

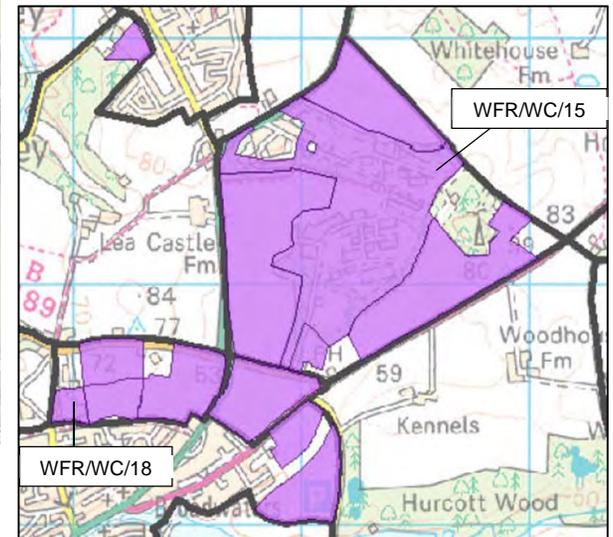
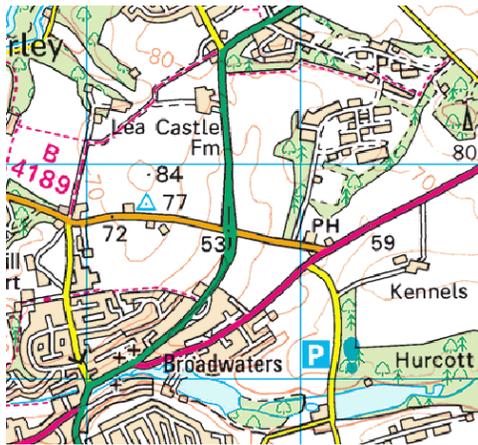
WFR/WC/18	SION HILL SCHOOL	2.1ha	46 units
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Description

A previously developed school site comprising derelict school buildings on level ground. The site is adjacent to the existing urban edge to the south and bounded by Sion Hill to the west, a substantial hedgerow to the north and playing fields to the east. A public right of way runs along the southern boundary of the site and along with the built edge of Kidderminster at Ismere Way, Lea Castle Close and Charles Avenue, is the principal visual receptor. The site is otherwise visually enclosed.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel N6.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of the current built edge of Kidderminster and enclosed to the north, west and south with playing fields to the east. As such development would not constitute sprawl into open countryside.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site will not contribute to the merger of towns or smaller settlements.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development current built footprint would not contribute to encroachment.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would not affect the setting of an historic town or Conservation Area.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would not compromise the purposes of the Green Belt strategically or locally because of its scale and containment physically and visually. There would be an effect on openness because of the</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		introduction of built form into open land, but visual containment and previous development on the western part of the site reduces this impact.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	Yes, established through previous development of part of the site, a substantial northern boundary and established recreation uses to the east.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be an extension of the existing built edge of Kidderminster at Broadwaters and readily fit into the existing development pattern. Disused school on western part of the site.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	PRoW runs along southern boundary.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

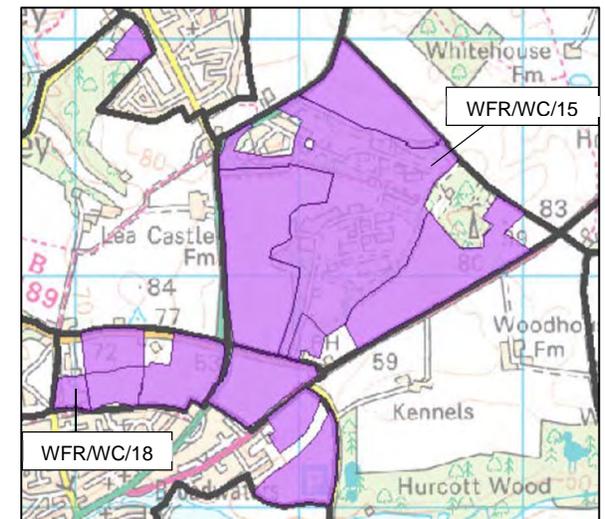
WFR/WC/15	LEA CASTLE HOSPITAL	46.47ha	700 units
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Description

A substantial site (46.47ha) previously in use as a hospital and now comprising a mix of derelict buildings and residential development. The site lies between the A451 Stourbridge Road and A449 Wolverhampton Road on land rising to 85m and has been screened from the surrounding area by extensive boundary planting of Corsican Pine and various native species. As such whilst there is a substantial built development footprint which extends towards Cookley to the west, the high degree of visual containment means that the sense of intrusion into the surrounding countryside is limited. The containing landscape to the east, west and north of the site is visually sensitive and of reasonable quality, being of an open character and falling away from the hill-top, with exposed slopes which are in extensive arable cultivation running down to the A451 and A449 and northward from Axborough Lane. The boundaries of the proposed site are largely defined by the woodland planting and whilst not forming a permanent boundary do form a substantive and clear edge. Public access is limited to one PRoW between the A449 and Axborough Lane running east-west to the south then across the north of the site. There is no direct relationship with the urban edge of Kidderminster, but a strong proximate relationship with Cookley which lies across the A449 to the northwest. In advance of detailed survey, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel NE2.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development beyond the current built footprint of the site would constitute sprawl by virtue of extending beyond its current physical and visual containment.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the current built footprint of the site would not contribute to the coalescence of towns, but locally would be part of contiguous development between Kidderminster and Cookley should land to the south of Park Gate Road be brought forward for development. However, the visual containment of the site would lessen this impression.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would not entail encroachment into open countryside, the site being strongly bounded physically and visually.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would not have an impact in this respect.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The character of the site, being previously developed and strongly bounded physically and visually, means that the overall impact of development on its</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		current built footprint on Green Belt purposes would be limited. However, should development encroach beyond current built footprint then the impact would be significantly greater, reflecting careful siting of past development on a plateau and the benefit of landscape planting containing visual impacts. The effect on openness of the Green Belt in this location would be neutral, reflecting the site's previously developed nature although this is dependent upon retention of the current development footprint, building density and height.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is contained by substantial woodland edge planting which provides clear boundaries and visual containment.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Whilst the site is detached from the urban edge of Kidderminster it is previously developed and redevelopment would constitute efficient use of land. The site is of a scale that could entail green infrastructure enhancements, particularly in combination with development across park Gate Road adjoining the built edge of Kidderminster.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	One PRoW crosses the site east to west.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	There is an existing sports pitch.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise).	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	None identified.

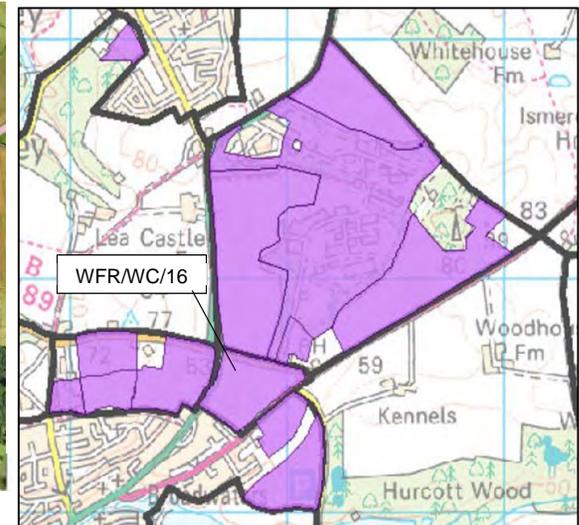
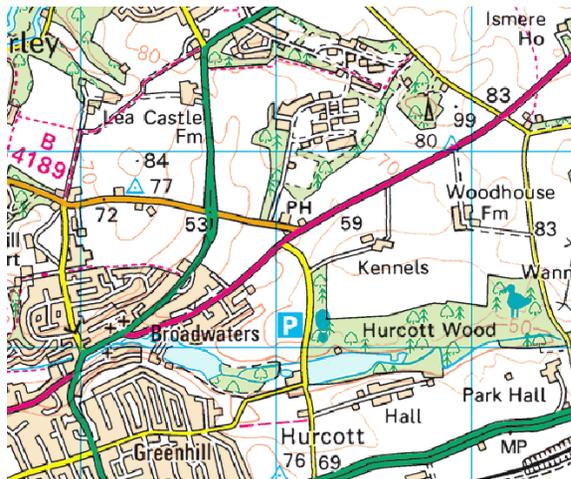
WFR/WC/16	LAND SOUTH OF PARK GATE ROAD	9.52ha	150 units	To include junction improvement to facilitate better access to Lea Castle. Site size reflects only land at Park Gate Road and not land to north of junction on Wolverley Road as originally submitted
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Description

A single field of 9.52ha currently in arable cultivation bounded by the A449 Wolverhampton Road, A451 Stourbridge Road, the B4189 Park Gate Road and the urban edge of Kidderminster at Heath Drive. The field forms rises from around 50m along the A449 to 65m at the junction between the A451 and B4189, and as such forms the easterly context of the A449 as it enters Kidderminster and when viewed from the B4189 Wolverley Road. The land visually complements the field directly opposite to the west of the A449. Being in arable cultivation, the field is of limited visual interest or character in itself, but is part of the northerly setting of the town and the exposed and harsh urban edge at Heath Drive and as such the site is reasonably visually sensitive within the context of this locality. It appears that development has in the past been kept back from the rising land toward Park Gate Road to avoid sprawl into open countryside, although the substantial Lea Castle site to the north of Park Gate Road modifies this perception to some degree. There is a high degree of containment by substantive boundaries on all sides of the site. There is no formal public access and in advance of detailed survey, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is Strategic Parcel NE1.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

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To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The size and bounded character of the site means that sprawl from the urban edge would be contained.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would bring Kidderminster and Cookley closer together, particularly in the context of proposed development at Lea Castle immediately to the north which would create a new context for the north eastern edge of Kidderminster.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is strongly bounded on all sides and contains the built edge of the town, preventing encroachment beyond its current limit. The land also contributes to maintaining openness through its visual connection to the north across the B4189 Park Gate Road, although this is compromised by significant development to the north. The parcel is visually exposed to the A449 and the A451, with past development has been kept back from encroaching onto this rising land.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no direct role in this regard although it is a gateway site when approached via both the A451 and A449.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst the site makes a contribution to Green Belt purposes through preventing the encroachment of the urban edge of Kidderminster into open countryside and hence visual intrusion, development would not damage the wider function of the Green Belt in this location. However, the site is a gateway to Kidderminster, viewed from the A451 and A449 and development would create a new context to the town in this location. The overall impact on openness is associated with the extension of the existing built edge of Kidderminster northwards on land which makes a contribution to Green Belt purposes in containing development. However, whilst the site is large and there would be a visual impact, development would not be out of character or proportion with the receiving environment.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is well bounded.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be an extension of the built edge of Kidderminster which creates the opportunity for the integration of built form and functionality.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.

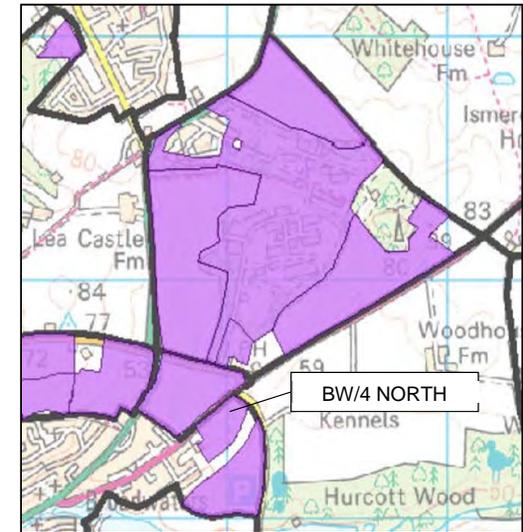
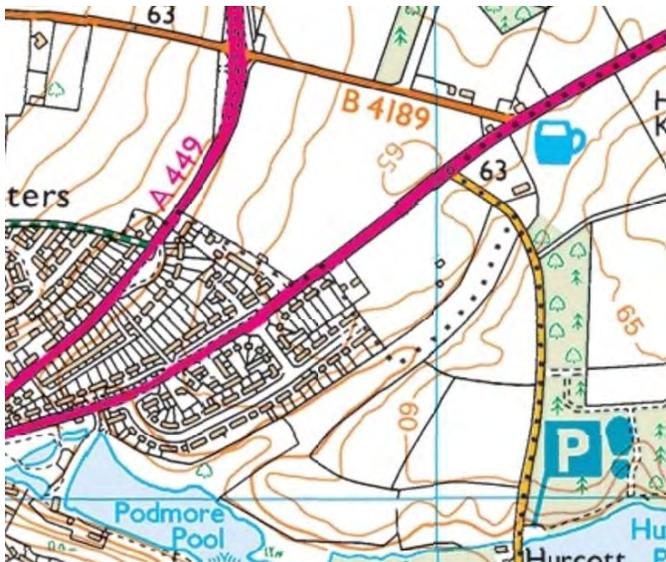
Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	Development could be accompanied by masterplanning work which incorporates green infrastructure links towards Kidderminster, particularly should development at Lea Castle progress.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	No, aside from the visual exposure of the site and its role as part of the gateway to Kidderminster.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

BW/4	LAND SOUTH OF STOURBRIDGE ROAD	19.63ha	82 units	Development of field fronting Stourbridge Road only (Polygon reflects area to be developed 3.58 ha)
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Description

Land bounded by the A461 Stourbridge Road to the northwest, the built edge of Kidderminster to the southwest, Hurcott Lane to the north east and a hedgerow to the south east. From a plateau adjacent to the A451, the land falls away to the south east, and is prominent to the easterly entrance to Kidderminster along the A451. Originally in rough grazing use, the land appears to be lying fallow. There is no public access to the site and prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would constitute sprawl along the A451, extending the built edge of Kidderminster to the north east into open countryside. However, the site is bounded by Hurcott Lane, so this particular effect would be contained.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would not contribute to the coalescence of settlements.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>There are clear boundaries on three sides of the site and a hedgerow on the southern side. As such the wider countryside is unlikely to be encroached.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>There is no visual connection with the core of Kidderminster, although the site is part of the eastern gateway to the town.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to Green Belt purposes by virtue of its containment of the eastern edge of Kidderminster, preventing sprawl along the A451 and being part of the easterly setting for the town. Development of the site would not significantly damage Green Belt function in this location,</p>

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		although the prominence of the site and the visual connection with the wider countryside to the south, north and east means that openness would be compromised, requiring particular attention to the scale and massing of development.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site has clear, substantial boundaries.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be an extension of the built edge of Kidderminster and as such take advantage of local services.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.

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Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

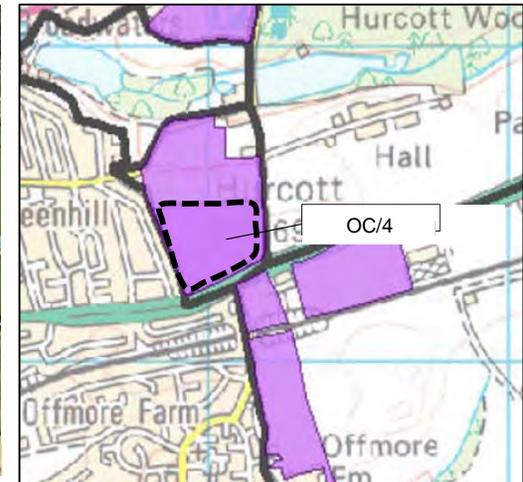
OC/4	LAND R/O BALDWIN ROAD	7.5ha	75 units	Limited development on Birmingham Road frontage only
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Description

Land situated between the A456 Birmingham Road, Hurcott Lane and the built edge of Kidderminster at Baldwin Road. The site comprises two fields in use as rough grazing on rising land to a spot height of 76m. As such the land on its south eastern flank is visually exposed, both by virtue of topography and absence of substantive boundary vegetation. At 76m, the land is one of a series of high points in this locality, offering extensive views across open countryside to the north and east, and in turn being visible from the A451 Stourbridge Road at its junction with Hurcott Lane. The connection with the surrounding countryside is therefore significant and in combination with land immediately to the north and east is of distinctive and relatively sensitive character. It appears that past development has deliberately been kept to the west of this land to visually contain the urban edge as viewed from the A456 Birmingham Road, Baldwin Road lying behind the dome of this land. There is physical containment by substantive boundaries on three sides of the site, by contrast to the northern boundary which is an intermittent hedgerow. There is no formal public access and in advance of detailed survey, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel NE8.

Location Plan and Photographs







Green Belt Evaluation

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To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is of medium scale and well contained on three sides. As such it has a contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The size and bounded character of the sites means that it has only a limited contribution in this respect.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, being physically part of wider countryside to the north, west of Hurcott Lane, and visually part of open countryside to the east of Hurcott Lane.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site has no direct connection with the core of Kidderminster, but is nevertheless a gateway site which if developed would create a wholly new character to this area. As such it is sensitive.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The size and bounded character of the site mean that its contribution to preventing sprawl and encroachment are modest. The key issue is the</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		elevation of the site which rises to 76m with previous development at Baldwin Road deliberately kept to the west to avoid exposure to open countryside to the north and east. Development of the site would fundamentally change the current visual relationship between town and country in this locality, with a significant effect on openness through the introduction of built development into an open countryside location beyond the current built edge of Kidderminster.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is bounded on three sides, the fourth to the north being an insubstantial hedgerow which is an unconvincing development boundary.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be an extension of the existing urban edge of Kidderminster.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	The site is sensitive insofar as it is part of the eastern gateway to Kidderminster and is domed such that the prominence and visibility of development would be increased, creating a new edge to

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		Kidderminster which thus far has been kept back from this exposed land.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

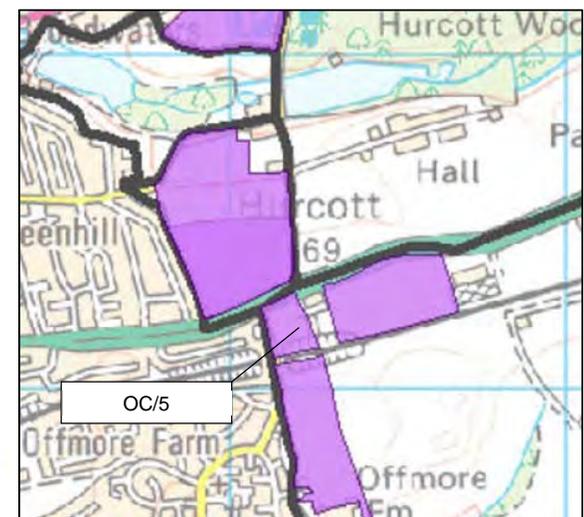
OC/5	Husum Way corner	2.11ha	Promoted for housing – suitable for employment uses in conjunction with WFR/CB/7
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Description

A single field in arable use, of level topography and bounded on all sides, by a railway line to the south, the A456 to the north, Husum Way to the west and various properties to the east. There are medium to long distance views southwards across the site which is adjacent to the built edge of Kidderminster across Husum Way to the west. There is no public access and prior to survey no biodiversity or cultural heritage interest.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel E1.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

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To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is relatively small and well bounded on all sites. Its contribution to preventing unrestricted sprawl in itself is modest. However in conjunction with potential development to the east the overall effect would be that of sprawl along the principal easterly entrance to Kidderminster.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a limited contribution in this respect.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is contained on all sides and of small enough scale to not constitute encroachment per se although there are medium and long distance views across the site which form a visual connection to the wider countryside to the south. A more significant effect would occur if the site was developed in conjunction with land to the east and to the north, creating an urbanised effect in this elevated locality.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to this purpose by virtue of its location as part of the easterly gateway to Kidderminster, although there is no visual connection between the site and a Conservation Area.</p>

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Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Overall, the site makes a contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment (being visually interconnected with the wider open countryside) and although having a limited role in preventing sprawl in itself, in combination with land to the east has a more significant role. Development would not have a significant effect on openness, given the strongly bounded character of the site, although it is visually sensitive and development would create a new character to this gateway site.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or ‘tidying-up’ of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is strongly bounded on all sides.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be an extension of the existing urban edge.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

OC/13	LAND AT STONE HILL	89.37	2000	No development near Stone village (Polygon reflects area to be developed 86.46 ha)
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Description

Land to the north of the A448

An extensive (60ha approx.) site situated to the east of Kidderminster at Comberton, immediately north of the A448 Comberton Road/Bromsgrove Road. The land is predominantly in arable use, of largely flat topography, rising gently to the east from an unnamed watercourse which is well defined by a linear woodland which in turn broadly forms the current eastern boundary of the built-up area of Kidderminster in this location. The site essentially comprises several large fields with limited internal boundaries (being variously intermittent hedgerow, farm tracks and drainage ditches). The outer boundaries are firmer, being the A448 to the south and intermittent hedgerows to the south east and north east, and the woodland belt associated with the watercourse to the north. However, these boundaries cannot be regarded as substantial. From within the site, there are various short, medium and long distance views to the south-east, east and north-west, although these are interrupted by tree blocks and belts and hedgerows creating an attractive open countryside prospect. Whilst not of notable quality, landscape character and condition appears to be reasonably good. Views into the site from the A448 are generally restricted by high, dense hedgerows but there are some glimpsed views travelling westwards downslope from Stone. Overall, the site is reasonably well visually contained, largely sitting within a hollow and exposed on its southern extent adjacent to the A488. However, the site is clearly part of a wider rural landscape which thus far has been set apart from the built edge of Kidderminster by the watercourse and associated tree belt to the east of the site. Public access is via a single PRoW running west to east. Prior to site survey, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel E1.

Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool

A 3.7ha (approx.) site comprising two arable fields bounded by the A448 to the north and woodland to the south, a hedgerow to the west, with no boundary to the east (defined only by the line of the high voltage power line). The fields are flat and largely visually contained by the dense hedgerow along the A448 and woodland to the south. The site is part of land which runs to the start of the village of Stone at Stanklyn Lane and in conjunction with land to the north of the A448 is part of open countryside which contains the village of Stone and forms the easterly context of, and entrance to, Kidderminster. There is no public access and prior to site survey, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

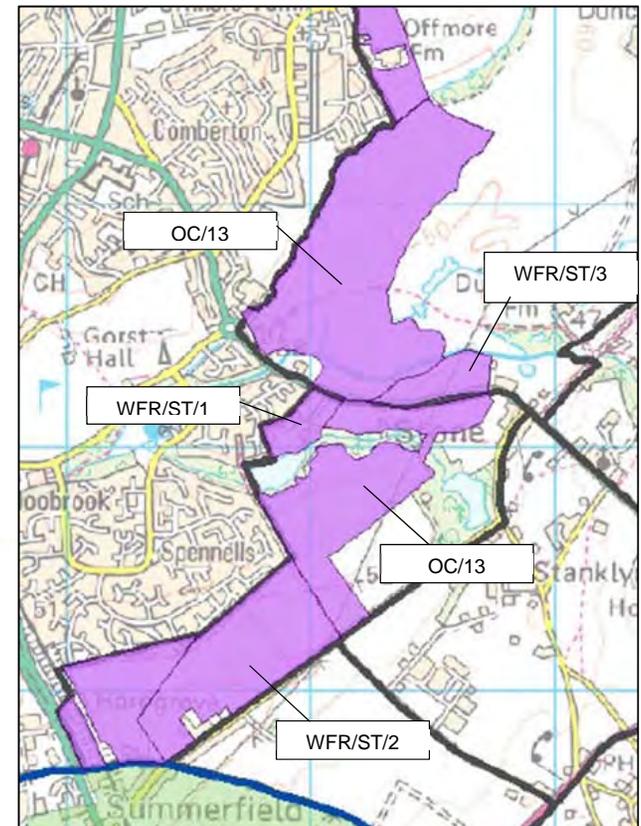
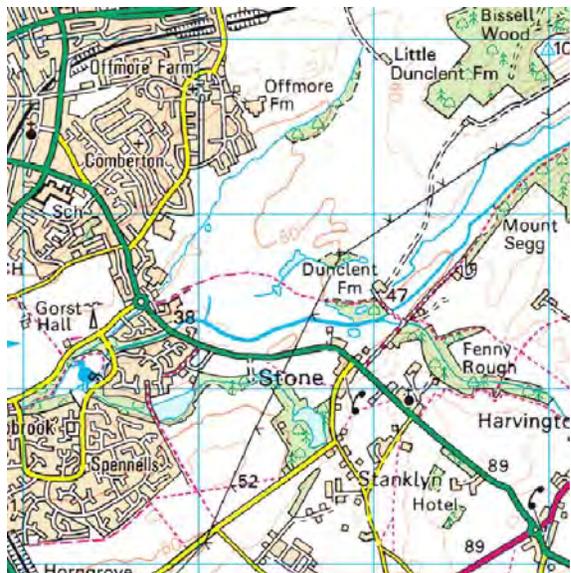
The site is part of Strategic Parcel SE1.

Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain's Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool

This is the southern part of this site comprising approximately 23ha and comprises open arable land largely north facing towards Captain's Pool, dropping around 20m, and south facing falling away to Stanklyn Lane. The site is sharply defined on its southern edges by a substantial hedge running along the ridgeline, and by Stanklyn Lane. The site comprises three arable fields and there are extensive views northward across to Offmore Farm/Comberton from the ridgeline at approximately 60m. There is one PRoW running the length of the southwest boundary of the site and across the southern extension to Stanklyn Lane. Prior to site survey, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SE1.

Location Plan and Photographs



Land to the north of the A448







Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool



Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain's Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p><i>Land to the north of the A448</i></p> <p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>In the absence of strong boundaries, development would represent sprawl into open countryside and create a new relationship between the urban edge of Kidderminster and the open countryside. However, the establishment of significant outer boundary as part of strategic masterplanning would help to temper this effect to some degree.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain’s Pool and Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>In isolation, development would represent sprawl of the built edge of Kidderminster into open countryside, particularly in the absence of a clear outer boundary. This would be need to be created and should be done so in combination with the topography of the site and related to proposed development to the north of the A448.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain’s Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The containment of the site by strong boundaries means that sprawl would be contained, although the significant size of the site and its topography means that there could such a perception. Masterplanning in combination with adjacent sites would be required to help reinforce actual and perceived containment.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p><i>Land to the north of the A448</i></p> <p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Locally, development would extend the urban edge towards the village of Stone.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		<p><i>Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>CONTRIBUTION Locally, development would extend the urban edge towards the village of Stone.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain's Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION There is no identified effect in his regard.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p><i>Land to the north of the A448</i></p> <p>CONTRIBUTION The land, as part of a larger parcel, was assessed as making a contribution to this purpose, being open countryside beyond the current urban edge at Comberton/Offmore Farm. Development would compromise this sense of openness, physically and visually, extending development into open countryside with no clear containing boundary.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>CONTRIBUTION Development of this site would have an effect on openness, both as part of development within itself and as a wider development scheme, although the scale of the site is not significant and is contained visually by dense woodland to the south and to a lesser extent by roadside vegetation along the A448.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain's Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>CONTRIBUTION Development would represent encroachment into open countryside, creating a new relationship between town and country in this locality. Whilst the site is of a significant size, it is well bounded and thereby containable over the longer term. The elevated</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		character of the site means that there is likely to be exposure to medium and long distance receptors although further work would be required to identify these.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p><i>Land to the north of the A448</i></p> <p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>This site has no direct visual connection to a historic town but does form part of the countryside context for the village of Stone to the east.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>This site has no direct visual connection to a historic town but does form part of the countryside context for the village of Stone to the east.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain's Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>This site has no direct visual connection to a historic town.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p><i>Land to the north of the A448</i></p> <p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site overall makes a contribution to Green Belt purposes by virtue of its role as open countryside containing the built edge of Kidderminster. In the absence of clear, significant boundaries, development would represent encroachment and sprawl into open countryside which could only be overcome through masterplanning which considered the development in a wider context which attended to the southeastern edge of the town more generally. Whilst there are few visual receptors in this locality and the site is generally well screened from the A448, development would create a fundamentally new relationship between town and country.</p>

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		<p><i>Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site overall makes a contribution to Green Belt purposes by virtue of its role as open countryside containing the built edge of Kidderminster. Whilst the site is largely contained by substantial boundaries and the overall effect on Green Belt in this location (in combination with wider development) would not be significant, the absence of an eastern boundary is problematic. Whilst an external boundary could be created, it is suggested that it would be more sympathetic to halt development at the access road which bisects the site, using the topography to contain development rather than the arbitrary line of the high voltage power line.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain's Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The relatively well bounded nature of the site means that development means that development is readily contained, although the scale and topography of the site means that a new relationship between town and country would be created, extending development into visually exposed land where thus far development has used the topography to limit such exposure. This is particularly the case for land extending towards Stanklyn Lane, in combination with proposed land immediately to the southwest, although further work on long and medium distance visual receptors would be needed.</p>
<p>Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p><i>Land to the north of the A448</i></p> <p>Identifying external boundaries to this land is problematic, these being generally insubstantial hedgerows surrounding fields of varying sizes and shapes. The proposed site boundary uses a combination of these field boundaries to create a development parcel which would require extensive boundary treatment to create long term boundaries. Even then, these boundaries would be arbitrary in the sense of being created.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool</i></p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		<p>The site is strongly bounded to the north by the A448 and woodland to the south, whilst to the west is a poorly defined hedgerow and to the east a high voltage power line. The latter is a poor outer boundary, both in Green Belt and landscape terms, particularly given the function of the land (in combination with land to the north of the A448) as a new 'gateway to Kidderminster as well being part of the gap between the built edge of Kidderminster and the village of Stone.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain's Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>Boundaries of this site are clearly defined (if somewhat rectilinear) by strong hedgerows to the southeast and southwest and dense woodland to the north. As such the site is clearly defined and contained.</p>
<p>Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p><i>Land to the north of the A448</i></p> <p>Development of the site would be an extension of the current urban edge of Kidderminster at Comberton/Offmore Farm and could be readily integrated into this area physically and functionally.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>The geography of this site is problematic, being a narrow strip of land between woodland and the A448. It is dependent upon development to the north of the A448 and to the west (north of Captain's Pool) and along with land to the north of A448 would create a new urban edge to Kidderminster. Development in isolation from adjoining land would not create sustainable urban form.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain's Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool</i></p> <p>The scale of the site offers opportunities for the creation of a sustainable extension to the current built edge of Kidderminster at Spennells, in principle being not reliant on other land to the north (north of the A448) or the southwest (north of Stanklyn Lane) coming forward for development.</p>

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Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of the A448</i> One PRow running east-west.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool</i> No public access</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain's Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool</i> One PRow forming the south western edge of the site and one crossing the south of the site to Stanklyn Lane.</p>
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	<hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of the A448</i> Public access is limited to one PRow but a large development could include opportunities for sport and recreation provision (both informal and formal), part of a new Green Infrastructure context for the south east of Kidderminster.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool</i> Potentially part of a wider arc of Green Infrastructure provision, linking land to the north of the A448 with that north of Stanklyn Lane toward the A449 Worcester Road.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain's Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool</i> Opportunity for the creation of a new Green Infrastructure framework using existing PRow and landscape structure, in combination with land to the north east and south west.</p>
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	<hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of the A448</i> None identified.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool</i> None identified.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain's Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool</i></p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	<hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of the A448</i> There are no biodiversity designations within the site.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the south of the A448, north of Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool</i> There are no biodiversity designations within the site.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Land to the north of Stanklyn Lane, south of Captain's Pool and west of Stanklyn Pool</i> There are no biodiversity designations within the site.</p>

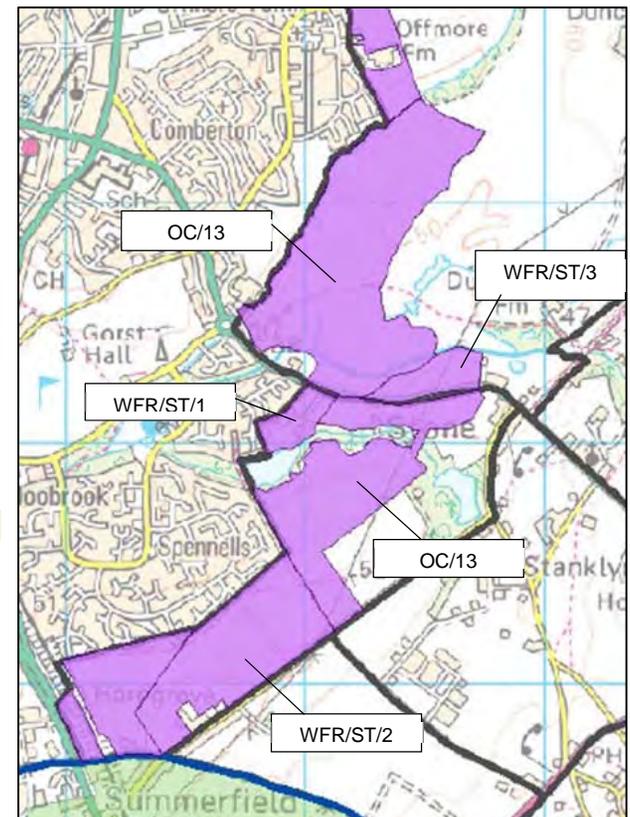
WFR/ST/1	CAPTAINS & THE LODGE	4.59ha	135 units	
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Description

A small (5.59ha) site bounded by the built edge of Kidderminster at Spennells, the A448 Comberton Road/Bromsgrove Road and Captain’s Pool. The site is flat and in use as rough grazing and caravan storage, with two large detached dwellings, with varying degrees of visual enclosure by dense hedgerows and woodland. There is no public access across the site, but a PRoW runs adjacent to the built edge of Kidderminster which forms the northern boundary of the site. The site adjoins Captain’s Pool at its southwestern extent, which is in turn hydrologically connected to the Spennells Valley Nature Reserve to the west.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SE1.

Location Plan



Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development on this site would create a logical rounding off of the built edge of Kidderminster without creating sprawl along the A448.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would not contribute to coalescence.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The bounded character of the site means that development would not create a sense of encroachment into open countryside.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site has no role in this respect.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes only a limited contribution to Green Belt purposes, being well bounded with limited visual connection. Development would extend the current built edge of Kidderminster along the A448 but this would not be substantial and would visually contained by substantial boundary vegetation.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is contained by substantial boundaries on all sides.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	The site is adjacent to the existing built edge of Kidderminster at Spennells, accessed directly from the A448.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	Public access is limited to a PRoW defining the site's northern boundary. However, the site is adjacent to Captain's Pool and in turn a chain of woodland and water bodies connecting Wilden Marsh Nature Reserve, Spennells Valley Nature Reserve and the wider countryside around Stone.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

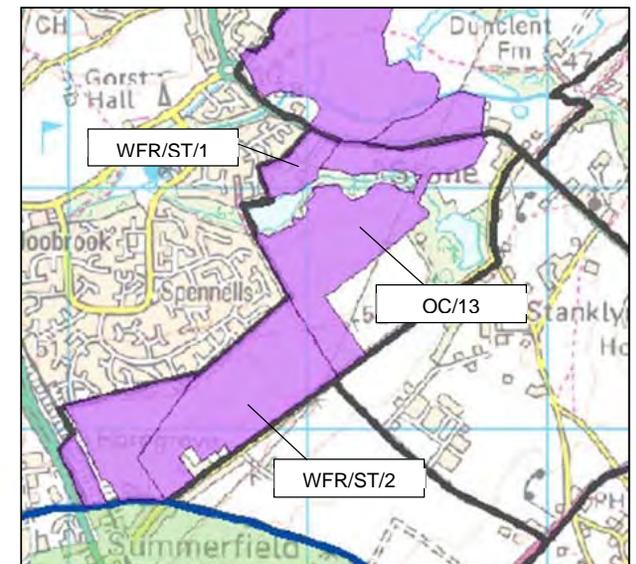
WFR/ST/2	LAND OFF STANKLYN LANE	27.4ha	350 units	Large parts of site to be left undeveloped
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Description

A medium-scale (27.4ha) site in predominantly in arable cultivation (with some rough grazing to the west). The site is bounded to the northwest by the linear urban edge of Kidderminster at Spennells, to the southeast by Stanklyn Lane (the hamlet of Summerfield) and by a railway line to the southwest. The site slopes from the plateau at 60m, which holds and conceals the urban edge, down to Stanklyn Lane and has extensive views south eastwards across open countryside. The site has substantial hedgerow boundaries, apart from that abutting the urban edge which comprises garden fences, but is visually exposed to Stanklyn Lane because of its sloping aspect. In this sense there is a degree of connection with the wider open countryside, but there is nevertheless a sense of containment of the site as a whole. Landscape character and condition is of average quality, but with some evidence of the withdrawal of active land management evidenced through poor crop growth (in contrast to arable cultivation on land immediately to the north east). The site is traversed by various PRoW which are very well used because of access from Spennells. Prior to site survey, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SE1.

Location Plan and Photographs









Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of this site would be a clear extension of the built edge of Kidderminster southeastwards, although containment by Stanklyn Lane means that it would not constitute sprawl. Development would not round-off the built edge in this location, but present the opportunity to create a more sympathetic edge than the harsh rectilinear edge which currently defines the southern boundary of the town. This is especially important in reducing the impression of sprawl because development would breach the slope behind which development has been kept and thus create a new visual relationship between the southern edge of Kidderminster and the wider countryside to the south.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would have no impact on this purpose in this location, although locally the identity of Summerfield would change along its northern extent.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would be contained by the urban edge of Kidderminster to the northwest, Stanklyn Lane to the southeast and reasonably strong hedgerow boundaries to the southwest and north east. As such, development, whilst taking open countryside, would not entail uncontained encroachment, although because of the topography of the site, being a plateau landscape which runs down to Stanklyn Lane, there is a perception of encroachment. Careful masterplanning would be required to help mitigate this impression.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>There is no clear function of the site in this regard although a new southern edge to the town would be created by development (particularly when combined with wider development proposals).</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Overall the site makes a contribution to Green Belt purposes by virtue of its role in containing the southern edge of Kidderminster and having a strong visual connection with the wider countryside across Stanklyn Lane. Development would create a new urban edge to the town on southeasterly facing site, although in combination with adjacent sites, masterplanning could mitigate the direct visual impact of development and hence perception of spillage of the town into open countryside.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>Stanklyn Lane forms a strong external boundary to the southeast and whilst the southwestern and northeastern boundaries are weaker (being hedgerows) these could form reasonable boundaries (notwithstanding potential development in adjacent sites).</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>Yes, by being an extension of the current urban edge and by virtue of its offering opportunities for the incorporation of characteristics such as cycling infrastructure which help to make it more sustainable than it otherwise might be. The potential for the site to be part of a wider arc of development in this locality reinforces these opportunities.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	Various formal PRoW and informal paths which are intensively used for dog walking etc,
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	The land, particularly as part of a wider arc of development, could be the focus for extensive Green Infrastructure and wider access and recreation proposals which provide recreational opportunity and integrate a new urban edge with the wider countryside, visually and functionally.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	No, but potential for creating Green Infrastructure framework which links to the wider countryside.

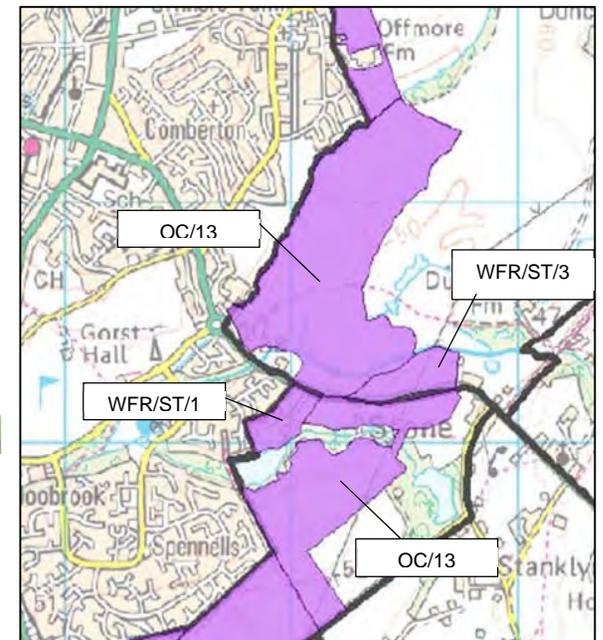
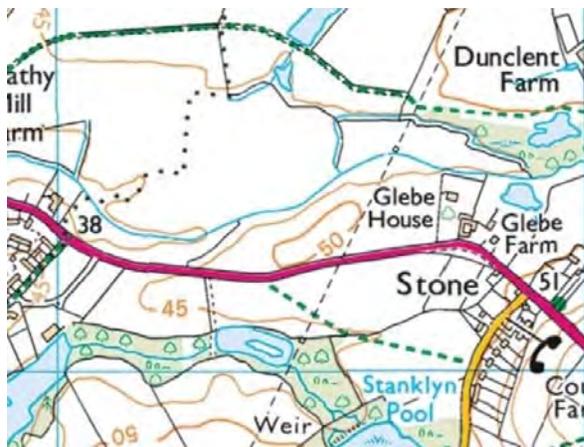
WFR/ST/3	LAND NORTH OF STONE HILL	7.61	70	Only western part of site to be developed in order to safeguard setting of Stone village and adjacent listed buildings (Polygon reflects area to be developed 2.82 ha)
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Description

A small (2.8ha) site comprising part of one arable field bounded by the A448 to the south and Hoo Brook to the north, with no boundary to the east (defined only by the line of the high voltage power line). The field gently rises to 50m and is exposed to the A448 with only modest containment by a dense hedgerow along the A448 and vegetation along the line of Hoo Brook. The site is part of land which runs to the start of the village of Stone and in conjunction with land to the south of the A448 is part of open countryside which contains the village of Stone and forms the easterly context of, and entrance to, Kidderminster. There is no public access and prior to site survey, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel E1.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would create sprawl along the A448, both in itself and as part of wider development.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would not contribute to the merger of towns, but would reduce the gap between the edge of Kidderminster (existing and proposed) and the village of Stone.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Boundaries to the south and the north are substantial, but there is no proposed eastern boundary (being defined only by the line of the high voltage transmission line).</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would have no direct effect in this sense, although a new entrance to Kidderminster would be created through development at this location.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to Green Belt purposes because of its role (in combination with adjacent land) in preventing encroachment into open countryside and in this instance sprawl along the A448. Absence of a</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		significant eastern boundary is problematic, particularly given the gradually rising character of the site towards Stone. Development would introduce built form into a location which is exposed and as such have a proportionately greater impact on openness than that immediately to the east where the external boundary should be held. The impact on openness reflects that of site OC/13 across the A448 with similar problems of exposure and absence of an external boundary.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	Strong boundaries to the north and south; absent to the east.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Only as part of a wider development scheme.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	None identified.

