

**Bassetlaw Landscape Character Assessment
Idle Lowlands**

APPENDIX D4

Landscape Condition and Sensitivity Assessment Survey Sheets

Idle Lowlands

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

Industrial - views to West Burton Power Station in the distance. Large industrial/farm sheds, Pylons/masts/poles - low and high level.

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

SSSI - Misterton Mother Drain - ditch and banks of considerable zoological and botanical interest
SSSI - Chesterfield Canal - Misterton to W Stockwith - a length of canal with characteristic aquatic plant community
SINC 2/481 - River Trent - representative length of of the tidal river trent including bankside and associated rough vegetation.
SINC 2/620 - Chesterfield Canal - Misterton to W Stockwith
SINC 2/498 - River Idle and Banks - flood banks primarily of botanical importance
SINC 1/97 - Misterton Soss Ponds - old borrow pits of substantial floral and faunal interest
SINC 2/299 - Soss Lane Grassland, Misterton - a notable horse-grazed paddock with a particularly rich bank running through

Ecological Bases

linear tree belts along the railway, intact hedgerows along field boundaries and roadside although these are fairl infrequent. Some more isolated trees occurring across farmland and roadside and where hedgerows have been removed.

Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land with some strongly trimmed hedges, others less well maintained, although relatively intact. Rare instances of rough grazing mainly adjacent settlements. Field network fragmented by minor road network and the railway cutting across running north to south.

Additional Notes

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

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Extent

Age Structure

Mature, Reaching maturity,

Field Boundaries

Mostly drainage ditches. Some hedgerows.

Built Features

Red brick farmhouses, Traditional village cores with new build to the periphery, metal farm/industrial sheds. More isolated buildings outside the villages throughout the DPZ.

Additional Notes

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?

Vernacular core to settlements with modern and traditional influences. Settlements largely in a linear pattern along the roadside, apart from more recent residential developments to the (Misterton - Newells Terrace). More industrial development along the Trent-side. Some of the older built-form maintains the local vernacular, although much of the more recent development is more generic and uncharacteristic of the area.

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?

Further built development - industrial, residential and modern agricultural. Potentially high impact. Changes to flood defences along the Trent. Potentially localised high impact.

Impact of recent land use change localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

The overall condition of the area is reasonable. It maintains a strong sense of openness with large fields used for intensive arable farming, divided by drainage ditches and some intact hedgerows. There is very little woodland in the area with the exception of linear belts alongside the railway line and some strips along roadsides. Small settlements generally comprise traditional village cores with newer peripheral development and isolated clusters of cottages. The built form largely conforms with the local vernacular with the exception of some new residential development to the south of Misterton and there many traditional farm buildings have been replaced with more modern steel structures.

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 160

No apparent woodland. Tree belts along the railway line and isolated trees throughout.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Hawthorn, occasional hedgerow trees - Ash or Oak

Distinctiveness Indistinct Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation

Some avenues of trees along roadside verges,

Distinctiveness Indistinct Continuity Historic

Field Boundaries

Mainly drainage ditches, although some Hawthorn hedgerows - some intact and some fragmented/gappy in places.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Buildings

Isolated Farms, Red brick cottages / houses, 20th Century+ non-vernacular more recent development including residential, industrial and agricultural. The village of West Stockwith has a conservation area. Misterton has a number of listed buildings including the Grade 1 listed All Saints Church and the Grade II* South Engine House

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Highways

Very straight roads, some are ditched, some tree-lined. A-road, C-roads and tracks criss-crossing the area.

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Other Features

Golf courses, village facilities in Misterton include shops, pubs, primary school

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Settlements

Misterton and West Stockwith within the DPZ. Small groups of cottages located along some lanes.

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Final distinctiveness **Final Continuity**

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

Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?

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 **HL02**

Draft Character Type Date Surveyor

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s)

Conditions OS East OS North

Location

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

DPZ Ref **HL02**

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

SSSI Misson Training Area
SSSI Misson Line Bank
SINCs
2/473 Chapel Baulk - drain
2/635 and 5/109 Snow Sewer (W) and (E), Misson - drainage channel
2/636 Levels Farm Drain - species rich drain
2/474 Levels Lane drain - drain with aquatic flora
2/969 Rugged Butts - grassland and woodland habitats
5/108 Top Road Sand Pit - vegetated spoil

Ecological Bases

A strong pattern of hedgerows provide field boundaries and taller hedgerows along the roadside. Some belts of deciduous woodland also occur along the road and the railway line. A few small woodland plantations are spread across the area and some isolated trees occur across the farmland.

Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land with some trimmed hedges, others less well maintained, although relatively intact. Some **pastoral** land. Instances of rough grazing mainly adjacent settlements. Field **network** fragmented by drainage ditches. Some areas of mineral extraction around Misson.

Additional Notes

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

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Extent

Age Structure

Field Boundaries

Mostly drainage ditches, although some intact hedgerows and a few fences on grazing land

Built Features

Red brick farmhouses on isolated farmsteads, traditional village core with new build to the periphery. Metal farm/industrial sheds - notably at Misson Rocket Site.

Additional Notes

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?

The built form around Misson is largely focused around the old village core and generally has a strong vernacular character with the exception of some more modern dwellings. Industrial sheds, however, at Misson Mill are somewhat incongruent with the village setting. Other industrial and agricultural sheds have localised impact.

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?

Further expansion of Misson village and other forms of built development are **potentiallyt** high impact. The extension of the road network in the area (as appears to be happening to the west) fragments field patterns. Expansion of the Rocket site may have an impact with more larger-scale buildings. Tree and hedgerow removal would increase the impact of built development.

Impact of recent land use change localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

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

Small woodland plantations, linear strips

Distinctiveness Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Hawthorn hedgerows. Where hedgerows have grown out there are Ash and Willow

Distinctiveness Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

Other Vegetation

Some linear strips of woodland and areas of acid grassland, **goarse** bushes

Distinctiveness Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

Field Boundaries

Mainly drainage ditches, although some **Hawthorn** hedgerows - some intact and some fragmented/gappy in places.

Distinctiveness Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

Buildings

Isolated Farms, Red brick houses, 20th Century+ non-vernacular more recent development including residential, industrial and agricultural. The village of Misson has a number of listed buildings including a Grade I listed **Church**

Distinctiveness Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

Highways

Straight roads

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Continuity Historic

Other Features

Sand pits - both working and disused. Typical amenities in Misson - school, shop, pub

Distinctiveness Indistinct

Continuity Recent

Settlements

Misson and some isolated farmsteads

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Continuity Historic

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 ?

Open views within the area to the east although more enclosed to the west. The railway, running east to west, encloses views north.

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 17

this score equates to Landscape Polic

Conserve and Restore

LANDSCAPE CONDITION and SENSITIVITY (report)

DPZ Ref **HL03**

Draft Character Type Date Surveyor

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s)

Conditions OS East OS North

Location

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

DPZ Ref **HL03**

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

SINC 2/424 - Fox Covert Drain
 SINC 1/66 - Carr Road Drains Complex
 SSSI and SINC - 2/634 Misson Carr/Misson Training Area, 1/85 Misson Line Bank, 2/575 River Idle Washlands
 SSSI - Chesterfield Canal
 SINC 2/475 - Shaw Ponds - old extraction pit
 SINC 5/106 - Everton Carr Woodland - semi natural deciduous woodland
 SINC 2/420 - Barrier Bank - damp grasslands, 2/569 - Barrier Bank, Misson - riverside vegetation, 1/65 - Delve Drain, 2/568 - Everton Carr Drains - drainage channels
 SINC and SSSI - 2/573 Slaynes Lane Washland (River Idle Washlands), 2/576 - North Carr Drain Washland (River Idle Washlands).

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

Mostly drainage ditches although some hedgerows - well maintained and intact, some supplemented by fences where they have become gappy in pastoral and grazing fields

Built Features

Red brick farmhouses, metal farm/industrial sheds. More isolated buildings outside the villages throughout the DPZ.

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 concentrations of built development are prominent in the area - mostly small groupings of cottages and isolated farmsteads, largely reflecting the local vernacular. Some traditional agricultural buildings have been replaced with more modern steel sheds. Development is mostly located on the valley floor, screened by trees.

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 Gringley on the Hill, on the ridge line overlooking Gringley Carr in the neighbouring DPZ would have significant negative impact. Introduction of wind turbines would also have a strong impact. Changes in agricultural practices, such as biomass coppicing would have a moderate impact.

