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1. Regional and Local Planning Policy

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 This appendix to **Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** sets out the policies from the relevant regional and local plans listed in **Application Document 6.2 Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** which are considered relevant to the landscape assessment.

1.1.2 Relevant parts of the policies within the following plans are considered relevant to landscape and have been detailed in Table 1.1 to Table 1.2.

- East Riding Local Plan Update 2020–2039 – Strategy Document Update April 2025 (East Riding of Yorkshire Council, 2025);
- Ellerker Neighbourhood Development Plan 2024-2039 Adopted Version (January 2026) (Ellerker Parish Council, 2026);
- North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy Adopted June 2011 (North Lincolnshire Council, 2011);
- Saved Policies of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan 2003 Updated October 2024 (North Lincolnshire Council, 2024);
- Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Adopted April 2023 (Central Lincolnshire, 2023);
- Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038 29 May 2024 (Bassetlaw District Council, 2024);
- East Drayton Neighbourhood Plan 2024 - 2038 (East Drayton Neighbourhood Planning Group, 2026);
- Headon, Upton, Grove and Stokeham Final Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2035 (March 2018) (Bassetlaw District Council, 2018);
- Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan Review Sturton Ward Planning Group 2021-2037 (Sturton Ward Planning Group, 2021);
- Rampton and Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2037 (Bassetlaw District Council, 2021);
- Walkeringham Neighbourhood Plan 2019–2035 (Walkeringham Parish Council, 2021); and
- Misterton Neighbourhood Plan Review 2022–2038 (Misterton Parish Council, 2024).

East Riding Local Plan Update 2020–2039 – Strategy Document Update April 2025

1.1.3 The policies set out in Table 1.1 are considered relevant to landscape.

Table 1.1 – East Riding Local Plan Update 2020-2039 Strategy Document Update April 2025 policies relevant to landscape

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Policy A1 Beverley and Central sub area This policy sets out, amongst others, the housing and environmental plans and strategies for Beverley and surrounding area, stretching down to the Humber Estuary.	Information on potential housing developments has informed the baseline presented in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Appendix 6.3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment**. The need to protect landscape character and skylines has been considered during the design process by routeing close to existing infrastructure as set out in **Application Document 5.9 Design Development Report**.
Policy EC5 Supporting the renewable and low carbon energy sector This policy requires consideration of the effects of energy developments and their associated onshore infrastructure on landscape, landscape designations including Important Landscape Areas (ILA) and visual impact.	**Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** sets out the landscape assessment for the Project and considers both landscape character and designations.
Policy ENV1 Integrating high quality design This policy establishes that development should have regard for character and should ensure mitigation measures are integrated into proposals.	**Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** sets out the landscape assessment for the Project and considers landscape character. Where mitigation measures are proposed these are described in **Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** and presented in **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan**.
Policy ENV2 Promoting a high quality landscape This policy includes protection for landscape character and in particular Important Landscape Areas (ILA) which includes The Yorkshire Wolds ILA, and Thorne, Crowle and Goole Moors ILA.	The Project passes through the Yorkshire Wolds ILA. Thorne, Crowle and Goole Moors ILA is outside the 5 km study area. Baseline information and assessment of landscape character and ILA is included in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Appendix 6.3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment**. Landscape character areas are shown on **Application Document 6.6.F4 Figure 6.4 Landscape Character Types** and ILA are shown on **Application Document 6.6.F1 Figure 6.1 Landscape Designations and Features**.

Ellerker Neighbourhood Development Plan 2024–2039 Adopted Version (January 2026)

1.1.4 The policies set out in Table 1.2 are considered relevant to landscape.

Table 1.2 – Ellerker Neighbourhood Development Plan 2024-2039 Adopted Version (January 2026) policies relevant to landscape

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Policy 2: Settlement Character and Form This policy includes protection for character around the village.	**Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** sets out the assessment of the Project on landscape character which includes consideration of the open character of the land around the village.
Policy 4: Significant views and Landscape Setting This policy includes protection for key features of local landscape importance including character of surrounding landscape areas and protections for vegetation including landmark trees.	**Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** sets out the assessment of the Project on landscape character which includes consideration of vegetation loss on character. Effects on vegetation are presented in **Application Document 2.13 Trees and Important Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans**. Where mitigation measures are proposed these are described in **Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** and presented in **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan**.

North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy Adopted June 2011

1.1.5 The policies set out in Table 1.3 are considered relevant to landscape.

Table 1.3 – North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy Adopted June 2011 relevant to landscape

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Policy CS5 Delivering Quality Design in North Lincolnshire This policy establishes that developments should incorporate appropriate landscaping and planting.	Where mitigation measures in the form of planting are proposed these are described in **Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** and presented in **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan**.
Policy CS16 North Lincolnshire's Landscape, Greenspace and Waterscape This policy sets out protections on landscape, greenspace and water space through requiring developments to improve quality, address	**Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** sets out the assessment of the Project on landscape character. Effects on vegetation are presented in **Application Document 2.13 Trees and Important**

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
deficiencies and protect trees and hedgerows where appropriate.	**Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans**. Where mitigation measures are proposed these are described in **Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** and presented in **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan**.