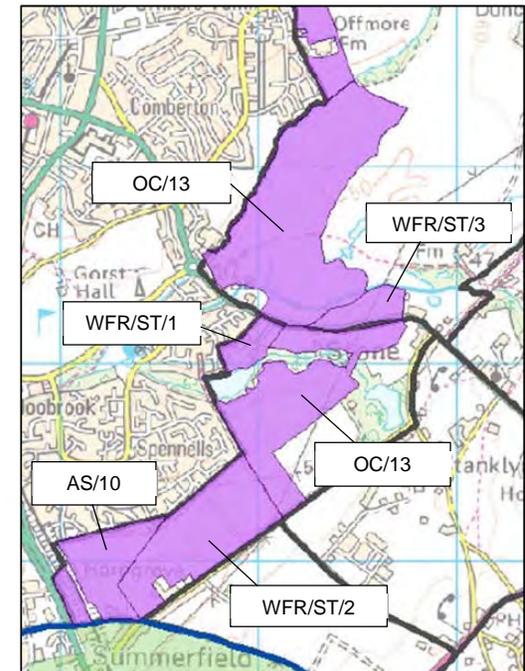
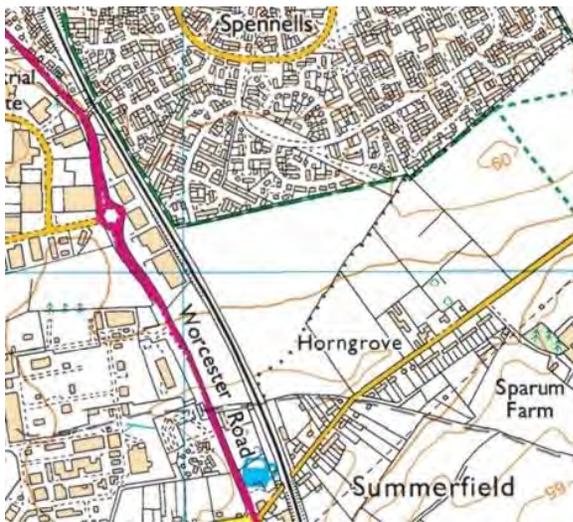
AS/10	LAND R/O SPENNELLS & EASTER PARK	13.48ha	200 units	Green infrastructure improvements and upgrading of existing footpath network
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Description

A medium-scale site (13.5ha) bounded by a railway line to the west, the built edge of Kidderminster at Spennells to the north, part of the northern edge of the hamlet of Summerfield to the south and by a formal footpath (Railway Path) to the north. The land is currently in arable use and is of an open aspect with extensive views southwards from the ridgeline (at 60m). Despite the site’s exposure, there are only glimpsed views from Stanklyn Lane. Railway Path, which forms the northern boundary of the site, is a PRoW and runs on eastward and also connects to an informal path (also called Railway Path which encircles the site). Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SE1.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site comprises a single field, bounded by a railway line to the west, the current urban edge to the north, the rear of properties along Stanklyn Lane to the south and a reasonably well defined (albeit gappy) hedgerow to the east. Development would not constitute sprawl because of the relatively high degree of physical and visual containment of the site and built form a clear extension of the existing urban area.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would not lead to the merger of towns, although locally the separate identity of the dwellings strung along Stanklyn Lane which comprise Summerfield would largely disappear (particularly when viewed in combination with additional proposed development to the east).</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The extent of development is clearly defined by strong boundaries to the north, west and south and whilst western boundaries are less well-defined, they are nonetheless clear. The site is largely level reducing the extent of potential visual intrusion, although there are only very limited, glimpsed from surrounding roads. However, one PRoW forms part of the northern edge of the site, from which there are views to the south across the site.</p>
To preserve the setting and special	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no clear role in defining the setting for Kidderminster.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
character of historic towns		
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site contributes to the Green Belt in this location, in combination with land to the east, containing the southerly edge of Kidderminster and connecting visually (in combination with adjacent land to the east) with the wider countryside to the south. However, the site is well contained, level and not visually exposed, and as such development would not create uncontrolled sprawl overly intrusive encroachment into open countryside.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The northern, western and southern boundaries of the site are strong and logical; the eastern boundary is less substantial.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Yes by virtue of being an extension of the existing urban envelope to the north.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	One PRoW forming part of the northern boundary of the site.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

Description

Land in arable use, rising from 65m to 99m north east from the A451, bounded to the south by the A451, to the north west by a woodland strip (screening the Lea Castle site) and woodland, to the north east by Axborough Lane (part) and to the south east by a field boundary. From the north eastern edge there are medium and longer distance views towards the south west, these diminishing to valley-side views on the approach to Park Gate Road. The site is open countryside which is visually related to land to the south east across the Stourbridge Road. There is no public access and prior to survey no biodiversity or cultural heritage interest.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel NE2.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would create a both the impression and reality of sprawl of the urban area along the A451 into the open countryside between Kidderminster and Stourbridge. The land is detached from the current built limit of the town around half a mile to the south, and visually separate (screened by vegetation and topography) from the Lea Castle site to north west.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution in this respect, situated some two miles from Stourbridge and half a mile from Kidderminster.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is partially contained visually on its north western flank, but otherwise relies on the A451 Axborough Lane and weak field boundaries. As such, there is the potential for further encroachment and reinforcement of the impression of unconstrained development in the open countryside.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to this purpose by virtue of its location as part of the northerly gateway to Kidderminster, although there is no visual connection between the site and a Conservation Area.</p>

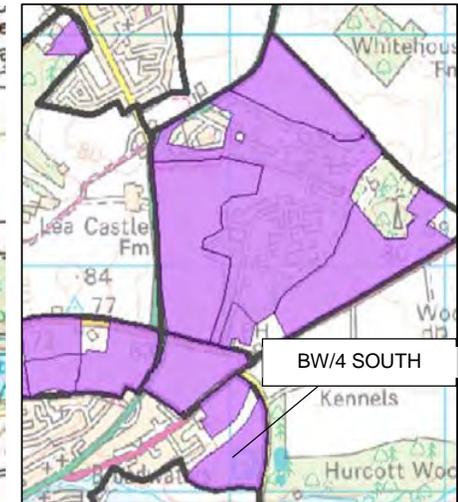
Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Overall, the site makes a significant contribution to the Green Belt through its role in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment (clearly being visually and functionally part of the open countryside to the north of Kidderminster) and sprawl along the A451. Development would have a significant effect on openness reflecting the partial enclosure of the site and its visual sensitivity creating a fundamentally new character to this gateway to Kidderminster.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is strongly bounded by a woodland belt/woodland to the north west and the A451 to the south east. Otherwise, boundaries are weak, being insubstantial field divisions only.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	The site is part of open countryside to the north east of Kidderminster, Although adjacent to the currently unused Lea Castle Hospital Site immediately to the north west, on its own merits development of the site would constitute a stand-alone development in the open countryside.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise).	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	None identified.

Description

Fields in pastoral use on rising land from Podmore Pool bounded by Hurcott Lane to the east and field boundaries to the north west and south. There are medium to long distance views from Hurcott Lane across the site to the built edge of Kidderminster. There is no public access and prior to survey no biodiversity or cultural heritage interest.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to preventing sprawl into open countryside to the east of Kidderminster, although the site is reasonably well bounded physically and visually which limits this impact. Development would substantiate rather than round-off the urban edge of Kidderminster.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a limited contribution in this respect.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a clear contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, where development would be intrusive visually, although reasonably well contained.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes no contribution in this respect.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Overall, the site contributes to the Green Belt through preventing sprawl and encroachment, although the relatively well bounded nature of the</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		site limits this role. The site is visually sensitive however, being strongly related to open countryside to the east and would require careful masterplanning, including realising potential for positive use of the Green Belt in this locality.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is bounded but only significantly to the east along Hurcott Lane.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be an extension of the existing urban edge.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	Hurcott Pools SSSI/LNR is immediately to the south east. Potential for wider nature conservation and/or recreation enhancement.

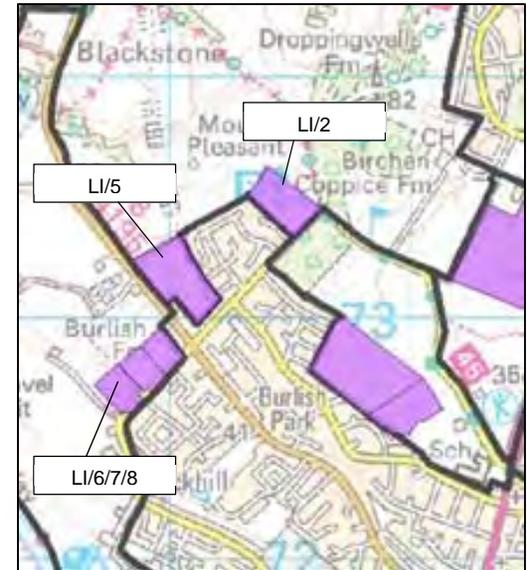
LI/2	WYRE FOREST GOLF CLUB KINGSWAY	8.2ha	80 units	To include provision for Burlish Top car parking. Development to be adjacent to existing housing. (Polygon reflects area to be developed 4.21 ha)
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Description

A small (8ha) site which is an extension of the urban edge at Burlish Park into land which was previously in extractive use but has been restored to rough grassland. The site is bounded to the south west by a hedgerow which contains development at Torridon Close/Elan Avenue, Kingsway to the southeast, with a substantial hedgerow/tree belt to the northeast. There is no defined boundary to the northeast. The site is gently undulating but of part of rising land to the northeast towards Burlish Top. It is an exposed site and development would be a clear extension of the urban edge in this location. There is no formal public access, but a well-used PRow immediately to the north which is part of wider access to the semi-wooded heathland of Burlish Top Nature Reserve. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SW4.

Location Plan and Photographs





Analysis of the Contribution of the Site to the Green Belt

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to limiting sprawl containing development at Burlish Park immediately to the south. The site has strong boundaries on three sides but would require strong masterplanning to ensure that substantial external boundaries are established to ensure containment of a new urban edge and the clear definition between the built-up area and the open countryside which characterises this area.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no significant role in this respect, although it would extend the built edge of Stourport northeastwards towards Kidderminster.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>There are clear site boundaries which could largely contain development particularly to the northwest, although the absence of a northeastern boundary is problematic and would need to be created to ensure the prevention of further encroachment into open countryside.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no role in this respect.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site contributes to the Green Belt insofar as it is open land (although previously quarried and classed as previously developed) which relates to the wider countryside to the northeast and northwest. The site is well-bounded on three side, but a new edge would be created to the northeast. Development will impact on the openness of the countryside in this location by virtue of the introduction of built form onto an exposed site but this is judged not be significant because of site size and opportunities for containment. The current extensive use of the site for informal public access which is related to the adjacent Burlish Top Nature Reserve would be lost.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>The boundaries to the site are variable, comprising Torridon Close/Elan Avenue to the south, Kingsway to the southeast a substantial hedgerow/tree belt to the northeast but no defined boundary to the northeast which would potentially create a severe urban edge as currently exists to the south. Otherwise development would be a logical extension of the current urban edge.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>Development would be a clear extension of the existing urban edge at Burlish Top. The site appears to be previously developed land which has regenerated scrub vegetation and could potentially be further enhanced and linked to Burlish Top Nature Reserve immediately to the north.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>No formal access but currently extensive informal use through a network of paths.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	There are significant opportunities for recreational enhancement in the vicinity given the importance of Burlish Top Nature Reserve immediately to the north as a focus of informal recreation.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None within the site but Burlish Top Nature Reserve lies immediately to the north.

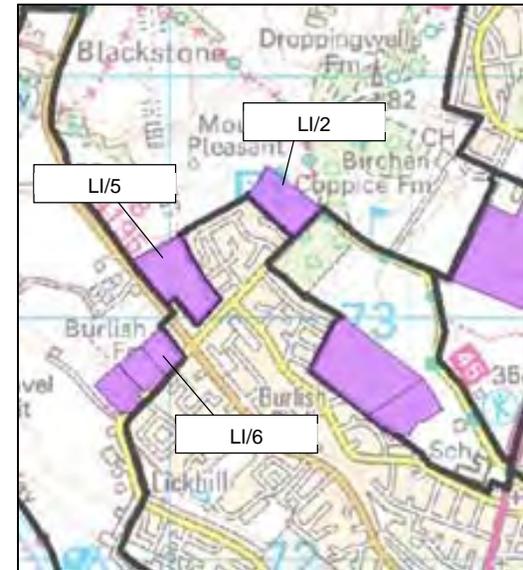
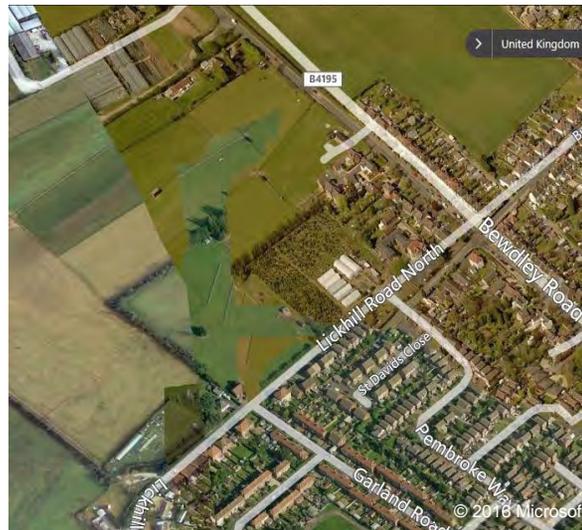
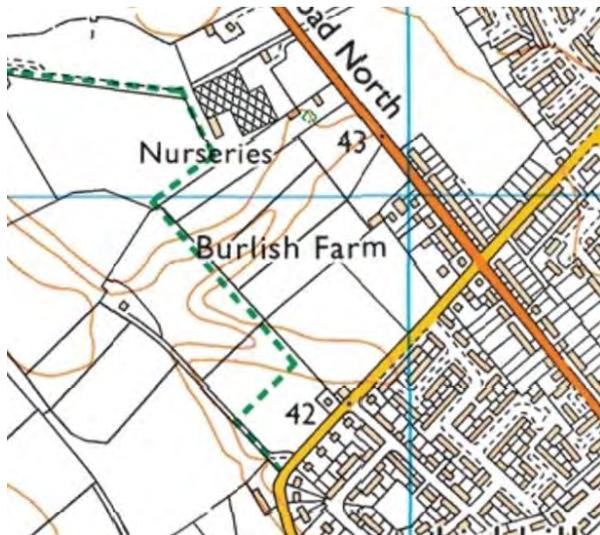
LI/6	BOURNEWOOD NURSERY	1.74ha	45 units
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Description

A small site on flat land off Lickhill Road North in horticultural use. The site is well bounded by extensive tree planting to the north and west, resulting in strong visual containment and no connection to the open countryside to the north. There is no public access to the site. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SW5.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is well bounded physically and visually but is part of open countryside to the north west off Lickhill Road North.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would be represent a further, albeit relatively minor, erosion of the gap between Stourport and Bewdley, although the size and strongly bounded character of the site which is adjacent to existing development would not represent a significant effect in this regard.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is clearly bounded with substantial hedgerows, although is part of open countryside to the north west of Stourport.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>There is no visual connection between the historic cores of Bewdley or Stourport.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to the Green Belt in this location by virtue of being part of wider undeveloped land which separates Bewdley and Sourport, Development would marginally extend the urban edge of Stourport northwestwards, although because of the size and bounded character of the site and its adjacency to existing built form, this is unlikely to be a significant effect in terms of advancing the urban edge into open countryside or substantially altering the perception of that edge (for example from across the River Severn).</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is bounded to the northwest and southwest by substantial hedgerows and woodland which contains the site physically and visually, as well as being adjacent to existing built form.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	The site is in a relatively sustainable location as part of the urban edge of Stourport. Development would be on previously developed land (albeit a currently an acceptable Green Belt use).
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	The site is a plant nursery with no right of access.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	There are no recreational opportunities.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

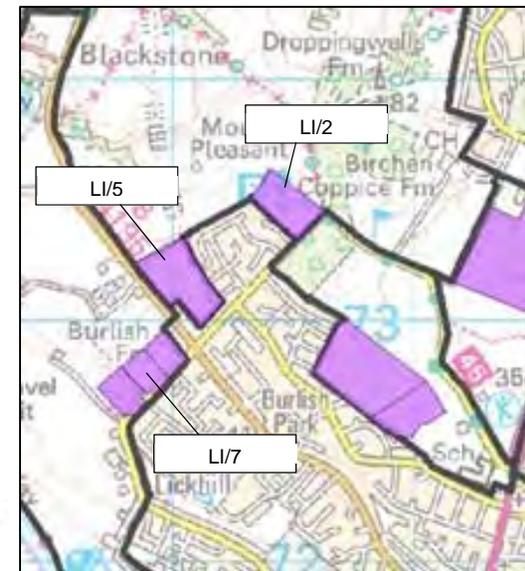
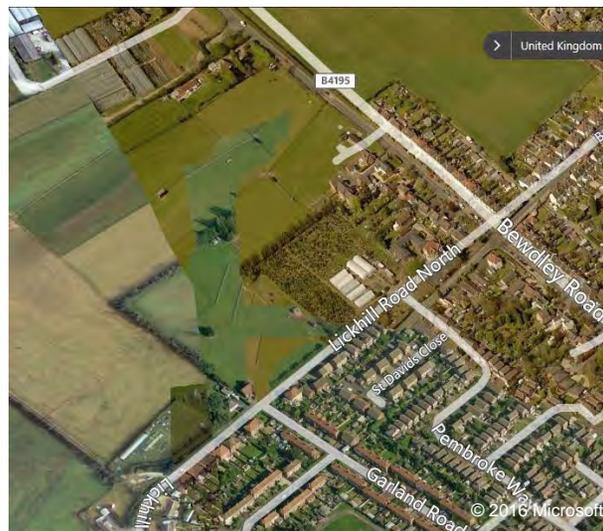
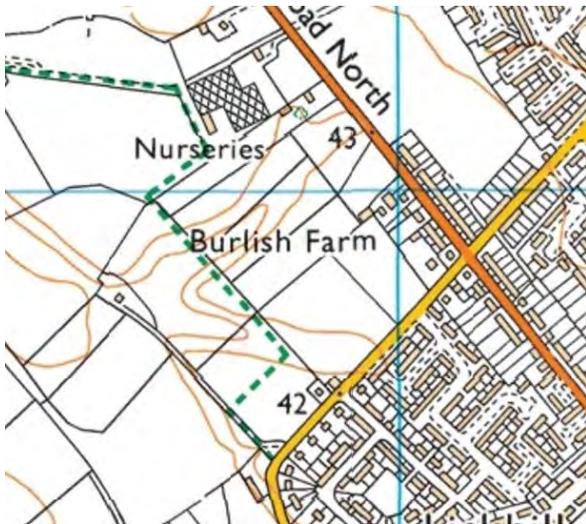
LI/7	BRADLEYS PADDOCKS	1.87ha	49 units
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Description

Adjacent to Lickhill Road North, the site is in grazing use. The land begins to fall away to the River Severn to the west and whilst visually enclosed by a substantial hedgerow to the north, has an open aspect to the west, with extensive views across to the dense woodland to the west of the River Severn. There is no public access and prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SW5.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is well bounded physically and visually but development would represent an extension of Stourport into open countryside to the north.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would represent a further, albeit relatively minor, erosion of the gap between Stourport and Bewdley, although the size and strongly bounded character of the site which is adjacent to existing development would not represent a significant effect in this regard.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is clearly bounded with substantial hedgerows, but is nevertheless part of the wider countryside to the north west.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>There is no visual connection between the historic cores of Bewdley or Stourport.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to the Green Belt in this location by virtue of being part of wider undeveloped land which separates Bewdley and Sourport, Development would marginally extend the urban edge of</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		Stourport northwestwards and although there are substantial hedgerows to the northwest and southwest the sloping character of the land offers views across the River Severn. The overall effect would be to advance the urban edge into open countryside and potentially alter the perception of that edge (for example from across the River Severn), particularly given the separation of the site from existing built development.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is bounded by substantial (overgrown?) hedgerows which contains the site physically and visually, as well as being adjacent to existing built form to the southeast.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	The site is in a relatively sustainable location as part of the urban edge of Stourport.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	There is no public access.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	There are no recreational opportunities.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	No

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	No

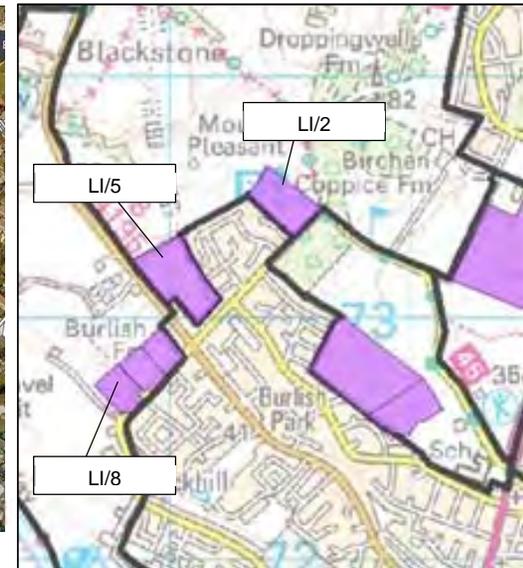
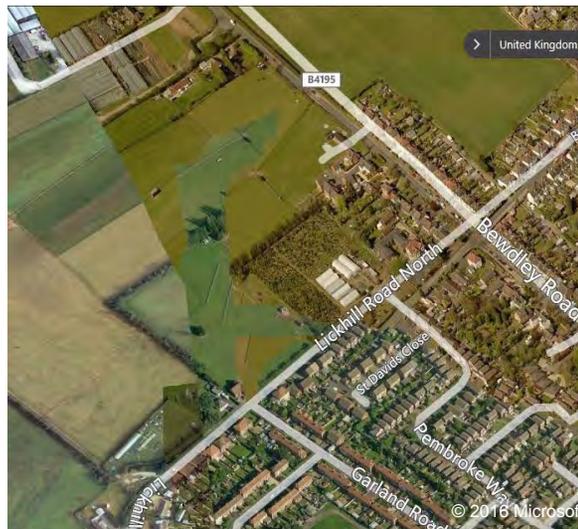
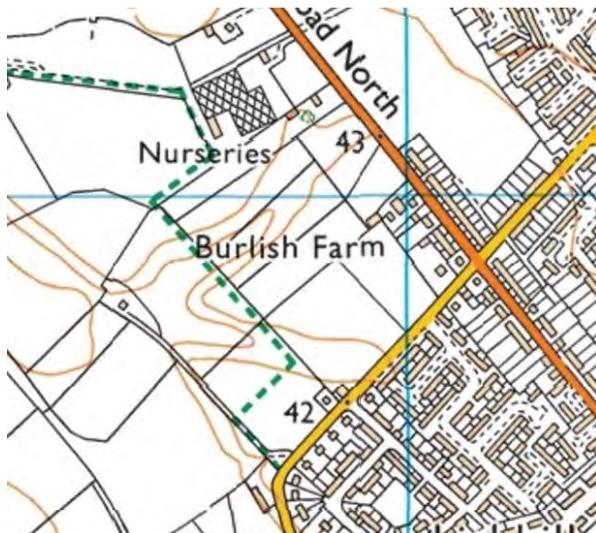
LI/8	LICKHILL ROAD NORTH r/o SCOUT HUT	2.24ha	58 units
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Description

A site comprising open fields in grazing use adjacent to Lickhill Road North. The site is bounded by a dense hedgerow to the south west, but of an open aspect to the north, with no substantive feature defining the boundary. The site gently slopes towards the River Severn with extensive views to dense woodland to the west of the River Severn. There is public access via a PRow which crosses the site. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SW5.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is not well bounded physically and visually on its northwestern side and as such development would constitute sprawl into open countryside.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would contribute to the erosion of the gap between Stourport and Bewdley.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is only partially bounded, and critically not on its northwestern edge.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>There is no visual connection between the historic cores of Bewdley or Stourport.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a significant contribution to the Green Belt in this location by virtue of being part of wider undeveloped land which separates Bewdley and Sourport, Development would extend the urban edge of Stourport northwestwards into open countryside with the likelihood of substantially</p>

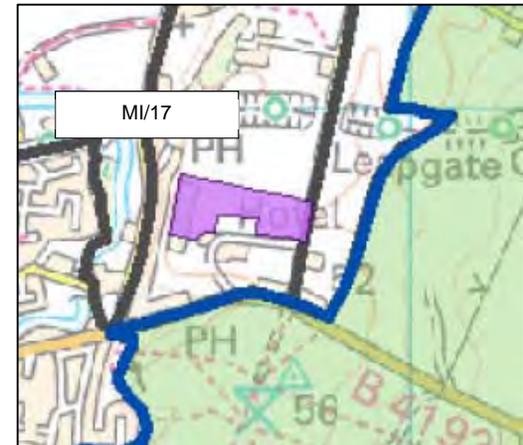
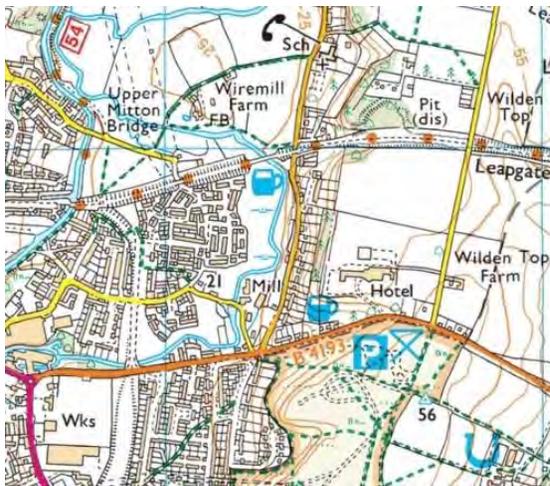
Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		altering the perception of the urban edge (for example from across the River Severn), particularly given the separation of the site from existing built development.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is bounded by substantial hedgerows to the northeast associated with Bradleys Paddocks, to the southwest by a private track and associated hedgerow, by Lickhill Road North to the east, but with no boundary to the northwest, this leaving the site open to extensive views northwestwards.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	The site is in a relatively sustainable location as part of the urban edge of Stourport.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	A PRoW forms part of the southwestern boundary of the site and proceeds across the site northward
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	There are no recreational opportunities.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.

