

**Bassetlaw Landscape Character Assessment  
Magnesian Limestone Ridge**

**APPENDIX D3**

**Landscape Condition and Sensitivity Assessment Survey Sheets**

***Magnesian Limestone Ridge***

LANDSCAPE CONDITION and SENSITIVITY (report)

DPZ Ref ML01

Draft Character Type Magnesian Limestone Ridge Date 16/02/2009 Surveyor KMS/DH

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) ML1

Conditions Bright and lightly overcast OS East 458900 OS North 390300

Location A60, Malpas Hill

LANDSCAPE CONDITION DPZ Ref ML01

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented? Coherent

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

High voltage powerlines
A60 (busy road)
Fly tipping (Styrrup Lane) around Clatticar Wood

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Few

Visual Unity Score 5 this score equates to.. Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINCs
Clatticar Wood - deciduous woodland. Ref: 2/127
Oldcotes Disused Railway - diverse range of habitats. Ref: 2/125
Ref: 2/126 ??
Habitats
Internal field boundaries are predominantly hawthorn.
Blocks of deciduous woodland consisting of Ash, Birch, Holly and Hazel, with Ivy a prominent feature
small area of wetland
acid grassland

Ecological Bases

Some hedgerows connect to a block of woodland near the north boundary, although internal hedgerows are fragmented. Woodland in the north connects to a band of woodland to the north, and hedgerows along the A60 connect to woodland to the north-west. Acid grassland is present on road verges along the northern boundary and connecting into the woodland habitat.

Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land with gappy internal hedges, but hedgerows along the roads in general good condition. Very small quantities of pasture in the north and south

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Oak, ash birch, holly hazel woodland

Extent

Low coverage; woodland occupies approximately 10%

Age Structure

Mature

**Field Boundaries**

Hedgerow field boundaries adjacent to the A60 are in good condition and intact. Internal field boundaries are gappy.

**Built Features**

Brick farmhouse

**Additional Notes** Historic field pattern largely intact although fields have been rationalised. Railway dismantles but former line evident in landscape. Woodland still present although slightly modified according to sandersons map.

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Good

**Functional Integrity Score** 5 *this score equates to..* Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

No new built development except outbuildings around Park House

**Impact of built development** Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Field enlargement  
Expansion of farmstead  
Loss of fragmented hedgerows

**Impact of recent land use change** insignificant

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Integrity of landscape relatively intact although some hedgerows have been removed to create larger fields. Some fields lacking boundaries due to removal of hedgerows. Some internal hedgerows in need of restoration. Woodland demonstrates a lack of a regular management regime, with some removal of dead and dying trees required, plus a need to reduce the quantity of ivy surrounding many trees. No built development has taken place.

**Condition Overall Score** 10 *this score equates to..* Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Mixed species deciduous blocks and a connected linear belt

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Most are predominantly hawthorn with very few trees (mostly absent).

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Other Vegetation**

Variety of habitats along disused railway SINC. Acid grassland along Styrrup lane roadside with some bracken.

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare **Continuity** Historic

**Field Boundaries**

Trimmed hedge with a grass verge

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Buildings**

Isolated farmhouse (with some modern outbuildings)

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare **Continuity** Historic

**Highways**

Straight roads: A60 lane with grass bank

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Other Features**

Dismantled railway line

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Settlements**

No settlement beside Park House

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

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**Sense of Place Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Visibility**

**Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**

Views are open towards ridgelines to the south and east, and bound by higher ground to the west.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?**

**How wooded is the landscape ?**

**Views Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Sensitivity Overall Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Landscape Policy Score**  *this score equates to Landscape Polic*

# LANDSCAPE CONDITION and SENSITIVITY (report)

DPZ Ref

Draft Character Type  Date  Surveyor

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s)

Conditions  OS East  OS North

Location

LANDSCAPE CONDITION DPZ Ref

## Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

**Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?**

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score  this score equates to..

## Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

### Ecological Bases

### Intensity of Land Use

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

### Tree cover

### Extent

### Age Structure

### Field Boundaries

### Built Features

Additional Notes

features within the village.

**Overall Cultural Integrity**

**Functional Integrity Score**  *this score equates to..*

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

Building style is mixed, with parts of the original village style dispersed with new-build in pockets. New buildings are largely brick, but frequently non-vernacular. Others reflect original style, materials or finishes. Coach depot an incongruous feature. Public house non-vernacular: character and scale out of proportion.

**Impact of built development**

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Extension of village of oldcotes into agricultural land  
Intensification of farming and loss of existing hedgerow sections

**Impact of recent land use change**

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Form and grain of village generally adhered to with regard to new building. Development respects the local vernacular style and scale, generally not detracting from the character of the area. Detracting features can be observed in deteriorating hedgerows and the placement of a coach depot on the fringes.

**Condition Overall Score**  *this score equates to..*

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands** NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

None

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Presence of hedgerow trees is insignificant.

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Other Vegetation**

Garden trees throughout rear gardens of Oldcotes and some trees along field boundaries backing onto village properties.  
Wet grassland and deciduous tree line along river corridor.

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Field Boundaries**

Gappy hedges or a lack of field boundaries across arable land.

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Buildings**

Number of listed buildings in oldcotes and at manor farm. Red brick and stone houses. Reasonable proportion of recent houses.

**LISTED BUILDINGS**

- 7No. Along Maltby Road
- 1No. Along A60 (near A634 junction)
- 1 No. along Doncaster Road (A60)
- 5 No. along Main Street

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Highways**

Straight hedgelined roads in the form of the A60 and A634, plus several minor roads serving housing in Oldcotes

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Other Features**

Garden centre  
Roman villa

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Settlements**

Oldcotes village consisting of traditional and modern housing, with some commercial properties such as the Public House and farmstead on the perimeter.

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

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**Sense of Place Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Visibility**

**Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**

Open views beyond to wooded skylines towards the north and west, with visibility in and beyond the south limited by development in Oldcotes which sits along the southern boundary.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?**

**How wooded is the landscape ?**

**Views Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Sensitivity Overall Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Landscape Policy Score**  *this score equates to Landscape Polic*

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LANDSCAPE CONDITION DPZ Ref

## Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

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Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

A60  
Telecommunication mast  
Low voltage powerlines

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score  this score equates to..

## Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINCs  
Cow wood - deciduous calcareous woodland. Ref: 5/2126  
Burntout Copse - deciduous copse. Ref: 2/118  
Oldcotes Mill Grassland - species rich calcareous grassland. Ref: 5/2100  
Dyscarr Wood Marsh - wet grassland and base-rich marshland. Ref: 5/99  
  
SINC and SSSI  
Dyscarr Wood - Calcareous woodland. Ref 1/46  
  
Deciduous calcareous woodlands.  
Pasture with species rich grassland  
Wet grassland and marsh  
Clumps of mature trees and scattered group of individual trees  
Wooded watercourse  
Boundary hedgerows predominantly hawthorn  
Wet grassland

### Ecological Bases

Oldcotes Dyke which forms the northern boundary is largely wooded and connects to a number of woodland blocks in the north. Tree cover in the form of bands of woodland and individual parkland trees extend south from the Dyke, accompanied by patches of wet grassland. Three large blocks of woodland forming Dyscarr wood are provided with little opportunity to connect with habitat to the north due to a lack of field boundary hedgerows; hedgerows network around the perimeters, particularly along road corridors, but provide little connection across the central area.

### Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land with few internal boundary hedgerows. An area of allotments to the south. Some pasture land with a number of woodlands and an area of parkland. Overall, moderate intensity.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

**Tree cover**

Deciduous copse, woodland and parkland trees. Trees lining the southern bank of the dyke include some coniferous specimens in the north-west corner.

**Extent**

Moderate coverage overall: although concentrated largely in the south-west and north.

**Age Structure**

Varying.

**Field Boundaries**

Internal field boundaries largely absent, with intact hedgerow trees along roads. No hedgerow trees

**Built Features**

Traditional buildings are stone, and these materials are reflected in new dwellings built in close proximity.

**Additional Notes**

Many intact blocks of woodland with peripheral boundaries maintained, although some deterioration evident of internal boundaries south of Lamb Lane.

**Overall Cultural Integrity**

**Functional Integrity Score**  *this score equates to..*

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

Development on southern edge of oldcotes are stone which reflects the material of traditional buildings on this side of the village. Efforts have been made to reflect suitable scale and style in addition to material choice. New farm buildings at goldthorpe are large non-vernacular sheds which dominate the listed redbrick farmhouse

**Impact of built development**

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Extension of intensive arable farming to the east onto parkland  
Loss of remaining internal hedgerows leading to loss of structure within the main area  
Further expansion of langold into arable land to the south-east

**Impact of recent land use change**

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Evidence of loss of historic field structure in the central areas of the DPZ is a significant and detracting feature, in addition to many of the hedgerows being in poor condition and in the majority of cases, gappy. The agricultural nature of the area provides a sense of unity although this is impinged upon by power lines, neighbouring town edges and a mast.

**Condition Overall Score**  *this score equates to..*

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Blocks of woodland linking to a wooded Watercourse (oldcotes dyke)  
Deciduous copse  
Belts of deciduous woodland

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Predominantly hawthorn hedgerows, although notably absent in places within arable fields. No hedgerow trees.

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Other Vegetation**

Grouped and individual parkland trees

Calcareous grassland  
Marsh and wet grassland

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Field Boundaries**

Trimmed hedgerows. No boundaries where hedgerows are absent

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Buildings**

Isolated farm  
Stone country house  
Stone houses (recent)

## LISTED BUILDINGS

Goldthorpe Farm  
1 No. along Doncaster Road (A60)

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Highways**

Straight roads: Lamb Lane and the A60

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Other Features**

Sports pitches  
Allotments

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Settlements**

The southern fringes of Oldcotes extend into the north of the DPZ  
Fringes of Langold visible within majority of DPZ and has an impact on character

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

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**Sense of Place Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Visibility****Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**

Views within consist of open arable farmland and areas of woodland, with wooded skylines and the built areas of langold defining and limiting visibility beyond.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?**

**How wooded is the landscape ?**

**Views Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Sensitivity Overall Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Landscape Policy Score**  *this score equates to Landscape Polic*

# LANDSCAPE CONDITION and SENSITIVITY (report)

DPZ Ref

Draft Character Type  Date  Surveyor

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s)

Conditions  OS East  OS North

Location

LANDSCAPE CONDITION DPZ Ref

## Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

**Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?**

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

**Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?**

**Visual Unity Score**  *this score equates to..*

## Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINCs  
Langold railway cutting - waterlogged cutting. Ref: 2/124  
The bottoms, wallingwells - deciduous woodland. Ref: 5/294  
Monastery garden quarry and wood - historical species rich woodland. Ref:2/108  
Castle garden, wallingwells - geological. Ref: 2/1044  
Wallingwell and carlton woods - woodland. Ref: 2/109  
The ashes - deciduous woodland. Ref: 5/97  
  
Blocks of deciduous woodland  
wooded dyke corridor  
ditches and small watercourses  
ponds

### Ecological Bases

Hedgerows provide connectivity between blocks of woodland with either reasonable field margins or vegetated ditches observed in the north-east and south-west respectively. Hedgerow network largely intact. Some woodland blocks connected by ditches, watercourses or a series of ponds.

### Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land with strongly trimmed hedges, with pockets of pasture near woodland blocks and properties

**Additional Notes**

**Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?**

Cultural Integrity:

### Tree cover

Dispersed small blocks of woodland often loosely grouped: at Langold a few plantations surrounded by arable land are located towards woodland at langold country park. Goldthorpe plantation is linked towards the Country Park via the Railway cutting. At wallingwells woodland blocks and bands are largely situated towards carlton wood. In both areas remaining woodland is largely isolated.  
A mixture of small coniferous and deciduous plantations exist amongst arable fields.

**Extent**

Fragmented coverage and fairly low in extent.

**Age Structure**

Mature

**Field Boundaries**

Variable. Near langold hedgerows are intact with very few hedgerow trees. To the west of carlton in lindrick hedgerows are mostly evident although some field boundaries are non-existent or gappy and many have hedgerow trees. Some boundaries are formed by adjacent woodland blocks, or hedges and trees alongside small watercourses.

**Built Features**

Hodstock grange is a stone pantile roof collection of buildings.  
Roxholme grange - large red brick country house.

**Additional Notes**

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Good

**Functional Integrity Score** 5 *this score equates to..* Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

A few new dwellings around wallingwells wood  
Large agricultural buildings added around farmsteads at The Ashes and Wallingwells wood.

**Impact of built development** Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Intensification of arable farming, continued loss of hedgerows around Carlton in lindrick, expansion northwards of North Carlton, loss of isolated blocks of woodland due to farming intensification

**Impact of recent land use change** localised

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

rural character comprising flat arable land with interspersed woodland is retained, with landform having a strong influence on the character. Few detracting features within the DPZ, although evidence of expanding settlement onto the fringes of the area. Existing housing outside the LCP has a visual impact on the area due to its flat open nature, and the former spoil heap is significant on the skyline of the north-west.

