LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?
Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
To the south of this area is large caravan park with some permanent chalets. There is also Calverton Lido, a large and relatively new restaurant and associated carpark with another car park for a golf course to the south of Moor Lane.
Sewage works with steel palisade fencing surrounding this area lies to the north of Bonner Lane. Telegraph poles and wires are found to the south east of this landcover parcel.
There are some large sheds and possible storage of old vehicles/scrap around Mill Farm.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score 4

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Medium-areas of scrubby oak / birch woodland with stag headed oaks, with some linear section of the Dover Beck flowings into ponds (Shuttle Pond and Sheep Wash Pond amongst others) surrounded by wet woodland.

Ecological Bases
Belts of deciduous woodland connect into hedgerows, and hedgerows and field margins provide a good network.

Intensity of Land Use
Low intensity farming with permanent improved pasture, and unimproved pasture in some areas. Sheep cattle and horses. Some intensive arable around Mill Farm and Salterford Farm.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Mainly mature and partly semi natural broadleaf woodlands dominated by oak and birch. Thorndale Plantation all contains lime, and ash. Willow alder and poplar were found in the southern section along the Dover Beck with plantation willow and older pollarded willow within permanent pasture in the southern section. Old out grown hawthorn trees were also found within this area.

Extent
Moderate coverage,

Age Structure
Over mature and in decline, the area of birch woodland to around Oxton Bogs.
To the north of Beanfield Lane is a wet valley on an ancient Alder Carr/Tussock Sedge Swamp now contracted due to a lowering of the water table.
Thorndale woodland is mature diverse woodland.

Field Boundaries

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Some of the hedges within large areas of grazing were outgrown and open at base, with others being replaced by post and rails in horse grazing areas. Elder featured in several of the hedges with stronger hedges and trees with some of the fields in the southern section.

**Built Features**

Stone walls, around 2 residential properties. Red brick farm houses with large sheds. New large scale restaurant development to the south. Utility buildings associated with the sewage works.

**Additional Notes**

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Variable

**Functional Integrity Score** 4 this score equates to.. Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix):

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

The utility buildings along Bonner Lane are low rise and screened by some existing hedgerows and trees. However the grey steel palisade security fencing is out of character and quite dominant in its location against Bonner Lane. The new restaurant development appears rather large in scale and the quantity of brick and hard surfacing not particularly in character with its surroundings. Isolated red brick houses and farm buildings are more in character although more recent farm sheds/ units are not reflective of the local vernacular style.

Impact of built development

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

To the north east of this area is a small amount of golf course which may extend into this area. (Moderate impact) To the south the recreational activities and associated leisure developments could encroach along Moor Lane and northwards. (Potentially a strong impact)

Impact of recent land use change localised

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

The overall condition of this area is generally good with the woodland particularly to the northern section diverse in age and species. Hedgerows are mixed with some in good condition with hedgerow trees and stock proof. Others are gappy and field boundaries are marked by post and wire fences.

**Condition Overall Score** 8 this score equates to.. Moderate

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

Oak / birch woodland with bracken and bramble under storey. There are some areas of wet woodland with alder willow and birch aswell as poplar and willow within pasture to the south.

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Oak, ash trees within hawthorn hedges, with some occasional holly within the hedgerows. Hawthorn and elder hedges are found within the arable parts of this area.

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Other Vegetation

Bracken,

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Field Boundaries

Hedge with ditch, to the south with trimmed hedges within arable areas. Post and rail for areas grazed by horses.

Distinctiveness Characteristic

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**Buildings**
Isolated Farms, with a few red brick residential houses. Chalets within caravan park.

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**Highways**
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**Other Features**
Golf course to the north and golf course car park to the south.

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**Settlements**
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**Sense of Place Score** 4  
*This score equates to:* Moderate

**Visibility**
Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Beyond, out to Calverton Coillery to the south and to Epperstone Park and woodland to the north.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?** Apparent

**How wooded is the landscape?** Intermittent

**Views Score** 4  
*This score equates to:* Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score** 8  
*This score equates to:* Moderate

**Landscape Policy Score** 16  
*This score equates to: Landscape Policy* Conserve and Create
Draft Character Type: Sherwood
Date: 25/10/2005
Surveyor: AS, DM

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): s72

Conditions: Rain, sun, wind
OS East: 456790
OS North: 348601
Location: Bestwood Country park

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
Telecommunications masts on high points.
Caravans, and other vehicles, makeshift horse shelters and general farm clutter within fields to the west of the area.
Lots of post and wire fences around Sixways Stables and Twelve Acre farm.
Residential housing estate (Waren wood estate) to the south of this area. (Review whether should this be in this area?) Kilowen Park is a collection of small bungalows but it is relatively secluded due to land form
Former quarry and modern HQ buildings within Bestwood Country park surrounded by mesh security fencing.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score: 4
This score equates to: Coherent

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Remnants of Sherwood Forest as part of Bestwood Lodge Hunting Forest within southern section.
Confirmed SINCS
2/546 Pit tip top plantation. "A mixed plantation established on a reclaimed spoil heap which has developed a notable grassland and wet land flora"
2/357
1/161
2/362 Raceground Hill Arable Habitat group. " A noteworthy collection of arable weeds"
SINC under review 2/358
Heathland Register, Bestwood colliery grassland, Bestwood Country Park
Bestwood MLA

Ecological Bases
Big wood is the main area of broadleaf woodland with relatively new (Last 30 years)planting Warren Hill plantation linking up to this. Crimea plantation links up with some field hedgerows. Elsewhere there are isolated woodlands less than a field size with hedges in various condition.

Intensity of Land Use
Mixture of intensive arable along ridgeline with areas of pasture for horse grazing, paddocks, riding stables.
There was an area of pigs and smaller areas of sheep further north. More of a small holding character to the area around Twelve Acre Farm with lots of ducks. Mushroom farm to the west of Kilowen Park.

Additional Notes
Pockets of this area are strong such as Bigwood but overall Moderate

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Heathland and Oak, with some sweet chestnut and sycamore, birch, holly, ash and yew. Some poplar and willow as well as conifers around Kilowen Park. Around Bestwood Lodge there were some more exotic species such as cedars.
Extent
Moderate coverage, to the south with less further north of this area.

Age Structure
Diverse age structure, with the old parts of a former hunting forest and the newer planting associated with Warrenhill plantation.

Field Boundaries
Mixed, some fragmented others intact. Along the ridgeline bridle track up to Kilmane Park the hedgerows are fairly strong and trimmed. There were a lot of gappy and outgrown hedges north looking up to Raceground Hill. Post and wire seemed to be around areas of grazing for horses. Some intact field hedges around Westhouse Farm.

Built Features
Urban Estate Housing, to the south with the occasional red brick house within the farmland (e.g The Rectory) Bestwood Lodge and Alexandra Lodges, pumping station are all redbrick. Kilmane park and bungalows are modern 60s onwards.

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Variable

Functional Integrity Score 4 this score equates to.. Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?
The expansion of Nottingham tends to be on the lower ground keeping the ridge lines open. Kilmane Park is secluded in a small valley tucked away from surrounding roads and so views into this development are contained. Unplanned and temporary built "clutter" which is associated to the small holding area around Twelve Acres Farm.

Impact of built development Moderate

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?
Possible extension to Nottinghams northern edge of residential or leisure development. Moderate Small scale infill development around Bestwood Country Park.moderate The area to the north west around Twelve Acre Farm could be subject to more intensive pony paddock use. Moderate. Kilmane park expansion northwards could also take place in the future. Moderate

Impact of recent land use change localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement
The arable farmland is well looked after although hedges can be gappy in places. The areas of small holding and pony paddock are untidy in appearance but well used and the structures are all temporary and light weight in nature and are not permanent features in the landscape. The buildings all appeared to be in fairly good condition with the country park are well managed.

Condition Overall Score 8 this score equates to.. Moderate

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands
Oak / birch woodland with heathland, Crimean plantation was mixed broadleaf with hawthorn scrub.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees
Trimmed hawthorn hedge with occasional ash tree,

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

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Other Vegetation

Bracken, elder and Rhododendron within big wood.
Small areas of heathland.

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Field Boundaries

Trimmed hedges along side arable fields (characteristic) with post and wire more of typical of horse grazing. (Indistinct)

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Buildings

Listed buildings:
7.2.3 Stable Court, Bestwood Lodge, Grade II c19
7.2.1 Bestwood Lodge Grade II* c19
7.2.13 Alexandra Lodges Grade II c19
7.2.7 and 7.2.8 Buildings on Pumping station site Grade II c19
7.2.6 Lake c19 Grade II
7.2.5 Pumping Station Grade II* c19
7.2.19 LIE Goosedale Farm (Sanderson period)

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Other Features

Country Parks, Bestwood,
Disused sand quarry and former Bestwood colliery site.
Small sports fields associated with a school and the Fire brigade HQ in the country park.

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Settlements

Edge of Nottingham to the south. Kilarney Park to the centre of this area. Isolated farms, houses and bungalows.

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Sense of Place Score 4 this score equates to Moderate

Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Beyond, from higher points and within from lower areas.

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ? Apparent

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How wooded is the landscape?

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Sensitivity Overall Score 8 this score equates to Moderate

Landscape Policy Score 16 this score equates to Landscape Policy Conserve and Create
**LANDSCAPE CONDITION**

**Visual Unity** - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

**Pattern of Elements**

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

**Detracting Features** (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

- Pylons/masts/poles etc (few)
- Commercial (nursery, stables etc)
- Busy roads - A614 and A60
- Recently restored landfill site to east of A614 in S6 with recently planted bund to periphery.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?  

**Visual Unity Score**  

| 5 | this score equates to.. | Unified |

**Functional Integrity** - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

**Ecological Integrity**:

**Extent and type of semi-natural habit**

- Mosaic of woodland, mixed and coniferous plantations with deciduous edges.
- Network of hedgerows.
- SINC's:
  - S6 - 2/1063 (confirmed) - Calverton Bestwood Quarry.
  - S8 - 2/359 (confirmed) - Seven Mile Railway, 2/360 (confirmed) - Break Lane; 2/1060 (confirmed) - Wildmans Wood Quarry; 2/363 (confirmed) - Longdale Plantation; 2/356 (candidate) - Trumpers Park Wood, valuable area of young deciduous woodland with acidic ground flora.
  - S9 - 5/280 (confirmed), 2/666 (confirmed) - Appleton Dale.
  - S12 - 2/662 (confirmed) - Little Rickets Lane Scrub
- Heathland Register Sites:
  - S7 - Sherwood Lodge
  - S8 - Robin Hood Way Plantation; Wildmans Wood Quarry; Longdale Plantation; Trumpers Park Wood

**Ecological Bases**

- Hedgerows and field margins provide good network, connecting with woodland belts and blocks.
- Intact field pattern with hedgerow trees.
- Low trimmed gappy hedgerows to large arable fields in places.

**Intensity of Land Use**

- Intensive arable land with strongly trimmed hedges, isolated areas of pasture - sheep and horticulture, some pig farming.
- Some areas of stronger hedgerows with trees.

**Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?**

**Cultural Integrity**:

**Tree cover**

- Scattered mixed blocks of woodland (pine, oak, birch, beech etc)
- Larger plantation areas of coniferous trees with deciduous planting to edges.
- Hedgerow trees prominent in some areas.
- Large mixed woodland at Burntstump Country park, police HQs.
Extent

Moderate coverage.

Age Structure

Mixed ages. New planting to edges of landfill site to east of A614 (S6). Generally mature woodland.

Field Boundaries

Mixed, some fragmented, generally intact and trimmed. Some areas of stronger hedgerow boundaries with trees. Stone wall to edge of Papplewick.

Built Features

Red brick farmhouses, stone cottages (Papplewick). Pumping Stations, Papplewick and Lakeside restaurant both red brick in formal garden settings. Suburban, large houses (built mid world wars) to south east of Ravenshead and on A60. Modern buildings of police headquarters and hospital set in grounds of Burnstump Country Park.

Listed Buildings:-

S6 - Ramsdale House (ref. 7.5.21), Grade II, 18th century; Cockliffe House (ref. 7.5.21), Grade II, 18th century.
S7 - Sherwood Lodge (Police HQ) (ref. 7.5.42), Grade LI E, 20th century; South Lodge, Sherwood Lodge (ref. 7.5.38), Dukes Cottages (ref. 7.2.26), Grade LI, 19th century.
S8 - Stanker Hill Farm (ref. 7.9.41), Grade LI E, Sanderson period; Papplewick Pumping Station (ref. 7.9.18), Grade II, 19th century; also buildings to north of Papplewick - Ward Cottage (ref. 7.9.37), Grade SS; some Grade II 18th century, including Papplewick Hall and Mews (ref. 7.9.3) and Top Farm (ref. 7.9.6).
S9 - Biddworth Dale, ref. 7.8.24, Grade II, 18th century.
S12 - Ling Farm (ref 3.9.9), Grade II, 18th century; Larch Farm (ref. 7.8.27), Grade LI E, Sanderson period.

Papplewick Village is a Conservation Area.

Additional Notes

Good overall with historic buildings and field boundaries intact. Some arable areas where field boundaries have been lost of are in decline.

Overall Cultural Integrity

Variable

Functional Integrity Score

4 this score equates to.. Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix):

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Modern buildings of Police HQs and hospital not in keeping with local vernacular but are well concealed in woodland. Spread of large houses to south and south east of Ravenshead, mostly interwar, in large gardens and generally well screened from road. Suburban feel.

Impact of built development

Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Possible expansion of housing around Ravenshead - moderate impact, woodland screening would not be out of place. Deterioration of field boundaries and ploughing close to hedgerows - potentially strong impact if field pattern is lost. Farm diversification - low impact, associated signage.

Impact of recent land use change

insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Overall the condition of the area is good. Field structure still in place although some field boundaries are degraded and gappy. Farms generally have a tidy appearance with few large untidy sheds which often dominate farmyards. Condition of woodlands appears to be good.

Only detracting features are pylons, poles etc. and the A60 and A614 which are busy roads. Public car parks within woodland settings are generally well maintained and screened.

Gardens to large properties well maintained.

Horsiculture infringing into fields in some areas with subdivision of fields.

Condition Overall Score

9 this score equates to.. Good

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LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

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<td>S7 - Mixed woodland and parkland trees on undulating area between A60 and A614 with Burnstump Country Park to the north of the area - historic, including some pre Sanderson woodland; hedgerow trees common to west of A60.</td>
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<td>S8 - Seven Mile Wood - historic (pre Sanderson); Vincent Plantation - historic (pre Sanderson); New Plantation and King Edwards Plantation (historic - post Sanderson); Wildmans Wood (historic - pre Sanderson); Longdale Plantation (historic - post Sanderson); Kighill Wood (historic - pre Sanderson); Sandholes (historic - pre Sanderson); linear band of woodland to east of B683 north of Papplewick (historic - pre Sanderson); Ravenshead Wood/Gibberdale Wood (historic - pre Sanderson but now mainly coniferous planting.</td>
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<td>S9 - Appleton Dale (historic - pre Sanderson but reduced area). Large area of former woodland to east of Ravenshead lost. Other isolated blocks - historic (pre Sanderson)</td>
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<td>S12 - block to north of Larch Farm (historic - pre Sanderson); Twin Hill, plantation on hilltop (historic - pre Sanderson), block to south of Ricket Lane (historic - pre Sanderson).</td>
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Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

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<td>Trimmed hawthorn hedge with occasional ash tree, mixed species hedgerows on some roadsides. Trimmed hawthorn hedges more common as field boundaries. Linear band of Scots Pine along ridgeline to south of S9.</td>
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<td>Bracken and gorse common in verges and to edges of woodland. Line pine trees on ridgeline to north of Longdale Lane (S9). Trimmed hawthorn tree on junction of A60 and Ricket Lane.</td>
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<td>Isolated Farms, historic red brick pumping stations (Victorian), red brick houses and farm houses, stone cottages - historic. Houses to edge of Ravenshead mostly red brick but non vernacular - historic.</td>
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Edges/extensions of Ravenshead

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**Sense of Place Score** 4  **this score equates to..**  Moderate

**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
Typically views are restricted to within the LCP due to woodland cover, landform and urban edges.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?**  Apparent

**How wooded is the landscape?**  Intermittent

**Views Score** 4  **this score equates to..**  Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score** 8  **this score equates to..**  Moderate

**Landscape Policy Score** 17  **this score equates to Landscape Policy**  Conserve and Reinforce
**Draft Character Type:** Sherwood  
**Date:** 27/09/2005  
**Surveyor:** NA/ALB  

**Land Cover Parcel Ref(s):** S10  


**Conditions:** sunny and breezy  
**OS East:** 4588  
**OS North:** 3555  
**Location:** Field Lane  

**LANDSCAPE CONDITION**

**Visual Unity** - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements  
**Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?**  
Unified  

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area  
No major detracting features. General untidy appearance of some areas where horses are kept - sheds, subdivision of fields with tape etc  

**Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?**  
Few  

**Visual Unity Score**  
6  
**this score equates to..**  
Strongly unified  

**Functional Integrity** - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?  
**Ecological Integrity:**  

**Extent and type of semi-natural habit**  
Acid heath, acidic woodland, open valley woodland, marshland and damp woodland - see SINC/LNRs  

**Ecological Bases**  
Hedgerows and field margins provide good network - connectivity good. Belts of deciduous woodland connect into hedgerows, intact field patterns with hedgerow trees, isolated patches of woodland  

**Intensity of Land Use**  
Low intensity farming with permanent improved pasture. Some arable farming but the majority is pasture. Horsiculture is common.  

**Additional Notes**  
Species rich hedges, some of which are ancient.  

**Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?**  
Strong  

**Cultural Integrity:**  

**Tree cover**  
Small woodland blocks. Mixed woodland to west of High Park, deciduous around Fountain Dale, Rainworth Lodge and along valley bottom of Rainworth Water.  

**Extent**  
Moderate coverage. Significant contribution from hedgerow trees.  

**Age Structure**  
Diverse - older to valley bottom, post Sanderson to west of High Park and more recent to pit tip.  

**Field Boundaries**  
Outgrowing and open at base, large strong hedgerows with trees. Some areas with gappy hedgerows but generally good condition.  

**Built Features**  
Traditional village cores with new build to the periphery. Isolated farms - mixed age, generally rendered and painted. Some pantile roofs.  

**Additional Notes**  

**Overall Cultural Integrity**  
Good  

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Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Most of development close to Bleadworth village. Recent development is not particularly sensitive to local vernacular. Range of property ages and styles.

Impact of built development

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Breakdown of small fields where arable land use - strong.
Increase of horticulture - sheds/facilities and sub-division of fields - moderate.
Expansion of housing - moderate.

Impact of recent land use change

Overall Condition Summary Statement

The area has a strong character due to its landform and old intact field pattern. Localised erosion due to piecemeal development of horticulture. Overall in good condition with a strong sense of place.

Condition Overall Score

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Isolated blocks of woodland, mostly on slopes towards Rainworth Water.

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Oak, ash trees within hawthorn hedges, Holly within hedgerow, some ancient hedgerows. Generally tall and strong. Field pattern fairly unique within Notts.

Distinctiveness Unique/Rare

Other Vegetation

Bracken (common in many verges, Heathland, Acid grassland,

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Field Boundaries

Hedge on top of bank along narrow lanes. Some hedgerows with broad grass verges - eg. Field Lane

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Buildings

Isolated Farms, Large country houses,

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Highways

Angular road pattern with sharp corners. Some narrow hedged lanes.

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Other Features

Small spoil heap to west of village

Distinctiveness Indistinct

Settlements

Edge of Bleadworth. Historic core of village designated as a Conservation Area.

Distinctiveness Characteristic

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Final distinctiveness: Characteristic
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Sense of Place Score: 5; this score equates to: Strong

Visibility
Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
Typically within the LCP.

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?: Dominant
How wooded is the landscape?
Enclosed

Views Score: 4; this score equates to: Moderate

Sensitivity Overall Score: 9; this score equates to: High

Landscape Policy Score: 19; this score equates to: Landscape Policy conserve

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**LANDSCAPE CONDITION**

**Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following**

**Pattern of Elements**
- Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?
  - Coherent

**Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area**
- Busy roads, A60 and B6020

**Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?**
- Some

**Visual Unity Score**
- 4
  - This score equates to...
  - Coherent

**Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?**

**Ecological Integrity:**

- Extent and type of semi-natural habitat
  - Deciduous woodland,
  - Heathland
  - Acid grassland

**Ecological Bases**
- SINC does not extend to residential area
- Belts of deciduous woodland connect into the larger woodland areas of Newstead Park.

**Intensity of Land Use**
- Intensive arable land, permanent pasture with hedgerows with mature trees

**Additional Notes**

**Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?**
- Moderate

**Cultural Integrity:**

**Tree cover**
- Oak, Beech, Birch, Scots Pine with rhododendron understorey

**Extent**
- Moderate coverage,

**Age Structure**
- Mature, to over mature and in decline

**Field Boundaries**
- Mixed, some fragmented others intact, intact hedgrows have mature trees

**Built Features**
- Isolated farm buildings, detached residential housing along A60

**Additional Notes**
- Sanderson plan field pattern intact to the west and north of area, recent housing has resulted in removal of some areas of woodland on A60 frontage.

**Overall Cultural Integrity**
- Variable
Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Detached property on A60 is well screened by woodland from road and Newstead Abbey grounds, respects sense of place in that the surrounding woodland has been retained to provide screening.

Impact of built development

Moderate

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Removal of field boundaries due to intensification of agriculture - moderate
Further removal of woodland due to housing development

Impact of recent land use change

Localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

This PZ consists of 2 distinct areas, firstly an area of arable farmland and permanent improved pasture, and secondly an area of prestigous detached housing set in mature woodland. The field pattern of the farmed area reflects the field pattern shown in the historic map of 1835, field boundaries are intact with hedgerows many with mature trees. There is also small Oak Birch woodland with heathland to the western corner. The housing area is set within mature deciduous woodland with patches of coniferous planting, it is well screened from the road and Newstead Abbey by this woodland. The housing area is not part of the Newstead Abbey SINC site but overall forms a moderate habitat for wildlife because of its linkages with larger areas of deciduous woodland within Newstead Abbey grounds. The landscape condition is defined as Moderate.

Condition Overall Score

8

this score equates to...

Moderate

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Mature deciduous woodland with coniferous patches

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Hedgerows with mature trees

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation

Heathland

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Continuity Historic

Field Boundaries

Hawthorn hedgerows

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Continuity Historic

Buildings

Isolated Farms, detached houses

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Continuity Historic

Highways

Straight Roads

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Continuity Historic

Other Features

Distinctiveness

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### Settlements

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### Visibility

**Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?**
- Open views in farmed area to Hollinwells Golf course and Newstead Abbey parkland, enclosed views in the housing area, contained by woodland

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Draft Character Type: Sherwood  
Date: 19/10/2005  
Surveyor: NA/ADC

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): S19

Conditions: damp and overcast

OS East: 461055  
OS North: 363743

Location: Sherwood Pines Car Park

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

- Pylons and electricity poles but fairly well screened by trees
- Recreational facilities within Sherwood Pines Forest - again well screened

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Few

Visual Unity Score: 6  
this score equates to: Strongly unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

- Mosaic heathland and acid grassland areas with forest.
- SINCs:
  - 2/734 (under review/candidate) - Fir Tree Farm (notable arable weed species)
  - 1/190 (under review/candidate) - Clipstone Forest (coniferous forest with numerous heathland areas).
  - 1/132 (under review/candidate) - Clipstone Heath (important area of dry acid heathland).
  - 2/668 - Eakring Road Plantation (heathland flowering sps. In manmade habitats - railway embbs and plantations).

- Heathland Register Sites:

  - Clipstone Forest - 13 No sites with forest.
  - Sherwood Holiday Village (site No 5)
  - Mansfield Colliery Railway
  - Eakring Road Plantation

Ecological Bases

- Large areas of woodland with hedgerows running into edges.
- Arable areas to north have low gappy hedgerows in poor condition, with fencing in places to fill gaps.

Intensity of Land Use

- Highly intensive arable land with strongly trimmed hedges.
- Forestry Commission land used for commercial forestry.
- Fairly intensive use within Sherwood Pines area - assault course, cycle tracks etc.

Additional Notes: Majority of area covered in forestry/woodland which provides habitats for wildlife. Smaller areas of arable with poor hedgerows not as good.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Strong

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

- Extensive coniferous forestry with deciduous planting to edges and patches within the forest.
- Area to north of Inkersall Manor mostly beech in double rows with single row of pine between. Disused railway line to west and south with mature birch and heathland vegetation.

Extent

Extensive

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Age Structure
Diverse age structure - coniferous plantations at various stages.

Field Boundaries
Gappy and in decline, low trimmed.

Built Features
Largely within holiday village and Sherwood Pines Forest - timber buildings in keeping with rural location.
Forestry Commission Offices to north west are a mixture of timber, concrete, brick, breeze block and
Portakabins - but surroundings are tidy and well screened within the forest.
Blooms Gorse Farm - listed building.

Additional Notes
Historic areas of deciduous woodland Pittance Park, Culloden Plantation, Blooms Gorse
(Browns Gorse?) and Browns Covert all pre Sanderson 1835 within coniferous plantations
(1940s?). Sandersons map shows majority of area as heathland with some small to
medium sized fields to the north western boundary - these have since been lost to forestry.
Remaining arable fields to the north are small to medium sized but with declining hedgerow
boundaries.

Overall Cultural Integrity
Variable

Functional Integrity Score
5  this score equates to.. Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)
How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Development well screened within woodland. Sherwood Pines buildings are timber and in keeping with location.
Forestry Commission office buildings mixed and not in keeping but well screened.

Impact of built development
Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)
What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Expansion of leisure industry with Sherwood Pines Forest and Holiday Village - moderate, dependant on direction
of expansion and whether in designated areas - Heathland Register areas for example.
Widespread felling of commercial forestry - may have strong impact initially if felled in large areas - however, if
returned to heathland vegetation could have positive impact.

Impact of recent land use change
Localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement
Woodland/Forest well maintained and managed. Generally recreational uses within the woodland are well
screened and in keeping with location.
Small areas of arable farming are highly intensive with poorly managed hedgerows.

Condition Overall Score
10  this score equates to.. Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands  
NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Coniferous woodland plantations with extensive areas of broadleaved with heathland vegetation - beech, sweet
chestnut, oak, birch etc.

Distinctiveness  Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees
Low trimmed hawthorn hedges with gaps and bracken.

Distinctiveness  Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation
Bracken in hedgerows and within woodland areas.
Heathland and acid grassland within forest.
Disused railway line in steep cutting to south - largely birch trees with bracken.

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**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Field Boundaries**
Trimsed hedge, some boundaries at forest edge post and wire. Some gaps in hedgerows filled with post rail fencing.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Buildings**
Only buildings associated with recreation and forestry commission.
Isolated farms - Blooms Gorse Farm

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Recent

**Highways**
Roads large outside the area. Roads/ tracks into Sherwood Pines and Holiday Village winding.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Recent

**Other Features**
Disused railway lines, recreational use.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Settlements**
No settlements apart from the holiday village.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Recent

**Final distinctiveness**

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**Sense of Place Score** 4 **this score equates to..** Moderate

**Visibility**
Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
Within - views largely restricted by woodland.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?** Dominant
**Enclosed**

**How wooded is the landscape?**

**Views Score** 4 **this score equates to..** Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score** 8 **this score equates to..** Moderate

**Landscape Policy Score** 18 **this score equates to Landscape Polic** conserve

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Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) | S3, S4, S15, S16, S73
---|---
Conditions | Overcast
Location | Mansfield Road, entrance to Boundary Farm

**LANDSCAPE CONDITION**

**Visual Unity** - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

- Pylons/masts/poles etc, large scale agricultural sheds associated with packaging and processing (S16), small area of horticulture with subdivision of fields, run down farm buildings (eg. Rufford Forest Farm (S16), commercial activity around White Post Roundabout with associated signage etc, short rotation willow cropping adjacent to the A614 (S16), Lockwell Hill Outdoor Activity Centre - tyre tracks etc

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

**Visual Unity Score** | 4 | this score equates to.. | Coherent

**Functional Integrity** - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

**Extent and type of semi-natural habit**

- SINC 1/90 Clipstone Forest, mostly coniferous with some heathland areas (candidate/under review) - S16
- SINC 2/541 (confirmed) - Farnsfield deserted railway - also on Heathland Register (S15)
- SINC 2/717 Hexgreave Park (part of) (S73)

**Ecological Bases**

- Better network of strong hedgerows with trees in S4 around Oxton and in S73 around Hexgreave Park.
- Elsewhere large arable fields with low, often gappy hedgerows.
- Isolated patches of woodland often linking into hedgerows.