Description

A single field in pastoral use to the east of Wilden village and immediately north of a substantial hotel. The land is at grade and part of a wider plateau which constitutes Wilden Top. There are limited views to the west, but middle and long distance views to the east. There is no public access and prior to survey no biodiversity or cultural heritage interest.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SW12.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The southern reaches of Wilden village are arranged along Wilden Lane and washed over by Green Belt. There is localised sprawl in this location along the valley bottom to the west and, notwithstanding the presence of the hotel, development would spread this onto the plateau of Wilden Top.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of land which makes a significant contribution to preventing the merger of Kidderminster and Stourport.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst the site is defined by various boundaries these vary considerably in their strength, the outer boundaries comprising substantial hedgerows. However, locally the land makes a contribution to this purpose because of its visual connection with the wider countryside, including glimpsed views to the east.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site does not make a direct contribution to this purpose.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site contributes to the openness of the countryside in this location which is part of open land between Kidderminster and Stourport. As such development would contribute to the erosion of this gap in what is an exposed plateau setting, creating localised sprawl from existing development along Wilden Lane.</p>

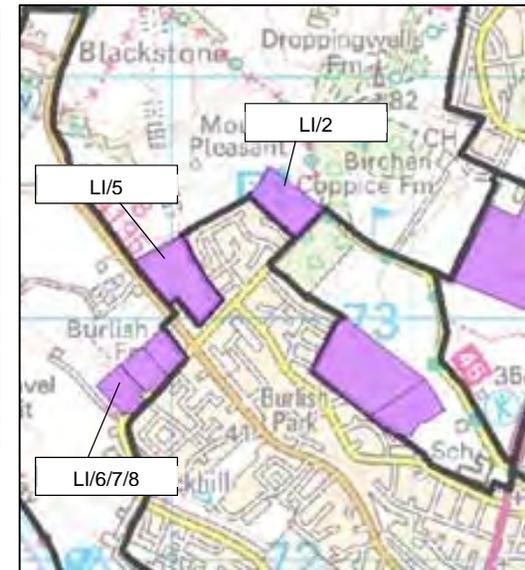
Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		Even if substantial outer boundaries were present, development would constitute encroachment into open countryside.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site strongly bounded on only two sides.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be separate from any recognisable urban or village edge.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

Description

A single field in arable use forming part of the north western entrance to Stourport, adjacent to the current built of the town. The land is largely of level topography and there are short and middle distance views across it to open countryside between Stourport and Bewdley. The land is strongly bounded on all sides. There is no public access and prior to survey no biodiversity or cultural heritage interest.

Part of Strategic Parcel SW4.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<p>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is adjacent to Bewdley Road North where there is evidence of incremental sprawl and development on this site would extend this northwestward. The site makes a contribution to the Green Belt in this respect. However, the external boundary creates a clear limit to this and development is more accurately rounding-off rather than sprawl.</p>
<p>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to this purpose as part of the wider parcel.</p>
<p>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is contained on all sides and would largely represent a rounding-off of the urban edge in this location. Whilst development would encroach into open countryside, closing off a view at the exit of Stourport along Bewdley Road North, the largely enclosed character of the site means that wider encroachment is avoided.</p>
<p>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to this purpose by virtue of its location as part of the northwestern gateway to Stourport, although there is no visual connection between the site and a Conservation Area. There is therefore a sensitivity to the site in this respect although in light of the existing hard urban edge, this is a matter of design.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of large tract of land forming a substantial part of the open countryside between Stourport, Kidderminster and Bewdley which makes a significant contribution to preventing sprawl, merger of towns, encroachment and the identity of towns. Thus, in principle, development would constitute harm to the Green Belt, although the local geography modifies this. Overall the land does make a contribution to Green Belt purposes, specifically in respect of sprawl and protection against encroachment into open countryside. The enclosed character of this site and its close relationship with the existing urban edge means that damage to the purposes of the Green Belt is reduced.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>The site is strongly bounded on all sides.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>Development would be an extension of the existing urban edge.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>None identified.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

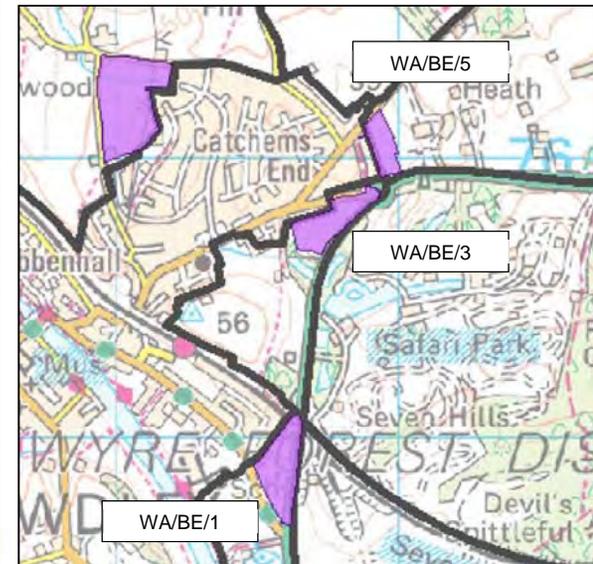
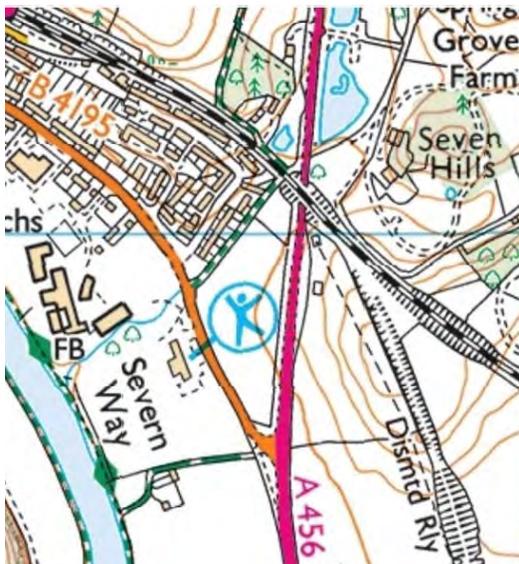
WA/BE/1	STOURPORT ROAD TRIANGLE	3.67ha	80 units
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Description

A medium-scale (3.7ha) site comprising a single arable field which is strongly bounded by the A456 Stourport Road, the B4195 Stourport Road and an access track. The site is gently sloping with a broad east-west orientation and forms part of the southerly context for Bewdley as viewed from the B4195. There is no public access and prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SW3.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would extend the developed edge of Bewdley southwards into the important gap between Bewdley and Stourport. However, the strongly bounded character of the site means that this is unlikely to constitute sprawl.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of the gap between Bewdley and Stourport and development would narrow that gap.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site has substantial boundaries on all sides and development would be contained physically. However, the sloping character of the site could create a degree of visual intrusion from the southern approach to the town along the A456.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst there is no direct visual connection with the historic core of Bewdley, this site is part of the southern gateway to the town, accessed from the A456, and as such development would represent the creation of a new relationship between the current built edge and the wider countryside to the south of the town.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to the Green Belt in this location by virtue of its location in the gap between Bewdley and Stourport and visual connection to the wider open countryside which is part of that gap. However, the strongly bounded character of the site limits the effects of sprawl or encroachment. The likely effect on openness is judged to be limited given the location and bounded character of the site. Of greater potential significance is the role of the site as part of the southern gateway to Bewdley and the effect that a concentrated development of 80 units could have, particularly given the rising topography of the ground.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>The site has clear road boundaries on all sides and development would be visually contained from the east by topography and substantial planting, less so from the southeast where the site is exposed to the Stourport Road.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>Development of the site, being adjacent to the current built edge and within walking distance of the town centre would be sustainable.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>No public access.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	Part of the southerly context for the historic core of Bewdley although there is no visual connection.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

WA/UA/4	ALLOTMENTS UPPER ARLEY	0.46ha	10 units
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Description

A small (0.5ha) site previously in use as allotments which is on sloping land towards the River Severn and bounded by thick hedgerows and scrub on three sides and a steep embankment onto Arley Lane on the fourth, resulting in strong physical and visual containment. There is no public access and prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel NW5.

Location Plan



Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is enclosed physically and visually and development would not constitute sprawl.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would not contribute to merger.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The high degree of physical and visual enclosure limits encroachment into the open countryside to the east.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development is of a scale and degree of physical and visual containment such that character of the village and its Conservation is unlikely to be compromised, subject to detailed scrutiny of development design.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The physical and visual enclosure of the site means that development would not compromise the purposes of the Green Belt strategically or locally and the effect on openness would not be significant, being an extension of the existing built edge of the village. The effect of development on openness is</p>

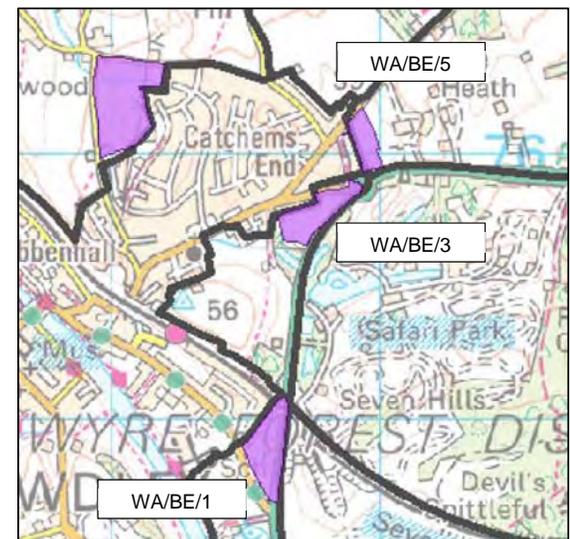
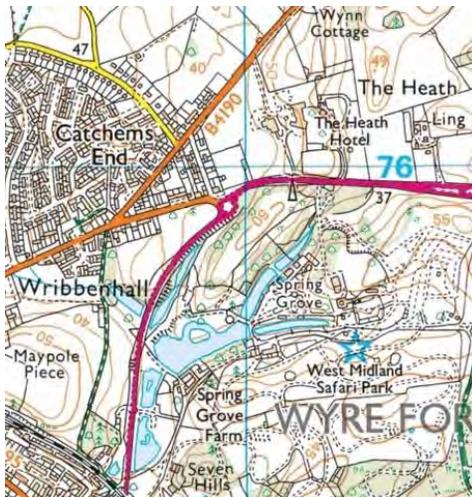
Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		likely to be limited, reflecting the scale and physical and visual enclosure of the site.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The clear containment of the site means that development can be contained.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be an extension of the built edge of the village northwards.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	The site lies within the Upper Arley Conservation Area.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

Description

Fields in arable/pastoral use situated off the principal gateway into Bewdley from Kidderminster. The land is largely enclosed by surrounding roads and substantial vegetation of varying density. There are direct views in from the A456 roundabout. There is no public access and prior to survey no biodiversity or cultural heritage interest.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SW2.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes/Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst the site is relatively small and well-bounded, it does make a contribution to preventing local sprawl along the Kidderminster Road and the A456.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of land which separates Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport and is judged to make a significant contribution to this purpose, albeit bounded by the A456.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is contained on its northern and southern sides, although the western boundary is less clear.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>As part of the northeastern gateway into Bewdley, the site makes a significant contribution, although there is no visual connection with the heart of the town.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Overall, and cumulatively, the site makes a significant contribution to Green Belt purposes because of its role as part of the wider tract of land separating Bewdley, Stourport and Kidderminster, its role as part of the</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes/Analysis
		gateway to Bewdley, a role in preventing wider encroachment and sprawl. Development would reduce openness by bringing the edge of Bewdley southeastwards to meet the A456, although this would act as a long-term edge.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The triangular site is bounded by the Kidderminster Road to the north, the A456 to the south east and a dense woodland belt to the south west.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be an extension of the existing urban edge of Wribbenhall/Catchems End along the Kidderminster Road.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.

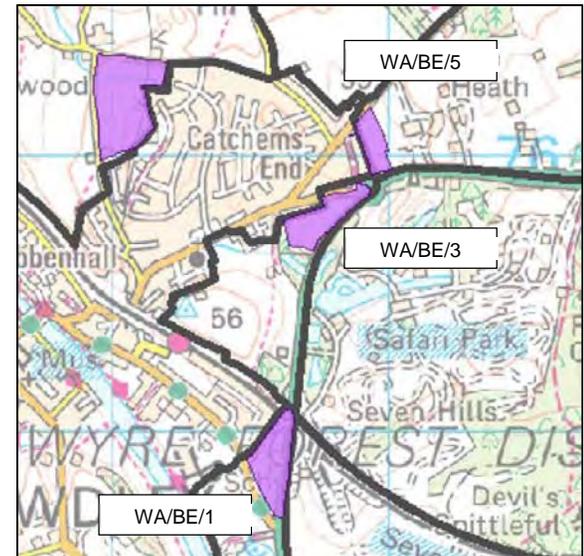
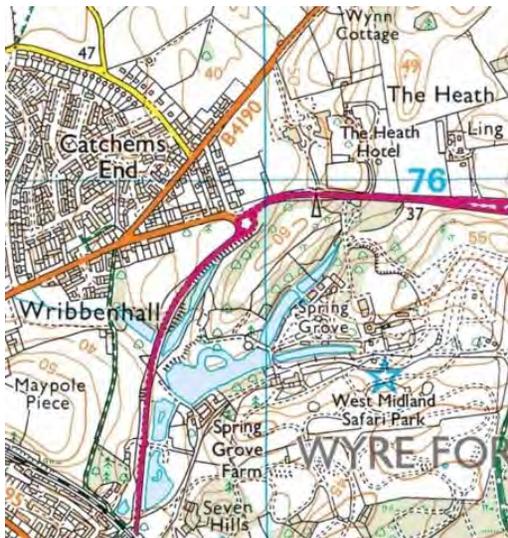
Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes/Analysis
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	None identified.

Description

Two fields in pastoral use, both of which abut the built edge of Bewdley at New Road, but one which is unbounded its eastern extent. There are restricted views into the site. There is no public access and prior to survey no biodiversity or cultural heritage interest.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel NW1.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The size of the site and containment by a hotel to the means that sprawl on Habberley Road will not occur. Equally, development would be an extension of the urban area and cannot be regarded as 'rounding-off'.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of a larger parcel which makes a significant contribution to preventing the merger of Bewdley and Kidderminster, and although relatively small, is clearly part of this wider land.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is contained on three sides and shades into the extensive grounds of a hotel immediately to the east. The hotel and grounds cannot be regarded as open countryside, but their scale and character contribute to overall openness in this locality.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of the eastern entrance to Bewdley, although there is no visual connection between the site and the historic centre of the town,</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The overall contribution to Green Belt purposes of the site is mixed. Whilst the site is relatively small and is an extension of the existing urban edge, it is</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		nevertheless serves to contain the eastward expansion of Bewdley into the critical gap between development in this location and the built edge of Kidderminster. The presence of the hotel imparts a semi-urbanised character to the land, and development would add to this impression further reducing the gap between the towns, even though the site is reasonably well enclosed visually.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is strongly bounded on three sides, with a partial boundary to the east adjoin the hotel grounds.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be an extension of the existing urban edge.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	None identified.

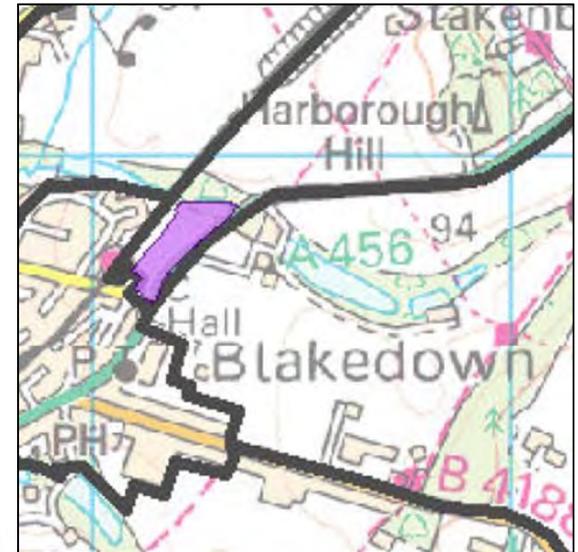
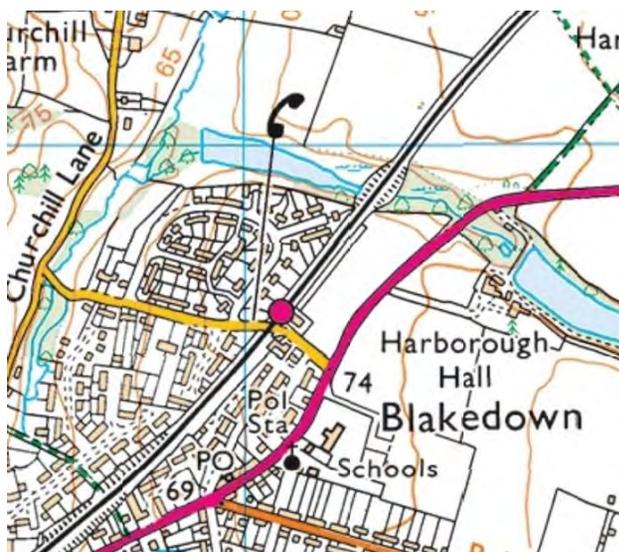
WFR/CB/3	LAND AT STATION DRIVE BLAKEDOWN	2.25ha	35 units	To include rail station car parking
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Description

A medium scale (2.3ha) site, is a single in arable use, bounded by Station Drive, a railway line, the A456 Birmingham Road and a hedgerow/thick woodland associated with a watercourse. The site is predominantly level but slopes gently down towards the watercourse. The site is visually well enclosed, although this is less strong on the A456 edge and the site forms part of the eastern entrance to Blakedown, complementing open land on the opposite side of the A456. There is no public access and prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel NE11.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would constitute sprawl, extending the built edge of Blakedown along the A456, although contained nature of the site means that this is only a localised effect. There would be a rounding off of northeastern edge of the village, and in doing so the creation of a new context to village and to some extent the loss of a rural context.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no clear role in preventing coalescence.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is strongly enclosed on all sides, but adjoins/is part of open countryside to the north.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site does not contribute to the setting or special character of historic towns or villages, although is a gateway site into Blakedown.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to Green Belt purposes because of its containment of Blakedown particularly along the A456 Birmingham Road,</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		The high degree of physical and visual containment limits the impact of development on the Green Belt, although this is a gateway site into Blakedown which is locally significant in turn demanding particular attention to edge treatment, built density and massing.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is clearly and strongly bounded on all sides.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	The site is adjacent to the built edge of Blakedown and would be a rounding of the settlement edge.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	None identified.

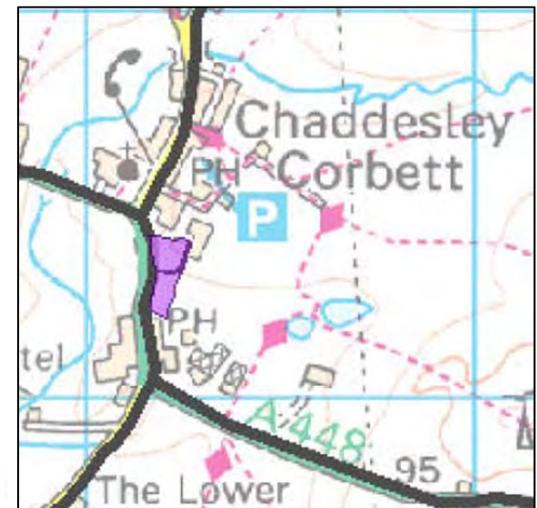
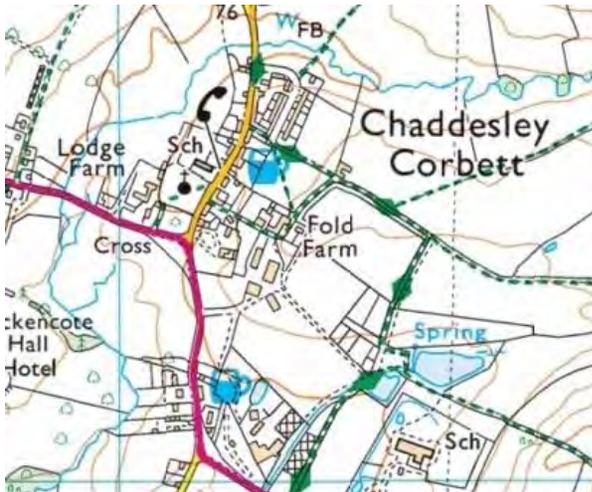
WFR/CC/7	LAND AT BROMSGROVE ROAD LOWER CHADDLESLEY	1.31ha	21 units
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Description

A small (1.3ha) site adjacent to the A448 Bromsgrove Road, comprising two fields in horticultural use. The site is bounded to the north and south by property boundaries and to the east by a hedgerow. The site slopes towards the A448 and is visually exposed, although a substantial hedgerow conceals this to some degree. The site forms part of the eastern entrance to Chaddesley Corbett and development would form part of that context. There is no public access to the site and prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel E9.

