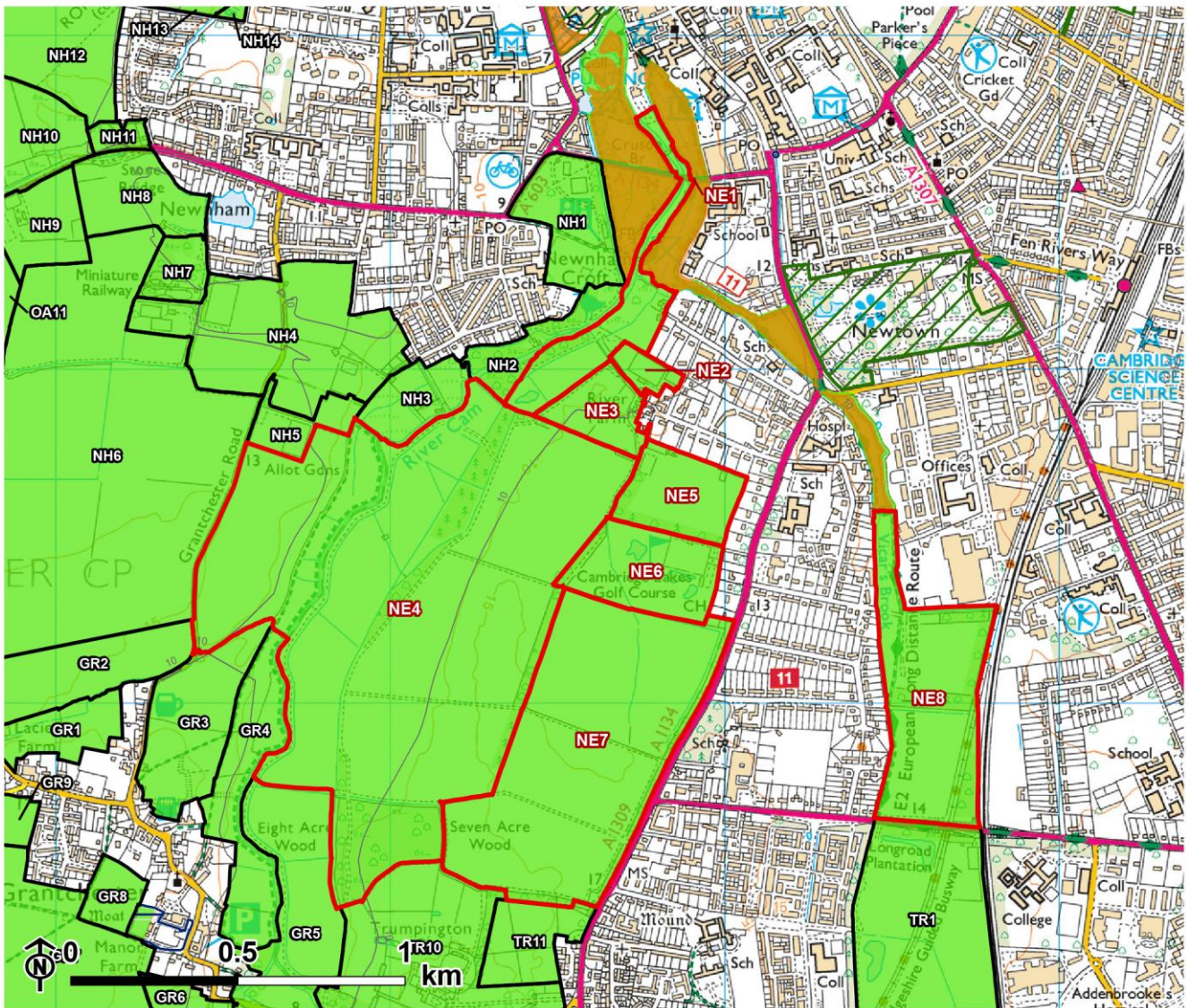


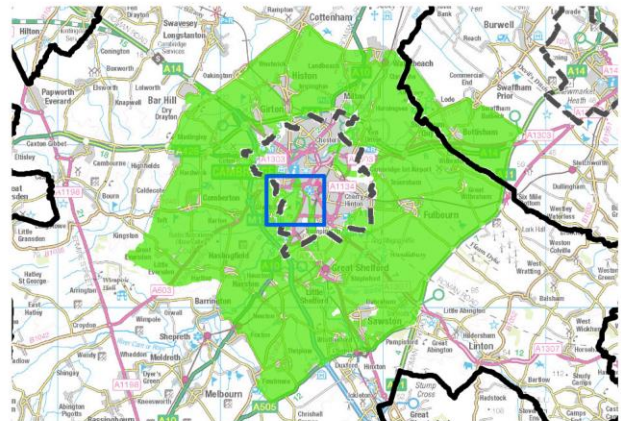
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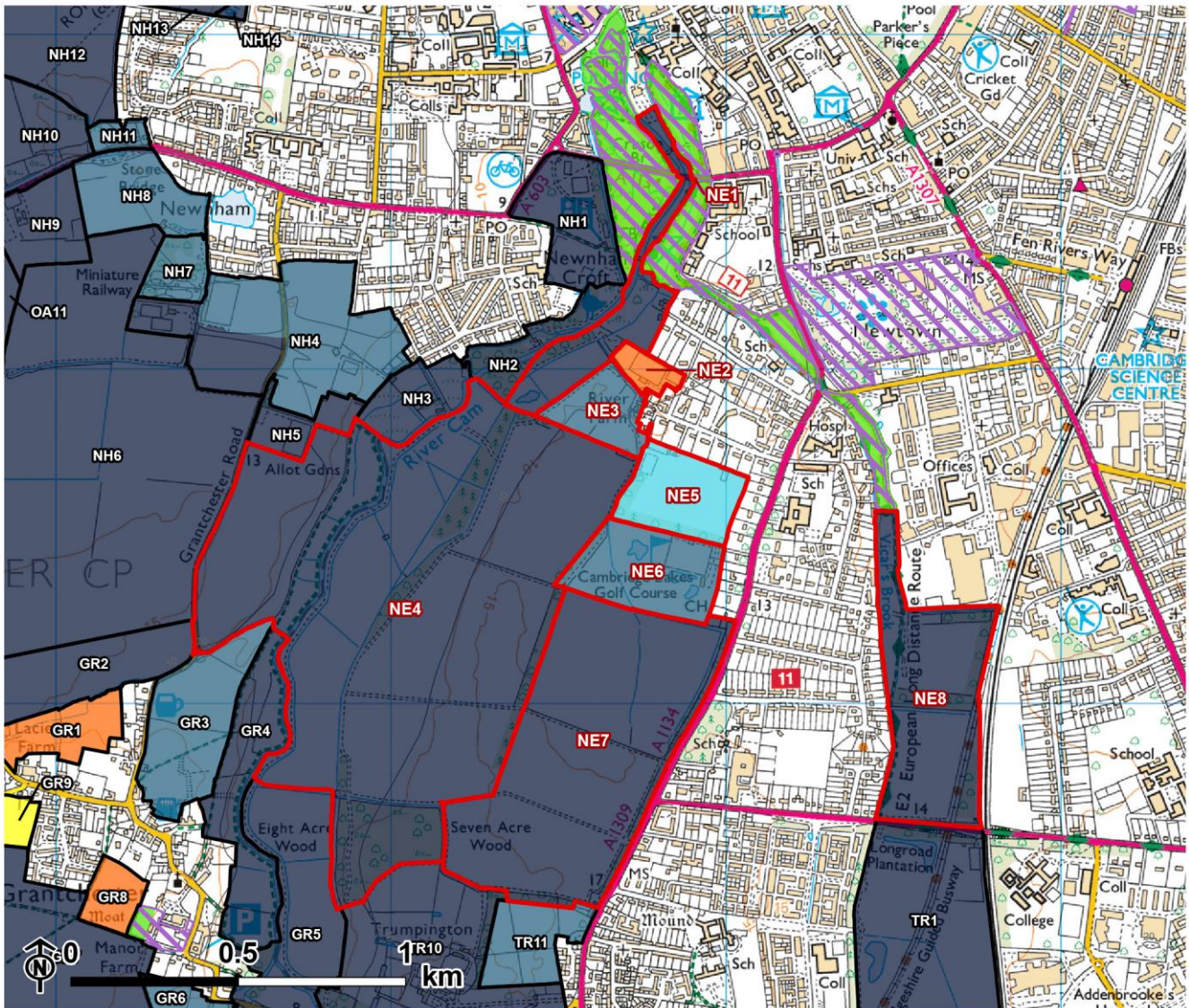
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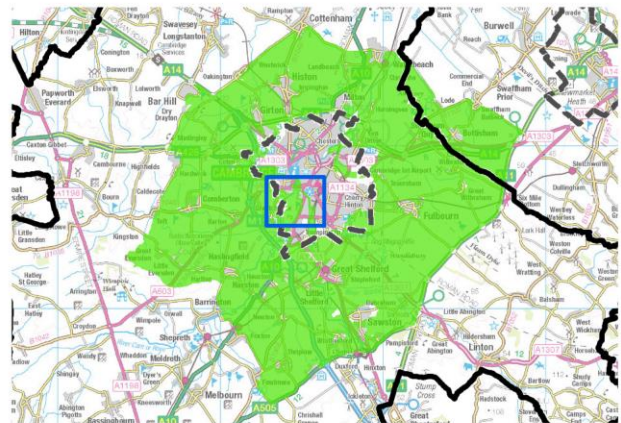
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# Cambridge - Newtown



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



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## 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.

