1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**
Formal and featureless landscape of rectangular fields and fences, although with hedges to perimeter of area; industrial estate to north dominates views; average condition but little of interest, with weak ecology and heritage value.

2. **Quality rating** - Weak (10/27)  
   **Character strength** - Moderate (16/26)

3. **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS)** - No

3. **Predominant landscape features within the area:**

   **Buildings/ Structures:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - Farm buildings; Masts/ poles

   **Heritage:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - Vernacular buildings

   **Land Cover:**
   - **Primary** - Farming
   - **Secondary** - None

   **Farming - Enclosure:**
   - **Primary** - Fences
   - **Secondary** - Hedges

   **Notes:** Very few remnant hedges in fields but better hedges to perimeter of area

   **Farming - Crops:**
   - **Primary** - Pasture
   - **Secondary** - None

   **Woodland/ Trees:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - Clumps

   **Notes:** One clump of trees at farm garden

   **Hydrology:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - None

   **Communications:**
   - **Primary** - Unclassified/ lane
   - **Secondary** - Distributor; Residential

4. **Predominant adjacent landscape features:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - Agricultural; Woodland/ Parkland; Residential; Industrial
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Area D 13: Morley Hill Farm

5. **Landmarks and views within the area:**
   - Positive - Morley Hill Farm
   - Neutral - None
   - Negative - None

6. **Landmarks and views outside the area:**
   - Positive - Three Hills Country Park
   - Neutral - Hazlerigg; Airport
   - Negative - Brunswick Industrial Estate

7. **Local detail and character:**
   - Rigidly divided agricultural landscape with a very few remnant bits of hawthorn hedge to centre, and hedges to most of perimeter, but mainly fenced (post and wire), treeless and relatively characterless.

8. **Character Elements:**
   - Scale - Small/ Medium
   - Variety - Uniform
   - Movement - Quiet/ Busy
   - Colour - Monochrome/ Muted
   - Security - Safe
   - Pleasure - Unpleasant/ Pleasant
   - Enclosure - Open
   - Harmony - Balanced
   - Texture - Smooth / Managed
   - Rarity - Ordinary
   - Stimulus - Boring
   - General Condition - Average

9. **Heritage Value:**
   - Weak

10. **Ecology Value:**
    - Weak

11. **Topography:**
    - General groundform - Gentle slope
    - Aspect - South
    - Local Topographical Name - None
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Area D 13: Morley Hill Farm

12. Additional comments:
**Area D 13: Morley Hill Farm: Area Guidance**

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1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**
   Gently rolling landscape with relatively formal field pattern of variable size although appears traditional agricultural landscape from ground level; lots of horsiculture; average condition and ecology value but weak/ average heritage.

2. **Quality rating - Neutral (16/27)  Character strength - Strong (18/26)**

   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS) - No**

3. **Predominant landscape features within the area:**

   **Buildings/ Structures:**
   - **Primary** - Farm buildings
   - **Secondary** - Masts/ poles

   **Heritage:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - Vernacular buildings

   **Notes:** Few remaining outbuildings although farmhouse has been rebuilt, along with new outbuildings

   **Land Cover:**
   - **Primary** - Farming
   - **Secondary** - None

   **Farming - Enclosure:**
   - **Primary** - Hedges
   - **Secondary** - Fences

   **Notes:** Hedges in varying condition (some intact and maintained) augmented by fences including some electric at grazed areas.

   **Farming - Crops:**
   - **Primary** - Arable; Pasture
   - **Secondary** - None

   **Notes:** including horsiculture

   **Woodland/ Trees:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - Coniferous plantation; Hedgerow trees

   **Hydrology:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - Stream

   **Communications:**
   - **Primary** - Distributor; Unclassified/ lane
   - **Secondary** - None
4. Predominant adjacent landscape features:
   - **Primary**: Agricultural
   - **Secondary**: Woodland/Parkland; Industrial

5. Landmarks and views within the area:
   - **Positive**: None
   - **Neutral**: Hack Hall Farm (largely rebuilt); Kennels
   - **Negative**: Airport landing lights

6. Landmarks and views outside the area:
   - **Positive**: Morley Hill Farm; Havannah Nature Reserve; limited views over surrounding countryside
   - **Neutral**: None
   - **Negative**: Airport; Brunswick Industrial Estate; Springvale Factory; Dinnington Village

7. Local detail and character:
   - Relatively formal field pattern (of varying sizes), with variable amounts of hedging and of hedgerow trees; high level of horsiculture at north west; gently rolling landscape appears broadly traditional type from ground level.

8. Character Elements:
   - **Scale**: Medium
   - **Enclosure**: Open
   - **Variety**: Simple
   - **Harmony**: Balanced
   - **Movement**: Quiet/Busy
   - **Texture**: Managed
   - **Colour**: Muted
   - **Rarity**: Ordinary
   - **Security**: Safe
   - **Stimulus**: Interesting
   - **Pleasure**: Pleasant
   - **General Condition**: Average

9. Heritage Value:
   - Weak/Average

10. Ecology Value:
    - Average

*Notes: Wildlife corridor*
11. Topography:
   - General groundform: Rolling
   - Aspect: North; South
   - Local Topographical Name: None

12. Additional comments:
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**Area D 14:** Hack Hall Farm: Area Guidance

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**Image 33x396 to 151x484**

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**Image 30x544**
Area D 15: Mill Hill

1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**
   Pleasant broadly traditional agricultural landscape with relict hedges and some large hedgerow trees, and with some mining and agricultural heritage features; average condition and ecology value, and average/strong heritage value.

2. **Quality rating** - Neutral (18/27)  
   **Character strength** - Strong (18/26)  
   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS)** - No

3. **Predominant landscape features within the area:**

   **Buildings/ Structures:**
   - Primary - Farm buildings
   - Secondary - None

   **Heritage:**
   - Primary - None
   - Secondary - Rigg & furrow; Mining

   **Land Cover:**
   - Primary - Farming
   - Secondary - None

   **Farming - Enclosure:**
   - Primary - Hedges
   - Secondary - Fences

   **Farming - Crops:**
   - Primary - Arable; Pasture
   - Secondary - None

   **Woodland/ Trees:**
   - Primary - Hedgerow trees
   - Secondary - None

   **Hydrology:**
   - Primary - Stream
   - Secondary - None

   **Communications:**
   - Primary - Distributor; Unclassified/ lane
   - Secondary - None

*Notes: Former colliery building (now residential) at farm; 2 fields of rigg & furrow at farm; Very gappy and unmaintained hedges (except at some trackways); reasonable cover of large hedgerow trees (even where hedges have gone); including horsiculture*
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Area D 15: Mill Hill

4. Predominant adjacent landscape features:
   Primary - Agricultural
   Secondary - Residential

5. Landmarks and views within the area:
   Positive - None
   Neutral - Mill Hill Farm buildings
   Negative - None

6. Landmarks and views outside the area:
   Positive - Big Waters
   Neutral - Hack Hall Farm to south
   Negative - Dinnington Village; Pylons to east; Airport

7. Local detail and character:
   (relict) - Broadly traditional agricultural landscape of informal fields bounded by hedges and hedgerow trees (some large).