Location Plan and Photographs





Analysis of the Contribution of the Site to the Green Belt

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of this site would contribute to a sense of localised sprawl along the A448, physically joining the current built edge of Chaddesley Corbett with outlying development on the north side of the A448 which comprises a public house, a substantial plant nursery and a recently constructed primary school.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>There would not be merger of settlements, but a merger of development creating a sense of coalescence along the A448, extending the continuous footprint of the village southwards from the existing core.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>LIMIETD CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The bounded nature of the site on all sides means that long term encroachment into open countryside to the east can be prevented.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Alongside the potential sprawl, this is the most significant issue to be resolved because of close relationship of the site with the Conservation Area of the Chaddesley Corbett as marked by the prominent village church as the focal point for the historic core of the village.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Overall the site is judged to contribute to Green Belt purposes and development would compromise, on a limited scale, the role of the site in helping to prevent sprawl along the A448. The role of the site as part of the context for the Church and Conservation Area of the village is potentially significant, where development (even if set back from the road) would create a new setting for this vista. The analysis of the role of Chaddesley Corbett as a village which is washed over by Green Belt and recommended that this should remain so because of the close relationship between the built form of the village and its countryside context. Part of this is the permeability of built form throughout the village which is compromised by infill.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is clearly bounded by the A448 and built development on two sides.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be within the wider context of the village.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	There is no public access and the plot too small to provide any.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	The site forms part of the southerly context for Chaddesley Corbett church and Conservation Area and as such is potentially sensitive.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

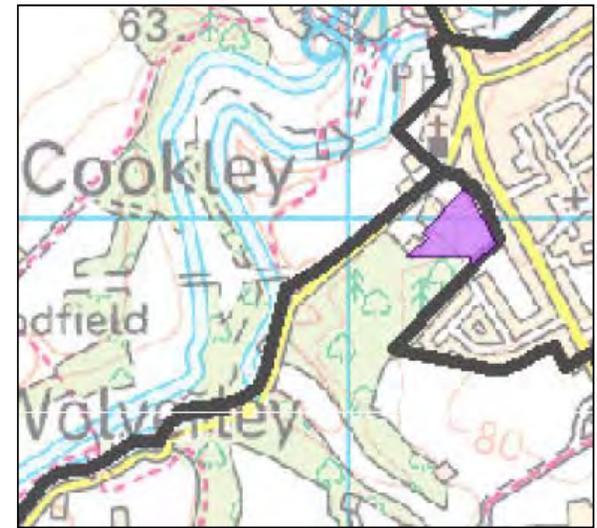
WFR/WC/12	LAWNSWOOD WESTHEAD ROAD NORTH COOKLEY	1.77ha	23 units	Potential for footpath link from adjacent housing estate to village facilities
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Description

A small site comprising isolated properties set in extensive grounds which includes dense woodland. The triangular site is bounded on two sites by Lea Lane to the north and the rear boundary of properties along Castle Road, but an informal path/track within dense woodland to the south. The site is visually strongly enclosed by extensive vegetation across its extent. There is no public access to the site and prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel N7.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is reasonably well contained, with a substantial hedge on the southern boundary, built development to the north and east and property boundaries to the northwest. As such development would be contained and not sprawl into open countryside physically, as well as visually, despite the site being on a southerly aspect.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would not contribute to the merger of towns or smaller settlements.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Despite the reasonable degree of physical and visual enclosure of the site, development would contribute to encroachment, albeit modestly.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>There is no visual connection and development would not affect an historic town or local Conservation Area.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is well contained and development would not constitute sprawl or significant encroachment into open countryside. The openness of the</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		countryside would be affected through the addition of built development, although this is not significant given the degree of enclosure on the site's southern boundary and opportunities for boundary treatment to reduce this impact.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	Development would be an extension of the existing urban area, defined on its southern edge by an informal, though well-used, footpath and substantial woodland.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Yes, by being a modest extension of the existing footprint of Cookley.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	Informal footpath to the south.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	Potential to formalise access around and possibly through the site to playing fields to the north off Lea Lane, for example.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	None identified.

WFR/WC/22	LAND OFF LOWE LANE FAIRFIELD	2.99ha	26 units	Only land to north of allotments to be developed. (Polygon reflects area to be developed 0.9 ha)
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Description

Part of land bounded by Fairfield Lane, Lowe Lane and Sebright Road, currently in grazing use and comprising two fields separated by a hedge. The site slopes gently from Fairfield Lane to Sebright Road and is visually exposed, from Lowe Lane and Fairfield Lane where the current built edge is prominent. The strength of the vegetation along Lowe Lane and Fairfield Lane varies considerably. There is no public access to the site and prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would be an extension of the existing urban edge and partially round-off the existing development footprint of Fairfield, thus not constituting sprawl, although there is no substantial southern boundary to the site.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would not contribute to the coalescence of settlements.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst not open countryside <i>per se</i>, the site is part of open land falling away from the built edge of Fairfield in this location and is visually sensitive. The proposed site has no substantial southern boundary aside from that of the allotments immediately to the south.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no role in this respect.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is reasonably well contained physically and visually and development would not undermine the role of the Green Belt in this location. Development</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		would extend the built edge southwards creating a new aspect to the southwestern quarter of the settlement as seen from Lowe Lane.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	There are firm boundaries to the west (Lowe Lane), north and east (built edge of Fairfield) but not to the south.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be a modest extension of the current built edge of Fairfield.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	None identified.

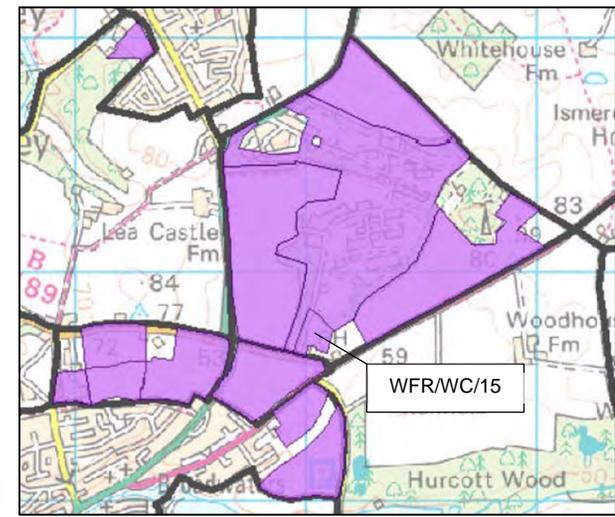
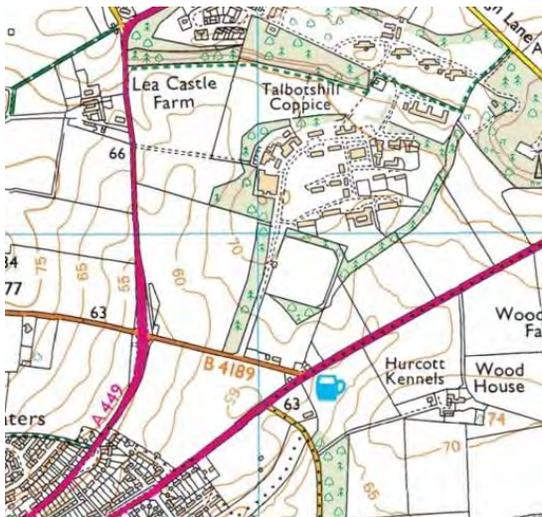
WFR/WC/15	Lea Castle Hospital	1.96ha	Potential employment site at Park Gate Road entrance
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Description

Situated off Park Gate Road the site is part of the plateau which holds the Lea Castle site. The land is level and is bounded to the north by a woodland belt, to the west by Lea Castle Drive and a woodland belt and to the south by properties along Park Gate Road. The site is visually well contained on three sides, in arable use and part of a broader easterly tract of farmland to the west of A451 Stourbridge Road. There is no public access and in advance of site survey the site has no nature conservation or cultural heritage interest.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel NE2.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would be an extension of the current development footprint, but not of an urban area <i>per se</i>. Reasonable long-term boundaries could be secured around three sides of the site, whilst definition of a boundary would be required to the east, as viewed from the A451.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would contribute to a closing of the gap between Kidderminster and Cookley, although potential development to the south of Park Gate Road and at Lea Castle is more significant in this respect.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would constitute a degree of encroachment into open countryside but this would not be significant being containable on the site's eastern border. Depending on the form of development, there could be visual intrusion as viewed from the A451 Stourbridge Road. .</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>There would be no effect on the setting or character of historic towns or other settlements.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst development would constitute an extension of the developed footprint of previously developed land at Lea Castle, it would not create significant sprawl or encroachment, although the extent of visual intrusion (and hence impact on openness) would depend upon the nature of the built form introduced. Openness of the Green Belt would not be significantly compromise, although the introduction of built development would change the character of the immediate locality. In the context of wider re-development of the Lea Castle site and the degree of containment of this site, the effect is not considered to be significant.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The boundaries of the site on three sides are strongly defined; that to the east would require definition its absence could contribute to visual intrusion of the development, depending upon its character.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	As part of a wider development of the Lea Castle site, as well as land to the south of Park Gate Road, the site would offer complementary employment opportunities.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	The site is adjacent to existing sports pitches which could be subject to enhancement.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise).	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	None identified.

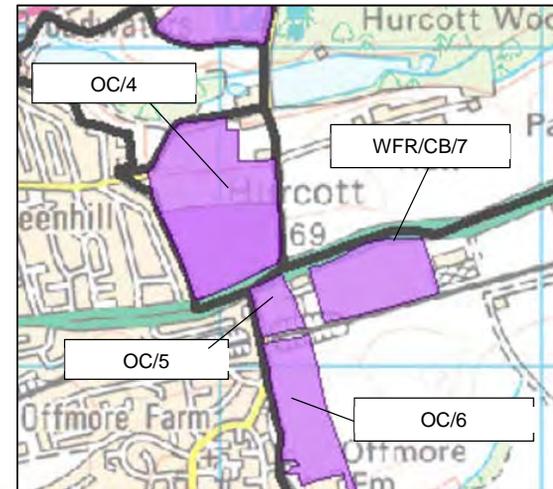
WFR/CB/7	South of Birmingham Road	7.13ha	Supported by landowner as potential employment site
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Description

A single field in arable use between a railway line and the A456 Birmingham Road. The site gently slopes from the A448 to the railway line and is well bounded on all sides. The site is exposed to the A456 with uninterrupted views across the site to the railway line and glimpsed views of the wider countryside beyond that. There is no public access and in advance of survey no records of biodiversity or cultural heritage interest.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel E1.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of this site would create sprawl along the A456 and whilst the site is well-bounded on all sides, the visual impact would be of greater significance than the size of the site suggests. The edge of Kidderminster would be extended into the open countryside between Kidderminster and Blakedown along a key gateway into the town. The effect of this site on the Green Belt purpose of checking sprawl would thus be significant.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst there is no immediate contribution to this purpose, linear development along the A456 would reduce the open countryside gap between Kidderminster and Blakedown, although there is no visual connection between the two.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Although the site is well bounded on all sides, development would represent encroachment into open countryside, creating a fundamentally new character to this location.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site does not contribute directly to this purpose, although because of its location, it is the key eastern gateway into Kidderminster and as such is visually sensitive.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site, despite being well-bounded, makes a significant contribution to preventing the sprawl of Kidderminster into open countryside and contributes to the prevention of encroachment more generally. Development would have a significant impact on openness in this locality, both in the immediate environs of the site and as part of the eastern entrance to Kidderminster. The introduction of significant built form would create a sense of sprawl along Birmingham Road. Any mitigation would need to address building form and height as well as effective masterplanning of the site.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is well bounded on all sides.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	The site is potentially within walking and cycling distance of residential areas but it is still detached from the urban envelope.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise).	No, but is visually sensitive as a gateway site into Kidderminster.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	None identified.

FPH/1	Settling Ponds	4.06	Promoted for housing –employment uses potentially less harmful to SSSI adjoining site (Polygon reflects area to be developed 4.06 ha)
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Description

A medium-scale (4ha) site which is derelict land and part of the wider Wilden Marsh which extends southwards towards Stourport. The land is not clearly defined in its extent apart from Wilden Lane which forms its eastern boundary. The site is flat and relatively concealed by extensive vegetation, reflecting its long-standing abandonment as a commercial use.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SW8.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would represent an extension of the built edge of Kidderminster into the wedge of open land centred on the River Stour and as such could be regarded as sprawl given the absence of clear southern and western boundaries and the introduction of built form into an otherwise open landscape. However, the size of the site and its containment by significant vegetation on its eastern boundary (and more generally within the site) limits this impact.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no distinctive role in preventing the merger of Kidderminster and Stourport.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site, whilst being set within a reasonably extensive river valley landscape, is not part of open countryside. Nevertheless, the absence of clear southern and western boundaries potentially creates longer term issues of containment.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no role in this regard.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst the site is technically previously developed land, it is part of the wider River Stour Valley which forms a significant portion of the Green Belt separating Kidderminster and Stourport. Development of the site would not significantly contribute to coalescence given its size, but the apparent absence of clear boundaries to the south and west of the site creates uncertainty over longer term containment and thus greater impact on this narrow tongue of Green Belt.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	Longer term boundaries are currently unclear.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	The site is in a sustainable location. The site is previously developed land associated with the former British Sugar works to the west.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	No public access.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	Recreational access in the vicinity of the site associated only with the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal, with potential for enhancement of this corridor?

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise).	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	Wilden Pools SSSI immediately to the west/southwest.

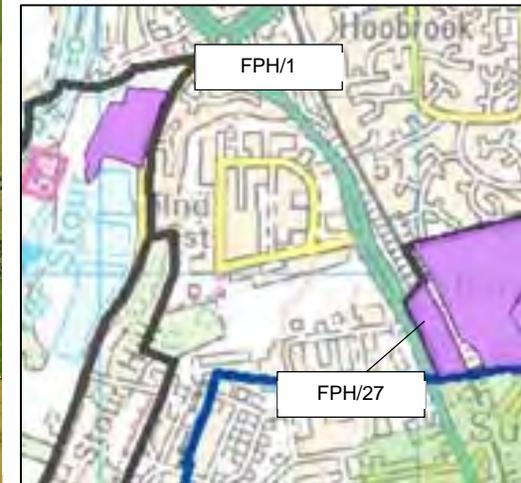
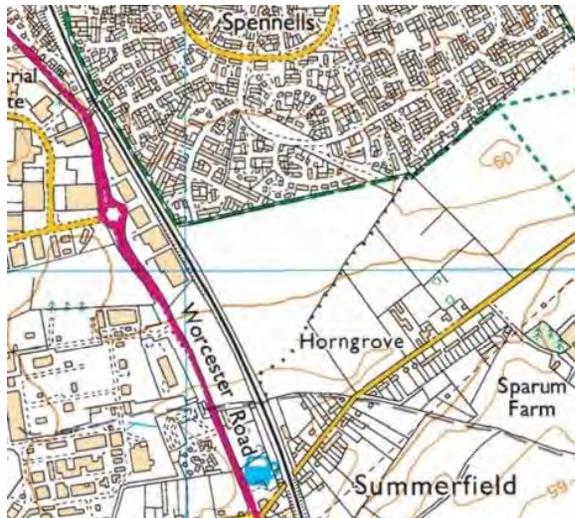
FPH/27	Adj. Easter Park	2.53ha	Accessible via existing junction
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Description

A contained site in rough grazing use separated from the wider Green Belt to the east and south (within Wychavon District). The site is narrow with a railway line to the east, the A449 to the west and built development to the north and south.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SE1.

Location Plan





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst development of the site would extent the built edge of Kidderminster further along the A449, this would not constitute sprawl given the size of the site and its strong boundaries as well as the character of the broader locality which has become urbanised.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no role in this respect.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no role in this respect, being detached from the wider countryside to the east and south.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site performs a gateway function to Kidderminster to some degree although the extent of urbanisation in the locality greatly lessens its sensitivity.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a very limited contribution to Green Belt purposes strategically and locally, being strongly bounded on all sides and largely</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is well bounded on all sides.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	The site is an extension to adjacent commercial development to the north.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.

visually isolated from the Green Belt to the east and south. The local context, which has a strongly urbanised character, adds to the sense of disconnection of the site from Green Belt purposes. Development would have a limited effect on openness, being dominated by urban uses to the north and west. However, a degree of sensitivity in the scale and massing of development would need to be exercised given the site's place as part of the southern gateway to Kidderminster along the A449.

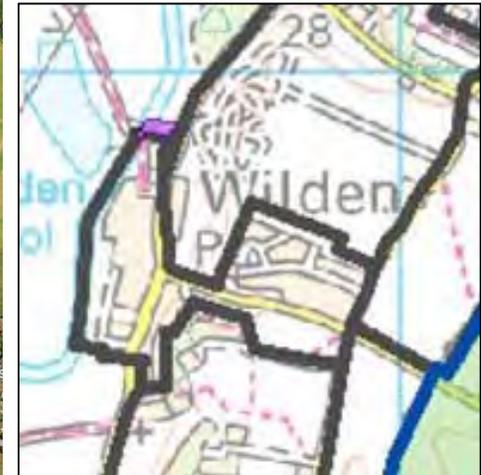
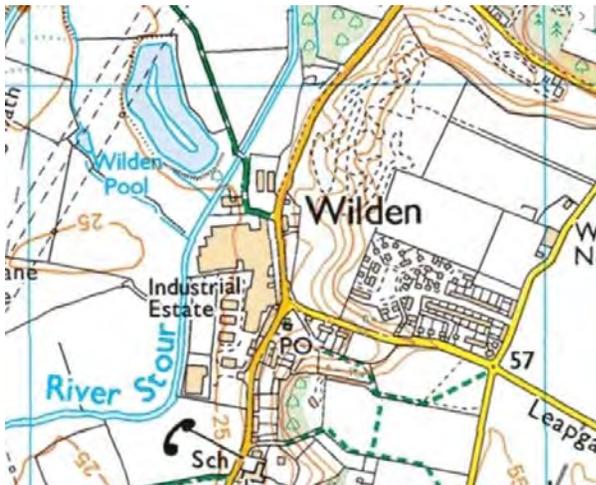
Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality.	None identified.

Description

Land which is directly connected to the Wilden Industrial Estate and which appears to be in use as a storage area. There appears to be no proper northern boundary and the original boundary, which ran eastwards off the dog-led in the PRoW, appears to have been removed. There is no public access and prior to survey no biodiversity or cultural heritage interest.

Part of Strategic Parcel SW8.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is relatively small and well bounded on three sides, including to the south as part of the Wilden Industrial Estate and in terms of location and scale would not constitute sprawl.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a limited contribution in this respect given its size and relationship with the existing industrial estate.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Incursion into the Green Belt does in principle constitute encroachment, although the scale in this circumstance is modest and does not damage openness more widely.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes no direct contribution.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of Green Belt which is judged to make a significant contribution to maintaining the separation between Kidderminster and Stourport. In principle, erosion of the Green Belt in this location is damaging but the scale of the extension and its close relationship with</p>

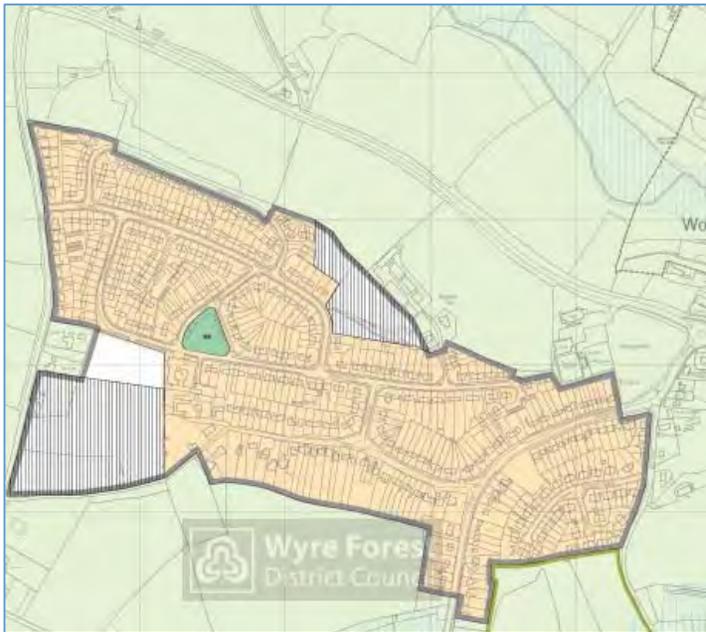
Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		existing development to the south would not constitute significant harm to Green Belt purposes overall.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is strongly bounded apart from its northern edge.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be an extension of the existing industrial estate which has been removed from the Green Belt.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

Land off Hayes Road, Fairfield, Kidderminster

Description

Rough pasture falling away from Hayes Road to a farmstead. There is no public access and the land is only fully visible from Hayes Road. There are views across the parcel from Hayes Road to the B4189 and woodland beyond.

