AIREBOROUGH
Landscape Value and Sensitivity

Workshop no 1
PURPOSE OF STUDY

Improve understanding of the open spaces of Aireborough and how they shape the character of the settlements
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Build up a picture of spatial subdivisions and an objective record of the qualities that define each ‘unit’.
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Assess the sensitivity to change in each unit that would take place if built development were to take place on part or all of it.
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Use the findings of the study to inform the Neighbourhood Plan and, through its influence, seek the best deal for Aireborough in Leeds City Council’s strategic plans.
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Formulate some design principles that will guide those responsible for development and change, so that Aireborough’s distinctive character is safeguarded and enhanced over time.
HOW YOU CAN HELP

Survey: look, question and judge

Report findings and debate conclusions
Development not to encroach northwards into the Irthing Valley

Detailed assessment of Hadrian’s Wall Buffer Zone and impact on Brampton Ridge

Protect openness and visibility of Brampton Ridge and Motte

No development to creep onto high ground

Some potential on good level ground but edge treatment and approach to town require detailed assessment and skilful design.

Very limited infill subject to detailed appraisal

Detailed assessment of accessibility and visibility of high ground likely to limit opportunities

Development on or south of shallow ridge likely to impact visually over a large area and impair skyline of town.

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Green = Traditional Moors
Pinks = Traditional Settlements
Oranges = Infill estates
1. **Appearance:** Is the land scenically attractive in itself? (Scenic – a pleasing view of open land) (please tick a point between the two ends of each box that is relevant to your view on all questions on the survey with this format)

- Beautiful
- Gentle
- Uplifting
- Ugly
- Dramatic
- Depressing

**Area of land (as referenced on your map):**

- [ ] Beautiful
- [ ] Gentle
- [ ] Uplifting
- [ ] Ugly
- [ ] Dramatic
- [ ] Depressing
2. Usage: a) Is the land currently in active use? (include farming) (tick the relevant boxes)

By others  ✔ Yes all of it  ○ Part of it  ○ No
By you or your family  ○ Yes all of it  ○ Part of it  ✔ No

Short description of use and users
Grazing of horses, commercial livery

b) Do you consider this use/uses to be beneficial or detrimental to the ‘character’ of Aireborough?

Beneficial  Detrimental
3. Setting: a) How would you describe the area surrounding the land?

(tick one) 〇 Built up all round 〇 Open countryside 〇 Edge of town

Noisy 〇 〇 Quiet

Bustling 〇 〇 Tranquil

b) How would you describe the topography? (tick one)

〇 Slope 〇 Undulating 〇 Flat 〇 Hollow

By car: 〇 Yes 〇 No

On foot: 〇 Yes 〇 No

c) Is there public right of access to the land?

By car: 〇 Yes 〇 No

On foot: 〇 Yes 〇 No

d) What part does vegetation (e.g. trees, hedgerows, scrub etc) play in the character of the

Enhances it 〇 〇 Detracts from it

Include a short description of how and why

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d) Are there other notable natural or man-made features that give character to the area or its setting eg rocks, stone walls, lanes, gradients, copse (Note the features, pictures may be useful)

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4. Visibility: Is the land overlooked, is it a viewpoint, can views be seen from the land? (tick one of each pair)
   - Overlooked by many houses
   - Overlooked from roads
   - A viewpoint
   - A point that is highly visible from many places
   - Few or no buildings overlook
   - Not overlooked from roads
   - Secluded
   - Hidden away
5. **Hydrology:** a) What water features does the land have (eg watercourses, ponds, boggy ground)?

Short description: ---------------------------------------------------------------

b) Does this natural or artificial water features play a significant part in the character and condition of all or part of the land?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

If yes, explain how and why in a few words  ______________________________________

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6. **Biodiversity:** To your knowledge does this land have any animal/or bird habitats or contain any uncommon plant or tree species? (Write in what you know, an Ecologist will explore further)

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7. **Cultural & Historic Traces:** Are there obvious historic relics on the land? Do you know about any history associated with it? Do you know anything of the historic use of the site?

   Write in Historic features identified .................................................................

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   Any other historic information (include source if known) .................................................................

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REPORT BACK
Workshop no 2, 2nd April

Debate sensitivity and design principles