8. Character Elements:
   Scale - Medium
   Variety - Simple
   Movement - Quiet
   Colour - Muted
   Security - Safe
   Pleasure - Pleasant
   Enclosure - Open
   Harmony - Balanced
   Texture - Managed
   Rarity - Ordinary
   Stimulus - Interesting
   General Condition - Average

9. Heritage Value:
   - Average/ Strong
   Notes: Mature hedges and trees; rigg and furrow (2 fields); Mining and agricultural buildings

10. Ecology Value:
    - Average
    Notes: Some old trees but hedges are gappy; Part of SLCI at north east corner; Wildlife corridor
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Area D 15: Mill Hill

11. Topography:
   - General groundform: Rolling
   - Aspect: North; South
   - Local Topographical Name: None

12. Additional comments:
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Area D 16: South of Big Waters

1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**
   Agricultural landscape of broadly traditional character but with a more formal field pattern and few/gappy hedges and trees; character marred by masts and derelict steel barn frame, and by adjacent industrial estate (and also airport approach); average overall condition, weak/average ecology value and weak heritage.

2. **Quality rating** - Weak (12/27)  
   **Character strength** - Moderate (17/26)  
   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS)** - No

3. **Predominant landscape features within the area:**

   **Buildings/ Structures:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - Farm buildings; Masts/ poles

   **Notes:** Relic metal structure - possibly barn

   **Heritage:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - None

   **Land Cover:**
   - **Primary** - Farming
   - **Secondary** - None

   **Farming - Enclosure:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - Fences; Hedges

   **Notes:** Hedges are gappy and unmaintained, with a few hedgerow trees, along with fences (post & wire)

   **Farming - Crops:**
   - **Primary** - Arable; Pasture
   - **Secondary** - None

   **Woodland/ Trees:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - Hedgerow trees

   **Notes:** Relatively few, and few of any great size

   **Hydrology:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - None

   **Communications:**
   - **Primary** - Distributor; Unclassified/ lane
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Area D 16: South of Big Waters

4. Predominant adjacent landscape features:
   - Primary: Agricultural
   - Secondary: Water; Residential; Industrial

5. Landmarks and views within the area:
   - Positive: None
   - Neutral: None
   - Negative: Metal framework of derelict barn(?); Radio mast

6. Landmarks and views outside the area:
   - Positive: Views over countryside to north; Big Waters
   - Neutral: Brunswick Village
   - Negative: Brunswick Industrial Estate; Airport

7. Local detail and character:
   - Relatively formal field pattern although of broadly traditional character, but with relatively few hedgerow trees and with hedges gappy and largely unmaintained.

8. Character Elements:
   - Scale: Medium
   - Variety: Uniform/ Simple
   - Movement: Quiet/ Busy
   - Colour: Muted
   - Security: Safe
   - Pleasure: Unpleasant/ Pleasant
   - Enclosure: Open
   - Harmony: Balanced
   - Texture: Managed
   - Rarity: Ordinary
   - Stimulus: Bland
   - General Condition: Average

9. Heritage Value: Weak
10. Ecology Value: - Weak/Average

11. Topography:
   General groundform - Gentle slope
   Aspect - North
   Local Topographical Name - None

12. Additional comments:

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**Area D 16: South of Big Waters: Area Guidance**

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<td>Open farmland, regular field pattern</td>
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*Note: The table lists strengths, opportunities, do's, don'ts, and comments for the South of Big Waters area in the Newcastle Character Assessment.*
Area D 17: Big Waters

1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**
   Broadly traditional informal agricultural landscape but with low hedgerow tree cover and gappy hedges, but including Big Waters Lake (subsidence pond), as a result of mining activity in the past, which now enhances the amenity and wildlife value of the area; average condition and heritage value, but strong ecology value.

2. **Quality rating** - Positive (19/27)  
   **Character strength** - Strong (20/26)  
   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS)** - No

3. **Predominant landscape features within the area:**

   **Buildings/ Structures:**
   - Primary: None  
   - Secondary: Pylons

   **Heritage:**
   - Primary: None  
   - Secondary: Mining

   **Notes:** Former mining area and subsidence pond, now reclaimed and mostly country park

   **Land Cover:**
   - Primary: Farming  
   - Secondary: Marsh/ Bog

   **Farming - Enclosure:**
   - Primary: Hedges  
   - Secondary: Fences

   **Notes:** Hedges gappy and largely unmaintained (except some at tracks), augmented by (post and wire) fences

   **Farming - Crops:**
   - Primary: Arable  
   - Secondary: Pasture

   **Woodland/ Trees:**
   - Primary: Clumps  
   - Secondary: Hedgerow trees

   **Notes:** Much of the tree cover is relatively recent (less than 40 years old)

   **Hydrology:**
   - Primary: Lake  
   - Secondary: Stream

   **Communications:**
   - Primary: Trunk road; Unclassified/ Lane  
   - Secondary: None
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Area D 17: Big Waters

4. Predominant adjacent landscape features:
   Primary - Agricultural
   Secondary - Residential

5. Landmarks and views within the area:
   Positive - Big Waters lake
   Neutral - None
   Negative - Pylons to east boundary

6. Landmarks and views outside the area:
   Positive - Views over surrounding countryside
   Neutral - Brunswick Village
   Negative - A1; Brunswick Industrial Estate; Airport

7. Local detail and character:
   - Essentially traditional agricultural landscape of informal field pattern bounded by hedges and some trees, but influenced by mining (reclaimed pit heaps etc) and including the Big Waters Lake which is a subsidence pond.

