

5 Foci

In this context 'foci' is a collective term used to describe focal forms and places in the landscape. The definition here includes landmarks but is not limited to referring to these. Foci describes both forms and places in the landscape that attract people or are visually dominant and distinctive – differentiated from their context.

They are given attention in this section as important components of landscape design that affect the use and experience of landscapes. They have important relationships to spaces and paths in particular. A framework for understanding the role of foci is given and examples of the use of topography, vegetation, structures and water to form foci are illustrated.