**Intensity of Land Use**

- Highly intensive arable land with low trimmed hedges. Some hedges missing or very gappy.

**Additional Notes**

- Although large areas have a poor network of hedgerows, ploughed close to base, areas around Oxton and Hexgreave Park have a generally intact field pattern. Farnsfield deserted railway and Southell Trail form wildlife corridors.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

**Cultural Integrity:**

**Tree cover**

- Many hedgerow trees and isolated trees (oak, ash) in fields to west of Oxton (S3) - former parkland now has A6097 running through the centre.
- Isolated areas of mixed and deciduous woodland, coniferous forest to north of S16 - southern edge of Clipstone Forest. Some belts of trees (eg shelter belts and lime avenues to Hexgreave Park). Row of poplars on approach to Inkersal Grange Farm.

**Extent**

- Low coverage overall but isolated patches.

**Age Structure**

- Mature woodland generally, some areas of recent planting - eg. In golf course (Oakmere Park).

**Field Boundaries**

- Gappy and in decline to areas of intensive arable farming in S3, S15, S16 and south western corner of S73.
Areas around Oxton and Hexgreave Park have strong, well trimmed hedgerows with trees.

**Built Features**

Red brick farmhouses with pantile roofs. Some stone buildings, eg. Lodges around Hexgreave Park. Majority of buildings in Oxton are red brick traditional.

**Additional Notes**

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Variable

**Functional Integrity Score** 4 this score equates to Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

Generally buildings are red brick vernacular and in character. Some farmhouses are red brick but often have a run down appearance and have large scale sheds which are unsightly with little screening. Oxton and Hexgreave Park area have a strong sense of place. Elsewhere this has been eroded by the breakdown of field pattern associated with intensive arable farming. The area around White Post roundabout is very commercial with associated signage, etc. which is out of character in a rural location.

Impact of built development Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Possible extension of tourist/recreation and commercial activity around the White Post roundabout - moderate. Possible extension of recreational activity around Lockwell Hill Outdoor Centre - degradation or removal of oak/birch woodland - moderate/strong. Further intensification of arable farming and continued degradation of the field pattern and expansion of large industrial sized sheds used for processing/packaging at Inkersall Grange Farm - strong. Also possible loss of woodland due to intensification of farming - evidence of disturbance on eastern edge of Flowers Wood.

Impact of recent land use change Localised

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Very variable area with large scale arable farming, isolated farms which are often run down in appearance with some farm cottages disused (eg. Near Watch Hill). Large agricultural sheds and pylons are the main detracting features. Large areas of intensive arable farming with large field sizes with low gappy hedgerows. Isolated areas with stronger well maintained hedgerows and hedgerow trees - area to the south around Oxton and area around Hexgreave Park. Remnants of parkland to the west of Oxton are apparent, giving a strong sense of place and around Hexgreave Park where avenues of trees, shelter belts and parkland trees are still present. Isolated woodland areas are generally historic or have been planted in the last 200 years.

**Condition Overall Score** 8 this score equates to Moderately

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

*Woodlands*

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50 years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Plantation woodlands on hilltops - Godson Plantation - historic (pre-Sanderson) and Cockett Plantation - historic (post Sanderson).

Shelterbelt of mature mixed woodland - Rook Wood and Flowers Wood - historic (pre-Sanderson) and around Hexgreave Park (post Sanderson).

Damside Covert - mixed plantation on the southern edge of Clipstone Forest - historic (pre Sanderson planting within the woodland).

Isolated blocks of woodland - Gorse Covert and Foulds Plantation - historic (pre Sanderson).

Some recent planting associated with golf course.

**Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic**

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Holly within hedgerow in isolated locations around Oxton and Hexgreave. Many hedgerow trees around Oxton area - oak and ash. Low trimmed hawthorn hedges to large geometric fields. Older mixed hedgerows around Oxton and Hexgreave.
### Distinctiveness

**Other Vegetation**
- Bracken to hedgerows and verges.
- Avenues of trees along farm tracks and approach to Hexgreave Park. Some remnant heathland - to south of Clipstone Forest and disused railway line at Farnsfield/Southwell trail - also small trees etc.

**Field Boundaries**
- Hedge on top of bank in isolated locations.
- Largely trimmed hedges with little or no verge in arable fields.

**Buildings**
- Isolated Farms, Large country houses, Red brick cottages / houses.

**Highways**
- Straight Roads, Narrow hedged lines.

**Other Features**
- Golf course, disused railway lines, remnant parkland, White Post Farm, Wonderland, Chinese restaurant, car sales and Public House at White Post Roundabout

**Settlements**
- Oxton is a characteristic red brick and pantile roof village, isolated farmhouses are a mixture of vernacular and non-vernacular, often in poor condition.

### Other

- **Distinctiveness**
  - Characteristic
  - Historic

- **Continuity**
  - Historic

- **Highways**
  - Characteristic
  - Recent

- **Other Features**
  - Characteristic
  - Historic

- **Settlements**
  - Characteristic
  - Historic

### Visibility
- Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
- Views often contained within LCP by landform and vegetation. In higher locations (e.g., from the road between Kirklington Road and Farnsfield) there are open long distance views.

### Sensitivity
- **Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?**
  - Apparent
- **How wooded is the landscape?**
  - Intermittent

### Values
- **Views Score**
  - 4
  - Moderate

- **Sensitivity Overall Score**
  - 8
  - Moderate

- **Landscape Policy Score**
  - 16
  - Conserve and Create
Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
Busy roads, mineral extraction, industrial estates, telegraph poles, fly tipping on Eakring Road. Scrap yards to south of Crown Farm Industrial Estate.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score

this score equates to.

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Mosaic of heathland and acid grassland, deciduous woodland with mature oaks, coniferous woodland with mature oaks, streams and wetlands

Area contains the following LNRs and SSSIs, and heathland register sites

Ecological Bases
Interconnecting blocks of deciduous woodland within golf course and on restored colliery sites. Patches of heathland and scrub areas between these providing connectivity. Small areas of farmland have strong hedgerows with trees.

Intensity of Land Use
Industrial areas with intensive land use - Crown Farm Ind Estate and Ransom Wood Business Park. Quarrying activity at Ratcher Hill. Low intensity of landuse in areas of restored mineral workings - Vicar Water and Rufford Colliery.
Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

**Deciduous woodland and heathland mosaic.**

**Strong**

**Cultural Integrity:**

**Tree cover**

Deciduous woodland with mature Oak (golf course), mixed plantation woodland to reclaimed spoil tips, coniferous woodland with mature Oak (western fringes of S20 LCP), parkland woodland with mature pine and Oak (Ransom Wood).

**Extent**

Moderate coverage.

**Age Structure**

Diverse age structure, more recent planting on restored tips and mature trees in the golf course and other woodland areas.

**Field Boundaries**

S21 very little agricultural land but hedges within these areas are strong and mature with hedgerow trees. Hedgerows more gappy to agricultural areas south of Rainworth By pass.

**Built Features**

Large industrial units. Newlands Farm - stone house. Slight encroachment of new housing to north east of area on southern fringe of Clipstone. Amenity buildings at golf course and Vicar Water Visitor Centre red brick.

**Additional Notes**

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Poor

**Functional Integrity Score** 4 this score equates to Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Overall, development does not respect the local vernacular and character. Large industrial buildings dominate skyline.

**Impact of built development** Moderate

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

New MARR route creates more pressure for industrial and commercial development on the eastern of Mansfield - moderate.

Infilling and possible expansion of Crown Farm Industrial Estate - moderate.

Possible Motocross site in central band of LCP - strong.

Ratcher Hill Quarry - future landuse following quarry not known.

**Impact of recent land use change** widespread

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Visual unity - incoherent with many detracting features. Strong impact of mineral workings and industry over much of the LCP.

Ecology - strong network of habitats - interlocking woodland.

Cultural Integrity - poor overall, little relationship between modern buildings and historic land use. Majority of area formerly heathland and therefore open, as shown on Sandersons map.

Impact of recent land use changes has been widespread.

**Condition Overall Score** 6 this score equates to Very Poor

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

mixed woodland to reclaimed spoil tips - recent

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deciduous woodland to golf course- historic
congeneric woodland adjacent Strawberry Hill- recent
parkland around Ransom Wood Business Park- historic

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Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Few hedgerows but where present on fringes of LCP they are strong with some trees.

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Other Vegetation

gorse, broom
bracken
heathland
acid grassland

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Tall mature hedgerows around Newlands Farm.

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straight roads. Entrance to Vicar Water is a narrow hedged lane.

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Other Features

golf course - Sherwood Forest - historic
mineral sites - Clipstone, Rufford- historic
disused mineral railway lines - historic
sportsfields - recent
country park- Vicar Water - recent
industrial estate - Crown Farm - recent
business park- Ransom Wood - recent

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Settlements

housing to the southern edge of Clipstone extends into area

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Area fragmented by various landuses.

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Historic mineral activity and heathland recreation.

Sense of Place Score

4      this score equates to..  Moderate

Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Panoramic views from spoil tip at Vicar Water. Wooded ridgeline beyond Clipstone to north, east and South coniferous forest beyond the LCP boundary, views to west outside LCP, contained by landform and urbanedge of Mansfield.

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?

| Dominant |

How wooded is the landscape?

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Conditions overcast
Location Clipstone forest access road

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
- Pylons/masts/poles etc, esp in northern area (S52).
- Main road (A614).
- Large scale agricultural sheds (at Featherstone House Farm).
- Fly tipping (at end of Clipstone Forest Access Road).
- Lorry park at Limes Café.
- Degraded landscape on eastern edge of clipstone (diff LCP?)

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Some

Visual Unity Score 4 this score equates to... Coherent

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Large areas of woodland- coniferous plantations with broad leaved margins and some mixed woodlands.
Areas of heathland within Clipstone forest/ Sherwood Forest Holiday Village on Heathland Register.
SINC No.1/90 -(under review/ candidate SINC)- Clipstone Forest.

Ecological Bases

Woodland areas well connected (eastern edge Clipstone Forest).
Hedgerows largely low, trimmed and gappy. Mostly hawthorn but with isolated lengths of stronger, mixed hedgerows.

Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land with strongly trimmed hedges, and large fields.
Low intensity holiday development in woodland setting.

Additional Notes Poor habitat provision through fields and gappy hedgerows but woodland edges esp have high potential.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Predominantly coniferous plantations. Broadleaved edges including beech, lime, oak, birch etc.
Mature lime avenue to Inkersall Farm.
Few hedgerow trees.

Extent

Moderate - concentrated to west in form of Clipstone Forest.

Age Structure

Mature.
Small area of new planting west of Amen Corner.

Field Boundaries

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Mixed, some fragmented others intact, generally low trimmed.
Varied along A614 (some absent, some outgrown).

### Built Features
- Scattered farms.
- Mixed styles and ages of properties (majority C20th).
- Centre Parcs holiday village - small lodges, not visible from public areas.
- Listed Buildings: Blooms Gorse Farm, Eastfield Farm, Inkersall Farm, Featherstone Farmhouse.

### Overall Notes
- **Functional Integrity Score**: 4, this score equates to.. Coherent
- Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix):
  - Most new houses are post 1950's and non-vernacular. Generally well screened by woodland/planting.
  - Sherwood forest holiday village well concealed within woodland setting, with sympathetic signage etc.
  - Limes Café obvious beside A614 - screening absent and parking expansion appears haphazard.
  - Expansion of farm buildings with little respect for local vernacular /scale and detract from Listed Buildings (eg Featherstone Farm)
- Impact of Built Development: Low
- Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

### What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?
- Expansion of holiday village into woodland areas - impact weak due to screening potential of woodland and precedence shown.
- Expansion of holiday village into fields - impact moderate due to establishment period for screen planting (to west of Amen Corner?).
- Intensification of farming leading to increased field size, loss of hedgerows and possible loss of woodland areas.
- Moderate impact.
- Development of diversification business on farms (kennels, catteries, archery, carting): impact moderate/strong if poorly regulated.
- Impact of Recent Land Use Change: Localised

### Overall Condition Summary Statement
- Northern area in fair condition with reasonable hedgerows but pylons / telegraph poles are a strong visual influence and detract from the area.
- Sensitive development of holiday village has low impact on area. Fields to south larger and with poorer boundaries.
- Variable condition of hedgerows along A614 - some broken and long gaps / overgrown.
- Clipstone Wood and access routes seem well maintained.
- Eastern edge of Clipstone village is within SS2 - west of the railway line the area is degraded with run down fencing and untidy buildings - maybe better grouped with S66?

### Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

#### Woodlands
NB. re Continuity: Recent-50 years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600
- Predominantly coniferous plantations with broadleaved margins-historic (mostly post Sanderson but with pockets of older pre-Sanderson plantations and coverts).
- Half moon plantation is mixed woodland plantation on hillside-historic (post Sanderson).
- Mixed woodland surrounding holiday village development-historic (Pittance Park is pre Sanderson).

#### Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees
- Trimmed hawthorn hedges, occasional hedgerow trees.
- Holly and yew to roadside hedge on approach to Rufford park from south.
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**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Beyond, out to north and to east. Views to west contained by forest.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?**

How wooded is the landscape? Apparent intermittent

**Views Score** 4 this score equates to.. Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score** 8 this score equates to.. Moderate

**Landscape Policy Score** 16 this score equates to Landscape Policy Conserve and Create
LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Pyons south of Wellow, Large scale agricultural sheds (poultry?), A614 cuts through to the west of Rufford Country Park. Manicured golf course unnatural in the area. Some subdivision of fields for horiculture near North Laiths and Old Kennels. Signage for tourist attractions.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?
Some

Visual Unity Score
4
this score equates to..
Coherent

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Fairly large areas of woodland, some of which are old parkland plantations with planned layouts.
SINCs - 2/572 (under review) - New Park Wood and Scotland Bank
1/125 - Rufford Country Park
2/742 - Bilsthorpe to Ollerton disused railway line - hawthorn, ash, hazel etc.

Ecological Bases

Well connected network of woodland. Linear blocks of woodland also link up with hedgerows. Field pattern generally intact but some areas where there are no boundaries - eg. Rufford Park which now arable farmland.

Intensity of Land Use

Some areas of intensive arable farming. Area to west around Rufford Country Park is a concentrated area of tourism/recreation facilities and to the east of the A614 lies the Rufford Park Golf Centre. Rufford Park area intensively farmed with large field sizes and large sheds.

Additional Notes
West - connecting woodland; intensive arable east

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Mixed woodland. New Park Wood is coniferous with deciduous planting to the edges.

Extent

Moderate coverage,

Age Structure

Over mature and in decline - New Park Wood devastated old wood containing features of botanical interest. Cutts Wood has diverse age range. Mature woodland around Rufford Country Park. Young woodland plantings associated with the golf course.

Field Boundaries

Mixed, some areas where hedgerows intact, others where field boundaries had been lost, mainly to the south. Some areas with strong hedges remaining - eg. Lane to North Laiths.

Built Features
Red brick farmhouses (eg. North Laiths farm with dovecote and stables) Brick walls. Rufford Abbey built from stone. School to edge of Wellow is red brick.

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity [Variable]

Functional Integrity Score [4] this score equates to: Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix):

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Rufford Country Park sensitive to local landscape character - car park set within woodland, buildings retained etc. Large industrial sized sheds are out of scale but located out of the way and often screened by woodland or built adjacent to woodland. Golf course very manicured in rural location - more appropriate habitats could be created.

Impact of built development Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?


Impact of recent land use change Localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Generally the condition of woodland is good, well managed around Rufford Country Park. Areas of intensive arable land use have poor ecological continuity due to loss of hedgerows. Golf course highly maintained, poor ecological value.

Condition Overall Score [8] this score equates to: Moderate

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Mixed woodland plantations, Oak / birch woodland with heathland, Shelterbelt of mature mixed woodland.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Hawthorn, some holly within hedgerows, some hedgerow trees.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation

Avenues of trees (limes near Scots Farm). Bracken in areas of woodland.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Field Boundaries

Mixed species hedgerows, mostly trimmed. Taped subdivision of fields for horses.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Buildings

Isolated Farms, Large country houses, Red brick cottages / houses.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Highways

A614 straight. Few roads. Tracks within area are fairly straight. Dismantled railway curved.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Features

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Golf courses, disused railway line, sportsfield at school, country park and other recreational facilities - Center Parks, go-karting, horse paddock.

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**Settlements**

Housing to south of Rufford Country Park (mixed age and character). Isolated houses and farms which are generally red brick and pantile roof, characteristic of area.

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**Sense of Place Score** 4  
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**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Typically limited to within. Views often contained by woodland.

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How wooded is the landscape?

**Views Score** 4  
*this score equates to..* Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score** 8  
*this score equates to..* Moderate

**Landscape Policy Score** 16  
*this score equates to Landscape Policy* Conserve and Create
LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

MARR route
Oakham Business Park cuts into the northern fringe of the DPZ, further industrial development is also developing at the south west end of Hamilton Lane, two radio masts within the area but these are not conspicuous.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Coherent

Visual Unity Score 4 this score equates to Coherent

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

MLA 90 Coxmoor/Hamilton Hill
MLA 115 Kirkby Forest Golf Course

confirmed Biological SINC sites
2/226 Kingsmill Reservoir
2/330 Bleakhill Farm Grasslands
1/36 Coxmoor Golf Course
2/80 Caudwell Dam and drain
2/230 Stonehills Plantation Ride
2/78 Thieves Wood
2/79 Harlow Wood
2/225 Hollinwood Golf Course
5/1075 un named
5/1090 un named
5/38 un named

Heathland register sites
Rainworth
Hollinwell Golf Course
Robin Hoods Cave
Coxmoor Golf Course

overall habitat description - areas of deciduous woodland, coniferous woodland, heathy character apparent on road verges, edges of tracks and footpaths, wetland habitats around Kingsmill reservoir, Caudwell dam, Foul evil brook. Extensive mosaic of heathland on Coxmoor and Hollinwells golf courses.

Ecological Bases

Good level of connectivity of habitats - belts of deciduous and coniferous woodlands link together via hedgerows and field margins, which link with large areas of heathland mosaic on golf courses. MARR will be very important in further linking areas together, if hedgerow establishment and heathland creation is not successful on this scheme this will form a barrier between the north and south of the DPZ.

Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land use with hedgerow pattern intact, also intensive livestock - pigs in some areas.Little
permanent pasture as a whole but some horse grazing in isolated areas

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Deciduous woodland - oak, sweet chestnut, birch, and beech with rich ground flora and heathy character to the edge of rides and tracks, and coniferous woodland with poor ground flora

Extent
Moderate coverage - Thieves wood, Normanshill wood, Harlow wood, Stonehills plantation, and Caudwell wood are the largest areas. There are small strips of woodland around Kings Mill reservoir and shelter belts around isolated farms, also a recently planted screening belt around Oakham Business Park.

Age Structure
Thieves wood, and Normanshill wood is ancient woodland and covers approx one third of the total woodland area within this DPZ - mature
Harlow wood, Stonehills plantation - coniferous - mature with some areas of clear fell.
Caudwell wood is deciduous woodland - mature
The golf course woodlands are of a diverse age structure
The only recently planted woodland is around Oakham Business Park

Field Boundaries
Field boundary hedgerows exist but generally not well maintained, gappy in places. Boundaries to lanes are more species rich with some with mature Hollys such as on the lane to Lindhurst Farm, and lane to Black Scotch Farm. Road hedge boundaries also generally more species rich and mature particularly on the southern section of the blocked off Caudwell road

Built Features
Isolated farms with associated farm buildings, linear residential properties along Coxmoor road, terraced residential houses to the fringe of Kirkby in Ashfield on Blidworth Road, small residential estate within Harlow wood on the A69, residential and classroom facilities at Portland Training College and Fountainsdale School, Oakham Business Park, Golf course club houses, Sherwood Observatory.

Overall Notes
note for assessment of pilot study - this is too much of a generalisation over too wide an area to be useful or accurate

Overall Cultural Integrity Variable

Functional Integrity Score 4 this score equates to Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Effect on Oakham business park - generally modern structures but some effort has been made to blend these into their surroundings by the provision of a woodland screening belt.
Isolated farm buildings Firs farm, Lindhurst farm, Black scotch farm, Rushley farm, Two oaks farm, Lower Oakham farm, Hamilton Hill Farm, Redhouse Farm, Coxmoor Farm, Stonehills Farm, Forest farm, Vernon farm, Hallams Farm; many of these contain older stone buildings which reflect local character, but many have the addition of more recent barns and structures which are more industrial in appearance eg: Lindhurst Farm, some conversion of farm buildings into private residential uses some with horse grazing or commercial uses (nursery/childrens day centre.)

Impact of built development Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

The building of the MARR route will create the major change to this DPZ and the impact is likely to be strong, this will lead to change from intensive arable use to further industrial development along at least part of its length.

Impact of recent land use change widespread

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Overall Condition Summary Statement

The DPZ consists of a framework of woodlands, mosaics of heathland with woodland on golf course areas, interspersed with intensive agricultural use such as arable, pig farming, also some horse grazing. The landscape condition is generally good. The new MARR route has cut through the middle of this character area and is likely to lead to major landuse changes in terms of encouraging industrial development particularly from its western end moving eastwards along the route.

| Condition Overall Score | 8 | this score equates to.. | Moderate |

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Ancient woodlands include only Thieves wood and Normans hill wood.
All remaining woodland fits into the historic category apart from a shelter/ screening belt on the south and eastern edge of the Oakham business park.

| Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic |

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Majority of hedgerow pattern within the DPZ is Ancient and Historic.
Road carriageway hedgerows are mainly less species rich than along the older historic and ancient access routes and field boundaries.
Field boundary hedgerows contain isolated trees but this is not a typical characteristic. There are more trees within hedgerows along access routes and roads.

| Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic |

Other Vegetation

Bracken and heathland species colonise mainly the edges of tracks and roadsides.
Historically this would have been an inherently heathland / woodland habitat. Therefore the natural seed bank within disturbed soils provide the ideal requirements for heathland to regenerate naturally.

| Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Ancient |

Field Boundaries

There is a mixed range of the field boundaries described. The majority of these are historic and some ancient. Intensified farming practices post war would have inevitably affected the proportions of each of these types.

| Distinctiveness | Indistinct | Continuity | Historic |

Buildings

Ancient Farm buildings are unconfirmed - further information required.
Oakham business park and residential development within Harlow wood are the only significant recent buildings within the DPZ.

| Distinctiveness | Indistinct | Continuity | Historic |

Highways

There is an intact extensive pattern of historic roadways and tracks which are supported by some major transport roads radiating from the Mansfield urban area.
These have been recently dissected by the newly constructed MARR route that crosses the DPZ from east to west.

| Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic |

Other Features

Hollinwell golf course
Coxmoor golf course. The golf courses are characteristic of the area as heathland regeneration and the use of indigenous tree species have a very close link to the natural characteristics of this DPZ.
Network of footpaths including the long distance Robin Hood way provide an ancient and historic reference to the landscape character.

| Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic |

Settlements
There are only 2 references to linear settlements within the DPZ, along Coxswood road and Bidlsworth road. A small recent housing development is located within the Harlow wood.

**Distinctiveness**

Indistinct

**Final distinctiveness**

Characteristic

**Continuity**

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**Final Continuity**

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Field boundaries, buildings and settlement patterns are not characteristic of this DPZ.

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The lack of development within the DPZ has meant that much of the ancient and historic landscape character has been retained.

**Sense of Place Score**

4

**this score equates to..**

Moderate

**Visibility**

**Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?**

Generally views are typically limited within the LDU.

There are two distinct east and west areas that are visually separate due to landform and woodland cover.

The western part is limited to the west and north by urban fringe, and to the east by landform and woodland cover. Views to the south are broken due to an undulating landscape.

The eastern part of the LDU is limited by urban development to the north, with landform and woodland cover to the west and east. The southern boundary of this part of the LDU is on a high point that allows middle distant views to the south which are then broken by woodland cover.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?**

**How wooded is the landscape?**

**Views Score**

4

**this score equates to..**

Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score**

8

**this score equates to..**

Moderate

**Landscape Policy Score**

16

**this score equates to Landscape Policy**

Conserve and Create
Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) S22,366

Conditions Sunny, warm with some high cloud

Location New Mill Lane looking south east

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Industrial. Large sheds and electrical sub stations particularly around Baulker Farm.
Small amount of mineral workings associated with the spoil heaps of Clipstone colliery to the south.
Telegraph wires and pylons particularly across road from Cavenish Park down to Warren Farm.
Quite a bit of flytipping around bridle track parallel to railway line and off Baulker Lane. New Mill Lane either side of Clipstone runs to the east and western edges of this area.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Functional Unity Score 3 this score equates to Interrupted

Ecological Integrity: Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Confirmed SINCs 5/89 Woodland Small section along the Maun around Newlands.
2/339 NWT reserve:Spa Ponds
49 NWT reserve Spa Ponds
5/75 Grassland habitat. Southern bank of Maun
2/338 Candlemas Cliff grasslands habitat "fields with an interesting recolonised grassland community"
2/1072 Oldmill Lane cutting (Geological) "A good exposure of the Nottingham Castle formation " (Bunter pebble beds)
2/673 Railway Grassland Clipstone (Location between railway and bridle track) "A notably diverse acidic grassland and scrub community."
1/132 SINC under review (Location a linear stretch along the railway
5/1421 Candidate SINC under review

Heathland Register site Vicar Water.
MLA Sherwood Forest Golfcourse.

Ecological Bases
Intact field patterns with hedgerow trees, around Cavendish Lodge. Elsewhere there appears to be some fragmentation of hedges with infilling with wire/fence when grazed by stock. Arable fields particularly to the west are particularly fragmented. The north west section of this area has connecting blocks of woodland but recent housing development (Cavendish park) has fragmented Intake wood.

Intensity of Land Use
Generally fairly intensive arable land with some appearing to be uncultivated and possibly ley in set a side. Some small scale pasture with cows and sheep, horses although this was relatively localised.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Intake was largely coniferous (pine)
Cavendish Wood, Newlands and Garibaldi were also coniferous although had some pockets of broad leaf to the
edge of oak, sweet chestnut, birch.

**Extent**

Tree cover was concentrated within woodland blocks with relatively few hedgerow of field trees. There is some tree cover to the north eastern tip to the rear of residential properties. Some scattered tree cover along the railway embankment.

**Age Structure**

Within the woodland the tree cover all appears to be one age Fairly mature. There was a limited amount of new planting associated with the new housing along the access road through Intake Wood.

**Field Boundaries**

These vary throughout with many gappy and indecline and those to the north east stronger and trimmed. Hedgerow along the base of the valley are outgrown and gappy at the base.

**Built Features**

Traditional village cores with new build to the periphery, for Kings Clipstone as well as some infill development. New executive residential to the north of New Mill Lane around Cavendish Park. Edge of housing estate and superstore to the western end of this area next to Forest Town.

**Additional Notes**

(Need to check this with Heritage and Sandersons as this area could be poor)

**Overall Cultural Integrity**

Variable

**Functional Integrity Score**

4 this score equates to.. Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

The new development around Cavendish Park did not respect local character since it was uniform and "twee" typical of any modern executive housing. It was also isolated to any surrounding development and hidden from the surrounding area. To the west the area becomes more suburban as it meets Forest Town. There are a few isolated redbrick houses/farms such Cavendish Lodge.

Impact of built development Moderate

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Increased amount of housing strong
Loss of woodland and habitat creating wider views strong
Encroachment of urbanisation- new roads and lighting strong (CHECK LOCAL PLAN)

Impact of recent land use change Localised

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

This varies across the area with unmanaged fields of scrub to the south east and east and areas of fly tipping and land in set aside along the bridleway connecting with Vicar Water country park. To the north there are well managed arable fields and horse paddocks.

