rock though in some areas cliffs may form from erosion of softer materials such as boulder clay.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Cultural Topography	Coastal And Intertidal	Dunes

Narrow type scope note

Coastal areas containing hills or ridges of unconsolidated wind-blown sand. Surfaces of ridges and intervening slacks may be stabilised by surface vegetation. Used for rough grazing.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Cultural Topography	Coastal And Intertidal	Foreshore (Rocky)

Narrow type scope note

An area of foreshore where the predominant cover is exposed bedrock.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Cultural Topography	Coastal And Intertidal	Foreshore (Sandy)

Narrow type scope note

An area of foreshore where the predominant cover is exposed fine rock sediments of a grain size generally perceived as 'sand'.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Coastal And Intertidal

Narrow type

Foreshore (Shingle)

Narrow type scope note

An area of foreshore where the predominant cover is exposed coarse rock sediments of a grain size generally perceived as 'shingle' or 'pebbles'.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Coastal And Intertidal

Narrow type

Marsh

Narrow type scope note

Low-lying land often covered by water and usually with peaty vegetation. Used seasonally for grazing. Historically, peat was sometimes cut as domestic fuel and the area also used for trapping wildfowl.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Coastal And Intertidal

Narrow type

Mudflat

Narrow type scope note

Areas of relatively mobile, thick deposits of clays, silts, organic detritus and some very fine sand content, submerged at high tide and exposed at low tide, and often expressed as areas of muddy banks in sheltered areas along estuary sides.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Coastal And Intertidal

Narrow type

Saltmarsh

Narrow type scope note

An area in the upper inter tidal zone that is sometimes overflowed by the sea and whose vegetation is dominated by salt tolerant herbaceous plants. Saltmarshes are often used for pasture or for collecting water for the production of salt.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Coastal And Intertidal

Narrow type

Sandflats

Narrow type scope note

Areas of relatively mobile, thick sand deposits, submerged at high tide and exposed at low tide, and often expressed as areas of sandbanks detached from the shore by tidal channels.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Coastal And Intertidal

Narrow type

Spit

Narrow type scope note

A deposition landform that develops by the process of longshore drift forming a narrow strip of land that juts out into the sea.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Palaeolandscape Component

Intermediate type scope note

Relates to surviving areas of ancient topographic features of former exposed land with evidence or strong potential for associated palaeoenvironmental deposits and/or old land surfaces.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Palaeolandscape Component

Narrow type

Palaeochannel

Narrow type scope note

The course or channel of a river or stream preserved as a geological or geomorphological feature. Use for areas containing individual examples or an individual system.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Palaeolandscape Component

Narrow type

Peat Deposit

Narrow type scope note

Peat deposits comprise unconsolidated semi-carbonised plant remains formed in freshwater-saturated environments. The type referred to here are those formed in earlier periods and may be exposed by erosion on the land, inter-tidal or sea-floor surface.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Palaeolandscape Component

Narrow type

Submerged Forest

Narrow type scope note

Tracts of submerged land retaining macrofossil evidence, often in situ, for former woodland and other woody vegetation cover.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate typeUpland

Intermediate type scope note

An area of elevated ground. As it is a relative term, the altitude of uplands can vary greatly.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Upland

Narrow typeDownland

Narrow type scope note

An area of rolling upland terrain characterised by chalk escarpments separated by vales of softer earth.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Upland

Narrow typeMoorland

Narrow type scope note

Poorly drained land, can include uplands with extensive blanket bog or low-lying damp unimproved ground. Used for rough grazing, occasionally for hay-making, and where peat was cut as a source of turf for domestic fuel.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Water Body

Intermediate type scope note

An area of water found inland or at the coastal fringe.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Water Body

Narrow type

Creek

Narrow type scope note

A small inlet on a sea coast or estuary, its sediments often exposed at low tide. Sometimes applied to a river tributary or stream.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Water Body

Narrow type

Lagoon

Narrow type scope note

A body of shallow salt, brackish or fresh water totally or partially enclosed from the sea by a sand bar, spit or reef running across the entrance.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Water Body

Narrow type

Minor Watercourse

Narrow type scope note

A channel used for, or formed by, the conveyance of water. This can be largely natural in formation (e.g. stream) or artificial (e.g. drainage channel), and the type is designed to record those watercourses smaller than those covered by the Narrow Types 'River' and 'Canal'.

Broad type

Cultural Topography

Intermediate type

Water Body

Narrow type

River

Narrow type scope note

A significant watercourse largely following the natural drainage pattern and flowing towards another river, a lake or the sea.

Broad type

Enclosure

Broad type scope note

This Broad Type covers field systems, also referred to as enclosed land. It reflects the ways that farming communities have adapted changing cultural norms to local topography and have been inclined to be more or less conservative (or innovative) according to the opportunities or constraints of local economies.

The study of enclosed land is one of the more contested and controversial areas of landscape history and archaeology, reflecting the different emphases scholars have placed on the wide range of economic, social, agricultural, topographical and cultural factors involved in their creation, maintenance and change. Historic characterisation attempts to span all such interests, but this thesaurus has also to corral them into a reasonable scheme that works at the Greater London level.

The Enclosure Broad Type is divided into three Intermediate Types which relate to the broad period of origin of the field system in question: Ancient Enclosure, Pre Modern Enclosure and Modern Enclosure. Beneath these are the more specific terms Narrow Types which identify the particular field system observed. It will be noticed that, aside from the Intermediate Types, there are few terms that relate directly to periods of origin or to the fields' shape or form. This is as these other qualities are captured as separate attributes within the GIS and/or database that stores the historic characterisation information.

Broad type	Intermediate type
Enclosure	Ancient Enclosure

Intermediate type scope note

Fields that can be demonstrated to be either prehistoric or early medieval in origin by virtue of either form or direct association with early farming settlement.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Enclosure	Ancient Enclosure	Anciently Enclosed Land

Narrow type scope note

Early farmland, whose predominant character developed by the later medieval or earlier. Usually broad-brush characterisation that includes farming settlement and various other land use.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Enclosure	Ancient Enclosure	Assart

Narrow type scope note

Land enclosed from woodland. Required licence in medieval period. Term applied more generally in landscape history. Can include planned and regular enclosures and piecemeal irregular ones. Often still with numerous trees on boundaries.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Enclosure	Ancient Enclosure	Barton Demesne Fields

Narrow type scope note

Field patterns established by lord of an estate, usually as closes (bounded individual fields), in distinction to the open common fields of tenants. They tend to be relatively large fields.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Enclosure	Ancient Enclosure	Brick Shaped Fields

Narrow type scope note

Patterns of early fields, often prehistoric in origin, that are roughly rectilinear with sinuous sides and that share a common general orientation without having the dominant lines of coaxial fields. Sometimes called Celtic Fields.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Ancient Enclosure

Narrow type

Coaxial Field System

Narrow type scope note

Field system with prevailing orientation. Most boundaries are straight or nearly so and closely align with main axis or run perpendicular to it. Usually prehistoric or early medieval. Suggestive of early planned land allotment.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Ancient Enclosure

Narrow type

Croft

Narrow type scope note

Land attached to a messuage (dwelling) in a medieval village.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Ancient Enclosure

Narrow type

Grange Fields

Narrow type scope note

Medieval fields, often large and regular, established on the food producing estates of monasteries.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Ancient Enclosure

Narrow type

Irregular Ancient Enclosure

Narrow type scope note

Area of ancient fields whose boundaries are either curving or sinuous and whose shapes do not conform to a regular pattern. Often seen to have developed by sequential accretion of individual enclosures and by ad hoc subdivision.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Ancient Enclosure

Narrow type

Meadow

Narrow type scope note

Permanent grassland, usually enclosed with stock-proof boundaries. Low-lying and damp or hard by farmstead, receiving yard dung. Ideally lush, and mown for hay. Also secure convenient grazing for young or sickly livestock. Common or individually held.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Ancient Enclosure

Narrow type

Open Field System

Narrow type scope note

System of fields in which several farmers held land in common, intermixed in narrow strips assessable via length and width, with low or no separating boundaries. Mostly medieval. Few survive. Lost to piecemeal or planned enclosure, 13th - 20th century.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Ancient Enclosure

