

TW PZ 50 Bole Ings River Meadowlands

Policy: Conserve

Character Summary

The Policy Zone consists of an area of pasture, the shape of which reflects a former meander of the River Trent which lies to the east of the Policy Zone.

The rough grassland is floristically rich including meadowsweet, sorrel, vetches, buttercup, willow herb and invasive species such as thistles and nettles. Parts of the grassland are scrubbing over with Hawthorn and Elder. A small area of broadleaved woodland lies to the north consisting of Willow and Hawthorn thicket. Hedgerows which follow field boundaries are generally strong, tall and bushy consisting mainly of Hawthorn.

There are no SINC's within the area.

There is no built development within the area.

Views to the south are dominated by West Burton Power Station outside the Policy Zone and the river is screened from the site by flood banks.

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PHOTOGRAPH –



CHARACTERISTIC VISUAL FEATURES

- A predominantly flat, pasture area being invaded by scrub
- View to the south dominated by West Burton Power Station
- Small woodlands of mature trees
- Field boundary hedgerows tall and bushy

LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Landscape Condition

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

There is a **unified** pattern of landscape elements with **few** detracting features within the PZ; the main detracting feature is the Power Station to the south outside the PZ. Overall this gives a **strongly 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 in that they are not being maintained. The cultural integrity is described as **good**.

There is limited tree cover overall, mature trees are confined to the small woodland. Hedge rows are tall and bushy. There are no SINCS in the PZ. The ecological integrity is defined as **strong**, which gives a **very strong** functional integrity/habitat for wildlife.

A strongly **visually unified** area with a **very strong** habitat for wildlife/functional integrity gives a very **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.

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

LANDSCAPE ACTIONS - Conserve

Landscape Features

- **Conserve** the historic pattern of hedges and fields.
- **Conserve** existing mature woodland and seek opportunities to increase existing tree cover.
- **Conserve** pastoral character and promote measures for enhancing the ecological diversity of alluvial grasslands.
- Seek opportunities to convert arable land to permanent pasture.
- Retain and enhance river channel diversity and marginal riverside vegetation.
- **Conserve** and enhance the pattern and special features of meadowland hedgerows.
- **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 50
Landscape Character Parcel: TW 34

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:	Strong
Cultural Integrity	Good
Functional Integrity:	Very Strong

Sensitivity **Moderate**

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