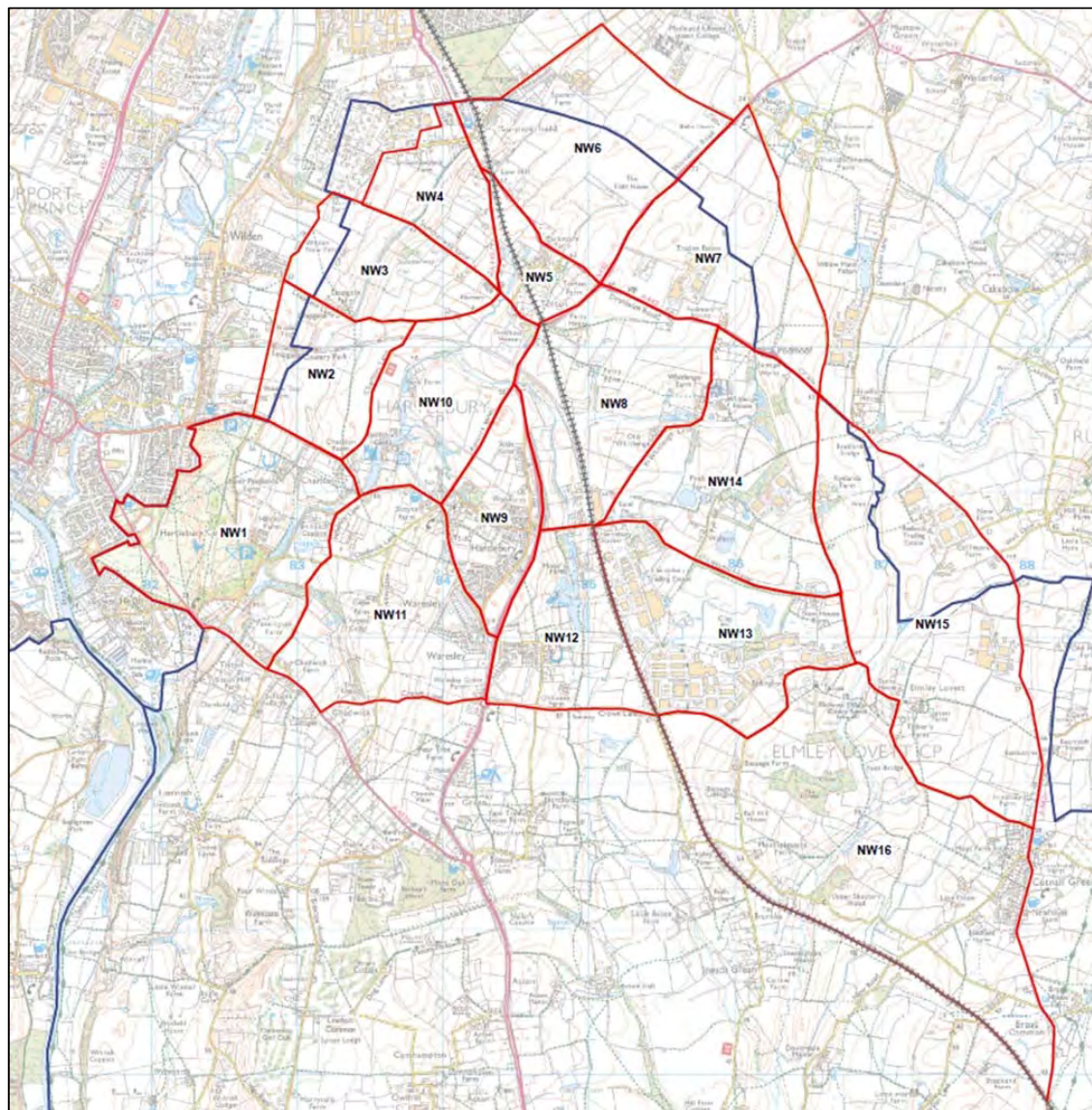


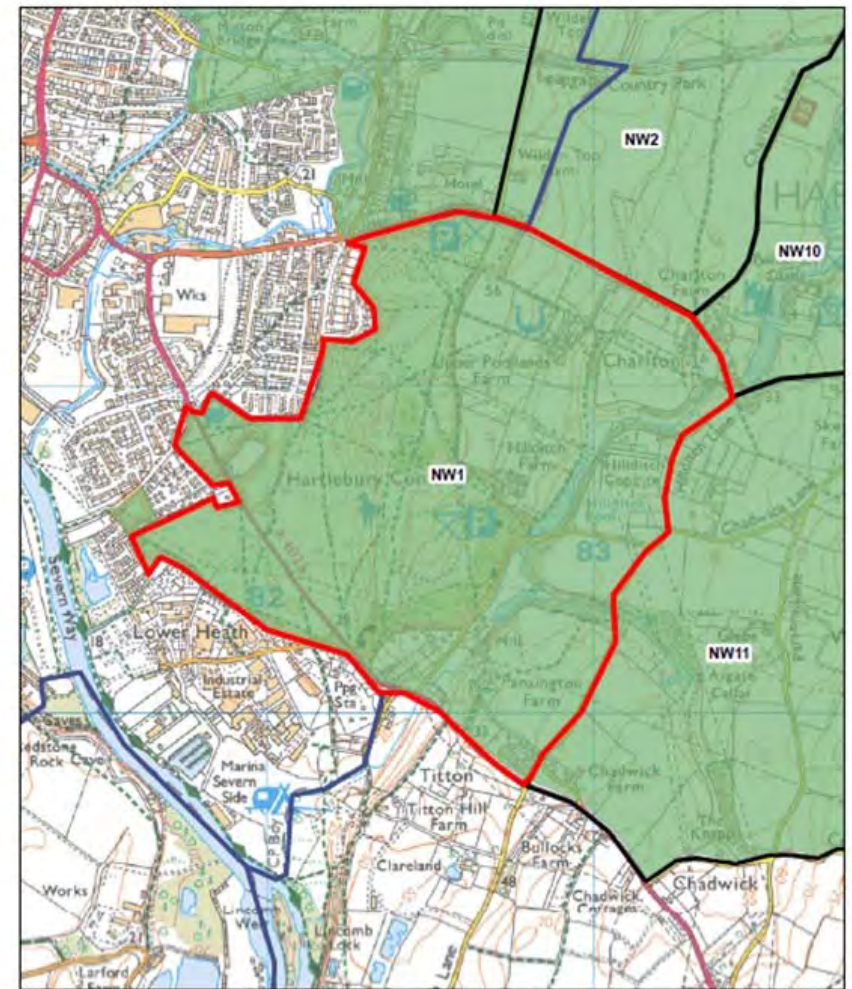
Appendix A: Parcels NW1 – NW16



Parcel NW1



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View south/southwestwards over Hartlebury Common towards Tilton and Chadwick (viewpoint A)



View westwards over Hartlebury Common towards Lower Heath and Stourport (viewpoint B)



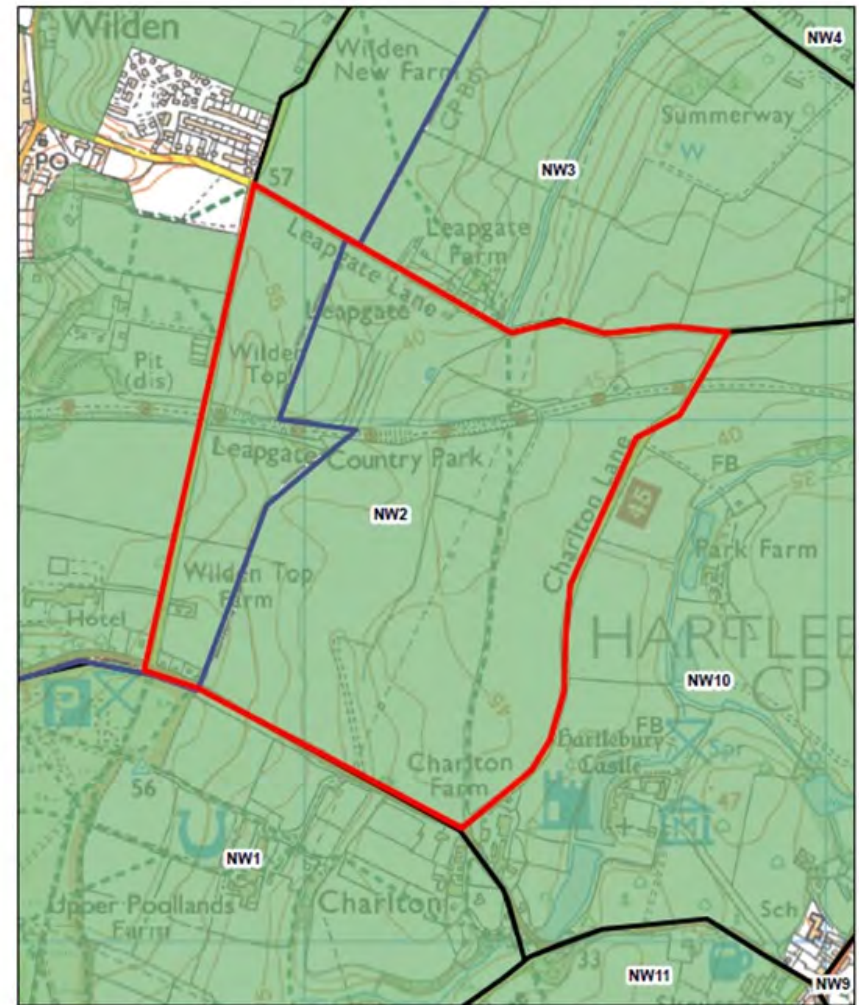
View westwards from Chadwick Lane/Hildditch Lane (viewpoint C)

NW1: Land to the east of Stourport, south of Harlebury Road, west of Hilditch Lane/Chadwick Lane. Comprises the open heathland of Hartlebury Common to the west, improved grazing and arable with sinuous watercourse woodland to the east. Settlement comprises the hamlet of Charlton to the north east, farmsteads and detached properties to the south east, including Chadwick Industrial Estate. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Significant Contribution There are no defining boundaries containing the built extent of Stourport-on-Severn, with the transition between built development and open countryside marked only by property boundaries. As such, and notwithstanding the nature conservation status of Hartlebury Common, the land prevents the sprawl associated with the unbounded edge of Stourport to the west.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution Whilst being part of the land between Stourport and Droitwich, the gap between the towns is significant (c.8km) with no physical or visual connection.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Significant Contribution Although containing some urbanising elements to the east, the land is predominantly open countryside, with a moderate to high degree of visual openness, and a high degree of physical openness. Parts of the parcel (Hartlebury Common) are elevated with long distance views to the west and south. The east of the parcel has a more enclosed character of woodland and strong field boundaries, with the Green Belt maintaining physical openness through the prevention of further incremental change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution Whilst there is no intervisibility with the town centre, the land forms part of the easterly context of Stourport-on-Severn, with expansive views across the town from the higher ground of the Common.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution The Green Belt forms part of a clear distinction between town and country in this location, directly preventing sprawl of the unbounded built edge of Stourport and incremental urbanisation of the parcel as a whole. The Green Belt maintains the openness of the countryside, which is high visually and physically.

Parcel NW2



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View eastwards from Wilden Top Road towards Hartlebury (viewpoint A)

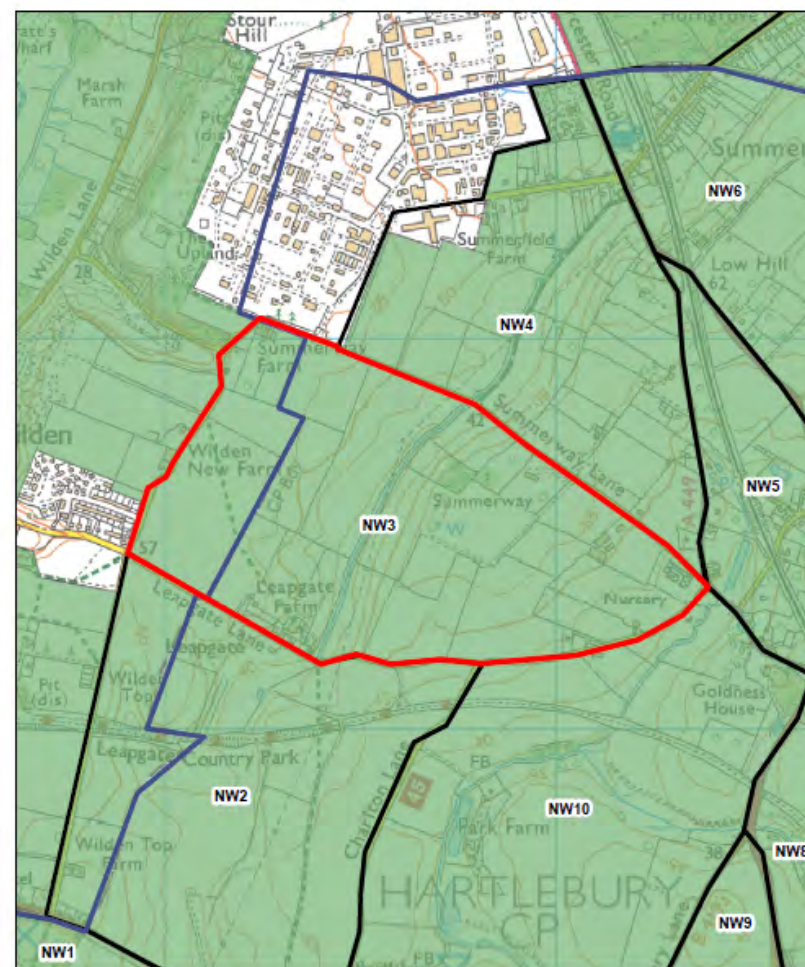
NW2: Land to the northwest of Stourport, south east of Wilden, bounded by Wilden Top Road, Hartlebury Road, Charlton Lane and Leapgate Lane. The parcel includes Green Belt which is within Wyre Forest District. The land is largely in arable cultivation, dissected to the north by the linear Leapgate Country Park. Built development is limited to a few isolated properties on the southwest periphery of the parcel. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Whilst not being adjacent to a built-up area, the parcel contributes to Green Belt to the west which strongly performs this containment role.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution Whilst not lying immediately between Kidderminster and Stourport, the parcel contributes to Green Belt to the west which strongly performs this separation role.
	Contribution

NW2: Land to the northwest of Stourport, south east of Wilden, bounded by Wilden Top Road, Hartlebury Road, Charlton Lane and Leapgate Lane. The parcel includes Green Belt which is within Wyre Forest District. The land is largely in arable cultivation, dissected to the north by the linear Leapgate Country Park. Built development is limited to a few isolated properties on the southwest periphery of the parcel. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	The parcel largely comprises open countryside with the Green Belt maintaining this character. There are expansive, long-range views to the east from Wilden Top Road. There is a high degree of visual and physical openness.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution There is no visual or physical connection with Stourport; however, the parcel forms part of the westerly context for the large Conservation Area associated with Hartlebury village and Hartlebury Castle.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The parcel is open countryside, of high physical and visual openness, with expansive views to the east from Wilden Top Road. The parcel performs various supporting roles to Green Belt to the north, south and west which have a more immediate connection with the built extent of Stourport and Kidderminster.

Parcel NW3



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View southwards from Summerway Lane (viewpoint A)

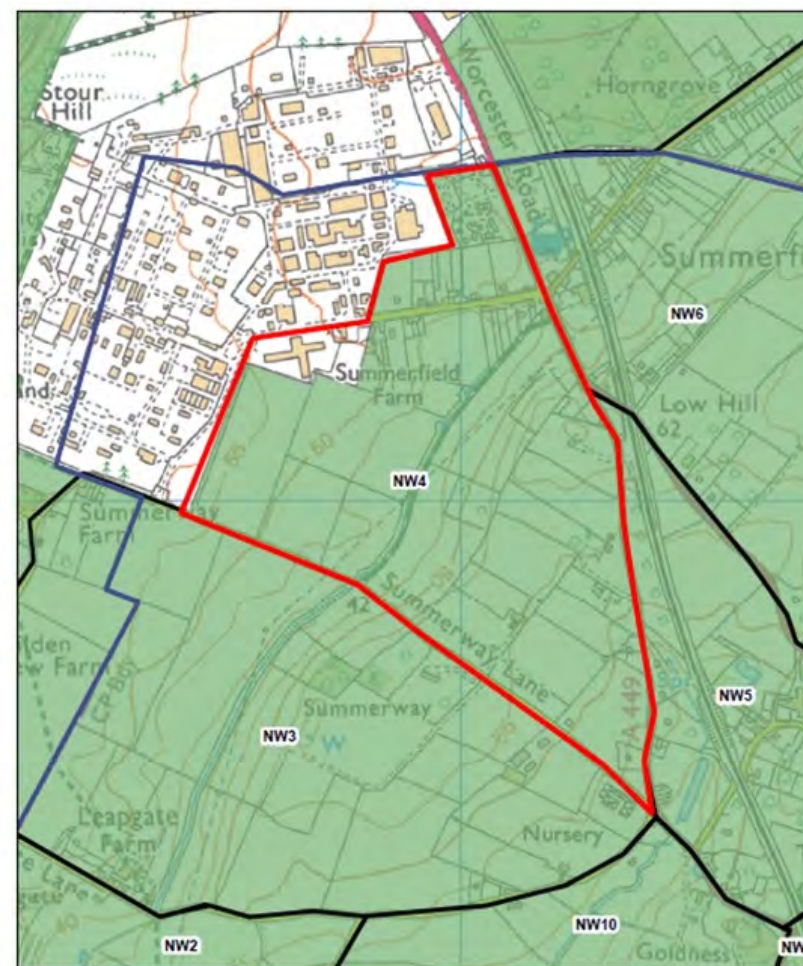
NW3: Land to the northwest of Stourport, south east of Wilden, bounded by Wilden Top Road, Summerway Lane and Leapgate Lane/Charlton Lane. The parcel includes Green Belt which is within Wyre Forest District. The land is largely in improved pastoral use, with isolated farmsteads and residential properties on its periphery. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Although only marginally adjacent to an industrial area on its northern edge, the parcel supports the Green Belt to the north which strongly performs this containment role.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution Whilst not lying immediately between Kidderminster and Stourport, the parcel contributes to Green Belt to the west which strongly performs this separation role.

NW3: Land to the northwest of Stourport, south east of Wilden, bounded by Wilden Top Road, Summerway Lane and Leapgate Lane/Charlton Lane. The parcel includes Green Belt which is within Wyre Forest District. The land is largely in improved pastoral use, with isolated farmsteads and residential properties on its periphery. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The parcel largely comprises open countryside with middle and some long-distance views eastwards. The Green Belt maintains this character. There is a strong visual and physical openness, being more enclosed by vegetation towards the centre of the parcel associated with an un-named watercourse.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The parcel forms part of the northerly context for the large Conservation Area associated with Hartlebury village and Hartlebury Castle.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The parcel comprises open countryside, of high physical and visual openness, with expansive views to the east from Wilden Top Road and to the south from Summerway Lane. The Green Belt contributes to all four purposes as well as supporting the Green Belt situated to the north, south and west which have a more immediate connection with the built extent of Stourport and Kidderminster.

Parcel NW4



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View northwards from Summerway Lane (viewpoint A)



View southwards from Summerfield Lane (viewpoint B)

NW4: Land to the south of Kidderminster at Summerfield, bounded by the built edge of an industrial estate, Summerway Lane and the A449 Worcester Road. The parcel comprises mixed arable and pastoral uses, scrub woodland and some built development on its periphery, particularly to the north adjacent to Summerfield Lane and the A449 Worcester Road.

Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development.

Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.

Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	Significant Contribution
	This parcel contains the unbounded built edge of Kidderminster, and maintains openness along the A449 Worcester Road where the characteristics of linear sprawl are evident.

NW4: Land to the south of Kidderminster at Summerfield, bounded by the built edge of an industrial estate, Summerway Lane and the A449 Worcester Road. The parcel comprises mixed arable and pastoral uses, scrub woodland and some built development on its periphery, particularly to the north adjacent to Summerfield Lane and the A449 Worcester Road. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another	Contribution
<i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Strategically the parcel makes no clear contribution to separating towns from one another, although locally there is modest contribution to the separate identity of the settlement of Torton.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	Significant Contribution
<i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	The land is characterised by some clusters of built development which compromises its sense of openness, particularly on its northern edges. There are medium-scale views across open countryside from Summerfield Lane, and more extensive views from higher ground to the south west of the parcel from Summerway Lane. The further erosion of this openness is prevented by Green Belt designation, in an area vulnerable to development pressure adjoining the built edge of Kidderminster and the arterial route between Kidderminster and Worcester.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	Limited Contribution
<i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Whilst the land forms part of the southern gateway into Kidderminster, there is no connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution
	The Green Belt in this location forms part of the southern boundary to Kidderminster and the transition to open countryside to the south. Notwithstanding development on its northern fringes and adjacent to the A449, the land has the character of open countryside with high physical and visual openness, which is vulnerable to both sprawl and encroachment through incremental urbanisation.

Parcel NW5



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View southwestwards from the A442 Droitwich Road towards Torton (viewpoint A)



View northwestwards from the A442 Droitwich Road (viewpoint B)

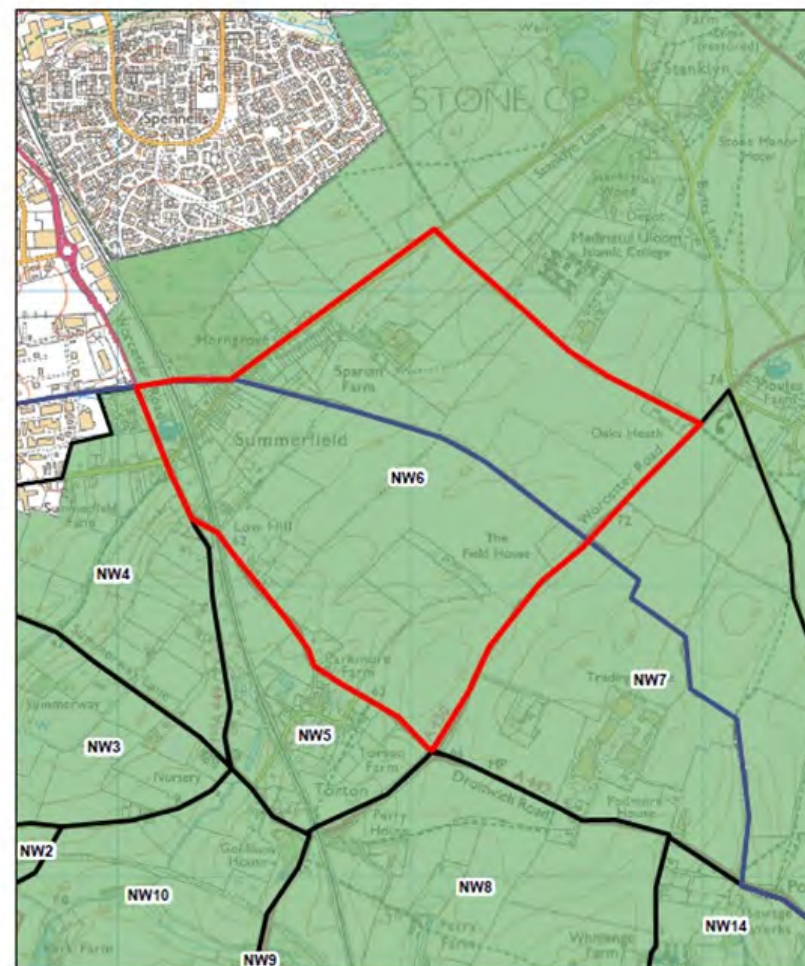
NW5: Land between the A449 Worcester Road and the A442 Droitwich Road. The parcel comprises the hamlet of Torton, set within fields in pastoral use. The Kidderminster – Worcester railway line runs through the parcel. Physical openness – mixed, reflecting a mix of open countryside and built development. Visual openness – mixed, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	Significant Contribution
	The parcel abuts the built edge of Kidderminster, it does lie within the influence of Kidderminster and the in particular the A449 which forms the western boundary of the parcel, along which several large detached

NW5: Land between the A449 Worcester Road and the A442 Droitwich Road. The parcel comprises the hamlet of Torton, set within fields in pastoral use. The Kidderminster – Worcester railway line runs through the parcel. Physical openness – mixed, reflecting a mix of open countryside and built development. Visual openness – mixed, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	properties are set. As such, the Green Belt prevents further intensification of development along this busy corridor, where modest change would make a significant difference to the physical and visual openness of the land.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution Strategically the parcel makes no clear contribution to separating towns from one another, although locally there is modest contribution to the separate identity of the settlement of Torton.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The parcel is of a semi-rural character with varying degrees of visual and physical openness associated with extensive vegetation of roads (A449 corridor) and the railway and large detached properties which characterise the hamlet. The parcel has a more open aspect on its northeastern edges, particularly on the high ground at the junction of the A442 and A450 where there are extensive views westward. Further development would quickly erode the character.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land has no connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution The location and settlement history of the parcel means that it has a semi-rural character, with mixed physical and visual openness, and is vulnerable to localised sprawl associated with the busy road corridor of the A442 and A449. The current moderate degree of physical and visual openness would be readily eroded through further incremental development, and the Green Belt contains such pressures.

Parcel NW6



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View southwestwards from Heath Lane (viewpoint A)

NW6: Land to the north east of the A442 Droitwich Road, south east of Summerfield, bounded by the Droitwich Road, the Worcester Road, Heath Lane and Stanklyn Lane. Dominated by large arable fields, there are various pockets of development along the A442 and the village of Summerfield (part in Wychavon District, part in Wyre Forest District). Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with built development to the northwest. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Development with the parcel is not of an extensive character but more associated with incremental change along the A442. As such there is a contribution to preventing sprawl, although this localised and needs to be viewed strategically as part of the wider context of the edge of Kidderminster in this location.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution Whilst there is not strategic separation function, locally, the parcel acts in conjunction with land to the south west of the A442 to prevent coalescence along the A442/A449 corridor towards the hamlet of Torton.
	Contribution

NW6: Land to the north east of the A442 Droitwich Road, south east of Summerfield, bounded by the Droitwich Road, the Worcester Road, Heath Lane and Stanklyn Lane. Dominated by large arable fields, there are various pockets of development along the A442 and the village of Summerfield (part in Wychavon District, part in Wyre Forest District). Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with built development to the northwest. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	The parcel is part of a transition between town and country characterised by incremental development associated with the village of Summerfield. Visual and physical openness is high, with extensive medium and long-distance views across the parcel from surrounding roads.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land has no connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The Green Belt contributes to maintaining openness, which is high to mixed physically and high visually, where there is evidence of, and potential for, its erosion through incremental change, particularly associated with the A442 corridor, the village of Summerfield and more widely across this southeastern edge of Kidderminster.

Parcel NW7



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View southwestwards from an un-named minor road (viewpoint A)

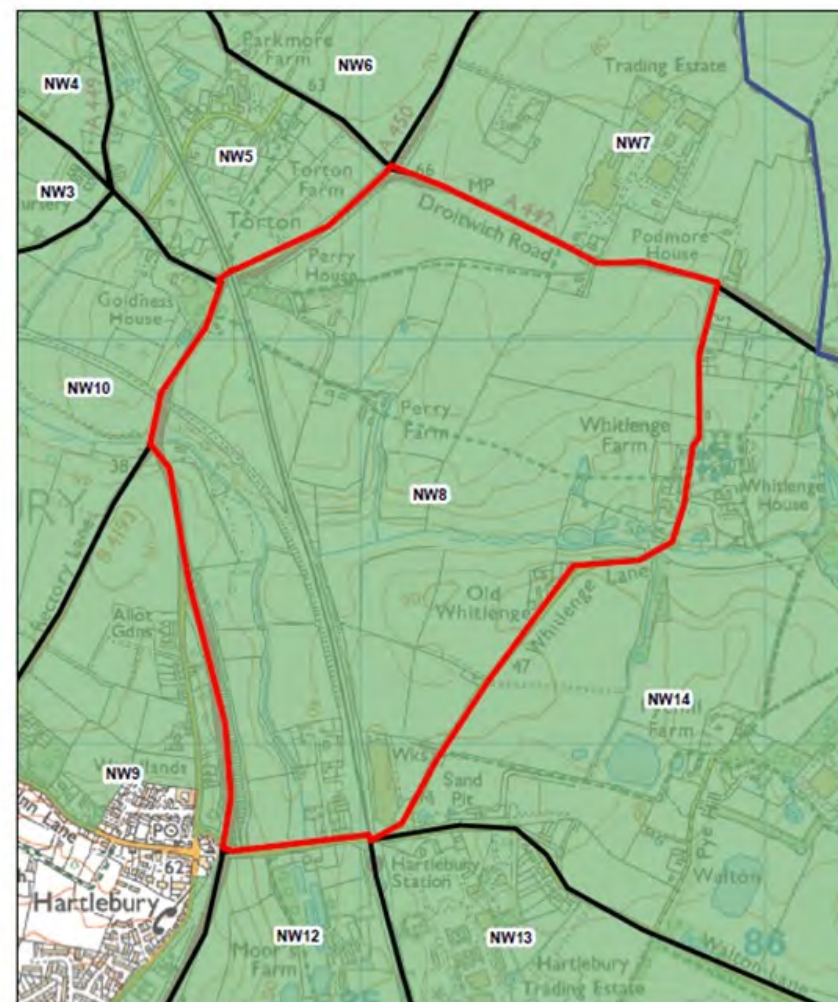
NW7: Land to the north east of the A442, bounded by the A450 Worcester Road and an unnamed minor road between Shenstone and the A442. Land use is predominantly large-scale arable agriculture, with peripheral residential properties and to the south, the extensive Ikon Trading Estate (one of a number in the vicinity). Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution The Green Belt plays no role in preventing the sprawl of a built-up area, although it potentially assists with preventing localised, incremental sprawl along the A442.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land plays no role in preventing the merger of settlements, strategically or locally.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	Contribution Notwithstanding the presence of the Ikon Trading Estate, the parcel is of an open countryside character, with minimal built development. It has a high degree of physical and visual openness with extensive middle

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Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	and long-distance views from surrounding roads. It is part of wider land to the east of Kidderminster which can be regarded as accessible countryside and therefore vulnerable to incremental change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution There is no connection, physically or visually, with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The Green Belt contributes to maintaining the openness, which is high to mixed physically and high visually, of the countryside through preventing incremental development in this relatively accessible location.

Parcel NW8



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View northwards from Whitlege Lane (viewpoint A)

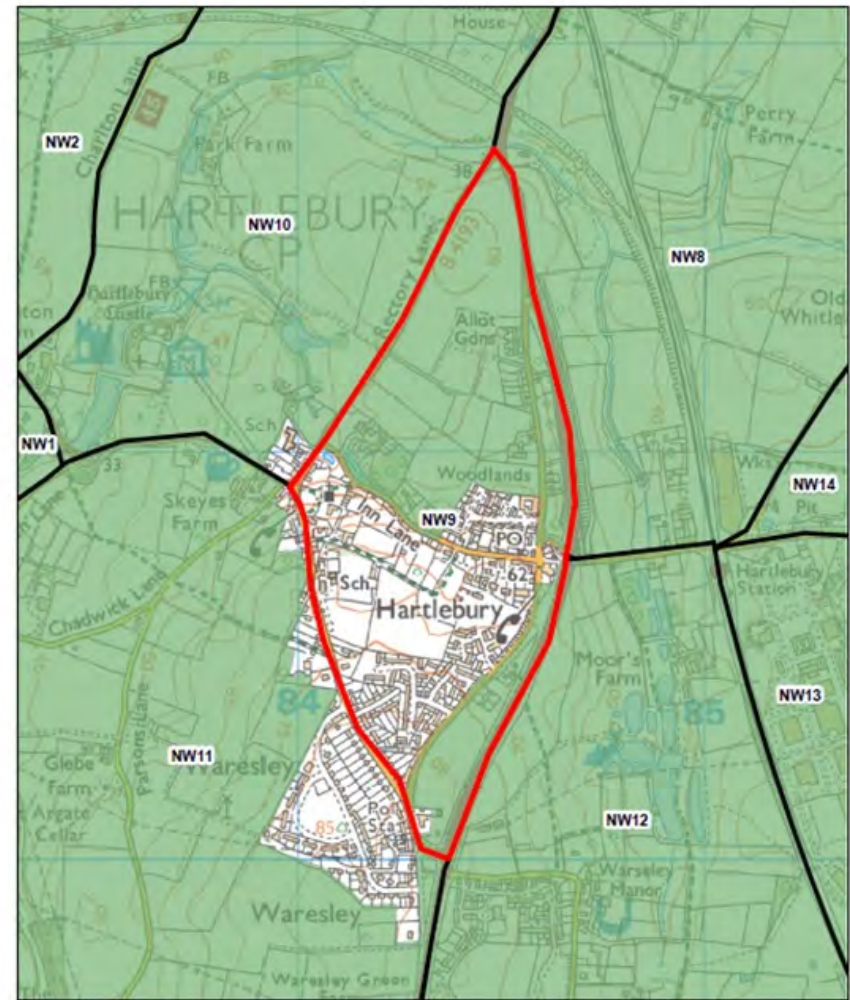
NW8: Land to the north west of Hartlebury, between the A449 Worcester Road, the A442 Droitwich Road and Whitlege Lane. Largely in arable use, there is some peripheral development, particularly at the southern extremity associated with a brick works. The parcel is bisected by the Kidderminster – Worcester railway line. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution The land, in combination with land to the west, north and south helps to prevent sprawl along the A449 corridor, generated by incremental change.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The Green Belt plays no role in preventing the merger of settlements, strategically or locally.