Impact of recent land use change

Overall Condition Summary Statement

An area of open and coherent landscape with large arable fields with a network of drainage ditches. There are some gappy hedgerows and fences around pockets of pastoral and grazing land. Overall tree coverage is low but woodland plantations and ditches provide strong wildlife habitats. There are few detracting features - mainly steel barns and pylons. Isolated farms are generally of the redbrick vernacular.

Condition Overall Score *this score equates to..*

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITYDPZ Ref **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

Plantations of both deciduous and coniferous species spread across the DPZ - notably including part of Misson Training Area SSSI. Species including Oak, Ash, Willow, Poplar, Birch. Some linear strips adjacent the river and canal

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Hawthorn and Ivy hedgerows with occasional Ash trees

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Other Vegetation

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Field Boundaries

Mostly drainage ditches and trimmed hedgerows

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Buildings

Isolated farms

DPZ Ref HL03

Distinctiveness Indistinct

Continuity Historic

Highways

Straight roads with adjacent ditches or hedgerows

Distinctiveness Indistinct

Continuity Recent

Other Features

Raised river banks as part of flood mitigation

Distinctiveness Indistinct

Continuity Recent

Settlements

Only isolated farmsteads

Distinctiveness Indistinct

Continuity Historic

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 beyond the DPZ in all directions apart from south

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ? Dominant

How wooded is the landscape ? Open

Views Score 6 this score equates to.. Very High

Sensitivity Overall Score 10 this score equates to.. Very High

Landscape Policy Score 20 this score equates to Landscape Polic conserve

LANDSCAPE CONDITION and SENSITIVITY (report)

DPZ Ref **HL04**

Draft Character Type Date Surveyor

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s)

Conditions OS East OS North

Location

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

DPZ Ref **HL04**

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

Mixed deciduous and coniferous woodland
SSSI Barrow Hills Sand Pit
SINCs
2/578 Barrow Hills Plantation - mixed plantation
2/421 Warren Plantation - woodland with grassy clearings
5/105 Pusto Hill - sandy grassland

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

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?

Everton and Harwell both have traditional cores and have built up around farmsteads. Much new residential development is in keeping with the local vernacular and the general form. Modern agricultural building replacements are generally more intrusive than traditional style buildings. Isolated farm buildings are dotted along the roadside.

Impact of built development Moderate

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 built-up areas (moderate), tree and hedgerow removal (moderate), further intensification of farming or moving more towards horsiculture (low), loss of traditional farm buildings and erection of modern steel sheds will have a more detrimental impact

Impact of recent land use change localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Undulating topography with large areas of mixed woodland to the north and south. There are pockets of strong ecological integrity, with examples of sandy grassland at Barrow Hills Sandpit. Belts of deciduous woodland connect into intact mixed hedgerows, creating well-defined field boundaries. Small villages/hamlets with traditional cores have strong vernacular character. Key detracting features are the busy road crossing the area and large modern farm buildings on the hillside, which are prominent.

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

Mixed woodland plantation on the hill top at Barrow Hills and at Warren Plantation and Pusto Hill Wood, including Oak, Birch, Sycamore, Ash, Scots Pine, Larch. More ornamental species around Everton, Scaftworth and Harwell

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Strong trimmed hedgerows, Hawthorn, Elder, occasional trees

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation

Grassland at Barrow Hills Sandpit SSSI, some parkland surrounding

Distinctiveness Unique/Rare Continuity Historic

Field Boundaries

Strong hedgerows, some drainage ditches on arable land and fences around grazing and pastoral areas

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Buildings

Isolated farms, redbrick village houses, a number of listed buildings in Everton and Scaftworth

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Highways

Straight hedge-lined roads

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Features

Village facilities at Everton, an equestrian centre off Bawtry Road

Distinctiveness Indistinct

Continuity

Recent

Settlements

Isolated farms, Scaftworth, Harwell, Everton and the western edge of Drakeholes

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

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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 generally within due to relief of the land

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?

Apparent

How wooded is the landscape ?

Intermittent

Views Score 4

this score equates to..

Moderate

Sensitivity Overall Score 8

this score equates to..

