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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report constitutes Stage 2 of the Wyre Forest Green Belt Review and should be read alongside the Stage 1 Contextual and Policy Review. It provides a detailed parcel-based assessment of Green Belt land within Wyre Forest District to inform the emerging Local Plan to 2046. The assessment considers the contribution of individual parcels to the Green Belt purposes and assesses whether parcels satisfy the Annex E contribution element relating to Purposes A, B and D. Satisfying that contribution element does not amount to Grey Belt designation and does not determine whether land should be released, allocated or developed.

The assessment reflects the current national policy framework, including Policy GB2 and Annex E of the August 2026 NPPF, and applies a consistent methodology informed by desk-based analysis, site survey and professional judgement. The wider assessment considers Purpose A, checking unrestricted sprawl; Purpose B, preventing neighbouring towns merging; Purpose C, safeguarding the countryside from encroachment; and Purpose D, preserving the setting and special character of historic towns. Purpose E, assisting urban regeneration, is recognised as a strategic Green Belt function but is not separately scored at parcel level.

Parcel performance is expressed through a RAG framework comprising Strong (Green), Moderate (Amber) and Weak or no (Red) contributions. These ratings represent a spectrum of contribution rather than a judgement about whether land has Green Belt value. In particular, an Amber rating indicates that land continues to make a serviceable and meaningful contribution to the relevant purpose, although this does not reach the Strong threshold.

For Grey Belt identification, Annex E focuses specifically on whether land strongly contributes to Purposes A, B or D. Where a parcel makes a Strong contribution to any of these purposes, it does not meet this element of the Grey Belt assessment. Where no Strong contribution is identified, the land may meet this element of the Grey Belt definition. Purposes C and E remain relevant to understanding the wider function of the Green Belt but do not form part of this specific contribution test.

The findings demonstrate that Green Belt land performs different functions across the District and that parcels do not contribute uniformly to each purpose. Stronger contributions occur where land performs an important role in containing built-up areas, maintaining separation between neighbouring towns, safeguarding open countryside or preserving the setting and special character of historic towns. The assessment also identifies areas where existing development, containment or other urbanising influences result in a more Moderate or Limited contribution. The findings should therefore be considered on a purpose-by-purpose basis rather than through an averaged assessment of performance.

The assessment is undertaken at parcel level and conclusions should not be assumed to apply uniformly to every part of a parcel. Further finer-grained assessment may therefore be necessary where specific areas are subsequently considered through the Local Plan process. Consideration is also given to the potential implications of future release for the remaining Green Belt, including whether release could affect adjoining parcels, settlement gaps, containment or the wider

performance of the five Green Belt purposes taken together. Importantly, identification as potential Grey Belt does not establish that land should be released or developed. Any such decision would require consideration through the wider Local Plan process and against the full range of relevant planning evidence and policy.

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose and Role of the Assessment

AtkinsRéalis has been commissioned by Wyre Forest District Council (WFDC) to undertake a Green Belt Review. This report constitutes Stage 2 of the review, following Stage 1 – Contextual and Policy Review, and presents the parcel-based assessment of Green Belt land within Wyre Forest District. Its purpose is to provide a robust, proportionate and transparent technical appraisal of the contribution that Green Belt land makes to the relevant Green Belt purposes, thereby informing preparation of the emerging Local Plan.

This report should be read as one component of the wider Local Plan evidence base. It does not determine whether exceptional circumstances exist to justify alterations to Green Belt boundaries, nor does it identify land for allocation or release. Rather, it provides technical evidence on the relative performance of Green Belt land which may, in due course, inform subsequent policy-on assessment, spatial strategy development and the wider plan-making process.

The assessment considers the extent to which different parcels contribute to the relevant Green Belt purposes set out in national policy and, where appropriate, whether land may exhibit Grey Belt characteristics. In doing so, the report supports a more granular understanding of Green Belt performance across the District than was available through the earlier evidence base, while maintaining a clear distinction between technical Green Belt assessment and later planning judgements about release, allocation or exceptional circumstances.

1.2 Study Area

The study area encompasses all land designated as Green Belt within Wyre Forest District, together with adjacent areas where relevant to understanding settlement relationships, containment and the wider strategic context. The assessment adopts a parcel-based approach, whereby the Green Belt is subdivided into logical assessment areas defined by recognisable and enduring physical features such as roads, railways, watercourses, settlement edges and landscape patterns.

This approach ensures that the assessment is spatially coherent and allows for consistent comparison across the District. It also enables the findings to be clearly mapped and understood in relation to the existing settlement pattern, landscape structure and Green Belt boundaries.

1.3 Scope of the Assessment

The assessment is structured around several interrelated components. Firstly, each parcel of land is assessed against the first four Green Belt purposes as set out in national policy, namely: checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas; preventing neighbouring towns from merging into one another; safeguarding the countryside from encroachment; and preserving the setting and special character of historic towns. The fifth purpose of ‘assisting in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land’ is recognised as part of the national policy framework but is not used to distinguish between individual parcels, as it operates strategically across the designation as a whole.

Secondly, the assessment considers whether parcels may exhibit Grey Belt characteristics, having regard to the contribution made to the Green Belt purposes most relevant to that concept, the presence of previously developed land where relevant, and the relationship of the parcel to the remaining Green Belt. This is undertaken as part of the wider Green Belt assessment rather than as a separate exercise.

Thirdly, the assessment considers the strength and permanence of existing Green Belt boundaries and the extent to which alternative defensible boundaries could be identified if changes were ever to be contemplated through plan-making. This reflects the importance of ensuring that any future Green Belt releases would result in clear and durable boundaries.

Finally, the assessment considers the strategic context of the Green Belt within Wyre Forest and the wider sub-region. This includes the role of individual parcels in maintaining settlement separation, reinforcing containment and contributing to the overall integrity of the Green Belt as a continuous designation. The assessment also recognises the cumulative implications that any future changes could have for the wider Green Belt.

1.4 Methodological Principles

The assessment has been undertaken in accordance with a set of core methodological principles intended to ensure that the study is robust, proportionate and fit for purpose. A consistent approach has been applied across all parcels to enable meaningful comparison, while the level of detail remains appropriate to the strategic nature of the exercise. The methodology is transparent, with clear explanations provided for the judgements reached, supported by mapping, desk-based analysis and site survey.

Professional judgement has been applied independently of policy outcomes, ensuring that the findings are evidence-led rather than driven by development objectives. The assessment is therefore intended to provide a clear and defensible evidence base capable of withstanding scrutiny through the Local Plan examination process.

Consistent with Annex E of the NPPF and the methodology established through Stage 1 of the Green Belt Review, assessment areas have been defined at a scale that enables variations in Green Belt contribution to be identified. Where appropriate, larger parcels have been subdivided to reflect meaningful differences in character, settlement relationship, containment or contribution to Green Belt purposes. The assessment also recognises that Green Belt land contributes to Green Belt purposes to varying degrees and that a spectrum of contribution exists across the District.

1.5 Limitations of the Assessment

This study provides a high-level and strategic assessment of Green Belt land within Wyre Forest District. It is not intended to allocate land for development or to assess the detailed suitability, availability, or viability of specific sites. Matters such as transport impacts, environmental constraints, infrastructure capacity, and deliverability fall outside the scope of this assessment and would need to be considered through further technical work where relevant.

The findings of this report should therefore be viewed as one component of the wider evidence base required to support Local Plan preparation and any future decisions relating to Green Belt boundaries.

1.6 Outputs and Use of the Assessment

The study provides a mapped and written assessment of Green Belt parcels across the District. It sets out the relative performance of land against the assessed Green Belt purposes and identifies areas that may exhibit Grey Belt characteristics. The outputs are intended to support informed and transparent decision-making by the Council as it progresses the preparation of the emerging Local Plan.

The report does not predetermine whether any land should be taken forward through the Local Plan. Rather, it provides a consistent, proportionate and evidence-based framework to inform subsequent stages of plan-making, including policy-on assessment and the testing of spatial options.

2. Policy Context

The assessment has been undertaken in the context of the national and local planning policy framework relating to Green Belt and plan-making, together with the existing evidence base reviewed in the Stage 1 report. National policy makes clear that Green Belt boundaries should only be altered where exceptional circumstances are fully evidenced and justified through the preparation or updating of a Local Plan. At the same time, policy requires local planning authorities to plan positively for development needs and to examine all reasonable options for meeting those needs through a sound and proportionate evidence base. More detailed analysis of the policy context is set out in the Stage 1 report, which should be read alongside this assessment.

The assessment also reflects the current policy context in relation to Grey Belt. The concept of Grey Belt is now part of the national policy framework and supports a more nuanced understanding of Green Belt performance, recognising that not all Green Belt land contributes equally to the purposes of designation. In this context, the assessment considers whether parcels may exhibit Grey Belt characteristics as part of the wider technical appraisal, but this does not in itself indicate that land should be released, allocated or developed.

At the local level, the assessment has been undertaken in the context of the adopted Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016–2036) and the wider Green Belt evidence base for the District. In particular, the 2016 Strategic Green Belt Review and the 2018 Site Analysis provide an important baseline and contextual evidence for understanding the role of the Green Belt in Wyre Forest. The 2016 study concluded that the Green Belt performs a strong strategic role as part of the wider West Midlands Green Belt, helping to safeguard the countryside, maintain separation between settlements east of the River Severn, and preserve the setting of Bewdley. The 2018 study built upon this by examining potential development sites and their likely effects on Green Belt openness and permanence.

Evidence from neighbouring authorities also provides strategic context, with surrounding Green Belt generally identified as making a moderate to strong contribution to preventing settlement coalescence and urban sprawl. Together, these studies demonstrate the importance of the Green Belt at both local and sub-regional levels, whilst also helping to inform an understanding of variation in performance across different areas. This Stage 2 report builds on that context through a more detailed parcel-based assessment of Green Belt land within Wyre Forest itself.

3. Assessment Methodology

The purpose of this section is to explain the methodology used to undertake the Stage 2 parcel-based assessment of Green Belt land within Wyre Forest District. The assessment does not determine whether Green Belt land should be released from its designation. Rather, it provides a structured and evidence-based appraisal of the extent to which different parcels contribute to the relevant Green Belt purposes and thereby supports the Council's wider review of reasonable spatial options through the Local Plan process.

The methodology has been informed by the Stage 1 Contextual and Policy Review, which established the strategic, policy and methodological framework for the Green Belt Review. In particular, Stage 1 clarified the role of the assessment as a technical evidence-base exercise, rather than a site allocation or release process, and set out the context for the parcel-based and Grey Belt-related assessment undertaken at Stage 2.

3.1 Methodology

To ensure a robust and proportionate approach, the assessment methodology has been informed by the relevant requirements of national policy and the framework established through Stage 1. The work was undertaken in seven stages, as follows:

1. Establish and agree the scope of the assessment;
2. Identify Green Belt parcels;
3. Undertake a detailed desk-based assessment of parcels;
4. Undertake site survey and validation;
5. Prepare draft assessment findings;
6. Review emerging findings with the Council; and
7. Finalise the report.

The Stage 1 policy review provided the basis for establishing the scope of the assessment and identifying the relevant policy considerations and methodological principles to be applied.

Each parcel was assessed against the first four Green Belt purposes set out in national policy, using a traffic light rating system with green for 'Strong Contribution', amber for 'Moderate Contribution', and red for 'Weak or no Contribution', informed by the thresholds agreed through the methodology. The fifth Green Belt purpose was not used to distinguish between individual parcels, reflecting its strategic nature and the fact that it does not readily differentiate between parcel-level contributions. For the assessment of Purposes A, B and D, regard has been had to the illustrative features of Strong, Moderate and Weak or No Contribution set out in Annex E of the NPPF. These criteria inform professional judgement and provide a consistent basis for assessment but have not been applied mechanistically.

The desk-based findings were then validated through in-person site visits. Further observations were recorded in parcel proformas, combining spatial data and concise narrative summaries. This ensured that the final assessment drew together planning, landscape and visual considerations within a clear and proportionate evidence-base framework.

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4. Green Belt Parcel Assessment

In accordance with national planning policy, the fundamental aim of Green Belt is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open. National policy sets out five purposes of Green Belt, which guide the designation and assessment of Green Belt land. In this Stage 2 assessment, the first four purposes are assessed at parcel level, whilst the fifth purpose is recognised as applying strategically across the designation as a whole and is not used to differentiate between individual parcels.

This assessment evaluates parcels of land using a consistent and proportionate methodology. For each assessed purpose, it considers the contribution made by the land in its existing context, supported by professional judgement, spatial analysis, and parcel-specific characteristics.

The following sections introduce each Green Belt purpose considered in the parcel-based assessment, outline the key matters taken into account, and present the RAG ratings for each parcel. These ratings provide a transparent indication of the extent to which different parcels contribute to Green Belt purposes, but do not in themselves determine whether any land should be released from the Green Belt or taken forward through the Local Plan process.

5. Assessment Framework and RAG Methodology

The use of a Red–Amber–Green (RAG) rating system provides a clear, consistent, and transparent mechanism for evaluating how parcels of land contribute to the purposes of the Green Belt. This is appropriate because Green Belt purposes are qualitative and spatial in nature, requiring structured professional judgement rather than purely quantitative scoring. A RAG framework enables comparative assessment across the study area and allows variation in parcel performance to be identified in a proportionate and understandable way.

The methodology is consistent with the wider assessment framework established through Stage 1. It distinguishes between parcels making a strong, moderate or weak or no contribution to the relevant Green Belt purposes and provides a structured basis for expressing that variation. In doing so, it supports a parcel-based understanding of Green Belt performance and, where relevant, assists in identifying parcels that may exhibit Grey Belt characteristics. However, the RAG methodology does not in itself determine whether land should be released, allocated or developed.

The use of three categories: ‘strong’, ‘moderate’ and ‘weak or no’ provides an appropriate level of distinction between parcels. The approach is more informative than a simple binary pass or fail assessment, while avoiding the complexity and subjectivity that can arise from overly detailed scoring systems. It ensures that land is not treated uniformly across the Green Belt and enables a clear and meaningful differentiation between parcels that perform strongly, those that perform an moderate or transitional role, and those that make a weaker contribution to Green Belt purposes.

Rating	Equivalent Annex E classification	Interpretation
Green	Strong contribution	Land strongly contributes to the relevant Green Belt purpose.
Amber	Moderate contribution	Land makes an identifiable contribution but does not meet the Strong threshold.
Red	Weak or No Contribution	Land makes a weak contribution or no identifiable contribution to the relevant Green Belt purposes.

Table 5-1 - RAG Rating Framework

The RAG framework has been informed by Annex E of the NPPF, which provides indicative characteristics of land making a Strong, Moderate or Weak/No Contribution to Green Belt purposes.

5.1 Interpretation of Green Belt Ratings

The RAG ratings represent a spectrum in the relative strength of a parcel's contribution to the relevant Green Belt purpose and should not be interpreted simply as a distinction between land which does and does not perform a Green Belt function.

A green rating indicates that a parcel makes a strong or positive contribution to the relevant Green Belt purpose, with the characteristics and function of the land clearly supporting that purpose. Conversely, a red rating indicates a limited or negative contribution, where the characteristics relevant to the purpose are weak, absent, compromised or otherwise provide little support to the performance of that purpose.

An amber rating sits between these positions and indicates that the parcel continues to make a serviceable and meaningful contribution to the relevant Green Belt purpose, albeit one that is less pronounced than for land receiving a green rating. Importantly, an amber rating should not be interpreted as indicating an absence of contribution, nor should amber-rated land automatically be regarded as having weak or no Green Belt value. Such land continues to perform identifiable Green Belt functions and may contribute to the operation, continuity and integrity of the Green Belt, both individually and in combination with surrounding land.

The ratings should therefore be understood as comparative judgements regarding the strength of contribution, rather than absolute judgements as to whether land has Green Belt value. The overall role of a parcel should be considered in the round, taking account of its performance across the relevant Green Belt purposes and its relationship with the wider Green Belt. An amber rating therefore remains evidence of a positive and serviceable Green Belt contribution, notwithstanding that green-rated land may perform the relevant purpose more strongly.

5.2 Use of the Assessment in Considering Potential Future Release

This assessment records the contribution made by parcels in their existing form and provides baseline evidence to inform the consideration of potential Green Belt boundary changes through the Local Plan process. It does not determine whether any parcel, or part of a parcel, should be released from the Green Belt, allocated or developed. Similarly, the identification of land as Grey Belt, or as displaying characteristics relevant to Grey Belt, does not in itself establish that release or development would be appropriate.

A finding that land makes a Weak or no or Moderate contribution to one or more Green Belt purposes does not automatically indicate that the land is Grey Belt. Identification of Grey Belt requires consideration of parcel performance against Purposes A, B and D collectively and application of the Annex E definition.

Where the potential release of all or part of a parcel is subsequently considered, regard should be given to the precise scale, location and configuration of the land concerned and to the Green Belt functions performed by that land. A parcel-level rating should not be assumed to apply uniformly to every part of the parcel, nor should a parcel-level conclusion concerning Grey Belt be treated as demonstrating that every constituent part of the parcel is appropriate for release.

This distinction is particularly relevant to land assessed as making a Moderate (Amber) contribution. A Moderate contribution does not meet the Strong threshold for the purposes of the assessment against Purposes A, B and D, but it nevertheless represents an identifiable and meaningful Green Belt contribution. The nature and location of that contribution remain relevant when comparing potential development options and when considering the implications of any release for the Green Belt that would remain.

Where the area being considered for release differs materially from the parcel assessed in this report, a finer-grained assessment will normally be required. That assessment should establish the contribution made by the particular land under consideration and should not simply transfer the rating of the wider parcel to a differently configured site. The implications of release for the remaining Green Belt should then be considered separately in accordance with Section 5.3.

5.3 Implications for the Remaining Green Belt

National policy requires consideration of whether the release or development of Green Belt land would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This is a separate consideration from determining whether land meets the definition of Grey Belt and applies to the potential release or development of Green Belt land more generally.

This Stage 2 assessment establishes the contribution made by individual parcels in their existing form. It does not assess a defined programme of Green Belt boundary changes and does not therefore reach conclusions on whether particular releases, either individually or cumulatively, would fundamentally undermine the purposes of the remaining Green Belt. The findings provide baseline evidence to inform that assessment once reasonable development and release options have been identified through the Local Plan process.

At that stage, consideration should be given to whether, and to what extent, each option would affect the ability of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area to continue serving all five Green Belt

purposes in a meaningful way. This should include the effects of individual releases and, where relevant, their cumulative effects.

Relevant considerations may include:

- changes to the relationship between the urban edge and adjoining Green Belt;
- changes to the width or effectiveness of settlement gaps;
- effects on the containment of existing built development;
- fragmentation of the Green Belt;
- changes to spatial and visual relationships;
- increased reliance on particular areas of remaining Green Belt; and
- the coherence and effectiveness of the resulting Green Belt configuration.

The release of land may increase the strategic importance or sensitivity of adjoining or nearby Green Belt even where the baseline contribution of that land against an individual Green Belt purpose remains unchanged. For example, land that was previously separated from the urban edge may become directly adjacent to it, or greater reliance may be placed on a reduced area of Green Belt to maintain containment or settlement separation.

Conversely, a localised effect on adjoining Green Belt would not necessarily mean that the five Green Belt purposes would be fundamentally undermined across the plan area. The national policy test should therefore be applied expressly at the plan-area scale and should not be inferred solely from effects on an individual parcel or its immediate surroundings.

The assessment of the remaining Green Belt should encompass all five Green Belt purposes taken together. Although the identification of Grey Belt focuses on contribution to Purposes A, B and D, Purposes C and E remain relevant to the assessment of the Green Belt that would remain. Purpose E should be considered strategically, consistent with its treatment elsewhere in this report, rather than through a separate parcel-level rating.

The configuration and permanence of any resulting Green Belt boundary should also be considered as a related plan-making matter. This should include whether a proposed boundary would be clearly defined by physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent, and whether release would leave isolated, fragmented or poorly related areas of Green Belt.

The findings presented in Section 6 describe the contribution made by parcels in their existing form. They provide evidence to inform, but do not constitute, an assessment of a defined release option, a conclusion on the implications for the remaining Green Belt or a recommendation that land should be released, allocated or developed.

6. Summary of Assessment Findings

The following sections provide a summary of how each parcel performs against the assessed Green Belt purposes. An ‘overall’ rating is then attributed to each parcel, reflecting the highest level of contribution identified across those purposes. This approach is justified because the Green Belt purposes are collectively important, and strong performance against any one purpose may indicate strategic significance. It ensures that land which performs an important function in one respect is not undervalued in the overall assessment. More detailed analysis of each Green Belt purpose is set out in the subsequent sections of this report.

CLASSIFICATION - Baseline (Low Risk)

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DO NOT SCALE

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LEGEND:

- GREEN BELT BOUNDARY
- WEAK TO NO CONTRIBUTION
- MODERATE CONTRIBUTION
- STRONG CONTRIBUTION

NW12 NW11 NW10 NW8 NW9 NW2 NW5 NW3 NW6 NW4 NW7 NW1
N15 N14 N13 N12 N11 N16 N10 N1 N2 N3 N4 N5 N6 N7 N8 N9 NE1
NE15 NE13 NE14 NE12 NE11 NE9 NE10 NE2 NE8 NE3 NE4 NE6 NE5 NE7
E3 E2 E1 E4 E9 E6 E5 E8 SE1 SE4 SE2 SE3 SE5 SE6 E7 SE7
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Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
N1	
N4	
N7	
N10	
N13	
N16	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
N2	
N5	
N8	
N11	
N14	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
N3	
N6	
N9	
N12	
N15	

Table 6-1 - Overall RAG Rating of North Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
NE1	
NE4	
NE7	
NE10	
NE13	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
NE2	
NE5	
NE8	
NE11	
NE14	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
NE3	
NE6	
NE9	
NE12	
NE15	

Table 6-2 - Overall RAG Rating of North East Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
E1	
E4	
E7	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
E2	
E5	
E8	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
E3	
E6	
E9	

Table 6-3 - Overall RAG Rating of East Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
SE1	
SE4	
SE7	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
SE2	
SE5	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
SE3	
SE6	

Table 6-4 - Overall RAG Rating of South East Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
SW1	
SW4	
SW7	
SW10	
SW13	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
SW2	
SW5	
SW8	
SW11	
SW14	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
SW3	
SW6	
SW9	
SW12	

Table 6-5 - Overall RAG Rating of South West Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
NW1	
NW4	
NW7	
NW10	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
NW2	
NW5	
NW8	
NW11	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
NW3	
NW6	
NW9	
NW12	

Table 6-6 - Overall RAG Rating of North West Parcels

6.1 Overall Assessment Narrative

The Overall Contribution assessment demonstrates that the Green Belt performs different functions across the District and that the contribution made by individual parcels is frequently derived from different Green Belt purposes. Areas assessed as making a Strong Contribution are therefore not confined to a particular geographical location, nor do they necessarily display the same characteristics or perform the same Green Belt function. For example, a parcel may make a significant contribution because of its role in maintaining separation between settlements, while another may derive its significance principally from preventing encroachment into the countryside or checking the unrestricted sprawl of a large built-up area. The same overall rating can therefore reflect materially different underlying circumstances and sensitivities.