NW8: Land to the north west of Hartlebury, between the A449 Worcester Road, the A442 Droitwich Road and Whitlenge Lane. Largely in arable use, there is some peripheral development, particularly at the southern extremity associated with a brick works. The parcel is bisected by the Kidderminster – Worcester railway line. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution
	Whilst the parcel is characterised by open countryside, with a generally moderate to high degree of visual and physical openness, there is evidence of incremental change around its periphery which compromises openness. To the south this is associated with the significant built extent of the Hartlebury Trading Estate which is inset within the wider Green Belt.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution
	Hartlebury Conservation Area lies to the west beyond the A449, although there is no immediate physical or visual connection.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution
	The parcel is characterised by high to mixed visual and physical openness, dominated by rural land uses, but also intruded by industrial development to the south, in turn adjacent to more significant industrial uses associated with Hartlebury Trading Estate. Green Belt designation contributes to maintaining the openness of the land in this locality through the prevention of incremental change, in what is an accessible location between the arterial roads of the A499 Worcester Road and the A442 Droitwich Road.

Parcel NW9



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View southwards from Rectory Lane (viewpoint A)

NW9: Land to the west of the A449, to the north and east of the built extent of Hartlebury which has been inset within the Green Belt. Land use is a mixture of arable, pastoral and residential uses. Physical openness – mixed, reflecting a balance between open countryside and built development. Visual openness – mixed, reflecting the presence of long-, middle-, and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution Whilst Hartlebury village cannot be classed as a large built-up area, the Green Belt prevents localised sprawl along the A449 corridor, in particular between the A449 and the old Worcester Road.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land plays no role in preventing the merger of settlements, strategically or locally.

NW9: Land to the west of the A449, to the north and east of the built extent of Hartlebury which has been inset within the Green Belt. Land use is a mixture of arable, pastoral and residential uses. Physical openness – mixed, reflecting a balance between open countryside and built development. Visual openness – mixed, reflecting the presence of long-, middle-, and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is of an open countryside character, slightly elevated at its northern extent above the surrounding land and providing part of the visual and physical context for Hartlebury as approached from the A449 along the B4193 Rectory Lane.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Significant Contribution The land is the eastern part of the northern entrance to Hartlebury. Although not an historic town, the village is part of a large Conservation Area, which is of County-wide significance, extending from the original core of the village to Hartlebury Castle. As such, the land makes a significant contribution to maintaining its open, rural context.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution The land makes a Significant Contribution to maintaining the openness of the land, which is mixed physically and visually, as part of the northerly context for Hartlebury village and its Conservation Area, in particular.

Parcel NW10



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View southwestwards from Rectory Lane (viewpoint A)

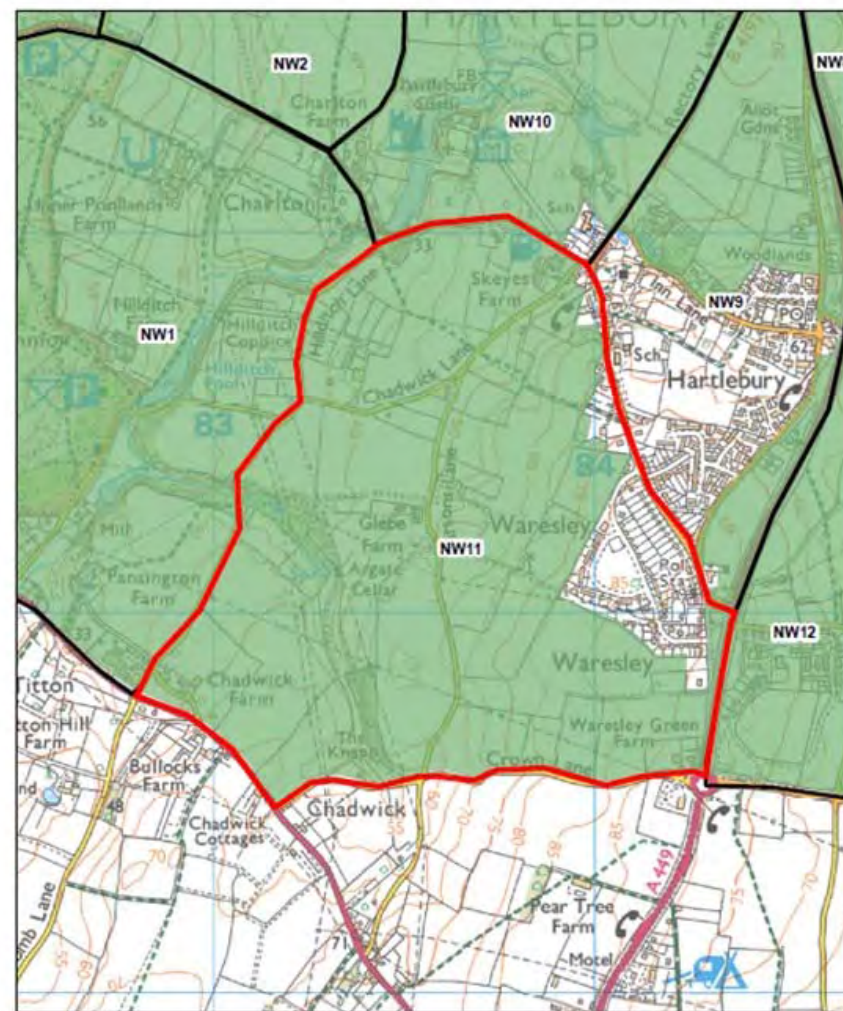
NW10: Land to the west of the A449, north west of the B4193 Rectory Lane, bounded to the northwest by Charlton Lane. Predominantly in arable use, but containing Hartlebury Castle and grounds to the south, along with part of the hamlet of Charlton to the southwest. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution
	The land plays not role in preventing sprawl being unrelated to a large built-up area and not containing significant built development.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another	Limited Contribution
	The land plays no role in preventing the merger of settlements, strategically or locally.

NW10: Land to the west of the A449, north west of the B4193 Rectory Lane, bounded to the northwest by Charlton Lane. Predominantly in arable use, but containing Hartlebury Castle and grounds to the south, along with part of the hamlet of Charlton to the southwest. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is of an open countryside character, slightly elevated at its northern extent above the surrounding land and providing part of the visual and physical context for Hartlebury as approached from the A449 along the B4193 Rectory Lane. Visual and physical openness is moderate to high with middle and long-distance views across the parcel, such as from Rectory Lane to Wilden Top.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Significant Contribution The land is the western part of the northern entrance to Hartlebury. Although not an historic town, the village is part of a large Conservation Area, which is of County-wide significance, extending from the original core of the village to Hartlebury Castle. As such, the land makes a significant contribution to maintaining its open, rural context.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution The land makes a Significant Contribution to maintaining the openness, which is high to mixed physically and high visually, of the land as part of the northerly context for Hartlebury village and its Conservation Area to the west, in particular.

Parcel NW11



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View southeastwards from Chadwick Lane



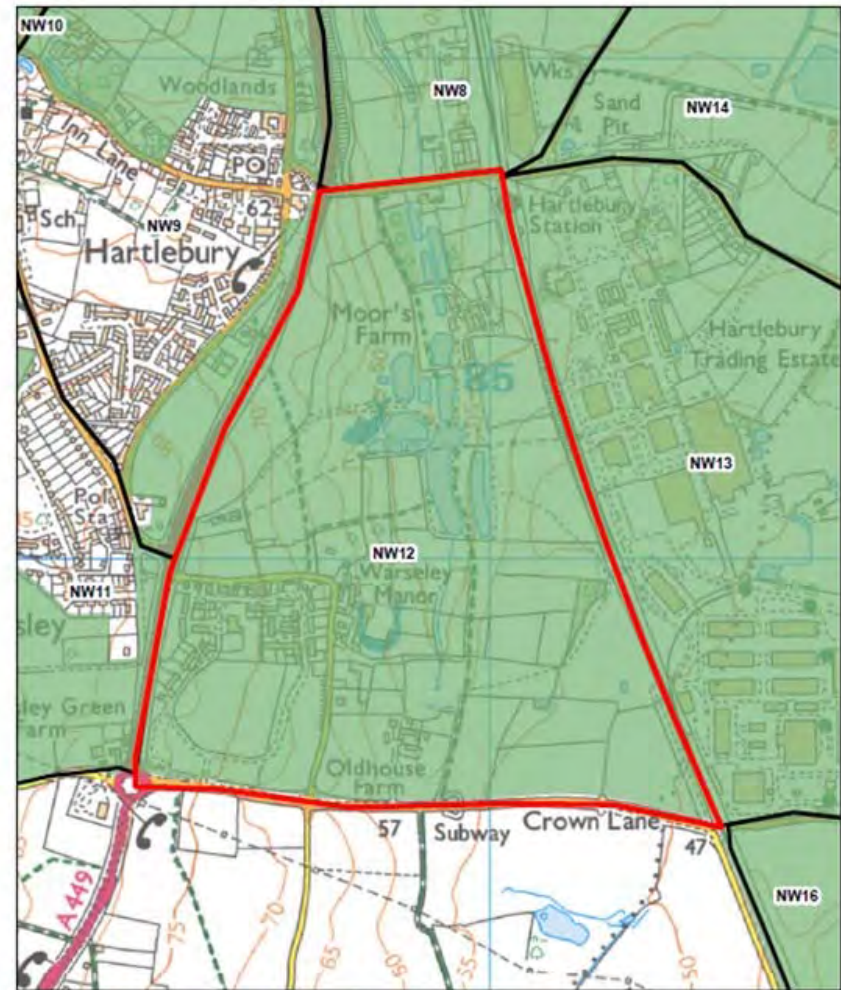
View westwards from Waresley Court Road

NW11: Land to the southwest of Hartlebury, bounded by Chadwick Lane/Hildditch Lane to the north, the built edge of Hartlebury and Waresley to the northeast and Stourport Road/Crown Lane to the south. Land use is predominantly arable, with pockets of woodland and scattered residential development and farmsteads. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with built development associated with Hartlebury and Waresley. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Whilst not a large built-up area <i>per se</i>, Hartlebury and Waresley are inset from the Green Belt reflecting their contiguous built form. The western edge of both settlements is demarcated by property boundaries only and as such presents an unbounded edge to the wider open countryside. Locally, therefore, the Green Belt contains further sprawl.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land plays no role in preventing the merger of settlements, strategically or locally.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution Whilst being predominantly of an open aspect with a high degree of physical and visual openness, the Green Belt helps to contain pressures for incremental change in what is an accessible location. There are various medium and longer-distance views across open countryside to east and west reflecting the moderate to high degree of visual and physical openness.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Significant Contribution The land forms the bulk of the southerly countryside context of Hartlebury. Although not an historic town, the village is part of a large Conservation Area, which is of County-wide significance, extending from the original core of the village to Hartlebury Castle. As such, the land makes a significant contribution to maintaining its open, rural context.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution The land makes a Significant Contribution to maintaining the openness, which is high to mixed physically and high visually, of the land as part of the southerly context for Hartlebury village and its Conservation Area, in particular.

Parcel NW12



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View eastwards from Manor Lane (viewpoint A)



View northwards from Waresley Park (viewpoint B)

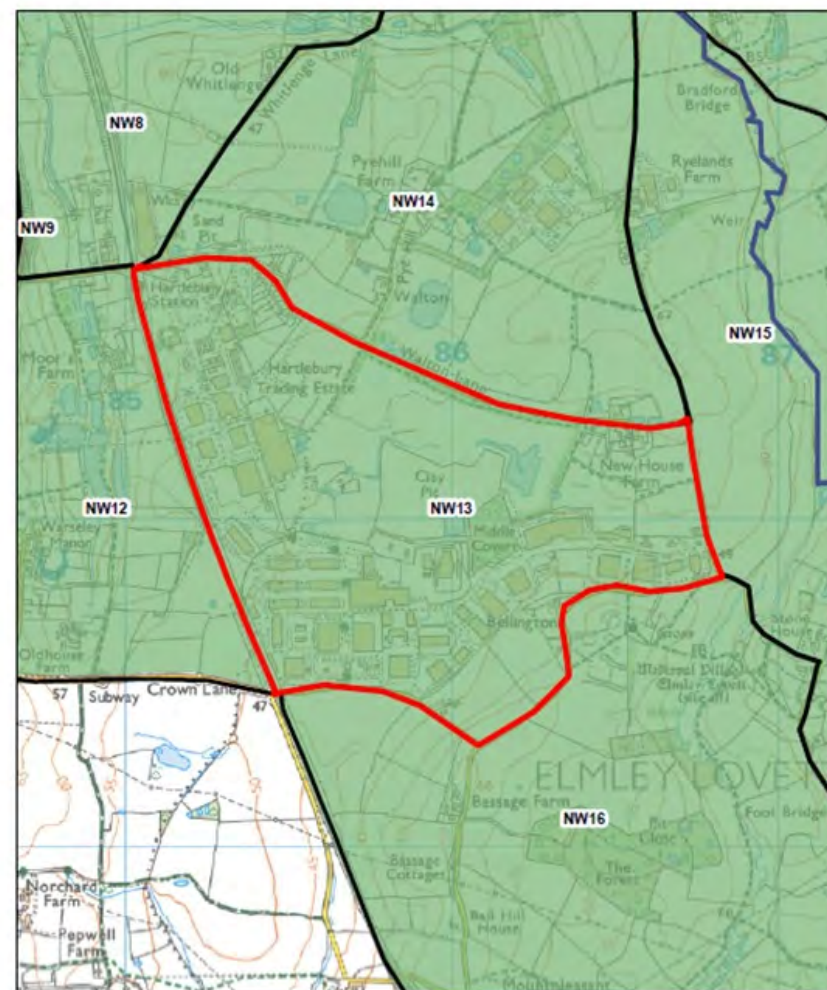
NW12: Land to the east of the A449, bounded by Crown Lane to the south, the Kidderminster – Worcester railway to the east and Station Road to the north. The land is largely in mixed agricultural use, although there is significant built development around Waresley Manor along with extensive areas of open water around Moor's Farm. Physical openness – mixed to high, reflecting a balance between open countryside and built development. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	Contribution
	Whilst not a large built-up area <i>per se</i> , the extension of Waresley is washed over by the Green Belt despite its relatively contiguous form. The southern edge is unbounded as it extends along the A449; locally, therefore, the Green Belt helps to contain further sprawl.

NW12: Land to the east of the A449, bounded by Crown Lane to the south, the Kidderminster – Worcester railway to the east and Station Road to the north. The land is largely in mixed agricultural use, although there is significant built development around Waresley Manor along with extensive areas of open water around Moor's Farm. Physical openness – mixed to high, reflecting a balance between open countryside and built development. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land plays no role in preventing the merger of settlements, strategically or locally.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution Whilst much of the parcel is of open countryside, physically and visually, recent development around Waresley Manor demonstrates the potential for incremental change in an accessible location adjacent to the A449.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution There is no connection, physically or visually, with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The Green Belt contributes to maintaining the openness of the countryside in this location, notwithstanding the recent introduction of development which has reduced the sense of openness to the west of the parcel. More widely, the land retains an open character, which is mixed to high physically and high visually, in largely mixed agricultural use.

Parcel NW13



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View southwestwards from Walton Road (viewpoint A)

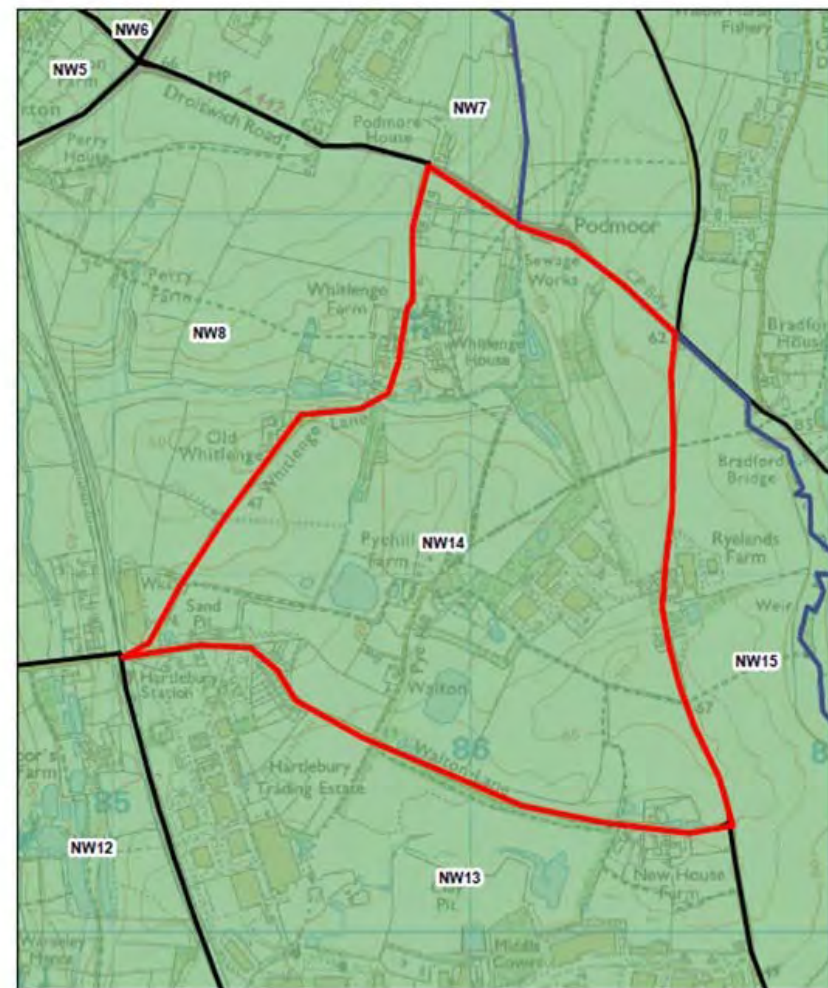
NW13: Land to the east of the Kidderminster – Worcester railway line, bounded to the north by Walton Road and to the south by Crown Lane. A significant part of the parcel containing the Hartlebury Trading Estate has been inset from the Green Belt, with the remainder of the land in quarrying and agricultural use. Physical openness – low to mixed, reflecting the intrusion of built development but some peripheral open countryside. Visual openness – mixed to low, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Hartlebury Trading Estate has a significant footprint and has consequently been inset within the Green Belt. The development constitutes a large built-up area, the extent of which is contained by Green Belt, particularly to the north of the parcel where land use is dominated by quarrying activity, with woodland, scrub and pasture on land towards Walton Lane. Both Walton Lane and Crown Lane provide substantial boundaries.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The Green Belt plays no clear role in this respect, either strategically or locally.
	Contribution

NW13: Land to the east of the Kidderminster – Worcester railway line, bounded to the north by Walton Road and to the south by Crown Lane. A significant part of the parcel containing the Hartlebury Trading Estate has been inset from the Green Belt, with the remainder of the land in quarrying and agricultural use. Physical openness – low to mixed, reflecting the intrusion of built development but some peripheral open countryside. Visual openness – mixed to low, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Despite being well bounded, the parcel nevertheless retains some qualities of open countryside to the north and south and thereby is related in character to the wider countryside. As such the Green Belt acts together with this wider land to prevent incremental change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel has no physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution Overall, the parcel is of low to mixed physical openness and mixed to low visual openness, dominated by the substantial footprint of the Hartlebury Trading Estate which is inset into the Green Belt. Potential localised sprawl and encroachment is prevented, particularly on land on open land to the north.

Parcel NW14



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View northeastwards from Whitleng Lane (viewpoint A)

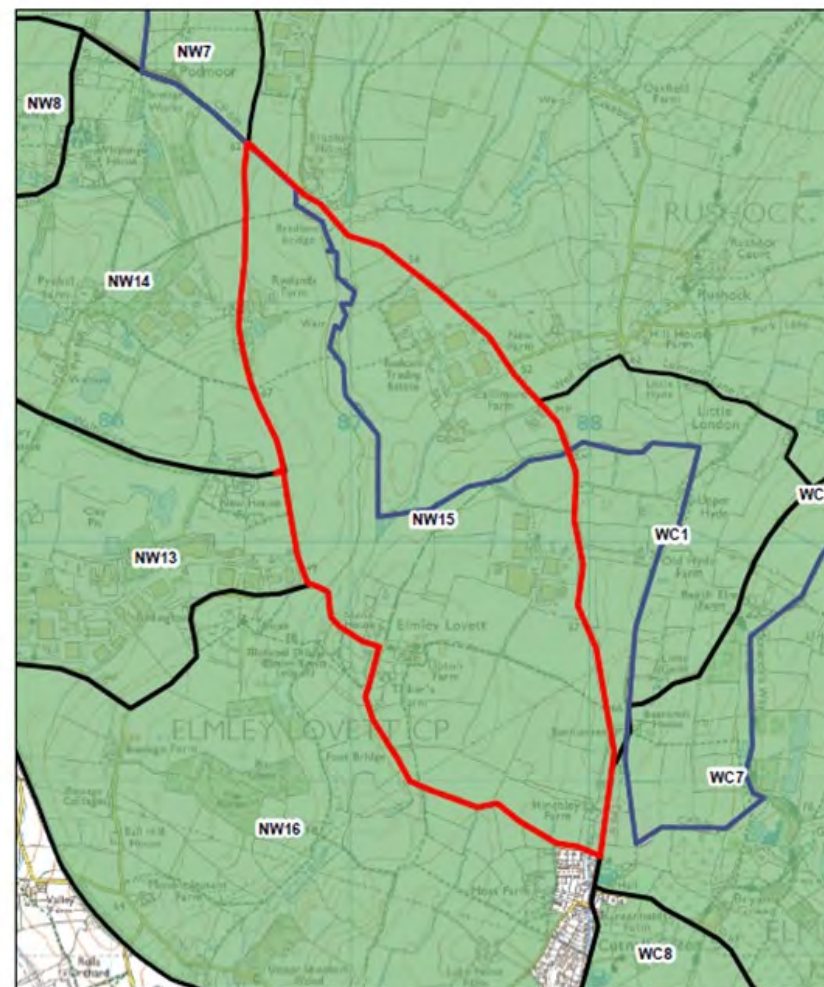
NW14: Land to the east of Hartlebury, north of Walton Road, bounded by Whitleng Lane, the A442 and Ryland Lane. Land use in the parcel is complex, comprising arable and pastoral uses, quarrying activity, an industrial estate, a garden centre and peripheral residential development. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with built development to the east. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution Notwithstanding the presence of a large industrial estate (Old Park), this is reasonably well contained and the Green Belt plays no role in preventing localised sprawl into open countryside.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The Green Belt plays no clear role in this respect, either strategically or locally.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution Despite a moderate degree of intrusion from various uses (notably the industrial estate in the centre of the parcel), the land retains the quality of open countryside and is strongly related to open countryside to the east across the A442 and Ryland Lane. The Green Belt acts to prevent further incremental change.

NW14: Land to the east of Hartlebury, north of Walton Road, bounded by Whitlence Lane, the A442 and Ryland Lane. Land use in the parcel is complex, comprising arable and pastoral uses, quarrying activity, an industrial estate, a garden centre and peripheral residential development. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with built development to the east. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution
	The parcel has no physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution
	The Green Belt prevents further incremental development within a parcel which has been subject to various kinds and degrees of development. Despite the parcel having a largely open countryside character, with high to mixed physical openness and high visual openness, it is nevertheless accessible and vulnerable to change from existing and potential development.

Parcel NW15



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View eastwards from Ryeland Lane towards Rushock Trading Estate (viewpoint A)



View eastwards from Ryeland Lane towards Rushock and Site 7 Trading Estates (viewpoint B)

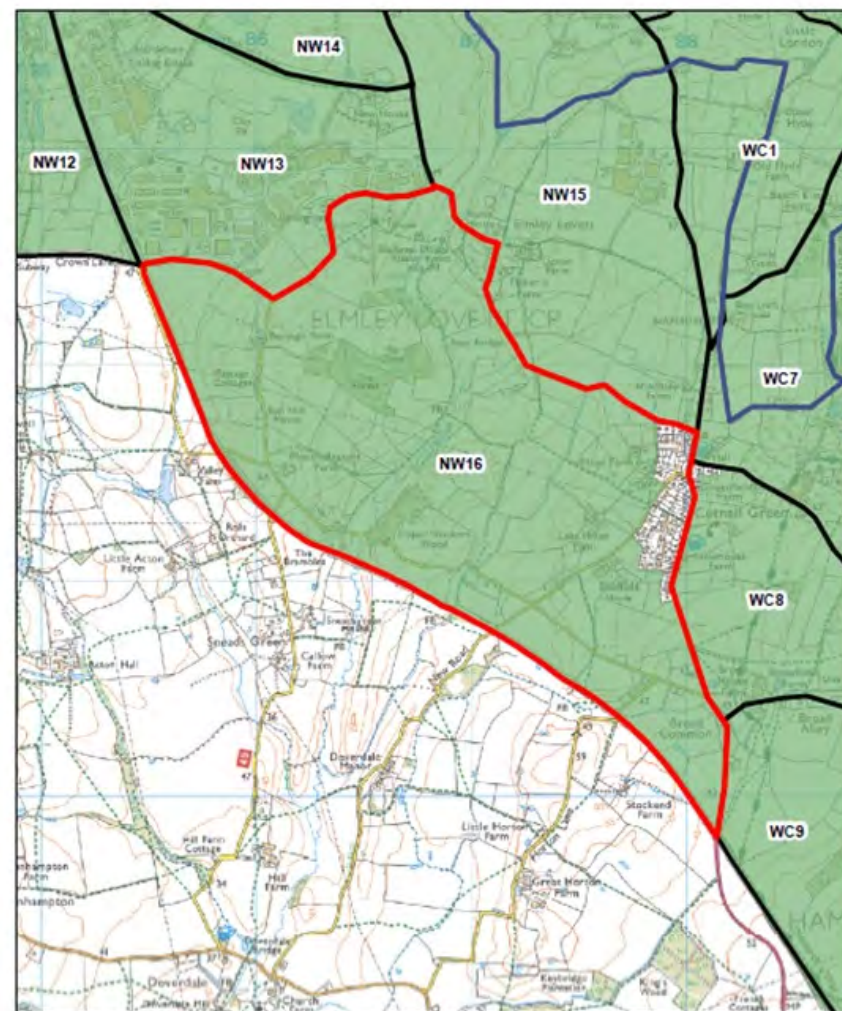
NW15: Land to the west of the A442, east of Ryeland Lane and Elmley Lane. Predominantly open countryside dominated by medium-scale arable agriculture but with the presence of two substantial industrial estates (Rushock and Site 7) off the A442. The hamlet of Elmley Lovett is towards the south west extent, with otherwise scattered farmsteads. Note: Site 7 is excluded from the Green Belt. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with built development to the east off the A442. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution Notwithstanding the presence of large industrial estates, these are reasonably well contained and the Green Belt plays no role in preventing localised sprawl into open countryside.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another	Limited Contribution

NW15: Land to the west of the A442, east of Ryeland Lane and Elmley Lane. Predominantly open countryside dominated by medium-scale arable agriculture but with the presence of two substantial industrial estates (Rushock and Site 7) off the A442. The hamlet of Elmley Lovett is towards the south west extent, with otherwise scattered farmsteads. Note: Site 7 is excluded from the Green Belt. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with built development to the east off the A442. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	The Green Belt plays no clear role in this respect, either strategically or locally.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution
	Notwithstanding intrusion by built development along the A442 associated with trading estates originating in the 1940s, the parcel retains the quality of open countryside with middle and long-distance view, and is strongly related to open countryside to the east across the A442. The Green Belt acts to prevent further incremental change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution
	The parcel has no physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution
	The Green Belt prevents further incremental change within a parcel which has been subject to localised development. Despite the parcel having a largely open countryside character with a high to mixed physical openness and high visual openness, it is nevertheless accessible and vulnerable to change from existing and potential development.

Parcel NW16



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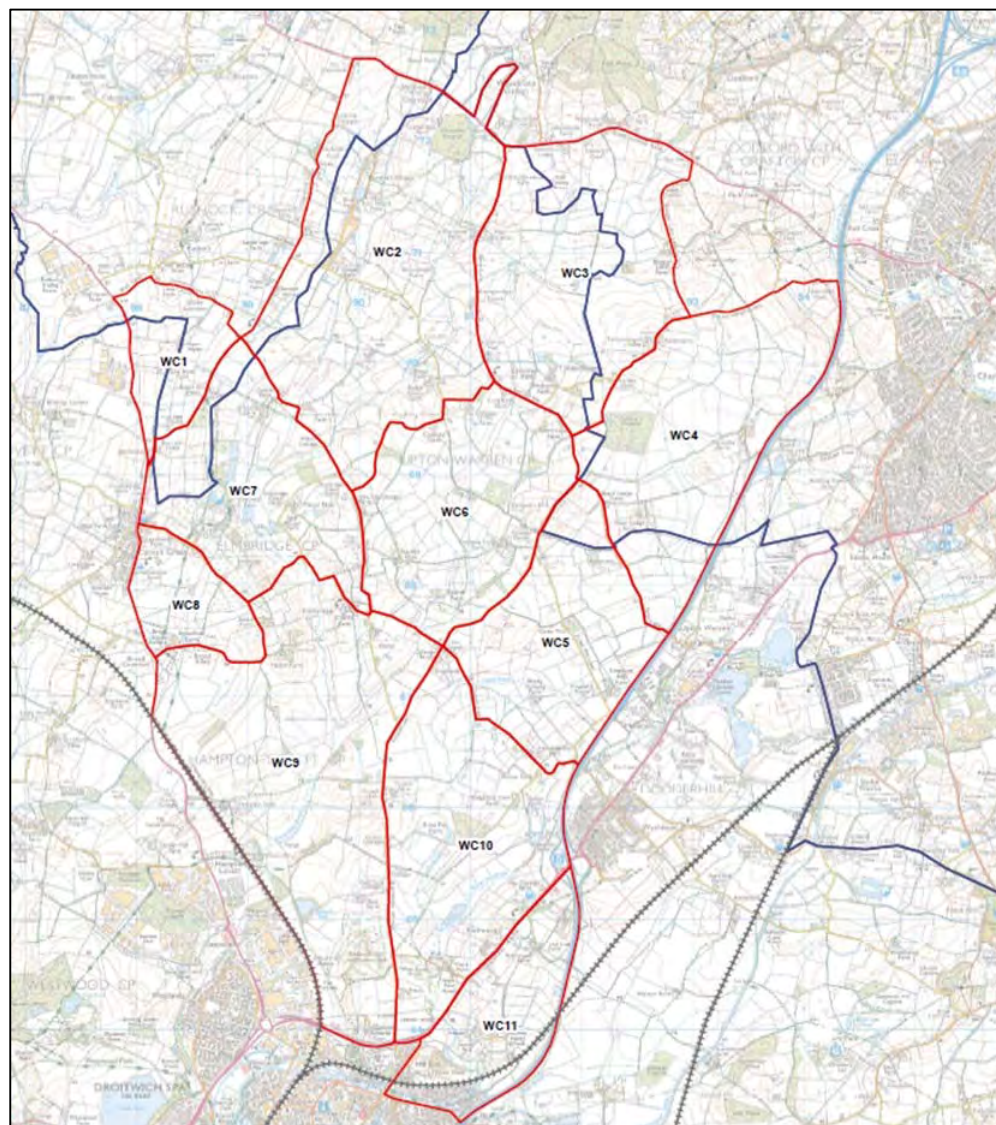
View northwards from New Road (viewpoint A)



View southwestwards from Elmley Lane (viewpoint B)

NW16: Land between the Hartlebury Trading Estate and Cutnall Green, bounded to the southwest by the Kidderminster – Worcester railway line and the A442/Elmley Lane to the northeast. Land use is predominantly agricultural with the built development limited to the compact village of Cutnall Green and peripheral farmsteads and detached properties. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution There is potential for localised sprawl from Cutnall Green along the A442 into open countryside south of the village, where there is no containing boundary.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The Green Belt plays no clear role in this respect, either strategically or locally.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution Notwithstanding development along the A442 associated with the village of Cutnall Green, the parcel retains the quality of open countryside, with a moderate to high degree of physical and visual openness, and is strongly related to open countryside to the south west and east across the A442. The Green Belt acts to prevent incremental change in accessible countryside.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel has no physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The Green Belt prevents incremental development in accessible countryside, particularly associated with development in the vicinity of the A442 at Cutnall Green, which exhibits a high degree of physical and visual openness.