Moderate

Landscape Policy Score 17

this score equates to Landscape Polic

Conserve and Reinforce

LANDSCAPE CONDITION and SENSITIVITY (report)DPZ Ref **HL05**Draft Character Type Date Surveyor Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) Conditions OS East OS North Location **LANDSCAPE CONDITION**DPZ Ref **HL05****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**Overall Cultural Integrity

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?

Limited built development

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?

Intensive Willow coppicing would have a strong visual impact given that most of the area is meadow, flood defences along the riverside would affect views of the river channel, growth of settlements adjacent the DPZ - i.e. Mattersey Thorpe,

Impact of recent land use change

insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Overall condition is good, with the river Idle channel and surrounding floodplain uniform throughout and limited detracting features. Linear sections of flood meadow and some arable fields. Low tree coverage with the exception of some plantations on the edge of Serlby Park, which is an area outstanding quality, apart from the rest of the area. Very limited built development in the area has little impact, although introduction of short rotation biomass coppicing has caused some visual impact.

Condition Overall Score

10

this score equates to..

Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

DPZ Ref

HL05

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

Linear Willow formations along the riverside, Oak, Birch, Ash plantations and isolated Birch, Sycamore, strips of Poplar and Beech

Distinctiveness

Indistinct

Continuity

Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Alder and hawthorn alongside drains, otherwise few hedgerows

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Other Vegetation

Flood meadows

Distinctiveness

Indistinct

Continuity

Historic

Field Boundaries

Mostly fences, some hedgerows and drainage ditches

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Buildings

Limited built form within the area

Distinctiveness

Indistinct

Continuity

Historic

Highways

Mostly straight sections of road cross the area, although some windy hedgeline lanes

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Other Features

Golf course (part), disused railway line (small section)

Distinctiveness

Indistinct

Continuity

Recent

Settlements

DPZ Ref **HL05**

Blyth lies in the neighbouring DPZ and Mattersey Thorpe

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

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

Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?

Narrow winding river channel. Views limited to within.

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 HL06

Draft Character Type Idle Lowlands Date 17/04/2009 Surveyor TD

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) 21,22,23

Conditions Clear, sunny OS East 72370 OS North 85297

Location Chainbridge Lane, Hayton

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

DPZ Ref HL06

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

Mineral extraction/associated spoil heaps although mostly naturally regenerated, masts/poles

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

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

SSSI Chesterfield Canal

SINC 2/458 - New Ea Drain Scrub - grassland

Ecological Bases

Hedgerows and field margins provide good network, linear woodland and orchards around Wiseton, grassland and wetland

Intensity of Land Use

Intensive arable land with trimmed hedges, some pastoral

Additional Notes

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

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Typically Ash, Oak and Willow, concentrated to the north with more diverse species around Wiseton including Sycamore, Lime, Beech, Horse Chestnut and more ornamental species

Extent

Low coverage

Age Structure

Diverse age structure

Field Boundaries

Well trimmed, gappy hedgerows, replaced by fences where in decline, some outgrown and open at base

Built Features

Red brick farm houses, estate houses at Wiseton, traditional farm buildings

Additional Notes Wiseton is an outstanding part of an area that otherwise has lost its historic field pattern

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?

Isolated farms have minimal impact and estate-style cottages and parkland at Wiseton contribute to the character of the area

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?

Hedgerow and woodland removal, large-scale modern agricultural buildings, biomass coppicing, changes in agricultural practices would change the appearance of the area but all only likely to have a low-moderate impact

Impact of recent land use change localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

This area is largely in reasonable condition with large open arable fields and some pastoral grazing. Loss of the historic hedge pattern is evident, with an extensive network of drainage channels crossing the area. The river Idle and Chesterfield Canal to the north are strong linear features that convey strong ecological value. To the north is Wiseton which stands out as being a high quality landscape within this area, characterised by the parkland-type grassland, horticulure, avenues of trees and strong vernacular character of buildings.

The overall main detracting features within the wider area include telegraph wires and spoil tips from mineral extraction in the neighbouring DPZ, although many of these have naturally regenerated and appear to be more congruent with the overall character.

