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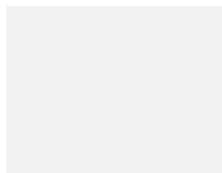
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## 1 Introduction

Lancaster City Council (LCC) has proposed changes to the designation of 19 sites currently identified as Key Urban Landscapes (KULs) under LCC's District Local Plan<sup>1</sup>. The intention is to split this current designation into two – KULs (as existing) and Urban Setting Landscapes (USLs). The purpose of this report is to provide guidance on the key aspects of each of these two designations and give recommendations on which designation is attributable to each of the 19 existing sites.

In addition, the report serves to assess and recommend the appropriate designation for an additional ten sites identified by LCC, these are;

- AS-01 – Land south of the Bay Gateway
- AS-02 – Land north of Endsleigh Grove
- AS-03 – Torrisholme Barrow
- AS-04 – Bailrigg
- AS-05 – Aldcliffe/Abraham Heights
- AS-06 – Kellet Lane, North Lancaster
- AS-07 – Land between Back Lane and the Motorway, Carnforth
- AS-08 – Land between Scotland Road and North Road, Carnforth
- AS-09 – Land between Kellet Lane and the canal/school, Carnforth
- AS-010 – Salt Ayre

## Background

The adopted LCC District Local Plan currently identifies 19 sites as KULs. These are all defined as areas of open land considered to be of particular importance to the setting of the urban areas within the district. The policy states that KULs will be conserved, their important natural features safeguarded, and development will only be permitted where it preserves the open nature of the area and the character and appearance of its surroundings.

The proposed new designation of Urban Setting Landscapes has been created in recognition that, whilst many of the sites currently recognised under LCC's district Local Plan are significant features of the urban fabric, some landscapes serve a supporting function and are linked to their surroundings. As such the following two designations have been clarified;

### Key Urban Landscapes (KULs)

KULs include those areas within the main urban area which are integral to the built form of the district, providing a setting for important features and/or heritage assets. They play an important role in defining the townscape of the main urban area and are inextricably linked to the experience of the wider setting of these features. These areas also provide amenity value for local residents and the wider community. The amenity value of these areas is protected via other policies within the Local Plan.

### Urban Setting Landscapes (USLs)

In comparison, USLs are peripheral to the built form and located only on the edge of main urban area. They are identified because they provide a visual frame for the urban area, providing an important role in the setting of existing development, and providing a significant context or legibility to features either within the landscape or surrounding it.

The division recognises the wide breadth of landscapes that the original definition covers and the varying characteristics. Whilst both are clearly important it is evident that they serve very different purposes.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/about-the-local-plan>

## 2 Methodology

The following activities have been undertaken in preparation of this report;

1. Desk based review of the 19 existing sites identified as KULs under the 2012 District Local Plan. The original assessments undertaken by Woolerton Dodwell in 2012<sup>2</sup> have been reviewed and, a recommendation has been made for each site as to the appropriate designation (either KUL or USL) based on the definitions given.
2. Desktop baseline assessment and site evaluation of the ten additional sites undertaken in line with the original methodology, based on local landscape designation published jointly by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Historic Scotland in 2006<sup>3</sup>
3. Site evaluation of the ten additional sites in line with the methodology previously undertaken.
4. Recommend the relevant designation of the ten additional Sites, based on the KUL and USL definitions given

In addition, a further assessment has subsequently been made on the suitability of the existing designation for site 12: Land adjacent to Grab Lane in the context of the emerging Local Plan. The existing designated area surrounds a Strategic site identified for housing (Housing Allocation H4: Grab Lane) under the revised local plan, which if taken forwards will effectively segregate the existing area into two unconnected spaces.

Due to this, it has been proposed to split this site into two separate areas to reflect the change; 12a, to the east of Grab lane adjacent to the motorway, and 12b, located east of Grab lane adjacent to Williamson Park. The assessment of the two new areas has been made based on the assumption that the housing allocation will be taken forwards in the future, resulting in a change in surrounding land use for both sites.

### Definition Development

During the assessment of the 19 existing and 10 additional sites it became apparent that the status as KULs or USLs was dependant on how intrinsic to the experience of the land use function and building or settlement setting the landscape was. Where a landscape or where the landscape features is inextricably linked to the experience of a landscape/ building or piece of infrastructure, the site was designated as KUL.

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*2 Lancaster District Land Allocations Development Plan Document: Review of Key Urban Landscape Allocations in Lancaster District (2012), Woolerton Dodwell*

*3 Guidance on Local Landscape Designations, (2006), SNH / Natural Scotland*  
<https://www.nature.scot/guidance-local-landscape-designations>

### 3 Assessment of the 19 Existing Sites

The 19 existing sites have been reviewed based on a desktop study of the previous 2012 assessments only in order to establish which of the two designations identified is appropriate.

The findings of the desk-based review of the 19 existing sites is summarised in Table 1, below;

Table 1: 19 Existing Sites Assessment

Site Ref	Site	Recommended Designation	Justification
1	Lancaster Castle and Priory, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	Landscape is integral part of the setting of heritage buildings and as such is vital in their interpretation and legibility – the landscape itself is a significant feature
2	Ryelands Park, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	High quality urban recreational amenity with strong cultural heritage and of significant value
3	Land to the North of Haverbreaks, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	Contains a combination of historic infrastructure and strong cultural heritage with distinctive landform and mature well managed landscape features for which the site provides a distinct setting. As such this landscape is an important feature in its own right.
4	Land to the South of Haverbreaks, Lancaster	Urban setting Landscape	A high-quality landscape with a strong pattern and mature well managed features. An important urban fringe amenity and setting for the surrounding land uses.
5	Grounds of Jamea Al Kauthar Islamic College, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	Contains a combination of historic infrastructure and strong cultural heritage with distinctive landform and mature well managed landscape features which create a distinct setting for the associated buildings, as such this landscape should be designated based on its own value
6	Greaves Park, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	High quality designed parkland around listed buildings with a conservation area and key recreational routes, creating an easily identifiable distinct area and a significant landscape within the city
7	University of Cumbria Campus, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	Landscape integral to the immediate experience of campus life with numerous sports facilities and historic mature landscape features, forming a distinct, identifiable area unique within the city.
8	Williamson Park, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	Key urban park and recreational space which contains a combination of landmark buildings, historic infrastructure and strong cultural heritage with distinctive diverse landform and mature well managed landscape features
9	Highfield Recreation Ground, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	Key urban recreation space with high amenity value for surrounding residences, distinctive artificial landform, mature well managed landscape features adjacent to other important amenities. The land is also an important setting for key urban features