Appendix A: Parcels WC1 – WC11



PARCEL WC1



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View eastwards from the A442, opposite Site 7 Trading Estate (Viewpoint A)

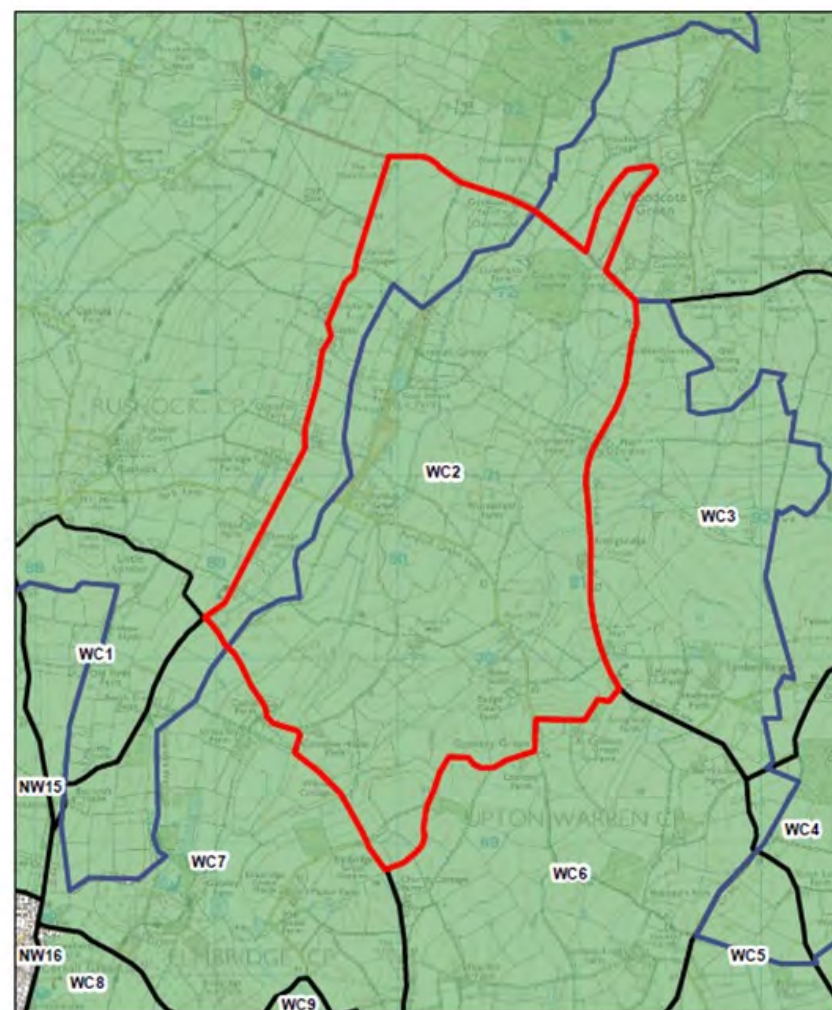
WC1: Land to the east of the A442 south of Rushock, bounded to the north by Well lane/Lunnon Lane and to the southeast by Clattercut Lane. Land use is predominantly improved pasture, with scattered farmsteads. Around two thirds of the parcel lies within Wyre Forest District. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution The land plays no direct role in preventing sprawl. Industrial developments (Rushock Trading Estate and Site 7) lie to the west of the A442, although these are reasonably well bounded and are wholly west of the A442.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not relate physically or visually to a gap between settlements.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is part of accessible countryside off the A442 Kidderminster – Droitwich Road and whilst there is no evidence of incremental change, the land is nevertheless potentially vulnerable to change. There is a moderate – high degree of visual and physical openness, with various medium – long distance views.

WC1: Land to the east of the A442 south of Rushock, bounded to the north by Well lane/Lunnon Lane and to the southeast by Clattercut Lane. Land use is predominantly improved pasture, with scattered farmsteads. Around two thirds of the parcel lies within Wyre Forest District. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution
	The land does not have a physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution
	The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the broad role of maintaining openness (which is high physically and visually), preventing incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside.

PARCEL WC2



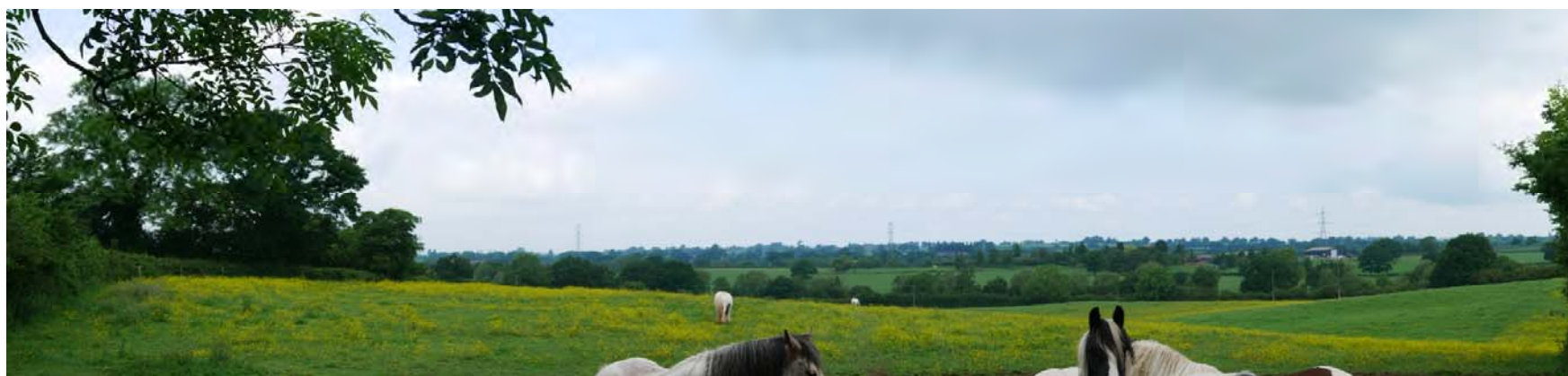
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View westwards from Berry Lane (viewpoint A)



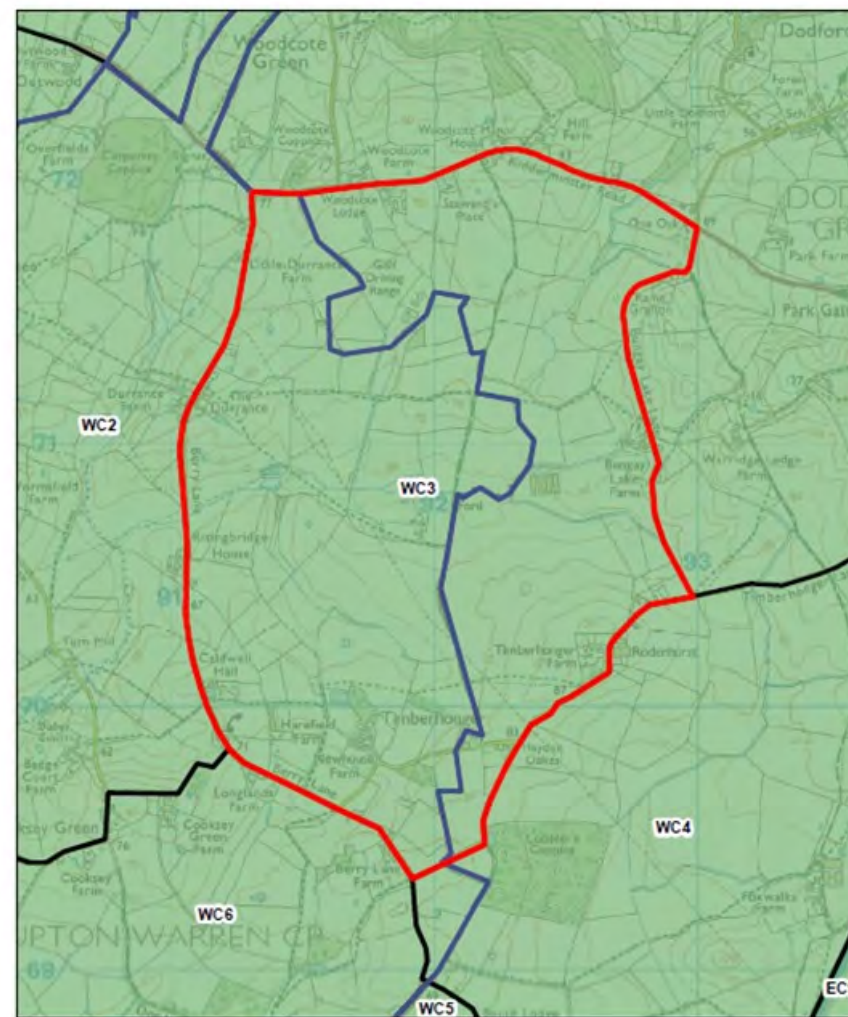
View northwestwards from Cooksey Green Lane (viewpoint B)

WC2: Land to the southwest of the A448 Kidderminster – Bromsgrove Road, bounded to the west by Clattercut Lane, to the east by Berry lane and to the south by Elmbridge Lane/Cooksey Green Lane. Land use is predominantly improved pasture with some arable and woodland, with peripheral farmsteads and domestic dwellings, including the hamlet of Purshull Green. Around 15% of the parcel lies within Wyre Forest District. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution
	The land plays no direct role in preventing sprawl being part of open countryside away from contiguous development.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution
	The land does not relate physically or visually to a gap between settlements.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution
	The land is part of accessible countryside off the A448 Kidderminster – Bromsgrove Road and whilst there is no evidence of incremental change, the land is nevertheless potentially vulnerable to change. There is a moderate – high degree of visual and physical openness, with various medium – long distance views.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution
	The land does not have a physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution
	The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the broad role of maintaining openness (which is high physically and visually), preventing incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside.

PARCEL WC3



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View eastwards from Berry Lane (viewpoint A)



View northwestwards from Timberhonger Lane (viewpoint B)

WC3: Land to the south of the A448 Kidderminster – Bromsgrove Road, bounded to the west by Berry Lane, to the east by Bungay lake Lane and to the southeast by Timberhonger Lane. Land use is broadly improved pastoral to the northwest and arable to the southeast, with peripheral farmsteads and some residential dwellings. The eastern half of the parcel lies within Bromsgrove District.

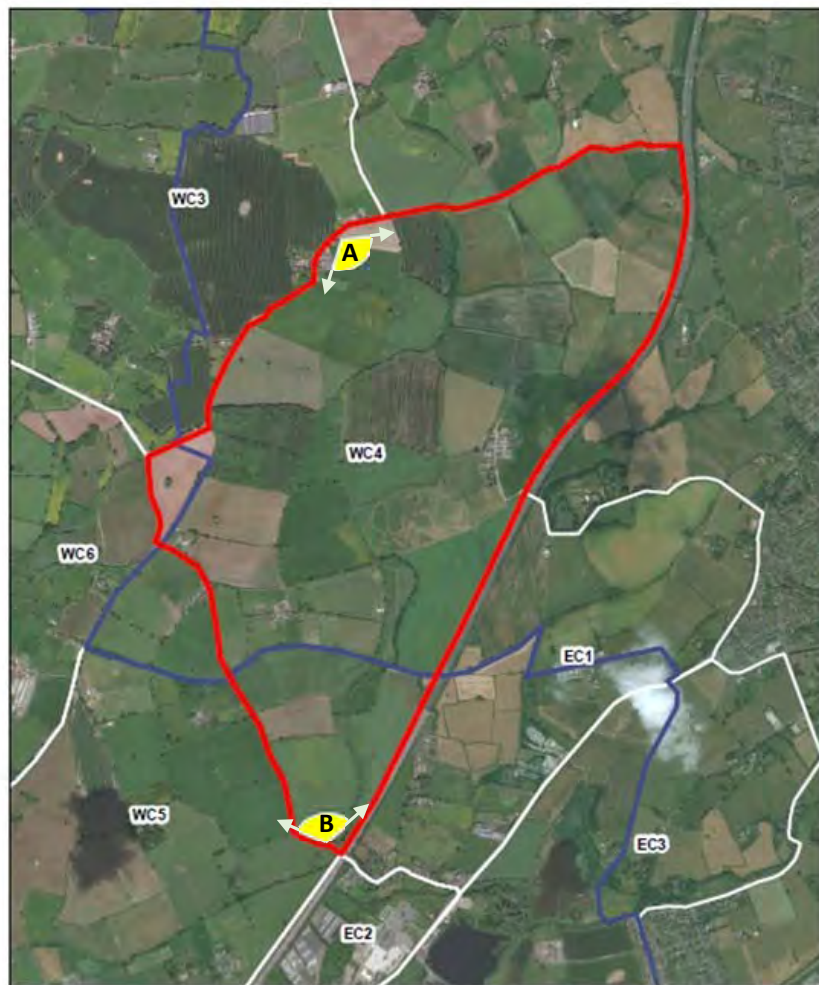
Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development.

Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.

Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
	Limited Contribution

WC3: Land to the south of the A448 Kidderminster – Bromsgrove Road, bounded to the west by Berry Lane, to the east by Bungay lake Lane and to the southeast by Timberhonger Lane. Land use is broadly improved pastoral to the northwest and arable to the southeast, with peripheral farmsteads and some residential dwellings. The eastern half of the parcel lies within Bromsgrove District. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	The land plays no direct role in preventing sprawl being part of open countryside away from contiguous development.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not relate physically or visually to a gap between settlements.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is part of accessible countryside off the A448 Kidderminster – Bromsgrove Road and whilst there is no evidence of incremental change, the land is nevertheless potential vulnerable to change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not have a physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the broad role of maintaining openness (which is high physically and visually), preventing incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside.

PARCEL WC4



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View southeastwards from Timberhonger Lane (viewpoint A)



View northwards from Swan Lane (viewpoint B)

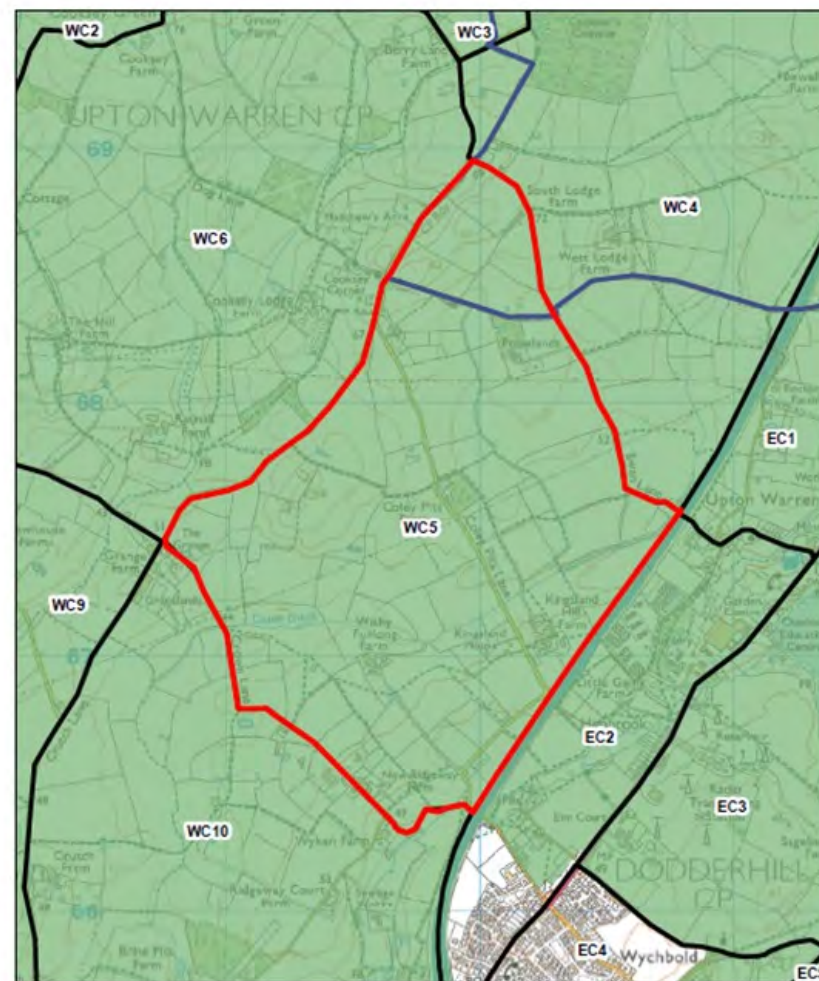
WC4: Land to the west of the M5, bounded to the west by Timberhonger Lane and to the southwest by Swan Lane. Land use is largely in arable use with some woodland (Cobbler's Coppice) and peripheral farmsteads. The parcel is predominantly within Bromsgrove District. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution The land plays no direct role in preventing sprawl being part of open countryside away from contiguous development.

WC4: Land to the west of the M5, bounded to the west by Timberhonger Lane and to the southwest by Swan Lane. Land use is largely in arable use with some woodland (Cobbler's Coppice) and peripheral farmsteads. The parcel is predominantly within Bromsgrove District. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution The land is broadly part of the gap between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa, although the M5 acts as a significant boundary between land likely to be under pressure for change and open countryside to the west.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is part of accessible countryside off the A448 Kidderminster – Bromsgrove Road and whilst there is no evidence of incremental change, the land is nevertheless potential vulnerable to change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not have a physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution
	The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the broad role of maintaining openness (which is high physically and visually), through preventing incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside, whilst supporting land to the east which prevents the merger of Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa.

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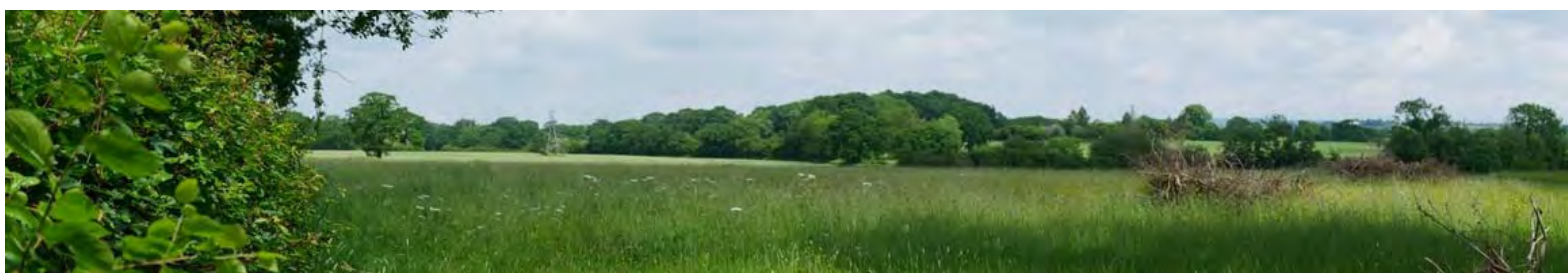
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View northeastwards from Berry Lane/Crown Lane (viewpoint A)



View southwestwards from Colley Pits Lane (viewpoint B)



View northeastwards from Colley Pits Lane (viewpoint C)



View southeastwards from Swan Lane (viewpoint D)

WC5: Land to the northwest of the M5 bounded by Swan Lane, Berry Lane and Crown Lane. Land use is largely pastoral to the north of Coley Pits Lane, arable to the south, with scattered farmsteads and some isolated residential properties. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution The land plays no direct role in preventing sprawl being part of open countryside away from contiguous development.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution The land is broadly part of the gap between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa, although the M5 acts as a significant boundary between land likely to be under pressure for change and open countryside to the west.
	Contribution

WC5: Land to the northwest of the M5 bounded by Swan Lane, Berry Lane and Crown Lane. Land use is largely pastoral to the north of Coley Pits Lane, arable to the south, with scattered farmsteads and some isolated residential properties. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	The land is part of accessible countryside off the A448 Kidderminster – Bromsgrove Road with the land potentially vulnerable to change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not have a physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the broad role of maintaining openness (which is high physically and visually), through preventing incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside, whilst supporting land to the east which prevents the merger of Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa.

PARCEL WC6



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View southeastwards from Cooksey Green Lane (viewpoint A)



View northwards from Berry Lane/Crown Lane (viewpoint B)

WC6: Land to the south of Cooks Green, bounded by Berry Lane, Crown Lane, Elmbridge Lane and Cooksey Green Lane. Land use comprises mixed arable/pastural and blocks of woodland north of Dog Lane, with isolated farmsteads and peripheral residential dwellings.

Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development.

Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.

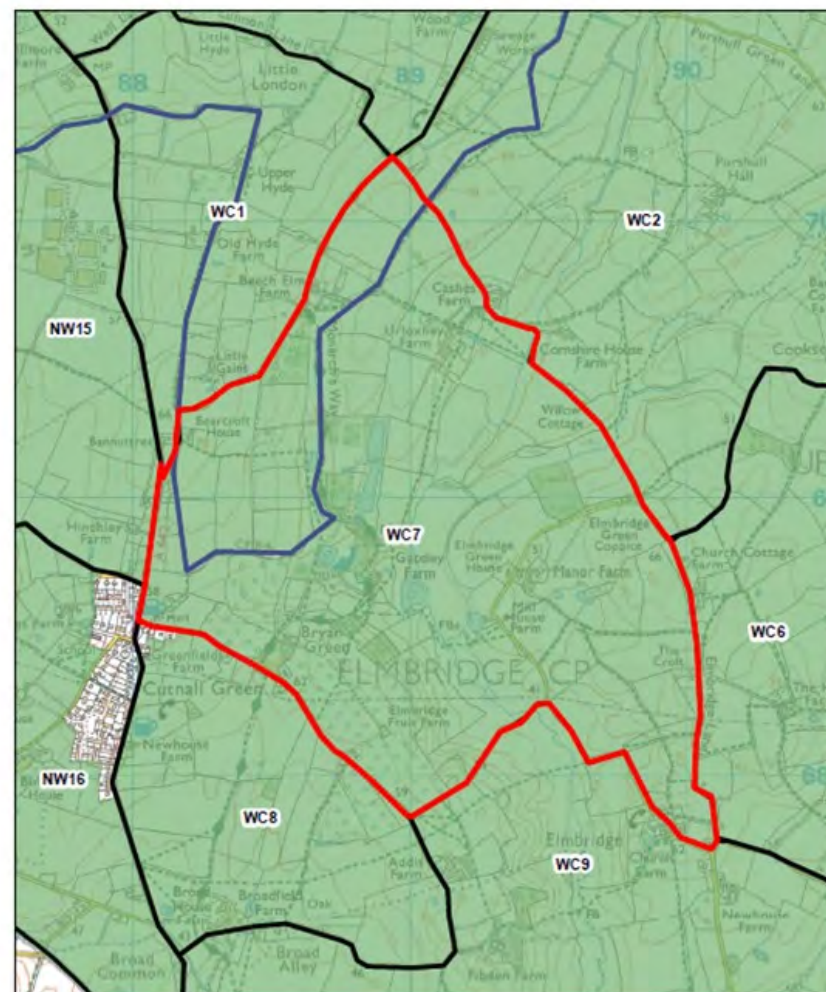
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
	Limited Contribution

WC6: Land to the south of Cooks Green, bounded by Berry Lane, Crown Lane, Elmbridge Lane and Cooksey Green Lane. Land use comprises mixed arable/pastural and blocks of woodland north of Dog Lane, with isolated farmsteads and peripheral residential dwellings. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	The land plays no direct role in preventing sprawl being part of open countryside away from contiguous development.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not relate physically or visually to a gap between settlements.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is part of relatively accessible countryside between Kidderminster and Bromsgrove with the land potentially vulnerable to incremental change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not have a physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the broad role of maintaining openness (which is high physically and visually), through preventing incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside.

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View southeastward from Clattercut Lane (viewpoint A)



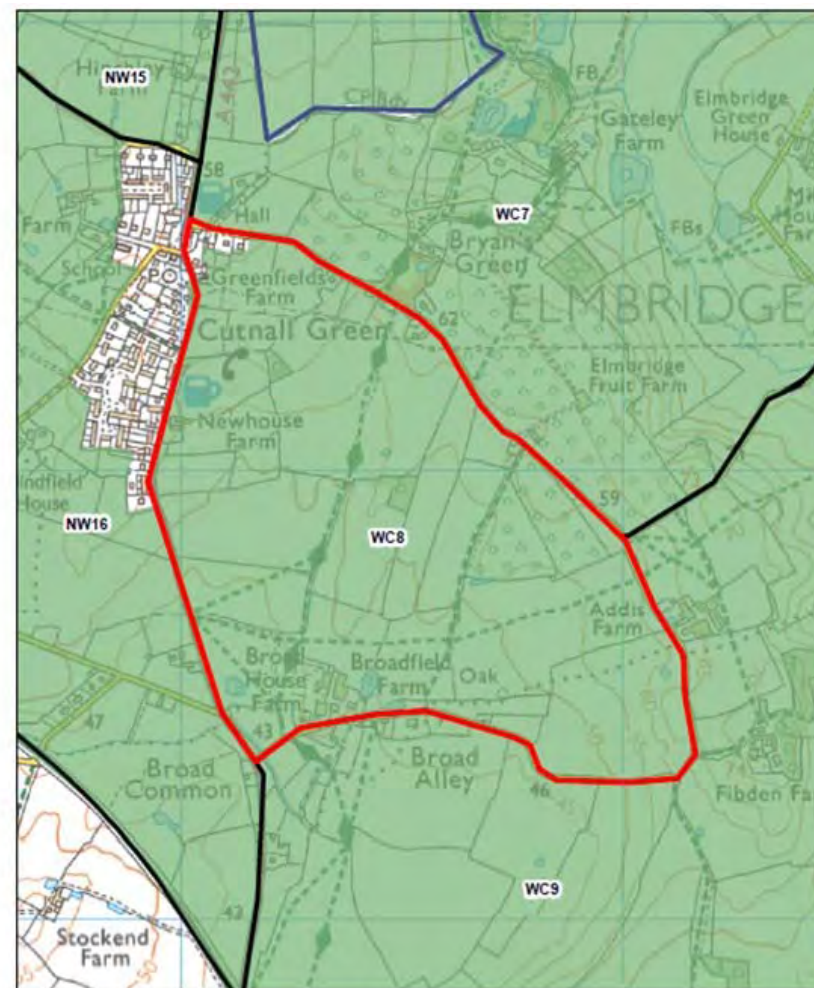
View westward from Elmbridge Lane (viewpoint B)

WC7: Land to the east of the A442, bounded by Clattercut Lane to the northeast, Elmbridge Lane to the northeast, Addis Lane to the southwest and an un-named minor road to the southeast. Land use is predominantly arable/pastural, but with substantial areas of woodland towards the centre associated with various natural and man-made water bodies. Built development is limited to farmsteads and some peripheral residential dwellings. Around one fifth of the parcel lies within Wyre Forest District. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution The land plays no direct role in preventing sprawl being part of open countryside away from contiguous development.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not relate physically or visually to a gap between settlements.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is part of relatively accessible countryside off the A442 Kidderminster – Droitwich Road with the land potentially vulnerable to incremental change. There is a moderate – high degree of visual and physical openness, with various medium – long distance views.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not have a physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the broad role of maintaining openness (which is high physically and visually), through preventing incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside.

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View southwestwards from Addis Lane (viewpoint A)



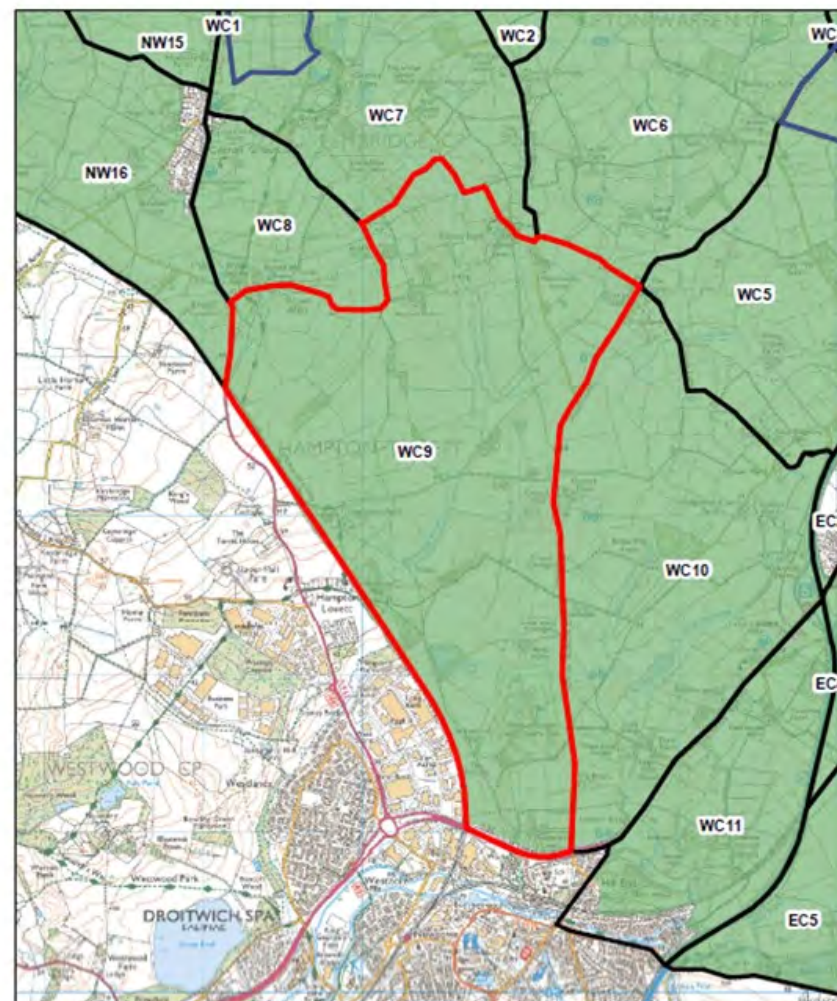
View northwestwards from Broad Alley (viewpoint B)

WC8: Land to the east of the A442 at Cutnall Green, bounded to east by Addis Lane and Broad Alley. Land use is missed arable/pastural with peripheral residential development, particularly in the northwest corner associated with Cutnall Green. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Locally, the land prevents the sprawl of Cutnall Green southwards along the A442 from the current cluster of development at the junction with Addis Lane.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not relate physically or visually to a gap between settlements.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is part of relatively accessible countryside off the A442 Kidderminster – Droitwich Road with the land potentially vulnerable to incremental change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not have a physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes primarily through the broad role of maintaining openness (which is high physically and visually). through preventing incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside. Locally, the Green Belt helps to contain the village of Cutnall Green.

PARCEL WC9



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View southwards from an un-named road between Addis Lane and Elmbridge (viewpoint A)



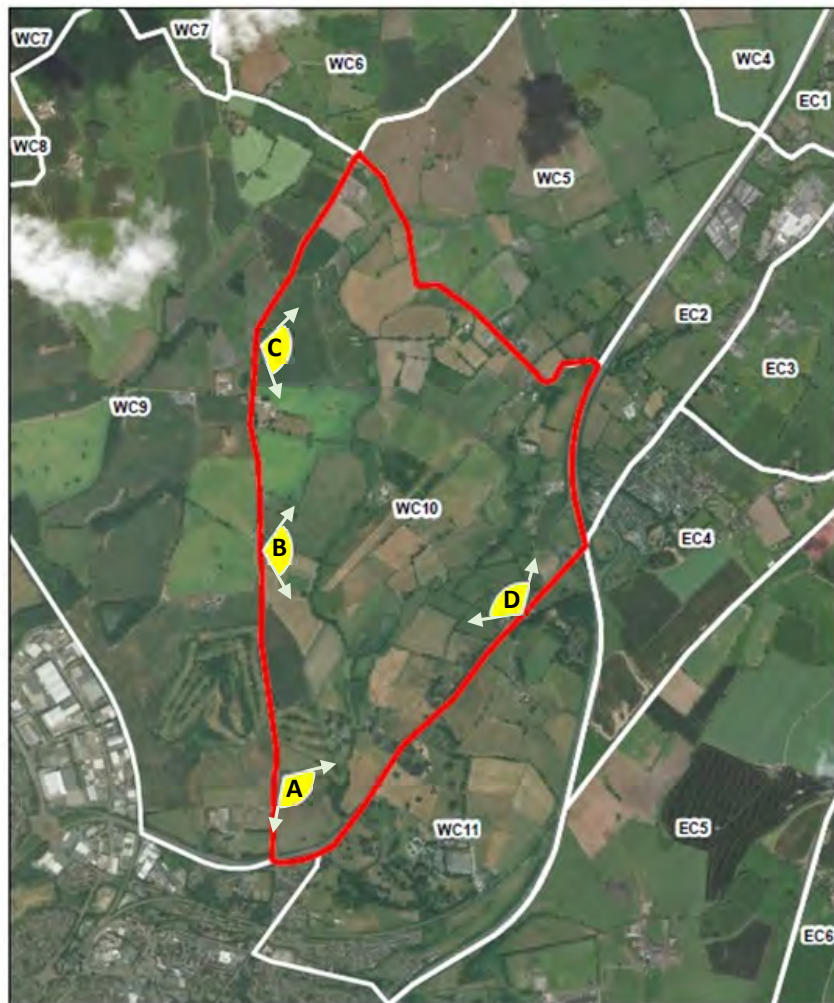
View southwest from Crutch Lane (viewpoint B)



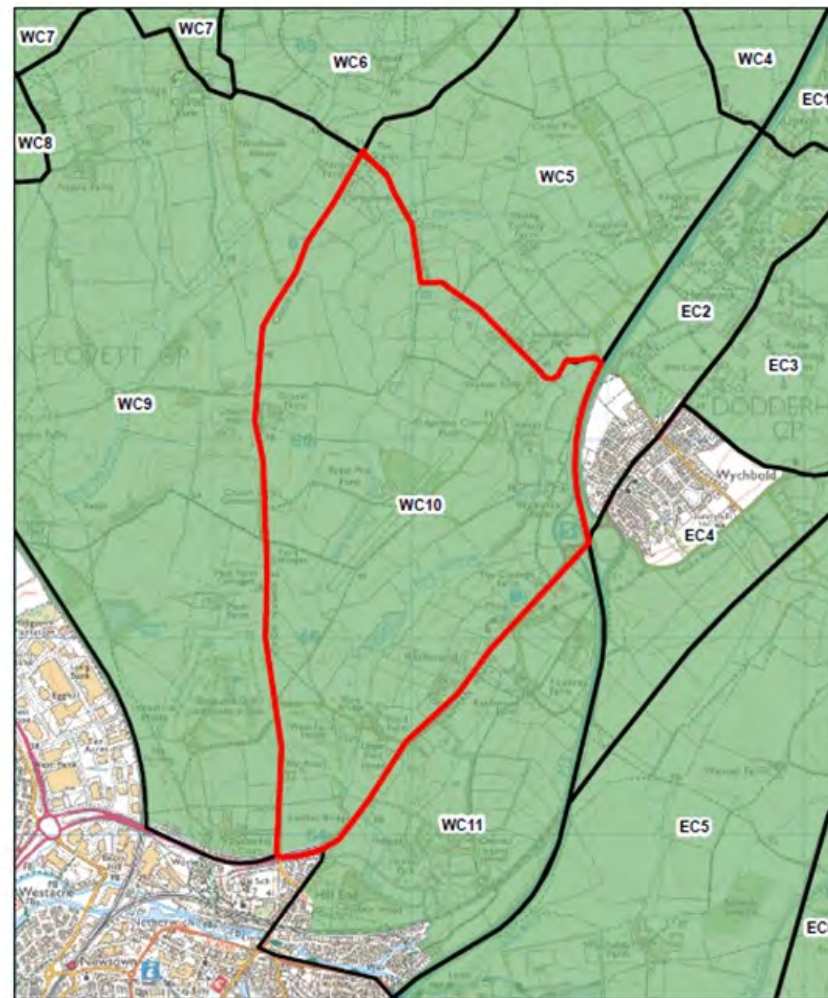
View northwestwards from Crutch Lane (viewpoint C)

WC9: Land to the north of Droitwich Spa, east of the Kidderminster – Droitwich railway, bounded to the south by the A38, to the east by Crutch Lane and to the north by Broad Alley/Addis Lane and an un-named minor road. Land use is predominantly arable, with pasture towards the northeast and a golf course and patches of woodland towards the south. Settlement is limited to farmsteads and the village of Elmbridge and the hamlet of Broad Alley to the north. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution The strongly bounded character of the parcel to the west and south (by a railway line and the A38 respectively), acts to contain potential sprawl from the built edge of Droitwich Spa to the west and south. The strongly bounded character of the urban area means that Green Belt supports this containment.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not relate physically or visually to a gap between settlements.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is part of accessible countryside immediately to the north of Droitwich that has a strongly rural quality with limited evidence of incremental change. Green Belt policy clearly acts to prevent change on a scale that would impinge upon the essential character of openness. The parcel acts in concert with land to the east of Crutch Lane.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not have a physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area, although it is part of the broader northerly context of Droitwich Spa.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land, in combination with land to the east makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes primarily through the broad role of maintaining openness (which is high physically and visually) through preventing incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside, and potential sprawl from Droitwich Spa immediately to the southwest.