Condition Overall Score 7 this score equates to Poor

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50 years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Mixed woodland plantations, Oak. Pine, birch ash sweet chestnut, hawthorn are dominant species

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic Continuity Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Hedges were cut grown along bridle track down to Vicar Water with post and wire sub divisions. Recent.
Baulker Lane had clipped hawthorn hedges. Historic
Hedges around Cavendish Lodge were strong and trimmed. Historic

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic Continuity Historic

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To support final decision:
- This is close to indistinct check Sandersons and Heritage. Slightly more features characteristic that indistinct.

To support final conclusion:
- Again built development is more weighed to recent. DISCUSS

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Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Within, although some views north and south out of narrow valley along bridletrack within S66. A few beyond to surrounding woodland.

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?

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Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
Sewage works to the south west of area. Some large scale farm buildings at Scofton and Carlton Forest Farm. Disused airfield to centre of area - some hardstanding still remains.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Few

Visual Unity Score 5 this score equates to Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Woodland blocks and linear belts of trees, interlocking in places. Mature mixed woodland including Sycamore, Oak, Sweet Chestnut, Scot's Pine etc.

No ecological designations.

Ecological Bases
Hedgerows and field margins provide good network. Hedgerow trees common in places. Interlocking blocks and belts of woodland.

Intensity of Land Use
Intensive arable farming to North and West. Mostly with low trimmed gappy hedgerows. Some pasture (sheep grazing) to the east of the area North of Osberston Park, with strong hedgerows particularly to tracks/bridleways.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Mature mixed woodland blocks, Sycamore, Oak Sweet Chestnut, Ash, Beach, Hawthorn. Coniferous blocks and linear belts are mainly Scots Pine. Some Hedgerow trees, mainly Oak.

Extent
Moderate coverage.

Age Structure
Majority of woodland is mature.

Field Boundaries
Strong, well maintained hedgerows, particularly to lanes and bridleways. Some post and wire fencing reinforcing boundaries to pasture.

Some hedgerow trees, mainly Oak.

Built Features
Large agricultural sheds at Carlton Forest Farm and Scofton - timber and corrugated metal. Also large red brick
and pantile roofed building at Carlton Forest Farm. Red brick bugalows to east of Chequer House Farm. Sewage works to south west of area.

Listed Buildings:
Bilby Farm - Grade II - ref 1.3.4

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Good

Functional Integrity Score 5 this score equates to.. Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix;)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Large scale agricultural sheds do not respect local vernacular.

Impact of built development Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Loss of mature woodland to arable or pastoral farming - Moderate
Loss of pasture to arable farming in the east - Slight

Impact of recent land use change insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Hedgerows to the east are generally strong and well trimmed, particularly along tracks and bridleways. Woodland is in generally good condition, although fully mature in places. Sewage works to south is reasonably well screened by landform and trees, although metal palisade fencing is inappropriate in a rural location.

Condition Overall Score 10 this score equates to.. Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Mixed species blocks and linear belts. Coniferous linear belts are common.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Majority of hedges are hawthorn with occasional hedgerow trees - Oak, Ash and Lime.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation

Avenues of trees along road sides.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Field Boundaries

Mostly trimmed hawthorn hedgerows. Variable verges. Post and rail/wire fencing to pasture.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Buildings

Isolated farms. Mixture of traditional (red brick and pantile roof) and more recent farm buildings.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Highways

Straight Roads and tracks.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Features

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Disused airfield, some hardstanding remaining.
Sewage works.

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**Sense of Place Score** 4  *this score equates to:* Moderate

**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Open views across the DPZ and beyond, although landform, hedgerows and woodland restrict views in places.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?**  Apparent

**How wooded is the landscape?** Intermittent

**Views Score** 4  *this score equates to:* Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score** 8  *this score equates to:* Moderate

**Landscape Policy Score** 18  *this score equates to Landscape Policy:* Conserve
Draft Character Type: Sherwood

Date: 09/11/2005

Surveyor: AS, DM

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): S17, S18

Conditions: Cold, sunny

OS East: 464175

OS North: 362072

Location: Rainworth Water part of Rufford Country Park

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Busy roads cut across small sections of this narrow area.

This area fringes a large farm/shed complex Featherstone Farm (Possible car park/hardstandings).

There was line of pylons south of Robin Dam Bridge.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score: 5

this score equates to...

Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

From the south western tip of the DPZ northwards there are:

Heathland Register Far Round Plantation Piece

SINC under review 2/732

1/90

Confirmed SINC 2/545 Alder Carr, Inkersall

1/125 Rufford Country Park

Ecological Bases

The main connecting feature is the water course itself, Rainworth Water. Long side this is a variety of habitat including Coniferous and mixed forestry plantation, arable fields, grass pasture, low lying pasture with grazing sheep. Riparian belts of trees with waterside vegetation, pig farming and broadleaf woodland and a lake surrounded by parkland.

Intensity of Land Use

It varied with large arable fields with some woodland to smaller scale less intense pasture and willow/alder carr around the country park.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Rufford Country Park has a largely broadleaf woodland of oak, sweet chestnut and birch with ash, alder and willow along Rainworth Water and the lake. There was coniferous plantation to the south western tip, the edge of Far Round plantation. Woodland fringed the eastern bank along Beech Hill wood with some scots pine also visible.

Extent

Moderate coverage,

Age Structure

Reaching maturity,

Field Boundaries
There were very few in this area because of the narrow shape of the study area. The primary hedges that followed the roads that cut across this river corridor were generally strong and well trimmed.

Built Features

The Mill is a traditional red brick building at the northern end of Rufford Lake. There are some minor more recent bungalows along the western edge of Bilstonthorpe. There are some large detached houses south of Rufford that are accessed by the A614.

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Variable

Functional Integrity Score 4 this score equates to Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Rufford Mill does still reflects the historic character of the area since it is built in local brick and is well site on the northern shore of the lake. However the bungalows to the edge of Bilstonthorpe is close against the water course and hidden within suburban gardens. The sheds associated with Featherstone House Farm are large and industrial and do not respect the local character.

Impact of built development Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Possible growth of recreational activities with increase of car parking, leisure facilities associated with the country park. Moderate.
Possible growth is intensive arable farming depending on CAP policies/ grants available. (Note there is already quite abit of intensive arable in this area) Weak
Loss of woodland within the southern section. Moderate

Impact of recent land use change Localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

This area varies. Within the country park the land is well managed and therefore in a relatively good condition. The water course has historically been made into a landscape feature with the creation of the lake, mill and ford. The water course can be picked out in this landscape by the riparian vegetation that follows its banks. Elsewhere through arable fields to the south there is no or little vegetation and the water course appears to purely function as a drainage channel.

Condition Overall Score 9 this score equates to Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Mixed woodland plantations, to the south western edge. Some mixed woodland with beech and scots pine between Bilstonthorpe and Rufford. (Cutts Wood and Beech Hill Wood)
Ash, alder willow and some poplar around Robin Dam Bridge.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

There were very few hedgerows and those that exist were generally hawthorn with occasional ash trees present.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation

There was bracken around the lay by near Robin Dam Bridge as well as around the park with scrup willow and bramble around the lake. There is ornamental planting within the formal gardens around Rufford Abbey. (To the edge only)

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Field Boundaries
**Distinctiveness** | **Characteristic** | **Continuity** | **Historic**
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**Buildings**
Red brick Rufford Mill Rare for Notts as not many of these (A few other residential buildings to the south-Indistinct)

**Distinctiveness** | **Unique/Rare** | **Continuity** | **Historic**
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**Highways**
Straight Roads,

**Distinctiveness** | **Characteristic** | **Continuity** | **Historic**
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**Other Features**
Railway embankment cuts across the river channel- historic (beyond 50 years)
Edge of golf course lies to the eastern edge-recent
Country Park on former abbey site- The country park is recent but on a historic site.

**Distinctiveness** | **Characteristic** | **Continuity** | **Historic**
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**Settlements**
none

**Distinctiveness** | **Continuity** | **Final Continuity** | **Historic**
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Sense of Place Score | 4 | **this score equates to**... | **Moderate**
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**Visibility**
Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
Within the LDU particularly around Rufford. However there were views east and west to woodland on slightly higher ground.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?**
Apparent
Intermittent

**How wooded is the landscape?**
Views Score | 4 | **this score equates to**... | **Moderate**
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**Sensitivity Overall Score** | 8 | **this score equates to**... | **Moderate**
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**Landscape Policy Score** | 17 | **this score equates to Landscape Policy** | **Conserve and Reinforce**
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Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

- Telegraph poles and low voltage o.h. cables.
- Mast and h.v Pylon lines.
- Pumping sub station and built structures associated with the Sewage works. Galavanised steel fencing around the sewage works. Small section of busy road cross this river valley. (e.g New Mill Lane) B6034

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Few

Visual Unity Score 5 this score equates to.. Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

This area is mostly a linear section of flood meadow along the course of the River Maun. There are some small areas of broad leaf woodland and there are trees and outgrown hedgerows along the River. There are areas of rough grassland that are unimproved.

Ecological Bases

Woodland tends to be linked in a linear fashion along the water course. The River itself and the vegetation along it is a linking feature. Hedgerows vary in condition with some fragmented and poor and others strong trimmed or outgrown.

Candidate SINC under review 5/1421

Confirmed SINC Grassland 5/75

Confirmed SINC Wetland Habitat 2/339 Spa Ponds

"A valuable series of pools with characteristic Sherwood sandstone woodland"

Confirmed SINC 5/89 Woodland

Confirmed SINC 2/736 River Maun Edwinstowe

"A wooded length of River with associated riparian habitats"

Intensity of Land Use

Flood meadow which are under various use. Intensive farmland around Edwinstowe and Ollerton with a series of anglers ponds west of the village of Clipstone. Some of areas of unmanaged rough grassland with nettles brambles and scrubland. Some small areas of pony grazing, and cattle.

Additional Notes The River Maun provides a unifying and varied corridor for different habitats. However the surrounding landuses have to some extent limited the biodiversity in some areas.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

The woodland tends to be Oak and Ash with a lot of hawthorn, blackthorn and elder to the west. Nearer the angling ponds south of the River were areas of deciduous woodland of oak, elder, birch, sweet chestnut with coniferous plantation of pine species.

Extent

Moderate coverage of woodland
**Age Structure**

Most of this planting was mature. There were pockets of younger planting along Maun Valley Way to the west and within the country park close to Mansfield Woodhouse.

**Field Boundaries**

Hedgerows were mixed with some fragmented and infilled with wire fences around pony paddocks. Elsewhere the arable fields were surrounded by gappy hedges with some stronger hawthorn and holly hedges along tracks. Outgrown hedges with thin bases along the River Maun Way were more dominant with individual hawthorn having developed into small trees.

**Built Features**

This is flood meadow and there is little development within this narrow corridor. There is a petrol filling station and a derelict motor café next to the Ollerton roundabout. A sewage works if found within the eastern section and Edwinstowe village lies eitherside of this River valley. A pumping station a couple of secluded residential houses lie within this area.

**Additional Notes**

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Variable

**Functional Integrity Score** 4 this score equates to... Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix);

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

The absence of development because this is a flood plain and river valley largely shows that this area reflects the sense of place. In certain areas the lines of overhead cables follow the river corridor that have a slightly adverse impact to an otherwise largely rural and tranquil landscape.

**Impact of built development** Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Increased pressure for parking for recreation areas along the River corridor. Moderate
Increased intensity of the farming of arable land to the east of this area. Weak
Expansion of development against Ollerton Roundabout. Moderate

**Impact of recent land use change** Localised

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

The condition of this landscape is poorer to the east with a greater number of fragmented hedges and more intensive farming evident. The western area had a more recreational landuse function with a country park, angling ponds and bridle tracks and footpaths.

**Condition Overall Score** 9 this score equates to... Good

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

Mlny broadleaf woodland on banks down to the River Maun along the edge of the floodplain.

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**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Oak and ash with some alder and willow along the Maun. Holly and some blackthorn within the hawthorn hedgerows.

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**Other Vegetation**

Some bracken in the understory with Himalayan Balsam along the River. Lots of brambles, nettles, thistles and wormwood along the low lying areas next to the River.

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Field Boundaries
Trimmed and outgrown hedges were found throughout this area. Small amount of timber post and rail/wire used as infill. (Indistinct and recent)

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Buildings
2 residential houses with PFS and derelict restaurant. Pumping station, sewage works, caravan park

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Short sections of minor road cross this area with lots of tracks and footpaths through surrounding area. Majority of roads keep out of the valley due to flooding.

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Other Features
Country park to the western end of this area.
Sewage treatment works and facilities for drivers along A614/Ollerton Roundabout. Communication mast

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Settlements
None except Edwinstowe which is in the middle as the Maun divides this settlement

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To support final development

| Sense of Place Score | 4 | this score equates to.. | Moderate |

Visibility
Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Views limited to within the LDU and contained by landform and tree cover.

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?
Apparent

How wooded is the landscape?
Intermittent

| Views Score | 4 | this score equates to.. | Moderate |

Sensitivity Overall Score | 8 | this score equates to.. | Moderate |

Landscape Policy Score | 17 | this score equates to Landscape Policy | Conserve and Reinforce |
Draft Character Type: Sherwood  
Date: 04/11/2005  
Surveyor: HJ/CC  

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): S71, S81  

Conditions: cool, raining, heavy low cloud  
OS East: 451725  
OS North: 352428  

Location: Newstead village, entrance to Hopping Hill Farm  

LANDSCAPE CONDITION  

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following 
Pattern of Elements  

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?  

Coherent  

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area  
The main negative contributors are busy major roads such as the A611, there is also a small section of the M1 crossing the extreme western boundary of this DPZ. Vehicles on the A611 are visible from a distance over the DPZ and the noise from the M1 is a negative factor around the Beacon/Lievers/Misk Hill ridge area  

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?  

Few  

Visual Unity Score  
5  
this score equates to..  
Unified  

Functional Unity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?  
Ecological Integrity:  

Extent and type of semi-natural habit  

MLA 115 Kirkby Forest Golf Course - less than 10% within DPZ  
MLA 113 Kirkby Woodhouse/Kodak works/Two Dales - less than 10% within DPZ  
MLA 106 Watnall Coppice - approx 50% of MLA within DPZ  

SINC sites  
5/392 no details - small part only within DPZ  
5/389 no name - grassland  
5/390 no name - grassland  
5/911 no name - no details  
5/54 no name - no details  
2/219 Heatherdale pond - a pond with a noteworthy aquatic flora with a complementary woodland fringe.  
2/84 Annessley Park Duck Decoy - lake with a noteworthy flora and regenerating woodland - part only within DPZ  
2/24 Felley Dumble - a good habitat mosaic of wood, scrub, stream and pond with a noteworthy flora small part only within DPZ  
2/8 Morning Springs - part only within DPZ but includes area of ancient woodland - High Park wood  
2/224 Misk Hill Meadow - grassland  
5/58 no name - grassland  

no heathland register sites within this area.  

Ecological Bases  
The majority of the area is coniferous woodland - consisting of Annesley plantation and Park Forest. There is also some deciduous woodland on the perimeter of Annesley plantation containing some large mature trees. The surrounding area is arable farmland containing some hedgerows with trees, and numerous small woodlands.  

In terms of connectivity the area is well linked together, although the coniferous woodland is a less valuable habitat for wildlife it still provides cover and shelter.  

Intensity of Land Use  
Land use outside the woodland areas is intensive arable use mostly cereals but also brassicas. There are areas of pasture north and east of Annesley pit village, and to the north east of Annesley Hall.  

Additional Notes  

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?  

Moderate  

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Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Tree cover in this area is more than 75%
The majority of the area is coniferous plantation woodland,
There is deciduous woodland to the edges of A611 with mature trees, there is also some parkland woodland to
the pasture areas to the north east of Annesley Hall.

Extent
High coverage of woodland as a whole within this DPZ

Age Structure
Coniferous woodland is mature generally throughout the area, overmature parkland trees to the grounds of
Annesley Hall, mature deciduous trees to boundaries of A611. There are no significant areas of recently planted
woodland.

Field Boundaries
The only area with hedgerows is to the south of DPZ to the north west of Hucknall, hedges here are mixed some
are gappy, others are strong with trees interspersed throughout their length.

Built Features
The remains of Annesley church 12th C is within the area, isolated farms - Whyburn House farm, Misk farm, also
Annesley pit village and part of Newstead village, also remaining buildings of Annesley Colliery including pit
wheels, motte and bailey historic monument to the centre of A611 where it splits into two lanes.

Additional Notes
There is some sense of fragments of older landscapes existing around the Misk Hill, Lovers Hill, Beacon Hill area to the south which is part of Watnall copice MLA. Also around Annesley church to the north, and the area around Annesley pit village but the majority of the area is covered with coniferous plantation and has few cultural features remaining.

Overall Cultural Integrity
Variable

Functional Integrity Score
4 this score equates to Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?
The Sherwood business park lies immediately to the North west of the area, this is a modern high tech business
park and does not show any links to the surrounding historic landscapes of Annesley Hall which is falling into
disrepair, within the DPZ area itself there is little built development except in Newstead and Annesley village which
does reflect the character of the area with vernacular features and the use of local stone.

Impact of built development
Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?
The only land use changes will be due to changes in agricultural practice or forestry management practice, there
will be development of the former Annesley Colliery on the eastern margins of the area.

Impact of recent land use change
insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement
The majority of the area is coniferous plantation woodland which is at a mature stage of life cycle, the surrounding
area is mostly intensive arable farmland, there are some isolated areas of pasture. There are fragments of older
historic landscapes around the fringes of Hucknall, Annesley village and Newstead village. Overall the landscape
condition is good but not especially ecologically valuable or accessible for recreational uses.

Condition Overall Score
9 this score equates to Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?
Woodlands

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Most of the area consists of coniferous plantation woodland which is characteristic of Sherwood.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic  **Continuity** Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Most of the hedgerows are located in the south of the region. Some hedgerows are strong with trees including Oaks others are gappy.

**Distinctiveness** Indistinct  **Continuity** Historic

**Other Vegetation**

Relatively weak avenues of trees around Annesley Hall. Heathland vegetation is not apparent within this DPZ.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic  **Continuity** Historic

**Field Boundaries**

Field boundaries vary in quality from thick hedgerows with trees to gappy hedgerows.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic  **Continuity** Historic

**Buildings**

A few isolated farms (Misk, Silo, Whyburn House), Annesley Church and Annesley Hall outer buildings.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic  **Continuity** Historic

**Highways**

The A611 runs through the middle of the region, and a small section of the M1. There is also one winding road linking Annesley and Newstead.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic  **Continuity** Historic

**Other Features**

An ancient monument (Motte and Bailey) is present within the DPZ. Also another monument noted on the OS map.

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare  **Continuity** Ancient

**Settlements**

Annesley Pit Village and part of Newstead Village

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic  **Continuity** Historic

**Final distinctiveness** Characteristic  **Final Continuity** Historic

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The only exceptions to the above are Other vegetation - indistinct. Other features - unique (ancient monument)

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The only exceptions to the above are Other features - Ancient.

**Sense of Place Score** 4  
**this score equates to..** Moderate

**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Visibility is generally restricted apart from the more hilly southern part of the region, around Leivers Hill. From this area views are limited to the West and North by the landform and tree cover. Views generally of wooded skyline out towards the East, and the urban edge of Hucknall is visible towards the South.

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?  

**Apparent**

How wooded is the landscape?

**Enclosed**

**Views Score** 3  
**this score equates to..** Low

Sensitivity Overall Score 7  
**this score equates to..** Low

Landscape Policy Score 16  
**this score equates to Landscape Policy** Reinforce

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LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?
Incoherent

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
Mineral extraction/associated spoil heaps etc, Calverton colliery and mine. Spoil heap land form dominates northern section of this area.
Industrial, lorry/containers and household recycling centre although these elements were reasonably well screened by landforma and tree cover from the surrounding roads. L.V electricity cables and poles.
Timber yard and lighting columns for the recreation ground.
The B6386 to Oxton is a fairly straight and busy road with fast moving traffic.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Many

Visual Unity Score 2 this score equates to... Significantly interrupted

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Confirmed SINCs 2/523 Heathland register site Lodge Farm grassland.
5/1295 along the former mineral line.
SINC under review 2/378 Fields around Carrinton Farm
Confirmed SINC 2/535 Thorndale Plantation (Southern and western edge only.)
Birch woodland and a little oak along the railway line.

Ecological Bases
The former mineral line has woodland and gorse/bracken scrub that runs north west within this area. It connects in with hedgerow and verge vegetation that runs along the B6386. Generally internal field hedgerows were more fragmented and tended to be hawthorn.
There are some narrow belts of woodland plantation around the former mine that now help to screen the more industrial outskirts of Calverton. (E.g Waste recycling)

Intensity of Land Use
Medium sized arable fields which were fairly intensively farmed. (Lacking field margins and isolated field trees. Smaller fields had some sheep and there was some poultry (Small holdings)
Fields were also subdivided for horse grazing particularly to the south east of the B6386.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Mainly birch with a little oak. Sycamore along road side verges and ash.

Extent
Low coverage except along railway line and around former mineral site.

Age Structure
Fairly mature coverage. No new plantations except a little on the golf course.
Field Boundaries
Mixed, some fragmented others intact. Primary hedgelines along roads tend to be stronger and have a larger proportion of hedgerow trees ash, birch and sycamore. Internal hedges are generally gappy and outgrown and in a poorer condition.

Built Features
Red brick farmhouses, e.g. Lodge Farm. Structures associated with the former colliery. Residential housing included bungalows, 1960s onwards housing on the edge of Calverton.

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity
Variable

Functional Integrity Score
4  this score equates to.. Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Mineral site.
The spoil heap tends to dominate the land form in the northern area. Its profile appears to be man made and does not particularly reflect the land form of the Sherwood area. The built features of the mine are relatively well screened from the road but surrounding steep palisade fencing and sub station structures do tend to urbanise this area.

Although some of the the original red brick farm buildings are still apparent they have been altered or added on and this type of development is not with character.

Impact of built development
Moderate

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Expansion of industrial area (holding for lorries/vehicles) Moderate
Loss of woodland around sports fields/welfare centre due to urban expansion. Moderate
Encroachment of suburban businesses along road sides, more signage, structures etc (e.g. timber yard) Moderate
Increased amount of horse grazing leading to more sub division of fields with post and wire fencing. Moderate

Impact of recent land use change
widespread

Overall Condition Summary Statement

This area has undergone quite a lot of change over the past 80 years since it is dominated by the pit. The golf course and industrial areas on the edge of Calverton are also relatively new activities. The south eastern corner which is also within Calverton East Mla is the least affected by recent change being still largely medium sized agricultural fields with stronger hedgerows.

Condition Overall Score
6  this score equates to.. Very Poor

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands
Oak birch woodland along railway line. (Historic) Mixed woodland plantation around household recycling centre. Ash sycamore along B5386

Distinctiveness
Indistinct

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees
Ash trees and birch within hawthorn hedges

Distinctiveness
Characteristic

Other Vegetation
Gorse and bracken in verges

Distinctiveness
Characteristic

Field Boundaries

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Hedge on top of bank, along the B6386. Verges were variable in width and vegetation cover. To the north west along Whin bush Land there was plenty of gorse and bracken. (There was some fly tipping around the laybys of the B6386 near the mine entrance.) Also Hawthorn hedges and post and rail fences.

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**Buildings**

- 7.4.77 Calverton Colliery Housing LE c20
- 7.4.15 Lodge Farm Grade II c18
- 7.4.66 Beauford Farm Barns Grade II GBC Gedlings Heritage.

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**Highways**

Straight Roads, narrow lane to the north of Calverton Land Carrington Lane

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**Other Features**

Ramsdale Golfcourse Disused railway lines, and mineral site. Sports field associated with Miners Welfare.

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**Settlements**

Edge of Calverton to the south of this area which has impacted on recent land use change within this dpz

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**Sense of Place Score**

| Sense of Place Score | 2 | this score equates to.. Very Weak |

**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Generally the views are beyond to outlying wooded hill tops. However the artificial land form of the colliery heap encloses views to the north from the B6836

**Scale of Landform and Landscape Elements?**

| Apparent | Intermittent |

**How wooded is the landscape?**

| Views Score | 4 | this score equates to.. Moderate |

**Sensitivity Overall Score**

| 6 | this score equates to.. Very Low |

**Landscape Policy Score**

| 12 | this score equates to Landscape Policy create |

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Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Industrial estate to North of Bledworth.
Mineral spoil heaps (reclaimed?)...
Pylon lines (limited to v small length in S1, A614 in southeast of DPZ.
Rainworth bypass clips northern section of DPZ.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? [ ] Some

Visual Unity Score 4 [ ] this score equates to Coherent

Functional Integrity Score - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Large coniferous plantations with broadleaf margins Forestry Commission). Smaller woodland blocks (mixed).
SINCs: - S1 - 2/364 (confirmed) - Longdale Lane Plantation; 5/1295 (confirmed) - no name; 2/77 (confirmed) - Fox Covert; S2 - 2/867 (confirmed) - Bledworth Bottoms Plantation Ex.; S11 - 1/37 (candidate/under review) - Rainworth Lakes (base poor marshes and open water plant communities with scrub and woodland.
Rainworth Lakes also designated as a SSSI (notified).
Heathend Register: - S1 - Longdale Lane Plantation (Bledworth Wood, railway and Sansom Wood.
S2 - Long Wood, Bledworth, Disused railway, Bledworth Colliery (S2 and S11).
Sansom Wood also designated Ancient Woodland (mifco code 3002).
Fox Covert Plantation designated NWT Reserve (ref. 22).
Ash Lane Lagoons - recently created wetland habitat in S1.

Ecological Bases

Woodland plantation provides N-S network.
Hedgerows varied - mostly trimmed and quite often gappy.
A few isolated woodland blocks.

Intensity of Land Use

Where farmland, use is highly intensive arable land with strongly trimmed hedges.
Where plantations, often have generous deciduous edges.
Some intensive livestock - chickens- off Baulker Lane.
Medium sized nursery.
Haywood Oaks large scale farm.

Additional Notes Balance between good connected habitats in wooded areas and poor where intensive farming and loss of hedgerows.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? [ ] Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Large plantations (coniferous with broad leaved edges- oak, birch, holly, ash, beech.). Some heathland areas within woodlands.
Some hedgerow trees.

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Some established broadleaved woodlands.

**Extent**
High cover to S1, low to moderate to other areas.

**Age Structure**
Diverse age structure; plantations of mixed life stages. Also more recent planting to spoil tips.

**Field Boundaries**
Mixed, some fragmented others intact, generally well trimmed (many gappy).
Some with hedgerow trees.
Historic field pattern has been lost in areas of mineral activity where spoil heaps have been created and planted with woodland rather than restored to agricultural use.

**Built Features**
Red brick farmhouses, Stone buildings at Haywood Oaks farm.
Early C20th brick workers houses (sems).
Modern industrial buildings to estate to north of Bildworth.
Large agricultural sheds at Haywood Oaks Farm.
Some derelict farm buildings to S2 (red brick).

**Additional Notes**
Area between Rainworth and Bildworth of Low cultural integrity, where field pattern has been destroyed by mining activity.

**Overall Cultural Integrity**
Variable

**Functional Integrity Score**
4  this score equates to..<br>Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix):

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

Notable building out of keeping with local character at stables on Bildworth Lane (Spanish villa style!)
Industrial estate north of Bildworth could be anywhere in country and incongruous ornamental planting which is not well maintained.
Otherwise rural development generally in keeping.
Parking areas in FC woodland well designed and inobtrusive..<br>Rainworth bypass has engineered slopes and does not link with local landform. Newly planted vegetation may give local identity in future..<br>

**Impact of built development**
Moderate

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

Forestry commision felling work - low impact as generally phased operations. Widespread felling of coniferous plantations would have a negative impact in terms of the appearance of the landscape but may have a positive impact in terms of ecology if restored to heathland or replanted with deciduous woodland..<br>Expansion of housing at Rainworth on land between town and bypass - moderate impact.<br>Expansion or decline of industrial area at Bildworth - moderate<br>Further loss of hedgerow boundaries through poor maintenance - moderate.<br>

**Impact of recent land use change**
Localised

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**
Southern area is more coherent with managed woodland and hedgerow structure.<br>S2 poorer condition with gappy hedgerows and some derelict farm buildings.<br>Between Rainworth and Bildworth, area lacks cohesion with scrappy industrial area abutting reclaimed spoil heap.<br>

**Condition Overall Score**
8  this score equates to..<br>Moderate

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**
NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Plantations - coniferous with broadleaved margins.
Some mixed broadleaved woodlands. Buffer planting belts to spoil heap and industrial area.
S1 - Fox Covert Plantation and New Plantation (pre Sanderson) contained within more recent coniferous and mixed planting (Watchwood Plantation - FC) - historic; Sansom Wood (ancient) to southwest corner of large FC plantation - historic; S2 - Large FC plantation and smaller blocks to the south - historic; Mixed woodland planting around edge of spoil heap to north east of Bieldworth - recent (approx 20 yrs); deciduous woodland around Rainworth Lakes - historic (post Sanderson).

