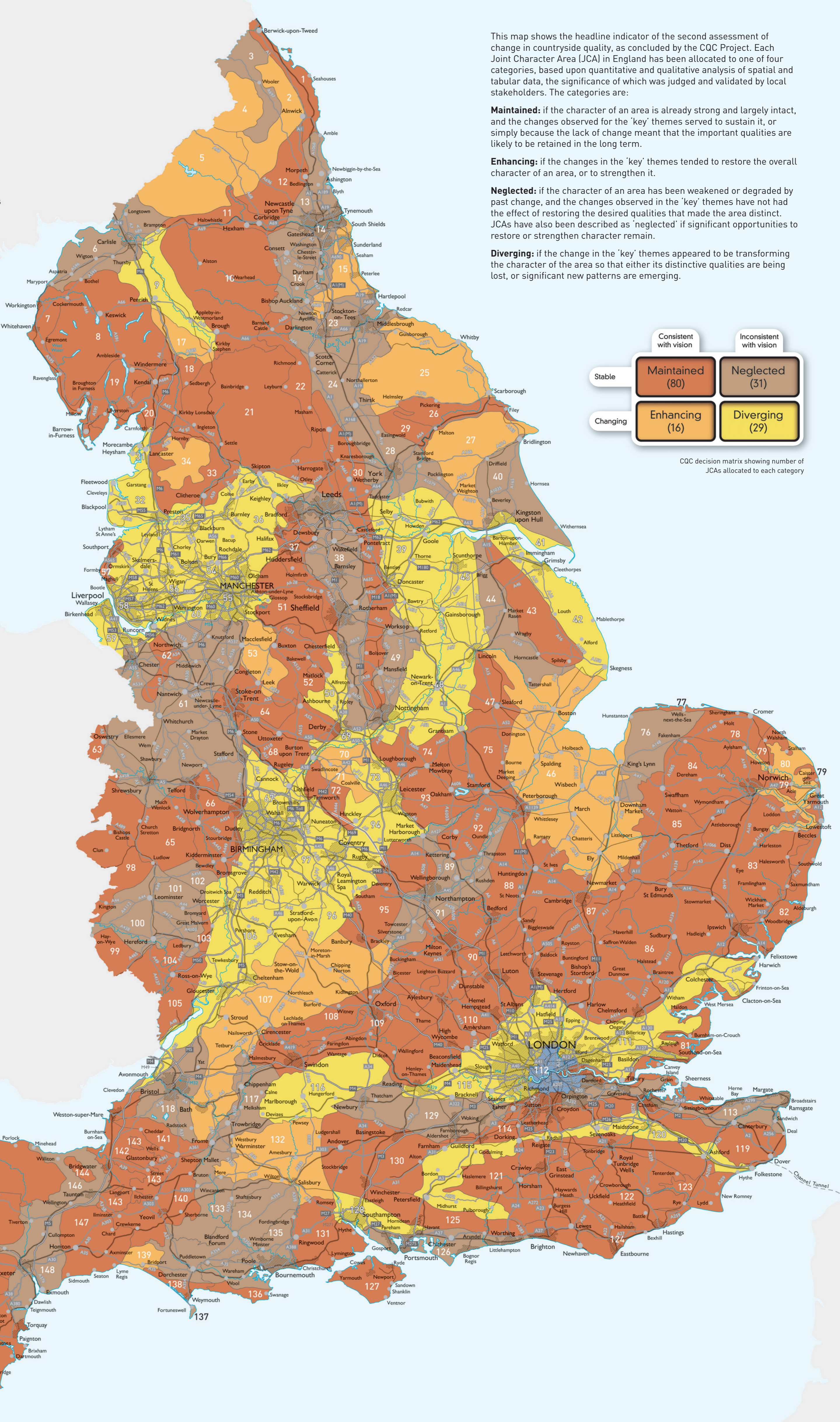


Joint Character Areas

- 1 North Northumberland Coastal Plain
- 2 Northumberland Sandstone Hills
- 3 Cheviot Fringe
- 4 Cheviots
- 5 Border Moors and Forests
- 6 Solway Basin
- 7 West Cumbria Coastal Plain
- 8 Cumbria High Fells
- 9 Eden Valley
- 10 North Pennines
- 11 Tyne Gap and Hadrian's Wall
- 12 Mid Northumberland
- 13 South East Northumberland Coastal Plain
- 14 Tyne and Wear Lowlands
- 15 Durham Magnesian Limestone Plateau
- 16 Durham Coalfield Pennine Fringe
- 17 Orton Fells
- 18 Howgill Fells
- 19 South Cumbria Low Fells
- 20 Morecambe Bay Limestones
- 21 Yorkshire Dales
- 22 Pennine Dales Fringe
- 23 Tees Lowlands
- 24 Vale of Mowbray
- 25 North Yorkshire Moors and Cleveland Hills
- 26 Vale of Pickering
- 27 Yorkshire Wolds
- 28 Vale of York
- 29 Howardian Hills
- 30 Southern Magnesian Limestone
- 31 Morecambe Coast and Lune Estuary
- 32 Lancashire and Amounderness Plain
- 33 Bowland Fringe and Pendle Hill
- 34 Bowland Fells
- 35 Lancashire Valleys
- 36 Southern Pennines
- 37 Yorkshire Southern Pennine Fringe
- 38 Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Yorkshire Coalfield
- 39 Humberhead Levels
- 40 Holderness
- 41 Humber Estuary
- 42 Lincolnshire Coast and Marshes
- 43 Lincolnshire Wolds
- 44 Central Lincolnshire Vale
- 45 Northern Lincolnshire Edge with Coversands
- 46 The Fens
- 47 Southern Lincolnshire Edge
- 48 Trent and Belvoir Vales
- 49 Sherwood
- 50 Derbyshire Peak Fringe and Lower Derwent
- 51 Dark Peak
- 52 White Peak
- 53 South West Peak
- 54 Manchester Pennine Fringe
- 55 Manchester Conurbation
- 56 Lancashire Coal Measures
- 57 Sefton Coast
- 58 Merseyside Conurbation
- 59 Wirral
- 60 Mersey Valley
- 61 Shropshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire Plain
- 62 Cheshire Sandstone Ridge
- 63 Oswestry Uplands
- 64 Potteries and Churnet Valley
- 65 Shropshire Hills
- 66 Mid Severn Sandstone Plateau
- 67 Cannock Chase and Cank Wood
- 68 Needwood and South Derbyshire Claylands
- 69 Trent Valley Washlands
- 70 Melbourne Parklands
- 71 Leicestershire and South Derbyshire Coalfield
- 72 Mease/Sence Lowlands
- 73 Charnwood
- 74 Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire Wolds