PARCEL WC10



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View east/southeastwards from Crutch Lane (viewpoint A)



View eastwards from Crutch Lane (viewpoint B)



View eastwards from Crutch Lane (viewpoint C)

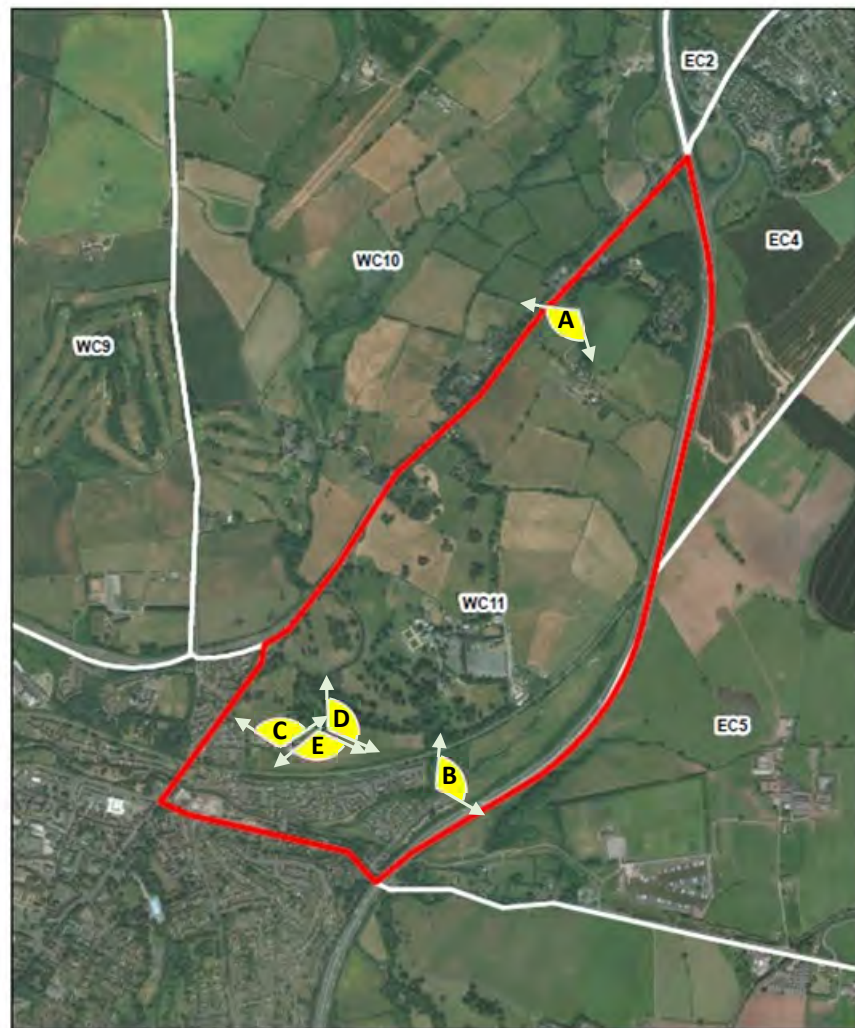


View northwards from the A38 at Rashwood (viewpoint D)

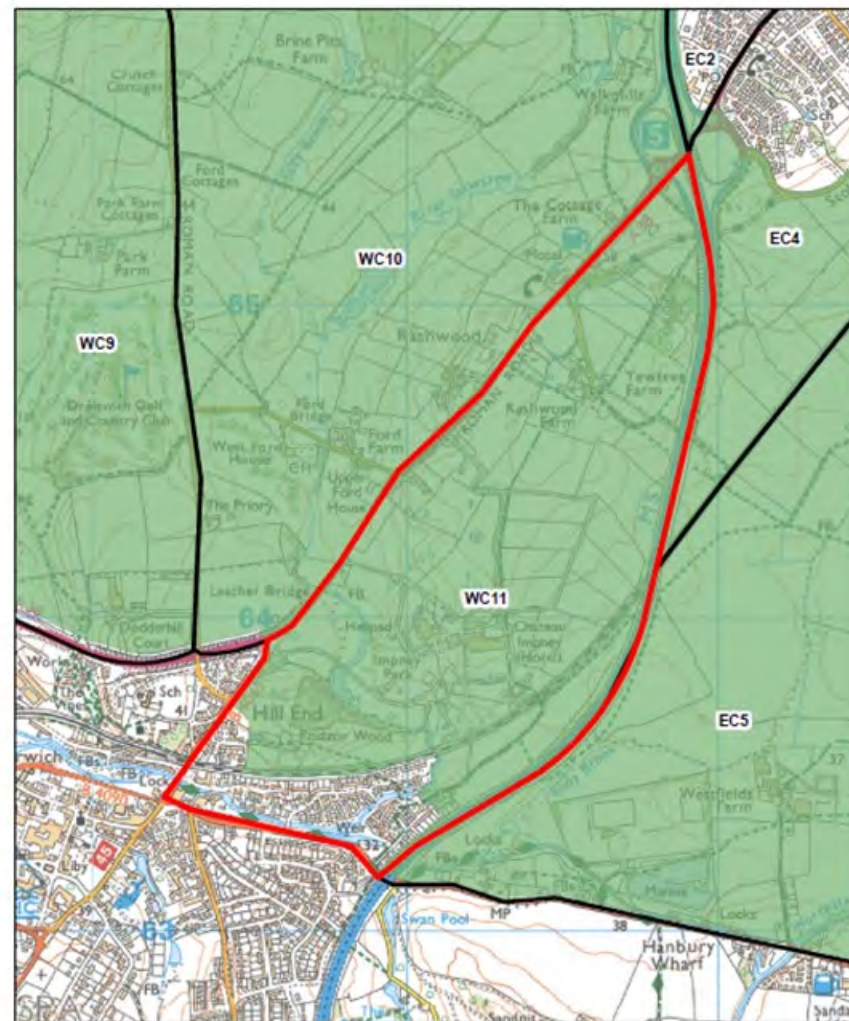
WC10: Land to the north of Droitwich Spa, bounded by the A38 to the south east, Crutch Lane to the west and the M5 and Crown Lane to the northeast. Land use is mixed arable and pastoral, the former dominant to the west of brine Pits Lane, along with some areas of plantation and mature woodland associated with the course of the River Salwarpe. Settlement is largely confined to the periphery of the parcel, but includes farmsteads, a golf club to the south and various large domestic properties, notably adjacent to the A38 and off Crown Lane. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with some built development associated with the A38. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution The strongly bounded character of the parcel to the west and south (by a railway line and the A38 respectively), acts to contain potential sprawl from the built edge of Droitwich Spa to the west and south. The strongly bounded character of the urban area means that Green Belt supports this containment, although locally there is evidence of urbanisation along the A38.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land is broadly part of the gap between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa, although the M5/A38 acts as a significant boundary between land likely to be under pressure for change and open countryside to the west.
	Contribution

WC10: Land to the north of Droitwich Spa, bounded by the A38 to the south east, Crutch Lane to the west and the M5 and Crown Lane to the northeast. Land use is mixed arable and pastoral, the former dominant to the west of brine Pits Lane, along with some areas of plantation and mature woodland associated with the course of the River Salwarpe. Settlement is largely confined to the periphery of the parcel, but includes farmsteads, a golf club to the south and various large domestic properties, notably adjacent to the A38 and off Crown Lane. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with some built development associated with the A38. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	The land is part of accessible countryside immediately to the north of Droitwich that has a strongly rural quality with limited evidence of incremental change. Green Belt policy clearly acts to prevent change on a scale that would impinge upon the essential character of openness. The parcel acts in concert with land to the east of Crutch Lane.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land does not have a physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area, although it is part of the broader northerly context of Droitwich Spa.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution The land, in combination with land to the east makes a Significant Contribution to Green Belt purposes, reflecting its role in preventing localised sprawl along the A38 corridor. More widely, Green Belt helps to maintain openness (which is high physically and visually) through preventing incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside.

PARCEL WC11



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View southwards from the A38 at Rashwood (viewpoint A)



View northeastwards from Swan Drive (viewpoint B)



View northwards from Hill End (viewpoint C)



View northeastwards from Hill End (viewpoint D)



View southeastwards from Hill End (viewpoint E)

WC11: Land northeast of Droitwich Spa, between the A38 and the M5. Land use comprises a mixture of pasture, arable, formal parkland and commercial, residential and farm-related properties. There is evidence of incremental change to the south of the parcel associated with the urban edge of Droitwich Spa, which takes the form of unbounded development extending into open land.

Physical openness – mixed, reflecting a balance between open countryside and built development to the north and south of the parcel.

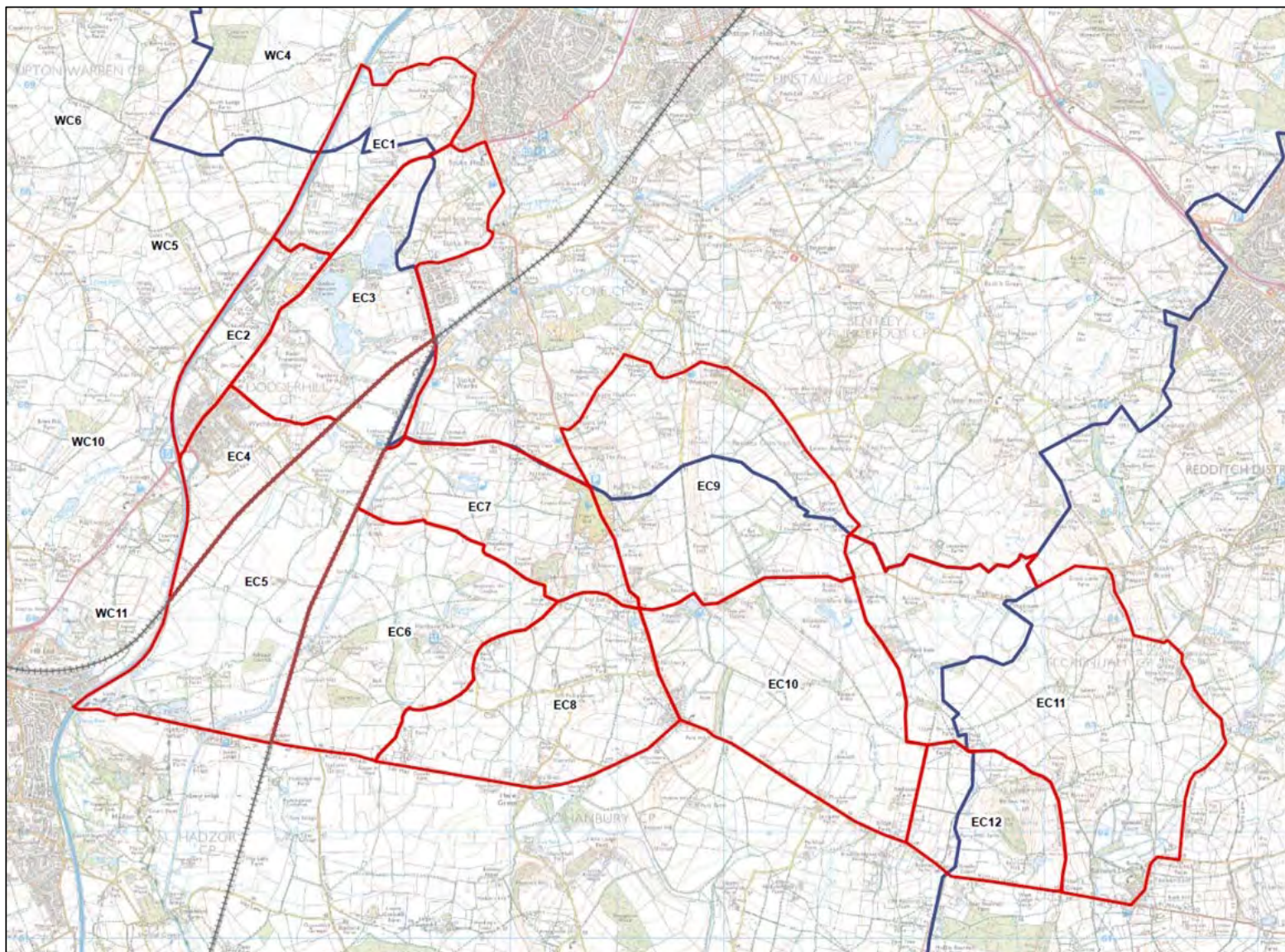
Visual openness – mixed, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.

Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	Significant Contribution
<i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land</i>	The parcel lies within the gap between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa and locally between Droitwich Spa and the large village of Wychbold. Development has breached the strong boundary of the Droitwich – Bromsgrove railway at

Appendix A: Parcel WC11

WC11: Land northeast of Droitwich Spa, between the A38 and the M5. Land use comprises a mixture of pasture, arable, formal parkland and commercial, residential and farm-related properties. There is evidence of incremental change to the south of the parcel associated with the urban edge of Droitwich Spa, which takes the form of unbounded development extending into open land. Physical openness – mixed, reflecting a balance between open countryside and built development to the north and south of the parcel. Visual openness – mixed, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<i>beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Hill End, creating unbounded edge which combined with some evidence of incremental change across the parcel as a whole, creates the potential for sprawl along the A38 corridor.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land forms part of the gap between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa, and locally between Droitwich Spa and the large village of Wychbold. Whilst the physical distance between settlements and the topography and tree cover at Hill End and at Rashwood Farm maintain a strong sense of separation, in the absence of a clear containing boundary to the north, this could be quickly eroded by incremental change.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution Despite its location between busy arterial roads, the land retains a largely rural character, and has an open aspect which is sensitive to incremental change. There is no clear boundary to the north which would contain development.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land does not have a physical or visual connection with a Conservation Area, although it is part of the broader northerly context of Droitwich Spa.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution Reflecting the location of the land in the gap between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa, the Green Belt makes a significant contribution to maintaining openness in an area which has a relatively strong open character (with mixed physical and visual openness) and is vulnerable to incremental change because of its size and location within a strategic road corridor.

Appendix A: Parcels EC1 – EC12

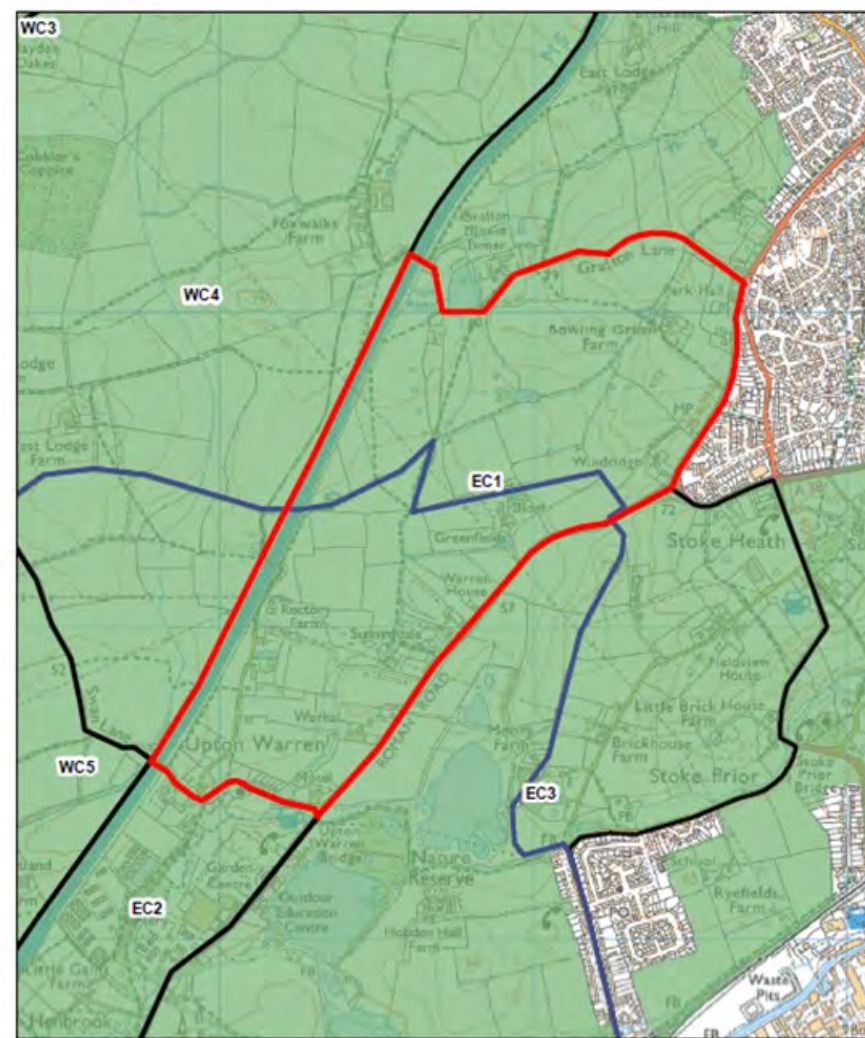


Appendix A: Parcel EC1

Parcel EC1



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View northeastwards from Swan Lane (viewpoint A)



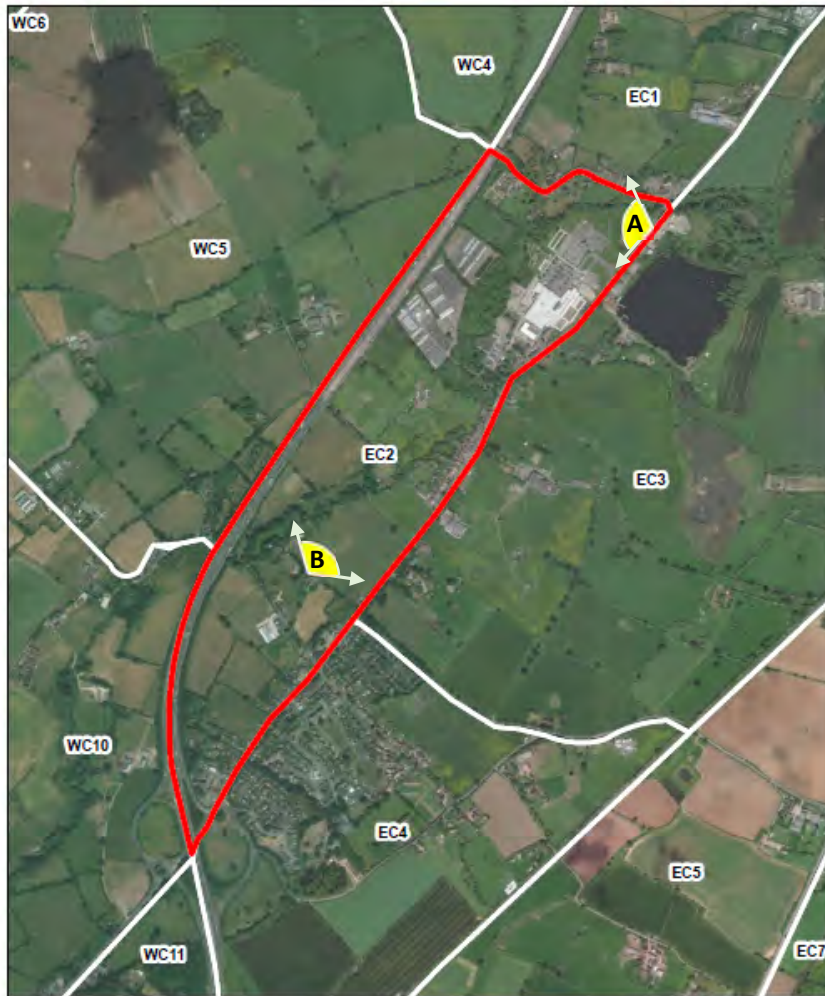
View southwards from Grafton Lane (viewpoint B)



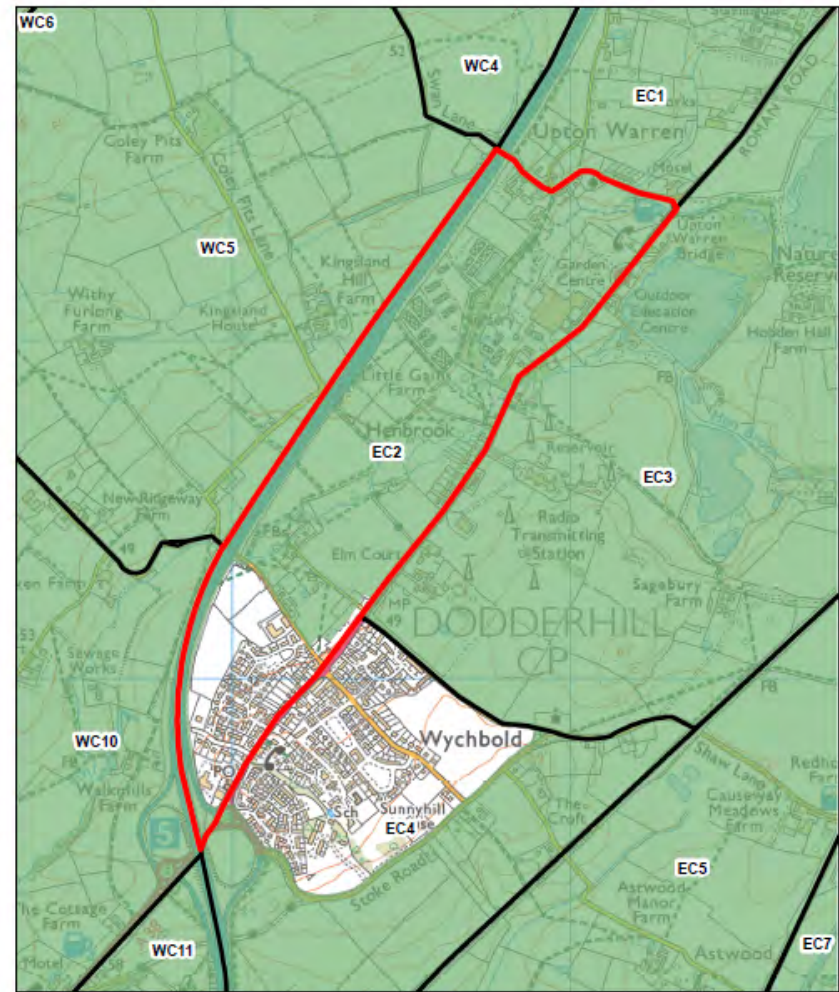
View northwards from the A38 Bromsgrove Road (viewpoint C)

EC1: Land between the M5 and the A38 Worcester Road/B4094 Worcester Road, bounded to the south by Swan Lane and to the north by Grafton Lane. Land use is predominantly mixed arable/pastural, although there are some significant commercial developments (caravan storage depots and a hotel), an electricity transformer site, as well as residential along Rectory Lane and Swan Lane associated with the village of Upton Warren to the south and the A38 to the north. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting with intrusion of development off the A38, otherwise open countryside. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution The parcel is well bounded but does adjoin the built edge of Bromsgrove northeast of the B4094 Worcester Road. As such it does contribute to the containment of sprawl, particularly in respect of its relationship with the A38 where there some evidence of incremental change and which is vulnerable.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land forms part of the open land between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa which is a strategic gap between the two towns.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution Whilst the extent of built form within the parcel is not substantial, with high physical and high visual openness (there being extensive and long-distance views southwards from Grafton Lane, for example), the land is highly accessible is vulnerable to incremental change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land forms part of the southern gateway to Bromsgrove although there is no visual connection with the town.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution The land forms part of a gap between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa and despite being contained, and compromised to some extent by built form, makes a Significant Contribution to maintaining the openness of the land (which is high to mixed physically and visually) between the towns as part of open land across the A38 to the east and the open countryside across the M5 to the west.

Parcel EC2



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View westwards from the A38 Worcester Road (viewpoint A)



View northeastwards from Crown Lane (viewpoint B)

EC2: Land between the M5 and the A38 Worcester Road, bounded to the north by Swan Lane and to the south by Crown Lane. Land use is complex and dominated by a large garden centre, with some improved grazing and large domestic properties to the south (and lesser extent north associated with the village of Upton Warren).

Physical openness – mixed, reflecting intrusion of development, particularly off the A38.

Visual openness – mixed to low, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.

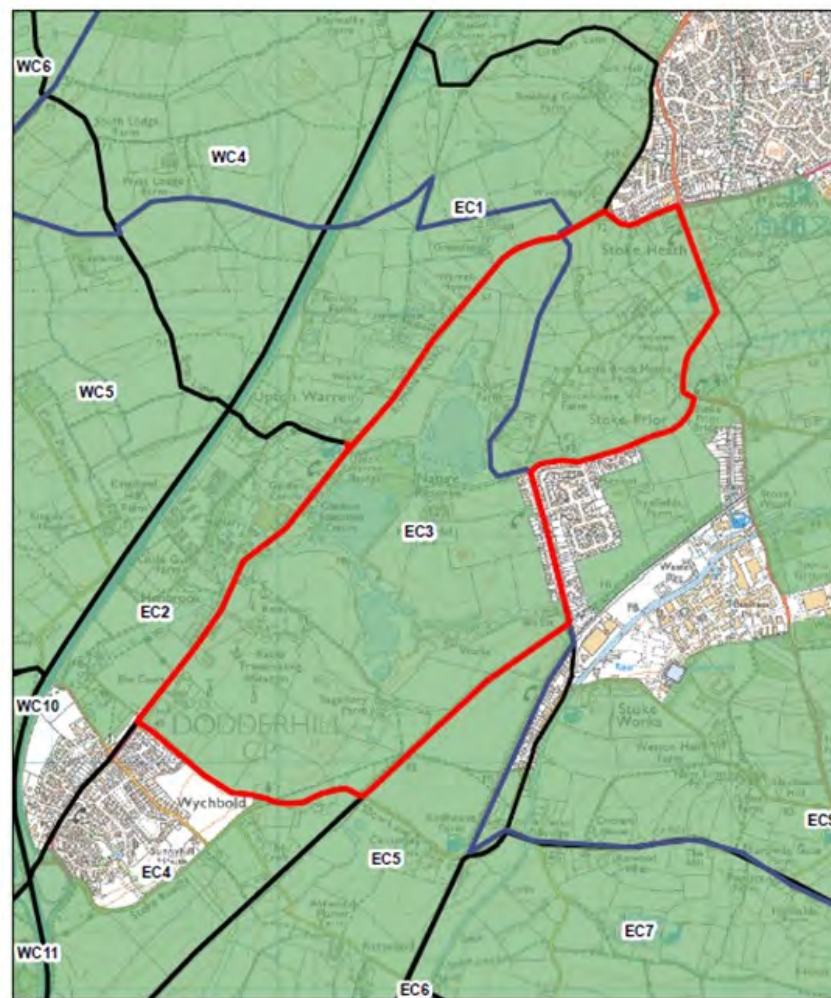
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Whilst the parcel is clearly bounded and not directly adjoining a large built-up area, it nevertheless contributes to maintaining the openness of land in the remaining gap between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa which is vulnerable to sprawl along key transport corridors and locally, associated with the expansion of Wychbold which in a large village inset into the Green Belt.

EC2: Land between the M5 and the A38 Worcester Road, bounded to the north by Swan Lane and to the south by Crown Lane. Land use is complex and dominated by a large garden centre, with some improved grazing and large domestic properties to the south (and lesser extent north associated with the village of Upton Warren). Physical openness – mixed, reflecting intrusion of development, particularly off the A38. Visual openness – mixed to low, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land forms part of the open land between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa which, despite being severed from land to the south by M5 is related to it, and more strongly related visually and physically to open land to the east across the A38.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The extent of built form within the parcel, particularly to the north, has noticeably eroded its openness, physically and visually, although a moderate degree of physical and visual openness remains to south, which in turn is vulnerable to incremental change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution There is no physical or visual connection with either Droitwich Spa or Bromsgrove.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution The land forms part of a gap between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa and despite being contained, and compromised to some extent by built form (resulting in mixed physical openness, accompanied by mixed to low visual openness), makes a Significant Contribution to maintaining the openness of the land between the towns as part of open land across the A38 to the east and the open countryside across the M5 to the west.

Parcel EC3



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View northeastwards from the A38 Worcester Road



View eastward from the A38 Worcester Road



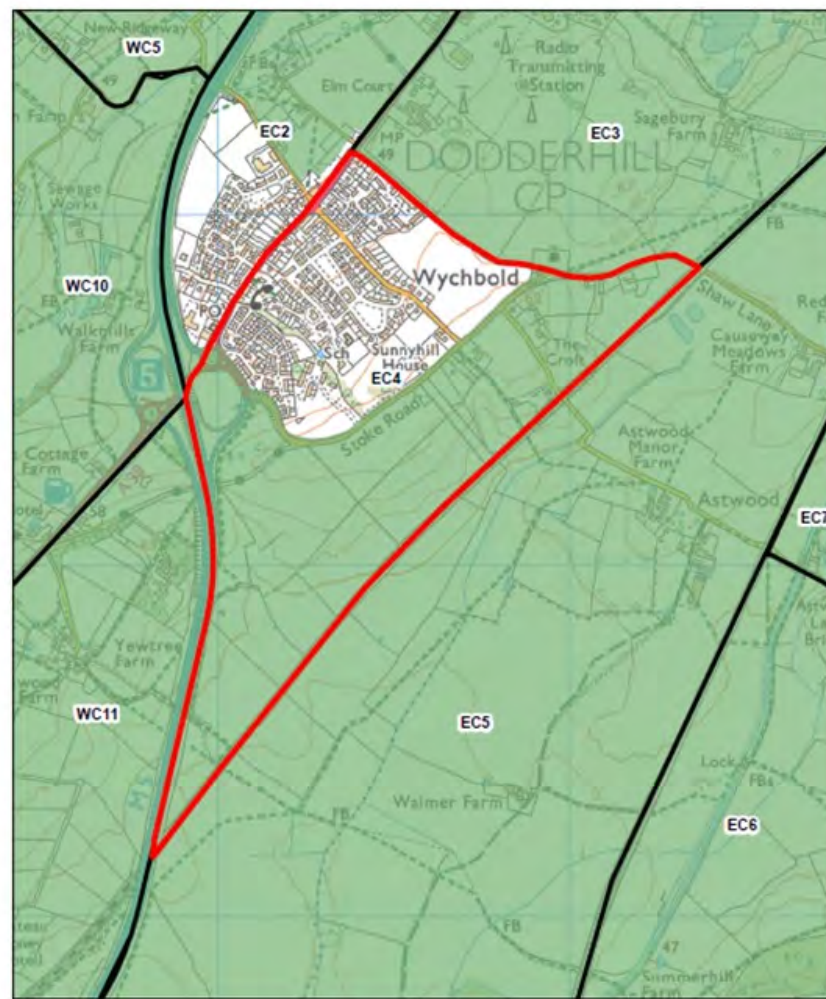
View northeastwards from Church Lane

EC3: Land to the east of the A38 Worcester Road, bounded to the south by Church Road/Shaw Lane, to the southeast by the Bromsgrove – Droitwich Spa railway line and to the northeast by Shaw Lane/Hanbury Road. Land use is largely mixed arable/pastural but with the presence of an array of other uses including substantial waterbodies associated with gravel extraction, telecommunications and water utilities, commercial storage, farmsteads and residential properties of varying sizes. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting with intrusion of development particularly off the A38, otherwise open countryside. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Significant Contribution The parcel adjoins both the southern tip of Bromsgrove and the A38 between Bromsgrove and Wychbold. Locally, the parcel adjoins the large villages of Wychbold and Stoke Prior. As such the significant potential for sprawl associated with these areas of contiguous built development is contained.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land forms, in combination with land to the west of the A38 a substantial part of the open land between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa, with a moderate to high degree of visual and physical openness. Whilst there is no visual connection between the two towns, the gap between the towns is around 3 miles, with the substantial built form of the inset village of Wychbold within the gap.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution Despite retaining a largely open countryside character, there has been a degree of incremental urbanisation which in combination with the land's highly accessible location makes it vulnerable to further change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution Whilst there is no visual connection to the centre of Bromsgrove, the land forms part of the southern gateway to Bromsgrove along the A38.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution The land forms a significant part of a gap between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa and despite being subject to incremental urbanisation through various forms of land use change, retains a largely open character, which is high to mixed visually and physically. Nevertheless, its location makes it vulnerable to further change from sprawl and encroachment.

