

APPENDIX 3.5 - ROSELAND LOCAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT TABLE FOR VERYAN

Character Attribute	Elevated Upland/ Plateau/ Exposed Land	Intermediate Sloping Land	Steep Sided Valley	Valley Bottom	Tidal Estuaries and Creeks - None	Cliffs
Topography and drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gently rolling uplands • Springs & streams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undulating grasslands adjacent to deep valleys • Gently rolling uplands • Springs & streams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undulating, steep sided, folded, sometimes wooded valleys with springs and streams • Streams liable to flooding, valley side liable to subsidence in places • Some terracing from previous cultivation in places • Extensive sea views in places and exposed to breeze from sea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valley bottoms with springs and streams, sometimes marshy & wooded • Streams liable to flooding 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand dunes transitioning to unstable crumbling cliff onto predominantly sandy long, wide beach (at low tide), with signs of raised beach • Extreme low tide and/or reduced sand depth exposes ancient petrified forest remains • Some steep cliff faces predominantly directly to sea • Some isolated coves inaccessible from land • Offshore stacks and rocks • Streams in valleys run into sea, also springs and land drainage run off from cliff faces
Data source	<i>OS Map; aerial photographs</i>					

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Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural with some farmland Mostly pasture, some arable Hedgerows Copses Scattered farm buildings including some large barns Public footpaths Some invasive 3-cornered leeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural with some farmland Mostly pasture, some arable Hedgerows Copses Disused quarries Hamlets (Carne), village (Veryan), scattered farm buildings including some large barns Public footpaths Some invasive 3-cornered leeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodland, scrub, gorse, some farm pasture land with Cornish hedges. Formerly ploughed in places Village housing in places Proximity to coastal edge Supporting peregrine falcons, barn & little owls, woodpeckers, blackcaps, kestrels, badgers, deer, foxes, stoats, etc Views of porpoises, dolphins, basking sharks in places Some invasive Japanese Knotweed, hottentot figs, Spanish bluebells, 3-cornered leeks, buddleia, montbretia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodland, scrub, rotting dead trees and few remains of Cornish hedges Disused mills and mill leats Supporting peregrine falcons, barn & little owls, woodpeckers, blackcaps, kestrels, badgers, deer, foxes, stoats, etc Some invasive Spanish bluebells, 3-cornered leeks 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lightly developed strip behind beaches Sea supports: mussels, wide variety of fish, seals, porpoises, basking sharks, seabirds including kittiwakes, fulmars and rare divers Coastal edge supports variety of birds including: buzzards, peregrines, choughs Some Hottentot Fig, Japanese Knotweed (generally kept under control) & Rhododendron (generally in gardens) Very rare Shore Dock on Pendower/Carne beach.
Data source	<i>CWT Wildlife notes, and local knowledge</i>	Environmental Mapping (Appendix 5 - Biodiversity and Geodiversity)				
Land cover and Land Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grazing pasture Arable Scrub Farms, isolated and clustered residential, holiday lets, guest houses Grassland, farmland, isolated trees/small groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grazing pasture Arable Scrub Disused quarry & limekiln Farms, isolated and clustered residential, holiday lets, guest houses, hotel Grassland, farmland, woodland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasture, tourism Hotel, pub, harbour services, bee-keeping (Portloe) Some terracing from previous cultivation in places Leisure (walking & some horse riding) Clustered and isolated residential properties & holiday lets in places Natural woodland (some managed by National Trust), some conifers in places, grassland & scrub 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourism Leisure (walking & some horse riding) Clustered and isolated residential properties & holiday lets in places Partially restored mill (open to the public) and café (Melinsey Mill) Large car parks at foot of some valleys (Carne & Pendower - National Trust) Natural woodland (some managed by National Trust), grassland & scrub 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leisure (beach activities, walking, horse riding, water sports, birdwatching, photography, art) Conservation Dunes with bracken, heather and grass Windswept hawthorn on cliff faces and tops Coastal gorse, thrift and tussocks
Data source	<i>OS Map; aerial photographs, local knowledge</i>	Environmental Mapping (Appendix 5 - agricultural land classification)				