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**
Trimmed hawthorn hedgerows with limited hedgerow trees.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Other Vegetation**
Bracken, to road margins (esp through woodlands).
Heathland (see register)

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Field Boundaries**
Trimmed hedge, single species, gappy

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Buildings**
Isolated Farms,
Redbrick cottages and houses.
Modern industrial units.
Modern agricultural sheds to farms.
Listed Buildings -
S1 - Bieldworth Lodge (ref. 7.8.25), Grade LIE, Sanderson period; Big Tithe Farm (ref. 7.4.81), Grade LIE, Sanderson; Sansom Wood Farm (ref. 7.4.82).
S2 - Haywood Oaks (farmhouse?) (ref. 3.38.1), Grade 2, C18th; Baulker Farm (ref. 3.28.108), Grade LIE, Sanderson period; Bieldworth Colliery Village (ref. 3.9.15) Grade LIE, C20th; Belle Vue, Bieldworth (ref. 3.9.15), Grade LIE.
S11 - Allamoor Farm (ref.3.28.108), Grade LIE, Sanderson.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Highways**
straight / gently curving roads. Often quite narrow.
Roads distinctive where pass through woodland (eg Longdale Lane).

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Other Features**
Mineral sites,
dissused railway x2 (part used as off road cycle route).
FC accessible woodland with picnic sites.
Sports fields.
Riding stables at Bieldworth Bottoms.
Nursery.
Robinhill Way, NCF route No. 6

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Settlements**
Estates of Bieldworth and Rainworth outside zone.
Scattered farms and houses.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Continuity** Historic

**Final Distinctiveness** Characteristic **Final Continuity** Historic

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**Sense of Place Score** 4 this score equates to **Moderate**

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### Visibility

**Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?**

Mixed: views enclosed by woodland (more so to south) and landform. More extensive views from higher land.

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**How wooded is the landscape?**

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Draft Character Type Sherwood Date 05/06/2007 Surveyor NA/KW

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) 39 (resurveyed - formerly S73, DPZ 7)

Conditions Sunny, breezy OS East 465601 OS North 358364

Location Upper Hexgreave car park

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

A617 to the north is fairly busy and audible from Upper Hexgreave.

Pylons to the south of the area.

Commercial/business homes within Upper Hexgreave, although buildings are reasonably sympathetic to local character.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Few

Visual Unity Score 6 this score equates to.. Strongly unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINC - Hexgreave Park - representative of old deciduous woodland (area recently thinned along access road from A617)

SINC 2/534 - Kirlington Mill Ponds - rich mosaic of aquatic and woodland habitats.

Small blocks of woodland present at the time of Sandersons map but the main area of deciduous woodland is the shelterbelt, planted since 1835.

Ecological Bases

Strong pattern of hedgerows which provide good wildlife corridors. Shelterbelts around Upper Hexgreave link into hedgerows.

Small isolated blocks of woodland and corner planting to fields.

Intensity of Land Use

Pasture enclosed by the shelterbelt. Deer have recently been introduced - low intensity.

Intensive arable land with strong tall hedgerows.

Some hedgerows to the south of the area have large gaps created for access by large farm machinery.

Additional Notes Strong mixed species hedgerows, shelterbelt and parkland trees - habitat weakened by intensive arable farming.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Tree cover concentrated around Upper Hexgreave - shelterbelt (species?) and parkland trees - Redwood, Copper Beech. Some thinning and clearance has recently taken place.

Mature Lime avenues along estate roads, and recently planted Lime avenue on new approach from A617

Extent

Moderate coverage,
Age Structure
Diverse age structure. Mature parkland trees and lime avenues. Also more recently planted - smaller, woodland edge trees planted to the edge of glade to Upper Hexgreave car park - Hawthorn, Rowan, Cherry etc.

Field Boundaries
Strong mixed species hedgerows, trimmed to approximately 2 metres high. Some new hedgerows and gapping up of existing which are largely Hawthorn.
Some deer fencing, but generally behind hedgerows.
Some metal estate fencing.

Built Features
Lodge to north and south - building materials?
Traditional red brick ...
Farms ...

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity  Good

Functional Integrity Score  5  this score equates to... Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix);

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?
Business homes and a conference centre have been built in recent years. These are red brick buildings set within the parkland landscape at Upper Hexgreave. The development respects the local vernacular and character.

Impact of built development  Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?
Possible expansion of business homes - currently the scale of the development is appropriate but further development could be detrimental to the character of the area - moderate.
Some clearance/thinning of mature trees has recently taken place. New tree planting is more ornamental/smaller species - further planting of non-parkland tree species would change the character - moderate.
Further intensification of arable farming - moderate.

Impact of recent land use change  localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement
The parkland landscape of Hexgreave is generally in good condition and retains its sense of place. Diversification has resulted in the development of business homes which are red brick and in keeping with the local character. Deer have recently been re-introduced into the park (former deer park gifted to the Archbishop of York). Parkland trees and shelterbelt planting and Lime avenues provide the main tree cover. Hedgerows are generally strong and well maintained.
The main detracting features are pylons and localised large scale farm buildings and shelters for workers to the south of the area. Some fields are currently set-aside.

Condition Overall Score  10  this score equates to... Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?
Woodlands  NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600
Shelterbelt of mature mixed woodland, and isolated woodland blocks, parkland trees and lime avenues.

Distinctiveness  Unique/Rare

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

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Mixed species hedgerows with Hawthorn, Elder, Holly, Dog Rose, Maple, Sycamore. Occasional hedgerow trees, particularly to the east of the area. Hawthorn hedge with mature Lime avenue along the estate road south from the central lodge.

Strong trimmed hedgerows unique within mid Notts Farmland? Unique if in Sherwood.

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare  **Continuity** Historic

**Other Vegetation**

**Distinctiveness**  **Continuity**

**Field Boundaries**

Strong trimmed hedgerows with occasional mature trees. Verges vary.

Note re character = unique to Mid Notts?

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare  **Continuity** Historic

**Buildings**

Large country houses - Hexgreave Hall.
Isolated farms and redbrick buildings/lodge at Upper Hexgreave

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic  **Continuity** Historic

**Highways**

Generally straight roads and hedged estate roads.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic  **Continuity** Historic

**Other Features**

Camp Hill to the east is believed to have been constructed during Roman times.

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare  **Continuity** Ancient

**Settlements**

Historic estate with lodges and isolated farms.
Main settlement is the recent development of business homes within the historic core of Hexgreave.

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare  **Continuity** Historic

**Final distinctiveness** Unique/Rare  **Final Continuity** Historic

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Although there has been recent development at Upper Hexgreave, the historic character of the parkland landscape and sense of place is intact. Camp Hill is a distinctive landform.

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Although the historic field pattern has deteriorated, particularly to the north and south (small narrow fields shown on Sandersons map), many of the old field boundaries have been retained in the central section.

**Sense of Place Score** 5  **this score equates to..** Strong

**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Open views to the south and north from the A617. More enclosed views within the area due to high hedgerows and trees. Long distance views from Camp Hill.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?**

Apparent  
Intermittent

**How wooded is the landscape ?**

**Views Score** 4  **this score equates to..** Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score** 9  **this score equates to..** High

**Landscape Policy Score** 19  **this score equates to Landscape Policy** Conserve
Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?
Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
Low voltage power lines, high voltage power line distant glimpsed views of A614, busy road between the A614 and Walesby village, static caravan site adjacent to scout camp.
Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?
Visual Unity Score 5 this score equates to.. Few

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Ecological Integrity:
Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Types of habitat - mixed deciduous woodland with Oak, Pine as dominant species as well as Birch, and Rowan as understorey, with occasional Sweet Chestnut. Habitats also include the River Maun itself which is bordered by linear sections of flood meadow. There is also permanent pasture with scattered standard trees species, Oak, Birch, and Pine. Within these pasture areas are heathy sections with Heather, Broom, Gorse and Bracken. There is more ornamental planting around the scout camp buildings including a short avenue of mature lime trees to the entrance.

Ecological Bases
The River Maun forms a corridor through the MLA area with continuous tree cover of varying types and structure there are few hedgerows within the MLA area so these do not form a network but overall the connectivity is good

Intensity of Land Use
There are no arable areas within the MLA, permanent pasture to the east of the river is used for amenity uses associated with the scout camp, immediately to the west of the river flood meadows are used for sheep grazing. Wooded areas are managed for amenity use. Overall low intensity of farming use but moderate intensity for recreational use.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:
Tree cover
Conjure Alders - Mixed deciduous woodland-Oak, Ash, Birch, Alder as canopy species with hawthorn dominant as understorey. Woodland has a good ground, shrub and canopy structure with a diverse range of ages. Present on Sanderson plan.

Gosling Carr - Aspen, stand of dead Alder. Woodland has field layer of bramble, no shrub layer and canopy trees only, evidence of regenerating Aspen.

Heathland - open permanent pasture with heathy sections and standard Birch, Pine and Oak
Chapel wood - Oak, Pine, with Birch understorey, good structure with natural regen occurring

New England - open heathy area with Birch, and Pine as standards with newly planted Birch and Pine

Whitewater Covert - Oak, Pine, with Birch and Rowan understorey, No Larch apparent (as per MLA target note)
**Extant**

Moderate coverage,

**Age Structure**

Conjure Alders - diverse age structure  
Gosling Carr - dead alder stand all of one age but young and mature age  
Heathland - diverse age structure inc standards reaching maturity  
Chapel wood, White water covert - diverse age structure with nat regen apparent  
New England - mature standards and newly planted trees

**Field Boundaries**

Limited hedgerows are apparent within the MLA area, those east-west hedges noted on the original MLA survey are not obvious although the boundary hedgerow to the east and the parish boundary are still present, field boundaries along Robin Hood Way are timber post and rail.

Hedgerow to road frontage is well defined, to the east of scout camp an older more mixed hedgeline has grown out and there is a younger layered hedge to the front with Hawthorn as the dominant species.

**Built Features**

Buildings include those associated with the scout camp and caravan park include 1960s brick bungalows with some slightly older 1950s low rise buildings with tiled roofs.

**Additional Notes**

Tree cover is approx 50% with a varying age structure of typical Sherwood species which is obviously maintained to thin out species and encourage natural regeneration, there are few field boundaries and the few buildings are utilitarian in style. Only Conjure Alders woodland is present on Sanderson Plan.

**Overall Cultural Integrity**  
Variable

**Functional Integrity Score**  
5  
This score equates to.. Strong

**Impact of Built Development**  
(does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

Buildings are recent and do not respect the local building style of red brick and pantile roof, but these do not have a great deal of impact within the MLA as they are screened by woodland from the road and Robin Hood Way.

**Impact of built development**  
Low

**Impact of Recent Land Use**  
(does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

MLA survey indicates no major changes except possible removal of hedgerows to the heathland area, the death of the Alder stand may be due to changes in the water table due to surrounding intensive agricultural use, the Robin Hood Way is a relatively recent long distance footpath so this has increased the recreational pressure through the area.

**Impact of recent land use change**  
insignificant

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

The landscape condition is very good overall, few detracting features give a unified area of woodland, permanent pasture with heathland within a surrounding area of intensive arable farming. It forms a strong habitat for wildlife due to the range of typical Sherwood species and diverse age structure with areas of woodland and open areas with the River Maun running through the area. Cultural integrity is scored as variable because although woodland of mixed age and species, building quality is poor and not in keeping although well screened generally, there is a limited impact of new built development and insignificant land use changes.

**Condition Overall Score**  
10  
This score equates to.. Very Good

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**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB: re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

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See list of woodlands - generally Sherwood species with a diverse age structure.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic  
**Continuity** Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

There are limited hedgerows although as noted on MLA target notes there is and ancient parish boundary hedge.

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare  
**Continuity** Ancient

**Other Vegetation**

gorse, broom, bracken, and heather are prevalent in areas of permanent pasture.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic  
**Continuity** Historic

**Field Boundaries**

Post and rail fencing, post and wire at northern end, with few hedgerows generally.

**Distinctiveness** Indistinct  
**Continuity** Recent

**Buildings**

Low level brick buildings associated with scout camp and caravan site.

**Distinctiveness** Indistinct  
**Continuity** Recent

**Highways**

Straight roads.

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic  
**Continuity** Recent

**Other Features**

Caravan site, scout camp with car parking area.

**Distinctiveness** Indistinct  
**Continuity** Historic

**Settlements**

None

**Distinctiveness** Unique/Rare  
**Final Continuity** Historic

**To support final di** MLA assemblage of water, woodland, permanent pasture, heathland is unique and rare in Nottinghamshire as a whole, as it represents less than 10% of the county.

**To support final co** The sense of place is less strong as other MLAs to the north of the Maun/ Meden valley mainly due to the fact that there are no historic buildings associated with this MLA.

**Sense of Place Score** 5  
this score equates to.. **Strong**

**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Views beyond the MLA to the A614 to the west and up and down the river Maun valley

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?** Apparent

**How wooded is the landscape ?** Intermittent

**Views Score** 4  
this score equates to.. **Moderate**

**Sensitivity Overall Score** 9  
this score equates to.. **High**

**Landscape Policy Score** 19  
this score equates to Landscape Polic **conserve**

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Draft Character Type: Sherwood  
Date: 11/05/2006  
Surveyor: HMJ/DCM

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): 41,26, 43 - (MLA 52 Elkesley)

Conditions: Sunny, very warm  
OS East: 469006  
OS North: 375556  
Location: Car park- Robin Hood PH

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Coherent

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Traffic noise from the A1, visual intrusion from the A1 noted at one point only on Brough Lane, one low voltage power line crosses the area.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?  
Few

Visual Unity Score  
5  
this score equates to..  
Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Designated sites include:

MLA number 52  
No SSSIs,SINCs, Ancient Woodland within the MLA area.

Habitats types include:-

Areas of mixed deciduous woodland along the Poulter Brock, these border coniferous woodland to the south, this woodland includes Poplar, Willow, with Oak and Ash standards, with Hawthorn and Elder as understory. Internal field boundary hedgerows range from mixed species and well maintained to grown out into individual trees, species include Malus, Acer campestre, Elder, Hawthorn, Blackthorn and Rosa spp. Brough Lane has well maintained hedgerows including Hawthorn, Elder, Blackthorn, Rosa spp with mature Oak and Ash trees. Also the River Poulter itself as well as marshy areas and channels within the deciduous woodland area.

Ecological Bases

There is a good linkage of habitats, between Brough Lane hedgerows and field boundary hedgerows, pasture areas , river corridor and the scattering of mature trees.

Intensity of Land Use

There is intensive arable use to the south east of the MLA, more pasture to the area north of the river with horse and cattle grazing.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?  
Strong

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Deciduous woodland to the south and north west of River Poulter, mature trees within field boundary hedgelines and along Brough Lane and also within pasture areas.

Extent

Tree cover is low as an overall percentage

Age Structure

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Trees within the area appear to be mature, there is no evidence of young or newly planted trees.

Field Boundaries

These vary, some are mixed deciduous mature hedgerows which are dense and bushy, but some hedgerows are grown out into individual trees and the gaps have been filled by post and wire fence rather than new planting.

Built Features

Built features include red brick farmhouses with pantile roofs along Brough Lane, new development on Brough Lane to south west of village core.

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Good

Functional Integrity Score 6 this score equates to.. Very Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix):

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

There is some new development on the edge of Elkesley (in the MLA), and houses at the west end of Brough Lane (not in the MLA), also bungalows on the edge of Elkesley for a short distance along the public footpath until levels begin to drop down to the River Valley (not in the MLA area).

Impact of built development Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

All as the original MLA plan except that there is a change from cultivated to rough pasture for the field adjacent to the public footpath, one field not coloured on the MLA plan but included is now under cereals not known what this was at the time of MLA survey.

Impact of recent land use change insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

There are few visual detractors, and the area is described as unified with a visual unity score of 5. The varied range of habitat types with good connectivity provides a strong habitat for wildlife. There is a low coverage of trees overall but these trees are mature and there are many strong hedgerows although some are grown out. Brick and pantile roofed cottages are prevalent within the area. Overall these features give a 'good' cultural integrity score. There is 'low' impact of external development and little land use change from the previous MLA survey, Overall therefore the landscape condition is 'good' with a score of 10.

Condition Overall Score 10 this score equates to.. Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

The woodland at the edge of the River Poulter is characteristic of the Sherwood river valleys with its small poplar plantations adjacent to the river.

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Brough Lane - mixed species deciduous hedgerows

Distinctiveness Unique/Rare

Other Vegetation

No obvious heathy species within this area

Distinctiveness

Field Boundaries

Internal hedgerows - mature mixed deciduous species, some hedges grown out with post and rail to fill gaps.

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**Buildings**

All of the listed buildings in Elkesley are outside the MLA boundary except for Grade LI - No name - Gen Ref 1.20.13.

**Highways**

Straight roads - characteristic and recent and narrow hedgelined lane - Brough Lane - characteristic and historic.

**Other Features**

Sportsfield on the southern edge of Elkesley

**Settlements**

Some development on the southern edge of Elkesley cuts into the MLA some is characteristic and historic and but some is recent and indistinct.

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**To support final decision**

MLA areas cover less than 10 percent of Nottinghamshire, therefore within the County this assemblage of woodland, permanent pasture and hedgerows and green lanes is unique and rare.

**To support final conclusion**

Some hedgerows may be ancient, this requires additional research.

**Sense of Place Score**

5  
this score equates to...  
Strong

**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Views are largely limited to the MLA, woodland to the south and hedgerows screen distant views, there are some glimpses of the A1 from Brough Lane.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?**

Insignificant

**How wooded is the landscape?**

Intermittent

**Views Score**

3  
this score equates to...  
Low

**Sensitivity Overall Score**

8  
this score equates to...  
Moderate

**Landscape Policy Score**

18  
this score equates to Landscape Policy  
Conserve
LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Large agricultural sheds at Scofton and Park Farm.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Few

Visual Unity Score 6 this score equates to. Strongly unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

SINCs:
Chequer Bottoms (2005b 2/411)
Osberon Woodland (i) (2005b - 5/158)
Osberon Woodland (ii) (2005b - 5/159)
Chesterfield Canal (2005b - 2/621)

Blocks of mature mixed woodland interlocking in places. Significant understorey in some woodland and widespread Bluebells. Strong mixed and Hawthorn Hedgerows, which are generally trimmed. Large areas of pasture with mature parkland trees. Occasional areas of bracken and gorse. Riverside vegetation associated with the River Ryton and the Chesterfield Canal.

Ecological Bases

Hedgerows provide good wildlife margins particularly along tracks. Many of pasture areas around Osberon Park are divided by timber post and rail fencing. Linear stretches of woodland along river valley. Isolated blocks and interlocking woodland areas. Lakes near Osberon Hall.

Intensity of Land Use

Low intensity farming with permanent improved pasture. Mostly sheep grazing, some horse grazing with subdivision of field by tape. Small areas of arable land use.

Additional Notes Majority of area is grazed pasture with mature parkland trees.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Mature mixed woodland including Beech, Oak, Sweet Chestnut, Sycamore and Yew. Parkland with Oak, Lime and Sweet Chestnut trees. Lime tree avenue and Oak along driveways. Willow, Alder and Poplar along water course. Small area of Coniferous with deciduous edges and understorey.

Extent

Moderate coverage.

Age Structure
Many of the Parkland trees are in decline. Majority of the mixed woodland is mature. Some more recent planting and self seeding woodland.

Field Boundaries
Strong and well trimmed mixed hedgerow alongside B6079. Strong trimmed Hawthorn hedgerows along tracks and bridleways and some field boundaries. Majority of grazing areas in parkland sub-divided by post and rail fences (in good condition).

Built Features
Some red-brick and some stone buildings. Farm buildings around Osberton Hall stone vernacular. Park farm buildings are more recent. Majority of housing and farm buildings within Scofton are red brick vernacular. Larger modern agricultural buildings to north of Scofton. West Lodges of the B6079 and the East Lodge are stone vernacular buildings.

Grade II listed building on Island in Osberton Park - ref. 1.65.123
Grade II listed building - (Church) - ref. 1.65.126
Grade II listed building - (wall @ Church) - ref. 1.65.127
Grade II* listed building - (no name, @ Osberton Hall) - ref. 1.65.116
Grade II listed building - (no name @ Osberton Hall) - ref. 1.65.121
Grade II listed building - (bridge near Park Farm) - ref. 1.65.113
Grade II listed building - (East Lodge) - ref. 1.65.124
Grade II listed building - (Lodge to B6079) - ref. 1.65.112

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity: Good

Functional Integrity Score: 5 this score equates to: Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?
Generally Historic buildings within MLA. More recent building at Park Farm red brick and unobtrusive due to screening. Large agricultural buildings at Park Farm and to north of Scofton are out of scale and do not respect the local vernacular and sense of place.

Impact of built development: Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?
Possible loss of parkland due to arable farming - Moderate.
Possible increase in Horsiculture with further sub-division of fields - Weak.
Loss of mature woodland to arable farming - Moderate to Strong.
Possible commercial development of Osberton Hall - Moderate.

Impact of recent land use change: insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement
Historic parkland landscape well maintained with permanent pasture. Some parkland trees are reaching maturity or in decline. Woodland generally well maintained with understory and Bluebell field layer - although some deciduous trees are reaching maturity. Hedgerows and timber post and rail boundaries are well maintained. Buildings are well maintained and picturesque. Osberton Hall and nearby Church appear in good condition. Remains of possible walled garden opposite Scofton Farm, Lime and Oak avenues intact.

Condition Overall Score: 10 this score equates to: Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands
NB. re Contiguity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1630, Ancient-pre 1600
Mature mixed woodland blocks interlocking in places. Scot's Pine, Oak, Sycamore, Sweet Chestnut, Lime, Yew. Small areas of Coniferous planting with deciduous edges. Linear sections of woodland along watercourse including Willow, Poplar and Alder.

Distinctiveness: Characteristic
Continuity: Historic

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**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Old mixed hedgerow to B6079 with occasional Oak tree. Trimmed Hawthorn Hedges with few trees largely to tracks, Beech and Holly garden hedges to properties in Scofton.

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**Other Vegetation**

Avenues of trees (Lime). Some Gorse and bracken (not much). Bluebells common within woodland.

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**Field Boundaries**

Hedge on top of bank to western end of B6079. Trimmed Hawthorn and mixed hedgerows. Post and Rail fences to pasture.

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**Buildings**

Isolated Farms, large country house, church, red brick cottages within Scofton and red-brick farmbuildings at Scofton Farm. Stone Lodges within Osberton Park.

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**Highways**

Narrow hedged lanes and bridleways. B6079 to the south is a straight road.

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**Other Features**

Chesterfield Canal, Lock and Tow path. Parkland lakes with island and summer house.

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**Settlements**

Scofton Village - largely red-brick.

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**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Views restricted to within DPZ due to woodland on periphery of area. Landform rises to North and South of River valley.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?**

Apparent

Intermittent

**How wooded is the landscape ?**

| Views Score | 4 | this score equates to.. | Moderate |

**Sensitivity Overall Score**

8 | this score equates to.. | Moderate |

**Landscape Policy Score**

18 | this score equates to Landscape Policy | conserve |
Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) 62 - MLA 80 Babworth Park

Conditions sunny, with showers, mild

Location Road to Sutton cum Lound, off A620

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

The only detracting feature is the busy A620 which crosses the MLA. Also 2 power lines visible from the MLA.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Few

Visual Unity Score 5

this score equates to Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Mature mixed woodland, permanent pasture, heathland tree species on golf course. The overall impression is of a mosaic of many different habitat types.

Ecological Bases

Belt of mature woodland to eastern edge of MLA and an 'island' of mature woodland around the hall, these are connected to each other by hedgerows which were not especially mature, there are also mature parkland trees, also isolated clumps of woodland within the horse grazing area.

Intensity of Land Use

Permanent pasture with parkland character to the north of MLA, horse grazing on improved pasture to central area which was cultivated arable land at the time of the MLA survey, or woodland

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Strong

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

To the eastern edge mixed woodland of Birch, Oak, Beech, Ash, Sycamore, Scots Pine and Hawthorn, also ornamental species such as Cedar,

Parkland trees - mainly Lime and Oak

Around babworth church there is also Yew, Holly

Clumps of sycamore in horse grazing area

Hedgerows hawthorn predominantly

Extent

50% tree cover overall - moderate coverage

Age Structure

Varying in age structure with some over mature but also some young trees coming through

Parkland trees are mature but do not appear to be in decline at this stage
Internal field hedgerows are not mature mainly hawthorn some newly planted, road hedgerows are well maintained hawthorn, not gappy and uniform in height.

Field Boundaries
No fields as such but grazing areas with timber post and rail fences to central areas.

Built Features

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity  Good

Functional Integrity Score  6  this score equates to.. Very Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix;)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

No recent built development except for new timber stable buildings within grazing areas

Impact of built development
Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

There have been changes from arable to horse grazing in last 15 years but this does not detract from the character of the area, changes immediately adjacent to the MLA include use of plastic mulch which has a moderate adverse visual impact on the MLA itself.

Impact of recent land use change
insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

The area has a high degree of visual unity. The area is a mosaic of habitat types including a large area of mature mixed woodland, permanent pasture with parkland trees and improved pasture used for horse grazing and is a valuable wildlife habitat. It contains the historic buildings of Babworth church, Babworth Hall and Haygarth house and has therefore a high degree of cultural integrity. There are few visual detractors and there is insignificant impact of recent development.

Condition Overall Score  10  this score equates to.. Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Mixed deciduous woodland to the eastern fringe
Hedgerows
Parkland trees
Woodland around hall
Woodland around church
Clumps of woodland within grazed pasture areas

Avenues are less distinct than as shown on Sanderson Plan

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Hawthorn hedgerows with no trees but Ash seedlings.

Distinctiveness  Indistinct  Continuity  Historic

Other Vegetation

Avenues of trees,

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

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Field Boundaries

post and rail boundaries - recent
road hedge boundaries - historic
internal field boundaries - recent

Distinctiveness | Indistinct | Continuity | Historic

Buildings

Grade II - No name (at Babworth Hall) - gen ref 1.2.9
Grade II - No name (at Babworth Hall) - gen ref 1.2.8
Grade 1 - No name (in Babworth Park) - gen ref 1.2.4
Grade II - No name (in woods east of Babworth Hall) - gen ref 1.18.9
Grade II - No name (in woods east of Babworth Hall) - gen ref 1.18.198

Distinctiveness | Unique/Rare | Continuity | Historic

Highways

Straight roads

Distinctiveness | Indistinct | Continuity | Historic

Other Features

Golf courses

Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Recent

Settlements

Individual dwellings, isolated Babworth hall, yoga centre, old lodge

Distinctiveness | Unique/Rare | Continuity | Historic

Final distinctive | Unique/Rare | Final Continuity | Historic

To support final di | The assemblage of historic buildings, parkland trees, mixed deciduous woodland, hedgerows is unique and rare in the sense that MLA areas cover less than 10% of the county of Nottinghamshire.

To support final co | Some buildings possible ancient needs further research.

Sense of Place Score | 5 | this score equates to.. | Strong

Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
the only long view is from the access road to the hall southwards towards the A1, otherwise views are contained within the MLA by mature woodland or landform

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements? | Apparent

How wooded is the landscape?

