

Appendix 4

LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT NOTES

SITE REF SEEND - SITE 03

LOCATION Land adjacent to Bowerhill / between dismantled railway and canal.

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DESKTOP BASELINE - Designations, PROW'S, Features, Historic, Cultural Associations, Ecological constraints / features (on site and adjacent if relevant)

PROWs SEEN17 (Bridleway) to the west, SEEN 13 (Bridleway) to the east, MELW45 (bridleway to the north and SEEN52 (Recreational Route) along the canal towpath to the south.

No listed buildings in the area and no overarching landscape designations.

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER TYPE (National / Regional / Local)

NCA 117 Avon Vales

Landscape Character of Wiltshire (Wiltshire LCA LUC Dec 2005) – 12b Avon Open Clay Vale

LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY OF THE SITE	High	Med	Low
LANDSCAPE VALUE OF THE SITE	High	Med	Low

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Very open farmland on southern edge of larger housing area. Some undulations to the northern edge of the site which may be related to dismantled railway / embankment. Hedges to the outer edge of the field.

OVERALL SENSITIVITY OF THE SITE landscape effects

High Med Low

VISUAL BASELINE extent of view / ZVI / key elements

Extensive visibility to the wider landscape (looking <u>out</u> of the site) and very visible <u>from</u> the elevated land to the south. Clearly visible from the canal.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY	High	Med	Low
OVERALL LANDSCAPE CAPACITY FOR DEVELOPMENT	High	Med	Low

Development of this site in isolation would be wholly incongruous and harmful to the wider landscape character. It would cause significant harm to the very sensitive receptors using the adjacent PROW network.

STEP 6: MITIGATION possibility / type / potential for success / key elements to address

Primary mitigation i.e. avoid development.