

TW PZ 20 Dunham on Trent Village Farmlands Policy: Conserve and Create

Character Summary

This is a flat, arable landscape with a large geometric field pattern. Hedgerows are gappy and missing in places.

Around Dunham on Trent there is a smaller scale pastoral landscape where small fields are enclosed by bushy mixed species hedgerows.

There is some sub-division of fields for horses adjacent to Dunham and around Manor House in Fledborough.

There is little tree cover apart from occasional hedgerow trees, roadside trees and trees along the railway embankment to the south. To the south of this lies a storage area associated with High Marnham power station. A lagoon in this area is designated as a SINC with “an excellent variety of wetland habitats”.

Varied species trees have been planted along roadsides – these include Ash, Horse Chestnut, Lime and Rowan.

Pylons dominate the skyline to the west and south. High Marnham power station dominates views to the south. The wooded railway embankment to the north of the power station helps to reduce the visual impact to some extent. There are long distance views to wooded skylines in the east and distant views to Cottam and West Burton power stations in the north

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PHOTOGRAPH



CHARACTERISTIC VISUAL FEATURES

- Predominantly a large scale arable landscape
- Small scale pastoral landscape around Dunham
- Views dominated by power stations and pylons
- Hedgerows often missing or gappy
- Some hedgerow trees and roadside trees present
- Busy road to the north (A57)
- Nucleated village characterised by red brick and pantile roofed buildings
- Long distance views across open landscape

LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Landscape Condition

The overall condition of this landscape is defined as **moderate**. There are **some** detracting features which include the power stations and pylons which dominate views. The busy A57 runs west to east through Dunham. The area is visually **coherent** overall.

The small scale historic field pattern is relatively intact around Dunham on Trent to the north, with pasture areas enclosed by tall bushy hedgerows. South of Dunham many historic field boundaries have been removed and hedgerows are in decline. Field boundaries are often marked by ditches with little riparian vegetation. Cultural integrity is therefore **variable**. Some roadside tree planting has taken place, with species not always appropriate to the area. High Marnham power station lagoon has been designated as a SINC. Tree cover is largely confined to roadsides, hedgerows and the disused railway embankment to the south which provides a good wildlife corridor, the ecological network is **moderate**.

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 historic time-depth is evident around Dunham on Trent where the historic field pattern is intact, although the busy A57 detracts from this. South of Dunham the historic time-depth has largely disappeared with the removal of field boundaries and the creation of a flat open landscape. The area as a whole has a **moderate sense of place**.

Isolated houses and buildings within Dunham on Trent are largely **characteristic** in architectural style of the Trent Washlands RCA. Views are largely long distance due to the **lack of tree cover** particularly to the Cottam and West Burton Power stations to the north.

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 intact historic pattern of hedged fields and pasture around Dunham on Trent.
- **Create** new hedgerows to replace those lost and plant hedgerow trees where appropriate.
- Seek opportunities to restore arable land to permanent pasture/wet grassland.
- **Reinforce** the continuity and ecological diversity of stream and ditch corridors.
- Seek opportunities to **create** small woodland areas to reduce visual impact of power stations.

Built Features

- **Conserve** the sparsely settled rural character of the landscape by concentrating new development around the existing settlement of Dunham on Trent.
- Promote measures for reinforcing the traditional character of isolated farm buildings using vernacular building styles.
- **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 20
Landscape Character Parcel TW29

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