Narrow type

Piecemeal Enclosure

Narrow type scope note

Field systems derived from gradual enclosure of open fields, usually from 13th to 17th & 18th centuries, after which Parliamentary Enclosure dominated. Individual strips or groups enclosed by landholders, leaving elements of the former open field pattern visible.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Ancient Enclosure

Narrow type

Squatter Enclosure

Narrow type scope note

A small, irregular enclosure taken from formerly open land, usually common land. Sometimes associated with industrial activity and/or routes of access. Normally later medieval or early post medieval.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Ancient Enclosure

Narrow type

Strip Fields

Narrow type scope note

Long narrow plots of land within an open field. Also used for those plots once enclosed and held in severalty, the form in which most now survive.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Modern Enclosure

Intermediate type scope note

Patterns of fields which typically originate from the early 20th century onwards with the majority post-dating the Second World War. Many developed in response to the adoption of mechanised agriculture and an associated need for larger holdings which often led to a reorganisation of an earlier field pattern. This can also include land turned into fields during in this period, either as a result of bringing land not previously cultivated under the plough or though the re-establishment of farming landscapes following land restoration after quarrying or mining.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Modern Enclosure

Narrow type

Amalgamated Fields

Narrow type scope note

Enlarged fields, created by the amalgamation, through boundary removal, of smaller fields. The amalgamation was usually undertaken to ease mechanised working and increase productivity. The process has occurred mainly since the 19th century with most post-dating the Second World War.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Modern Enclosure

Narrow type

Paddocks

Narrow type scope note

A small enclosed field usually for horses, donkeys, goats or South American camelids. Commonly a modern adaptation of a preceding field system, usually through subdivision.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Modern Enclosure

Narrow type

Recently Enclosed Land

Narrow type scope note

Fields created through conversion of land into agricultural use from other uses (e.g. woodland) since the early 20th century.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Modern Enclosure

Narrow type

Reorganised Field System

Narrow type scope note

Field pattern of any type or date that has been subject to revision, through either insertion or removal of boundaries, but where the original form is still legible.



Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Modern Enclosure

Narrow type

Restored Fields

Narrow type scope note

Fields created on the surface of restored land, such as infilled former gravel extraction. Modern and often regular.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Modern Enclosure

Narrow type

Smallholding

Narrow type scope note

Group of small fields associated with a single small-scale agricultural concern, typically around 5 acres in total. Often associated with part-time farming undertaken by families of industrial workers and thus typically post-medieval and modern.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Pre Modern Enclosure

Intermediate type scope note

Patterns of fields which typically originate between the medieval period and the 20th century. Many are 18th and 19th century in origin and evolved in response to developments in land management associated with the application of 'scientific methods' to farming practices and the availability of new tools and equipment due to innovations in contemporary industrial manufacture.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Pre Modern Enclosure

Narrow type

Parliamentary Enclosure

Narrow type scope note

Field patterns usually rectilinear and regular with straight boundaries and access lanes, fixed by surveyors, resulting from Parliamentary Enclosure of large areas of common arable (open fields) and rough ground. Mainly 18th and 19th century in date.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Pre Modern Enclosure

Narrow type

Planned Field System

Narrow type scope note

Field system usually consisting of rectilinear and regularly-shaped fields, often with perfectly straight boundaries. they were developed by reorganisation of an earlier field system by several landowners. Term often used for post-medieval non-Parliamentary Enclosure of open fields.

Broad type

Enclosure

Intermediate type

Pre Modern Enclosure

Narrow type

Reclaimed Land

Narrow type scope note

Coastal or other low-lying ground taken in for agriculture, usually by dyking and draining. Some medieval (usually smaller more irregular patterns), but mainly post-medieval and modern (larger, rectilinear, and more regular).

Broad type

Fisheries And Aquaculture

Broad type scope note

A largely marine, coastal and estuarine Broad Type relating to the harvesting of fish and shellfish (largely molluscs and crustaceans) either from the wild (fishing) or under controlled conditions and from farms (aquaculture). They affect the surface, water column, floor and sub-floor parts of the sea, estuaries, lakes and rivers. Over time, developing methods of netting, trapping and catching have involved differing intensities and practices with consequently varied effects on landscape character. Equally varied have been these practices' changing customs, controls, associations, by-products, wrecks and debris.

Related coastal activities and infrastructure are normally located at or near the interface between water and land and include the gathering of bait and the processing and marketing of the catch. In the marine zone however, this Broad Type's activities span all layers, as do its material impacts, including on present expressions of marine biodiversity.



Broad type

Fisheries And Aquaculture

Intermediate type

Aquaculture

Intermediate type scope note

The commercial cultivation of fish and shellfish populations under controlled conditions, often enclosed from wild stocks. It includes the raising of saltwater and/or freshwater species and may occur both inland or in fully marine situations.

Broad type

Fisheries And Aquaculture

Intermediate type

Aquaculture

Narrow type

Fish Farming

Narrow type scope note

Areas characterised by the commercial cultivation of fish populations under controlled conditions. These areas may be sited in inland or be coastally located artificial ponds, or in rivers, estuaries and the open sea and enclosed in tanks, cages or nets.

Broad type

Fisheries and Aquaculture

Intermediate type

Fishing

Intermediate type scope note

Activities concerned with the capture or gathering of wild fish and shellfish stocks by various methods such as trawling, netting, trapping, potting, dredging and collection by hand.

Broad type

Fisheries And Aquaculture

Intermediate type

Fishing

Narrow type

Bait Digging

Narrow type scope note

Areas whose character is dominated by regular digging to acquire bait for fishing by various methods. Generally found in estuaries, sandy and rocky foreshores.

Broad type

Fisheries And Aquaculture

Intermediate type

Fishing

Narrow type

Fish Trapping

Narrow type scope note

Areas characterised by the use of semi permanent/permanent fish traps for the capture of naturally occurring fish stocks. Does not include temporary portable pots and creels.

Broad type

Fisheries And Aquaculture

Intermediate type

Fishing

Narrow type

Shellfish Collection

Narrow type scope note

Areas characterised by the regular commercial collection by hand or hand held tools, of naturally occurring shellfish stocks for food. If collected for bait use the 'Bait Digging' Narrow Type and for commercial farming from artificial structures use

Broad type

Industry

Broad type scope note

Industry in historic characterisation covers large-scale activities that relate to the creation of economic goods, normally material rather than services (which tend to be covered by Broad Type like Commerce, Civic Provision, etc). It is therefore largely concerned with primary (extractive) and various forms of secondary (refining, processing and manufacturing) industry, the latter including generation and transmission of energy.

Many industries are largely modern, of the last two or three centuries, but some have longer histories. They are usually associated with highly specialised and therefore immediately distinctive patterns and forms of structures, buildings and by-products (heaps, etc), all developed to achieve, most cost-effectively, the particular industry's ends.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Creative Industry

Intermediate type scope note

Facilities associated with the creation of works of art. This encapsulates artist's workshops, where private and public commissions are created and assembled, and facilities such as recording, film and TV studios.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Creative Industry

Narrow type

Studios

Narrow type scope note

Purpose built structure with large-scale internal spaces for arts performance, broadcast, recording or rehearsal (music, film, dance).

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Intermediate type scope note

Facilities associated with the generation, storage and distribution of energy through various technologies.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Coal Fired Power Station

Narrow type scope note

A coal-burning power station where domestic electricity for an area is produced

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Electricity Distribution

Narrow type scope note

Buildings, sites and structures associated with the distribution of electricity.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Gas Fired Power Station

Narrow type scope note

A power station used to produce electricity, fired by natural or coal gas.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Gasworks

Narrow type scope note

An area of buildings, other structures, compounds and hardstanding associated with creation, storage and distribution of gas to the consumer network for industrial and domestic use (e.g. high and low-pressure gas storage, including 'gasometers', compressor stations and trans-shipment facilities).

