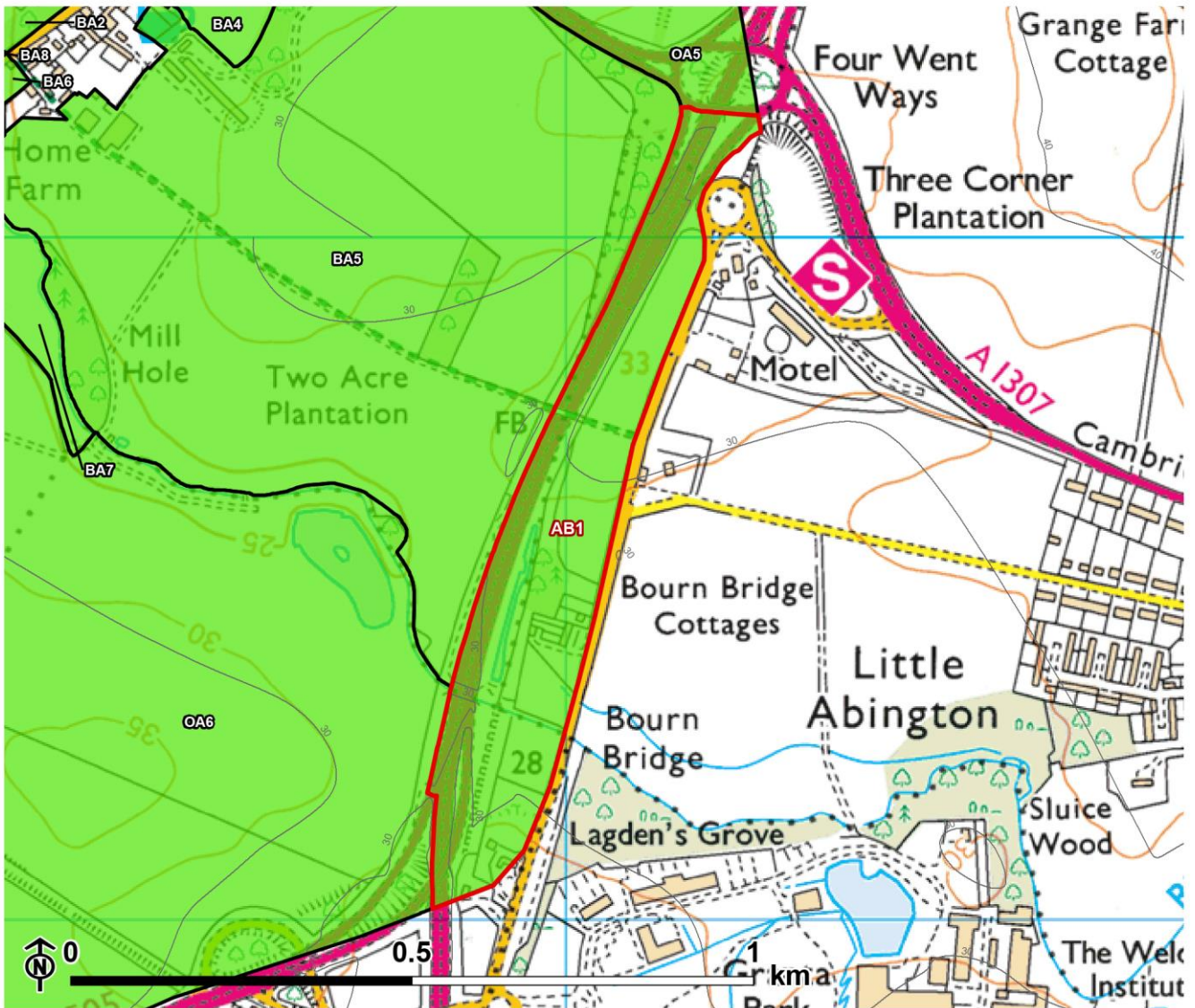
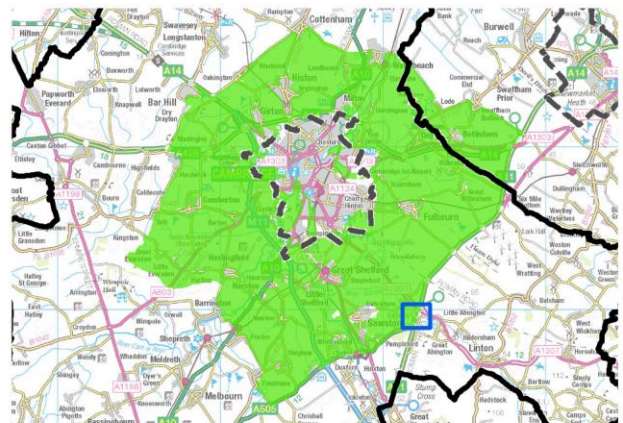


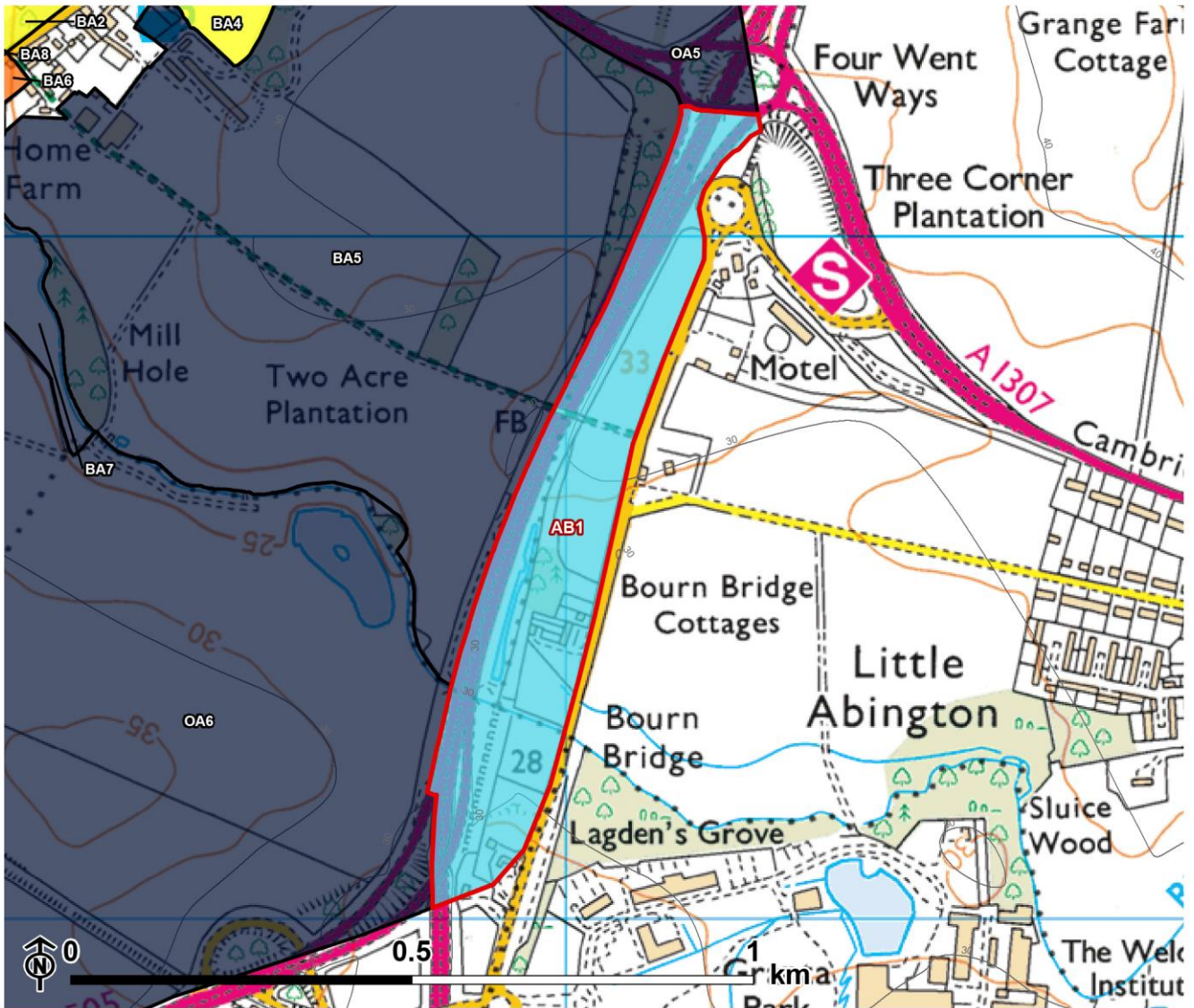
Abington



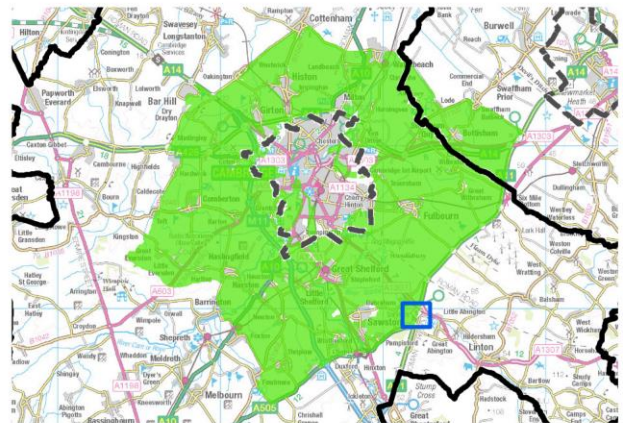
- - - Local Authority
- Abington parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt



Abington



- - - Local Authority
 - Abington parcel
 - Neighbouring parcel
 - Green Belt
- Harm rating**
- Very high
 - High
 - Moderate high
 - Moderate
 - Low



Map copyright information

© Crown copyright and database rights 2021 Ordnance Survey 100022500, 100019730. © Natural England copyright 2021. © Historic England 2021. © Environment Agency copyright and database rights (2021). © Ordnance Survey Crown copyright. Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community.

Notes on harm ratings

All harm ratings are for the release of land as an expansion of an existing inset area. Therefore, where a parcel does not lie immediately adjacent to the settlement edge, it is assumed that some intervening land will also be released, although no assumptions are made regarding what exactly what land that will be. Where a release of land would encompass areas with different harm ratings, the overall harm rating will always equate to the highest component harm rating.

Harm ratings are not given for areas subject to absolute constraints on development, or areas which have been judged to have no openness, in Green Belt terms. These are indicated on the maps for each assessed parcel of land. Absolute constraints include:

- Special Areas of Conservation;
- Special Protection Areas;
- Ramsar sites;
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest;
- Ancient woodland;
- Scheduled Monuments;
- Registered Parks and Gardens;
- Common land; and
- National Nature reserves

Components of harm assessment

The notes below explain the format of the parcel assessments contained in this report, referencing the relevant paragraphs in the Green Belt Assessment Methodology chapter of the main report where a more detailed explanation can be found.

Each parcel has a reference code that reflects the settlement that it lies closest to. This is followed by an aerial view showing extent of the parcel, in the context of neighbouring parcels, and an OS map indicating the presence of any absolute constraints.

Parcels were created to reflect variations in contribution to Green Belt purpose, rather than considering pre-defined parcels. In some cases a parcel may be split into areas labelled 1 and 2, reflecting situations where there are variations in the level of harm that would result from release (see Paragraph 3.128 in the main report).

Each parcel assessment is then organised under the following headings:

Parcel location and openness

This gives the parcel size (in hectares) and a brief description of its location, then considers the openness of the land. Openness relates to Step 2 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.36-3.42 in the main report).

Distinction between parcel and inset area

This is Step 3 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.43 - 3.60 in the main report). It examines the relationship between the Green Belt and the inset settlement, in order to determine how strongly the parcel is related to the settlement. This considers four inter-related elements: boundary features; landform and land cover; urbanising visual influence and urbanising containment. Land which has a stronger distinction from an inset settlement will generally make a stronger contribution to Cambridge Green Belt Purposes 1 and 3. Distinction is stated on a 4-point scale (weak, moderate, strong or very strong).

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

This covers Step 1 (see Paragraphs 3.27 - 3.35 in the main report) and Step 4 (Paragraphs 3.61 - 3.110) in the assessment process. It considers the extent to which each Cambridge Green Belt Purpose is relevant to a location (Step 1), and combines this with consideration of openness (Step 2) and distinction (Step 3) to determine the parcel's contribution to each of the three purposes (Step 4). The assessment of contribution applies to each parcel as a whole, providing a rating on a 5-point scale (limited/no contribution, relatively limited, moderate, relatively significant or significant) and supporting text for each Cambridge Green Belt Purpose:

- Cambridge Purpose 1 (to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre) – for land to contribute to this purpose it needs to be located in the immediate vicinity of Cambridge (see Paragraphs 3.28 and 3.67 - 3.73 in the main report).
- Cambridge Purpose 2 (to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting) - a two-element approach was taken considering: 1) the extent to which land constitutes countryside (that is to say has a rural character) based on its usage and distinction from an inset settlement; and 2) the extent to which land forms or contains other features or aspects that contribute to the quality of Cambridge's setting (see Paragraphs 3.29 and 3.74 - 3.102 in the main report).
- Cambridge Purpose 3 (to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city) – an analysis was undertaken of the distribution of villages in and around the Green Belt and the physical features that separate and/or connect them from each other or from Cambridge, in order to determine the fragility of each settlement gap (see Paragraphs 3.30-3.35 and 3.103 - 3.110 in the main report).

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt





This covers Step 5 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.111-3.124 in the main report). It considers the potential impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of land as an expansion of the adjacent inset settlement. If release of part of a parcel would result in a lower harm rating than release of the parcel as a whole, a separate analysis is given for each scenario.

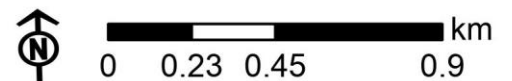
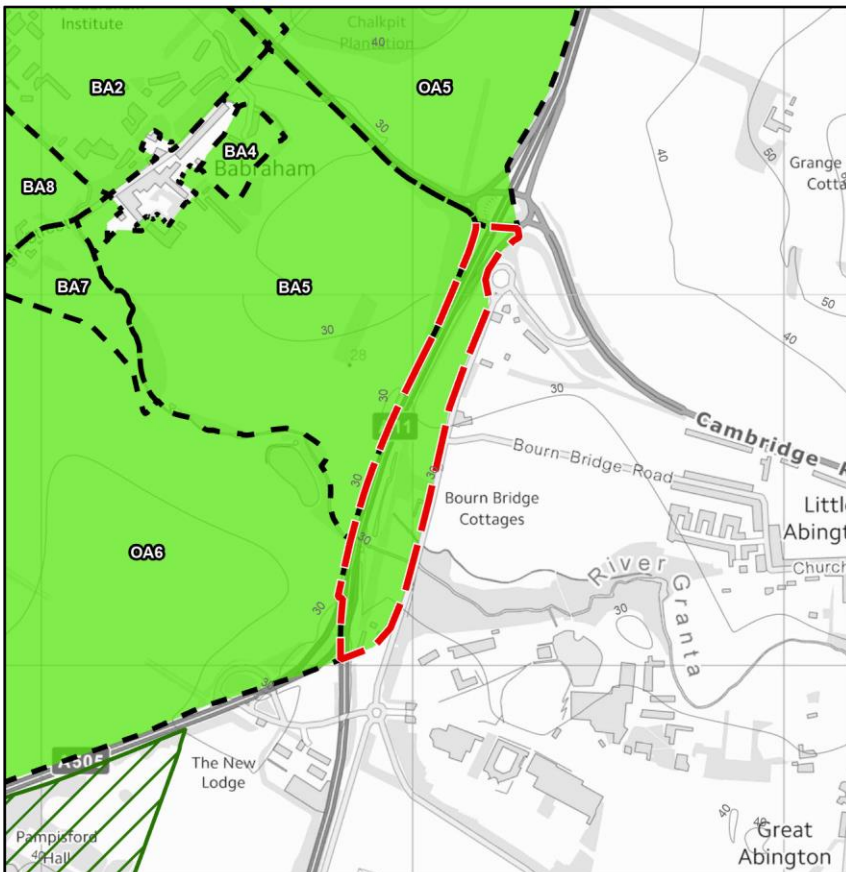
Overall harm of Green Belt release

This covers Step 6 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.125-3.131 in the main report). It combines consideration of the loss of contribution of land to the Green Belt purposes (Step 4) with any additional harm resulting from the weakening of remaining Green Belt land (Step 5), to determine an overall rating of the harm of releasing land from the Green Belt. Green Belt harm was rated using a 5-point scale (low, moderate, moderate-high, high and very high harm). If release of part of a parcel would result in a lower harm rating than release of the parcel as a whole, a separate rating and conclusion is given for each scenario.

AB1



-  AB1
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Registered park & garden



AB1

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 16.19ha

The parcel is located on the outer edge of the Green Belt, contained between The A11 and Newmarket Road (the former course of the main road) close to the village of Great Abington (which lies outside of the Green Belt).

There are several dwellings within the parcel, but the area is mostly open pasture.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The narrow form of the parcel, and its containment between Newmarket Road and the A11, mean that there is considered to be a degree of urbanising containment and visual influence, and landform and land cover within the parcel add no additional distinction from the nearest urban area. However, the parcel extends a significant distance northwards from the nearest area of built development - Granta Park on the edge of Great Abington - and a tree belt alongside Newmarket Road forms strong boundary separation from this edge. There is also a significant distance between Little Abington and the northern part of the parcel, with tree cover to either side of Newmarket Road again providing a strong boundary. Overall, therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the nearest urban development.

AB1

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not closely associated with the large built up area of Cambridge.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Whilst land has a strong distinction from the edge of Abington, meaning it has a weak relationship with the settlement, it is framed by a substantial amount of development (highways infrastructure) that weakens its rural character. Overall the parcel makes a limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Significant

Although there is moderate separation between Babraham and Great Abington, with the A11 forming a strong separating feature in between, the Green Belt protects only a limited portion of the gap. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

AB1

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of either Great Abington or Little Abington:

Rating: Negligible

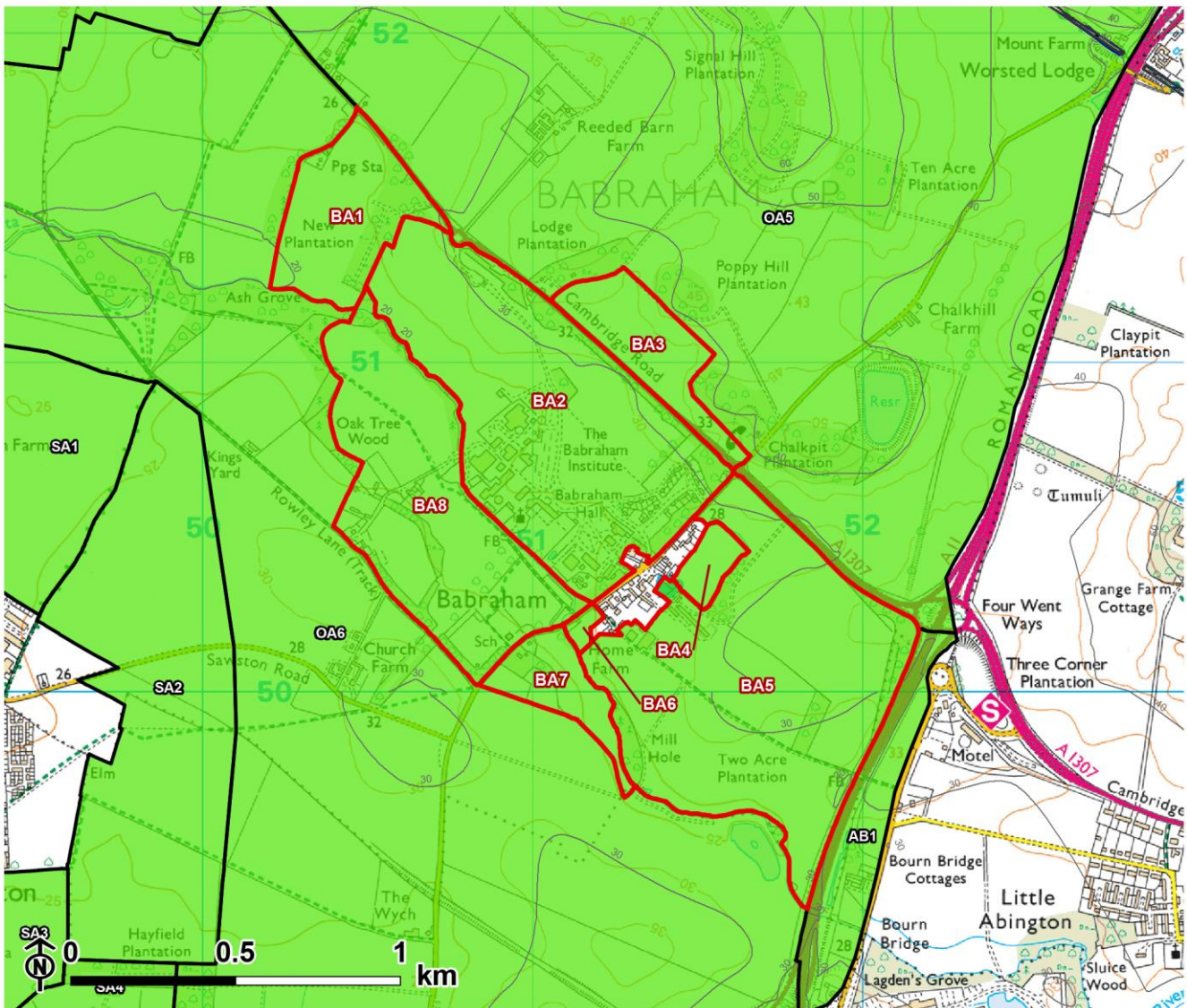
Strong containment from the wider Green Belt by the A11 and associated boundary vegetation means that the release of this narrow parcel would have a negligible impact on the contribution of adjacent Green Belt land. The A11 forms the Green Belt boundary for a significant distance northwards from here.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel AB1 makes a significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, but the additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be negligible. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Great or Little Abington, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

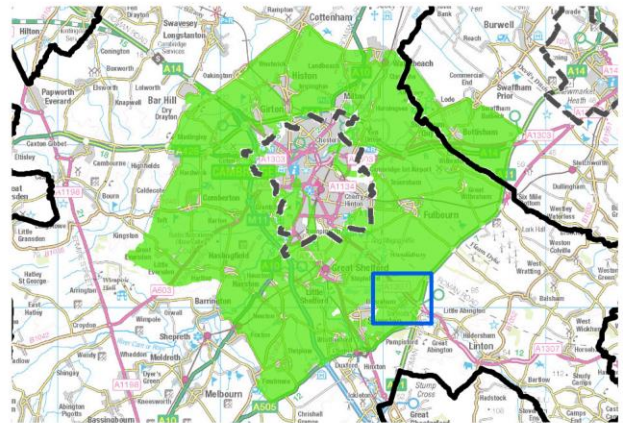
Babraham



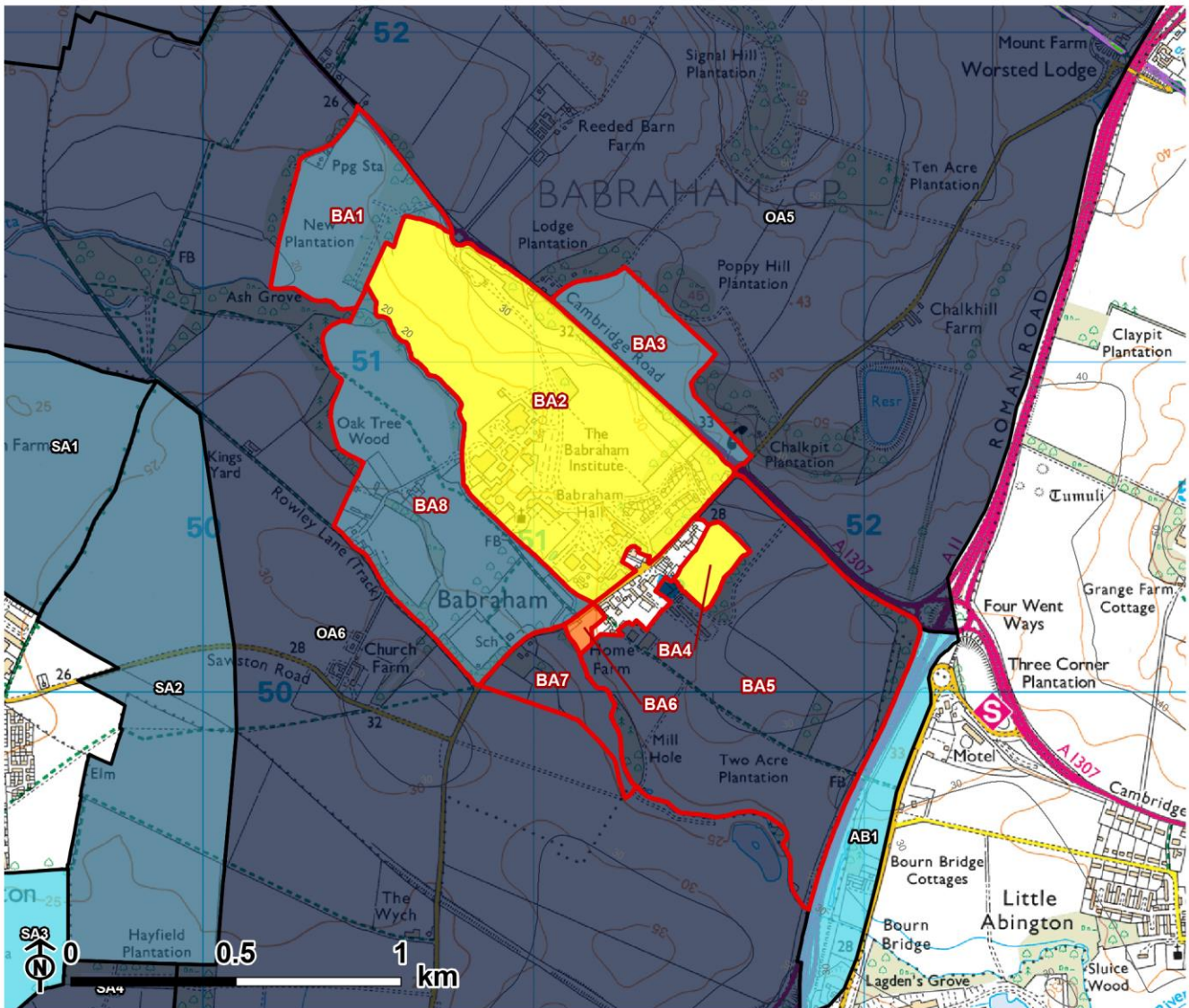
- - - Local Authority
- Babraham parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt

Absolute constraints

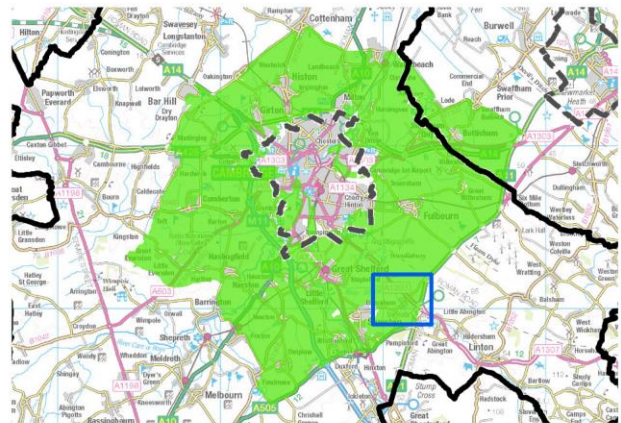
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Scheduled monument



Babraham



- - - Local Authority
 - Babraham parcel
 - Neighbouring parcel
 - Green Belt
 - Absolute constraint(s)
- Harm rating**
- Very high
 - High
 - Moderate high
 - Moderate
 - Low



Map copyright information

© Crown copyright and database rights 2021 Ordnance Survey 100022500, 100019730. © Natural England copyright 2021. © Historic England 2021. © Environment Agency copyright and database rights (2021). © Ordnance Survey Crown copyright. Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community.

