

TW PZ 21 Cottam, Rampton, and Church Laneham Village Farmlands

Policy: Conserve and Reinforce

Character Summary

This is a flat, arable landscape with a largely geometric field pattern with smaller scale pastoral landscapes around the villages of Cottam, Rampton and Church Laneham. The village cores consist of red brick buildings with pantile roofs

The major agricultural land use is cereal and oil seed rape production. There are several camping and caravan parks within the LCP.

There is very limited tree cover within the area. The only small woodlands are north of Rampton around Manor House, north east of Rampton at Rampton Thorns, and Fleet Plantation south of Cottam Power Station. There is some scrub and tree cover along the railway line that cuts across from the south east to the north west past Cottam Power Station

There are mature trees in association with the historic village cores. There are mixed species road side hedges including Hawthorn, Rose, Elder with mature trees - predominantly Ash, but also Willow and Oak. These hedgerows vary in their standard of maintenance. Field boundaries are trimmed, mixed species hedgerows, predominantly Hawthorn with mature trees -mostly Ash, but also Willow and Oak.

There are various small ponds, water courses and ditches dotted throughout the area with associated riparian vegetation

Pylons cross the area from north to south and Cottam Power Station dominates views to the east.

There are long distance views to more elevated wooded skylines to the east. Long views to the north and south are constrained only by the effects of distance and riverside vegetation and hedgerows.

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PHOTOGRAPH



CHARACTERISTIC VISUAL FEATURES

- A predominantly large scale arable landscape
- Small scale pastoral landscape around Cottam, Rampton and Church Laneham
- Views dominated by power stations and pylons
- Well trimmed mature hedgerows to internal field boundaries, with trees
- Less well maintained road side hedges, with trees
- Nucleated villages characterised by red brick buildings and pantile roofed buildings to historic cores with newer development to the periphery.
- Limited small woodlands
- Long distance views north and south across open landscapes constrained by distance, long distance views east and west constrained by wooded ridge lines

LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Landscape Condition

Landscape Condition is defined as **good**. There is a **coherent** pattern of landscape elements with **few** detracting features within the PZ , the detractors include power lines and freight traffic on mineral lines. Overall this gives a **visually unified** area.

The historic field pattern is intact around the villages of Rampton, Church Laneham and Cottam. Outside the villages some of the field boundaries shown on Sanderson's plan of 1835 are intact but intervening boundaries have been removed. The overall cultural integrity is described as **variable**

There is very limited tree cover, mature trees are confined to the historic village cores and hedge lines rather than woodlands. There are two SINC's in the PZ designated for aquatic and bankside vegetation and neutral grassland. The ecological network is defined as **moderate** which combined with as **variable** cultural integrity gives a **coherent** habitat for wildlife/functional integrity. A **visually unified** area with a **coherent** habitat for wildlife/functional integrity gives a **good landscape condition**

Landscape Sensitivity

Landscape Sensitivity is defined as **moderate**. The features which give the area local distinctiveness are **characteristic** of the Trent Washlands and the continuity/time depth is described as **historic** (post 1600) which gives a **moderate** sense of place

There are long distance views to more elevated wooded skylines to the east, long views to the north and south are constrained only by the effects of distance and riverside vegetation and hedgerows. The landform is **insignificant** and the limited tree cover/sense of enclosure which leads to a **moderate** visibility. A **moderate** sense of place with a **moderate** visibility leads to **low landscape sensitivity**

LANDSCAPE ACTIONS – Conserve and Reinforce

Landscape Features

- **Conserve** the traditional pattern of hedges, fields and pasture around Cottam, Rampton and Church Laneham
- Seek opportunities to recreate historic field boundaries where these have been lost
- Seek opportunities to restore arable land to permanent pasture/wet grassland
- **Reinforce** hedgerows where these are gappy and in poor condition particularly along road sides.
- **Reinforce** and strengthen the continuity of ecological diversity of stream and ditch corridors
- **Conserve** mature hedge lines along tracks, and promote measures for increasing existing tree cover.

Built Features

- **Conserve** the rural character of the landscape by concentrating new development around the existing settlements of Cottam, Rampton and Church Laneham.
- 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 buildings.

CONTEXT

NCC Landscape Type: Village Farmlands
Policy Zone: TW PZ 21
Landscape Character Parcel TW30

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

Good

Pattern of Elements:	Coherent
Detracting Features:	Few
Visual unity	Unified
Cultural Integrity	Variable
Ecological Integrity	Moderate
Functional Integrity:	Coherent

Sensitivity

Moderate

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