10	Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	A key landscape with strong emotional associations. Contains a combination of historic artefacts, historic infrastructure and strong cultural heritage with distinctive, mature well managed landscape features.
11	Land South-East of Caton Road, adjacent to the M6, Lancaster	Urban setting Landscape	High quality farmland and exemplar drumlin landscape with Biological heritage sites and large areas of woodland creates an important setting to Lancaster.
12a	Land to the east of Grab Lane, Lancaster	Urban Setting Landscape	The landscape has a strong historic pattern and mature features forming a significant open space in keeping with the open landscape of the Forest of Bowland AONB to the east of the M6 corridor. This area comprises a key gateway setting into Lancaster and for long range amenity from the Forest of Bowland AONB.
12b	Land to the west of Grab Lane, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	The site is located adjacent to Williamson Park and forms an integral part of the setting of both the park and Ashton Memorial, creating a vital break in development at the foot of the park. The site also forms an important amenity for residences on Fenham Carr Lane.
13	Land South of Wyresdale Road, adjacent to the M6, Lancaster	Urban setting Landscape	Gently rolling and improved pasture with mature landscape features creates an important green band around the eastern edge of Lancaster, providing context to the urban edge
14	Land South and East of Newlands Road, adjacent to the M6, Lancaster	Urban setting Landscape	Gently rolling and improved pasture with mature landscape features and strong historic pattern creates an important green band around the eastern edge of Lancaster
15	Land to the South of Hala Hill and adjacent to the M6, Lancaster	Urban setting Landscape	Rising pasture with belts of mature woodland is an important green buffer separating the southern extent of Lancaster's urban development from Lancaster University to the south and screen views to the M6. This is an important transitional landscape.
16	Land to the West and South of Lancaster University, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	Landscape integral to the immediate experience of campus life with numerous sports facilities and historic mature landscape features.
17	Land to the South of Smith Lane, Heysham	Key Urban Landscape	A key buffer site separating industry and settlement with successional habitat, recreational open space, strong community associations and Biological heritage. As a result this site creates a distinct setting for the surrounding urban area.
18	Heysham Head and The Barrows, Heysham	Key Urban Landscape	High Quality coastal site with key amenity and recreational value, distinctive landscape features and significant habitat value. A distinct area in its own right.
19	Land to the North of Knowlys Road, Heysham	Key Urban Landscape	High Quality coastal site with key amenity and recreational value, distinctive landscape features and significant habitat value forming a significant landscape.



## 4 Ten Proposed New Sites

### Stage 1: Site Assessment

The baseline desktop assessment and site evaluations of the ten proposed additional sites was completed in December 2017 by Arcadis. The assessment sheets for each site are contained in Appendix A. The findings of the assessment sheets and the recommendation is summarised in Table 2, below.

Table 2: New Sites Assessment

Site Ref	Site	Recommended Designation	Justification
AS-01	Land south of the Bay Gateway, Lancaster	Urban Setting Landscape	A high-quality landscape with a strong pattern and mature well managed features containing recreational routes and Lancaster canal. An important urban fringe amenity and setting to the adjacent urban area.
AS-02	Land north of Endsleigh Grove, Lancaster	Urban Setting Landscape	Gently rolling and improved pasture with mature landscape features creating an important green band between the settlement and the northern fringe of Lancaster, providing context to the adjacent neighbourhood.
AS-03	Torrisholme Barrow, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	Contains strong cultural heritage with distinctive landform and mature well managed landscape features – a landscape which has significant qualities and is distinct in appearance, providing a setting for the adjacent areas.
AS-04	Land north of Galgate, Bailrigg	Urban Setting Landscape	A high-quality landscape with a strong pattern and mature well managed features including ancient woodland. An important urban fringe amenity and setting for the surrounding area.
AS-05	Aldcliffe, Abraham Heights, Lancaster	Urban Setting Landscape	Urban recreation space with high amenity value for surrounding residences, containing artificial landform, mature well managed landscape features adjacent to historic infrastructure. The land provides an important setting for the surrounding built form including high quality domestic canal side open garden landscapes.
AS-06	Kellet Lane, Lancaster	Urban Setting Landscape	Site provides a setting for historic infrastructure and strong cultural heritage features with prominent mature well managed landscape features.
AS-07	Land between Back Lane and M6, Carnforth	Urban Setting Landscape	A key buffer site separating the motorway and settlement with significant woodland habitat. The mature landscape features contribute significantly to the quality of the gateway into Carnforth and as a setting to adjacent amenities including Carnforth cemetery.
AS-08	Land between Scotland Road and North Road, Carnforth	Urban Setting Landscape	Steeply rising pasture with mature prominent landscape features and distinctive landform creating an important backdrop to the gateway into Carnforth from the north, historic buildings on North Lane and long-range views into Carnforth.

AS-09	Land between Kellet Lane and canal / school, Carnforth	Urban Setting Landscape	Key urban canal side pasture, recreation space and significant woodland with high amenity value for surrounding residences, mature well managed landscape features adjacent to other important amenities. The woodland and canal is integral to the setting of adjacent settlement.
AS-10	Salt Ayre, Lancaster	Key Urban Landscape	A key landscape which is an important setting to significant scientific habitats, recreational routes and views along the Lune estuary. The land conceals industry from the river corridor and creates a significant amenity for views to and from Lancaster and the south bank of the Lune estuary. It is also plays a significant contribution to views along the Lune estuary and long-range views to the rising land of the Forest of Bowland AONB.

## Stage 2: Evaluation of Additional Sites

In line with the evaluation of the existing sites undertaken by Woolerton Dodwell, the criteria used in the review draws on guidance prepared by SNH and Historic Scotland (2006) and on reviews undertaken on the basis of that guidance, to reflect the particular context of the landscape and visual amenity for each of the ten sites. Table 3 summarises the evaluation of each site.

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Table 3: Evaluation of the Ten Proposed New Sites

Site		Evaluation Criteria (* indicates double score)										
Site Ref	Name	Distinctiveness*	Scenic Quality*	Enjoyment*	Cultural heritage	Naturalness*	Geology, landform	Connectivity	Contribution to historic character	Contribution to setting*	Key views	Total Score
AS-01	Land south of the Bay Gateway	4	4	4	2	4	3	3	3	4	2	33
AS-02	Land north of Endsleigh Grove	4	4	4	1	4	2	2	1	4	2	28
AS-03	Torrisholme Barrow	6	6	6	3	4	3	3	3	6	3	43
AS-04	Bailrigg	4	6	4	3	6	3	2	3	4	3	38
AS-05	Aldcliffe/Abraham Heights	6	6	6	3	4	3	2	2	6	3	41
AS-06	Kellet Lane, North Lancaster	6	6	6	3	4	2	3	2	6	3	41
AS-07	Land between Back Lane and the Motorway, Carnforth	2	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	4	2	23
AS-08	Land between Scotland Road and North Road, Carnforth	4	4	4	2	4	2	2	2	6	2	32
AS-09	Land between Kellet Lane and the canal/school, Carnforth	4	4	4	2	4	2	3	2	6	3	35
AS-10	Salt Ayre	6	4	6	2	4	3	3	2	6	3	39

## 5 Summary

The 2012 District Local Plan KULs were re-assessed according to the brief and it was found that the function and quality of the nineteen sites varied enough to warrant the differentiation between KULs and USLs. These qualities were also assessed during the determination of the ten additional sites listed in the brief. A summary of the findings can be found in Table 4, below.