Notes on harm ratings

All harm ratings are for the release of land as an expansion of an existing inset area. Therefore, where a parcel does not lie immediately adjacent to the settlement edge, it is assumed that some intervening land will also be released, although no assumptions are made regarding what exactly what land that will be. Where a release of land would encompass areas with different harm ratings, the overall harm rating will always equate to the highest component harm rating.

Harm ratings are not given for areas subject to absolute constraints on development, or areas which have been judged to have no openness, in Green Belt terms. These are indicated on the maps for each assessed parcel of land. Absolute constraints include:

- Special Areas of Conservation;
- Special Protection Areas;
- Ramsar sites;
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest;
- Ancient woodland;
- Scheduled Monuments;
- Registered Parks and Gardens;
- Common land; and
- National Nature reserves

Components of harm assessment

The notes below explain the format of the parcel assessments contained in this report, referencing the relevant paragraphs in the Green Belt Assessment Methodology chapter of the main report where a more detailed explanation can be found.

Each parcel has a reference code that reflects the settlement that it lies closest to. This is followed by an aerial view showing extent of the parcel, in the context of neighbouring parcels, and an OS map indicating the presence of any absolute constraints.

Parcels were created to reflect variations in contribution to Green Belt purpose, rather than considering pre-defined parcels. In some cases a parcel may be split into areas labelled 1 and 2, reflecting situations where there are variations in the level of harm that would result from release (see Paragraph 3.128 in the main report).

Each parcel assessment is then organised under the following headings:

Parcel location and openness

This gives the parcel size (in hectares) and a brief description of its location, then considers the openness of the land. Openness relates to Step 2 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.36-3.42 in the main report).

Distinction between parcel and inset area

This is Step 3 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.43 - 3.60 in the main report). It examines the relationship between the Green Belt and the inset settlement, in order to determine how strongly the parcel is related to the settlement. This considers four inter-related elements: boundary features; landform and land cover; urbanising visual influence and urbanising containment. Land which has a stronger distinction from an inset settlement will generally make a stronger contribution to Cambridge Green Belt Purposes 1 and 3. Distinction is stated on a 4-point scale (weak, moderate, strong or very strong).

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

This covers Step 1 (see Paragraphs 3.27 - 3.35 in the main report) and Step 4 (Paragraphs 3.61 - 3.110) in the assessment process. It considers the extent to which each Cambridge Green Belt Purpose is relevant to a location (Step 1), and combines this with consideration of openness (Step 2) and distinction (Step 3) to determine the parcel's contribution to each of the three purposes (Step 4). The assessment of contribution applies to each parcel as a whole, providing a rating on a 5-point scale (limited/no contribution, relatively limited, moderate, relatively significant or significant) and supporting text for each Cambridge Green Belt Purpose:

- Cambridge Purpose 1 (to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre) – for land to contribute to this purpose it needs to be located in the immediate vicinity of Cambridge (see Paragraphs 3.28 and 3.67 - 3.73 in the main report).
- Cambridge Purpose 2 (to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting) - a two-element approach was taken considering: 1) the extent to which land constitutes countryside (that is to say has a rural character) based on its usage and distinction from an inset settlement; and 2) the extent to which land forms or contains other features or aspects that contribute to the quality of Cambridge's setting (see Paragraphs 3.29 and 3.74 - 3.102 in the main report).
- Cambridge Purpose 3 (to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city) – an analysis was undertaken of the distribution of villages in and around the Green Belt and the physical features that separate and/or connect them from each other or from Cambridge, in order to determine the fragility of each settlement gap (see Paragraphs 3.30-3.35 and 3.103 - 3.110 in the main report).

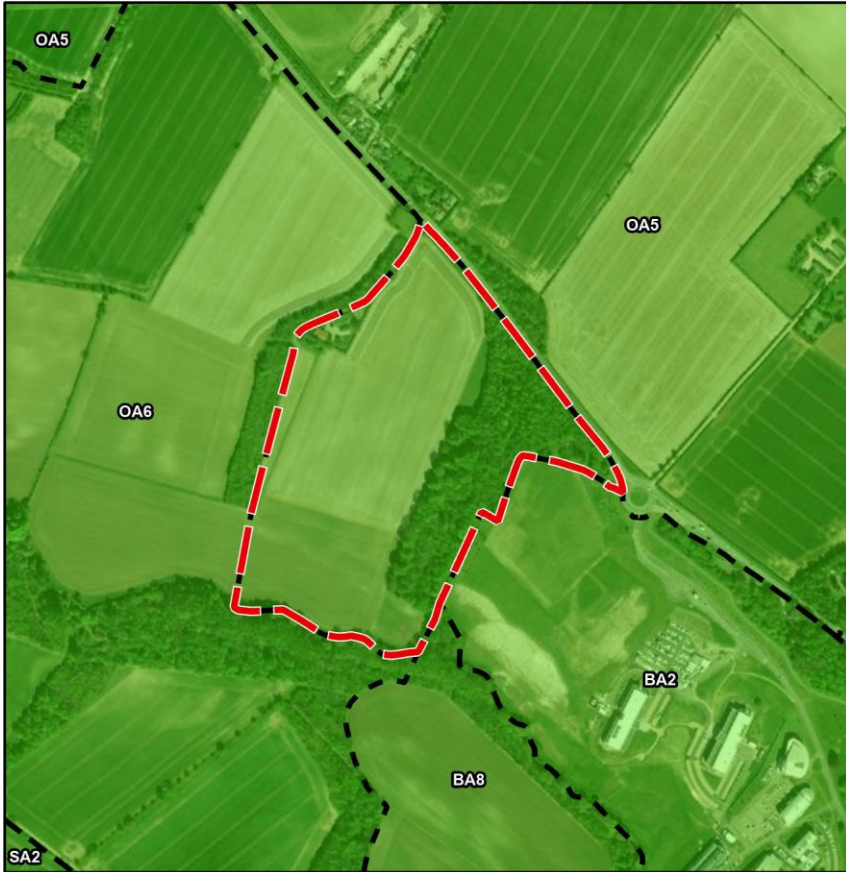
Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt


This covers Step 5 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.111-3.124 in the main report). It considers the potential impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of land as an expansion of the adjacent inset settlement. If release of part of a parcel would result in a lower harm rating than release of the parcel as a whole, a separate analysis is given for each scenario.

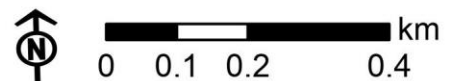
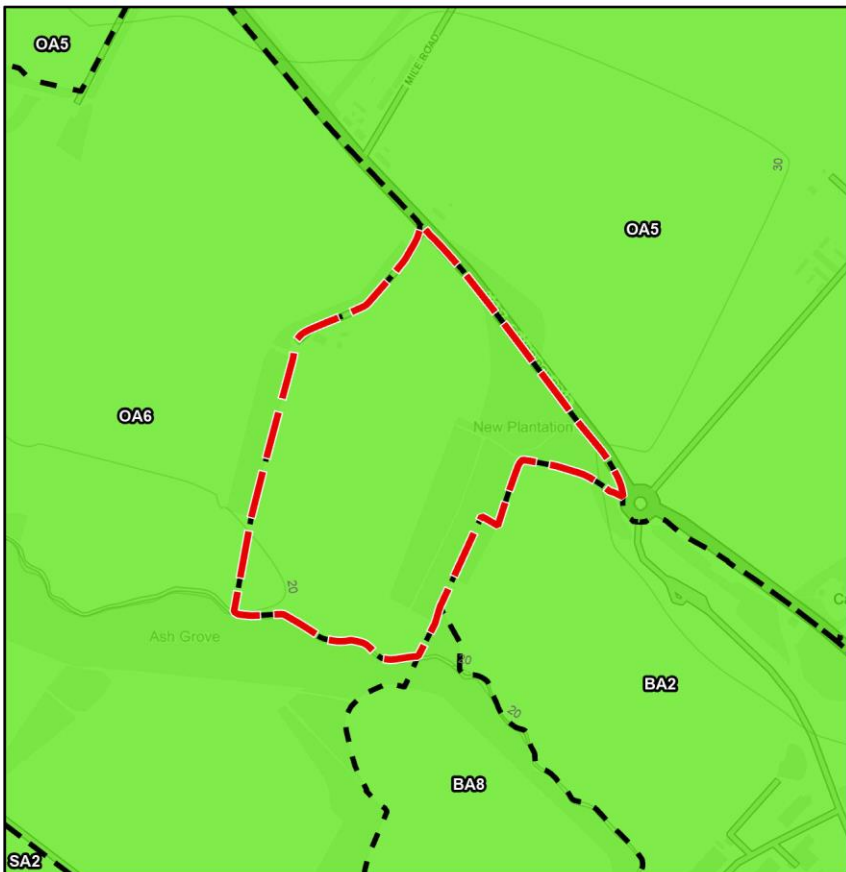
Overall harm of Green Belt release

This covers Step 6 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.125-3.131 in the main report). It combines consideration of the loss of contribution of land to the Green Belt purposes (Step 4) with any additional harm resulting from the weakening of remaining Green Belt land (Step 5), to determine an overall rating of the harm of releasing land from the Green Belt. Green Belt harm was rated using a 5-point scale (low, moderate, moderate-high, high and very high harm). If release of part of a parcel would result in a lower harm rating than release of the parcel as a whole, a separate rating and conclusion is given for each scenario.

BA1



-  BA1
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BA1

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 17.07ha

The parcel is located to the northwest of Babraham and contains arable land. It is bordered by the River Granta to the south, Cambridge Road to the north, and woodland belts to the east and west.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has an impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land is not contained by inset development and there is no urbanising visual influence. The parcel is located a significant distance from Babraham. Existing urbanising development, including Babraham Research Campus, reduces perceived separation to an extent. However, the woodland belts to the southeast is a strong boundary feature creating separation between the parcel and Babraham. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Babraham and, overall, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BA1

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Babraham. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel comprises woodland that has a very strong distinction from the edge of Babraham, meaning it has a strong rural character. Land comprises a remnant part of Babraham Park and therefore makes a positive contribution to the character of the landscape and the quality of Cambridge's setting, including as experienced on approach to the wider city from the southeast along Cambridge Road/Babraham Road (A1307). Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Babraham and Great Shelford, with woodland belts and a lack of direct connecting road creating significant separation. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BA1

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Babraham:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of land within this parcel would increase urbanising visual impact on land to the northwest from the settlement and would leave this land more closely contained by the inset edge and the wider Green Belt.

The release would also reduce the wide settlement gap between Babraham and Great Shelford and remove a thick woodland belt, which forms a significant separating feature between the two settlements.

The release and development of land within this parcel would not have an impact on the contribution of land to the south or east to Green Belt purposes due to strong boundary separation by a woodland belt to the south and Cambridge Road to the east.

The adjoining land to the southeast does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.



Overall harm of Green Belt release

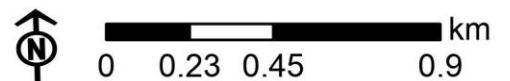
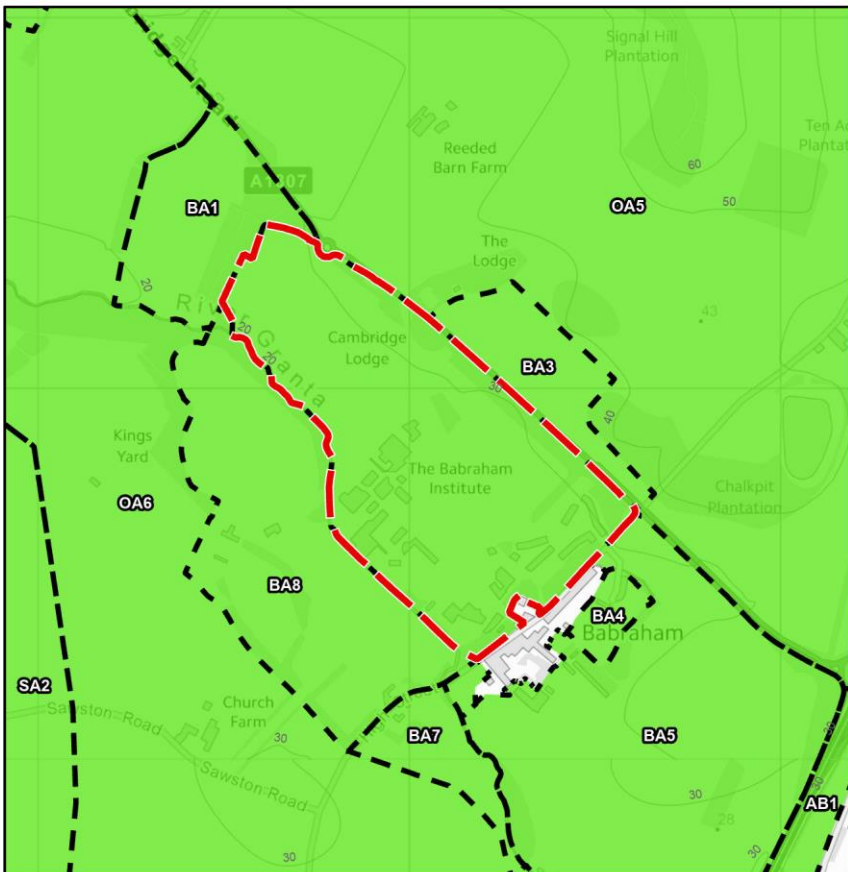
- Parcel BA1 makes a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with one another. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Babraham, would be high.

High

BA2



-  BA2
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BA2

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 60.02ha

The parcel is located to the northwest of Babraham and contains an area of parkland to the east and a number of industrial buildings to the west, including Babraham Research Campus, and Babraham Nursery to the southeast on The Close. Cambridge Road forms the eastern and northern boundary of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development [of a scale, character or form that has [an / a significant] impact on Green Belt openness]

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is not contained by inset development and the woodland belt to the south is a strong boundary feature creating separation between the parcel and Babraham. However, the extent of urbanising development within the west of the parcel results in urbanising visual influence. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Babraham. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BA2

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Babraham. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land has a moderate distinction from the edge of Babraham, meaning it has some relationship with the inset area. Land to the south and southwest also contains a significant amount of development (The Babraham Institute) that weakens its rural character. However, the area of development to the south contains the Grade I Church of St Peter and Grade II Babraham Hall, and lies within Babraham Conservation Area. The parcel also forms part of the remnant Babraham Park, with areas to the north and northeast comprising open agricultural land and several woodland blocks/belts. Land therefore makes some positive contribution to the character of the landscape and the quality of Cambridge's setting, including as experienced on approach to the wider city from the southeast along Cambridge Road/Babraham Road (A1307). To the west land is also associated with the River Granta, a tributary of the River Cam, and therefore allows some appreciation of the topographical framework of the city. Overall the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Babraham and Great Shelford, with woodland belts and a lack of direct connecting road creating significant separation. The parcel has some degree of relationship with the inset settlement, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to

BA2

Cambridge Purpose 3.

BA2

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Babraham:

Rating: Negligible

The release and development of land within this parcel would not have an impact on the contribution of land to the north, east or west to Green Belt purposes due to strong boundary separation by woodland belts, open land and the A1307, to the north and west, and Cambridge Road to the east.

The adjoining land to the southeast does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.


Overall harm of Green Belt release

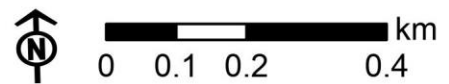
- Parcel BA2 makes a relatively limited contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with one another. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be negligible. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Babraham, would be low.

Low

BA3



-  BA3
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BA3

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 11.65ha

The parcel is located to the north of Baraham, on the northern side of the A1307. The parcel is comprised of agricultural land.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The A1307 and intervening land to the south provide a strong degree of separation between the parcel and the settlement of Babraham. The parcel is located a significant distance from the inset area and is not contained by inset development, which means that there is little urbanising visual influence within the parcel. The sloping landform within the parcel provides some additional distinction from Babraham. Overall, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BA3

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Babraham. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively significant

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a very strong distinction from the edge of Babraham, meaning it has a strong rural character. This contributes to a rural landscape setting experienced on approach to Cambridge from the southeast along Cambridge Road/Babraham Road (A1307). Land also forms part of the foothills of the Gog Magog Hills, which provide physical and visual containment to the southeast of the city. The raised topography is in marked contrast to the lower lying 'bowl' in which Cambridge lies and to the fen landscapes to the north and east of the city, and therefore allows an appreciation of the wider topographical framework of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a relatively strong contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Babraham and Fulbourn, with areas of tree cover and the A1307 acting as significant separating features. Although the settlement gap is robust, the parcel has very strong distinction from Babraham, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BA3

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Babraham:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would breach the A1307, which currently acts as a significant boundary feature between the settlement and open countryside to the north, as well as Fulbourn further north.

The release would also increase urbanising visual impacts on the fields beyond the parcel where there are gaps in tree cover. Tree cover to the northeast and southeast would prevent impacts to the contribution of Green Belt beyond this tree cover.


Overall harm of Green Belt release

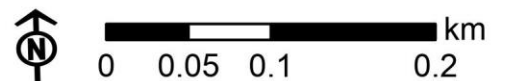
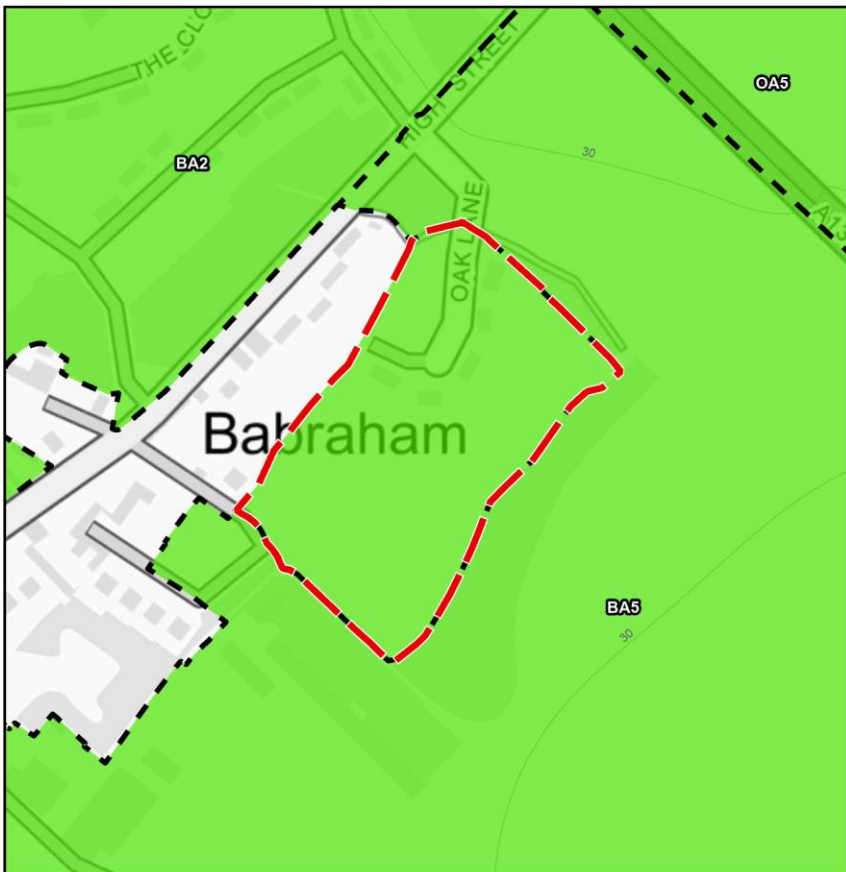
- Parcel BA3 makes a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Babraham, would be high.

High

BA4



-  BA4
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BA4

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.01ha

The parcel is located to the east of Babraham and contains grassland and an area of residential development on Oak Lane. It is contained by a woodland belt to the north, south and east.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although the parcel is not contained by inset development, it is in close proximity to the inset area and the garden hedgerow boundaries to the northwest create little separation between the parcel and Babraham. As such, there is urbanising visual influence. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Babraham. Overall, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BA4

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Babraham. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land has a weak distinction from the edge of Babraham, meaning it has a strong relationship with the inset area. Whilst land to the south and southeast comprises an open agricultural field, land to the north of the parcel contains residential development (on Oak Lane) that weakens its rural character. Land fronts onto Babraham Conservation Area, however it is largely separated from the more intact and historic parts of the village by more modern development on High Street. Overall the parcel makes a limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and lies in a gap which is narrow but which maintains clear separation between Babraham and the outer edge of the Green Belt and has some significant separating features including woodland blocks and the A11 transport corridor. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BA4

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Babraham:

Rating: Negligible

The release and development of land within this parcel would not have an impact on the contribution of adjacent land to Green Belt purposes due to strong boundary separation by a woodland belt.





Overall harm of Green Belt release

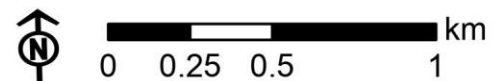
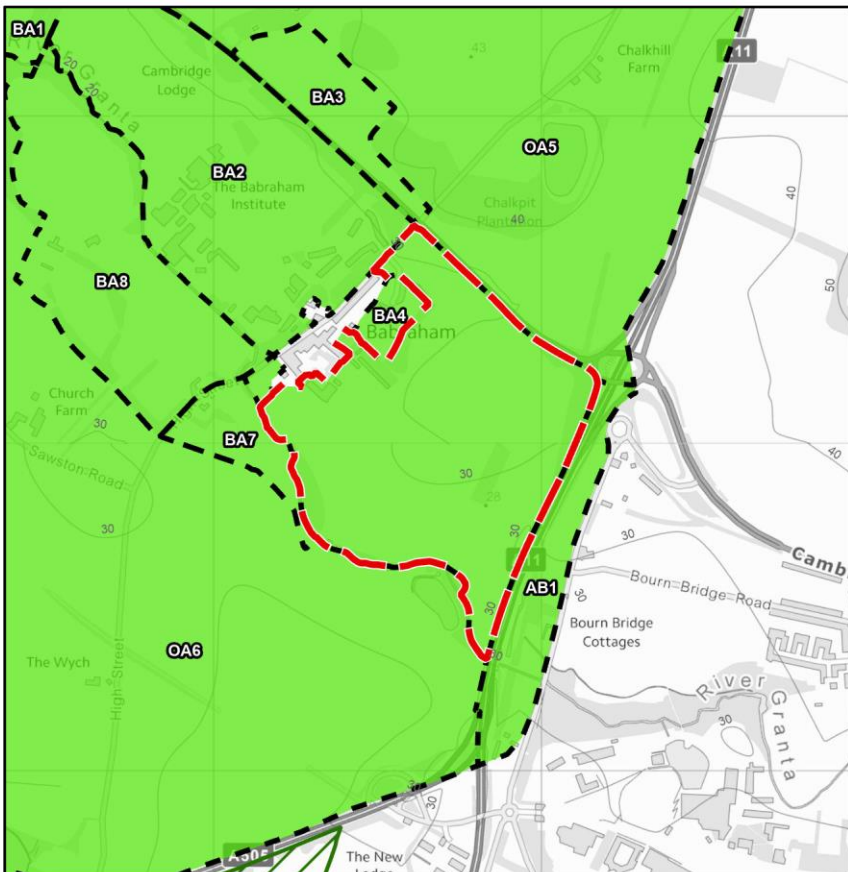
- Parcel BA4 makes a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with one another, and a limited contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be negligible. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Babraham, would be low.