This distinction is important when interpreting the assessment. The Overall Contribution provides a useful summary of a parcel's Green Belt performance, but it should not be treated as a substitute for the individual purpose assessments from which that overall judgement is derived. An aggregated or overall rating can otherwise mask important differences in the nature and strength of the contribution being made. Accordingly, consideration of potential Green Belt changes should have regard to performance against each purpose individually, including the particular characteristics and relationships that underpin that performance, rather than relying solely on a cumulative or averaged assessment. This provides a more transparent and nuanced understanding of how and why different parts of the Green Belt are performing and helps ensure that subsequent conclusions are responsive to the specific Green Belt functions present in each location.

6.2 Green Belt Purpose (a)

6.2.1 To Check the Unrestricted Sprawl of Large Built-Up Areas

This purpose is concerned with preventing the outward expansion of large built-up areas into the surrounding countryside. It considers the role that Green Belt land plays in containing urban form, maintaining clear and defensible boundaries, and resisting incremental encroachment that could weaken the distinction between the built-up area and the countryside.

In assessing this purpose, the following matters are considered:

- the relationship of the parcel to the edge of a large built-up area;
- whether the parcel performs a role in checking outward expansion beyond the existing urban edge;
- the presence and strength of physical features, such as roads, railways, rivers or other durable boundaries, which may contain development;
- the degree to which the parcel is contained or enclosed by existing development or other features, and consequently its susceptibility to outward expansion; and
- the extent to which the parcel reads as part of the wider countryside, as opposed to being closely associated with the existing urban area.

Parcels that are directly related to a large built-up area, are relatively free from development, lack strong physical containment and perform a clear role in checking outward expansion are generally considered to make a stronger contribution to this purpose.

In accordance with Annex E of the NPPF, land making a Strong contribution to Purpose A is typically free of existing development, lack physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development, and be adjacent or near to a large built-up area. Development of such land would be likely to result in an incongruous pattern of development, such as an extended “finger” of development into the Green Belt.

Land making a Moderate contribution is also likely to be adjacent or near to a large built-up area but will display one or more characteristics that weaken its contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl. These may include physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development, partial enclosure by existing development, existing built development or other urbanising influences. Partial enclosure may also mean that development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development.

Land making a Weak or No contribution is likely either to be separated from, and not near to, a large built-up area or, where it is adjacent or near to a large built-up area, to contain or be largely enclosed by significant existing development. In such circumstances, the land performs a weak or no identifiable role in checking the unrestricted outward spread of the large built-up area.

6.3 Interpretation of Large Built-Up Areas

For the purposes of assessing Purpose A, this Review treats Kidderminster, Stourport-on-Severn and Bewdley as the large built-up areas relevant to the assessment. This is consistent with the local interpretation applied in the Wyre Forest Green Belt Review: Strategic Analysis (2016) which expressly identified Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley as the large built-up areas for the purposes of that assessment.

The NPPF and Annex E do not prescribe a specific population or settlement-size threshold for identifying a large built-up area. National guidance confirms that Purpose A relates to the sprawl of large built-up areas and that villages should not be treated as large built-up areas. The identification of the relevant large built-up areas is therefore a matter of local assessment, having regard to settlement form, scale and relationship with the surrounding Green Belt.

The continued use of Kidderminster, Stourport-on-Severn and Bewdley provides a consistent basis for comparison with the 2016 evidence while allowing the contribution of Green Belt land to be assessed against the current settlement pattern and physical context. This is a methodological definition for the purposes of the Green Belt assessment and does not alter the status or role of any settlement within the adopted or emerging Local Plan.

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Table 6-7 - GB Purpose A RAG Rating of North Parcels

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Table 6-8 - GB Purpose A RAG Rating of North East Parcels

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Table 6-9 - GB Purpose A RAG Rating of East Parcels

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Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
SE2	
SE5	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
SE3	
SE6	

Table 6-10 - GB Purpose A RAG Rating of South East Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
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SW10	
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Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
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SW11	
SW14	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
SW3	
SW6	
SW9	
SW12	

Table 6-11 - GB Purpose A RAG Rating of South West Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
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Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
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NW11	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
NW3	
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Table 6-12 - GB Purpose A RAG Rating of Northern Parcels

6.4 Purpose A Assessment Narrative

Purpose A displays a relatively clear spatial relationship with the principal built-up areas. Strong contributions are generally concentrated around the urban edges, where Green Belt land performs a more direct role in containing outward growth. Contributions generally become more moderate or limited with increasing separation from the principal built-up areas, although this pattern varies according to the relationship of individual parcels with the settlement edge.

6.5 Green Belt Purpose (b)

6.5.1 To Prevent Neighbouring Towns Merging into One Another

This purpose is concerned with maintaining the separation between distinct settlements and preventing their physical or perceptual coalescence. It focuses on the contribution that Green Belt land makes to maintaining the distinction between neighbouring settlements, particularly where land forms part of an important gap between them.

In assessing this purpose, the following matters are considered:

- the distance between neighbouring settlements and the role of the parcel in maintaining separation;
- whether the parcel lies within a gap that is narrow, vulnerable to further narrowing, or otherwise important in preventing coalescence;
- the extent of intervisibility between settlements across the parcel and the degree to which the gap is perceived as open;
- the presence of existing development, vegetation, topography or other urbanising influences that may affect the perception of separation; and
- the extent to which the parcel forms an important component of the wider gap between settlements.

Parcels that form an important part of a narrow, visually open or otherwise strategically important gap between neighbouring settlements, where development would materially reduce their physical or perceived separation, are generally considered to make a stronger contribution to this purpose.

In accordance with Annex E of the NPPF, land making a strong contribution to Purpose B will generally form an important component of the open land separating neighbouring towns, where development would substantially reduce the physical or perceived separation between them and increase the risk of their coalescence.

Land making a moderate contribution to Purpose B may still perform a role in maintaining separation, but its contribution may be reduced where the gap is wider, where the parcel forms only a limited part of the overall separation between settlements, or where vegetation, topography, existing development or other features reduce the extent to which the gap is perceived.

By contrast, land making a weak contribution to Purpose B is generally not located within an important gap between neighbouring settlements, or forms only a limited component of a wider gap, such that development of the parcel would have little effect on the physical or perceived separation between settlements.

6.6 Identification of Towns

Purpose B concerns the prevention of neighbouring towns merging into one another. It does not apply simply because land separates two settlements, and it does not apply to the separation of villages unless the land also performs a demonstrable role in preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

For this assessment, the towns relevant to Purpose B are Kidderminster, Stourport-on-Severn and Bewdley. This reflects their status within the adopted settlement hierarchy and their physical relationship with the Green Belt assessed in this Review. The relevant town-separation relationships are:

- Kidderminster–Bewdley, including the remaining gap associated with the A456 corridor;
- Kidderminster–Stourport-on-Severn, including the gap associated with the A451 corridor; and
- Stourport-on-Severn–Bewdley, where individual parcels form part of the wider separation between those towns.

The identification of these relationships does not mean that every parcel situated broadly between the towns makes a strong contribution to Purpose B. Each parcel is assessed by reference to whether it forms a substantial and functionally important part of the relevant gap and whether its development would materially reduce physical or perceived separation, including through the loss of visual separation or an increased perception of coalescence. Regard is also had to the parcel's scale and configuration, the width and vulnerability of the remaining gap, topography, vegetation, existing development and other features affecting the perception of separation.

Stourbridge and Bromsgrove form part of the wider settlement and Green Belt context beyond the District. However, no assessment area within Wyre Forest has been identified in this Review as forming a substantial part of a town-to-town gap to either settlement such that its development would be likely to result in the loss of visual separation between neighbouring towns. They have therefore not been used to determine parcel ratings under Purpose B. Their wider strategic relationship to the West Midlands Green Belt remains relevant to cross-boundary planning and to consideration of the effects of any future Green Belt release on the remaining Green Belt.

Smaller settlements and villages are not treated as towns for Purpose B. Land may nevertheless perform an important local role in maintaining separation between villages, or between a village and a town. Such a role may be relevant to the spatial strategy, settlement character, landscape evidence or other Green Belt considerations, but it is not treated as a strong contribution to Purpose B unless the land also satisfies the town-merger test.

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Table 6-13 - GB Purpose B RAG Rating of North Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
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Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
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Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
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Table 6-14 - GB Purpose B RAG Rating of North East Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
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Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
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Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
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Table 6-15 - GB Purpose B RAG Rating of East Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
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Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
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Table 6-16 - GB Purpose B RAG Rating of South East Parcels

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SW11	
SW14	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
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SW6	
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SW12	

Table 6-17 - GB Purpose B RAG Rating of South West Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
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NW7	
NW10	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
NW2	
NW5	
NW8	
NW11	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
NW3	
NW6	
NW9	
NW12	

Table 6-18 - GB Purpose B RAG Rating of North West Parcels

6.7 Purpose B Assessment Narrative

Purpose B displays a more geographically focused pattern, with Strong and Moderate contributions concentrated in parcels which form part of the gaps between neighbouring towns. Land outside these principal settlement gaps generally makes a more limited contribution, reflecting the specific function of Purpose B in preventing the merging of towns rather than maintaining separation between settlements generally.

6.8 Green Belt Purpose (c)

6.8.1 To Assist in Safeguarding the Countryside from Encroachment

This purpose is concerned with safeguarding the countryside from encroachment and maintaining its open and undeveloped character. It applies more broadly across Green Belt land and, unlike Purposes A and B, is not dependent on land being located adjacent to a large built-up area or within an important gap between neighbouring settlements.

In assessing this purpose, the following matters are considered:

- the character of the land, including the extent to which it displays a rural, semi-rural or urban-fringe character;
- the presence, scale and distribution of built development and other urbanising influences;
- land use, field patterns and landscape structure, insofar as these assist in understanding the parcel's relationship with the wider countryside;
- the degree to which the parcel retains an open and undeveloped character; and
- the presence and extent of existing encroachment, including built development, hardstanding, infrastructure or other urbanising uses.

Parcels that remain predominantly open and undeveloped, display a clear relationship with the wider countryside and are largely free from significant urbanising influences are generally considered to make a stronger contribution to this purpose.

Unlike Purposes A, B and D, Annex E of the NPPF does not provide illustrative Strong, Moderate or Weak criteria for assessing Purpose C. The criteria applied in this assessment have therefore been developed to provide a consistent basis for assessing the relative contribution of land to Purpose C. They are informed by the wording of the Green Belt purpose and focus on the extent to which land retains the characteristics of countryside and performs a role in safeguarding it from encroachment.

Land making a strong contribution to Purpose C will typically display the characteristics of open countryside, with a clear relationship to the wider countryside and limited evidence of encroachment. Such land will generally be predominantly free from built development or significant urbanising influences and will perform an important role in safeguarding the countryside from further encroachment.

Land making a moderate contribution to Purpose C will generally retain a recognisable countryside character and degree of openness but may be affected by existing development, infrastructure or other urbanising influences that reduce its overall contribution. While the land continues to perform a countryside safeguarding function, the strength of that role is diminished by these influences.

By contrast, land making a weak contribution to Purpose C will generally exhibit a limited relationship with the wider countryside and/or contain a substantial degree of existing development, hardstanding, infrastructure or other urbanising influences. Its character may consequently be more closely associated with an urban or urban-fringe environment, such that it performs a more limited role in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

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Table 6-19 - GB Purpose C RAG Rating of North Parcels

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Table 6-20 - GB Purpose C RAG Rating of North East Parcels

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Table 6-21 - GB Purpose C RAG Rating of East Parcels

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Table 6-22 - GB Purpose C RAG Rating of South East Parcels

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Table 6-23 - GB Purpose C RAG Rating of South West Parcels

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Table 6-24 - GB Purpose C RAG Rating of North West Parcels

6.9 Purpose C Assessment Narrative

Purpose C exhibits a comparatively widespread pattern of Strong Contribution, reflecting the broader role of the Green Belt in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Unlike Purposes A and B, contribution is less directly associated with proximity to particular settlements or defined settlement gaps, resulting in a more extensive and continuous pattern of stronger contribution across the District.

6.10 Green Belt Purpose (d)

6.10.1 To Preserve the Setting and Special Character of Historic Towns

This purpose is concerned with preserving the setting and special character of historic towns, including the contribution that surrounding Green Belt land makes to their significance, appreciation and historic context. It is particularly relevant where land forms part of the immediate or wider setting of a historic town, or contributes to important views, approaches or landscape relationships that help define its special character.

In assessing this purpose, the following matters are considered:

- the relationship of the parcel to the historic town and its historic core;
- whether the parcel contributes to important views towards, from or across the historic town;
- the extent to which the parcel forms part of the immediate or wider setting of the historic town;
- the historic landscape context of the parcel and its relationship with the form, character and development of the historic town;
- the contribution of the parcel to important approaches to, or gateways into, the historic town; and
- the extent to which the parcel contributes to the perception, appreciation and understanding of the historic town and its special character.

Parcels that form an important component of the setting of a historic town, contribute to significant views or approaches, or otherwise have a clear physical, visual or experiential relationship with the characteristics that contribute to the town's special character are generally considered to make a stronger contribution to this purpose.

In accordance with Annex E of the NPPF, land making a strong contribution to Purpose D will typically form an important component of the setting of a historic town, where its openness, character or relationship with the town makes an important contribution to preserving the town's special character. Consistent with Annex E, Purpose D relates to historic towns rather than villages. For the purposes of this assessment, Bewdley is identified as the principal historic town within Wyre Forest District for the purposes of assessing Green Belt Purpose D, whose setting and special character may be relevant to Green Belt assessment. Purpose D forms one of the five Green Belt purposes identified by Policy GB2 of the NPPF.

Land making a moderate contribution to Purpose D may retain a recognisable relationship with the setting or special character of a historic town, although the strength of that relationship may be reduced by factors such as intervening development, landform, vegetation, infrastructure or a more limited visual, physical or experiential association. Such land nevertheless continues to perform an identifiable role in preserving the setting or special character of the historic town.

By contrast, land making a weak contribution to Purpose D will generally be detached from, or have only a limited relationship with, the setting and special character of a historic town. Development of such land would be unlikely to materially affect the physical, visual or experiential relationships that contribute to the appreciation of the historic town and its special character.

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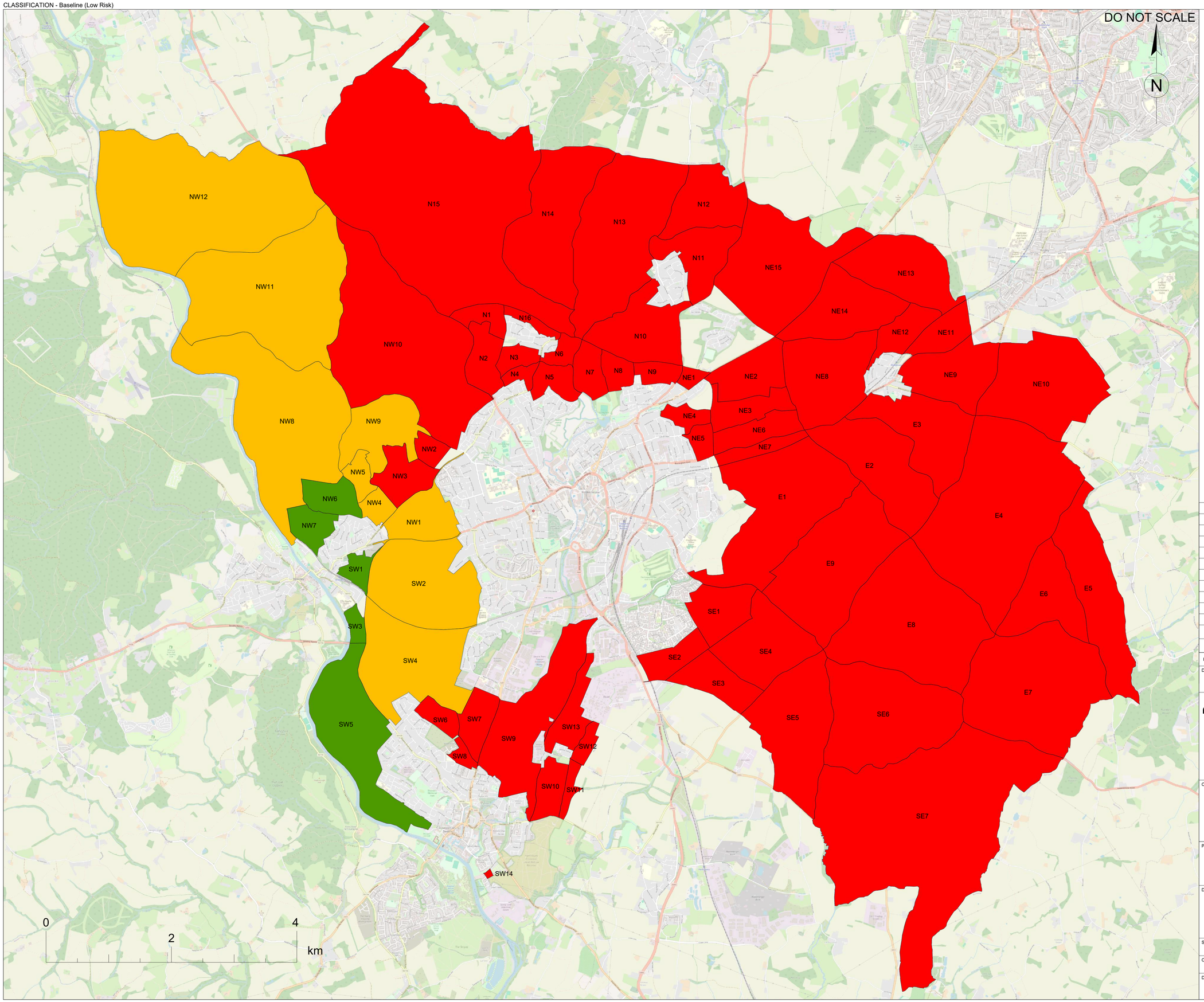

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Table 6-26 - GB Purpose D RAG Rating of North East Parcels

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Table 6-27 - GB Purpose D RAG Rating of East Parcels

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Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
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Table 6-28 - GB Purpose D RAG Rating of South East Parcels

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Table 6-29 - GB Purpose D RAG Rating of South West Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
NW1	
NW4	
NW7	
NW10	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
NW2	
NW5	
NW8	
NW11	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
NW3	
NW6	
NW9	
NW12	

Table 6-30 - GB Purpose D RAG Rating of North West Parcels

6.11 Purpose D Assessment Narrative

Purpose D shows a more localised pattern, with stronger contributions concentrated in land that has a clear relationship with the setting and special character of the relevant historic towns. Beyond these areas, contribution generally reduces, resulting in a higher proportion of parcels making a Limited contribution compared with the other purposes.

6.12 Green Belt Purpose (e)

6.12.1 To Assist in Urban Regeneration by Encouraging the Recycling of Derelict and Other Urban Land

Purpose E is not separately rated as part of the parcel-based analysis because, by its nature, its function operates principally at the strategic level because the designation and retention of Green Belt land restricts outward expansion and thereby supports the reuse of previously developed and other land within urban areas.

The contribution made by an individual Green Belt parcel to this purpose cannot readily be distinguished from that made by other parcels without evidence demonstrating a specific relationship between the retention or release of that land and the prospects for urban regeneration. The available evidence does not provide a sufficiently robust basis for making that distinction consistently across the study area.

Assigning Strong, Moderate, or Weak or No Contribution ratings to individual parcels would therefore add limited analytical value and could imply a degree of spatial differentiation that is not supported by the evidence. Purpose E is consequently recognised as part of the overall strategic function of the Green Belt but is not separately scored at parcel level.

Purpose E nevertheless remains relevant when considering whether the release or development of land would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. It should be considered strategically at that stage rather than through individual parcel ratings.

7. Assessment of Grey Belt Characteristics

The current policy framework recognises that not all Green Belt land performs equally against the purposes of designation. In that context, the assessment considers whether parcels may exhibit Grey Belt characteristics, including where land is previously developed or where it makes a comparatively limited contribution to the Green Belt purposes most relevant to that assessment. This exercise is undertaken as part of the wider parcel-based Green Belt assessment and does not, in itself, indicate that land should be released, allocated or developed.

7.1 Previously Developed Land Within the Green Belt

Previously developed land (PDL) forms an express component of the national definition of Grey Belt. The assessment therefore identifies areas of PDL within the Green Belt having regard to the definition contained in Annex B of the NPPF. Where PDL forms only a discrete part of a wider parcel, further subdivision or finer-grained assessment may be appropriate rather than assuming that the characteristics of the PDL apply to the parcel as a whole.

In identifying and considering PDL within the Green Belt, the assessment takes account of:

- Whether the land meets the national definition of PDL;
- The extent of existing or former built development on the site;
- The condition of the land (for example derelict, vacant or partially reused);
- The degree to which the land retains openness or has been substantially altered; and
- The presence of permanent structures, hardstanding or infrastructure.

Land that is substantially developed, degraded or lacking openness is more likely to exhibit Grey Belt characteristics under this component of the assessment. In Wyre Forest, there is evidence of PDL within some parcels, however no parcel is made up wholly, or substantially, of PDL. In some instances, there may be scope for subdivision to reflect more localised areas of PDL.

7.2 Contribution to Green Belt Purposes

A key aspect of Grey Belt identification is the extent to which land contributes to the Green Belt purposes identified as relevant to the Grey Belt assessment. In accordance with Annex E of the NPPF, this assessment focuses on Purposes A, B and D, namely checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas, preventing neighbouring towns from merging into one another, and preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.

