

M1 Calder Valley Floor

The Calder Valley Floor runs between Elland and Huddersfield eastwards to Horbury and beyond the study area boundary. This area comprises the flat to gently undulating valley floor of the River Calder which sits within a well defined valley that broadens and widens in places where there are confluences with tributary rivers and valleys. This landscape has been significantly developed containing extensive areas of industrial 'sheds' which block views across the valley and create a strong horizontal pattern broken in places by occasional chimneys. In some areas where there are views of the valley sides above they form a wooded backdrop and provide a setting to the development and areas of housing. Within the valley floor there are various numerous railway lines and road corridors. From elevated areas there are views across this development. The river itself is not visually dominant in this landscape.