

S PZ 53 Milton River Meadowlands

Policy: Conserve

Character Summary

This Policy Zone consists of the village of Milton and its surrounding fields. The River Maun flows northwards to the west of the village. There are open views from the village to the west towards the restored Bevercotes Colliery and its surrounding woodland. To the east, views are bounded by the escarpment which forms the edge of the Mid Nottinghamshire Farmlands. The height range within the area is between 23 and 43 metres.

The village itself consists of a core of red brick and pantiled roofed buildings. Much of the more recent development, although not all, is in keeping in terms of materials with the older parts of the village, for example the water treatment works at the southern end of the village is a 1960s style building complex. Areas of unimproved, species poor, permanent pasture are associated with the village; much of which shows evidence of ridge and furrow landform. The historic field pattern around the village is little changed since the Sanderson Plan of 1835.

The River Maun valley has a fringe of riparian vegetation including Ash, Elder, and Hawthorn, particularly to the northern end of the area. Road hedge hedgerows are mature with mixed species and they also contain mature trees, mostly Ash. There are mature field boundary hawthorn hedgerows to the east of village.

There is one SINC to the north of the area, Markham Moor Grasslands, which is described as 'rough species rich grassland along the River Maun.'

Threats to the area include the flooding of the River Maun valley. Many of the trees are mature and will become senescent if not managed. The unimproved pasture is always under threat of agricultural improvement or from building infill development.

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PHOTOGRAPH



CHARACTERISTIC VISUAL FEATURES

- Valley of the River Maun with a thin border of riparian woodland including mature trees
- Red brick and pantiled houses to the core of the village
- Permanent unimproved pasture with evidence of ridge and furrow landforms around village
- Mature trees and hedgerows to road verges

LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Landscape Condition

The Landscape Condition is defined as **very good**

The policy zone is **visually coherent** in that the area has a consistent pattern of elements. There are **few** detracting these include traffic noise from the A1 and derelict farm buildings Overall this gives a **visually unified** area. There is 1 Bio SINC site, Markham Moor grasslands, which is described as 'a rough, species rich grassland along the River Maun.' In ecological terms the mature vegetation and unimproved pasture make this area a **moderate** habitat for wildlife

Cultural integrity is **good** in that the field and hedgerow pattern is consistent with historic maps and the core of the village with its red brick and pantiled cottages remains intact. Overall this gives a **strong** functional integrity/habitat for wildlife

A **visually unified** area with a **strong** functional integrity gives a **very good** landscape condition.

Landscape Sensitivity

The Landscape Sensitivity is defined as **moderate**

The components of the landscape are **characteristic** of the Sherwood LCA. The time depth is **historic** (post 1600) giving a **moderate** sense of place overall. The red brick and pantiled cottages form the core of the village and are surrounded by areas of permanent pasture with evidence of ridge and furrow. The field pattern is little changed since the Sanderson Plan of 1835.

The landform is **apparent** with interconnected and **intermittent** areas of mature vegetation giving a **moderate** visibility in and out of the area.

A **moderate** sense of place with a **moderate** visibility leads to a **moderate** landscape sensitivity

ACTIONS – Conserve

Landscape Features

- **Conserve** the intact historic pattern of hedged fields and unimproved permanent pasture around Milton
- Promote measures for enhancing the ecological diversity of alluvial grasslands.
- **Conserve** river channel diversity and marginal riverside vegetation.
- **Conserve** mature trees and hedgerows within the village core.

Built Features

- **Conserve** the historic field pattern by containing new small scale development within historic enclosed boundaries, maintain existing hedgerows, restore and reinforce poor hedgerow boundaries where necessary.
- **Conserve** the traditional architectural style of red brick construction in any new development

CONTEXT

NCC Landscape Type: River Meadowlands

Policy Zone: S PZ 53

Landscape Character Parcel: 56

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: 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