

APPENDIX 5.4E: LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE (SOUTH HOLLAND) – CHARACTER AREAS

5.4.1 This appendix assesses predicted residual effects on landscape character in the detailed study area and should be read in conjunction with **Figure 5.6c**.

Potential Impact on Landscape Character					Potential Effect			
South Holland Landscape Character Assessment (2003)	Ref	Landscape Quality	Landscape Value	Landscape Sensitivity	Description of Impact	Nature of Effect	Magnitude	Residual Significance
The Settled Fens	N/A (Ecotricity Ref 'S;)	Average – ranging from 'Good' (farmland) to 'Poor' (urban clutter)	No data	Medium	The landscape character area is situated over 7km to the south of the site. Although there may be broad theoretical visibility of the proposed wind park within the LCA, it lies beyond the predicted zone of characterising effects of the wind park. The character of the landscape within the character area would be relatively unaffected – see Photomontage 17 .	Indirect / Reversible	Negligible	Negligible
Peaty Fens	N/A (Ecotricity Ref 'P')	Good	No data	Medium	Located over 7km to the south of the nearest proposed turbine. The character area lies beyond the predicted zone of characterising effects; the character of the landscape within the LCA would be relatively unaffected.	Indirect / Reversible	Negligible	Negligible

* outline evaluation of landscape sensitivity to wind energy development based on the approach set out in Appendix 5.1: Landscape and Visual Assessment Methodology

Notes:

Assessment includes potential changes to landscape character in winter during both construction and operation stages

The predicted zone of characterising effects of the wind park would extend to approximately 1km from the nearest proposed turbine where visibility of the development exists, in other words within the ZTV, as set out in Chapter 5: Landscape and Visual

Potential indirect impacts on other character units in the wider study area would be negligible due to their distance from the site in excess of 5km