Parcel EC4



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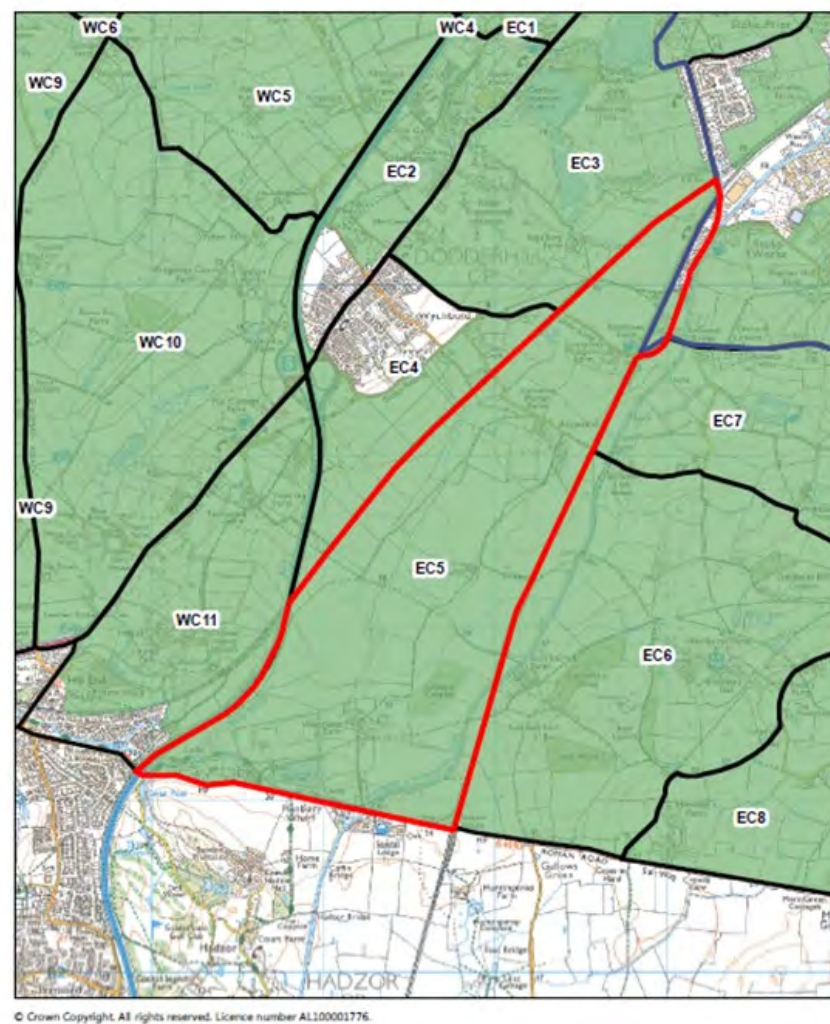


View southeastwards from Stoke Road (viewpoint A)

EC4: Land to the north of the M5, west of the Bromsgrove – Droitwich Spa railway line, bounded to the west by the A38 at Junction 5 of the M5 and Stoke Road/Lane, and to the north by Church Lane/Shaw Lane. Land use is primarily arable, with residential properties arranged along Stoke Road/Lane particularly to the north between Astwood Land and Shaw Lane. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Whilst the parcel is clearly bounded and not directly adjoining a large built-up area, it nevertheless contributes to maintaining the openness of land in the remaining gap between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa which is vulnerable to sprawl along key transport corridors and locally, associated with the expansion of Wychbold which in a large village inset into the Green Belt.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land forms part of the open land between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa which, despite being severed from land to the south by M5 is related to it, and more strongly related visually and physically to open land to the north across Church Lane/Shaw Lane and east of the railway line.
	Significant Contribution

EC4: Land to the north of the M5, west of the Bromsgrove – Droitwich Spa railway line, bounded to the west by the A38 at Junction 5 of the M5 and Stoke Road/Lane, and to the north by Church Lane/Shaw Lane. Land use is primarily arable, with residential properties arranged along Stoke Road/Lane particularly to the north between Astwood Land and Shaw Lane. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Despite some built form to the north, the parcel retains a strongly open character with middle and long-distance views to the southeast. Overall, there is a high degree of visual openness and a moderate to high degree of physical openness. The land adjoins Wychbold and in is vulnerable to incremental change in what is a highly accessible location.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution There is no physical or visual connection with either Droitwich Spa or Bromsgrove.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution The land forms part of a gap between Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa and despite being contained makes a Significant Contribution to maintaining the openness, which is high physically and visually, between them and as part of the wider countryside to the east.

Parcel EC5





View northward from the Hanbury Road

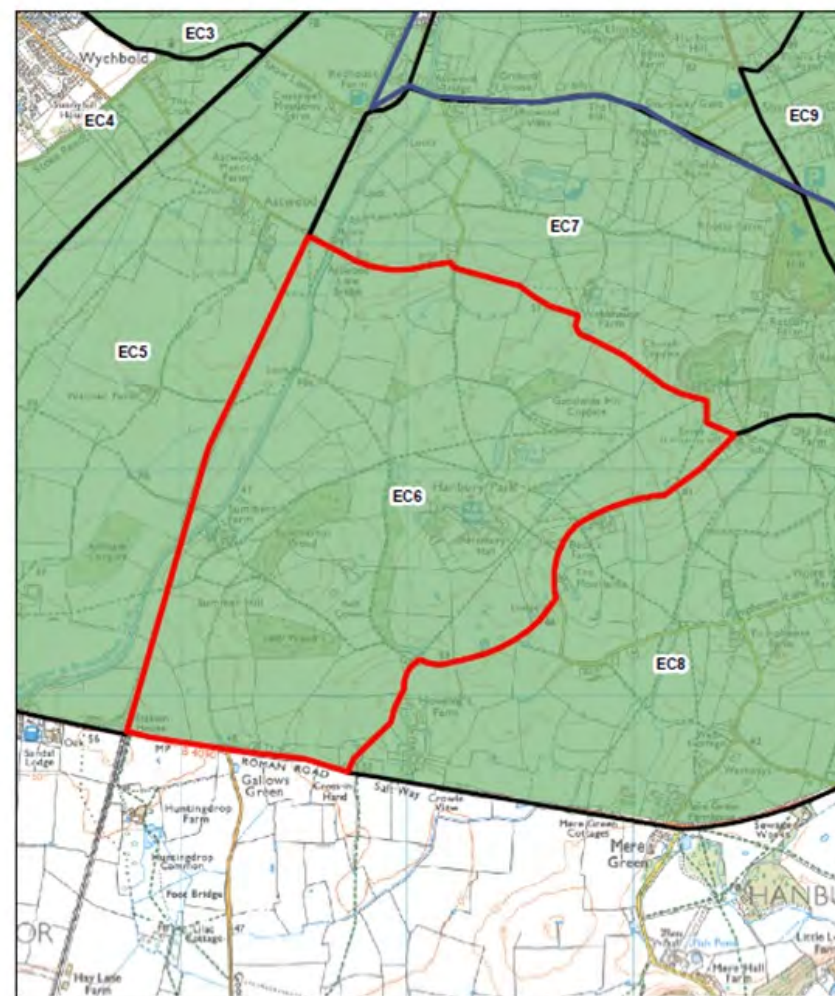
EC5: Land to the east of the Bromsgrove - Droitwich Spa railway line and the M5, bounded to the east by the Birmingham – Cheltenham railway line, to the northwest by Shaw lane and to the south by the B4090 Hanbury Road/Salt Way. Land use is predominantly mixed arable/pastural with allotments the extreme north of the parcel and sports pitches to the south. Built development is largely limited to isolated farmsteads, although to the south there is a marina associated with the Droitwich Canal and some residential properties along Hanbury Road. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution The parcel lies immediately to the west of the M5, west of which is the contiguous built area of Droitwich Spa. Whilst the parcel does not contain the built edge, it nevertheless acts to maintain the openness of land to the east of the M5 which is part of the open countryside between Droitwich Spa and Bromsgrove and between Droitwich Spa and Redditch.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution The parcel lies to the east of a strategic gap between Droitwich Spa and Bromsgrove and whilst there is no physical or visual connection between the two in this location (being clearly separated by the M5 and the Birmingham – Cheltenham railway line), the land nevertheless supports land to the west which directly performs a separation role,
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The parcel comprises open countryside which is accessible from surrounding towns, particularly Droitwich Spa immediately to the west. There is a high degree of visual openness and a moderate to high degree of physical openness. There is a strong relationship between this land and Green Belt to the east.

EC5: Land to the east of the Bromsgrove - Droitwich Spa railway line and the M5, bounded to the east by the Birmingham – Cheltenham railway line, to the northwest by Shaw lane and to the south by the B4090 Hanbury Road/Salt Way. Land use is predominantly mixed arable/pastural with allotments the extreme north of the parcel and sports pitches to the south. Built development is largely limited to isolated farmsteads, although to the south there is a marina associated with the Droitwich Canal and some residential properties along Hanbury Road. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution
	The land forms part of the easterly gateway to Droitwich Spa although there is no physical to visual connection to the town centre.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution
	The land acts in concert with the wider Green Belt in this location to help maintain the openness, which is high physically and visually, of the countryside in what is an accessible location between Droitwich Spa and Redditch. Locally, the Green Belt helps to prevent potential sprawl and supports land to the northwest which more directly prevents the merger of Bromsgrove and Droitwich Spa.

Parcel EC6



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View northwestward from School Road (viewpoint A)



View southwestward from Astwood Lane (viewpoint B)



View southwards from Astwood Lane (viewpoint C)

EC6: Land to the east of the Birmingham – Cheltenham railway line, north of the B4090 Salt Way, west of School Road and south of Astwood Lane. Land use is mixed arable/pastural with significant blocks of woodland, centred on Hanbury Hall and its associated registered park & garden. Aside from the cluster of buildings associated with Hanbury Hall, there is one farmstead to the west and a few residential properties adjoining the Salt Way. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel is not within the vicinity of a built-up area, being open countryside between Redditch and Bromsgrove.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel lies within the substantial gap between Bromsgrove and Redditch with no physical or visual connection between the two.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The parcel comprises open countryside and parkland which is accessible from surrounding towns. Openness is high, both visually and physically. There is a strong relationship between this land and Green Belt to the east and the west.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land comprises, and forms the context for, Hanbury Hall Registered Park & Garden.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land acts in concert with the wider Green Belt in this location to help maintain the openness of the countryside, which is high physically and visually, in what is an accessible location between Bromsgrove, Droitwich Spa and Redditch. Locally, the Green Belt helps to maintain the setting of Hanbury Hall and its associated park and garden.

Parcel EC7



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View northwestwards from Astwood Lane (south) (viewpoint A)



View southwards from Astwood Lane (north) (viewpoint B)

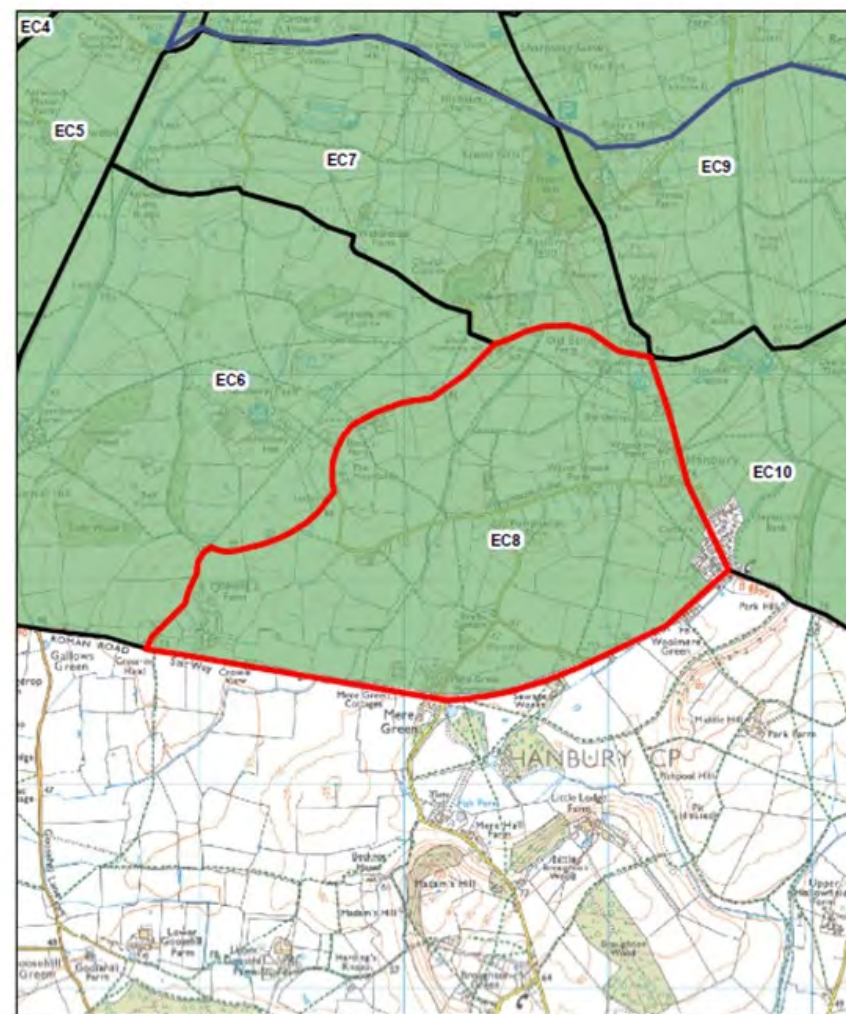
EC7: Land to the west of the B4091 Hanbury Road, bounded to the west by the Birmingham – Cheltenham railway line, to the north by Astwood Lane (north)/ Sharpway Gate and to the south by Astwood Lane (south). Land use is mixed arable/pasture with substantial areas of woodland to the east of the parcel. Built development comprises farmsteads and various residential properties on the periphery of the parcel. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution
	The parcel is not within the vicinity of a built-up area, being open countryside between Redditch and Bromsgrove.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another	Limited Contribution
	The parcel lies within the substantial gap between Bromsgrove and Redditch with no physical or visual connection between the two.

EC7: Land to the west of the B4091 Hanbury Road, bounded to the west by the Birmingham – Cheltenham railway line, to the north by Astwood Lane (north)/ Sharpway Gate and to the south by Astwood Lane (south). Land use is mixed arable/pasture with substantial areas of woodland to the east of the parcel. Built development comprises farmsteads and various residential properties on the periphery of the parcel. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The parcel comprises open countryside which is accessible from surrounding towns. Openness is high visually and physically, and there is a strong relationship between this land and Green Belt to the north (within Bromsgrove District) and the Green Belt to the south and east.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land forms part of the northerly context for Hanbury Hall Registered Park & Garden.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land acts in concert with the wider Green Belt in this location to help maintain the openness of the countryside which is high physically and visually, in what is an accessible location between Bromsgrove, Droitwich and Redditch. Locally, the Green Belt helps to maintain the setting of Hanbury Hall and its associated park and garden.

Parcel EC8



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View southeastward from School Road (viewpoint A)



View southwards from Pumphouse Lane (viewpoint B)

EC8: Land to the north of the B4090 Salt Way, bounded to the northwest by School Road and the east by the B4091 Hanbury Road. Land use is mixed arable and pastoral, some of which is remnant formal parkland associated with Hanbury Hall to the northwest, with built development in the form of isolated farmsteads throughout and various peripheral residential properties, particularly along the Hanbury Road (Carter's Hill and Hanbury) and along School Road.

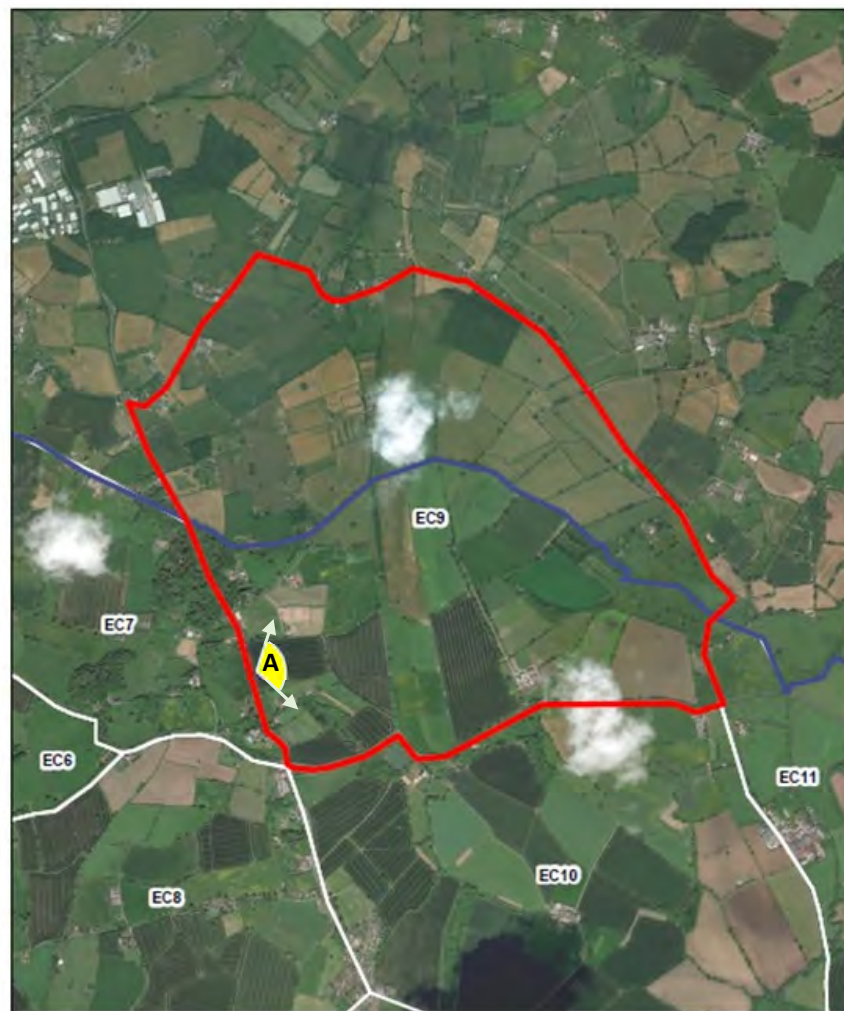
Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside.

Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.

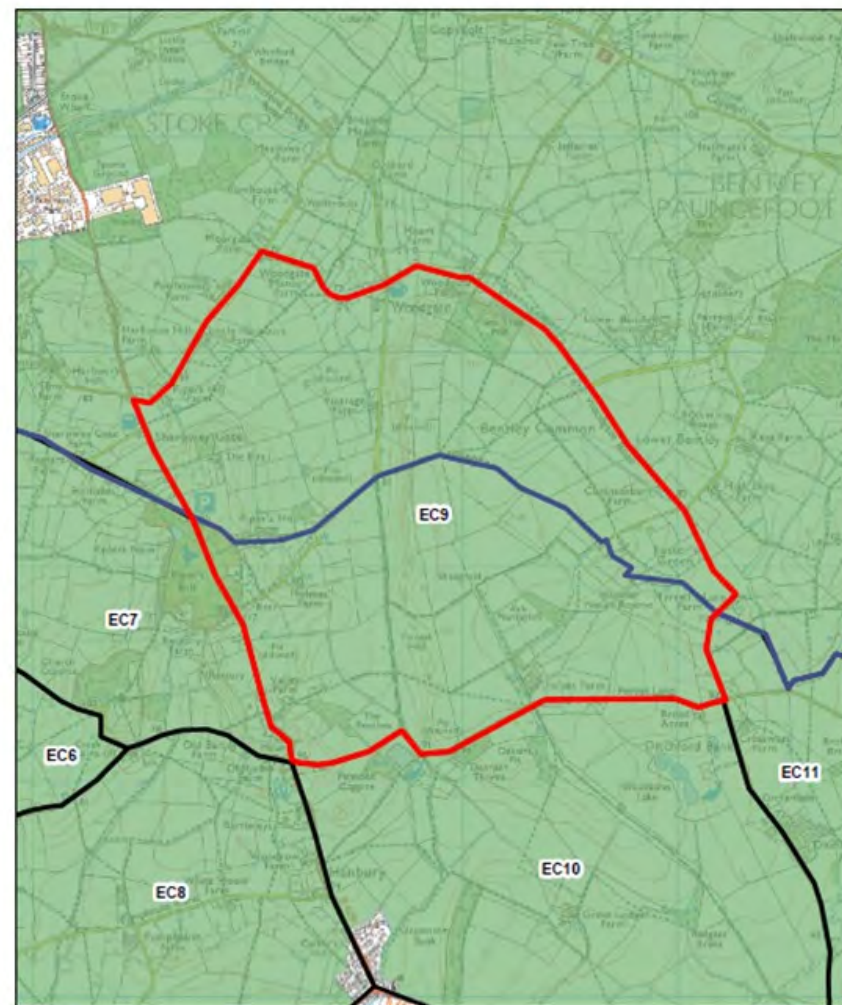
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	Limited Contribution
<i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	The parcel is not within the vicinity of a built-up area, being open countryside between Redditch and Bromsgrove.

EC8: Land to the north of the B4090 Salt Way, bounded to the northwest by School Road and the east by the B4091 Hanbury Road. Land use is mixed arable and pastoral, some of which is remnant formal parkland associated with Hanbury Hall to the northwest, with built development in the form of isolated farmsteads throughout and various peripheral residential properties, particularly along the Hanbury Road (Carter's Hill and Hanbury) and along School Road. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel lies within the substantial gap between Bromsgrove and Redditch with no physical or visual connection between the two.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The parcel comprises open countryside which is accessible from surrounding towns. Openness is high both visually and physically. There is a strong relationship between this land and Green Belt to the north, east and west.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land forms the southeastern context for Hanbury Hall Registered Park & Garden.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land acts in concert with the wider Green Belt in this location to help maintain the openness of the countryside which is high physically and visually, in what is an accessible location between Bromsgrove, Droitwich Spa and Redditch. Locally, the Green Belt helps to maintain the setting of Hanbury Hall and its associated park and garden.

Parcel EC9



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View eastwards from Hanbury Road (viewpoint A)

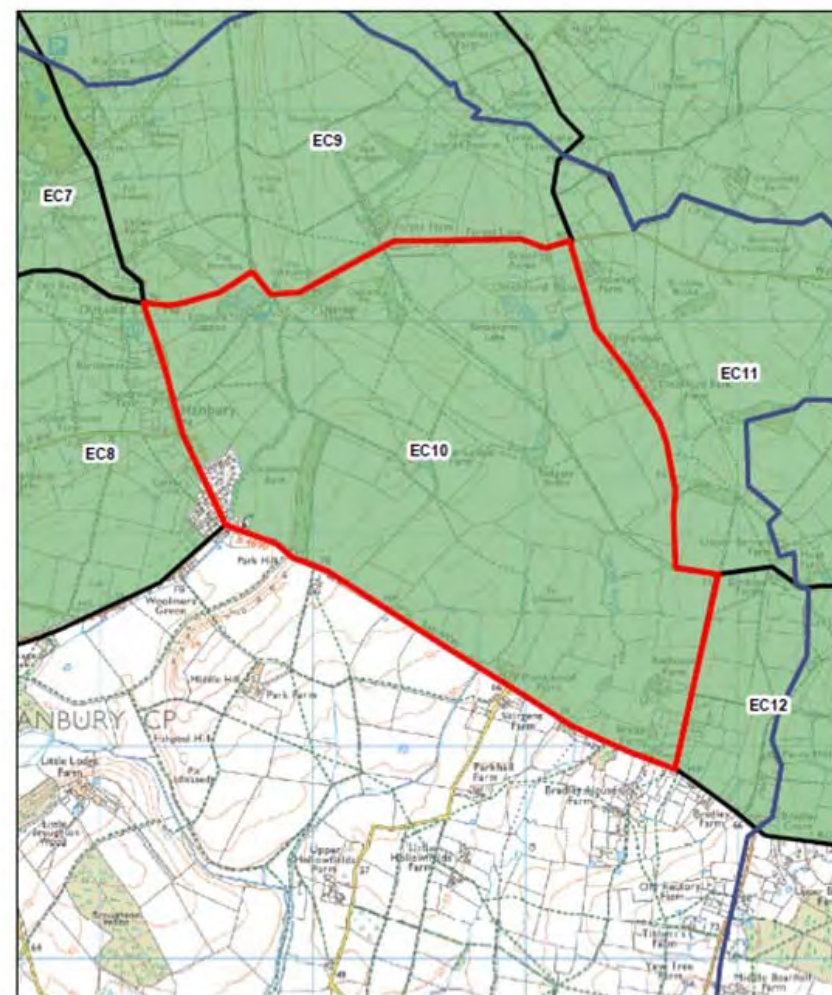
EC9: Land to the east of the B4091 Hanbury Road, bounded to the south by Forest Lane, to the northeast by Woodgate Road and the northwest by Moorgate Road. Land use is mixed arable and pastoral and isolated blocks of woodland, with built development largely comprising isolated farmsteads with some occasional peripheral residential properties. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel is not within the vicinity of a built-up area, being open countryside between Redditch and Bromsgrove.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel lies within the substantial gap between Bromsgrove and Redditch with no physical or visual connection between the two.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The parcel comprises open countryside which is accessible from surrounding towns. There is a high degree of visual and physical openness and a strong relationship between this land and Green Belt to the north (within Bromsgrove District) and east, south and west.

EC9: Land to the east of the B4091 Hanbury Road, bounded to the south by Forest Lane, to the northeast by Woodgate Road and the northwest by Moorgate Road. Land use is mixed arable and pastoral and isolated blocks of woodland, with built development largely comprising isolated farmsteads with some occasional peripheral residential properties. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution
	The land has no relationship, physically or visually with an historic town or Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution
	The land acts in concert with the wider Green Belt in this location to help maintain the openness of the countryside which is high physically and visually, in what is an accessible location between Bromsgrove, Droitwich Spa and Redditch.

Parcel EC10



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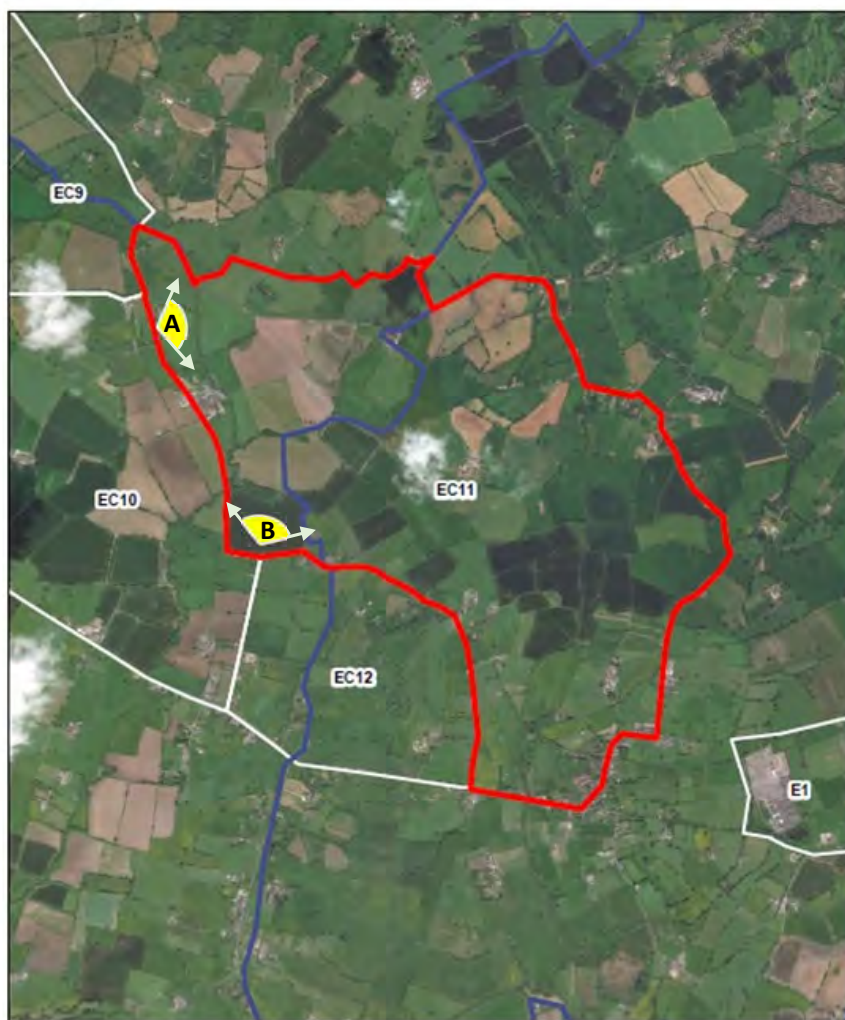
View southeastwards from Hanbury Road (viewpoint A)



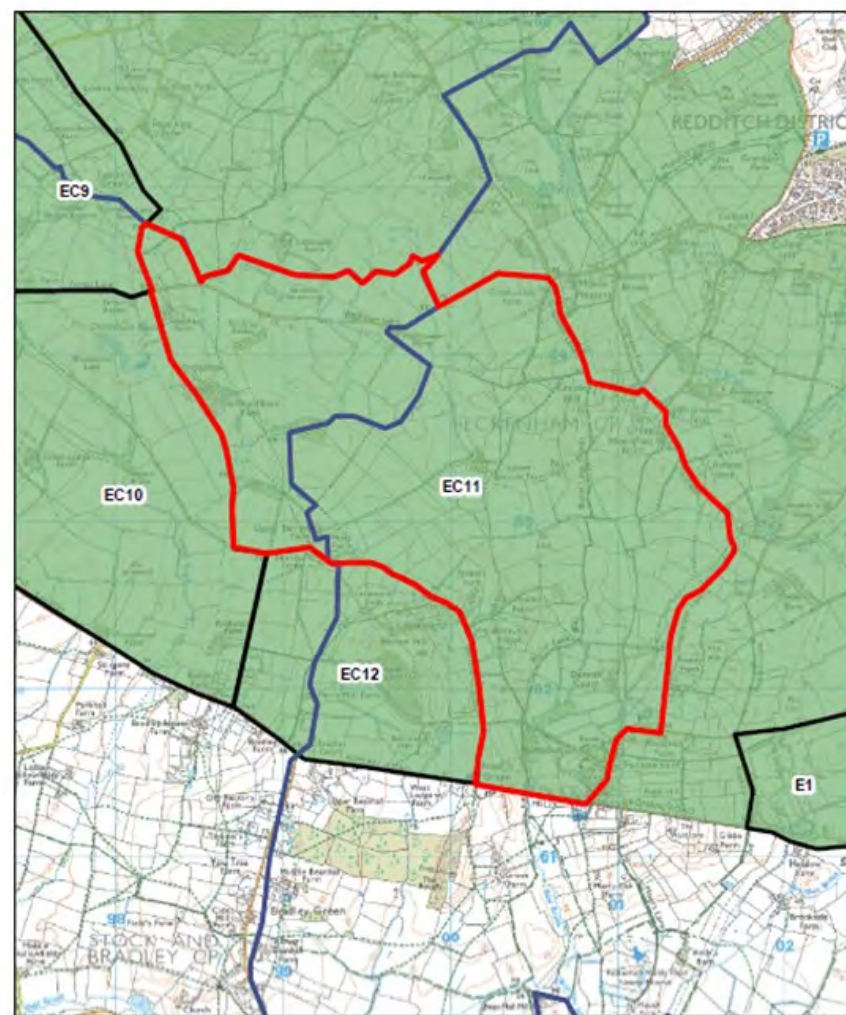
View southwestwards from the junction of Ditchford Bank Road, Berrowhill Lane and Flying Horse Lane (viewpoint B)

EC10: Land to the north east of the B4090 Salt Way, east of the B4091 Hanbury Road, south of Forest Lane, west of Flying Horse Lane/Ditchford Bank Road. Land use is mixed arable and pastoral and isolated blocks of woodland, with built development largely comprising isolated farmsteads, some occasional peripheral residential properties and part of the village of Hanbury to the southeast. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel is not within the vicinity of a built-up area, being open countryside between Redditch and Bromsgrove.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel lies within the substantial gap between Bromsgrove and Redditch with no physical or visual connection between the two.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The parcel comprises open countryside which is accessible from surrounding towns. Openness is high, both visually and physically, and there is a strong relationship between this land and Green Belt to the east, west and north.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land has no relationship, physically or visually with an historic town or Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land acts in concert with the wider Green Belt in this location to help maintain the openness of the countryside which is high physically and visually, in what is an accessible location between Bromsgrove, Droitwich and Redditch.

