

**Bassetlaw Landscape Character Assessment
Magnesian Limestone Ridge: ML PZ 04**

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Policy Zone 04: Carlton-in-Lindrick**

POLICY: CONSERVE

Character Summary

The area lies immediately east of Langold and west of Carlton-in-Lindrick. Langold Country Park is located north and west of the Policy Zone.

Landform is gently undulating and rounded. Both Langold and Carlton sit on higher ground towards which open views from the west are afforded. There are more open views to varied landscape further east from the east side of Langold. Existing housing development outside the Policy Zone has a visual impact due to the relatively flat and open nature of the area. The former pit heap is prominent on the skyline in the north-west.

Overall the area is rural in character, the dominant element being flat open medium scale arable farmland bounded by hawthorn hedgerows which are mostly intact, some also with trees. There are isolated deciduous woodland blocks, a number of SINCs, and Hodsock Grange which comprises a small collection of vernacular architecture and is listed. Few other landscape features of note exist within the Policy Zone.

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PHOTOGRAPH



CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Large scale flat arable landscape.
- A series of SINCs – mostly deciduous/historic species-rich woodlands.
- Strong trimmed hedgerow field boundaries.
- Urban edges of Langold and Carlton-in-Lindrick.
- Isolated farmsteads and scattered dwellings.

LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Condition

The landscape condition is very good. There is a coherent pattern of elements with few detracting features; stockyard at the Ashes woodland [SINC], the A60 and low voltage power lines. Overall this gives a **strongly unified** visual appearance.

Arable farmland is the major land use with a strongly trimmed hedgerow network that is largely intact, particularly near Langold. Hedgerows have deteriorated towards Carlton-in-Lindrick, although more hedgerow trees are apparent. Some pastoral land is evident near to the woodland and properties within the area. Built elements include Hodstock Grange, a stone building with pantile roof and outbuildings and Roxholme Grange, a large country house of red brick construction and non-vernacular red brick dwellings. North Carlton does not respect the local style. Large scale utilitarian agricultural sheds occur around farmsteads at the Ashes and Wallingwells Wood. The overall cultural integrity is **good**.

Six SINCs are present within the Policy Zone including deciduous woodland and historical species-rich woodland blocks connected either by hedgerows, ditches or watercourses. Small fragmented coniferous and deciduous plantations occur within the agricultural landscape. Overall the tree cover is of mature age structure and relatively low in extent. The ecological integrity is defined as **moderate** which overall gives a **strong** habitat for wildlife/functional integrity. A **strongly 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 Magnesian Limestone region and the continuity/time depth is **historic** [post 1600] giving a **moderate** sense of place.

High visibility is afforded due to the open nature of the area, housing at Langold beyond the Policy Zone boundary is visible along with the former pit heap to the north-west. The landform has been assessed as **dominant**. A **moderate** sense of place with **high** visibility gives **high landscape sensitivity** overall.

LANDSCAPE ACTIONS

Conserve

Landscape Features

- **Conserve** historic field pattern, restoring hedgerows where necessary.
- **Conserve** the SINCs and enhance where appropriate.
- Seek opportunities to reinforce hedgerows where gappy and in poor condition, seek opportunities to increase the number of hedgerow trees.
- **Conserve** pastoral land and seek further opportunities to restore arable landscape to pasture.

Built Features

- **Conserve** the sparsely settled and rural character of the landscape by concentrating new development around existing settlements of Langold and Carlton-in-Lindrick.
- Contain new development within existing field boundaries.
- **Conserve** the local built vernacular of red brick/stone construction in new development.
- Create woodland to contain and soften built development, preferably in advance of new development.

CONTEXT

Policy Zone: ML PZ 04
Land Cover Parcel[s]: ML04, ML06

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

Pattern of Elements:	Unified
Detracting Features:	Few
Visual Unity:	Strongly Unified
Ecological Integrity:	Moderate
Cultural Integrity:	Good
Functional Integrity:	Strong

Sensitivity

High

Distinctiveness:	Characteristic
Continuity:	Historic
Sense of Place:	Moderate
Landform:	Dominant
Extent of Tree Cover	Intermittent
Visibility:	High