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Character of the Area

This section of canal is devoid of any particular features or structures but passes through attractive open countryside on its journey southwards towards Riddlesden and Bingley. On the east side of the canal is a dense bank of trees that line much of this section, blocking views and creating an enclosed and secluded feel along this part of the waterway. These trees are mainly mature deciduous specimens that overhang the water's edge providing shelter to wildlife and adding a leafy quality to this part of the canal conservation area.

The west side of the canal has a more open aspect with gently sloping fields providing good long distance views across the Aire valley. The towpath runs along the western side of the canal and is narrow with a grassed surface that at times is difficult to walk or cycle along. The boundary to the western side alternates between characterful field walls and shrubs.

Issues

- ▶ Poor condition of the towpath along this section - mostly narrow with an uneven grassed surface
- ▶ Some slippage of the canal bank on the eastern side into the waterway, perhaps caused by unchecked growth of vegetation.

The canal is a peaceful place as it runs between Silsden and Riddlesden. The trees at and to the north and south of Lodge Hill Wood close off vistas. The quality of the towpath could be improved.