

E2 Barkisland – Holwell Green

This area forms the rural farmed edge to the south of Halifax and west of Huddersfield. It has a fairly complex undulating landform comprising a series of ridges, summits, steep slopes and valleys. The field pattern also varies considerably and includes a small irregular, patchwork pattern as well as later rectangular upland enclosures on the high areas such as around Norland Moor and Pole Moor. There is substantial tree cover with thin woodland strips along the stream sides on the valley floors, steeper slopes and along boundaries, with sycamores, ash, willow and conifer species particularly common. A dense network of narrow lanes cross the area and these are connected by a series of main roads. It is a well-populated landscape with a high density of settlement including small clusters of buildings and hamlets, linear developments along the roads as well as scattered farm buildings. The area is obviously subject to pressures emanating from the adjacent urban areas, although the valleys and folds frequently conceal pockets of attractive, secluded rural landscape.