GOOLE
Assessment of Landscape Sensitivity

Introduction

This report, which updates the Settlement Studies undertaken as part of the East Riding Landscape Character Assessment (2005), describes the character and sensitivity of the landscape around the edge of Goole to inform land use allocations and to provide evidence for the emerging East Riding of Yorkshire Local Plan 2013-2029.

The assessment of landscape sensitivity has been undertaken in accordance with the attached methodology (Appendix A).

Settlement Profile

Goole is one of the East Riding’s largest towns and has close relationships with the West and South Yorkshire areas. It sits where the River Don (or Dutch River) meets the River Ouse before flowing into the Humber Estuary.

Goole is home to England’s most inland port, some 45 miles from the North Sea. As a result, it has excellent existing and potential transport links with access to the M62/M18 motorway network, the Hull-Doncaster railway line and the inland waterways network.

The port complex not only provides Goole with a range of employment and business opportunities, but has also shaped the landscape of the town with landmark features set against the backdrop of the surrounding flat agricultural land.

This agricultural land is some of the highest grade and quality in the country, partly as a result of freshwater that washes over the land surrounding Goole relatively frequently. Because of the town’s location on the Ouse and Don, and its proximity to the tidal estuary, Goole is subject to a high probability of flooding.

In addition to the port, Goole has a large industrial complex on its western edge, which continues to be developed. It is a significant business location as investors take advantage of the town’s multi-modal links (road, rail, water). Imports from the Baltic and beyond arrive at the port of Goole to be transported across the country.

The town, however, suffers from relatively high levels of deprivation concentrated in the Old Goole and Shattleton areas, which are characterised by low quality private rented accommodation and social housing. The Advance Goole housing renewal project together with the Renaissance Goole programme seek to address those issues at the town and neighbourhood levels.

Key landscape features of Goole include:

- The Humber Estuary to the north and east.
- Flat low-lying farmland which is prone to flooding;
- The M62 Ouse Bridge, a dominant feature to the northwest;
- Extensive industrial development to the south and southwest of the town;
- Goole ports with prominent cranes and a water tower; and
- Large commercial scale wind turbines to the northwest and southwest.

Landscape Setting

Goole is located within the Humberhead Levels (NCA 39) National Character Area identified by Natural England. The landscape surrounding Goole lies within three landscape character types identified in the East Riding Landscape Character Assessment (2005):

- Landscape character Type 4 - River Corridors;
- Landscape Character Type 8 - M62 Corridor Farmland; and
- Landscape Character Type 9 - Drained Open Farmland.
Landscape Sensitivity

The following sections describe the landscape around the periphery of Goole in a clockwise direction starting Old Goole in the south and finishing at Hook in the northeast. The landscape has been divided into a number of discrete landscape areas (numbered 1-7) each displaying a specific set of unique characteristics that have been assessed collectively to determine its sensitivity. The areas are located on the accompanying settlement plan (Drawing 4).
1.0 AREA 1 – SOUTH OF OLD GOOLE: DUTCH RIVER TO RIVER OUSE

1.1 Introduction

Area 1 is located to the south of the main settlement area. The area is bordered to the north by Old Goole, to the east by the River Ouse, to the west by Dutch River and to the south by a low-lying intensely farmed landscape.

The area is located within Landscape Character Type 9; Drained Open Farmland, Character Area 98 Goole Fields (ERYC LCA 2005).

1.2 Landscape Character Sensitivity

The landscape comprises large scale fields defined by land drains, creating long linear field patterns. The landscape is largely featureless with the exception of scattered dwellings and a small number of hedgerows and trees; these are deemed insignificant due to the flat and wide nature of the landscape.

Land use is predominantly arable. A substantial area of well-maintained allotments and gardens adjoin properties south of Old Goole. The allotments provide visual interest through their tightly clustered structure and associated vegetation, which significantly improves the character of the landscape based around the southern dwellings.

South Park recreational facility and Marshlands Primary School are located to the south of Old Goole. A large mature shelter belt provides containment to the east of South Park.

Old Goole has developed in response to the landownership to the southwest, resulting in an unusual pattern of rectilinear projections into the long thin fields to the southwest. These properties have unrestricted views into the rural landscape to the south. Distant views of industry are evident to the west, though these are greatly reduced by vegetation and a tree plantation alongside the Dutch River (Area 2).

