

MN016 Colwick Wooded Escarpment

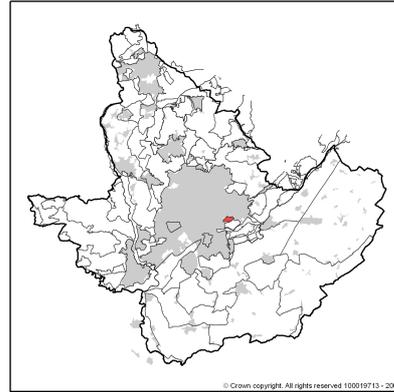


CONTEXT

Regional Character Area: Trent Washlands

LDU Reference: 306, 307

DPZ Reference: MN016



CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Prominent hill surrounded by urban development
- Underlying ground of sandstone outcrop which is prominent adjacent to the lower lying mud and alluvial deposits of the Trent Washlands
- Rock outcrops and vertical faces are present within the steepest parts of the hill, surrounded by woodland
- There are no watercourses within the area
- The DPZ has an urban fringe character as it is surrounded by urban development and the land is used as a park and for informal recreation
- The land is recreational and no longer retains any former field patterns
- There is a prominent belt of mature woodland which is prominent within the wider area to the south and which covers most of the DPZ including the steeply sloping land
- Other woodland includes small clumps, groups of trees and specimen ornamental trees within grassland
- Small tracks and grassed rides are present within woodland on the highest land
- Species include ornamental maples, oak, and sycamore. Woodland is a mixture of broadleaved species
- A beech hedgerow and mature trees provide a screen around a bowling green area
- Built form comprises semi-detached red brick properties set behind small front gardens often containing driveways and mature shrub planting. Boundaries to these properties vary and include hedgerows, timber fencing of varying condition and brick walls
- Buildings within the DPZ are scarce; there is a small indistinct building adjacent to a mast and a building within the bowling green area. Both are low key and not visible within the landscape
- Views within the DPZ are generally contained by mature woodland although where woodland is on the lower slopes, and at one point where grassland extends to the edge of the slope, there are distinctive and extensive views across the River Trent floodplain towards the northern part of Rushcliffe
- Colwick Hall is prominent within these extensive views surrounded by mature woodland; the race course is discernible in front of the Hall.



LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Condition

This is a prominent outcrop with very steeply sloping southern edge characterised by mature woodland. In places the rock is prominent where the land becomes almost vertical. The remainder of the land is used for informal recreation.

Recreation is the key land use in this area comprising areas of close mown grass, a children’s play area and bowling green. Mounding and tree planting borders Greenwood Road and Harrogate Road which form the northern boundary to the DPZ.

Woodland is an important feature in this landscape. The mature woodland on the steepest slopes is particularly prominent and distinctive. Other clumps of woodland and mature ornamental specimen trees are present close to the play area and bowling green.

The condition of the landscape is considered to be **MODERATE**. The woodland, water bodies and paths are all well maintained and well used. However, burnt out cars on the grass are detracting features.



Landscape Strength

The DPZ is on high ground with extensive views out towards the city centre and across the northern part of Rushcliffe. There are glimpsed views to the lower lying floodplain of the Trent. The DPZ is prominent within views from the south where it provides a wooded backdrop to the River Trent.

The landscape has a **MODERATE** character. The steeply sloping wooded outcrop and the extensive views both into the city and across the River Trent and the northern part of Rushcliffe are distinctive. The open space and grassland areas are typical of urban locations and are less distinctive.

Landscape Condition	Good	MODERATE <i>Enhance</i>	MODERATE - GOOD <i>Conserve and Enhance</i>	GOOD <i>Conserve</i>
	Moderate	POOR - MODERATE <i>Enhance and Restore</i>	MODERATE <i>Enhance</i>	MODERATE - GOOD <i>Conserve and Enhance</i>
	Poor	POOR <i>Restore/Create</i>	POOR - MODERATE <i>Enhance and Restore</i>	MODERATE <i>Enhance</i>
		Weak	Moderate	Strong
		Landscape strength		

The overall landscape strategy is **CONSERVE AND ENHANCE**

LANDSCAPE ACTIONS

- Landscape features*
- Conserve the prominent mature woodland on the steepest slopes
 - Conserve and enhance the extensive views to the south through management of woodland on highest ground to ensure viewing points are retained
 - Conserve the well managed condition of the amenity grassland areas
 - Conserve and enhance areas of specimen tree planting through ensuring there is a programme for replacement of older stock and retention and management of existing trees
 - Enhance the condition of the bowling green and augment planting around its boundaries to screen the fencing
 - Enhance areas of wildflowers within the open space to increase diversity and provide seasonal interest
- Built form*
- Conserve the sharp transition between built development and the DPZ
 - Enhance the ‘green’ character of the DPZ and ensure buildings remain low key through additional screening to the building adjacent to the mast
 - Enhance the boundaries of properties through where possible improving the continuity of boundaries using either brick or ornamental hedgerows rather than timber fencing
- Other development and structures*
- Enhance the appearance of Greenwood and Harrogate Roads through extending the avenue tree planting along the route to provide a ‘green’ edge to the DPZ