

**Bassetlaw Landscape Character Assessment  
Magnesian Limestone Ridge: ML PZ 06**

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Policy Zone 06: Carlton-in-Lindrick**

**POLICY: CONSERVE**

**Character Summary**

The area is located west of the A60, Worksop lies to the south and Carlton-in-Lindrick to the north.

Topography is predominantly flat, the edge of Worksop lies on higher ground in the south. Views are generally limited to within the Policy Zone due to its wooded nature. Carlton-in-Lindrick and the A60 corridor are evident to the east.

Intensive arable farmland dominates the area, horse grazing and pastoral landscape is also evident. Fields are bounded by hedgerows which are mostly intact. Two isolated stone built vernacular farmsteads; Holme House Farm [with modern large scale outbuildings] and Carlton Hall Farm, are located within the Policy Zone. There appears to have been little change in land use therefore the rural character is retained overall.

The area includes significant woodland blocks, a number of which are ecological SINC's. These include Carton Wood, Wallingwells Wood, Owday Wood and Nabs Ashes Wood.

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### PHOTOGRAPH



### CONTEXT

Policy Zone: ML PZ 06  
Land Cover Parcel[s]: ML07, ML08, ML09

### Condition

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

Low                      Moderate                      High

### Sensitivity

### CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Predominantly open arable landscape with some pastoral land.
- Strong field pattern with trimmed hedgerow boundaries.
- Stone farmhouses.
- Deciduous woodland and plantation blocks, including four designated SINC's.

### LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

#### Condition

The landscape condition is very good. The pattern of elements is coherent with few detracting features, namely the A60 to the east. Overall this gives a **visually unified** area.

A strong rural character is afforded due to the historic field pattern being largely intact. This is bounded by strongly trimmed hedgerows, some with hedgerow trees. Some hedgerows are fragmented but these are in the minority. Arable land dominates the area, though there is some permanent pasture. Buildings include vernacular stone farmhouses with outbuildings and utilitarian agricultural sheds. The overall cultural integrity is **good**.

Four SINC's, Carton Wood, Wallingwells Wood, Owday Wood and Nabs Ashes Wood, a mix of deciduous woodland and plantation, are located within the Policy Zone and contribute significantly to the overall tree cover of approximately 25%. 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** to the Magnesian Limestone region and the continuity/time depth is **historic** [post 1600] giving a **moderate** sense of place.

The visibility is considered **moderate** visibility and the landform **apparent**. A **moderate** sense of place with **moderate** visibility gives **moderate landscape sensitivity** overall.

### SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS

#### Condition

**Very Good**

Pattern of Elements: Coherent

Detracting Features: Few

Visual Unity: Unified

Ecological Integrity: Moderate

Cultural Integrity: Good

Functional Integrity: Strong

#### Sensitivity

**Moderate**

Distinctiveness: Characteristic

Continuity: Historic

Sense of Place: Moderate

Landform: Apparent

Extent of Tree Cover: Intermittent

Visibility: Moderate

### LANDSCAPE ACTIONS

#### Conserve

##### Landscape Features

- **Conserve** historic field pattern, restoring/reinforcing hedgerow boundaries where necessary.
- **Conserve** the SINC's and enhance where appropriate.
- **Conserve** permanent pasture and seek opportunities to restore arable land to pasture.

##### Built Features

- **Conserve** the sparsely settled and rural character of the landscape by concentrating new development around the existing adjacent settlements of South Carton, Carlton-in-Lindrick and Worksop.
- Contain new development within existing field boundaries.
- Create woodland to contain and soften built development, preferably in advance of new development.
- **Conserve** the traditional architectural style of stone construction in new development.
- Sensitive design and siting of new agricultural buildings.