Views Score | 3 | this score equates to.. | Low

Sensitivity Overall Score | 8 | this score equates to.. | Moderate

Landscape Policy Score | 18 | this score equates to Landscape Pollic | conserve

05 March 2009
Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) 58
Conditions Sunny, mild
Location Chesterfield Canal, Ranby

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?
Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
Two high voltage lines cross area, there is constant noise of traffic and also the visual impact of traffic on A1 from many points, other surrounding roads are less busy with intermittent traffic.
Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?
Visual Unity Score 5

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Ecological designations include - Chesterfield Canal (Welham to Shireoaks I bio SINC).
Other habitats include:
Small areas of mixed woodland with mature trees
Isolated clumps of mature trees
Wide road verges with heathy species
Internal mixed species hedgerows which also contain fully grown out shrubs
Mixed species road side hedges with mature trees including Scot's Pine

Ecological Bases
Belts of deciduous woodland connect into hedgerows, hedgerows and field margins provide a good network, there are mature trees throughout the area especially around Ranby Hall. There is a good connectivity of habitats.

Intensity of Land Use
Arable fields with strong shrubby hedgerows and some deciduous woodland, sheep and horse grazing to pasture areas, early vegetable production under fleece to north east corner. Overall a moderate intensity of land use.

Additional Notes The fields themselves appear sterile in ecological terms but the surroundings (field margins, hedgerows and woodlands) provide richer wildlife habitats.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Many of the trees within the area are mature native species - Oak is the dominant but there are also Beech, Sycamore, Scot's Pine, the occasional Ash, and one patch of Yew to north east corner near 'the Lodges'.

Extent
No more than 10% tree coverage, low coverage

Age Structure
Over mature and in decline particularly Oak, there are also many mature trees or trees reaching maturity with little evidence of new tree planting.

Field Boundaries
The hedges vary in condition within the MLA- the internal field boundaries are lines of shrubs as opposed to

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hedges with occasional mature trees, Green Mile Lane has well trimmed mixed hedgerows with lines of trees to the lane edge, this hedge is gappy in places but with evidence of replanting, there are occassional thin strips of woodland as boundaries. Some hedgelines have been removed and replaced by post and rail to road edges.

**Built Features**

Red brick and pantile roofed farmhouses- Low Farm and New Cottages, Ranby Hall xxxxx, 'The Lodge' is rendered over brick. Some temporary timber buildings as horse shelters.

Grade II - no name where (Old London Road meets Knives Hill plantation) - gen ref 1.2.2
Grade II - no name (next to Ranby Hall) - gen ref 1.2.16
Grade II - No name (Ranby Hall) - gen ref 1.2.15
Grade II* - no name (Ranby Hall) - gen ref 1.2.1

**Additional Notes**

Trees and hedges - some evidence of management of woodland strips to Green Mile Lane but more mature trees throughout generally seem to be in decline and of similar age structure.

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Variable

**Functional Integrity Score** 4 this score equates to: Coherent

**Impact of Built Development** (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**

No new built development except for temporary horse shelters, and small extensions on to existing properties only.

**Impact of built development** Low

**Impact of Recent Land Use** (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

There has been a slight change from the MLA original survey in the division of pasture area into horse paddocks, and also some conversion from arable to vegetable production for one field only -potatoes? Trend of change from arable may continue, extent of woodland areas seem fairly stable within the landscape but need maintenance as the loss of woodland will be a significant visual impact.

**Impact of recent land use change** insignificant

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

A visual unity is created by the clearly delineated outline to the area. The area consists mainly of arable farming with a nucleus of grazed pasture and mature stands of trees around the Hall complex which contains a number of listed buildings. Ecological integrity is reasonably good with a good connectivity of habitats. Cultural integrity is variable with intact listed buildings and structures with strong vernacular style, also mature woodland is present this is in decline in parts and needs maintenance and replanting. There is low impact as a result of changes in land use and little impact of new built development. The main detractor is the noise and visual impact of the A1. Landscape condition generally good overall.

**Condition Overall Score** 9 this score equates to: Good

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

90% of the mixed woodlands in this area are as shown on Sanderson Plan,

There has been some
loss of parkland around Ranby Hall, and
loss of avenue planting from the crossing point on the canal which was shown on Sanderson Plan

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic

**Continuity** Historic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**


Road hedges - Hawthorn predominates again with mature trees Pine, Oak, Beech and Sycamore
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**Sense of Place Score**: 5  
*this score equates to..*  
**Visibility**:  
Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?  
There are views out of the MLA in most directions but its boundaries are clearly visually defined.  
**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements**  
Insignificant  
**How wooded is the landscape**  
Intermittent  
**Views Score**: 3  
*this score equates to..*  
**Sensitivity Overall Score**: 8  
*this score equates to..*  
**Landscape Policy Score**: 17  
*this score equates to Landscape Policy*  
Conserve and Reinforce  
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Draft Character Type: Sherwood

Date: 13/06/2007

Surveyor: KW/NA

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): s23,s24&s25

Conditions: overcast,dry

OS East: 445016

OS North: 368959

Location: Bridleway at Broomhill, near sewage works

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Mineral extraction/associated spoil heaps etc,Pylons/masts/poles etc,Busy roads,(A.6075) Lorry Park at junction of A6075 and B6035 (Bradmer Hill). Touristy attractions such as farm park detract from landscape unity.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Some

Visual Unity Score: 4 this score equates to.. Coherent

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Sherwood Forest Nature Reserve
Hanger Hill Drive Wood - Biosinc 2005b - 2/345
Boundary Plantation Ride Verges - Biosinc 2005b - 5/165
The Lings - Biosinc 2005b - 2/343
Clipstone Drive, Edwinstowe - Biosinc 2005b - 344
New Lodge Plantation - Biosinc 2005b - 2/674
Bradmer Hill Cutting - Biosinc 2005b - 2/95
Warsop Sand Quarry - Biosinc 2005b - 5/85

Birklands West and Ollerton Corner - SSSI

Heathland Register sites - Boundary Plantation, 12.55; The Lings, 13.92; Normans Plantation, 0.58; Bradmer Hill Cutting, 3.23; Birklands and Bilhaugh (Worksop Road), 34.02; Birklands and Bilhaugh (Sherwood Forest Country Park), 4.76; Peafield New Plantation, 0.64.

Bilhaugh - Ancient Woodland, mif code 3002
Sherwood Forest - Ancient Woodland, mif code 3002.

Birklands and Bilhaugh SAC (Special Area for Conservation - European designation)

Large coniferous and broadleaf woodland areas within arable landscape.
Sherwood Forest Ancient Woodland to north of Edwinstowe contains remnants of historic oak birch woodland.
The network of hedgerows form wildlife corridors.

Ecological Bases

Hedgerows and field margins connect into woodland and provide good network.
Few isolated patches of woodland

Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land with good hedgerow network. Some hedgerow gappy in places. Small areas of pasture with horses and cattle near to Bradmer Hill.

Additional Notes: Although large areas are arable land, the core of the area has several designations including SSSI and SAC which make it one of the most valuable wildlife areas in Notts.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Strong
Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
50% Oak woodland, including sweet chestnut, Birch, Sycamore, Pine, Elm
50% Coniferous plantation mainly with deciduous edge planting.

Extent
Moderate coverage

Age Structure
Diverse age structure, mostly mature with some more recent planting, for example the Oak woodland off Blakeley Lane 40-50 years.
Ancient woodland at Sherwood Visitor Centre.

Field Boundaries
Mixed, some fragmented mainly intact.
Mainly hawthorn and trimmed

Built Features
Mainly isolated farms some stone built in north of area. Mixed age properties along B6035 to south east of Market Warsop.

Listed Buildings:
Grade SS - Assarts Farm, ref. 2.3.67
Grade LIE - Burns Farm, ref. 2.3.89
Grade LIE - Sherwood Forest Visitors Centre, ref. 3.23.46
Grade LIE - Broomhill Grange, ref. 3.16.4
Grade L1 - Forest Hill Lodge Farmhouse, ref. 2.3.22
Grade LIE - Westfield House, ref. 2.3.88
Grade LIE - Peafield Farm, 2.2.79
Grad SS - Villa Real, ref. 3.23.29

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Variable

Functional Integrity Score 5 this score equates to.. Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Mainly isolated built development associated with tourist industry. Red brick and pantile roof craft centre buildings at Edwinstowe respect local character. Some tourist elements do not respect local character or sense of place, Farm Park at Lamb Pens Farm and Caravan park at Gorsethorpe - ornamental tree planting is out of character.
Low key visitor centre within Sherwood Forest to be removed and rebuilt.

Impact of built development Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

New visitor centre proposed to east of B6034 adjacent to Thoresby Colliery - Strong impact initially, moderate impact as planting matures.
Restoration of Thoresby Colliery to heathland and woodland planting - moderate visual impact
Changes in forestry practice - moderate

Impact of recent land use change localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Generally good condition with a few localised detracting features associated with mining and tourism.
Woodland and arable areas are generally well managed. Valuable wildlife areas which include SSSI and SAC designations around the Sherwood Forest Country Park. Arable areas are generally enclosed by well maintained hedgerows, which have become gappy in some locations.

Condition Overall Score 9 this score equates to.. Good

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LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

| Large coniferous plantations and mixed woodlands |
| Some isolated blocks of woodland |

| Distinctiveness | Characteristic |
| Continuity | Historic |

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

| Mainly trimmed hawthorn hedges with few hedgerow trees. |

| Distinctiveness | Characteristic |
| Continuity | Historic |

Other Vegetation

| Some Bracken and Heathland |

| Distinctiveness | Characteristic |
| Continuity | Historic |

Field Boundaries

| Trimmed hawthorn hedges |

| Distinctiveness | Characteristic |
| Continuity | Historic |

Buildings

| Isolated farms and small groups of houses |

| Distinctiveness | Characteristic |
| Continuity | Historic |

Highways

| Winding roads and narrow hedged lanes |

| Distinctiveness | Characteristic |
| Continuity | Historic |

Other Features

| Sherwood Forest Country Park |
| Robin Hood Way long distance footpath |
| Railway lines |

| Distinctiveness | Unique/Rare |
| Continuity | Ancient |

Settlements

| None |

| Distinctiveness | Characteristic |
| Continuity | |

Final distinctiveness

| Characteristic |

| Final Continuity | Historic |

To support final decision

| To support final conclusion |

| Sense of Place Score | 4 | this score equates to.. | Moderate |

Visibility

| Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it? |

| Some long distance views beyond the boundary, views more enclosed in woodland areas and views are often framed by wooded skylines. |

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?

| Apparent |
| Intermittent |

How wooded is the landscape?

| Views Score | 4 | this score equates to.. | Moderate |

| Sensitivity Overall Score | 8 | this score equates to.. | Moderate |

Landscape Policy Score

| 17 | this score equates to Landscape Policy | Conserve and Reinforce |

05 March 2009
Draft Character Type: Sherwood  Date: 15/12/2008  Surveyor: DH, EK

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): S32

Conditions: Clear, Sunny  OS East 465300  OS North 388600

Location: A614, Blyth Road; layby nr Olleton Corner

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Proteus Training Camp (former TA camp)
A614 (busy road)
Low voltage power lines

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?  Few

Visual Unity Score: 5  this score equates to: Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Birch plantations with heathland understorey.
Heathland along road verges.
Small watercourses.

Ecological Bases

Weak pattern of hawthorn hedgerows around field margins.
Large area of woodland connects with hedgerow network.

Intensity of Land Use

Medium scale intensively farmed arable land.
Smaller areas of medium intensity semi-improved pasture.
Commercial forestry - high intensity.
Historic estate parkland - low intensity.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?  Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Individual deciduous trees and groups of trees (mainly Oak) within estate parkland.
Large area of woodland at southeast of the DPZ: blocks of woodland, mainly commercial: Blocks of Birch, Scots Pine and deciduous (mainly Oak).
Heathland understorey.
Lime avenues.

Extent

Approximately 50% of DPZ is tree cover (moderate).

Age Structure

Diverse age structure, ranging from young to mature plantations.

Field Boundaries

Some arable land, fields tend to be surrounded by somewhat gappy, but well-trimmed hawthorn hedgerows.
Some hedgerows have been replaced with post and wire fencing.
Built Features

Red brick Thoresby estate and farm buildings.
Rendered Thoresby estate cottages in Budby.
Utilitarian agricultural barns.
Pre-fabricated buildings, red-brick buildings, Nissen Huts and timber clad buildings associated with Proteus Training camp.

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity  Good

Functional Integrity Score  5  this score equates to..  Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix):

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Proteus Training camp does not respect the local vernacular in terms of design or siting, but it is well-hidden from the rest of the DPZ by surrounding woodland. Buildings belonging to Thoresby Estate tend to be vernacular in style, either rendered or red-brick 2-storey dwellings. Other than farms, all dwellings in the area tend to be located in Perlethorpe or Budby, where there is no evidence of any recent development.

Impact of built development  Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Field enlargement, hedgerow removal and new agricultural buildings due to farming intensification: Moderate.
Increased development / facilities for tourism: weak.

Impact of recent land use change  insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

No evidence of any recent built development. Other than Proteus Training Camp and agricultural barns, all buildings are constructed in the local vernacular style. Little evidence of any pressure from development within the DPZ. Evidence of strict maintenance regime across woodland and farmland. Local character is generally being conserved. Only evidence of threat to character is removal of hedgerows and enlarging of fields.

Condition Overall Score  10  this score equates to..  Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Large plantation made up of blocks of Scots Pine, Oak, and Birch.

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Some mature Oaks in gappy Hawthorn hedgerows.

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Other Vegetation

Lime avenues.
Bracken.
Acid grassland.
Heathland.

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Field Boundaries

Hedge with ditch.
Hedge with narrow grass verge.
Post and wire fence.

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic
**Buildings**
- Isolated farms.
- Small villages: red brick or rendered dwellings.

**Highways**
- Straight Roads and narrow lanes, some open and some lined with hedgerows.

**Other Features**
- Former army training camp.
- Shooting range.

**Settlements**
- Budby, Perlethorpe.

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### Sense of Place Score
- 4
- This score equates to: Moderate

### Visibility

View typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
- Within: views limited by extensive woodland planting.

### Scale of Landform and Landscape elements
- Dominant

### Woody landscape?
- Enclosed

### Views Score
- 4
- This score equates to: Moderate

### Sensitivity Overall Score
- 8
- This score equates to: Moderate

### Landscape Policy Score
- 18
- This score equates to: Landscape Policy conserve

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Draft Character Type: Sherwood

Date: 20/06/2007

Surveyor: KW/HMJ

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): LCP 70 and LCP 44

Conditions: cloudy and humid following period of heat

Location: layby on B6387 north of Walsby

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Pylons and masts
Occasional large chicken sheds
Limited roads through DPZ but those that exist are busy

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score: 4

this score equates to..: Coherent

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Designated habitats include:-

Haughton Decoy - Bio SINC NBGRC 2005b - 2/551
Boughton Brake ride - Bio SINC NBGRC 2005b - 2/552

Heathland register - Walsby Forest - Site no. 1
Heathland register - Walsby Forest - Site no. 2
Heathland register - Boughton Brake ride

Habitat types include:-
Coniferous woodland - Boughton Brake, Gosling Carr, Blackcliffe Hill Plantation
Mixed deciduous woodland - Crow Park and Haughton Decoy
Mixed species hedgerows to roads and field boundaries eg:- along PROW to east of Brake Road.
Hawthorn hedgerows to road and field boundaries
Hedgerow trees mainly Oak and Ash
Permanent pasture
Field margins to arable crops
Only major surface water feature at Haughton Decoy
Heathland areas in Boughton Brake

Ecological Bases

DPZ is adjacent to Mature Landscape Area 82 - Walsby Forest

Hedgerows and field margins provide good network
Belts of mixed woodland connect into hedgerows
Crow Park and Haughton Decoy still exist from Sandersons map.
Many internal field boundaries have now disappeared. Those which remain are variable in condition. Some new areas of coniferous forestry at Boughton Brake and Gosling Carr, with amenity planting to road margins.

Intensity of Land Use

Some arable fields and some pasture with areas of woodland, moderate intensity of use.

Additional Notes

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Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Estimated 15% mixed tree cover

Extent

Low coverage as an overall percentage

Age Structure

Mature and over mature generally throughout DPZ
Small amount of newly painted woodland near Walesby village.

Field Boundaries

Mixed some fragmented some intact
Some fields divided for horses

Built Features

Traditional village cores with new build to the periphery
Boughton pumping station now converted to offices and conference centre,
Few isolated farms
Isolated farms - red brick

Additional Notes

Limited amount of built features, including Boughton pumping station and Walesby. Central area around Walesby in poorer condition, Northern River Maun valley and southern area (north of Ollerton) more intact.

Overall Cultural Integrity  Variable

Functional Integrity Score  4  this score equates to..   Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix):

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Built development mainly modern around central core of Walesby.
Boughton Pumping Station now converted

Impact of built development  Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Lose more field boundaries
Expansion of Walesby, Ollerton and Boughton
Additional expansion of chicken sheds and diversification of farming type

Impact of recent land use change  Localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Central area around Walesby poorer in condition due to hedgerow removal and presence of chicken sheds, caravan park etc
Northern area south of river Maun has more intact hedgerows and is more wooded
Southern area has good hedgerows both road edge hedgerows and field boundary hedges

Condition Overall Score  8  this score equates to..   Moderate

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50 years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Small mixed woodlands, recent in terms of proportion of area

Distinctiveness Characteristic
Continuity Recent

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

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**Other Vegetation**

Some heathland in western part of area

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic | Continuity | Historic

**Field Boundaries**

Variable trimmed hedges

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic | Continuity | Historic

**Buildings**

conservation areas include:-
Walesby no 342
Boughton Pumping station no.342

Isolated farms- are red brick such as Decoy House, Haughton Warren, and Oakham Farm

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic | Continuity | Historic

**Highways**

Straight road lined with roadside hedges

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic | Continuity | Historic

**Other Features**

Disused railway line
Some large chicken sheds

**Distinctiveness** Indistinct | Continuity | Historic

**Settlements**

Walesby and some isolated farms

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic | Continuity | Historic

**Final distinctiveness** Characteristic | Final Continuity | Historic

To support final decision

| Sense of Place Score | 4 | this score equates to.. | Moderate |

**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

To the west there are longer distance views out of DPZ otherwise views are restricted by ridgelines to north and east and built edge of Ollerton and Boughton to the south.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?** Apparent

**How wooded is the landscape?** Intermittent

| Views Score | 4 | this score equates to.. | Moderate |

**Sensitivity Overall Score** 8 | this score equates to.. | Moderate

| Landscape Policy Score | 16 | this score equates to Landscape Policy | Conserve and Create |
Draft Character Type: Sherwood  Date: 15/12/2008  Surveyor: DH, EK

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): S30, S29

Conditions: Clear, Sunny  OS East: 465250  OS North: 371700

Location: A614(T) Blyth Road, Pickin’s Bridge

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Coherent

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

A616 and A614 busy roads, although these run at right angles to the valley, therefore detracting minimally. Urban areas of Meden Vale, Church Warsop and Market Warsop. Welbeck Colliery (in adjacent S DPZ 29A)

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Few

Visual Unity Score: 5  this score equates to: Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Linear sections of flood meadow.

Ecological Bases

Belts of deciduous woodland along valley connect into field hedgerows. Unmaintained vegetation along river banks. Presence of waterfowl.

Intensity of Land Use

Some flood meadow used for low-medium intensity pasture farming.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Strong

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Oak and Poplar are the dominant species. Dense woodland found along valley floor. Trees right up to water’s edge. Some heathland where tree cover is low.

Extent

Moderate coverage.

Age Structure

Diverse age structure, with evidence of dead and mature trees as well as young self-seeded saplings.

Field Boundaries

None evident from viewpoint, although woodland merges with adjacent hawthorn field boundaries.

Built Features

Very few buildings within DPZ. Surrounding buildings outside urban areas are majority red brick, with slate or red pantile roofs. Urban housing estates tend to contain more modern houses with grey tiled roofs.

Additional Notes: Within the boundary of this DPZ, the land is not intensively used due to the presence of the

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Overall Cultural Integrity: Good

Functional Integrity Score: 6, this score equates to: Very Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix):

No development has occurred within the valley itself, although recent development in adjacent Market Warsop and Church Warsop shows little respect of the local vernacular.

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix):

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Farm intensification; expansion of fields into valley floor: moderate. Expansion of urban areas: strong.

Impact of recent land use change: Insufficient

Overall Condition Summary Statement:

The condition of this DPZ is good, as the presence of the river prevents intensive landuse or development. Dense woodland is apparent along the majority of the valley, helping further to protect the river as a habitat, although the tree cover is noticeably sparse between Meden Vale and Budby, where arable and pastoral land is farmed right up to the water’s edge.

Condition Overall Score: 10, this score equates to: Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands: Oak/poplar woodland with heathland in less wooded areas.

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Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees:

No hedgerows, although hawthorn hedges around adjacent fields link into woodland.

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Other Vegetation:

Braken, heathland, acid grassland

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Field Boundaries:

Trimmed hedgerows

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Buildings:

Isolated Farms

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Highways:

Straight roads and narrow lanes running at right-angles to main valley.

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Other Features:

Mineral railway to Welbeck Colliery
Thoresby Lake.

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Settlements

Perlethorpe: small village just west of A614.
Market Warsop, Warsop, Church Warsop and Meden Vale to western extremity of DPZ.

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**Sense of Place Score** 4  **this score equates to..**  Moderate

**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
Within: Dense woodland within DPZ tends to restrict views along the valley floor.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements ?**

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**How wooded is the landscape ?**

**Views Score** 4  **this score equates to..**  Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score** 8  **this score equates to..**  Moderate

**Landscape Policy Score** 18  **this score equates to Landscape Policy**  conserve
**Draft Character Type**: Sherwood  
**Date**: 15/12/2008  
**Surveyor**: DH, EK

**Land Cover Parcel Ref(s)**: S36, S39

**Conditions**: Clear, Sunny  
**Location**: A616, Nr Hazel Gap Farm

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**LANDSCAPE CONDITION**

**Visual Unity** - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

- Coherent

**Detracting Features** (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

- Low voltage power lines.
- Utilitarian agricultural buildings.
- A616.
- Welbeck Colliery: Spoil heaps and Mineral railway.

**Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?**  
Few

**Visual Unity Score**  
5  
(\textit{this score equates to}...  ) Unified

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**Functional Integrity** - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?  

**Ecological Integrity:**

**Extent and type of semi-natural habit**

- Some heathland along boundaries to fields and woodland. Acid grassland along road verges and as understorey to woodland.
- Large areas of deciduous woodland.

**Ecological Bases**

- Large blocks of deciduous and coniferous woodland.
- No evidence of hedgerow trees.
- Intact field pattern with hawthorn hedges.

**Intensity of Land Use**

- Some rough grazing, but majority is medium-scale intensive arable farmland.
- Commercial forestry.
- Some intensive livestock farming (pigs) close to Meden Vale.

**Additional Notes**

- Good variety of habitats. Extensive areas of woodland.

**Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?**

Moderate

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**Cultural Integrity:**

**Tree cover**

- Deciduous woodlands.

**Extent**

- Moderate tree cover.

**Age Structure**

- Diverse age structure. Areas of mature woodland as well as recently planted areas.

**Field Boundaries**

- Strong hawthorn hedgerows, trimmed but gappy.

**Built Features**

- Stone and red brick houses. (Stone more dominant)
- Red brick farmhouses.

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Lady Margaret Hall (stone) - Part of Welbeck Estate,
Urban estate housing - Meden Vale and Church Warsop

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Variable

Functional Integrity Score 4 this score equates to Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix): Recent development tends to exist in the western extent of the DPZ. Welbeck Colliery makes no effort to respect local vernacular, with buildings being of utilitarian design. Modern urban development in Meden Vale and Church Warsop does not resemble the vernacular housing found in Budby and Cuckney. Recent development tends to take the form of new estates, constructed from modern materials, in contrast to the vernacular housing built individually or in small groups, using stone or red brick.

Impact of built development Moderate

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Pressure from expanding urban areas; moderate.
Farm intensification: expanding field sizes; moderate.

Impact of recent land use change Localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Although the condition of the landscape is generally good, the historic pattern and land-uses shows evidence of being altered, with hedgerows removed to create larger fields, and coal mining and associated landuses showing little respect for the historic landscape character. Commercial forestry and arable farming are the dominant landuses, creating a matrix of fields and woodland.

Condition Overall Score 9 this score equates to Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Plantation woodlands on higher ground.

Distinctiveness Characteristic  Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Trimmed but gappy hawthorn hedges.

Distinctiveness Characteristic  Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation

Acid grassland to road verges and understorey of woodland. Lime avenues.

Distinctiveness Characteristic  Continuity Historic

Field Boundaries

Trimmed hedges, some gappy, with very occassional ditches. Narrow grass verges.

Distinctiveness Characteristic  Continuity Historic

Buildings

Stone cottages, red brick farmhouses. Large country houses.

Distinctiveness Characteristic  Continuity Historic

Highways

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**Straight roads.**
Narrow hedged lined lanes.

**Distinctiveness** | Characteristic | **Continuity** | Historic
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**Other Features**
Welbeck Colliery & mineral railway
Great lake - Welbeck Abbey grounds.

**Distinctiveness** | Unique/Rare | **Continuity** | Recent
---|---|---|---

**Settlements**
Traditional villages - Cuckney, Norton and Budby.
Urban settlements: Meden Vale (Colliery village), Church Warsop

**Distinctiveness** | Characteristic | **Continuity** | Recent
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**Final distinctiveness** | Characteristic | **Final Continuity** | Historic
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**Visibility**
Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
Open views to wooded higher ground beyond DPZ. Undulating landform is dominant.

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements? | Dominant
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How wooded is the landscape? | Intermittent

Views Score | 5 | this score equates to.. | High
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Sensitivity Overall Score | 9 | this score equates to.. | High
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Landscape Policy Score | 18 | this score equates to Landscape Policy | conserve
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Landscape Condition

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Busy roads (A60 and A57)

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Few

Visual Unity Score 5 this score equates to.. Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Heathland field margins.
Deciduous woodland.
Linear section of flood meadow.
Ponds within woodland.

SINCs? - CHECK LCP SURVEY SHEETS

Ecological Bases

Intact field pattern with hedgerow occasional hedgerow trees. Small woodland plantations are fragmented. West Wood and Menagerie Wood are 2 larger blocks of woodland at the north of the DPZ.

Intensity of Land Use

Intensive arable land with strong trimmed hedgerows. Less intensive parkland, woodland associated with Worksop Manor.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Deciduous woodland: 2 blocks of woodland to the north of the area, with smaller plantations dispersed through the rest of the area. Oak is the dominant species, with Beech coming a close second. Sycamore and Maple are also present. Mature parkland trees in Manor Park (mainly Oak), and some hedgerow trees.

Extent

Moderate tree coverage - mostly to the north of the area.

Age Structure

Blocks of woodland, plantations and parkland trees are reaching maturity, although there are some younger hedgerow trees.

Field Boundaries

Strong and well trimmed hawthorn hedgerows, reinforced with timber post and rail fencing. Timber field gates. Large stone wall along boundary to Worksop Manor dominates northern boundary along A60.
Built Features


Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Good

Functional Integrity Score 5 this score equates to Strong

Impact of Built development
Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

- Encroachment of urbanisation from Worksop - Low.
- Removal of field boundaries (agricultural intensification) - Moderate.
- Construction of new agricultural buildings - Low.

Impact of recent land use change Insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

The condition is good, with a network of well-managed arable fields and hedgerows interspersed with woodland plantations. The formal parkland attached to Worksop Manor also appears to be well-managed.

Condition Overall Score 10 this score equates to Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Oak/beech woodland to the north of the area. Smaller isolated deciduous plantations across rest of area, interspersed with arable fields.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Trimmed hawthorn hedgerows with occasional Oak trees.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation

Bracken along field margins. Mature deciduous parkland trees, and some isolated mature deciduous trees within fields.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Field Boundaries

Hedge with broad grass verge along road. Some hedges reinforced by post and rail fences.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Buildings

Isolated red brick farmhouses and houses. Stone estate cottages and gatehouse. Large stone manor house and country house.

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Highways

Curved and straight main roads (A57 to northern boundary and A60 along West boundary of area). Hedgelined
**Distinctiveness**  Characteristic  **Continuity**  Historic

**Other Features**

Cemetery on northeastern corner, adjacent to A57.