**Condition Overall Score** 10 *this score equates to..* Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Small plantations within arable land.  
Deciduous fragmented woodland at Wallingwells.  
Band of woodland along railway cutting and owards wood dyke.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Hawthorn hedgerows, some with and some without hedgerow trees. Hedgerows absent in patches.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Other Vegetation**

Field margin rough grassland

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Field Boundaries**

Hedge with margins  
Hedge with ditch

**Distinctiveness**

Characteristic

**Continuity**

Historic

**Buildings**

Isolated farms and private dwellings (stone and brick).  
Scattered collection of red brick dwellings at Wallingwells Wood.

## LISTED BUILDINGS

Hodsock Grange  
3 No. at Wallingwells  
1 No. at the Ashes

**Distinctiveness**

Characteristic

**Continuity**

Recent

**Highways**

Minor roads/private tracks to small groups of properties or farms  
A60 between Carlton and Langold

**Distinctiveness**

Characteristic

**Continuity**

Historic

**Other Features**

Dismantled railway

**Distinctiveness**

Unique/Rare

**Continuity**

Historic

**Settlements**

Scattered settlement, farmsteads and roxholme grange. Both areas are bordered by Carlton in Lindrick, North Carlton or Langold

**Distinctiveness**

Characteristic

**Continuity**

Historic

**Final distinctivene**

Characteristic

**Final Continuity**

Historic

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**Sense of Place Score**

4

*this score equates to..*

Moderate

**Visibility****Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**

Views are predominantly open across the area. Dispersed woodland and settlement defines the views toward langold, and woodland and landform restricts views west of Carlton.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?**

Dominant

**How wooded is the landscape ?**

Intermittent

**Views Score**

5

*this score equates to..*

High

**Sensitivity Overall Score**

9

*this score equates to..*

High

**Landscape Policy Score**

19

*this score equates to Landscape Polic*

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# LANDSCAPE CONDITION and SENSITIVITY (report)

DPZ Ref **ML05**

Draft Character Type **Magnesian Limestone Ridge**

Date **11/02/2009**

Surveyor **KMS/DH**

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) **ML5**

Conditions **Sunny with some slight haze**

OS East **458000**

OS North **386550**

Location **Langold Country Park; access from Church Street**

## LANDSCAPE CONDITION

DPZ Ref **ML05**

### Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

**Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?**

Incoherent

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

High voltage power lines

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Few

Visual Unity Score

**4**

this score equates to..

**Coherent**

### Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

#### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINCs

Langold Lake swamp and woodland - wet woodland, swamp and open water. Ref: 5/2112

Langold Park lake - recreational lake. Ref: 1/126

Langold Dry Lake and costhorpe plantation - species rich woodland. Ref:2/122

SINC and SSSI

Dyscarr wood - calcareous woodland

Rough grassland

Lake and associated vegetation

Plantation and deciduous woodland

Swamp and wet woodland

#### Ecological Bases

Tracts of plantation and woodland well-connected. Some networking provided by hedgerows in the south but no links to crow wood beyond to the north. The dry lake, Langold Lake and swamp provide a continuous and prominent link right across the DPZ from the east to west, and connecting to surrounding woodland blocks and tracts at either end.

#### Intensity of Land Use

Some highly intensive arable land use; some with and some without hedgerows. The remainder (in proximity to the lake) serves as a country park.

#### Additional Notes

Langold Lake and the Country Park provides a series of well-connected habitats and link to a number of surrounding habitats. However, this is interrupted but three tracks.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

#### Tree cover

Large areas of woodland; both deciduous and plantation. Belts of new tree planting around honey hills, and stretches of woodland alongside the lake. Some swamp and wet woodland.

#### Extent

Approximately 20%  
Moderate coverage

**Age Structure**

Young plantation woodland on honey hill  
Mature woodland at dry lake, langold lake and langold woodland.

**Field Boundaries**

Non existent or where present in most instances hedgerows with trees

**Built Features**

Brick units or steel containers for provision of facilities in country park

**Additional Notes**

Pit heap a newer feature to landscape. Much of the original agricultural land modified in creation of honey hills. Country park not a historic feature. Lake is historic as seen on Sandersons map, although modifications have been made (dry lake woodland) by foreshortening of the eastern extent; now concreted.

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Variable

**Functional Integrity Score** 4 *this score equates to..* Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

No development - recreational buildings are non-vernacular

**Impact of built development** Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Tracts of intensive arable farming impinging on various woodland types around the lake

**Impact of recent land use change** widespread

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Landscape character has changed significantly due to the creation of the country park following restoration of the former pit heap; both new features. The lake remains with associated woodland and habitats both to the east and west. Restoration planting is still young.

**Condition Overall Score** 8 *this score equates to..* Moderate

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Plantation woodlands on hilltop (recent)  
Mature plantation  
Deciduous woodland  
Wet swamp woodland

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Hawthorn hedges with trees. No hedgerows in the most northerly tract of agricultural land. Hedgerows trees are predominantly oak.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Other Vegetation**

Swamp

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare      **Continuity** Ancient

**Field Boundaries**

Trimmed hedges with hedgerow trees (oak)

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Buildings**

Recreational buildings associated with the park

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare      **Continuity** Recent

**Highways**

Relatively straight road; Rotherham Baulk

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Other Features**

Country park  
Recreational lake  
Hill (created from spoil heap)

**Distinctiveness** Indistinct      **Continuity** Historic

**Settlements**

none

**Distinctiveness**       **Continuity**

**Final distinctivene** Unique/Rare      **Final Continuity** Historic

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**Sense of Place Score** 5      *this score equates to..* Strong

**Visibility**

**Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**

Views are predominantly inward-looking; restricted by honey hills and continuous stretches of woodland. Views to the south open up south of Rotherham Baulk.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?** Dominant

**How wooded is the landscape ?** Enclosed

**Views Score** 4      *this score equates to..* Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score** 9      *this score equates to..* High

**Landscape Policy Score** 17      *this score equates to Landscape Polic* Conserve and Restore

# LANDSCAPE CONDITION and SENSITIVITY (report)

DPZ Ref **ML06**

Draft Character Type **Magnesian Limestone Ridge** Date **16/02/2009** Surveyor **KMS/DH**

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) **ML7, ML8, ML9**

Conditions **Bright, slightly overcast.** OS East **457950** OS North **383200**

Location **Owday Lane; track to Holme House Farm**

LANDSCAPE CONDITION DPZ Ref **ML06**

## Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

**Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?** **Coherent**

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

**A60 immediately to east**

**Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?** **Few**

**Visual Unity Score** **5** *this score equates to..* **Unified**

## Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINCs  
Wallingwells and Carlton Woods - woodland. Ref: 2/109  
Owday Wood - woodland. Ref: 2/113  
Owday Plantation - mature plantation. Reg 2/114  
Nabs Ashes Woods - deciduous woodland. Ref 2/116  
  
Deciduous and mixed woodland blocks  
Belts of woodland

### Ecological Bases

Hedgerows and field margins provide a good network. Belt of deciduous woodland connects into woodland block

### Intensity of Land Use

High intensity arable farming with fields divided by strongly trimmed hedgerows, plus a small proportion of pasture land

**Additional Notes** **Although predominantly intensive farming, some notably sized plantation and woodland exists with a good network of hedgerows**

**Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?** **Moderate**

Cultural Integrity:

### Tree cover

Coniferous plantation woodland  
Deciduous woodland  
Hedgerow trees  
Treelines along roadside  
Individual field trees  
Deciduous tree belt

### Extent

Up to 25%.  
Moderate coverage

### Age Structure

Mature

**Field Boundaries**

Strong and well trimmed.  
Some hedgerows display fragmentation but these are in the minority  
Some boundaries defined by woodland blocks or occasionally tree belts.