Low

BA5



-  BA5
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Registered park & garden



BA5

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 64.79ha

The parcel is located to the east and south of Babraham and is comprised of several agricultural fields. There is some agricultural development in the west of the parcel adjacent to the inset edge. The River Ganta forms the southern boundary of the parcel and the A11 forms the eastern boundary.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The north of the parcel is more strongly separated from Babraham by tree cover to the west, but only garden boundaries separate the south of the parcel from the inset settlement. The tree cover close to the inset edge in the north provides screening and minimises any urbanising visual influence within the parcel. Whilst there is less tree cover at the inset edge to the inset edge, the adjacent inset development is low density and rural in nature. The parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement and is not contained by inset development. Although the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from the inset area, overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BA5

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Babraham. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Babraham, meaning it has a strong rural character. This contributes to a rural landscape setting experienced on approach to the wider city from the southeast along Cambridge Road/Babraham Road (A1307). Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Significant

Land is open and lies in a gap which is narrow but which maintains clear separation between Babraham and the outer edge of the Green Belt. The A11 is a significant separating feature. The parcel has strong distinction from the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BA5

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Babraham:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release of the whole parcel would leave a strong boundary feature (A11 transport corridor) to the east, but would remove the containment of Babraham by Green Belt land. The additional impact would be moderate-major.

Any partial release of the parcel would have at least a minor additional impact on the gap between the inset settlement of Babraham and the outer edge of the Green Belt, and would remove the boundary distinction and increase urbanising visual impact on the remainder of the parcel, resulting in at least a minor-moderate additional impact.

The adjoining land to the northwest and west does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

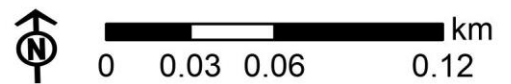
- Parcel BA5 makes a significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with one another, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Babraham, would be very high.

Very High

BA6



-  BA6
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BA6

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 0.91ha

The parcel is located to the southwest of Babraham and is comprised of a small paddock. There is one residential property within the north of the parcel adjacent to Babraham High Street.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel lies in close proximity to the inset edge and there is no boundary feature between the parcel and inset development to the east to create separation. However, the adjacent development is low density and rural in nature and therefore the parcel is not dominated by urbanising visual influence. The parcel is not contained by inset development. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Babraham. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BA6

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Babraham. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land has a moderate distinction from the edge of Babraham, meaning it has some relationship with the inset area. It comprises open farmland and therefore has some rural character. To the northwest the parcel lies partly within Babraham Conservation Area and allows some appreciation of the rural character and setting of the some of the more intact and historic parts of the village along High Street, which in turn contributes to the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and is peripheral to a narrow gap between Babraham and the outer edge of the Green Belt. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BA6

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Babraham:

Rating: Minor

The release of this land would have some urbanising visual impacts on land to the southeast. Tree cover to the southwest and west would prevent impacts to contribution of land in these directions in the event of a release.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel BA6 makes a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a relatively limited contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Babraham, would be moderate.

Moderate

BA7



-  BA7
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BA7

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 7.51ha

The parcel is located to the southwest of Babraham and is comprised of agricultural land to the south of the River Granta. There are two residential properties within the parcel adjacent to Babraham High Street.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The River Granta provides a strong degree of separation between the parcel and the inset settlement of Babraham. However, this boundary feature is crossed by Babraham High Street and the parcel has been breached by two residential properties adjacent to this road. However, tree cover to the northeast prevents any urbanising visual influence within the parcel and the parcel extends a significant distance from the inset area. The parcel is not contained by inset development. Although the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Babraham, overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BA7

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Babraham. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel comprises open farmland and woodland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Babraham, meaning it has a strong rural character. It lies partly within Babraham Conservation Area to the north and allows some appreciation of the rural character and setting of the more intact and historic parts of the village along High Street, which in turn contributes to the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Land is also associated with the River Granta, a tributary of the River Cam, and therefore allows some appreciation of the topographical framework of the city. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Significant

Land is open and lies in a gap which is narrow but which maintains clear separation between Babraham and the outer edge of the Green Belt, as well as Abington which lies just beyond the A11. The A11 acts as a significant separating feature. The parcel has strong distinction from the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BA7

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Babraham:

Rating: Minor-moderate

Whilst the A11 does act as a significant separating feature. The release of this land would result in narrowing of the gap between Babraham and the outer edge of the Green Belt, as well as Abington which lies just beyond.

Release of part of the parcel would have implications for increasing urbanising visual influence on the remainder of the parcel.

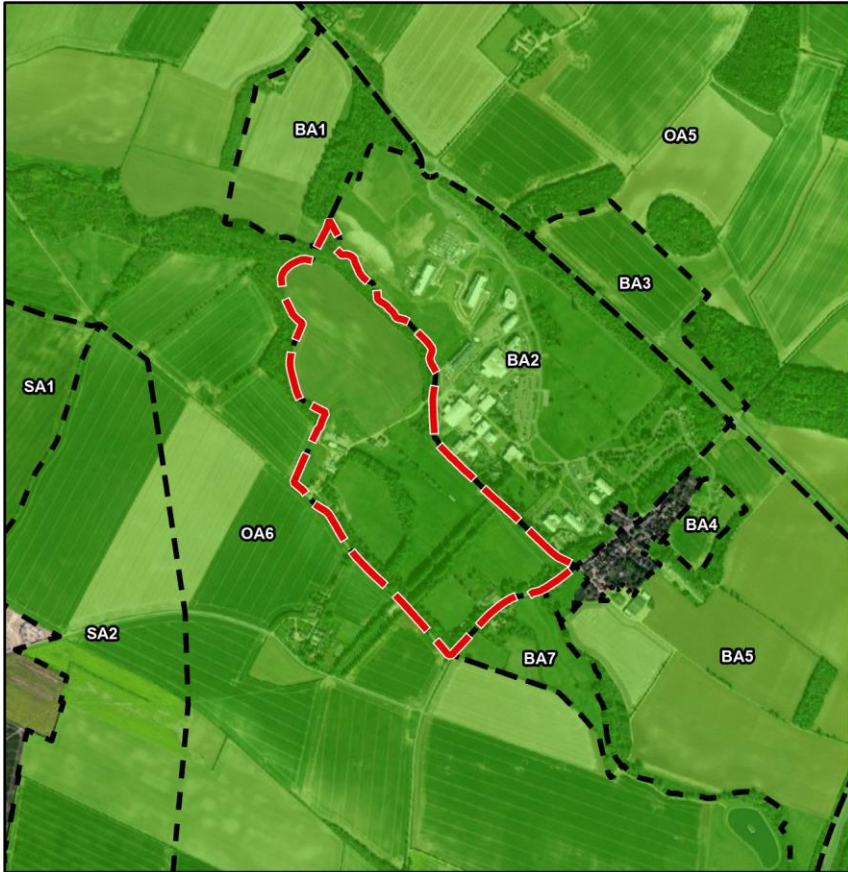
None of the adjoining Green Belt makes a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impacts on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

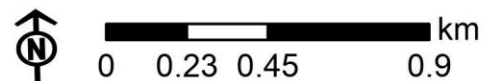
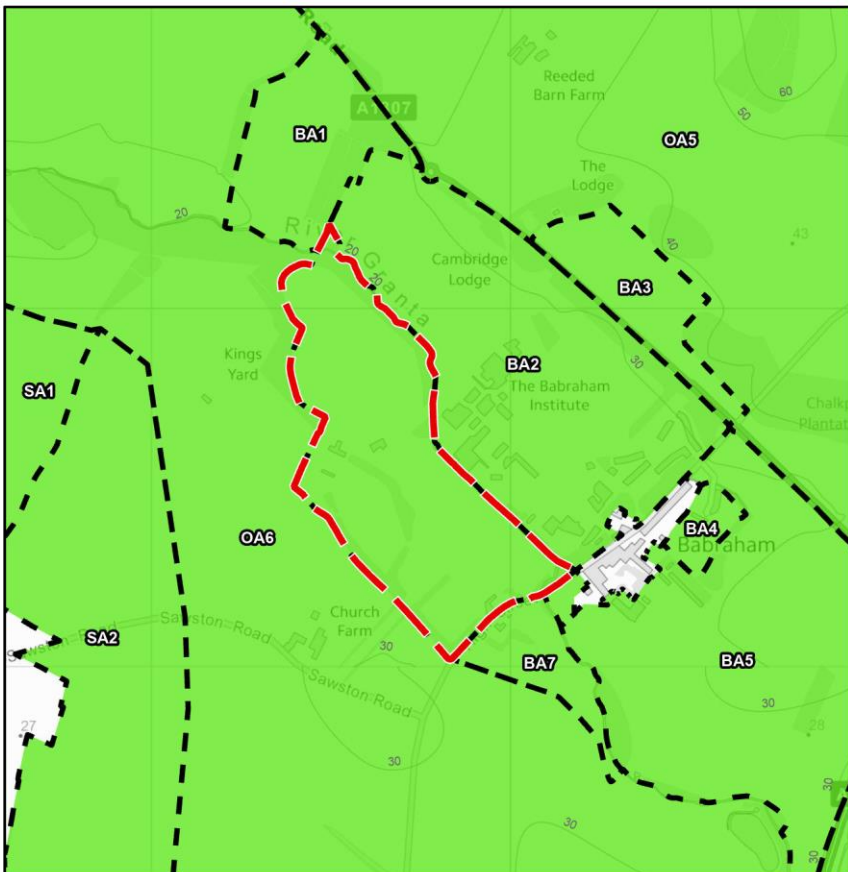
- Parcel BA7 makes a significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Babraham, would be very high.

Very High

BA8



-  BA8
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BA8

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 40.66ha

The parcel is located to the west and northwest of Babraham and is comprised of agricultural land, some agricultural use buildings and Babraham Primary School in the south. The River Granta flows parallel to the eastern boundary of the parcel and Babraham Research Campus lies on the opposite side to the east.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree cover at the inset edge to the southeast provides a strong degree of separation from the inset settlement of Babraham. However, there is still some urbanising visual influence within the parcel due to Babraham Research Campus lying to the northeast. The parcel extends a significant distance from the inset area and is not contained by inset development. The tree cover and parkland characteristics of the south of the parcel provide some further distinction from the settlement. Overall, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BA8

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Babraham. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel predominantly comprises open farmland and woodland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Babraham, meaning it has a strong rural character. Only a small area to the south has a use (school playing fields) that associated with the inset area. The land is closely associated with Babraham Hall (Grade II listed building), forming part of its remnant parkland setting (Babraham Park), including a distinctive avenue of trees leading to/from the hall. Land therefore makes some positive contribution to the character of the landscape and quality of Cambridge's setting. To the east land is also associated with the River Granta, a tributary of the River Cam, and therefore allows some appreciation of the topographical framework of the city. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively significant

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Sawston and Babraham, but tree cover on the western boundary of the parcel acts as a significant separating feature. The parcel has strong distinction from the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BA8

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Babraham:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release of this land would result in narrowing of the settlement gap between Babraham and Sawston.

The release would have some urbanising visual impact on land to the southwest, but this would be limited to an extent by the presence of tree cover on the parcel boundary. Release of part of the parcel would have implications for urbanising visual influences on the remainder of the parcel. Dense tree cover would prevent impacts to contribution of land to the southeast in the event of a release.

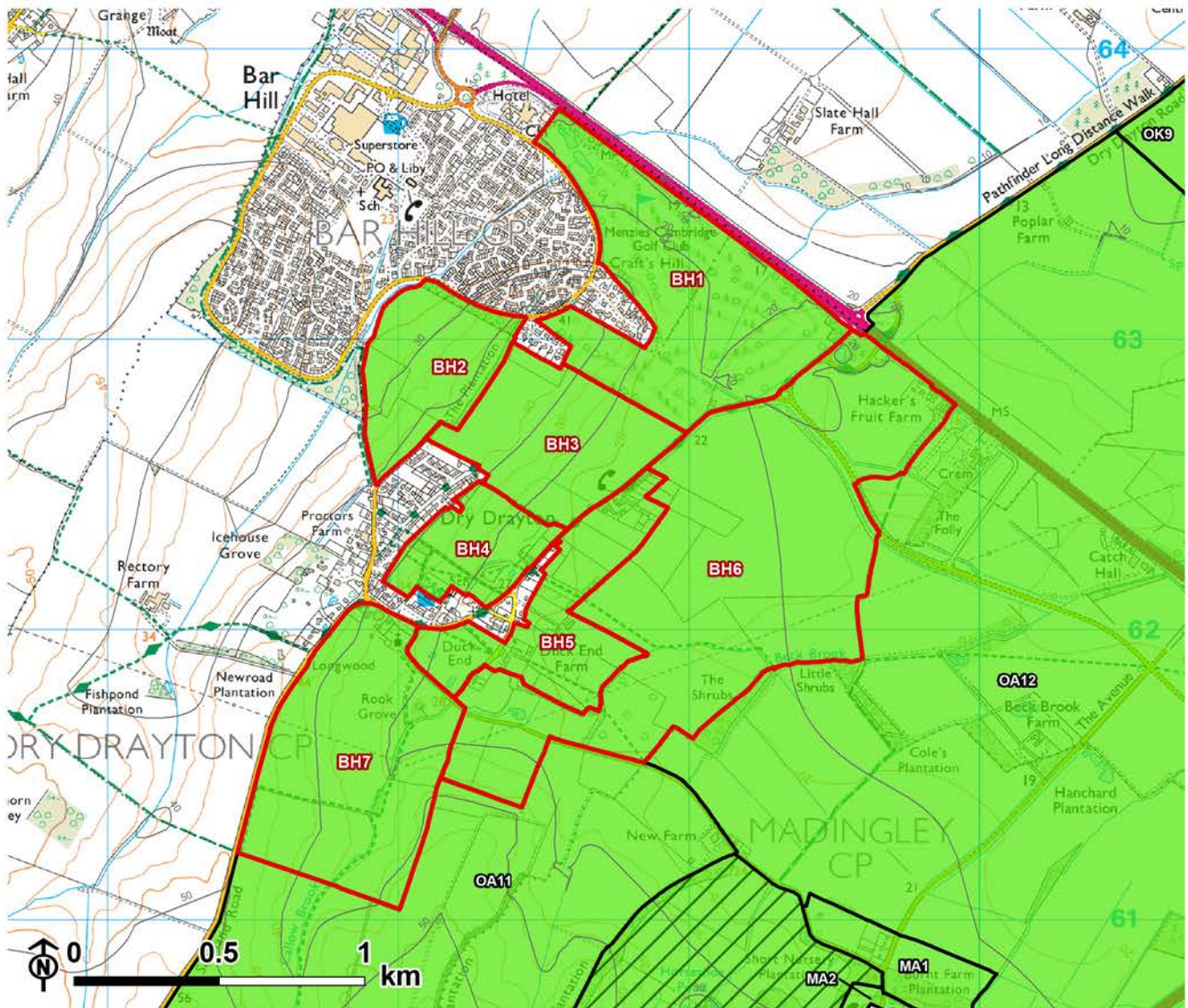
The adjoining land to the northeast does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel BA8 makes a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Babraham, would be high.

High

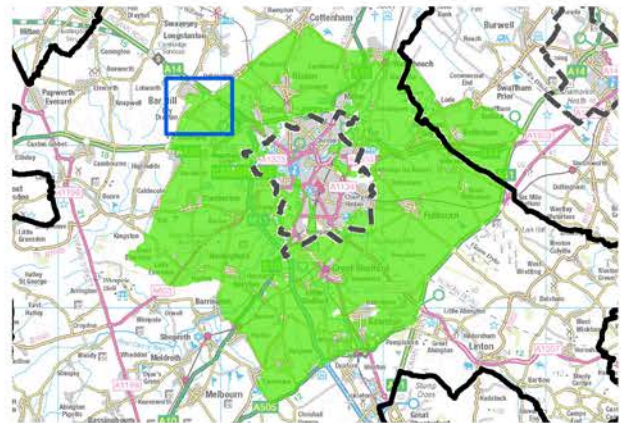
Bar Hill and Dry Drayton



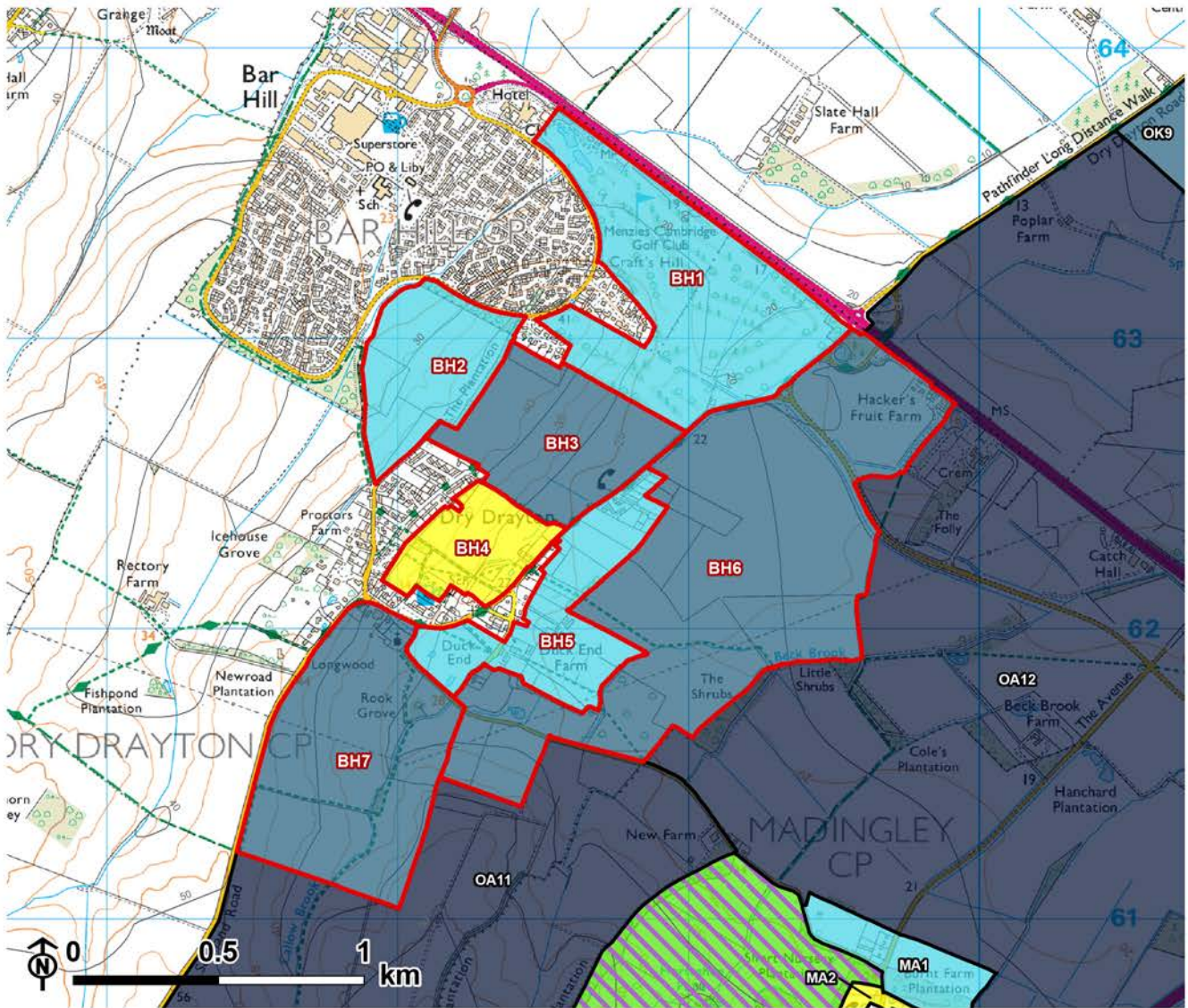
- - - Local Authority
- Bar Hill and Dry Drayton parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt

Absolute constraints

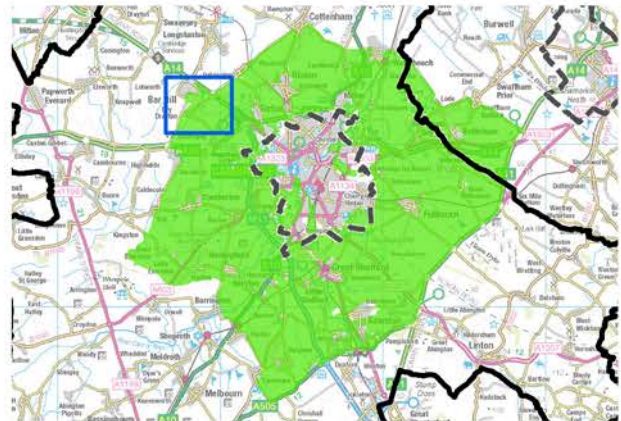
- Registered park & garden



Bar Hill and Dry Drayton



- - - Local Authority
 - Bar Hill and Dry Drayton parcel
 - Neighbouring parcel
 - Green Belt
 - Absolute constraint(s)
- Harm rating**
- Very high
 - High
 - Moderate high
 - Moderate
 - Low



Map copyright information

© Crown copyright and database rights 2021 Ordnance Survey 100022500, 100019730. © Natural England copyright 2021. © Historic England 2021. © Environment Agency copyright and database rights (2021). © Ordnance Survey Crown copyright. Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community.

Notes on harm ratings

All harm ratings are for the release of land as an expansion of an existing inset area. Therefore, where a parcel does not lie immediately adjacent to the settlement edge, it is assumed that some intervening land will also be released, although no assumptions are made regarding what exactly what land that will be. Where a release of land would encompass areas with different harm ratings, the overall harm rating will always equate to the highest component harm rating.

Harm ratings are not given for areas subject to absolute constraints on development, or areas which have been judged to have no openness, in Green Belt terms. These are indicated on the maps for each assessed parcel of land. Absolute constraints include:

- Special Areas of Conservation;
- Special Protection Areas;
- Ramsar sites;
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest;
- Ancient woodland;
- Scheduled Monuments;
- Registered Parks and Gardens;
- Common land; and
- National Nature reserves

Components of harm assessment

The notes below explain the format of the parcel assessments contained in this report, referencing the relevant paragraphs in the Green Belt Assessment Methodology chapter of the main report where a more detailed explanation can be found.

Each parcel has a reference code that reflects the settlement that it lies closest to. This is followed by an aerial view showing extent of the parcel, in the context of neighbouring parcels, and an OS map indicating the presence of any absolute constraints.

Parcels were created to reflect variations in contribution to Green Belt purpose, rather than considering pre-defined parcels. In some cases a parcel may be split into areas labelled 1 and 2, reflecting situations where there are variations in the level of harm that would result from release (see Paragraph 3.128 in the main report).

Each parcel assessment is then organised under the following headings:

Parcel location and openness

This gives the parcel size (in hectares) and a brief description of its location, then considers the openness of the land. Openness relates to Step 2 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.36-3.42 in the main report).

Distinction between parcel and inset area

This is Step 3 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.43 - 3.60 in the main report). It examines the relationship between the Green Belt and the inset settlement, in order to determine how strongly the parcel is related to the settlement. This considers four inter-related elements: boundary features; landform and land cover; urbanising visual influence and urbanising containment. Land which has a stronger distinction from an inset settlement will generally make a stronger contribution to Cambridge Green Belt Purposes 1 and 3. Distinction is stated on a 4-point scale (weak, moderate, strong or very strong).

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

This covers Step 1 (see Paragraphs 3.27 - 3.35 in the main report) and Step 4 (Paragraphs 3.61 - 3.110) in the assessment process. It considers the extent to which each Cambridge Green Belt Purpose is relevant to a location (Step 1), and combines this with consideration of openness (Step 2) and distinction (Step 3) to determine the parcel's contribution to each of the three purposes (Step 4). The assessment of contribution applies to each parcel as a whole, providing a rating on a 5-point scale (limited/no contribution, relatively limited, moderate, relatively significant or significant) and supporting text for each Cambridge Green Belt Purpose:

- Cambridge Purpose 1 (to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre) – for land to contribute to this purpose it needs to be located in the immediate vicinity of Cambridge (see Paragraphs 3.28 and 3.67 - 3.73 in the main report).
- Cambridge Purpose 2 (to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting) - a two-element approach was taken considering: 1) the extent to which land constitutes countryside (that is to say has a rural character) based on its usage and distinction from an inset settlement; and 2) the extent to which land forms or contains other features or aspects that contribute to the quality of Cambridge's setting (see Paragraphs 3.29 and 3.74 - 3.102 in the main report).
- Cambridge Purpose 3 (to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city) – an analysis was undertaken of the distribution of villages in and around the Green Belt and the physical features that separate and/or connect them from each other or from Cambridge, in order to determine the fragility of each settlement gap (see Paragraphs 3.30-3.35 and 3.103 - 3.110 in the main report).

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

This covers Step 5 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.111-3.124 in the main report). It considers the potential impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of land as an expansion of the adjacent inset settlement. If release of part of a parcel would result in a lower harm rating than release of the parcel as a whole, a separate analysis is given for each scenario.