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

Woodland belts around Wiseton to the north including a range of species - Oak, Sycamore, Beech, Lime, some isolated deciduous plantations spread across the area, isolated trees grown out of hedgerows

Distinctiveness Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Hawthorn and holly hedges, some Ivy and Alder

Distinctiveness Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

Other Vegetation

Grassland and avenues of trees at Wiseton

Distinctiveness Unique/Rare **Continuity** Historic

Field Boundaries

Drainage ditches, Hedges with ditches, gappy hedgerows replaced with fences in pastoral areas

Distinctiveness Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

Buildings

Minimal built form within the area although a number of Listed Buildings and conservation area at Wiseton - mostly redbrick estate cottages

Distinctiveness Unique/Rare **Continuity** Historic

Highways

Straight roads with ditched verges and hedgerows

Distinctiveness Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

Other Features

Canal at eastern edge, cricket pitch, fishing pond, disused sandpit

DPZ Ref **HL06**

Distinctiveness

Continuity

Settlements

Wiseton and isolated farms

Distinctiveness

Continuity

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Sense of Place Score this score equates to..

Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?

Clear views beyond to Mid Notts Farmlands

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

SINC 1/63 Sutton and Lound Gravel Pits - open water, marsh, grassland

2/452 Lingham - deciduous woodland with areas of open water

5/103 Mattersea North Sandpit - disused quarry with wetland

5/104 Mattersey Wood - damp woodland

2/419 Mattersey Sand Quarry - a variety of habitats and species

2/453 Retford Road Verges, Mattersea - species rich verges

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

buildings

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Variable

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?

Largely vernacular buildings style in a linear form throughout Lound. Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe are of a similar character although with more modern housing that is less sympathetic to the vernacular character of the area. More modern agricultural buildings are not as in keeping with the character of the area with localised impact

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?

Spread of mineral extraction (strong), introduction of biomass crops and changes in other agricultural practices (low), horsiculture expanding into arable fields, loss of woodland and hedgerows (low), expansion of built-up areas (moderate-strong)

Impact of recent land use change localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

With the Sutton and Lound Gravel Pits SSSI at the heart of the area and a number of other SINCs in the area, this DPZ provides a strong wildlife habitat network. Forestry works create a greater sense of enclosure, in parts, in an otherwise open landscape with large arable and pastoral fields with a good network of hedgerows at the field margins. Hedgerows at the roadside also have wide grass verges, creating linear wildlife routes.

The built form is largely the characteristic vernacular of the area although more modern development on the fringe has a greater detrimental impact. Other detracting features include the ongoing mineral works, although many spots are naturally regenerating. A scrap yard and builders-supplies yard also conflict with the character of the area.

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

Linear strips and mixed woodland plantations, large areas of wet woodland (oak and birch) around gravel pits, coniferous species and poplar adjacent farms and settlements

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Hawthorn with ash and oak trees

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation

Acid grassland, Avenues of trees in Lound, marsh and wetland

Distinctiveness Unique/Rare Continuity Historic

Field Boundaries

Hedgerows with ditches and roadside hedges with broad verges

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Buildings

A number of isolated farms across the area. Lound has a conservation area and a number of listed buildings, as does Mattersey including the Grade I All Saints Church and Mattersey Priory (Scheduled Ancient Monument)

Distinctiveness Unique/Rare Continuity Ancient

Highways

Roads are straight with ditched verges and hedgerows

Distinctiveness **Continuity** **Other Features**

Water fowl reserve, sewage works, village facilities, Mattersey Hall College, aggregates works by gravel pits

Distinctiveness **Continuity** **Settlements**

Mattersey, Mattersey Thorpe, Lound and isolated farms

Distinctiveness **Continuity** **Final distinctivene** **Final Continuity** **To support final di** Overall characteristic of the area but with some unique features such as the gravel pits and Mattersey Priory**To support final co** **Sense of Place Score** *this score equates to..***Visibility****Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?**

Typically within, although higher ground provides views 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 HL08

Draft Character Type Idle Lowlands Date 17/04/2009 Surveyor TD

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) 28,29,30

Conditions Clear, sunny OS East 70207 OS North 83918

Location Tilt Lane

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

DPZ Ref HL08

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? Unified

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

Pylons, busy road, commercial development on the urban edge of Retford, not actually in the DPZ itself

