

Appendix 5: Landscape Baseline and Sensitivity				
Landscape Character Area or Type	Baseline Description	Landscape Value ►	Susceptibility to Change ►	Overall Sensitivity of Receptor
Landscape Character Areas (Published Sources)				
Natural England, National Landscape Character Area No.37: Yorkshire Southern Pennine Fringe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A transitional landscape dissected by steep-sided valleys, dropping from the high gritstone hills in the west to lower land in the east. Treeless hill tops with tracts of rough grazing and extensive areas of enclosed pasture to the west, but with broadleaved woodland on steeper valley sides, giving the impression of a well-wooded landscape. Predominantly pastoral farmland. Boundary features that change from distinctive patterns of drystone walls on the upland hills. Close conjunction between rural landscapes and the rich industrial heritage of the urban areas. Extensive and dramatic views from higher land out over lower-lying land to the east, even from within urban areas. 	Medium within the study area	Medium	Medium
The Kirklees District Landscape Character Assessment (July 2015) Type LCA E1: Homefirth - Meltham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Moorland. Field boundary trees and shelter belts. Small to medium-scale regular pattern of grassland pastures enclosed by gritstone walls or hedgerows. Isolated remnants of species-rich grasslands . Concentration of listed buildings; . Groups of dwellings clustered into hamlets and small villages. . The elevated nature of the landscape affords long views across the valley settlements. Pockets of relative tranquillity enhanced in the west due to the proximity and intervisibility with the Peak District National Park. 	Medium within the study area	Medium	Medium
Kirklees District Council Local Landscape Character Assessment 2015/Planit Assessment – Area 1 Traditional Farming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional farming. occasional trees. field boundaries. long views. managed grassland. 	Medium within the study area	Medium	Medium
Kirklees District Council Local Landscape Character Assessment 2015/Planit Assessment – Area 2 Industrial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial firework factory compound, access roads grass and scrub. 	Low	Low	Low
Planit Assessment – Area 3 Managed recreational land and small scale agricultural fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> managed recreational land associated with the Fireworks Factory and small-scale agricultural fields used for with grazing, which are bounded by stone walls; and strong urban influences. 	Medium	Low	Medium/Low
Planit Assessment – Area 4 Valley Crest, Old Quarry and grazing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sloping and undulating land around the upper slope. Footpaths and long distant views. Former quarry. Grassland and grazing. 	Medium	Medium	Medium
Site Features				
Landform	The site occupies a sloping upper hillside Crosland Hill, its lowest point located in the north east and south-east corner, rising up to west corner at its highest point.	Medium	Medium	Medium
Trees and Hedgerows	Trees are limited to field boundary hedgerows. Information to be added from tree survey.	Medium	Medium	Medium
Public Rights of Way	A public right of way crosses the site within the northern field. A network of public rights of way is located to the north of the site crossing Crosland Hill.	Medium	Medium	Medium
Medium sized contained fields	The site comprises a strong medium sized field pattern to the west and east.	Medium	Medium	Medium
Stone Walls	Grit stone walls were used historically within the sub-division of the factory	Medium	Medium	Medium