8. Character Elements:
   Scale - Small/ Medium
   Variety - Varied
   Movement - Quiet/ Busy
   Colour - Muted
   Security - Safe
   Pleasure - Pleasant
   Enclosure - Open
   Harmony - Balanced
   Texture - Managed/ Rough
   Rarity - Ordinary/ Unusual
   Stimulus - Interesting/ Invigorated
   General Condition - Average

9. Heritage Value:
   - Average

10. Ecology Value:
    - Strong

Notes: Wildlife reserve at Big Waters Lake, lake is SSSI; SNCI to south; SLCI to north west; Wildlife corridor
11. Topography:
   General groundform - Flat; Broad valley
   Aspect - North; South
   Local Topographical Name - Big Waters

12. Additional comments:
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**Area D 17: Big Waters: Area Guidance**

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<td>Woodland plantation, hedges and scattered trees</td>
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Area D 18: Seven Mile

1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**
   Broadly traditional informal agricultural landscape but with very gappy hedges and relatively low mature tree cover; evidence of former mining (derelict areas, subsidence ponds) now becoming of wildlife significance; A1 to east boundary is intrusive; average condition and heritage value, and average/strong ecology.

2. **Quality rating** - Neutral (16/27)  
   **Character strength** - Strong (19/26)  
   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS)** - No

3. **Predominant landscape features within the area:**

   **Buildings/ Structures:**
   - **Primary** - Farm buildings
   - **Secondary** - Pylons

   **Notes:** Pylons south east corner

   **Heritage:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - Vernacular buildings; Rigg & furrow; Mining

   **Land Cover:**
   - **Primary** - Farming
   - **Secondary** - Scrub; Marsh/ Bog

   **Farming - Enclosure:**
   - **Primary** - Fences
   - **Secondary** - Hedges

   **Notes:** Gappy hedges (unmaintained) and some hedgerow trees, but now mainly post & wire/ post & rail fences

   **Farming - Crops:**
   - **Primary** - Arable; Pasture
   - **Secondary** - None

   **Notes:** Sheep, cattle and horses

   **Woodland/ Trees:**
   - **Primary** - Hedgerow trees
   - **Secondary** - Shelter belts; Clumps

   **Hydrology:**
   - **Primary** - None
   - **Secondary** - Pond

   **Communications:**
   - **Primary** - Trunk road; Unclassified/ lane
   - **Secondary** - None
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Area D 18: Seven Mile

4. Predominant adjacent landscape features:
   Primary - Agricultural
   Secondary - None

5. Landmarks and views within the area:
   Positive - Seven Mile House Farm buildings; North East Mason Farm;
   Neutral - Former “Drift” mine area (now SNCI)
   Negative - None

6. Landmarks and views outside the area:
   Positive - Brenkley; Big Waters; General views of surrounding countryside
   Neutral - Seaton Burn; Holiday Inn, etc
   Negative - A1 to east boundary

7. Local detail and character:
   - Broadly traditional informal field pattern although with very gappy hedges and few large hedgerow trees; several blocks of recent tree planting by A1, and subsidence pond/wetland area; remnants of recent mining consisting of area of scrub/wasteland with patches of bitmac/concrete and linear access road.

8. Character Elements:
   Scale - Medium  Enclosure - Open
   Variety - Simple  Harmony - Balanced
   Movement - Quiet/ Busy  Texture - Managed
   Colour - Muted  Rarity - Ordinary
   Security - Safe  Stimulus - Bland/Interesting
   Pleasure - Pleasant  General Condition - Average

Notes: Movement - A1 to east
Heritage Value: - Average

Ecology Value: - Average/Strong
   Notes: SNCI at former pit area and SLCI at subsidence pond, and some hedges/trees; 3 wildlife corridors

Topography:
   General groundform - Rolling
   Aspect - North; South
   Local Topographical Name - None
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Area D 19: North Brenkley

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
Former broadly traditional agricultural landscape of informal field patterns but largely denuded of hedges and hedgerow trees following previous opencast. Area currently being opencasted with progressive restoration introducing and altered land form but much richer landscape with enhanced hedges, trees and wildlife features. Average overall condition & ecology value will improve as area restored; average heritage value.

2. Quality rating - Neutral (15/27)  Character strength - Strong (20/26)
   Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS) - No

3. Predominant landscape features within the area:

- **Buildings/ Structures:**
  - Primary: None
  - Secondary: Farm buildings

- **Heritage:**
  - Primary: None
  - Secondary: Vernacular buildings; Rigg & furrow

*Notes: Some rigg and furrow at south east*

- **Land Cover:**
  - Primary: Farming
  - Secondary: None

- **Farming - Enclosure:**
  - Primary: Fences
  - Secondary: Hedges

- **Farming - Crops:**
  - Primary: Arable; Pasture
  - Secondary: None

*Notes: where not within opencast area*

- **Woodland/ Trees:**
  - Primary: None
  - Secondary: Shelter belts; Hedgerow trees; Clumps

- **Hydrology:**
  - Primary: Pond
  - Secondary: Stream

- **Communications:**
  - Primary: Distributor; Unclassified/ lane
  - Secondary: None
4. **Predominant adjacent landscape features:**
   **Primary** - Agricultural
   **Secondary** - Woodland/Parkland; Opencast
   *Notes: Reclaimed Opencast to north (Blagdon)*

5. **Landmarks and views within the area:**
   **Positive** - Brenkley Farm buildings; Farm buildings to east (Shotton Edge South); Plantations/ shelterbelts to east side.
   **Neutral** - None
   **Negative** - None

6. **Landmarks and views outside the area:**
   **Positive** - Blagdon/ Milkhope Centre; Extensive views over countryside to north, west, south and south east
   **Neutral** - Distant views of city buildings; A1
   **Negative** - Blagdon opencast (Delhi); Brenkley former landfill

7. **Local detail and character:** - Broadly traditional informal field pattern in untouched areas; opencast to much of central area, reclaimed opencasted enhanced landscape features to west.

8. **Character Elements:**
   **Scale** - Medium
   **Variety** - Simple
   **Movement** - Quiet/ Busy
   **Colour** - Muted
   **Security** - Comfortable
   **Pleasure** - Pleasant
   **Enclosure** - Open/ Exposed
   **Harmony** - Balanced
   **Texture** - Smooth/ Managed
   **Rarity** - Ordinary
   **Stimulus** - Bland/ Interesting
   **General Condition** - Average
   *Notes: Movement - Blagdon Road to north, and A1 to east*
Area D 19: North Brenkley

9. Heritage Value: - Weak/Average
   Notes: Buildings add to it, but landscape is weak over most of area (although some rigg and furrow)

10. Ecology Value: - Average
    Notes: Some woodland blocks, and improved landscape of trees, hedges and wildlife features at west (+ 6 ponds to east); SNCI covering most of southern half of area

11. Topography:
    General groundform - Rolling
    Aspect - All
    Local Topographical Name - None

12. Additional comments:
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### Area D 20: South Brenkley

1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**
   Agricultural landscape of broadly traditional informal pattern but lacking the hedges and trees which are typical of the general area; boundaries either absent or wire fenced; average condition but weak/average heritage value and weak ecology.