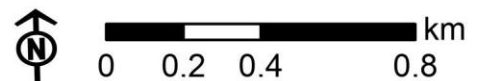
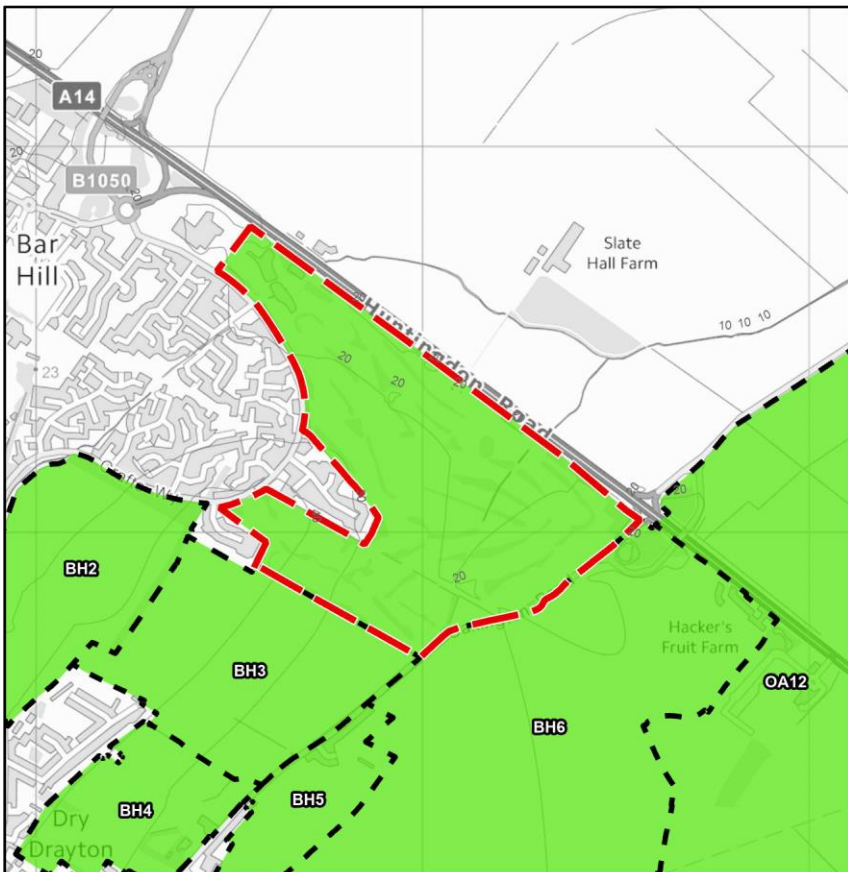
Overall harm of Green Belt release

This covers Step 6 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.125-3.131 in the main report). It combines consideration of the loss of contribution of land to the Green Belt purposes (Step 4) with any additional harm resulting from the weakening of remaining Green Belt land (Step 5), to determine an overall rating of the harm of releasing land from the Green Belt. Green Belt harm was rated using a 5-point scale (low, moderate, moderate-high, high and very high harm). If release of part of a parcel would result in a lower harm rating than release of the parcel as a whole, a separate rating and conclusion is given for each scenario.

BH1



-  BH1
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BH1

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 53.01ha

The parcel is located to the east of Bar Hill and is comprised of The Cambridgeshire Golf Club. The A14 lies to the northeast of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The south of the parcel is contained to an extent by Bar Hill to the west and north, but tree cover at much of the edge of Bar Hill to the west of the parcel provides a moderate degree of separation between the parcel and the settlement. As a result, there is little urbanising visual influence within the parcel. The parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement and the down sloping landform away from the settlement within the parcel provides some additional distinction. Overall, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the settlement.

BH1

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Bar Hill. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

Land does not form or contain any specific features/aspects that contribute to the quality of Cambridge's setting, but it is open land that has a strong distinction from the edge of Bar Hill. Its rural character therefore contributes to the quality of Cambridge's setting. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Girton and Bar Hill, with the A14 acting as a significant separating feature. Although the settlement gap is robust, the parcel has strong distinction from the settlement, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BH1

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Bar Hill:

Rating: Minor

In the event of the release and development of this land, the tree cover within the parcel would prevent some urbanising visual impacts on land to the southeast and south and would limit weakening of the settlement gap between Bar Hill and Girton.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel BH1 makes a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Bar Hill, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

BH2

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 22.26ha

The parcel is located to the the south of Bar Hill, with Dry Drayton lying to the south. The parcel is comprised of agricultural land. Crafts Way lies to the north of the parcel within the inset area.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Tree cover at the edge of Bar Hill to the north and Dry Drayton to the south provides a moderate degree of separation between the parcel and these settlements. However, as the parcel is contained to an extent by the settlements, there is some urbanising visual influence within the parcel. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Bar Hill. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the settlement.

BH2

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Bar Hill. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

Land has a moderate distinction from the edge of Dry Drayton/Bar Hill, meaning it has some relationship with the inset area. However, it comprises open farmland meaning it has some rural character. The parcel also forms part of a gault clay ridge that lies to the west of Cambridge. This is a key topographical feature that allows an appreciation of the wider topographical framework of the city. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is peripheral to a narrow gap between Bar Hill and Dry Drayton. The land within the parcel slopes away from the Green Belt, towards land with no Green Belt to the west, which protects the gap between Bar Hill and Dry Drayton. The parcel has some relationship with the settlement, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BH2

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Bar Hill:

Rating: Minor

The tree belt to the east of the parcel would prevent some urbanising visual influence on adjacent Green Belt in the event of the release and development of this land.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

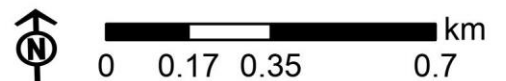
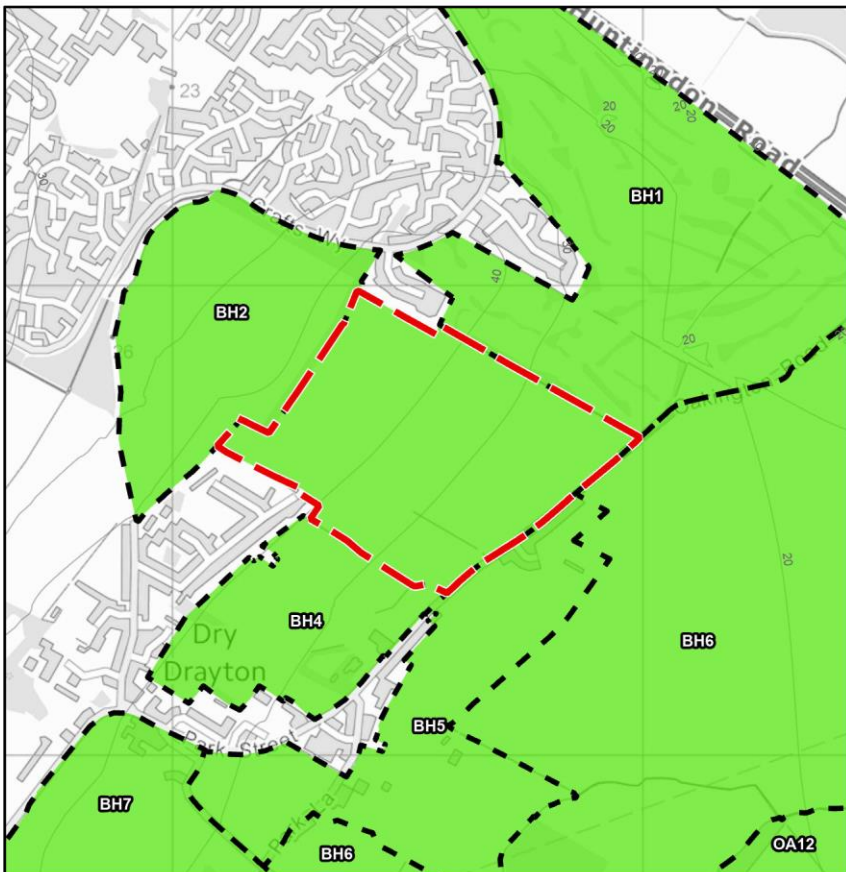
- Parcel BH2 makes a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Bar Hill, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

BH3



-  BH3
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BH3

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 28.73ha

The parcel is located to the southeast of Bar Hill and to the northeast of Dry Drayton. The parcel is comprised of agricultural land, with Oakington Road lying to the east.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundaries at the edge of Bar Hill to the northwest and Dry Drayton to the southwest provide little separation between the parcel and the settlements. The parcel is subject to a degree of containment by these settlements and some residential development to the east, which means that there is some urbanising visual influence within the parcel. However, the parcel extends a significant distance from the settlements and contains a very prominent hill, creating additional landform distinction from Bar Hill and Dry Drayton. Overall, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the settlements.

BH3

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Bar Hill. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

Land has a moderate distinction from the edge of Dry Drayton/Bar Hill, meaning it has some relationship with the inset area. However, it comprises open farmland and therefore has some rural character. Land to the northwest also rises to form part of a gault clay ridge lying to the west of Cambridge and therefore allows some appreciation of the wider topographical framework of the city. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Significant

Land is open and lies in a gap which is narrow but which maintains clear separation between Bar Hill and Dry Drayton. Elevated land between the two acts a significant separating feature. The parcel has strong distinction from the settlement, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BH3

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Bar Hill:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of this land would have some urbanising visual influence on land to the east, but this is limited to an extent as there is already some residential development along Oakington road.

The adjacent Green Belt land to the southwest does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

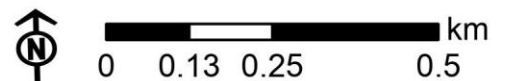
- Parcel BH3 makes a significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Bar Hill, would be high.

High

BH4



-  BH4
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BH4

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 14.65ha

The parcel is located between the western and eastern sides of Dry Drayton and is comprised of agricultural land. There are some residential properties in the east of the parcel. Oakington Road lies to the east of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is largely contained by Dry Drayton and the garden boundaries to the east and south of the parcel at edge of Dry Drayton provide little separation between the parcel and the settlement. As a result of this containment, there is some urbanising visual influence within the parcel.

However, the sloping landform within the parcel provides some additional distinction from Dry Drayton. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the settlement.

BH4

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Dry Drayton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

Land has a moderate distinction from the edge of Dry Drayton, meaning it has some relationship with the inset area. However, it comprises open farmland and therefore has some rural character. Land to the west also rises to form part of a gault clay ridge lying to the west of Cambridge and therefore allows some appreciation of the wider topographical framework of the city. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land is open and is peripheral to a narrow gap between Dry Drayton and Bar Hill. The containment of the parcel by Dry Drayton limits its contribution to the settlement gap. The parcel has some relationship with the settlement, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BH4

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Dry Drayton:

Rating: Negligible

The parcel is largely contained by Dry Drayton, limits any impact that its release and development would have on adjacent Green Belt to the northeast.





Overall harm of Green Belt release

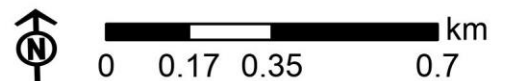
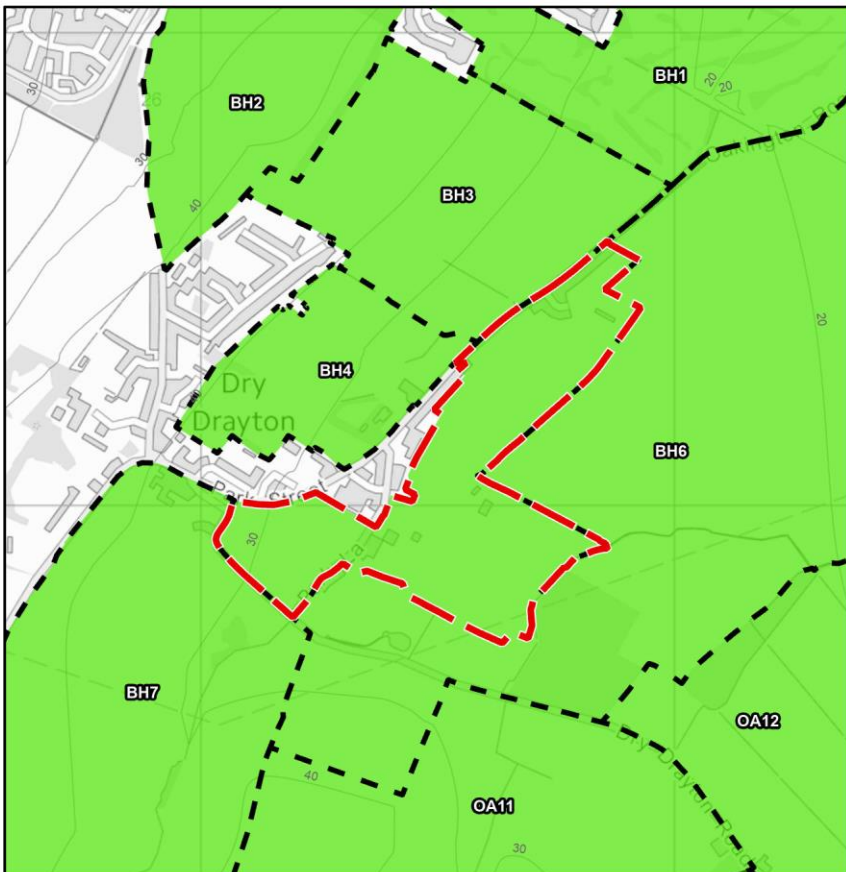
- Parcel BH4 makes a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be negligible. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Dry Drayton, would be low.

Low

BH5



-  BH5
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Registered park & garden



BH5

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 26.1ha

The parcel is located to the east and southeast of Dry Drayton and is comprised largely of agricultural land. There are some agricultural use buildings within the parcel to the east of Park Lane and there is some residential development within the north of the parcel adjacent to Oakington Road.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundaries at the edge of Dry Drayton to the west provide little separation between the parcel and the settlement. As a result, there is some urbanising visual influence within the parcel, but the parcel is not contained by inset development. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Dry Drayton. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the settlement.

BH5

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Dry Drayton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land comprises open farmland that has a moderate distinction from the edge of Dry Drayton, meaning it has some rural character. It does not form or contain any specific features/aspects that contribute to the quality of Cambridge's setting, Overall the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Madingley and Dry Drayton, but tree cover and Madingley Hall Registered Park and Garden act as significant separating features. The parcel has some relationship with the settlement, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BH5

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Dry Drayton:

Rating: Minor

The parcel would have some urbanising visual influence on land to the east and southwest, but tree cover around much of the parcel would limit much the impact on adjacent Green Belt and the settlement gap with Madingley in the event of the release development of this land.





Overall harm of Green Belt release

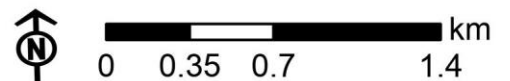
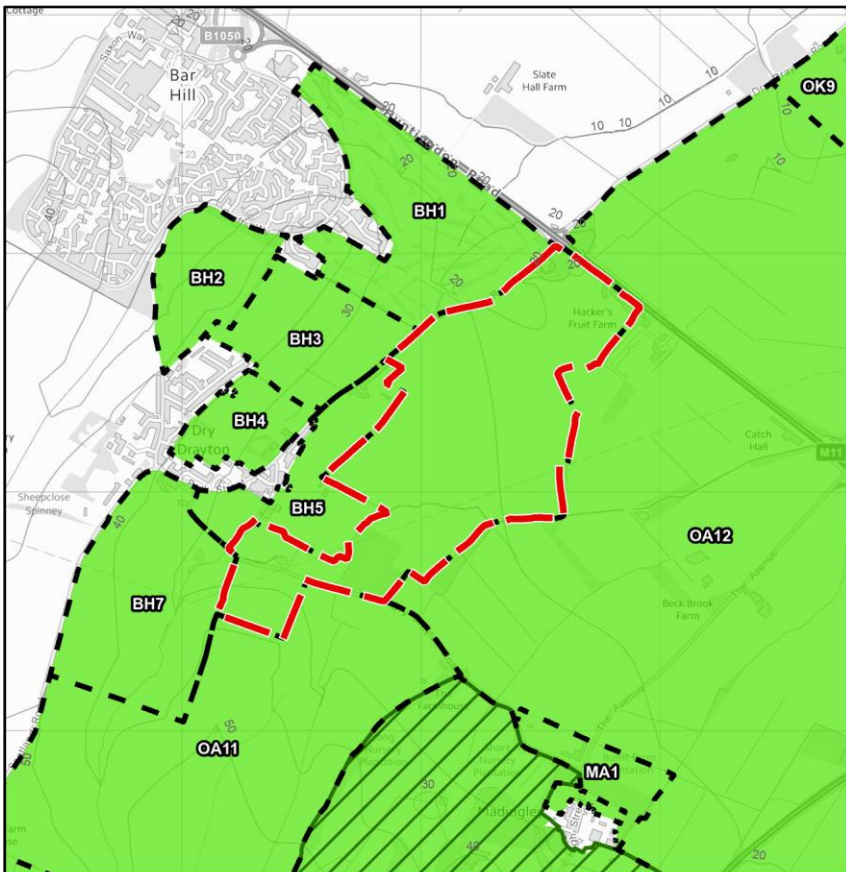
- Parcel BH5 makes a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a relatively limited contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Dry Drayton, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

BH6



-  BH6
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Registered park & garden



BH6

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 109.81ha

The parcel is located to the southeast of Bar Hill and to the east of Dry Drayton. The parcel is comprised of agricultural land with some tree cover in the south of the parcel. There are some residential properties in the south west of the parcel. Beck Brook passes through the south of the parcel and the A1307 passes through the northeast of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Oakington Road to the west and areas of tree cover to the southwest provide a moderate degree of separation between the parcel and the settlements of Bar Hill and Dry Drayton respectively. Furthermore, the parcel extends a significant distance from the settlements and is not contained by inset development. This means that there is little urbanising visual influence within the parcel. Whilst the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Bar Hill and Dry Drayton, overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the settlements.

BH6

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlements of Bar Hill and Dry Drayton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

Land does not form or contain any specific features/aspects that contribute to the quality of Cambridge's setting, but it is open land that has a strong distinction from the edge of Bar Hill. Its rural character therefore contributes to the quality of Cambridge's setting. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively significant

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Madingley and Bar Hill, but tree cover and Madingley Hall Registered Park and Garden act as significant separating features. The parcel has strong distinction from the settlements, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BH6

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Bar Hill/Dry Drayton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would result in narrowing of the settlement gap between Bar Hill/Dry Drayton and Madingley.

The release would increase urbanising visual influence on land to the east as well as weakening the boundary separation of these areas from the settlements of Bar Hill and Dry Drayton. Tree cover to the southeast and south would prevent some visual impacts on adjacent Green Belt land in these areas.

The adjoining Green Belt land to the west does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.





Overall harm of Green Belt release

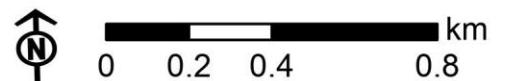
- Parcel BH6 makes a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Bar Hill/Dry Drayton, would be high.

High

BH7



-  BH7
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Registered park & garden



BH7

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 50.75ha

The parcel is located to the south of Dry Drayton and is comprised of agricultural land. There is a farmstead and St Peter and St Paul's Church in the north of the parcel adjacent to Park Street. Callow Brook passes through the east of the parcel from north to south and Scotland Road lies to the west of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Park Street and tree cover to the north and Scotland Road to the west provide a moderate degree of separation from the settlement of Dry Drayton. The north of the parcel is contained by the settlement to the west and north, but there is low density of adjacent development to the west and tree cover to the north, which means there is little urbanising visual influence within the parcel. Furthermore, the parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement and the sloping landform within the parcel upwards to the west provides some additional distinction from Dry Drayton. Overall, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the settlement.

BH7

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Dry Drayton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Dry Drayton, meaning it has a strong rural character. The west of the parcel also rises to form part of a gault clay ridge lying to the west of Cambridge, and therefore allows some appreciation of the wider topographical framework of the city. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Dry Drayton and Hardwick, with the A428 acting as a significant separating feature. Although the settlement gap is robust, the parcel has strong distinction from the settlement, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BH7

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Dry Drayton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would have some impact on narrowing the settlement gap between Dry Drayton and Madingley.

The release would increase urbanising visual influence on land to the south, as well as weakening the boundary separation of these areas from the settlement of Dry Drayton.

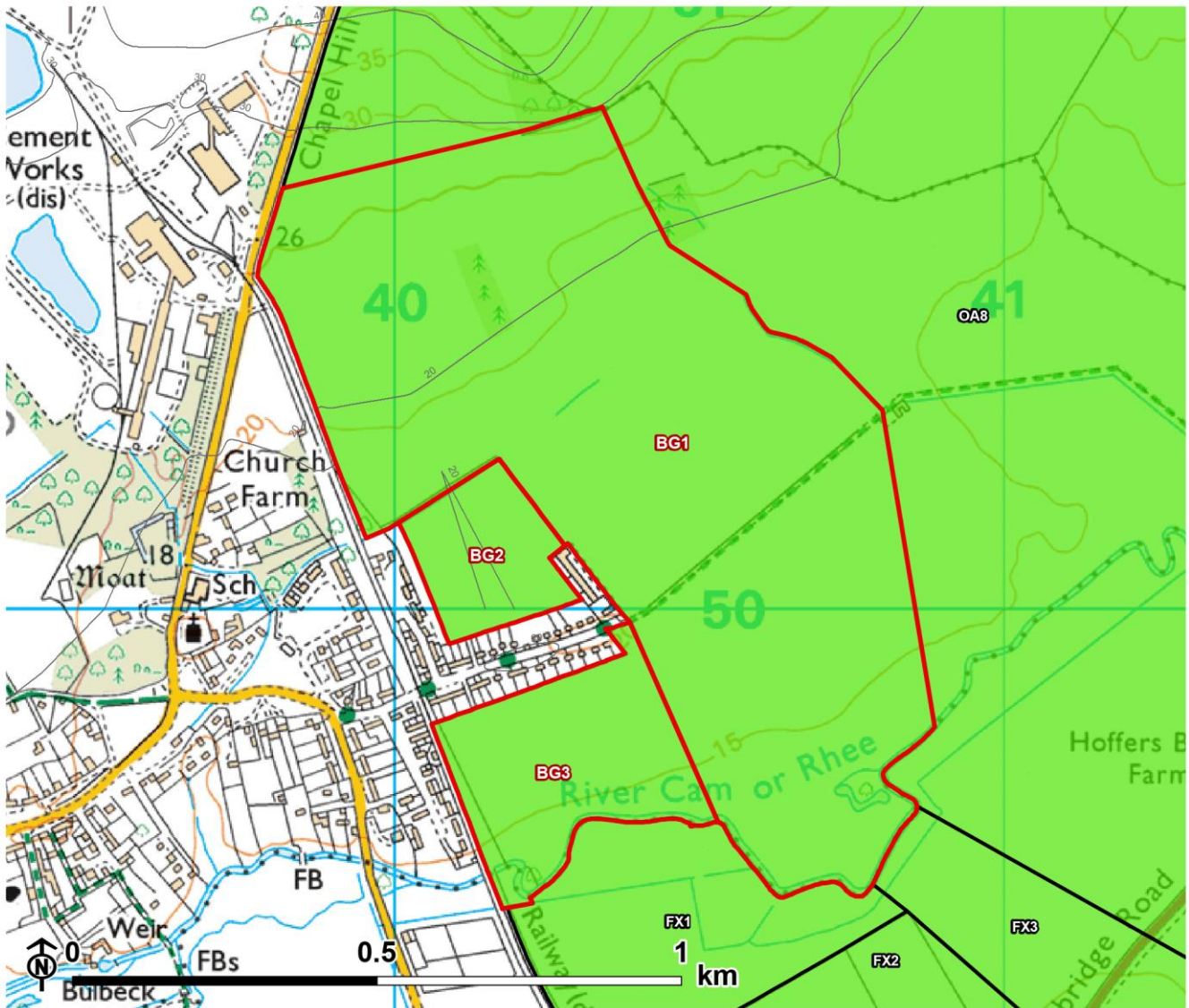
The adjoining Green Belt land to the northeast does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

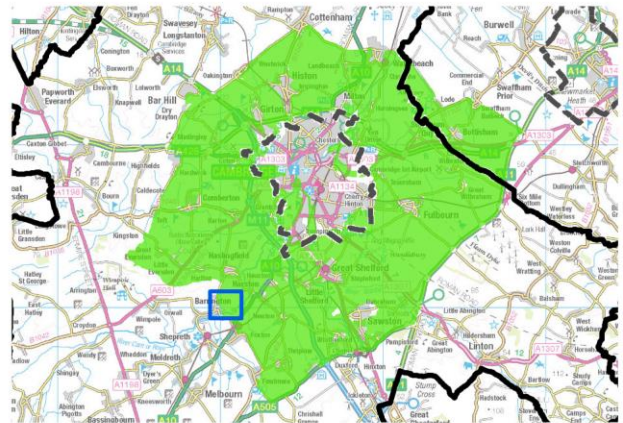
- Parcel BH7 makes a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Dry Drayton, would be high.