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Hydrocarbon Extraction

Narrow type scope note

The removal of oil, oil derivatives or natural gas from naturally occurring reserves.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Hydrocarbon Pipeline

Narrow type scope note

A pipeline involved in the transmission of oil or natural gas between facilities involved in their extraction, processing, storage or distribution.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Hydroelectric Power Station

Narrow type scope note

Power generation by releasing stored water through a turbine driving a generator.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Natural Gas Refinery

Narrow type scope note

A plant used to purify the raw natural gas produced from underground gas fields to deliver pipeline-quality natural gas that can be used as a domestic and/or industrial fuel.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Nuclear Power Station

Narrow type scope note

A complex of buildings producing power derived from nuclear energy.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Nuclear Reprocessing

Narrow type scope note

Industrial area for the decommissioning of structures associated with the nuclear industry, reprocessing of nuclear materials, nuclear waste management and/or nuclear fuel manufacturing activities take place.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Oil Fired Power Station

Narrow type scope note

An electricity-producing power station fired by oil.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Oil Refinery

Narrow type scope note

A works where crude oil is distilled into its fractions or cuts.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Oil Storage

Narrow type scope note

Specialist tanks for the storage of commercial quantities of oil and its distilled fractions such as petrol.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Overhead Power Cable

Narrow type scope note

Raised cable supported on pylons or other structures and used to transmit electricity over long distances. The type is to be used to map associated ground-based infrastructure.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Pipeline

Narrow type scope note

A conduit or pipes, used primarily for conveying liquid or gas such as petroleum from oil wells to a refinery, or for supplying water to a town or district, etc.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Tidal Power Installation

Narrow type scope note

Buildings, sites and structures associated with the generation of electricity by utilising the power of the tide.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Wave Power Installation

Narrow type scope note

Buildings, sites and structures associated with the harnessing the energy of wave power for electrical power generation.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Energy Industry

Narrow type

Wind Power Installation

Narrow type scope note

Buildings, sites and structures associated with the generation of electricity by harnessing the energy of the wind.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Extractive Industry

Intermediate type scope note

Facilities associated with the extraction of materials from the earth (stone, aggregates, ores, minerals and oil).

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Extractive Industry

Narrow type

Aggregate Dredging

Narrow type scope note

Areas characterised by the extraction of sand and gravel by dredging from the sea floor, for use principally in construction and civil engineering. Also includes associated onshore facilities such as wharves, and aggregates processing areas.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Extractive Industry

Narrow type

Aggregates Quarry

Narrow type scope note

Areas of excavation from which sand and gravel are obtained for use principally in construction and civil engineering. Includes directly associated facilities for aggregates processing.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Extractive Industry

Narrow type

Clay Pit

Narrow type scope note

A place from which clay is extracted.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Extractive Industry

Narrow type

Extractive Pit

Narrow type scope note

Surface workings including shallow shafts, lode workings, open-pit methods and quarrying including some mines of stone, clays, compounds, etc.



Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Extractive Industry

Narrow type

Marl Pit

Narrow type scope note

A pit from which marl, a mixture of clay and carbonate of lime, is excavated. Marl is used as a fertilizer.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Extractive Industry

Narrow type

Stone Quarry

Narrow type scope note

An excavation from which stone for building, hardcore, hedging etc is obtained by cutting, blasting, hoisting, crushing, dressing etc.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Intermediate type scope note

Production of secondary materials through various processes; distinguished from processing industry's preparation of primary materials.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Brewery

Narrow type scope note

A commercial building, or buildings, used for the production of beer and other alcoholic drinks. Size may range from a single-premises microbrewery to a complex of buildings including production line machinery for bottling.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Brickworks

Narrow type scope note

An industrial manufacturing complex producing bricks.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Factory

Narrow type scope note

A complex of industrial buildings housing powered machinery and employing a workforce for manufacturing. Factories are commonly purpose-built but can include earlier structures modified to enable manufacturing use.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Glassworks

Narrow type scope note

Structures and related yards connected to the production of glass products.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Ice Works

Narrow type scope note

A factory or plant for the manufacture of ice using mechanised refrigeration techniques.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Industrial Estate

Narrow type scope note

An area of land owned by a developer, whether a private entrepreneur or a public authority, and divided into plots for leasing or sale to manufacturing or commercial concerns which may share some common services.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Leather Working

Narrow type scope note

A building used for the manufacture of leather goods, such as shoes, saddles, etc. This can span small single-premises concerns to larger factories.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Pottery

Narrow type scope note

A complex of buildings used for the manufacture of pottery.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Printing Works

Narrow type scope note

A factory or complex containing machinery for the manufacture of printed materials.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Railway Engineering Works

Narrow type scope note

A large site specialising in the manufacture, repair and/or maintenance of locomotives.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Steel Works

Narrow type scope note

An industrial complex for large-scale production of steel in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Textile Mill

Narrow type scope note

A factory used for the manufacture of textiles.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Vehicle Factory

Narrow type scope note

A factory for the manufacture of vehicles.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Manufacturing Industry

Narrow type

Workshop

Narrow type scope note

A building for the manufacture or repair of goods, typically featuring space for workbenches and good lighting, and provision for delivery and despatch of goods through loading bays, taking-in doors, hoists and so on. May be self-contained or in combination with retail, warehouse or dwelling functions, and may be purpose-built or adapted from earlier building types, often dwellings. Differentiated from Factory by scale and the nature of the goods produced, often at the smaller, bespoke or hand-produced end of the industrial range, with the building often sub-let by room or by floor.



Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Intermediate type scope note

Covers industries applying various processes to primary materials to prepare them for use either directly or in manufacturing industry. Use specific type where known.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Abattoir

Narrow type scope note

A facility where animals are slaughtered.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Chemical Works

Narrow type scope note

An industrial complex involved in the production of chemicals.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Food Processing

Narrow type scope note

Facility for processing foodstuffs from raw materials

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Iron Works

Narrow type scope note

An industrial complex for large-scale production of iron.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Lime Production

Narrow type scope note

Areas associated primarily with the transport and production of burnt lime from limestone, largely for agricultural use but also for lime mortar.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Maltings

Narrow type scope note

Specialised building for the preparation of malt to be used in brewing

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Metal Works

Narrow type scope note

A place where metal ores are dressed, smelted and transformed into utilitarian material.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Paper Mill

Narrow type scope note

A factory where paper is made.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Salt Works

Narrow type scope note

A site, building or factory used for the production of salt.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Spoil And Waste Dumping

Narrow type scope note

Areas used for the disposal of domestic and/or industrial waste. Material deposited may include dredging spoil, drilling waste, treated sewage, domestic refuse and other land waste.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Spoil Heap

Narrow type scope note

A conical, ramped or flat-topped tip of waste discarded from a mine, quarry, clayworks or similar site.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Tannery

Narrow type scope note

A complex where the hides of animals are turned into leather, consisting of buildings for fleecing and drying, as well as treatment pits.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Tenter Ground

Narrow type scope note

Field or area of ground where washed new cloth is stretched out to dry.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Tile Works

Narrow type scope note

A site used for all the processes associated with the manufacture of roof, floor or decorative tiles



Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Timber Yard

Narrow type scope note

An open yard or place where timber is stacked or stored.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Watermill

Narrow type scope note

A mill for processing raw material, usually corn, whose machinery is driven by water.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Processing Industry

Narrow type

Windmill

Narrow type scope note

A mill for processing raw material, usually corn, whose machinery is driven by wind. It comprises a tower-like structure of wood or brick with a wooden cap and sails which are driven around by the wind to producing power to work the internal machinery.



Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Shipping Industry

Intermediate type scope note

Areas dominated by activity relating directly to the building, use, maintenance, storage and administration of shipping and boats.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Shipping Industry

Narrow type

Boatyard

Narrow type scope note

A place where smaller vessels are built, repaired and stored.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Shipping Industry

Narrow type

Dockyard

Narrow type scope note

An area of wet or dry docks, storage areas and workshops for the building, repair, fitting, loading and unloading of ships and therefore situated on a sea coast or estuary.

Broad type

Industry

Intermediate type

Shipping Industry

Narrow type

Shipyard

Narrow type scope note

A place where ships or boats are built, repaired and moored.



Broad type

Military

Broad type scope note

A wide-ranging Broad Type covering the various structures and patterns resulting from possessing a military character, defensive or offensive, 'military' here being a body or organisation sanctioned by its host society to use lethal force to either defend or extend its territory or interests. That divide between offensive and defensive behaviour is to a degree built into the thesaurus (at the level of defences and fortification, for example), though many installations and complexes were capable of serving both. For example in the Second World War many airfields' initial role was to assist in defending cities and infrastructure during bombardment, but they were later used to undertake or support attacks on mainland Europe). In such ambiguous cases the simple adjective 'military' has been used.

