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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. In June 1993, a detailed Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) survey was made on approximately 1 hectare of land at Broadgate near Chandlers Ford in Hampshire.
- 1.2. The work was conducted by members of the Resource Planning Team in the Guildford Statutory Group of ADAS in response to a commission by MAFF's Land Use Planning Unit to provide information on the quality of agricultural land affected by proposals for development in the Test Valley Borough Local Plan.
- 1.3. The classification has been made using MAFF's revised guidelines and criteria for grading the quality of agricultural land (MAFF, 1988). These guidelines provide a framework for classifying land according to the extent to which its physical or chemical characteristics impose long-term limitations on its use for agriculture.
- 1.4. The fieldwork was carried out by observation of the site, no borings or pits were deemed necessary under the present land usage. The table below provides details of the land use on the site.

Table 1 : Distribution of Grades and Sub-grades

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Area (ha)</u>	<u>% of Site</u>
Urban	0.87	87.9
Woodland	0.12	12.1
Total area of site	<u>0.99</u>	<u>100</u>

- 1.5. The distribution of the ALC grades is shown on the attached map. The information is presented at a scale of 1:5000; it is accurate at this level but any enlargement would be misleading. This map supersedes any previous ALC information for this site.
- 1.6. At the time of survey the majority of the land on the site was a garden to a house, with a small woodland area between it and a small grass field, beyond the site.
- 1.7. A general description of the grades and sub-grades is provided as an appendix. The main classes are described in terms of the type of limitation that can occur, the typical cropping range and the expected level and consistency of yield.

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