**Built Features**

Stone farmhouse with pantile roofing and outbuildings in a similar style  
Stone farm house with modern large sheds

**Additional Notes**

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Good

**Functional Integrity Score** 5 *this score equates to..* Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

Built development extends as far as the addition of a number of modern largescale outbuildings around Holme House Farm

**Impact of built development** Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Intensification of farming leading to an increase in field size and loos of boundary hedgerows.  
Pasture conversion to arable land in the north would lead to a loss of remnant parkland and an increase in intensification of land use.

**Impact of recent land use change** insignificant

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Lack of land use change means that the area retains its rural character and cultural integrity. Whilst some evidence of existing buildings being converted, these still retain the vernacular style and architectural features characteristic of the area. Some field enlargement has led to removal of some hedgerows, but otherwise hedgerows are intact.

**Condition Overall Score** 10 *this score equates to..* Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Planation belt coniferous woodland  
Mature mixed woodland  
Mature deciduous woodland

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Trees within hawthorn hedges

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Other Vegetation**

Scattered field trees  
Occasional lines of trees

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Field Boundaries**

Trimmed hedges with grass verges along roads. Trimmed hedges around fields.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Buildings**

Isolated farms (some listed)  
Stone cottages  
Modern agricultural barns

LISTED BUILDINGS  
Holme House Farm  
1 No. along Owday Lane

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

#### Highways

Relatively straight road; Owday Lane

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

#### Other Features

None

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

#### Settlements

Immediately adjacent to South Carlton and Carlton in Lindrick.

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Final distinctivene**  **Final Continuity**

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**Sense of Place Score**  *this score equates to..*

#### Visibility

##### Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?

Views are generally limited to within the DPZ due to distribution and occurrence of woodland. South Carlton defines some views to the east out of the DPZ

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?**

**How wooded is the landscape ?**

**Views Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Sensitivity Overall Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Landscape Policy Score**  *this score equates to Landscape Polic*

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## Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score  this score equates to..

## Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

### Ecological Bases

### Intensity of Land Use

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

### Tree cover

### Extent

### Age Structure

### Field Boundaries

Other boundaries defined by avenue of trees  
Intact hedgerows along roads.

**Built Features**

Stone farmhouse/dwelling with red pantile roof

**Additional Notes**

**Overall Cultural Integrity**

**Functional Integrity Score**  *this score equates to..*

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

No known recent development

**Impact of built development**

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Expansion of agriculture into parkland

**Impact of recent land use change**

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

The area retains its historic character, with historic buildings and parkland associated with Gateford Hall Park being the dominant features. Due to the lack of development within the area, the rural character has been retained, although there is pressure from recent development immediately to the east of the area.

**Condition Overall Score**  *this score equates to..*

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY****Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?****Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Mixed woodland plantations on top of localised high ground.  
Large block of mixed plantation woodland  
Belts of woodland including around Gateford Hill buildings

**Distinctiveness**

**Continuity**

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Some hawthorn hedges with hedgerow trees.  
Other parts have no boundary hedgerows.

**Distinctiveness**

**Continuity**

**Other Vegetation**

Avenues of trees

**Distinctiveness**

**Continuity**

**Field Boundaries**

Trimmed hedge

**Distinctiveness**

**Continuity**

**Buildings**

Isolated farms and stone large country house

**LISTED BUILDINGS**

Gateford Hill  
Gateford Hall  
California Farm

Distinctiveness Continuity **Highways**Distinctiveness Continuity **Other Features**Distinctiveness Continuity **Settlements**Distinctiveness Continuity Final distinctivene Final Continuity To support final di To support final co Sense of Place Score *this score equates to..* **Visibility****Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ? How wooded is the landscape ? Views Score  *this score equates to..* Sensitivity Overall Score  *this score equates to..* Landscape Policy Score  *this score equates to Landscape Polic*

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Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

A57  
Denser portion of shireoaks village occupies the large proportion of DPZ (approx 30%)  
Scrap yard light goods vehicles  
Disused mineshafts  
Railway line

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score  this score equates to..

## Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINC  
Fox Covert - habitat mosaic. Ref: 2/117  
Mixed plantation woodland  
Deciduous woodland

### Ecological Bases

Fox Covert is an isolated habitat  
Small degree of networked hedgerows around rough pasture connecting to patches of woodland in the south-east corner

### Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land with no internal hedgerows  
Housing occupies a large proportion

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

### Tree cover

Mixed woodland/plantation interspered with other habitat types  
Scrub woodland

### Extent

Low coverage.  
Less than 10%

### Age Structure

Semi-mature

### Field Boundaries

Internal boundaries within the area of agriculture are none existent - some scattered fragments can be found

Some hedgerows around pasture land  
Intact hedgerow along the A57

**Built Features**

Urban estate housing  
Brick farm house  
Modern commercial buildings

**Additional Notes**

Historic field pattern is almost completely lost, and much of the area is occupied by development as an extension to the Shireoaks village (the traditional village core is to the south of the DPZ boundary). Newer housing is largely non-vernacular and does not reflect the style or materials of the original dwellings.

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Poor

**Functional Integrity Score** 2 *this score equates to..* Very Weak

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

Development does not respect the original character of the village (south of the railway line) and is modern in style. Housing is comparatively densely built. Mixed styles and scale of individual dwellings throughout, but particularly of note along the main street. Occasional stone or brick vernacular buildings interspersed amongst non-vernacular brick buildings.

**Impact of built development** High

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Extension of housing further into agricultural land  
Loss of tree cover in the south to redevelopment of the land for housing

**Impact of recent land use change** widespread

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Intensive agricultural land use to the north and expansion of the shireoaks village into the area has led to the loss of most of the historic field pattern and character. Other features such as the A57, railway and scrap yard in the north-west corner further detract from the character. Built form is largely non-vernacular.