2. Quality rating - Weak (13/27)  
   Character strength - Moderate (16/26)

3. **Predominant landscape features within the area:**

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   | Heritage: | Primary | None |
   | Secondary | Vernacular buildings |

   | Land Cover: | Primary | Farming |
   | Secondary | None |

   | Farming - Enclosure: | Primary | None |
   | Secondary | Fences; Hedges |

   | Farming - Crops: | Primary | Arable; Pasture |
   | Secondary | None |

   | Woodland/ Trees: | Primary | None |
   | Secondary | Isolated trees |

   | Hydrology: | Primary | Pond |
   | Secondary | None |

   | Communications: | Primary | Unclassified/ lane |
   | Secondary | None |
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Area D 20: South Brenkley

4. **Predominant adjacent landscape features:**
   - **Primary** - Agricultural
   - **Secondary** - None

5. **Landmarks and views within the area:**
   - **Positive** - Brenkley Village buildings
   - **Neutral** - None
   - **Negative** - None

6. **Landmarks and views outside the area:**
   - **Positive** - Countryside views to south (and limited to north); Gardeners Houses Farm buildings to south west
   - **Neutral** - None
   - **Negative** - Brenkley former landfill; Pylons to east

7. **Local detail and character:**
   - Relatively featureless agricultural landscape of informal field pattern but boundaries minimal or gone (eg. post and wire fence); very few trees or hedges; possible reclamation from opencast?

8. **Character Elements:**
   - **Scale** - Medium/Large
   - **Variety** - Uniform
   - **Movement** - Dead/ Quiet
   - **Colour** - Monochromed/Muted
   - **Security** - Safe
   - **Pleasure** - Unpleasant/Pleasant
   - **Enclosure** - Open
   - **Harmony** - Balanced
   - **Texture** - Smooth/Managed
   - **Rarity** - Ordinary
   - **Stimulus** - Bland
   - **General Condition** - Average

9. **Heritage Value:**
   - Weak/Average

10. **Ecology Value:**
    - Weak

    **Notes:** Wildlife corridor clips southern edge
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Area D 20: South Brenkley

11. Topography:
   - General groundform: Gentle slope
   - Aspect: South
   - Local Topographical Name: None

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<td>Plant trees, hedges and woodland to give interest and structure</td>
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Area D 21: Gardener’s Houses Farm

1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**
   Quintessential English landscape through central area in particular, consisting of informal fields bounded by hedges (albeit gappy) and mature hedgerow trees (and clumps) set in gentle rolling landscape; very pleasant; good condition and average/strong ecology and heritage value.

2. **Quality rating** - Positive (20/27)  
   **Character strength** - Strong (23/26)  
   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTs)** - No

3. **Predominant landscape features within the area:**
   - **Buildings/ Structures:**
     - Primary: None
     - Secondary: Farm buildings
   - **Heritage:**
     - Primary: None
     - Secondary: Vernacular buildings
   - **Land Cover:**
     - Primary: Farming
     - Secondary: None
   - **Farming - Enclosure:**
     - Primary: Hedges
     - Secondary: None
   - **Farming - Crops:**
     - Primary: Arable; Pasture
     - Secondary: None
   - **Woodland/ Trees:**
     - Primary: Hedgerow trees
     - Secondary: Clumps

   **Notes:** High proportion of mature hedgerow trees (and clumps)

   - **Hydrology:**
     - Primary: None
     - Secondary: None
   - **Communications:**
     - Primary: Unclassified/ lane
     - Secondary: None

4. **Predominant adjacent landscape features:**
   - Primary: Agricultural
   - Secondary: Residential
5. **Landmarks and views within the area:**
   - **Positive**
     - General internal views of mature treelined fields; Gardeners Houses Farm
   - **Neutral**
     - None
   - **Negative**
     - None

6. **Landmarks and views outside the area:**
   - **Positive**
     - General countryside views (limited)
   - **Neutral**
     - None
   - **Negative**
     - Dinnington village; former Brenkley landfill to north

7. **Local detail and character:**
   - Informal field pattern of traditional type (mostly), with hedge boundaries (gappy and largely unmaintained except at some trackways) and a relatively high proportion of large mature hedgerow trees (and clumps), set in gently rolling landscape.

8. **Character Elements:**
   - **Scale**
     - Small/ Medium
   - **Enclosure**
     - Enclosed/ Open
   - **Variety**
     - Simple
   - **Harmony**
     - Harmonious
   - **Movement**
     - Quiet
   - **Texture**
     - Managed
   - **Colour**
     - Muted
   - **Rarity**
     - Ordinary
   - **Security**
     - Comfortable/ Safe
   - **Stimulus**
     - Interesting
   - **Pleasure**
     - Beautiful
   - **General Condition**
     - Average/ Good

9. **Heritage Value:**
   - Average/ Strong

10. **Ecology Value:**
    - Average/ Strong

**Notes:** Hedges and mature trees; SSSI at north-west corner, and SNCI adjacent, occupying half of area in all; Wildlife corridor
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Area D 21: Gardener’s Houses Farm

11. Topography:
   - General groundform: Rolling
   - Aspect: North; South
   - Local Topographical Name: None

12. Additional comments:
   - None
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### Area D 21: Gardener’s Houses Farm: Area Guidance

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Area D 22: North of Dinnington

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Gently sloping landscape of traditional fields with hedges and some trees at east, running down to edge of drained carr with rough marshy grassland and some carr woodland; horsiculture dominates the land use; average condition, and average/strong ecology and heritage value.

2. Quality rating - Neutral (17/27) Character strength - Strong (19/26)
Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS) - No

3. Predominant landscape features within the area:

   Buildings/ Structures: Primary - None
                              Secondary - Masts/ poles

   Heritage: Primary - None
              Secondary - Vernacular buildings

   Notes: Stone vicarage, etc

   Land Cover: Primary - Farming
                                           Secondary - Rough grassland

   Farming - Enclosure: Primary - Hedges
                                Secondary - Fences

   Notes: Gappy hedges, mostly unmanaged, and (post and wire) fences, mixed condition.

