

## **TW PZ 49 The Ferries River Meadowlands**

### **Policy: Conserve and Reinforce**

#### **Character Summary**

This a flat area of pasture and fields used for oil seed rape production, crossed by hedgerows which reflect the historic field pattern.

The area of pasture is generally circular shaped, reflecting the shape of a former meander of the River Trent which is located to the east. The site of the medieval village of West Burton is located immediately to the west outside the Policy Zone area. West Burton Power Station is situated immediately to the north, again outside the Policy area. Catchwater Drain runs along the eastern edge of the area. A grassed flood defence bund separates the area from the River.

There is an area of broadleaved woodland (Willow, Hawthorn), known as the Burton Round Woodland, to the south east of the area which reflects the circular shape of the meander. Trees within this area are over mature and in decline; species include Willow and Hawthorn. There is riparian vegetation along the Catchwater Drain and a stream within the Policy Zone which includes pollarded Willows. The hedgerows consist mostly of Hawthorn and are in a variable condition and gappy in places.

There is no built development within the area.

Views out of the area are constrained by the flood banks, woodland and the power station to the north.

**PHOTOGRAPH –**



**CHARACTERISTIC VISUAL FEATURES**

- A predominantly flat, pastoral landscape
- View to the north dominated by West Burton power station
- Small woodlands of mature trees and riparian vegetation along drains
- Pollarded willows to drains
- Field boundary hedgerows gappy and in decline

**LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS**

**Landscape Condition**

The landscape condition is defined as **good**.

There is a **coherent** pattern of landscape elements with **few** detracting features within the PZ; the main detracting feature is the Power Station outside the PZ. Overall this gives a **visually unified** area.

The historic field pattern is intact within the PZ in comparison with historic maps but the area of woodland has reduced in size; hedgeline quality is declining. The cultural integrity is described as **variable**.

There is limited tree cover overall, mature trees are confined to the Burton Round woodland and bands of vegetation along the drainage features including pollarded Willow. Hedge rows vary in quality. There are no SINC's in the PZ. The ecological integrity is defined as **moderate**, which gives a **coherent** functional integrity/habitat for wildlife.

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. However the integrity of the historic pattern is declining due to tree and hedgerow removal and change from a pastoral land use to arable production.

The landform is **insignificant** and there is limited tree cover/sense of enclosure which leads to a **moderate** visibility of the area in and out of the PZ. A **moderate** sense of place with a **moderate** visibility leads to **moderate** landscape sensitivity.

**LANDSCAPE ACTIONS – Conserve and Reinforce**

**Landscape Features**

- **Conserve** the historic pattern of hedges, and fields.
- **Reinforce** meadowland hedgerows where these are in decline and gappy along field boundaries.
- **Reinforce** and strengthen the continuity and ecological diversity of stream and ditch corridors.
- **Conserve** existing pollarded Willows and re-pollard willows where appropriate.
- **Conserve** existing mature woodland and seek opportunities to increase existing tree cover around the perimeter of the central fields.
- **Conserve** pastoral character and promote measures for enhancing the ecological diversity of alluvial grasslands.
- Seek opportunities to convert arable land to permanent pasture.
- **Conserve** and strengthen the simple unity and sparsely settled character of the landscape.

**Built Features**

- 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.

**CONTEXT**

NCC Landscape Sub Type: River Meadowlands  
 Policy Zone: TW PZ 49  
 Landscape Character Parcel: TW 33

**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
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