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Field and woodland pattern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly native woodland in hedgerows, around village boundaries and on skyline including some specimen indigenous pine trees • Fields – mixed: medium & large • Cornish hedges – including hawthorn, blackthorn and gorse. Mixture of managed and overgrown, some with stock fencing. • Exposed trees and hedges sculpted by prevailing wind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly native woodland in hedgerows, around village boundaries, at top of valleys including some specimen indigenous pine trees • Fields – mixed: small, medium & large • Cornish hedges – including hawthorn, blackthorn and gorse. Mixture of managed and overgrown, some with stock fencing. • Exposed trees and hedges sculpted by prevailing wind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly native trees, some ancient woodland & a few conifers on some valley sides and bottoms (some managed by National Trust) • Fields are small, medium and large, most hedges still in place • Old Victorian terracing, now reverted to scrub (Portloe) • Mostly Cornish hedges with gorse, holly, holm oak, blackthorn and small trees, sheltered from wind due to valley, generally semi-managed but some overgrown, some fenced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly native trees, some ancient woodland (some managed by National Trust) • Some un-managed hedges still in place 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some gorse, hawthorn and isolated sculpted trees at top of cliffs • Low lying windswept bushes of ancient native scrub • Cornish hedges covered with earth and grass (well eroded and in poor condition)
Data source	<i>OS Map; aerial photographs, CWT Wildlife notes, and visit the area to confirm details</i>		Environmental Mapping (Appendix 5 – Trees and Woodland)			

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Settlement pattern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermittent clusters • Scattered • Isolated • Farm buildings, large farm barns • Holiday lets • Rural dwellings • Buildings – traditional, local stone, render, slate roofs, multiple elevations, some Edwardian, also some recent contemporary dwellings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermittent clusters • Scattered • Isolated • Farm buildings, large farm barns • Holiday lets • Rural dwellings • Buildings – traditional, local stone, render, slate roofs, multiple elevations, some Edwardian, also some recent contemporary dwellings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermittent clusters and scattered. • Tightly clustered in the valley bottom alongside road with cluster of buildings in harbour (Portloe) • Residential village and rural dwellings, holiday lets, 2nd homes (60% part-time occupancy in Portloe) • Buildings – local stone, slate roofs, traditional multiple elevations, some listed, (predominantly 19C in Portloe with some 20C additions and recent 21C eco house) • Some sympathetically extended contemporary bungalows and houses • In the past refurbishment / extensions were in traditional styles but in recent years there has been a mix of traditional and contemporary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few scattered buildings and isolated cluster (eg Lower Mill - SW9058 3926). • Tightly clustered in the valley bottom alongside road with cluster of buildings in harbour (Portloe) • Residential village and rural dwellings, holiday lets, 2nd homes (60% part-time occupancy in Portloe) • Small business (Melinsey Mill) towards head of one valley • Buildings – local stone, slate roofs, traditional multiple elevations, some listed, (predominantly 19C in Portloe with some 20C additions) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few clusters adjacent to coastal edge • Holiday lets, rural dwellings, hotel, public toilets • Buildings of local stone and contemporary construction, slate roofs, traditional multiple elevations
Data source	<i>OS Map; aerial photographs, Historic Environment information, and visit the area to confirm details</i>	Environmental Mapping (Appendix 5 – Principle Settlements)				