Such activities are among the earliest recorded and some prehistoric, Roman and medieval military complexes are sufficiently extensive that they meet the threshold for historic characterisation. Most, however, are post-medieval and much is of the twentieth century, and especially the Second World War.



Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Defence

Intermediate type scope note

Areas, sites and linked systems of such involved in the passive or active defence of the country against hostile forces on land, sea and in the air.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Defence

Narrow type

Anti Invasion Defence

Narrow type scope note

Sites, buildings and structures associated with the defence of the British Isles against invasion from seaborne or airborne forces.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Defence

Narrow type

Coastal Battery

Narrow type scope note

A site including artillery pieces and associated structures directed out to sea to engage enemy shipping and defend the coastline.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Fortification

Intermediate type scope note

A defensive work, usually permanent. Use specific type where known.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Fortification

Narrow type

Artillery Fort

Narrow type scope note

A fortified building or site with purpose-built emplacements for artillery pieces.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Fortification

Narrow type

Castle

Narrow type scope note

Fortified residence, usually of a noble and usually medieval or early post-medieval in date. Castle forms developed through time although some features, such as curtain walls and gatehouses, were common throughout.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Fortification

Narrow type

Hillfort

Narrow type scope note

A hilltop enclosure bounded by one or more substantial banks, ramparts and ditches. Now forming a feature within other landscape character types such as recreation, rough ground or enclosed land.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Fortification

Narrow type

Roman Fort

Narrow type scope note

A Roman period, permanently fortified military base incorporating a range of barracks, victualling and command structures. Often built to standardised plans which developed through time.



Historic England



Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Fortification

Narrow type

Town Wall

Narrow type scope note

A fortified wall surrounding a town or city.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Installation

Intermediate type scope note

A site and associated buildings used by the military for various purposes, usually defensive.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Installation

Narrow type

Barracks

Narrow type scope note

Areas of buildings used to house members of the armed forces. Such areas may also include closely related buildings such as refectories, mess rooms, hospitals, schools and gymnasias.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Installation

Narrow type

Defence Research Establishment

Narrow type scope note

A complex of buildings and areas in which a range of weaponry and techniques are developed and trialled.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Installation

Narrow type

Fuel Depot

Narrow type scope note

A building or site used for the storage and distribution of fuel for military purposes.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Installation

Narrow type

Military Airfield

Narrow type scope note

A landing and taking-off area for military aircraft. Often includes ancillary structures and buildings for the maintenance and storage of aircraft, defence of the site, accommodation of staff, controlling airspace etc.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Installation

Narrow type

Military Base

Narrow type scope note

A building or group of buildings, often surrounded by a system of fortifications, used as a residential and training site by members of an armed force.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Installation

Narrow type

Naval Dockyard

Narrow type scope note

A naval base that builds, repairs, docks or converts warships and is manned by civilian engineers and workers and administered by engineer duty officers.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Installation

Narrow type

Ordnance Dump

Narrow type scope note

Buildings and/or areas used by the armed forces for the storage and issuing of military stores and materials.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Installation

Narrow type

Prisoner Of War Camp

Narrow type scope note

A prison for the containment of service personnel captured in war.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Installation

Narrow type

Radar Station

Narrow type scope note

A building or site incorporating radar equipment used for detecting the presence of enemy aircraft or ships.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Practice Area

Intermediate type scope note

Areas used by armed forces on land or at sea for training and military exercises.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Practice Area

Narrow type

Artillery Firing Range

Narrow type scope note

A piece of ground, or a building, on which artillery may be fired at targets during training or exercises.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Practice Area

Narrow type

Bombing Range

Narrow type scope note

An area of land, with associated buildings and targets, used for practicing the dropping of bombs and other aspects of aerial warfare.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Practice Area

Narrow type

Naval Firing Range

Narrow type scope note

An area of sea across which naval ships fire artillery at target sites or areas. In some cases accompanied by land-based observation facilities housing equipment to record accuracy and damage.

Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Practice Area

Narrow type

Rifle Range

Narrow type scope note

A target range used for rifle and small arms practice.



Broad type

Military

Intermediate type

Military Practice Area

Narrow type

Tank Range

Narrow type scope note

An area of ground used for the testing of, and practicing with armoured tanks.

Broad type

Orchards And Horticulture

Broad type scope note

Land use in many parts of the country either is or has been dominated by the extensive, systematic and sometimes intensive commercial cultivation of particular crops, usually fruit, nuts, vegetables and flowers. Such areas have usually developed their specialism because of particular qualities that provide a competitive edge (climate, soils, proximity to markets etc).

Broad type

Orchards And Horticulture

Intermediate type

Commercial Horticulture

Intermediate type scope note

Structures and landscapes associated with growth of plants and produce, particularly fruits, salads and flowers, for sale.

Broad type

Orchards And Horticulture

Intermediate type

Commercial Horticulture

Narrow type

Flower Farm

Narrow type scope note

A farm concerned with the cultivation of flowering and ornamental plants for gardens and for floristry.

Broad type

Orchards And Horticulture

Intermediate type

Commercial Horticulture

Narrow type

Glasshouses

Narrow type scope note

Buildings made chiefly of glass, in which plants and fruit are germinated, brought on and sometimes grown to maturity. Often grouped on land with a favourable aspect.

Broad type

Orchards And Horticulture

Intermediate type

Commercial Horticulture

Narrow type

Market Garden

Narrow type scope note

An area of land used to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers to be sold at markets.

Broad type

Orchards And Horticulture

Intermediate type

Commercial Horticulture

Narrow type

Nursery

Narrow type scope note

An area such as a commercial garden where plants and trees are grown and nurtured for the purpose of transportation or sale.

Broad type

Orchards And Horticulture

Intermediate type

Commercial Horticulture

Narrow type

Orchard

Narrow type scope note

An enclosed area of land or garden for the growing of fruit-bearing trees.

Broad type

Orchards And Horticulture

Intermediate type

Commercial Horticulture

Narrow type

Vineyard

Narrow type scope note

An area of land and associated buildings where grapevines are cultivated.

Broad type

Orchards And Horticulture

Intermediate typeGarden

Intermediate type scope note

An enclosed piece of ground devoted to the cultivation of flowers, fruit or vegetables for domestic use.

Broad type

Orchards And Horticulture

Intermediate type

Garden

Narrow typeAllotments

Narrow type scope note

Land, often public, let out to individuals or an individual for the purposes of cultivation or other land use. Often in numerous small parcels, sometimes individually fenced

Broad type

Orchards And Horticulture

Intermediate type

Garden

Narrow typeHop Garden

Narrow type scope note

A piece of land used for the cultivation of hops.

Broad type

Orchards And Horticulture

Intermediate type

Garden

Narrow typeKitchen Garden

Narrow type scope note

A private garden established primarily for growing vegetables and soft and bush fruit for domestic consumption.



Broad type

Ornamentation

Broad type scope note

This Broad Type covers land whose principal historic character is the result of deliberate and planned design. At the scales at which historic characterisation generally operates, this Broad Type usually spans creations of the 18th to 20th centuries, intended to create or enhance a sense of natural scenery, typically regarded as beautiful, picturesque or even sublime. Usually associated with the large country houses of the gentry, and now regarded as part of one of Britain's most important artistic movements, with several famous designers (Kent, Bridgman, Brown and Repton) either responsible for or inspiring the creation of such landscape in the 18th and early 19th centuries. In general terms, earlier extensive ornamental landscape was more formal than that of the so-called English Gardens, 19th century landscape gardening was more inclined to exotic planting, and twentieth century gardening was more stylised, modest or architectural.

In historic characterisations such landscape is normally divided between the park (and its plantations, waterbodies, etc) and the more intricate pleasure grounds, often sited directly around the main house.

Broad type	Intermediate type
Ornamentation	Park

Intermediate type scope note

An enclosed piece of land, generally large in area, usually either surrounding a country house or castle, or conveniently adjacent to it. Used for hunting, the cultivation of trees, pasture and visual enjoyment.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Ornamentation	Park	Landscape Park

Narrow type scope note

Extensive grounds, usually associated with a country house, laid out (with tree plantations, shrubs and often adjusted with earth movement) so as to produce a perception of broad unmanaged and often unpeopled vistas.