Location



Topic	Criteria	Assessment
NPPF Purposes of the Green Belt		
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas	<p><i>a. Ribbon development</i></p> <p>Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development, particularly along major transport corridors, and/or has the Green Belt already been compromised by ribbon development (significant role, moderate role, limited role)?</p> <p><i>b. Openness</i></p> <p>To what extent is the parcel free from development and have a sense of openness (strong, moderate, weak)?</p>	<p>Limited Contribution</p> <p>The location, scale and bounded quality of the site means that the land does not contribute to the prevention of sprawl.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another	<p><i>Location of the parcel and distance between neighbouring settlements.</i></p> <p>Does the parcel lie directly between two settlements and form all or part of a gap between them?</p> <p>What is the width of the gap between settlements (<1km, 1-2km, >2km)?</p>	<p>Limited Contribution</p> <p>The site is immediately adjacent to the small settlement of Fairfield.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<p><i>a. Significance of existing urbanising influences</i></p> <p>Has the parcel been affected by the encroachment of urbanising development (comprises open countryside, some urbanisation, openness compromised)?</p> <p><i>b. Significance and permanence of boundaries/features to contain development and prevent encroachment</i></p> <p>Are there existing natural or man-made features/boundaries that would prevent encroachment in the long term (none, limited, substantial)?</p>	<p>Limited Contribution</p> <p>The location, scale and bounded quality of the site means that there would not be encroachment into the wider countryside.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<p>What is the proximity and degree of visual connection with the historic core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town (proximate/good, partial, no connection)?</p>	<p>Limited Contribution</p>

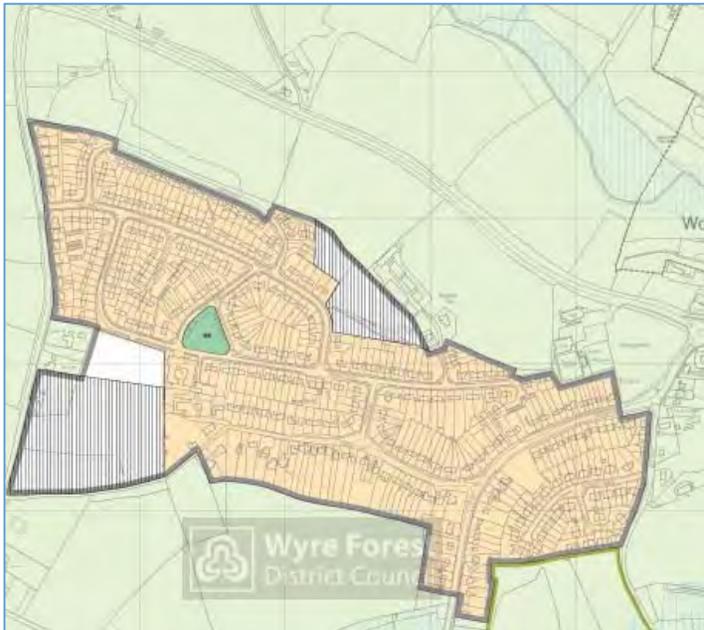
Topic	Criteria	Assessment
		The site is immediately adjacent to the small settlement of Fairfield with only limited visual connection to the village of Wolverley to the north east.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	In light of the assessment of individual purposes, what is the overall contribution of the parcel to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context?	Limited Contribution The scale, location and bounded quality of the site mean that it makes only a limited contribution to Green Belt purposes in this location. However, the land has a local contribution in providing short and medium-distance views to the north east.
Local Role of the Green Belt		
Preserving the setting and character of villages and other settlements	What is the relationship between a village or hamlet and the surrounding Green Belt?	There are views across the land to Wolverley and the wider Green Belt in this location.
Opportunities to Promote Positive Use of the Green Belt		
Opportunities for public access or to provide access/recreational opportunity	What is the degree of existing public access and/or provision of recreational facilities?	No current access, but possible potential for informal access.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	Does the parcel form part of the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise)?	No
Enhancing biodiversity	Are there any national or local biodiversity designations within the parcel?	No
Improving derelict and damaged land	Is there any derelict land in the parcel?	No

Land off Lowe Lane, Fairfield, Kidderminster

Description

Rough pasture falling away from Sebright Road (immediately adjacent non-ADR land been built-out) to Fairfield Lane, with evidence of allotment activity in the sub-parcel adjoining Fairfield Lane. There is no formal public access to the land, and glimpsed views across from Fairfield Lane, Lowe Lane and the new development of Sebright Road.

Location

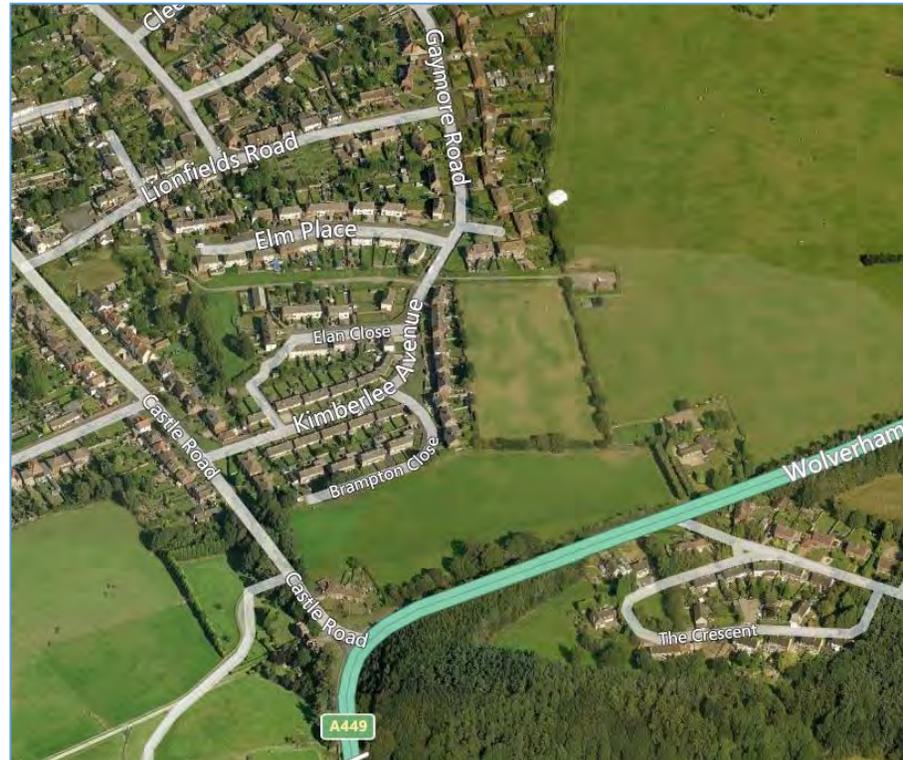
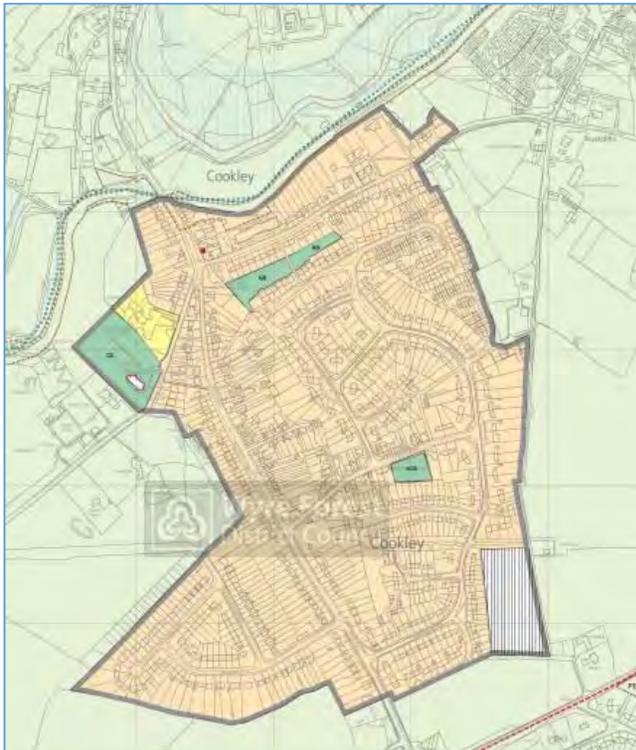


Topic	Criteria	Assessment
NPPF Purposes of the Green Belt		
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas	<p><i>c. Ribbon development</i></p> <p>Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development, particularly along major transport corridors, and/or has the Green Belt already been compromised by ribbon development (significant role, moderate role, limited role)?</p> <p><i>d. Openness</i></p> <p>To what extent is the parcel free from development and have a sense of openness (strong, moderate, weak)?</p>	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would be an extension of the existing urban edge and partially round-off the existing development footprint of Fairfield, thus not constituting sprawl, although there is no substantial southern boundary to the site.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another	<p><i>Location of the parcel and distance between neighbouring settlements.</i></p> <p>Does the parcel lie directly between two settlements and form all or part of a gap between them?</p> <p>What is the width of the gap between settlements (<1km, 1-2km, >2km)?</p>	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would not contribute to the coalescence of settlements.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<p><i>c. Significance of existing urbanising influences</i></p> <p>Has the parcel been affected by the encroachment of urbanising development (comprises open countryside, some urbanisation, openness compromised)?</p> <p><i>d. Significance and permanence of boundaries/features to contain development and prevent encroachment</i></p> <p>Are there existing natural or man-made features/boundaries that would prevent encroachment in the long term (none, limited, substantial)?</p>	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst not open countryside <i>per se</i>, the site is part of open land falling away from the built edge of Fairfield in this location and is visually sensitive. The proposed site has no substantial southern boundary aside from that of the allotments immediately to the south.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<p>What is the proximity and degree of visual connection with the historic core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town (proximate/good, partial, no connection)?</p>	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no role in this respect.</p>

Topic	Criteria	Assessment
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	In light of the assessment of individual purposes, what is the overall contribution of the parcel to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context?	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is reasonably well contained physically and visually and development would not undermine the role of the Green Belt in this location. Development would extend the built edge southwards creating a new aspect to the southwestern quarter of the settlement as seen from Lowe Lane.</p>
Local Role of the Green Belt		There are firm boundaries to the west (Lowe Lane), north and east (built edge of Fairfield) but not to the south.
Preserving the setting and character of villages and other settlements	What is the relationship between a village or hamlet and the surrounding Green Belt?	Development would be a modest extension of the current built edge of Fairfield.
Opportunities to Promote Positive Use of the Green Belt		None identified.
Opportunities for public access or to provide access/recreational opportunity	What is the degree of existing public access and/or provision of recreational facilities?	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	Does the parcel form part of the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise)?	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	Are there any national or local biodiversity designations within the parcel?	No
Improving derelict and damaged land	Is there any derelict land in the parcel?	No

Land off Kimberlee Avenue, Cookley**Description**

Rough grazing on gently rising land adjacent to the village of Cookley, bounded by hedgerows to the east and south, built development to the north and west. Public rights of way run through the land north – south and adjacent to its southern edge east – west, both of which afford middle and longer distance views of open countryside to the east.

Location

Topic	Criteria	Assessment
NPPF Purposes of the Green Belt		
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas	<p><i>e. Ribbon development</i></p> <p>Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development, particularly along major transport corridors, and/or has the Green Belt already been compromised by ribbon development (significant role, moderate role, limited role)?</p> <p><i>f. Openness</i></p> <p>To what extent is the parcel free from development and have a sense of openness (strong, moderate, weak)?</p>	<p>Limited Contribution</p> <p>The location, scale and bounded quality of the site means that the land does not contribute to the prevention of sprawl.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another	<p><i>Location of the parcel and distance between neighbouring settlements.</i></p> <p>Does the parcel lie directly between two settlements and form all or part of a gap between them?</p> <p>What is the width of the gap between settlements (<1km, 1-2km, >2km)?</p>	<p>Limited Contribution</p> <p>The site is immediately adjacent to the small settlement of Cookley.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<p><i>e. Significance of existing urbanising influences</i></p> <p>Has the parcel been affected by the encroachment of urbanising development (comprises open countryside, some urbanisation, openness compromised)?</p> <p><i>f. Significance and permanence of boundaries/features to contain development and prevent encroachment</i></p> <p>Are there existing natural or man-made features/boundaries that would prevent encroachment in the long term (none, limited, substantial)?</p>	<p>Contribution</p> <p>Whilst the land is of a small scale and bounded by reasonably substantial hedgerows, it nevertheless has a physical and visual connection with the wider open countryside to the east, with some longer distance views.</p>

Topic	Criteria	Assessment
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	What is the proximity and degree of visual connection with the historic core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town (proximate/good, partial, no connection)?	Limited Contribution The site is immediately adjacent to the small settlement of Cookley with no visual connection to a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	In light of the assessment of individual purposes, what is the overall contribution of the parcel to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context?	Contribution Whilst the site is of a small scale and adjacent to existing built development on two sides, it nevertheless has a physical and visual connection with the wider Green Belt to the east. The effect of development on openness is likely to be limited, reflecting the scale and physical and visual enclosure of the site.
Local Role of the Green Belt		
Preserving the setting and character of villages and other settlements	What is the relationship between a village or hamlet and the surrounding Green Belt?	There are views across the land to the wider Green Belt in this location and the land provides a rural context to the village in this location, with glimpsed views from the A449 Wolverhampton Road.
Opportunities to Promote Positive Use of the Green Belt		
Opportunities for public access or to provide access/recreational opportunity	What is the degree of existing public access and/or provision of recreational facilities?	PRoW crossing and adjacent.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	Does the parcel form part of the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise)?	No
Enhancing biodiversity	Are there any national or local biodiversity designations within the parcel?	No
Improving derelict and damaged land	Is there any derelict land in the parcel?	No

Land off Wilden Top Road, Wilden, Stourport-on-Severn

Description

Rough grazing on flat land immediately adjacent to Bigbury Lane and Wilden Top Road. A public right of way crosses the land east to west. The site is bounded by reasonably dense vegetation with limited views in and out.

Location



Topic	Criteria	Assessment
NPPF Purposes of the Green Belt		
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas	<p><i>g. Ribbon development</i></p> <p>Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development, particularly along major transport corridors, and/or has the Green Belt already been compromised by ribbon development (significant role, moderate role, limited role)?</p> <p><i>h. Openness</i></p> <p>To what extent is the parcel free from development and have a sense of openness (strong, moderate, weak)?</p>	<p>Limited Contribution</p> <p>The location, scale and bounded quality of the site means that the land does not contribute to the prevention of sprawl.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another	<p><i>Location of the parcel and distance between neighbouring settlements.</i></p> <p>Does the parcel lie directly between two settlements and form all or part of a gap between them?</p> <p>What is the width of the gap between settlements (<1km, 1-2km, >2km)?</p>	<p>Limited Contribution</p> <p>The site is immediately adjacent to the small settlement of Wilden.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<p><i>g. Significance of existing urbanising influences</i></p> <p>Has the parcel been affected by the encroachment of urbanising development (comprises open countryside, some urbanisation, openness compromised)?</p> <p><i>h. Significance and permanence of boundaries/features to contain development and prevent encroachment</i></p> <p>Are there existing natural or man-made features/boundaries that would prevent encroachment in the long term (none, limited, substantial)?</p>	<p>Limited Contribution</p> <p>The location, scale and bounded quality of the site means that there would not be encroachment into the wider countryside.</p>

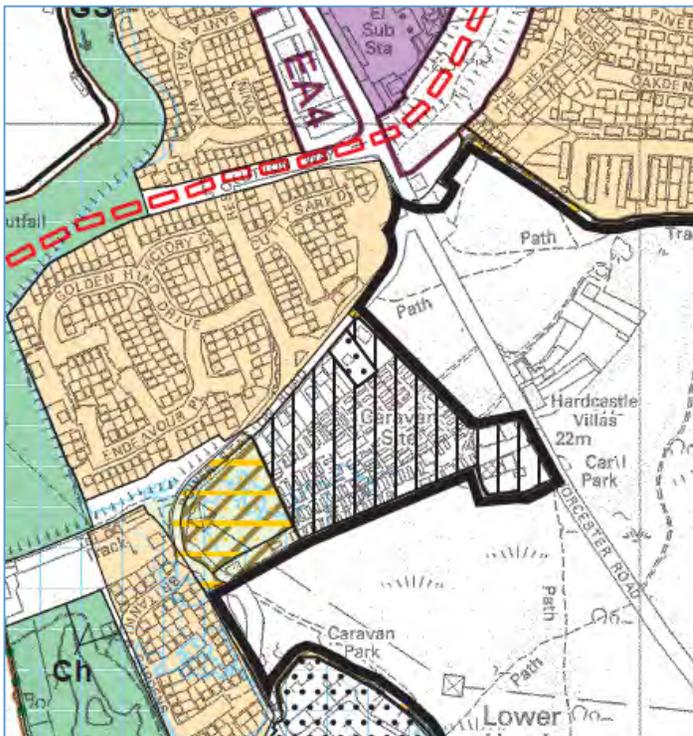
Topic	Criteria	Assessment
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	What is the proximity and degree of visual connection with the historic core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town (proximate/good, partial, no connection)?	Limited Contribution The site is immediately adjacent to the small settlement of Wilden.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	In light of the assessment of individual purposes, what is the overall contribution of the parcel to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context?	Limited Contribution The scale, location and bounded quality of the site mean that it makes only a limited contribution to Green Belt purposes in this location.
Local Role of the Green Belt		
Preserving the setting and character of villages and other settlements	What is the relationship between a village or hamlet and the surrounding Green Belt?	The land plays no role in this respect.
Opportunities to Promote Positive Use of the Green Belt		
Opportunities for public access or to provide access/recreational opportunity	What is the degree of existing public access and/or provision of recreational facilities?	Current access via a right of way with potential for informal access.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	Does the parcel form part of the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise)?	No
Enhancing biodiversity	Are there any national or local biodiversity designations within the parcel?	No
Improving derelict and damaged land	Is there any derelict land in the parcel?	No

Four Acres Caravan Park, Stourport-on-Severn

Description

Mobile homes and more permanent structures, including a garden nursery, covering a well-bounded site immediately adjacent to the built edge of Stourport. The land intrudes into the Green Belt and land designated for nature conservation at Hartlebury Common. There is no public access and views into the land are limited by dense vegetation.

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Topic	Criteria	Assessment
NPPF Purposes of the Green Belt		
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas	<p><i>i. Ribbon development</i></p> <p>Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development, particularly along major transport corridors, and/or has the Green Belt already been compromised by ribbon development (significant role, moderate role, limited role)?</p> <p><i>j. Openness</i></p> <p>To what extent is the parcel free from development and have a sense of openness (strong, moderate, weak)?</p>	<p>Limited Contribution</p> <p>The location, scale and bounded quality of the site means that the land does not contribute to the prevention of sprawl.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another	<p><i>Location of the parcel and distance between neighbouring settlements.</i></p> <p>Does the parcel lie directly between two settlements and form all or part of a gap between them?</p> <p>What is the width of the gap between settlements (<1km, 1-2km, >2km)?</p>	<p>Limited Contribution</p> <p>The site is immediately adjacent to the south eastern edge of Stourport.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<p><i>i. Significance of existing urbanising influences</i></p> <p>Has the parcel been affected by the encroachment of urbanising development (comprises open countryside, some urbanisation, openness compromised)?</p> <p><i>j. Significance and permanence of boundaries/features to contain development and prevent encroachment</i></p> <p>Are there existing natural or man-made features/boundaries that would prevent encroachment in the long term (none, limited, substantial)?</p>	<p>Limited Contribution</p> <p>The location, scale and bounded quality of the site means that there would not be encroachment into the wider countryside.</p>

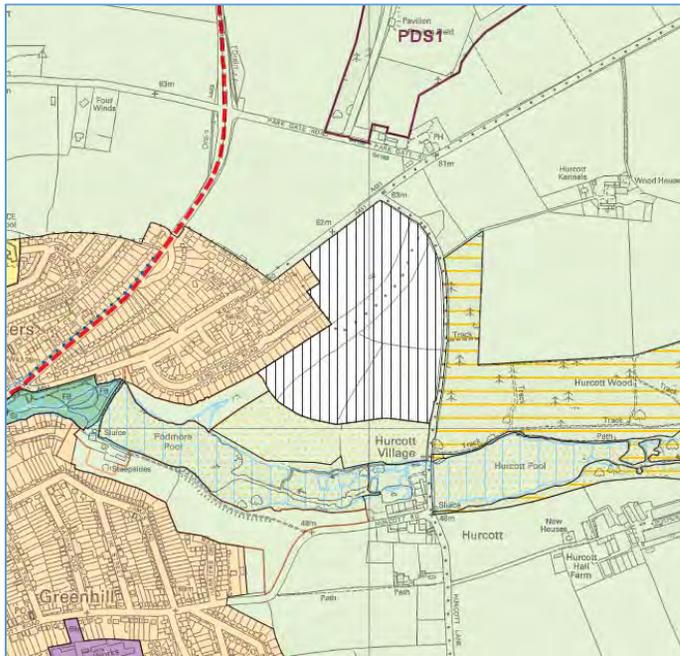
Topic	Criteria	Assessment
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	What is the proximity and degree of visual connection with the historic core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town (proximate/good, partial, no connection)?	Limited Contribution The site is immediately adjacent to Stourport with no visual connection to a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	In light of the assessment of individual purposes, what is the overall contribution of the parcel to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context?	Limited Contribution The scale, location and bounded quality of the site mean that it makes only a limited contribution to Green Belt purposes in this location. The effect of development on openness is likely to be limited, reflecting the scale and physical and visual enclosure of the site.
Local Role of the Green Belt		
Preserving the setting and character of villages and other settlements	What is the relationship between a village or hamlet and the surrounding Green Belt?	The land plays no role in this respect.
Opportunities to Promote Positive Use of the Green Belt		
Opportunities for public access or to provide access/recreational opportunity	What is the degree of existing public access and/or provision of recreational facilities?	No public access.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	Does the parcel form part of the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise)?	No
Enhancing biodiversity	Are there any national or local biodiversity designations within the parcel?	No
Improving derelict and damaged land	Is there any derelict land in the parcel?	No

Land between the A451 and Hurcott Village, Kidderminster

Description

Land bounded by the A461 Stourbridge Road to the northwest, the built edge of Kidderminster to the southwest, Hurcott Lane to the north east and a hedgerow to the south east. From a plateau adjacent to the A451, the land falls away to the south east, and is prominent to the easterly entrance to Kidderminster along the A451. Originally in rough grazing use, the land appears to be lying fallow. There is no public access to the site and prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

