

Midland Metro

G2.7 Landscape Ecology

Consideration is given to effects involving the landscape ecology ([1]) of potentially affected areas. The criteria relate to many issues including the following:

- the severance or other impoverishment of wildlife corridors in intensively farmed landscapes and urban areas;
 - fragmentation of areas of natural or semi-natural habitat;
 - reductions in the sizes of natural or semi-natural areas below estimated Minimum Critical Areas (MCAs);
 - disruption or other alteration of patterns of habitat connectivity across landscape-scale habitat mosaics, especially where networks of linear habitats (eg hedges, road verges) are involved.
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