Drawing on the wider Green Belt purpose assessment, the following matters are considered:

- the contribution of the parcel to Purpose A, checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;

- the contribution of the parcel to Purpose B, preventing neighbouring towns from merging into one another;
- the contribution of the parcel to Purpose D, preserving the setting and special character of historic towns;
- whether the parcel makes a Strong, Moderate or Weak contribution to each of these purposes, having regard to the criteria set out in Annex E; and
- whether the parcel makes a Strong contribution to any of Purposes A, B or D, noting that land which makes a Strong contribution to any one of these purposes will not satisfy this element of the Grey Belt assessment.

rather than deriving an averaged or cumulative score across the three purposes.

For the purposes of identifying Grey Belt, Purposes C and E are not included within this specific stage of the assessment. This reflects the approach established by Annex E rather than a judgement that these purposes are unimportant. Purpose C, which relates to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, remains relevant to the wider assessment of Green Belt function and is assessed separately within this Review. Purpose E, relating to assisting urban regeneration through the recycling of derelict and other urban land, is similarly recognised as part of the wider strategic function of the Green Belt but is not used as a differentiating criterion in the Grey Belt assessment.

Accordingly, a parcel's performance against Purpose C does not alter its assessment against the Annex E criteria for Purposes A, B and D. This ensures that the identification of Grey Belt remains distinct from the wider assessment of how land performs against the five purposes of the Green Belt.

7.3 RAG Assessment of Grey Belt Characteristics

The RAG framework provides a structured and transparent basis for applying the contribution criteria set out in Annex E of the NPPF. It records whether land satisfies the Annex E contribution element relating to Purposes A, B and D; it does not by itself designate land as Grey Belt. For the purposes of this assessment, consideration focuses on the contribution made by each parcel to the following Green Belt purposes:

- Purpose A: to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- Purpose B: to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another; and
- Purpose D: to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns.

Each parcel is assessed against these purposes using Strong (Green), Moderate (Amber) and Weak (Grey) ratings. This enables the assessment to identify whether a parcel makes a strong contribution to any one of the relevant purposes, rather than relying on an averaged or cumulative assessment of performance.

The ratings represent a spectrum in the relative strength of contribution. A Green rating indicates a strong and positive contribution, while a Grey rating indicates a weak or limited contribution. An Amber rating represents a Moderate contribution and should not be interpreted as an absence of Green Belt function. Rather, an Amber-rated parcel continues to make a serviceable and meaningful contribution to the relevant purpose, albeit one that does not reach the Strong threshold. The ratings are therefore comparative judgements about the strength of contribution, rather than an overall judgement as to the value or development potential of the land.

For the Annex E contribution element, particular consideration is given to whether land strongly contributes to any of Purpose A, Purpose B or Purpose D. Where a parcel makes a Strong contribution to any one of these purposes, it does not satisfy this contribution element. Where contributions are Moderate or Weak across all three purposes, the parcel may satisfy this contribution element. That finding is not a Grey Belt designation and remains subject to the other requirements relevant to the complete definition of Grey Belt.

Purposes C and E are omitted from this specific stage of the assessment because they do not form part of the assessment of whether land strongly contributes for the purposes of identifying Grey Belt. For context, these purposes are:

- Purpose C: to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment; and
- Purpose E: to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

Purposes C and E nevertheless remain relevant to understanding the wider role and function of the Green Belt and may continue to be considered as part of the wider Green Belt evidence base.

The assessment is undertaken at the parcel level, and the findings should not be assumed to apply uniformly to every part of a parcel. Where a parcel is identified as potentially containing Grey Belt characteristics, further site-specific or finer-grained assessment may be necessary to establish the extent to which those characteristics apply and to consider the implications of any potential future release.

Finally, a finding that land may satisfy the Annex E contribution element does not designate that land as Grey Belt and does not mean that the land should be released from the Green Belt, allocated for development or regarded as suitable for development. Grey Belt designation would require assessment against the complete national policy definition. Any subsequent decisions regarding Green Belt boundary changes, site allocation or development must be considered through the Local Plan process and the overall application of relevant national and local planning policy.

For the purposes of this assessment, the following interpretation is applied to parcel performance against the relevant Green Belt purposes:

Rating	Interpretation	Grey Belt-related Interpretation
Green (Strong)	Strong contribution to a relevant Green Belt purposes	Parcel is unlikely to exhibit Grey Belt characteristics
Amber (Moderate)	Moderate contribution to a relevant Green Belt purposes	Parcel does not make a Strong contribution to the relevant purpose and may satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment when considered alongside Purposes A, B and D collectively.
Grey (Weak or no)	Limited contribution to all relevant Green Belt purposes	Parcel does not make a Strong contribution to the relevant purposes and is more likely to satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment.

Table 7-1 - RAG Assessment Framework for Grey Belt Characteristics

7.4 Grey Belt interpretation

The identification of land as exhibiting Grey Belt characteristics should not be interpreted as an automatic classification or designation of that land as Grey Belt. The assessment is intended to identify areas which may display characteristics consistent with the definition of Grey Belt and which therefore warrant further consideration.

The identification of a parcel as satisfying the contribution element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment does not in itself indicate that the parcel should be released from the Green Belt, allocated for development or regarded as suitable for development. Nor does it remove the need to consider whether release would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.

Where a parcel has been assessed as likely to contain Grey Belt characteristics, this conclusion applies at the parcel level and should not be taken to mean that all land within that parcel necessarily exhibits those characteristics. There may be variation within individual parcels, and further investigation at a more detailed or site-specific scale would be required to establish the extent to which Grey Belt characteristics apply across the parcel.

A conclusion as to whether land, or any specific part of a parcel, constitutes Grey Belt would therefore require further assessment against the relevant national policy definition and criteria, taking account of site-specific circumstances and the relationship of the land with the wider Green Belt. Accordingly, the findings presented here should be regarded as indicative identification of potential Grey Belt characteristics rather than a definitive determination of Grey Belt status or extent.

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- PROVIDES A STRONG CONTRIBUTION TO PURPOSES A, B AND/OR D

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Table 7-2 - Grey Belt RAG Rating of North Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
NE1	
NE4	
NE7	
NE10	
NE13	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
NE2	
NE5	
NE8	
NE11	
NE14	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
NE3	
NE6	
NE9	
NE12	
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Table 7-3 - Grey Belt RAG Rating of North East Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
E1	
E4	
E7	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
E2	
E5	
E8	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
E3	
E6	
E9	

Table 7-4 - Grey Belt RAG Rating of East Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
SE1	
SE4	
SE7	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
SE2	
SE5	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
SE3	
SE6	

Table 7-5 - Grey Belt RAG Rating of South East Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
SW1	
SW4	
SW7	
SW10	
SW13	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
SW2	
SW5	
SW8	
SW11	
SW14	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
SW3	
SW6	
SW9	
SW12	

Table 7-6 - Grey Belt RAG Rating of South West Parcels

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
NW1	
NW4	
NW7	
NW10	

Parcel Ref.	RAG Rating
NW2	
NW5	
NW8	
NW11	

Parcel Ref	RAG Rating
NW3	
NW6	
NW9	
NW12	

Table 7-7 - Grey Belt RAG Rating of North West Parcels

CONCLUSION

8. Conclusion

This Stage 2 report provides a comprehensive and proportionate parcel-based assessment of Green Belt land within Wyre Forest District, considering the extent to which individual parcels contribute to the Green Belt purposes set out in national policy. Applying a consistent methodology, supported by desk-based analysis and site survey, the study identifies variation in the contribution made by different areas to checking unrestricted sprawl, preventing neighbouring towns from merging, safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, and preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.

The findings demonstrate that the Green Belt within Wyre Forest District performs an important strategic role, both locally and as part of the wider West Midlands Green Belt. A number of parcels make a strong contribution to one or more of the Green Belt purposes, particularly in maintaining the separation between settlements, checking outward expansion beyond established urban areas, and safeguarding areas of open countryside from encroachment. These areas make an important contribution to the continued function and integrity of the Green Belt.

At the same time, the assessment identifies variation in the contribution made by individual parcels. Some parcels make a moderate or weak contribution to particular Green Belt purposes as a consequence of factors including existing development, urbanising influences, physical containment, separation from established urban areas or a more limited role in preventing settlement coalescence. This provides a more nuanced understanding of the Green Belt and recognises that its constituent areas do not perform uniformly across all of the Green Belt purposes.

The assessment applies the contribution criteria in Annex E of the NPPF. In particular, it considers whether land makes a strong contribution to any of Purposes A, B or D. Where a parcel does not make a strong contribution to any of these purposes, it may satisfy this Annex E contribution element. That finding does not itself designate the parcel as Grey Belt; the other relevant requirements and stages established by national policy must also be considered. Purposes C and E remain relevant to understanding the wider strategic function of the Green Belt but do not determine the A/B/D contribution element. This distinction prevents an overall or averaged assessment of Green Belt performance from being treated as a Grey Belt designation.

It is important to emphasise that satisfying the Annex E A/B/D contribution element does not itself designate land as Grey Belt. Nor would Grey Belt designation itself establish that land should be released from the Green Belt, allocated for development or regarded as suitable for development. Such decisions must be informed by the overall application of relevant national and local planning policy and the wider plan-making process. The assessment also does not determine the suitability, availability or deliverability of individual parcels for development. Those matters require consideration through the wider Local Plan evidence base, including environmental constraints, infrastructure capacity, accessibility, sustainability, development needs and the spatial strategy.

Overall, the study establishes a clear, transparent and proportionate evidence base for understanding the contribution that different areas of Green Belt make to its intended purposes. It provides the Council with a consistent basis for applying the Annex E A/B/D contribution element, while maintaining a clear distinction between satisfying that element, any subsequent Grey Belt designation, Green Belt release or allocation, and development suitability. This provides a robust foundation for the next stages of plan-making and enables future decisions to take account of both the function of the Green Belt and the wider considerations relevant to accommodating development in a sustainable manner.

APPENDICES

Appendix A. - North Parcel Proformas

Parcel Number	N1
	**Parcel is contained by the B4189 to the north, Lowe Lane and the Green Belt boundary following Wolverley urban edge to the east, Bridgenorth Road to the west and field lines with vegetation borders to the south.** **Parcel is predominantly pastureland with gappy vegetation borders throughout the parcel defining field lines and single built development to the northeast of the parcel.** North: - Wolverley Road – B4189 – lines the entirety of the North Boundary of this Parcel, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the North of Wolverley Road. East: - Green Belt Boundary – The boundary follows the urban edge of Wolverley and is defined by Lowe Lane. South: - The south of this Parcel is bound by field lines between two areas of Green Belt Designations, further Green Belt Land sits to the south of this boundary. West: - Bridgenorth Road – A442 – lines the entirety of the parcel to the West with a large hedgerow, further Green Belt Land site to the west of Bridgenorth Road.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from the boundary of a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than with the wider countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to one of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A pastoral landscape of varied field sizes defined by gappy, inconsistent hedgerows, creating a relatively open and transitional character. The land rises from south to north, allowing extensive views southwards and eastwards from higher ground. Built development is sparse, limited to a few isolated dwellings. The landscape reflects an open, estate-influenced farmland character, where field structure and landform are key to visual coherence. It has moderate to high sensitivity to change, particularly where further hedgerow loss or poorly integrated development would erode openness, structure, and key views.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	N2
	**Parcel is contained by Lowe Lane to the east and the Green Belt boundary following the Wolverley urban edge to the northeast, Green Belt boundary to the south following Honeybrook Lane, Bridgenorth Road to the west, and field lines to the north.** **Parcel is predominantly pastureland with gappy vegetation borders throughout the parcel defining field lines and limited built development throughout the parcel, dominated to the east.** North: - The North of this Parcel is bound by field lines between two areas of Green Belt Designations, further Green Belt Land sits to the North of this boundary. East: - The boundary follows the urban edge of Wolverley and is defined by Lowe Lane. South: - The boundary follows the urban edge of Kidderminster and is defined by Honeybrook Lane, lined with residential development. West: - Bridgenorth Road – A442 – lines the entirety of the parcel to the West, with further Green Belt Land site to the west of Bridgenorth Road.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel is located adjacent to the urban edge of Kidderminster and is vulnerable to sprawl The parcel contains limited urban development with a strong openness.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than the wider countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.

Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D and therefore does not satisfy the Annex E contribution element. This finding does not determine whether the parcel should be released from the Green Belt, allocated for development or regarded as suitable for development.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A pastoral landscape of varied field sizes defined by gappy, inconsistent hedgerows, creating a relatively open and transitional character. The land rises from south to north, allowing extensive views southwards and eastwards from higher ground. Public Rights of Way cross the parcel, providing good accessibility and appreciation of these views. Small, defined woodland blocks to the west and south add localised enclosure and structure, contrasting with the more open farmland. Built development is sparse, limited to a few isolated dwellings. The landscape reflects an open, estate-influenced character, with landform and field pattern key to visual coherence. It has moderate to high sensitivity to change, particularly where hedgerow loss or intrusive development would erode structure, openness, and key views.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	N3
	**Parcel is contained to the north by Fairfield Lane which defined the Green Belt boundary along Wolverley urban edge, Franche Road to the east, Honey Brook to the south and Lowe Lane to the west.** **Parcel is predominantly pastureland with gappy vegetation borders throughout the parcel defining field lines and limited built development to the southwest of the parcel.** North: - The boundary follows the urban edge of Wolverley, and is defined by Fairfield Lane, lined with residential development. East: - Franche Road lines the entirety of the Eastern Boundary of the Parcel, with further green Belt Land sitting to the East of Franche Road. South: - Honey Brook lines the entirety of the Parcels Southern Border, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the South of Honey Brook. West: - Lowe Lane liens the entirety of the Parcels Western Border, with a large hedgerow lining Lowe Lane.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Despite not sitting adjacent to the urban edge of Kidderminster, the Green Belt designation provides a role in preventing sprawl in this area. The parcel contains very limited urban development with strong openness. It retains a relatively strong relationship with the wider countryside and plays a role in preventing outward sprawl with parcel N4.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role in this location which is not between towns
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than the wider countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to one of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the

	complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A pastoral landscape of varied field sizes defined by gappy, inconsistent hedgerows, creating a relatively open and transitional character. The land rises from south to north, allowing extensive views southwards and eastwards from higher ground. Public Rights of Way cross the parcel, providing good accessibility and appreciation of these views. Small, defined woodland blocks to the west and south add localised enclosure and structure, contrasting with the more open farmland. Built development is sparse, limited to a few isolated dwellings. The landscape reflects an open, estate-influenced character, with landform and field pattern key to visual coherence. It has moderate to high sensitivity to change, particularly where hedgerow loss or intrusive development would erode structure, openness, and key views.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	N4
	**Parcel is contained to the north by Honey Brook, Franche Road and Wolverley Road to the east, Lowe Lane to the west and the green belt boundary following the urban edge of Kidderminster to the south.** **Parcel is predominantly pastureland with gappy vegetation borders throughout the parcel defining field lines and limited built development to the east along Franche Road.** North: - Honey Brook lines the entirety of the Parcels Northern Border, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the North of Honey Brook. East: - Wolverley Road lines the entirety of the Parcels Eastern Boundary, Wolverley Road is lined by a large hedgerow. South: - Green Belt Boundary – The boundary follows the urban edge of Kidderminster. West: - The Parcel is defined by Lowe Lane, with further Green Belt land sitting to the West of Lowe Lane.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel is adjacent to Kidderminster and contains very limited urban development with strong openness. It retains a relatively strong relationship with the wider countryside and plays an important role in preventing outward sprawl.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role in this location which is not between towns
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than the wider countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	

Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A pastoral landscape of varied field sizes defined by gappy, inconsistent hedgerows, creating a relatively open and transitional character. Honey Brook watercourse along the northern boundary introduces a linear Riverside Meadows character, with associated vegetation reinforcing a sense of tranquillity and ecological value. Built development is sparse, limited to a few isolated dwellings. The landscape reflects an open, estate-influenced character with elements of riverside corridor, and is moderate to highly sensitive to change, rising to high along the brook corridor, where openness, pasture, and riparian features are particularly vulnerable.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	N5
	**Parcel is contained to the north by field lines identified by vegetation borders, the River Stour to the east, Franche Road and Wolverley Road to the west and the green belt boundary to the south defined by the Kidderminster Urban edge.** **Parcel contains pastureland, grazing land and parcels of woodland to the east and southeast that lines the River Stour and weak vegetation field liens throughout.** North: - Parcel is bounded by Green Belt Land, following vegetation lines stretching through Green Belt Land. East: - The River Stour liens the entirety of the Eastern Boundary of the Parcel, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the East of the River Stour. South: - Green Belt Boundary – The boundary follows Kidderminster Urban edge. West: - Wolverley Road lines the entirety of the Parcels Western Boundary, further Green Belt Land site beyond the Western Boundary of Wolverley Road.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel is adjacent to Kidderminster Urban edge and built-up area and contains very limited urban development, with strong openness. It retains a relatively strong relationship with the wider countryside and plays and important role in preventing outward sprawl.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role in this location which is not between towns
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than with the wider countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	

Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A low-lying floodplain landscape west of the River Stour and Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal, characterised by pasture, rough grazing, and riparian woodland. The River Stour to the east forms a defining linear feature. Flat landform and vegetation result in contained, filtered views, reinforcing a secluded and tranquil character. Built development is largely absent due to flood risk. The landscape reflects a Riverside Meadows character, defined by its river corridor, seasonal flooding, and pastoral use. It is highly sensitive to change, particularly to loss of pasture, alteration of river features, or development that would disrupt openness, ecological value, and visual cohesion.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	N6
	**Parcel is contained to the north by Wolverley Road, B4189, River Stour to the east, a field line with a vegetation border to the south, Franche Road and the green belt boundary following Wolverley urban edge to the west.** **Parcel contains Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy, Wolverley Football Club and playing fields to the northwest and parcels of urban development to the north and south of the parcel, off Mill Lane. Parcels of woodland is located to the southwest and northwest of the parcel and forms field line borders throughout the parcel.** North: - Wolverley Road – B4189 - lines the entirety of the Parcels Northern Boundary, further Green Belt Land site beyond the Northern Boundary of Wolverley Road. East: - The River Stour lines the entirety of the Parcels Eastern Boundary. South: - Parcels Southern Boundary is defined by vegetation lines stretching through Green Belt Land. West: - The Parcel is predominantly defined by the urban edge of Wolverley which defined the Green Belt Boundary. The Parcels Northwestern and Southwestern Boundary is defined by Franche Road, with Green Belt Land sitting beyond these boundaries.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Despite not sitting adjacent to the urban edge of Kidderminster, the Green Belt designation provides a role in preventing sprawl in this area. The parcel contains very limited urban development with strong openness. It retains a relatively strong relationship with the wider countryside and plays a role in preventing outward sprawl with parcel N5.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role in this location which is not between towns
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and retains some degree of openness despite some compromise from urbanising development.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to one purpose of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A low-lying floodplain landscape west of the River Stour and Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal, characterised by pasture, rough grazing, and riparian woodland, with the River Stour forming a key defining feature to the east. Boundary vegetation provides enclosure, although there is limited urban influence locally. Public Rights of Way cross the parcel, with accessible routes along the River Stour, allowing appreciation of the tranquil river corridor. Views are generally short and filtered due to flat topography and vegetation cover. The landscape reflects a Riverside Meadows character, with strong ecological and visual unity, and is highly sensitive to change, particularly to development that would disrupt its openness, riverside setting, or pastoral character.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	N7
	**Parcel is contained to the north by Wolverley Road, B4189, a PRoW to the east, the River Stour to the west and the green belt boundary to the south.** **Parcel is dominated by rough pastureland and extensive woodland to the south and northwest of the parcel. Urban development lined Wolverley Road to the north, and a residential care home is located to the northwest.** North: - Wolverley Road – B4189 – Parcels of residential development, such as a retirement Home, along this boundary within the Parcel. East: - The Eastern Boundary follows a PRoW that runs from Wolverley Road to the North to the Green Bet Boundary defined by Kidderminster urban edge to the south. The PRoW follows a vegetation line through Green Belt Land. South: - Green Belt Boundary – the boundary follows the urban edge of Kidderminster, with parcels of woodland to the south. West: - The River Stour lines the entirety of the Parcels Western Boundary.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjacent to Kidderminster to the south of the parcel and contains very limited urban development, retaining a strong sense of openness. The parcel retains a strong relationship with the wider countryside and plays an important role in preventing the outward sprawl of Kidderminster.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than with the wider countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.

Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A semi-rural landscape dominated by Wolverley Court, characterised by extensive woodland cover and areas of rough pasture, creating a strongly enclosed and vegetated setting. Dense tree cover restricts views, resulting in a contained and visually cohesive landscape. The character reflects an estate-influenced wooded landscape with localised riverside elements, where vegetation structure provides the primary visual framework. It is moderately to highly sensitive to change, increasing to high where woodland and river corridor features are present, given the importance of vegetation to enclosure, character, and tranquillity.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	N8
	**Parcel is contained the north by the B4189, Wolverley Road, Sion Hill and the green belt boundary following Kidderminster urban edge to the east, the green belt boundary of Kidderminster to the south and a PRoW to the west.** **Parcel is dominated by woodland to the south of the parcel, Heathfield School to the northwest and several large dwellings off Sion Hill.**
	North: - Wolverley Road – B4189 – Parcels of residential development, such as a School, along this boundary within the Parcel. East: - Sion Hill lines the entirety of the Parcels Eastern Boundary of this Parcel, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the East of Sion Hill. South: - Green Belt Boundary – The boundary follows the urban edge of Kidderminster. West: - The Western Boundary follows a PRoW that runs from Wolverley Road to the North to the Green Bet Boundary defined by Kidderminster urban edge to the south. The PRoW follows a vegetation line through Green Belt Land.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Parcel is adjacent to the urban edge of Kidderminster and contains some urban development, retaining some sense of opened and relationship with the wider countryside.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Parcel contains some of the characteristics of open countryside and retains some openness, but here is some compromise from urbanising development. The parcel is also well contained by Wolverley road to the north.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a moderate contribution to two purposes of the Green Belt.

Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A semi-rural landscape associated with Heathfield School and large dwellings off Sion Hill, set within extensive woodland and areas of rough pasture. Dense vegetation creates a strongly enclosed character, with limited and filtered views throughout. The landscape has an estate-influenced wooded character, where tree cover provides the dominant visual structure and cohesion. It is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would weaken woodland cover, enclosure, or the semi-rural setting.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	N9
	**Land contained to the North by the B4189 Wolverley Road, A449 Wolverhampton Road to the East, Sion Hill to the West and the Green Belt Boundary to the South.** **Comprising predominantly open arable fields, with large residential dwellings to the north and northwest of the parcel, there are extensive views southwards from the B4189 Wolverley Road towards the edge of Kidderminster and the Green Belt Boundary. The A449 Wolverhampton Road to the east of the parcel forms one of the northerly entrances to Kidderminster. The north of the parcel begins to form part of the wider countryside which opens out northwards from the parcel.**
	North: - Wolverley Road – B4189 – lines the Parcel to the north, the Parcel is predominantly open land with sparce parcels of development to the north. East: - Wolverhampton Road - A449 – Parcels of vegetation line the road. South: - Green Belt Boundary – The boundary follows the urban edge of Kidderminster, with residential development backing onto the parcels Southern Boundary. West: - Sion Hill lines the entirety of the Parcels Western Boundary of this Parcel, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the West of Sion Hill.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is adjacent to Kidderminster and retains some openness, however the parcel contains some urban development and is restricted by the B4189 and A449.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside (large absence of built form) and has a strong relationship with the wider countryside, however the parcel is compromised by some urbanising development. The Parcel's relationship with the open countryside is also restricted by the B4189 and A449, which causes some separation and causes the parcel to have a stronger relationship with the urban area.

(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel forms no part of the setting of a historic town and does not contribute to its special character.
Overall	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer moderate contribution to two purposes of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A predominantly open, plateau landscape comprising arable fields, large dwellings, and school playing fields, with a strong sense of exposure and openness. The land falls southwards towards the A449, enabling extensive southward views from the B4180 (Wolverley Road) towards Kidderminster, while the eastern edge is visually prominent from Park Gate Road and reads as part of the wider countryside. The landscape reflects an ordered, estate-influenced character, with field structure, openness, and landform defining visual coherence. It forms a key northern approach to Kidderminster and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would interrupt key views, openness, or its role as a transitional edge.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	N10
	**Land contained to the north and east by the Green Belt boundary, the urban edge of Cookley forms the northern boundary, the former Green Belt at Lea Castle following the A449 (Wolverhampton Road) to the east, Wolverhampton Road B4189 to the south and Lee Lane to the West.** **Parcel consisting largely arable, pasture and woodland uses, with a caravan and camping site and Athletic Club and associated playing fields to the southwest. Extensive woodland to the northwest of the parcel lines Lee Lane and surrounds the River Stour to the west of the parcel. Built development is predominantly farmsteads and barn conversions, with an Equestrian Centre located central to the parcel. The Green Belt boundaries define the northern and eastern edges of the parcel. The built-up area of Cookley lies to the north, while the former Green Belt land at Lea Castle forms the eastern boundary.** North: - Green Belt Boundary – The boundary follows Cookley urban edge. Dense woodland sits to the northwest of this Parcels boundary. East: - Green Belt Boundary – The Parcels Boundary follows Wolverhampton Road - A449 South: - Wolverhampton Road – B4189 – lines the entirety of this Parcel's Southern Boundary, Parcels of residential development also line this Boundary. West: - Lee Lane liens the entirety of the Western Boundary of this Parcel, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the West of Lee Lane.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and retains a strong sense of opened, despite being compromised by some urbanising development within it.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.

Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment.This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A largely open plateau landscape of arable land, pasture, and woodland, with limited field boundaries creating a broad, expansive character. Extensive woodland along the River Stour and Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal to the northwest provides localised enclosure and softens the settlement edge of Cookley. The landform allows wide southward and westward views across the landscape, while development is sparse and limited to farmsteads and small clusters. The landscape reflects an open, estate-influenced character, with strong visual exposure and a transitional role at the edge of settlement. It is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect openness, key views, or the relationship with the river corridor.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	N11
	**Land contained to the east and southwest by the Green Belt Boundary, the urban edge of Cookley forms the eastern boundary, the former Green Belt at Lea Castle forms the southeast boundary, Wolverhampton Road to the east, Caunsall Road to the north, Bridge Road to the West.** **Largely comprising unimproved grazing and woodland, with extensive woodland to the north of the parcel lining the River Stour. Residential development lines Caunsall Road, with a mobile home park and Care Home off Austcliffe Road to the north of the parcel.** North: - Caunsall Road lines the entirety of this Parcels Northern Boundary, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the North of Caunsall Road. East: - Wolverhampton Road – A449 – Parcels of woodland and open farm fields, and residential development along this boundary within the Parcel. South: - Green Belt Boundary – The boundary follows the urban edge of Cookley to the southwest and Lea Castle Development to the southeast. West: - Bridge Road lines the entirety of the Parcels western Boundary, with parcels of residential development lining Bridge Road.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and maintains a degree of openness however the parcel does have some relationship with Cookley development and is compromised by urbanising development within it.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer moderate contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.

Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment.This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A low-lying floodplain landscape comprising unimproved grazing and woodland associated with the River Stour to the east, creating a strong riverside character and ecological framework. The flat landform results in generally contained views, although rising ground toward the A449 introduces areas of greater visual sensitivity and exposure. Development is limited, though semi-urban influence from a mobile home park to the northwest is evident. The landscape reflects a transition between open estate farmland and Riverside Meadows, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, rising to high within floodplain and visually exposed areas, where openness, pasture, and river corridor character are key.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	N12
	**Land contained to the north by the Green Belt boundary, Wolverhampton Road A449 to the east, Caunsall Road to the south and Kinver Lane to the west.** **Relatively remote countryside with predominant arable land with some fragmented hedgerows to the northeast. The hamlet of Caunsall to the south and southwest comprises most of the built development within the parcel.** North: - Green Belt Boundary –The boundary follows field lines along the Green Belt Boundary East: - Wolverhampton Road – A449 – lines the entirety of the Parcels Eastern Boundary South: - Caunsall, Road lines the entirety of the Southern Boundary of this Parcel, with parcels of residential development towards the southwest of this Boundary. West: - This Parcels Western Boundary follows Kinver Lane to the southwest and Cookley Lane to the northwest, with Green Belt Land sitting beyond the Western Boundary.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel contains some development which compromises openness of some of the parcel, however contains the characteristics of open countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns
Overall	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer moderate contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	An open and gently undulating arable landscape with large fields and fragmented hedgerows, giving a strong sense of scale and exposure. Extensive views are available across the countryside, particularly from Cookley Lane, reinforcing its rural and expansive character. The River Stour corridor introduces elements of Riverside Meadows character, adding localised tree cover and ecological interest. Built development is limited, with Caunsall forming the main settlement influence to the south. Overall, the landscape is highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would interrupt openness, key views, or the rural river corridor setting.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	N13
	**Land contained to the north by the Green Belt boundary which follows Gipsy Lane, Kinver Lane to the east, Wolverley Road B4189 to the south, Lea Lane, Bridge Road, Kinver Lane and the Green Belt boundary of Cookley to the east.** **A predominantly rural landscape with arable and improved grassland uses, with hedgerows lining the River Stour. Some development parcels line Lea Lane and Blakeshall Lane with some built development from Wolverley extending through the southwest of the parcel. Cookley Playing Fields and a sports and social club are also located to the southeast.** North: - Green Belt Boundary – The boundary follows Gipsy Lane. East: - Kinver Lane lines the northeastern Boundary, the Green Belt Boundary forms the eastern boundary which is defined by Cookley urban edge and Lea Lane forms the southeastern Boundary of this Parcel. South: - Wolverley Road – B4189 – forms the Parcels Southern Boundary, with parcels of residential development leading from Cookely lining this Boundary. Cookley playing fields and sports and social club are located within the South of this parcel. West: - Blakeshall Lane forms the entirety of this Parcels Western Boundary with some residential development along Blakeshall Lane stretching from Wolverley.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located within a gap between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel largely contains the characteristics of open countryside and retains some degree of openness despite the south of the parcel showing signs of urbanising development
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.

Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment.. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	An elevated and open rural landscape dominated by arable and improved grassland, with limited hedgerow and woodland cover, resulting in a visually exposed and expansive character. The land rises from the River Stour valley, allowing extensive southward and eastward views across the wider countryside. The nearby River Stour introduces elements of Riverside Meadows character, adding localised riparian vegetation and ecological value. Built development is sparse, limited to isolated farmsteads and the Steel Wheels factory to the west of Cookley. The landscape is highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect openness, key views, or the setting of the river corridor.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	N14
	**Parcel contained to the north by the Green Belt boundary, Blakeshall Lane to the east, Drakelow Lane forms the boundary extending south to west, with the west boundary also contained by Kingsford Lane.** **A remotely rural parcel, dominated by Kingsford Country Park to the north and mixed arable pastoral uses to the south. Built development comprises the hamlet of Blakeshall to the east and Drakelow to the west. Wolverley Secondary School and Sixth Form is also located to the south east of the parcel.** North: - Green Belt Boundary – This Parcels Northern Boundary contains Kingsford Country Park; this extends beyond the Parcels Boundary to the North. East: - Blakeshall Lane lines the entirety of the Northern Boundary of this Parcel, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the east of Blakeshall Lane. South: - Drakelow Lane forms the Parcels Southern Boundary, with a Secondary and Sixth Form School situated within the Parcels southeastern Boundary. West: - Drakelow Lane forms the Parcels Southwestern boundary, extending to Kingsford Lane as the Parcels Northwestern boundary.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel not in proximity to a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and largely retains a degree of openness despite some of the parcel relating closely to urbanising development from Blakeshall and Drakelow.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey

	Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Wooded Hills, Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A varied and relatively remote rural landscape, combining extensive woodland at Kingsford Forest Park with mixed farmland to the south, creating a strongly structured but diverse character. Complex topography, dense woodland, and hedgerows result in mostly contained and filtered views, with some localised openness. The landscape reflects a predominantly wooded character interlocking with farmland, with limited settlement focused around Blakeshall and scattered properties at the edges. Overall, it is highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would disrupt woodland structure, landform, or the cohesive visual character.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	N15
	**Parcels contained to the north and north west by the Green Belt boundary, Drakelow and Kingsford Lane to the east, the B4189 to the south and Bridgenorth road, A442, to the west.** **A remote rural landscape dominated by woodland, particularly to the north and west of the parcel. Weak vegetation borders line the Green Belt boundary to the north of the parcel. Build development comprises development extending from Kingsford to the northeast of the parcel, Drakelow to the southeast of the parcel and Shatterford to the west of the parcel. Kingsford mobile home development is also located to the east of the parcel along Sladd Lane.** North: - Green Belt Boundary – This Boundary predominantly follows field lines with vegetation borders. East: - Drakelow Lane forms the Parcels Southeastern boundary, extending to Kingsford Lane as the Parcels Northeastern boundary. Parcels of residential development line Kingsford Lane. South: - The B4189 lines the entirety of the Parcels Southern Boundary, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the South of the B4189. West: - Bridgenorth Road – A442 – Parcels of woodland along this boundary within the Parcel.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of the open countryside and largely retains some degree of openness.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be

	required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Wooded Hills, Principal Timbered Farmlands, Timbered Plateau Farmlands, Sandstone Estatelands, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A predominantly wooded and secluded rural landscape, with extensive woodland concentrated to the north and west and areas of farmland providing contrast. Rolling topography and vegetation create a mix of contained, filtered views and longer-distance views from higher ground to the north and east. The landscape is characterised by a strong woodland framework with farmland interspersed, and limited settlement including scattered farmsteads and small clusters at Kingsford and to the south. It is highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would impact woodland cover, skyline character, or the balance between enclosed and open elements.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	N16
	**Parcel contained by the B4189 to the north, Franche Road to the east, Lowe Lane to the west and the Green Belt boundary along the south that follows Wolverley Urban edge.** **A 'remanent' piece of land providing a buffer between the northern built edge of Wolverley to the south of the parcel and the B4189 to the north of the parcel. The parcel comprises dense woodland in the centre, Wolverley Sports and social club to the east of the parcel and some development extending from Wolverley to the south east.** North: - The B4189 lines the entirety of the Northen Boundary of this Parcel, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the North of the B4189. East: - Franche Road forms the Eastern Boundary of this Parcel, with Wolverley Primary Academy located to the east of Franche Road. South: - Green Belt Boundary – The boundary follows Wolverley Urban edge. West: - Lowe Lane forms the entirety of the Parcels Western Boundary.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside, however the parcel has been compromised by urbanising development and relates more closely to Wolverley. It is also well contained by Wolverley Road to the north.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer moderate contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be

	required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A steeply sloping parcel forming a buffer between Fairfield and the B4189, characterised by a mix of scrub, dense central woodland, and areas of improved grazing. The landform and vegetation create strong visual containment of the settlement edge, despite open southward views across the parcel towards Kidderminster from the B4189. The landscape reflects a transitional, semi-enclosed character, with vegetation structure playing a key role in screening and separation. It is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would undermine its containment function, vegetation cover, or open views.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Appendix B. – North East Parcel Proformas

Parcel Number	NE1
	**Comprising one large arable field on rising land to the north east corner, this parcel forms part of the northerly arc of land which abuts the built edge of Kidderminster at Broadwaters. Complementing parcel N9 to the west on the opposite side of the A449, this land forms part of the northerly entrance to Kidderminster, both along the A449 and A451 and is part of medium-distance views along the B4189 Park Gate Road and B4189 Wolverley Road.** **Parcel sits between the settlement boundary of Kidderminster, to the south and east, and Lea Castle, to the north. Both Lea Castle and Kidderminster boundaries are omitted from the Green Belt. The western and northeastern boundary of NE1 is parcels NE2 and N9, both in the Green Belt. Lea Castle is a residential development which has been previously released from the Green Belt.** North: - Green Belt Boundary - Park Gate Road runs along the entirety of the Northern Boundary defining the separation of this Parcels Northern Boundary and Lea Castle. East: - Stourbridge Road runs along the entirety of the Eastern Boundary separating the Parcel from further Green Belt land and Kidderminster's Settlement Boundary. South: - Green Belt Boundary - The boundary is defined by the urban edge of Kidderminster where residential development backs onto this Parcels Southern Boundary. West: - Wolverhampton Road – A449 - runs along the entirety of the western boundary separating NE1 and N9.
Green Belt Purposes	
a. Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The location of the parcel adjacent to the urban settlement encourages sprawl, however the size and containment of the parcel mean that sprawl from the urban edge is readily contained and therefore restricted.
b. Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution The parcel is not between two major settlements as set out in the Settlement Hierarchy and therefore cannot be considered to prevent merging.
c. Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The land rises towards the B4189 immediately north of Kidderminster's urban edge, forming a defined boundary that contains the built form of the town and limits further outward expansion.

	The parcel's position between Lea Castle and Kidderminster impacts the parcel's relationship with the countryside.
d. Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer moderate contribution to two purposes of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A prominent open arable parcel on rising ground, forming part of the northern edge of Kidderminster at Broadwaters. The elevated landform contributes to its role as part of a key northern approach into the town, with visual connections across adjoining parcels. There are medium-distance views from the B4189 (Park Gate Road and Wolverley Road), and along the A449/A451 corridors, where the site reads as part of the wider open countryside. The landscape reflects an open, estate-influenced character, with strong visual exposure and a gateway function. It is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect openness, approach views, and its role in defining the settlement edge.
Sensitivity	Medium-High

Parcel Number	NE2
	**The Parcel comprises an extensive area of land, extending into the rural area around Hurcott and defined in part by the A451 (Stourbridge Road) and Hurcott Lane, beyond which the landscape transitions into open countryside. It is characterised by a gently undulating landform and a strong vegetative framework of hedgerows, trees, and intermittent woodland, with areas of open agricultural and grassed land contributing to a coherent rural structure.** **Openness is primarily derived from the absence of continuous built form across much of the site and the predominance of agricultural and semi-natural land uses, although visual openness is moderated by landform and tree cover, resulting in a landscape that is experienced as a series of enclosed and semi-enclosed spaces with intermittent outward views rather than wide panoramas.** North: - Green Belt Boundary- Stourbridge Road – A451 – defines this Parcels Northen Boundary, with Lea Castle Development to the North of Stourbridge Road. East: - Waggon Lane and Perriford Lane run along the entirety of this Parcels Eastern Boundary, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the East. South: - The Parcels Southern Boundary is defined by Hurcott Woods tree line, separating this Parcel with Parcel NE3. West: - Green Belt Boundary – The Parcels Western Boundary is defined by the Green Belt Boundary which follows Hurcott Lane.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is situated adjacent to the A451 on the outskirts of Kidderminster. As such the land bordering these arterial routes is potentially vulnerable to sprawl from the urban edge of Kidderminster to the west.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role in this location which is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel has an open rural character with limited development in the form of scattered dwellings. There are various field boundaries and woodland edges throughout the parcel.

(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	An open arable landscape to the north, transitioning to a prominent woodland block to the south, creating a clear contrast between exposed farmland and enclosed wooded character. There are extensive views from the A451, particularly across the open northern fields towards the woodland, emphasising its role as a strong visual feature. Development is minimal and limited in scale. The landscape has an estate-influenced structure with a defined woodland edge and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, especially where development would affect key views, openness, or woodland setting
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	NE3
	**The site comprises a broad parcel of land largely comprising of the large dense woodland of Hurcott Wood associated with Hurcott Pool and westward running valley. The landform is gently undulating, with a more pronounced transition toward the valley floor where watercourses and associated vegetation introduce a stronger sense of natural variation.** **The northern and western edges are influenced by adjacent road corridors, while the southern extent is shaped by the river corridor. Built form within the site itself is limited, and vegetation often reduces the visual influence of surrounding development.** North: - The Parcels Northen Boundary is defined by Hurcott Woods Tree Line, separating this Parcel with further Green Belt land sitting to the north. East: - Perriford Lane forms the entirety of the Parcels Eastern Boundary. South: - The Parcels Southern Boundary is defined by the Hurcott Woods Tree Line and PRoW from Hurcott Lane to the west of the Parcel. Further Green Belt Land sits to the south of this boundary. West: - Hurcott Lane defined the entirety of this Parcels Southwestern Boundary, with the Green Belt Boundary defining the Parcels northwestern boundary. The Green Belt Boundary follows Kidderminster urban edge.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. Spatially still connected to Kidderminster and neighbouring parcels and provides an important role in preventing sprawl towards the North East.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel does not retain openness due to the location of the extensive woodland, but does not show any signs of encroachment from development. The woodland on site provides a visible boundary
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A landscape focused around a large, dense central woodland block, forming a strong visual and structural feature within the parcel. The woodland creates a clear sense of enclosure and acts as the defining element in views from surrounding routes. Views are often directed towards and contained by the woodland, reinforcing its prominence and cohesion. Development is minimal and does not detract from the woodland-dominated character. The landscape is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly to any loss, fragmentation, or visual intrusion affecting the woodland core.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	NE4
	**Comprising rough grazing and woodland associated with Podmore Pool, its outflow and associated floodplain. Built development comprises part of the hamlet of Hurcott. Views are heavily restricted by woodland cover and dense hedgerows, which combined with the enclosing topography helps the land retain a rural character despite being adjacent to the built edge of Kidderminster at Greenhill immediately to the west.** North: - The Green Belt Boundary forms the entirety of this Parcels Northern Boundary, defined by Kidderminster Urban Area. East: - Hurcott Lane defines the entirety of this Parcels eastern Boundary, separating this Parcel with NE3 and NE6. South: - Hurcott Road forms this Parcels Southern Boundary, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the south of Hurcott Road. Hurcott Road is lined with vegetation. West: - Green Belt Boundary – The Parcels Western Boundary is defined by the Green Belt Boundary which follows Kidderminster urban area, the parcel backs on to Kidderminster residential development.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. Part of the eastern arc of Green Belt which contains the built edge of Kidderminster, this parcel complements adjacent parcels in this function.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role in this location which is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Part a broader suite of parcels which help to contain the built edge of Kidderminster and thus protect the open countryside, although this parcel is well-bounded to the east and south.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer strong contribution to two purposes of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A contained rural landscape around Podmore Pool and its outflow, characterised by rough grazing and dense woodland within a low-lying floodplain setting. Strong vegetation cover and enclosing landform result in heavily restricted and filtered views, reinforcing a sense of seclusion. Despite proximity to Kidderminster at Greenhill, the area retains a distinct rural character, with limited development associated with the hamlet of Hurcott. The landscape has an enclosed, wooded character with localised floodplain influence and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would reduce enclosure, vegetation cover, or rural separation.
Sensitivity	Medium-High

Parcel Number	NE5
	**Rough grazing land rising southwards from the hamlet of Hurcott. There are extensive views northwards and westwards from the elevated south eastern part of the parcel where it adjoins the A456.** North: - Hurcott Road forms the entirety of this Parcels Northern Boundary, separating this Parcel with further Green Belt Land in Parcel NE4. East: - Hurcott Lane forms the parcels entire Eastern Boundary. South: - The Green Belt Boundary forms this Parcels entire Southern Boundary, defined by Birmingham Road – A456- and Kidderminster urban edge. West: - The Green Belt Boundary following Kidderminster urban edge forms this Parcels entire Western Boundary. Dense vegetation also lines this boundary.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. Part of the eastern arc of Green Belt which contains the built edge of Kidderminster, this parcel complements adjacent parcels in this function.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Part a broader suite of parcels which help to contain the built edge of Kidderminster and thus protect the open countryside. The parcel retains a moderate sense of openness, reflecting its easterly-facing topography and strong vegetation cover which limits visual connection with the built edge of Kidderminster to the west.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer strong contribution to two purposes of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	An area of rough grazing rising southwards from Hurcott, forming an elevated and relatively open landscape. From higher ground adjacent to the A456, there are extensive northward and westward views, emphasising its visual exposure and connection to the wider countryside. The landscape reflects an open, transitional character with limited enclosure and simple land use. It is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would interrupt key views, openness, or its relationship with surrounding rural land.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	NE6
	**The site comprises a long, narrow parcel of land extending east–west along the northern side of Birmingham Road, occupying a transitional position between the urban edge of Kidderminster and the open countryside beyond toward Hurcott and Churchill. It is defined by relatively flat to gently undulating landform associated with the Stour Valley, with the river corridor and adjacent water features forming a key landscape influence to the north.** **Openness is therefore primarily derived from this absence of development and continuity of undeveloped land, although it is experienced in a contained and linear manner due to vegetation structure and the corridor-like form of the site, with views generally limited to short and medium distances and shaped by the alignment of the valley and boundary features rather than extending widely across the surrounding landscape.**
	North: - The Parcels Northern Boundary is defined by Hurcott Woods Tree Line to the northeast and a PRoW from Hurcott Lane to the northwest. This Boundary separates further green belt land to the North. East: - Perriford Lane forms this Parcels entire Eastern Boundary, with further Green Belt Land to the east of Perriford Lane. South: - Birmingham Road – A456 – forms the Parcels entire Southern Boundary, separating this Parcel with NE7 to the South. West: - Hurcott Lane forms the Parcels western Boundary, with parcels of vegetation lining Hurcott Lane.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is situated between the A451 and the A442 on the outskirts of Kidderminster. As such the land parcels bordering or located nearby to these arterial routes are vulnerable to sprawl from the urban edge of Kidderminster to the west.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel has an open rural character with limited development in the form of scattered dwellings. There are various field boundaries and woodland edges throughout the parcel.