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Topic	Criteria	Assessment
<p>NPPF Purposes of the Green Belt</p>		
<p>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas</p>	<p><i>k. Ribbon development</i></p> <p>Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development, particularly along major transport corridors, and/or has the Green Belt already been compromised by ribbon development (significant role, moderate role, limited role)?</p> <p><i>l. Openness</i></p> <p>To what extent is the parcel free from development and have a sense of openness (strong, moderate, weak)?</p>	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would constitute sprawl along the A451, extending the built edge of Kidderminster to the north east into open countryside. However, the site is bounded by Hurcott Lane, so this particular effect would be contained.</p>
<p>To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another</p>	<p><i>Location of the parcel and distance between neighbouring settlements.</i></p> <p>Does the parcel lie directly between two settlements and form all or part of a gap between them?</p> <p>What is the width of the gap between settlements (<1km, 1-2km, >2km)?</p>	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would not contribute to the coalescence of settlements.</p>
<p>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</p>	<p><i>k. Significance of existing urbanising influences</i></p> <p>Has the parcel been affected by the encroachment of urbanising development (comprises open countryside, some urbanisation, openness compromised)?</p> <p><i>l. Significance and permanence of boundaries/features to contain development and prevent encroachment</i></p> <p>Are there existing natural or man-made features/boundaries that would prevent encroachment in the long term (none, limited, substantial)?</p>	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>There are clear boundaries on three sides of the site and a hedgerow on the southern side. As such the wider countryside is unlikely to be encroached.</p>

Topic	Criteria	Assessment
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	What is the proximity and degree of visual connection with the historic core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town (proximate/good, partial, no connection)?	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>There is no visual connection with the core of Kidderminster, although the site is part of the eastern gateway to the town.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	In light of the assessment of individual purposes, what is the overall contribution of the parcel to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context?	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to Green Belt purposes by virtue of its containment of the eastern edge of Kidderminster, preventing sprawl along the A451 and being part of the easterly setting for the town. Development of the site would not significantly damage Green Belt function in this location, although the prominence of the site and the visual connection with the wider countryside to the south, north and east means that openness would be compromised, requiring particular attention to the scale and massing of development.</p>
Local Role of the Green Belt		
Preserving the setting and character of villages and other settlements	What is the relationship between a village or hamlet and the surrounding Green Belt?	Development would be an extension of the existing urban edge.
Opportunities to Promote Positive Use of the Green Belt		
Opportunities for public access or to provide access/recreational opportunity	What is the degree of existing public access and/or provision of recreational facilities?	No current access.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	Does the parcel form part of the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise)?	No
Enhancing biodiversity	Are there any national or local biodiversity designations within the parcel?	Hurcott Pools SSSI/LNR is immediately to the south east. Potential for wider nature conservation and/or recreation enhancement.
Improving derelict and damaged land	Is there any derelict land in the parcel?	No

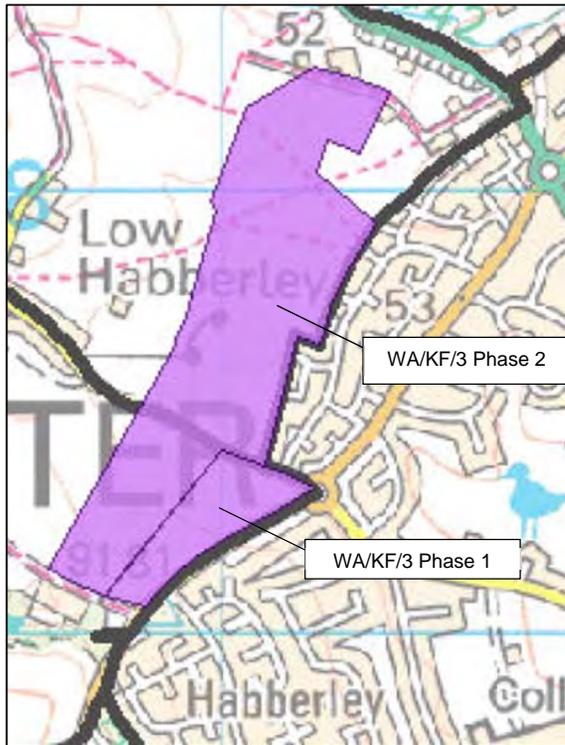
WA/KF/3 Phase 1	Land at low Habberley	6.0ha	120 units	
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Description

A small field (6.0ha) bounded by Habberley Lane to the north, Habberley Road to the south east, an unnamed track leading to High Habberley House to the south and a hedgerow to the northwest. The site is in arable use and falls from northeast to southwest over 20m. A PRoW runs along the access road to High Habberley House. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel NW2.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site forms part of the northern edge of the built extent of Kidderminster. As such it contains the spread of the town into open countryside to the north of Habberley Road which in this location contains the contiguous built development to the south. The site, in combination with the wider Green Belt in this location, helps to form part of the context for, and separate identity of, the hamlet of Low Habberley. Development of the site would not constitute 'rounding-off', despite the presence of development at Coningsby Drive to the northeast which creates an unbounded extension into open countryside north of Habberley Lane.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no role in preventing the merger of towns.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site acts as part of the wider Green Belt to the north of Kidderminster, containing the contiguous built area of the town and preventing encroachment into open countryside. Although contained on three sides by substantial boundaries, the northern boundary comprises an insubstantial hedge.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no role in preserving the setting of Bewdley or Kidderminster.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site forms part of the arc of Green Belt which contains the northerly extent of Kidderminster, limiting extension of the contiguous built-up area of the town into open countryside. As such, and in combination with the wider Green Belt in this locality, the site makes a significant contribution to Green Belt purposes of containing sprawl and preventing encroachment.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>The eastern, western and southern boundaries of the site are strong and logical; the northern boundary is an insubstantial hedge.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>Yes, by virtue of being an extension of the existing urban envelope to the north.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>A PRoW forms part of the western boundary of the site.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

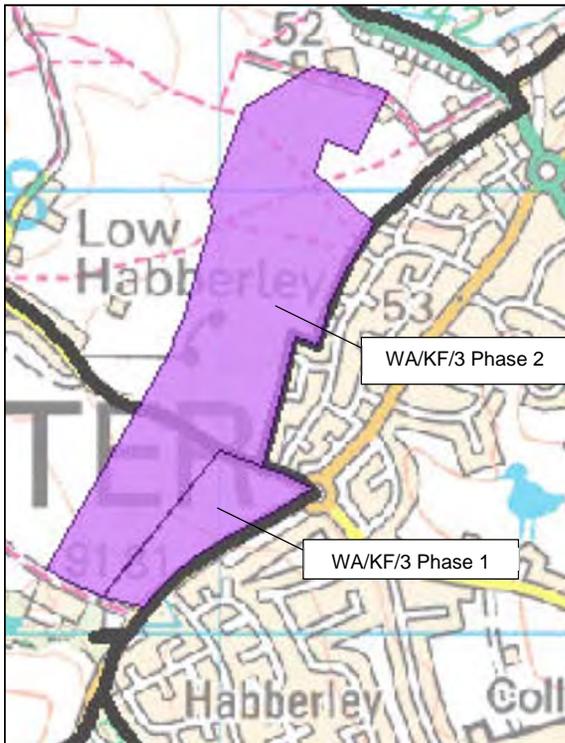
WA/KF/3 Phase 2	Land at low Habberley	34.0ha	680 units	
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Description

Several small to medium scale fields (34ha) bounded to the south by an access road to High Habberley House and Sandy Lane to the north and various insubstantial field boundaries to the northwest. The site rises from south east to north northwest over 10m with panoramic views southeastwards from Habberley Lane. Various PRoW cross the site towards Sandy Lane. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcels NW2 and NW4.

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Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site (in combination with site WA/KF/3 Phase 1) forms a significant part of the northern edge of the built extent of Kidderminster. As such it contains the spread of the town into open countryside to the north of Habberley Road which in this location contains the contiguous built development to the south. The site forms a substantial part of the context for, and separate identity of, the hamlet of Low Habberley. Development of the site would not constitute 'rounding-off', despite the presence of development at Coningsby Drive to the southeast which creates an unbounded extension into open countryside north of Habberley Lane.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no role in preventing the merger of towns.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site acts as part of the wider Green Belt to the north of Kidderminster, containing the contiguous built area of the town and preventing encroachment into open countryside. The northern boundary comprises various insubstantial field boundaries</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no role in preserving the setting of Bewdley or Kidderminster.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site forms part of the arc of Green Belt which contains the northerly extent of Kidderminster, limiting extension of the contiguous built-up area of the town into open countryside. As such, and in combination with the wider Green Belt in this locality, the site makes a significant contribution to Green Belt purposes of containing sprawl and preventing encroachment.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>The eastern and western strong and logical whilst the northern boundary comprises various insubstantial field boundaries.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>Yes, by virtue of being an extension of the existing urban envelope to the north.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>A PRoW forms part of the western boundary of the site, and various PRoW cross the site to the north in the vicinity of Sandy Lane.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

FHN-7	Land north of Marlpool	5.75ha	115 units	
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Description

A small site (6ha) bounded by Wolverley Road to the west, the built edge of Kidderminster to the south and a woodland edge/hedgerow to the north. The land slopes south to north over 10m from a spot point of 57m, with the northern part of the site being part of the upper slopes of Honey Brook which runs between Kidderminster and Fairfield. There are views across the site from the Wolverley Road and also across to Fairfield/Wolverley from the PRoW. Land use is scrub to the south, arable to the north and a PRoW bisects the site running east-west. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel N3.

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Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The northern edge of Kidderminster is reasonably well defined in this location and the site is inset into an urban edge which extends to the northeast and northwest of the site. Boundaries are well defined to the south and west, less so to the north, partly being a hedgerow. As such the site contributes to containing sprawl. Development would constitute rounding-off to some degree, more strongly on the southern section of the site, less so the north where west of the Wolverley Road there are only two large detached properties.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No role in this location which is not between towns.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site on its northern extent contributes to maintaining the openness of the Green Belt by preventing encroachment, particularly given the variable of the northern boundary and the physical and visual connection to the open countryside associated with the valley of Honey Brook.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst the site has a degree of containment, particularly on its southern half, as a whole it contributes to Green Belt purposes, in combination with land to the north between Kidderminster and Fairfield by preventing sprawl and encroachment.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>The southern and western boundaries of the site are strong whilst the northern boundary is less substantial.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>Yes, by virtue of being an extension of the existing urban envelope to the south.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>One PRoW bisecting the site.</p>
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	<p>None identified.</p>
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	<p>None identified.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

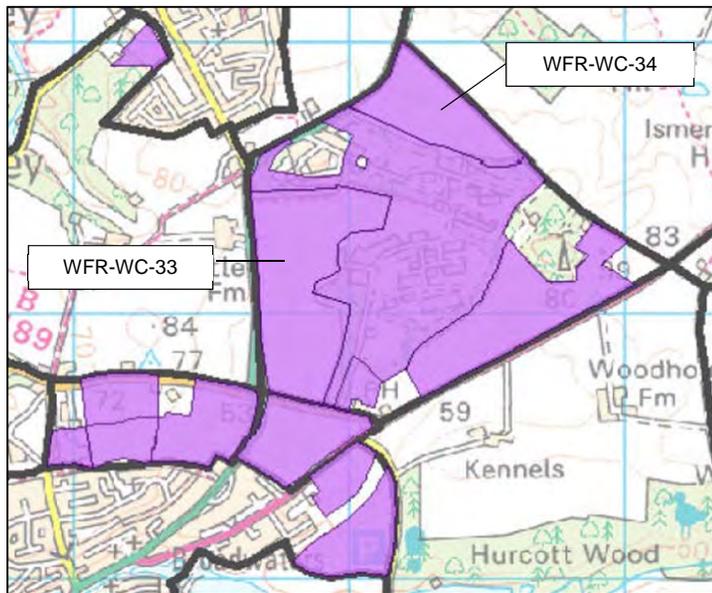
WFR-WC-33	Land west of Lea Castle Hospital	23.5ha	470 units	
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Description

A medium-scale site (24ha) on rising land over 15m towards the village of Cookley. The site is bounded to the west by the A449 Wolverhampton Road, to the south by the B4189 Park Gate Road and the east and north by a substantial woodland belt associated with the Lea Castle Hospital site and development along Lea Castle Drive. The site, together with land to the west and south forms part of the northern context of Kidderminster as viewed from the A449. A PRow runs along the northern edge of the site. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel NE2.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site, whilst bounded on all sides, is of a sufficient scale and distinct character to mean that development would constitute a degree of sprawl into open countryside which separates Kidderminster and Cookley. Current development at Lea Castle comprises this role to some degree when the land is considered as part of a wider strategic parcel, although this is well screened and set on a plateau, meaning that the site retains a distinct countryside character.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No role in this location which is not between towns although locally this part of the land separating Cookley and Kidderminster.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site contributes to the Green Belt through maintaining the openness of the countryside to the north of Kidderminster, notwithstanding adjacent development to the north and east at Lea Castle. Whilst the site is well bounded, it is of a scale and orientation to constitute a distinct landscape, particularly when viewed from the northwestern corner of the site where it adjoins the A449.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site contributes to the role of the wider Green Belt in this location, being part of open countryside to the north of Kidderminster. The land forms the principal context of the northern gateway to Kidderminster along the A449 Wolverhampton Road and development would alter the relationship between town and country in this location.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>The boundaries of the site are firm and established. Being roads to the south and west, and existing development at Lea Castle to the east and north.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>Possibly, as part of a wider development.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>One PRoW forming part of the northern boundary of the site.</p>
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	<p>None identified.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

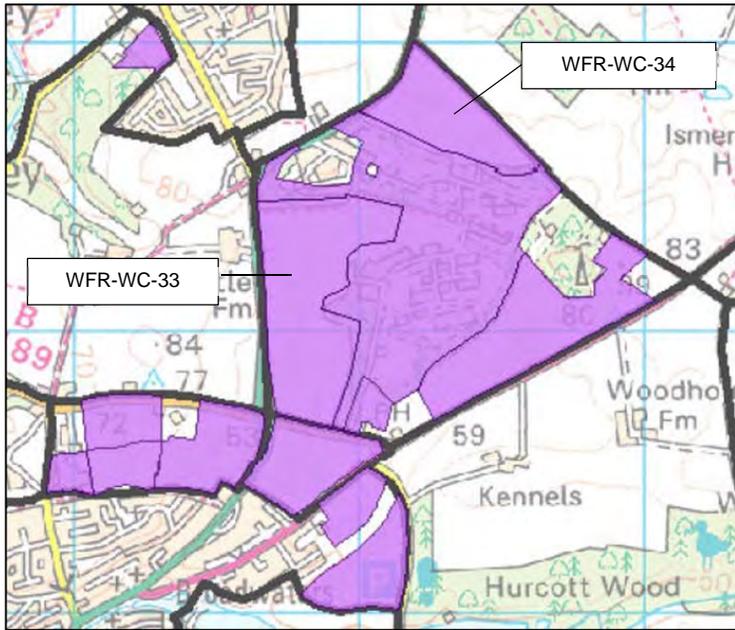
WFR-WC-34	Land north of Lea Castle Hospital	12.0ha	??? units	Masterplanning required for entire parcel NE2. Land uses likely to include housing, employment, school, small retail and community uses.
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Description

A medium-scale site (12ha) bounded to the south by a substantial woodland belt associated with the Lea Castle Hospital site and development along Lea Castle Drive, Axborough Lane to the north and the A449 Wolverhampton Road to the west. The land slopes downwards over 10m south to north, with a strong visual connection with the wider open countryside to the north, with expansive views from Axborough Lane. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel NE2.

Location Plan and Photographs





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Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site forms the northern part of a wider parcel which acts to contain sprawl along the A449 and A451 road corridors to the north of Kidderminster. Although the site is bounded by roads, development would compromise the open character of the land to the north of Axborough Lane.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No role in this location which is not between towns although locally this part of the land separating Cookley and Kidderminster.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site, whilst being physically contained by Axborough Lane, has a significant visual relationship with the wider open countryside to the north. As such, development would constitute a degree of encroachment into open countryside by introducing a new development edge.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst the site is physically related to the carefully located and screened Lea Castle Hospital site and development along Lea Castle Drive, it is nevertheless related in character and orientation to the wider open countryside to the north. Development would introduce a new development edge as part of the northern (A449 Wolverhampton Road) gateway to Kidderminster.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site boundaries are substantial, defined by roads and the current extent of built development at Lea Castle.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Possibly, in combination with wider development.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

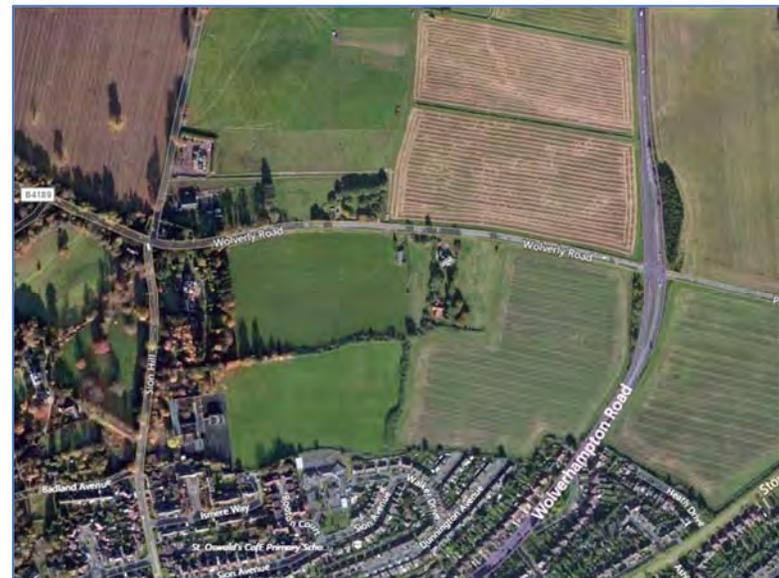
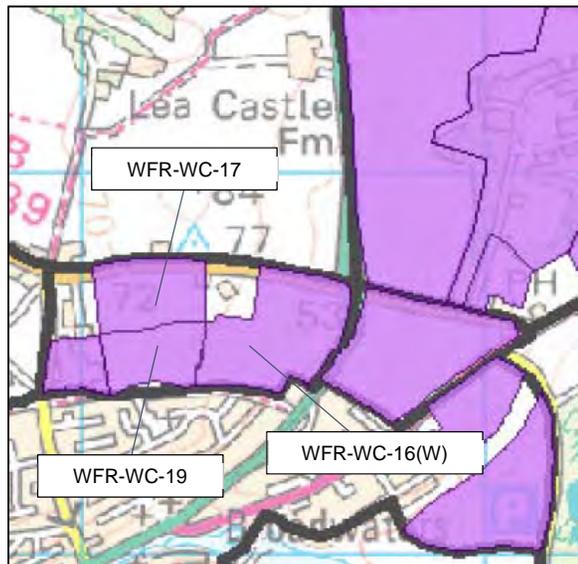
WFR-WC-16(W)	Land south of Wolverley Road	8.5ha	170 units	
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Description

A medium-scale site (8.5ha) bounded by the built edge of Kidderminster to the south, the A449 Wolverhampton Road to the east, the B4189 Wolverley Road to the north and a combination of substantial hedgerows and the curtilage of a dwelling to the east. The land rises east to west over 20m and mirrors land to the east across the A449 Wolverhampton Road. The site forms part of the northern context of Kidderminster as viewed from the A449. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel N6.

Location Plan and Photographs





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Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of a wider parcel contained by the built edge of Kidderminster, Sion Hill, Wolverley Road and Kidderminster Road which act to contain potential sprawl.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No role in this location which is not between towns.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Land rising to the B4189 immediately north of the urban edge of Kidderminster, the land contains the built edge of the town, preventing encroachment beyond its current limit. The land also contributes to maintaining openness through its visual connection to the wider countryside to the north across the B4189 Wolverley Road. The site acts together with land to the west to contain the current built extent of Kidderminster.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The parcel contributes to Green Belt purposes through preventing the encroachment of the urban edge of Kidderminster into open countryside., albeit contained to the north by the B4189 Wolverley Road. The site needs to be considered in the wider context of land to the west with development in its own right comprising the function of the Green Belt in this location.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The boundaries of the site are robust, comprising property boundaries, substantial hedgerows and roads.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	The site adjoins the built edge of Kidderminster to the south.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.



Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of a wider parcel contained by the built edge of Kidderminster, Sion Hill, Wolverley Road and Kidderminster Road which act to contain potential sprawl.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No role in this location which is not between towns.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Land rising to the B4189 immediately north of the urban edge of Kidderminster, the land contains the built edge of the town, preventing encroachment beyond its current limit. The land also contributes to maintaining openness through its visual connection to the wider countryside to the north across the B4189 Wolverley Road. The site acts together with land to the south and east to contain the current built extent of Kidderminster.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The parcel contributes to Green Belt purposes through preventing the encroachment of the urban edge of Kidderminster into open countryside, albeit contained to the north by the B4189 Wolverley Road. The site needs to be considered in its wider context, and whilst being in proximity to the built edge of Kidderminster it is separate from it, with development on its own compromising the function of the Green Belt in this location.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>The boundaries of the site are robust, comprising property boundaries, substantial hedgerows and a road.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>The site is in the vicinity of, but detached from, the built edge of Kidderminster to the south.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>None identified.</p>
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	<p>None identified.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

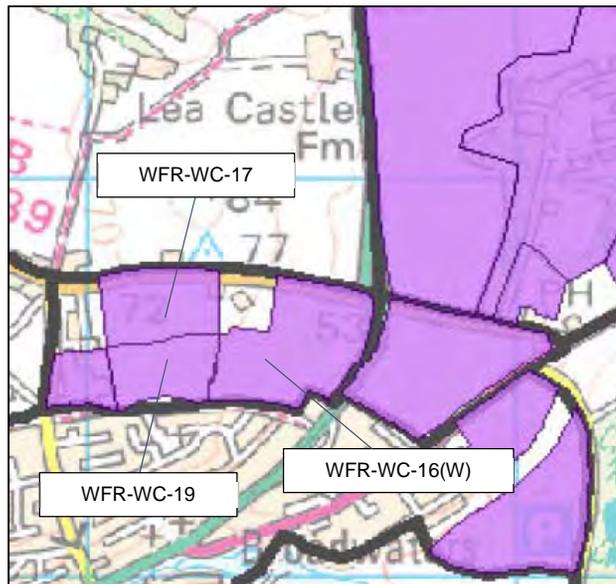
WFR-WC-19	Sion Hill Playing Fields	5.0ha	100 units	
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Description

Part of a previously developed school site comprising derelict school buildings and overgrown playing fields on level ground. The site is adjacent to the existing urban edge to the south and bounded by Sion Hill school site to the west, a substantial hedgerow to the north and east. A public right of way runs along the southern boundary of the site and along with the built edge of Kidderminster (at Ismere Way, Lea Castle Close and Charles Avenue), is the principal visual receptor. The site is otherwise visually enclosed.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel N6.