Saved Policies of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan 2003 Updated October 2024

1.1.6 The policies set out in Table 1.4 are considered relevant to landscape.

Table 1.4 – Saved Policies of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan 2003 Updated October 2024 relevant to landscape

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Saved Policy LC7 Landscape Protection This policy includes protection for scenic quality and local landscape character.	Baseline information and assessment of landscape character is included in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Appendix 6.3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment**. Landscape character areas are shown on **Application Document 6.6.F4 Figure 6.4 Landscape Character Types**.
Saved Policy LC12 Protection of Trees, Woodland, and Hedgerows This policy sets out protections on trees, woodland and hedgerows, requiring developments to provide planting schemes appropriate to the development and its setting.	**Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** sets out the assessment of the Project on landscape character which includes consideration of vegetation loss on character. Effects on vegetation are presented in **Application Document 2.13 Trees and Important Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans**. Where mitigation measures are proposed these are described in **Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** and presented in **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan**.
Saved Policy LC13 Parks, Gardens and Landscapes of Special Historic Interest This policy sets out protections for the character and features of parks and gardens and their settings.	The presence of sites listed on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest has been considered in the judgements relating to landscape value and susceptibility in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Appendix 6.3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment** and are shown on **Application Document 6.6.F1 Figure 6.1 Landscape Designations and Features**. The assessment of these sites in respect of setting is presented in **Application Document 6.10 Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage**.

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Saved Policy LC14 Area of Special Historic Landscape Interest This policy relates to the Isle of Axholme Area of Special Historic Landscape Interest (ASHLI).	The presence of this local designation has been considered in the judgements relating to landscape value and susceptibility in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Appendix 6.3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment** and is shown on **Application Document 6.6.F1 Figure 6.1 Landscape Designations and Features**. As the designation is primarily based on it features as a historic landscape, it is assessed in **Application Document 6.10 Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage**.
Saved Policy RD2 Development in the Open Countryside This policy sets out the controls for allowing development in the open countryside and includes for consideration of character and siting of developments to make best use of existing vegetation.	The need to protect landscape character has been considered during the design process by routeing close to existing infrastructure where possible as set out in **Application Document 5.10 Design Approach Document**.

Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Adopted April 2023

1.1.7 The policies set out in Table 1.5 are considered relevant to landscape. Although the Project does not directly affect the landscapes within the Central Lincolnshire Area, there is the potential for indirect effects.

Table 1.5 – Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Adopted April 2023 policies relevant to landscape

Policy	Where this is covered in the Application
Policy S62 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Areas of Great Landscape Value. This policy sets out protections for designations including the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Areas of Great Landscape Value (AGLV).	Two AGLV are located in the 5 km study area, Northeast and east of Gainsborough and Laughton Woods and Scotton Common. Baseline information and assessment of AGLV is included in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Appendix 6.3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment** and locations are shown on **Application Document 6.6.F1 Figure 6.1 Landscape Designations and Features**.

Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038 29 May 2024

1.1.8 The policies set out in Table 1.6 are considered relevant to landscape.

Table 1.6 – Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038 29 May 2024 policies relevant to landscape

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Policy ST35 Landscape Character This policy includes protection for landscape character.	Baseline information and assessment of landscape character is included in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Appendix 6.3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment**. Landscape character areas are shown on **Application Document 6.6.F4 Figure 6.4 Landscape Character Types**.
Policy ST39 Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows This policy sets out protections on trees, woodland and hedgerows, requiring developments to provide appropriate mitigation.	**Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** sets out the assessment of the Project on landscape character which includes consideration of vegetation loss on character. Effects on vegetation are presented in **Application Document 2.13 Trees and Important Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans**. Where mitigation measures are proposed these are described in **Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** and presented in **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan**.

East Drayton Neighbourhood Plan 2024-2038

1.1.9 The policies set out in Table 1.7 are considered relevant to landscape.

Table 1.7 – East Drayton Neighbourhood Plan 2024-2038 policies relevant to landscape

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Policy 2 Protecting the Landscape Character This policy includes protection for character and views across the parish.	Baseline information and assessment of landscape character is included in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment**. Significant vistas and viewpoints in the Neighbourhood Plan were considered in the selection of representative viewpoints presented in **Application Document 6.7.A3 Appendix 7.3 Viewpoint Assessment**. An assessment of the visual effects on receptors within the parish is included in **Application Document 6.7.A4 Appendix 7.4 Visual Baseline and Assessment**.