(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	The southern part of the parcel along the A456 is influenced by a strong woodland presence, creating localised enclosure and containment. Views from the road are partially filtered and directed by vegetation, with the woodland forming a defining visual edge. This area has a moderately to highly sensitive wooded character, where development would risk disrupting enclosure, screening, and visual cohesion.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	NE7
	**The site comprises a long, narrow parcel of land aligned along the northern side of Birmingham Road, extending eastwards from the edge of Kidderminster into the adjacent rural land. The landform is generally low-lying and gently undulating with a series of minor watercourses and drainage features visible within the surrounding countryside.** **While the southern boundary is closely defined by the railway corridor and the western extent adjoins the urban edge, there is very limited built form within the site itself, and the influence of surrounding development is moderated by vegetation and spatial separation. As such, openness is primarily derived from the continuity of undeveloped land and absence of substantial structures, although it is experienced in a linear and relatively contained manner due to the site's narrow configuration, boundary vegetation, and the alignment of local topography, resulting in predominantly short to medium-distance views rather than expansive, panoramic visibility.**
	North: - Birmingham Road – A456 – forms the entirety of this Parcels Northern Boundary. East: - Deansford Lane defines the Parcels Eastern Boundary, separating this parcel with further Green Belt Land in Parcel E2. South: - The Railway Line connecting from Kidderminster to Blakedown forms this Parcels Southern Boundary, separating this Parcel with further Green Belt Land to the South of the Railway line. West: - Green Belt Boundary – The Parcels Western Boundary is defined by the Green Belt Boundary which follows Kidderminster urban edge.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is situated adjacent to the A456 (Brimingham Road) on the outskirts of Kidderminster. As such the land bordering these arterial routes is vulnerable to sprawl from the urban edge of Kidderminster to the west.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role in this location which is not between towns

(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Openness is primarily derived from the continuity of undeveloped land and absence of substantial structures. Whilst the Parcel houses a Garden Centre, this land use adds to the rural character.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	Sandwiched between the A456 to the north and the rail line to the south, this parcel is characterised by a more open and exposed edge, with limited vegetation creating reduced containment. Views from this boundary are relatively open and less filtered, allowing clearer visual connections into and across the landscape. This area has a moderately to highly sensitive character, where development could disrupt openness, existing screening, and overall visual coherence.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	NE8
	**Comprising improved pasture land, dense woodland and Churchill & Blakedown Golf Course to the east, this parcel is topographical complex which in combination with the extensive, irregular woodland contains views in and out. Built development is limited to farmsteads, golf-related uses and a small part of Churchill village in the north east corner.** North: - Waggon Lane forms the entirety of this Parcels Northern Boundary, lined with parcels of dense vegetation. East: - Churchill Lane forms the Northeastern boundary, with further Green Belt Land to the northeast of Churchill Lane. Churchill Lane extends throughout the parcels Eastern Boundary, where in the Southeast Churchill Lane and Blakedown urban edge define the Green Belt Boundary. South: - Birmingham Road – A456 – forms the entire Southern Boundary of this Parcel, separating this Parcel with further Green Belt Land in Parcel E2 and E3. West: - Perriford Lane forms the entire Western Boundary, lined by parcels of dense vegetation and some residential development.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel has an open rural character with limited development in the form of scattered dwellings. There are various field and woodland boundaries throughout the parcel.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be

	required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A topographically varied landscape comprising improved pasture, dense woodland, and Churchill & Blakedown Golf Course to the east, creating a well-contained and irregularly enclosed character. Woodland blocks and landform combine to limit and filter views, reinforcing visual containment. Built development is sparse, limited to farmsteads, golf-related uses, and a small extent of Churchill to the north-east. The landscape displays an estate-influenced character with strong woodland structure, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would disrupt enclosure, landform, or visual cohesion.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	NE9
	**Of mixed arable, pastoral and woodland land uses, centred on a chain of large pools, this parcel is largely flat to the west, more varied to the east around Knoll Hill, with glimpsed views limited by woodland and hedgerows. Built development has encroached northwards from Belbroughton Road into the parcel.** North: - Birmingham Road – A456 – forms the entire Northern Boundary for this Parcel. East: - Stourbridge – A450 – forms the Parcels Eastern Boundary, with parcels of residential development lining the street. South: - The Parcels Southern Boundary follows Bellbroughton Road, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the South of Bellbroughton Road. West: - The Green Belt Boundary forms the parcels Western Boundary, defined by Blakedown Urban Area, lined with vegetation. Blakedown Recreation Centre is located within the Southwest of the Parcel.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role in this location which is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. There is extensive development to the south of the parcel, associated with the village of Blakedown. Its accessibility makes it potentially susceptible to development pressure. Boundary strength within the parcel is variable.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Amber Moderate Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer moderate contribution to two purposes of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment.. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Estate Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A mixed rural landscape structured around a chain of large pools, with a combination of arable, pastoral, and woodland land uses. The land is predominantly flat to the west, becoming more varied around Knoll Hill to the east, creating subtle changes in enclosure and visibility. Views are generally restricted and intermittent, filtered by woodland and hedgerows, although localised topographic variation introduces limited visual permeability. Built development has extended northwards from Belbroughton Road, influencing the southern edge. The landscape reflects a mixed estate farmland character with strong water and woodland elements, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect enclosure, landscape structure, or the setting of the pools.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	NE10
	**A mixed land use agricultural landscape centred on the hamlet of Broome. The limited variation in topography and intermittent vegetation offers short, middle and longer distance views throughout the parcel, although these are more prominent along Hackmans Gate Lane with views northward to the Clent Hills. Built development is largely limited to Broome and isolated farmsteads, although there is peripheral development around Hackman's Gate to the west.** North: - Green Belt Boundary – The Parcels Northern Boundary is defined by the Green Belt Boundary that follows Field Lines and connected to Thicknall Lane to the northeast. East: - The Parcels Eastern Boundary follows the Green Belt Boundary, defined by Field Lines to the northeast connecting to Hossil Lane in the southeast. South: - Hackmans Gate Lane forms the parcels entire Southern Boundary, with Further Green Belt Land to the south of Hackmans Gate Lane. West: - Stourbridge Road – A450 – forms the Parcels Western Boundary, separating this Parcel with NE9.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Not directly related to a large urban area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role in this location which is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Despite the presence of the dispersed hamlet of Broome, the parcel retains a predominantly open character. The land lies adjacent to the A450, providing good accessibility and rendering it potentially susceptible to development pressure. Boundary strength within the parcel is variable.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer moderate contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be

	required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A mixed agricultural landscape centred on Broome, comprising arable and pastoral land uses with limited topographic variation. Intermittent vegetation allows a range of short, medium, and longer-distance views, with more open views along Hackmans Gate Lane, including northward views towards the Clent Hills. Built development is largely confined to the hamlet and scattered farmsteads, with some peripheral influence near Hackman's Gate. The landscape reflects an open, estate-influenced character, with field structure and rolling form contributing to visual coherence. Overall, it is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect openness, key views, or the underlying field pattern.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	NE11
	**Arable land lies to the south west, with the wooded Harborough Hill to the north east. The A456 offers medium range views in all directions. Built development is sparse, mainly confined to small clusters of properties along Stakenbridge Lane.** North: - The Parcels Northern Boundary follows the Train Line connecting Blakedown and West Hagley, separating this Parcel with further Green Belt Land in Parcels NE12 and NE13. East: - Green Belt Boundary – The Parcels Eastern Boundary follows Stoney Lane which defines the Green Belt Boundary. South: - Birmingham Road – A456 – forms the Parcels entire Southern Boundary, with further Gren Belt Land to the south of Birmingham Road. West: - Green Belt Boundary – The Parcels Western Boundary follows the Green Belt Boundary which is defined by Blakedown urban edge.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role in this location which is not between towns. It is noted that the parcel's role in restricting the merging of Hagley and Blakedown is a local role.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel has an open rural character with limited built development. There are various field boundaries and woodland edges within the parcel.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A landscape defined by a contrast between open arable land to the south-west and the wooded slopes of Harborough Hill to the north-east, creating a varied visual composition. From the A456, there are medium-distance views in multiple directions, highlighting both the openness of farmland and the prominence of the wooded hill. Development is limited to small clusters along Stakenbridge Lane, maintaining a largely rural character. The landscape exhibits an estate-influenced pattern with a strong woodland–farmland contrast, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect openness, key views, or the setting of Harborough Hill.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	NE12
	**Open pasture fringed by woodland and two small lakes on land gently rising to the north east, fringed to the west and north by large properties, some set in extensive grounds. From inside the parcel there are extensive views in all directions.** North: - Stakenbridge Lane forms the entirety of this Parcels Northern Boundary, lined with parcels of residential development. East: - The Parcels Eastern Boundary follows the Train Line connecting Blakedown and West Hagley, further Green Belt Land is situated to the east of the Railway line in Parcel NE11. South: - Green Belt Boundary – The Parcels Southern Boundary follows the Green Belt Boundary, which is defined by Blakedown urban edge. This boundary has dense vegetation borders, with residential development backing onto the Parcels Boundary. West: - Churchill Lane forms the Parcels entire Western Boundary.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role in this location which is not between towns. It is noted that the parcel's role in restricting the merging of Hagley and Blakedown is a local role.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel has an open rural character despite being fringed by dwellings of various types and sizes which comprise the village of Churchill.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer moderate contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	An open pasture landscape with two small lakes, gently rising to the north-east and framed by woodland, creating a balance of openness and partial enclosure. The parcel allows extensive views in all directions, reinforcing its visual exposure and rural character, with larger properties influencing the western and northern edges. The landscape reflects an estate-influenced pattern, with clear field structure, managed pasture, and woodland blocks contributing to visual cohesion. Localised water features introduce a subtle riverside/meadow character, adding ecological and scenic value. Overall, it is moderately to highly sensitive to change, with sensitivity increasing in more open and visually exposed areas, where development could disrupt key views, field structure, or the relationship between pasture, woodland, and water features.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	NE13
	**Open countryside comprising arable, pastoral and woodland uses, with isolated dwellings and farmsteads. The variable topography and hedgerow and woodland cover provide a variety of short and middle-distance views into and out of the parcel, with long distance views to the west and south from Rocky Lane, and to the east from Iverley Lane which runs through the parcel. The south-facing, undulating topography helps presents a relatively remote rural character despite its proximity to Stourbridge and Hagley to the northwest. The parcel forms the northerly context for the village of Churchill.** North: - The Green Belt Boundary forms the Parcels Northern Boundary, defined by North Worcestershire Path PRoW to the northwest stretching through field lines to the northeast. East: - The Railway line connecting Blakedown and West Hagley forms the Parcels entire Eastern Boundary, with further Green Belt Land to the south of the Railway Line. South: - The Parcels Southern Boundary is formed by Rocky Lane to the southwest, connecting to Stakenbridge Lane to the southeast. West: - Stourbridge Road – A451- forms the Parcels entire Western Boundary, separating this Parcel and wider Green Belt land to the West of Stourbridge Road.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role given the open countryside location of the parcel.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel has an open rural character with limited development in the form of scattered development. There are various field boundaries and woodland edges throughout the parcel.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to one of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be

	required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A varied rural landscape comprising arable, pastoral, and woodland elements, with a well-vegetated structure that creates a mix of short and medium-distance views, alongside longer-distance views west and south from Rocky Lane and east from Iverley Lane. Undulating, south-facing topography reinforces a sense of rural separation and tranquillity despite proximity to nearby settlements. The landscape is defined by its interplay of landform, hedgerows, and woodland, with scattered farmsteads and isolated dwellings. Localised areas reflect Riverside Meadows character, contributing to ecological value and visual diversity. Overall, it is highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect key views, rural setting, or the integrity of the landscape structure.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	NE14
	**An open, largely even arable landscape with extensive views southward and westwards from Rocky Lane, across large fields with few hedgerows and no woodland cover. Some isolated properties on the fringes of the parcel being part of the village of Churchill.** North: - Rocky Lane forms this Parcels entire Northern Boundary, separating this Parcel with wider Green Belt Land to the north of Rocky Lane. East: - Churchill Lane forms this Parcels entire Eastern Boundary, with parcels of residential development and woodland lining Churchill Lane. South: - The Parcels entire Southern Boundary is defined by Waggon Lane, separating this Parcel with Parcel NE8. West: - Stourbridge Road – A451 - forms the Parcels entire Western Boundary, separating this Parcel and wider Green Belt land to the West of Stourbridge Road. To the Southwest of the Parcel is the Green Belt Boundary, defined by the intersection of Axborough Lane and Stourbridge Lane.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role given the open countryside location of the parcel.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel has an open rural character with limited development in the form of scattered development. There are various field boundaries and woodland edges throughout the parcel.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to one of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Principal Wooded Hills
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A predominantly flat and open arable landscape, characterised by large fields with minimal hedgerow structure and an absence of woodland, resulting in a highly exposed and expansive character. There are wide-ranging southward and westward views from Rocky Lane, with the openness reinforcing visual connectivity across the surrounding countryside. Development is limited to a small number of edge-of-settlement properties associated with Churchill. The landscape reflects an open, estate-influenced character, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would interrupt openness, key views, or its simple field structure.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	NE15
	**Open countryside dominated by extensive arable uses (with some semi-improved pasture), variable hedgerows and isolated woodland blocks, with long distance panoramic views across open countryside to the north from the high point of Axborough Lane, in particular. Settlement is in the form of a few isolated dwellings and farmsteads only.** North: - The Parcels Northern Boundary is defined by the Green Belt Boundary which follows field lines to the Northwest and is lined by dense vegetation field borders. East: - Stourbridge Road – A451 - forms the Parcels entire Eastern Boundary, separating this Parcel and wider Green Belt land to the West of Stourbridge Road. South: - Green Belt Boundary – The Parcels Southern Boundary is defined by the Green Belt Boundary which follows Axborough Lane West: - The Parcels entire Western Border is defined by Wolverhampton Road – A449 – which separates this Parcel with further Green Belt Land to the west of Wolverhampton Road.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role given the open countryside location of the parcel.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel has an open rural character with limited development in the form of scattered development. There are various field boundaries and woodland edges throughout the parcel.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to one of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A broadly open rural landscape defined by large-scale arable farming with some pasture, fragmented hedgerows, and scattered woodland blocks, creating a relatively exposed and expansive character. There are long-distance panoramic views northwards, particularly from elevated ground at Axborough Lane, reinforcing a strong sense of openness and visual connectivity across the wider countryside. Settlement is sparse, limited to isolated dwellings and farmsteads. The landscape reflects an open, estate-influenced character, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would interrupt key views, openness, or the simple field pattern.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Appendix C. – East Parcel Proformas

Parcel Number	E1
	**Parcel is contained by Kidderminster to Blakedown Railway line to the north, Deansford Lane and Hoo Brook to the east, Stone Hill A448 to the south and the Green Belt boundary following field lines to the west.** **A large parcel predominantly arable land, with tracks of woodland throughout the parcel following field lines, with Bissel Wood to the northeast of the parcel. Field sizes vary considerably within the parcel, defined by both substantial and gappy hedgerows. Built development is sparce throughout the parcel, parcels of development line the parcel to the south along Stone Hill and Dunclent Lane, Bissel Wood Equestrian Centre is also located central to the parcel.** North: - A Railway Line runs along the north boundary, separating E1 and NE7 East: - Deansford Lane runs along the east boundary. South: - Hoo Brook runs along the south east boundary and Stone Hill – A448 to the south west. West: - Forms part of the wider Green Belt Boundary outlining Kidderminster Urban Area and open land recently released from Green Belt designation
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjacent to the large built-up area of Kidderminster and contains very limited urban development, with strong openness. It retains a relatively strong relationship with the wider countryside and plays and important role in preventing outward sprawl.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than with the wider countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.

Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A large and varied parcel dominated by arable farmland, with field sizes defined by a mix of strong and fragmented hedgerows, and extensive woodland at Bissell Wood to the north-east forming a key structural feature. Variation in landform and vegetation creates predominantly contained views, with some medium-distance views from the A448, A456, and Deansford Lane. Development is sparse and limited to farmsteads and occasional peripheral dwellings. The landscape reflects an estate-influenced character with a strong woodland component, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect hedgerow structure, woodland setting, or localised views.
Sensitivity	Medium-High

Parcel Number	E2
	**Parcel is contained to the north by Birmingham Road, A456, to the north, New Wood Lane and Sandy Lane to the east, Worcester Road, A450 to the south and Deansford Lane to the west.** **A large farmland parcel with sparce parcels of woodland located through the parcel, woodland borders the Hoo Brook through the middle of the parcel and vegetation hedgerows subdivide open fields. Field sizes vary considerably throughout the parcel. Built development is restricted to farmsteads and some development extending from Blakedown to the northeast along New Wood Lane.** North: - Birmingham Road lines the parcel to the north west and New Wood Lane to the north east. Predominantly Farmland and open fields, with parcels of residential development lining the streets. East: - New Wood Lane runs along the boundary in the north east and Worcester road to the south east. Provides separation to other Green Belt Land. South: - Deansford Lane bounds the parcel to the south west and west. Worcester Road A450 lies to the south east. West: - Deansford Lane. Runs along the entire west boundary.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than with the wider countryside despite the urbanising characteristics to the northeast.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and may therefore satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Estate Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A varied landscape structured by Hoo Brook, with pasture and woodland to the north and more open arable land to the south. Vegetation is generally limited beyond local woodland blocks and the brook corridor, with frequently absent hedgerows creating open, subdivided fields, particularly along Deansford Lane. This results in extensive long-distance views north-eastwards from Deansford Lane, while views from New Wood Lane and Sandy Lane are more contained by vegetation and landform. Development is limited to farmsteads and some peripheral influence from Blakedown. The landscape displays a transitional estate farmland character, combining open fields with linear vegetation features, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect openness, field structure, or key views
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	E3
	**Parcel is contained to the north by the green belt boundary following Blakedown's urban edge and Birmingham Road, A456, Bellbroughton Road, B4188, to the east, Worcester Road, A450, to the south and New Wood Lane to the west.** **Characterised by diverse land uses, with built development associated with Blakedown and Hackman's Gate to the northwest and north of the parcel. Parcels of some built development also extends to the southwest of the parcel along Belbroughton road, and a garden centre to the south. Woodland cover is relatively extensive, bordering Swan Pool, Forge Pool and Ladies Pool, throughout the centre of the parcel.** North: - Forms part of the Green belt boundary around Blakedown. To the north east, Bellbroughton Road lines the boundary. East - Worcester Road – A450 runs along the east boundary Fishers castle farm and allotments, farmland, some parcels of residential development lining the streets, predominantly open fields and farmland South: - Sandy Lane and New Wood lane separates E3 from E2. West: - Birmingham Road runs along the west boundary before the highway enters Blakedown.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than with the wider countryside despite the urbanising characteristics throughout the parcel, predominantly from Blakedown and Hackman's Gate.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution The parcel is adjudged to offer strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Estate Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A varied landscape influenced by development at Blakedown and Hackman's Gate along its northern edges, transitioning into a mix of pasture and arable land. Extensive woodland associated with Swan Pool, Forge Pool, and Ladies Pool forms a strong structural feature, with topography and vegetation creating short to medium-distance, filtered views. Land use becomes more fragmented to the east, with nurseries, market gardening, and areas of horsiculture, introducing a more subdivided pattern. The landscape reflects a mixed estate farmland character with strong woodland and water features, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect landscape structure, enclosure, or visual cohesion.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	E4
	**Parcel is contained by Hackmans Gate Late, B4188 to the north, Drayton Road to the east, Woodrow lane to the south and Worcester Road, A450 to the west.** **A large scale relatively remote agricultural landscape, largely with arable use and field sizes varying considerably in size defined by weak vegetation borders. Parcels of woodland are scattered across the parcel, clustering towards the centre, off of Tandy's Lane. Urban Development is scattered throughout the parcel, with development associated with Hackman's Gate located to the northwest and Drayton to the east.** North: - Hackmans Gate Lane – B4188 – forms the Parcels entire Northern Boundary, separating this Parcel with further Green Belt Land in Parcel NE10. East: - The Parcels entire Eastern Boundary is formed by Drayton Road. South: - Woodrow Lane separates the parcels Southern Boundary to Parcel E8. West: - Worcester Road – A450 – is the entire Western Boundary, lined with open fields.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than with the wider countryside despite the urbanising characteristics throughout the parcel, predominantly from Blakedown and Hackman's Gate.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a Strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey

	Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Estate Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A large-scale and relatively remote arable landscape with gently undulating topography, allowing extensive views into and out of the parcel, including long-distance views towards the Clent Hills to the north. Vegetation is variable, with pockets of woodland and mixed hedgerows creating a range of field sizes and partial visual containment. Built development is sparse, limited to isolated farmsteads and dispersed dwellings along routes such as Woodrow Lane. The landscape reflects an estate farmland character, with a semi-regular field structure and rolling form contributing to its coherence. Overall, it is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect openness, key views, or the underlying field pattern and settlement dispersal.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	E5
	**Parcel is contained to the north by Drayton Road, the green belt boundary to the east following field lines, the green belt boundary following Chaddesley Wood Nature Reserve Woodland line to the south and Honey Brook and Drayton Road to the west.** **A relatively remote agricultural landscape of mixed land uses, including the dense woodland of Chaddesley Wood Nature Reserve. Field sizes vary considerably, with varying vegetation hedgerow borders. Urban development clustered towards the northwest of the parcel, extending from Drayton.** North: - Drayton Road forms the Parcels entire Northern Boundary with parcels of residential development lining the street. East: - The Parcels Eastern Boundary is defined by the Green Belt boundary which follows field lines lined with vegetation borders. South: - Green Belt Boundary – follows Chaddesley Woods National Nature Reserve Woodland Line, with Chaddesley Woods National Nature Reserve located within the south of the parcel. West: - The Parcels Western Boundary is defined by a PRoW through Chaddesley Woods National Nature Reserve to the southwest, connecting to Drayton Road to the west and Barrowhill Lane to the northwest.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.