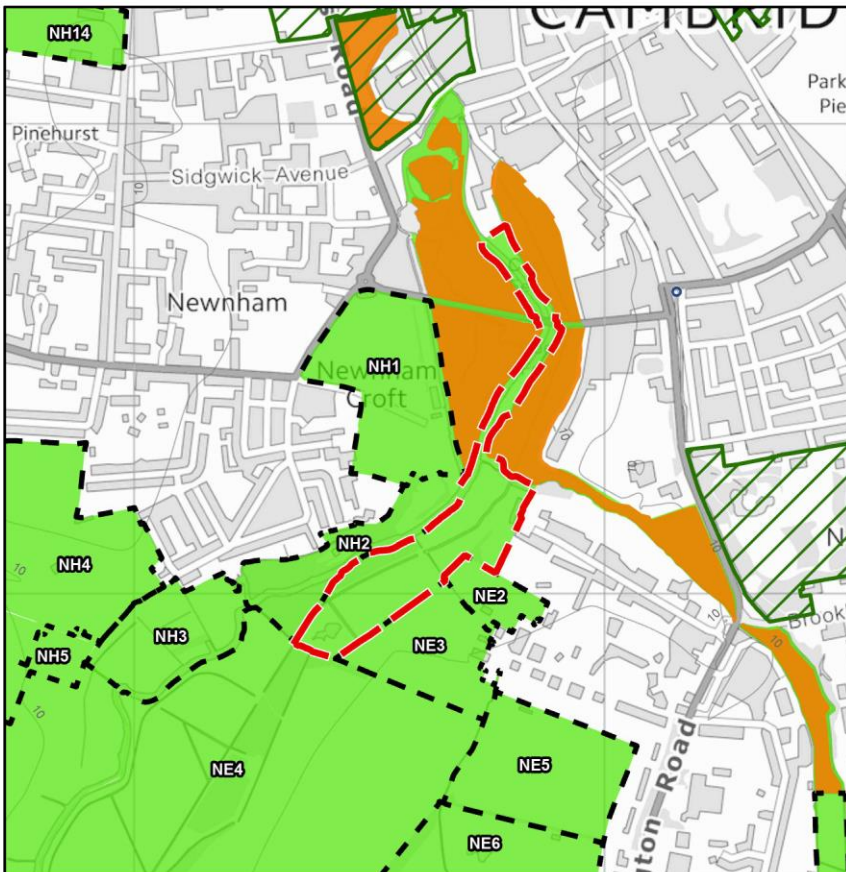
## Overall harm of Green Belt release

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.

# NE1



-  NE1
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument
-  CRoW registered common land
-  Registered park & garden



# NE1

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 9.59ha

The parcel comprises land along the River Cam corridor between Newtown and Newnham, extending north along the river as far as the Wren Library. Sheep's Green Registered Common Land constrains the assessment area in the northern half of the parcel to the immediate riverside 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

Although views within the parcel are dominated by open countryside, land has some degree of containment by the surrounding urban area. Woodland forms a strong boundary to the west of the parcel but there is no clear boundary distinction between the inset settlement and the parcel along its north eastern edge. Land within the parcel predominantly comprises of flat grassland, which does not create any additional distinction from Cambridge. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.



# NE1

## 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: Relatively significant

Land is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Significant

Land forms part of the River Cam green corridor, a key defining element in the setting of Cambridge to the south-west, at proximity to the historic core. The land also contributes to a characteristic rural setting as experienced on approach to the historic core from the south along the river (punters, canoeists) and adjacent footpaths (including E2 European Long Distance Route), creating positive perceptions of the city on arrival. From more open locations glimpsed views are available towards a number university colleges (including Peterhouse, Cambridge) and landmark towers and spires within the historic core (including the spire of The Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs). In addition, it is closely associated with Registered Common Land to the north (Coe Fen and Sheep's Green) and lies within the Southacre, New Town, Gleeson Road and Historic Core (Coes Fen/Sheep's Green) Conservation Areas, for which it contributes to the character and special qualities. Land therefore contributes positively to the character of the landscape and the setting of Cambridge and people's experience of it. The parcel also includes the River Cam, a key topographical feature in the setting of Cambridge, which allows an appreciation of the wider topographical framework of the city. Overall the parcel makes a 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 at the southern end of the parcel lies in a moderate gap between

## NE1

Cambridge (Newtown) and Grantchester, but the majority of the parcel is too contained by the urban area to contribute to this purpose. The parcel has some relationship with the inset settlement, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# NE1

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown):

Rating: Moderate-major

In regard to Cambridge Purpose 2, the release of NE9 would diminish the role of adjacent land to the southwest. It would create greater separation between this part of the River Cam green corridor and the historic core and would partially restrict glimpsed views towards landmark towers/spires within the historic core.

The release and development of land in this parcel would also increase urbanising containment of land to the west and would weaken the strong boundary distinction of land to the south west from the settlement.

The adjoining land to the south and 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

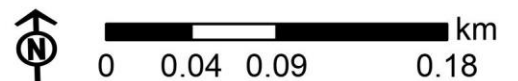
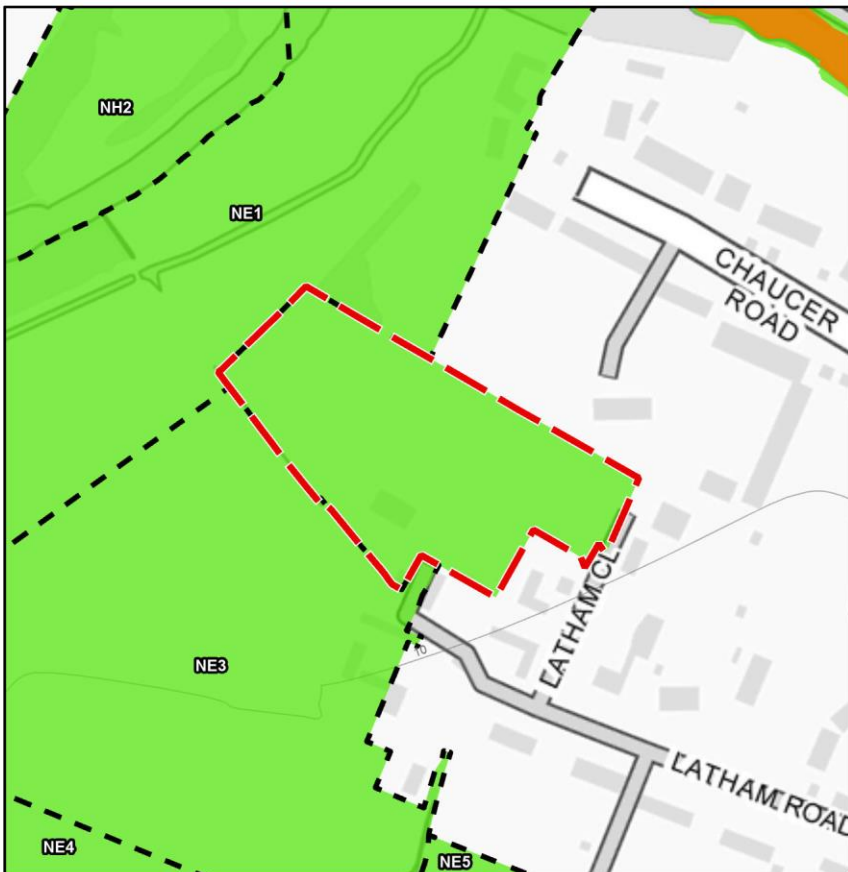
- Parcel NE1 makes a significant contribution to maintaining and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting, a relatively significant contribution to preserving the unique character of Cambridge as a compact city, and a moderate contribution to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be moderate-major. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be very high.

Very High

# NE2



-  NE2
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  CRoW registered common land



## NE2

### **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 1.81ha

The parcel is located southwest of Cambridge (Newtown) and south of Leys Leisure Sports Complex. It contains Stephen Perse Foundation Sports Grounds and is bordered by treelines to the north and 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**

Neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views within the parcel, however the garden boundaries defining the northern and eastern edges of the parcel form only weak boundary features, creating little separation between the parcel and Cambridge. Land is in close proximity to the urban area and is largely contained by it. The flat sports courts, pitches and playing fields within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge. Overall, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# NE2

## 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: Moderate

Land is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land comprises sports pitches (including hard standing) that associate with the urban area and weakens its rural character. However, it lies within Southacre Conservation Area, for which it makes a contribution to the character and special qualities. Land therefore makes some positive contribution to the character of the landscape and the setting of Cambridge and people's experience of it. 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 peripheral to a moderate gap between Cambridge (Newtown) and Grantchester. There is weak distinction between the parcel and 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 1.

## NE2

### Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown):

Rating: Minor

The release and development of this parcel would increase the urbanising containment of land to the south. Due to the presence of the tree cover along the western and north western edge of the parcel, release of NE8 would not impact the contribution of land to the north and west.