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Appendix 6: Landscape Effects Table: Description of Change, Magnitude and Significance									
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Landscape Character Areas (Published Sources)									
Natural England, National Landscape Character Area No.37: Yorkshire Southern Pennine Fringe	<u>All periods:</u> Local changes will not affect this extensive character.	--	Medium	--	--	--	No change	--	--
Cumulative Impact Comments	<u>All periods:</u> Cumulative changes would not be perceived within the wider extensive character	-	Medium	-	Even with the cumulative effects, the changes are relatively localised within the large character area	-	No Change	-	-
The Kirklees District Landscape Character Assessment (July 2015) Type LCA E1: Homefirth - Meltham	<u>All periods:</u> Local changes will not affect this extensive character.	--	Medium	--	--	--	No change	--	--
Cumulative Impact Comments	<u>All periods:</u> Cumulative changes would not be perceived within the wider extensive character	-	Medium	-	Even with the cumulative effects, the changes are relatively localised within the large character area	-	No Change	-	-
Kirklees District Council Local Landscape Character Assessment 2015/Planit Assessment – Area 1 Traditional Farming	<u>All periods:</u> Development on the within Area 1 replace agricultural fields with development. Retention of hedgerows where possible and the creation of additional woodland, hedgerow and tree planting within and surrounding the proposed development will help mitigate impacts. Whilst the proposals will remove some of the open fields to the west of Crosland Hill, large areas/open space corridors will be retained throughout the masterplan proposals.	New tree, hedgerow and woodland planting and retention of open space corridors.	Medium	Moderate	Localised changes within the character area	Long-term Permanent	Moderate	Direct Adverse	Moderately significant
Cumulative Impact Comments	<u>All periods:</u> Development on the edge of Crosland Hill will replace agricultural fields with development. Retention of hedgerows where possible and the creation of additional woodland, hedgerow and tree planting within and surrounding the proposed development will help mitigate impacts. Whilst the proposals will remove some of the open fields to the west of Crosland Hill, large areas/open space corridors will be retained throughout the masterplan proposals.	New tree, hedgerow and woodland planting.	Medium	Moderate	Even with the cumulative effects, the changes are restricted to the western side of the settlement, representing a small proportion of the wider area	Long-term Permanent	Moderate	Direct Adverse	Moderately significant
Kirklees District Council Local Landscape Character Assessment 2015/Planit Assessment – Area 2 Industrial	<u>All periods:</u> Any change within this character area would be more integrated into the site context than the existing factory buildings, particularly with a comprehensive network of landscape and open space.	New tree, hedgerow and woodland planting.	Low	Negligible	Localised changes within an adjacent character area	Long-term Permanent	Negligible	Neutral	Not Significant
Cumulative Impact Comments	<u>All periods:</u> No physical change to this character area. Development visible from some viewpoints within the character area.	New tree, hedgerow and woodland planting.	High	Negligible	Localised changes within an adjacent character area	Long-term Permanent	Negligible	Neutral	Not Significant

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Planit Assessment – Area 3 Managed recreational land and small scale agricultural fields	<u>All periods:</u> Development will replace agricultural fields with the proposals. Retention of hedgerows where possible, retention of open space and new tree planting within and surrounding the proposed development will help mitigate impacts. Whilst the proposals will remove some of the open fields to the between the existing factory area and the village the quality of the design within this location will sympathetically integrate into the setting of the village.	New tree, hedgerow and woodland planting and retention of open space	Medium/Low	Moderate	Localised changes within an adjacent character area	Long-term Permanent	Moderate	In-direct Adverse	Moderately significant
Cumulative Impact Comments	<u>All periods:</u> No physical change to this character area. Development visible from some viewpoints within the character area	New tree, hedgerow and woodland planting.	Medium	Negligible	Localised changes within an adjacent character area	Long-term Permanent	Negligible	In-direct Adverse	Not Significant
Planit Assessment – Area 4 Valley Crest, Old Quarry and grazing	<u>All periods:</u> No development will take place within the local character area itself. Given the presence of isolated areas of development at the existing factory site, this is not necessarily uncharacteristic within the receiving landscape, particularly if the development is designed to incorporate the design features described opposite.	There are a number of important design features which would mean that the removal of this landscape component would not be considered uncharacteristic when set within the receiving landscape. These include: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a significant green buffer will remain between the footpath and the new housing, with retained views across the valley; the proposed housing design aims is designed to allow visual permeability through the development, along village lanes; buildings would incorporate local architectural features of quality and value, currently present within rural context of Huddersfield, in terms of form and materials, and will therefore form a positive addition to the view, set within a strong landscape framework; the road infrastructure is de-engineered to create a simple, country lane and courtyard character. 	Medium	Slight	Localised changes within an adjacent character area	Long-term Permanent	Moderate	In-direct Adverse	Not significant
Site or Local Features									
Landform	<u>During Construction:</u> landscape impacts of remodelling ground levels/cut and fill operations	N/A	Medium	Moderate	Local	Short/Medium term temporary	Negligible	Direct Adverse	Not Significant
	<u>All other periods:</u> Minor earth moving to create new building platforms, roads, car parking, attenuation ponds and footpaths.	Carefully graded slopes.	Medium	Slight	Local	Long-term Permanent	Negligible	Direct Adverse	Not Significant
Cumulative Impact Comments	<u>During Construction:</u> landscape impacts of remodelling ground levels/cut and fill operations	N/A	Medium	Moderate	Local – changes to landform would not be perceived from the wider area	Short/ Medium term temporary	Slight	Direct Adverse	Not Significant
	<u>All other periods:</u> in cumulative terms there will be moderate earth moving to create new building platforms, roads, car parking, attenuation ponds and footpaths.	Carefully graded slopes to retain overall land form and nestle development into hillside.	Medium	Moderate	Local – changes to landform would not be perceived from the wider area	Long-term Permanent	Slight	Direct Adverse	Not Significant

