

TW PZ 18 – Low Marnham, Carlton and Sutton on Trent River Meadowlands

Policy: Conserve and Create

Character Summary

The northern part of the Policy Zone is a flat, open landscape which is largely in arable use. The area to the south, around the linear settlements of Carlton on Trent and Sutton on Trent, is a smaller scale landscape with fields of pasture. There is also an orchard and garden nursery between these villages.

Newer infill development is found within these areas and there are a few isolated dwellings that are generally farms to the south of Low Marnham.

Tree cover consists of narrow belts of trees along the A1 and planting around water bodies. There are some mature parkland trees associated with Carlton Hall.

A few hedgerows have hedgerow trees mostly Ash with a few Oak, Poplar and Willow. Ingram Lane connects Grassthorpe to Sutton and is a very narrow lane with mixed species hedgerows.

The field pattern is made up of semi regular fields to the south east and around Low Marnham with a modified field pattern elsewhere.

There are long distance views out across the arable landscape to the wooded skylines to the east with some views of the cooling towers at High Marnham power station to the north.

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PHOTOGRAPH



CHARACTERISTIC VISUAL FEATURES

- A flat, low lying landscape.
- Medium scale fields in arable production.
- Smaller fields of pasture around villages
- Red brick and pantile roofed villages.
- Narrow lanes often enclosed by mixed species hedges.

LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Landscape Condition

The overall condition of this landscape is defined as **moderate**. There are **some** detracting features in this area which include industrial units west of the A1 and west of Carlton on Trent. There is also a short section of the A1 and a railway line within this area, overall it is a **visually coherent** area.

There is one small SINC site - Low Marnham Grassland - within this area but away from the settlements of Carlton and Sutton, fields are in intensive arable use. Field boundaries are trimmed within arable areas with some thicker hedges along lanes and within fields of pasture. Hedgerow trees tend to be Ash. The ecological integrity of the area is **moderate**.

The built features are generally the village settlements that have traditional redbrick village cores with more recent infill housing. Field patterns tend to be more intact in those fields around the village settlements with large modified fields to the north giving a **variable** cultural integrity.

A **moderate** network for wildlife and a **variable** cultural integrity leads to a **coherent** functional integrity /habitat for wildlife. An area which is **visually coherent** with a **coherent** functional integrity / habitat for wildlife gives a **moderate** landscape condition.

Landscape Sensitivity

Landscape sensitivity is defined as **moderate**. The small woodland copses and the hedged lanes are **characteristic** of the Trent Washlands RCA and the red brick houses and walls within the core of the village settlements are generally **historic** which gives a **moderate** sense of place.

There are some longer distance views out across the flat landscape to the cooling towers of High Marnham power station to the north but, generally, this is a landscape with **moderate** visibility where only the limited tree cover around villages and within hedges screens views.

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

LANDSCAPE ACTIONS – Conserve and Create

Landscape Features

- **Conserve** the traditional pattern of hedged fields and seek opportunities to recreate the historic field pattern.
- Seek opportunities to restore arable land to permanent pasture.
- Promote measures for strengthening the level of tree cover by **creating** small scale woodlands and hedgerow tree planting where appropriate.
- **Reinforce** and strengthen the continuity and ecological diversity of stream and ditch corridors.
- **Conserve** pastoral character and promote measures for enhancing the ecological diversity of alluvial grasslands.
- **Conserve** and enhance the pattern and special features of meadowland hedgerows.

Built Features

- Promote measures for reinforcing the traditional character of isolated farm buildings using vernacular building styles.
- **Conserve** the rural character of the landscape by concentrating new development around existing settlements of Low Marnham, Carlton and Sutton on Trent.
- **Conserve** historic field pattern by containing new small scale development within historic boundaries, maintain existing hedgerows, restore and reinforce poor hedgerow boundaries where necessary.
- **Conserve** and respect the local vernacular of red brick and pantile roof construction in any new development.
- Promote sensitive design and setting of new agricultural or industrial/commercial buildings.

CONTEXT

NCC Landscape Sub Type: Village Farmlands
Policy Zone: TW PZ 18
Landscape Character Parcel TW26

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 **Moderate**

Pattern of Elements:	Coherent
Detracting Features:	Some
Visual Unity:	Coherent
Ecological Integrity:	Moderate
Cultural Integrity:	Variable
Functional Integrity:	Coherent

Sensitivity **Moderate**

Distinctiveness:	Characteristic
Continuity:	Historic
Sense of Place:	Moderate
Landform:	Insignificant
Extent of Tree Cover	Open
Visibility:	Moderate