



Brackenfield Important Views Supporting Evidence

BRACKENFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Introduction

Brackenfield is a highly scenic area. The views are not only appreciated by those that live within the Plan area, but also those that visit the area and live in the adjoining parishes. A landscape of gently undulating fields and woodlands makes for a fine panorama when viewed from Higham, Shirland and Stretton.

Local landmarks such as Ogston Reservoir, Ogston Hall and Highoredish (lies just outside the Plan area) are impressive and contribute to the area's unique identity and history and the community's sense of place.

The Plan area also has a number of high quality vernacular buildings, the views to which are equally impressive and important to the community.

The Brackenfield Historic and Character Assessment identified views that are important to the character of the area, some of which were also identified by the community through the survey.

This report outlines the most important views in the Plan area, which the neighbourhood plan seeks to acknowledge and protect through Policy CH1.

Ref	V1
Location	Carr Lane, Brackenfield
Description	Dramatic views are offered from Carr Lane (close to its junction with School Lane) looking north east, incorporating a partial view of Ogston Reservoir and Higham ridgeline (Rykneld Street Roman Road). In winter, when not obscured by trees, this is an uninterrupted view of the reservoir.



Ref	V2
Location	Junction of School Lane and Carr Lane, Brakenfield
Description	Looking east, channeled views following the length of Church Lane, with the historic Church Hall in the foreground and Higham ridgeline in the distance. Rykneld Street (Higham Ridge) is a Roman Road and an important historic feature of the area. This view is important to Brackenfield's character, both historically and in terms of its connection to the rural landscape.



Ref	V3
Location	Junction of Butterfield Lane and Millers Lane
Description	On descending Millers Lane, at its junction with Butterfield Lane, this panoramic view is revealed. Grade II Listed Jacobean Broomhill Farm sits in the low ridgeline in the gently undulating landscape, which has remained unchanged for hundreds of years.



Ref	V4
Location	Brackenfield Green (southern edge)
Description	Looking north from the southern edge of the historic Green, an impressive view of Church Hall and its setting including the horse chestnuts planted for the Queen's Jubilee.



Ref	V5
Location	Bridleway west of Woolley
Description	Looking north east from the public bridleway connecting Woolley with Dark Lane. This is one of the finest panoramic views in the area, of rolling countryside, looking towards Woolley and Woolley Moor.



Ref	V6
Location	Ogston Reservoir, West Car Park
Description	This viewpoint, situated in the Severn Trent public car park and picnic area, offers a fine panoramic view over Ogston Reservoir and is the only publicly accessible point from which people can enjoy close proximity and uninterrupted views over the water. Bird watchers throughout the year frequently set up their telescopes to observe the wide range of resident and migrant birds. It provides a fine vantage point to observe the sailing community and their craft in action. In autumn, Ogston Hall can be glimpsed through its surrounding woodlands.



Southern aspect



Northern aspect

Ref	V7
Location	Butterfield Lane (near to junction with Millers Lane)
Description	Looking south west to Roadnook Farm (Grade II Listed) and the site of Wessington Manor (Norman manor house), which can be accessed via footpaths leading from Butterfield Lane and Millers Lane. Until the parish boundary changes of 1972, the Grade II listed barns, barracks and garden wall were in Brackenfield Parish and the boundary ran through Roadnook Farmhouse. In 1893 the Rev'd C.H Leacroft wrote: "When last we beat the bounds we walked through the manor house and put a boy through the window."



Ref	V8
Location	Butterfield Lane from field gate opposite the Old House
Description	Looking north west towards Highoredish, this is an excellent site from which to view spectacular sunsets and the moon, planets and stars in the night sky. Cold Harbour Lane on Highoredish, indicates its connection with Roman occupation and use as a wayside refuge for Roman military.



Ref	V9
Location	Ogston New Road
Description	Opposite Ogston Carr Woods, the trees on the east of the footpath thin out and provide for impressive views of Ogston Reservoir.



Ref	V10
Location	White Carr Lane (at footpath sign at start of the Hollow Way)
Description	Looking east, there is a clear view of Ogston Reservoir, framed by mature trees.



Ref	V11
Location	Plough Inn south west towards Bradgate Park (Leicestershire)
Description	Looking south towards Bradgate Park (childhood home of Lady Jane Grey). This is a significant view because it provides a line of sight to “Old Tom” the beacon hill in Bradgate Park. This is a chain of beacons from Plymouth to the Scottish borders. To this day, people gather at the Plough to watch the lighting of beacons to celebrate significant national events such as jubilees.



