

**Bassetlaw Landscape Character Assessment
Mid-Nottinghamshire Farmlands: MN PZ 06**

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Policy Zone 06: Treswell

POLICY: CONSERVE

Character Summary

The area lies east of Retford and covers the area from South Leverton to Retford Road, which forms the southern boundary, encompassing Treswell. West Burton Power Station and Rampton village are located to the west. Other minor roads transect the Policy Zone.

Lee Beck bisects the open rolling farmland into north and south facing slopes, the landform descends towards the Trent valley in the east. Higher ground is evident in the north-east of the Policy Zone. Higher ground in the west affords limited views which are contained by topography and the built form of Treswell.

Aside of Treswell, the landscape comprises arable farmland with some unimproved permanent pasture close to the village and towards the east of the Policy Zone. Scattered groups of trees and scrub are evident along roadsides and watercourses, however there is no significant woodland.

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PHOTOGRAPH



CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Arable farmland with trimmed well maintained hedgerow field boundaries.
- Narrow hedged lanes.
- Traditional village of Treswell, includes listed buildings.
- Meadow areas including Ashton's Meadow [SSSI/INC].
- Generally low tree cover, although trees along the beck provide a sense of wooded views within a landscape that has no significant blocks of woodland.

LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Condition

The landscape condition is very good and the pattern of elements **coherent** with **few** detracting features, namely a radio mast. Overall this gives a **visually unified** area.

The landscape comprises mostly arable farmland with trimmed, well maintained hedgerows delineating fields, though some have been allowed to grow out. Hedgerow trees are more common in the south. Isolated areas of pasture are also apparent. The Policy Zone largely retains a rural character, the field pattern has generally been affected by hedgerow removal and lack of hedgerow management. Rationalisation of fields is most notable to the west of Treswell.

Treswell is a traditional village encompassing several listed buildings. Recent development is evident which reflects the local vernacular, however some earlier development within the village is not traditional and dilutes the overall architectural vernacular slightly. There is also a small amount of recent development at South Leverton. Overall the cultural integrity is **good**.

Within the Policy Zone an area of improved meadow is covered by SINC status, Ashton's Meadow is a designated SSSI and SINC. Tree cover is generally low throughout the area consisting of a wooded edge to the beck corridor [including Lee Beck] and limited tree planting near to Treswell, otherwise there are no areas or blocks of woodland within the Policy Zone. The ecological integrity is defined as **moderate** which overall gives a **strong** habitat for wildlife/functional integrity. A **visually unified** area combined with a **strong** functional integrity results in a **very good landscape condition** overall.

Sensitivity

Features which give the area local distinctiveness are **characteristic** of the Mid-Nottinghamshire Farmlands region and the continuity/time depth is **historic** [post 1600] giving a **moderate** sense of place.

Visibility is described as **moderate** and the landform **apparent**. A **moderate** sense of place with **moderate** visibility gives **moderate landscape sensitivity** overall.

LANDSCAPE ACTIONS

Conserve

Landscape Features

- **Conserve** the historic field pattern, maintain existing hedgerows, restore and reinforce poor hedgerow boundaries where necessary.
- Seek opportunities to restore arable land to pasture.
- **Conserve** tree cover and landscape planting, enhance and reinforce where appropriate to increase green infrastructure throughout the Policy Zone.
- **Conserve** the biodiversity and setting of existing ecological designations including Ashton's Meadow [SSSI/SINC], seek to enhance where appropriate.
- **Conserve** areas of unimproved grassland.

Built Features

- Enhance visual unity and soften built development through additional woodland and landscape planting; this applies to both the existing settlement of Treswell and South Leverton, and new development.
- **Conserve** the sparsely settled and open rural character of the landscape by concentrating new development of appropriate scale and design around the existing settlements of Treswell and South Leverton.
- **Conserve** and respect the local brick built vernacular in any new development.
- Contain new development within existing field boundaries.

CONTEXT

Policy Zone: MN PZ 06
Land Cover Parcel[s]: MN16

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

Condition	Very Good
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Pattern of Elements: Coherent

Detracting Features: Few

Visual Unity: Unified

Ecological Integrity: Moderate

Cultural Integrity: Good

Functional Integrity: Strong

Sensitivity	Moderate
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Distinctiveness: Characteristic

Continuity: Historic

Sense of Place: Moderate

Landform: Apparent

Extent of Tree Cover: Intermittent

Visibility: Moderate