**Settlements**

None

**Distinctiveness**  Indistinct  **Continuity**  Recent

**Final distinctiveness**  Characteristic  **Final Continuity**  Historic

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**Sense of Place Score**  4  *this score equates to..*  Moderate

**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Views limited within the area to the north, but from the rest of the area, views are available outside the area to the southwest and west. Views restricted by woodland blocks and urban area.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?**

Apparent

**How wooded is the landscape?**

Intermittent

**Views Score**  4  *this score equates to..*  Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score**  8  *this score equates to..*  Moderate

**Landscape Policy Score**  18  *this score equates to Landscape Policy*  conserve

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LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
Individual dwellings along Ollerton Road which are not characteristic of the area.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?
Few

Visual Unity Score
5
this score equates to..
Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Mosaic heathland and acid grassland, Medium-areas of scrubby oak / birch woodland with stag headed oaks,
SINCs? - check LCP sheets

Ecological Bases
Fragmented pattern of hedgerows around arable farmland. Infilling of timber post and rail fencing when grazed by stock. The majority of the area is covered by large blocks of mixed woodland with no boundaries present.

Intensity of Land Use
Low intensity. Majority mixed woodland, with some commercial scots pine plantations. Some fairly intensive arable land around fringes of plantations. Some small scale pasture with horses, although this is relatively localised.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Largely mixed woodland with heathland understorey. Species are Scots Pine and Birch with some Oak and Hawthorn. Some woodland blocks are either Birch or Scots Pine (i.e. not mixed), both with heathland understorey. No evidence of hedgerow trees. Historic parkland trees (mainly Oak) within Welbeck Park.

Extent
The majority of this area is covered by woodland.

Age Structure
Diverse age structure, with some mature Scots Pine being felled, and evidence of newly planted blocks.

Field Boundaries
Where present (mainly around arable fields), hedgerows are hawthorn and tend to be strong and well trimmed, although some are gappy. There are few field boundaries as there are few fields. Post and rail timber fencing has been used to replace or reinforce boundaries around paddocks/pastoral land.

Built Features

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Red brick farmhouses. Worksop College is an impressive red brick building (assume former stately home? Listed?). Stone estate cottages. Some non-vernacular dwellings, both red brick and rendered.

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Good

Functional Integrity Score 5 this score equates to.. Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

No evidence of recent development. There are a few isolated dwellings along Ollerton Road, which are probably the most recent - although they respect local character in terms of siting (isolated dwellings set within woodland), they do not respect the local vernacular in terms of style, as they are devoid of any characteristic features. Also 2-storey red-brick houses along the southern boundary of the A57 - do not respect local vernacular, as they are laid out as a housing estate or residential street, as opposed to being isolated dwellings.

Impact of built development Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Increasing pressure from tourism: camping & caravan sites, wider roads, increased facilities and more parking - low.
Loss of woodland and habitat - low.
Encroachment of urbanisation - low.

Impact of recent land use change insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

The area is in good condition with woodland covering the majority of the area. This shows evidence of management, with felling of mature woodland blocks and planting of new trees.

Condition Overall Score 10 this score equates to.. Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50 years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Mixed woodland plantations, Oak / birch woodland with heathland, Scots Pine woodland with heathland

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Few trimmed hawthorn hedges around arable fields with no hedgerow trees

Distinctiveness Indistinct

Other Vegetation

Bracken, Gorse and heathland along road verges and forming understorey of woodland. Acid grassland in more open areas which are not intensively farmed.

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Field Boundaries

Trimmed hedge, Post and rail,

Distinctiveness Indistinct

Buildings

Isolated Farms, Large country houses (Worksop College), Red brick cottages / houses, Stone Estate Cottages. 1930-50s red brick 2 storey houses along southern boundary of A57.

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Highways

Straight roads, mostly open onto woodland.
### Distinctiveness
- Characteristic
- Indistinct

### Continuity
- Historic
- Recent

### Settlements
- None

### Distinctiveness
- Unique/Rare
- Characteristic

### Continuity
- Historic
- Historic

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### Sense of Place Score
- 4
- **this score equates to..** Moderate

### Visibility
- Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
- Within - woodland restricts view to only very localised. Rising landform to North and East of area further limits views.

### Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?
- **Dominant**
- **Enclosed**

### How wooded is the landscape?
- Views Score
- 4
- **this score equates to..** Moderate

### Sensitivity Overall Score
- 8
- **this score equates to..** Moderate

### Landscape Policy Score
- 18
- **this score equates to Landscape Policy** Conserve

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Draft Character Type: Sherwood
Date: 29/06/2009
Surveyor: KMS

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): S35

Conditions: Bright and clear
OS East: 462500  OS North: 374500

Location: National Trust Clumber Park Visitor Centre

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?
Coherent

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
A614
Caravan Parks
Radio mast

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Few

Visual Unity Score: 5  this score equates to: Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Coniferous and mixed woodland with pockets of heathland
Extensive area of open water (serpentine lake) created along a river course

Ecological Bases
Extensive coverage with coniferous and mixed woodland with parkland and areas of farmland; principally to the south and north-east
Field boundaries are inconsistent; frequently defined by adjacent woodland but often removed internally.
Several miles of verges through woodland and across the DPZ
Heathland surrounded by woodland and parkland
All habitats well maintained by National Trust and Forestry Commission with some movement from coniferous plantation to broadleaved woodland.

Intensity of Land Use
Extensive areas of woodland and parkland with some pleasure grounds and gardens, plus pockets of heathland and scattered intensive agricultural land. Principally low intensity.

Additional Notes: Good range and coverage of habitat. Large quantity of Clumber Park (1000 acres) is designated a SSSI and the Park is Grade 1 classification on the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Strong

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Mixed woodland and coniferous plantation
Parkland
Heathland

Extent
Extensive coverage: no less than 50%

Age Structure
Diverse age structure: some mature woodland, some replanting and some newer broadleaf woodland planting.

Field Boundaries

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Largely non-existent, predominantly due to the coverage by woodland. Areas of agricultural land present are often defined by surrounding woodland, but internal boundaries have frequently been removed through farming intensification. Some hedgerows can be found in the south.

**Built Features**

- Number of Hunting Lodges and cottages throughout, properties and buildings comprising Hardwick Village.
- Thoresby Hall and Hotel
- Out buildings and remnant parts of Clumber House
- Bridges across Clumber Lake (south-west end)

**LISTED BUILDINGS**

- Thoresby Hall and Hotel (Grade I)
- Lincoln Stables (Grade II)
- Limestone bridge (Grade II*)
- Roman Temple (Grade II)
- Greek Temple (Grade II*)
- Drayton Entrance (Grade II*)
- Apley Head Lodge (Grade II*)
- Truman's Lodge (Grade II)
- Carburton Lodge (Grade II)
- South Lodge (Grade II)
- Normanton Gates (Grade II*)
- The Duke's Study (Grade II)

**Additional Notes**

- **Overall Cultural Integrity**
  - Good

- **Functional Integrity Score**
  - 6

  *this score equates to...* Very Strong

**Impact of Built Development** (does not feed into a matrix)

- How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

  Many of the buildings within the Clumber Estate grounds are 18th Century; the former house itself dating to 1772. The South Lodge and Manton Lodge are early 19th Century. All buildings (including outbuildings, entrances and bridges) are in a similar style. Some conversion of the remaining outbuildings has taken place to provide visitor facilities for the National Trust, although no development as such has occurred. All renovation and related work respects the local vernacular.

- **Impact of built development**
  - Low

**Impact of Recent Land Use** (does not feed into a matrix)

- **What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**

  - Modification to parking facilities - little impact as these are existing
  - Programmed gradual felling of some areas of coniferous plantation for replacement with broadleaved woodland - positive impact and weak in nature.

- **Impact of recent land use change**
  - insignificant

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

- The character of the landscape is well maintained by virtue to the majority of the area being under the ownership of the National Trust and much of the woodland being managed by the Forestry Commission. Clumber Park is in good condition, with built structures, hedgerows, woodland and walls all managed by the two Bodies, as applicable.

- **Condition Overall Score**
  - 10

  *this score equates to...* Very Good

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

- **Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

  **Woodlands**

  - Calloughton Wood (mixed)
  - Lodge Brake Plantation (mixed)
  - Appley Head Wood (mixed)
  - Rough Hill Wood (deciduous)

  *NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600*
Sharp's Hill (mixed)
King Charles's Breck (coniferous)
Hardwick Wood (mixed)
White Pheasant Wood (mixed)
Ash Tree Hill Wood (principally deciduous)
Osberton Round (mixed)
Heron Hill Wood (principally coniferous)
Clumber Old Wood (coniferous)
Burnt Oak Plantation (principally coniferous)
Cottage Plantation (coniferous)
Burnt Oak Wood (principally deciduous)
Woodcockhill Plantation (coniferous)
Holywell Wood (coniferous)
Westfield Wood (coniferous)
Nursery Wood (mixed)
Thorney Hill (mixed)
Five Thorns Plantation (mixed)
Claypit Wood (coniferous)
Boathouse Plantation (mixed)
Tank Wood (mixed)
Cabin Hill Covert (principally deciduous)
Morris Dancer's Plantation (mixed)
Spready Oaks (mixed)

Numerous blocks, clumps and band of woodland (deciduous, mixed and coniferous)

**Distinctiveness** | Unique/Rare | Continuity | Ancient
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**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Few hedgerows: largely removed where forming internal field boundaries, although they are maintained where they fall under the remit of the National Trust or Forestry Commission

**Distinctiveness** | Indistinct | Continuity | Historic
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**Other Vegetation**

Some scrub amongst woodland, although not widespread. Heathland is a feature, and some grassland (often grazed) is evident. An avenue of Limes sit along Limetree Avenue across the north-west corner of the area. Areas of bracken are under management to prevent undue spread.

**Distinctiveness** | Characteristic | Continuity | Ancient
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**Field Boundaries**

Some hedgerows.
Where fields exist, many boundaries are defined by surrounding woodland or plantations

**Distinctiveness** | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic
---|---|---|---

**Buildings**

Stone and brick out buildings, chapel and village dwellings/buildings (Hardwick village)

**Distinctiveness** | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic
---|---|---|---

**Highways**

Roads and tracks including footpaths and cycle tracks.
Only one public road through the Park: Limetree Avenue. Netherfield Lane (connecting the A616 and A614) is near the southern boundary.
The B6034 and A614 flank the west and east boundaries respectively.

**Distinctiveness** | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic
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**Other Features**

Disused pit (now vegetated) in Holywell Wood.
Visitor facilities for the National Trust at Clumber Park

**Distinctiveness** | Unique/Rare | Continuity | Recent
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**Settlements**

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**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Views within the DPZ are controlled by frequent and extensive woodland and plantation. Longer vistas are located at more ‘designed’ locations, such as along and across the lake and along the River Poulter in the east. Longer views are also channelled along the Limetree avenue. Views into and out of the DPZ are limited due to the presence of woodland throughout and along the boundaries.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?**

Dominant

**How wooded is the landscape?**

Enclosed

Views Score | 4 | this score equates to.. | Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score**

10 | this score equates to.. | Very High

**Landscape Policy Score**

20 | this score equates to Landscape Polic | conserve

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LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Oil Well
Pylons and high voltage power lines

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score 6 this score equates to.. Strongly unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

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2/405 Bothamsall Lane Verges - roadside verges with valuable and diverse flora
5/154 Poulter Valley Plantation (west) - conifer plantation with relict areas of semi-natural deciduous woodland

Semi-natural deciduous woodlands
Coniferous plantation
Mixed plantation woodlands

Ecological Bases

Hedgerows and woodland provide a largely strong network across the DPZ into surrounding landscape, and connecting into woodland in all directions, most notably the east and west.

Intensity of Land Use

Pig farming extending into the central parts of the DPZ from the East. Intensive arable land interspersed with strong tracts of plantation and remnant deciduous woodland, particularly in the north.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Semi-natural relict deciduous woodland and mixed and coniferous plantation

Extent

Moderate to high coverage: 25-30%

Age Structure

Largely mature

Field Boundaries

Trimmed hedges, gappy in some places. Some boundaries removed or missing within areas entirely or partially enclosed by woodland. Many boundaries formed by virtue of being adjacent to woodland and plantations
Built Features
Red brick farmhouses

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Good

Functional Integrity Score 6 this score equates to. Very Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)
How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?
No development apparent
Impact of built development Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)
What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?
Expansion of pig farming further into an arable landscape leading potentially to loss of hedgerows and erection of post and wire fencing
Impact of recent land use change Localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement
Landscape is arable with significant areas of woodland, and with the exception of some loss of internal hedgerows in localised areas the integrity of the landscape appears intact. Pylons cross the eastern section south to north, although this is the only urban influence.
Condition Overall Score 10 this score equates to. Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands
Coniferous plantations
Reflux deciduous woodland
Mixed plantation woodland

Distinctiveness Characteristic
Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees
Trimmed hedges. Hedgerow trees are rare.

Distinctiveness Characteristic
Other Vegetation
Avenues of trees along West Drayton Avenue. Some trees along roadside verges

Distinctiveness Characteristic
Field Boundaries
Trimmed hedges

Distinctiveness Characteristic
Buildings
Clumber Park Hotel
Isolated farmsteads

Distinctiveness Characteristic
Highways
Straight roads (A614)
narrow hedgerlined lanes with consistent grass verges (some with valuable diverse flora)

Distinctiveness Characteristic

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Other Features

Settlements

Distinctiveness

Continuity

Final distinctiveness

Unique/Rare

Final Continuity

Historic

To support final decision:
Proportionate coverage by plantation or woodland is unique

To support final conclusion:

Sense of Place Score

5

this score equates to...

Strong

Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
Views from land in the southern portion of the DPZ are more open due to the flat nature of the land, and more elevated landform in this area, particularly to the east. Land to the north is slightly lower, and typically surrounded by woodland and plantation to prevent any more than short range views.

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?

Apparent

Enclosed

How wooded is the landscape?

Views Score

3

this score equates to...

Low

Sensitivity Overall Score

8

this score equates to...

Moderate

Landscape Policy Score

18

this score equates to Landscape Policy

conserve
Draft Character Type: Sherwood  Date: 15/12/2008  Surveyor: DH, EK

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): S82

Conditions: Clear  OS East: 464800  OS North: 376200

Location: A614, Blyth Road (Sharp's Hill)

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
- High voltage power lines.
- Water storage reservoir.
- A1 - busy road.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Some

Visual Unity Score: 4  this score equates to.. Coherent

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

 Extent and type of semi-natural habit
- Heathland to road verges.

Ecological Bases
- Dense block of deciduous woodland connects into hedgerows.
- Intact field pattern with Hawthorn hedgerows.

Intensity of Land Use
- High intensive arable farming.

Overall Notes: Moderate

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
- Heathland and oak.

Extent
- Moderate coverage.

Age Structure
- Reaching maturity.

Field Boundaries
- Narrow, well-trimmed hedgerows with some gaps.

Built Features
- Red brick isolated cottages and farmhouse.

Overall Cultural Integrity: Good

Functional Integrity Score: 5  this score equates to.. Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix);
How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

N/A

Impact of built development

Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Farm intensification: Enlarging of fields, new agricultural development.

Impact of recent land use change

insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Integrity of landscape largely intact, although some hedgerows have been removed to create larger fields. Evidence of woodland management. Buildings are located close to woodland, limiting their impact on the surrounding landscape.

Condition Overall Score

9

this score equates to...

Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50 years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Deciduous woodland.

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Very few hedgerow trees.
Trimmed hawthorn hedges around fields.

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Other Vegetation

Heathland.

Distinctiveness

Indistinct

Continuity

Ancient

Field Boundaries

Trimmed hedge

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Buildings

Isolated red brick farmhouses.
Works buildings.
Red brick cottages.

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Highways

Narrow hedged lanes.
A1 - straight, wide road.

Distinctiveness

Characteristic

Continuity

Historic

Other Features

Water storage reservoir.

Distinctiveness

Indistinct

Continuity

Historic

Settlements

None

Distinctiveness

Continuity

Final distinctiveness

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Final Continuity

Historic
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Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

- Pit tips well restored, good wildlife habitat
- Disused airfield, concrete hard standing remaining in eastern corner of the area
- Few low voltage power lines, not major detractors
- A1 cuts through eastern edge of area but otherwise quiet roads

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Few

Visual Unity Score: 5 this score equates to: Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habitat

Designated areas include:

- Adjacent MLA 52 Elkesley and MLA 54 West Drayton
- Poulter Valley plantation(east) - BioSINC 2005b - 5/153
- Markham Moor grasslands - BioSINC NBGRG 2005b - 2/617
- West Drayton woodland - BioSINC NBGRG 2005b - 5/155
- Lawn Covert - BioSINC NBGRG 2005b - 5/304
- Bothamsall scrub - BioSINC 2005b - 2/405
- Bothamsall Lane verges - BpSINC NBGRG 2005b - 2/405

Main habitat types include:

- Arable farmland and areas of mixed woodland, mixed species hedgerows, heathland to rides of the coniferous forestry areas, open water includes Meden valley to east and lakes within restored colliery area, avenue of mature trees runs east-west, small areas of pasture around Bothamsall and in Meden valley.

Ecological Bases

Generally mixed hedgerows, some hedgerow trees- Ash, Oak and West Drayton Avenue runs through the area. 40% field system intact, most remaining field and lane boundaries are historic and present on Sanderson plan.

Intensity of Land Use

Arable fields with strong hedgerows and some small woodlands, moderate intensity of use

Additional Notes: Small woodlands and hedgerows but also much open arable area

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

- Cottage plantation - Sanderson plan outline
- Lawn covert - predominantly coniferous with small areas of mature deciduous woodland and Lime avenue
- Cocked hat plantations - Sanderson plan outline
- Broom hill/Elkesley wood - Sanderson plan - mixed deciduous woodland - Oak, Birch, Poplar with recent coniferous infill
Great Birch holt - Sanderson plan outline
Fox Covert - West Drayton Avenue - mature

Some more recently planted mixed woodlands on the restored colliery site.

**Extent**

Moderate tree coverage

**Age Structure**

Diverse age structure generally
Elkesley wood - over mature and in decline
Coniferous - mature/even age structure
Bevercotes colliery recent planting
Lawn covert - central core over mature and in decline

**Field Boundaries**

Mixed, some field boundaries fragmented, some intact and strong but not trimmed

**Built Features**

Red brick farmhouses for example Haughton Park House Farm and Beggar's Rest, Haughton Kennels Farm now rendered over
Bothamsall village core intact with no outward expansion, some small amounts of infill with in village in keeping with the character.

**Additional Notes**

Good within Bothamsall village but balanced by derelict areas adjacent to the colliery

**Overall Cultural Integrity**

Variable

**Functional Integrity Score**

4  this score equates to.. Coherent

**Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)**

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Small amount of development which generally does respect the local vernacular
Haughton Kennels Farm some expansion is apparent around the farm including chicken sheds

**Impact of built development**

Low

**Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)**

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

More coniferous plantations possible, felling practices will have an impact
Development of derelict eastern area adjacent to colliery will have an impact
Possible sand extraction and fishing lakes development in colliery area.
Possible development to east around Lound Hall - log cabins

**Impact of recent land use change**

Localised

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

Field pattern in western area intact with little expansion of Bothamsall village
Condition less good on eastern side where field pattern has been totally lost due to colliery and associated development.

**Condition Overall Score**

9  this score equates to.. Good

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50 years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Isolated blocks of mixed woodland some of which are present on Sanderson plan
Some coniferous woodland around older core of Lawn Covert

**Distinctiveness**

Characteristic

**Continuity**

Historic
Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Holly within hedgerows around Bothamsall village core
Mixed hedgerows with occasional trees throughout area.

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Other Vegetation

West Drayton Avenue consists of mixed species Horse Chestnut and Sweet Chestnut, some Oak, avenue peters out in the west where within arable area and farmed up to base of tree...

Distinctiveness  Unique/Rare  Continuity  Historic

Field Boundaries

Hedges with ditches present

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Buildings

Bothamsall conservation area no.102

Listed buildings

Grade II - No name (Haughton Kennels Farm) - Gen Ref 1.7.7
Grade II - The Lodge - Gen Ref 1.61.33
Grade II - No name (Haughton Park House Farm) - Gen Ref 1.7.11

Within Bothamsall:
Grade SS - Thornfield - Gen Ref 1.7.20
Grade II - No name - Gen Ref 1.7.6
Grade II - No name - Gen Ref 1.7.2
Grade SS - 25 and 26 Church Lane - Gen Ref 1.7.23
Grade LI - No name - Gen Ref 1.7.4
Grade SS - 29 and 30 Main Street - Gen Ref 1.7.16
Grade II - No name - 1.7.10
Grade SS - Meadow Way - Gen Ref 1.7.27
Grade SS - 5 Main street - Gen Ref 1.7.19
Grade SS - The Post Office - Gen Ref 1.7.21
Grade LI - No name - Gen Ref 1.7.3
Grade II - No name - Gen Ref 1.7.1
Grade SS - Barn south of Church of St Peters - Gen Ref 1.7.15
Grade SS - 19 Main Street - Gen Ref 1.7.28
Grade SS - 22 and 23 Main Street - Gen Ref 1.7.13
Grade SS - 20 and 21 Main Street - Gen Ref 1.7.12
Grade SS - 24 Main Street - Gen Ref 1.7.14

Isolated farmhouses
Mainly red brick cottages and houses with tiled roofs.

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Highways

Narrow hedged lanes, even main roads follow routes on Sanderson plan

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Other Features

Restored Bevercotes colliery
Short section of disused railway line adjacent to colliery area.

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Settlements

Bothamsall village only and isolated farms.

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Final distinctiveness  Characteristic  Final Continuity  Historic
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**Visibility**

**Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?**
Some long distance views to the west and north, closed by wooded ridge lines.

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Draft Character Type: Sherwood  
Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): LCP 26  
Conditions: showery, cloudy after heavy rain  
OS East: 67014  
OS North: 74347  
Location: Redhill Lane - junction with West Drayton Ave.

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

small area of industrial development at Crookford Hill which extends to boundary of DPZ, few low voltage power lines, A614 cuts through to the west of the DPZ.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score: 6  
this score equates to: Strongly unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habitat

Designated sites include:–

Adjacent to MLA 52 Elkesley

Poulter valley plantation (east) BioSINC NBGRG 2005b  
West Drayton Woodland - BioSINC NBGRG 2005b  
The Old Cliff, Elkesley - GeoSINC NBGRG 2004b  
Clumber Park SSSI

Main habitat types include:–

Coniferous woodland as infill to mixed deciduous woodland, extensive stands of Poplar, marshy areas close to river, riverside vegetation, open water of River Poulter.

Ecological Bases

Woodland and river habitats provide a good ecological corridor between Clumber Park and West Drayton woodland areas.

Intensity of Land Use

Coniferous plantations, poplar plantations, interspersed with mixed woodland, moderate intensity of land use.

Additional Notes

A high proportion of the area is wooded including mixed deciduous woodland.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Strong

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Bracken Hill/Spitfire bottoms/Spitfire Hill/Patmore/Broom Hill/Elkesley Wood - continuous belt of woodland - mixed deciduous woodland oak, ash, poplar stands, willow close to river with coniferous infill in patches

Extent

80% woodland cover

Age Structure

Overmature and in decline in some areas of Elkesley wood- fallen poplar after recent heavy rains. Coniferous areas mature/identical age structure, little or no management apparent, small amount of regeneration within the

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deciduous wooded areas.

Field Boundaries

none existent

Built Features

None, no built structures except for West bridge and more recent footbridges.

Additional Notes
Historic river corridor reflecting Sanderson pattern of woodland, but no buildings or structures.

Overall Cultural Integrity
Poor

Functional Integrity Score
4 this score equates to Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix);

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

No built development except for adjacent industrial development at Crookford Hill

Impact of built development Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Changes in forestry practices - felling of coniferous woodland, expansion of forestry areas, expansion of industrial area, continuation of low intensity of management and maintenance of deciduous woodland

Impact of recent land use change localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Unified in terms of its land use and with a strong ecological character, but landscape condition could be improved by management and maintenance of deciduous woodland areas. Has a strong sense of place especially to the western end of the river corridor, not so strong in coniferous woodland as this is more typical of Sherwood.

Condition Overall Score
10 this score equates to Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

small coniferous plantations as infill between mixed deciduous woodland, poplar plantations, riverside tree species

unusual in the sense that woodland comes close to the river edge, unlike Maun and Meden valley which are open

Distinctiveness Unique/Rare Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

no hedgerows

Distinctiveness Continuity

Other Vegetation

Wetland and marshy areas adjacent to River Poulter, bracken and acid grassland within coniferous areas

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Field Boundaries

None

Distinctiveness Continuity

Buildings

Grade II* - No name (West Bridge) - Gen Ref 1.20.2

no other buildings present within area except for recent bridges to River Poulter.

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Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) S61, S63 (small western area on edge of MLA), S65

Conditions Cloudy

Location B6045 near Forest Hill

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
To the west of the B6045 - Mineral extraction active sand quarry (partially restored by landfill and recently planted household waste recycling plant. Warehousing and storage sheds, large caravan sales park and light industrial use. Variety of tall palisade and chain-link fencing to boundaries of non agricultural activities in rural area. Telecommunications mast. Fly tipping common on outskirts of Worksop and nearby lanes and bridleways.. Some large scale farm buildings.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? Many

Visual Unity Score 2 this score equates to.. Significantly interrupted

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Woodland blocks and linear belts of trees, interlocking in places. Mature mixed woodland including Sycamore, Oak, Sweet Chestnut, Scot’s Pine etc.

Broom Covert - Heathland Register
Red Barn/Disused Sandpit - Heathland Register

GeoSincs:-
Crossley Hill Lane 2004b- ref, 2/1032
Carlton Forest Quarry 2004b - ref, 2/1031

BioSincs:-
Carlton Sand Quarry 2005b - Ref: 5/124
Long Wood, Hodsock 2005b - Ref:5/120
Kegham End Plantation 2005b - Ref:2/560
Hundred Acre Wood 2005b - Ref:5/123

Ecological Bases
Hedgerows and field margins provide good network, although gappy and fragmented in places. Hedgerow trees in places but mostly low trimmed hedgerows. Some lanes and bridleways have taller species (eg. Red Lane and bridleway to north of golf course - wide track with Hawthorn, Elder, Gorse and Bracken.

Mixed species woodland blocks and coniferous tree belts.

Intensity of Land Use
Intensive arable farming, mostly with low trimmed gappy hedgerows. Fly tipping is common on lanes and bridleways off B6045.

Intensive non-agricultural landuses to the west, off the B6045 - mineral extraction, light industry, commercial and warehousing/storage facilities and recycling depot.

Large scale agricultural sheds.

Additional Notes
Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Mature mixed woodland blocks, Sycamore, Oak Sweet Chestnut, Ash, Beach, Hawthorn. Coniferous blocks and linear belts. Some Hedgerow trees and tall Hawthorn etc to bridleways and narrow lanes. Typical golf-course landscape with mixture of native and ornamental species.

Extent
Moderate coverage.

Age Structure
Majority of woodland is mature. Some recent woodland planting to restored sandpit and golf course.

Field Boundaries
Generally poorly maintained - low trimmed gappy hedgerows. Some boundaries with tall outgrown hawthorn to roadsides (Red Lane, track to north of golf course and bridleway south of Carlton Forest Farm). Some hedgerow trees including Oak and Hawthorn along roadside boundaries. Hedgerows to roadsides are generally in better condition than internal boundaries.

Built Features
Warehousing and industrial buildings - large corrugated sheds. Golf course club-house - red brick with slate roof. Some more recent red brick residential properties off B6045.

Listed Buildings:
Peaks Hill Farm Grade I* - Ref: 1.9.56
@ Hodsock Manor Farm - Grade II - Ref: 1.29.8
@Forest Hill East - Grade II - Ref: 1.65.3 - 1.65.2 - 1.65.1 (3 buildings)

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Variable

Functional Integrity Score 4 this score equates to... Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix);

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?
Development to the west of B6045 does not respect local vernacular or character. Tall security fencing is out of place in rural areas. Large scale agricultural sheds do not respect local vernacular. Golf course club house is red brick and suits character of the urban fringe.