Parcel EC11



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View eastwards from Ditchford Bank Road



View northwards from the junction of Ditchford Bank Road, Berrowhill Lane and Flying Horse Lane

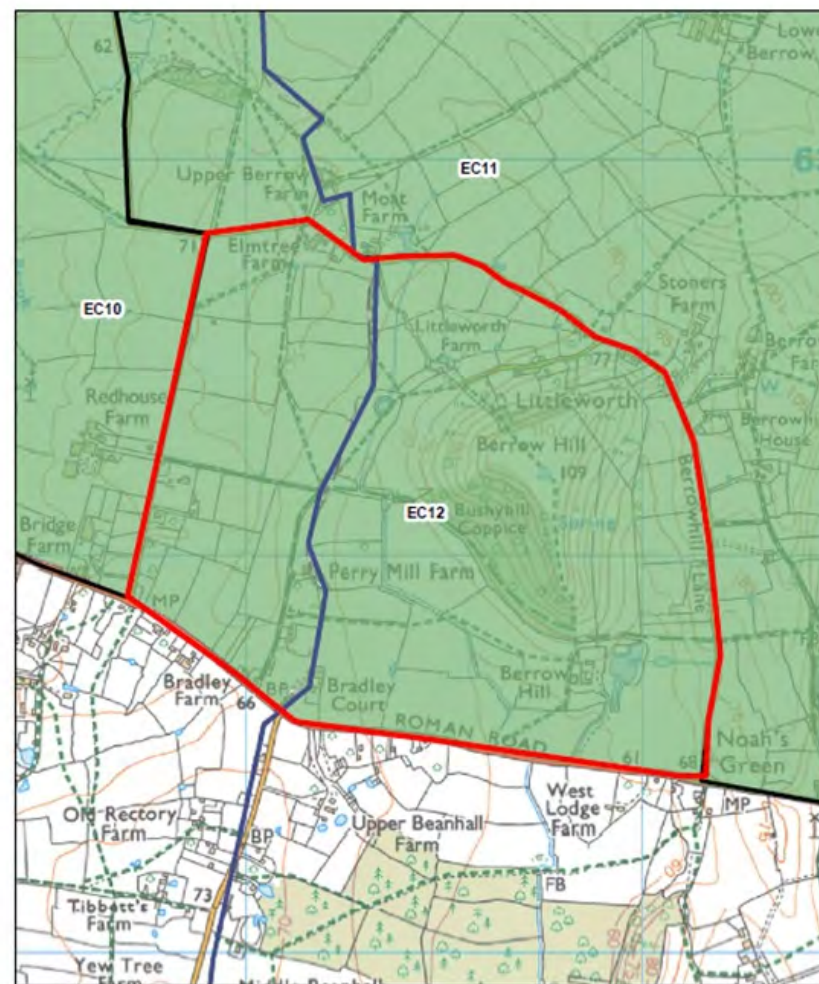
EC11: Land to the northeast of the B4090 Salt Way, east of the B4091 Hanbury Road, bounded by Forest Road to the west, and Ditchford bank Road/Flying Horse Road to the north and east. Land use is mixed arable and pasture with woodland blocks of varying size. Built development comprises isolated farmsteads and peripheral dwellings. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution
	The parcel is not within the vicinity of a built-up area, being open countryside between Redditch and Bromsgrove.

EC11: Land to the northeast of the B4090 Salt Way, east of the B4091 Hanbury Road, bounded by Forest Road to the west, and Ditchford bank Road/Flying Horse Road to the north and east. Land use is mixed arable and pasture with woodland blocks of varying size. Built development comprises isolated farmsteads and peripheral dwellings. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel lies within the substantial gap between Bromsgrove and Redditch with no physical or visual connection between the two.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The parcel comprises open countryside which is accessible from surrounding towns. Openness is high visually and physically, and there is a strong relationship between this land and Green Belt to the east (within Redditch District) and the west.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land has no relationship, physically or visually with an historic town or Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land acts in concert with the wider Green Belt in this location to help maintain the openness of the countryside which is high physically and visually, in what is an accessible location between Bromsgrove, Droitwich Spa and Redditch.

Parcel EC12



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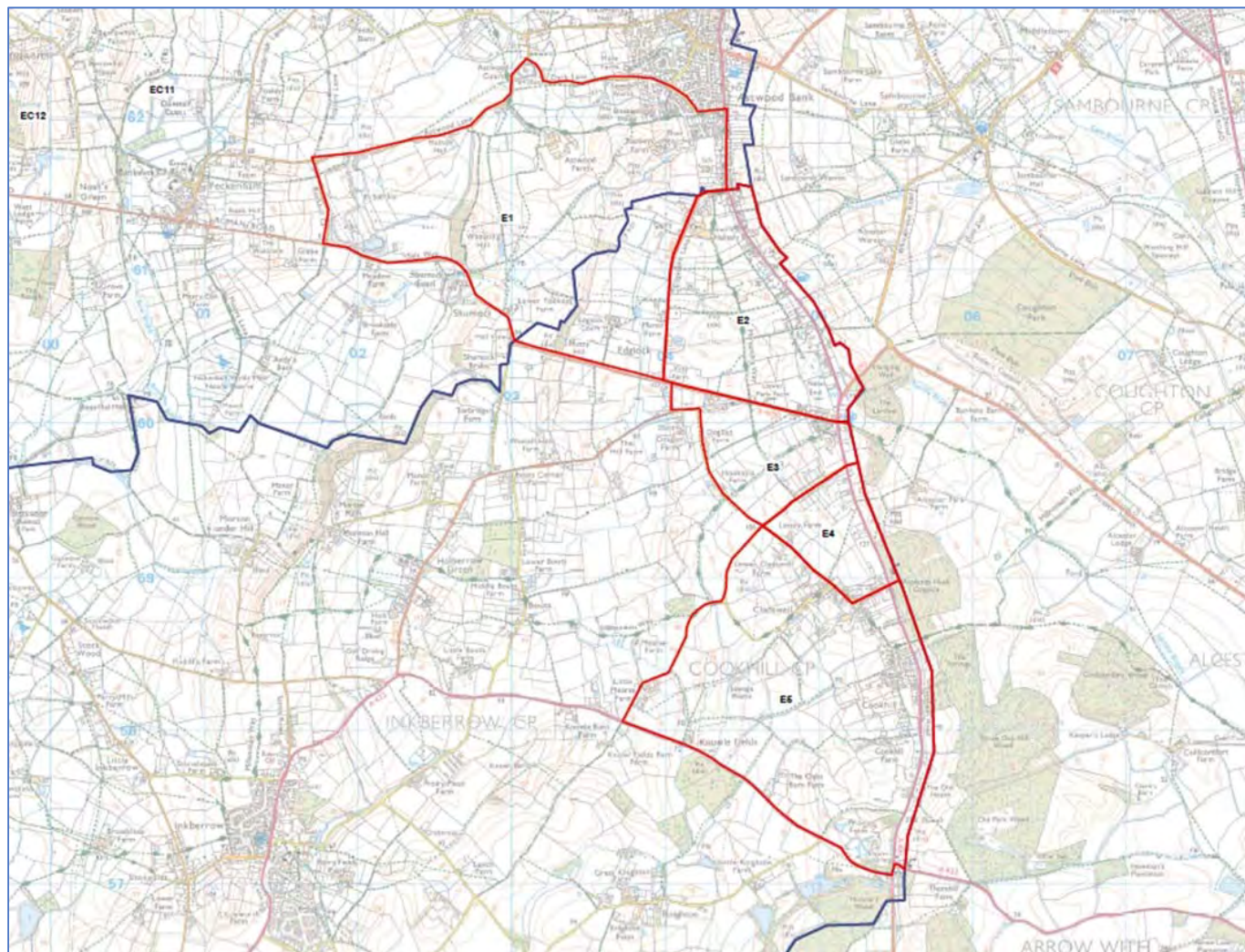


View southeastwards from the junction of Ditchford Bank Road, Berrowhill Lane and Flying Horse Lane



View southwestwards from Berrowhill Lane

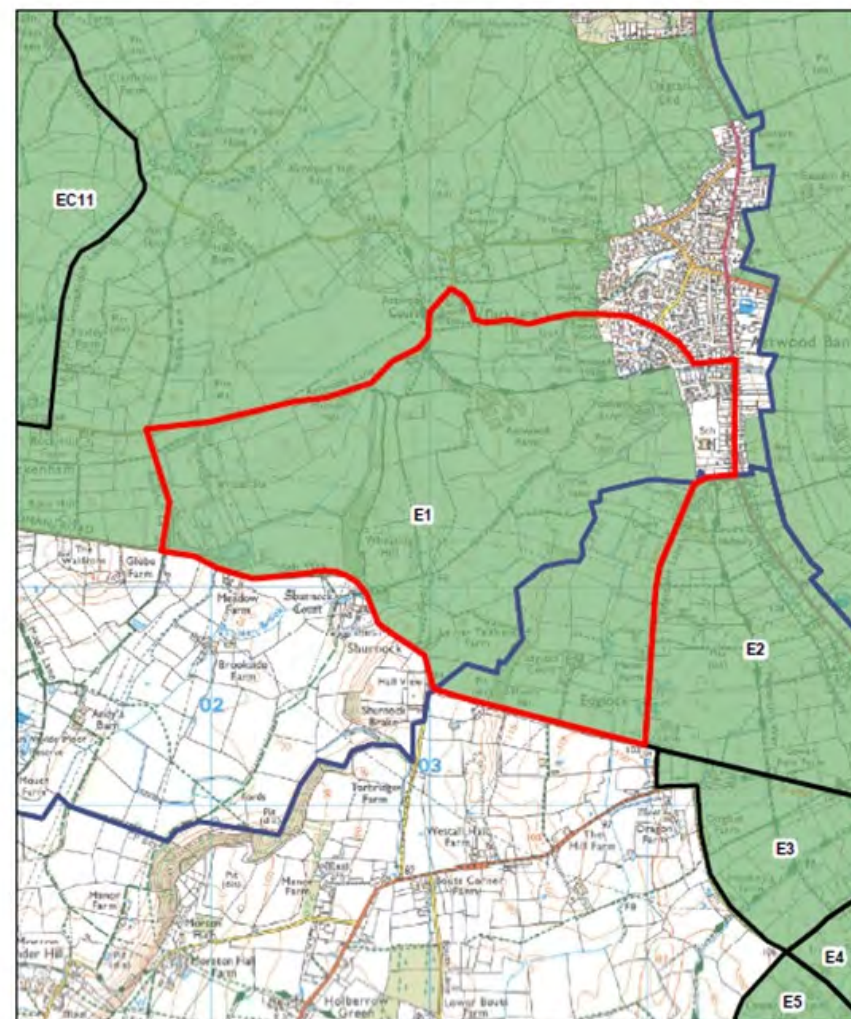
EC12: Land to the north of the B4090 Salt Way, bounded to the west by Flying Horse Lane and to the north and east by Berrowhill Lane. Land use primarily comprises pasture, with pockets of woodland. Built development is limited to isolated farmsteads and peripheral residential properties. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel is not within the vicinity of a built-up area, being open countryside between Redditch and Bromsgrove.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel lies within the substantial gap between Bromsgrove and Redditch with no physical or visual connection between the two.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The parcel comprises open countryside which is accessible from surrounding towns. Whilst openness has not been compromised, visually or physically, the land contributes to the objective of maintaining this openness. There is a strong relationship between this land and Green Belt to the north and east and west.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land has no relationship, physically or visually with an historic town or Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land acts in concert with the wider Green Belt in this location to help maintain the openness of the countryside which is high physically and visually, in what is an accessible location between Bromsgrove, Droitwich Spa and Redditch.



Parcel E1



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View westward from Edgioake Lane (viewpoint A)

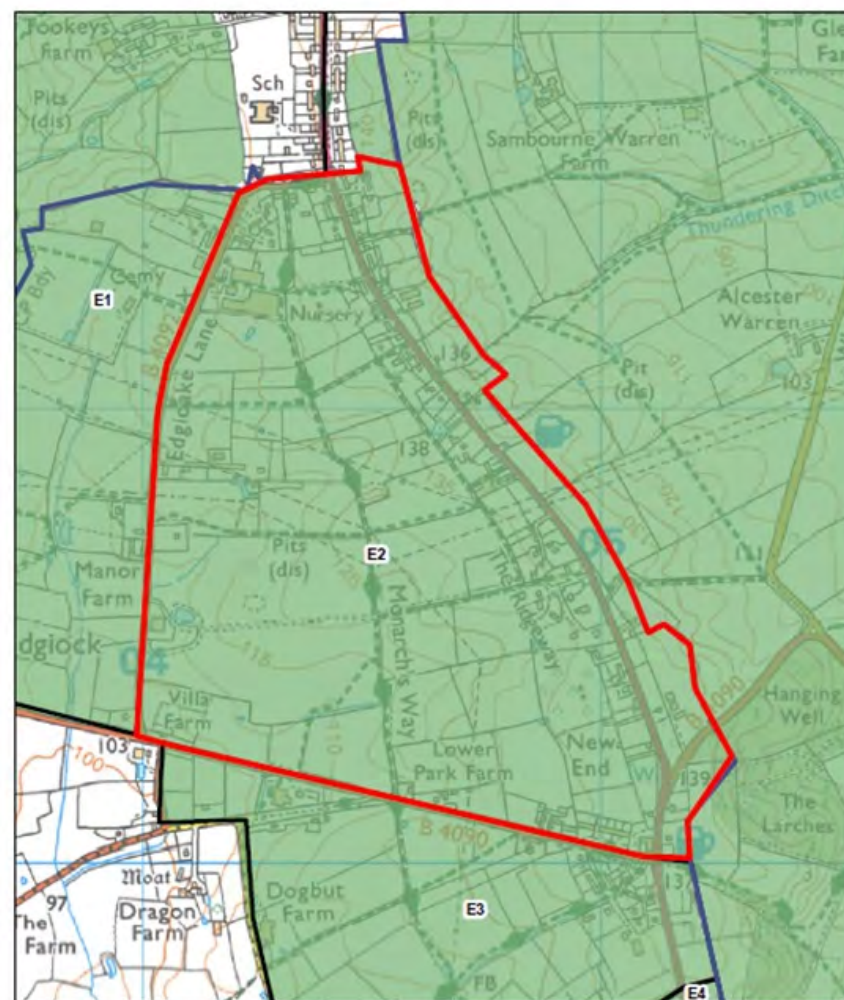
E1: Land to the west of the A441 at Astwood Bank, bounded by Dark Lane, Astwood Lane, Rockhill Lane, the B4090 Saltway and Edgioake Lane. Land use is primarily pastoral with scattered farmsteads, although an electricity transformer station to the west of Rockhill Lane is a significant presence, as is some peripheral development off Edgioake Lane. Over two-thirds of the parcel lies within Redditch Borough. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but some intrusion to the north east in the immediate vicinity of Astwood Bank. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Whilst Astwood Bank is a village, it is nevertheless a substantial built-up area with the potential to create sprawl into open countryside to the west. The built edge of the village south of Dark Lane is largely unbounded and Green Belt acts to contain potential extension into open countryside in this locality.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not lie between towns or other settlements.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is part of accessible countryside off the A441 and whilst there is only limited evidence of incremental change, the land is nevertheless potentially vulnerable to further change.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	Limited Contribution The land does not have a relationship with a Conservation Area.

E1: Land to the west of the A441 at Astwood Bank, bounded by Dark Lane, Astwood Lane, Rockhill Lane, the B4090 Saltway and Edgioake Lane. Land use is primarily pastoral with scattered farmsteads, although an electricity transformer station to the west of Rockhill Lane is a significant presence, as is some peripheral development off Edgioake Lane. Over two-thirds of the parcel lies within Redditch Borough. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but some intrusion to the north east in the immediate vicinity of Astwood Bank. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution
	The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the broad role of maintaining openness, which is high to mixed physically and high visually, through preventing incremental encroachment into an accessible area of countryside. Land to the northeast of the parcel (within Bromsgrove District), adjacent to the built extent of Astwood Bank is potentially most vulnerable to such change, but also land to the west off Edgioake Lane.

Parcel E2



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View eastwards from Edgioake Lane (viewpoint A)



View northeastwards from The Ridgeway (viewpoint B)



View southwards and northwards along The Ridgeway (viewpoint C)

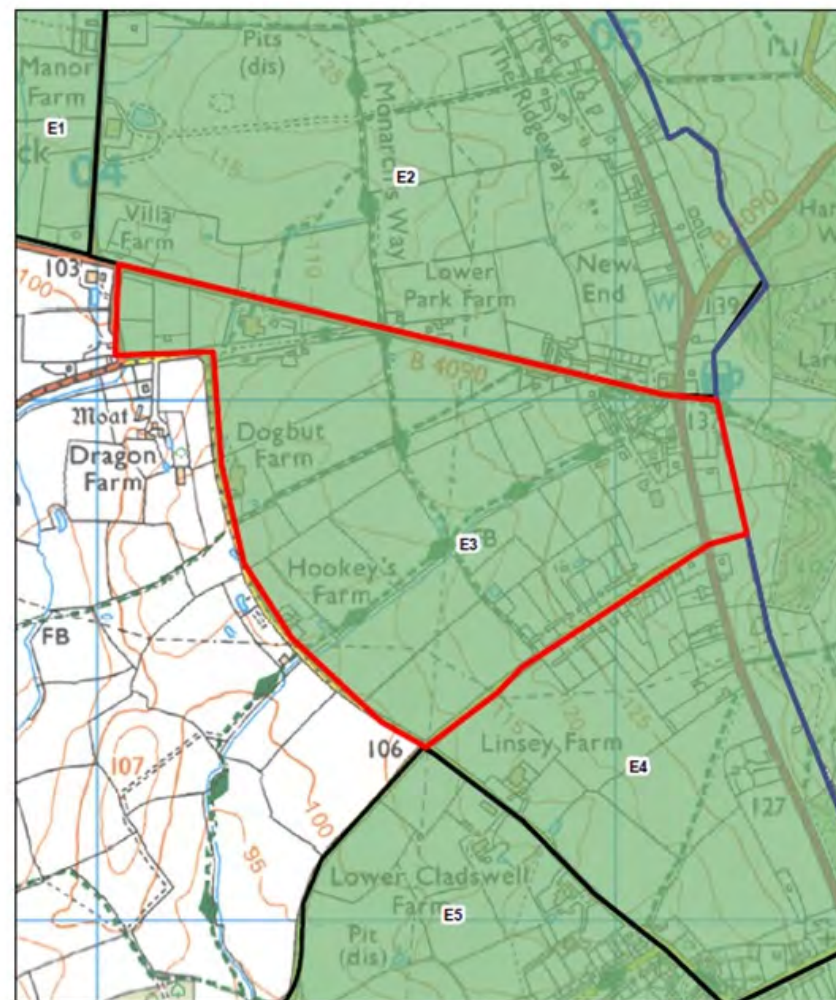
E2: Land to the south of Astwood Bank, west of the A441, bounded by Edgioake Lane, and the B4090 Saltway. Land use is predominantly pastoral, with a significant amount of peripheral residential development, particularly adjacent to the A441 which detracts from the open countryside character of the bulk of the parcel. Note: the parcel extends marginally across the A441, reflecting the local authority boundary line. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but some intrusion from development along the A441. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of a range of long-, middle-, and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Whilst Astwood Bank is a village, it is nevertheless a substantial built-up area with the potential to create sprawl along the A441. Development associated with the village has extended southwards along the A441 and Green Belt acts to contain potential extension into open countryside in this locality, particularly to the west, but also on land to the east of the A441.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not lie between towns or other settlements.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is part of accessible countryside off the A441, has been intruded by past development and is potentially vulnerable to further change, both on its eastern and western sides.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not have a relationship with a Conservation Area.
	Contribution

E2: Land to the south of Astwood Bank, west of the A441, bounded by Edgioake Lane, and the B4090 Saltway. Land use is predominantly pastoral, with a significant amount of peripheral residential development, particularly adjacent to the A441 which detracts from the open countryside character of the bulk of the parcel. Note: the parcel extends marginally across the A441, reflecting the local authority boundary line. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but some intrusion from development along the A441. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of a range of long-, middle-, and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the broad role of maintaining openness which is high to mixed physically and visually, through preventing further incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside. This is particularly the case for development associated with the A441, which is washed over by Green Belt.

Parcel E3



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View southwestwards from the B4090 Salt Way (viewpoint A)



View northwards from the junction between Wood Lane and Dogbut Lane (viewpoint B)

E3: Land to the west of the A441, south of the B4090 Saltway, bounded by Dogbut Lane and Wood Lane. Land use is predominantly pastoral, with a high degree of peripheral residential development, particularly at the junction of the A441 with the B4090 at New End, and along Wood Lane which detracts from the open countryside character of the bulk of the parcel. Note: the parcel extends marginally across the A441, reflecting the local authority boundary line.

Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but some intrusion of development associate with New End and off Wood Lane.

Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.

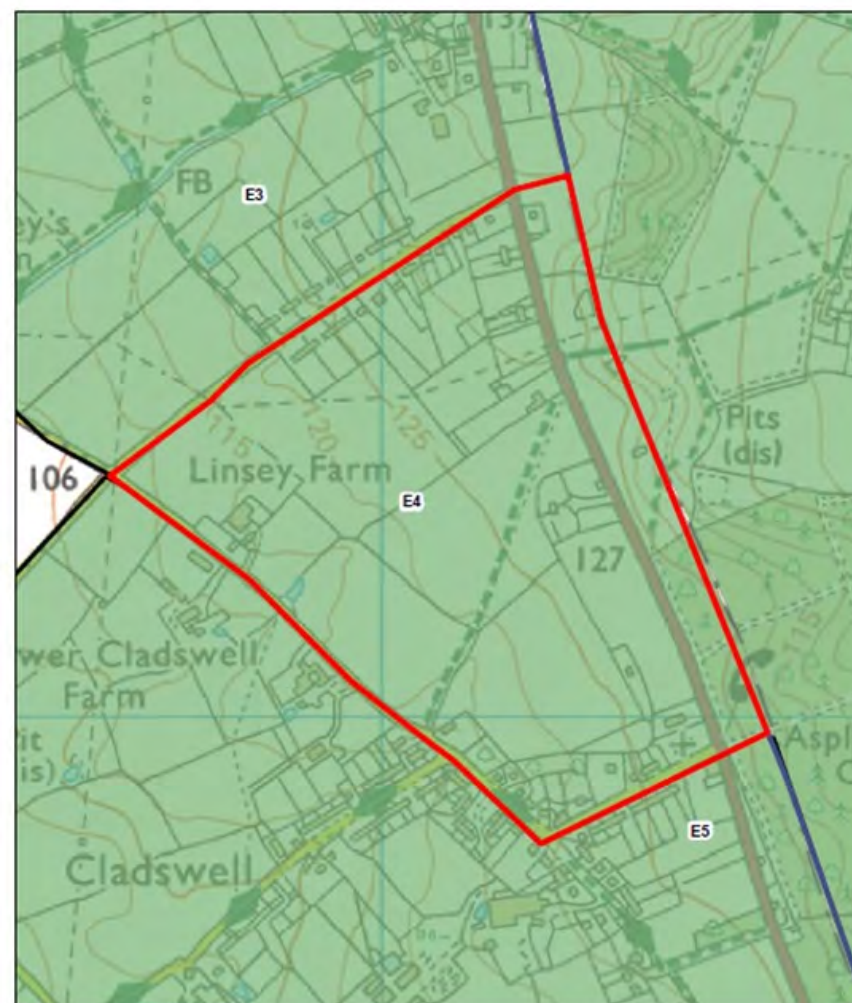
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	Contribution

E3: Land to the west of the A441, south of the B4090 Saltway, bounded by Dogbut Lane and Wood Lane. Land use is predominantly pastoral, with a high degree of peripheral residential development, particularly at the junction of the A441 with the B4090 at New End, and along Wood Lane which detracts from the open countryside character of the bulk of the parcel. Note: the parcel extends marginally across the A441, reflecting the local authority boundary line. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but some intrusion of development associate with New End and off Wood Lane. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Development associated the A441 has created localised sprawl and Green Belt acts to contain potential extension into open countryside in this locality, particularly to the west, but also on land to the east of the A441.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not lie between towns or other settlements.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is part of accessible countryside off the A441, has been intruded by past development and is potentially vulnerable to further change, both on its eastern and western sides.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not have a relationship with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the broad role of maintaining openness which is high to mixed physically and high visually, through preventing further incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside, particularly in respect of its relationship with development along the A441.

Parcel E4



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View northeastwards from Cladswell Lane (viewpoint A)

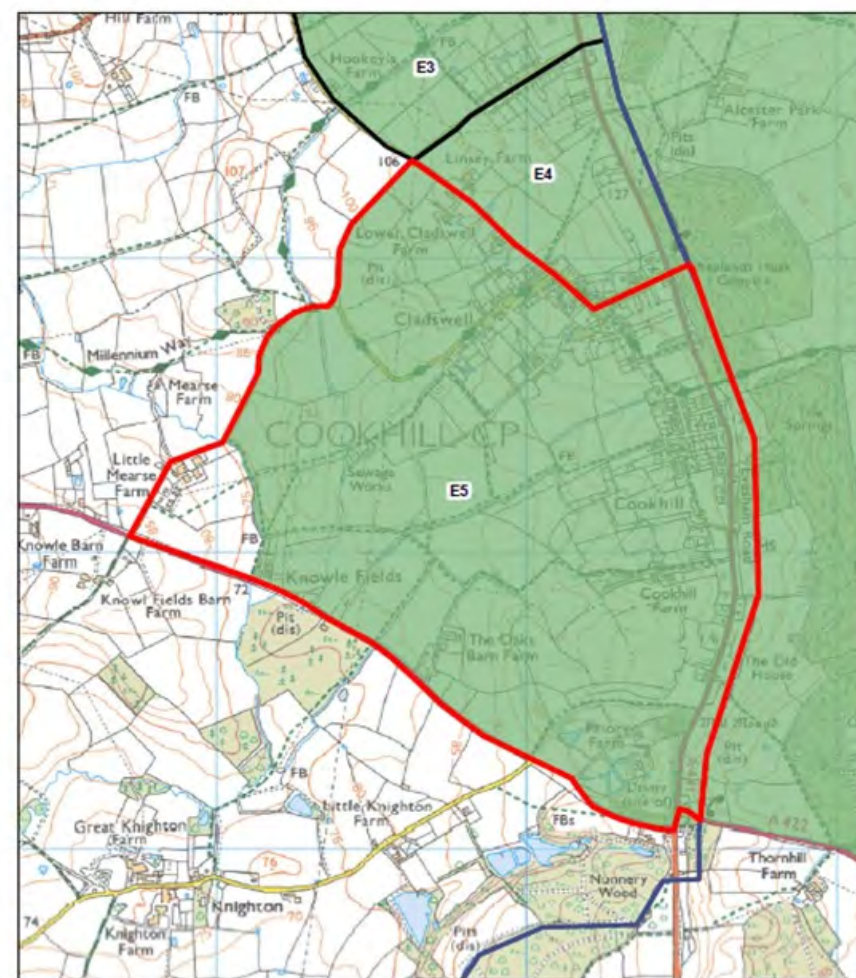
E4: Land to the west of the A441, south of New End, bounded Wood Lane, Cladswell Lane and Church Lane. Land use is predominantly pastoral, with a high degree of peripheral residential development, particularly along Wood Lane and associated with the village of Cladswell which detracts from the open countryside character of the bulk of the parcel. Note: the parcel extends marginally across the A441, reflecting the local authority boundary line. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but some intrusion associated with Cladswell and off Wood Lane. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Development associated the A441 has created localised sprawl and Green Belt acts to contain potential extension into open countryside in this locality, particularly to the west, but also on land to the east of the A441.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not lie between towns or other settlements.
	Contribution

E4: Land to the west of the A441, south of New End, bounded Wood Lane, Cladswell Lane and Church Lane. Land use is predominantly pastoral, with a high degree of peripheral residential development, particularly along Wood Lane and associated with the village of Cladswell which detracts from the open countryside character of the bulk of the parcel. Note: the parcel extends marginally across the A441, reflecting the local authority boundary line. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but some intrusion associated with Cladswell and off Wood Lane. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	The land is part of accessible countryside off the A441, has been intruded by past development and is potentially vulnerable to further change, both on its eastern and western sides.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not have a relationship with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the broad role of maintaining openness which is high to mixed physically and high visually, through preventing further incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside.

Parcel E5



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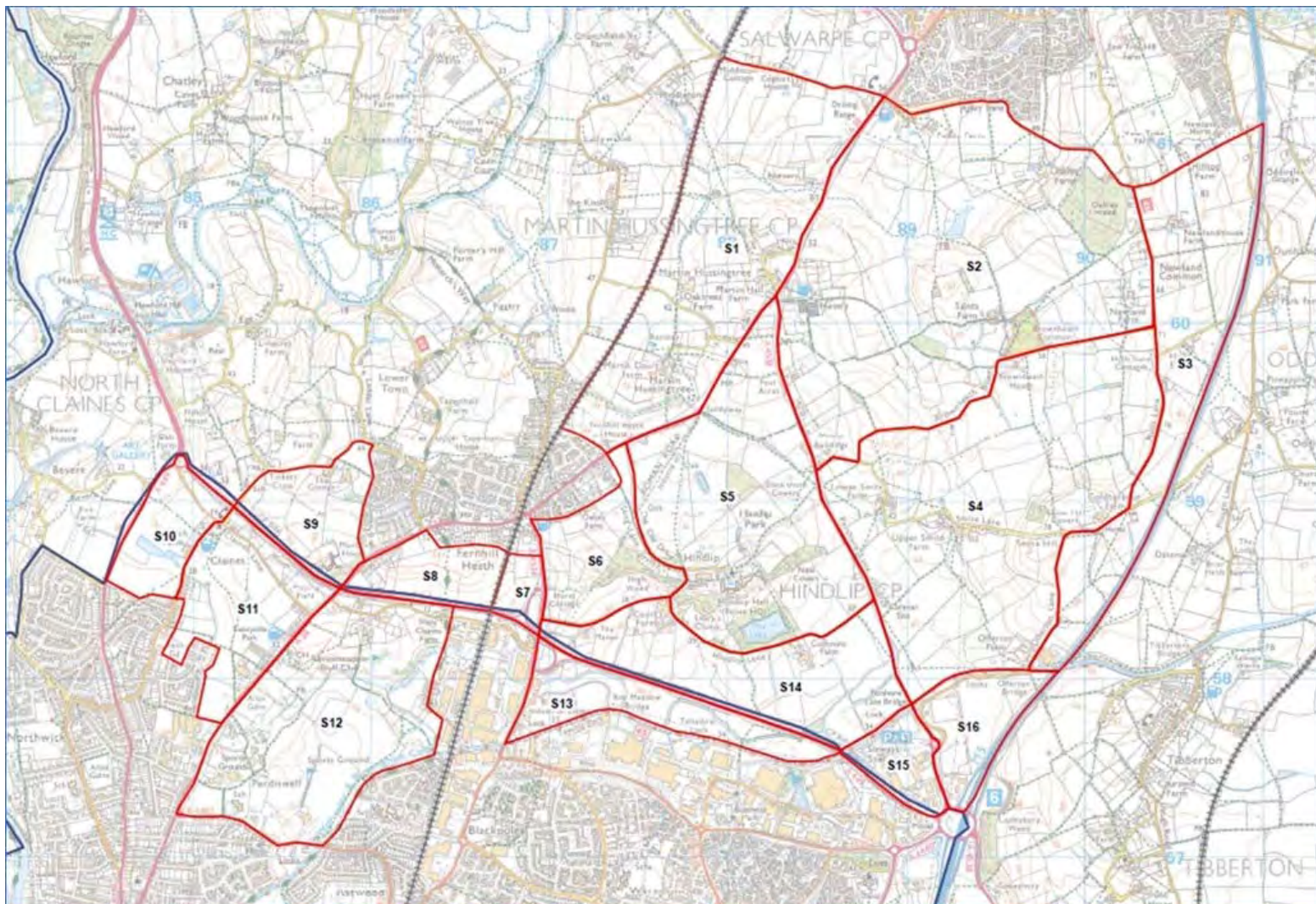


View eastwards from Mearse Lane (viewpoint A)

E5: Land to the east of the A441, south of Cladswell, bounded by Lower Cladswell Lane, Mearse Lane and the A422 Worcester – Alcester Road. Land use is mixed pastoral and arable, with development in the form of isolated farmsteads and peripheral residential properties largely associated with the village of Cladswell and hamlet of Cookhill. Note: the parcel extends marginally across the A441, reflecting the local authority boundary line. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but some intrusion associated with Cladswell and Cookhill. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Development associated the A441 has created localised sprawl (albeit well spread out in this locality) and Green Belt acts to contain potential extension into open countryside, particularly to the west, but also on land to the east of the A441.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not lie between towns or other settlements.
	Contribution

E5: Land to the east of the A441, south of Cladswell, bounded by Lower Cladswell Lane, Mearse Lane and the A422 Worcester – Alcester Road. Land use is mixed pastoral and arable, with development in the form of isolated farmsteads and peripheral residential properties largely associated with the village of Cladswell and hamlet of Cookhill. Note: the parcel extends marginally across the A441, reflecting the local authority boundary line. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but some intrusion associated with Cladswell and Cookhill. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	The land is part of accessible countryside off the A441, has been intruded by past development and is potentially vulnerable to further change, both on its eastern and western sides.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land does not have a relationship with a Conservation Area.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land, in combination with adjacent parcels, makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the broad role of maintaining openness which is high to mixed physically and high visually, through preventing further incremental encroachment in an accessible area of countryside. This is particularly the case for development associated with the A441, which is washed over by Green Belt.