### Overall harm of Green Belt release

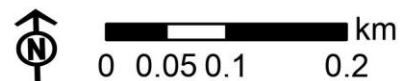
- Parcel NE2 makes a moderate contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character and a relatively limited contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be moderate.

Moderate

# NE3



-  NE3
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  CRoW registered common land





# NE3

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.19ha

The parcel is located southwest of Cambridge (Newtown) and Stephen Perse Foundation Sports Grounds. It is comprised of grassland and sparse tree cover, as well as a tennis court and several buildings in 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

There are no boundary features along the eastern edge of the parcel to create separation between the parcel and Cambridge, and the relatively flat grassland and limited loose tree cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge. However, the land within the parcel is not contained by urban development and there is little urbanising visual influence. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# NE3

## 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: Relatively significant

Land is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Moderate

Land comprises formal landscape grounds associated with River Farmhouse (Grade II listed building) and lies within Southacre Conservation Area, for which it contributes to the character and special qualities. It therefore contributes positively to the character of the landscape and the setting of Cambridge and people's experience of it. The open nature of the land also allows some glimpsed views towards the city centre, with certain landmark towers/spires within the historic core (including the spire of The Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs) visible at distance. 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 lies in a moderate gap between Cambridge (Newtown) and Grantchester, but the intervening River Cam forms a significant separating feature. The parcel has some relationship with the inset settlement, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# NE3

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown):

Rating: Minor

Release of land within this parcel would increase the urbanising visual impact on land to the west. Due to the presence of the strong woodland band bounding the southern edge of the parcel, its release would not impact the contribution of land to the south.

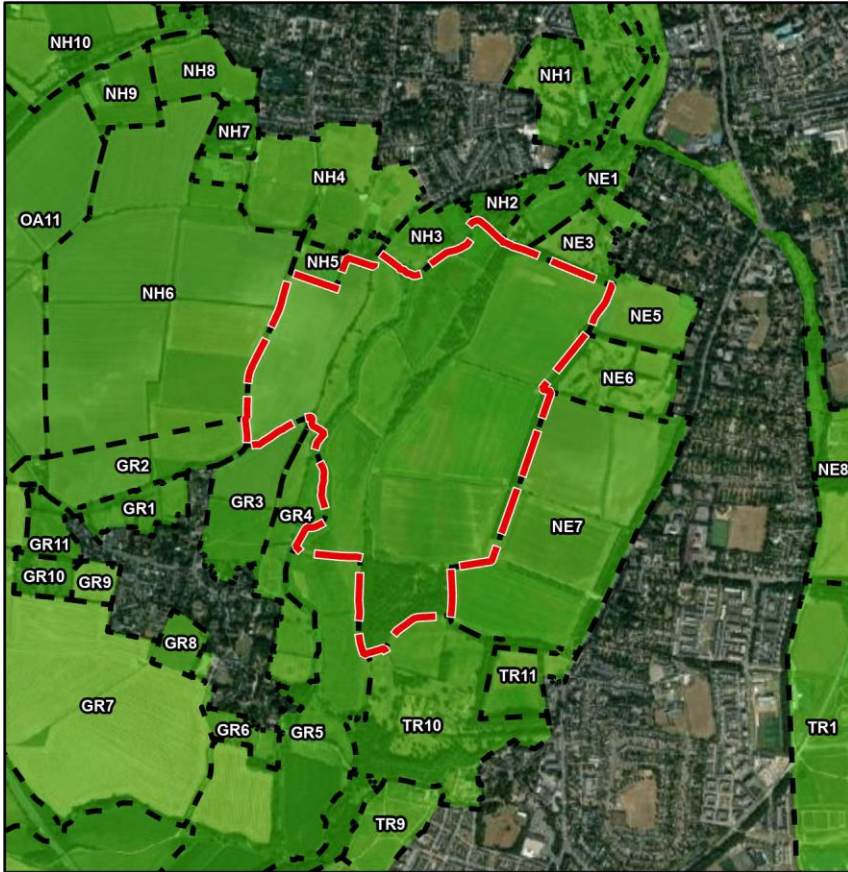
The adjoining land to the north and east does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

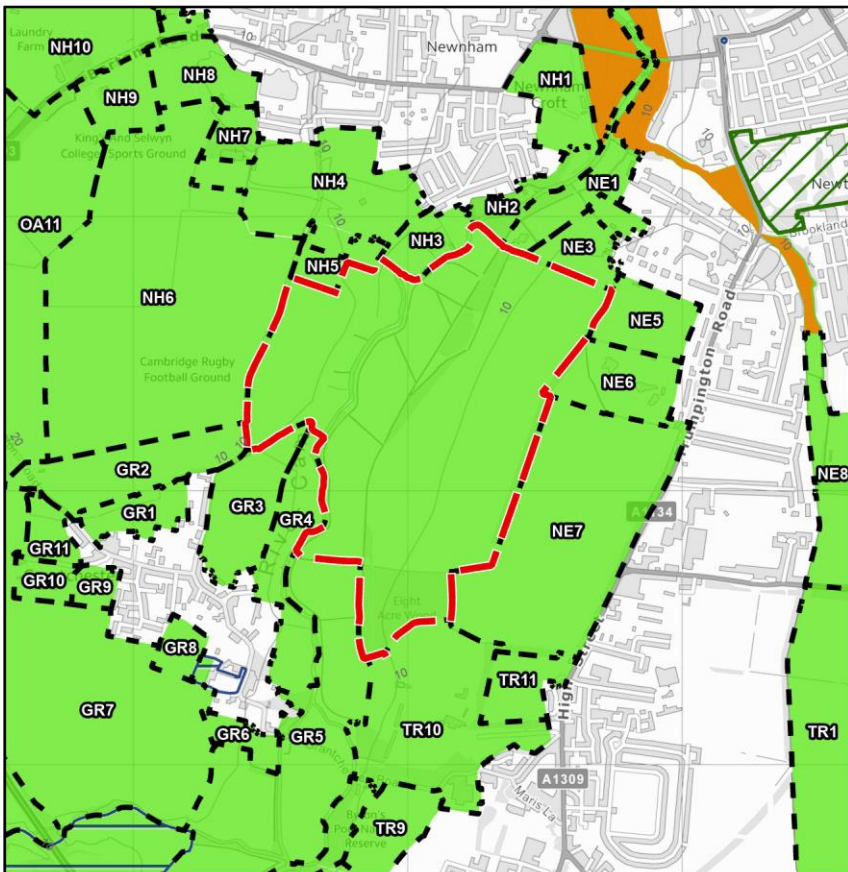
- Parcel NE3 makes a relatively significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into the city, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. 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 Cambridge, would be high.

High

# NE4



- NE4
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt
- Scheduled monument
- CRoW registered common land
- Registered park & garden



# NE4

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 112.73ha

The parcel is located southwest of Cambridge, comprising the core of the Cam Valley between Newtown, Newnham and Grantchester. It contains an area of woodland in the south, but is dominated by arable slopes and valley floor grassland. Grantchester Road forms the parcel's western edge.

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 valley landform within the parcel creates some distinction from the urban edges of Cambridge and from Grantchester, which lie mostly on higher ground. Woodland bands and blocks on the edges of the parcel help to strengthen separation from Cambridge. Land is not contained by urban development and extends a significant distance from Cambridge and Grantchester, and views are dominated by open countryside. Overall, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# NE4

## 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: Significant

Land is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. It has strong distinction from the urban area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Significant

Land comprises open farmland and river-side meadows which form part of the River Cam green corridor, albeit at some distance from the historic core. Land forms the shallow valley of the River Cam, a key topographical feature in the setting of Cambridge, and therefore allows an appreciation of the topographical framework of the city. The land also contributes to a characteristic rural setting as experienced on approach to the historic core from the south along the river (punters, canoeists) and adjacent footpaths, creating positive perceptions of the city on arrival. From more open locations glimpsed views are available towards a number university colleges and landmark towers and spires within the historic core (including the spire of The Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs). Overall the parcel makes a 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 lies in a moderate gap between Cambridge (Newtown) and Grantchester, but the intervening River Cam forms a significant separating feature. 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 relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# NE4

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown/Newnham) or Grantchester:

Rating: Moderate

Release of land within this parcel would narrow the settlement gap between Cambridge and Grantchester, constituting at least a moderate level of impact on the Green Belt's function in preserving settlement separation.

In regard to Cambridge Purpose 2, the release of NE6 would diminish the role of adjacent land to the southwest. It would create it would partially restrict views to the historic core.

Adjacent land 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

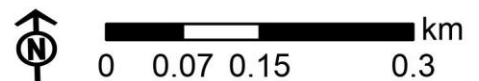
- Parcel NE4 makes a significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into the city. 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 Cambridge or of Grantchester, would be very high.

