

Appendix C : Landscape Value

**M1 JUNCTION 19 IMPROVEMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT VOLUME 2
CHAPTER 4 LANDSCAPE**



**CAPACITY AND SENSITIVITY METHODOLOGY
LANDSCAPE VALUE WORKSHEET**

FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	LEVEL	SCENIC VALUE	TRANQUILLITY	SENSITIVITY
DESIGNATIONS	<p>No landscape designation assigned to landscape immediately surrounding the junction and approaching roads / motorways. Wooded parkland around Stanford Hall, listed on the National Parks and Gardens register, contributes to the value of the landscape east of Swinford.</p> <p>Its setting is already affected to some extent by the presence of major roads and lighting. Tree belts on the southern perimeter do provide some protection from the A14.</p>	LEVEL: National for Stanford Hall parkland			Medium
SCENIC VALUE	<p>In terms of landscape quality the existing landscape is characterised by gently rolling farmland of 'good' to 'ordinary' quality as defined by the DMRB criteria set out in Appendix B. 'Good' pockets of landscape occur where the combination of undulating topography and a stronger hedgerow pattern with more field trees creates a more enclosed pastoral landscape of smaller scale which reduces the influence of the neighbouring transport network.</p>	<p>SCENIC VALUE: Landscapes to the north-west and south-east of the junction are more open and defined as 'Ordinary'. 'Good' pockets of landscape include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • landscape in proximity to Swinford, particularly to the south-west of the village where the strong pattern of unclipped hedgerows and hedgerow trees creates a pastoral scene • areas between Shawell and the M6 motorway corridor to the south-east where a strong hedgerow field pattern and narrow, hedged roads with hedgerow trees are prevalent • an area to the south and west of Tomley Hall Farm where individual mature field trees impart a 'parkland' character • landscape to the north of Lilbourne (in proximity to the River Avon corridor), contained by rising ground to the north and west and areas of woodland; the distinctive Motte and Bailey landform is a focal point of this area 			Low
TRANQUILLITY	<p>Existing heavily trafficked junction and lighting means that the general area is not tranquil at present, though some of the more enclosed, smaller scale landscape can be relatively tranquil – depending on prevailing wind direction.</p>	<p>TRANQUILLITY: In general tranquillity has already been lost. The rural character of some of the more enclosed areas would be important to local walkers and equestrians. The introduction of quieter road surfaces for the motorways and trunk roads would result in a 'slight benefit'. Off-site planting and roadside hedges planted as accommodation works would be helpful in addition to the planting shown on the Environmental Masterplan</p>			Low
SUMMARY	<p>An area already affected and disturbed by major roads but the surrounding landscape and nearby communities are afforded protection by mature vegetation which integrates the junction into the surrounding landscape and provides screening. The character of the surrounding landscape is dependant upon the pattern of hedges and hedgerow trees which in some areas, such as south-west of Swinford, create a smaller scale more attractive landscape and help to screen the highways. There are some cultural elements important to the landscape value.</p>				Low