(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than with the countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to one of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Timbered Farmlands, Estate Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A relatively remote rural landscape of mixed agricultural use, with varied field sizes and hedgerow strength, and dense woodland at Chaddesley Wood forming a strong southern feature. The land rises from west to east, allowing panoramic views south, west and north from higher ground. Settlement is sparse, limited to isolated farmsteads, reinforcing the rural character. The landscape combines estate farmland structure with a timbered, enclosed character in places, and is moderately to highly sensitive overall, increasing to high where hedgerows, woodland character, and enclosure are key to visual cohesion.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	E6
	**Parcel is contained to the east by Barrowhill Lane, Tanwood Lane to the south and Drayton Road to the west.** **The parcel is predominantly arable land; fields are lined with even vegetation borders. Urban development remains largely peripheral at Bluntington to the south and Drayton to the north.** North: - Due to the shape of the parcel, there is not adjudged to be a northern boundary. East: - The Eastern Boundary is defined by Barrowhill Lane to the Northeast, connecting to Drayton Road to the southeast. South: - Tanwood Lane forms the entire Southern Boundary, with parcels of residential development lining Tanwood Lane. West: - Drayton Road forms the entire Western Boundary, separating this parcel with wider Green Belt Land in Parcel E4.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Not directly related to a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between two towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than with the countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Timbered Farmlands, Estate Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A large-scale, predominantly arable landscape rising eastwards towards Barrow Hill, with panoramic views to the south, west and north from elevated ground, creating a strong sense of openness and visual exposure. Development is limited to peripheral settlements at Bluntington and Drayton, maintaining a broadly rural character. The landscape reflects an estate farmland pattern, with a semi-regular field structure and rolling landform, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect openness, key views, or settlement separation.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	E7
	**Parcel is contained to the north by Tanwood Lane, the Green Belt boundary to the east following Chaddelsey Wood Nature Reserve woodland line and following field lines, Kidderminster Road, A448, to the south and Kidderminster Road, A448, and Briar Hill to the west.** **A parcel of mixed land uses, predominantly large-scale arable and extensive woodland to the east, as part of Chaddesley Wood Nature Reserve. Built development extends into the parcel from Chaddesley Corbett and Bluntington to the east and northeast.** North: - Tanwood Lane forms the Parcels northern boundary, connecting to a PRoW through Chaddesley Woods National Nature Reserve to the northeast. East: - Green Belt Boundary – Follows Chaddesley Woods National Nature Reserve boundary and woodland line. South: - Kidderminster Road – A448 – forms the entire Southern Boundary for the Parcel, separating this Parcel with wider Green Belt Land in Parcel SE7. Kidderminster Road is lined with parcels of residential and commercial development. West: - Chaddesley Corbett and Briar Hill form the Parcels Western Boundary, with Chaddesley Corbett to the southwest connecting to Briar Hill to the northwest. Parcels of residential and commercial development extending from Chaddesley Courbett line both roads.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Not directly related to a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel not located between two towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than with the countryside, despite the urbanising characteristics of Chaddesley Corbett and Bluntington to the east.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Timbered Farmlands, Estate Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A mixed rural landscape dominated by large-scale arable fields, with areas of pasture and extensive woodland at Chaddesley Wood to the east forming a strong structural feature. The land gently rises eastwards, allowing broad westward views across farmland, with more limited, glimpsed views around Chaddesley Corbett. Development edges extend into the parcel from Chaddesley Corbett and Bluntington, while proximity to the A448 increases accessibility and local influence. The landscape reflects an estate farmland character with pockets of timbered enclosure, and is moderately to highly sensitive overall, increasing to high where woodland, hedgerows, and rural setting are key to visual cohesion.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	E8
	**The parcel is contained to the north by Woodrow Lane, Briar Hill to the east, Kidderminster Road, A448, to the south and Worcester Road, A450, to the west.** **The parcel is predominantly arable land with varying field sizes defined by poor vegetation borders. Built development is general peripheral with Harvington extending in the parcel to the west, Mustow Green to the southwest and Chaddesley Corbett to the southeast. Harvington Hall is located to the southwest of the parcel.** North: - Woodrow Lane forms the Parcels entire Northern Boundary, lined with parcels of residential development. East: - Briar Hill forms the parcels Eastern Boundary, with residential development lining the streets extending from Chaddesley Corbett. South: - Kidderminster Road – A448 – forms the Parcels entire Southern Boundary, with development lining the street, containing Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall. West: - Worcester Road – A450 – forms the parcels entire Western Boundary, separating this Parcel with further green Belt Land to the west of Worcester Road.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Not directly related to a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between two towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than with the countryside, despite the urbanising characteristics of Chaddesley Corbett, Mustow Green and Harvington.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.

Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Timbered Farmlands, Estate Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A medium-scale arable landscape with often poorly defined field boundaries on gently undulating topography with short to medium scale views. Built development is generally peripheral with Harvington and Mustow Green to the west and more substantial development at Chaddesley Corbett and Bluntington to the east. Other built developments are Harvington Hall, isolated farmsteads and some intermittent ribbon development along Woodrow Lane
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	E9
	**Parcel is contained to the north by Deansford Lane, Worcester Road, A450, to the east, Bromsgrove Road to the south and Hoo Brook to the west.** **The parcel is a mix of arable, pasture and woodland land. Woodland extends the western border extending out to the north and south. Parcels of urban development are located to the southwest and southeast of the parcel extending beyond Harvington and Stone.** North: - Deansford Lane forms the Parcels entire Northern Boundary. East: - The Parcels entire Eastern Boundary is defined by Worcester Road – A450 – which separates this Parcel with E8 to the east. South: - Bromsgrove Road forms the Parcels Southern Boundary, with some residential development lining the road extending from Stone. West: - Hoo Brook forms the Western Boundary, lined by dense vegetation borders.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Not directly related to a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel not located between two towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and does not have a stronger relationship with the urban area than with the countryside, despite the urbanising characteristics of Harvington and Stone.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey

	Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Estate Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A gently undulating rural landscape comprising mixed arable, pastoral, and woodland uses, with medium-sized fields enclosed by strong hedgerows and woodland boundaries, creating a well-structured and contained character. Views are generally limited and glimpsed through vegetation, contributing to a sense of enclosure. Built development is sparse, focused around farmsteads and larger properties along the A448 at Stone and the A450 Worcester Road. The landscape reflects a blend of estate farmland and enclosed rural character, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect hedgerow structure, enclosure, or visual cohesion.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Appendix D. – South East Parcel Proformas

Parcel Number	SE1
	**A mixed arable and pastoral landscape that gently slopes from the urban edge of Kidderminster towards Stanklyn Lane. While dense woodland is present around Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool, elsewhere field boundaries are formed by hedgerows of varying quality and condition. The parcel provides a range of medium- to long-distance views both into and out of the area. Some ribbon development occurs to the north of Stanklyn Road at its eastern end, as well as at its junction with the A448, alongside a caravan storage site off the A448. The site is also intersected by several public rights of way.** North: - Stone Hill- A448 lines the north boundary, providing separation between this parcel and E1. East: - Stanklyn Lane makes up the east boundary. There is a storage area on the south west boundary. South: - The boundary is made up of a ProW between fields, separating SE1 and SE2 - West: - Forms the wider Green Belt Boundary following the border of Kidderminster residential development. Captain's Pool located to the north west of the parcel.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel contributes to preventing extension of the built edge of Kidderminster, and Stanklyn Lane to the south forms a strong boundary to prevent further sprawl into the open countryside. The parcel is largely open in character, part of the strong division between the built edge and open countryside.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel largely comprises open countryside, bounded by the strong boundary of Stanklyn Lane to the south east and the A448 to the north, preventing encroachment into the wider open countryside, to the south east. The parcel is largely free from development and relates more closely to the countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.

Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A transitional rural landscape between the urban edge of Kidderminster and Stanklyn Lane, comprising mixed arable and pastoral fields with hedgerows of variable strength. Woodland around Captain's Pool and Stanklyn Pool provides localised enclosure within an otherwise open framework. The gently sloping landform allows medium and longer-distance views across and into the parcel, creating a varied visual experience. Development is dispersed and includes ribbon housing along Stanklyn Road, influence from the A448, and a caravan storage site, introducing some urban fringe character. Overall, the landscape displays an estate-influenced pattern with woodland accents and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect views, field structure, or landscape cohesion.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	SE2
	**A mixed arable and pastoral landscape that gently slopes from the urban edge of Kidderminster down towards Stanklyn Lane. Field boundaries are defined by hedgerows of varying quality and condition. The parcel offers a range of medium- to long-distance views both into and out of the area. Some residential development is present along Stanklyn Road to the south, and the site is intersected by several public rights of way.** North: - Forms the wider Green Belt Boundary following Kidderminster residential development line and railway path PRoW. East - The boundary is made up of a ProW between fields, separating SE1 and SE2 - South: - The south of the parcel is bound by Stanklyn Lane. West: - Forms the Green belt Boundary as it follows the Railway line. Worcester road lies beyond this boundary
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel contributes to preventing extension of the built edge of Kidderminster, and Stanklyn Lane to the south forms a strong boundary to prevent further sprawl into the open countryside. The parcel is largely open in character, part of the strong division between the built edge and open countryside.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel largely comprises open countryside, bounded by the strong boundary of Stanklyn Lane, preventing encroachment into the wider open countryside to the south.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands

Landscape and Visual Assessment	An open arable landscape forming a transition between developed areas, with a clear sense of separation and openness despite adjacent urban influences. Field structure is generally simple, with large fields and limited enclosure. The landscape reflects a typical Sandstone Estate farmland character, with an ordered pattern and strong openness, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would erode openness, field structure, or the separation between settlements.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	SE3
	**A broad, predominantly arable and pastoral landscape characterised by flat terrain, weakly defined field boundaries, and an absence of woodland. From the A450 Worcester Road and Heath Lane, there are expansive long-distance views across the site towards the urban edge of Kidderminster, with further vistas extending to the Wyre Forest and the higher ground around Abberley. This area forms the north-eastern portion of a larger land parcel that continues south-west into Wychavon District** North: - Heath Lane forms the north boundary. Largely open fields lie beyond with some residential and commercial development lining the streets. East: - Worcester Road forms the east boundary A450. South: - Forms the wider Green belt Boundary following the lines of the fields. West: - Stanklyn Lane runs along the north west of the site, with evidence of ribbon development along it.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel not in proximity to a large built-up area
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Parcel contains the characteristics of open countryside and retains its openness despite being slightly compromised by urbanising development to the northwest, namely Stanklyn Lane
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Estate Farmlands

Landscape and Visual Assessment	A large-scale, open arable and pastoral landscape on flat topography, with weak or absent field boundaries and no woodland cover, resulting in a highly exposed and expansive character. From the A450 Worcester Road and Heath Lane, there are long-distance views across the parcel towards the edge of Kidderminster, the Wyre Forest, and elevated land at Abberley, reinforcing strong visual connectivity. The site forms part of a wider landscape extending south-west into Wychavon District. The landscape reflects an open, estate farmland character, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would interrupt openness, distant views, or the simple field structure.
Sensitivity	Medium-High

Parcel Number	SE4
	**A varied parcel comprising extensive arable and pastoral land, alongside a hotel, an educational facility, and clusters of residential development. The terrain slopes gently from the north-west to the south-east, affording medium- to long-distance views in that direction, particularly from within the site.** A varied parcel comprising extensive arable and pastoral land, alongside a hotel, an educational facility, and clusters of residential development. The terrain slopes gently from the north-west to the south-east, affording medium- to long-distance views in that direction, particularly from within the site. North: - The parcel is bounded by Stone Hill/ Bromsgrove Road - A448, with the village of Stone located in the very north. Hogarths Stone Manor Hotel is located along this boundary. East: - Worcester Road lines the parcel to the south east. South: - Heath Lane lines the site to the south and west. Predominantly open field at this boundary with some school development. West: - Stanklyn Lane lines the parcel to the north west. There are some parcels of residential development further within the parcel along this boundary
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The parcel does contribute to the prevention development along the A448 Bromsgrove Road, although the distance from the urban edge of Kidderminster lessens the potential effect. The parcel has been intruded by various forms of development, compromising the quality of openness through its western extent.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No role in this location which is not between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Although the parcel is predominantly open countryside, its character has been affected along the western edge by residential, leisure, and institutional development that detracts from its sense of openness. Nevertheless, much of this development is screened by undulating landform and dense vegetation, which restricts views across the western part of the site, retaining its countryside feel and limiting the parcel's relationship with urbanising characteristics.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.

Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Estate Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A diverse parcel comprising arable and pastoral land alongside a hotel, educational use, and scattered residential development, creating a mixed but coherent rural-urban fringe character. The land rises gently from north-west to south-east, enabling medium to long-distance views towards the south-east, particularly from within the site. The landscape reflects an estate-influenced farmland structure within a transitional setting, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, especially where development would affect views, landform, or the balance between open land and built elements.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	SE5
	**A large-scale landscape of mixed arable and pastoral use set on gently rising ground towards the east at Cursley Lane, with extensive views west, east, and south towards the Malvern Hills. Vegetation is largely confined to field boundary hedgerows of varying quality. Built development is mainly concentrated in the fragmented hamlet of Shenstone to the north, alongside a substantial storage facility to the south and part of Mustow Green to the north.** North: - The parcel is bounded by Worcester Road A450 to the north and west. East: - Curslow Lane runs along the entirety of the east boundary. There is evidence of small parcels of residential development. South: - The south boundary forms part of the wider Green Belt Boundary following Kidderminster Road A442. A small industrial park lies in the south of the parcel. West: - Forms part of the wider Green Belt Boundary, appearing to follow the lines of the fields.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel's relatively accessible position off the A450 and A442 makes it potentially susceptible to gradual encroachment through incremental change. This is particularly evident around the hamlet of Shenstone, where there are signs of alteration, including new build development and

	property extensions. Despite this evidence, the urbanising development does not stop the entire parcel being more closely related to the countryside as opposed to any urban settlement.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Timbered Farmlands, Estate Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A large-scale mixed arable and pastoral landscape rising gently eastwards towards Cursley Lane, creating an open and visually exposed character. The elevated ground allows extensive views westwards, eastwards, and southwards, including long-distance views towards the Malvern Hills. Vegetation is limited to intermittent hedgerows of varying strength, providing only partial enclosure. Built form is concentrated around the fragmented hamlet of Shenstone, with a large storage facility to the south and part of Mustow Green to the north. The landscape reflects an estate farmland structure with locally more enclosed, timbered characteristics, and is moderately to highly sensitive overall, increasing to high where hedgerows and field structure contribute to visual coherence and containment.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	SE6
	**A mixed arable and pastoral landscape characterised by a varied pattern and scale of fields, set on undulating terrain that generally slopes south-eastwards from Mustow Green. Extensive views are available eastwards across the parcel from Cursley Lane, while shorter to medium-distance views to the south are restricted by the landform and dense boundary vegetation. Built development is limited, consisting of a school in the northern corner and a number of isolated dwellings around the edges of the parcel.** North: - Kidderminster Road A448 runs along the north boundary. Brockencote lies on the north boundary. As well as development associated to Wolverley Badminton club. East: - Kidderminster Road A448 sits to the east with residential development lining the street, backing onto open fields. South: - Cakebole Lane, Fox Lane and further rural roads meander around open fields connecting Kidderminster Road to Curslow Lane. Sparse residential development lines the street. West: - Curslow Lane lines the west boundary
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel's relatively accessible location off the A448 makes it potentially susceptible to gradual encroachment through incremental change, although there is currently limited evidence of such activity.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Timbered Farmlands, Estate Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A mixed arable and pastoral landscape with varied field sizes and patterns, set on undulating land falling south-east from Mustow Green. There are extensive eastward views from Cursley Lane, with more contained short to medium views southwards, shaped by landform and dense boundary vegetation. Development is limited, comprising a school in the north and scattered peripheral dwellings. The landscape reflects a combination of estate farmland structure and locally enclosed, timbered character, and is moderately to highly sensitive overall, rising to high where hedgerows and enclosure are key to visual coherence.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	SE7
	**A remote parcel predominantly comprising mixed arable and pastoral land, rising from the Elmley Brook valley towards the village of Rushock. From this elevated position, there are extensive views north-westwards across the site. Filtered medium- to long-distance views to the west and east are also available along Clattercut Lane. Vegetation is generally limited to field boundary hedgerows, with more substantial woodland belts associated with Elmley Brook. Built development is mainly confined to the nucleated settlement of Rushock, with additional isolated farmsteads across the parcel and properties along Clattercut Lane. To the west, beyond the A448, the Rushock Trading Estate forms a notable feature.** North: - Cakebole Lane, Fox Lane and further rural roads meander around open fields connecting Kidderminster Road to Curslow Lane. Sparse parcels of residential development lines the street. East: - Kidderminster Road runs along the north east boundary. South: - Forms part of the wider Green Belt Boundary. The boundary follows field lines with weak vegetation borders connecting to Emley Brook to the south west. West: - Follows Emely Brook to the south west, which forms part of the wider Green Belt boundary. Curslow Lane runs alongside the parcel to the north west.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel is not located between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel, being in a relatively accessible location off the A442 and A448, is potentially vulnerable to encroachment through incremental change, although this is limited to the hamlet of Rushock and the Rushock Trading Estate and the parcel retains its relationship to the countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be

	required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Timbered Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A relatively remote landscape of mixed arable and pastoral use, rising from the Elmley Brook valley towards Rushock, creating a gently elevated and open rural setting. From higher ground at Rushock there are extensive north-westward views, with filtered medium to long-distance views along Clattercut Lane. Vegetation is mainly hedgerow-based, with more substantial woodland belts along Elmley Brook providing localised enclosure. Settlement is focused at Rushock, with scattered farmsteads and linear properties along Clattercut Lane, and some influence from Rushock Trading Estate to the west. The landscape reflects a timbered farmland character with hedgerow structure and intermittent enclosure, and is highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect field pattern, hedgerow integrity, or key views.
Sensitivity	High

Appendix E. – South West Parcel Proformas

Parcel Number	SW1
	**Predominantly unimproved grazing land, with areas of improved pasture to the north and east, set within gently domed topography and featuring intermittent tree cover, mainly concentrated along the south-western edge. Built form is limited to a single dwelling; however, ribbon development along the B4190 Kidderminster Road defines much of the northern boundary, creating a more urbanised character in this area.** North: - Northern boundary follows the Green Belt Boundary as it interacts with the residential boundary of Bewdley. East: - The A456 lines the entirety of the east boundary. A456 is lined by vegetation with West Midland Safari Park beyond this boundary. South: - The south boundary follows the limits of the Green Belt Boundary as it follows residential boundary of Bewdley. West: - The west boundary follows the limits of the Green Belt Boundary as it follows residential boundary of Bewdley.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel prevents further development along the B4190, and potential extension of development along the A456 Stourport Road. The parcel abuts the settlement of Bewdley and would come under developmental pressure. Land in the parcel is heavily restricted by the existence of the A456 and West Midlands Safari Park to the east.
(b) Merging	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is located between Bewdley and Kidderminster, adjacent to nature reserve designations and West Midlands Safari Park limits the contribution this parcel offers in restricting merging towns. Development within the parcel would reduce the gaps between two large built-up areas.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Although the parcel is largely undeveloped in character, it is clearly enclosed by roads and a railway, meaning it does not constitute open countryside in a strict sense. Nevertheless, it continues to exhibit many characteristics typical of a rural setting.

(d) Historic Setting	Green: Strong Contribution. Despite development along the B4190, the parcel makes a valuable contribution to the sense of openness at the junction with the A456 Stourport Road and in proximity to All Saints Church, and therefore to the eastern approach into Bewdley.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A landscape of predominantly unimproved grazing, with areas of improved pasture to the north and east and variable tree cover mainly along the south-western fringes, creating partial enclosure. The parcel has a largely open and exposed character, while the northern boundary is influenced by ribbon development along the B4190, introducing a more urban edge. Built form within the parcel is minimal. The landscape reflects an open, estate-influenced character, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect openness, field pattern, or the transition to the urban edge.
Sensitivity	Medium-High

Parcel Number	SW2
	**Comprising the West Midlands Safari Park and areas of common land (including Whitehill Wood and Rhydd Covert), much of which is designated as SSSI, the parcel displays a varied and distinctive character. While there is notable built development associated with the Safari Park, the combination of topography and extensive vegetation largely contains this visually within the river valley to the north-west of the parcel, allowing an overall semi-rural character to be maintained. Views within the parcel tend to be filtered along paths and roads due to the complex landform and dense vegetation, with more open vistas available across the southern parts of the parcel from the Severn Valley Railway corridor.** North: - Kidderminster Road lines the entirety of the north boundary. East: - Green Belt Boundary following the Kidderminster Residential line lines the east boundary. Also bordered in areas by vegetation (southeast - Rifle Range Nature Reserve) South: - Railway line in the south separates parcel from Green Belt parcels beyond. West: - Kidderminster Road lines the entirety of the west boundary.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. Located adjacent to the A456 Kidderminster Road, the parcel—together with those to the north and south—forms the western extent of the Kidderminster urban area, helping to limit further expansion of the town into surrounding open land. The Green Belt designation, alongside the presence of an extensive SSSI and the West Midlands Safari Park (which itself includes substantial built development), plays a key role in restricting the unrestricted spread of Kidderminster.
(b) Merging	Green: Strong Contribution. Together with parcel NW1 to the north of the A456, this parcel forms the land separating Kidderminster and Bewdley and is therefore key to maintaining the gap between the two settlements, albeit with some erosion of this function due to built development associated with the West Midlands Safari Park.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. While openness has been somewhat affected by development linked to the West Midlands Safari Park, the parcel continues to exhibit a largely open character, especially to the east where the land benefits from protection under its SSSI designation.
(d) Historic Setting	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel contributes to the setting of Bewdley, forming part of the town's eastern approach, although there is only a limited direct visual relationship between the two.