Broad type	Intermediate type
Ornamentation	Pleasure Grounds

Intermediate type scope note

An area within an ornamentally designed landscape where owners and guests walked about for pleasure. Typically complex mixes of plantings, ornamental gardens and play areas (bowling, croquet, etc).

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Ornamentation	Pleasure Grounds	Arboretum

Narrow type scope note

A botanical garden, as an element of a designed or ornamental landscape, designed specifically for the cultivation and display of, often rare, trees.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Ornamentation	Pleasure Grounds	Formal Garden

Narrow type scope note

A garden of regular, linear or geometrical design, often associated with the traditional Italian, French and Dutch styles. Usually either adjacent to the house or within the pleasure grounds.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Broad type scope note

This Broad Type covers complexes and areas where leisure, sport and other recreation are dominant activities. Sometimes includes accommodation for people so engaged. Can also include extensive areas like country and municipal parks and areas largely devoted to country sports, like deer parks. Larger-scale heritage sites may also be in this Broad Type if their principal use is now as visitor attractions.

Broad type	Intermediate type
Recreation And Leisure	Country Sport

Intermediate type scope note

Land primarily devoted to the pursuit, trapping, shooting and hunting of wild or purposefully raised animals.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Recreation And Leisure	Country Sport	Deer Park

Narrow type scope note

A large, enclosed park, often containing some woodland and divided to provide a variety of habitats for shelter, grazing etc for deer, usually fallow, for hunting and for aesthetic appreciation.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Recreation And Leisure	Country Sport	Duck Decoy Pond

Narrow type scope note

A pond or pool with arms covered with nets into which wild birds, are allured and then caught or shot.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Recreation And Leisure	Country Sport	Kennels

Narrow type scope note

Buildings and yards in which dogs and hunting hounds are kept and exercised.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Recreation And Leisure	Country Sport	Royal Forest

Narrow type scope note

Land including hunting areas for a monarch or (by invitation) the aristocracy; they usually included large areas of heath, grassland and wetland, that is habitats that supported deer and other game, but also farmland.



Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Events

Intermediate type scope note

Complex designed to accommodate major gatherings.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Events

Narrow type

Exhibition Centre

Narrow type scope note

A complex, including large covered areas, used for housing public displays.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Events

Narrow type

Showground

Narrow type scope note

A large area, usually open-air, used for permanent, seasonal or regular shows, events or exhibitions.

Broad type

Recreation and leisure

Intermediate typeIndoor Entertainment

Intermediate type scope note

Venues dedicated to provision of organised entertainment, such as performances, which is largely passively experienced.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Indoor Entertainment

Narrow typeConcert Hall

Narrow type scope note

An establishment where musical and related performances take place.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Indoor Entertainment

Narrow typeNightclub

Narrow type scope note

An establishment open at night for refreshment and entertainment. Usually housed in a repurposed building although some purpose-built examples do exist.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Indoor Entertainment

Narrow typeTheatre

Narrow type scope note

Venue for performing arts events, often with ancillary spaces, rehearsal areas, hospitality, workshops etc.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Indoor Recreation

Intermediate type scope note

Facilities provided for indoor recreation, often with external grounds associated (car parks etc).

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Indoor Recreation

Narrow type

Amusements

Narrow type scope note

An area or place for recreation, typically with electronic game machines and gambling machines.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Indoor Recreation

Narrow type

Aquarium

Narrow type scope note

An area of buildings, artificial ponds and/or tanks in which aquatic plants and animals are kept for observation and study as recreation.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Indoor Recreation

Narrow type

Cinema

Narrow type scope note

A building where people pay to see films and 'moving pictures'.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Indoor Recreation

Narrow type

Leisure Centre

Narrow type scope note

A purpose built building and associated grounds, usually owned and operated by a local authority, where people go to keep fit or relax through using the facilities.



Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Indoor Recreation

Narrow type

Spa

Narrow type scope note

A medicinal or mineral spring often with an associated building and directly associated grounds. Often found closely grouped, around which settlements and spa towns have developed.

Broad type	Intermediate type
Recreation And Leisure	Outdoor Recreation

Intermediate type scope note

Structures and areas provided for outdoor recreation.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Recreation And Leisure	Outdoor Recreation	Country Park

Narrow type scope note

An area of managed countryside designated for visitors to enjoy recreations, such as walking specified parks and trails, in a rural environment. Often provides public facilities such as car parking, toilets, cafes and visitor information.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Recreation And Leisure	Outdoor Recreation	Destination Landmark Attraction

Narrow type scope note

A visitor attraction designed to be a highly visible structure and to be engaged with for a unique experience. Entry is controlled and on a paid for basis. Examples include the London Eye and Arcelor Mittal Orbit.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Recreation And Leisure	Outdoor Recreation	Lido

Narrow type scope note

A public recreational complex centred around an open-air swimming pool.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Recreation And Leisure	Outdoor Recreation	Municipal Park

Narrow type scope note

Land, often in urban areas, dedicated to outdoor public recreation. Usually with ornamental planting of trees and shrubs, with some formal gardens, ornamental ponds etc. Landscaping and planting is generally more robust than in a Landscape Park and usually includes public conveniences & playgrounds.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Outdoor Recreation

Narrow type

Nature Reserve

Narrow type scope note

An area of managed land with perceived “natural” characteristics, identified as nature reserves to enable the conservation of these characteristics and so that they may be appreciated by the public. These can consist of areas of “untouched” habitat or land which have been reclaimed by nature following cessation of human activity, particularly industrial processes (e.g. mineral extraction and quarrying). Some have little other than a controlled level of public access with some signage on the nature conservation interest and measures present whereas others provide public facilities (car parking, toilets, cafes) and more in-depth visitor information and/or structured programmes of activities. They are usually managed by local authorities or an amenity society, such as a nature conservation charity (e.g. Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, regional Wildlife Trust) or a local body such as a Civic Society.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Outdoor Recreation

Narrow type

Recreation Ground

Narrow type scope note

Area of open ground with permanent or semi-permanent facilities established to enable people to enjoy, amuse or please themselves.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Outdoor Recreation

Narrow type

Safari Park

Narrow type scope note

An area of parkland where animals are exhibited to the public but, unlike a zoo where they would occupy cages or small enclosures, are allowed to roam a large open environment.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Outdoor Recreation

Narrow type

Zoo

Narrow type scope note

An enclosed area where wild animals are bred, studied and exhibited to the public.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Recreational Accommodation

Intermediate type scope note

Provision for occasional accommodation for those who have travelled from home for enjoyment, amusement or pleasure.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Recreational Accommodation

Narrow type

Camp Site

Narrow type scope note

An area dedicated to camping, providing space for individuals to park vehicles and pitch tents often with associated facilities such as toilets and shower blocks.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Recreational Accommodation

Narrow type

Caravan Site

Narrow type scope note

An area providing space for those with caravans or similar recreational vehicles to park. Sometimes with associated facilities such as power points, toilet blocks etc.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Recreational Accommodation

Narrow type

Holiday Park

Narrow type scope note

Areas dominated by commercial complex(es) encompassing lightly-built holidaymaker's accommodation and associated facilities, sometimes including entertainment areas.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Facility

Intermediate type scope note

Areas whose dominant character is provision for sporting activity, whether or not commercially provided, and whether or not in areas of purpose-built structures.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Facility

Narrow type

Bowling Green

Narrow type scope note

An area of closely mown lawn measured out and appropriately marked for use in the game of flat or crown green bowling.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Facility

Narrow type

Cricket Pitch

Narrow type scope note

An area of grass, marked out for use in the game of cricket.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Facility

Narrow type

Equestrian Centre

Narrow type scope note

A complex including buildings providing accommodation and activity areas for those involved in equestrian sports/activities and their horses.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Facility

Narrow type

Gallops

Narrow type scope note

A track or area where horses are exercised at a gallop.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Facility

Narrow type

Golf Course

Narrow type scope note

A landscaped area of ground, encompassing different types of terrain and features, such as ponds, sand-filled bunkers etc, on which the game of golf is played.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Facility