Residential dwellings are a mixture of red brick terrace, semi-detached housing, bungalows and scattered farmsteads.

The landscape character sensitivity for this area is assessed as: Medium

1.3 Visual Sensitivity

The area is visually exposed. It is viewed by a number of residential receptors on the southern edge of Old Goole. Users of the allotments directly south of the town have the same unbroken views. Walkers and cyclists travelling the elevated footpaths along Dutch River are afforded views across the area through the adjacent industrial units. An elevated flood bank provides partial screening.

The visual sensitivity for this area is assessed as: Medium

1.4 Landscape Value

The landscape is not protected nor is it subject to any designations with regard to landscape quality.

The linear field pattern south of Old Goole is a notable characteristic worthy of protection.

The allotments/gardens, South Park and the grounds of Marshlands Primary School, are well used recreational areas and community facilities.

Landscape value for this area is assessed as: Medium

1.5 Overall Landscape Sensitivity

The landscape is not of the highest quality and the flat landscape is comparatively featureless, although the long linear fields and dividing drainage channels create a distinct landscape character that characterise the land to south of Old Goole.

The area has some capacity to accommodate development that reinforces the edge of the existing settlement and respects the linear field pattern.

The overall landscape sensitivity is assessed as: Medium

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2.1 Introduction

Area 2 to the southwest of Goole is situated between the Dutch River and the Grange Industrial Estate. Goole Docks and Marina lie to the northeast.

The area is located within Landscape Character Type 8 - M62 Corridor Farmland, Character Area 8c - M62 Corridor Hook to Pollington (ERYC LCA 2005).

2.2 Landscape Character Sensitivity

The area is characterised by substantial woodland, shrub and rough grassland alongside the Goole to Rawcliffe rail line, the Airc and Calder Navigation and the Dutch River.

Oakhill Lake, which is surrounded by trees, is an attractive but secluded landscape feature at the southern end of Area 2.

The woodland in this area is not typical of the wider Goole landscape (which is generally sparsely vegetated) and is considered to be more attractive than much of the surrounding landscape, thus increasing the comparative sensitivity of this area.

The landscape character sensitivity for this area is assessed as: High

(Style: The aesthetic quality and landscape character sensitivity is assessed on a regional basis and is not directly comparable with high sensitivity areas elsewhere in the East Riding.)

2.3 Visual Sensitivity

The area is fairly remote and is not overlooked by residential properties. The woodland restricts views from the canal towpath.

The large scale storage and distribution centre to the north is very prominent and detracts visually from much of Area 2.

Visual sensitivity for this area is assessed as: Medium

2.4 Landscape Value

The landscape is not protected nor is it subject to any designations with regard to landscape quality. However, the area is designated as a Local Wildlife Site.

The canal/river corridor is a strategic route for navigable watercraft and for pedestrians along the riverside. The woodland has a high level of recreational use with a number of woodland trails, seating areas and opportunities for wildlife watching.

The landscape value for this area is assessed as: High

2.5 Overall Landscape Sensitivity

The importance of the woodland in Area 2 is increased by overall lack of vegetation cover in the wider landscape.

The area is a valuable recreational and wildlife area used by local communities and it significantly enhances the setting of the Dutch River corridor.

It is considered the landscape has comparatively little capacity to accommodate new development. Consideration should be given to the provision of ‘green links’ to the north and west linking the employment areas to the Dutch River corridor.

The overall landscape sensitivity for this area is assessed as: High

(Style: The level of landscape sensitivity is assessed in relation to Goole and its immediate surroundings. The level of assessment is not necessarily comparable with other settlements.)
3.0 AREA 3 – SOUTHWEST OF GOOLE: RAWCLIFFE ROAD AND M62 (WEST BOUND) TO DUTCH RIVER

3.1 Introduction

Area 3 is located to the southwest of Goole, between the M62 and the woodland alongside the Dutch River (Area 3).

The area is located within Landscape Character Type 8 - M62 Corridor Farmland, Character Area 8c - M62 Corridor Hook to Pollington (ERYC LCA 2005).

3.2 Landscape Character Sensitivity

The landscape comprises flat arable land that abuts the industrial areas to the northeast (Orange Industrial Estate and Goole Docks) and encompasses the large warehouse complex (Tesco storage and distribution) and the glass factory (Guardian Industries), to the southeast of Goole.