High

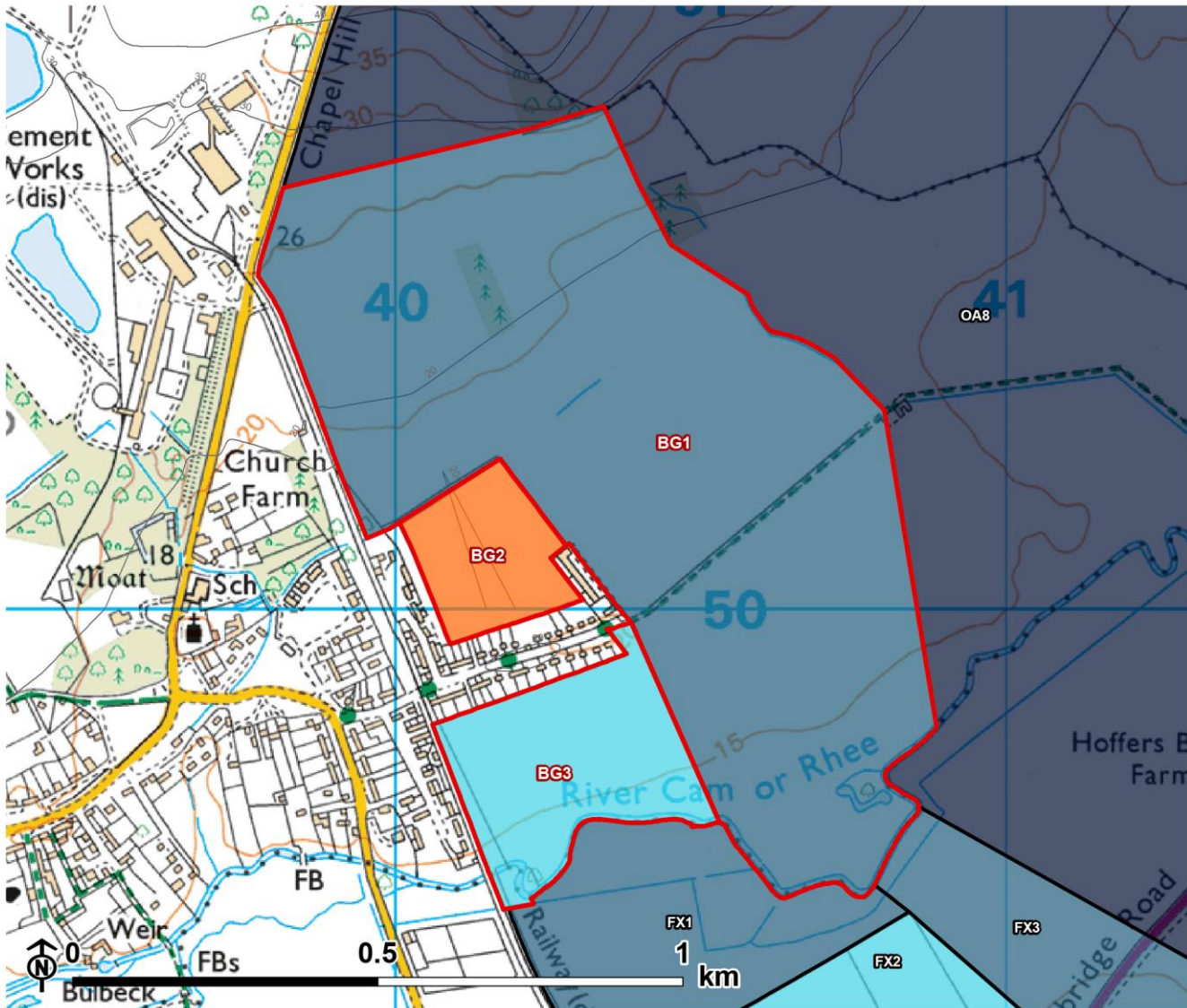
Barrington



- - - Local Authority boundary
- Barrington parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt



Barrington



- - - Local Authority boundary

Barrington parcel

Neighbouring parcel

Green Belt

Harm rating

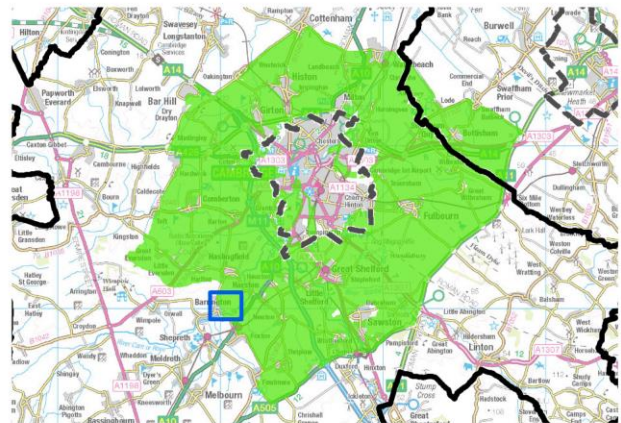
Very high

High

Moderate high

Moderate

Low



Map copyright information

© Crown copyright and database rights 2021 Ordnance Survey 100022500, 100019730. © Natural England copyright 2021. © Historic England 2021. © Environment Agency copyright and database rights (2021). © Ordnance Survey Crown copyright. Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community.

Notes on harm ratings

All harm ratings are for the release of land as an expansion of an existing inset area. Therefore, where a parcel does not lie immediately adjacent to the settlement edge, it is assumed that some intervening land will also be released, although no assumptions are made regarding what exactly what land that will be. Where a release of land would encompass areas with different harm ratings, the overall harm rating will always equate to the highest component harm rating.

Harm ratings are not given for areas subject to absolute constraints on development, or areas which have been judged to have no openness, in Green Belt terms. These are indicated on the maps for each assessed parcel of land. Absolute constraints include:

- Special Areas of Conservation;
- Special Protection Areas;
- Ramsar sites;
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest;
- Ancient woodland;
- Scheduled Monuments;
- Registered Parks and Gardens;
- Common land; and
- National Nature reserves

Components of harm assessment

The notes below explain the format of the parcel assessments contained in this report, referencing the relevant paragraphs in the Green Belt Assessment Methodology chapter of the main report where a more detailed explanation can be found.

Each parcel has a reference code that reflects the settlement that it lies closest to. This is followed by an aerial view showing extent of the parcel, in the context of neighbouring parcels, and an OS map indicating the presence of any absolute constraints.

Parcels were created to reflect variations in contribution to Green Belt purpose, rather than considering pre-defined parcels. In some cases a parcel may be split into areas labelled 1 and 2, reflecting situations where there are variations in the level of harm that would result from release (see Paragraph 3.128 in the main report).

Each parcel assessment is then organised under the following headings:

Parcel location and openness

This gives the parcel size (in hectares) and a brief description of its location, then considers the openness of the land. Openness relates to Step 2 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.36-3.42 in the main report).

Distinction between parcel and inset area

This is Step 3 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.43 - 3.60 in the main report). It examines the relationship between the Green Belt and the inset settlement, in order to determine how strongly the parcel is related to the settlement. This considers four inter-related elements: boundary features; landform and land cover; urbanising visual influence and urbanising containment. Land which has a stronger distinction from an inset settlement will generally make a stronger contribution to Cambridge Green Belt Purposes 1 and 3. Distinction is stated on a 4-point scale (weak, moderate, strong or very strong).

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

This covers Step 1 (see Paragraphs 3.27 - 3.35 in the main report) and Step 4 (Paragraphs 3.61 - 3.110) in the assessment process. It considers the extent to which each Cambridge Green Belt Purpose is relevant to a location (Step 1), and combines this with consideration of openness (Step 2) and distinction (Step 3) to determine the parcel's contribution to each of the three purposes (Step 4). The assessment of contribution applies to each parcel as a whole, providing a rating on a 5-point scale (limited/no contribution, relatively limited, moderate, relatively significant or significant) and supporting text for each Cambridge Green Belt Purpose:

- Cambridge Purpose 1 (to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre) – for land to contribute to this purpose it needs to be located in the immediate vicinity of Cambridge (see Paragraphs 3.28 and 3.67 - 3.73 in the main report).
- Cambridge Purpose 2 (to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting) - a two-element approach was taken considering: 1) the extent to which land constitutes countryside (that is to say has a rural character) based on its usage and distinction from an inset settlement; and 2) the extent to which land forms or contains other features or aspects that contribute to the quality of Cambridge's setting (see Paragraphs 3.29 and 3.74 - 3.102 in the main report).
- Cambridge Purpose 3 (to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city) – an analysis was undertaken of the distribution of villages in and around the Green Belt and the physical features that separate and/or connect them from each other or from Cambridge, in order to determine the fragility of each settlement gap (see Paragraphs 3.30-3.35 and 3.103 - 3.110 in the main report).

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt







This covers Step 5 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.111-3.124 in the main report). It considers the potential impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of land as an expansion of the adjacent inset settlement. If release of part of a parcel would result in a lower harm rating than release of the parcel as a whole, a separate analysis is given for each scenario.

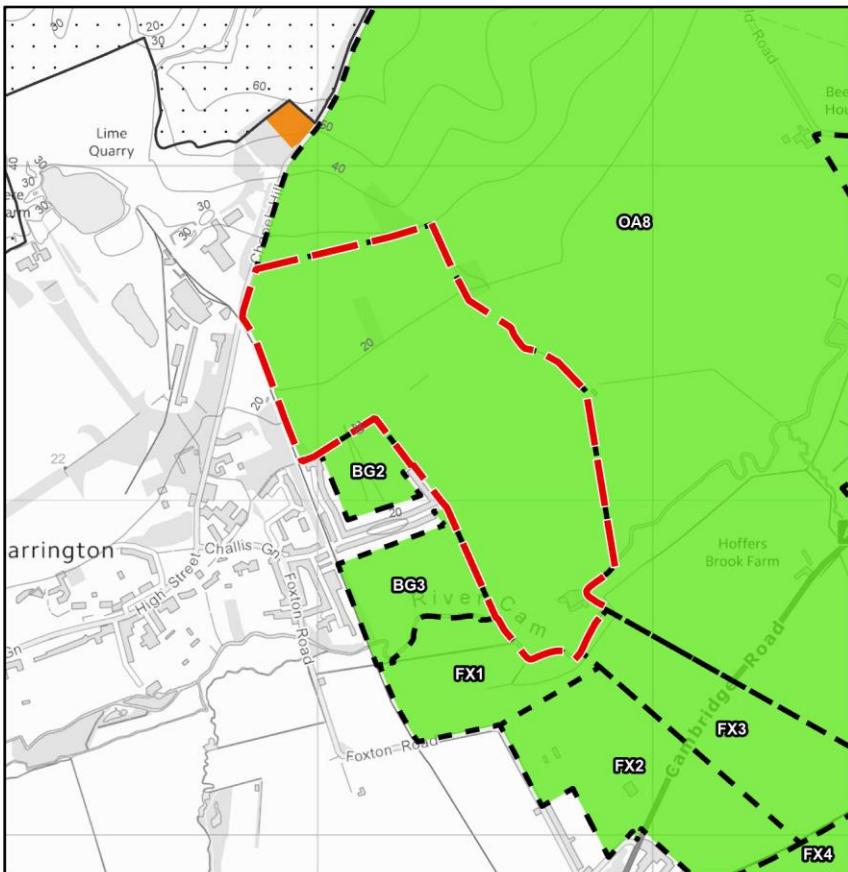
Overall harm of Green Belt release

This covers Step 6 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.125-3.131 in the main report). It combines consideration of the loss of contribution of land to the Green Belt purposes (Step 4) with any additional harm resulting from the weakening of remaining Green Belt land (Step 5), to determine an overall rating of the harm of releasing land from the Green Belt. Green Belt harm was rated using a 5-point scale (low, moderate, moderate-high, high and very high harm). If release of part of a parcel would result in a lower harm rating than release of the parcel as a whole, a separate rating and conclusion is given for each scenario.

BG1



-  BG1
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land



BG1

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 71.66ha

The parcel is located to the east of Barrington and is comprised of agricultural land. Chapel Hill Road lies to the northwest of the parcel and the River Cam lies to the south and southeast.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel only shares a short frontage with the settlement, with land to the north more strongly separated by tree cover and an intervening field at the settlement edge. The south of the parcel is only separated by garden boundaries at the settlement edge to the west. There is some urbanising visual influence from the settlement to the west, but the parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement and is not contained by development. The landform to the north of the parcel slopes up sharply to Money Hill. Whilst the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barrington, overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the settlement.

BG1

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barrington. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a moderate distinction from the edge of Barrington, meaning it has some rural character. To the south land is also located adjacent to the River Cam or Rhee, a tributary of the River Cam, which allows some appreciation of the wider topographical framework of the city. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively significant

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Haslingfield and Barrington and Harston and Barrington, but areas of tree cover to the north and the River Cam to the east act as significant separating features respectively. The parcel has strong distinction from the settlement which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BG1

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barrington:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would have some impact on narrowing the settlement gaps between Barrington and Haslingfield and Barrington and Harston.

The release would also increase urbanising visual influence on land to the north, east and south over the River Cam.


Overall harm of Green Belt release

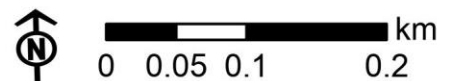
- Parcel BG1 makes a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barrington, would be high.

High

BG2



-  BG2
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BG2

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.22ha

The parcel is located on the eastern edge of Barrington and is comprised of an agricultural field. Glebe Road lies to the south of the parcel within the inset area.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The inset edge of Barrington lies to the west, south and southeast, which means that there is some urbanising visual influence within the parcel. However, this is balanced with open countryside to the north and northeast. The garden boundaries at the inset edge provide little boundary separation from the settlement. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barrington. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the settlement.

BG2

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barrington. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land comprises open farmland that has a moderate distinction from the edge of Barrington, meaning it has some rural character. Land does not form or contain any specific features/aspects that contribute to the quality of Cambridge's setting. Overall the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Haslingfield and Barrington, but woodland areas act as significant separating features. The parcel has some relationship with the settlement, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BG2

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barrington:

Rating: Minor

The parcel is contained by Barrington and only shares a short frontage with land to the north and northeast. However, its release and development would have some urbanising visual influence on land to the north and northeast.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

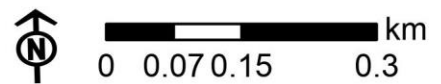
- Parcel BG2 makes a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a relatively limited contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barrington, would be moderate.

Moderate

BG3



-  BG3
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BG3

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 10.82ha

The parcel is located on the eastern edge of Barrington and is Comprised of agricultural land. The River Cam lies to the south and a railway line lies to the west.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The settlement of Barrington contains the parcel from the north and west, which means that there is some urbanising visual influence within the parcel. The garden boundaries at the settlement edge to the north and west provide little boundary separation from the settlement. However, the parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement to the southeast. The sloping landform down to the River Cam provides some additional distinction from Barrington. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the settlement.

BG3

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barrington. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land comprises open farmland that has a moderate distinction from the edge of Barrington, meaning it has some rural character. It is also located adjacent to the River Cam or Rhee, a tributary of the River Cam, which allows some appreciation of the wider topographical framework of the city. Overall the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Harston and Barrington, but the River Cam acts as a significant separating feature. The parcel has some relationship with the settlement, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BG3

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barrington:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would have some impact on broadening the frontage of Barrington in relation to the settlement gap with Harston.

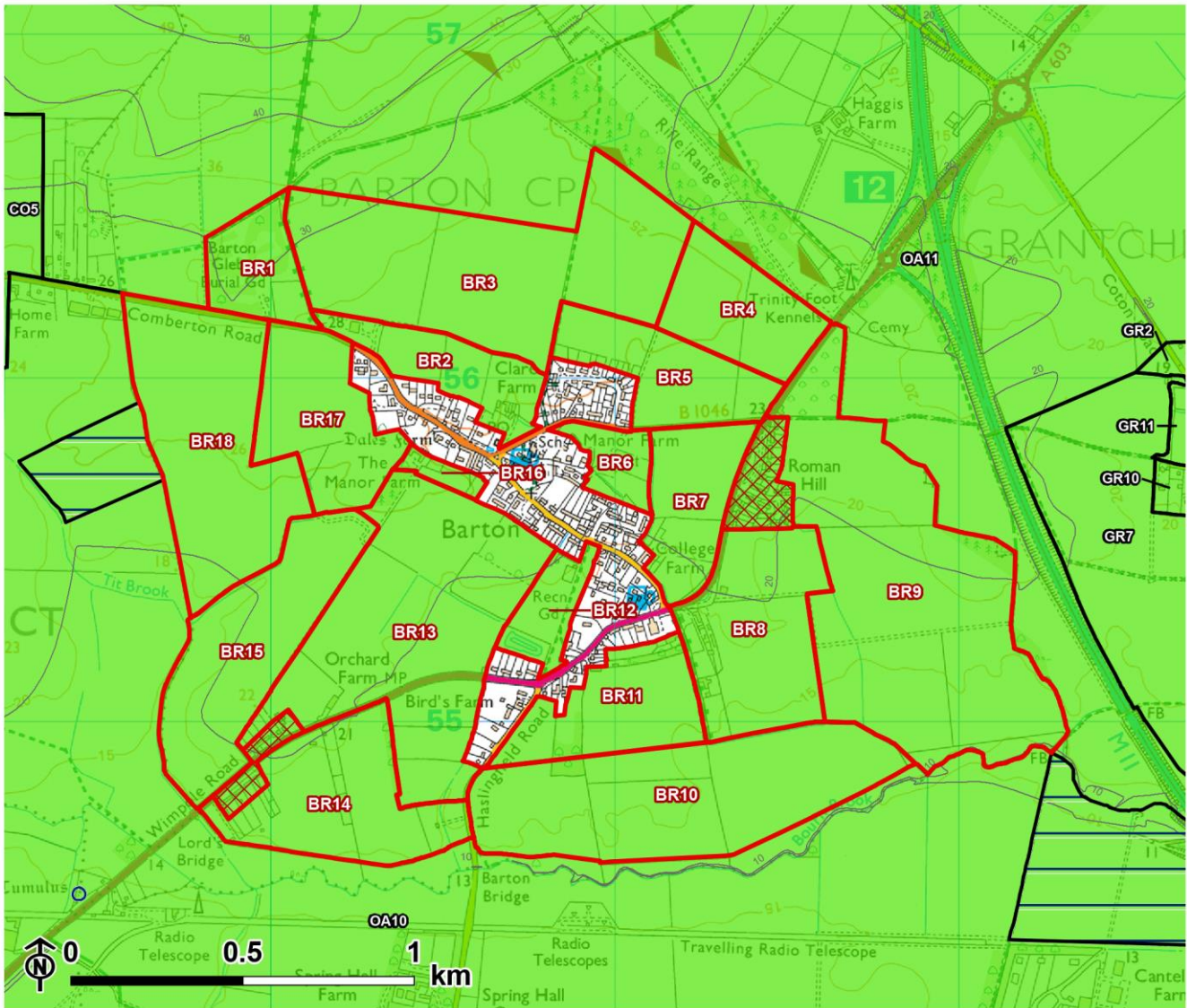
The release would increase urbanising visual influence on land to the south and east.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel BG3 makes a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a relatively limited contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barrington, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

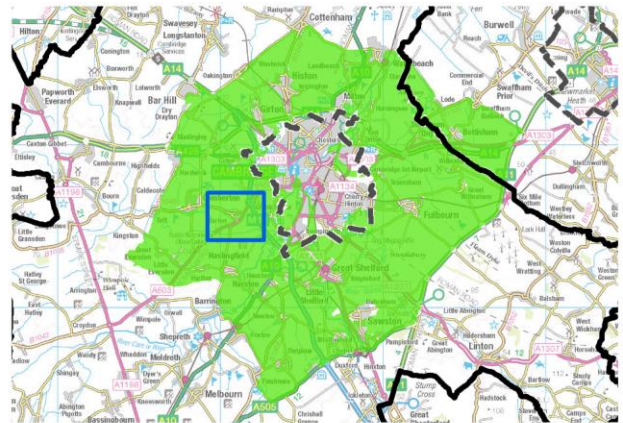
Barton



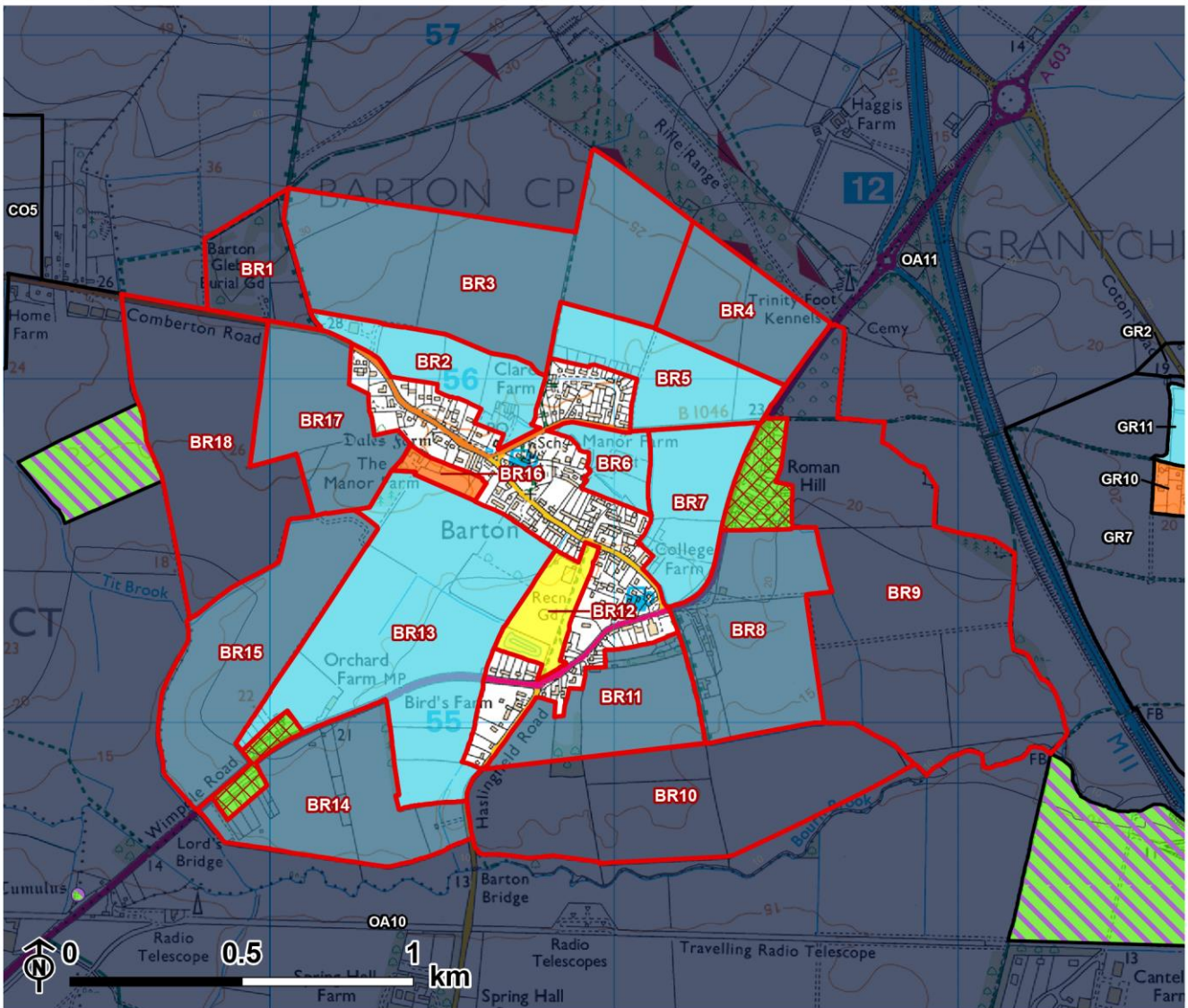
- - - Local Authority
- Barton parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- No openness
- Green Belt

Absolute constraints

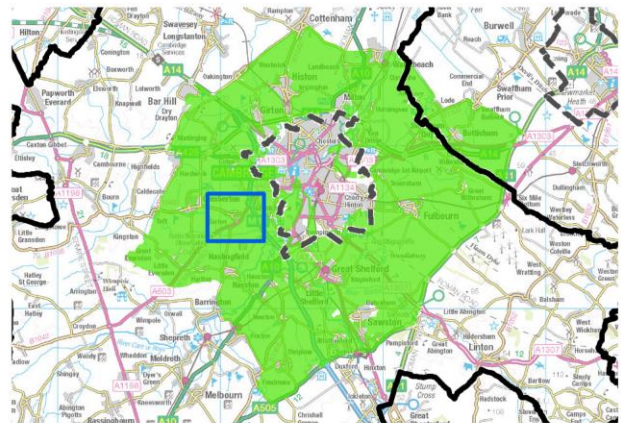
- Scheduled monument



Barton



- - - Local Authority
 - Barton parcel
 - Neighbouring parcel
 - No openness
 - Green Belt
 - Absolute constraint(s)
- Harm rating**
- Very high
 - High
 - Moderate high
 - Moderate
 - Low



Map copyright information

© Crown copyright and database rights 2021 Ordnance Survey 100022500, 100019730. © Natural England copyright 2021. © Historic England 2021. © Environment Agency copyright and database rights (2021). © Ordnance Survey Crown copyright. Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community.

Notes on harm ratings

All harm ratings are for the release of land as an expansion of an existing inset area. Therefore, where a parcel does not lie immediately adjacent to the settlement edge, it is assumed that some intervening land will also be released, although no assumptions are made regarding what exactly what land that will be. Where a release of land would encompass areas with different harm ratings, the overall harm rating will always equate to the highest component harm rating.

Harm ratings are not given for areas subject to absolute constraints on development, or areas which have been judged to have no openness, in Green Belt terms. These are indicated on the maps for each assessed parcel of land. Absolute constraints include:

- Special Areas of Conservation;
- Special Protection Areas;
- Ramsar sites;
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest;
- Ancient woodland;
- Scheduled Monuments;
- Registered Parks and Gardens;
- Common land; and
- National Nature reserves

Components of harm assessment

The notes below explain the format of the parcel assessments contained in this report, referencing the relevant paragraphs in the Green Belt Assessment Methodology chapter of the main report where a more detailed explanation can be found.

Each parcel has a reference code that reflects the settlement that it lies closest to. This is followed by an aerial view showing extent of the parcel, in the context of neighbouring parcels, and an OS map indicating the presence of any absolute constraints.

Parcels were created to reflect variations in contribution to Green Belt purpose, rather than considering pre-defined parcels. In some cases a parcel may be split into areas labelled 1 and 2, reflecting situations where there are variations in the level of harm that would result from release (see Paragraph 3.128 in the main report).

Each parcel assessment is then organised under the following headings:

Parcel location and openness

This gives the parcel size (in hectares) and a brief description of its location, then considers the openness of the land. Openness relates to Step 2 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.36-3.42 in the main report).

Distinction between parcel and inset area

This is Step 3 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.43 - 3.60 in the main report). It examines the relationship between the Green Belt and the inset settlement, in order to determine how strongly the parcel is related to the settlement. This considers four inter-related elements: boundary features; landform and land cover; urbanising visual influence and urbanising containment. Land which has a stronger distinction from an inset settlement will generally make a stronger contribution to Cambridge Green Belt Purposes 1 and 3. Distinction is stated on a 4-point scale (weak, moderate, strong or very strong).