**Condition Overall Score** 6 *this score equates to..* Very Poor

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY****Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?****Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Plantation woodland around fishing lake  
Scrub woodland  
Limited remnants of historic 'rough wood' (see Sandersons map)

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic

**Continuity** Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Some remnant fragments and hedgerow along A57

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare

**Continuity** Historic

**Other Vegetation**

Mixed habitat at Fox Covert  
Scrub

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare

**Continuity** Recent

**Field Boundaries**

Largely non-existent  
Hedges with trees  
Mixed treatment of property boundaries

Distinctiveness Continuity **Buildings**

Red brick (and some stone) houses  
 Isolated farms  
 Railway station (traditional in style)

Distinctiveness Continuity **Highways**

Curving roads and network of minor residential roads.

Distinctiveness Continuity **Other Features**

Disused mine shafts  
 Fishing lake

Distinctiveness Continuity **Settlements**

Shireoaks (northern portion)

Distinctiveness Continuity Final distinctivene Final Continuity To support final di To support final co Sense of Place Score this score equates to.. **Visibility****Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**

Views are open to the north and defined by landform and woodland beyond the DPZ. Views towards and within the southern part are controlled by housing.

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ? How wooded is the landscape ? Views Score  this score equates to.. Sensitivity Overall Score  this score equates to.. Landscape Policy Score  this score equates to Landscape Polic

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Pattern of Elements

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Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

A57  
Denser portion of shireoaks village occupies the large proportion of DPZ (approx 30%)  
Scrap yard light goods vehicles  
Disused mineshafts  
Railway line

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score  this score equates to..

## Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINC  
Fox Covert - habitat mosaic. Ref: 2/117  
Mixed plantation woodland  
Deciduous woodland

### Ecological Bases

Fox Covert is an isolated habitat  
Small degree of networked hedgerows around rough pasture connecting to patches of woodland in the south-east corner

### Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land with no internal hedgerows  
Housing occupies a large proportion

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

### Tree cover

Mixed woodland/plantation interspered with other habitat types  
Scrub woodland

### Extent

Low coverage.  
Less than 10%

### Age Structure

Semi-mature

### Field Boundaries

Internal boundaries within the area of agriculture are none existent - some scattered fragments can be found

Some hedgerows around pasture land  
Intact hedgerow along the A57

**Built Features**

Urban estate housing  
Brick farm house  
Modern commercial buildings

**Additional Notes**

Historic field pattern is almost completely lost, and much of the area is occupied by development as an extension to the Shireoaks village (the traditional village core is to the south of the DPZ boundary). Newer housing is largely non-vernacular and does not reflect the style or materials of the original dwellings.

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Poor

**Functional Integrity Score** 2 *this score equates to..* Very Weak

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

Development does not respect the original character of the village (south of the railway line) and is modern in style. Housing is comparatively densely built. Mixed styles and scale of individual dwellings throughout, but particularly of note along the main street. Occasional stone or brick vernacular buildings interspersed amongst non-vernacular brick buildings.

**Impact of built development** High

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Extension of housing further into agricultural land  
Loss of tree cover in the south to redevelopment of the land for housing

**Impact of recent land use change** widespread

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Intensive agricultural land use to the north and expansion of the shireoaks village into the area has led to the loss of most of the historic field pattern and character. Other features such as the A57, railway and scrap yard in the north-west corner further detract from the character. Built form is largely non-vernacular.

**Condition Overall Score** 6 *this score equates to..* Very Poor

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY****Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?****Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Plantation woodland around fishing lake  
Scrub woodland  
Limited remnants of historic 'rough wood' (see Sandersons map)

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic

**Continuity** Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Some remnant fragments and hedgerow along A57

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare

**Continuity** Historic

**Other Vegetation**

Mixed habitat at Fox Covert  
Scrub

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare

**Continuity** Recent

**Field Boundaries**

Largely non-existent  
Hedges with trees  
Mixed treatment of property boundaries

Distinctiveness Continuity **Buildings**

Red brick (and some stone) houses  
 Isolated farms  
 Railway station (traditional in style)

Distinctiveness Continuity **Highways**

Curving roads and network of minor residential roads.

Distinctiveness Continuity **Other Features**

Disused mine shafts  
 Fishing lake

Distinctiveness Continuity **Settlements**

Shireoaks (northern portion)

Distinctiveness Continuity Final distinctivene Final Continuity To support final di To support final co Sense of Place Score this score equates to.. **Visibility****Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**

Views are open to the north and defined by landform and woodland beyond the DPZ. Views towards and within the southern part are controlled by housing.

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ? How wooded is the landscape ? Views Score  this score equates to.. Sensitivity Overall Score  this score equates to.. Landscape Policy Score  this score equates to Landscape Polic

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## Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score  this score equates to..

## Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

### Ecological Bases

### Intensity of Land Use

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

### Tree cover

### Extent

### Age Structure

### Field Boundaries

Lard parcels defined by roads and rail links.  
Some post and rail evident.

**Built Features**

Some industry and hardstanding  
Landform is artificial as a result of spoil tipping

**Additional Notes**

**Overall Cultural Integrity**

**Functional Integrity Score**  *this score equates to..*

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

Former spoil tip has great impact on surroundings as landform is uncharacteristic and is proportionately out of place. Visually obstructive.

**Impact of built development**

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Extension of industry into undeveloped areas either side of the railway and A57

**Impact of recent land use change**

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Original character is lost with the exception of a portion of Trancker Wood. Land is used for infrastructure, industry or is restored.

**Condition Overall Score**  *this score equates to..*

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands** NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Plantation woodlands around hill contours  
Deciduous woodland

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

No hedgerows

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Other Vegetation**

Scrub

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Field Boundaries**

Some post and rail

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Buildings**

Industrial units

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Highways**

Straight roads with verges  
Railway lines

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Other Features**

Restored spoil heap

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Settlements**

None

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Final distinctivene**  **Final Continuity**

**To support final di** sense of place only affirmed by presence of a landform that creates the character of the this DPZ, but is uncharacteristic within the local landscape

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**Sense of Place Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Visibility**

**Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**

Views all around into the area are limited by the landform, which is dominant. Views out of the area are controlled by vegetation along the canal; to the south; and woodland to the east, although views are extensive from the top of the spoil heap

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?**

**How wooded is the landscape ?**

**Views Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Sensitivity Overall Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Landscape Policy Score**  *this score equates to Landscape Polic*

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## Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Industrial - Former Steetley Colliery site, now being developed into industrial & business units  
A60 and A57  
High voltage power lines  
Low voltage power lines  
Railway lines.  
Caravan site  
Former quarry

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score  this score equates to..

## Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINCs  
Shireoaks Park Water Garden - species rich channels and pools with associated woodland. Ref: 1/47  
Oak Wood - deciduous woodland. Ref: 2/123  
Scratta Wood - species rich old woodland remnant. Ref: 2/107  
Scratta Hedge - hedgerow with valuable shrub content. Ref: 2/393  
Chesterfield Canal - canal with aquatic and emergent botanical interest. Ref: 2/621  
Holme Carr Wood - deciduous woodland. Ref: 2/126  
Steetley Wood spoil tip - calcareous spoil with calcicole plant species. Ref: 2/157  
High Grounds Wood - mature deciduous wood with flowing drain. Ref: 2/392  
Lady Lee Quarry - species rich habitats on old limestone quarry. Ref: 1/45  
Lady Lee Pasture - pasture with old limestone quarry. Ref: 2/103  
Sandhill Lake - lake with restricted but notable emergent community. Ref: 2/390  
Broad Lane Grassland - pasture with marshy strip. Ref: 2/388  
Wallingbrook Wood - deciduous wood. Ref: 2/104

Ponds  
Woodland blocks and bands  
Watercourses - canal, streams and ditches  
Permanent pasture  
Marsh

### Ecological Bases

Good network through wooded stream course. Since field pattern is partially intact there is some connectivity through hedgerows connecting to blocks of woodland.

### Intensity of Land Use

High intensity arable land with trimmed hedges largely intact.  
Some intensive land use through industry and construction.  
Some pockets of pastoral land.

Additional Notes

**Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?**

Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

**Tree cover**

Several blocks or small areas of woodland, most often associated with water; either alongside pools and channels (Shireoaks Water Gardens and Sandhills lake, following the River Ryton or Chesterfield Canal corridor, around water-filled former quarry voids (Lady Lea and at Steeley), or in proximity to natural springs (around Hawk's Nest). Other small blocks of woodland can be found at field boundary junctions.

**Extent**

Low tree coverage, as the woodland is confined by the extent of agriculture

**Age Structure**

Mature and semi-mature. Some younger planting around quarries.

**Field Boundaries**

Hedgerows with scattered hedgerow trees, gappy in some places, most notably the north-west.

**Built Features**

Traditional stone farm buildings with red pantile roof.  
Some utilitarian agricultural barns.  
Large-scale modern industrial building at Steeley Colliery site.  
Some red brick farmsteads and isolated dwellings.

**Additional Notes**

Largely good, although there are detracting features such as the redevelopment and quarrying at steeley, however this is localised.

Overall Cultural Integrity **Good****Functional Integrity Score** **5** *this score equates to..* **Strong**

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

Development at Steeley is very large-scale and modern in style. It is non-vernacular and does not fit with the local character, materials and scale of built form within the area. However, this is taking place on the site of a former works, also comprising large-scale buildings.

Impact of built development **Low**

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Expansion of the fringes of Worksop

Impact of recent land use change **localised****Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Predominantly rural in character; a large-scale agricultural landscape with interspersed woodland and watercourses of a variety of natures. A number of ponds, waterbodies, channels or pools can be found throughout. The network of hedgerows linking to the wooded areas are largely intact and field sizes are large. Interruptions to this character are in the form of a small amount of suburban housing in the east, the steeley developments, and the A60 and railway running in parallel through the area. The south eastern corner is designated as a Special Landscape and Heritage Area (Policy 6.4)

**Condition Overall Score** **9** *this score equates to..* **Good****LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**DPZ Ref **ML11****Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?****Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Deciduous woodland  
Mixed plantation  
Isolated blocks of woodland with agricultural setting

Belts of woodland/trees alongside River Ryton and Chesterfield Canal

**Distinctiveness**

Characteristic

**Continuity**

Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Lawthorn hedges with some hedgerow trees

Hedgerows are gappy in some places

**Distinctiveness**

Characteristic

**Continuity**

Historic

**Other Vegetation**

Mixed calcicole species (on former spoil tip at Steetley wood)

Marsh pasture

**Distinctiveness**

Unique/Rare

**Continuity**

Recent

**Field Boundaries**

Trimmed hedge

Hedgerows with ditches (towards the south)

**Distinctiveness**

Characteristic

**Continuity**

Historic

**Buildings**

Isolated farms

Country houses (Manor Lodge)

Small isolated groups of dwellings

Semi-detached brick suburban houses

**LISTED BUILDINGS**

1 No. property north of The Hall

Lodge Farm

Manor Lodge

1 No. at Darfoulds

**Distinctiveness**

Characteristic

**Continuity**

Historic

**Highways**

Straight main roads

Narrow hedgeline lanes

**Distinctiveness**

Characteristic

**Continuity**

Historic

**Other Features**

Allotment

Caravan park

Fishing lake

Nursery

**Distinctiveness**

Unique/Rare

**Continuity**

Recent

**Settlements**

Fringes of Worksop

Shireoaks Park Water Garden is a Conservation Area

**Distinctiveness**

Unique/Rare

**Continuity**

Recent

**Final distinctiveness**

Characteristic

**Final Continuity**

Historic

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**Sense of Place Score** **4***this score equates to..*

Moderate

**Visibility****Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**

Views are generally open with frequently wooded skylines. Towards the east, views are often defined by settlement on the fringes of Worksop. Further south within the area, views are also wooded, with landform providing some limitation on the extent of visibility.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?**

Apparent

How wooded is the landscape ?

Views Score

*this score equates to..*

Sensitivity Overall Score

*this score equates to..*

Landscape Policy Score

*this score equates to Landscape Polic*

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Pattern of Elements

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Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score  this score equates to..

## Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINCs  
Bismarck Plantation - mixed plantation with valuable faunal habitat. Ref: 2/105  
The Kiln Wood, Welbeck - deciduous woodland with species rich roadside verge. Ref: 5/93  
  
SINC and SSSI  
Welbeck Lake - complex of habitats and important for breeding and wintering bird communities. Ref: 1/129  
  
ANCIENT WOODLAND  
Cow Close Wood (see Local Policy 6.8)

### Ecological Bases

### Intensity of Land Use

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

### Tree cover

### Extent

Moderate coverage: 20-25% overall

**Age Structure**

Mature and reaching maturity, some stands of young planting within defined and existing woodlands and stands.

**Field Boundaries**

Largely non-existent

Remnant boundaries often demarkated by former hedgerow trees where hedgerow no longer exists.

Field boundaries around the welbeck estate are commonly stone; both for residencies and around pasture. Some post and rail fencing also around 'The Winnings' and extending to the A60.

**Built Features**

Stone buildings

Stone walls

Traditional red brick houses

Stone estate village and buildings

Abbey

Some traditional village core buildings with new build to the fringes.