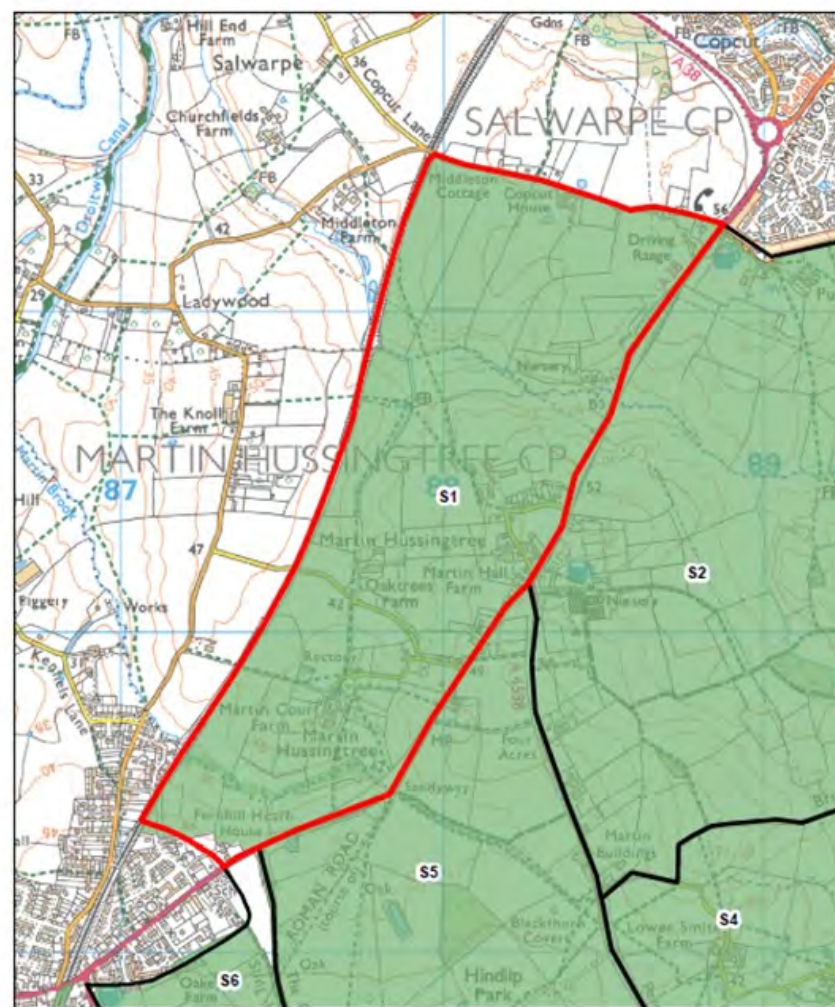
Appendix A: Parcels S1 – S16



Parcel S1



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View southeastwards from Copcut Lane (viewpoint A)



View westwards from Drury Lane (viewpoint B)



View northwards from Church Lane (viewpoint C)

S1: Land between Droitwich and Worcester, bounded by the A38 to the east, the Droitwich – Worcester railway line to the west and Copcut Lane to the north. Land use is principally pastoral, with some arable to north and south. Development is largely associated with the village of Martin Hussingtree, with some commercial properties to the north. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but some intrusion associated with Martin Hussingtree. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Significant Contribution Development at Copcut Rise (an extension of Droitwich Spa to Copcut Lane) extends the built edge of Droitwich Spa to about the Green Belt. Whilst Copcut Lane is a well-defined boundary, development beyond this would constitute sprawl into open countryside. To the south, the large village of Fernhill Heath is bounded on part of its northern extent (off Post Office Lane) by the Green Belt, preventing extension into open countryside the north.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land constitutes part of the remaining gap between Droitwich Spa and Worcester (in combination with land to the east across the A38). As such, the land makes a significant contribution to this purpose.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Significant Contribution Despite its location, scale and degree of settlement, the land retains a quality of open countryside, related to land to the west (not designated as Green Belt) and to the east (designated Green Belt). The current sense of openness which is judged to be high visually and physically, could be easily eroded by additional development in what is a highly accessible location.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land has no immediate visual or physical connection with the historic centres of Droitwich Spa or Worcester, but nevertheless forms part of the wider countryside context of these towns, as well as locally containing the Conservation Area associated with Martin Hussingtree.
	Significant Contribution

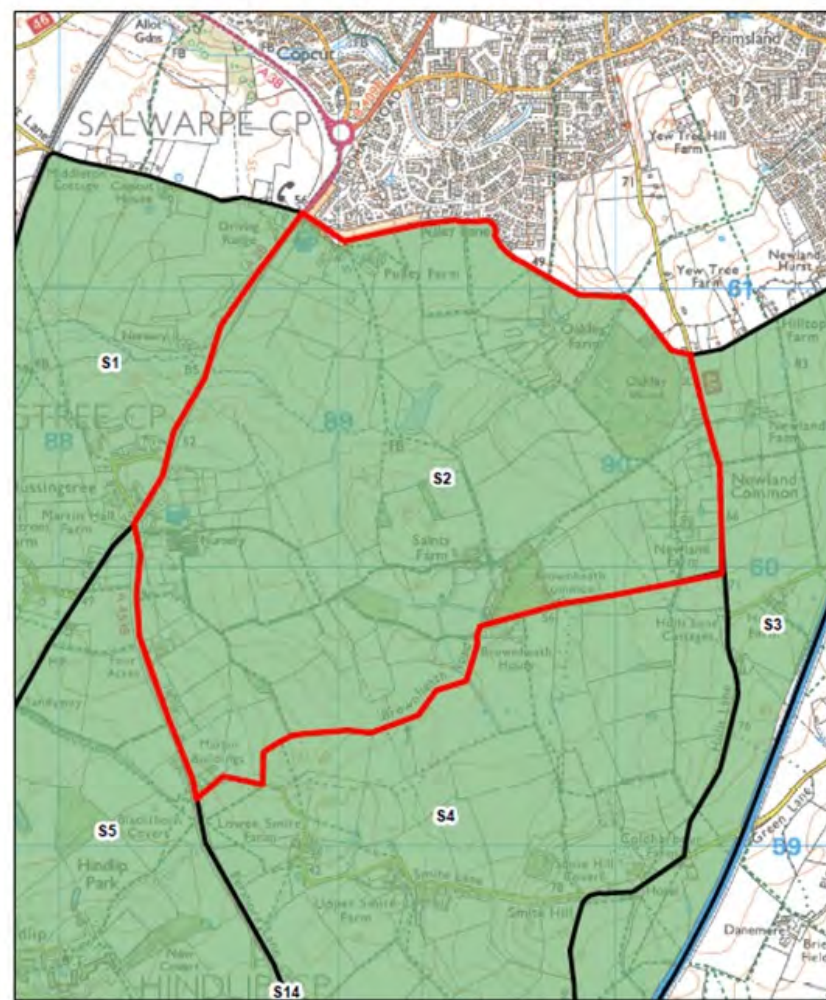
Appendix A: Parcel S1

S1: Land between Droitwich and Worcester, bounded by the A38 to the east, the Droitwich – Worcester railway line to the west and Copcut Lane to the north. Land use is principally pastoral, with some arable to north and south. Development is largely associated with the village of Martin Hussingtree, with some commercial properties to the north. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but some intrusion associated with Martin Hussingtree. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Reflecting its location as a major part of open land between Droitwich and Worcester, which high to mixed physical and visual openness, the land makes a significant contribution to the Green Belt in this location, strongly related to Green Belt to the east across the A38.

Parcel S2



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View northwards from Brownheath Road nr Brownheath House (viewpoint A)



View northwards from Brownheath Road



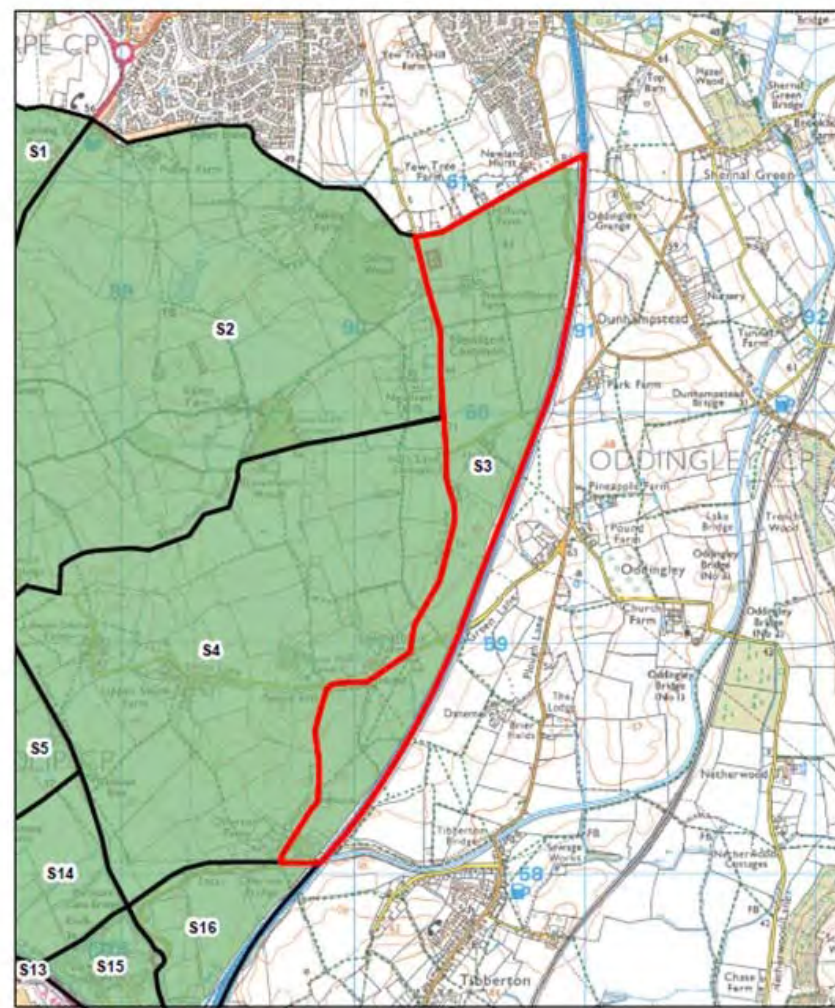
View southwards from Pulley Lane

S2: Land to the south of Droitwich Spa, east of the A38, bounded by the A4538 to the southwest, Brownheath Road to the southwest and Newland Common Road to the east. Land use is mixed pasture/arable with some woodland blocks, and the settlement pattern predominantly isolated farmsteads with some scattered peripheral development to the southwest along the A438. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Significant Contribution Development to the north of Pulley Lane extends the built edge of Droitwich Spa to abut the Green Belt. Whilst Pulley Lane is a well-defined boundary, development beyond this would constitute sprawl into open countryside.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land constitutes part of the remaining gap between Droitwich Spa and Worcester (in combination with land to the west across the A38). As such, the land makes a significant contribution to this purpose.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Significant Contribution The land has the quality of open countryside, related to character to land to Green Belt land the east and west. The current sense of openness which is judged to be high visually and physically, could be easily eroded by additional development in what is a highly accessible location.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land has no immediate visual or physical connection with the historic centres of Droitwich Spa or Worcester, but nevertheless forms part of the wider countryside context of these towns.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution The land forms a major part of the land between Droitwich Spa and Worcester, having a high visual and physical openness, the land makes a significant contribution to the Green Belt in this location, strongly related to Green Belt to the west across the A38 and east across Newland Common Road.

Parcel S3



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View eastwards from Offerton Lane (viewpoint A)



View eastwards from Hulls Lane (viewpoint B)



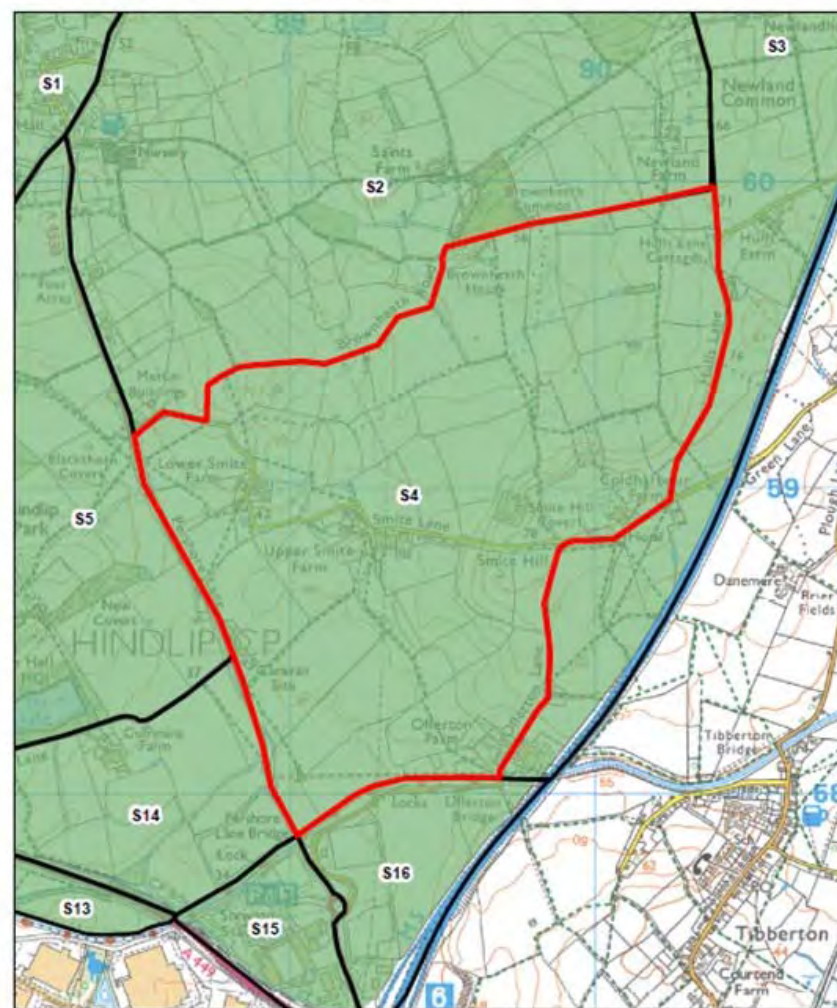
View southwards from Newland Lane (viewpoint C)

S3: Land to the west of the M5 between Droitwich Spa and Worcester, bounded by Newland Lane to the north, Newland Common Road/Hulls Lane/Smite Lane/Offerton Lane to the west. Land use is largely arable with some scattered farmsteads and other properties. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Significant Contribution Recent development to the north of Newland Lane extends the built edge of Droitwich Spa to abut the Green Belt. Whilst Newland Lane is a well-defined boundary, development beyond this would constitute sprawl into open countryside.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land constitutes part of the remaining gap between Droitwich Spa and Worcester (in combination with land to the west across the A38). As such, the land makes a significant contribution to this purpose.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Significant Contribution The land has the quality of open countryside, related to land to the west and to the east (not designated Green Belt and separated by the significant visual and physical barrier of the M5). The current sense of openness, which is judged to be high visually and physically, could be easily eroded by additional development in what is a highly accessible location.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land has no immediate visual or physical connection with the historic centres of Droitwich Spa or Worcester, but nevertheless forms part of the wider countryside context of these towns, and plays a supporting role to parcel S4 to the west.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution Reflecting its location and high physical and visual openness, the land makes a significant contribution to the Green Belt in this location, strongly related to Green Belt to the west across Newland Common Road and east across Newland Common Road/Hulls Lane/Smite Lane/Offerton Lane to the west.

Parcel S4



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View southwestwards from Offerton Lane



View westwards from Hulls Lane



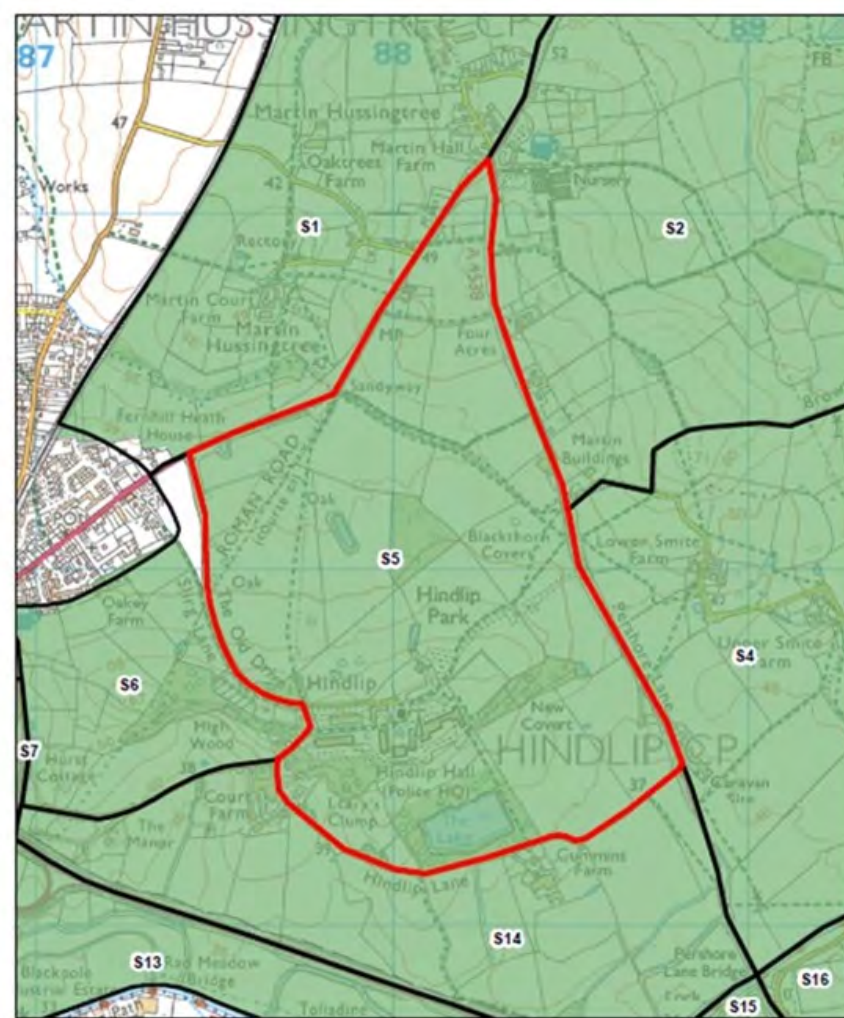
View southwards from Brownheath Road

S4: Land between Worcester and Droitwich Spa, northeast of the A4538 Pershore Lane, bounded to the east by Hulls Lane/Smite Lane/Offerton Lane and to the north by Brownheath Road. Land use is mixed arable/pasture, with farmsteads and some residential off Smite Lane which bisects the parcel east-west. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution The land does not abut a large built-up area, but supports Green Belt to the north and south which does. As such it contributes to fulfilling this purpose.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land constitutes part of the remaining gap between Droitwich Spa and Worcester (in combination with land to the east and west). As such, the land makes a significant contribution to this purpose.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Significant Contribution The land has the quality of open countryside, related to land to the west and to the east. The current sense of openness, which is judged to be high physically and visually, could be easily eroded by additional development in what is a highly accessible location.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land has no immediate visual or physical connection with the historic centres of Droitwich Spa or Worcester, but nevertheless forms part of the wider countryside context of Worcester, for which it is the northerly backdrop.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution
	The land, which has high physical and visual openness, makes a significant contribution to the Green Belt in this location, forming a substantial part of the land separating Droitwich Spa and Worcester and strongly related to Green Belt to the west across Newland Common Road and east across Newland Common Road/Hulls Lane/Smite Lane/Offerton Lane to the west.

Parcel S5



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View northwestwards from Hindlip Lane (viewpoint A)



View southwards from the A4538 Pershore Lane (viewpoint B)



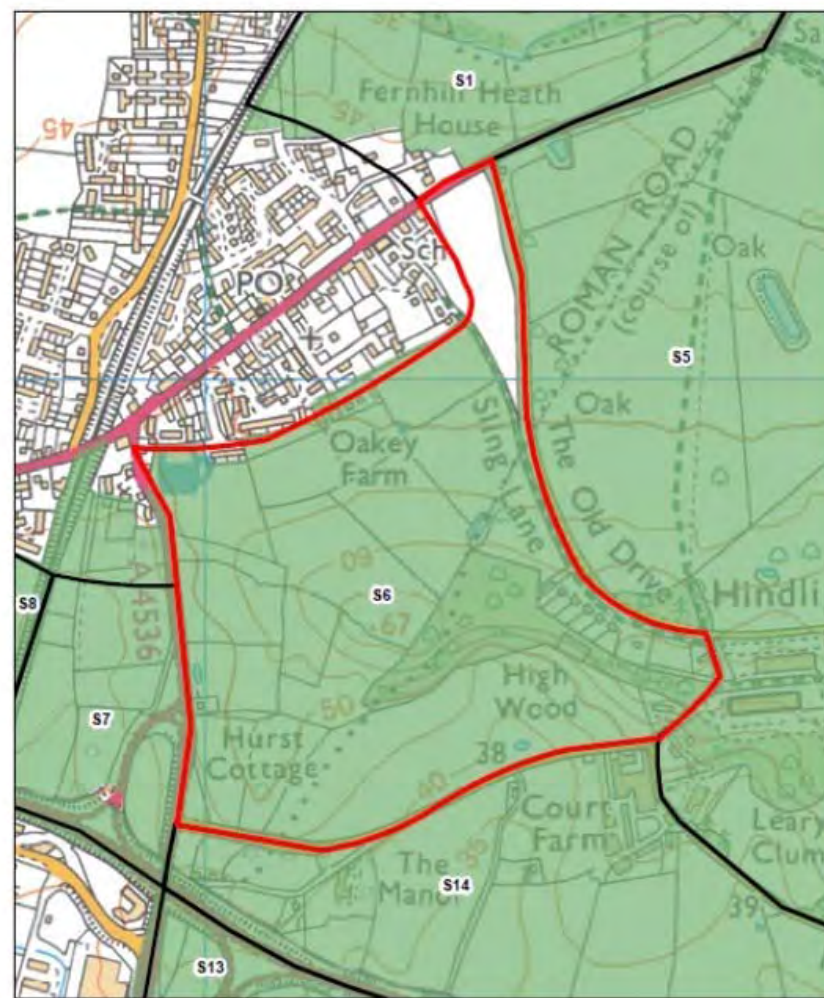
View northeastwards from The Old Drive (viewpoint C)

S5: Land to the between Worcester and Droitwich Spa, to the southwest of the A4538 Pershore Road, bounded to the northwest by the A38 and to the south by Hindlip Lane and to the south west by The Old Drive. Land use is predominantly arable with some woodland. Built development is centred on the significant footprint of the Worcestershire Police HQ associated with Hindlip Hall. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but the presence of the Hindlip Hall site. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution The land does not abut a large built-up area, but supports Green Belt to the south which does. As such it contributes to fulfilling this purpose.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land constitutes part of the remaining gap between Droitwich Spa and Worcester (in combination with surrounding Green Belt). As such, the land makes a significant contribution to this purpose.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Significant Contribution Notwithstanding the cluster of development to the south associated with Hindlip Hall, the land has the quality of open countryside, related to surrounding Green Belt. The current sense of openness, which high visually and moderate to high physically, could be easily eroded by additional development in what is a highly accessible location.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land has no immediate visual or physical connection with the historic centres of Droitwich Spa or Worcester, but nevertheless forms part of the wider countryside context of these towns.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution Notwithstanding some intrusion by built development at Hindlip Hall, the land makes a significant contribution to the Green Belt in this location, with a high degree of visual and high to mixed physical openness. In combination with adjacent parcels, the land is a substantial part of the open land between Droitwich Spa and Worcester.

Parcel S6



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View southwestwards from Sling Lane (viewpoint A)

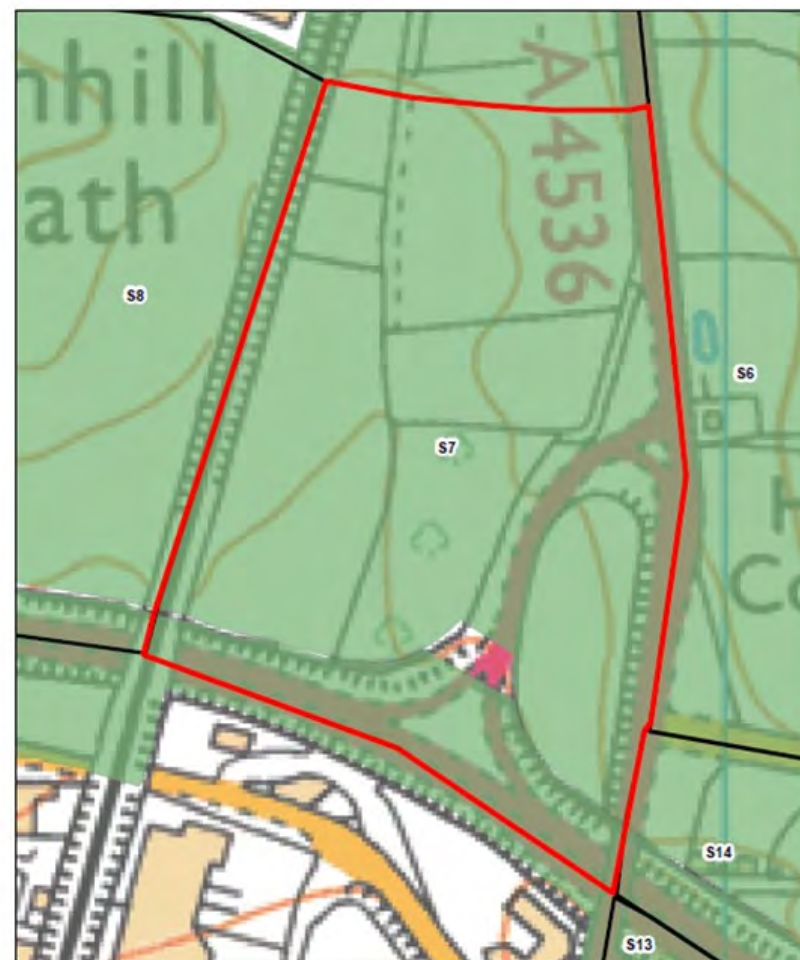
S6: Land to the southeast of Fernhill Heath, east of the A4536 Hurst Lane, southwest of The Old Drive, bounded by Hindlip Lane to the southeast. Land use is predominantly arable with a significant woodland block to the east (High Wood) and some peripheral residential development to the northwest and north east. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Whilst Fernhill Heath is not a large built up area <i>per se</i>, it is nevertheless of substantial contiguous development which is contained by the Green Belt on its southeastern edge where there is no clear boundary.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land constitutes part of the remaining gap between Droitwich Spa and Worcester (in combination with surrounding Green Belt). As such, the land makes a significant contribution to this purpose.
	Significant Contribution

S6: Land to the southeast of Fernhill Heath, east of the A4536 Hurst Lane, southwest of The Old Drive, bounded by Hindlip Lane to the southeast. Land use is predominantly arable with a significant woodland block to the east (High Wood) and some peripheral residential development to the northwest and north east. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	The land has the quality of open countryside, related to surrounding Green Belt to the east and south in particular. The current sense of openness, which is judged to be high physically and visually, could be easily eroded by additional development in what is a highly accessible location, and its location adjacent to the large village of Fernhill Heath.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land has no immediate visual or physical connection with the historic centre of Worcester, but nevertheless forms part of the wider countryside context of the town.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution Reflecting its location and quality of openness (high physical openness and high to mixed visual openness), the land makes a significant contribution to the Green Belt in this location, strongly related to surrounding Green Belt to the east in particular which contains the built edge of the large village of Fernhill Heath.

Parcel S7



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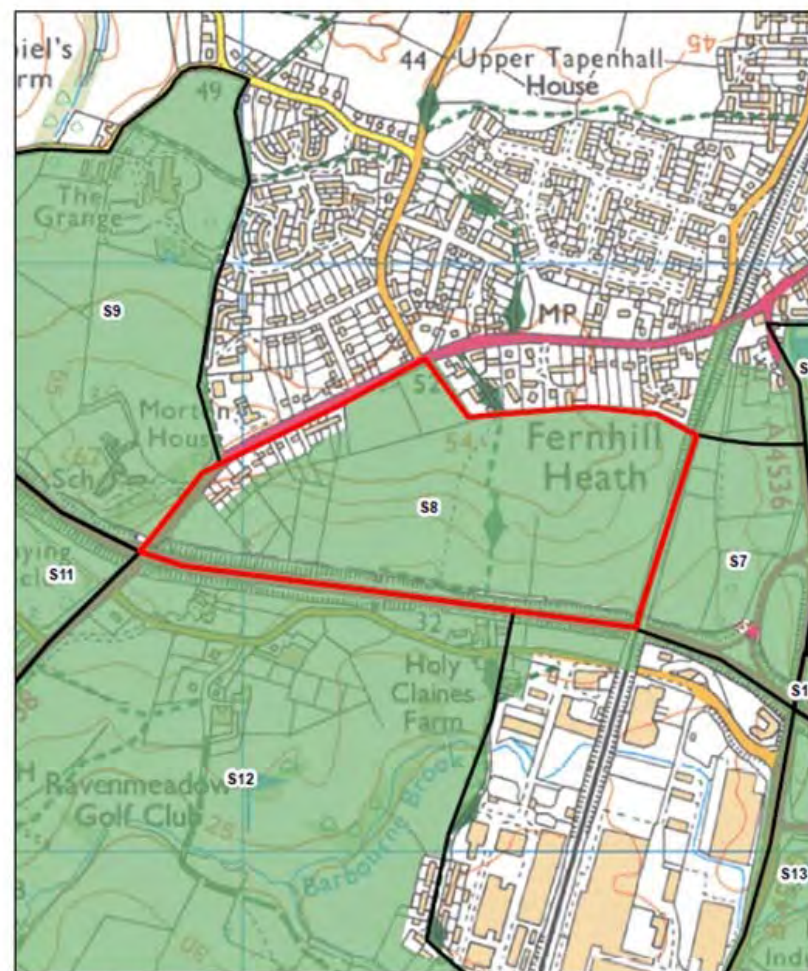
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S7: Land between Worcester and Fernhill Heath, north of the A449, between the Droitwich – Worcester railway line and the A4536 Hurst Lane. Land use is pasture, with very limited built development. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – mixed to low, reflecting the degree of enclosure of the parcel by boundary vegetation.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Whilst not directly containing a built edge and being largely well contained (apart from an unbounded northern edge), the land serves to prevent the wider sprawl of large built-up area of Worcester to the south and to a lesser degree to the north at Fernhill Heath.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution Locally, the parcel in combination with land to the west, directly prevents the merger of Worcester with Fernhill Heath. Whilst this is not a strategic role, in this locality the maintenance of separate identities is important.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The parcel is largely devoid of built development thus maintaining a relatively high degree of both visual and physical openness and the quality of open countryside.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land has no immediate visual or physical connection with the historic centre of Worcester, but nevertheless forms part of the wider countryside context of the town.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution Whilst the land makes a contribution to all purposes, reflecting its location, scale and bounded character, cumulatively the land makes a significant contribution to meeting Green Belt purposes. The quality of openness (high physical openness and mixed to mixed to low visual openness) has been maintained.