- 75 Kesteven Uplands
- 76 North West Norfolk
- 77 North Norfolk Coast
- 78 Central North Norfolk
- 79 North East Norfolk and Flegg
- 80 The Broads
- 81 Greater Thames Estuary
- 82 Suffolk Coast and Heaths
- 83 South Norfolk and High Suffolk Claylands
- 84 Mid Norfolk
- 85 Breckland
- 86 South Suffolk and North Essex Clayland
- 87 East Anglian Chalk
- 88 Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Claylands
- 89 Northamptonshire Vales
- 90 Bedfordshire Greensand Ridge
- 91 Yardley-Whittlewood Ridge
- 92 Rockingham Forest
- 93 High Leicestershire
- 94 Leicestershire Vales
- 95 Northamptonshire Uplands
- 96 Dunsmore and Feldon
- 97 Arden
- 98 Clun and North West Herefordshire Hills
- 99 Black Mountains and Golden Valley
- 100 Herefordshire Lowlands
- 101 Herefordshire Plateau
- 102 Tem Valley
- 103 Malvern Hills
- 104 South Herefordshire and Over Severn
- 105 Forest of Dean and Lower Wye
- 106 Severn and Avon Vales
- 107 Cotswolds
- 108 Upper Thames Clay Vales
- 109 Midvale Ridge
- 110 Chilterns
- 111 Northern Thames Basin
- 112 Inner London (unclassified)
- 113 North Kent Plain
- 114 Thames Basin Lowlands
- 115 Thames Valley
- 116 Berkshire and Marlborough Downs
- 117 Avon Vales
- 118 Bristol, Avon Valleys and Ridges
- 119 North Downs
- 120 Wealden Greensand
- 121 Low Weald
- 122 High Weald
- 123 Romney Marshes
- 124 Pevensey Levels
- 125 South Downs
- 126 South Coast Plain
- 127 Isle Of Wight
- 128 South Hampshire Lowlands
- 129 Thames Basin Heaths
- 130 Hampshire Downs
- 131 New Forest
- 132 Salisbury Plain and West Wiltshire Downs
- 133 Blackmoor Vale and Vale of Wardour
- 134 Dorset Downs and Cranborne Chase
- 135 Dorset Heaths
- 136 South Purbeck
- 137 Isle of Portland
- 138 Weymouth Lowlands
- 139 Marshwood and Powerstock Vales
- 140 Yeovil Scarplands
- 141 Mendip Hills
- 142 Somerset Levels and Moors
- 143 Mid Somerset Hills
- 144 Quantock Hills
- 145 Exmoor
- 146 Vale of Taunton and Quantock Fringes
- 147 Blackdowns
- 148 Devon Redlands
- 149 The Culm
- 150 Dartmoor
- 151 South Devon
- 152 Cornish Killas
- 153 Bodmin Moor
- 154 Hensbarrow
- 155 Carnmenellis
- 156 West Penwith
- 157 The Lizard
- 158 Isles of Scilly (unclassified)
- 159 Lundy (unclassified)