Character Attribute	Elevated Upland/ Plateau/ Exposed Land	Intermediate Sloping Land	Steep Sided Valley	Valley Bottom	Tidal Estuaries and Creeks - None	Cliffs
Transport pattern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast, fairly straight A road (A 3078) Mostly minor roads, generally single track, also National Cycle Route Verges on A road, otherwise generally no verges Rights of way – well maintained & well used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly minor roads, generally single track, steep & winding in places, also National Cycle Route Generally no verges Rights of way – well maintained & well used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor, single track, very narrow, steep & winding (including hair-pin bends & cut through rock in places) No verges Footpaths and bridleways – well managed (some by National Trust), well signed & well used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor, single track, very narrow, steep & winding No verges Footpaths and bridleways – well managed (some by National Trust), well signed & well used although waterlogged by stream and springs in places 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor roads, single track, very narrow, steep & winding (including hair-pin bends) South West Coast path with occasional direct access paths to road and difficult access to coves Paths well maintained by National Trust Traditional footpath signage
Data source	<i>OS Map; aerial photographs local knowledge and visit the area to confirm details</i>	Environmental Mapping (Appendix 5 – Access and Rights of Way)				
Historic Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ancient burial mound (Carne Beacon), also site of Royal Observer Corps (ROC) Post (1940 – 1962) WW2 Decoy Command Bunker & ROC underground nuclear post (1963 – 1991) Bronze Age burial barrows (nr Treswithian) Ancient settlement (Castlezens Farm) Distinctive trees on skyline, distinctive lines of trees in places Ancient (and more recent) oaks Retain all for amenity, historic significance and wildlife 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disused quarries (Gwendra and Carne) Tree tunnels Distinctive lines of trees in places Ancient (and more recent) oaks Retain all for amenity, historic significance and wildlife 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site of Iron Age fort (Veryan Castle) at top edge of one valley Limekilns Former lifeboat house, then school house, now small church. Harbour walls, including mooring rings for tall ships. (Portloe) Remnants of WW2 defences Tree tunnels, Wild woodland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watermills, Mill streams and leats Tree tunnels, Wild woodland Bog areas 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disused lime kilns Slipways WW2 pill box on Pendower beach, now collapsed (OS map ref: SW 8973 3819) Historic fishermen's bothy, Mallet's Cottage (OS map ref: SW 9155 3765) Petrified forest remains on Pendower beach (OS map ref: SW 8982 3811) Old lookout hut at Portloe (OS map ref: SW 9397 3945) Iconic rocks in sea
Data source	<i>Use local knowledge, Historic Environment information; aerial photographs and visit the area to confirm details</i>	Environmental Mapping (Appendix 5 – Heritage Designations and Historic Landscape Character Types)				

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Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeless in places • Exposed working farmland • Well kept and managed by farming and National Trust • No improvements required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeless in places • Exposed working farmland • Well kept and managed by farming and National Trust • No improvements required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portloe is a unique, archetypal Cornish fishing village, in two valleys • Other valleys timeless & untouched except for some development at foot • Continuously well maintained and managed by National Trust, parish and other land/property owners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valley bottoms timeless & untouched • Continuously well maintained and managed by National Trust, parish and other land/property owners 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal erosion taking place, massive boulder cladding to cliff base has been constructed below Nare hotel • Recent winter storm damage to slipway, WW2 pill box, coast path and bridge over stream • Litter and flotsam washed up with the high tides is a problem, more so during the main summer season. There are no litter bins in either of the large car parks adjacent to Pendower and Carne Beach • Some Cornish hedges have deteriorated naturally and suffered some rabbit damage, but significant repair work would be detrimental to character of area • National Trust areas and coast path are well maintained in keeping with character • Cornwall Council managing Japanese Knotweed well
Data source	<i>Use local knowledge and visit the area to confirm details</i>					