Very High

# NE5



-  NE5
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  CRow registered common land
-  Registered park & garden





# NE5

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 7.95ha

The parcel is located southwest of Cambridge (Newtown). The parcel contains Latham Road Playing Fields, and is bordered by residential development to the north and east. Thick treelines form the southern and western edges 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 defining the northern and eastern edges of the parcel form only weak boundary features, creating little separation between the parcel and Cambridge. Land has some degree of containment by inset development to the north and east, and this together with its visual containment by tree lines and its formal recreational uses mean that the urban area dominate views. The flat playing fields and sports courts within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge. Overall, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# NE5

## 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: Moderate

Land is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Moderate

Although the land has a use (Latham Road Playing Fields) which weakens its rural character, it predominantly comprises open playing fields that contribute to the open and green landscape setting experienced in proximity to the city edge. The land also lies within Southacre Conservation Area, for which it makes some contribution to the character and special qualities. It therefore makes some positive contribution to the character of the landscape and the setting of Cambridge and people's experience of it. 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 lies in a moderate gap between Cambridge (Newtown) and Grantchester, but the intervening River Cam forms a significant separating feature. There is weak distinction between the parcel and 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.

# NE5

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown):

Rating: Minor

Release of land within the parcel would increase the urbanising containment of land to the south, but impact would be limited by the well-defined boundary tree line. Its well-treed boundary would also limit impact on land to the west.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel NE5 makes a moderate contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, 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 into the city. 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 Cambridge, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

# NE6



-  NE6
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



# NE6

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 10.19ha

The parcel is located southwest of Cambridge (Newtown). Treelines form all edges of the parcel and it contains Cambridge Lakes Golf Course and Cambridge Stadium football pitch.

Land is open, comprising of a golf course and a football pitch with associated buildings, enclosed and crossed by woodland bands and a stream. There is no development that has an impact on Green Belt openness.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although the relatively flat golf course and sports pitch within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge, the tree cover bounding the eastern edge of the parcel forms a moderate boundary feature between the parcel and Cambridge. Land is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside. Overall, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# NE6

## 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: Significant

Land is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. It has strong distinction from the urban area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Moderate

Land contains no features/aspects that contribute specifically to the quality of Cambridge's setting, but it has a strong distinction from the edge of Cambridge (Newtown), meaning it has a weak relationship with the urban area. Although not farmland, it has an open space use that gives it a countryside character. 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 lies in a moderate gap between Cambridge (Newtown) and Grantchester, but the intervening River Cam forms a significant separating feature. 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 relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# NE6

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown):

Rating: Minor

The woodland band and Trumpington Road to the south east of the parcel form a strong boundary feature creating separation between Cambridge and land to the south of the parcel. The release and development of NE4 would weaken this boundary separation.

The adjoining 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

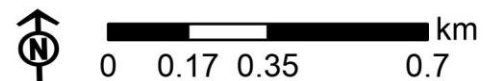
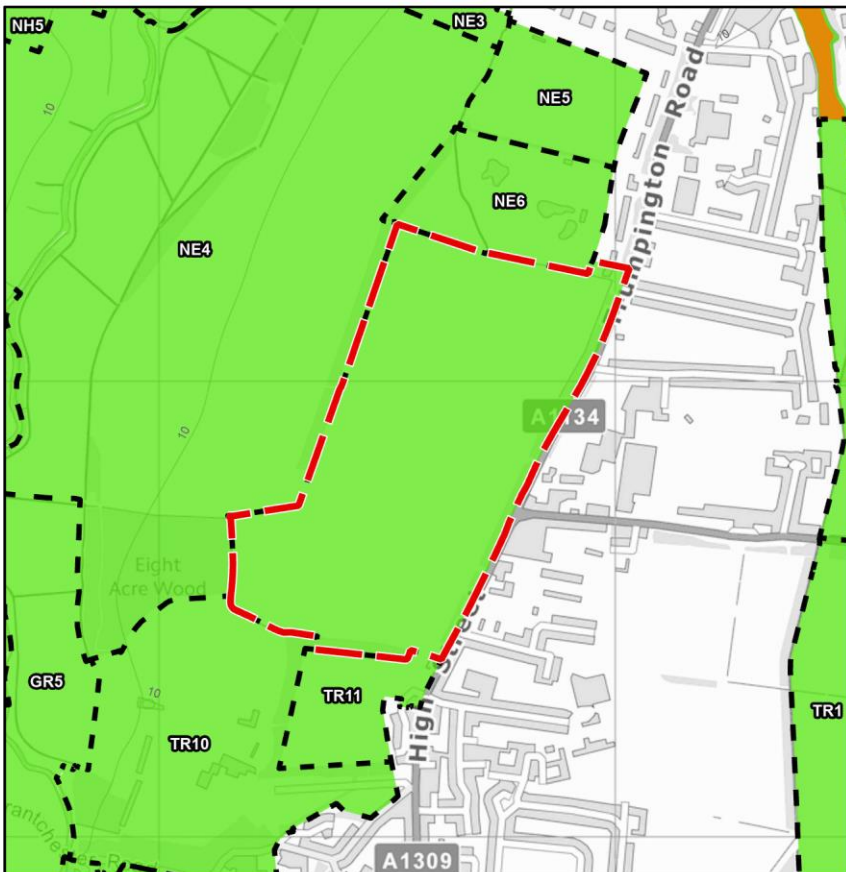
- Parcel NE6 makes a significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into the city, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. 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 Cambridge, would be high.

High

# NE7



-  NE7
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  CRoW registered common land





# NE7

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 45.27ha

The parcel is located southwest of Cambridge (Newtown), to the west of The Perse Preparatory School and to the south of Cambridge Lakes Golf Course. The parcel contains arable land and is bordered by Trumpington Road and High Street to the east and treelines to the north, south and 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

Although the relatively flat fields within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge, the woodland band and Trumpington Road bounding the east of the parcel form a strong boundary feature creating separation between the parcel and Cambridge. Land is not contained by urban development and extends a significant distance from Cambridge, and views are dominated by open countryside. Overall, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# NE7

## 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: Significant

Land is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. It has strong distinction from the urban area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Significant

Land has a strong distinction from the edge of Cambridge (Newtown), meaning it has a weak relationship with the urban area. It is also open and land use is not associated with the urban area, meaning it has a strong rural character. It comprises open countryside located immediately adjacent to the A1134 (Trumpington Road), a key characteristic approach to the Historic core from the south. There are occasional glimpsed views available from Trumpington Road across the land towards the River Cam corridor. Land therefore contributes to a characteristic rural setting experienced on approach to the historic core from the south, creating positive perceptions of the city on arrival. 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 lies in a moderate gap between Cambridge (Newtown) and Grantchester, but the intervening River Cam forms a significant separating feature. 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 relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

# NE7

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown):

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release of land within the parcel would narrow the settlement gap between Cambridge (Newtown) and Grantchester but, although Trumpington Road forms a consistent boundary in this area, the parcel has relatively strong outer boundary tree lines which would limit any weakening of adjacent Green belt land to the west.

The adjoining land to the north 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

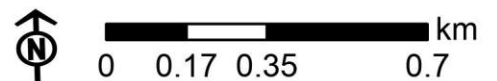
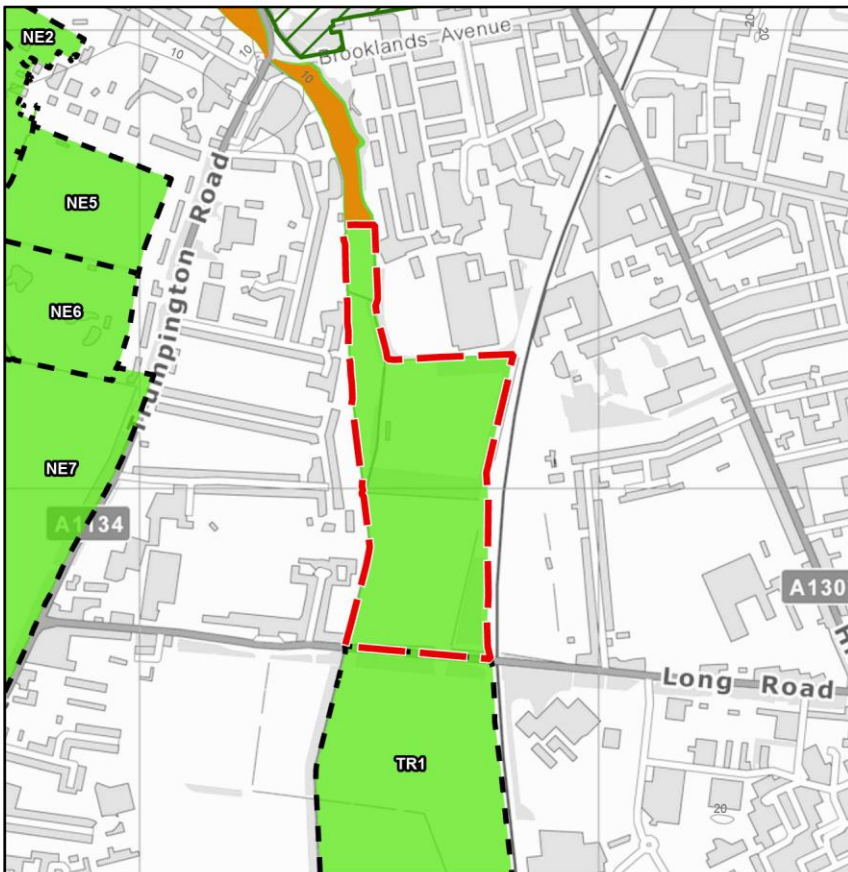
- Parcel NE7 makes a significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into the city. 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 Cambridge, would be very high.