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

This covers Step 1 (see Paragraphs 3.27 - 3.35 in the main report) and Step 4 (Paragraphs 3.61 - 3.110) in the assessment process. It considers the extent to which each Cambridge Green Belt Purpose is relevant to a location (Step 1), and combines this with consideration of openness (Step 2) and distinction (Step 3) to determine the parcel's contribution to each of the three purposes (Step 4). The assessment of contribution applies to each parcel as a whole, providing a rating on a 5-point scale (limited/no contribution, relatively limited, moderate, relatively significant or significant) and supporting text for each Cambridge Green Belt Purpose:

- Cambridge Purpose 1 (to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre) – for land to contribute to this purpose it needs to be located in the immediate vicinity of Cambridge (see Paragraphs 3.28 and 3.67 - 3.73 in the main report).
- Cambridge Purpose 2 (to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting) - a two-element approach was taken considering: 1) the extent to which land constitutes countryside (that is to say has a rural character) based on its usage and distinction from an inset settlement; and 2) the extent to which land forms or contains other features or aspects that contribute to the quality of Cambridge's setting (see Paragraphs 3.29 and 3.74 - 3.102 in the main report).
- Cambridge Purpose 3 (to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city) – an analysis was undertaken of the distribution of villages in and around the Green Belt and the physical features that separate and/or connect them from each other or from Cambridge, in order to determine the fragility of each settlement gap (see Paragraphs 3.30-3.35 and 3.103 - 3.110 in the main report).

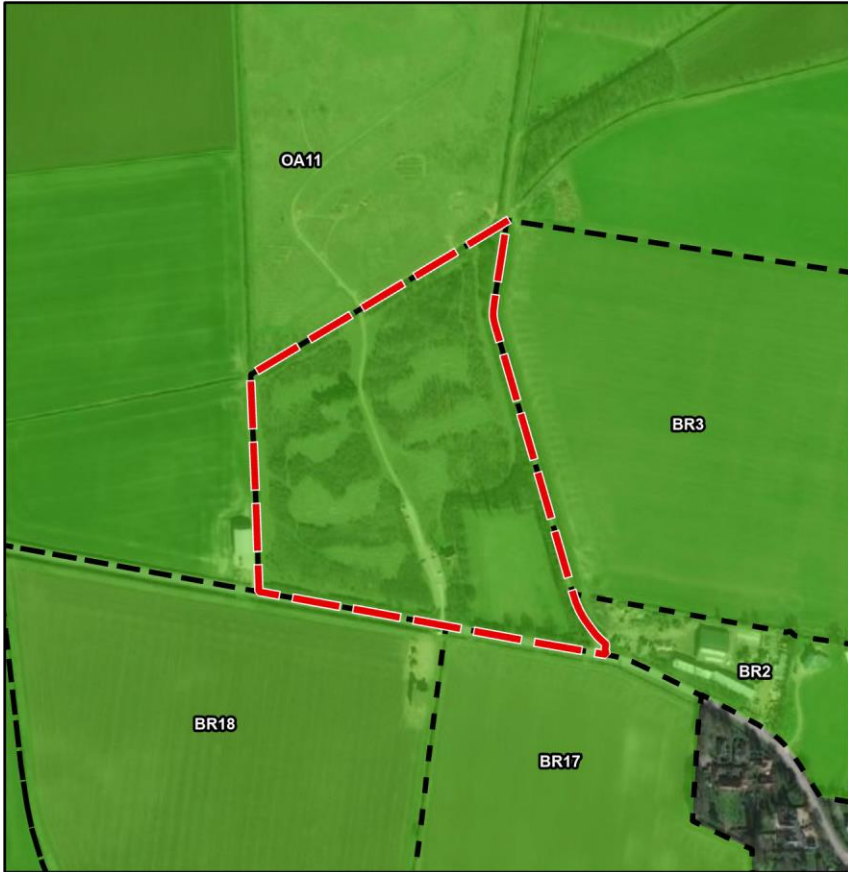
Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

This covers Step 5 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.111-3.124 in the main report). It considers the potential impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of land as an expansion of the adjacent inset settlement. If release of part of a parcel would result in a lower harm rating than release of the parcel as a whole, a separate analysis is given for each scenario.

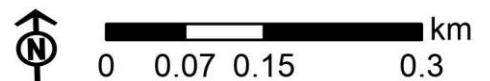
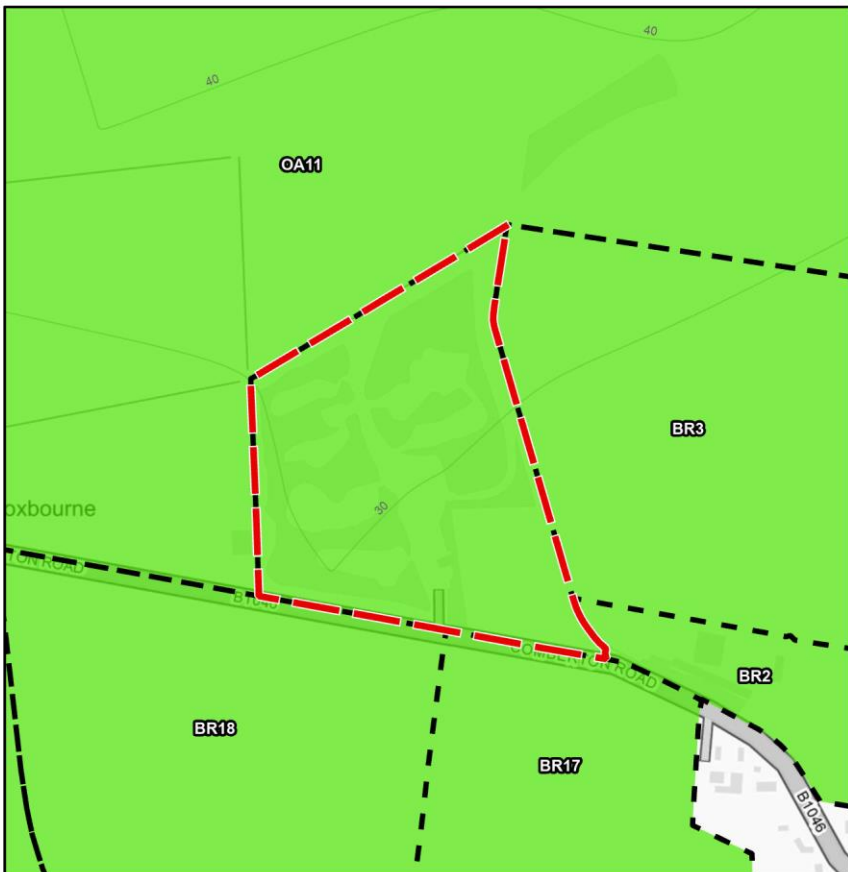
Overall harm of Green Belt release

This covers Step 6 in the assessment process (see Paragraphs 3.125-3.131 in the main report). It combines consideration of the loss of contribution of land to the Green Belt purposes (Step 4) with any additional harm resulting from the weakening of remaining Green Belt land (Step 5), to determine an overall rating of the harm of releasing land from the Green Belt. Green Belt harm was rated using a 5-point scale (low, moderate, moderate-high, high and very high harm). If release of part of a parcel would result in a lower harm rating than release of the parcel as a whole, a separate rating and conclusion is given for each scenario.

BR1



-  BR1
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BR1

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 8.19ha

The parcel is located to the northwest of Barton and is comprised of The Arbory Trust Woodland Burial Ground. There is an Arbory Trust building in the south of the parcel. Comberton Road lies to the south of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Tree cover and the B1046 to the south provide a moderate degree of separation between the parcel and the settlement. The tree cover to the south also prevents any urbanising visual influence within the parcel. The parcel extends a significant distance from Barton and is not contained by inset development. Areas of tree cover within the parcel provide some additional distinction from the inset area of Barton. Overall, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR1

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively significant

Land has a strong distinction from the edge of Barton and land use is not associated with the inset area. It therefore has a strong rural character.

This contributes to the rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along Comberton Road (B1046) from the west.

Land is also partially visible in the middle ground of key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill). This allows some appreciation of the scale, separate identity and rural setting of Barton, as well as the wider rural setting of the city.

Overall the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Significant

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Barton and Comberton, but urbanising development between the two reduces perceived separation and increases the fragility of the gap. The parcel has strong distinction from the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR1

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would increase containment on and open field to the west, which currently separates the settlement of Barton from development along Barton Road that lies between Barton and Comberton. This would increase the fragility of the settlement gap.

The adjacent Green Belt land to the east and south does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

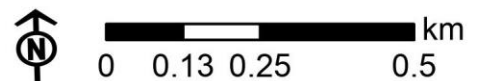
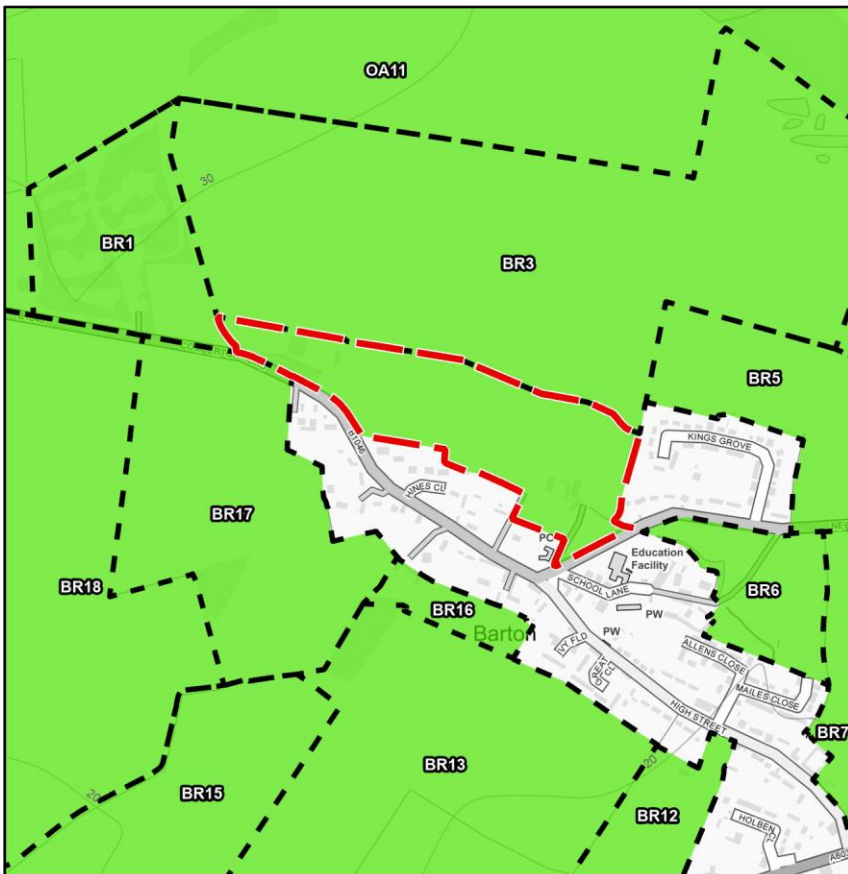
- Parcel BR1 makes a significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be very high.

Very High

BR2



- BR2
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt



BR2

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 9.86ha

The parcel is located to the north of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land, with some agricultural use buildings in the west and east of the parcel. Comberton Road lies to the south of the parcel within the inset area.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundaries at the inset edge of Barton to the south provide little separation from the settlement. The parcel is contained to an extent by the settlement, due to inset development lying to the south and east, which means that there is some urbanising visual influence within the parcel. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR2

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel comprises open farmland has a moderate distinction from the edge of Barton, meaning it has some rural character. To the southeast the parcel lies partly within Barton Conservation Area, and fronts directly on to some of the more intact and historic parts of the village along New Road. As such it allows an appreciation of Barton's rural character and setting, which in turn makes some contribution to the quality of Cambridge's setting. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Barton and Coton, with elevated ground between the two acting as a significant separating feature. The parcel has weak distinction from the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR2

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

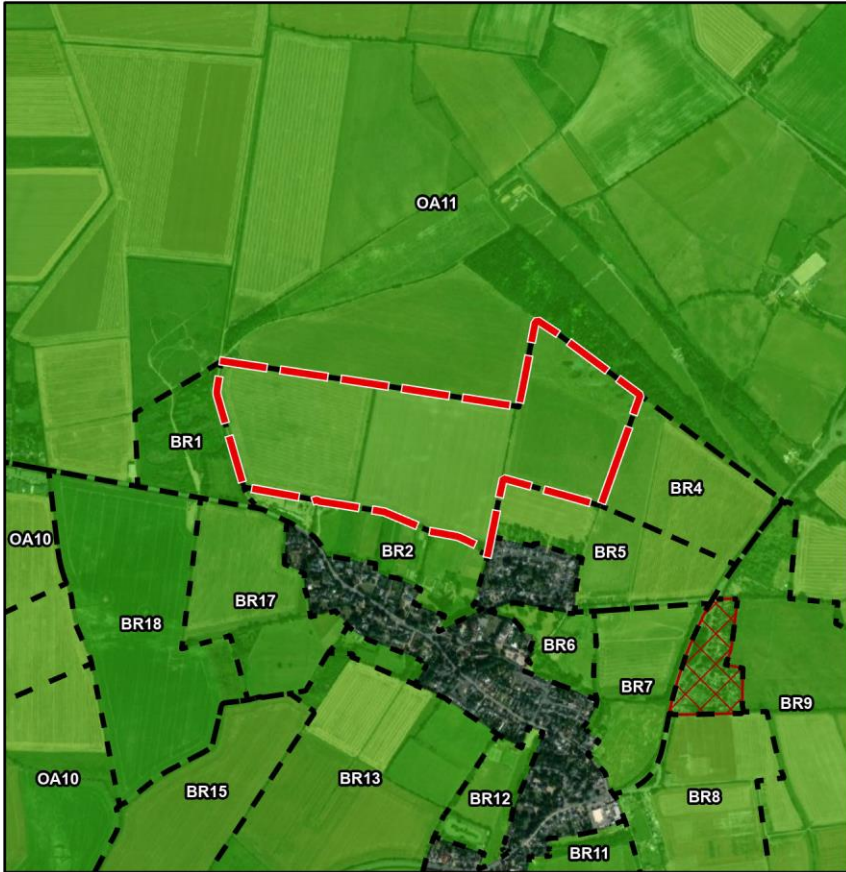
The release and development of this land would increase urbanising visual influence on Green Belt land to the north, as well as weakening the boundary separation of this area from the settlement of Barton.





Overall harm of Green Belt release

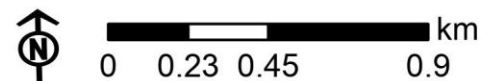
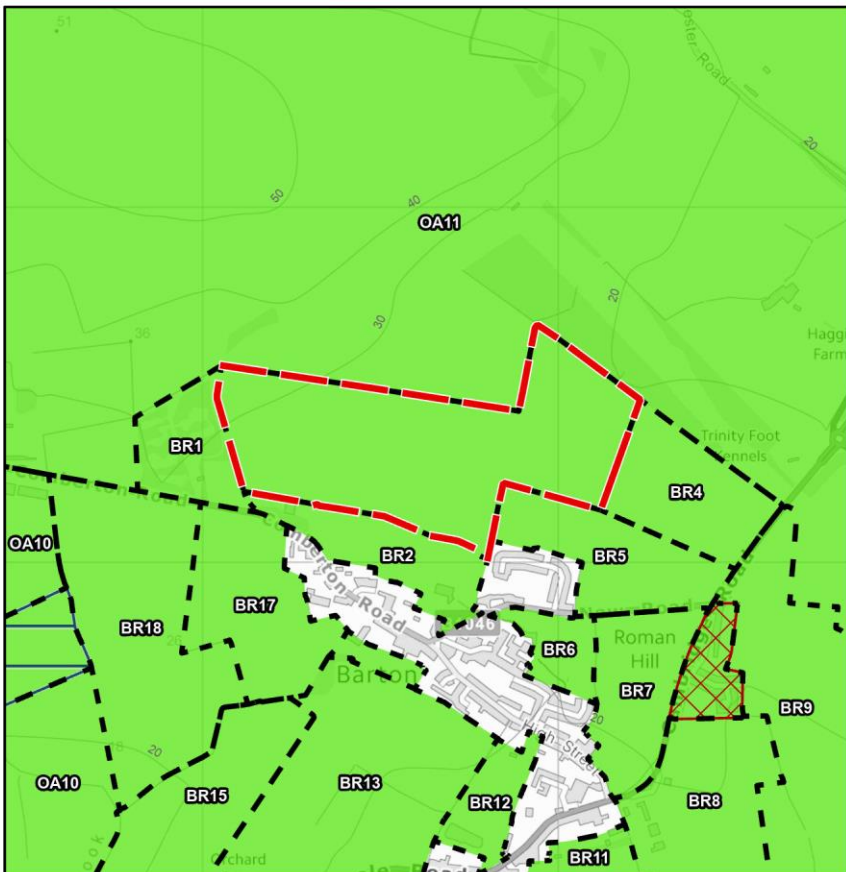
- Parcel BR2 makes a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

BR3



-  BR3
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  No openness
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



BR3

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 40.89ha

The parcel is located to the north of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land. A woodland belt and rifle range lies to the northeast of the parcel and The Arbory Trust Woodland Burial Ground lies to the west.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

A hedgerow and intervening land to the south of the parcel provide a moderate degree of separation between the parcel and Barton. The parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement and is not contained by inset development, which means that there is little urbanising visual influence within the parcel. Whilst the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton, overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR3

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively significant

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Barton, meaning it has a strong rural character. It is partially visible in the middle ground of key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill). This allows some appreciation of the scale, separate identity and rural setting of Barton, as well as the wider rural setting of the city. Overall the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Barton and Coton, with elevated ground between the two acting as a significant separating feature. Whilst the settlement gap is robust, the parcel has strong distinction from the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR3

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would broaden the frontage of the settlement in relation to the settlement gap with Coton.

However, the main impacts resulting from its release would be increased urbanising visual influence on land to the west, north and east. The release would also weaken the boundary separation of land to the north from the settlement of Barton.

The adjoining Green Belt land to the southwest and southeast does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

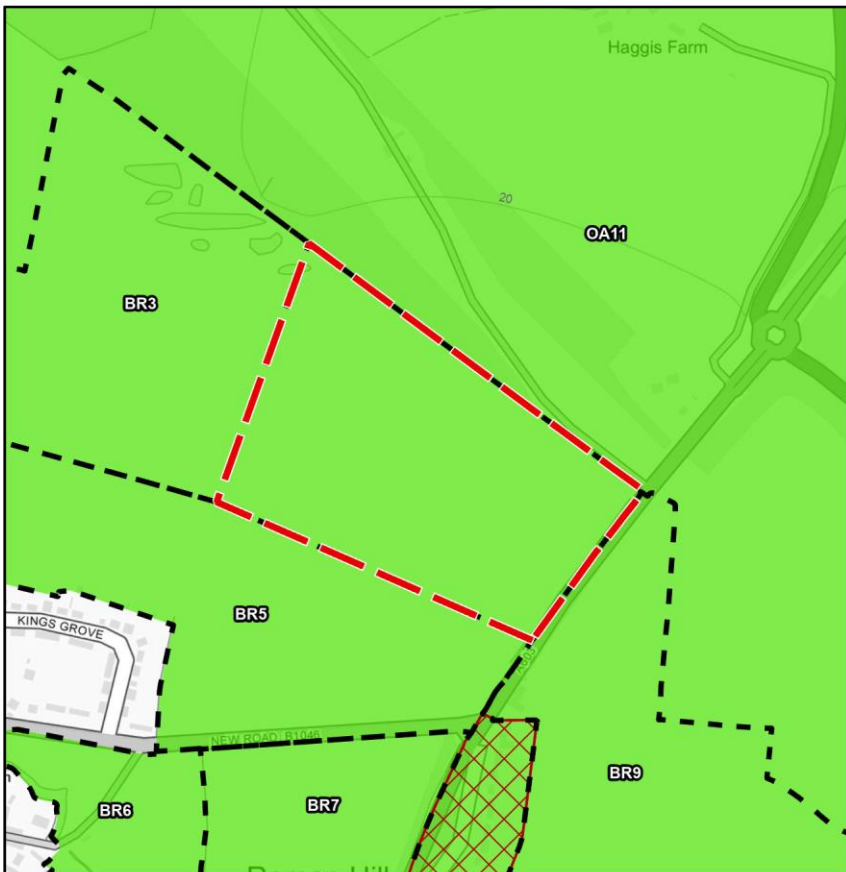
- Parcel BR3 makes a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be high.

High

BR4



-  BR4
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  No openness
-  Green Belt



BR4

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 12.39ha

The parcel is located to the northeast of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land. A woodland belt and rifle range lies to the north of the parcel and the A603 lies to the east.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundaries at the inset edge of Barton to the southwest of the parcel provide little separation from the settlement. There is some urbanising visual influence from the settlement to the southwest, but this is balanced with open countryside surrounding the rest of the parcel. The parcel is not contained by inset development. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR4

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively significant

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Barton, meaning it has a strong rural character. This contributes to a rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along Cambridge Road (A603) from the south-west. Land is also partially visible in the middle ground of key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill). This allows some appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of Barton and the wider rural setting of the city. Overall the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively significant

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Barton and Grantchester. Urbanising development at Roman Hill reduces gaps but the M11 acts as a significant separating feature. The parcel has strong distinction from Barton, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR4

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor

The urbanising visual influence of the release and development of this land on land to the north and east is limited to an extent by the woodland belt to the north and the A603 to the east

The adjoining Green Belt land to the south and west does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

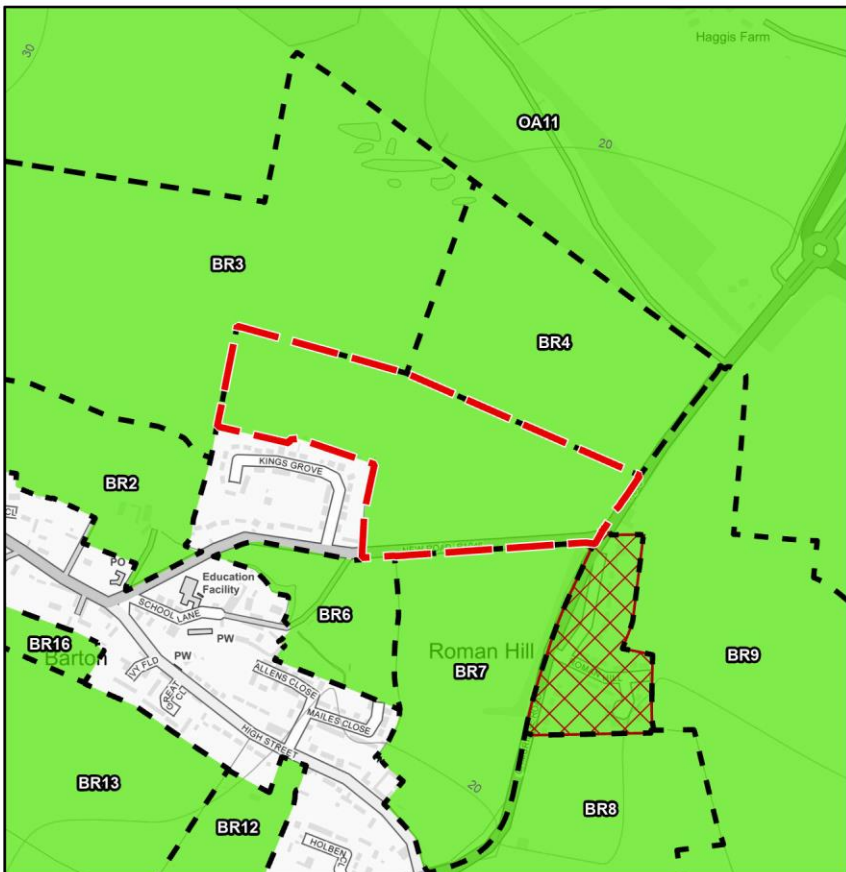
- Parcel BR4 makes a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be high.