*Table 4: Summary of Findings*

Sites assessed	Key Urban Landscapes	Urban Setting landscapes
19 Original Key Urban Landscapes as part of the Local Plan, (now 20 due to the separation of site 12)	14	6
Ten Additional sites	2	8

APPENDIX A

**Additional Site Assessments**



Lancashire Landscape  
Character Type

Low Coastal Drumlins

Lancashire Historic  
Landscape Character Type

Ancient Enclosure /  
Post medieval enclosure

Lancaster Local  
Landscape Character  
Type

Rough sloping grazing land

Location and Character Description:

The site is located within north Lancaster and forms a linear band of mixed arable and pasture land located on the northern upper side slopes and ridge line of the Lune Valley. The site extends northwards to the Bay Gateway Bypass (A683), east to Kellet Lane and west to the West Coast Main Line (WCML). The Lancaster Canal cuts through the site to the western end, running north from Hammerton Hall Lane and passing under the Bay Gateway Bypass. Slyne Road (A6) runs north to south from Slyne into Lancaster, passing over the Bay Gateway Bypass in cutting on an overbridge. This is a low lying, undulating drumlin landscape rising from approximately 20m AOD to rounded at approximately 55m AOD. The fields pattern is typically rectilinear with the rounded crests of varying size, typically defined by blocks of trees and managed native hedgerows. The landscape is often punctuated by infrastructure such as pylons, lighting columns, mobile masts and telegraph poles. The line of the Bay Gateway Bypass and its traffic is a clearly defined feature in the landscape where it is on embankment and new bridges, but not yet hidden by the new mitigation planting. Glimpsed views of traffic on the Bay Gateway Bypass are largely obscured by field and hedge vegetation.

Linear woodland strips delineate the Lancaster Canal and the WCML, and mature estate woodland around Beaumont College connects into the landscape of the surrounding field trees and ridge lines. Residential properties located within the site are typically isolated farmsteads and cottages. To the west of the site, the residential properties on Shakespeare Road have direct views across the site which lies to the north of Hammerton Hall Lane. Hammerton Hall lies to the south of the site and the main hall forms a prominent building on the ridge of land north of Hammerton Hall Lane. Hammerton Hall Lane and Kellet Lane to the southern edge are both lined along large parts of their length by well-established hedgerows. The landscape also provides the context to a network of cycle lanes and Public Rights of Way (PRoW), including the national cycle route 6 (NCR6) which passes along Hammerton Hall Lane and passes under the Bay Gateway Bypass.

The site forms an important buffer to the rural coastal drumlin landscape to the west, providing a peri urban character despite the proximity of numerous urban infrastructures. The traffic noise of the Bay Gateway Bypass is a constant disturbance.

## SUMMARY OF LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER	
<b>Typicality</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features that recur throughout the area</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The site forms the side slopes and ridge line to the Lune Valley as it cuts through the urban area of Lancaster. The site comprises pasture and arable land located within the North Lancaster Green belt. The site, located at the fringes of Lancaster is influenced by it and the Bay Gateway Bypass to the north.
<b>Rarity / Uniqueness</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are rare or unique within the assessment area as a whole</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	<p>The site has no rare or unique features although the relationship with the Lune valley, the Lancaster Canal, the woodland block and field boundary hedgerows and hedgerow trees are important in the local context. Urban fringe landscape associated with the Lune Valley</p> <p>Site setting consist of mature vegetation features. Isolated cottages, farmsteads and buildings occupy the land along small lanes and contribute to the high-quality landscape. The landscape provides an important setting to a section of the Lancaster Canal.</p>
<b>Condition</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are in a good state of repair</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing condition/quality</li> </ul>	The landscape features within the site are typically well managed. These include woodland blocks and hedgerows
<b>LANDSCAPE QUALITIES</b>	
Scenic Qualities	<i>Landscapes with strong visual, sensory and perceptual impacts and experiential appeal</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Character/qualities</li> </ul>	The undulating drumlin landscape of rectilinear fields delineated by strong hedgerows and hedgerow trees, tree lines on the drumlin crests, and the local road-side trees within mature hedgerows contribute to local landscape character.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prominence /Visibility</li> </ul>	The land is a prominent band of land on the north of Lancaster. Separating the Bay Gateway Bypass from the edge of residential settlement. The landscape is occupied by isolated cottages and farmsteads and provides important amenity for recreation and residents. Views of the site are generally obscured from the Lune Valley floor by mature vegetation bands to either side
Enjoyment	<i>Landscapes of importance as local greenspace as tranquil areas and/or for countryside recreation. May contain viewpoints and landmarks</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation routes / areas</li> </ul>	National cycle route 6, Lancaster canal (Bridleway on Green Lane). Distant views from Forest of Bowland AONB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport routes</li> </ul>	The site is delineated to the north by the Bay Gateway Bypass and to the west by the WCML. The A6 cuts through the middle of the site along with parts of the local road network.
Culture	<i>Landscapes rich in archaeology, built heritage, literary, artistic and other cultural associations and local history.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic landscape character</li> </ul>	The land is classified as ancient enclosure. The pattern of field enclosure has survived from Medieval period.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed Buildings, Parks and Gardens of SHI</li> </ul>	None within site
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation Areas</li> </ul>	N/A/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associations</li> </ul>	Land has historically been pasture.
Naturalness	<i>Landscapes with extensive semi-natural habitat, a lack of human presence and perceived qualities of wildness</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Biodiversity</li></ul>	The canal provides rich biodiversity with mature hedge and tree vegetation and marginal and aquatic habitats. Recreational routes such as PRoW and green lanes are frequently lined by established hedgerows and frequent mature field trees. The woodland block at Beaumont college is included in the inventory of priority habitat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Geodiversity</li></ul>	As part of a drumlin field the site is of local geo morphological interest and incised by the River Lune
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remoteness / Wildness</li></ul>	Settled, active landscape on the upper slopes of the Lune Valley and affected by the northern extent of Lancaster and the recently opened. Bay Gateway Link Road
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tranquility</li></ul>	Frequent traffic noise from the Bay Gateway is audible.
<b>FORCES FOR CHANGE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Possible pressures on landscape integrity</li></ul>	Potential for urban expansion up to the Bay Gateway Bypass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enhancement potential</li></ul>	Existing mitigation planting for the Bay Gateway bypass could be enhanced to provide further screening





Lancashire Landscape  
Character Type

Low Coastal Drumlins

Lancashire Historic  
Landscape Character Type

Ancient Enclosure

Lancaster Local  
Landscape Character  
Type

Rough sloping grazing land

Location and Character Description:

The site forms a narrow strip of small pasture land located between Endsleigh Grove and Barley Cop Lane which runs parallel with the route of Bay Gateway Bypass. The land rises from the junction of Torrisholme Road at approximately 6m AOD southwards to Endsleigh Grove at approximately 20m AOD. The land is typically improved pasture with an area of rough grassland in the vicinity of Barley Cop Lane. The site is contained on its north boundary by a prominent line of mature field boundary hedgerow trees which run along Barley Cop Lane, containing northerly views out of the site and is an important tree line in the wider landscape. The recently opened Bay Gateway Bypass has a strong influence on the north part of the site. In the south the site is delineated by residential properties and farm buildings along Endsleigh Drive.