Underground tunnels

**Additional Notes****Overall Cultural Integrity** **Functional Integrity Score**  *this score equates to..* 

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

Development at Welbeck consists largely of renovation works to existing structures on the estate. These now serve as visitor buildings such as the farm shop, gallery and café. All renovation works have been undertaken such that they retain as much of the original character as possible.

Norton is located straddling the southern boundary of the area, where are majority of houses are newer in style to the existing more traditional core. These are generally brick and include a crescent of bungalows and detached houses.

**Impact of built development** 

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Further extension of the village of norton to the north

Loss of scattered trees and small clumps of woodland through intensification of farming practice.

**Impact of recent land use change** **Overall Condition Summary Statement**

The character of the welbeck estate has been retained through a widespread conversion of many of the estate buildings to private residences. Building in closer proximity to the A60 (and the location of the former kitchen garden) have been converted to visitor attractions and facilities.

Although farming has intensified resulting in the loss of the majority of the hedgerows along internal field boundaries, the areas to the north and south still retain their wooded character, including some remnant parkland associated with the Deer Park.

**Condition Overall Score**  *this score equates to..* 

## LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

DPZ Ref **ML12****Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?****Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Plantation woodland strips

Blocks of deciduous woodland along side the Great Lake and Shrubbery Lake

Scattered woodland blocks connected by bands of trees

**Distinctiveness** **Continuity**

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Few hedgerows Hedgerow trees exist along former hedge lines
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<b>Distinctiveness</b> Unique/Rare	<b>Continuity</b> Historic
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**Other Vegetation**

Avenues of trees Formal 'grid' of trees Parkland trees
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<b>Distinctiveness</b> Characteristic	<b>Continuity</b> Historic
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**Field Boundaries**

Tree lines Post and rail Woodland often forms the boundaries to fields Stone walls (around pasture closer to the estate)
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<b>Distinctiveness</b> Characteristic	<b>Continuity</b> Historic
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**Buildings**

Isolated farms Large country estate Country estate village Stone lodges and esate houses Brick houses and bungalows Abbey Remains of former abbey
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LISTED BUILDINGS Millwood Lodge (Grade II)
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A number of buildings within the Welbeck Estate and Estate village are listed. These include:

The Winnings (Grade II) The Stables (Grade I) The Riding School Welbeck Abbey (Grade I) Chapel Court The Chapel The Library Wing The Sunken Garden (Grade II) Welbeck Estate Village School Welbeck estate village buildings (various) Welbeck Abbey Gateposts (2 No. pairs) Great Lake/Shrubbery Lake bridge (Grade II) Estate Lodges (various)
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Toward the southern end around Norton the following are listed:

The Pavillion Park Lodge Kennels (2 No.) Bunker's Hall lodge Norton Grange Farm White Hart Cottage Rose Cottage Pear Tree Cottage Rockeries Struan Cottage Milnthorpe Lodge
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<b>Distinctiveness</b> Unique/Rare	<b>Continuity</b> Ancient
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**Highways**

Winding private roads Some straight tree-lined private roads/tracks
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**Distinctiveness** **Continuity** **Other Features****Distinctiveness** **Continuity** **Settlements****Distinctiveness** **Continuity** **Final distinctiveness** **Final Continuity** **To support final di** **To support final co** **Sense of Place Score** *this score equates to..* **Visibility****Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?****Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?** **How wooded is the landscape ?** **Views Score**  *this score equates to..* **Sensitivity Overall Score**  *this score equates to..* **Landscape Policy Score**  *this score equates to Landscape Polic*

# LANDSCAPE CONDITION and SENSITIVITY (report)

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LANDSCAPE CONDITION DPZ Ref

## Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Major roads: A60, A616, A632  
Water treatment facility

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score  this score equates to..

## Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINCs  
The Old Hag - deciduous woodland. Ref: 5/94  
Cuckney Dam - large shallow pond with reed swamp. Ref: 5/90  
  
SINC and SSSI  
Creswell Crags - diverse habitats and GeoSINC. Ref:2/106 and 1/141  
  
Ponds  
Reed swamp  
River corridor  
Deciduous woodlands  
Limestone gorge  
A variety of species rich habitats at creswell crags

### Ecological Bases

Hedgerows provide a good network  
Belts of coniferous and mixed plantation connect into hedgerows  
Intact field patterns, albeit generally very large scale  
Connectivity of habitats along river corridor

### Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land with large fields defined by strongly trimmed hedges

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

### Tree cover

Largely coniferous plantations or deciduous blocks of woodland  
Some coniferous plantations consist of a strip of peripheral tree planting Surrounding a field (remise)

### Extent

Low coverage - with some blocks of woodland are remises

**Age Structure**

Mixed - some young stands of plantation, some established and semi-mature

**Field Boundaries**

Straight hedgerows  
Some post and rail  
Stone walls (domestic properties)

**Built Features**

Stone buildings with red pantile roofs  
Brick houses and farmhouses  
Hamlets  
Dispersed farmsteads  
Few stone walls around farmsteads

**Additional Notes**

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Good

**Functional Integrity Score** 4 *this score equates to..* Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

Little built development. Newer houses interspersed within Cuckney are limited but are often non-vernacular and do not respect the existing style of buildings. The character of Norton is not as strong as at Cuckney, but again any newer housing does not demonstrate the traditional style or features. Some farmsteads include modern barns, although this is not consistent throughout the area, and is not as apparent around Holbeck.  
A water treatment facility is located to the south-west near the A632, although this is largely screened by surrounding woodland and the landform.

**Impact of built development** Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Intensification of farming  
Increased occurrence of modern agricultural buildings at farmsteads throughout the area  
Expansion of Cuckney and/or Norton  
Expansion of Whaley Thorns eastwards or Nether Langwith northwards into the area.

**Impact of recent land use change** localised

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

The historic structure of the landscape is largely intact, with hamlets, farms, roads and distribution of woodland blocks remaining the same. With the exception of the A60 north of Buskeyfield Lane, main roads (A616 and A632) follow the routes of existing roads.  
The field pattern however has changed significantly with the rationalisation of farming practice leading to the loss of many field boundaries. The landscape is now larger-scale and the loss of these hedgerows during this process has led to some degradation of the landscape.