The flat, featureless farmland is dominated by the adjacent industrial buildings and associated infrastructure, thus reducing its sensitivity and increasing its capacity for further development. Further degradation of the area is caused by the noise generated by traffic on the M62.

Previous agricultural use is still evident by the medium, regular field patterns that surround the industrial estate and have now regenerated as rough grassland. Existing vegetation consisting of self-seeding grass with occasional sporadic, singular shrubs and trees offers very little visual interest and does not enhance the landscape.

The landscape character sensitivity for this area is assessed as: Low

3.3 Visual Sensitivity

The lack of vegetation means views across the landscape are extensive and mostly unrestricted. From within the farmland, large scale industrial/infrastructure features are visible on the skyline in all directions.

There are very few residential areas within or adjacent to the area, the exception being two isolated farmhouses Percy Lodge and Potter Grange, which are visually dominated by the nearby industrial development.

The M62 and Rawcliffe Road in the north afford drivers unrestricted and elevated views over the area.

Views from the south and southwest are screened by an effective tree plantation (Area 2) with only exceptionally high industrial landmarks protruding above the tree line.

3.4 Landscape Value

The area is not subject to any landscape designations and has no recreational value.

Rough grassland immediately surrounding the large scale industrial units is of poor quality and is inaccessible. Low-lying arable farmland to the west is managed and maintained but lacks character and definition.

Landscape value for this area is assessed as: Low

3.5 Overall Landscape Sensitivity

The existing industrial developments dominate the low-lying farmland. Overall, the landscape is assessed as having low sensitivity to change and could readily accommodate further development without changing the character of the existing landscape.

The overall landscape sensitivity is assessed as: Low

| AREA 3 – Southwest of Goole: Rawcliffe Road and M62 (West Bound) to Dutch River |
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| Area               | Landscape Character Sensitivity | Visual Sensitivity | Landscape Value | Overall Landscape Sensitivity |
| 3                  | Low              | Low             | Low             | Low              |
4.0 AREA 4 – SOUTHWEST OF AIRMYN: RIVER AIRE TO A614 RAWCLIFFE ROAD

4.1 Introduction

Area 4 comprises flat, open arable farmland to the southwest of Airmyn. The area is bordered to the east by Airmyn Road, to the north by the River Aire, to the west by low-lying flat agricultural land, and to the south by the A614 Rawcliffe Road.

The area is located within Landscape Character Type 8 – M62 Corridor Farmland, Landscape Character Area 8C - M62 Corridor Hook to Pollington, and Landscape Character Type 4 – River Corridors, Landscape Character Area 4D - River Aire Corridor, Gowdall to Snaith and River Ouse Reach. (ERYC LCA 2005).

4.2 Landscape Character Sensitivity

The area is characterised by flat, featureless arable farmland. The scale of the landscape is vast with panoramic long distance views in all directions. The area is sparsely populated and is largely devoid of vegetation. Field patterns lack definition and there are no notable landscape features or landmarks within the immediate locality, although Drax Power Station is a prominent feature on the far horizon to the west. The area is bordered to the north by the River Aire, although raised flood embankments alongside it mean the river is not visible.

Landscape character sensitivity for this area is assessed as: Medium

4.3 Visual Sensitivity

There are very few visual receptors overlooking the area. Some houses to the southwest of Airmyn and isolated proportion on the A614 have unbroken views over the farmland towards the power station on the skyline.

The area is visible from Airmyn Road and from A614 Rawcliffe Road, affording users' unrestricted views across the open farmland.

Visual sensitivity for this area is assessed as: Medium

4.4 Landscape Value

The area is not subject to any landscape designations. The arable farmland is flat and featureless.

There are a number of footpaths through the farmland and a riverside path along the banks of the River Aire that are used by the local residents.

There is a series of wetland corridors alongside the river bank that increase its amenity/wildlife value, although this more attractive area is separated from the farmland by a flood defence berm.

Landscape value for this area is assessed as: Low

4.5 Overall Landscape Sensitivity

The area is characterised by flat, featureless arable farmland. The scale of the landscape is vast with panoramic long distance views in all directions. Overall, the landscape southwest of Airmyn is assessed as having medium landscape sensitivity, due to the scale of the landscape and the presence of large scale visual detractors. However, any expansion of the village or development that would encroach into the open countryside would be undesirable and should be avoided.

Overall landscape sensitivity for this area is assessed as: Medium
5.0 AREA 5 – NORTHWEST OF GOOLE: AIRMYN TO M62

5.1 Introduction

Area 5 encompasses agricultural land between the village of Airymn and the M62 motorway.

