

Pressures & Sensitivities

- ▶ This area is important to the setting of West Tanfield and the approach to the village from the south over Tanfield Bridge. Built form in this low-lying area with limited tree cover will impact upon the setting of West Tanfield and should be avoided.
- ▶ Pressures for change in the area are low and relate largely to the farming industry but also to river channel management.
- ▶ Footpath and riverbank erosion may result in further protection measures that will impact upon the river corridor.
- ▶ Loss and fragmentation of hedges to field boundaries and hedgerow trees.
- ▶ Intensive farming practices may impact upon water quality resulting in a change in the character of the river as a result of impact on biodiversity.

Guidelines

Aim: Protect and enhance the setting of West Tanfield and approaches to the village.

- ▶ Encourage the maintenance and reinstatement of roadside hedges and trees.
- ▶ Protect and enhance key views of the Marmion Tower and West Tanfield.
- ▶ Resist built development in this area particularly where it would impact on views.
- ▶ River management should be without detriment to the character of the river corridor. Bank erosion prevention measures are required to respect vernacular built form and should not impact upon wildlife.

Aim: To increase the diversity of land cover along the river corridor and enhance the wildlife value.

- ▶ Promote and enhance river stream channel diversity and marginal vegetation in accordance with Harrogate District Biodiversity Action Plan.
- ▶ Promote high standard of water quality in association with the Environment Agency.
- ▶ Encourage management and reinstatement of native riverside trees.