Very High

# NE8



-  NE8
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  CRoW registered common land
-  Registered park & garden



# NE8

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 20.88ha

The parcel is located in the south of Cambridge (Newtown), forming part of the Hobson's Brook / Vicar's Brook green corridor. It is bordered by Hobson's Brook and Vicar's Brook to the west, by the railway to the east and by Long Road to the south. It contains Clare College Sports Grounds and is crossed by the guided busway.

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 woodland bands surrounding the parcel form moderate boundary features between land within the parcel and the inset area of Cambridge, with the railway forming a stronger boundary to the east. The tree cover prevents urbanising development within Cambridge from dominating views, particularly in the narrower part of the parcel in the north, but the urban area creates containment around the parcel. The sports ground and grassland field within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# NE8

## 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: Moderate

Land is perceived as being within the main urban area of Cambridge, but still links to the wider Green Belt. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Significant

The parcel forms part of the Vicar's Brook and Hobson's Brook green corridor, a key defining element in the setting of Cambridge to the south, albeit located at some distance from the historic core and separated from it by peripheral intervening development. The land also contributes to a characteristic open and green setting as experienced on approach from the south. This includes along the ES European Long Distance Route, Sustrans Route 11, and the railway line connecting Cambridge with London. [The open nature of the land also allows some glimpsed views towards the city centre, with certain landmark towers/spires within the historic core (including the spire of The Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs) visible at distance beyond modern peripheral development.] Overall the parcel makes a 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: Limited/No contribution

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

# NE8

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown):

Rating: Moderate-major

The release and development of the parcel would increase the urbanising containment of land to the northwest. The release would diminish its role in regard to Cambridge Purpose 2, by isolating this part of the green corridor from the wider green corridor to the south. This would negate its function as a green corridor. Any reduced release of land, whilst it might retain some of the corridor function, would weaken its contribution by reducing its width and/or boundary strength.

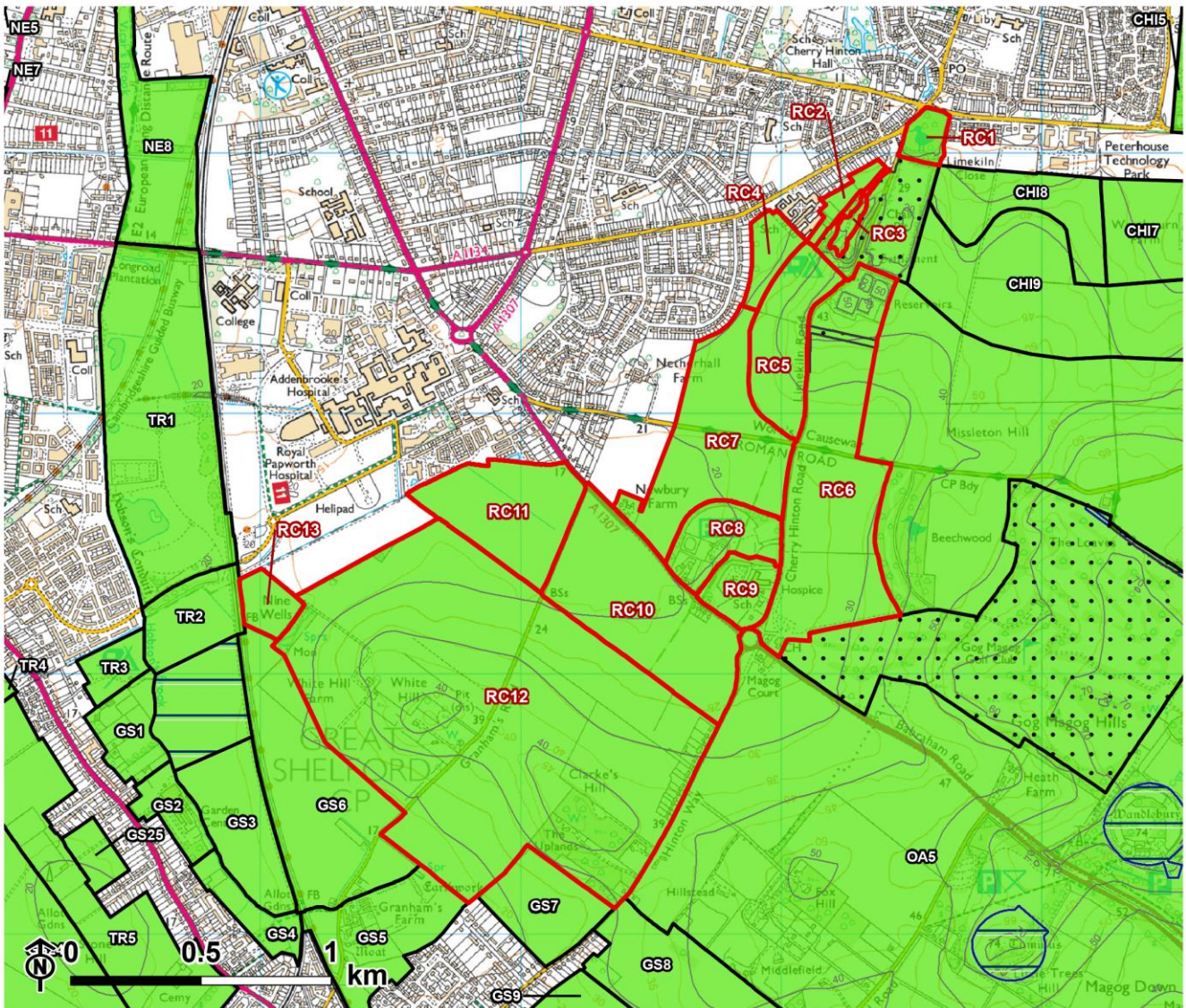
The adjoining land to the south does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel NE8 makes a significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, a moderate contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, and a limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into the city. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be moderate-major. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be very high.

Very High

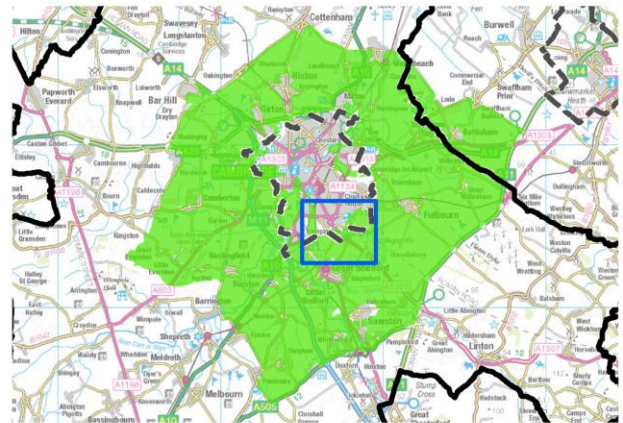
# Cambridge - Red Cross



- - - Local Authority boundary
- Cambridge - Red Cross parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt

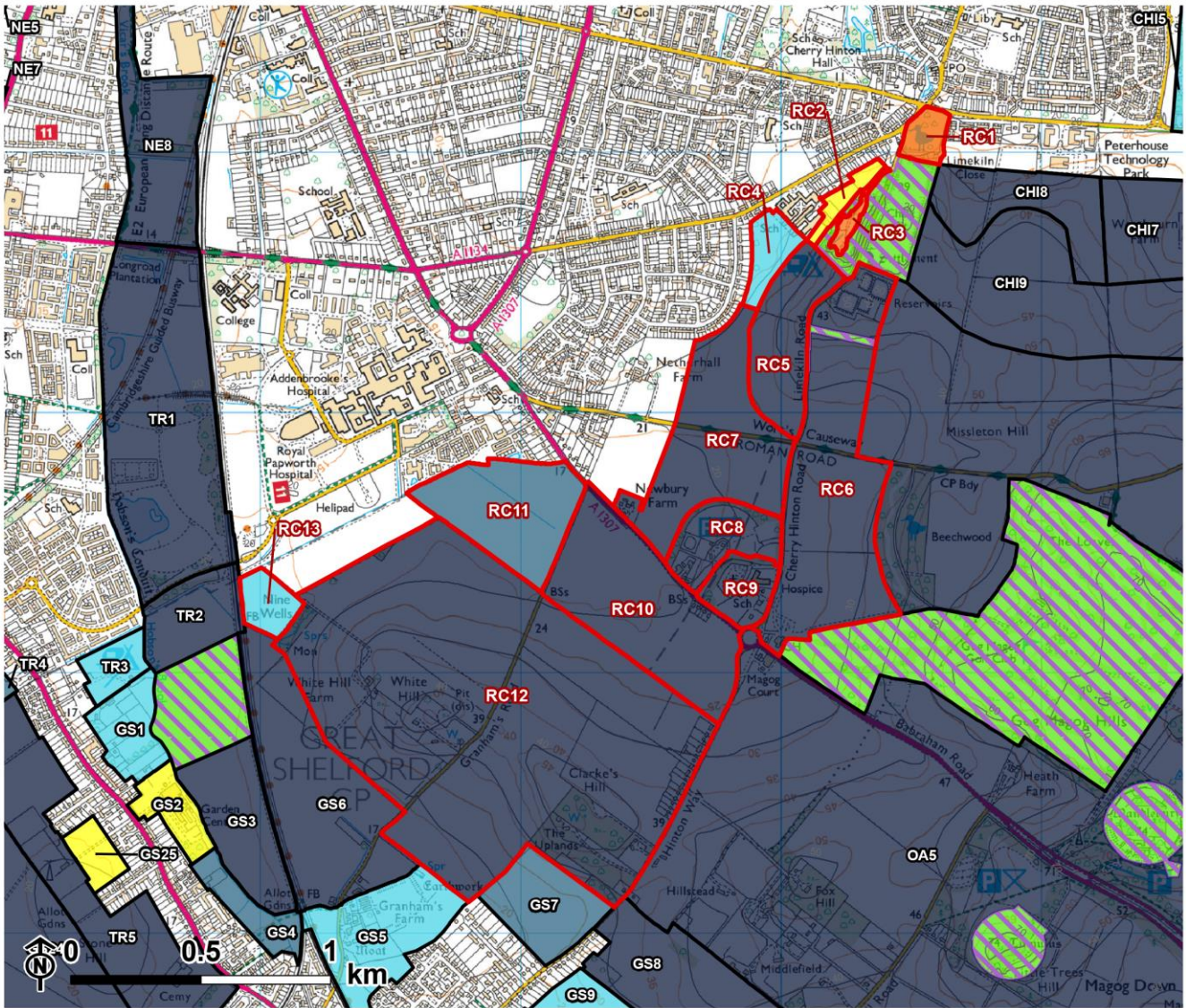
## Absolute constraints

- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Scheduled monument





# Cambridge - Red Cross



- - - Local Authority boundary

Cambridge - Red Cross parcel

Neighbouring parcel

Green Belt

Absolute constraint(s)

### Harm rating

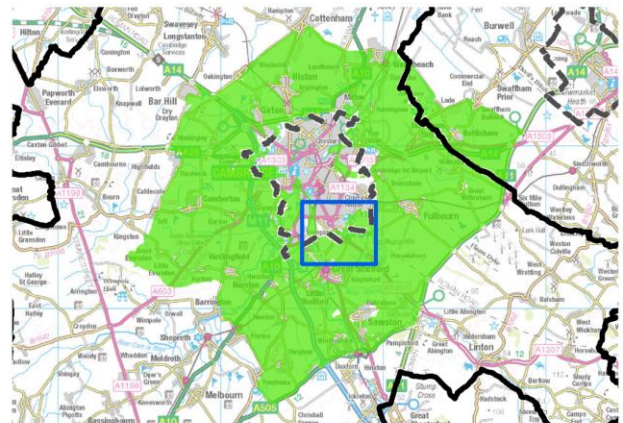
Very high

High

Moderate high

Moderate

Low



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## 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.

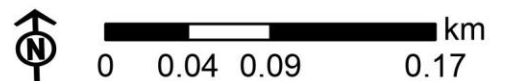
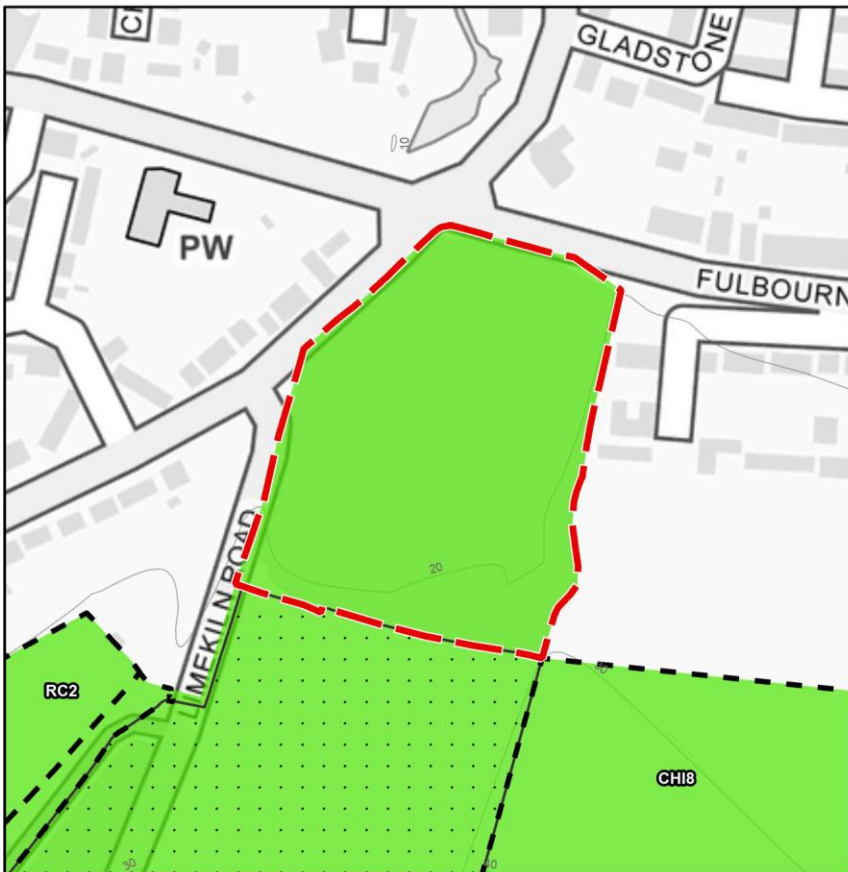
## Overall harm of Green Belt release

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.

# RC1



-  RC1
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



# RC1

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.01ha

The parcel is located to the north east of Red Cross and to the south of Cherry Hinton, comprising a relatively small area of tree cover, with Peterhouse Technology Park lying to east. It comprises part of West Pit local nature reserve and is adjacent to Cherry Hinton Pit SSSI, which lies to the south of the parcel.

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

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although the parcel is largely contained by urban development to the west, north and east and lies in close proximity to the settlement, the tree cover within the parcel is a strong boundary feature creating separation from Cambridge. However, as the parcel is small, not all views of the urban area are obscured by the tree cover. The tree cover within the parcel is very prominent compared to its surroundings, therefore creating additional distinction from the inset area. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# RC1

## 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: Relatively significant

Land is open and adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Moderate

Land comprises open woodland that has a moderate distinction from the edge of Cambridge (Red Cross), meaning it has some rural character. Whilst land is relatively distant from the historic core of Cambridge and has no direct visual inter-relationship with it (due to intervening built development), it forms part of the wooded rural landscape lying immediately adjacent to the city in key elevated views from the south and south-east (including from Worts Causeway and Sheldon Road). In these views several landmarks within the historic core are visible at distance, albeit seen beyond intervening development in Cherry Hinton including large-scale development at Peterhouse Technology Park. Land also forms part of Limekiln Close (and West Pit) LNR and is closely associated with the Cherry Hinton Pit SSSI lying immediately to the south. It therefore makes some positive contribution to the character of the landscape and the setting of Cambridge and people's experience of it. 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 it is peripheral to a moderate gap between Cambridge (Cherry Hinton) and Fulbourn. The parcel has some relationship with the inset settlement, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.



# RC1

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Negligible

There is no adjacent Green Belt land that makes a stronger contribution.

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

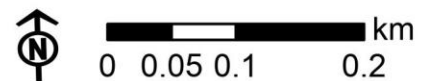
- Parcel RC1 makes a relatively significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively limited contribution to preventing the communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. 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 Cambridge, would be moderate.

Moderate

# RC2



-  RC2
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



## RC2

### Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.49ha

The parcel is located to the southeast of Cambridge (Red Cross), comprising of tennis courts and football pitches associated with Netherhall School to the west, as well as a small paddock in 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 is subject to a degree of urbanising containment due to the Netherhall School lying to the west and residential development lying to the north. Garden boundaries provide little boundary separation from the inset area to the north and there is no boundary feature to separate the west of the parcel from Netherhall School. The parcel lies in close proximity to the urban area and its enclosed nature mean that views are dominated by urban development. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from the inset area. Overall, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# RC2

## 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: Moderate

Land is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate 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 Cambridge (Red Cross), meaning it has a strong relationship with the urban area. Whilst open, it has a use (Netherhall School playing fields) that associates it with the urban area and weakens its rural character. However, it lies within the foreground of key elevated views towards Cambridge from the vicinity of Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits LNR and Limekiln Road to the south-east. In these views several landmarks within the historic core of the city (including the University Library and the Roman Catholic Church spire) are visible in the background beyond intervening peripheral development in Red Cross. 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 is peripheral to a moderate gap between Cambridge (Cherry Hinton) and Fulbourn. There is weak distinction between the parcel and 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.

## RC2

### Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Negligible

The release of this land would not impact land to the east as the tree cover at the parcel edge provides a boundary feature that reduces potential urbanising visual impacts. The release would not impact land to the southwest as the two areas are already linked through their uses as sports pitches associated with Netherhall School. Release would introduce additional development into key elevated views towards Cambridge from land to the south-east. However, this would be seen adjacent to existing peripheral development in Redcross and would therefore not diminish the role of land to the south-east in regard to Cambridge Purpose 2.





### Overall harm of Green Belt release

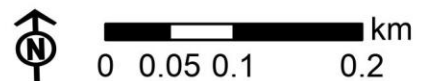
- Parcel RC2 makes a moderate contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a relatively limited contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. 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 Cambridge, would be low.