   Farming - Crops: Primary - Pasture
                                 Secondary - Rough grazing

   Notes: Pasture mostly horses

   Woodland/ Trees: Primary - None
                               Secondary - Hedgerow trees; Clumps

   Notes: Some carr woodland (birch/alder) and some mature broadleaf woodland clumps. Some hedgerow trees

   Hydrology: Primary - None
               Secondary - Drainage ditch

   Communications: Primary - Unclassified/ lane; Cyclepath
                     Secondary - None
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Area D 22: North of Dinnington

4. Predominant adjacent landscape features:
   Primary - Agricultural
   Secondary - Residential

5. Landmarks and views within the area:
   Positive - Old vicarage and associated mature trees
   Neutral - None
   Negative - None

6. Landmarks and views outside the area:
   Positive - Gardeners Houses Farm; Moorey Spot Farm; Views of surrounding countryside (to north and west)
   Neutral - Dinnington village
   Negative - Former colliery site and buildings

7. Local detail and character:
   - Drained carr to west with rough grass/marsh and carr woodland; rolling agricultural pasture to east with traditional field pattern with gappy hedges and some hedgerow trees (especially at east side). Stone built 19C houses.

8. Character Elements:
   Scale - Small/Medium
   Variety - Varied
   Movement - Quiet/Busy
   Colour - Muted
   Security - Safe
   Pleasure - Pleasant
   Enclosure - Enclosed/Open
   Harmony - Balanced
   Texture - Managed/Rough
   Rarity - Ordinary
   Stimulus - Bland/Interesting
   General Condition - Average

9. Heritage Value: - Average/Strong

10. Ecology Value: - Average/Strong

Notes: Range of habitat areas; part of SNCI at north west; Wildlife corridor
Area D 22: North of Dinnington

11. Topography:
   - General groundform: Gentle slope
   - Aspect: West
   - Local Topographical Name: None

12. Additional comments:
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<td>More trees, hedges and woodland</td>
<td>Create wide urban roads</td>
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Area D 23: Brenkley Landfill

1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**
   Reclaimed post-opencast landscape of recent hedges and woodland blocks, but of broadly traditional informal agricultural character; magnificent views in all directions; average overall condition, average ecology value and weak heritage.

2. **Quality rating** - Weak (13/27)  
   **Character strength** - Moderate (17/26)  
   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS)** - No

3. **Predominant landscape features within the area:**

   **Buildings/ Structures:**
   - Primary - None
   - Secondary - Industry

   **Notes:** Brenkley landfill - now closed and reclaimed but still gas monitoring plant, etc

   **Heritage:**
   - Primary - None
   - Secondary - Mining

   **Notes:** (Probably) opencasted following mining

   **Land Cover:**
   - Primary - Farming
   - Secondary - None

   **Farming - Enclosure:**
   - Primary - Fences; Hedges
   - Secondary - None

   **Notes:** Hedges, mostly new, reasonable condition generally, with protective post and wire fences

   **Farming - Crops:**
   - Primary - Pasture
   - Secondary - Arable

   **Woodland/ Trees:**
   - Primary - Mixed woodland
   - Secondary - None

   **Notes:** Mostly recent plantation, broadleaf and some conifer

   **Hydrology:**
   - Primary - None
   - Secondary - Pond

   **Notes:** Small pond (created)

   **Communications:**
   - Primary - Distributor; Unclassified/ lane
   - Secondary - None
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Area D 23: Brenkley Landfill

4. Predominant adjacent landscape features:
   Primary - Agricultural
   Secondary - Industrial
   Notes: Opencast sites to west and to north east

5. Landmarks and views within the area:
   Positive - Woodland to west boundary
   Neutral - None
   Negative - Brenkley (former) landfill

6. Landmarks and views outside the area:
   Positive - Extensive views of open countryside in all directions; Horton Grange; Foxcovert Wood.
   Neutral - Airport
   Negative - Foxcovert opencast

7. Local detail and character:
   - Essentially reclaimed/ manmade landscape (following opencast) although broadly following traditional informal layout with hawthorn hedges to boundaries; extensive blocks of (young) woodland planting, marred by former landfill site and associated gas plant, chainlink security fence, earth bunding, etc.

8. Character Elements:
   Scale - Small/ Medium
   Variety - Simple
   Movement - Quiet
   Colour - Muted
   Security - Safe
   Pleasure - Unpleasant/ Pleasant
   Enclosure - Enclosed/ Open
   Harmony - Discordant/ Balanced
   Texture - Managed/ Rough
   Rarity - Ordinary
   Stimulus - Bland/ Interesting
   General Condition - Average
   Notes: Enclosure - enclosure will increase as planting matures. Stimulus - views out are better than area itself.
Area D 23: Brenkley Landfill

9. Heritage Value: - Weak

10. Ecology Value: - Average
    Notes: Will improve with time as woodlands, hedges and pond develop; wildlife corridor.

11. Topography:
    General groundform - Hilltop
    Aspect - All
    Local Topographical Name - None
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### Area D 23: Brenkley Landfill: Area Guidance

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**Fox Covert**

1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**
   Broadly traditional agricultural landscape of informal field pattern, with some remnant hedges and a few hedgerow trees on gently sloping south facing slope; area now undergoing opencasting (recently started) so reduces character and amenity value; average condition, heritage and ecology value.

2. **Quality rating** - Neutral (18/27)  
   **Character strength** - Strong (18/26)  
   Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS) - No

3. **Predominant landscape features within the area:**

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Area D 24:  Fox Covert

4. Predominant adjacent landscape features:
   Primary - Agricultural
   Secondary - None

5. Landmarks and views within the area:
   Positive - Fox Covert plantation; former farm house complex (Carr Grange Farm)
   Neutral - None
   Negative - None

6. Landmarks and views outside the area:
   Positive - Prestwick Carr woods; Horton Grange; Gardener Houses Farm; Dinnington Village
   Neutral - None
   Negative - Carr House Nurseries

7. Local detail and character:
   - Fairly traditional agricultural landscape of informal field pattern (although some longer/thinner fields) bounded by remnant hedges and now mainly fences/open; few hedgerow trees.

