

TW PZ 45 Dunham Laneham River Meadowlands

Policy: Conserve

Character Summary

This is a pastoral, riverside landscape located along the western side of the River Trent, to the east of the settlement of Church Laneham.

The area has a generally flat topography except for a grass flood bank which follows the course of the River.

The area generally consists of linear strips of improved grassland, with a small area of unimproved permanent pasture to the north. There has been some encroachment of arable fields to the west of the area.

The area has an intermittent tree cover. Trees and riparian vegetation are distributed throughout the landscape and include Willow, Ash, Horse Chestnut and Hawthorn. There is a line of pollarded Willow trees to the south of the area.

The field boundaries are post and wire fencing to the north and dense mixed species hedgerows with mature Willow trees to the south.

The views to the north are enclosed by mature Willow trees and by Laneham and Church Laneham villages. To the south, the area is enclosed by the settlement of Dunham on Trent. There are open views to the east and west.

A public right of way runs along the western bank of the River.

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PHOTOGRAPH –



CHARACTERISTIC VISUAL FEATURES

- Flat topography
- Linear strips of improved and unimproved pasture which follow the course of the River Trent
- Willows and scrubby riparian vegetation associated with watercourses
- Pollarded willows
- Grass flood bank

LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Landscape Condition

The overall condition of this landscape is defined as **very good**.

The pattern of landscape elements is **unified**. The area has **few** detracting features. Overall this is a **strongly visually unified** area.

The historic field pattern is evident and the hedgerows are generally intact therefore the cultural integrity is **good**.

The area has one SINC site - Dunham Drain, a drain with a lush growth of emergent vegetation. The trees, species-rich hedgerows, improved and unimproved pasture and riparian vegetation along watercourses provide a **moderate** network of wildlife habitats.

A **moderate** network for wildlife and a **good** cultural integrity leads to a **strong** functional integrity / habitat for wildlife. An area that is **strongly visually unified** with a **strong** functional integrity / habitat for wildlife gives a **very good** landscape condition.

Landscape Sensitivity

Landscape sensitivity is defined as **moderate**.

The historic time-depth is evident. There has been some encroachment of arable farmland to the west, but the field pattern remains largely unchanged since the Sanderson Plan of 1835. The features which give the area its local distinctiveness are **characteristic** of the Trent Washlands RCA and the continuity / time depth is **historic** (post 1600). The area has a **moderate** sense of place.

The views to the north are enclosed by mature Willow trees and by Laneham and Church Laneham villages; to the south, the area is enclosed by the settlement of Dunham on Trent. There are open views to the east and west. The landform is **insignificant** and has limited tree cover which leads to **moderate** visibility of the area from outside the PZ.

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

LANDSCAPE ACTIONS - Conserve

Landscape Features

- **Conserve** existing hedgerows and seek opportunities to restore the historic field pattern with new hedgerow planting.
- **Conserve** pastoral character and promote measures for enhancing the ecological diversity of alluvial grasslands.
- Seek opportunities to restore arable land to permanent pasture.
- **Conserve** and enhance river channel diversity and marginal riverside vegetation.
- **Conserve** pollarded Willows and seek opportunities to re-pollard Willows to maintain the traditional riparian character of the landscape.
- Enhance visual unity through appropriate small-scale tree and woodland planting.
- **Conserve** and enhance the pattern and special features of meadowland hedgerows.
- **Conserve** and strengthen the simple unity and sparsely settled character of the landscape.

CONTEXT

NCC Landscape Sub Type: River Meadowlands
Policy Zone: TW PZ 45
Landscape Character Parcel: TW 30

Condition

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

Sensitivity

NB: Where one criterion is 'very good' this pushes the policy description into the next highest category.

SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS

Condition **Very Good**

Pattern of Elements:	Unified
Detracting Features:	Few
Visual Unity:	Strongly Unified
Ecological Integrity:	Moderate
Cultural Integrity:	Good
Functional Integrity:	Strong

Sensitivity **Moderate**

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

Built Features

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