

## **APPENDIX 5.C – VIEWPOINT DESCRIPTIONS**

### **5.6.1 Viewpoint A – View southeast from urban edge of Mansfield**

This viewpoint represents a wide panorama looking south east from the urban edge of Mansfield adjacent to Girton Court. Views into the application site are filtered by hedgerow planting along the Old Newark Road. Rainworth village can be seen on the skyline to the east and Lindhurst Cottages are also visible to the south. New properties on Cambourne Place are illustrated at the extreme right of the image. The area has a neglected feel being unmanaged and appears to be used by residents for walking.

### **5.6.2 Viewpoint B – View south from Old Newark Road/Redruth Drive**

This shows a close range view into the site from the Old Newark Road which delineates the southern extent of Mansfield. Buffer planting along the MARR effectively splits the site into two and traffic can be seen on elevated sections of the new road. The site itself is a large expanse of arable land. Boggs Cottages and Fir's Farm are visible reference points with Harlow wood forming the horizon to the south west.

### **5.6.3 Viewpoint C – View south from Old Newark Road/Bellamy Road**

Taken further west than viewpoint B this viewpoint demonstrates the effect of the undulating landform. Whilst properties on Old Newark Road have clear views into the site in their immediate locality, views across much of the site are obscured by a ridge which extends across the site from Fir's Farm towards the south east. The low clipped nature of the hedgerows contributes to the open nature of the landscape.

### **5.6.4 Viewpoint D – View east from public footpath**

This long view towards the east of the site is taken from an elevated position adjacent to the pedestrian crossing linking the east and west sections of Old Newark Road. The arable field adjacent to Old Newark Road is clearly visible although much of the site is screened from view by the ridgeline to the right of the image. The undulating topography gives the landscape a curvilinear appearance and the absence of hedgerow trees is particularly noticeable.

### **5.6.5 Viewpoint E – View west from public footpath**

Looking west along Old Newark Road the landscape is enclosed by the ridgeline which forms the horizon. The elevated position of properties on Chatsworth Drive provides them with close views into this part of the site. These properties do however

benefit from large gardens with mature planting. Trees on the skyline indicate the location of Fir's Farm which lies just out of view.

**5.6.6 Viewpoint F – View west from Black Scotch Lane**

This photograph is taken from the point where Black Scotch Lane emerges from Harlow Wood looking west. The view is enclosed by Harlow Wood which forms a strong edge to the south. The MARR is hidden by the ridgeline which forms the horizon. Black Scotch lane continues north, crossing the MARR to link with the urban edge of Mansfield.

**5.6.7 Viewpoint G – View east from Black Scotch Lane**

This view incorporates a large sweep of arable land extending from the MARR at 130 metres AOD to a local high point at 155 metres AOD adjacent to Lindhurst Farm. Open arable land covers most of the area with the MARR forming the northern extent of the view. The Lyndhurst Forest Stone is conspicuous in an otherwise relatively featureless landscape.

**5.6.8 Viewpoint H – View north from Harlow Wood**

This view illustrates the nature of the Harlow Woodland edge which incorporates Black Scotch Lane. The presence of bracken and gorse at the woodland edge contribute to the heath like character of the area. The woodland hedgerow planting comprised mainly of hawthorn allows filtered views into the site.

**5.6.9 Viewpoint I – View north from bridleway near Lindhurst Farm**

This photograph is taken from a local highpoint on the bridleway which extends east from Harlow Wood towards Lindhurst Farm. The view shows a wide panorama including the edge of Harlow Wood to the west, a reasonable extent of the site including the MARR and Firs Farm, and the urban edge of Mansfield extending east to Ratcher Hill on the horizon. This view encapsulates the typical character of the area with undulating landform, large woodland plantations and well managed large scale arable fields.

**5.6.10 Viewpoint J – View east from Harlow Wood**

This viewpoint just west of Viewpoint H shows the intersection between Black Scotch Lane and the public bridleway which links through to Lindhurst Lane. The intersection marks the eastern extent of Harlow Wood and offers glimpsed views through to the elevated part of the site adjacent to Lindhurst Farm at 155 metres AOD.

#### **5.6.11 Viewpoint K – View south from Lindhurst Lane**

Lindhurst Lane crosses the MARR close to a round-about, at a relatively high point directly south-east of Fir's Farm. From this vantage-point a large area of the application site south of the MARR can be observed. Planting to the north of Lindhurst Farm punctuates the skyline above the large scale arable landscape. The large expanse of Harlow Wood forms a strong edge towards the south-west and the MARR can be seen carving through the landscape towards the west.

#### **5.6.12 Viewpoint L – Cauldwell Road**

This shows the view from near the West Nottinghamshire College entrance looking east. The highest point of the application site is illustrated where the MARR is concealed by a large cutting. Harlow Wood forms the skyline to the south and Rushley Farm can be seen situated on a high ridge of arable land.

#### **5.6.13 Viewpoint M – A611 Derby Road**

The A611 'Derby Road' crosses the MARR at a point where it cuts through a ridge of high ground approximately 750 metres due west of the site. From this elevated position the high ridge of ground within the site forms the horizon in conjunction with Harlow Wood to the south. The MARR forms a continuous link stretching east through the landscape.

#### **5.6.14 Viewpoint N – Rushley Pumping Station**

This photograph taken from the western end of the site adjacent to Thieves Wood shows the view from the A60 'Nottingham Road'. Open arable land extends to the skyline to the north and east. There are few features of landscape interest in the view.

#### **5.6.15 Viewpoint O – Ricket Lane**

This viewpoint depicts the view north towards the site from Rickets Lane. An area of high ground within the application site is just visible on the skyline adjacent to Lindhurst Farm. Areas of woodland cover and grazing combine with the rolling landform to produce a relatively pastoral landscape.

#### **5.6.16 Viewpoint P – Robin Hood Way**

This shows the view from the Robin Hood Way long distance path just south of Providence Farm. Harlow Wood can be seen on the horizon to the north-west along

with Lindhurst Farm. A large field used for outdoor pig rearing can be seen running northwards towards the application site boundary.

**5.6.17 Viewpoint Q – Blidworth Lane**

This viewpoint is taken from Blidworth Lane looking north-west towards the site. Lindhurst Cottages are seen on the skyline with the urban edge of Mansfield extending across the horizon towards the east. Much of the site is effectively concealed by the topography. Rainworth Lakes SSSI can be seen depicted at a low point to the south-east of the site. Structural planting and the landform hide the A617 from view.

**5.6.18 Viewpoint R – Southwell Road East**

This photograph taken from Southwell Road East (B6020) near the settlement of Rainworth, looks west towards the site. The open nature of the arable farmland is reinforced by the low clipped hedgerows and the absence of hedgerow trees. The site area is hidden from view by the undulating topography.