Narrow type

Race Course

Narrow type scope note

A purpose-built facility for the racing of horses; may also include grandstands or concourses.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Facility

Narrow type

Sports Field

Narrow type scope note

An area of ground, often publicly owned, where outdoor sports are played, usually with the necessary marking out and structures (goal posts etc). Distinguished from sports grounds where spectators pay to watch.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Facility

Narrow type

Stables

Narrow type scope note

Building complex with yards etc, where horses are bred, raised and securely kept.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Facility

Narrow type

Stud Farm

Narrow type scope note

A farm where racehorses are bred and stabled.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Facility

Narrow typeStunt Park

Narrow type scope note

Purpose-built or adapted outdoor system of ramps, tracks and jumps for practising BMXing, trials riding, skateboarding, etc.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Facility

Narrow typeVelodrome

Narrow type scope note

Purpose-built venue for track cycling.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Ground

Intermediate type scope note

An area of prepared ground on which a sport is played and where paying spectators watch. Use more specific type where known.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Ground

Narrow type

Cricket Ground

Narrow type scope note

The entire playing area and associated buildings upon which the game of cricket is played and where spectators pay to watch.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Ground

Narrow type

Football Ground

Narrow type scope note

A site including a pitch, stands and other ancillary buildings and areas associated with playing and paying to watch the game of football.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Ground

Narrow type

Motor Sports Track

Narrow type scope note

A purpose-built facility for racing motor cars and/or motor cycles which may also include grandstands or concourses.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Ground

Narrow type

Rugby Ground

Narrow type scope note

A site including a pitch, clubhouse, changing rooms, stands and other ancillary buildings associated with the sport of rugby. The type applies equally to grounds used for the separate codes of Rugby Union and Rugby League.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Sports Ground

Narrow type

Stadium

Narrow type scope note

A large, usually unroofed, sports ground surrounded by spectator seating arranged in tiers or terraces.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Water Sports

Intermediate type scope note

Buildings, sites and structures associated with water sporting activities. Use more specific type where known.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Water Sports

Narrow type

Fishing Area

Narrow type scope note

Areas dominated by use for recreational fishing and angling.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Water Sports

Narrow type

Rowing Lake

Narrow type scope note

A lake, sometimes purpose built, for use in the sport of rowing.

Broad type

Recreation And Leisure

Intermediate type

Water Sports

Narrow type

Swimming Pool

Narrow type scope note

Indoor pool for sports such as swimming and diving. Includes any directly associated grounds.



Broad type

Rural Settlement

Broad type scope note

This Broad Type covers settlements that originated in a rural context. It is largely confined to the characterisation of particular settlements, not the overall pattern of settlement (NB the Roberts and Wrathmell 2000 Atlas of Rural Settlement in England, published by English Heritage, is a key source on overall settlement patterns including nucleation vs. dispersion). While many rural settlements have an agricultural basis, some are industrial and some isolated dwellings have more specialised origins, running from cottages to country houses. Some characterisations use classificatory terms adopted from topographical studies of English villages.

Broad type	Intermediate type
Rural Settlement	Isolated Dwelling

Intermediate type scope note

Rural residence with no immediate neighbours.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Rural Settlement	Isolated Dwelling	Country House

Narrow type scope note

Gentry house in a rural setting, normally within a landscape park, and usually accompanied by a range of attached and detached offices, yards, etc.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Rural Settlement	Isolated Dwelling	Farmstead

Narrow type scope note

A farmhouse and ancillary farm buildings forming the operational centre for the surrounding farmland.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Rural Settlement	Isolated Dwelling	Hunting Lodge

Narrow type scope note

A weekend retreat for parties and others, when hunting in the deer park or forests, or as a viewing station for the chase.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Rural Settlement	Isolated Dwelling	Palace

Narrow type scope note

A grand residence, royal, aristocratic or ecclesiastical, rural or urban, with immediately associated yards and offices

Broad type	Intermediate type
Rural Settlement	Nucleated Settlement

Intermediate type scope note

Rural settlement in which houses and farmsteads are typically clustered together, normally as villages, but also as hamlets.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Rural Settlement	Nucleated Settlement	Hamlet

Narrow type scope note

Small settlement with no ecclesiastical or lay administrative function and usually with no other amenities.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Rural Settlement	Nucleated Settlement	Rural Row

Narrow type scope note

Linear arrangement of farmsteads and dwellings, usually built along a road.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Rural Settlement	Nucleated Settlement	Village

Narrow type scope note

Collection of farmsteads, dwellings, yards, gardens etc. Larger than hamlet, smaller than town. Often includes church, inn, shops, workshops, manor house.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Rural Settlement	Nucleated Settlement	Village Infill

Narrow type scope note

Land within a generally built-up area, previously either open or used differently, that has been used for construction of further buildings, particularly housing.

Broad type

Unimproved Land

Broad type scope note

Improvement here refers to agricultural works, whether enclosure, drainage, irrigation, fertilisation or other soil amelioration. Most land of this kind is relatively unenclosed and has a varied semi-natural vegetation cover created and maintained by extensive land management, such as seasonal grazing and the cutting of peat or scrub for fuel. Much of the subdivision of this Broad Type is on the basis of the basis of land use (e.g. common land status) or dominant vegetation (e.g. marshes, unimproved grassland, heath, furze and scrub).

Broad type

Unimproved Land

Intermediate type

Common

Intermediate type scope note

Unenclosed land in private ownership but over which others, such as tenants or the local population, have particular rights such as access, grazing and fuel collection either formally or by custom. This spans formally designated commons and greens as well as informal areas of common, such as undeveloped gap sites within urban areas.

Broad type

Unimproved Land

Intermediate type

Common

Narrow type

Common Land

Narrow type scope note

Land, owned by one or more persons, where other people, known as 'commoners' are entitled to use the land or take resources from it. Common Land is legally defined and its extent defined on the 'Register of Common Land and Village Greens'. This register is currently maintained by DEFRA. In form, Common Land is usually unenclosed land such as wasteland, forest or pasture.

Broad type

Unimproved Land

Intermediate type

Common

Narrow type

Green

Narrow type scope note

Area of often grassy ground, usually common, normally situated at the centre of a village or hamlet, sometimes within or near a town. Usually maintained by grazing.

Broad type

Unimproved Land

Intermediate type

Common

Narrow type

Informal Common

Narrow type scope note

Areas of land which, although technically in someone's ownership and possibly lacking formal Rights of Way, are used as if there is a right of access for purposes such as informal recreation. Undeveloped gap sites within urban areas sometimes come to be used in this way by the local community.

Broad type

Unimproved Land

Intermediate type

Rough Ground

Intermediate type scope note

Area dominated by rough vegetation, with no visible evidence of recent agricultural improvement. Used primarily for grazing and, historically, fuel gathering, often in common.

Broad type

Unimproved Land

Intermediate type

Rough Ground

Narrow type

Furze

Narrow type scope note

Unimproved land dominated by furze (gorse), used for rough grazing and harvested as domestic fuel.

Broad type

Unimproved Land

Intermediate type

Rough Ground

Narrow type

Heathland

Narrow type scope note

Unimproved, but grazed area of low-growing woody shrubby vegetation, including heathers and gorses, sometimes in a mosaic with grassland and damp areas.

Broad type

Unimproved Land

Intermediate type

Rough Ground

Narrow type

Scrub

Narrow type scope note

Uncultivated land characterised by vegetation dominated by shrubs or bushes of woody plants, sometimes including small trees.



Broad type

Urban Settlement

Broad type scope note

This Broad Type covers urban forms of settlement. It spans the historic cores of towns and cities, suburban housing estates and high-density forms such as flats and apartments.