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt, and an moderate contribution to the two other Green Belt purposes.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Unenclosed Commons
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A rural landscape characterised by a timbered farmland pattern, with hedgerows defining fields and woodland belts along Elmley Brook providing localised enclosure. The overall structure creates a balance between open and contained views, with filtered medium to long-distance views available along Clattercut Lane. The land rises from the Elmley Brook valley towards Rushock, where elevated ground affords wider north-westward views across the parcel. Settlement is centred on Rushock, with scattered farmsteads and linear development, and some influence from the Rushock Trading Estate beyond the A448. Overall, the landscape is highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would disrupt hedgerow structure, rural character, or key views.
Sensitivity	Very high

Parcel Number	SW3
	**The parcel comprises a mix of arable land, sports pitches, and recreational grassland. Situated within a level floodplain, it offers occasional glimpsed views across to the rising Wyre Forest to the west. Built development is limited, consisting primarily of recreational facilities and a secondary school.** North: - Boundary follows the tree Line between Wyre Forest Badminton Club and the Bewdley School. Also forms the Green Belt Boundary around Bewdley urban area. East: - North East boundary also forms Green Belt Boundary around Bewdley urban area along Stourport Road. South East boundary also follows Stourport Road - B4195. South: - Boundary follows A456, which is lined by vegetation. Beyond sits the Blackstone Meadow Picnic and camping site West: - Formed of the Green Belt Boundary following the River Severn -and associated vegetation line
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Some contribution to containing pressures for the southerly expansion of Bewdley, but the parcel is well bounded by the A456, the B4195 and the River Severn which provides a bigger contribution to restricting sprawl.
(b) Merging	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Despite the parcel's placement between Bewdley and Kidderminster, the location adjacent to nature reserve designations, adjacent arterial road and small size limits the contribution this parcel offers in restricting merging towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel cannot be considered open countryside, due to its size and land use. The limited development throughout the parcel and the strong boundaries does not lead to it having a stronger connection to the urban environment as opposed to the countryside.

(d) Historic Setting	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel helps define the southern setting of Bewdley, particularly when approached from the B4195 Stourport Road, although there are no direct views of the town's historic core from this area.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A low-lying floodplain landscape comprising arable land, sports pitches, and recreational grassland, with a flat and open character. Views are generally glimpsed across the parcel, with visual connection to the Wyre Forest rising to the west. Built form is limited to recreational buildings and a secondary school, maintaining an overall open setting. The landscape reflects a Riverside Meadows character, and is highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect openness, floodplain function, or landscape cohesion.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	SW4
	**A varied and complex parcel, primarily in arable use but transitioning into areas of pasture, dense woodland (notably Burlish Top Local Nature Reserve), scrub, and part of the Wyre Forest Golf Course to the east. The topography is undulating, generally formed by a west–east aligned ridge that affords panoramic views westwards towards Bewdley and the Wyre Forest, with land falling away to both the north and south. Built development is limited to a farmstead, golf course–related structures, and two properties adjoining the A456 Stourport Road. The parcel is also subject to glimpsed views from the B4194 Ribbesford Road on the western bank of the River Severn.** North: - Railway line in the north separates parcel from Green Belt parcels beyond. East: - East parcel boundary follows the Green Belt Boundary which outlines the Kidderminster Urban area. To the southeast this parcel is bounded by a PRoW, separating the parcel from further Green Belt land. South: - South West boundary follows Kingsway, separating the parcel from further Green Belt land. South to South west boundary also forms the Green Belt Boundary, outlining the Urban Development of Stourport-on-Severn. West: - Stourport Road and Bewdley Road North (B4195) lines the west boundary. Open Green Belt Land sits beyond this boundary.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel contains the westerly fringes of Kidderminster at Birchen Coppice, the south eastern fringes of Bewdley and the northwestern extent of Stourport at Burlish Park. The parcel restricts the sprawl of three large built-up areas, especially preventing ribbon developments along Bewdley Road North.
(b) Merging	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel forms a significant proportion of the land which separates Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel appears largely free from encroachment; however, it remains susceptible to change due to its accessible location and visual prominence as part of the rising landform extending from the River Severn valley
(d) Historic Setting	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is part of the context for Bewdley and Stourport, particularly when viewed from the western side of the River Severn, and from Burlish Top Nature Reserve

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to three of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A varied landscape combining open arable land with dense woodland to the east, notably Burlish Top LNR and areas associated with Wyre Forest Golf Course, creating a strong contrast between openness and enclosure. A west–east aligned ridge forms the dominant landform, allowing panoramic views westwards towards Bewdley and the Wyre Forest, with glimpsed views from the B4194 across the River Severn. Land falls away to the north and south, adding to visual complexity. Built development is minimal, limited to a farmstead, golf-related buildings, and a small number of properties. The landscape is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect key views, skyline, or the woodland–farmland balance.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	SW5
	**The parcel is predominantly comprised of improved pasture, interspersed with a range of other land uses, on land rising gently to the north-east from the River Severn. There are intermittent (glimpsed) views westwards across the parcel towards the Wyre Forest from both the B4195 and within the site itself. The parcel contains several elements of intrusive development, including four semi-permanent mobile home parks, two quarries, and a number of isolated dwellings. It is also subject to glimpsed views from the B4194 Ribbesford Road on the western bank of the River Severn.** North: - The short north boundary follows the A456, bordered by vegetation. East: - Stourport Road A456 and Bewdley Road North lines the north east boundary. The South East boundary also forms the Green Belt Boundary, following the urban outline of Stourport-on-Severn. South: - Boundary also forms the Green Belt Boundary, following the urban outline of Stourport-on-Severn and Moorhall Lane around Moorhall Nature Reserve. West: - Follows the Green Belt Boundary along the River Severn and associated vegetation line.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel includes the north-western edge of Stourport at Burlish Park, particularly along the B4195 Bewdley Road North, where ribbon development is evident, having evolved through infill from various periods.
(b) Merging	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel forms a strong proportion of the land which separates Stourport from Bewdley and abuts the western side of Stourport.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel has experienced substantial encroachment from a range of permanent and semi-permanent developments, much of which is related to leisure uses. Combined with its high level of accessibility, this increases its susceptibility to further change. The parcel is also visually prominent, occupying rising ground above the River Severn valley. Taken as a whole, the parcel retains its rural feel.

(d) Historic Setting	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is part of the context for Bewdley and Stourport, particularly when viewed from the western side of the River Severn.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to four of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A varied landscape of improved pasture rising north-east from the River Severn, with a mix of land uses introducing a fragmented character. There are glimpsed westward views towards the Wyre Forest from the B4195 and within the parcel, alongside additional views from the B4194 across the Severn. Development is relatively prominent and intrusive, including mobile home parks, quarries, and scattered dwellings, influencing the rural character. The landscape shows elements of Riverside Meadows transitioning into more mixed rural uses, and remains highly sensitive to change, particularly where further development would affect openness, river corridor setting, or visual cohesion.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	SW6
	**Comprises of dense woodland and around one third of the closed Wyre Forest golf course. This is typical mixed use urban fringe land. Medium-distance views are available across the parcel, and there is no sign of development.** North: - The boundary follows Kingsway. Small parcels of woodland, with weak vegetation lines throughout East: - Parcel continues to follow Kingsway. South: - Also forms the Green Belt Boundary, with land recently omitted from the Green Belt evident to the south. Boundary follows PRoW and Stourport-on-Severn urban area outline with residential development (gardens) in Stourport-on-Severn to the southwest. West: - Boundary also form the Green Belt Boundary to the south west of the parcel. North west boundary follows Kingsway.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The land is largely open in character and contains the northern edge of Stourport at Burlish Park. There is evidence of some land in this area having been released from the Green Belt, with development constituting sprawl of Stourport
(b) Merging	Green: Strong Contribution. The land is part of a series of parcels which prevent the physical merger of Kidderminster and Stourport.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel relates well to open countryside land to the north but is well bounded by Kingsway.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Whilst the parcel is in proximity to Stourport, its location means it has no connection with the historic core.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands

Landscape and Visual Assessment	An open greenspace at Burlish Meadows, with woodland forming a strong edge to the west adjacent to the urban boundary, creating a clear contrast between built form and open land. The parcel provides valuable openness and separation between urban areas, particularly along its northern edge where it is accessible. Views are generally medium-distance across the open areas, shaped by surrounding vegetation, and built development is minimal. The landscape reflects an urban fringe, estate-influenced character with strong openness and containment, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would reduce openness, weaken separation, or affect visual cohesion.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	SW7
	**Comprising sports pitches and part of the closed Wyre Forest golf course, this land complements adjacent parcels with a variety of generally short distance views throughout the parcel.** North: - Also forms the Green Belt Boundary, following a weak vegetation line separating the parcel from development within the southwest of Kidderminster. East: - Minster Road lines the east boundary. South: - Kingsway sits along the south boundary with access to Stourport Sport Club (Stourport Training Centre) and Wyre Forest Cycling Club) located along this road. Separates the parcel from the High School beyond this boundary. West: - Kingsway sits along the Southwest boundary of the parcel. The north west boundary sits along the outskirts of the sports complex following the field vegetation line.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. 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 extent. Despite its open nature, the area has been developed, with numerous sport facilities present. Sprawl is therefore reduced and more restricted on this parcel.
(b) Merging	Green: Strong Contribution. SW7 is part of a series of parcels which prevent the merger of Kidderminster and Stourport.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The parcel is well separated and bounded from open countryside and has considerable existing development on site.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The parcel is within close proximity of Stourport and Kidderminster but is adjudged to have limited connection to their historical core.

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to one of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A mixed-use urban fringe landscape comprising dense woodland, part of Wyre Forest Golf Course. Vegetation and landform allow medium-distance views across parts of the parcel, while built development is limited in extent. The landscape reflects an estate-influenced setting with strong urban-fringe characteristics, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect vegetation structure, openness, or visual cohesion.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	SW8
	**Comprises of a school and associated sports facilities and allotments, which is typical mixed use urban fringe land. Medium-distance views are available across the parcel and built development is limited to the school.** North: - Kingsway lines the North Boundary. Within the parcel, allotments sit to the north west, with sports fields along this road boundary. East: - Minster Road A451 sits to the east. South: - Boundary follows the Green Belt Boundary, representing the Urban edge of Stourport-on-Severn along Windermere Way. West: - Boundary follows the Green Belt Boundary outlining school playing fields and allotments. Separates the parcel from new residential development associated with Stourport.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel has been developed with a school located on the site and the land is contained by Kingsway and would not constitute unrestricted sprawl.
(b) Merging	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The land is part of a series of parcels which are intended to prevent the physical merger of Kidderminster and Stourport. Due to the level of development, further development is unlikely to reduce the gap between the two settlements but would increase the intensity of this parcel.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The land is well bounded and largely separated from open countryside to the northwest.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Whilst the parcel is in proximity to Stourport, its location means it has no connection with the historic core.
Overall	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide an moderate contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the

	complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Urban
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A mixed-use urban fringe school with sports facilities, and allotments, creating a varied but contained setting. The landscape reflects an estate-influenced setting with strong urban-fringe characteristics, and is moderately sensitive to change, where development would affect openness or visual cohesion.
Sensitivity	Medium-High

Parcel Number	SW9
	**Predominantly comprising improved pasture and dense woodland within the floodplain of the River Stour, the parcel includes a number of urban fringe uses such as a cemetery, a waste recycling facility, and the Wilden Marsh SSSI to the north. There are intermittent, short-range views into the parcel from surrounding roads, and despite its proximity to the urban edge of Kidderminster, the northern part retains a reasonably strong semi-rural character.** North: - Follows the Green Belt Boundary following Hoo Brook and separating this parcel from commercial development beyond. East: - Boundary follows Wilden Lane the majority of the length of the parcel. Wilden Industrial Estate is in-set into the parcel with the boundary skirting around its limits. A small storage yard sits to the east of the parcel which is omitted from the Green Belt. South: - Boundary follows the Green Belt Boundary which outlines the Stourport-on-Severn urban area. Residential development backs onto this parcel at this boundary. West: - To the south west, the parcel is bounded by Minster Road, separating the Parcel from SW7. The north west boundary follows the Green Belt boundary along the River Stour. Beyond the River Stour sits mixed use development associated with Kidderminster (Sewerage works, industrial, etc.) A Crematorium is located to the south east of the parcel.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The land is generally open in character and encompasses the southern edge of Kidderminster and the northern extent of Stourport. It adjoins the A451 Minster Road, along which it is susceptible to linear expansion and encroachment.
(b) Merging	Green: Strong Contribution. The land is part of a series of parcels which prevent the physical merger of Kidderminster and Stourport.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Amber: moderate Contribution. As a result of the land uses and size of the Parcel, the parcel retains an open aspect. It is however separated from the open countryside due to neighbouring land uses.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Whilst the parcel is in proximity to Stourport, its location means it has no connection with the historic core.

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to two of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A low-lying floodplain landscape along the River Stour, comprising improved pasture and dense woodland, with strong riparian character. Despite proximity to Kidderminster, vegetation and landform limit views to short, glimpsed glimpses from surrounding roads, creating a sense of enclosure. The parcel includes urban fringe uses such as a cemetery and waste recycling facility, while Wilden Marsh SSSI to the north enhances its ecological value. The northern area retains a relatively strong semi-rural character. The landscape reflects a Riverside Meadows character, and is highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect floodplain function, ecological value, or openness along the river corridor.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	SW10
	**Predominantly comprising improved pasture situated on a plateau rising steeply from Wilden Lane, the parcel has been significantly affected by ribbon development along Wilden Lane, a hospital occupying its southern part, and a small cluster of development toward the centre. Despite these influences, it retains a generally open character, particularly in its relationship to land east of Wilden Top Lane, with medium-distance views across well-hedged fields.** North: - Also forms the Green Belt Boundary around the outline of Wilden. East: - Wilden Top Road runs along the east boundary, with predominantly open field land beyond. South: - Also forms the Green Belt Boundary following Hartlebury Road B4193. West: - Follows Wilden Lane, with residential development lining the street. Separates the parcel from SW9
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is potentially vulnerable to further localised sprawl from existing development to the west along the B4193 Hartlebury Road and along Wilden Lane.
(b) Merging	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Connects well to a number of parcels which offer a notable contribution in preventing the merging of Kidderminster and Stourport but individually does not provide such a strong contribution.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel has been intruded by built development around the southern and northern edges but retains a largely open aspect which connects visually with the wider countryside to the east
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Whilst the parcel is in proximity to Stourport, its location means it has no connection with the historic core.

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to one purpose of Green Belt designation
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	An elevated pasture landscape rising steeply from Wilden Lane, forming a plateau with a broadly open aspect despite the presence of ribbon development, a hospital to the south, and scattered central development. The parcel retains medium-distance views across well-hedged fields, maintaining visual connectivity with adjoining countryside to the east of Wilden Top Lane. The landscape reflects an estate-influenced character within a developed rural fringe, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where further development would erode openness, field structure, or visual coherence.
Sensitivity	Medium-High

Parcel Number	SW11
	**Pasture land, part of open countryside extending eastwards into Wychavon District. There are extensive, panoramic views across the parcel, with minimal interruption by gappy hedgerows. Built development is limited to a cluster or properties to the south of the parcel at Hartlebury Road.** North: - Leapgate Lane runs along the north boundary, separating the parcel from SW12. East: - Follows the Green Belt Boundary with open fields beyond. South: - Follows the Green belt Boundary along Hartlebury Lane - B4193. Residential development lines this small section of road. West: - Wilden Top Road runs along the west boundary. This becomes part of the Green Belt boundary as the parcel interacts with Wilden.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The parcel is largely free from development and is not located close to any large built-up areas.
(b) Merging	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Connects well to a number of parcels which offer a strong contribution in preventing the merging of Kidderminster and Stourport but individually does not provide a contribution to prevent mergers due to its slightly separate location.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is largely free from built development and part of the wider open countryside extending south eastwards.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Whilst the parcel is in proximity to Stourport, its location means it has no connection with the historic core.

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to one of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	An open pasture landscape forming part of a wider tract of countryside extending eastwards into Wychavon District, with a strong sense of openness and limited enclosure. There are extensive panoramic views across the parcel, with fragmented hedgerows offering minimal visual interruption. Built development is limited to a small cluster of properties along Hartlebury Road to the south. The landscape reflects an open, estate-influenced character, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect openness, long-distance views, or field structure.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	SW12
	**The parcel consists mainly of pasture land forming part of the wider open countryside extending eastwards into Wychavon District. It benefits from extensive panoramic views, with only limited interruption from fragmented hedgerows. Built development is restricted to a small cluster of properties located to the north at the junction of Hillary Lane and Summerway Lane.** North: - Follows the limits of the Green Belt Boundary along Summerway Lane. Part of Kidderminster Urban Area lies to the north of the boundary. East: - Forms the wider Green Belt Boundary following field lines, with further open fields beyond. South: - Leapgate Lane lines the south boundary, providing separation between this parcel and SW11. West: - South West of the parcel forms part of the Green Belt boundary where it interacts with Wilden. The north west boundary follows Wilden Top Road between this parcel and SW13.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The parcel is largely undeveloped, although it may be susceptible to limited, localised encroachment from existing development to the north and west.
(b) Merging	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Connects well to a number of parcels which offer a strong contribution in preventing the merging of Kidderminster and Stourport but individually does not provide a contribution to prevent mergers due to its slightly separate location.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is largely free from built development and part of the wider open countryside extending south eastwards.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Whilst the parcel is in proximity to Stourport, its location means it has no connection with the historic core.

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to one of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	An open pastoral landscape forming part of a wider countryside extending eastwards into Wychavon District, characterised by limited enclosure and a strong sense of openness. There are extensive panoramic views across the parcel, with gappy hedgerows providing minimal visual interruption, reinforcing its exposed character. Built development is limited to a small cluster of properties at Hillary Lane/Summerway Lane. The landscape reflects an open, estate-influenced character, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect openness, long-distance views, or the simple field structure.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	SW13
	**Comprising a mix of rough grazing, woodland, and residential development on steeply rising land extending from Wilden Lane to a plateau at Wilden Top Road, the parcel retains a semi-rural character. Long-distance views westwards are available from Wilden Top Road. Built development is largely confined to clusters of properties along Wilden Lane and Hillary Road, which are generally well screened by dense vegetation.** North: - Forms part of the Green Belt Boundary around the Kidderminster urban area, following field and vegetation lines. East: - The east boundary follows Wilden Top Road alongside SW12. South: - This forms part of the Green Belt Boundary which separates Wilden from the Green Belt. West: - Wilden Lane runs along the west boundary.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. The land is largely open in character and contains part of the southern edge of Kidderminster, and makes a contribution to preventing local sprawl along Wilden Lane.
(b) Merging	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Connects well to a number of parcels which offer a strong contribution in preventing the merging of Kidderminster and Stourport, but individually does not provide such a strong contribution.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is largely free from built development and part of the wider open countryside extending south eastwards.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Whilst the parcel is in proximity to Stourport, its location means it has no connection with the historic core.

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to one of the purposes of the Green Belt.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A steeply rising landscape from Wilden Lane to a plateau at Wilden Top Road, comprising a mix of rough grazing, woodland, and scattered residential development, creating a semi-rural and partially enclosed character. The elevated plateau allows long-distance views westwards, while dense vegetation around development along Wilden Lane and Hillary Road provides strong screening and containment. The landscape reflects an estate-influenced character shaped by landform and vegetation, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect skyline, key views, or the balance of openness and enclosure.
Sensitivity	Medium–High

Parcel Number	SW14
	**Effectively a remnant parcel, surrounded by development, which has escaped development, but is protected as part of the wider National Nature Reserve/SSSI of Hartlebury Common which extends to the east within Wychavon District. The parcel is small and flat, dominated by an electricity pylon and has only a limited visual connection to the wider countryside to the east.** North: - Power Station Road lines the north boundary. East: - Boundary follows a line of vegetation, separating the parcel from residential development and a Caravan Park. South: - Follows the Field Boundary and Development Boundary. Some residential development lines this section of the parcel. West: - Power Station Road and Britannia Gardens bound the parcel to the west
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The size and location of the parcel means that it has a limited contribution in this respect.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The size and location of the parcel means that it has a limited contribution in this respect.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The size and location of the parcel means that it has a limited contribution in itself but it is part of the wider Green Belt to the south east.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The size and location of the parcel means that it has a limited contribution in this respect.
Overall	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The parcel performs poorly against all four purposes of the Green Belt
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment This does not determine whether the parcel should be regarded as Grey Belt, released from the Green Belt or considered suitable for development. Further assessment would be required, including consideration of whether release or development would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, across the remaining Green Belt within the plan area.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Unenclosed Commons
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A small, flat remnant parcel within a wider area of development, retained as part of the Hartlebury Common National Nature Reserve/SSSI, with strong ecological value. The landscape is largely open and unenclosed, though visually influenced by surrounding urban edges and dominated locally by an electricity pylon. Visual connections to the wider countryside are limited, with only partial links eastwards into the broader common. The landscape reflects an unenclosed commons character and is very highly sensitive to change, where even minor development or enclosure would significantly affect openness, ecological integrity, and its remnant landscape function.
Sensitivity	Very High

Appendix F. – North West Parcel Proformas

Parcel Number	NW1
	**A well-maintained pastoral landscape characterised by fields of varied sizes and irregular shapes, divided by intermittent hedgerows of differing density, along with scattered woodland blocks and linear belts. The land is generally elevated, though the terrain varies in form. Development is sparse, consisting mainly of occasional large residential properties set within extensive grounds, alongside a hotel and health club, all located towards the southern part of the parcel.** **The area is bounded by the A456 Kidderminster Road to the south, the B4190 Habberley Road to the north, and the urban fringe of Kidderminster to the east. Views into the site are typically restricted by vegetation and the undulating topography, although a wide, open vista can be experienced from The Lea to the south-east.** North: - Habberley Road lines the entirety of the Northern Boundary of this Parcel, with further Green Belt Land sitting to the North of Habberley Road. East: - Green Belt Boundary – The boundary follows urban edge of Kidderminster. South: - Kidderminster Road - A456 - Parcels of residential development along this boundary within the Parcel. Past Kidderminster Road lies more Green Belt Land and the West Midlands Safari Park. West: - Green Belt Boundary – The Boundary follows Bewdley urban edge.
Green Belt Purposes	
(e) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. Contains the spread of Kidderminster which has reached the western edge. The Parcel sits on the urban edge of both Bewdley and Kidderminster and is potentially vulnerable to the spread of development despite not being on a major transport route.
(f) Merging	Green: Strong contribution. The Parcel lies directly between Kidderminster and Bewdley, forming the entire gap between the two settlements. The parcel is central to the separation of Kidderminster and Bewdley, forming the remaining gap between the two in this location of c.1km
(g) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel remains free from urban encroachment to date, though its position as the last undeveloped land between Kidderminster and Bewdley makes it susceptible to such pressures. There are no significant internal features or boundaries that would act to restrict or contain potential development

(h) Historic Setting	Amber: Forming part of the eastern approach to Bewdley, the parcel contributes to preserving the town's wider eastern setting, although there is limited visual connection with Bewdley town centre.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to three of the purposes of the Green Belt, with moderate contributions to one further purpose.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	Visual containment is generally strong due to vegetation and landform, although longer-distance views are available from The Lea to the south-east. The landscape sits between road corridors and the urban edge, reinforcing its transitional role. Character is influenced by structured field patterns, estate-like woodland planting, and rolling landform, and is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would disrupt visual coherence or weaken field and hedgerow structure.
Sensitivity	Medium - High

Parcel Number	NW2
	**The parcel is defined by largely regular arable farming land in the east and extensive woodland to the west. To the south, the parcel relates closely to the settlement boundary of Kidderminster. This parcel sits to the north of a field that has been recently excluded from Green Belt designation, closely related to Habberley Road. The parcel includes small ribbon development of Low Habberley in the east and parts of the Habberley Valley Nature reserve to the north. Hedgerows extensively line the outer boundaries of the parcel, preventing ground level views into the parcel.** North: - Lower Habberley and Habberley Valley Nature reserve sits on the northern Boundary of this parcel, with some residential development associated to Lower Habberley sitting within the parcel. East: - Green Belt Boundary - Follows Field Lines - Residential Development (Habberley Valley residential development) currently being built on land adjacent to Habberley Road which has previously been removed from Green Belt. South: - Bounded by Green Belt Land, following the lines of fields and the boundary of Bewdley Pines Golf Club West: - Bounded by Green Belt Land, following the lines of fields and the boundary of Bewdley Pines Golf Club
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel relates significantly to the urban boundary of Kidderminster and prevents Urban Sprawl to the North.
(b) Merging	Green: Strong Contribution The parcel complements those around it and strengthens other parcel's contribution towards restricting coalescence between Kidderminster and Bewdley. Individually it does not sit directly between neighbouring towns but works in conjunction to those around it.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. There is evidence of nearby development showing some encroachment into the countryside in this location. The Parcel does remain open and undeveloped, therefore relates more closely to the open countryside than neighbouring urbanising developments.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role in this location given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to three purposes of Green Belt designation.

Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	The landscape is characterised as farmland. Surrounding development is scattered but locally clustered, and the area retains a strong rural influence. Rising landform from south to north creates a combination of open and filtered views. It is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect key views, or the underlying field structure.
Sensitivity	Medium - High

Parcel Number	NW3
	**A semi-rural landscape of varying land uses, dominated to the centre by the Bewdley Pines golf course. The broadly rising land from south to north offers filtered views southward to Bewdley and Kidderminster** North: - The north of the parcel is bounded by Habberley Valley Nature reserve, with extensive woodland proving the boundary to the parcel. East: - The eastern boundary is defined by the lines of field, noting the extent of the Golf Course. South: - The southern boundary is defined by Habberley Road which lines the entire south side of the parcel. Beyond this is further Green Belt designated land. The south eastern portion of the boundary sits against the settlement boundary of Kidderminster. West: - The west Boundary follows a PRoW that runs from Habberley Nature Reserve to Habberley Road. Either side of the boundary sits Green Belt Land.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The Parcel sits adjacent to the urban boundary of Kidderminster to the south east, preventing sprawl into this largely open parcel.
(b) Merging	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel complements those around it and strengthens other parcel's contribution towards restricting coalescence between Kidderminster and Bewdley. Development within the parcel would reduce the gaps between two large built-up areas.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The Parcel does remain open and largely undeveloped, relating more closely to the open countryside than neighbouring urbanising developments.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role in this location given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a significant contribution to three purposes of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	

Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Unenclosed Commons
Landscape and Visual Assessment	Landscape centred on Bewdley Pines Golf Course, rising landform from south to north. Woodland blocks and areas of open/unenclosed character create a visually diverse but coherent setting. This results in a landscape that is moderately to highly sensitive to change, increasing to very high in more open or unenclosed areas, where key views and openness are especially vulnerable.
Sensitivity	Very High

Parcel Number	NW4
	**This semi-rural landscape is defined by mixed farming land uses in the shape of irregular field patterns. Development is scarce but the parcel includes ribbon development along Trimpley Lane and Habberley Road to the southwest, as well as a farm development towards the centre.** **The land gently rises to the north of the parcel giving some views towards areas of Bewdley, although these are obscured by hedgerow boundaries.** North: - The northern boundary follows the field lines between two areas of Green Belt Designations East: - The eastern boundary follows a PRoW through thick vegetation which runs from Habberley Road to Habberley Valley Nature Reserve South: - The southern boundary is defined by Habberley Road West: - The western boundary notes the extent of the Green Belt boundary, with the limits of Bewdley urban area abutting the site. The northwestern boundary is defined by Hoarstone Lane
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcels placement on the boundary of Bewdley places it as a potential location for sprawl to occur, into the largely open and undeveloped land to the north east of Bewdley.
(b) Merging	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel complements those around it and strengthens other parcel's contribution towards restricting coalescence between Kidderminster and Bewdley. Development within the parcel would reduce the perceived open gaps between two large built-up areas.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The Parcel does remain open and largely undeveloped, relating more closely to the open countryside than neighbouring urbanising developments.
(d) Historic Setting	Amber: Moderate Contribution. In combination with other Green Belt Parcels, NW4 forms part of the northwestern context of Bewdley, on rising ground towards the north and east. Part of the easterly context for Bewdley as viewed from across the River Severn from the higher parts of the town
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to perform strongly against three of the Green Belt purposes
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Principal Timbered Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	The landscape is characterised as farmland. Surrounding development is scattered but locally clustered, and the area retains a strong rural influence. Rising landform from south to north creates a combination of open and filtered views. It is moderately to highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would affect key views, or the underlying field structure.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	NW5
	**This semi-rural landscape is defined by mixed farming land uses in the shape of irregular field patterns. Development is scarce but there are signs of some farm developments dispersed within the irregular field pattern. The northern boundary is defined by extensive woodland associated to parcel NW9 and Habberley Valley.** **The land gently rises to the north of the parcel giving some views towards areas of Bewdley, although these are obscured by hedgerow boundaries. Views to and from the north are obscured by the adjacent woodland.** North: - Habberley Valley Nature reserve sits to the north of this parcel and defines its boundary. East: - An established PRoW runs to the east of this parcel, running between Habberley Road and Habberley Valley Nature reserve. Beyond this lies Bewdley Pines Golf Club and Habberley Valley Nature Reserve. South: - The southern boundary follows the lines of fields observed to have weak vegetation. This boundary separates this parcel from further Green Belt Land. West: - Hoarstone Lane lines the western boundary, separating NW5 from further Green Belt designated land.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel not in proximity to a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The parcel does not sit between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Some encroachment evidenced by the residential development present in the parcel in the East and North. The majority of the parcel remains largely open and represents open countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Amber: Moderate Contribution. In combination with other Green Belt Parcels, NW5 forms part of the northwestern context of Bewdley, on rising ground towards the north and east. Part of the easterly context for Bewdley as viewed from across the River Severn from the higher parts of the town
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to perform strongly against one of the Green Belt purposes.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the

	complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Timbered Farmlands
Landscape and Visual Assessment	The landscape is characterised by its intimate, enclosed field pattern and woodland to the north, creating strong visual cohesion despite some scattered development. It is highly sensitive to change, particularly where development would erode hedgerow structure, enclosure, or key views
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	NW6
	**The parcel forms part of the northerly context for Bewdley. The parcel forms part of the northerly context for Bewdley. The parcel is largely defined by arable/pastural farming fields, with some woodland to the west, possibly associated with Habberley Valley. The parcel is bounded to the south by residential development associated to Bewdley and contains some development along Crundalls Lane to the south West and a residential property along Hoarstone Lane.** **The land gently rises northwards and eastwards, providing some views westwards and southwards towards Bewdley.** North: - The Northern Boundary follows the field lines between Crundalls Lane and Hoarstone Lane East: - The eastern boundary is entirely lined by Hoarstone Lane. South: - To the southeast of this parcel is the Green Belt Boundary, where the parcel abuts the settlement boundary of Bewdley. The Southwestern boundary abuts Crundalls Lane, which separates this parcel from other Green Belt designations. West: - Crundalls Lane lines the entirety of the western boundary of this parcel.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel does contain some of the northern edge of the eastward extension of Bewdley and does protect sensitive countryside from further development. There are already examples of development within the parcel, which the Green Belt designation prevents their extension.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The parcel does not sit between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Due to its location adjacent to the settlement of Bewdley, there are some instances of development evident within the parcel, however much of the parcel retains a sense of openness. There is evidence of a largely defensible boundary between the parcel and the settlement which reduces the relationship of the parcel from urban Bewdley, meaning it relates more closely to the countryside.
(d) Historic Setting	Green: Strong Contribution. This parcel forms part of the strong backdrop to Bewdley as viewed from the western banks of the River Severn.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to three of the purposes of the Green Belt, with moderate contributions to two further purposes.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.

Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Timbered Farmlands, Principal Wooded Hills
Landscape and Visual Assessment	Landscape defined by mixed farmland, strong hedgerow structure, and extensive riverside woodland reflecting the Wyre Forest. While influenced locally by development at Northwood Lane and Trimpley, it retains a coherent, semi-enclosed rural character. There are extensive westward and southward views, particularly from Hoarstone Lane towards Bewdley, alongside more contained views within wooded areas. The landscape is shaped by an interplay of woodland, landform, and small-scale enclosed fields, creating strong visual unity. It is highly sensitive to change, with key views, hedgerow structure, and woodland setting critical to its character
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	NW7
	**The parcel forms part of the northerly context for Bewdley. The parcel is largely defined by arable farming fields, with some extensive woodland on the eastern and southeastern boundaries. The parcel is bounded to the south by residential development associated to Bewdley, and contains some ribbon development along Crundalls Lane** **The land gently rises eastwards, away from the river Severn, providing some views westwards and southwards towards Bewdley.** North: - This boundary follows field lines from Railway line in the west to Crundalls Lane in the east. To the northeast, the boundary follows along Crundalls lane. East: - The parcel abuts Bewdley to the east with the boundary also being the boundary of the Green Belt in this area. South: - Like the east boundary, the parcel abuts Bewdley to the south with the boundary also being the boundary of the Green Belt in this area. West: - To the south West, the parcel boundary follows the rail line, before parting from this to follow the edge of extensive woodland which lines the majority of the western boundary.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel's location adjacent to the northern boundary of Bewdley's urban area and a lack of a defensible boundary between the two means the parcel is likely to come under significant development pressure and its designation as Green belt is a contributing factor to the sprawl of Bewdley in this area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The parcel does not sit between towns
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. This area remains relatively accessible countryside, though it shows clear evidence of encroaching built development. While these developments are generally well screened, they have nonetheless extended into the open rural landscape, introducing a more urbanised character. Undeveloped land nearby is likely to face similar development pressures.
(d) Historic Setting	Green: Strong Contribution. This parcel forms part of the significant backdrop to Bewdley as viewed from the western banks of the River Severn
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to three of the purposes of the Green Belt.

Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Timbered Farmlands, Principal Wooded Hills
Landscape and Visual Assessment	Landscape defined by mixed farmland, strong hedgerow structure, and extensive riverside woodland reflecting the Wyre Forest. While influenced locally by development at Northwood Lane and Trimpley, it retains a coherent, semi-enclosed rural character. There are extensive westward and southward views, particularly from Hoarstone Lane towards Bewdley, alongside more contained views within wooded areas. The landscape is shaped by an interplay of woodland, landform, and small-scale enclosed fields, creating strong visual unity. It is highly sensitive to change, with key views, hedgerow structure, and woodland setting critical to its character
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	NW8
	**A semi-remote rural landscape with a varied mix of land uses, primarily characterised by arable and pastoral farming, but also incorporating notable areas of semi-urban development along Northwood Lane and within parts of the dispersed hamlet of Trimpley. Significant woodland is present near the River Severn, reflecting the character of the Wyre Forest on the opposite bank to the west.** **The land appears to be well managed overall. It rises eastward from the River Severn, offering extensive views westwards and southwards, particularly from Hoarstone Lane towards Bewdley.** North: - The Northern boundary largely follows Eyremore Wood Lane, separating the parcel from another Green Belt parcel. In the northwest, the boundary follows the rail line until it reaches the limit of the Green Belt designation within Wyre Forest. East: - Hoarstone lane runs along the entire eastern boundary of the parcel. South: - The southern boundary largely follows field lines that separate this parcel from other Green Belt parcels. West: - The western boundary runs along the River Severn
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Amber: Moderate Contribution. There is some separation between the parcel and the urban settlement of Bewdley. There has been some evidence of built development off Northwood Lane from which further sprawl could develop, but much of the parcel retains an openness. Whilst its designation does not provide a strong contribution in preventing unrestricted sprawl, it does have a role.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The parcel does not sit between towns
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. This is relatively accessible countryside which already has various signs of the encroachment of built development in the vicinity of the River Severn. Whilst being reasonably well-screened, these developments nevertheless have encroached into open countryside creating an urbanised character. Green Belt designation therefore has an important role to play in limiting encroachment but has not been entirely successful until now. Despite this, the parcel remains largely free of development and relates more closely to the countryside than urbanising developments.

(d) Historic Setting	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Can be argued that it forms part of the wider setting of Bewdley when approached from the north, complementing parcels to both the north and south.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to perform strongly against one of the Green Belt purposes.
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Wooded Hills, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	Landscape characterised by mixed farmland, strong hedgerow structure, and extensive riverside woodland reflecting the Wyre Forest beyond. Despite some localised semi-urban influence, the landscape retains a coherent rural framework. There are extensive westward and southward views, particularly from Hoarstone Lane, across the Severn Valley towards Bewdley, with woodland creating areas of strong enclosure along the river corridor. The landscape is defined by the interaction of woodland, landform, and pastoral floodplain, forming a visually cohesive and tranquil setting. It is highly sensitive to change, with key views, woodland structure, and riverside character particularly vulnerable to intrusive development.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	NW9
	**A semi-rural landscape with a range of land uses, characterised by extensive woodland to the north and mixed agricultural land with irregular field patterns. The woodland is largely linked to the Habberley Valley, part of which is designated as a Local Nature Reserve and used for informal recreation. The land generally rises from south to north, providing a mix of expansive and filtered views southwards towards Bewdley and Kidderminster. Development is limited and scattered, though more concentrated to the northwest within the dispersed hamlet of Trimpley.** North: - Low Habberley (Road) runs along the northern boundary of the Parcel. East: - Low Habberley (Road and Village) runs along the eastern boundary of the parcel. South: - The southern boundary is defined by the extent of the Habberley Valley Nature Reserve. Beyond this designation is further Green Belt land. West: - Hoarstone Lane runs down the perimeter of the western boundary of this parcel.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. Parcel not in proximity to a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The parcel does not sit between towns.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Designated as a Nature Reserve and show no/limited signs of encroachment to date. It is largely extensive woodland and maintains that rural feel.
(d) Historic Setting	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Its designation as a nature reserve provides a setting to the northwestern edge of Bewdley. As the site rises toward Trimpley it provides part of the easterly context for Bewdley as viewed from across the River Severn from the higher parts of the town.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to provide a strong contribution to one of the purposes of the Green Belt.

Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Wooded Hills, Riverside Meadows
Landscape and Visual Assessment	A semi-rural landscape dominated by woodland associated with the Habberley Valley and interspersed with farmland and managed greenspace at Bewdley Pines. The rising landform from south to north creates extensive and filtered views southwards towards Bewdley and Kidderminster, particularly from Low Habberley and Hoarstone Lane. The landscape is defined by its strong woodland framework, varied landform, and pockets of more open and transitional character, creating visual diversity but overall cohesion. It is highly sensitive to change, increasing to very high in more open areas, where key views, skyline, and woodland structure are especially vulnerable.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	NW10
	**A predominantly rural landscape stretching northwards from the clearly defined urban edge of Kidderminster to the dispersed hamlet of Shatterford. The area is mainly used for a mix of arable and pastoral farming, alongside significant areas of woodland in the north-east and Habberley Golf Course in the south-west. As a result, field patterns are varied and intricate, with boundaries differing in type and condition.** **Built development is largely confined to individual farmsteads, with a small concentration at Low Habberley. The land gradually rises from south to north, allowing for wide-ranging views both into and out of the area, particularly from the bordering routes of the A442 Bridgnorth Road and Trimpley Lane.** North: - Bounded by Bridgenorth Road along the entirety of its Northern Boundary, with further Green Belt designations further afield. East: - Bridge North Road also abuts the Parcel on its eastern boundary, with Green Belt Designations on the other side. South: - Green Belt Boundary – Follows Urban Edge of Kidderminster West: - Low Habberley sits to the southwest, with Trimpley Lane bounding the parcel to the northwest Towards the northwest/west there is some newer residential developments.
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel remains largely open and remote; however, the southern part abuts the Northern extent of Kidderminster. Due to this proximity, the parcel retains a strong contribution towards the sprawl of Kidderminster overall but it is noted that the southern section has a stronger contribution than the north.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given location away from settlements which could merge.
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel's level of accessibility increases its susceptibility to urban development, while its generally rising topography makes it visually sensitive. It also lacks any significant internal boundaries that could effectively contain such change.
(d) Historic Setting	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role in this location given the location of the parcel away from historic towns.

Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel is adjudged to offer a strong contribution to two purposes of Green Belt designation.
Grey Belt	The parcel makes a Strong contribution to at least one of Purposes A, B or D. It therefore does not satisfy this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment and is unlikely to meet the definition of Grey Belt.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Sandstone Estatelands, Principal Wooded Hills
Landscape and Visual Assessment	Landscape, characterised by mixed farmland, complex field patterns, and notable woodland blocks. The landform gently rises northwards, creating a varied and open framework in places, with stronger containment where woodland is present. There are extensive views into and out of the area, particularly from the A442 (Bridgnorth Road) and Trimpley Lane, alongside wider views across farmland and towards woodland edges. The landscape combines open, estate-influenced farmland and enclosed wooded hills, creating a varied but cohesive visual character. Defined by its interplay of landform, woodland, and field structure, the landscape has a strong rural presence and is sensitive to visual change, especially where development would interrupt key views or erode its structural pattern.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	NW11
	**A steeply rising rural landscape extending up from the River Severn to the east, characterised by a strong sense of remoteness. The area is largely dominated by Eymore Wood, with surrounding areas of mixed arable and pastoral farmland to the north and south. There are some notable westward views across the Wyre Forest, particularly from Arley Lane to the north; however, most views are limited due to the dense woodland cover and substantial hedgerows. Built form is sparse, consisting mainly of scattered individual dwellings and farmsteads.** North: - Arley Lane lines the Northern Boundary of NW11, with further Green Belt designations beyond Ardley Lane East: - To the north east lies the A442, on which lies the village of Shatterford, and Trimpley Lane sits on the Southeastern boundary. Beyond both is further Green Belt designations. South: - Eyemore Wood Lane lines the majority of the Southern Boundary, with developed areas of Trimpley evident in the South East. Beyond this sits further Green Belt land West: - Green Belt Boundary - Following the River Severn
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No direct role given the distance from a large built-up area.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The parcel does not sit between towns
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Assists in retaining the open countryside aspect to a reasonably accessible parcel, being situated off the A442 Bridgnorth Road.
(d) Historic Setting	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Can be argued that it forms part of the wider setting of Bewdley when approached from the north, complementing parcels to both the north and south.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel provides a strong contribution towards purpose (c).
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally

	undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Principal Wooded Hills
Landscape and Visual Assessment	The landscape is characterised by rural features, extensive ancient woodland at Eymore Wood, strong hedgerows, and small areas of farmland. Varied topography forms prominent hillsides and a cohesive, enclosed character. Views are generally filtered by woodland, with notable long-distance views westwards across the Wyre Forest, particularly from elevated routes such as Arley Lane. The landscape is defined by its interlocking woodland and field pattern, narrow wooded valleys, and sparse settlement, creating strong visual unity and tranquillity. It is highly visually sensitive, with character and key views closely tied to woodland cover, landform, and the absence of intrusive development.
Sensitivity	High

Parcel Number	NW12
	**This gently rising rural landscape extends up from the River Severn and is predominantly defined by a mix of arable and pastoral farming. Field sizes vary considerably, enclosed by well-maintained hedgerows of differing scale, alongside occasional small woodland areas.** **The parcel benefits from broad westward views across the Severn Valley. Development is limited, mainly comprising farmsteads and Arley Old Hall, together with its extensive Registered Garden, which forms a key feature in the south-west of the area.** North: - Green Belt and District Boundaries sit to the north of the parcel, following field boundaries. Further Green Belt land sits beyond this boundary East: - The A422 lines the Eastern boundary of the site, with further Green Belt designations beyond it. South: - Arley Lane lines the Southern Boundary of the parcel with further Green Belt designations beyond it. West: - Green Belt and District Boundary, largely following the river Severn
Green Belt Purposes	
(a) Unrestricted Sprawl	Red: Weak or no Contribution. No built-up area exists in the area from which development could sprawl.
(b) Merging	Red: Weak or no Contribution. The parcel does not sit between towns
(c) Countryside Encroachment	Green: Strong Contribution. Assists in retaining the open countryside aspect to a reasonably accessible parcel, being situated off the A442 Bridgnorth Road.
(d) Historic Setting	Amber: Moderate Contribution. Can be argued that it forms part of the wider setting of Bewdley when approached from the north, complementing parcels to both the north and south.
Overall	Green: Strong Contribution. The parcel provides a strong contribution towards purpose (c).
Grey Belt	The parcel does not make a Strong contribution to Purposes A, B or D and therefore satisfies this element of the Annex E Grey Belt assessment. This does not, by itself, determine whether the parcel meets the complete definition of Grey Belt, should be released from the Green Belt or is suitable for development. Consideration must also be given to whether release or development could fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. Release or development of this parcel, considered individually, would not be expected to fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes, taken together, of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area.

	This conclusion does not assess the cumulative effects of a defined development strategy, which would require further assessment once reasonable release options have been identified.
Landscape	
Landscape and Character Area	Timbered Plateau Farmlands, Principal Wooded Hills
Landscape and Visual Assessment	The landscape is characterised by rural features, extensive ancient woodland at Eymore Wood, strong hedgerows, and small areas of farmland. Varied topography forms prominent hillsides and a cohesive, enclosed character. Views are generally filtered by woodland, with notable long-distance views westwards across the Wyre Forest, particularly from elevated routes such as Arley Lane. The landscape is defined by its interlocking woodland and field pattern, narrow wooded valleys, and sparse settlement, creating strong visual unity and tranquillity. It is highly visually sensitive, with character and key views closely tied to woodland cover, landform, and the absence of intrusive development.
Sensitivity	High

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