8. Character Elements:
   Scale - Medium
   Variety - Varied
   Movement - Quiet
   Colour - Muted
   Security - Safe
   Pleasure - Pleasant
   Enclosure - Open
   Harmony - Balanced
   Texture - Managed/Rough
   Rarity - Ordinary/Unusual
   Stimulus - Interesting
   General Condition - Average

9. Heritage Value: - Average

10. Ecology Value: - Average
    Notes: Opencasting reduces rating; small part of Prestwick Carr SSSI at west corner; SNCI to south west third; 2 wildlife corridors.
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Area D 24: Fox Covert

11. Topography:
   - General groundform: Gentle slope
   - Aspect: South
   - Local Topographical Name: None

12. Additional comments:
   - None.
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- **Do's**: More trees, hedges and woodland
- **Don'ts**: Good quality opencast restoration
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Area D 25:

Prestwick Carr (North)

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
Reclaimed flat wetland area of rough grassland dissected by drainage channels on rectilinear layout with central woodland of birch/ pine and some old beech to west edge; visually central woodland is main asset although not generally accessible; average/poor overall condition, weak/ average heritage but strong ecology value.

2. Quality rating - Positive (19/27)  Character strength - Strong (18/26)
Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS) - No

3. Predominant landscape features within the area:

- Buildings/ Structures:
  - Primary - None
  - Secondary - None

- Heritage:
  - Primary - None
  - Secondary - None

- Land Cover:
  - Primary - Farming; Rough grassland
  - Secondary - Woodland

- Farming - Enclosure:
  - Primary - Fences
  - Secondary - Hedges

Notes: Almost no hedges except to perimeter, then gappy and with post and wire fences (mixed condition)

- Farming - Crops:
  - Primary - Rough grazing
  - Secondary - Pasture

- Woodland/ Trees:
  - Primary - Mixed woodland
  - Secondary - Hedgerow trees

Notes: Mixed woodland (mainly birch and pine), along with some hedgerow trees, and line of very old beech to west boundary of woodland area

- Hydrology:
  - Primary - Drainage ditch
  - Secondary - None

Notes: Area was formerly wetland, subsequently reclaimed by drainage but many areas still wet and prone to flooding, and remainder rough grassland outside wooded area

- Communications:
  - Primary - None
  - Secondary - Unclassified/ lane
4. **Predominant adjacent landscape features:**
   - **Primary** - Agricultural
   - **Secondary** - None

   *Notes: Mix of rough pasture and better/more improved land including pasture and arable*

5. **Landmarks and views within the area:**
   - **Positive** - Prestwick Carr woodland; Drainage ditches
   - **Neutral** - None
   - **Negative** - None

6. **Landmarks and views outside the area:**
   - **Positive** - Carr Grange former farm houses; Dinnington Village; Berwick Hill Farm
   - **Neutral** - Mayfair House; Airport
   - **Negative** - Fox Covert opencast

7. **Local detail and character:**
   - Rectilinear field pattern around central angular shaped woodland all reflecting 19C-20C land drainage pattern which created and delineates the landscape; rough grazing prone to flooding, with central woodland of scots pine/birch along with ground flora of bracken, ferns, etc. Some areas of heath and of marsh.

8. **Character Elements:**
   - **Scale** - Medium/Large
   - **Variety** - Simple
   - **Movement** - Dead/Quiet
   - **Colour** - Muted
   - **Security** - Safe/Unsettling
   - **Pleasure** - Pleasant
   - **Enclosure** - Enclosed/Open
   - **Harmony** - Balanced
   - **Texture** - Rough/Wild
   - **Rarity** - Unusual/Rare
   - **Stimulus** - Interesting
   - **General Condition** - Poor/Average

9. **Heritage Value:**
   - Weak/Average

   *Notes: Man made landscape of 19C*
10. Ecology Value:  - Strong
   Notes: Central woodland and surrounding marshy grassland is SSSI, and remainder is SNCI; 2 wildlife corridors; lots of birds, moths, butterflies, flowers etc; deer seen.

11. Topography:
   General groundform - Flat
   Aspect - None
   Local Topographical Name - Prestwick Carr

12. Additional comments:
   MOD rifle range to east so area is MOD “danger area”.
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**Area D 25:** Prestwick Carr (North): Area Guidance

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Area D 26: Prestwick Carr (South)

1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**
   Generally flat rough grassland within an engineered layout of post and wire fenced fields (some gappy hedges) and drainage ditches, with gently sloping pasture to southern section; remnants of mining at east end; average condition, weak heritage value but average/ strong ecology value.

2. **Quality rating - Weak (13/27)**  
   **Character strength - Strong (19/26)**  
   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS) - No**

3. **Predominant landscape features within the area:**
   - **Buildings/ Structures:**
     - Primary: None
     - Secondary: Farm buildings; Masts/ poles
   - **Heritage:**
     - Primary: None
     - Secondary: Mining
   - **Land Cover:**
     - Primary: None
     - Secondary: None
   - **Farming - Enclosure:**
     - Primary: Fences
     - Secondary: Hedges
   - **Farming - Crops:**
     - Primary: Rough grazing
     - Secondary: Pasture
   - **Woodland/ Trees:**
     - Primary: None
     - Secondary: Isolated trees
   - **Hydrology:**
     - Primary: Drainage ditch
     - Secondary: None
   - **Communications:**
     - Primary: None
     - Secondary: Distributor; Unclassified/ lane

4. **Predominant adjacent landscape features:**
   - Primary: Agricultural
   - Secondary: None
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Area D 26: Prestwick Carr (South)

5. Landmarks and views within the area:
   Positive - None
   Neutral - Former pit heap (grassed mound)
   Negative - Former colliery buildings

6. Landmarks and views outside the area:
   Positive - Prestwick Carr Woodland; Dinnington Village (west)
   Neutral - Mayfair House; Airport
   Negative - None

7. Local detail and character:
   - Mostly flat marshy/rough grassland with drainage ditches and area of sloping pasture to southern section. Fairly rigid/engineered field pattern, although mostly low visibility as fences only.

8. Character Elements:
   Scale - Medium  Enclosure - Open
   Variety - Simple  Harmony - Balanced
   Movement - Quiet  Texture - Managed/Rough
   Colour - Muted  Rarity - Ordinary/Unusual
   Security - Safe  Stimulus - Bland
   Pleasure - Unpleasant/Pleasant  General Condition - Average

9. Heritage Value:
   - Weak
   Notes: Remnants of colliery building and reclaimed pit heap

10. Ecology Value:
    - Average/Strong
    Notes: Most of area is SNCI; Wildlife corridor

11. Topography:
    General groundform - Flat
    Aspect - None
    Local Topographical Name - Prestwick Carr
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Area D 26: Prestwick Carr (South)

12. Additional comments:
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Area D 27: Moorey Spot

1. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**
   Traditional agricultural landscape of informal field pattern with hedges and hedgerow trees centred around the low crest of Toft Hill; mainly arable and horsiculture; average condition, and average ecology and heritage value.