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

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

SINC 5/1077 Tilt Wood Grassland - dry acid grassland
2/633 Longholme Pasture, East Retford - ridge and furrow pastures
2/621 Chesterfield Canal
2/977 East Retford Marshy Grasslands - species rich marshy grasslands

Ecological Bases

Strong hedgerows and ditches provide a good network, with intact field patterns and hedgerow trees. Deciduous tree belts adjoining hedgerows and isolated patches of woodland throughout the area

Intensity of Land Use

A mixture of arable and pastoral farming with some rough grazing, livestock (pig) farming

Additional Notes

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

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Isolated Oak across the farmland, Larch and Scots pine plantations, Willow and Ash amongst hedgerows

Extent

Low tree coverage

Age Structure

Diverse age structure

Field Boundaries

Intact, strong hedgerows and some ditches. Some fencing around livestock

Built Features

Redbrick farm houses, a mix of traditional and modern farm buildings

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?

Development largely conforms to the redbrick/pantile design. Only where functionality requires new buildings are agricultural structures of steel construction. Little residential development other than conversion of agricultural 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 Retford's industrial/commercial/residential areas

Impact of recent land use change

localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

A largely unified area with a somewhat intact field pattern, strong network of hedgerows, ditches and deciduous tree belts and coniferous plantations. The built form of the area is limited and largely relates to the agricultural character of the area. Trees and hedgerows between fields and along the roadside create a sense of enclosure. The main detracting features are busy roads in and out of Retford and on the edges of the DPZ the urban fringes of Retford are prominent.

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

Shelterbelt of mature mixed woodland, and isolated woodland blocks, coniferous plantations

Distinctiveness Characteristic**Continuity**

Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Mixed hedgerows with some mature trees, holly within hedgerows

Distinctiveness Characteristic**Continuity**

Historic

Other Vegetation

Flood meadows adjacent river Idle channel

Distinctiveness Indistinct**Continuity**

Historic

Field Boundaries

Hedges with ditches

Distinctiveness Characteristic**Continuity**

Historic

Buildings

Isolated farms, some large houses - i.e. Bolham Hall - listed?

Distinctiveness Characteristic**Continuity**

Historic

Highways

straight roads

Distinctiveness Characteristic**Continuity**

Historic

Other Features

Railway line, school field

Distinctiveness Indistinct**Continuity**

Historic

Settlements

Small clusters of cottages around farms

DPZ Ref **HL08**

Distinctiveness

Continuity

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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)

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

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?

Built development only exploits the recreational opportunities of the area. Its design and layout are not particularly reflective of the character of the area.

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?

Intensified leisure use (moderate), increased flood defences (moderate-strong), expansion of Retford from the south in the neighbouring DPZ (strong), expansion of mineral extraction works (strong)

Impact of recent land use change

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Although just a narrow strip of land along the river Idle channel, it is an area of strong ecological integrity due to the river and the Sutton and Lound gravel pits SSSI to the north. The overall condition of the area is relatively poor due to the land uses both within and adjacent. Although there is some arable and pastoral agriculture there is a large proportion of recreational use with man-made fish ponds and caravan site, as well as pylons overhead.

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 (Oak, Ash, Willow, Poplar, Birch) around wetland and along riverside, Willow and coniferous plantations

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

No hedgerows

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Other Vegetation

Gorse, acid grassland

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Field Boundaries

Fences and ditches

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Buildings

Only those associated with the campsite and fishing facilities

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Highways

Winding tracks

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Other Features

Camp site and fishing lakes

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Settlements

none

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Final distinctiveness **Final Continuity**

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Sense of Place Score this score equates to..

Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?

within

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 HL10

Draft Character Type Idle Lowlands Date 20/04/2009 Surveyor TD

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) 32,33,34,35,39

Conditions Sunny, hazy OS East 65423 OS North 88846

Location Scrooby Top

LANDSCAPE CONDITION DPZ Ref HL10

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

Busy road,railway line, telegraph wires

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

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

SSSIs Scrooby Top Quarry and Mattersey Hill Marsh SINC 5/114 Mattersey Flooded Sandpits, 5/115 Mattersey Sandpit, 2/566 Ranskill Gravel Pits, 1/99 Ranskill Wetlands, 2/565 Daneshill Lakes and Woodland, 2/621 Chesterfield Canal