Impact of built development Moderate

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?
Expansion of light industry/commercial development along B6045 - Moderate
Possible expansion of Sandpit - Moderate
Loss of mature woodland to arable farming - Moderate
Possible expansion of Worksop to north - moderate/strong.

Impact of recent land use change localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement
Area to the west of the B6045 and eastern urban fringes of Worksop show signs of neglect and piece-meal and industrial development. Fly tipping is common along bridleways and narrow lanes and there is evidence of burnt out cars. Nature of development is unsightly and poorly screened. Golf course to the east of worksop is well maintained, although there is fly tipping to the northern boundary. Hedgerows are generally trimmed low and often gappy in places.

Condition Overall Score 6 this score equates to... Very Poor

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY
**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

Mixed species blocks and linear belts. Coniferous linear belts are common.

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**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Majority of hedges are trimmed hawthorn with occasional hedgerow trees. Some taller hawthorn, elder etc to lanes.

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**Other Vegetation**

Heathland vegetation along bridleway - gorse and bracken.

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**Field Boundaries**

Mostly low trimmed hawthorn hedgerows. Variable verges. Some post and wire fencing. Tall palisade/chain link fencing has replaced hedging to edges of non-agricultural land uses.

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**Buildings**

Isolated farms. A few residential roadside properties on B6045. Industrial buildings a mixture of corrugated metal and brick.

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**Other Features**

Sports field to the north of golf course. Golf course. Mineral Site (active sand extraction). Associated household waste and recycling. Network of Brideways and tracks particularly to the east of the B6045.

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**Settlements**

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**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Views are generally beyond boundary of DPZ although landform and trees restrict views in places.

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?**

Apparent

**How wooded is the landscape?**

Intermittent

**Views Score**

4  this score equates to.. Moderate

**Sensitivity Overall Score**

8  this score equates to.. Moderate

**Landscape Policy Score**

14  this score equates to Landscape Policy create

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**LANDSCAPE CONDITION and SENSITIVITY (report)**

**Draft Character Type** Sherwood  
**Date** 02/05/2006  
**Surveyor** NA/TB

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**LANDSCAPE CONDITION**

**Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements**

**Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?**

**Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area**

Urban fringes of Worksop - disused scrubland around pumping station. Some graffiti and litter to parkland in centre of worksop. Commercial activity on B6040 on Eastern fringes of Worksop. B6040 and B6079 feature strongly in South of Area. Pylons and railway line cross the area to the east of Worksop. Pylons also cross the area to the north, to the west of Blyth.

**Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?**

**Visual Unity Score** 4  
**this score equates to..** Coherent

**Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?**

**Ecological Integrity:**

**Extent and type of semi-natural habit**

Bio SINCs:-
- Low Wood, Hodsock - 2005b-5/120
- Ash Holt and Hodsock Red Bridge - 2005b - 2/564
- Plantation Lane, Blyth - 500b - 2/410
- Ash Holt Hodsock - 2005b - 5/118
- Chequer Bottoms - 2/411
- Osberton Woodland (i) & (ii) - 2005b - 5/158 and 2005b - 5/159
- Chesterfield Canal (Shireoaks to Welham) - 2005b - 2/261

- Scrubland around Pumping Station, mainly Brambles with some Hawthorn.
- Linear sections of flood meadows to waters edge. Gorse to valley side to the south of the area. Small areas of deciduous woodland including Poplar plantations. Wet meadow features in North of area with rushes etc.

**Ecological Bases**

- Strong Hawthorn hedgerows feature in area. Tall Holly hedgerow opposite Lodge on approach to Hodsock Priory Farm. Small isolated patches of deciduous woodland feature to waters edge and connect to hedgerows. Hedgerows replaced by post and wire fencing in places.

**Intensity of Land Use**

- Low intensity farming with permanent improved pasture. Horse grazing within Osberton. Some arable farming to North of area.

**Additional Notes** River itself provides a wildlife corridor together with adjacent hedgerows and woodland.

**Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?** Strong

**Cultural Integrity:**

**Tree cover**

- Isolated patches of deciduous woodland and some linear wooded areas along the river. Osberton parkland includes fringes of mature woodland to waters edge including Beech, Oak, Scct's Pine, Willows, Alder and Poplar. Many small scale Poplar plantations feature to waters edge. Willows and Alder are also common to waters edge.
Extent

Moderate coverage.

Age Structure

Mixture of mature mixed woodland and more recently planted Poplar plantations.

Field Boundaries

Mixed, some strong hedgerows along transport routes, mostly hawthorn (some of which have been laid). Some boundaries to pasture are post and wire fencing. Old metal fencing in poor condition to the North of the River on the Eastern fringes of Worksop. Metal security fencing to industrial/commercial properties on western fringes of Worksop. Old Pumping Station surrounded by concrete post and wire fencing - in poor condition.

Built Features

Some single storey brick building to edge of parkland in Worksop. Industrial buildings and disused Victorian pumping station to south of river near Worksop. Large red brick railway bridge crosses the area to the east of Worksop. Small stone bridges cross River Ryton at regular intervals. Lodge to east of Hodsock Priory Farm is a vernacular stone building.

Additional Notes
Overall it is very good, but fringes of worksop detract from rest of area.

Overall Cultural Integrity
Variable

Functional Integrity Score
5 this score equates to: Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Park in town centre has sense of place, yet play area and skate park detract from character, graffiti and litter are evident within park. Non-vernacular bungalows feature to centre of Worksop on edge of open grass area. Attractive red brick pumping station is now disused and surrounded by scrub vegetation. Lodge on approach to Hodsock Priory Farm is stone vernacular with tall holly hedge on roadside.

Impact of built development
Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Expansion of arable land use with loss of pasture - moderate.

Expansion of built development within Worksop - moderate.

Increase in woodland planting resulting in loss of pasture - moderate.

Impact of recent land use change
localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Generally good condition. Mature park to centre of worksop, with mature Limes and mature Hawthorn to waters edge - children’s play area, skate-park, graffiti and litter, detract from the character. Non vernacular bungalows lie on the eastern fringe of Worksop, with the Chesterfield Canal behind and grass parkland and the River Ryton to the south. Industrial land/commercial activity adjacent to the B6040 (outside the DPZ) detracts from the character of the area. Pylons and railway line crosses the area to the east of Worksop. A1 to the east and B6079 to the south are detracting features. Away from Worksop there are few detracting features. The majority of land use is pasture and woodland cover. Within Osberton Park there are small man-made lakes with areas of mature mixed woodland and pasture. Most hedgerows are well maintained.

Condition Overall Score
9 this score equates to: Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Isolated blocks and linear areas of woodland along river valley. Small scale Poplar plantations feature regularly.

Distinctiveness
Characteristic

Continuity
Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Mostly Hawthorn hedgerows with some holly in places.

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Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic
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Other Vegetation
Parkland trees within Osberton Park and within park to centre of Worksop. Scrubland to pumping station, Gorse to valley side in south of area. Wet pasture to north of area.
Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic
Field Boundaries
Trimmed Hawthorn hedgerows in good condition. Some mature holly hedging to the north near Lodge.
Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic
Buildings
Several Listed buildings, including Sewage Pumping Station, canal aqueduct and bridges.
Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic
Highways
Narrow hedged lanes. Bridleways (well maintained hedged lined tarmac roads) cross the area in several places. Straight B-roads and a C road. Bridges are typically narrow and constructed from stone.
Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic
Other Features
Settlements
Settlements include fringes of Worksop and Settlement at Osberton Park (Scofton).
Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic
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Sense of Place Score | 4 | this score equates to.. | Moderate
Visibility
Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
Area is narrow river corridor that looks onto higher open farmland. Some views enclosed by woodland to waters edge. Within Worksop views restricted by built development.
Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?
How wooded is the landscape?
Views Score | 4 | this score equates to.. | Moderate
Sensitivity Overall Score | 8 | this score equates to.. | Moderate
Landscape Policy Score | 17 | this score equates to Landscape Polic | Conserve and Reinforce
DPZ Ref SH39

Draft Character Type Sherwood

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s) S60

Conditions Clear, Sunny

Location A1

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following

Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Coherent

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

A1 runs along the eastern boundary of the DPZ. Low voltage power lines. Agricultural sheds detracting from characteristic vernacular farm buildings.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score 5

this score equates to.. Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Heathland found along road verges. Blocks of Scots Pine and broadleaved woodland with open canopy: grassland beneath, blocks of deciduous woodland connecting into hawthorn hedgerows. The DPZ is bounded by the River Ryton to the west.

Assume no designations?

Ecological Bases

Hedgerows and field margins provide good green network. Intact field pattern with mature hedgerow trees (mostly Oak).

Intensity of Land Use

Highly intensive arable land with hedges mainly hawthorn and strongly trimmed. Small belts of broadleaved woodland along verges, with larger blocks of coniferous plantation throughout the DPZ, some adjacent to roads.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Pine is the dominant mature tree species also mixed and coniferous. Low coverage mainly blocks, some along road verges.

Extent

Low coverage mainly blocks, some along road verges.

Age Structure

Mature, no evidence of younger trees or replanting schemes.

Field Boundaries

Strong well trimmed hedgerows, predominantly intact, some with hedgerow trees.

Built Features

Isolated red brick farmhouses and farm buildings. Little or no evidence of modern housing. Osberton Hall and associated parkland at the south west. Also Chesterfield Canal running through the south of the DPZ.

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Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix):

Little built development, mostly farmhouses and buildings of local style. Ranby village sits near to the south-easter corner of the DPZ, just outside the boundary.

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Intensification and/or changes in farming practices.

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Intensification and/or changes in farming practices.

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Generally the area is visually coherent with few detractors. Small to medium sized woodland blocks are dotted throughout the DPZ connecting hedgerow field boundaries and also featuring alongside road verges. Scots Pine is the dominant species. Built development features infrequently and is generally of local architectural style. The area retains a rural character despite the close proximity of the A1.

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

| Isolated blocks of coniferous and deciduous woodland. | Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic |
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| Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

| Oak trees within well trimmed hawthorn hedges. | Distinctiveness | Indistinct | Continuity | Ancient |
| Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic |
| Other Vegetation

| Heathland with acid grassland. | Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic |
| Field Boundaries

| Hedgerows | Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic |
| Buildings

| Isolated red brick farmhouses with associated agricultural buildings. | Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic |
| Highways

| Straight hedged lined roads with narrow, uniform verges. | Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic |
| Other Features

| Osborton Hall and parkland | Distinctiveness | Characteristic | Continuity | Historic |

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### Distinctiveness
- Final distinctiveness: Characteristic
- To support final distinctiveness: Historic

### Sense of Place Score
- Score: 4
- This score equates to: Moderate

### Visibility
- Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
- Relatively open views contained and restricted by woodland blocks both within and along the boundaries of the DPZ.

### Scale of Landform and Landscape Elements
- Apparent
- Intermittent

### How wooded is the landscape?
- Views Score: 4
- This score equates to: Moderate

### Sensitivity Overall Score
- Score: 8
- This score equates to: Moderate

### Landscape Policy Score
- Score: 18
- This score equates to: Landscape Policy conserve
Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Low voltage power lines, high voltage power lines, bordered by A1. A57 passes through the section close to Worksop. The mineral railway line is a physical barrier but not especially a visual detractor, reclaimed mineral workings at Manton, some industrial development spreads into area from the edge of Worksop, some agricultural 'shed' type development associated with farms, poultry houses.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score 4  this score equates to.. Coherent

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Conservation areas
Spital road/ A1 junction - Heathland register site - Area 1.71
Morton Hall - Heathland register site - Area 53.36
Worksop golf course site 1 - Heathland register site - Area 57.50
Worksop golf course site 2 - Heathland register site - Area 4.78
Manton Colliery - Heathland register site - 17.58
Worksop conservation area - Ref 117

SSSIs, SINCs, Ancient woodland
Tinker Lane, Barnby Moor - Biosinc NBGRC 2005b - 2/414
Chesterfield canal (Shireoaks to Welham) - Biosinc NBGRC 2005b 2/621
Bawsworth Ordsall railway - Biosinc NBGRC 2005b - 5/157
Morton Park - Biosinc NBGRC 2005b - 6/1081

Habitat description
Small mixed deciduous woodlands, heathy species evident on road verges, no surface water features apparent, isolated mature trees in hedgerows and field boundaries which are Oak predominantly

Ecological Bases
Hedgerow network is good throughout an area of intensive arable land use, with mature trees, with some small woodlands, good linkage via hedgerows and woodlands

Intensity of Land Use
Intensive arable production of cereals and vegetables, with strong well maintained hedgerows to fields and road margins

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

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Small woodlands - Oak is the dominant mature tree species, but also Beech at Rushey Inn wood, small coniferous woodland at Barnby Fox Covert, heathland species prevalent on road edges. Also mature trees in hedgerows mainly Oak

**Extent**

Low coverage generally

**Age Structure**

Larger trees are generally mature or reaching maturity, no evidence of young trees or replanting schemes.

**Field Boundaries**

Strong and well trimmed with hedgerow trees Oaks as the dominant with some Ash and Pine. Strong 'A' trimmed Beech hedges around Green Mile Farm which are a distinctive visual feature.

**Built Features**

Isolated farm buildings in generally traditional materials - brick and pantiles, new brick buildings. Modern housing and security fencing around Ranby Prison. Modern housing within Elkesley that is outside the MLA. Check Workop new housing xxx

**Additional Notes**

**Overall Cultural Integrity**  Variable

**Functional Integrity Score**  4  this score equates to... Coherent

**Impact of Built Development**  (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

New industrial development to edge of Workop - no link to surrounding style.
New housing in Elkesley village some buildings respect local style but some not
New isolated housing or new farm buildings - some buildings use local building style but generally not, addition of shed type barns
Ranby prison - little link to surrounding style

Impact of built development  Moderate

**Impact of Recent Land Use**  (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Landscape will change with changes in farming practices related to intensive cereal production

Impact of recent land use change  Localised

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

The area is coherent in that underlying geology determines intensity and the type of landuse, there are some detracting features but area still retains a rural character away from the major transport corridors. There is a strong network of well maintained hedgerows which provide ecological pathways but the field areas are sterile, mature trees add to wildlife value, but tree coverage is low generally. Cultural integrity is affected by the fact that new development does not link in with the existing building style, this development is localised spreading from areas of settlement. However the village of Elkesley contains a large number of listed buildings which are outside the MLA area. Landscape Condition is therefore scored as 'moderate'

**Condition Overall Score**  8  this score equates to... Moderate

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Small mixed deciduous woodlands and coniferous covers

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LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
Playing fields of Big wood school, sports grounds for Fire Brigade HQ, Bestwood Lodge Hotel and parking all within the area.

The woodland has a large housing estate immediately to the south which creates pressure on the woodland from informal amenity use and more formal uses pony trekking, educational guided walks etc. there is evidence of damage to trees and flytipping to the fringes of the woodland.

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area? [Many]

Visual Unity Score [4] this score equates to.. [Coherent]

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit
unimproved permanent pasture
deciduous woodland
amenity grassland
acidic grassland
heathland
seasonal ponds

Ecological Bases
Belts of deciduous woodland connect into hedgerows,
2/357 Bestwood Country park 'an extensive area of mature woodland with floral and faunal interest'
1/161 Bestwood Colliery Yard Geo SINC

Intensity of Land Use
amenity use of woodland and low intensity farming with permanent pasture, moderate intensity arable farming
some with strong hedgerows

Additional Notes
Rhododendron invasion may reduce diversity of understorey.

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife? [Moderate]

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
predominantly deciduous woodland with sycamore, lime,birch, beech,ash oak, yew and scots pine, iwith and understorey of elder, holly hawthorn,hazel and rhododendron.Interspersed within the woodland are more open areas with scrub and acidic grassland communities

Ornamental and exotic species around Hotel -Yew, Horse Chestnut, Cedar

Mature trees on road from south Oak, Ash

Extent
Moderate coverage,

Age Structure
Mature, Over mature and in decline

Field Boundaries
large strong hedgerows with trees on southern edge of area, outgrown hedgerows to northern edge

Built Features
7.2.3 Stable court, Bestwood lodge, grade II c19
7.2.1 Bestwood lodge, grade II c19
7.2.13 Alexandra lodges, grade II c19
7.2.7 and 7.2.8 Buildings on pumping station site, grade II c19
7.2.6 Lake, grade II c19
7.2.5 Pumping station, grade II c19

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Variable

Functional Integrity Score 4 this score equates to.. Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?
Bestwood Lodge Hotel - victorian red brick and mock tudor frontage, slate rooved - pays some reference to local
vernacular of red brick
Fire Brigade HQ - modern building design - little reference to vernacular style
various estate cottages and lodges - victorian red brick and slate rooved- as hotel

Impact of built development Moderate

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?
extension of housing area closer to the woodland edge, increase amenity use of woodland leading to increased
facilities required

Impact of recent land use change Localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

the majority of this PZ consists of a large area of deciduous woodland, with areas of improved pasture or arable
land to the perimeter. Several large buildings are located within the woodland including an hotel and Fire Brigade
HQ. School playing fields also extend into the PZ. The woodland is north of a large area of residential housing, it is
under pressure from both informal recreational use as well as more formal activities such as pony trekking. It
shows some evidence of high intensity of recreational use with well worn main paths and tracks, Its landscape
condition is defined as Moderate.

Condition Overall Score 8 this score equates to.. Moderate

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Oak / birch woodland with heathland,

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Hawthorn hedgerows in various levels of maturity

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation

heathland, acid grassland

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### Distinctiveness

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**Sense of Place Score**: 4  
*this score equates to*: Moderate

### Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Views beyond on eastern, western and northern fringes at the edge of woodland

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?  
- Apparent
- Enclosed

How wooded is the landscape?

Views Score: 3  
*this score equates to*: Low

Sensitivity Overall Score: 7  
*this score equates to*: Low

Landscape Policy Score: 15  
*this score equates to Landscape Policy*: Create and Reinforce

14 September 2009
Draft Character Type: Sherwood  Date: 20/08/2009  Surveyor: HMJ

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): s14, s5, mn71, mn73
Conditions: Warm, humid  OS East: 463124  OS North: 349107
Location: Crookdale Lane

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?  Coherent

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
- Encroachment of residential estate to western edge, Encroachment of golf course to eastern edge
- Poor condition of hedgerows to Crookdale Lane with evidence of fly tipping
- Subdivision of fields with temporary fencing to form horse paddocks

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?  Some
Visual Unity Score: 4  this score equates to: Coherent

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habitat
- Unimproved permanent pasture
- Improved pasture
- Mature trees within mature hedgerows particularly to north of Bonner Lane
- Small patch of broad leaved woodland to the northern edge
- Ancient trackway to north of Bonner Lane with mixed hedgerow - this is in poor condition in parts

Ecological Bases
- Intact field patterns with strong hedgerows in places and hedgerow trees,

Intensity of Land Use
Low - moderate intensity farming with permanent improved and unimproved pasture,

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?  Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
- Small deciduous woodland to northern edge

Extent
Low coverage.

Age Structure
Mature, Over mature and in decline

Field Boundaries
Mixed, some fragmented others intact,

Roadside hedges are strong in places with mature trees - Ash

Built Features
Isolated farm buildings only

Additional Notes: Intact field patterns but area under pressure from nearby residential areas.
Overall Cultural Integrity: Variable

Functional Integrity Score: 4

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)
How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

there is only one isolated farmhouse within the PZ

Impact of built development: Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)
What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Possible extension of residential area into site - Strong
Possible extension of golf course into site - moderate

Impact of recent land use change: insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

This PZ consists of an area of permanent improved and unimproved pasture and moderate intensity arable farmed areas, much of the pasture is used for horse grazing and also sheep to the north of the PZ. Roadside hedgerows are strong in places with mature trees, field boundaries vary in quality and are gappy in places. There is further subdivision of fields to form paddocks for horses. The historic pattern is intact. Crookdale Lane which passes through the centre of the area is an ancient trackway which was once lined by mixed deciduous hedgerow but this is feature breaking down and is in poor condition in parts. The lane leads out of a residential area and there is evidence of fly tipping along the lane. Expansion of the residential area into the PZ is a threat. Overall the condition is described as Moderate

Condition Overall Score: 8

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Riparian woodland to fringes adjacent Dover Beck

Distinctiveness: Characteristic
Continuity: Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Crookdale Lane - Ancient mixed hedgerow to centre of area, - field maple, wych elm, ash, oak trees with holly, rose, oak, dogwood, guilder rose, blackthorn, elder, english elm. This has been grubbed out in places and is in poor condition in parts

Other hedgerows to the area hawthorn with field maple

Distinctiveness: Unique/Rare
Continuity: Ancient

Other Vegetation

Bracken

Distinctiveness: Characteristic
Continuity: Historic

Field Boundaries

Hawthorn with field maple

Distinctiveness: Characteristic
Continuity: Historic

Buildings

Isolated farms

Distinctiveness: Characteristic
Continuity: Historic

Highways

Straight Roads

Distinctiveness: Characteristic
Continuity: Historic

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### Other Features

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### Settlements

edge of residential area of Calverton immediately to the west other wise one farm only.

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### Sense of Place Score

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this score equates to..  Moderate

### Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

View out to the north towards wooded areas of Thorndale Plantation and north of A6097

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### Views Score

4  
this score equates to..  Moderate

### Sensitivity Overall Score

8  
this score equates to..  Moderate

### Landscape Policy Score

16  
this score equates to Landscape Policy  Conserve and Create
Draft Character Type: Sherwood
Date: 20/10/2005
Surveyor: HJ/CC

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): 13

Conditions: warm, bright, sunny
OS East: 453862
OS North: 354169

Location: main car park Newstead Abbey

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
Few detractors within the area except for vehicular access through the park

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score: 5
this score equates to: Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habitat
A large proportion of DPZ is a confirmed SINC and also an MLA. The DPZ contains a heathland register site along the access road. The section of Hollinwell golf course which abuts to the west is a heathland register site.
The semi natural habitat is generally deciduous woodland, with mosaic heathland and grassland.

Ecological Bases
A large proportion of DPZ is deciduous woodland which forms good wildlife habitat, the remainder is parkland which contains mature trees which provide connectivity with the woodland areas. To the west the mosaic of habitats on golf course area provide a good network of habitats. Between these two areas is a farmed section around Monksdale farm which contains mature hedgerows which connect these two areas.

Intensity of Land Use
The only area of agricultural land use is the area around Monksdale Farm but this low intensity farming with permanent improved pasture, and small areas of coniferous forestry within the deciduous areas. Amenity land uses include the golf course and the Newstead Abbey and Priory and its surrounding parks and gardens.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Deciduous woodland for large proportion of DPZ consisting of mature oak, birch with scots pine with heathland creation areas to fringes of the access road into Newstead. More ornamental/exotic tree and shrub planting around the abbey and priory.

Extent
The extent of the tree cover is approx. 60% this includes all of the woodland and parkland. Moderate to high coverage.

Age Structure
Generally the woodland appears mature and in some sections overmature and in decline eg some of the trees within the garden areas. There are some newly planted areas of trees within the grounds of the Abbey.

Field Boundaries
From aerial photograph (unable to access directly) some field boundaries appear to be mature with trees, stone
walls present marking extent of the Newstead estate.

Built Features

Prestigious residential housing to the north, north east and south east edges of the grounds of Newstead estate. Area also contains Newstead Abbey, the ruins of Newstead Priory and associated park land and historic gardens. Also Monkabarn Farm and Poets corner (recent development)

Additional Notes

Overall Cultural Integrity Good

Functional Integrity Score 6 this score equates to.. Very Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Housing to the fringe of Newstead along is well screened within the woodland area, but what is visible from the A60 varies from recent development to early 20th century.

Impact of built development Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

incursion of prestigious housing development into woodland areas- weak impact development of prestigious housing within the more open areas of the parkland - moderate impact changes in the management practice of Newstead park for example in the degree of maintenance of the estate - strong impact changes in agricultural practices- weak impact as this area is quite well screened

Impact of recent land use change insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

The largest proportion of the area is managed estate woodland which contains mature oak trees, contined maintenance of these areas is the key to maintaining the good condition of this DPZ, Newstead Abbey grounds are managed to a high standard as a visitor attraction. The golf course is managed with heathland creation objectives with the assistance of Sherwood Forest Trust, The farmland is of low intensity use with mature hedgerows. Generally good condition.

Condition Overall Score 10 this score equates to.. Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Oak and Birch woodland with heathland. Occasional recent planting or replacement of trees within Newstead Abbey Grounds.

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Unable to access hedgerows directly, from aerial photographs the hedgerows appear mature

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Other Vegetation

Bracken and heathland along margins of woodlands and access roads.

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Field Boundaries

Mature hedgerows

Distinctiveness Characteristic

Buildings

Newstead Abbey, and the ruined Priory. Prestigious houses along the fringes of the A60 amongst woodland,

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### Distinctiveness

**Highways**

A60 and the B6020 run along the outskirts, and Swinecotte Dale running through the middle of the woodland. The Robin Hood Way and numerous tracks run through the woodland region.

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**Other Features**

Hollinwell Golf Course cuts into the North West of the region. Gardens and historic parkland around Newstead Park.

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**Settlements**

Some residential housing along the A60, and Monksbarn Farm, detached housing.

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Medieval Priory. The remainder of other features are generally historic.

### Sense of Place Score

6 | this score equates to.. | Very Strong

### Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Relatively enclosed views. Views from the A60 are restricted by woodland cover and the golf is closed off to non-memners. Generally visually contained in and around the area.

### Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?

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### Sensitivity Overall Score

| Sensitivity Overall Score | this score equates to.. | High |

### Landscape Policy Score

| Landscape Policy Score | this score equates to Landscape Policy | conserve |
Draft Character Type: Sherwood
Date: 20/08/2009
Surveyor: HMJ

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): s 13, s 71, s 76

Conditions: Warm, sunny, humid
OS East: 4xx xxx
OS North: 3xx xxx
Location: xxxxxxx

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?
Unified

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?
Few

Visual Unity Score: 6
this score equates to.: Strongly unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Mosaic heathland and acid grassland, birch woodland

Ecological Bases
The majority of the area is Kirkby forest Golf Course with mown turf on greens and fairways but the heathland character has been retained
SINC 2/225 Hollinwell Golf Course 'an extensive area incorporating a numebr of acidic habitat types with their characteristic species'
1/34 Newstead park( including River Leen system) ' an impressive variety of habitats of floral and faunal importance'
5/38 Robin Hood Hills ' a large area of acidic woodland,extensive bracken and notable heath communities on south facing slope

Intensity of Land Use
Low intensity permanent unimproved pasture to western end of PZ with patches of moderate intensity arable farming

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Belt of Scot's Pine to northern edge of golf course
Birch/Oak woodland with Beech and Scot's Pine to south of area

Extent
Low coverage,

Age Structure
Diverse age structure,

Field Boundaries
Gappy and in decline,
Built Features
Modern Club House to golf course is non vernacular in style

Additional Notes
The historic field pattern has been removed by the construction of the golf course but the heathland character has been recreated, features exist associated with the legend of Robin Hood, Robin Hood's chair, Robin Hoods cave

Overall Cultural Integrity
Variable

Functional Integrity Score
4
this score equates to.. Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

There is limited development within the area the only buildings being the Golf club complex which is 20th C development

Impact of built development
Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

At the moment the management of the golf course is sympathetic to biodiversity targets but if this changed in the future it would have a strong impact on the Landscape character of this PZ

Impact of recent land use change
insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

The overall condition of the area is assessed as very good because the majority of the area is managed as a golf course in association with Sherwood Forest Trust to achieve biodiversity objectives. The area under agricultural use is permanent unimproved pasture. Overall this PZ provides a moderate wildlife habitat. The historic field pattern has been removed by the golf course construction but its more ancient heathland character has been recreated by the sympathetic management of the golf course.

