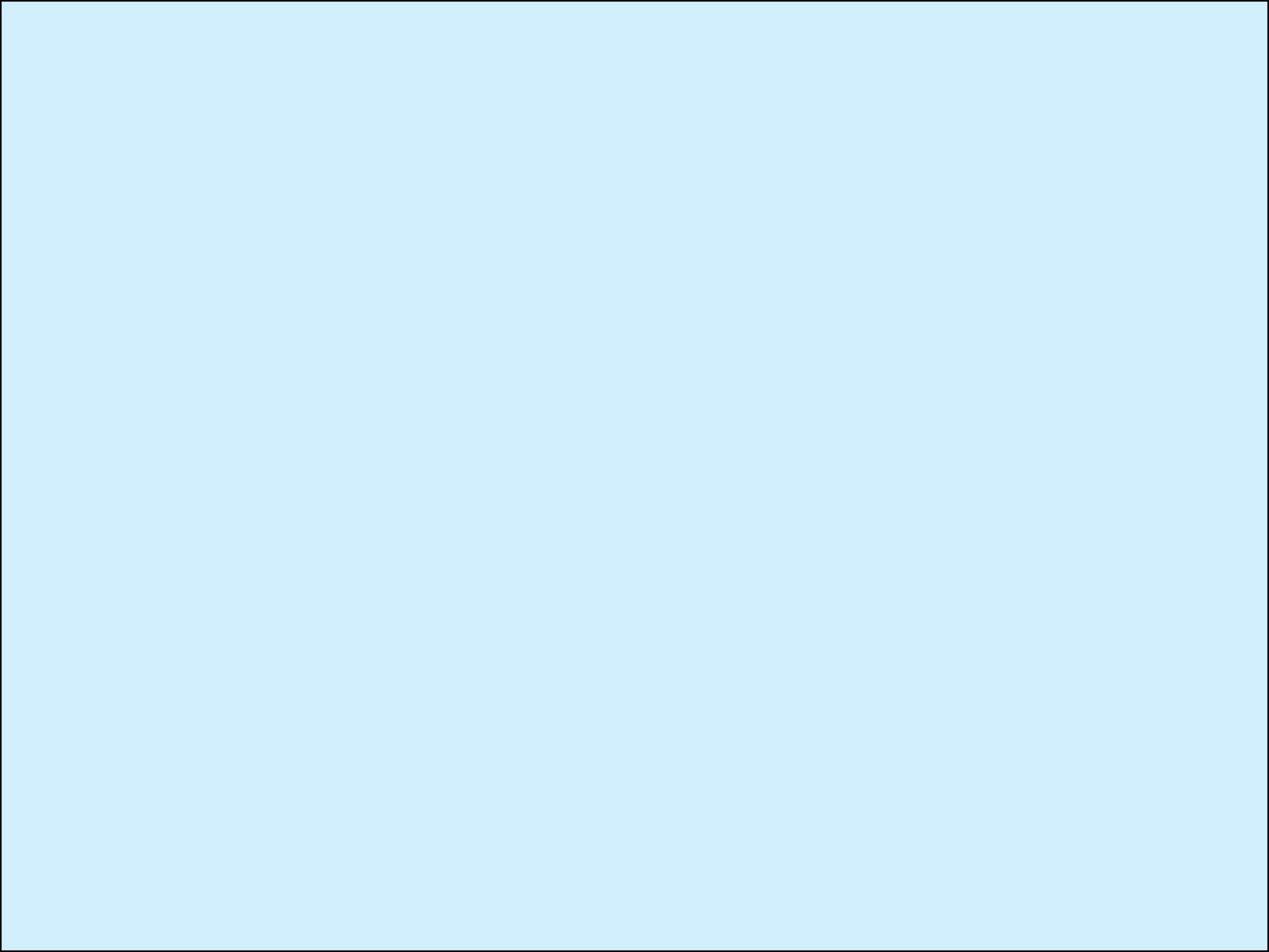


Three broad terms help to describe the different ways in which land might be regarded as having value, and these are:

1. Land's instrumental value, which relates to its importance in being able to provide additional benefits beyond that of itself.
2. Land's intrinsic value, which is based on humanity's judgement of its importance for what it is rather than what it can provide.
3. Land's inherent value, which is based on an ethical argument that its worth is independent of humanity's judgement.



# **Land Values**

by

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## **Thornhill, West Yorkshire**

This place is where I lived from 1969 when I was born to 1992 when I eventually moved on. As a child it became my playground where I would play football on any spare patch of grass, create dams and go fishing at the local pond, make dens in the surrounding scrublands, and generally be “off-out” until it was time for tea or bed.

Looking back, I now believe that this is where my value for land was formed; a kind of childhood paradise where I was seemingly free to play safe from the threats and controlling influences of adult society. Yet at the same time I wonder whether the reality of such a place and time could ever be truly regarded as a ‘childhood paradise’.













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When I returned to this place I repeated a journey around the estate I remember once taking as a child, and found that each mundane place had a personal significance and story to tell of my childhood.









A round figure of 10,000 is often quoted to highlight how many playing fields were allegedly sold off between 1979 and 1997 during a previous Conservative Government's administration.