Parcel S8



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View southeastwards from the A38 Droitwich Road (viewpoint A)



View southwards from the A38 Droitwich Road (viewpoint B)

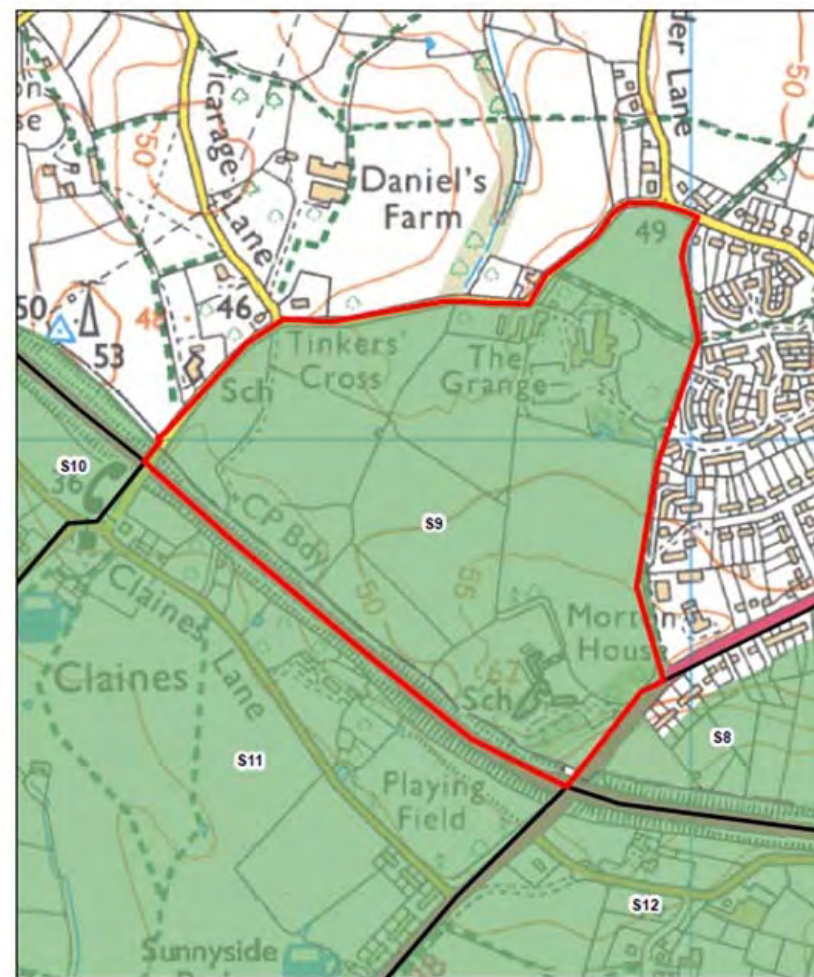
S8: Land to the north of the A449, bounded by the Droitwich – Worcester railway line to the east and the A38 Droitwich Road and built edge of Fernhill Heath to the north and northwest. Land use is principally arable, with built development associated with Fernhill Heath to the west. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	Contribution
	Whilst not directly containing a built edge and being largely well contained (apart from an unbounded northern edge), the land serves to prevent the wider sprawl of the large built-up area of Worcester to the south and to a lesser degree to the north at Fernhill Heath.

S8: Land to the north of the A449, bounded by the Droitwich – Worcester railway line to the east and the A38 Droitwich Road and built edge of Fernhill Heath to the north and northwest. Land use is principally arable, with built development associated with Fernhill Heath to the west. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution Locally, the parcel in combination with land to the east, directly prevents the merger of Worcester with Fernhill Heath. Whilst this is not a strategic role, in this locality the maintenance of separate identities is important.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution Whilst the openness of the land has been compromised by built development to northwest, there is a relatively high degree of both visual and physical openness and the quality of open countryside. There are expansive views over Worcester and the land from part of the northerly backdrop to the City.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land has no immediate visual or physical connection with the historic centre of Worcester, but nevertheless forms part of the wider countryside context of the town.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution Whilst the land makes a Contribution to all purposes, reflecting its location, scale and bounded character, cumulatively the land, which has high physical and visual openness, makes a Significant Contribution to meeting Green Belt purposes.

Parcel S9



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View southeastwards from School Bank/Vicarage Lane (viewpoint A)

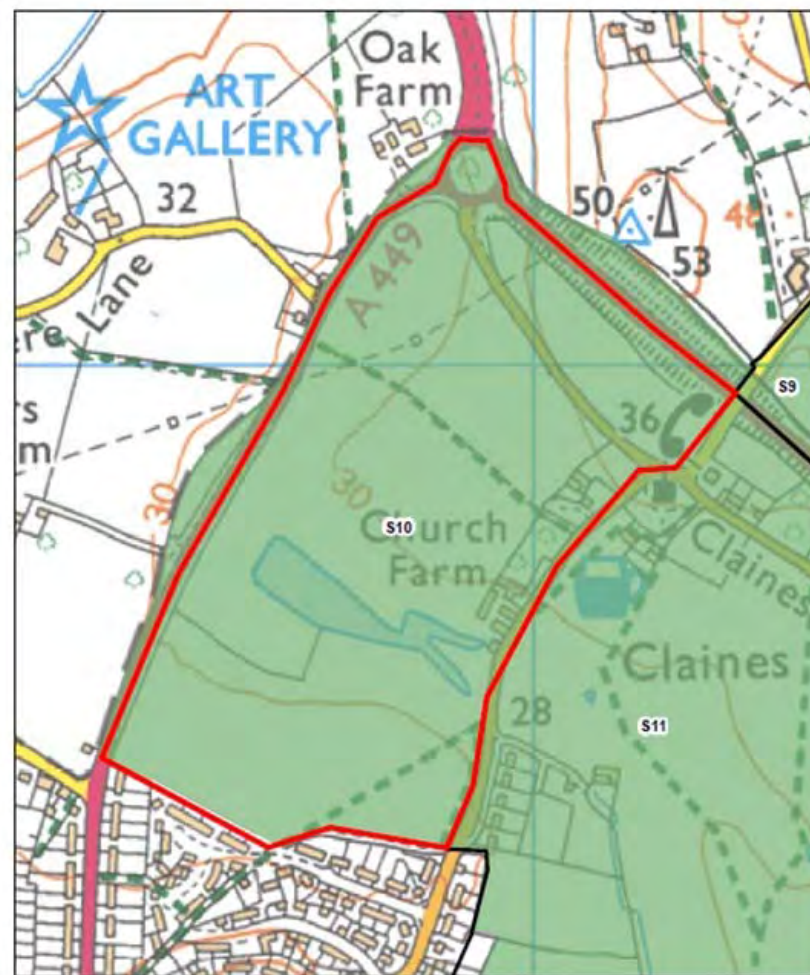
S9: Land immediately to the west of Fernhill Heath, bonded by the A449 to the southeast and School Bank/Danes Green to the north west. Land use is mixed arable, pastoral and school playing fields, with built development associated with two schools. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development in the form of school buildings. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of middle-and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution The built edge of Fernhill Heath is largely well-contained, most clearly to the south by Grange Lane, and although this is not a large built-up area per se, the land serves to prevent the wider sprawl of the large built-up area of Worcester to the south at Northwick.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution Locally, the parcel in combination with land to the east, directly prevents the merger of Worcester with Fernhill Heath. Whilst this is not a strategic role, in this locality the maintenance of separate identities is important.
	Contribution

S9: Land immediately to the west of Fernhill Heath, bonded by the A449 to the southeast and School Bank/Danes Green to the north west. Land use is mixed arable, pastoral and school playing fields, with built development associated with two schools. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development in the form of school buildings. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of middle-and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	The land has a relatively high degree of both visual and physical openness (notwithstanding the presence of two large schools and associated recreational facilities) and is related to more open countryside to the north beyond School Bank/Danes Green.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land has no immediate visual or physical connection with the historic centre of Worcester, but nevertheless forms part of the wider countryside context of the town.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution Whilst the land makes a Contribution to all purposes, reflecting its location, scale and bounded character, cumulatively the land, which has high to mixed physical and visual openness, makes a Significant Contribution to meeting Green Belt purposes. Notwithstanding the extensive education and related playing field/sports uses, the quality of openness has been maintained.

Parcel S10



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View southwestwards from Claines Lane (viewpoint A)



View northeastwards from the A449 Omberlsey Road (viewpoint B)

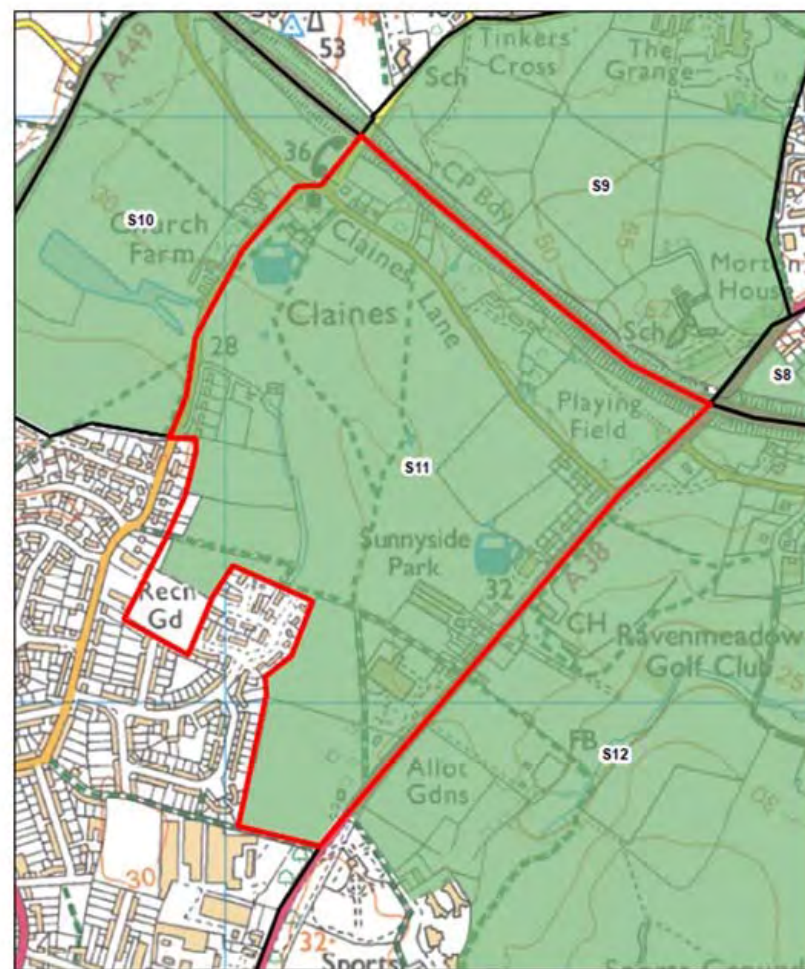
S10: Land to the southwest and southeast of the A449, northwest of Cornmeadow Lane, Claines Lane and School Bank. Land use is predominantly arable with some pastoral to the north and peripheral development along Cornmeadow Lane associated with the village of Claines. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
	Significant Contribution

S10: Land to the southwest and southeast of the A449, northwest of Cornmeadow Lane, Claines Lane and School Bank. Land use is predominantly arable with some pastoral to the north and peripheral development along Cornmeadow Lane associated with the village of Claines. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	The land contains the unbounded built edge of Worcester at Northwick (Meadow Road), preventing the extension of the built-up area into open land towards Claines, in turn bounded by the A449 to the north east.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution Strategically, the land plays no role in this regard, although locally, the separate identity of the village of Claines is maintained.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The parcel exhibits a largely rural character., with moderate to high levels of visual and physical openness, although its proximity to the built edge of Worcester at Northwick and bounded character diminishes its contribution to the wider open countryside to the north of the A449.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Significant Contribution The land forms part of the northerly context of Worcester with views towards the City from Claines Lane and Cornmeadow Lane, as well as locally providing the context for the Claines Conservation Area. In combination with land to the southeast, the parcel makes a significant contribution to maintaining this context.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution Overall, the land, which has high physical and visual openness, makes a Significant Contribution to meeting Green Belt purposes, preventing localised sprawl of the built edge of Worcester at Northwick, and providing an important part of the setting for the Worcester and the village of Claines.

Parcel S11



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View southeastwards from Cornmeadow Lane (viewpoint A)



View southwestwards from Claines Lane (viewpoint B)

S11: Land to the southwest of the A449, north west of the A38 Droitwich Road, bounded by Cornmeadow Lane to the northwest and the built edge of Northwick to the south west. Land use is complex comprising arable and pastoral land, sports pitches, a garden centre, peripheral residential development and scrub woodland.

Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but development off the A38.

Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of long- and middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.

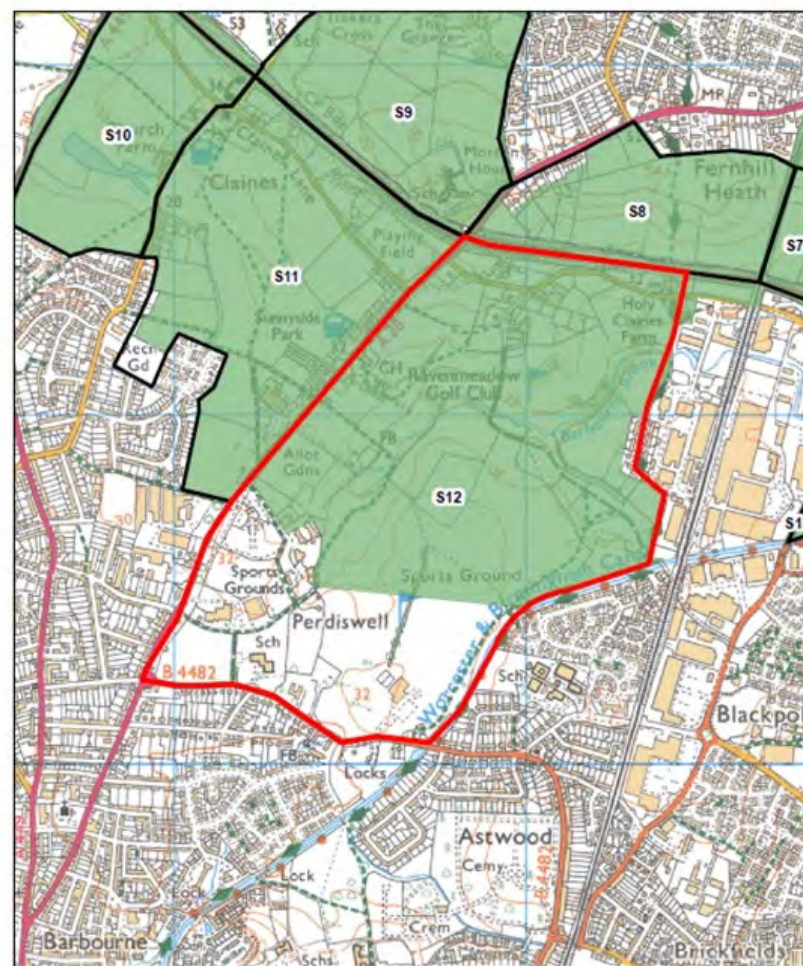
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
	Significant Contribution

S11: Land to the southwest of the A449, north west of the A38 Droitwich Road, bounded by Cornmeadow Lane to the northwest and the built edge of Northwick to the south west. Land use is complex comprising arable and pastoral land, sports pitches, a garden centre, peripheral residential development and scrub woodland. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but development off the A38. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of long- and middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	The land contains the unbounded built edge of Worcester at Northwick preventing the extension of the built-up area into open land towards Claines. There is evidence of linear sprawl along the A38 in particular as well as ad hoc extensions of the urban edge.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution Strategically, the land plays no role in this regard, although locally, the separate identity of the village of Claines is maintained as well as a broader separation between Worcester and Fernhill Heath.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution Notwithstanding various urbanising intrusions on the southeastern periphery of the parcel which reduces it openness, the parcel exhibits a rural character particularly towards Claines. Its bounded character limits its contribution to the wider open countryside to the north of the A449.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Significant Contribution The land forms part of the northerly context of Worcester with views towards the City from Claines Lane and Cornmeadow Lane, as well as locally providing the context for the Claines Conservation Area. In combination with land to the southwest, the parcel makes a significant contribution to maintaining this context.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution Overall, the land which has a high to mixed physical and visual openness, makes a Significant Contribution to meeting Green Belt purposes, preventing localised sprawl of the built edge of Worcester at Northwick, and providing an important part of the setting for Worcester and the village of Claines.

Parcel S12



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View northwestwards from Perdiswell Park (viewpoint A)



View northeastwards from Perdiswell Park (viewpoint B)



View southwestwards from Moat House Lane (viewpoint C)

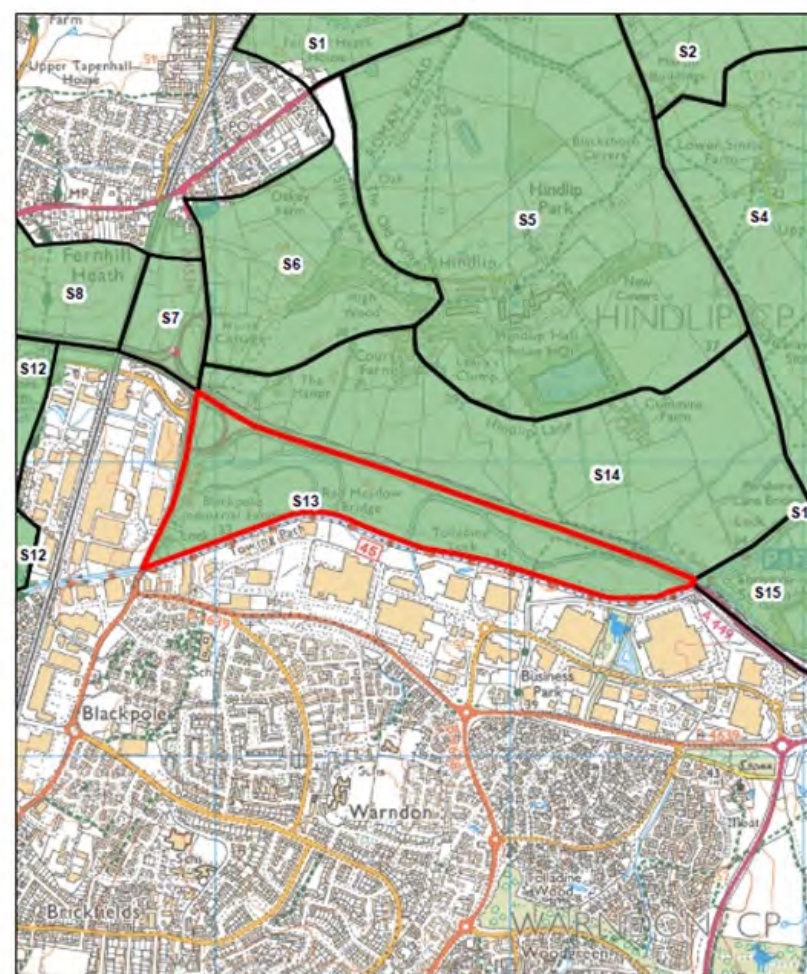
S12: Land to the southwest of the A449, southeast of the A38 Droitwich Road variously bounded to the southeast by the built edge of Worcester at Perdiswell (Bilford Road), the Worcester & Birmingham Canal and the Blackpole Trading Estate (Spring Bank). Land is varied, dominated by golf courses (Perdiswell Park Golf Course and Ravenmeadow Golf Centre), but also comprising schools and associated playing fields, allotments and a business park (Perdiswell Park). Physical openness – mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but peripheral development. Visual openness – mixed, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel, interrupted by extensive vegetation.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Contribution Notwithstanding the various elements of built development on the periphery of the parcel, contiguous built development is largely contained behind substantial boundaries, meaning that the potential for uncontained sprawl is limited. The parcel has limited connections with the open countryside to the north of the A449, but retains an open aspect.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution Strategically, the parcel plays no role in preventing the merger of towns, although locally there is a role in helping to maintain the separation between Worcester and Fernhill Heath, notwithstanding the role of the A449 in providing separation between the two.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution Domination of land use by golf courses maintains a sense of visual and physical openness (which is overall moderate visually and physically) to the parcel, although this is diminished by the nature and extent of peripheral development which imparts a semi-urbanised quality to the eastern part of the parcel adjoining the A38.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Significant Contribution Despite the degree of incremental urbanisation on the periphery of the parcel, there is a degree of visual connection with the historic core of the Worcester from the higher ground along Hindlip Lane. In combination with land to the west, this is important for the northerly setting of the City.
	Significant Contribution

S12: Land to the southwest of the A449, southeast of the A38 Droitwich Road variously bounded to the southeast by the built edge of Worcester at Perdiswell (Bilford Road), the Worcester & Birmingham Canal and the Blackpole Trading Estate (Spring Bank). Land is varied, dominated by golf courses (Perdiswell Park Golf Course and Ravenmeadow Golf Centre), but also comprising schools and associated playing fields, allotments and a business park (Perdiswell Park). Physical openness – mixed, reflecting predominantly open countryside, but peripheral development. Visual openness – mixed, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel, interrupted by extensive vegetation.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Incremental development has created a complex land use pattern which limits the sense of visual and physical openness particularly around the periphery of the parcel. Whilst the land uses are not untypical of the urban fringe or Green Belt (schools, allotments, golf courses etc), the openness of the land has been compromised (with mixed physical and visual openness). Nevertheless, the land still makes a Contribution to three purposes and a Significant Contribution in respect of providing the northerly setting for Worcester.

Parcel S13



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View northwards from the canal towpath (viewpoint A)

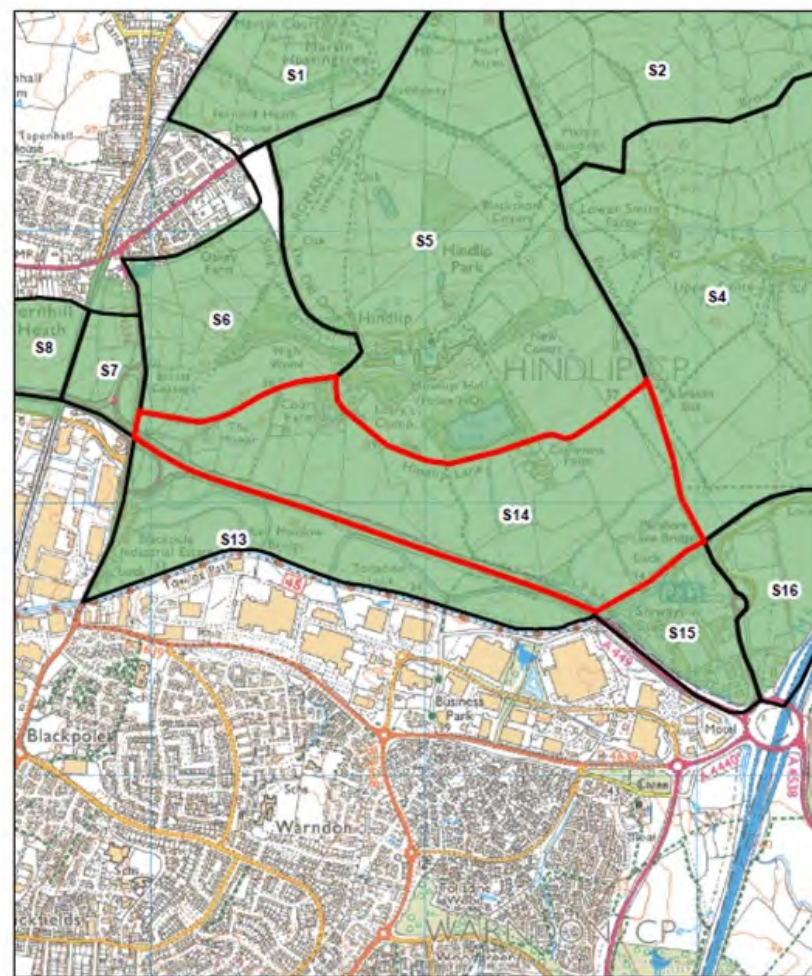
S13: Land between the A449 and the Worcester & Birmingham Canal, east of the Blackpole Industrial Estate. Land use is almost entirely rough grazing with some storage uses adjacent to the junction between the A449 and the A4536 Blackpole Road, and a single dwelling and electricity transformer station at the junction of the Worcester & Birmingham Canal and the B4536. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – mixed, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel is strongly bounded on all sides, meaning that the potential for, and effects of, sprawl are limited.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution Notwithstanding its size and bounded character, the parcel contributes to maintaining the separation of Worcester and Droitwich in combination with land to the north of the A449.
	Contribution

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Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Whilst the parcel is of a limited extent and severed from the open countryside to the north of the A449, its nevertheless retains a moderate to high degree of visual openness and a high degree of physical openness, being largely devoid of built development.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The parcel makes no clear contribution to this purpose, being physically and visually detached from the core of Worcester.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution The land has been severed from its wider countryside context to the north of the A449, but nevertheless makes a Contribution to Green Belt purposes through the prevention of merger (in combination with land to the north the A449) and safeguarding the countryside from encroachment reflecting its open character (which has high physical openness and mixed visual openness).

Parcel S14



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View southwards from Hindlip Lane (viewpoint A)

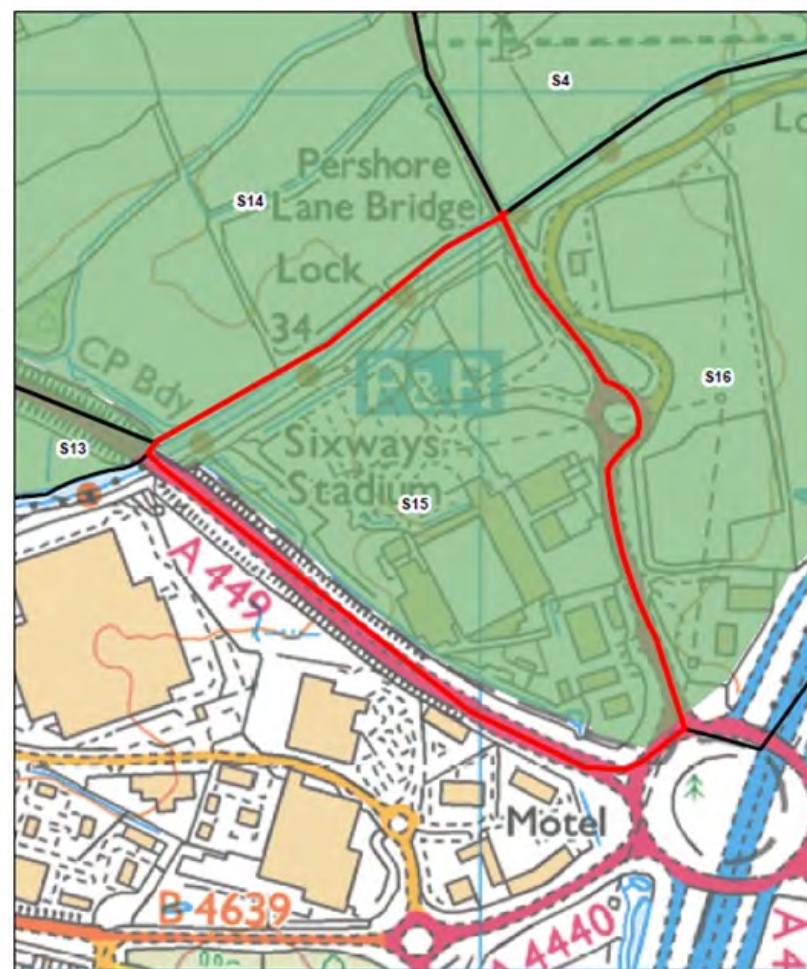


View southwestwards from Hindlip Lane (viewpoint B)

S14: Land to the north of the A449, south of Hindlip Lane, west of Pershore Lane. Land use is predominantly arable with farmsteads off Hindlip Lane and residential properties to the west with the west. Physical openness – high, reflecting predominantly open countryside, with limited built development. Visual openness – high, reflecting the presence of long- and middle-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
	Contribution

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Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	The land does not abut the contiguous built area of Worcester to the south and its bounded to the south by the A449 and the Worcester & Birmingham Canal, but nevertheless contributes strategically to the prevention of sprawl.
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Significant Contribution The land constitutes part of the remaining gap between Droitwich Spa and Worcester (in combination with surrounding Green Belt). As such, the land makes a significant contribution to this purpose.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Significant Contribution The land has the quality of open countryside, related to surrounding Green Belt, and the sense of openness, which is high both visually and physically, could be easily eroded by additional development in what is a highly accessible location.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Contribution The land has no immediate visual or physical connection with the historic centres of Droitwich Spa or Worcester, but nevertheless forms part of the wider countryside context of these towns.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Significant Contribution Reflecting its location and quality of openness (which is high physically and visually), the land makes a significant contribution to the Green Belt in this location, strongly related to surrounding Green Belt, being party of the wider open land between Droitwich Spa and Worcester.

Parcel S15





View southeastwards along Warriors Way (viewpoint A)



View northeastwards from Warriors Way (viewpoint B)

S15: Land to the northwest of the M5 Junction 6, bounded by the A449, the Worcester & Birmingham Canal and the A4538 Pershore Road. Land use comprises the Sixways Stadium, other sports uses, car parking and a council depot. Much of the parcel is designated as a Major Developed Site.

Physical openness – low, reflecting built character.

Visual openness – low, reflecting the interruption of views by built form.

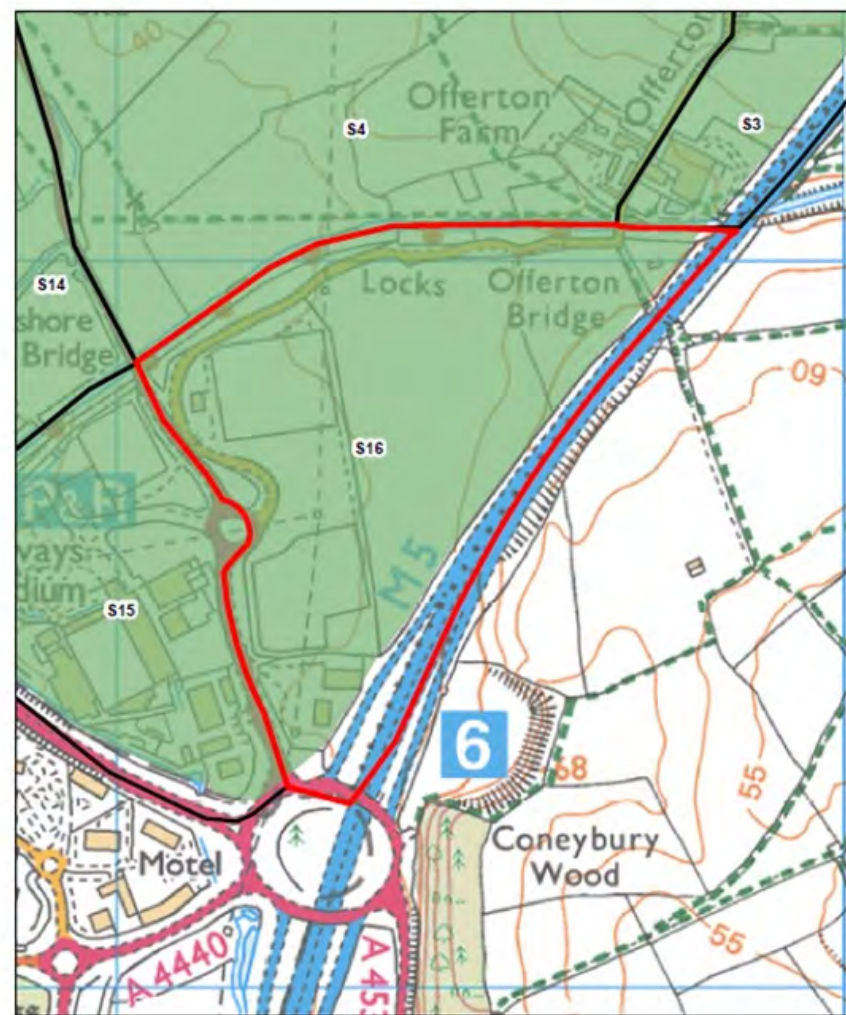
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	Limited Contribution
	The size and physically contained nature of the parcel means that it makes no contribution to this purpose.

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Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
<i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Limited Contribution The land plays no role in this respect, being of a developed character and divided by the Worcester & Birmingham Canal from the wider land to the north which does perform this function.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Limited Contribution The land is entirely covered by built development, with very limited sense of visual and physical openness, although these are not untypical Green Belt uses (albeit of an unusually substantial scale).
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land has no visual relationship with the City Centre.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Limited Contribution The combination of the built character within the parcel (much of which is defined as a Major Developed Site), the high degree of physical enclosure and scale (resulting in low physical and visual openness) mean that the land makes only a minimal, if any, contribution to the Green Belt.

Parcel S16



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Appendix A: Parcel S16



View eastwards from Warriors Way (Viewpoint A)



View southwards from Offerton Lane (Viewpoint B)

S16: Land to the northwest of the M5, bounded by the Worcester & Birmingham Canal and the A4538 Pershore Road. Land use is primarily rough pasture with sports pitches and a council depot to the west. Physical openness – high to mixed, reflecting predominantly open land, with limited built development. Visual openness – high to mixed, reflecting the presence of middle- and short-distance views across the parcel.	
Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the extension of an existing development into open land beyond established limits, in light of the presence of significant boundaries?</i>	Limited Contribution The size and physically contained nature of the parcel means that it makes only a limited contribution to this purpose.

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Purpose & Guide Question	Contribution to Green Belt Purposes / Analysis
To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another <i>What is the role of the parcel in preventing the merger of settlements which might occur through a reduction in the distance between them?</i>	Contribution Although divided by the Worcester & Birmingham Canal from the wider land to the north which clearly performs this strategic function, the parcel plays a supporting role, preventing incremental change of land around Junction 6 of the M5 which would potentially erode the wider strategic role.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment <i>What is the role of the parcel in maintaining a sense of openness, particularly in light of proximity to a settlement edge?</i>	Contribution The land is largely open physically and visually and notwithstanding the strongly vegetated northern boundary of the Worcester & Birmingham Canal, related to the wider open countryside to the north.
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns <i>What is the role of the parcel in respect of the proximity to, and degree of intervisibility with, the core (such as a Conservation Area) of an historic town or settlement?</i>	Limited Contribution The land has no visual relationship with the City Centre, but is part of the eastern gateway to the City.
Overall Assessment of Contribution to Green Belt Purposes	Contribution Whilst the parcel is bounded by the Worcester & Birmingham Canal, the A4538 and the M5, it is nevertheless of high to mixed physical and visual openness and related to the land to the north and as such contributes to the fulfilment of the strategic role of preventing merger and the broader role of preventing encroachment into open land.