Headon, Upton, Grove and Stokeham Final Neighbourhood Plan (March 2018)

1.1.10 The policies set out in Table 1.8 are considered relevant to landscape.

Table 1.8 – Headon, Upton, Grove and Stokeham Final Neighbourhood Plan (March 2018) policies relevant to landscape

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Policy 2 Local Design Principles This policy sets out principles in relation to the Headon, Upton, Grove and Stokeham (HUGS) Neighbourhood Plan Character Assessment. This includes retention of vegetation and preserving 'important views' identified within the Character Assessment.	**Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** sets out the assessment of the Project on landscape character which includes consideration of vegetation loss on character. Key views in the HUGS Neighbourhood Plan Character Assessment were considered in the selection of representative viewpoints presented in **Application Document 6.7.A3 Appendix 7.3 Viewpoint Assessment**.
Policy 3 Landscape Character This policy includes protection for landscape character and important views and vistas identified in the Character Assessment.	Baseline information and assessment of landscape character is included in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment**. Landscape character areas are shown on **Application Document 6.6.F4 Figure 6.4 Landscape Character Types**. Key views in the HUGS Neighbourhood Plan Character Assessment were considered in the selection of representative viewpoints presented in **Application Document 6.7.A3 Appendix 7.3 Viewpoint Assessment**. An assessment of the visual effects on receptors within the parishes is included in **Application Document 6.7.A4 Appendix 7.4 Visual Baseline and Assessment**.

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan Review Sturton Ward Planning Group 2021-2037

1.1.11 The policies set out in Table 1.9 are considered relevant to landscape.

Table 1.9 – Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan Review Sturton Ward Planning Group 2021-2037 policies relevant to landscape

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Policy 2 Protecting the landscape character, significant green gaps and key views This policy includes protection for character and views across the parish	. Baseline information and assessment of landscape character is included in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment**. Significant vistas and viewpoints in the Neighbourhood Plan

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
	were considered in the selection of representative viewpoints presented in **Application Document 6.7.A3 Appendix 7.3 Viewpoint Assessment**. An assessment of the visual effects on receptors within the parish is included in **Application Document 6.7.A4 Appendix 7.4 Visual Baseline and Assessment**.

Rampton and Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2037

1.1.12 The policies set out in Table 1.10 are considered relevant to landscape.

Table 1.10 – Rampton and Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2037 policies relevant to landscape

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Policy 5 Development Principles This policy includes protection for character and views in Rampton and Woodbeck.	Baseline information and assessment of landscape character is included in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment**. Key views in the Neighbourhood Plan were considered in the selection of representative viewpoints presented in **Application Document 6.7.A3 Appendix 7.3 Viewpoint Assessment**. An assessment of the visual effects on receptors within the parishes is included in **Application Document 6.7.A4 Appendix 7.4 Visual Baseline and Assessment**.
Policy 10 The Protection of the Parish Landscape This policy sets out protections for the landscape of the parish including sensitive siting and retention of existing roadside planting.	**Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** sets out the assessment of the Project on landscape character which includes consideration of vegetation loss on character. Effects on vegetation are presented in **Application Document 2.13 Trees and Important Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans**. Where mitigation measures are proposed these are described in **Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** and presented in **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan**.

Walkeringham Neighbourhood Plan 2019–2035

1.1.13 The policies set out in Table 1.11 are considered relevant to landscape.

Table 1.11 – Walkeringham Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2035 policies relevant to landscape

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Policy 2 Protecting the Natural Environment and Landscape Character This policy includes protection for character and views across the parish	. Baseline information and assessment of landscape character is included in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment**. Significant vistas and viewpoints in the Neighbourhood Plan were considered in the selection of representative viewpoints presented in **Application Document 6.7.A3 Appendix 7.3 Viewpoint Assessment**. An assessment of the visual effects on receptors within the parish is included in **Application Document 6.7.A4 Appendix 7.4 Visual Baseline and Assessment**.

Misterton Neighbourhood Plan Review 2022–2028

1.1.14 The policies set out in Table 1.12 are considered relevant to landscape.

Table 1.12 – Misterton Neighbourhood Plan Review 2022-2028 policies relevant to landscape

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Policy 2R Improving Green and Blue Infrastructure and Biodiversity This policy sets out protections for vegetation and watercourse within the parish including appropriate tree planting.	**Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** sets out the assessment of the Project on landscape character which includes consideration of vegetation loss on character. Effects on vegetation are presented in **Application Document 2.13 Trees and Important Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans**. Where mitigation measures are proposed these are described in **Application Document 6.6 Chapter 6 Landscape** and presented in **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan.**
Policy 3R Protecting and Enhancing the Landscape Character This policy includes protection for character and views across the parish.	Baseline information and assessment of landscape character is included in **Application Document 6.6.A3 Landscape Baseline and Assessment**. Key views identified in the Neighbourhood Plan were considered in the selection of representative viewpoints presented in **Application Document 6.7.A3 Appendix 7.3 Viewpoint**

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
	Assessment. An assessment of the visual effects on receptors within the parish is included in **Application Document 6.7.A4 Appendix 7.4 Visual Baseline and Assessment**.

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