Appendix A6 - Important Views

1. Footpath A26 from the ridgeline looking west towards Lubenham

From the ridgeline at the boundary of Welland ward, this elevated viewpoint provides extensive, uninterrupted views across open farmland towards Lubenham. The broad fields and open rural skyline give the landscape a strong sense of openness and provide a clear appreciation of the countryside beyond the town.

The view is valued for its scenic quality and its contribution to the rural setting of Market Harborough. It is experienced by people walking the public footpath and provides an opportunity to enjoy the surrounding countryside and appreciate the relationship between the town and its rural hinterland.



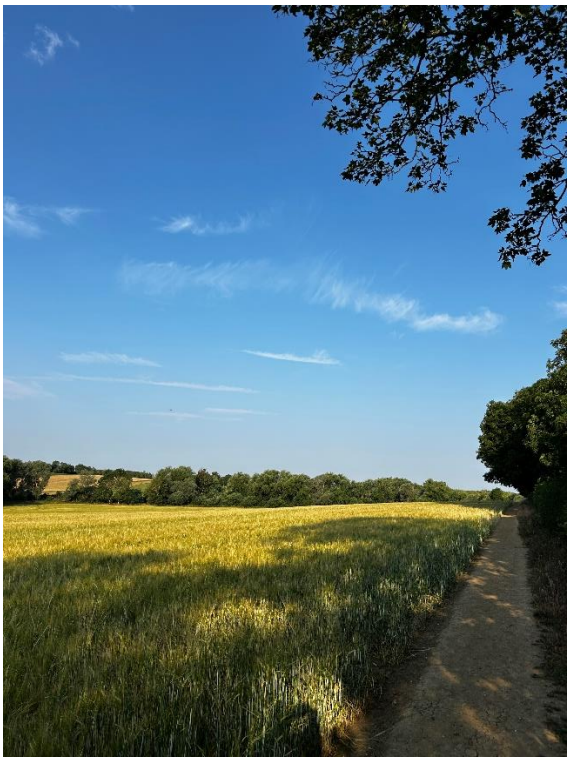


2a) Footpath A118 (AdamSmile) looking south and west towards open farmland

The AdamSmile route, and particularly the parallel path at the top of the embankment, provide views across open farmland, framed in places by mature trees and hedgerows. The changing views along the route offer a contrast to the surrounding residential development and a connection with the wider countryside.

AdamSmile was established following a local campaign in memory of a local teenager. It provides an accessible recreational route for walking and an opportunity to experience the area's landscape and natural environment. Its value therefore extends beyond the visual amenity of the farmland to its importance as a locally valued public path.





2b) Farndon Fields perimeter path from the storm attenuation pond looking west

From the perimeter path, the view extends across open grassland and meadow towards the surrounding tree-lined landscape. The open foreground, natural vegetation and relative absence of built features create a semi-rural setting within the urban fringe.

The view contributes to the enjoyment of the perimeter path, which is used for informal recreation, including walking and dog walking. The combination of open space, vegetation and views across the landscape provides a valued contrast to the adjoining housing and contributes to residents' enjoyment of the local green environment.



2c) Avant development looking north towards open farmland

This view looks across open farmland towards a backdrop of mature trees and hedgerows, with the existing settlement visible at the edge of the scene. The open field provides a clear visual separation between the residential area and the wider landscape.

The view is valued for its contribution to the rural character of the town's edge and the sense of openness experienced by people using nearby paths and open spaces. It helps maintain a visual connection with the countryside and provides an attractive setting for informal outdoor recreation.



3a) Avant development looking south west towards open farmland

This view extends across open agricultural fields towards the rolling countryside and the elevated settlement of East Farndon, which occupies the higher ground on the skyline. The broad sweep of farmland, gently rising land and distant tree cover create an attractive rural scene and emphasise the village's distinctive hilltop setting.

The view is valued for its scenic quality and for the way it reveals the relationship between Market Harborough and the surrounding countryside. Experienced from the urban fringe, it provides a sense of openness and separation from the built-up area, while allowing residents to enjoy the landscape and feel connected to nature during everyday walks and other outdoor recreation.



3b) Farndon Fields perimeter path looking south towards East Farndon

From the perimeter path, the view looks across open fields towards East Farndon, whose elevated position gives the village prominence in the wider landscape. The foreground vegetation frames the view, while the open field and distant settlement provide depth and a strong sense of rural character.

This view enhances the enjoyment of the perimeter path, providing walkers and other recreational users with an attractive outlook and a welcome contrast to the surrounding residential development. The open fields maintain a visual connection with the countryside and contribute to the distinctive setting of East Farndon, reinforcing the value of accessible green space close to home.



3c) Watson Avenue / Maurice Road looking south towards East Farndon

This viewpoint looks south across open fields towards East Farndon, set prominently on the higher ground beyond Market Harborough. The open foreground and distant settlement create an attractive rural outlook, illustrating the transition from the town's residential edge to the surrounding countryside.

The view provides an opportunity to appreciate the landscape and the distinctive hilltop setting of East Farndon, while contributing to the sense of openness at the edge of the town. It has value for residents on Watson Avenue, offering visual relief from the built environment and a connection with nature and the wider rural landscape

