Figure 144: Frame dialog: Area page showing bitmap choices

Adding a gradient, pattern, or hatch to the background

To add a gradient, pattern, or hatch to the background, choose the *Area* page, then choose the required background type. The page now displays the options for that type, with an example in the preview pane to the right. Select the required design from the list or create a new design to use for this frame. Click **OK** to apply it to the background. See the *Draw Guide* for more about defining gradients, patterns, and hatching.

Deleting a color, gradient, bitmap, or other background

To delete a background, select **None** near the top of the *Area* page of the Frame dialog.

Adjusting the transparency of the background

Transparency is useful for creating watermarks (a logo or text in the background of a page, typically showing the company name or a statement such as *Draft*) and making colors or images more pale (for more contrast with the text). Use the Transparency tab (Figure 145) to define the type of transparency. The choices are covered in detail in the *Draw Guide*.