High

BR5



-  BR5
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  No openness
-  Green Belt



BR5

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 12.88ha

The parcel is located to the north of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land and some residential gardens in the west of the parcel adjacent to the inset edge. New Road lies to the southeast of the parcel and Cambridge Road lies to the east.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundaries at the inset edge of Barton to the southwest of the parcel provide little separation from the settlement. There is some urbanising visual influence from the settlement to the southwest, but this is balanced with open countryside surrounding the rest of the parcel. The parcel is not contained by inset development. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR5

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel comprises open farmland has a moderate distinction from the edge of Barton, meaning it has some rural character. This makes some contribution to a rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along New Road (B1046) and Cambridge Road (A603) from the west and south-west respectively. Land is also partially visible in the middle ground of key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill). This allows some appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of Barton and the wider rural setting of the city. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

To the southeast the parcel lies partly within Barton Conservation Area, and fronts directly on to some of the more intact and historic parts of the village along New Road. As such it allows an appreciation of Barton's rural character and setting, which in turn makes some contribution to the quality of Cambridge's setting. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Barton and Coton, with some elevated ground between the two acting as a significant separating feature. Land is also peripheral to a moderate gap with Grantchester to the east, with the M11 acting as a significant separating feature. The

BR5

parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR5

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would increase urbanising visual influence on land to the north and west. The release would also increase urbanising containment on land to the south.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

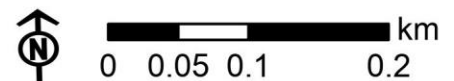
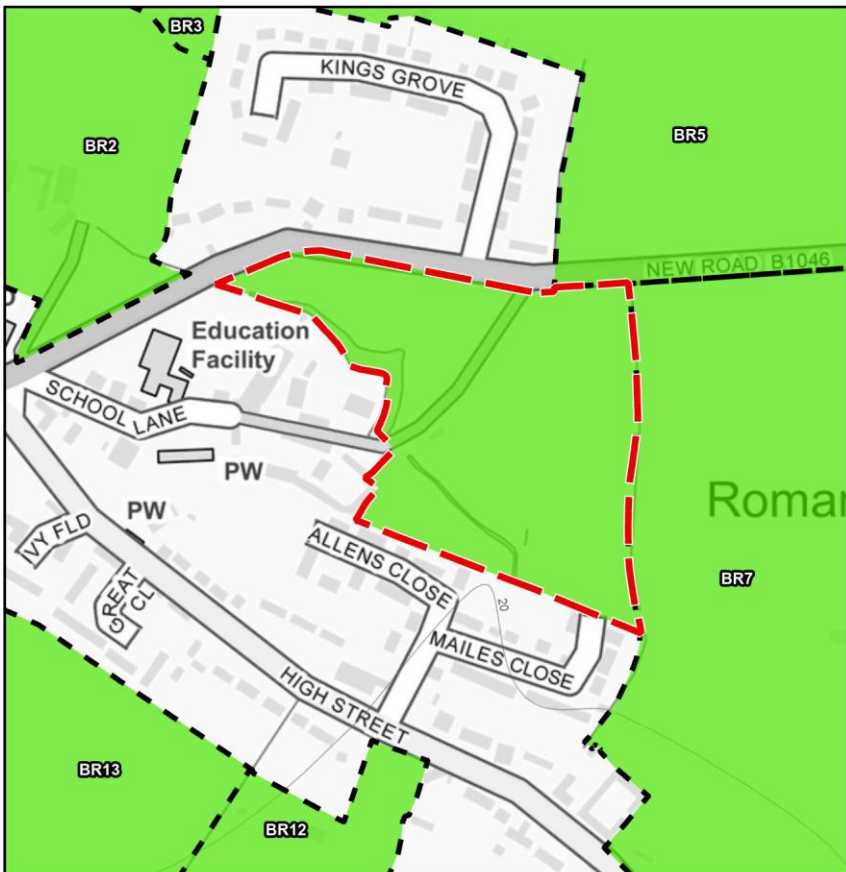
- Parcel BR5 makes a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

BR6



-  BR6
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BR6

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.36ha

The parcel is located on the northeast edge of Barton and is comprised of the grounds of Burwash Manor, which includes a car park. The B1046 lies to the north of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel lies in close proximity to the inset edge but tree cover surrounding much of the parcel and the B1046 to the north provides a moderate degree of boundary separation between the parcel and the settlement. The parcel is contained to an extent by the settlement of Barton from the west and south, with containment increasing the west of the parcel from the north also. This means that there is some urbanising visual influence within the parcel. The tree cover in the west of the parcel provides some additional land cover distinction from Barton. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR6

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a moderate distinction from the edge of Barton, meaning it has some rural character. To the west the parcel forms the immediate setting of Manor Farmhouse (Grade II* listed building) and lies partly within Barton Conservation Area, fronting directly on to some of the more intact and historic parts of the village along New Road. As such it allows an appreciation of Barton's rural character and setting, which in turn makes some contribution to the quality of Cambridge's setting. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Barton and Grantchester. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR6

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would increase urbanising containment on land to the east. Although release of part of the parcel may have less impact on containment to the east, this would weaken the distinction between the inset settlement and the remainder of the parcel.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

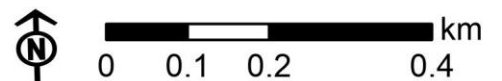
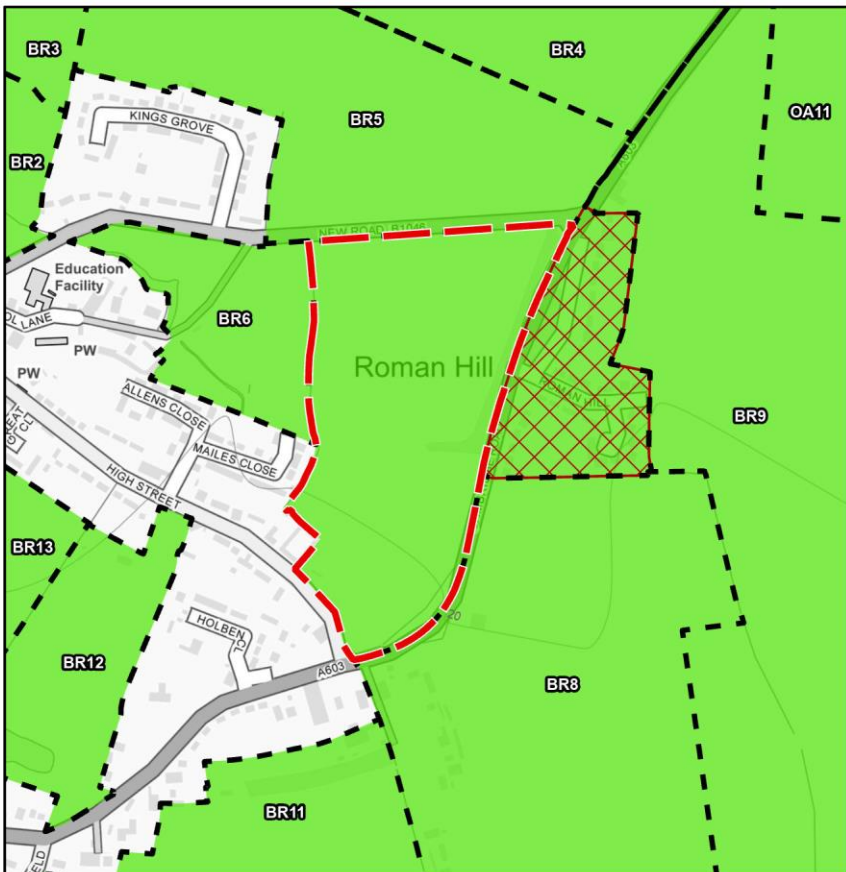
- Parcel BR6 makes a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

BR7



-  BR7
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  No openness
-  Green Belt



BR7

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 11.44ha

The parcel is located to the east of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land, with one agricultural use building in the southwest of the parcel. The A603 lies to the east of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundaries at the inset edge of Barton to the southwest of the parcel provide little separation from the settlement. The parcel is subject to a degree of containment due to the settlement lying to the west and residential development on the opposite side of the A603 lying to the east. This means that there is some urbanising visual influence within the parcel, but this is balanced with open countryside to the north and southeast. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR7

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a moderate distinction from the edge of Barton, meaning it has some rural character. This contributes to the rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along New Road (B1046) and Cambridge Road (A603) from the west and south-west respectively. Land is also partially visible in the middle ground of key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill). This allows some appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of Barton, as well as the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel is open and lies in a moderate gap between Barton and Grantchester. Urbanising development at Roman Hill reduces gaps, but the M11 acts as a significant separating feature. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR7

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of this land would have some urbanising visual influence on land to the north.

The adjoining Green Belt land to the west and southeast does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

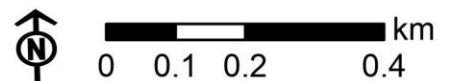
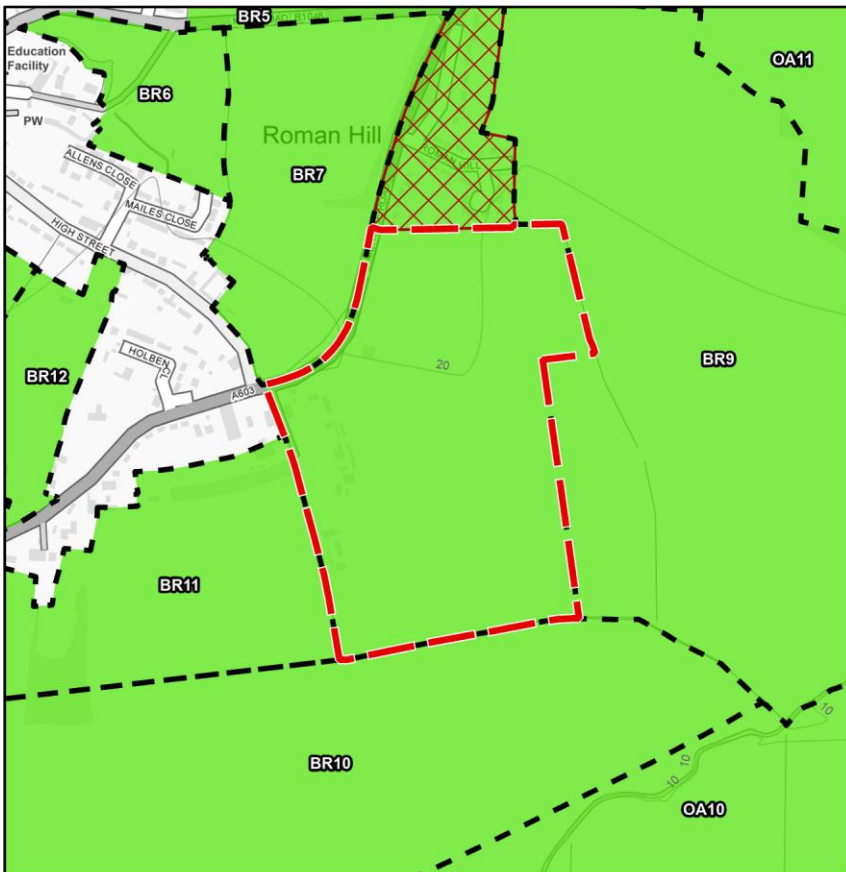
- Parcel BR7 makes a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

BR8



-  BR8
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  No openness
-  Green Belt



BR8

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 20.96ha

The parcel is located to the east and southeast of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land, with some commercial use buildings in the west of the parcel. Cambridge Road lies to the northwest of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The north of the parcel is moderately separated from Barton by the presence of Cambridge Road to the west, but the south of the parcel lies adjacent to inset development to the west and some commercial development has breached into the parcel. This means that there is some urbanising visual influence within the parcel. However, the parcel is not contained by inset development and extends a significant distance from the settlement. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR8

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a moderate distinction from the edge of Barton, meaning it has some rural character. This makes some contribution to the rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along Cambridge Road (A603) from the southwest. Land is also visible in the middle ground of key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill). This allows an appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of Barton, as well as the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Barton and Grantchester, but the M11 acts a significant separating feature. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR8

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

Whilst the M11 acts as a significant separating feature, the release and development of this land would result in some narrowing of the settlement gap between Barton and Grantchester.

The release would increase urbanising visual influence on land to the south and east, as well as weakening the boundary separation of these areas from the settlement of Barton. The release would also increase urbanising containment on land to the southwest.

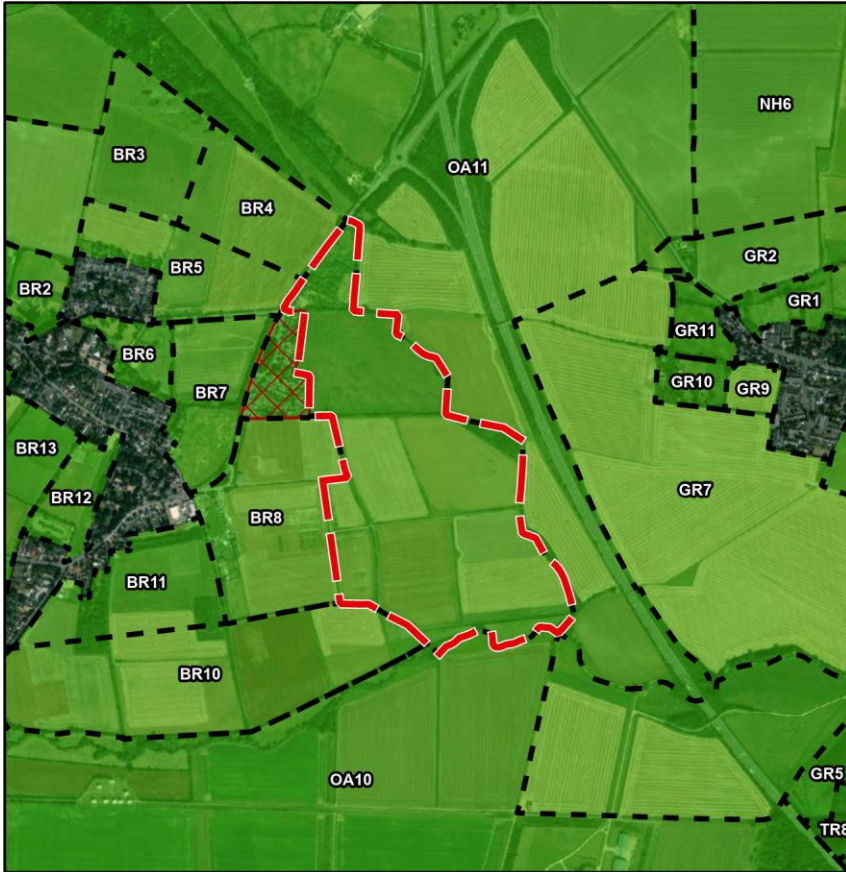
The adjoining Green Belt land to the northwest does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.


Overall harm of Green Belt release

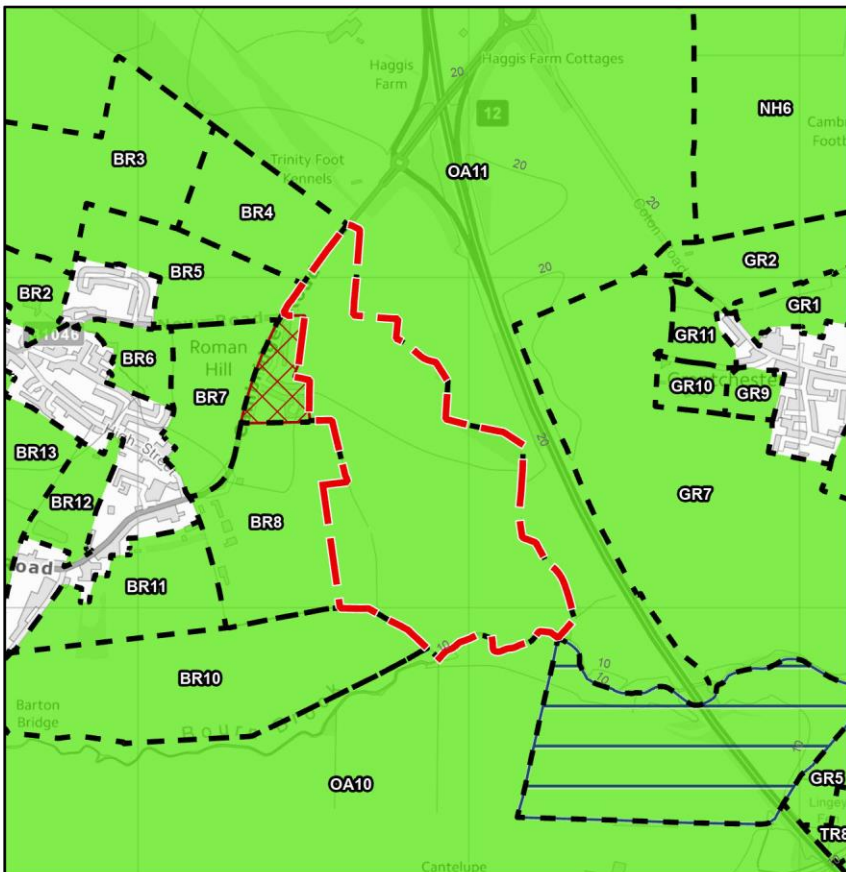
- Parcel BR8 makes a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be high.

High

BR9



-  BR9
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  No openness
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



BR9

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 54.58ha

The parcel is located to the east of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land within some tree cover in the north of the parcel adjacent to Cambridge Road. The M11 lies to the east of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Intervening land and Cambridge Road to the west of the parcel provide a moderate degree of separation between the parcel and Barton. There is some urbanising visual influence in the north of the parcel due to residential development to the west adjacent to Cambridge Road, but the rest of the parcel looks over open countryside. The parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement and is not contained by inset development. Whilst the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton, overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR9

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively significant

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Barton, meaning it has a strong rural character. This contributes to the rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along Cambridge Road (A603) from the south-west. Land is also visible in key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill). This allows an appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of Barton, as well as the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively significant

Land is open and lies in moderate gap between Barton and Grantchester. Urbanising development reduces gaps but the M11 acts as a significant separating feature. The parcel has strong distinction from the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR9

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Moderate

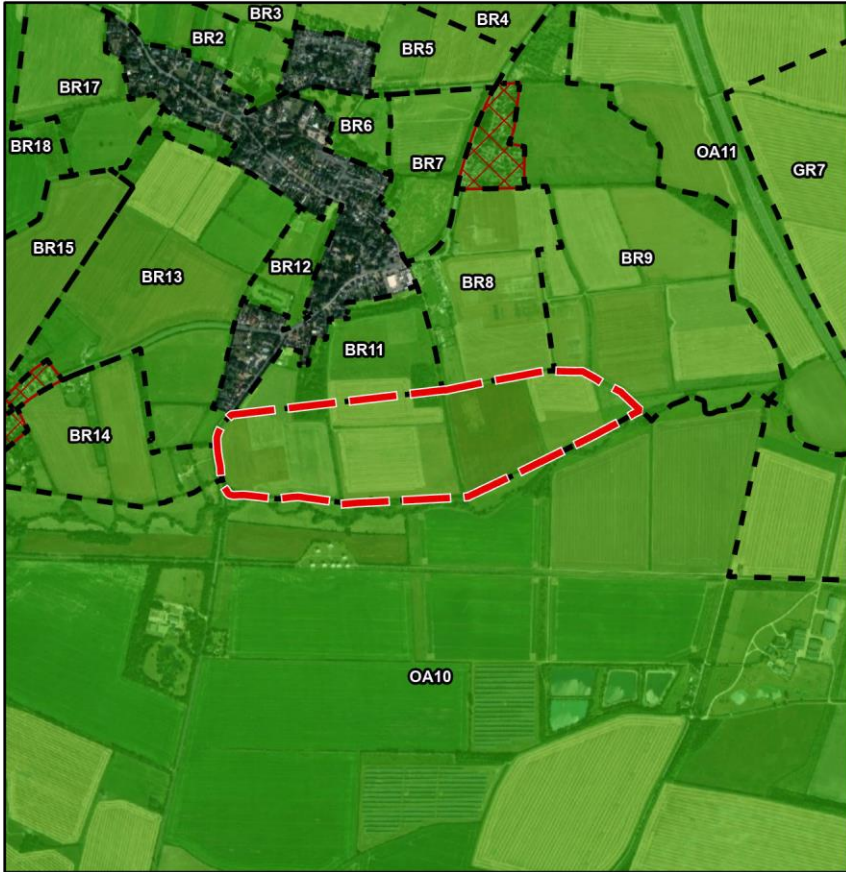
Whilst the M11 acts as a significant separating feature, the release and development of this land would result in narrowing of the settlement gap between Barton and Grantchester. Although release of part of the parcel may have less impact on the settlement gap, the absence of any existing boundary features within the parcel means that this would weaken the distinction between the inset settlement and the remainder of the parcel. The release would also increase urbanising visual influence on land to the east and south.





Overall harm of Green Belt release

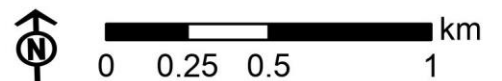
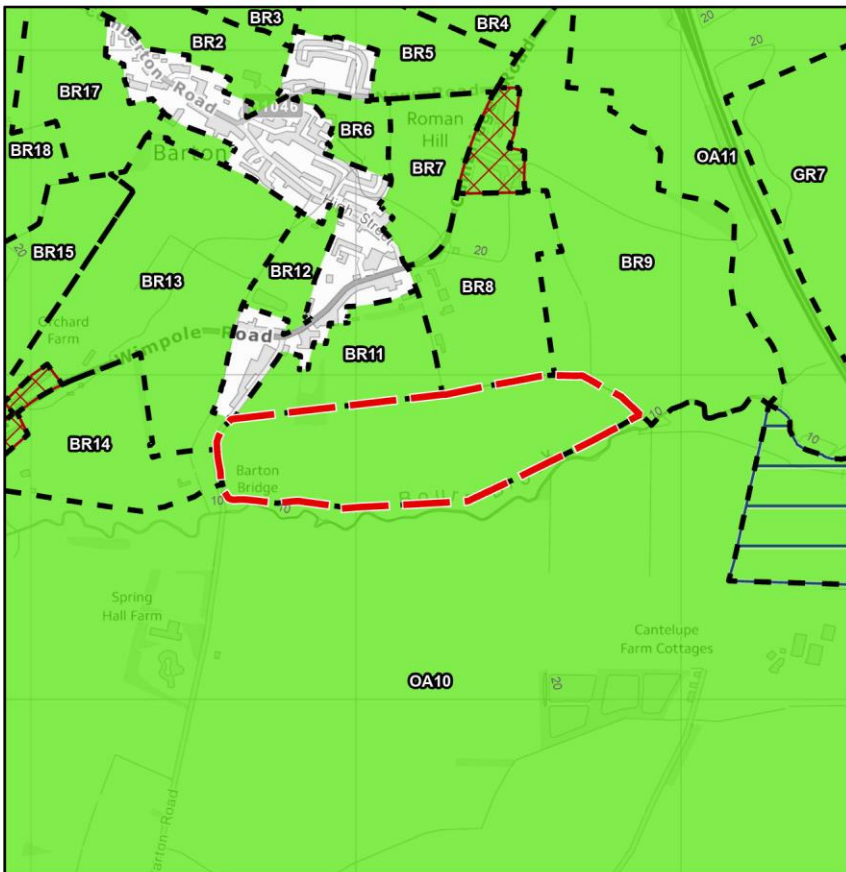
- Parcel BR9 makes a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be very high.

Very High

BR10



-  BR10
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  No openness
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



BR10

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 35ha

The parcel is located to the south of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land. Haslingfield Road lies to the west and Bourn Brook lies to the south of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Tree cover to the north of the parcel and Haslingfield Road to the northwest provide a moderate degree of separation between the parcel and Barton. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by inset development and extends a significant distance from the settlement, which means that there is little urbanising visual influence within the parcel. Whilst the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton, overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR10

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively significant

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Barton, and therefore has a strong rural character. This contributes to a rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along Barton Road/Haslingfield Road from the southwest. Land is also visible within the middle ground of key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill), which allows an appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of Barton and the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively significant

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Barton and Haslingfield, but areas of tree cover to the south act as significant separating features. The parcel has strong distinction from Barton, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR10

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of land in the east of the parcel would result in some narrowing of the settlement gap between Barton and Grantchester. Although release of part of the parcel may have less impact on the settlement gap, this would weaken the distinction between the inset settlement and the remainder of the parcel.

The tree cover and valley of Bourn Brook provides a strong boundary feature to the south, but the release would have some urbanising visual influence on land to the east, as well as weakening the boundary separation of this area from the settlement of Barton.

The adjoining Green Belt land to the north and west does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

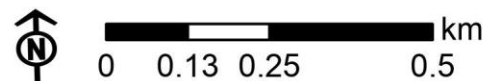
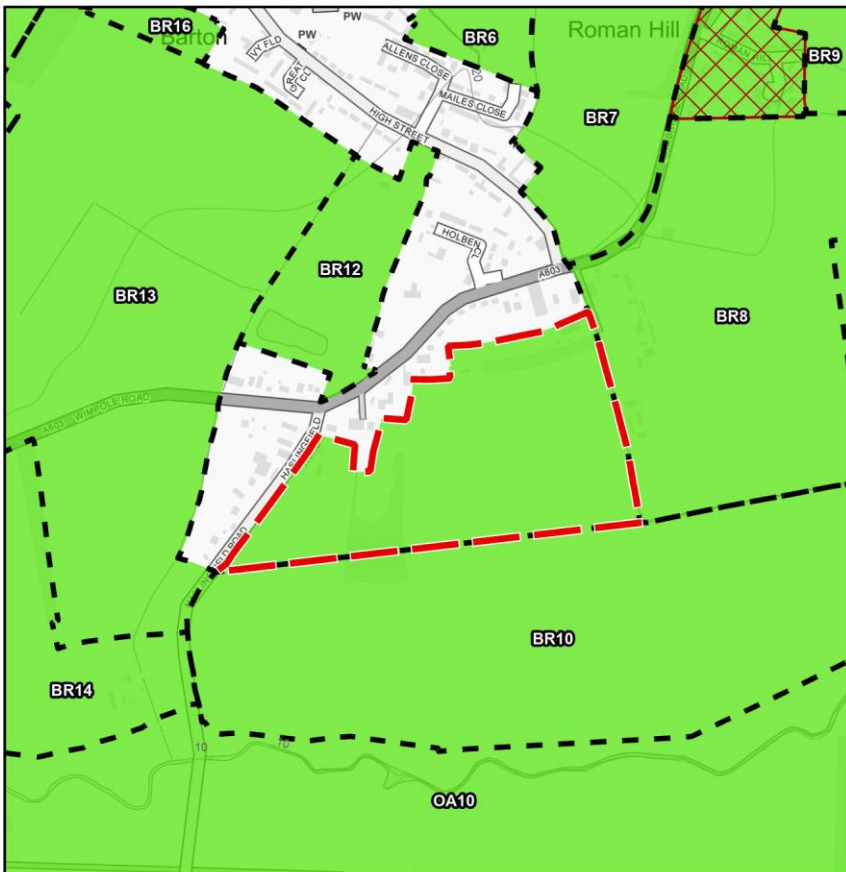
- Parcel BR10 makes a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be very high.

Very High

BR11



-  BR11
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  No openness
-  Green Belt



BR11

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 13.56ha

The parcel is located on the southern edge of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land with a commercial use building in the northeast of the parcel and agricultural use building in the northwest. An area of tree cover separates the west and east sides of the parcel and Haslingfield Road lies to the west.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Whilst the narrow strip of land in the north of the parcel is only separated from Barton by garden boundaries, the majority of the parcel is moderately separated from the settlement by tree cover. This tree cover prevents urbanising visual influence within the parcel. Furthermore, the parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement and is not contained by inset development. Whilst the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton, overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR11

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively significant

The parcel comprises open farmland and woodland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Barton, meaning it has a strong rural character. This contributes to a rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along Barton Road/Haslingfield Road from the southwest. Land is also visible within the middle ground of key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill), which allows an appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of Barton and the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Barton and Grantchester. Whilst the settlement gap is robust, the parcel has strong distinction from the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR11

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would increase urbanising visual influence on land to the south, as well as weakening the boundary separation of this area from the settlement of Barton.