The area is located within Landscape Character Type 8 – M62 Corridor Farmland, Landscape Character Area 8C - M62 Corridor Hook to Pollington, and Landscape Character Type 4 – River Corridors, Landscape Character Area 4D - River Aire Corridor, Gowdall to Snaitth and River Ouse Reach (ERYC LCA 2005).

5.2 Landscape Character Sensitivity

The area is characterised by relatively flat, arable farmland with medium sized fields enclosed by tall hedgerows and mature trees, especially towards Airymn. The increased vegetation cover in this area has produced a more diverse and slightly more attractive landscape than some of the featureless arable fields in the surrounding areas.

A number of wind turbines are located to the northwest beyond the River Aire and River Ouse confluence (Rusholme Wind Farm). Close range views from Airymn are largely screened by vegetation along the River Aire; however, the turbines are visible from many locations outside the village.

The main settlement area consists of varied housing types. High Street is the main route through the village running alongside the River Aire and includes dwellings, public houses and small businesses that are traditional in character. High Street is designated as a conservation area. More recent dwellings lie in and around Park Road; an estate consisting of semi-detached and detached garden-fronted properties. The village is well screened by mature trees from the nearby M62 to the south and A614 to the east, which results in a contained, pleasant and well maintained setting.

The noise from the M62, and to a lesser extent the A614 to the east of the village reduces the amenity value of the landscape to the east and south of Airymn.

Landscape character sensitivity for this area is assessed as: High

5.3 Visual Sensitivity

The area is visible from the M62 and A614; these are the main transport routes into and beyond Goole, although substantial vegetation cover along the field boundaries combined with intermittent roadside planting restricts views of the residential area and the farmland immediately adjacent to it.

Views across the fields are afforded to residential receptors in the northwest of Airymn, although these areas are well contained by mature hedgerows and tree cover.

The elevated Ouse Bridge provides panoramic views across the area from motorway users. Drax Power Station and wind turbines are clearly visible beyond the area boundary to the west. Substantial tree coverage provides effective screening of the Airymn settlement area.

Visual sensitivity for this area is assessed as: Medium

5.4 Landscape Value

The landscape is not protected nor is it subject to any designations with regard to landscape quality.

The recreational field to the east of Airymn is a valuable community space.

The elevated banks of the River Aire to the west and the River Ouse to the north are important recreational/wildlife areas. The confluence of the two rivers forms a strategic vantage point.

Outside the settlement boundary, the area is mostly agricultural land and is not used or accessed by the general public.

Agricultural land to the southeast is an important buffer between the village and the motorway. It also serves to prevent the coalescence of Airymn with Goole.

Landscape value for this area is assessed as: High

5.5 Overall Landscape Sensitivity

The landscape is more attractive than much of the surrounding landscape (despite the proximity to the M62) and it serves as a valuable buffer that prevents the coalescing of urban areas. The area has some capacity to accommodate infill development close to the edge of the village as long as it does not encroach into the wider landscape.

Overall landscape sensitivity for this area is assessed as: High

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6.0 AREA 6 – NORTH AND WEST OF GOOLE: RIVER OUSE TO THE A614 RAWCLIFFE ROAD

6.1 Introduction

Area 6 is located to the north and west of Goole, between the River Ouse and Junction 36 on the M62. It includes a triangle of land to the west of the M62 and to the east of the A614.

The area is located within Landscape Character Type 8 - M62 Corridor Farmland, Character Area 8c - M62 Corridor Hook to Pollington (ERYC LCA 2005).

6.2 Landscape Character Sensitivity

In terms of landscape character, sensitivity in this area is divided into two discrete sub areas:

Land to the north of Boothferry Road

The area is characterised by flat, arable farmland with medium to large fields. Tree cover is largely reserved to the northern edges of Goole. Fields are mostly rectilinear and are defined by drainage channels rather than hedgerows, resulting in a flat, large scale landscape that is visually exposed.

The River Ouse has a major physical, cultural and historical influence on the area, although elevated flood embankments along its banks means the river, despite its proximity, is not visible from the majority of the area.

There are very few natural landscape features. The large elevated M62 Ouse Bridge is the dominant feature in the northern part of the area. The bridge is a focal point in the landscape, contrasting with the flat, open farm land and detracting from the rural character of the area.