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**“Only 36% of children claimed that they played out more than once a week”**  
Taken from a survey for TV channel Eden ([if.org.uk](http://if.org.uk))

“43% of adults suggested that children should not play unsupervised before the age of 14”

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Contact the papers, ring your Councillor as it happens, ring the police, contact your MP, quote the recent deaths connected to this type of nuisance. Get your neighbours to complain too, same time same problem, keep a diary - every chance you get complain, contact the local radio.

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## Land Values

Our personal values of what is important can be formed at an early age, influenced by things such as relationships, society, and the place we live. In turn, these values can influence both our attitude and behaviour towards everything we come across. Land Values thus takes a personal perspective on my relationship with and value for land; asking whether this has changed over time, through different experiences of place, or due to a changing way of life. It does so by comparing and contrasting the relationship I had with land as I grew up, with the opportunities offered by a new place I recently moved to.

While this may present as a personal perspective, it also investigates a common concern that if children no longer engage with land in the same way we remember as adults, and their value for it is thus lost, then how might this affect our future attitude towards things such as the environmentalist's argument for land's conservation.

The ordinary and somewhat banal images of places from my past are used as an ironic presentation of the notion of this being a childhood paradise - a place where I was seemingly free and safe to play without worry of adult and societal influences. This is intended to both reflect on and challenge my perception of this time, my memories of experiences I had there, as well as the nostalgia which can often be attached to the past. By comparing and contrasting perceptions and experiences of these two places I hope to raise questions in the viewers' mind about the impact of change; asking whether it should be regarded as a threat to society's value for land and something that needs to be addressed, or an opportunity for a better appreciation of land's evolution and complex relationship with humanity.





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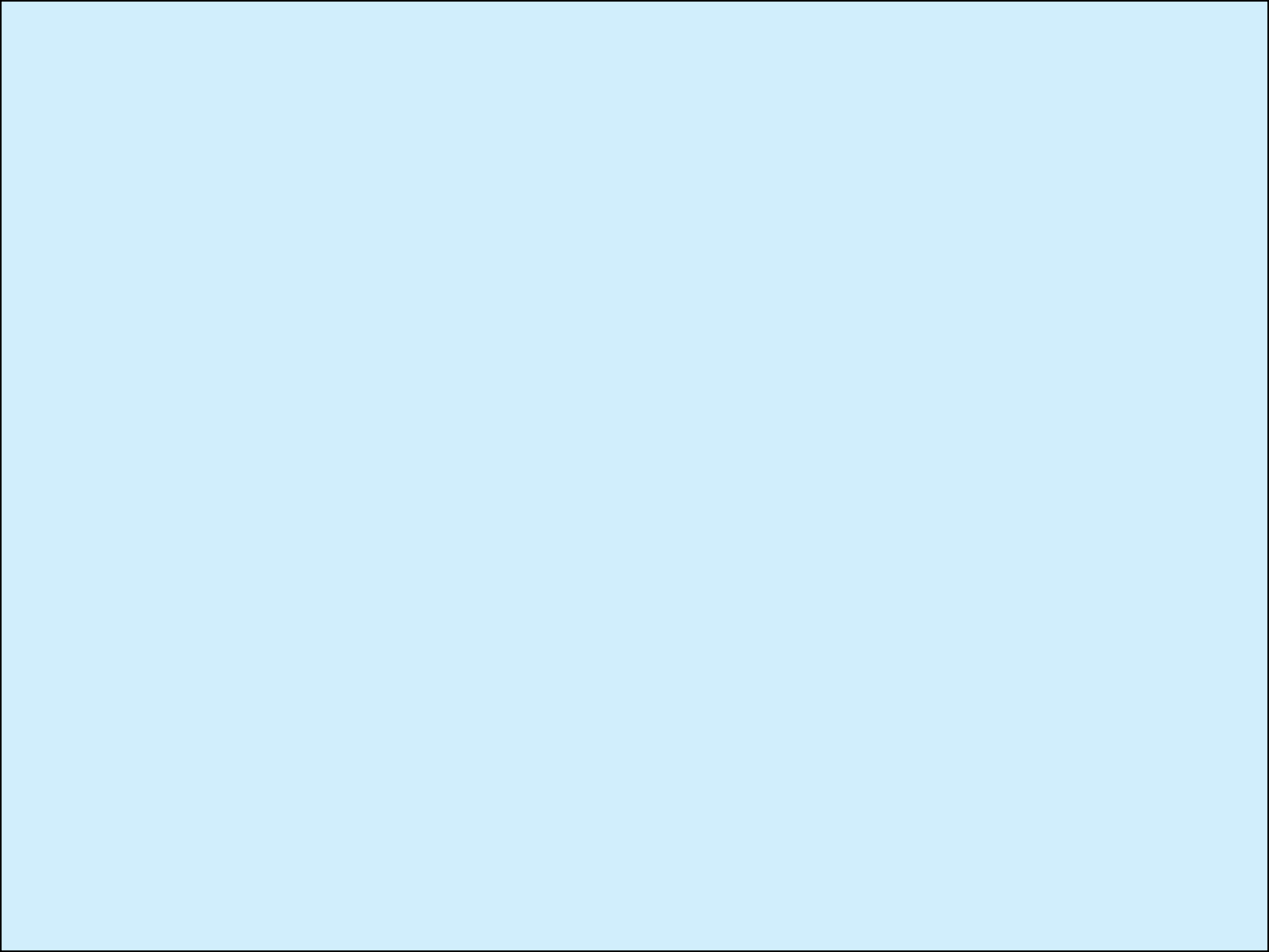


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