**Condition Overall Score** 9 *this score equates to..* Good

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Plantation woodland on hill tops or following contours around higher ground  
Some woodland is in the form of geometric regular blocks or remises  
Remises are coniferous  
Deciduous woodland blocks (historic)

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic

**Continuity** Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Trimmed hawthorn hedges Hedgerow trees are uncommon			
<b>Distinctiveness</b>	Characteristic	<b>Continuity</b>	Historic
<b>Other Vegetation</b>			
Occasional isolated mature field trees			
<b>Distinctiveness</b>	Unique/Rare	<b>Continuity</b>	Historic
<b>Field Boundaries</b>			
Trimmed hedgerows Some lines of trees			
<b>Distinctiveness</b>	Characteristic	<b>Continuity</b>	Historic
<b>Buildings</b>			
Welbeck estate-style stone houses Isolated farms Brick houses  LISTED BUILDINGS Huncie Croft Hillside Cottage Holbeck House St Winifred's Church Woodhouse Hall Home Farm Green Yard Cottage Hilltop Woodend Sabroan Cottage Blue Barn Farm Pasture Hill Farm Shireoaks Hill Farm Collingthwaite Farm South Carr Farm South Carr Lodge Norton House Hatfield Farm The Forge Infield Cottage Stone Lodge Croft Cottage Packhorse Row Old Mill House Vicarage Willow Cottage Maltkiln Row Cuckney School Cuckney Dam and Boathouse			
<b>Distinctiveness</b>	Characteristic	<b>Continuity</b>	Historic
<b>Highways</b>			
Narrow winding hedgelined lanes Sinuous main roads with wide verges			
<b>Distinctiveness</b>	Characteristic	<b>Continuity</b>	Historic
<b>Other Features</b>			
Water treatment facility Sports field (local facility at High Holbeck) Cemetery Nature Reserve at Creswell Crags (prehistoric site)			
<b>Distinctiveness</b>	Unique/Rare	<b>Continuity</b>	Ancient

**Settlements**

Half of the settlements of Cuckney (west) and Northon (south)

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

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**Sense of Place Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Visibility**

**Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**

Views across the area are open due to the size of the fields, but restricted by the undulating landform. Skylines are wooded in part; more so in the west. Views into and out of the area are variable, and more extensive from points of higher ground.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?**

**How wooded is the landscape ?**

**Views Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Sensitivity Overall Score**  *this score equates to..*

**Landscape Policy Score**  *this score equates to Landscape Polic*

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## Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score  this score equates to..

## Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

### Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINCs  
Boon Hills Wood - limestone scarp woodland. Ref: 1/112  
Cuckney Hay Wood - semi natural woodland. Ref: 5/86  
Lady's Grove - semi natural ancient deciduous woodland. Ref: 5/87  
Minster Wood - remnant ancient woodland with acid flora. Ref: 5/2147  
Cuckney Hay Railway - species rich peripheral scrub and grassland. Ref: 1/46  
Warsop Wood Colliery Spoil - partly vegetated spoil heap grading into ancient wood with pools, wet and dry acid grassland. Ref: 5/83  
Collier Spring - mature and scrubby deciduous woodland. Ref: 2/340  
New Plantation - deciduous woodland with semi permanent wet areas. Ref: 5/78  
New Plantation Meadow - grassland. Ref: 2/102

SINC and SSSI  
Lord Stubbins Wood - ancient deciduous woodland. Ref: 1/39

tree-lined ditches  
lake  
wooded ponds

### Ecological Bases

Hedgerows and field margins provide a good network and connect into woodland blocks and belts around and within the area.

Stream flows east-west through Nether Langwith alongside The Lake.

### Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land with some pasture; including for horse grazing. Fields largely have strong hedgerow boundaries with some woodland. Mineral extraction to the south-east.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

**Tree cover**

Deciduous woodland. Some individual field trees (oak).

**Extent**

Low coverage and largely neucleated into 3 blocks  
10%

**Age Structure**

Mature; some ancient. Some young woodland around The Lake and fishing ponds.

**Field Boundaries**

Large strong trimmed hawthorn hedgerows without trees. Some sections absent in the north, leaving a few isolated trees.

**Built Features**

Red brick farmhouses  
Modern farm outbuildings  
Red brick houses (newer housing set back from main road)  
Brick walls  
Stone walls  
Older stone housing and buildings along main road.

**Additional Notes** Largely intact despite expansion of Nether Langwith and quarrying. Historic character and structure largely intact.

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Good

**Functional Integrity Score** 5 *this score equates to..* Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

More recent build development does not respect the local vernacular style as found along the main road through Nether Langwith. Newer housing tends to be set back from the main road, and it constructed from red brick instead of the traditional stone. The village still retains the historic character despite this newer development. Newer housing tends to be of a similar scale to more historic buildings, but tends to be laid out in estates with identical housing design in contrast to the individual stone houses each differing slightly in style.

**Impact of built development** Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Expansion southwards of Nether Langwith, or Langwith (to the west)  
Intensification of farming  
Further loss of hedgerows to the north leading to deterioration of historic pattern and field structure  
Extension of mineral extraction

**Impact of recent land use change** localised

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Overall, the condition of the area is good, but there is evidence of some deterioration evident through hedgerow loss, quarrying, and non-vernacular expansion of Nether Langwith.

**Condition Overall Score** 10 *this score equates to..* Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Deciduous woodland block around lake and fishing ponds. Linear belt of deciduous woodland (Boon Hill Wood) along top of ridge running east to west through the centre of the DPZ.  
Further ancient deciduous plantation (Lady's Grove) situated at south of area.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Ancient

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Hawthorn hedgerows with no hedgerow trees.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Other Vegetation**

Trees following ditch and stream courses. No other vegetation apparent.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Field Boundaries**

Trimmed hedgerows with metal field gates.  
Some stone walls near to Nether Langwith.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Buildings**

Isolated farms  
Red brick houses  
Stone houses

LISTED BUILDINGS  
Langwith House  
Stone Cottage  
Burn Brae Cottage  
The Cottage  
Brook House Farm  
Holly Cottage/Rose Cottage  
Hall  
Greenrigs  
Colholme/Fairfield Cottage  
Riverside Farm  
Jug and Glass Public House  
West Cottage  
Langwith Lodge  
Boon Hills Farm

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Highways**

Meandering roads with grass verges.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Other Features**

Allotments  
Quarry

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare      **Continuity** Recent

**Settlements**

Nether Langwith

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic      **Continuity** Historic

**Final distinctivene** Characteristic      **Final Continuity** Historic

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**Sense of Place Score** 4      *this score equates to..* Moderate

**Visibility**

**Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**

Views are variable, however internal views are limited by settlement to the north, and hedgerows centrally and the south. Some medium distance views can be gained along the boon hills scarp, although these are limited and filtered by virtue of the scarp being wooded. Views out of the area and in from the outside are screened by extensive woodland to the south an east, and by settlement to the north and west.

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?

How wooded is the landscape ?

Views Score  *this score equates to..*

Sensitivity Overall Score  *this score equates to..*

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Landscape Policy Score  *this score equates to Landscape Polic*

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