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RECEPTOR	DESCRIPTION OF VIEW	NATURE OF EFFECT & MITIGATION	SIGNIFICANCE OF EFFECTS
Residential area and openspace. (Kirkwood) CLASSIFICATION OF RECEPTOR Location 75m AOD 400m north of new alignment of A8. Sensitivity : - High	Foreground - open space within residential area looking out over cemetery. Vehicles travelling along Viewfield Road will be visible. Mid-Distance - partial views of cemetery and A8 road within valley floor. Screened by existing vegetation. Far views - large agricultural fields deligneated by hedgerows and woodland blocks.	**CONSTRUCTION** New motorway route runs parallel to existing A8, but within cutting. Extensive earthworks and associated works will be visible running left to right (mid-distance) beyond existing A8. Visual envelope towards works is limited by existing mature roadside planting within the cemetery. Overbridge and accommodation route Bankhead Farm left of view partially visible. **OPERATIONAL STAGE** Reprofiled landform due to road in cutting visible adjacent to westbound carriageway. Right of view vehicles partially visible where motorway vertical alignment is at grade. Mitigation strategy of woodland block planting reinforces screening quality of existing tree planting and looks to address vehicle visibility. Overbridge and accommodation route partially visible also (left of view). **15 YEARS FROM OPERATION (LONG TERM)** Mature woodland screens visual effects associated with the motorway, roadside planting along the A8 minimises additional vehicular movement issues. The recontoured slope returns land back to agriculture and allows enhanced access to farm and recreational resource. Dominant new linear woodland features mimics of North Calder Water.	Long term proposals reinstate previously lost features improving landscape character fitting scale landform and field pattern, resulting in a beneficial effect on overall quality. MAGNITUDE OF IMPACT Short term construction works will be visible but the distance, elevation from this viewpoint and most of the activity will be in cutting. Mitigation planting and intervening vegetation address long term effects (minor changes over a wide area mid-distance).

BENEFICIAL								ADVERSE
	SUBSTANTIAL	MODERATE	SLIGHT	NO CHANGE	SLIGHT	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL	
					X			

NONE / NEGLIGIBLE	SLIGHT	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL	SEVERE
		X		

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