The site provides important amenity to the residential properties on Endsleigh Grove and acts as an important visual buffer between Lancaster’s urban edge and the Bay Gateway Bypass.

## SUMMARY OF LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER	
<b>Typicality</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features that recur throughout the area</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The site sits at the urban fringe and comprises a small-scale strip of pasture land located between residential properties along Barley Cop Lane and the Bay Gateway Bypass. The land is pasture with urban influence on the fringes of Lancaster
<b>Rarity / Uniqueness</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are rare or unique within the assessment area as a whole.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The site has no rare or unique features although the field boundary hedgerows and hedgerow trees are important in the local context. large mature hedgerow trees
<b>Condition</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are in a good state of repair</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing condition/quality</li> </ul>	The landscape features such as the mature hedgerow trees are well managed and considered to be of good quality
LANDSCAPE QUALITIES	
Scenic Qualities	<i>Landscapes with strong visual, sensory and perceptual impacts and experiential appeal</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Character/qualities</li> </ul>	Established boundary hedgerows with mature trees, locally undulating land
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prominence /Visibility</li> </ul>	Generally, well screened from surrounding area due to topography. Distant views north now obscured by Bay Gateway bypass
Enjoyment	<i>Landscapes of importance as local greenspace as tranquil areas and/or for countryside recreation. May contain viewpoints and landmarks</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation routes / areas</li> </ul>	A PRoW / cycleway (NCR6) has been created which runs parallel with Bay Getaway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport routes</li> </ul>	Barley Cop Lane runs along the northern border of the land, realigned to make way for the Bay Gateway at the western end and junction with Torrisholme Road.
Culture	<i>Landscapes rich in archaeology, built heritage, literary, artistic and other cultural associations and local history.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic landscape character</li> </ul>	The land is classified as ancient enclosure. The pattern of field enclosure has survived from Medieval period.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed Buildings, Parks and Gardens of SHI</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation Areas</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associations</li> </ul>	N/A
Naturalness	<i>Landscapes with extensive semi-natural habitat, a lack of human presence and perceived qualities of wildness</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> </ul>	Rough grassland along the junction Barley Cop Lane
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geodiversity</li> </ul>	As part of a drumlin field the site is of local geo morphological interest and incised by the River Lune
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remoteness / Wildness</li> </ul>	Settled, active landscape associated with the urban edge of Lancaster and affected by the Bay Gateway Bypass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tranquility</li> </ul>	Frequent traffic noise from the Bay Gateway Bypass is audible. There is frequent traffic along Torrisholme Road and infrequent traffic along Barley Cop Lane

FORCES FOR CHANGE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Possible pressures on landscape integrity</li></ul>	Potential for urban expansion up to the Bay Gateway Bypass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enhancement potential</li></ul>	Strengthen boundary hedgerows and trees to improve screening to the Bay Gateway bypass


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**Lancaster Local  
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Sloping grazing land

## Location and Character Description:

The site forms a pocket of predominantly flat, low lying pasture and arable farmland, typically between approximately 7m AOD and 15m AOD, located between the urban edge of Morecambe to the west and the WCML to the east. The Bay Gateway Bypass forms the southern boundary. The landform rises to the north west of the site to drumlin crest at 41m AOD, known as Torrisholme Barrow. The summit comprises an Ancient Monument burial mound. The field pattern within the site is medium scale and contain low lying wet areas, field ponds, and a strong pattern of well-established hedgerows with mature trees.

The site forms the undeveloped setting to the Ancient Monument as well as providing visual amenity for the adjacent resident's properties to the west. There is a large pocket of woodland located in the north-west part of the site. The land also contains orchards associated with the farm on Slyne Road.

The Bay Gateway Bypass has an influence on the low-lying farmland in the south part of the site.



## SUMMARY OF LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER	
<b>Typicality</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features that recur throughout the area</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The site falls within the urban fringe and comprises a medium scale pocket of low lying flat pasture with a strong rectilinear field pattern of well-established and managed hedgerows and hedgerow trees which contribute to local landscape character. The main focus of the site is the drumlin in the north-west part of the site and its associated Ancient Monument.
<b>Rarity / Uniqueness</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are rare or unique within the assessment area as a whole..</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The combination of drumlins and field boundary hedgerows culminating in the ancient monument are a unique feature within the landscape.
<b>Condition</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are in a good state of repair</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing condition/quality</li> </ul>	The mature hedgerows and hedgerow trees are well managed and considered to be of good quality.
LANDSCAPE QUALITIES	
Scenic Qualities	<i>Landscapes with strong visual, sensory and perceptual impacts and experiential appeal</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Character/qualities</li> </ul>	The focus of the site is the drumlin. The field pattern is well defined by a strong pattern of well managed hedgerows and hedgerow trees which are considered to be of good quality.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prominence /Visibility</li> </ul>	The drumlin forms a local landmark in views out from the urban edge to the west and across the site form the WCML and the Bay Gateway Bypass.
Enjoyment	<i>Landscapes of importance as local greenspace as tranquil areas and/or for countryside recreation. May contain viewpoints and landmarks</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation routes / areas</li> </ul>	Two PRoW run along the west edge of the site
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport routes</li> </ul>	The land is contained by Slyne Road to the south and Hexham Road to the west. The WCML contains the land to the east.
Culture	<i>Landscapes rich in archaeology, built heritage, literary, artistic and other cultural associations and local history.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic landscape character</li> </ul>	The land is classified as ancient enclosure. The pattern of field enclosure has survived from Medieval period. Burial mound to summit of Drumlin is a designated Ancient Monument
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed Buildings, Parks and Gardens of SHI</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation Areas</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associations</li> </ul>	Land has historically been pasture
Naturalness	<i>Landscapes with extensive semi-natural habitat, a lack of human presence and perceived qualities of wildness</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> </ul>	Predominantly improved grassland and pasture with an area of marshland and scattered

	field ponds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geodiversity</li></ul>	As part of a drumlin field the site is of local geo morphological interest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remoteness / Wildness</li></ul>	Settled active urban fringe landscape affected by the Bay Gateway Bypass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tranquility</li></ul>	There is frequent traffic along Slyne Road. Frequent traffic noise emanating from the Bay Gateway Bypass is audible to the southern end of the site
<b>FORCES FOR CHANGE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Possible pressures on landscape integrity</li></ul>	Potential for urban expansion up to the Bay Gateway Bypass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhancement potential</li></ul>	Improve hedgerow boundaries, in particular in proximity to the Bay Gateway Bypass to reduce impact on the southern edge of the site.



