



Social science perspectives

□ Gentrification studies

- ◆ Urban and rural difference
- ◆ Local to global process

"a highly local reality, first identified in a few advanced capitalist cities such as London, New York, Paris and Sydney, is now virtually global" (Smith 2002, p. 439).

"Gentrification is the product of ... the relationship between individual structures and lots and neighbourhood-scale dynamics in the land and housing markets ... But gentrification occurs in cities in at least three continents, and is closely connected with what came in the 1980s to be seen as globalisation" (Smith 1996, p. 44; see also Smith 1982).

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- ◆ Chaotic concept/diverse process?



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□ Rural studies

- ◆ Postmodern turn
- ◆ Differentiated countryside

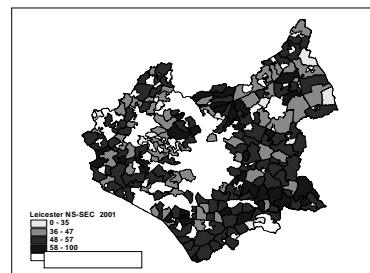
"We are witnessing the emergence of regionalised ruralities ... interactions between local, national and international processes ... generating new constellations of economic and social relations which are gaining some coherence at the regional level" (Murdoch et al 2003, p. 13).

- ◆ Landscape character

"Leicestershire wolds ... Regularly spaced across the landscape are small villages, mainly of red brick buildings clustered around a church" (Countryside Agency JCA 74)



Localised differentiation in the countryside



Ecological perspectives



Green
spaces in
the village
envelope



Green landscapes within the village

□ Ecological significance

□ Important in the 'village' character

"Go up to the church tower in the spring and look down on the village; it is well concealed under the tree canopy. These fine mature trees give the key quality to our village. Buildings are all the better for being half seen under trees, but many of our trees are mature, planted when space and landowners were generous. Try now to find space in the village for even a modest tree. We are crowded in" (David Meylan, Trees in East Bridgford, East Bridgford & Kneeton village magazine, April 2005)



Great diversity in
forms and scales





Ecological diversity



- Human and non-human inhabitants of gentrified green spaces