2. **Quality rating** - Neutral (17/27)  
   **Character strength** - Strong (18/26)  
   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS)** - No

3. **Predominant landscape features within the area:**

   **Buildings/ Structures:**  
   - Primary: Farm buildings  
   - Secondary: None

   **Heritage:**  
   - Primary: None  
   - Secondary: Vernacular buildings

   **Land Cover:**  
   - Primary: Farming  
   - Secondary: None

   **Farming - Enclosure:**  
   - Primary: Hedges  
   - Secondary: Fences

   **Notes:** Hawthorn hedges and some trees; mostly fair condition (gappy in places) and mostly maintained.

   **Farming - Crops:**  
   - Primary: Arable  
   - Secondary: Pasture

   **Notes:** Pasture mainly horses

   **Woodland/ Trees:**  
   - Primary: None  
   - Secondary: Mixed woodland; Shelterbelt; Hedgerow trees

   **Hydrology:**  
   - Primary: None  
   - Secondary: Pond; Drainage ditch

   **Communications:**  
   - Primary: Distributor  
   - Secondary: None
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Area D 27: Moorey Spot

4. Predominant adjacent landscape features:
   Primary - Agricultural
   Secondary - Residential; Airport

5. Landmarks and views within the area:
   Positive - Toft Hill; Moorey Spot Farm
   Neutral - None
   Negative - None

6. Landmarks and views outside the area:
   Positive - Extensive views over countryside to north and west; Prestwick Whins.
   Neutral - Airport; Dinnington Village
   Negative - None

7. Local detail and character:
   - Traditional field pattern with informal fields bounded by hawthorn hedges (largely intact) and hedgerow trees

8. Character Elements:
   Scale - Small/Medium
   Variety - Simple
   Movement - Quiet
   Colour - Muted
   Security - Safe
   Pleasure - Pleasant
   Enclosure - Open
   Harmony - Balanced
   Texture - Managed
   Rarity - Ordinary
   Stimulus - Interesting
   General Condition - Average

9. Heritage Value: - Average

10. Ecology Value: - Average

Notes: SLCI (pond)
11. Topography:
   General groundform - Hilltop
   Aspect - All
   Local Topographical Name - Toft Hill

12. Additional comments:
   Clear views of airport from southern half
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Area D 273: Brunswick Village

1. **OVERALL CLASSIFICATION:**
   Fairly interesting residential area with large industrial estate to western end; originally a 19th century pit village of small brick terraces in rural setting although now dominated by mid-late 20th century housing (mainly council links/semis); the industrial estate is almost as large as the housing areas, and is mid 20th century onward containing a range of sizes, types and ages of unit; average overall condition and average-strong heritage value; there are a number of characterful 19th century community buildings, and a fairly large recreational area; vegetation impact low but the area is still rural fringe & has some views of this.

2. **Quality rating** - Neutral (14/19)  
   **Character strength** - Moderate (5/9)  
   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS)** - No

3. **Predominant land uses within area:**
   Residential with some Industrial  
   **Predominant Ages** - 1920-1960 with some 1800- post 2000  
   **General Condition** - average  
   **Refurbished** - unaltered

4. **Predominant adjacent land uses:**
   Agricultural with some Residential  
   **Predominant Ages** - 1960-1980  
   **General Condition** - average/good  
   **Refurbished** - unaltered

5. **Access networks:**
   Trunk Road; Distributor; Residential
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6. Landmarks and views within the area:
   - Positive
     - St Cuthberts Church; Stone Building (now fireplace showroom); Aged Miners Cottages.
   - Neutral
     - Brunswick Industrial Estate
   - Negative
     - Pylon line

7. Landmarks and views outside the area:
   - Positive
     - Open countryside views; Big Waters lakes.
   - Neutral
     - None
   - Negative
     - Western bypass; Airport flight path.

8. Urban Form:
   - Grain: Fine/Medium
   - Built Scale: Small/Medium
   - Sense of Place: Average/Strong
   - Image: Industrial Village

   Notes: Industrial estate on larger scale, houses small

9. Main Residential building types:
   - Terrace; semi-detached; Link

   Main Non-Residential building types:
   - Small Scale Industrial/Factory Units with some Large Scale Industrial.

10. Local detail and character:
    - Small brick-built victorian miners terraces with open grassed front street; 1940’s/50’s council estate; small scale later additions.

11. Heritage Value:
    - Average/Strong

    Notes: Area has not lost sense of being a pit village

12. Character:
    - Movement: Quiet
    - Safety: Safe
    - Consistency of character: Fragmented
    - Colour: Muted
    - Stimulus: Bland/Interesting
13. Visual impact of vegetation:
   - Trees: Low
   - Hedges: Low/Medium
   - Other: None
   - Shrubs: Low
   - Grass: Medium
   - Streets with Street Trees: None

14. Ecology:
   - Average
   - UDP Wildlife Corridor: Yes to West

15. Topography:
   - General groundform: Gentle Slope
   - Aspect: North
   - Local Topographical Name: None

16. Open spaces and other unbuilt areas:
   - Main types of Open Space: Incidental Open Space with some Sportsfield; Verges
   - Significance of Public Open Space: Low/Medium
   - Significance of Private Open Space: Low
   - Degree of linking of Main Open Spaces: Low/Medium

17. Additional information:
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<td>Increase size of individual units/building mass on industrial estate</td>
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<td>Retain character of original terraces, brick outbuildings, brick boundary walls, e.g. Sandy Lane</td>
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<td>Construct large parking areas to industrial estate</td>
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<td>Retain pedestrian only frontages to terraces and enhance with planting, e.g. Walter Street, Mason Street</td>
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<td>Opportunity for tree planting to grass verges and incidental open space, e.g. Sandy Lane, Hawthorn Avenue, Brookside Avenue, Dene Avenue estate</td>
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<td>Retain rural character of lane to Big Waters Nature Reserve</td>
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<td>Upgrade and integrate recreation ground with equipment, fencing, signage planting etc suited to semi–rural location</td>
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**Zone Guidance:** Strengthen individual character of former mining settlements – Brunswick and Hazlerigg. Name signs
Area D 274: Dinnington Main Road

1. **OVERALL CLASSIFICATION:**
   Boring suburban-style residential area of drab 1940's/50's brick-built council semis (& some post-2000 private detached housing), although actually in rural village setting, and largely surrounded by agricultural Green Belt; area includes a school and a recreation ground; average-poor condition, weak sense of place and heritage value, with somewhat unsettling feel, low vegetation impact and monochrome/muted appearance.