The adjoining Green Belt land to the east does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

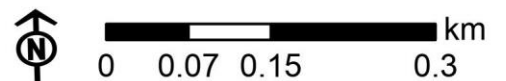
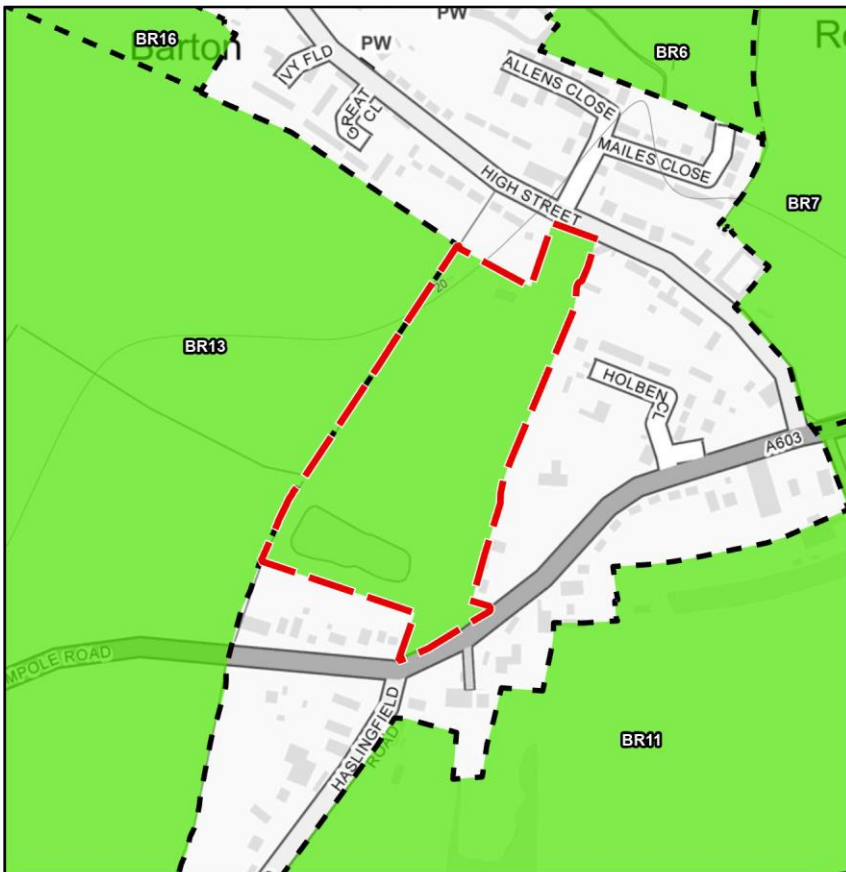
- Parcel BR11 makes a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be high.

High

BR12



-  BR12
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BR12

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.44ha

The parcel is located on the western edge of Barton and is comprised of sports pitches and recreation grounds. The A603 lies to the south of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel lies in close proximity to the inset area and the garden boundaries to the south, east and north of parcel at the inset edge of Barton provide little boundary separation from the settlement. The containment of the parcel by the settlement means that there is some urbanising visual influence within the parcel. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton. Overall, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR12

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land has a weak distinction from the edge of Barton, meaning it has a strong relationship with the inset area. It also has a use (sports pitches/recreation ground) that associates it with the inset area and weakens its rural character. However, the parcel lies entirely within Barton Conservation Area and fronts directly on to some of the more intact and historic parts of the village along High Street to the north and Wimpole Road to the south. This helps accentuate the open setting of the village and in turn makes some contribution to the wider open rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is too closely contained by the settlement of Barton to contribute to its separation from any other settlement.

BR12

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of this land would result in some urbanising visual influence on land to the west.


Overall harm of Green Belt release

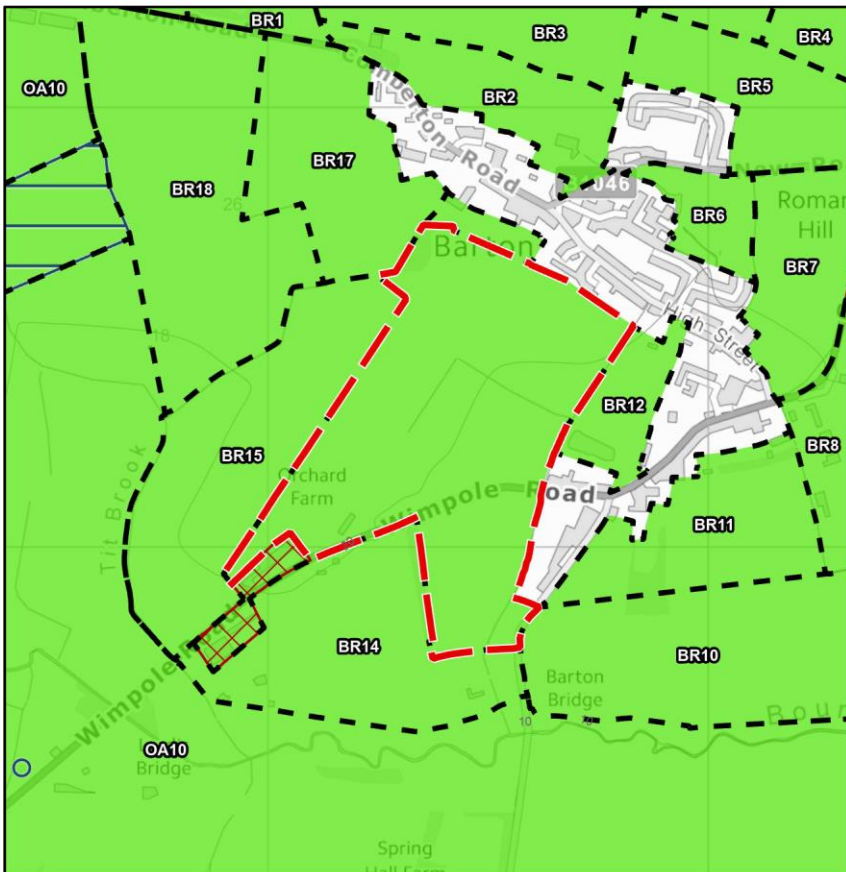
- Parcel BR12 Makes a relatively limited contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be low.

Low

BR13



-  BR13
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  No openness
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



BR13

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 41.84ha

The parcel is located to the west and southwest of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land. Wimpole Road separates the southern fields of the parcel from the north. There are some agricultural use buildings and residential properties in the west of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundaries to the north and east of the parcel provide little boundary separation from the settlement of Barton. The settlement does lie to the north and east but it is not considered to create significant containment given the size of the parcel. However, this does result in some urbanising visual influence within the parcel. The parcel extends a significant distance from Barton. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR13

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a moderate distinction from the edge of Barton, meaning it has some rural character. This makes some contribution to the rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along Wimpole Road (A603) and Barton Road/Haslingfield Road from the southwest. Land is also partially visible in the middle ground of key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill). This allows some appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of Barton, as well as the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Barton and Haslingfield. The fields at the southern end of the parcel lie more within this settlement gap. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR13

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would increase urbanising visual influence on land to the west and south.

The adjoining Green Belt land to the east does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.


Overall harm of Green Belt release

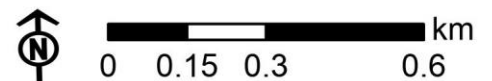
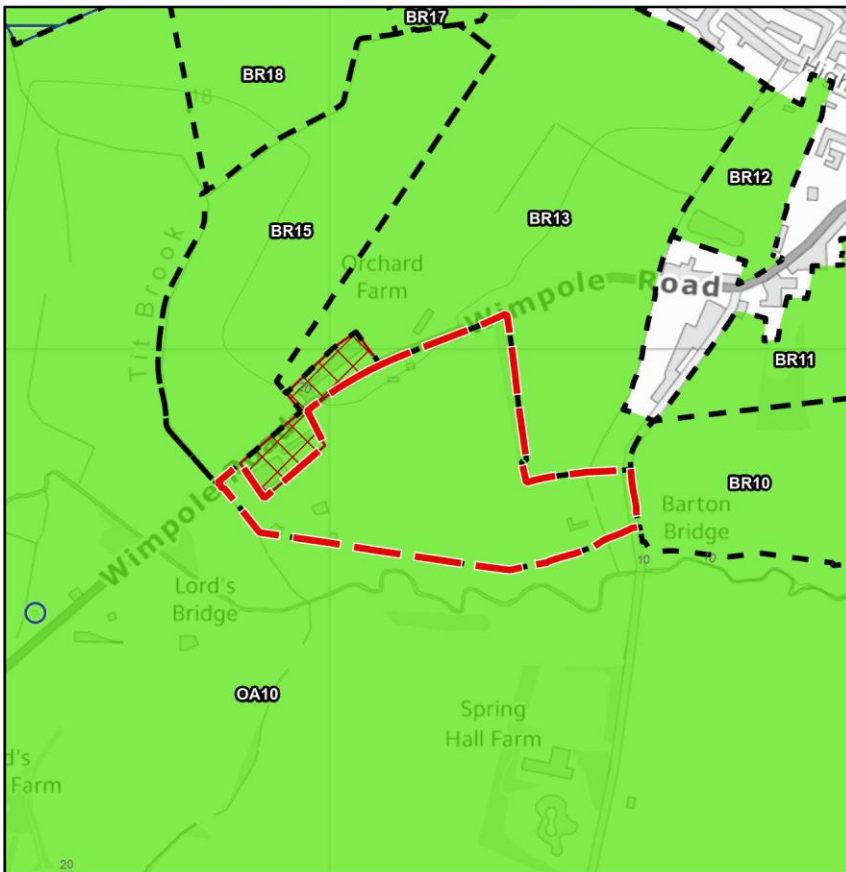
- Parcel BR13 makes a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

BR14



-  BR14
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  No openness
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



BR14

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 19.84ha

The parcel is located to the southwest of Barton and is comprised largely of agricultural land. There is a farmstead in the southeast of the parcel, two residential properties in the north and some residential gardens in the west. Wimpole Road lies to the north of the parcel and Haslingfield Road lies to the east.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Tree cover to the east of the parcel provides a moderate degree of separation from the settlement of Barton. Although this tree cover minimises views of Barton to the northeast, there is some urbanising visual influence within the parcel from some residential development to the west adjacent to Wimpole Road. However, the parcel extends a significant distance from the inset settlement and is not contained by development. Whilst the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton, overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR14

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively significant

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Barton and therefore has a strong rural character. This contributes to the rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along Wimpole Road (A603) and Barton Road/Haslingfield Road from the southwest. Land is also visible in the middle ground of key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill). This allows an appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of Barton, as well as the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Barton and Haslingfield but areas of tree cover to the south act as significant separating features. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR14

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor

The valley and tree cover to the south adjacent to Bourn Brook would prevent some urbanising visual impacts on land to the south.

The adjoining Green Belt land to the west and north does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

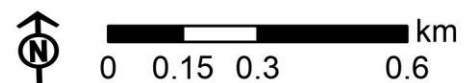
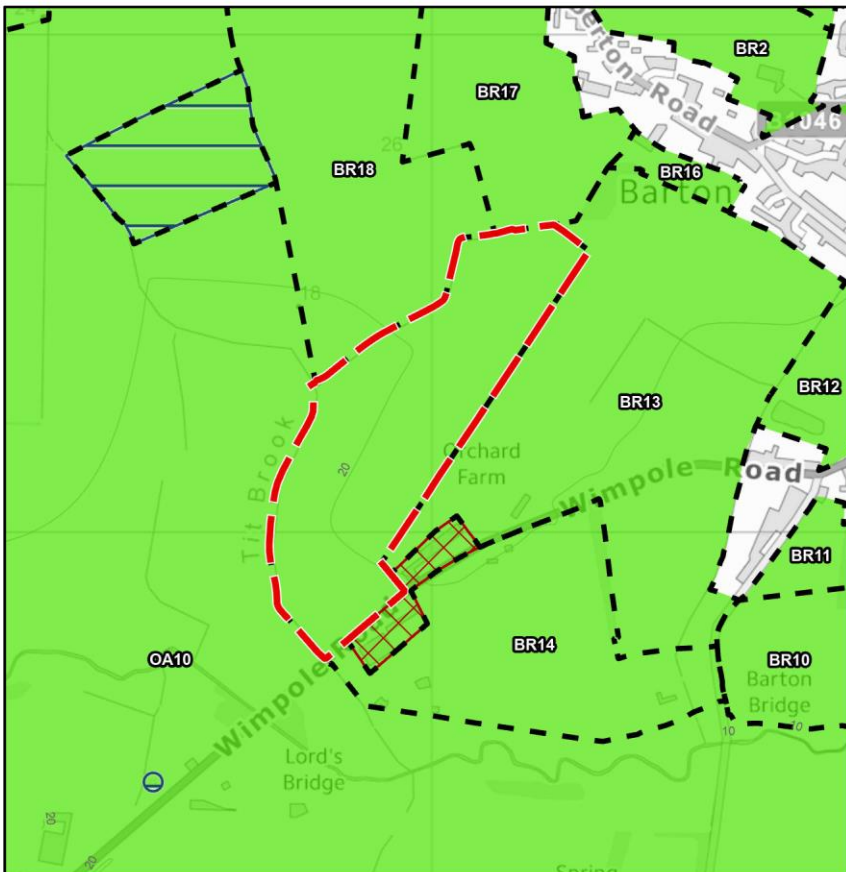
- Parcel BR14 makes a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be high.

High

BR15



-  BR15
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  No openness
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



BR15

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 22.96ha

The parcel is located to the west of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land. The A603 lies to the south of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Intervening land and hedgerows to the north and east of the parcel provide a moderate degree of separation between the parcel and Barton. The parcel is located a significant distance from the settlement and is not contained by inset development, which means that there is little urbanising visual influence within the parcel. Whilst the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton, overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR15

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively significant

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Barton and therefore has a strong rural character. This contributes to the rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along Wimpole Road (A603) from the southwest. Land is also visible in the middle ground of key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill). This allows an appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of Barton, as well as the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Barton and Comberton. Whilst the settlement gap is robust, the parcel has strong distinction from the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR15

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would have some impact on broadening the frontage of Barton in relation to the settlement gap with Comberton.

The release would also increase urbanising visual influence on land to the west, as well as weakening the boundary separation of this area from the settlement of Barton.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

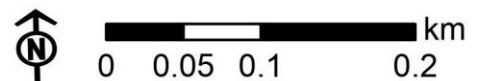
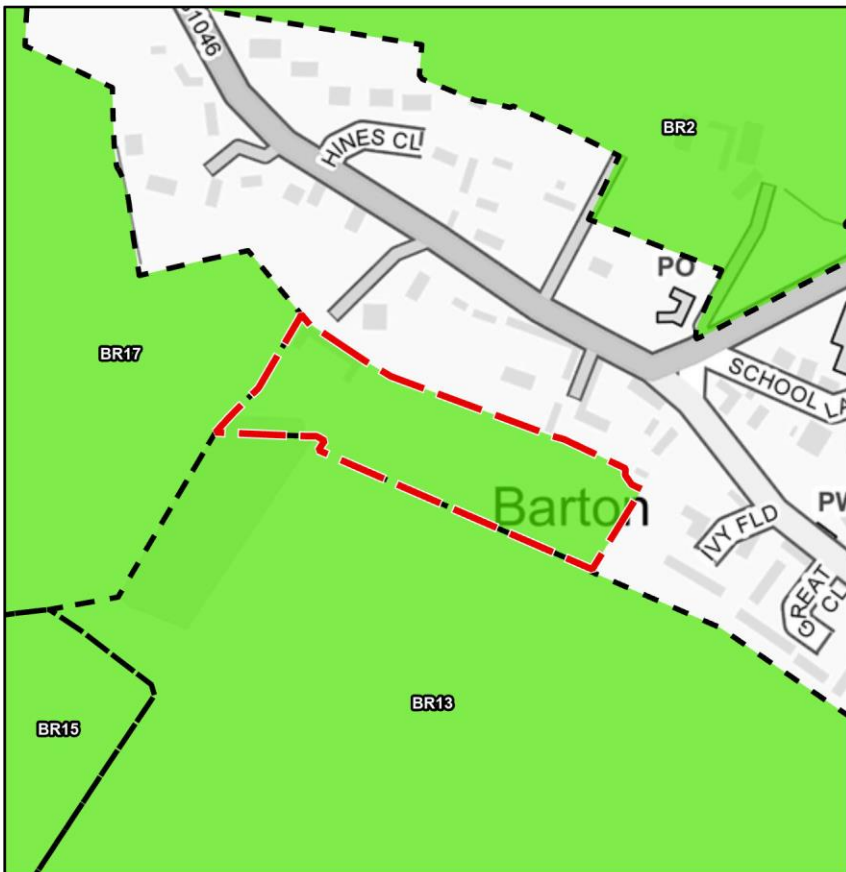
- Parcel BR15 makes a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be high.

High

BR16



-  BR16
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



BR16

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.68ha

The parcel is located on the western edge of Barton, with Comberton Road lying to the north of the parcel within the inset area. The parcel is comprised of small paddocks and a residential property in the west.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has a significant impact on Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel lies in close proximity to the inset edge and there is no significant boundary feature to create separation between the parcel and residential development to the north in the inset area of Barton. The parcel is not contained by inset development, but is largely enclosed by tree cover to the south, which means that the urbanising visual influence of the settlement dominates within the parcel. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton. Overall, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR16

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

Land has a weak distinction from the edge of Barton, meaning it has a strong relationship with the inset area. However, it comprises open farmland and woodland and therefore has some rural character. The woodland within the parcel is visible in the middle ground key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the south-west (including from Chapel Hill), providing a wooded setting to Barton. This allows some appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of the village, as well as the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Barton and Comberton. The parcel has weak distinction from the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR16

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of this land would have some urbanising visual influence on land to the west and south.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

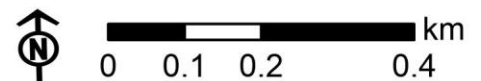
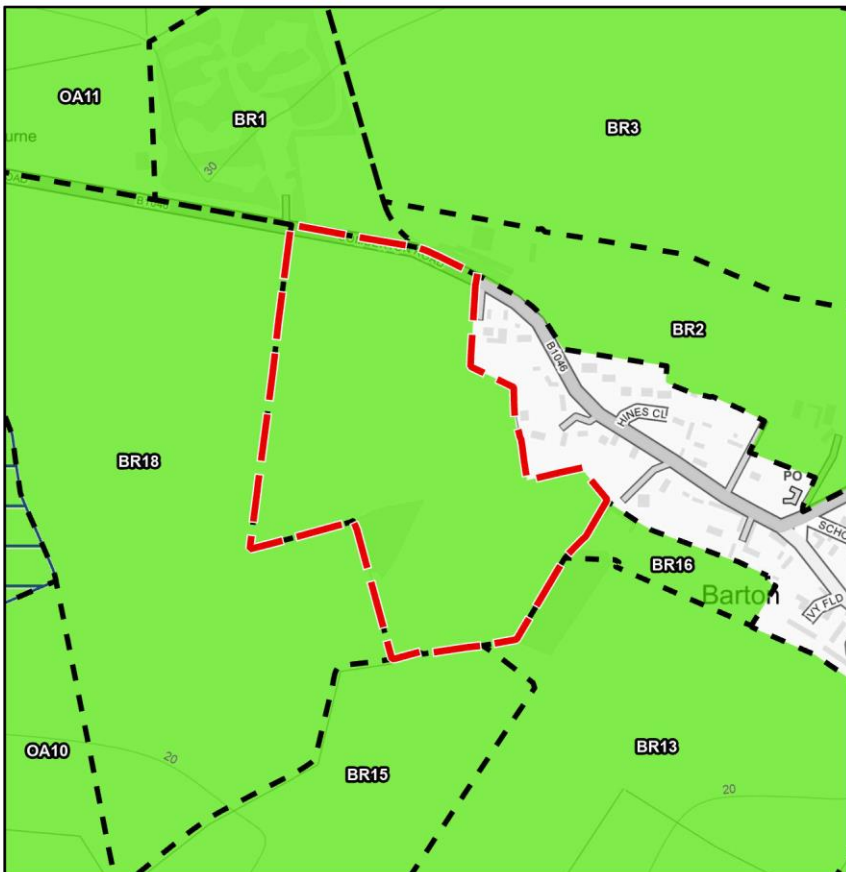
- Parcel BR16 makes a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be moderate.

Moderate

BR17



-  BR17
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



BR17

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 15.52ha

The parcel is located on the northwestern edge of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land. Comberton Road lies to the north of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundaries at the inset edge of Barton to the east of the parcel provide little separation between the parcel and the settlement. There is some urbanising visual influence from Barton to the east within the parcel. However, the parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement and is not contained by inset development. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR17

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a moderate distinction from the edge of Barton and therefore has some rural character. This makes some contribution to the rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along Comberton Road (B1046) from the west. Land is also partially visible in the middle ground key elevated distant views towards Cambridge from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill). This allows some appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of Barton, as well as the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively significant

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Barton and Comberton, but urbanising development between the two reduces perceived separation and increases the fragility of the gap. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR17

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of this land would result in some narrowing of the settlement gap between Barton and Comberton.

The release would increase urbanising visual influence on land to the west and south.




Overall harm of Green Belt release

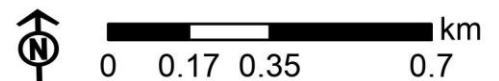
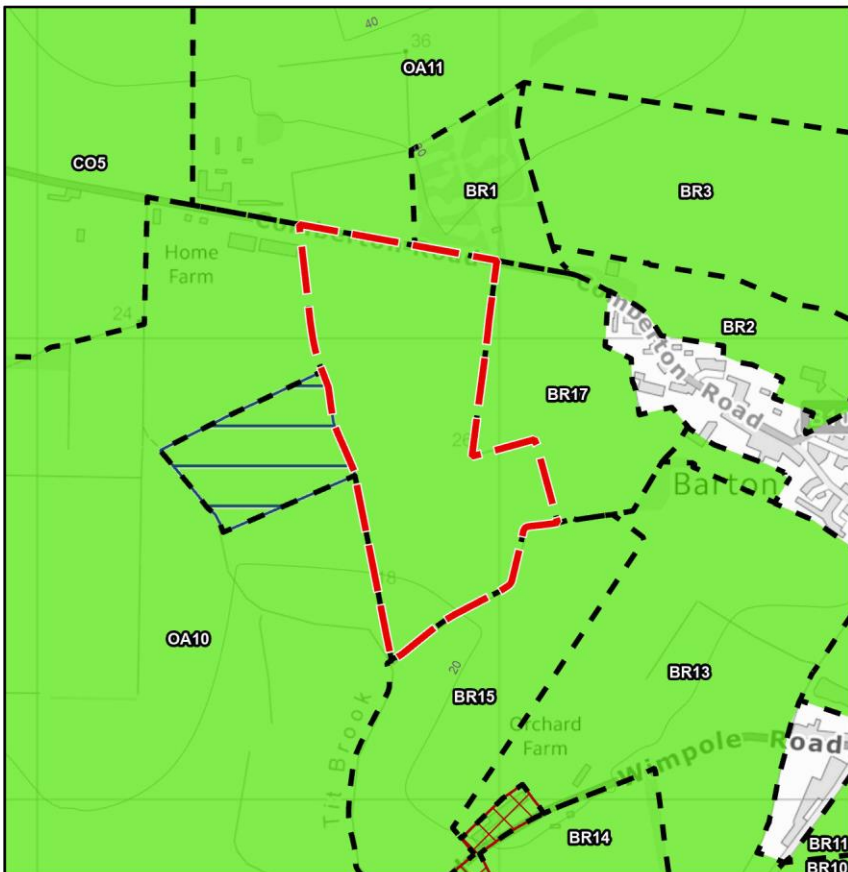
- Parcel BR17 Makes a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be high.

High

BR18



-  BR18
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  No openness
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



BR18

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 29.5ha

The parcel is located to the west of Barton and is comprised of agricultural land. Barton/Comberton Road lies to the north of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Intervening land to the east and some sparse tree cover at the inset edge provide a moderate degree of separation between the parcel and Barton. There is some urbanising visual influence from the settlement to the east, but the parcel extends a significant distance from Barton and is not contained by inset development. Whilst the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Barton, overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

BR18

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Barton. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Relatively significant

The parcel comprises open farmland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Barton meaning it has a strong rural character. This contributes to the rural landscape setting experienced when approaching Cambridge along Comberton Road (B1046) from the west; and forms the immediate setting of a Scheduled Monument to the west (Settlement site W of Town's End Farm). Land is also visible in the middle ground of key elevated distant views from the southwest (including from Chapel Hill). This allows an appreciation of the separate identity and rural setting of Barton, as well as the wider rural setting of Cambridge. Overall the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively significant

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Barton and Comberton, but urbanising development between the two reduces perceived separation and increases the fragility of the gap. The parcel has strong distinction from the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

BR18

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Barton:

Rating: Moderate

The release and development of this land would link Barton to residential development that lies between Barton and Comberton, resulting in weakening of the settlement gap. Although release of part of the parcel may have less impact on the settlement gap, this would weaken the distinction between the inset settlement and the remainder of the parcel. The release would also increase urbanising visual influence on land to the east.

The adjoining Green Belt land to the southeast does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel BR18 makes a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other, and a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Barton, would be very high.

Very High