

## Appendix J.1

**Table13.1: Landscape Impact Significance Criteria (with amendments)**

Score	Comment
<p><b>Substantial Beneficial (positive)</b></p>	<p>The Scheme would enhance the landscape because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate very successfully with the scale, landform and pattern of the landscape;</li> <li>• Enable the restoration of highly valued characteristic features, partially lost or diminished as the result of changes resulting from intensive farming or inappropriate development;</li> <li>• They would enable a very strong sense of place and scale to be restored through well-designed planting and mitigation measures, that is, characteristic features are enhanced through the use of local materials and species used to fit the proposal into the landscape;</li> <li>• Enable considerable improvement in landscape condition through compensation and long term management;</li> <li>• They enable a strong sense of quality to be restored or enhanced through beneficial landscaping and sensitive design in the landscape; and,</li> <li>• The proposals would increase the value of the landscape in the regional context</li> </ul>
<p><b>Moderate Beneficial (positive)</b></p>	<p>The proposals provide an opportunity to enhance the landscape because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They fit very well with the scale, landform and pattern of the landscape;</li> <li>• There is potential, through mitigation, to enable the restoration of characteristic features, partially lost or diminished as the result of changes resulting from intensive farming or inappropriate development;</li> <li>• They would enable a sense of place and scale to be restored through well-designed planting and mitigation measures, that is, characteristic features are enhanced through the use of local materials and species used to fit the proposal into the landscape;</li> <li>• They enable some sense of quality to be restored or enhanced through beneficial landscaping and sensitive design in a landscape which is not of any formally recognised quality;</li> <li>• Enable improvement in landscape condition through compensation and long term management;</li> <li>• Enable improvement in landscape quality; and,</li> <li>• Increase the value of the landscape in the local context</li> </ul>

<b>Score</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Slight Beneficial (positive)</b>	<p>The proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fit well with the scale, landform and pattern of the landscape;</li> <li>• Incorporate measures for mitigation to ensure they would blend in well with surrounding landscape;</li> <li>• Would enable some sense of place and scale to be restored through well-designed planting and mitigation measures;</li> <li>• Maintain or enhance existing landscape character in an area which is not a designated landscape, nor vulnerable to change;</li> <li>• Enable some improvement in landscape condition through compensation and long term management;</li> <li>• Enable slight improvements in landscape quality; and,</li> <li>• Slightly increase the value of the landscape in the local context.</li> </ul>
<b>Neutral</b>	<p>The proposals are well designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complement the scale, landform and pattern of the landscape;</li> <li>• Incorporate measures for mitigation to ensure that the Scheme would blend in well with surrounding landscape features and landscape elements;</li> <li>• Avoid having an adverse effect on the current level of remoteness and tranquillity (where this exists) of the landscape through which the route passes;</li> <li>• Maintain existing landscape character in an area which is not a designated landscape, this is, neither national or local high quality, nor is it vulnerable to change; and,</li> <li>• Have a balanced impact on landscape quality and value through mitigation and compensation.</li> </ul>
<b>No Change</b>	<p>No discernable deterioration or improvement in landscape character</p>
<b>Slight Adverse (negative)</b>	<p>The proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not quite fit the landform and scale of the landscape;</li> <li>• Cannot be completely mitigated for because of the nature of the proposal itself or the character of the landscape through which it passes; and,</li> <li>• Affect an area of recognised landscape quality.</li> </ul>
<b>Substantial Adverse (negative)</b>	<p>The proposals are very damaging to the landscape in that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are at considerable variance with the landform, scale and pattern of the landscape;</li> <li>• Are likely to degrade, diminish or even destroy the integrity of a</li> </ul>

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	<p>range of characteristic features and elements and their setting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would be substantially damaging to a high quality or highly vulnerable landscape, causing it to change and be considerably diminished in quality;</li> <li>• Cannot be adequately mitigated for; and,</li> <li>• Are in serious conflict with government policy for the protection of nationally recognised countryside as set out in PPG7.</li> </ul>

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Score	Comment
<p><b>Substantial Beneficial (positive)</b></p>	<p>The proposals would enhance the townscape because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They enhance the layout, mix, scale, appearance, human interaction and cultural aspects of the townscape;</li> <li>• They enable the restoration of the characteristic features of the townscape, partially lost or diminished as the result of changes resulting from inappropriate development;</li> <li>• They enable a sense of place and scale to be restored through well-designed mitigation measures, that is, characteristic features are enhanced through the use of local materials to fit the proposal into the townscape;</li> <li>• They enhance the character of the townscape through beneficial and sensitive design in a townscape which is not of any formally recognised quality;</li> <li>• They would enhance the quality of the townscape in a townscape which is not of any formally recognised quality; and,</li> <li>• They would enhance the value of the townscape at a regional level.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Slight beneficial (positive)</b></p>	<p>The proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fit well with the layout, mix, scale, appearance, human interaction and cultural aspects of the townscape;</li> <li>• Incorporate measures for mitigation to ensure they would blend in well with surrounding townscape;</li> <li>• Would enable some sense of place and scale to be restored through well-designed mitigation measures;</li> <li>• Maintain or enhance existing townscape character in an area which is not designated for the quality of its townscape, nor vulnerable to change; and,</li> <li>• Maintain or enhance the value of the townscape.</li> </ul>

<b>Score</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Neutral</b>	<p>The proposals are well designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complement the layout, mix, scale, appearance, human interaction and cultural aspects of the townscape;</li> <li>• Incorporate measures for mitigation to ensure that the Scheme would blend in well with surrounding townscape features and elements;</li> <li>• Maintain existing townscape character in an area which is not a designated townscape, this is, neither national or local high quality, nor is it vulnerable to change; and,</li> <li>• Maintain existing quality and value.</li> </ul>
<b>No Change</b>	No discernable deterioration or improvement in landscape character
<b>Slight Adverse (negative)</b>	<p>The proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not quite fit the layout, mix, scale, appearance, human interaction and cultural aspects of the townscape;</li> <li>• Cannot be completely mitigated for because of the nature of the proposal itself or the character of the townscape through which it passes;</li> <li>• Affect an area of recognised townscape quality; and,</li> <li>• Impact on the value of an area of valued townscape.</li> </ul>
<b>Moderate Adverse (negative)</b>	<p>The proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out of scale or at odds with the layout, mix, scale, appearance, human interaction and cultural aspects of the townscape;</li> <li>• Not possible to fully mitigate for, that is, mitigation would not prevent the Scheme from scarring the townscape in the longer term, as some features of interest would be partly destroyed or their setting reduced or removed;</li> <li>• Would have an adverse impact on a townscape of recognised quality or on vulnerable and important characteristic features or elements;</li> <li>• Would impact on the quality of townscape; and,</li> <li>• Would decrease the value of the townscape in the local context.</li> </ul>

<b>Score</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Substantial Adverse (negative)</b>	<p>The proposals are very damaging to the landscape in that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are at considerable variance with the layout, mix, scale, appearance, human interaction and cultural aspects of the townscape;</li><li>• Are likely to degrade, diminish or even destroy the integrity of a range of characteristic features and elements and their setting;</li><li>• Would be substantially damaging to a high quality or highly vulnerable townscape, causing it to change and be considerably diminished in quality;</li><li>• Cannot be adequately mitigated for;</li><li>• Would have a significant impact on the quality of the townscape; and,</li><li>• Would have a significant impact on the value of the townscape in the regional context.</li></ul>

*Source: Modification of criteria contained in WebTag Unit 3.3.8*