Land to the south of Boothferry Road

Land to the south of Boothferry Road shares many of the same characteristics as the land to the north, although it is more enclosed and more heavily influenced by the adjacent urban development including the M62 and the Grange Industrial Estate.

West Park and allotments around the edge of the area provide a buffer between the adjacent housing and the open farmland.

The landscape character to the north and south of Boothferry Road is considered to be ‘ordinary’ and unremarkable in terms of scenic quality.

Landscape character sensitivity for this area (north and south of Boothferry Road) is assessed as: Low

6.3 Visual Sensitivity

Due to the flat landform and lack of landscape features north of Boothferry Road, many residential receptors have long unrestricted views to the north over an undeveloped arable landscape, especially those properties on the 'prominent urban edge'.

Wind turbines to the west beyond the village of Airmyn and industry to the south are visible on the skyline. A lack of close-range features results in these views becoming enhanced features on the visual horizon.

Vegetation provides partial screening of the A614 and M62 major transport routes, though the Ouse Bridge visually overshadows the area, the noise from which also impacts the immediate surroundings.

The urban edge defining much of the farmland is very prominent (identified on the settlement plan as ‘prominent urban edge’). The existing development detracts from the rural qualities of the landscape and increases the visual sensitivity of the landscape (i.e. any new development would be visible to properties oriented towards the open countryside).

To the south of Boothferry Road the area is overlooked by adjacent houses and by drivers on the M62 and the A614, a main route into Goole from the motorway.

The visual sensitivity for this area (north and south of Boothferry Road) is assessed as: Medium

6.4 Landscape Value

The farmland to the north and south of Boothferry Road is not subject to any landscape designations.

The River Ouse is an important wildlife corridor and is subject to statutory protection. The footpath along the Ouse flood bank is a popular recreational route.

A wetland area along Hook Lane/Westfield Lane provides some recreational/ecological value.

There are a number of non-residential land uses around the edge of Goole that back onto the open farmland adjacent to the town. These include: West Park to the west of Goole (public park and playing fields); Parkside Primary School; Goole Hospital (to the north); Goole Cricket Club; Westfield Park Nursing Home; and adjacent games courts.

The flat, arable farmland that forms the larger part of Area 6 (north and south of Boothferry Road) is of a low recreational/amenity value.

The farmland does not contribute to the natural landscape and there is a notable lack of hedgerows and tree cover.
Landscape value for this area (north and south of Boothferry Road) is assessed as: Low

6.5 Overall Landscape Sensitivity

The sensitivity of the landscape across Area 6 varies slightly;

**Land to the north of Boothferry Road**

Land alongside the River Ouse is more sensitive to development, as this would affect the setting of the river corridor. Open agricultural land to the north of Goole (between Goole and Hook Lane/Westfield Lane) has some capacity to accommodate development that reinforces the urban edge, or softens it through the implementation of an appropriate landscape scheme and does not detract from the setting of the existing housing.

**Land to the south of Boothferry Road**

The triangle of land south of Boothferry Road and north of Rawcliffe Road is slightly less sensitive due to the adjacent industrial uses and therefore has capacity for some development. Land alongside the motorway that is adversely affected by noise has the potential to accommodate some larger scale development.

It is considered that land to the south of Boothferry Road has a slightly greater capacity to accommodate development than land to the north. Any proposed development would need to protect the pedestrian routes between Goole and Airmyn and should respect the setting of the recreational areas around the edge of Goole.

Overall landscape sensitivity of both areas is assessed as: Low

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7.0 AREA 7 – LAND BETWEEN GOOLE AND HOOK

7.1 Introduction

Area 7 is bordered to the north by the River Ouse, to the east by the village of Hook, to the south by Goole, and to the west by Westfield Lane Nursing Home.

The area is located within Landscape Character Type B - M62 Corridor Farmland, Character Area 8c - M62 Corridor Hook to Pollington (ERYC LCA 2005).

7.2 Landscape Character Sensitivity

The area is largely characterised by flat, medium sized arable fields enclosed by ditches and fragmented hedgerows, with scattered hedgerow trees that are mostly limited to the settlement edges.

Vegetation is mostly confined to the boundaries of Goole Cemetery and a recreational area on the western edge of Hook known as Hall Garths. Despite a lack of major tree coverage, the area feels ‘greener’ and more enclosed than the neighbouring Area 6.