2. **Quality rating** - Low (5/19)  **Character strength** - Moderate (6/9)
   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS)** - No

3. **Predominant land uses within area:**
   - Residential
   **General Condition** - poor/average
   **Refurbished** - unaltered
   *Notes: Some council houses have had a brick skin added - has done nothing to improve their appearance*

4. **Predominant adjacent land uses:**
   - Agricultural with some Residential
   **General Condition** - average/good
   **Refurbished** - unaltered

5. **Access networks:**
   - Distributor; Residential

6. **Landmarks and views within the area:**
   - **Positive** - Recreation ground; Dinnington First School.
   - **Neutral** - Garage
   - **Negative** - CIU Club building
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15. Topography:
   General groundform - Flat
   Local Topographical Name - None
   Aspect - None

16. Open spaces and other unbuilt areas:
   Main types of Open Space - Gardens; Incidental Open Space; Sportsfield
   Significance of Public Open Space - Low/Medium
   Significance of Private Open Space - Low
   Degree of linking of Main Open Spaces - Medium

17. Additional information:
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Area D 275: Dinnington: Mitford Way

1. **OVERALL CLASSIFICATION:**
   Quiet suburban residential area comprising fairly uniform, monochrome and typical 1960’s private housing (detached, semis and bungalows) which although set in rural green belt location has little connection with it beyond some limited perimeter views; good overall condition, medium vegetation impact but weak heritage value.

2. **Quality rating** - Weak (8/19)  
   **Character strength** - Strong (9/9)  
   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS)** - No

3. **Predominant land uses within area:**
   Residential  
   **Predominant Ages** - 1960-1980  
   **General Condition** - good  
   **Refurbished** - unaltered

4. **Predominant adjacent land uses:**
   Residential; Agricultural  
   **Predominant Ages** - 1920-1960 with some 1800-1920  
   **General Condition** - average  
   **Refurbished** - unaltered

5. **Access networks:**
   Residential

6. **Landmarks and views within the area:**
   **Positive** - None  
   **Neutral** - None  
   **Negative** - None
7. Landmarks and views outside the area:
   Positive - Views over rural area to west + south; Dinnington church.
   Neutral - None
   Negative - None

8. Urban Form:
   Grain - Fine/Medium
   Sense of Place - Weak/Average

   Built Scale - Medium
   Image - Suburban

9. Main Residential building types:

   - Detached; Semi-detached; Bungalow

   Main Non-Residential building types:

   - None

10. Local detail and character:

    - Typical 1960’s private estate, grey/buff brick, white timberwork, concrete roof tiles, open plan fronts. Nondescript.

11. Heritage Value:

    - Weak

12. Character:

    Movement - Dead/Quiet
    Safety - Safe

    Colour - Monochrome/Muted
    Stimulus - Bland
    Consistency of character - Uniform

13. Visual impact of vegetation:

    Trees - Medium
    Hedges - Low/Medium
    Other - None

    Shrub - Low/Medium
    Grass - Medium

    Streets with Street Trees - None

14. Ecology:

    - Average

    UDP Wildlife Corridor - None
15. Topography:
   General groundform - Gentle Slope  Aspect - North
   Local Topographical Name - None

16. Open spaces and other unbuilt areas:
   Main types of Open Space - Gardens; Incidental Open Space with some Verges
   Significance of Public Open Space - Low
   Significance of Private Open Space - Medium
   Degree of linking of Main Open Spaces - Medium/High

17. Additional information:
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Dinnington Old Village

1. **OVERALL CLASSIFICATION:**
   Very interesting rural residential village in hilltop location and with substantial open space; comprises original stone-built agricultural village with later brick built mining terraces and some late 20th century private infill development; houses mainly detached with some terraces; numerous notable community buildings, mainly victorian; good condition, strong sense of place and heritage value, average-strong ecology value and medium vegetation impact (especially trees).

2. **Quality rating - Positive (18/19)  Character strength - Strong (9/9)**
   **Area of Local Townscape Significance (ALTS) - Yes**

3. **Predominant land uses within area:**
   Residential; Open Space
   **General Condition** - good
   **Refurbished** - unaltered

4. **Predominant adjacent land uses:**
   Agricultural with some Residential
   **General Condition** - average
   **Refurbished** - unaltered

5. **Access networks:**
   Distributor; Residential
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6. **Landmarks and views within the area:**
   - **Positive**
     - Mason Arms; White Swan; Bay Horse; Dinnington Church; Hall and Institute; Mason Farm; March Terrace (@ West); Youth Club (Old Chapel).
   - **Neutral**
     - Post Office etc; Health Centre/Library.
   - **Negative**
     - Londis shop

7. **Landmarks and views outside the area:**
   - **Positive**
     - Views to open countryside around
   - **Neutral**
     - None
   - **Negative**
     - Former Colliery buildings

8. **Urban Form:**
   - **Grain** - Fine
   - **Built Scale** - Medium
   - **Sense of Place** - Strong
   - **Image** - Rural

   **Notes:** Agricultural village with later mining additions

9. **Main Residential building types:**
   - Detached

10. **Main Non-Residential building types:**
    - Small Scale Retail; PH/Hotel/Restaurant.

11. **Local detail and character:**
    - Originally stone built village with village green, with later brick along Prestwick Road.

12. **Heritage Value:**
    - Strong

13. **Character:**
    - **Movement** - Quiet
    - **Safety** - Safe
    - **Consistency of character** - Uniform
    - **Colour** - Muted
    - **Stimulus** - Interesting/Invigorating
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13. Visual impact of vegetation:
   - Trees: Medium/High
   - Hedges: Low
   - Other: None
   - Shrubs: Low/Medium
   - Grass: Medium
   - Streets with Street Trees: None

14. Ecology:
   - Average/Strong
   - UDP Wildlife Corridor: Prestwick Carr to north

15. Topography:
   - General groundform: Hilltop
   - Local Topographical Name: None
   - Aspect: West; North-West; North

16. Open spaces and other unbuilt areas:
   - Main types of Open Space:
     - Gardens; Incidental Open Space with some Verges; Allotments
   - Significance of Public Open Space: Medium
   - Significance of Private Open Space: Medium
   - Degree of linking of Main Open Spaces: High

17. Additional information:
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