Character Attribute	Elevated Upland/ Plateau/ Exposed Land	Intermediate Sloping Land	Steep Sided Valley	Valley Bottom	Tidal Estuaries and Creeks - None	Cliffs
Aesthetic and sensory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noisy close to A3078 due to constant traffic Otherwise natural tranquil calmness, including birdsong and sounds of the sea Open and exposed but generally undisturbed, may be windswept with sculpted trees Predominantly west or south west wind Minimal light pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural tranquil calmness, including birdsong and sounds of the sea Open and exposed but generally undisturbed, may be windswept, with sculpted trees Predominantly west or south west wind Minimal light pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calm, undisturbed Intimate, sheltered, enclosed, uncluttered Birdsong and sounds of streams Seasonal leaf cover and wild flowers South west wind up valley Minimal light pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calm, undisturbed Intimate, sheltered, enclosed, uncluttered Birdsong and sounds of streams Seasonal leaf cover and wild flowers Streams flood valley floors after heavy prolonged rainfall South west wind up valley Minimal light pollution 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extreme outstanding natural beauty & tranquillity where land meets sea Calming environment Some areas can be busy on fine weekends and in the main summer season but although there can be lots of leisure activities going on, noise is generally swallowed up by the environment Other areas are exposed, remote, rugged, windswept sculpted by the elements and feel ancient Birdsong and sounds of the sea & wind predominate Generally south or south west wind Minimal light pollution
Data source	<i>Use local knowledge and visit the area to confirm details</i>					
Distinctive features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ancient burial mound Sea views in places Views of villages and hamlets Trees on skyline, woodland areas Traditional finger posts Some power or phone lines, distant wind turbines visible in places Some large farm barns & silos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sea views in places Views of villages and hamlets Disused quarries Woodland areas Traditional finger posts Some power or phone lines, distant wind turbines visible in places Some large farm barns & silos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cornish hedges Rustic wood steps on steeper parts of Melinsey Valley footpath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mill leats & pond (disused) Bridges over stream 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disused lime kilns Slipways WW2 pill box (now collapsed) Historic fishermen's bothy Petrified forest remains Some new design stiles on coast path Natural rock formations and cliffs Isolated offshore rocks Small, inaccessible, pretty, sandy bays
Data source	<i>Use local knowledge, Historic Environment information</i>	Environmental Mapping (Appendix 5 – Heritage Designations and Biodiversity and Geodiversity)				

Character Attribute	Elevated Upland/ Plateau/ Exposed Land	Intermediate Sloping Land	Steep Sided Valley	Valley Bottom	Tidal Estuaries and Creeks - None	Cliffs
Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient burial mound with 360 degree panoramic views from one of the highest points on the Roseland • Gateways & stiles • Hilltops • Multiple vantage points over rural valleys & seascapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateways & stiles • Multiple vantage points over rural valleys & seascapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Views from valley sides across • Views down the valleys to the sea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alongside stream in valley floor • Lower Mill • Upper mill (Melinsey) • Upper bridges over stream 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottom of "dead end" road to Pendower from A3078 (in Philleigh parish) • Coast path & coastal ends of inshore paths • Headlands
Data source	<i>OS Map; Use local knowledge</i>					
Key characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace & quiet. Open unspoilt landscape, undeveloped, timeless nature. Longstanding farming area • Natural habitat. Ancient hedgerow trees. Woodland. Skyline • Historic sites with well maintained access paths • Narrow, winding, steep lanes & paths (including some classic "roller top" stiles) to access coast and villages • Minimal light pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace & quiet. Open unspoilt landscape, undeveloped, timeless nature. Longstanding farming area • Natural habitat. Ancient hedgerow trees. Woodland. • Historic sites with well maintained access paths • Narrow, winding, steep lanes & paths (including some classic "roller top" stiles) to access coast and villages • Minimal light pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural ancient woodland • Wild flowers and plants • Views across valleys and down to the sea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural ancient woodland • Wild flowers and plants • Stream, leats and ponds 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unusually large expanses of sand at low to mid tide • Relatively large tidal range and changing topography of beach (sand depth can change by > 50 cm) • Support for vast range of leisure opportunities whilst remaining undeveloped and unspoilt • Cliff scenery, isolation, inaccessibility & tranquillity, natural mussel beds • Sweeping expansive sea views from Rame Head to Lizard point
Relationship to the adjacent assessment area(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly bordered by the adjacent Character Types of intermediate sloping land and cliffs (coastal footpath is considered to be the boundary) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly bordered by the adjacent Character Types of elevated plateau/ exposed land, steep-sided valley and cliff (coastal footpath is considered to be the boundary) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly bordered by the adjacent Character Types of intermediate sloping land and valley bottom (coastal footpath is considered to be the boundary) • Part of north west side of valley in Philleigh Parish, which includes busy A3078 just one field away from top of Melinsey valley 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly bordered by the adjacent Character Type of steep-sided valley 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly bordered by the adjacent Character Types of intermediate sloping land, elevated plateau/exposed land and steep-sided valleys (coastal footpath is considered to be the boundary).