

## **Idle Lowlands**

### **Policy Zone 12: Carlton-in-Lindrick**

## **POLICY: CONSERVE AND REINFORCE**

### **Character Summary**

The area is located south of Styrrup and the A1[M], extending to the northern fringe of Worksop. Langold and Carlton-in-Lindrick lie beyond the A60 west of the Policy Zone. Both North Carlton and South Carlton partially fall within the area.

Topographically the Policy Zone is gently undulating and rounded with flatter areas in the west. Views are relatively open towards higher ground and wooded skylines.

The landscape comprises mostly arable farmland with small areas of permanent pasture and rough grazing evident. Settlement is relatively sparse with the hamlet of Wigthorpe located in the south, part of which is a designated Scheduled Ancient Monument [SAM] due to mediaeval settlement remains. There are few isolated dwellings and farmsteads throughout the Policy Zone.

Hodsock Priory, with surrounding parkland, lies at the centre of the Policy Zone and encompasses a number of parkland trees, in the north there is parkland associated with Hodsock Priory Estate [SINC]. Oldcotes Sunday Market and garden centre lie adjacent to the A634 which runs east to west through the north of the area, and Oldcotes Dyke and Oldcotes Disused Railway [SINC] encroach into the north-west where there is also a sewage works. A recreational ground lies at the far south and evidently serves the Gateford estate located outside the Policy Zone.

Hawthorn hedgerows are the dominant field boundaries though drainage ditches are common in the north-west. Fences are prominent around the grazed areas of land. Scattered mature trees and small woodland blocks comprising mostly oak and pine are evident, including Hodsock Plantation [SINC] in the east. Processing works at nearby Hodsock Cottage is effectively screened by tree belts. A number of other designated SINCs are present including; Ash Holt, Toad Holes Wood, Styrrup with Oldcotes Hedge, Fish Pond Plantation, Welbrook Plantation, Carlton-in-Lindrick Marsh, Carlton Lake and Marsh, Hardwick Ashes and Nab's Ashes Marsh.

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### PHOTOGRAPH



### CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Mostly arable with small areas of pastoral and rough grazing.
- Sparse settlement; Wigthorpe [partial SAM] and isolated dwellings and farmsteads.
- Hodsock Priory with associated parkland.
- Urban edge of Worksop and Carlton-in-Lindrick.

### LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

#### Condition

The landscape condition is good. There is a coherent pattern of elements with few detracting features within the Policy Zone, namely the A634 and low voltage power lines. Overall the area is **visually unified**.

Mostly arable fields are generally divided by a good green network provided by hedgerows interconnected with woodland belts, blocks of woodland tend to be isolated. Pastoral fields are enclosed with fencing which also supplements deteriorating and fragmented hedgerows, though a high proportion of the hedgerow boundaries are fairly strong and intact with the occasional ash tree.

The vernacular differs from that of the region generally; small hamlets and cottages are predominantly stone built rather than red brick which appears throughout the Idle Lowlands. Hodsock Priory [grade II] is located at the heart of the Policy Zone displaying tree lined avenues with extensive grazing. Its Tudor gatehouse is grade I listed. There are some strong cultural influences particularly around Hodsock and Wigthorpe where historic character is retained. This is less evident in the north where the land is under more intensive arable use. The urban edge [housing] of Worksop and Carlton-in-Lindrick spills into the Policy Zone from the west. Other built elements are mostly related to agriculture or the sewage works, however neither are especially prominent. Buildings to the edges of the Policy Zone in the south are mainly screened by woodland belts. The cultural integrity is assessed as **variable**.

Ten SINC's fall within the Policy Zone including Ash Holt, an area of ancient woodland at Styrrup. A moderate tree cover is afforded across the area, species become more ornamental around Hodsock Priory. The ecological integrity is **moderate** which gives a **coherent** habitat for wildlife/functional integrity. A **visually unified** area combined with a **coherent** functional integrity results in a **good landscape condition** overall.

#### Sensitivity

Features which give the area local distinctiveness are **characteristic** of the Idle Lowlands region and the continuity/time depth is **historic** [post 1600] resulting in a **moderate** sense of place.

Visibility is **moderate** and views are generally contained within the Policy Zone. Landform is assessed as **apparent**. A **moderate** sense of place with **moderate** visibility results in **moderate landscape sensitivity** overall.

### LANDSCAPE ACTIONS

#### Conserve and Reinforce

##### Landscape Features

- **Conserve and reinforce** hedgerows where these are gappy and in poor condition. Seek opportunities to restore the historic field pattern/boundaries where these have been lost and introduce more hedgerow trees. **Reinforce** with new planting to replace fencing.
- **Conserve** pastoral farmland and seek opportunities to restore arable land to permanent pasture.
- **Conserve and reinforce** the ecological diversity of the designated SINC's where appropriate.

##### Built Features

- Enhance visual unity and soften built development through additional woodland and landscape planting; this applies to both existing settlement [particularly at the western boundary] and new development.
- **Conserve and reinforce** the sparsely settled and open rural character of the Policy Zone by concentrating new development around Hodsock, Wigthorpe, the northern edge of Worksop and the southern extent of Carlton-in-Lindrick.
- **Conserve** the local stone built vernacular, particularly that at Hodsock and Wigthorpe, and reinforce this in new development.
- **Conserve and reinforce** the character, setting and historical integrity of Hodsock Priory and associated parkland.
- Contain new development within existing field boundaries.

### CONTEXT

Policy Zone: IL PZ 12  
Land Cover Parcel[s]: IL43, IL44, IL45, IL46, IL47

### Condition

Good	REINFORCE	CONSERVE & REINFORCE	CONSERVE
Moderate	CREATE & REINFORCE	CONSERVE & CREATE	CONSERVE & RESTORE
Poor	CREATE	RESTORE & CREATE	RESTORE

Low                      Moderate                      High

### Sensitivity

### SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Good</b>
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Pattern of Elements: Coherent

Detracting Features: Few

Visual Unity: Unified

Ecological Integrity: Moderate

Cultural Integrity: Variable

Functional Integrity: Coherent

<b>Sensitivity</b>	<b>Moderate</b>
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Distinctiveness: Characteristic

Continuity: Historic

Sense of Place: Moderate

Landform: Apparent

Extent of Tree Cover: Intermittent

Visibility: Moderate