#### Lancashire Landscape Character Type

Low Coastal Drumlins

#### Lancashire Historic Landscape Character Type

Ancient and post medieval  
woodland / Post medieval  
enclosure

#### Lancaster Local Landscape Character Type

Sloping grazing land

### Location and Character Description:

The site sits within a high-quality rolling drumlin landscape with a strong landscape pattern of medium scale pasture and arable fields divided by well managed hedgerows and backdropped by woodland. Field boundaries contain frequent boundary mature boundary trees, distant views to and from the Forest of Bowland AONB are available to the east.

The site is contained to the east by the WCML which is part in cutting and part on embankment as it cuts through the undulating landscape along the east side. The west side of the site is defined by the course of Lancaster Canal which is lined by a strong linear belt of trees and individual trees. Beyond are large blocks of ancient woodland which include Park Coppice and Old Park Wood. Although upper parts of pylons are visible above the woodland to the west, infrastructure within this landscape is relatively limited.

The landform is highest in the north at Burrow Heights where the drumlin crest is at 59m AOD and then falls southwards to approximately 25m AOD at the settlement of Galgate and the River Conder valley. The site provides visual amenity for residential properties at the north edge of Galgate. The site is accessed via a number of narrow rural lanes which are lined by tall hedgerows.

## SUMMARY OF LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER	
<b>Typicality</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features that recur throughout the area</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	Drumlin landscape of rolling pasture and arable fields with medium scale rectilinear field patterns. The pasture fields are defined by a strong field pattern delineated by well managed hedgerows and mature hedgerow trees, which contribute to local landscape character and the setting to the Lancaster Canal.
<b>Rarity / Uniqueness</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are rare or unique within the assessment area as a whole.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The site has no rare or unique features although the canal, the woodland block and field boundary hedgerows and hedgerow trees are important in the local context.
<b>Condition</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are in a good state of repair</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing condition/quality</li> </ul>	The undulating drumlin landform and the well managed hedgerows and trees within the site are considered to be of good quality.
LANDSCAPE QUALITIES	
Scenic Qualities	<i>Landscapes with strong visual, sensory and perceptual impacts and experiential appeal</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Character/qualities</li> </ul>	Attractive medium scale pastoral drumlin landscape contained to the west by ancient woodland traversed by narrow rural lanes with associated tall well managed hedgerows.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prominence /Visibility</li> </ul>	A typically well contained site with blocks of ancient woodland to the west and by the WCML to the east. Elsewhere the field boundary hedgerows and mature trees and the tall lane side hedgerows further obscure views into the site.
Enjoyment	<i>Landscapes of importance as local greenspace as tranquil areas and/or for countryside recreation. May contain viewpoints and landmarks</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation routes / areas</li> </ul>	The Lancaster Canal provides an important recreational route and the narrow rural lanes are actively used by walkers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport routes</li> </ul>	The site is crossed by an attractive network of narrow rural lane actively used by walkers and cyclists
Culture	<i>Landscapes rich in archaeology, built heritage, literary, artistic and other cultural associations and local history.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic landscape character</li> </ul>	The land is classified as post medieval enclosure and ancient and post medieval woodland. The pattern of field enclosure has survived from Medieval period.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed Buildings, Parks and Gardens of SHI</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation Areas</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associations</li> </ul>	Land has historically been pasture and arable.
Naturalness	<i>Landscapes with extensive semi-natural habitat, a lack of human presence and perceived qualities of wildness</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> </ul>	Predominantly improved grassland and pasture with a low-lying area of marsh and block of woodland.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geodiversity</li> </ul>	As part of a drumlin field the site is of local geo morphological interest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remoteness / Wildness</li> </ul>	Although the site is close to the urban edge of Lancaster, the university and the busy A6 / WCML corridor forms its east boundary, the undulating drumlin landform along with the



	Lancaster Canal at the west edge and the continuation of the drumlin landscape with associated woodland beyond help to create a relatively sense of remoteness.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tranquility</li></ul>	Occasional traffic within a well contained pastoral landscape. Landform and prominent landscape features create a relative sense of tranquility, partially interrupted by overhead power lines
FORCES FOR CHANGE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Possible pressures on landscape integrity</li></ul>	Urban expansion due to proximity to urban edge, the WCML /A6 corridor and university.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enhancement potential</li></ul>	Improvement of field boundaries to strengthen local character, increased screening to the WCML to reduce its impact on the setting of the site.



Lancashire Landscape Character Type	Lancashire Historic Landscape Character Type	Lancaster Local Landscape Character Type
Low Coastal Drumlins / suburban	Modern enclosure / settlement	Rising arable land, pasture and recreational land

## Location and Character Description:

The site sits at the south west urban edge of Lancaster and comprises a low lying and gently rolling parcel of open pasture, arable farmland, enclosed grass land, recreational open space. Distant views across the low coastal drumlins of Bailrigg towards the Forest of Bowland AONB are visible. A watercourse (Lucy Brook) flows across the centre part of the site with the land rising to approximately 20m AOD to the north and 25m AOD to the south. It is contained to the north and north west by residential development at Abraham Heights. And to the south and east by Aldcliffe Road and residential properties facing out onto the canal. Fairfield Millennium Green lies on the lands western boundary and the western side to the settlement Lucy Brook cuts across the site east to west between the two sides of the residential settlement dicing the land in two. Hard surfaced playing courts are also located on the eastern side of the northern half of the site.

Tree and hedge vegetation is located around the perimeter of the northern half of the land partially obscures views to settlement. A footpath runs south west over Lucy Brook into arable land which forms the majority of land in the southern half.

The low drumlin in the south part of the site forms the setting to Aldcliffe Road and the Lancaster Canal corridor to the South east and the rural settlement of Aldcliffe to the south. The site also provides important visual amenity for the adjacent residential area.