Location Plan and Photographs





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Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst development would represent a northward extension of the built edge of Kidderminster, there is a substantial boundary hedge associated with the site's previous use as a school. A permanent boundary could, in principle, be established which would contain development specifically associated with this site.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site will not contribute to the merger of towns or smaller settlements.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Although part of a redundant school site, the land remains part of open land to the north of Kidderminster extending to Wolverley Road and thence to Cookley.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development would not affect the setting of an historic town or Conservation Area.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst making an overall contribution to Green belt purposes, development of the site would be unlikely to compromise the Green Belt strategically or locally because of its scale and containment physically and visually. There would be an effect on openness because of the introduction of built form into open land, but visual containment and previous development on the western part of the site reduces this impact. Although contained in its own right, the site is better considered as part of the wider land north to the B4189 Wolverley Road and east to the A449 Wolverhampton Road.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>Yes, established through previous development of part of the site, substantial northern and eastern boundaries.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>Development would be an extension of the existing built edge of Kidderminster at Broadwaters and readily fit into the existing development pattern.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>PRoW runs along southern boundary.</p>
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	<p>Existing playing fields (associated with primary school to the south?)</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

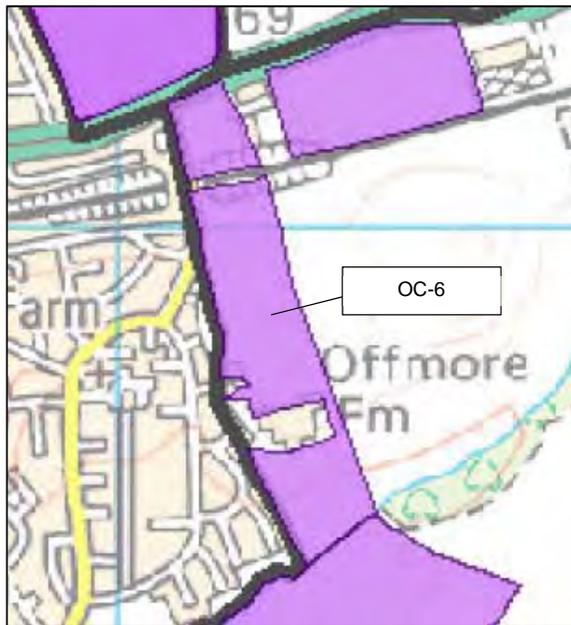
OC-6	Land East of Offmore Farm	15.0ha	300 units	
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Description

A medium-scale site (15ha) bounded by a railway line to the north, the built edge of Kidderminster to the east and an unnamed watercourse to the south. To the west, the boundary is part defined by a hedgerow and otherwise strikes across an open field, to the east of Offmore Farm which divides the site into two parts. The site is in arable use and there is no public access. The site has an open aspect with views across from Husum Way towards rising land to the east. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel E1.

Location Plan and Photographs





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Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site comprises the majority of a single field immediately to the east of the built edge of Kidderminster at Hussum Way. The site is largely contained by boundaries, although the eastern boundary is insubstantial. As such the site remains part of the wider strategic parcel which plays a significant role in preventing the uncontrolled spread of urban development into open countryside.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No role in this location which is not between towns.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part the broader swathe of countryside to the east of Kidderminster, and the largely unbounded eastern edge of the site means that there is the potential for encroachment of the adjacent urban area into the wider open countryside.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of wider land to the east of Kidderminster which prevents sprawl into open countryside, and whilst the site is bounded on three sides, its eastern boundary is insubstantial. As such, the site makes a significant contribution to preventing sprawl and more broadly the encroachment of the urban area into the open countryside.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>The northern, western and southern boundaries of the site are strong and logical; the eastern boundary is less substantial.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>Yes by virtue of being an extension of the existing urban envelope to the west.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>There is no public access.</p>
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	<p>None identified.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

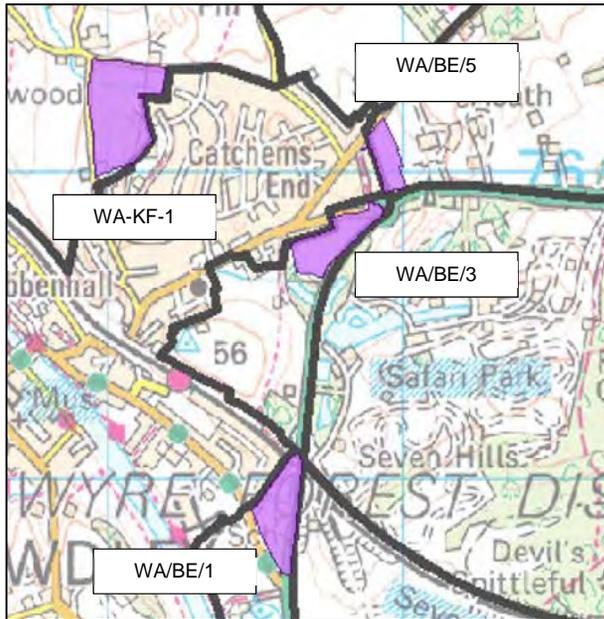
WA-KF-1	Land at Grey Green Lane	4.0ha	80 units	Potential ADR
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Description

A small (4ha) site which adjoins the built edge of Bewdley at Catchems End, bounded to the north by Crundalls Lane and to the west by Grey Green Lane. The land is in pastoral use rising from north to south over 10m. There are expansive views southeastward from the junction of Crundalls Lane and Grey Green Lane and the site forms part of the northwesterly context for Bewdley on the eastern banks of the River Sever. There is no public access. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel NW3

Location Plan and Photographs







Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is the southeastern part of a much larger parcel of land extending along the eastern bank of the River Severn and forming the context for the river and in turn the town of Bewdley. Development would, in principle, round-off the built edge of the town and would be contained by substantial boundaries.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No direct role in this location.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Notwithstanding the bounded character of the site, it retains a sense of openness and a physical and visual connection with the wider open countryside to the north. As such, the site forms a significant part of the northwestern context for Bewdley and development, particularly as the land rises, could be perceived as encroachment.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>This land forms part of the backdrop to Bewdley as viewed from the western banks of the River Severn.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>This parcel contributes significantly to the containment of Bewdley to the south and retention of a sense of openness on land which constitutes part of the eastern backdrop to Bewdley.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The northern and western boundaries of the site are well defined, being minor roads
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Yes, by virtue of being an extension of the existing urban envelope to the south east.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

WFR-ST-9	Cursley Distribution Park	4.0ha	80 units	Existing depot site – already built up. Employment uses to remain in central part of site. Potential to allocate as Previously Developed Site in GB
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Description

A small-scale site (4ha) currently in use as a distribution depot. Located in open countryside to the north of the A442 between Kidderminster and Droitwich, the site is bounded to the east by Curslow Lane and to the west, in part, by an un-named minor road and intermittent hedgerow. To the south the boundaries are a hedgerow and PRow, and to the north a hedgerow. The surrounding lands is of an open aspect with short and medium-distance views across land predominantly in arable use comprising small to medium scale hedged fields. The buildings currently on site are two/three-story distribution sheds which are visually conspicuous but akin to similar developments in the vicinity. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site. The site is part of Strategic Parcel SE4.

Location Plan and Photographs





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Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is located in open countryside at some distance from a built-up area. Development would therefore not constitute sprawl.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Development of the site would not lead to the merger of towns or other settlements, being set in open countryside.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The current development is moderately well defined by external boundaries, with minor roads to the east and west. Boundaries to the south, north and northwest are less substantial, being hedgerows.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site plays no clear role in defining the setting for Kidderminster or Droitwich.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site contributes to the Green Belt in this location being part of open countryside between Kidderminster and Droitwich. However, the scale of current development is such that any change in use on the same</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		footprint is unlikely to compromise the wider function of the Green Belt in this location.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The eastern, western and southern boundaries of the site are strong whilst the north and northwestern boundaries are less substantial.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	The site is no in proximity to any existing settlement and residential development would require access by car alone in what is a relatively remote location.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	One PRoW forming part of the southern boundary of the site.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

AKR-18	Land at Yew Tree Walk	4.25ha	85 units	
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Description

A small (4ha) site comprising rough grassland/scrub adjacent to the built edge of Stourport to the north. The land is part of a broader strip of rough grassland/scrub which forms the southern edge of Stourport in this location. The site is bounded by scrub woodland to the east and west, by a caravan site to the south (Moorhall Lane) and development off Stagborough Way to the north and is largely visually enclosed. The land appears to be used for informal recreation. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SW5

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site forms part of a wider parcel which separates Stourport and Bewdley and forms the northeasterly context for the River Severn. As such, extension of the built edge of Stourport comprises sprawl, particularly where this is not contained by substantial boundary features.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst the site is part of broader land separating the towns, in this location, the land does not contribute to this purpose.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site, albeit heavily screened by substantial tree cover on its east, west and southern boundaries, is nevertheless part of the context for Bewdley and Stourport, particularly when viewed from the western side of the River Severn.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>No direct role given the location of the parcel away from areas requiring regeneration.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site contributes to containing the built edge of Stourport in this location and maintaining open countryside between the River Severn and Stourport. The existence of caravan sites to the south and west which impinge upon openness is noted.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>The boundaries of the site are not substantial, despite their heavily wooded character and contribution to visual enclosure of the site. As such, they cannot be classed as necessarily enduring.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>Development would constitute a direct extension of the current built edge of Stourport.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>Informal only.</p>
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	<p>None identified.</p>
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	<p>The site forms part of the broader setting for the River Severn to the southwest.</p>

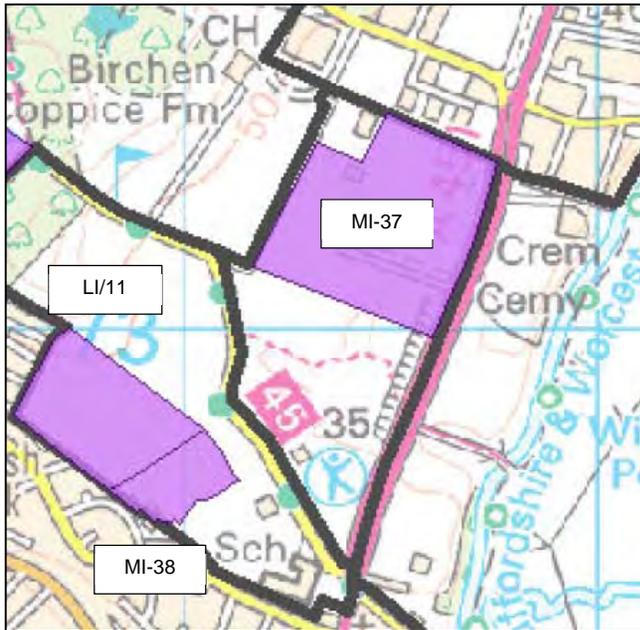
Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

MI-37	Harriers Training Ground	19.0ha	Potential stadium	
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Description

A medium-scale site (19ha) bounded by the A451 Minster Road to the east, an office development to the north, and a golf course to the west and south. Currently in use predominantly as sports pitches and associated buildings, together with some golf uses (driving range), there is no public access. The site is level with glimpsed views across from the A451. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site. The site is part of Strategic Parcel SW7.

Location Plan and Photographs





Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The land is largely open in character and contains the southern edge of Kidderminster at Birchen Coppice. It borders the A451 Minster Road and is vulnerable to sprawl along this arterial route.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The land is part of a series of parcels which prevent the physical merger of Kidderminster and Stourport. Development of the site would contribute to coalescence of the towns.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The land is well bounded and largely separated from open countryside to the northwest.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst the parcel is in proximity to Stourport, its location means it has no connection with the historic core.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The parcel is part of land which contributes to the continued separation of Stourport and Kidderminster. Development would compromise the openness of this land, notwithstanding the current sport and recreation use, and contribute to a narrowing of the gap (physical and perceptual) between the towns.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>The site boundaries are generally well defined by hedgerows to the south and east, and the stronger boundary of the A451 Minster Road to the east and an office park to the north. Although relatively insubstantial, these boundaries could, in principle, constitute long-term Green Belt boundaries.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>The site is adjacent to the built edge of Kidderminster to the north and as such would constitute an accessible extension to the built envelope of the town.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>None.</p>
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	<p>Playing fields as part of a sports facility.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

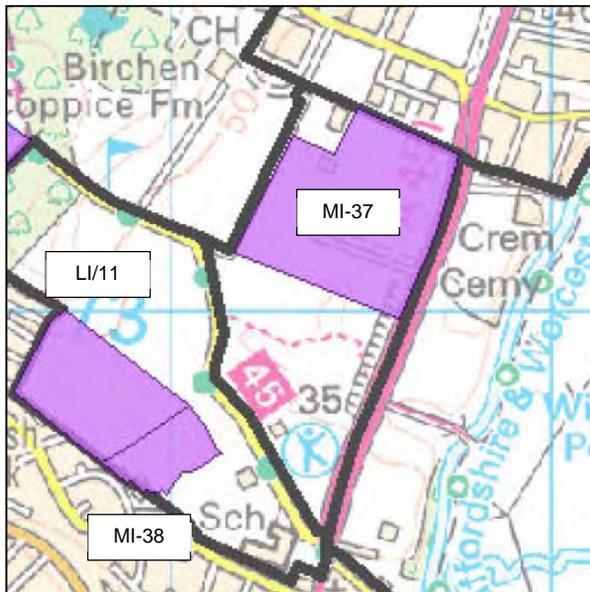
MI-38	Former school site off Coniston Crescent	6.5ha	130 units	
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Description

A small (6.5ha) site lying immediately to the north of the built edge of Stourport-on-Severn, being part of the open land between Kidderminster and Stourport. There are allotments to the north, a sports training facility top the south east, a school to the south and a former golf course to the north west. The land is previously developed (formerly a primary school), level and with views into the site restricted by boundary vegetation and built structures, with some glimpsed views across from Coniston Crescent. There is no public access. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SW6

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Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The land is unbounded on three sides and development would represent an extension of the built edge of Stourport into the gap between Stourport and Kidderminster. On its own, development would not constitute a rounding-off of the settlement boundary, although this could occur in combination with a proposed adjacent site to the north west (land off Windermere Way)</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The land is part of a series of parcels which prevent the physical merger of Kidderminster and Stourport. Development of this site would close this gap physically and perceptually (as viewed from Kingsway).</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The land is bounded by development on one side and adjacent to open land to the northwest (a golf course), separated by a hedge, and north east (allotments). A school and its playing fields form the southeast boundary.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst the site is in proximity to Stourport, its location means it has no connection with the historic core.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of the remaining open land between Stourport and Kidderminster, the erosion of which would further narrow the already limited gap between the two settlements. Development would have to be considered in the context of proposals on an adjacent site – land off Windermere Way.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The proposed development parcel has no northeastern boundary.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	The site is adjacent to existing development off Coniston Crescent and development would constitute an extension to the existing built envelope of Stourport in this location.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	No public access.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

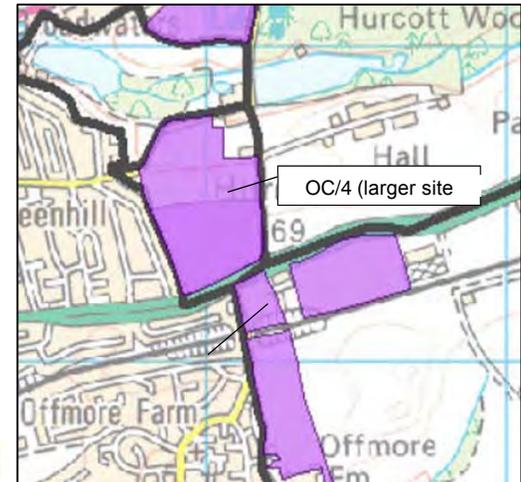
OC/4 (larger site)	LAND R/O BALDWIN ROAD	15.6ha	350 units	Limited development on Birmingham Road frontage only (Polygon reflects area to be developed 7.9 ha)
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Description

Land situated between the A456 Birmingham Road, Hurcott Lane and the built edge of Kidderminster at Baldwin Road. The site comprises two fields in use as rough grazing on rising land to a spot height of 76m. As such the land on its south eastern flank is visually exposed, both by virtue of topography and absence of substantive boundary vegetation. At 76m, the land is one of a series of high points in this locality, offering extensive views across open countryside to the north and east, and in turn being visible from the A451 Stourbridge Road at its junction with Hurcott Lane. The connection with the surrounding countryside is therefore significant and in combination with land immediately to the north and east is of distinctive and relatively sensitive character. It appears that past development has deliberately been kept to the west of this land to visually contain the urban edge as viewed from the A456 Birmingham Road, Baldwin Road lying behind the dome of this land. There is physical containment by substantive boundaries on three sides of the site, by contrast to the northern boundary which is an intermittent hedgerow. There is no formal public access and in advance of detailed survey, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel NE8.

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Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is of medium scale and well contained on three sides. As such it has a contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The size and bounded character of the sites means that it has only a limited contribution in this respect.</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site makes a contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, being physically part of wider countryside to the north, west of Hurcott Lane, and visually part of open countryside to the east of Hurcott Lane.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site has no direct connection with the core of Kidderminster, but is nevertheless a gateway site which if developed would create a wholly new character to this area. As such it is sensitive.</p>
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The size and bounded character of the site mean that its contribution to preventing sprawl and encroachment are modest. The key issue is the</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		elevation of the site which rises to 76m with previous development at Baldwin Road deliberately kept to the west to avoid exposure to open countryside to the north and east. Development of the site would fundamentally change the current visual relationship between town and country in this locality, with a significant effect on openness through the introduction of built development into an open countryside location beyond the current built edge of Kidderminster.
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	The site is bounded on three sides, the fourth to the north being an insubstantial hedgerow which is an unconvincing development boundary.
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	Development would be an extension of the existing urban edge of Kidderminster.
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	None identified.
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	None identified.
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	The site is sensitive insofar as it is part of the eastern gateway to Kidderminster and is sited such that the prominence and visibility of

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
		development would be increased, creating a new edge to Kidderminster which thus far has been kept back from this exposed land.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.

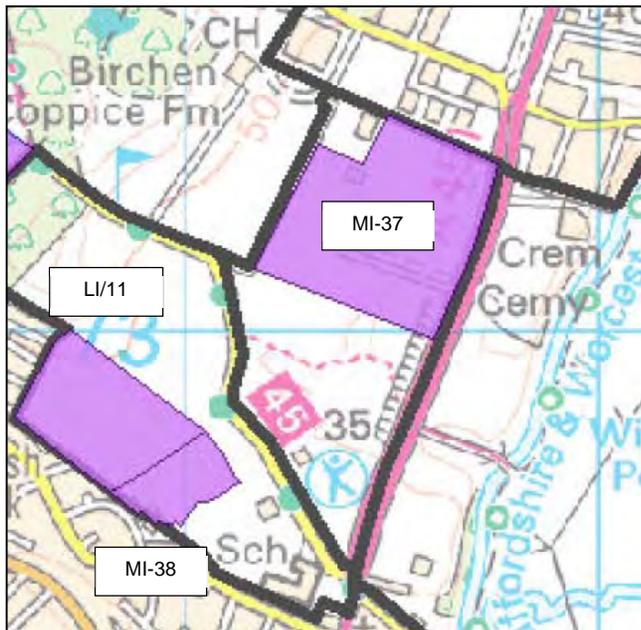
LI-11	Former golf course off Windermere Way	10.75ha	215 units	
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Description

A medium-scale site (10.75ha) bounded by the built edge of Stourport-on-Severn to the west and south west and a disused school site to the south east. There is no boundary to the north east, the land being part of a wider (now disused) golf course. The land has an open aspect, gently rising from south to north over 10m, with expansive views towards its northern extent from Kingsway. There is no public access. Prior to site investigation, there are no recorded nature conservation or cultural heritage interests on the site.

The site is part of Strategic Parcel SW6

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Green Belt Evaluation

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the unbounded and/or irregular extension of an urban area. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The land is largely open in character and contains the northern edge of Stourport at Burlish Park. The proposed site is not bounded by an existing boundary feature to the northeast which could contain development. To a degree, development would constitute a rounding-off of the settlement edge and a long-term boundary could be created.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing the actual or perceived merger of towns and/or parts thereof. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The land is part of a series of parcels which prevent the physical merger of Kidderminster and Stourport. Development of this site would close this gap physically and perceptually (as viewed from Kingsway).</p>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining the visual and physical openness of the countryside in the locality. 	<p>CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The land is bounded by development on two sides and is in proximity to open countryside to the northwest, across Kingsway.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely impact on the setting of a town or settlement (in particular a Conservation Area). 	<p>LIMITED CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Whilst the site is in proximity to Stourport, its location means it has no connection with the historic core.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall contribution of the site to the Green Belt, both individually and in a wider context. 	<p>SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>The site is part of the remaining open land between Stourport and Kidderminster, the erosion of which would further narrow the already limited gap between the two settlements. Development would have to be considered in the context of proposals on an adjacent site – land off Coniston Crescent.</p>
Permanence of Green Belt (NPPF paragraphs 83 & 85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of the proposed boundary, including opportunities for the re-definition or 'tidying-up' of the wider Green Belt boundary. 	<p>The proposed development parcel has no northeastern boundary.</p>
Sustainable patterns of development (NPPF paragraph 84)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to help to promote sustainable patterns of development. 	<p>The site is adjacent to existing development off Windermere Way/Buttermere Road/Malham Road. Development would constitute an extension to the existing built envelope of Stourport in this location.</p>
Opportunities for Public Access or to provide access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing public access. 	<p>Currently informal.</p>
Opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing outdoor sport and recreation. 	<p>Former golf course.</p>

Green Belt Purpose/ NPPF topic	Assessment Criteria: in light of the contribution of the parent parcel(s), what is the contribution of the site in respect of ...	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Enhancing landscapes and visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance the setting of a sensitive landscape (historic or otherwise). 	None identified.
Enhancing biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the locality. 	None identified.