Broad type	Intermediate type
Urban Settlement	Dwelling

Intermediate type scope note

Buildings, associated structures and land for permanent residence. This spans housing types associated with individual and higher-status residences.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Urban Settlement	Dwelling	Gypsy and Traveller Site

Narrow type scope note

Sites which are designed to provide pitches for gypsies and travellers. These can be either transit sites or permanent sites. Permanent sites provide residents with a permanent home pitch. On transit sites lengths of stay vary but can be for fixed periods

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Urban Settlement	Dwelling	Municipal Official Residence

Narrow type scope note

Used where an existing building is designated as the residence of a municipal official, such as the mayor. This can encompass buildings specifically built for the purpose and earlier structures repurposed to become an official's residence.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Urban Settlement	Dwelling	Town House

Narrow type scope note

A gentry house in a town or city, either detached or in a terrace.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Urban Settlement	Dwelling	Villas

Narrow type scope note

Large residential properties, typically built in the mid to later 19th century in polite architectural styles. They are usually sited in large plots and often have ancillary service structures such as coach houses. The term does not cover Roman villas.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Flats and Apartments

Intermediate type scope note

Residential area dominated by purpose-built tenement buildings, each containing several flats or apartments.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Flats and Apartments

Narrow type

Block Dwellings

Narrow type scope note

Purpose-built working class housing comprising flats arranged into blocks. The blocks are usually interspersed with common areas for functions such as drying greens. They were built by local government and philanthropic bodies, such as the Peabody Trust.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Flats and Apartments

Narrow type

High Rise Blocks

Narrow type scope note

Residential development of multi-storeyed buildings with each floor usually containing several properties, either in flats or maisonettes. Whilst the height of individual buildings varies, their form is tall and slender and they are much higher than the prevailing building height in their surroundings, aiding the perception of them as tall structures. They can be built singly or in small clusters where the blocks are set in and separated by communal space.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Flats and Apartments

Narrow type

Low Rise Blocks

Narrow type scope note

Residential development of multi-storeyed buildings with each floor usually containing several properties, either in flats or maisonettes. The form of the buildings is readily identifiable as a development of flats, as opposed to houses, but their height is in line with the prevailing building height in the area and rarely reaches more than four storeys. Many have commercial space, such as shop units, at ground floor. They can be built singly or as small estates where the blocks are set in and separated by communal space. They are often mid-20th century and later in origin. Many are relatively recent developments that have been built in this form to fit in with prevailing building heights.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Flats and Apartments

Narrow type

Mansion Blocks

Narrow type scope note

A block of flats designed for an overall impression of grandeur. Typically with an imposing, symmetrical façade and prominent communal entrance.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Flats and Apartments

Narrow type

Mid Rise Blocks

Narrow type scope note

Residential development of multi-storeyed buildings with each floor usually containing several properties, either in flats or maisonettes. The form of the buildings is often linear and always readily identifiable as a development of flats. Their height is somewhat greater than the prevailing building height in the area but they lack the slenderness inherent in high-rise flats. They can be built singly or as small estates where the blocks are set in and separated by communal space.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Historic Urban Core

Intermediate type scope note

The long-established historic centre of a town or city. The extent is usually defined by reference to the extent of the place as shown on a key early map (e.g. first edition Ordnance Survey map)

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Historic Urban Core

Narrow type

Burgage Plot

Narrow type scope note

A plot of land longer than it is wide, usually running perpendicularly to the street, with the associated dwelling on the street frontage. The holding of a burgess, and thus typical of medieval towns.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Historic Urban Core

Narrow type

Informal Plot Group

Narrow type scope note

A group of plots of land within the historic core of an urban centre laid out between key communication routes (e.g. long-distance road routes and river frontage) but lacking a clear overarching organisational principle as found in planned sections of historic town centres (i.e. burgage plots). The plots can be occupied by a mixture of housing, commercial operations and industrial concerns. The extent of these uses, as well as the internal boundaries within a plot group, are subject to frequent reworking. Where there is a chief frontage, e.g. to a main road, housing is usually confined to this frontage with a mixture of industrial and commercial use in the plots to the rear of this. The type can develop from reorganisation and subdivision of a preceding burgage plot pattern.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Housing Estate

Intermediate type scope note

A planned residential area, usually with its own self-contained street system including cul-de-sacs, sometimes with its own amenities, such as shops, a public house etc.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Housing Estate

Narrow type

Cottage Estate

Narrow type scope note

Housing built by either public bodies (local authorities and Ministry of Works), co-partnership companies or by private companies (including by industrialists for their employees) to house workers in the later 19th to earlier 20th century. Layouts and building types are based on Garden Suburb ideals but with simplified forms, detailing and finishes. The earlier examples often embody ideals of improved or model dwellings. Housing is usually two-storey, a mix of semi-detached, short-run terraced houses and cottage flats with provision of both private gardens and shared open space. Amenities such as churches, schools, shops and recreation areas are often an in-built part of the estate. These latter features are characterised separately as an appropriate type when large enough to meet the characterisation threshold.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Housing Estate

Narrow type

Garden Suburb

Narrow type scope note

Estate of dwellings designed on Garden City principles in a suburban location. Designed to avoid monotony and uniformity through use of natural contours to create gently curved streets lined with hedges and trees. Individually-designed houses, usually in a Queen Anne revival or Arts and Crafts style, are placed to maintain each other's amenity and outlook with a low average density. Communal facilities, such as churches and institutes, were often a key aspect within the estate design. In theory, they were built to house all classes but, in practice, they have become middle class enclaves.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Housing Estate

Narrow type

Metroland Estate

Narrow type scope note

Development of private houses on large tranches of land with easy access to suburban rail. Consisting of semi-detached dwelling houses with private front and rear gardens, inspired by the Garden Suburb movement. Typically in an applied half-timbered 'Tudorbethan' style, although Art-Deco inspired, restrained Moderne also features. Details and material finishes often higher quality or more decorative than contemporary estates designed for the working class, such as stained and leaded windows, 'sunburst' glazed doors. They were constructed from the 1910s with the majority built in the interwar period. Initially they were built by the Metropolitan Railway Country Estates (a subsidiary of the Metropolitan Railway Company founded to develop land owned by the company near their lines) but other speculative developers took up the style and built similar estates around the fringes of London near rail or underground lines.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Urban Settlement	Housing Estate	Municipal Housing Estate

Narrow type scope note

Estate of dwellings built by local authorities for council tenancy. Homes are usually semi-detached, but also include short-run terraced houses and two storey flat/maisonette blocks with provision of both private gardens and shared open space. Road layouts and building types are based loosely on Garden Suburb ideals but with simplified forms, detailing and finishes. Amenities such as churches, schools, shops and recreation areas are usually an in-built part of the estate. Whilst some pre-date the First World War, the majority were built in the interwar period.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Urban Settlement	Housing Estate	Park Homes

Narrow type scope note

Developments consisting of static caravans used as permanent homes. They usually have a defined perimeter, have maintained roadways and each caravan structure sits in a separate and defined garden plot.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Urban Settlement	Housing Estate	Park Suburb

Narrow type scope note

Estate of dwellings designed to give effect to Arts and Craft principles. They date to the mid to later 19th century and are a bridge between terraced housing and the garden suburb, retaining the rectilinear street pattern typical of the former but deploying the house sizes and styles associated with the latter. Individually-designed houses, usually in a Queen Anne revival or Arts and Crafts style, are placed to maintain each other's amenity and outlook with a low average density. Communal facilities, such as churches and institutes, were often a key aspect within the estate design. In theory, such estates were built to appeal to a bohemians and artisans inspired by the Arts and Crafts movement but, in practice, they became middle class enclaves with communal facilities often now no longer in communal use.

Broad type	Intermediate type	Narrow type
Urban Settlement	Housing Estate	Prefabs

Narrow type scope note

A type of prefabricated house erected, to 11 approved designs, as part of the Temporary Housing Programme, between 1944 and 1948. This scheme was devised to relieve the post-war housing shortage at a time when conventional materials were unavailable.



Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Housing Estate

Narrow type

Speculative Estate

Narrow type scope note

Estate of dwellings built for private sale, typically houses but also of mixed types, consisting of one or more standard house models repeated in groups. Buildings are in mass-produced, industrialised materials and finishes with simplified, boxy forms for rapid construction. Emphasis is usually on private amenity, with front and rear private gardens and little public amenity space or facilities. Estate layout is often car-orientated with wide junction radii, turning heads and provision of private parking in driveways and garages. They are 1960s and later in date and now account for the majority of larger-scale suburban housing development.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Institutional Residences

Intermediate type scope note

Accommodation intended for and limited to specific groups, for example those attending/working at a particular institution or where care or oversight of residents is available as needed.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Institutional Residences

Narrow type

Almshouses

Narrow type scope note

Accommodation in the form of small houses or cottages, often linked in a group, sometimes with associated gardens or buildings such as chapels. They were endowed by a benefactor or charitable body to house particular groups such as the widows of, or former workers from, certain trades.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Institutional Residences

Narrow type

Occupational Housing

Narrow type scope note

Accommodation provided for staff on site or near the associated workplace, usually a large institution such as a hospital. Often provided for single staff members without family, or to accommodate shift workers. They can take the form of flatted blocks with individual bedrooms and shared communal areas.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Institutional Residences

Narrow type

Sheltered Accommodation

Narrow type scope note

Accommodation for elderly or vulnerable people to allow them to live independently, consisting of self-contained flats with communal facilities. Sometimes staffed with an on-site warden.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Institutional Residences

Narrow type

Student Residences

Narrow type scope note

Accommodation for students of further and higher education establishments, often purpose-built, taking the form of blocks containing individual study bedrooms with shared and communal facilities.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Terraced Housing

Intermediate type scope note

Residential area dominated by lines of attached houses, usually planned and built as one unit. Often associated with industrial towns. Sometimes follow earlier patterns, such as those of the fields they overlay.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Terraced Housing

Narrow type

Basic Terrace

Narrow type scope note

Housing comprising linear developments of three or more attached houses, usually planned and built as one unit. The housing generally has low levels of architectural pretension, is two or three storeyed at most, and it is normal for them to be constructed directly onto the street frontage with no front garden or yard.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Terraced Housing

Narrow type

Grand Terrace

Narrow type scope note

Large multi-storeyed houses with higher quality materials and with a greater degree of architectural sophistication and, sometimes, associated service structures (e.g. Mews) than found in a Basic Terrace.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Terraced Housing

Narrow type

Half House

Narrow type scope note

A distinct form of terraced housing comprising pairs of single-storey flats within a two-storey terrace (i.e. one flat on the ground floor and another above) with their own separate access to the rear yard. The rear yard could be shared or divided. The type is mainly recognisable from the presence of separate front doors which are adjacent to each other with one allowing access to the ground floor flat and the other to the upper floor flat. The form is also known as 'cottage flat'.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Terraced Housing

Narrow type

Link Terrace

Narrow type scope note

Group of terraced houses designed to look as if they are separate houses through use of differing roof heights and step backs from property frontage. Whilst they are often high-status and of late 18th to early 19th century date, the flexibility of the form means that examples are likely to be found of later date.



Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Terraced Housing

Narrow type

Mews

Narrow type scope note

Terraced accommodation, usually two storey and designed to have stabling below and hayloft, storage and staff accommodation above. Arranged in lanes and courts behind higher-status terraces, originally ancillary to them but now often in separate ownership and converted to dwellings.

Broad type

Urban Settlement

Intermediate type

Terraced Housing

Narrow type

Palace Fronted Terrace

Narrow type scope note

Group of high-status terraced houses designed as a unified architectural whole, such as with a 'palace' front.

Broad type

Valley Floor And Wetland Use

Broad type scope note

This Broad Type is based partly on land use and partly on topography. It is dominated by forms of meadow, whether engineered to be especially productive (water meadows) or retained as semi-natural grasslands within hay meadows. More specialised uses, often now reduced, include osier beds and watercress beds.

Broad type

Valley Floor And Wetland Use

Intermediate type

Valley Floor Grazing

Intermediate type scope note

Valley-floor land used for grazing. The level of active management of the grazing resource varies.

Broad type

Valley Floor And Wetland Use

Intermediate type

Valley Floor Grazing

Narrow type

Valley Bottom Meadow

Narrow type scope note

Permanent grassland on poorly drained valley floors, exploited for the lush grass it supports. Often enclosed, sometimes held in common and used for hay-making and best summer pasture.

Broad type

Valley Floor And Wetland Use

Intermediate type

Valley Floor Grazing

Narrow type

Water Meadow

Narrow type scope note

Controlled irrigation to draw nutrient-rich silts and material onto valley-bottom grassland to increase hay yields and enable earlier mowing. Early modern agricultural improvement; normally now no longer operated though earthworks may survive.



Broad type

Valley Floor And Wetland Use

Intermediate type

Wetland Cropping

Intermediate type scope note

Valley-floor land, usually permanently or seasonally wet, under active management to promote the growth of particular vegetation as a crop.

Broad type

Valley Floor And Wetland Use

Intermediate type

Wetland Cropping

Narrow type

Osier Beds

Narrow type scope note

An area where osiers (types of willows, producing long straight stems) are cultivated for use in basketry.

Broad type

Valley Floor And Wetland Use

Intermediate type

Wetland Cropping

Narrow type

Watercress Beds

Narrow type scope note

An area set aside for growing watercress. As the watercress requires large quantities of slightly alkaline water the beds are usually sited around the headwaters of chalk streams.

Broad type

Woodland

Broad type scope note

This Broad Type relates to areas of woodland and trees. In England, such areas reveal much about historic management, whether they are ancient woodlands (pre-17th century as defined by Natural England criteria) which either are or were subject to various forms of management and cropping, coppice routinely cut back to ground level in the harvesting process, plantations established with timber or pulp as the principal product, or secondary woodland that established itself on land formerly used for other purposes, including industry and agriculture. Wood pasture, land where agriculture is at least equal to silviculture, often has high biodiversity value as trees standing either singly or in small clumps in extensively grazed land support various communities on trunks that receive more direct sunlight.

Broad type

Woodland

Intermediate type

Managed Woodland

Intermediate type scope note

Woodland under active management to yield a periodic crop of timber or other woodland products, such as poles, or specific grazing conditions.

Broad type

Woodland

Intermediate type

Managed Woodland

Narrow type

Coppice

Narrow type scope note

Area of managed woodland, usually oak, ash, hornbeam, hazel, alder, willow or beech, periodically cut to encourage new growth providing a source of smaller timber; for rods, fuel, charcoal etc. Larger coppices often divided into cropping areas or coups.

Broad type

Woodland

Intermediate type

Managed Woodland

Narrow type

Plantation

Narrow type scope note

Woodland planted deliberately, either for landscaping or to produce a crop of timber. Mid 20th century plantations usually single species conifers often planted in rows. Earlier plantations and those of the late 20th century onwards are often more mixed.

Broad type

Woodland

Intermediate type

Managed Woodland

Narrow type

Replanted Ancient Woodland Site

Narrow type scope note

Woodland where original natural tree coverage of Ancient Woodland has been replanted with other trees, often coniferous.

Broad type

Woodland

Intermediate type

Managed Woodland

Narrow type

Wood Pasture

Narrow type scope note

Scattered trees within grassland, the trees providing shelter for forage as well as being harvested for timber and fuel. Now most often found within deer parks, but more widespread, especially on steep slopes, in the medieval period.

Broad type

Woodland

Intermediate type

Semi Natural Woodland

Intermediate type scope note

Woodland that has developed through traditional management and/or natural colonisation. It spans ancient woodland and areas of woodland developed through natural colonisation.

Broad type

Woodland

Intermediate type

Semi Natural Woodland

Narrow type

Ancient Woodland

Narrow type scope note

Woodland believed to have existed since at least 1600 in England, where it is defined as such by Natural England in a status carrying planning implications. It may be managed for timber, coppice, etc and often contains dividing banks, trackways, charcoal burning platforms, etc.

Broad type

Woodland

Intermediate type

Semi Natural Woodland

Narrow type

Carr

Narrow type scope note

An area of fenland that has become overgrown with trees or shrubs, normally the result of natural succession. Areas of Carr can be quite old in origin. Some may appear in the Ancient Woodlands Inventory, where this is the case they are to be classed as the Narrow Type Ancient Woodland.

Broad type

Woodland

Intermediate type

Semi Natural Woodland

Narrow type

Secondary Woodland

Narrow type scope note

Woodland that has developed, usually by natural colonisation, on land formerly used for other purposes (agriculture, settlement, industry etc). If this process pre-dated 1600, the area has remained wooded since and appears in the Natural England Ancient Woodlands Inventory as 'Ancient Woodland' then the woodland is to be classified as the 'Ancient Woodland' Narrow Type.