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER	
Typicality	<i>Landscape features or combination of features that recur throughout the area</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	Gently rolling drumlin urban fringe landscape at the south west edge of Lancaster. The site is influenced by the surrounding residential areas.
Rarity / Uniqueness	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are rare or unique within the assessment area as a whole.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The site has no rare or unique features although the canal and the field boundary hedgerows and hedgerow trees are important in the local context.
Condition	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are in a good state of repair</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing condition/quality</li> </ul>	The undulating drumlin landform and the well managed hedgerows and trees within the site are considered to be of good quality.
LANDSCAPE QUALITIES	
Scenic Qualities	<i>Landscapes with strong visual, sensory and perceptual impacts and experiential appeal</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Character/qualities</li> </ul>	This is an urban fringe landscape with its landform and the field boundary hedgerows and trees considered to be of good quality and contribute to local landscape character and in part to the setting of the Lancaster Canal.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prominence /Visibility</li> </ul>	The land provides an important amenity for the adjacent residential areas, for users of the PRow along the west edge of the site and the Lancaster Canal.
Enjoyment	<i>Landscapes of importance as local greenspace as tranquil areas and/or for countryside recreation. May contain viewpoints and landmarks</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation routes / areas</li> </ul>	The canal towpath is a popular recreation route to the east of the site a footpath runs around the southern and western boundary of the site between Aldcliffe and Abraham Heights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport routes</li> </ul>	Aldcliffe Road runs along the south-east edge of the site.
Culture	<i>Landscapes rich in archaeology, built heritage, literary, artistic and other cultural associations and local history.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic landscape character</li> </ul>	The site is classified as modern enclosure.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed Buildings, Parks and Gardens of SHI</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation Areas</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associations</li> </ul>	The south-east part of the site forms part of the setting to the nearby Lancaster canal.
Naturalness	<i>Landscapes with extensive semi-natural habitat, a lack of human presence and perceived qualities of wildness</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> </ul>	Lucy Brook and field pond and field boundary hedgerows potentially provide good habitat links.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geodiversity</li> </ul>	As part of a drumlin field the site is of local geo morphological interest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remoteness / Wildness</li> </ul>	Settled, busy, accessible urban fringe landscape.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tranquility</li> </ul>	Urban influences with relatively limited tranquility
FORCES FOR CHANGE	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Possible pressures on landscape integrity</li></ul>	Urban expansion due to location along WCML and A6 corridors and proximity to university.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhancement potential</li></ul>	Retain and improve connectivity with canal corridor..



Lancashire Landscape Character Type	Lancashire Historic Landscape Character Type	Lancaster Local Landscape Character Type
Low Coastal Drumlins / suburban	Post Medieval Enclosure / Ancient enclosure	Rising pasture with strong hedge lines and blocks of woodland associated with a listed lodge.

## Location and Character Description:

The site is located on the north side of the Lune Valley, between Halton Road and Kellet Lane at the north edge of Lancaster. The land rises from Halton Road at approximately 20m AOD to a ridge line at approximately 55m AOD, beyond which lies the Bay Gateway Bypass, at its north edge. Views from the upper part of the site are available out to and from the Forest of Bowland AONB to the south west. The focus of the site is the parkland landscape to the Grade II listed Carus Lodge. The parkland also includes the Grade II listed Carus Lodge Cottage. The parkland itself comprise numerous individual mature deciduous and coniferous specimen tree and a woodland block. Outside the parkland on the upper slopes are a group of medium scale fields delineated by strong established hedgerows with hedgerow trees and form a sky line feature of the site. The cluster of trees to the cottages on Kellett Lane are also a notable feature.

## SUMMARY OF LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER	
<b>Typicality</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features that recur throughout the area</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The site forms the side slopes and ridgeline to the Lune Valley where it passes through the urban area of Lancaster. The site is defined by the mature parkland and associated listed lodge building. Pasture and arable land form the north edge adjacent to the Bay Gateway Bypass. The site is, located at the fringes of Lancaster and is influenced by it.
<b>Rarity / Uniqueness</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are rare or unique within the assessment area as a whole.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The site has no rare or unique features although the built form and associated parkland, with its specimen trees, woodland and strong field boundary hedgerows with trees are important in the local context
<b>Condition</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are in a good state of repair</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing condition/quality</li> </ul>	The landscape features such as the established hedgerows and trees, the woodland block and parkland trees are well managed and are considered to have a good quality.
LANDSCAPE QUALITIES	
Scenic Qualities	<i>Landscapes with strong visual, sensory and perceptual impacts and experiential appeal</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Character/qualities</li> </ul>	The site forms a prominent part of the Lune valley where it passes thorough Lancaster. The parkland trees, woodland and field boundary hedgerows and trees combine to provide a treed skyline to the valley and contribute to the local character of the Lune Valley.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prominence /Visibility</li> </ul>	<p>The site is visible from the urban part of the Lune Valley and is visible from the Lancaster Canal as it crosses the Lune Valley.</p> <p>Upper parts of the site are visible from the Forest of Bowland AONB.</p>
Enjoyment	<i>Landscapes of importance as local greenspace as tranquil areas and/or for countryside recreation. May contain viewpoints and landmarks</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation routes / areas</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport routes</li> </ul>	The local road network and the Bay Gateway Bypass form its edges.
Culture	<i>Landscapes rich in archaeology, built heritage, literary, artistic and other cultural associations and local history.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic landscape character</li> </ul>	The land is classified as ancient and post medieval enclosure. The pattern of field enclosure has survived from Medieval period although modern transport infrastructure has fragmented the landscape and introduced in new planting features
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed Buildings, Parks and Gardens of SHI</li> </ul>	Parkland and Grade II listed Carus Lodge and cottage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation Areas</li> </ul>	N/A/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associations</li> </ul>	Land has historically been associated with the Carus Lodge estate
Naturalness	<i>Landscapes with extensive semi-natural habitat, a lack of human presence and perceived qualities of wildness</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> </ul>	Predominantly improved grassland and pasture with field ponds and area of woodland.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geodiversity</li> </ul>	As part of a drumlin field the site is of local geo morphological interest incised by the River Lune

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remoteness / Wildness</li></ul>	Settled, busy urban fringe landscape adjacent to the Bay Gateway Bypass. The parkland associated within Carus Lodge create a sense of isolation from the urban edge to the south.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tranquility</li></ul>	There is frequent traffic along Halton Road and Kellet Lane. Traffic noise from the Bay Gateway Bypass within the north part of the site.
<b>FORCES FOR CHANGE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Possible pressures on landscape integrity</li></ul>	Potential for urban expansion up to the Bay Gateway Bypass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhancement potential</li></ul>	Improvement to hedgerow boundaries, in particular along the edge of the site.





Lancashire Landscape Character Type	Lancashire Historic Landscape Character Type	Lancaster Local Landscape Character Type
Low Coastal Drumlins / Drumlin Field	Ancient enclosure	Undulating pasture and woodland

Location and Character Description:

The site is a narrow linear strip of gently undulating improved pasture and woodland lying between Back Lane and the M6 motorway at the south-east fringe of Carnforth. The pasture fields are delineated by tall hedgerows. The central part of the site is formed of a deciduous woodland block. The vegetation within the site acts as an important buffer to the M6 corridor for housing on Back Lane and Hard Knott Rise, and for Carnforth cemetery off Kellet Road. The M6 corridor, its traffic and associated noise are prevalent across the open north and south parts of the site. Pylons along the west edge of the site and a wind turbine to the east, on the opposite side of the M6 are also prominent sky line features.