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Trees and Hedgerows	<u>During Construction:</u> landscape impacts of constructing roads and utilities	Utilising BS standard construction techniques.	Medium	Slight	Local	Short/ Medium term temporary	Negligible	Direct Adverse	Not Significant
	<u>All other periods:</u> Small areas of planting would be removed to accommodate buildings, roads, footpath infrastructure. New woodland, trees and hedgerows planted within and around the proposed development.	New tree, hedgerow and woodland planting.	Medium	Slight	Local	Long-term Permanent	Slight	Direct Adverse	Not Significant
Cumulative Impacts	No additional cumulative impacts.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Rights of Way	<u>During Construction:</u> No impacts	Diversions routes provided	Medium	Slight	Local	Short/ Medium term temporary	Negligible	Direct Benefit	Significant
	<u>All other periods:</u> Visual impacts are considered separately. The proposals would result in significant improvement to the footpath networks in terms of improved surfacing and additional connectivity	New tree, hedgerow and woodland planting. Improved footpaths, and creation of new footpaths within green avenues.	Medium	Moderate	Local	Long-term Permanent	Moderate	Direct Benefit	Significant
Cumulative Impacts	No additional cumulative impacts.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Landscape Features – Medium sized contained fields	<u>During Construction:</u> loss of fields during construction.	Temporary screening	Medium	Moderate	Local	Short/ Medium term temporary	Moderate	Direct Adverse	Moderately significant
	<u>All other periods:</u> Whilst the overall field pattern will be lost, a green buffer has been retained between the edge of the development and Felks Stile Rd, as well as a retained Linear Park through the site. Moreover, the use of rural design principles and more organic edge would help to create a more sympathetic relationship between the proposed development and the rural setting. On this basis, the change is not substantially uncharacteristic within the receiving landscape.	A green buffer has been retained between the edge of the development and Felks Stile Rd. Moreover, the use of rural design principles and more organic edge would help to create a more sympathetic relationship between the proposed development and the rural setting.	Medium	Moderate	Some of the cumulative change would be perceived from the distant footpaths to the south at Castle Hill.	Long-term Permanent	Moderate	Direct Adverse	Moderately significant
Cumulative Impact Comments	<u>During Construction:</u> impact on open fields.	Temporary screening	Medium	Moderate	Local	Short/ Medium term temporary	Moderate	Direct Adverse	Moderately significant
Stone Walls	<u>During Construction:</u> loss of some walls during construction, but retention where possible.	Retention and re-use of material	Medium	Moderate	Local	Short/ Medium term temporary	Negligible	Neutral	Not significant
	<u>All other periods:</u> removed walls would be re-used within the development.	New walls constructed with retained materials.	Medium	Moderate	Local	Long-term Permanent	Negligible	Neutral	Not significant

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