Subelements
The constituencies were asked to identify which elements should be separated into sub elements.

Category 1
BL affirms the JSC Decision.

Category 2
There is no strong feeling at the BL that subdivision is essential. The break down by NLA in its response corresponds closely with BL breakdown and we do not regard the differences as significant.

Category 3
There is an argument that only informed users will penetrate this deep into the description and therefore the use of square brackets is perfectly acceptable. The use of square brackets evolved in response to the requirement for economy of space in the context of a catalogue card or guard book entry. While economy of keystrokes is desirable it should not be at the expense of comprehension or usability. The BL would prefer an explicit explanation, e.g [93] pages = 93 unnumbered pages.

3. Abbreviations
The general rubric that abbreviations should be eschewed was adopted as an aid to user comprehension. It is acceptable to make exceptions to this in cases where the abbreviations do not present a barrier to comprehension and where expansion of the abbreviations may prove costly.

Treatment of early printed resources
No comments

3.5.0.4 Dimensions of carrier
Dimensions for both should be given. It should be clear what the dimensions refer to.

3.5.1.0 Dimensions of maps, etc. - Application
No comment.

3.5.1.1 Recording dimensions of maps, etc
BL view is that recording additional sets of dimensions, as per 3.5.2.1.3, would be desirable.

3.5.2.0 Dimensions of still images - Application
No comments

3.5.3.3 Details of dimensions
No comment.

3.12.0.3.1 Recording colour
Yes.