Ecological Bases

Belts of deciduous woodland connect into hawthorn and privet hedgerows, relatively intact field patterns with hedgerow trees, grassland, bracken

Intensity of Land Use

Arable fields and livestock farming with strong hedgerows and some woodland

Additional Notes

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

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Oak, Willow, Beech, Lime avenues, Sycamore, Scots Pine

Extent

Moderate coverage with a number of long linear sections

Age Structure

Diverse age structure,

Field Boundaries

A mix of strong, well trimmed hedgerows and others that are more gappy and in decline

Built Features

Red brick farmhouses, Traditional village cores with new build to the periphery in the villages of Ranskill, Torworth, Scrooby and Sutton cum Lound (more urban estate-style housing here), metal sheds at works site and farm buildings

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Variable

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?

Vernacular core to settlements with modern and traditional influences - some more sensitive than others with some of the newer development not maintaining the vernacular, others are less so. Much development has followed a linear development pattern with infilling gaps in larger villages and some suburban extensions. Industrial and modern agricultural buildings stand out from the traditional character

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 built-up areas (moderate), expansion of mineral extraction (moderate), changes in agricultural practices (low)

Impact of recent land use change

localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

The overall character of the area has been retained and is in reasonable condition, with the extent of development somewhat constrained by physical features and development such as the railway line and main road. Arable and livestock farming, in keeping with the surrounding area, is the main land use with fields with a mix of intact and in decline hedgerows. Former mineral extraction sites have previously been detracting features although now naturally regenerating are strong wildlife habitats. The built form, although largely traditional at the core of villages, has expanded more recently with modern residential development less sensitive than the older vernacular form - particularly Ranskill and Sutton-cum-Lound have large suburban extensions.

Condition Overall Score

9

this score equates to..

Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

DPZ Ref HL10

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

Linear belts alongside the railway and roadside, deciduous plantations on hill tops, Oak, Birch and coniferous species around wetland at former gravel pits,

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Hawthorn, blackthorn, alder

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Other Vegetation

around Serlby Park are more rare species such as beech, limes, elm and poplar, sycamore, bramble, bracken, willow pollards

Distinctiveness

Unique/Rare

Continuity

Historic

Field Boundaries

Trimmed hedges with grass verges at the roadside, post and rail fencing around more pastoral and grazing land or where hedgerows are in decline

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Buildings

Scrooby has a conservation area and there are a number of listed buildings throughout the area including the grade II* church at Scrooby and the grade I Serlby Hall. There are a number of isolated farms across the area

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Highways

Straight roads - old Great North Road

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Other Features

Golf course, campsite, disused railway line, existing railway line, sandpit, village facilities, building supplies yard, nature reserve, gypsy and traveller site, forestry works, aggregates site

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Settlements

Ranskill and Sutton cum Lound have historic cores with large scale modern estates. Scrooby is of a smaller scale with more traditional influences throughout. Serlby Hall has surrounding estate land and gatehouses

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

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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)

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 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?

Limited vernacular form lost amidst suburban development in Harworth, although Styrrup has more traditional styles in a linear form along the roadside

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?

Further residential and industrial development will have a small impact alone but contribute to an overall great cumulative impact

Impact of recent land use change widespread

Overall Condition Summary Statement

The general condition of the area is poor due to the scars imposed on the landscape by the dominant uses - coal mining and other industry. Although there are pockets of agriculture the colliery and other industrial units, as well as the surrounding urban area, spills over the hillside, although notably some spoil tips have naturally regenerated and woodland plantations are being introduced along the skyline. There are numerous patches of deciduous woodland throughout. Built form is largely modern and lacks cultural integrity found across the rest of the area.

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

Plantations on top of spoil tips, deciduous woodland adjacent built-up areas, isolated blocks including fragments of ancient woodland and shelter-belts running alongside the road. Some fragments of ancient woodland - Sycamore, Ash, Oak, Birch, Horse Chestnut.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Oak and Ash trees within Hawthorn hedgerows

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation

areas of spoil tip regeneration

Distinctiveness Indistinct Continuity Recent

Field Boundaries

Hedges, some with ditches, some fencing

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Buildings

Nornay Cottage and Farm at Blyth are grade II listed

Distinctiveness Indistinct Continuity Historic

Highways

Straight roads

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Features

Golf course, disused railway line, quarry, A1M

Distinctiveness Indistinct Continuity Historic

Settlements

Harworth and Bircotes have grown up around the colliery to create a sizeable urban area that dominates the

area, Styrrup has retained its traditional form

Indistinct from character of the rest of the IL

Distinctiveness Indistinct

Continuity Recent

Final distinctivene Indistinct

Final Continuity Historic

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Sense of Place Score 3 this score equates to.. Weak

Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?