Low

# RC3



-  RC3
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



# RC3

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.35ha

The parcel is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge (Red Cross), comprising of Cambridge Cherry Hinton Caravan and Motorhome Club Site. The parcel is enclosed by tree cover and Limekiln road lies to the east.

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

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel lies in close proximity to the inset area, but the tree cover to the north obscures views of the urban area and provides a moderate of boundary separation. The parcel is not contained by urban development. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from the urban area. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# RC3

## 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: Relatively significant

Land is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant 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 Cambridge (Red Cross), meaning it has some relationship with the urban area. It also contains development (caravan park) that weakens its rural character. However, the land is closely associated with Cherry Hinton Pit SSSI, which surrounds the parcel, and therefore makes some positive contribution to the character of the landscape and setting of Cambridge and people's experience of it. 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

The parcel is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Cambridge (Cherry Hinton) and Fulbourn. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.



# RC3

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Negligible

The parcel is almost entirely surrounded by Cherry Hinton SSSI, which reduces any impact that its release would have on adjacent Green Belt to the northeast and south.

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

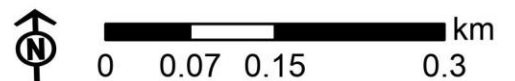
- Parcel RC3 makes relatively significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a relatively limited contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. 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 Cambridge, would be moderate.

Moderate

# RC4



-  RC4
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



# RC4

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.59ha

The parcel is located to the east of Red Cross, comprising of The Netherhall Scool playing fields. The eastern edge of the parcel is defined by a strong uphill slope towards Limekiln 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

To the east the parcel is enclosed by rising landform and tree cover, and the north and west of the parcel is bordered by urban development, which means that views of the urban area dominate. The garden boundaries to the west provide little boundary separation from Cambridge and there is no boundary to the north of the parcel, given the associated school uses within the inset area. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from the urban area, which is in close proximity. Overall, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# RC4

## 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: Moderate

Land is open and lies adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Moderate

Whilst open, land does not have a strong distinction from the edge of Cambridge (Red Cross) and has a use (Netherhall School playing fields) which associates it with the urban area and weakens its rural character. Despite this, land forms part of an open, low-lying landscape visible immediately adjacent to the edge of Cambridge within key elevated views towards the city from higher ground to the east (in the vicinity of Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits LNR and Limekiln Road) . In these views several landmarks within the historic core of the city (including the University Library, Holy Trinity Church and the Roman Catholic Church spire and St John' Chapel) are visible in the distance, albeit views are dominated by intervening later development on the city edge in Red Cross. Land therefore makes some positive contribution to the character of the landscape and the 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 Cambridge (Cherry Hinton) and Fulbourn. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban 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.

# RC4

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of the parcel as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Minor

There is no boundary feature to define the eastern edge of this parcel, but the sloping landform beyond would retain distinction. There is only a narrow frontage between the parcel and land to the south, so release would not create any significant urbanising containment.

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

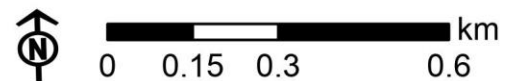
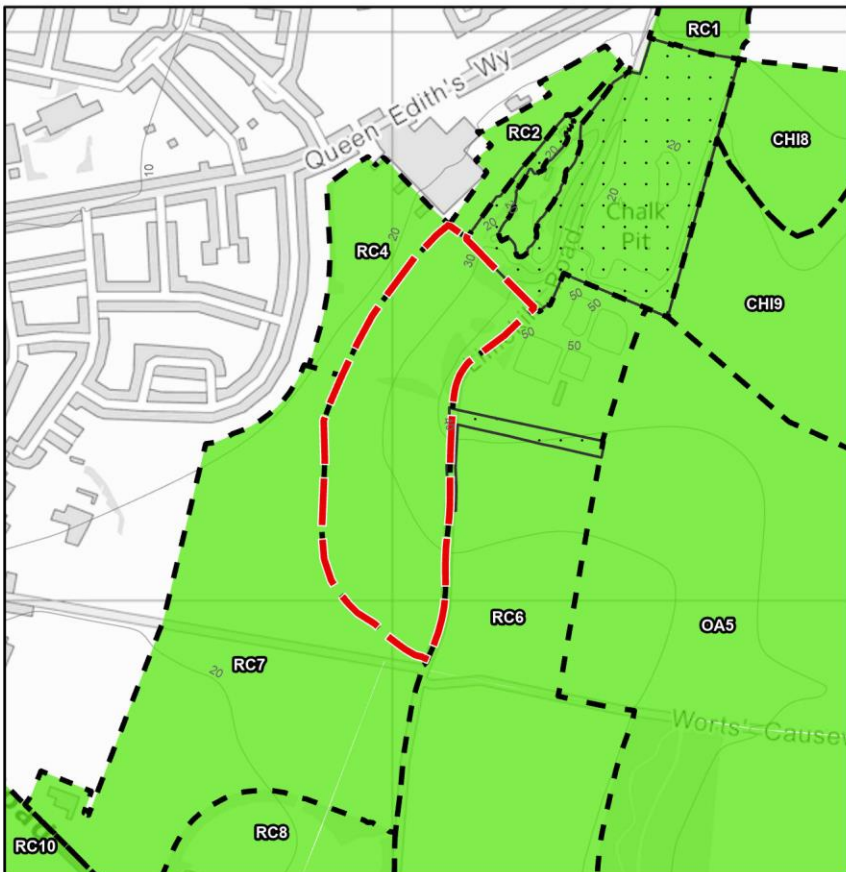
- Parcel RC4 makes a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and to preserving Cambridge's compact character, and a limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. The additional impact or the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

# RC5



-  RC5
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



# RC5

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 14.55ha

The parcel is located to the southeast of Red Cross, comprising the elevated, eastern parts of two fields between the urban edge and Limekiln Road. Cherry Hinton Pit SSSI lies to the northeast of the parcel.

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

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundaries to the west provide little separation from the urban area of Cambridge and so views from the parcel are balanced between urban development to the west and countryside to the east. However, the parcel's sloping landform provides some additional distinction from Cambridge. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# RC5

## 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: Relatively significant

Land is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Relatively significant

Land comprises open farmland that has a strong distinction from the edge of Cambridge (Red Cross), meaning it has a strong rural character. Land forms part of the foothills of the Gog Magog Hills, which are a topographical feature that provide physical and visual containment to the south-east 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. Areas of higher ground to the east of the parcel (in the vicinity of Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits LNR and Limekiln Road) also afford some elevated views north-west towards Cambridge, and forms a backdrop to views from the city to the south-east and across the city from the west (including from Red Meadow Hill). It also forms part of the open rural landscape visible the middle ground of key elevated views towards the city from locations to the south-east and east (including from Worts Causeway and Sheldon Road). In these views several landmarks within the historic core (including the Holy Trinity Church and the Roman Catholic Church spire and St John's Chapel) are visible in the background beyond intervening development in Cherry Hinton. Furthermore, land lies immediately adjacent to Wort's Causeway (including the E2 European Long Distance Route), an historic approach into Cambridge from the south-east that passes over the Gog Magog Hills. Land therefore allows the rural landscape setting in proximity to Cambridge to be clearly appreciated on approach to the city. Overall the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of



## RC5

Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Cambridge (Cherry Hinton) and Fulbourn. The parcel has some relationship with the inset settlement, but also has a degree of distinction from it.. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# RC5

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Minor-moderate

In regard to Cambridge Purpose 2, the release this land would slightly impact the rural character of key elevated views towards the city from land to the east by adding additional peripheral development to the edge of the city.

The release of land within the parcel would partially decrease the landform distinction of land to the east from Cambridge, as development would be occupying the same higher landform. The release would also increase urbanising visual impact on this area.

Land to the north 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

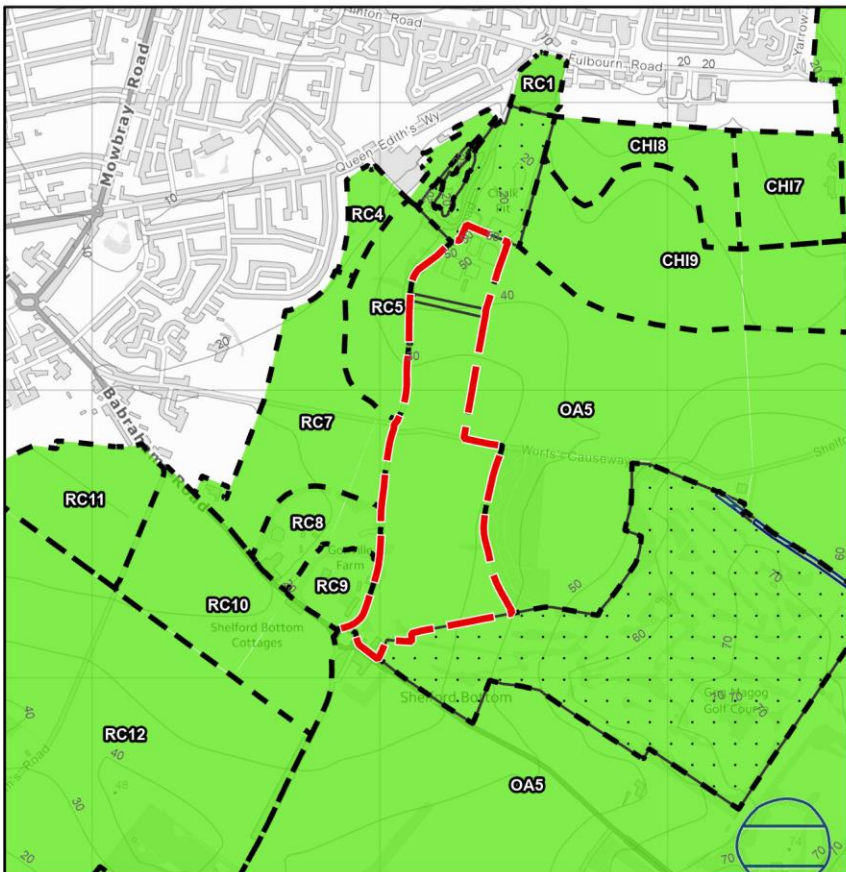
- Parcel RC5 makes a relatively significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a relatively limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. 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 Cambridge, would be very high.