## SUMMARY OF LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER	
<b>Typicality</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features that recur throughout the area</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	Typical urban fringe / M6 corridor landscape comprising a linear narrow undulating strip of pasture bordered by tall hedgerows with trees and a large central block of woodland.
<b>Rarity / Uniqueness</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are rare or unique within the assessment area as a whole.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The site has no rare or unique features although the woodland block and field boundary hedgerows and hedgerow trees are important in the local context.
<b>Condition</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are in a good state of repair</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing condition/quality</li> </ul>	The landscape features are well managed and in good condition
LANDSCAPE QUALITIES	
Scenic Qualities	<i>Landscapes with strong visual, sensory and perceptual impacts and experiential appeal</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Character/qualities</li> </ul>	The undulating pockets of pasture, the tall hedgerows and hedgerow trees and the central woodland block provides a buffer between the residential properties at the urban edge and the M6 corridor and contribute to local landscape character.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prominence /Visibility</li> </ul>	The site is well contained by its associated vegetation which forms the foreground feature in short range views from the M6 and from the urban edge of Carnforth.
Enjoyment	<i>Landscapes of importance as local greenspace as tranquil areas and/or for countryside recreation. May contain viewpoints and landmarks</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation routes / areas</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport routes</li> </ul>	Local road network and the M6.
Culture	<i>Landscapes rich in archaeology, built heritage, literary, artistic and other cultural associations and local history.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic landscape character</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed Buildings, Parks and Gardens of SHI</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation Areas</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associations</li> </ul>	Land has historically been pasture
Naturalness	<i>Landscapes with extensive semi-natural habitat, a lack of human presence and perceived qualities of wildness</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> </ul>	Predominantly improved grassland with numerous field trees and a large woodland block included in the inventory of priority habitat.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geodiversity</li> </ul>	As part of a drumlin field the site is of local geo morphological interest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remoteness / Wildness</li> </ul>	Settled busy landscape located at the urban fringe and close to the M6.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tranquility</li></ul>	Close proximity to M6 and associated traffic noise. Energy development also prominent.
<b>FORCES FOR CHANGE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Possible pressures on landscape integrity</li></ul>	Potential for urban expansion within the open pasture sites up to the M6.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhancement potential</li></ul>	increased management of woodland blocks

**Lancashire Landscape  
Character Type**

Low Coastal Drumlins

**Lancashire Historic  
Landscape Character Type**

Post medieval enclosure

**Lancaster Local  
Landscape Character  
Type**

Rising pasture

## Location and Character Description:

The site comprises a prominent area of steadily sloping pasture located at the north edge of Carnforth. The west boundary is delineated by the A6 (Scotland Road) which is at approximately 20m AOD and the land steadily rises eastwards to a local drumlin crest at 43m AOD at its highest point, beyond which is located ribbon development along North Road. To the north the site boundary is delineated by the Carnforth to Settle railway line. The rising land is characterised by a series of distinctive ridges. Vegetation along the railway at the north edge help to contain the site. Mature established hedgerows and hedgerow trees help to delineate the field boundaries. A footpath (FP22) runs between North Lane and Scotland Road. The sloping site is visible from the south facing slopes of Warton Crag within the Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB and provides an important backdrop in many southerly views across the Keer Valley and for properties on North Lane. It also forms an important undeveloped landscape wedge bringing the countryside close to the north edge of Carnforth town centre.

## SUMMARY OF LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER	
<b>Typicality</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features that recur throughout the area</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	Prominent urban fringe landscape at the north edge of Carnforth with the landform being a typical feature of the low coastal drumlins within the Keer Valley.
<b>Rarity / Uniqueness</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are rare or unique within the assessment area as a whole.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The site has no rare or unique features although the prominent landform which acts as an undeveloped wedge at north edge of Carnforth town centre is important in the local context.
<b>Condition</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are in a good state of repair</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing condition/quality</li> </ul>	The main features of the site, the hedgerows and hedgerow trees are well managed.
<b>LANDSCAPE QUALITIES</b>	
Scenic Qualities	<i>Landscapes with strong visual, sensory and perceptual impacts and experiential appeal</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Character/qualities</li> </ul>	The undeveloped west and north facing slope of the drumlin, its undeveloped crest and its mature established hedgerows and hedgerow trees provides an important wedge to which links in to the north edge of Carnforth town centre contribute to local landscape character and to listed buildings on North Road.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prominence /Visibility</li> </ul>	The site is a prominent feature in views across the Keer Valley and form distant elevated views from Warton Crag within the Arnside and Silverdale AONB. The undeveloped ridgeline also provides important visual amenity to residential properties along North Road.
Enjoyment	<i>Landscapes of importance as local greenspace as tranquil areas and/or for countryside recreation. May contain viewpoints and landmarks</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation routes / areas</li> </ul>	A PRoW crosses the site linking North Road and Scotland Road
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport routes</li> </ul>	The A6 Scotland Road, North Road and the Carnforth to settle railway line delineate the site.
Culture	<i>Landscapes rich in archaeology, built heritage, literary, artistic and other cultural associations and local history.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic landscape character</li> </ul>	The land is classified as post medieval enclosure and is defined by transport routes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed Buildings, Parks and Gardens of SHI</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation Areas</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associations</li> </ul>	Land has historically been pasture
Naturalness	<i>Landscapes with extensive semi-natural habitat, a lack of human presence and perceived qualities of wildness</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> </ul>	Predominantly improved grassland and pasture with a pond, field boundary hedgerows and hedgerow trees.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geodiversity</li> </ul>	As part of a drumlin field the site is of local geo morphological interest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remoteness</li> </ul>	Settled, busy landscape located within the urban fringe at the north edge of Carnforth with the A6 forming its western boundary.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tranquility</li></ul>	Tranquility affected by traffic on the A6, and influenced by the adjacent low lying industrial development beyond. Attractive elevated views out across the Keer Valley to Warton Crag and the Arnside and Silverdale AONB.
<b>FORCES FOR CHANGE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Possible pressures on landscape integrity</li></ul>	Potential urban expansion due to proximity to A6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhancement potential</li></ul>	Potential improvement to boundary hedgerows and trees to enhance overall quality



Lancashire Landscape Character Type	Lancashire Historic Landscape Character Type	Lancaster Local Landscape Character Type
Low Coastal Drumlins	Post medieval enclosure / Modern settlement	Gently sloping pasture and prominent woodland.

### Location and Character Description:

The site is located at the north-east edge of Carnforth to the north of the Kellet Road Industrial Estate. It comprises a pocket of low lying small scale undulating pasture fields and a mixed deciduous / coniferous woodland block set between the Lancaster Canal and the M6 junction 35. An unattractive weld mesh fencing delineates the south boundary of the site, with the industrial estate beyond.