Beyond

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ? Apparent

How wooded is the landscape ? Intermittent

Views Score 4 this score equates to.. Moderate

Sensitivity Overall Score 7 this score equates to.. Low

Landscape Policy Score 13 this score equates to Landscape Polic create

LANDSCAPE CONDITION and SENSITIVITY (report)

DPZ Ref **HL12**

Draft Character Type Date Surveyor

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s)

Conditions OS East OS North

Location

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

DPZ Ref **HL12**

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
5/119 Toad Holes Wood, Hodsock - wet deciduous woodland
5/382 Ash Holt, Styrrup - ancient woodland supporting a characteristic flora
2/112 Fishpond Plantation - notable deciduous plantation
2/119 Hodsock Plantation - noteworthy ground flora
2/562 Hodsock Priory Estate
2/563 Wellbrook Plantation - remnant of coppice woodland
5/121 Lower Flash, Hodsock - relict grass heath
5/98 Carlton Lake and Marsh - reed swamp and tall herb fen
2/397 Hardwick Ashes - deciduous woodland with noteworthy ground flora
2/125 Oldcotes disused railway - a diversity of habitats

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

Mixed hedgerows, some fragmented others intact, fencing around livestock and horse grazing land replacing gappy hedgerows

Built Features

Red brick and stone farmhouses, Urban fringes Estate Housing, small hamlets of stone cottages, Hodsock Priory (grade II listed) and its Tudor gatehouse (grade I)

Additional Notes Some strong cultural features maintaining historic character - particularly around Hodsock and Wigthorpe, although less distinct to the north where there is more intensive arable farming

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?

Parts of the suburban fringes of Worksop and Carlton spilling over into the DPZ are generally modern estate houses. Other built form is generally agriculture and infrastructure related - such as large steel sheds on farmsteads and sewage works. Agricultural buildings are generally not particularly prominent and other built forms are restricted to the edges of the area and concentrated in the south, affecting views to the west. Most development to the south is well screened by the woodland belts. Hodsock estate has a somewhat separate and distinctive feel within the area.

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?

Further residential development will have a high, localised impact, particularly to the west at Carlton and Langold

Impact of recent land use change localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

A coherent rural landscape with the suburban edges of Worksop and Carlton-in-Lindrick at the fringes. Strong linear strips of woodland, including some ancient remnants and the Hodsock Priory estate at the centre of the area is distinct from the rest of the area with tree lined avenues and extensive areas of grazing land and the grade I listed Priory gatehouse a unique feature. Hedgerow field boundaries are largely intact although replaced by fences in places where in poor condition. Settlement character differs somewhat from the wider vernacular here with stronger influence from the suburbs of larger areas and smaller hamlet cottages being stone, rather than brick.

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

Shelterbelt of mature mixed woodland on top of ridges of undulations, isolated blocks of woodland, fragments of ancient woodland although these are indistinct amongst the majority

Distinctiveness Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Trimmed hawthorn hedge with occasional ash tree,

Distinctiveness Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

Other Vegetation

Acid grassland, Avenues of trees around Hodsock,

Distinctiveness Unique/Rare **Continuity** Historic

Field Boundaries

Trimmed hedges and some hedges with broad grass verge, fencing evident where hedgerows are in decline around pastoral/grazing land

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Buildings

Isolated Farms, Large country houses including Hodsock Priory and **Gatrehouse**, Red brick cottages / houses, urban fringes adjoining the area - more recent development

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Highways

Straight Roads, **Narrow** hedged lanes,

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Other Features

Village facilities, sewage works

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Settlements

Edges of Oldcotes, Carlton and Worksop

Distinctiveness **Continuity**

Final distinctiveness **Final Continuity**

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

Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it ?

Within due to wooded ridges and undulating form, although some long ranging views within the area itself

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*