An avenue of trees along Westfield Lane is an important landscape feature that acts as a gateway to the village of Hook (when approaching from the west).

Landscape character sensitivity for this area is assessed as: Medium

7.3 Visual Sensitivity

The area is visible from a number of houses on the northern edge of Goole and on the western edge of Hook. Glimpsed views across the farmland are afforded to road users on Westfield Lane and Hook Road, the two main approaches to Hook.

Views of the area are also possible through breaks in fragmented hedgerows from the Goole to Laxton rail line to the east and from the elevated flood berms alongside the River Ouse.

Occasional views of industrial buildings/structures located around Goole Docks (particularly the water tank off Lower Bridge Street) are prominent on the skyline in views looking south from Westfield Lane.

Visual sensitivity for this area is assessed as: Medium

7.4 Landscape Value

Open agricultural land to the west and south of Hook is a Key Open Area which serves an important role in separating the two towns, preventing them from merging into a single settlement.

The area has a number of recreational facilities that are all sensitive to development including: Goole Tennis Club; River Ouse footpaths and flood bank; the cricket pitches south of Westfield Lane Nursing Home; and the recreational ground within Hall Garths.

The area is bound in the north by the River Ouse with riverside footpaths affording views over the River Ouse mud flats and Howden Dyke Island, which is subject to statutory protection as an important wildlife habitat.

Landscape value for this area is assessed as: Medium

7.5 Overall Landscape Sensitivity

The landscape is a Key Open Area which functions as a valuable buffer between Goole and Hook, preventing the coalescence of the settlements. It is considered to be of higher scenic value than the farmland to the west (Area 6) and provides a pleasant approach to Hook along Westfield Lane which contains a number of recreational/amenity facilities that are valued by the local community.

A large arable field to the south of the rail-line adjacent to the River Ouse and Goole Cemetery has, in landscape terms, some capacity to accommodate development, although this area acts as a valuable buffer between Goole and Hook. Development in this area that would result in the coalescence of Goole and Hook should be avoided.

Overall landscape sensitivity for this area is assessed as: Medium
9.0 SUMMARY

The sensitivity of the landscape around Goole is summarised below:

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Landscape sensitivity varies with changes in land use around Goole, Airmyn, Hook and Old Goole. The landscape is generally of medium or low quality to the east of the M62 especially around Grange Industrial Estate, rising to high west of the motorway around Airmyn.

Land use is predominantly arable and the quality of the landscape improves in areas with increased vegetation cover, which occurs mostly in the Area 2 west of the M62 and Area 3 alongside Dutch River.

Opportunities for development are limited by the River Ouse, which forms a physical barrier to the east of Goole, the M62 to the west and the Dutch River corridor to the south.

It is important to protect the open landscape between Goole and Hook to prevent the coalescence of the two settlements.

The areas identified as being least sensitive in landscape terms and therefore have the greatest capacity to accommodate development are:

- Land to the southwest of Goole around Grange Industrial Estate and the M62 (Area 3);
- Land between Rawcliffe Road and the M62 surrounding West Park (Area 6); and
- Land to the north of Goole and south of the River Ouse (Area 6).

General Guidelines

Where development is required to meet strategic objectives or local demand, it is important to consider the height, scale and form of the buildings and integration of these buildings into the surrounding landscape context. This is particularly true for housing developments, where the requirement to meet housing density targets can often overshadow the relation of a development to its surroundings, resulting in significant impact upon the landscape character.

New buildings should reflect those in the locality and follow local building styles. Abrupt edges with little or no vegetation at the urban edge should be discouraged.

Where existing ‘prominent urban edges’ have been identified consideration should be given to softening them with screen planting. Where existing vegetation occurs, it should be retained and enhanced to create natural, softer boundaries that integrate the development into the surrounding landscape. New planting will need to be resistant to exposure particularly close to the river. Native species found in the area include gorse, hawthorn and blackthorn bushes, oak, ash, field maple, beech and birch trees. Non-native trees found in the area include pine and sycamore.

Development should take account of, retain, and enhance existing landscape features that contribute to character and quality such as hedgerows, trees, field pattern, landmarks and views.

Views of landmark features should be respected and enhanced, contributing to the character of the area.

Future development around the edges of Goole should respect the existing housing and should aim to create an attractive and robust edge to the settlement, avoiding where possible significant encroachment into open countryside.

Views of waterways and historical important areas/features should be considered in future development plans.