Condition Overall Score
10
this score equates to.. Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Shelter belt of Scots pine woodland to north
Birch oak woodland to south

Distinctiveness
Characteristic
Continuity
Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees
limited hedgerows in area

Distinctiveness
Indistinct
Continuity
Historic

Other Vegetation
acid grassland, heathland

Distinctiveness
Characteristic
Continuity
Historic

Field Boundaries
limited field boundaries in area

Distinctiveness

Continuity

Buildings
Golf club house

Distinctiveness
Characteristic
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Historic

Highways

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**Visibility**

- Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
  - Beyond to wooded coniferous skylines in the north and deciduous woodlands of Newstead to the east

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?**

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**How wooded is the landscape?**

- Intermittent

**Views Score**

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Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Many temporary stabling structures for horses and subdivision of fields to form smaller paddocks, busy roads out of Blidworth such as Field Lane

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score 5 this score equates to. Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

Mature, tall, bushy hedge rogs with mature trees
Aquatic habitats around Rainworth Water
Deciduous woodland
Permanent unimproved and improved pasture
Acid grassland and heathland

Ecological Bases

2/665 Cave Pond Wood - a notable damp acidic woodland along Rainworth Water
2/664 Providence Farm Wood and Scrub - a small but notable area of acid heath among woodland and scrub
2/663 Fountain Dale - a damp open valley woodland with drying out fish pools, and clearings of an acidic character.

Hedgerows, mature trees and field margins provide good network

Intensity of Land Use

Low intensity farming with permanent unimproved and improved pasture, some areas of cereal crops and oil seed rape.

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Deciduous woodland around Fountain Dale - Alder Carr and wet woodland along Rainworth Water
Deciduous woodland around Friar Tuck's Well sloping down to Rainworth Water
Deciduous woodland - Oak, Birch, with heathy understorey sloping down from Cross Lane to Cave Pond on Rainworth Water.
Planted deciduous woodland to old tip mound - Alder, White beam and Willow to south of New Lane

Extent
Low coverage

Age Structure
Mature, over mature and in decline

Field Boundaries
Large strong hedgerows with mature trees particularly to the centre of the area, some post and wire boundaries

Built Features
Red brick farmhouses with pantile roofs such as Norwood Hill Farm, Bottom Farm, Hill Top Farm, stone houses with slate roofs such as Rock Farm, modern farm buildings such as Reigate Farm. Stone residential buildings such as High Park and High Lodge on Cross Lane, modern residential red brick houses to sharp corner of New Lane

Additional Notes
Intact field pattern, with some ridge and furrow to south of Ricket Lane

Overall Cultural Integrity
Good

Functional Integrity Score
5 this score equates to...
Strong

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)
How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Reigate Farm - modern, with modern storage buildings
Residential buildings - Modern red brick bungalows to corner of New Lane
Hilltop Farm - Red brick and pantile roof with disused windmill
Norwood Hall Farm - Red brick and pantile roof
High Park and High Lodge - Stone and slate roof
Rock Farm - Red brick and slate roof
Bottom Farm - Red brick and pantile roof

Impact of built development
Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)
What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Improvement of pasture - strong impact
Change in intensity of grazing pressure by horses - strong impact
Expansion of the edge of Bughtworth - moderate impact

Impact of recent land use change
Localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement
The overall landscape condition is very good. The area consists of long narrow, strip fields which are predominantly unimproved and improved permanent pasture which is used for grazing of horses. Many fields contain temporary stable buildings and are subdivided with temporary materials to form smaller paddocks. Road hedgerows particularly along Ricket Lane are tall, bushy and mature containing a number of shrub species including Holly, as well as mature trees mostly Oak and Ash, but other species are present. Field boundary hedges are also tall and bushy particularly in the central area. There are a number of small deciduous woodland blocks to the north of the area. New Lane, a green lane, has particularly rich hedgerows including Holly and up to 11 different tree species along its length, the verges contain many heathland species such as bracken gorse and broom. Some isolated farm buildings are red brick with pantile roofs but tend to have modern storage buildings, the few residential properties are stone or modern red brick. The field pattern is little changed from the Sanderson Plan of 1835.

Condition Overall Score
10 this score equates to...
Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands
Deciduous woodland to Fountain Dale, deciduous woodland around Friar Tuck's Well, deciduous woodland between Cross Lane and Rainworth Water - all of these sloping down to Rainworth Water. Planted deciduous woodland on old sand pit site south of New Lane.

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**Distinctiveness** | Characteristic | **Continuity** | Historic
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### Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees
Tall, bushy, mature hedgerows with mature trees
Hedgerow species - Blackthorn, Elder, Hazel, Hawthorn, Holly, Rose with Bramble and Ivy
Tree Species - Ash, Birch, Holly, Lime, Oak, Poplar, Rowan, Sycamore, Sweet Chestnut, Willow.

Some hedgerows are possibly ancient, the evidence being the number of species present.

### Other Vegetation
Gorse and Broom in hedgerows, Bracken in hedgerows

### Field Boundaries
Trimmed hedges particularly Field Lane, bushy hedges and post and rail

### Buildings
Isolated farms, isolated residential properties

### Highways
Narrow hedged lanes and straight roads

### Other Features
Disused sand pit

### Settlements

### Sense of Place Score

**Visibility**
Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
Beyond, As the area is based on a ridgeline there are views to the north from the summit of the ridge on New Lane and panoramic views to the south from New Lane, Field Lane and Ricket Lane

### Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?
**How wooded is the landscape?**
Apparent
Intermittent

### Views Score

**Sensitivity Overall Score**

**Landscape Policy Score**

conserve
Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following:

Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
Busy MARR route crosses through area
Industrial areas of Sutton in Ashfield and Mansfield to west and north, the western area is already extending into the PZ

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score
4 this score equates to...

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habitat
Mosaic of woodland heathland and acid grassland on Coxmoor Golf course
permanent unimproved pasture
Improved pasture
strong hedgerows to the northern area
aquatic habitat - Kingsmill reservoir
Riparian woodland around Kingsmill reservoir

Ecological Bases
SINC 1/36 Coxmoor Golf Course ‘An excellent habitat mosaic with a most impressive flora’
SINC 2/226 Kingsmill Reservoir ‘A valuable water body for flora and fauna’

Intensity of Land Use
Low intensity farming with permanent unimproved pasture

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover
Birch and Oak woodland to golf course
mature trees to hedgelines in northern area
riparian woodland to reservoir dge
New woodland planting along MARR route - native species

Extent
Low coverage

Age Structure
Diverse age structure to golf course

Field Boundaries
Large strong hedgerows with trees to northern area
Built Features
small area of residential housing on Caudwell road
buildings to reservoir - adventure centre
Buildings to golf course
Isolated farms

Additional Notes
Field pattern intact to the north but removed by golf course to the south but sympathetic management of golf course has recreated an older landscape of heathland. Hamilton Hill is a distinct geological feature to the south of the MARR route rising to 165 metres

Overall Cultural Integrity Variable

Functional Integrity Score 4 this score equates to Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)
How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?
The limited development does not reflect the local vernacular style.
Impact of built development Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)
What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?
Additional buildings around reservoir
Continued expansion of edges of Sutton in Ashfield and Mansfield
Spread of industrial/commercial development along MARR route
Impact of recent land use change widespread

Overall Condition Summary Statement
This area consists of Kingsmill reservoir to the north and its associated recreational facilities. Immediately to the south the area is bisected by the recently built MARR route, this crosses an area of permanent pasture with mature hedgerows, the scheme planting has included native species planting to tie in with these. New building for industrial and commercial use is being built along the MARR route which is resulting in the removal of permanent pasture and hedgerows. To the south is Coxmoor Golf Course which is being managed sympathetically to recreate heathland and acid grassland. Overall the landscape condition is defined as moderate.

Condition Overall Score 8 this score equates to Moderate

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands
Riparian woodland around reservoir
Oak/Ash woodland on golf course
Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees
Mature hedgerows to north of area
Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation
heathland
Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Field Boundaries
Bushy hedgerows
Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Buildings
Golf club house
Reservoir adventure centre
Houses to Caudwell Road
Isolated farms

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Visibility
Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
Views out of area to woodlands to the east of Caudwell plantation and built edges of Sutton and Mansfield to the east and north

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?
How wooded is the landscape?
Views Score | **4** | **this score equates to..** | Moderate |

Sensitivity Overall Score | **8** | **this score equates to..** | Moderate |

Landscape Policy Score | **16** | **this score equates to Landscape Policy** | Conserve and Create |
Draft Character Type: Sherwood
Date: 25/08/2009
Surveyor: HMJ

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): SH 81

Conditions: Warm, humid
OS East: 451575
OS North: 348797

Location: Corner of Common Lane

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
traffic noise from M1, which forms south western boundary
adjacent housing estate forms south eastern boundary

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score: 5
this score equates to: Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological integrity:

Extent and type of semi-natural habit

deciduous woodland
permanent unimproved pasture
permanent improved pasture
strong bushy hedgerows with mature trees
stream

Ecological Bases

good network of small woodlands and strong hedgerows surrounding unimproved pasture
SINC 2/72 - Watnall Coppice 'a deciduous woodland with an impressive flora'

Intensity of Land Use

moderate intensity arable farmland
low intensity farming with permanent improved and unimproved pasture

Overall Notes

Intensity of Land Use

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Watnall Coppice - ash, sycamore, hazel, hawthorn, birch, oak, holly, bramble, bracken

woodland with bracken and birch to centre of area

recent woodland planting to form small copse at back of housing estate ash, alder, field maple, beech, willow

Extent

low coverage

Age Structure

Mature, over mature and in decline

planting to rear of estate within last 20 years

Field Boundaries

generally intact, some strong with mature trees, some grown out and gappy at base such as on Beacon Hill

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Hawthorn with oak standards

**Built Features**
Coppice Farm only within the area- surrounded by modern agricultural buildings, red brick farmhouse adjacent to area - Beacon Hill farm

**Additional Notes** Sanderson pattern is still recognisable but has been lost towards motorway corridor, some removal of intervening boundaries to north east of area.

**Overall Cultural Integrity** Variable

**Functional Integrity Score** 4  *this score equates to..* Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Coppice Farm, surrounded by modern agricultural buildings

**Impact of built development** Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

*housing estate up against edge of area has led to recreational pressure some fly tipping to lane on fringes of area*

**Impact of recent land use change** Localised

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

**Condition Overall Score** 9  *this score equates to..* Good

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**
Deciduous woodland -Watnall Coppice
Brich woodland with bracken understorey recently planted woodland to rear of housing estate-Ash lime,holly

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic

**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**
strong hedgerlines in places, track to back of housing estate has a mixed deciduous hedgeline - hawthorn, rose sps, malus, elder with bracken

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic

**Other Vegetation**
Bracken

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic

**Field Boundaries**
strong hedgerows mostly hawthorn with standard trees in places

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic

**Buildings**
Isolated farm - Coppice Farm

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic

**Highways**
straight roads, track to farm

**Distinctiveness** Characteristic

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Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

- Panoramic views out of the area and beyond from Beacon Hill

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?

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### Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

- Coherent

### Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
- Traffic noise of A1,
- Derelict farm buildings

#### Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?
- Few

### Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

#### Ecological Integrity:
- Extent and type of semi-natural habit
  - unimproved permanent pasture
  - mature trees
  - mature hedgerows
  - aquatic habitat with riparian vegetation
- Ecological Bases
  - SINC Markham Moor grasslands - described as a rough species rich grassland along the River Maun

#### Intensity of Land Use
- Low intensity farming with permanent unimproved pasture adjacent to the village.

### Cultural Integrity:
- Tree cover
  - mature trees in hedgelines and along River Maun

#### Extent
- Low coverage,

#### Age Structure
- Mature,

#### Field Boundaries
- Large strong hedgerows with trees, brick walls

#### Built Features
- Red brick farmhouses, brick walls

### Overall Cultural Integrity
- Good

#### Functional Integrity Score
- 5

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Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

recent development respects local vernacular style in most cases, there are incongruous features such as 1960s water works

Impact of built development  Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Infill development - moderate impact

Impact of recent land use change  insignificant

Overall Condition Summary Statement

The overall landscape condition is assessed as good. Area consists of unimproved permanent pasture with evidence of ridge and furrow features, with strong hedgerows with mature trees. Built development is generally red brick with pantile roofs with new infill development being in the same style. Some derelict buildings detract from the character of the area as well as traffic noise from the adjacent A1.

Condition Overall Score  10  this score equates to..  Very Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

No woodland

Distinctiveness  Continuity

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Oak, ash trees within hawthorn hedges,

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Other Vegetation

Aquatic vegetation in association with River Maun, as well as narrow strip of riparian scrub and trees including Willow and Ash

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Field Boundaries

Trimmed hedge,

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Buildings

Red brick cottages / houses,

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Highways

Narrow hedged lined lanes,

Distinctiveness  Characteristic  Continuity  Historic

Other Features

Distinctiveness  Continuity

Settlements

Milton village

Distinctiveness  Continuity

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**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?
- Beyond PZ

**Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?**
- Apparent

**How wooded is the landscape?**
- Intermittent

| Views Score | 4 | **this score equates to..** | Moderate |

**Sensitivity Overall Score**
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**Landscape Policy Score**
- 18 | **this score equates to Landscape Policy** | conserve |
Draft Character Type: Sherwood
Date: 22/07/2009
Surveyor: HMJ

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): sh 55,56
OS East: 4709
OS North: 3744

Conditions: Warm, sunny
Location: Entrance to track, Old London Road

LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?
Coherent

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
Traffic noise of A1

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?
Few

Visual Unity Score: 5
this score equates to: Unified

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Ecological Integrity:
Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Unimproved pasture
Mature trees
Mature mixed species hedgerows

Ecological Bases
No SINCs

Intensity of Land Use
Low intensity farming with permanent improved pasture,

Additional Notes

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Moderate

Cultural Integrity:
Tree cover
Mature trees

Extent
Low coverage

Age Structure
Mature,

Field Boundaries
Strong mixed species hedgerows with mature trees,

Built Features
Red brick farmhouses to village core - Old London Road West Drayton, but to Church Lane recent development bungalows etc which is not in keeping with vernacular style
Red brick farmhouses and methodist chapel to Mill Lane, Rockley , new developement around Jacket Mill in progress

Additional Notes
The core of the area is intact but more recent development is less in keeping with the vernacular style

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**Overall Cultural Integrity**  
Variable

**Functional Integrity Score**  
4  **this score equates to..**  
Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

recent development is not in keeping with the vernacular style

Impact of built development  
Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Infill development such as sound Jacket Mill - moderate

Impact of recent land use change  
insignificant

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**

The landscape condition is assessed as good. Areas of permanent pasture remain intact bounded by strong mature hedgerows with mature trees to the road side hedges. Built development is red brick with pantile roofed to the core of the villages of West Drayton and Rockley, later development is not in keeping with the vernacular style. The main detracting feature is the traffic noise from the adjacent A1 trunk road.

Condition Overall Score  
9  **this score equates to..**  
Good

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**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**  
Small woodland with Ash, Scots Pine and Silver Birch

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**Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees**

Strong untrimmed and trimmed hedgerows dominated by Hawthorn with Field Maple, Elder, Hazel with Oak and Ash standards

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**Other Vegetation**

Occasional marshy areas with soft rush.

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**Field Boundaries**

Trimmed hedgerows,

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**Buildings**

Red brick cottages / houses,

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**Highways**

Narrow hedgelined lanes,

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**Settlements**

West Drayton, Rockley

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**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

- Beyond to wooded ridges of Sherwood woodland

Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?

- Apparent
- Intermittent

How wooded is the landscape?

- Views Score 4
  - this score equates to.. Moderate

Sensitivity Overall Score 8
  - this score equates to.. Moderate

Landscape Policy Score 17
  - this score equates to Landscape Policy Conserve and Reinforce
Draft Character Type: Sherwood  
Date: 29/06/2009  
Surveyor: KMS

Land Cover Parcel Ref(s): S52, S53

Conditions: sunny with some cloud  
Location: Causeway Lane

**LANDSCAPE CONDITION**

**Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following**

**Pattern of Elements**

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

- Coherent

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Recently constructed A57 junction with the A1 and A638 and services

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

- Few

**Visual Unity Score**: 5  
this score equates to..  
Unified

**Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?**

Ecological Integrity:

**Extent and type of semi-natural habit**

Scattered blocks of woodland

**Ecological Bases**

Hedgerows are generally present but often gappy; sometimes infilled with sections of post and wire fencing.  
Hedgerows are commonly accompanied by hedgerow trees. Some areas to the east have remnant hedgerow trees where the hedge itself has since been lost of removed.

**Intensity of Land Use**

Highly intensive arable land with hedgerows and hedgerow trees; gappy in places.

**Additional Notes**: Although land use is intensively farmed, frequent trees (in scattered blocks and in hedgerows) maintain a degree on connectivity, reinforced by the lightly wooded river corridor which flanks the west boundary (outside the DPZ).

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

- Moderate

**Cultural Integrity**:

**Tree cover**

Hedgerow oak and Ash  
Deciduous and coniferous small blocks toward the river corridor

**Extent**

Very low: provided principally by field boundary trees

**Age Structure**

Some younger toward the west boundary. Many hedgerow trees are mature or reaching maturity. Mixed in the blocks: some more mature canopy trees with a younger understorey.

**Field Boundaries**

Trimmed hedgerows: sometimes gappy or with sections missing.  
Evidence of some field rationalisation, principally to the east.

**Built Features**

Traditional villages  
Red brick farmhouses
Although field rationalisation and agricultural intensity has lead to the loss of field boundaries, the cultural character of the landscape is largely intact, if not suffering from scattered deterioration, particularly with regard to hedgerows.

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

No significant new development. Traditional villages of Eaton and Gamston remain largely unchanged. Small cluster of more modern development at White Houses, and also some modern buildings around the A57/A1 junction, but the location of these on the northerly and southerly fringes of the DPZ causes little impact on the setting.

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Farming intensification and production of biomass crops has lead to some field rationalisation and loss of boundary hedgerows. This has left some geometric but irregularly shaped fields in some places. Expansion of facilities at the A1/A57 junction may potentially have an impact upon the agricultural setting and property around Markham Moor.

Overall Condition Summary Statement

The agricultural settings of the villages and hamlets remain largely unchanged, with the character of the landscape itself being largely influenced by its forming a section of the east flank of the valley of the River Idle (situated just outside the DPZ to the west). Loss of condition is mainly through the removal of lengths of internal hedgerows or development of gaps in remaining sections, and the increase in production of biomass crops. The river corridor maintains a wooded character through the intermittent woodland clumps.

Condition Overall Score 9 Good

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Woodlands

Small blocks of deciduous or coniferous woodland focussed primarily toward the west near the river corridor outside the DPZ.

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Oak and some Ash within hedgerows with a mix of species in blocks to the west. A short coniferous belt at Horns Holt can be found to the north of Gamston.

Other Vegetation

Wide verges along A638

Field Boundaries

Trimmed gappy hedges with hedgerow trees

Buildings

Red brick houses and cottages
Red brick farmhouses
Modern buildings at the A1/A57 junction
### Distinctiveness

**Highways**
Winding and undulating major and minor roads. Narrow hedged lanes. Narrow lanes through villages

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**Other Features**
No significant other features

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**Settlements**
Eaton
Gamston
White Houses estate
Markham Moor hamlet (including part of the West Drayton MLA ref: 54)

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To support final decision

- Sense of Place Score: 4  
  *this score equates to:* Moderate

### Visibility
Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Views are long north to south across the flatter areas in the east, broken by mature hedgerow trees across the agricultural land. The gently undulating ground to the west towards the River, plus settlement, limits the extent of views in these areas. Views in from the west are controlled by trees along the river corridor, although views from higher ground to the east outside the DPZ are potentially relatively comprehensive. Views of development at the northern and southern ends are defined by the lower elevation of the ground locally.

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| Views Score | 5  
  *this score equates to:* High |
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| Sensitivity Overall Score | 9  
  *this score equates to:* High |
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| Landscape Policy Score | 18  
  *this score equates to* Landscape Policy: conserve |
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LANDSCAPE CONDITION

Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following Pattern of Elements

Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area

Boughton industrial estate
Former coal extraction - Ollerton colliery
Mineral railway lines, east coast main line
Commercial development along A 6075
Busy roads A 6075, A1 slip roads
Sewage works

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?

Visual Unity Score 3 this score equates to.. Interrupted

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Ecological Integrity:

Extant and type of semi-natural habit

Small areas of deciduous woodland
Wetlands associated with Boughton Dyke and River Idle, River Maun
Open water
Linear sections of flood meadow, used for cattle grazing
Post industrial landscapes

Ecological Bases

2/773 Boughton scrub north and south
5/2151 Ollerton colliery
5/312 Boughton railway banks
5/300 Lower ponds Haughton
5/305/Dover holt wetland
2/617 Markham moor grasslands
2/429 Muttonshire hill wet grassland

Intensity of Land Use

Low intensity farming with permanent improved pasture used for cattle grazing, arable farming, industrial uses

Additional Notes The river/dyke with its riparian vegetation forms the main corridor through the PZ

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Moderate

Cultural Integrity:

Tree cover

Southern half of PZ

Small fragments of woodlands such as Earth Holme plantation to the centre of the PZ, strong line of riparian vegetation including mature willow along Boughton Dyke, River Maun and Idle

Birch woodland around Boughton Industrial estate which is a SINC estate itself well vegetated but with non native species and alien features such as Lime avenues

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Northern half of PZ

small patches of deciduous woodland, willow holts plus some swamp and wet grassland along Idle and Maun valley.

**Extent**
Moderate coverage of woodland

**Age Structure**
Diverse age structure with much of the riparian vegetation mature

**Field Boundaries**
Hedgerows to road edges are strong and well maintained in some areas with trees - oak, ash, horse chestnut
Field boundary hedgerows more variable mostly hawthorn and indistinct in places replaced by post and rail in river valleys

**Built Features**
Traditional village cores with vernacular red brick and pantile roofed buildings to Kirton with new build to the periphery, isolated farms in vernacular style.

**Additional Notes**
The irregular field pattern reflects the historic pattern within the river valley but some intervening field boundaires have been removed, remnants of the strip field system remain around Kirton. Historic pattern lost in the southern area around Boughton Industrial estate

**Overall Cultural Integrity**
Variable

**Functional Integrity Score**
4 this score equates to.. Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

**How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?**
recent infill in village of Kirton does not reflect the vernacular style, industrial development mostly of modern industrial shed type

**Impact of built development**
Moderate

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

**What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?**
expansion of Boughton Industrial estate
further infill development in Kirton
further removal of historic field pattern
removal or loss of woodland due to lack of maintenance
Biomass planting
expansion of Retford, Ollerton urban area

**Impact of recent land use change**
Localised

**Overall Condition Summary Statement**
Overall the landscape condition is poor, the area forms a corridor through which busy transport routes pass, the historic pattern has been degraded and hedgerows removed in many areas

**Condition Overall Score**
7 this score equates to.. Poor

**LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY**

**Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?**

**Woodlands**

NB. re Continuity: Recent-50 years, Historic-post 1600, Ancient-pre 1600

Around Boughton industrial estate including the
SINC woodland
Riparian woodland to Boughton Dyke and rivers
Holme Earth Plantation
Willow holts

**Distinctiveness**
Characteristic

**Continuity**
Historic

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## Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Good mixed species roadside hedgerows to narrow lanes between Kirton and Walesby with mature trees

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### Other Vegetation

wetlands in association with river

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### Field Boundaries

Field boundary hedges are indistinct in valley bottom in many places

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### Buildings

Kirton Village
Ribbon development along the A6097
Isolated farms

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### Highways

Winding sinuous lanes are also a feature of this PZ, A638 and A1 cross the PZ

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### Other Features

Small section of Ollerton Colliery cuts into this PZ

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### Settlements

Kirton village only

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### Sense of Place Score

4  
**this score equates to..**  Moderate

### Visibility

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Beyond PZ, views to the east are contained by the wooded ridgeline of Wellow Park and the Ridge to the east of Kirton within the Mid Nottinghamshire Farmlands. At higher points of the PZ there are views to the west to the distant wooded ridge lines of the Sherwood region. Views along the valley are limited by vegetation.

### Scale of Landform and Landscape elements?

| Apparent |

How wooded is the landscape?

| Intermittent |

### Views Score

4  
**this score equates to..**  Moderate

### Sensitivity Overall Score

8  
**this score equates to..**  Moderate

### Landscape Policy Score

15  
**this score equates to Landscape Policy**  Restore and Create
Visual Unity - assess the overall unity of the landscape and note the significance of the following
Pattern of Elements
Describe the extent of uniform or unifying features / coherent or incoherent pattern of elements, are these intact, interrupted or fragmented?

Detracting Features (Presence of Incongruous Features) - Negative contribution to strength of char. area
Light industrial and commercial development around the perimeter of Gamston airfield, airfield and associated infrastructure, some poles along track to Eaton Breck Farm

Overall how would you rate the amount of detracting features in the area?
Visual Unity Score 4, this score equates to...

Functional Integrity - How does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?
Ecological Integrity:
Extent and type of semi-natural habit
Isolated fragments of deciduous woodland with Oak as dominant species, Eaton Bogs is more mixed species due to its wetland character
Hedgerows to roads generally dense and well maintained, isolated hedgerow trees - Oak, Sycamore
Hedgerows to fields vary from dense to gappy in places, very few hedgerow trees
Biomass planting - small area of Willow
Minor stream course to west of Olerton Road with line of mature Willow trees

Ecological Bases
There are 3 SINC sites within the area
5/1239 Brick Yard ponds
5/358 Gamston airfield scrub and grassland
2/408 Eaton Breck Farm track

Intensity of Land Use
Highly intensive arable land use, or use as airfield

Additional Notes Limited woodland but connectivity provided by hedgerows

Overall, how does this area function as a habitat for wildlife?

Cultural Integrity:
Tree cover
Small fragments of deciduous woodland with oak as the dominant species - Fox Covert, Apple Pie Plantation, Breck Plantation, all present on Sanderson Plan but Eaton Bogs is a more recent woodland.
Line of Mature Willow marks a minor water course within the PZ
Small area of Biomass planting in the south of PZ

Extent
Low coverage,

Age Structure
All woodland is mature with the exception of the young Biomass planting-planted in the last 10 years
Field Boundaries

Field boundary hedges are hawthorn and vary from strong and well trimmed to gappy and in decline.

Built Features

Eaton Breck Farm - red brick farmhouse
Light industrial sheds around air field

Additional Notes
The Sanderson plan pattern has been obliterated in the south by the construction of the airfield and has also led to removal of large woodland shown on Sanderson plan in this area. To the north the pattern is more recognisable but there has been some removal of hedgerows to enlarge fields, small woodlands are present on the plan and have remained as decidious fragments rather than been infilled with conifers.

Overall Cultural Integrity

Variable

Functional Integrity Score

4 this score equates to.. Coherent

Impact of Built Development (does not feed into a matrix)

How does development demonstrate or respect the local vernacular, character and sense of place?

Eaton Breck Farm - vernacular style in keeping with character of Sherwood RCA
Light industrial to airport - modern design

Impact of built development

Low

Impact of Recent Land Use (does not feed into a matrix)

What type of land use changes are likely to affect the landscape?

Expansion of airport and further industrial development
Intensification or change of agricultural landuse
Further loss of deciduous woodland/ addition of coniferous woodland/
increased biomass planting

Impact of recent land use change

Localised

Overall Condition Summary Statement

Overall the condition of the area is moderate, there is loss of the historic field pattern particularly to the south of the area due to the construction of Gamston Airfield the historic field pattern to the northern area is more intact and small woodland from at least 1835 are still in existence, the area not in use as an airfield is under intensive arable production.

Condition Overall Score

8 this score equates to.. Moderate

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY

Sense of Place: How do the Key Characteristics contribute to local distinctiveness and continuity?

Woodlands

Deciduous woodland surrounded by intensive agriculture

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Hedgerow and Hedgerow Trees

Hedgerows to roads, dense and well trimmed mostly hawthorn although some mixed including honeysuckle, elder and oak to Ollerton road, isolated trees Oak, Sycamore.

Variable hedgerows to field boundaries mostly hawthorn

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Other Vegetation

Line of mature willow to minor water course

Biomass willow

Distinctiveness Characteristic Continuity Historic

Field Boundaries

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Hedgerows to field boundaries variable quality mostly hawthorn.

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**Buildings**

One isolated farm is the only residential building in the PZ

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**Highways**

Straight Roads,

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**Settlements**

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**Visibility**

Views typically limited to within LDU or beyond it?

Beyond, long distance views to east including power station plumes in the Trent Valley and the wooded ridges of the Mid Notts Farmlands. Views to the north and west contained by undulating landform. Long distance views to the south from Gamston airfield

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