The site forms the backdrop to views from residential properties to the west of the Lancaster Canal towards the M6. The vegetation along the canal and within the site helps to filter views to the M6 Junction 35 and the traffic on it. An overhead powerline crosses the site.



## SUMMARY OF LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER	
<b>Typicality</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features that recur throughout the area</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	Typical low lying urban fringe pasture landscape of the low coastal drumlins around Carnforth.
<b>Rarity / Uniqueness</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are rare or unique within the assessment area as a whole.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The site has no rare or unique features although the adjacent canal, the woodland block and field boundary hedgerows are important in the local context.
<b>Condition</b>	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are in a good state of repair</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing condition/quality</li> </ul>	The mature hedgerows and hedgerow, trees and woodland block are well managed and considered to have a good quality.
LANDSCAPE QUALITIES	
Scenic Qualities	<i>Landscapes with strong visual, sensory and perceptual impacts and experiential appeal</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Character/qualities</li> </ul>	The undeveloped setting to the canal, the mature established hedgerows and hedgerow trees and woodland block contribute to local landscape character.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prominence /Visibility</li> </ul>	The site provides important visual amenity for residential properties and recreational users. The rising land is well wooded on its periphery and the combination of coniferous and deciduous woodland creates a high-quality landscape feature in this part of Carnforth. The land provides an important buffer for residential settlement to the west of the canal.
Enjoyment	<i>Landscapes of importance as local greenspace as tranquil areas and/or for countryside recreation. May contain viewpoints and landmarks</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation routes / areas</li> </ul>	A footpath (FP25) runs along the south boundary of the site, following the fence line of the Carnforth Business park, linking Kellet Road with the Lancaster Canal.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport routes</li> </ul>	The site is contained by the M6 corridor to the north and east and by the Lancaster Canal to the west.
Culture	<i>Landscapes rich in archaeology, built heritage, literary, artistic and other cultural associations and local history.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic landscape character</li> </ul>	The land is classified as post medieval enclosure. The incorporation of coniferous planting exhibits trends from that period of designed enclosure and parkland. The land has strong historical associations with the canal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed Buildings, Parks and Gardens of SHI</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation Areas</li> </ul>	Carnforth Conservation Area lies to the west of the site but intervisibility between this asset and the site is blocked by intervening woodland.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associations</li> </ul>	The site has historically been pasture and has an association with the Lancaster Canal.
Naturalness	<i>Landscapes with extensive semi-natural habitat, a lack of human presence and perceived qualities of wildness</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> </ul>	The woodland, which lies on the north and western site boundary is included in the Woodland Priority Habitat Inventory and the canal provides an important biodiversity link.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geodiversity</li></ul>	As part of a drumlin field the site is of local geo morphological interest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remoteness / Wildness</li></ul>	Settled, busy urban fringe landscape which forms the setting to the Lancaster Canal.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tranquility</li></ul>	Adjacent industrial estate to the south and the M6 Junction 35 forms the north and east boundary
<b>FORCES FOR CHANGE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Possible pressures on landscape integrity</li></ul>	Expansion of the Kellet Road Business Park.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhancement potential</li></ul>	Additional tree and woodland planting




**Lancashire Landscape  
Character Type**

Open Coastal Marsh /  
Suburban

**Lancashire Historic  
Landscape Character Type**

Modern Industry / Modern  
enclosure / Modern  
recreation

**Lancaster Local  
Landscape Character  
Type**

Rising drumlin

## Location and Character Description:

Salt Ayre is a prominent area of landfill which lies on the north bank of the Lune Estuary between the south-east edge of Morecambe and the west edge of Lancaster. The site comprises a domed area of open grassland

The domed land of the site helps to conceal the White Lund industrial area further to the west in views from the estuary including a local cycle route which runs along the west bank immediately adjacent to the site and the Lancashire Coastal Way/ National cycle Route 6 runs along the estuary's east bank. The site provides an artificial but undeveloped setting to the estuary. There are linear tree belts located along the south and west lower slopes of the site and helps to break up the outline of the domed grassland area in views from the west. There is also a linear woodland belt along Salt Ayre Road and the sports facilities to the north of the site.

## SUMMARY OF LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER	
Typicality	<i>Landscape features or combination of features that recur throughout the area</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The site forms a local artificial undeveloped feature along the Lune estuary edge which helps to conceal industry at the south-east edge of Morecambe beyond in views along and across the estuary.
Rarity / Uniqueness	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are rare or unique within the assessment area as a whole.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Lancaster/ Lancashire</li> </ul>	The grassed dome provides a local focus along the estuary due to its artificial form.
Condition	<i>Landscape features or combination of features which are in a good state of repair</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing condition/quality</li> </ul>	The tree lines around along the south and west side of the site are managed and considered to be of good quality.
LANDSCAPE QUALITIES	
Scenic Qualities	<i>Landscapes with strong visual, sensory and perceptual impacts and experiential appeal</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Character/qualities</li> </ul>	Although the grassed dome outline of the site creates an artificial appearance in the wider context of the Lune estuary its undeveloped appearance is important to the setting of the estuary. The mature established tree lines along the south and west edge help to integrate the site and contribute to the local landscape character.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prominence /Visibility</li> </ul>	The site, because of its domed appearance, forms a local artificial feature in the context of views along and across the estuary. However, the site also helps to conceal industrial development lying to the west.
Enjoyment	<i>Landscapes of importance as local greenspace as tranquil areas and/or for countryside recreation. May contain viewpoints and landmarks</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation routes / areas</li> </ul>	A local cycle route passes immediately adjacent to the site as it follows the west bank of the Lune Estuary. The Lancashire Coastal Way and National Cycle Route 6 follow the east bank of the Lune Estuary with open views across to the site. e.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport routes</li> </ul>	The site is accessed by the local road network to the west.
Culture	<i>Landscapes rich in archaeology, built heritage, literary, artistic and other cultural associations and local history.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic landscape character</li> </ul>	The site is a reclaimed landfill.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed Buildings, Parks and Gardens of SHI</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation Areas</li> </ul>	N/A/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associations</li> </ul>	N/A
Naturalness	<i>Landscapes with extensive semi-natural habitat, a lack of human presence and perceived qualities of wildness</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> </ul>	The site is predominantly improved grassland with linear tree belts along the south and west edge. The site lies adjacent to the River Lune mud flats and Oxcliffe Marshes, which are SSSI, Morecambe Bay SAC and RAMSAR.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geodiversity</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remoteness / wildness</li> </ul>	Settled, busy urban fringe landscape which forms the setting to the Lune Estuary.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tranquility</li> </ul>	The east part of the site facing the Lune estuary, with its views along the estuary, and where the adjacent industry is concealed by the mass of the grassed dome has a greater feeling of tranquility.
<b>FORCES FOR CHANGE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible pressures on landscape integrity</li> </ul>	Urban expansion.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancement potential</li> </ul>	Further biodiversity diversification.

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