This map shows the headline indicator of the second assessment of change in countryside quality, as concluded by the CQC Project. Each Joint Character Area (JCA) in England has been allocated to one of four categories, based upon quantitative and qualitative analysis of spatial and tabular data, the significance of which was judged and validated by local stakeholders. The categories are:

Maintained: if the character of an area is already strong and largely intact, and the changes observed for the 'key' themes served to sustain it, or simply because the lack of change meant that the important qualities are likely to be retained in the long term.

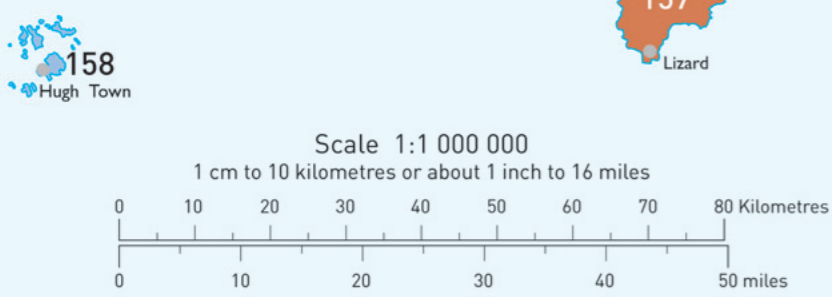
Enhancing: if the changes in the 'key' themes tended to restore the overall character of an area, or to strengthen it.

Neglected: if the character of an area has been weakened or degraded by past change, and the changes observed in the 'key' themes have not had the effect of restoring the desired qualities that made the area distinct. JCAs have also been described as 'neglected' if significant opportunities to restore or strengthen character remain.

Diverging: if the change in the 'key' themes appeared to be transforming the character of the area so that either its distinctive qualities are being lost, or significant new patterns are emerging.

	Consistent with vision	Inconsistent with vision
Stable	Maintained (80)	Neglected (31)
Changing	Enhancing (16)	Diverging (29)

CQC decision matrix showing number of JCAs allocated to each category



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