Very High

# RC6



-  RC6
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



# RC6

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 44.73ha

The parcel is located to the southeast of Cambridge (Red Cross), comprising of agricultural fields and a covered reservoir in the northernmost part of the parcel. Limekiln Road lies to the west of the parcel and Worts' Causeway Road bisects the central region of the parcel. The Gog Magog Golf Course SSSI lies to the east and southeast 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

Limekiln Road to the west and the adjacent parcels create a moderate degree of boundary separation between the parcel and the urban area. The parcel extends a significant distance from the urban area of Cambridge, and therefore views are dominated by open countryside. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development and its sloping landform is prominent, creating additional distinction from Cambridge. Overall, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# RC6

## 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: Significant

Land is open and close to the main urban area of Cambridge. It has strong distinction from the urban area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a significant 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 Cambridge (Red Cross), meaning it has a weak relationship with the urban area. Whilst the majority of the parcel comprises open farmland and therefore has some rural character, to the north it contains development (covered reservoirs) that associate this land with the urban area and weakens its rural character. Land forms part of the foothills of the Gog Magog Hills, which are a topographical feature that provide physical and visual containment to the south-east of the city. The raised topography (particularly to the north of the parcel) 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. In addition, the raised topography affords some elevated views north-west towards Cambridge, and forms a backdrop to views from the city to the south-east and across the city from the west (including from Red Meadow Hill). Furthermore, to the south of the parcel lies immediately adjacent to Wort's Causeway (including the E2 European Long Distance Route), an historic approach into Cambridge from the south-east that passes over the Gog Magog Hills. Land therefore allows the rural landscape setting in proximity to Cambridge to be clearly appreciated on approach to 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

## RC6

### Contribution.

Land is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Cambridge (Cherry Hinton) and Fulbourn. 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 diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# RC6

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Minor

The release of land within the parcel, particularly the area to the north, would slightly impact the rural character of key elevated views towards the city from areas of higher ground to the southeast by adding additional peripheral development to the edge of the city. This would diminish the role of this adjacent land in respect to Cambridge Purpose 2.

The release of land within the parcel would have some impact on reducing the wide settlement gap between Cambridge (Red Cross) and Great Shelford.

The release of land within the parcel would weaken the boundary separation of land to the northeast from Cambridge, and would also increase the urbanising visual impact on this area. The release would not have an impact on land to the south as the Gog Magog SSSI and the A1307 provide strong boundary separation between these areas.

Land to the west and 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

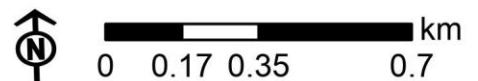
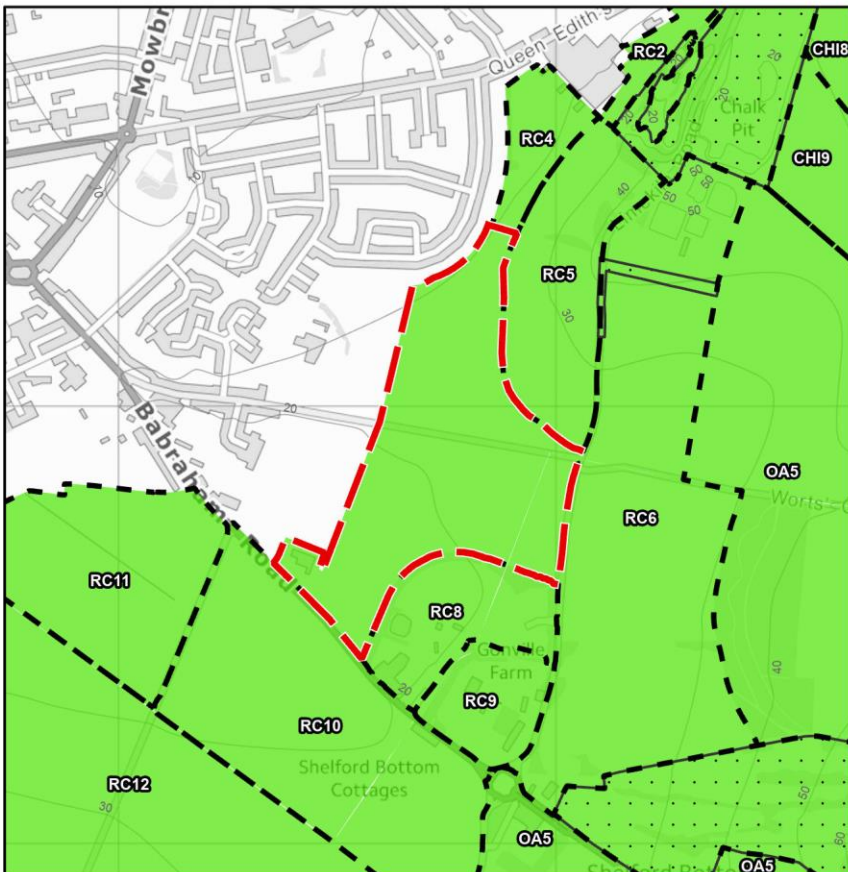
- Parcel RC6 makes a significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. 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 Cambridge, would be very high.

Very High

# RC7



-  RC7
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest





# RC7

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 28.7ha

The parcel is located to the southeast of Cambridge (Red Cross). Worts' Causeway bisects the parcel and Babraham Road Park and Ride lies to the southeast. The parcel is comprised of agricultural fields, with some agricultural use buildings in the southwest of the parcel. Note: the buildings of Newbury Farm are shown as lying within the Green Belt, but this is a data error. They are actually part of the inset settlement area.

The parcel 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

Views from the parcel are balanced between the urban area of Cambridge to the west and open countryside to the east. There is no boundary separation between the parcel and the as yet undeveloped inset area to the west, and the garden boundaries to the north also provide little boundary separation, but the parcel extends a significant distance from the inset area. There is a park and ride facility lies to the south of the parcel, but this is not considered to cause significant urbanising containment, given the size of the parcel. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from the inset area. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# RC7

## 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: Relatively significant

Land is open and adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Relatively significant

Although relatively low-lying, the parcel's containment by higher ground to the east and south means that it has a strong association with the Gog Magog foothills, and is prominent within key elevated views towards the city from Worts' Causeway to the east and from Magog Down and Fox Hill to the south. In these views several landmarks within the historic core of the city (including the University Library, Holy Trinity Church and the Roman Catholic Church spire and St John' Chapel) are visible in the distance, albeit views are dominated by intervening later development on the city edge in Red Cross (including Addenbrooke's Hospital).

Furthermore, the land lies immediately adjacent to Worts' Causeway (including the E2 European Long Distance Route) and the A1307 (Babraham Road), historic approaches into Cambridge from the south-east that pass over the Gog Magog Hills. Land therefore allows some appreciation of the rural landscape setting in proximity to Cambridge on approach to 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 limited

Land is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Cambridge (Cherry Hinton) and Fulbourn. The parcel has some relationship with the inset settlement, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# RC7

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Minor-moderate

With regard to Cambridge Purpose 2, the release of land in this parcel would slightly impact the rural character of key elevated views towards the city from land to the southeast by adding additional peripheral development to the edge of the city.

The release and development of land in this parcel to the south of Worts' Causeway would reduce the already fragile gap between the urban edge of Cambridge and the Babraham Road Park and Ride. The Park and Ride and adjacent development up to the roundabout would, as a result, lack distinction from the city. This would constitute a more significant perception of urban sprawl, to the detriment of Cambridge Purpose 1, than would otherwise be the case.

The release would represent some urbanising containment of land to the northeast, but as this is higher ground it would still retain some distinction. The release would also increase urbanising visual impact on land to the east, but Cherry Hinton Road would form a clear boundary.

The role of the A1307 Babraham Road as a distinct boundary feature to the south, combined with the presence of existing urban development at and adjacent to the Park and Ride, mean that release would have only a minor containing impact on land to the south.

The overall impact on adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate for the release of land to the north of Worts' Causeway, and moderate for the release of land to the south.

Land to the 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 RC7 makes a relatively significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, and to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge' setting, and a relatively limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be at least minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting





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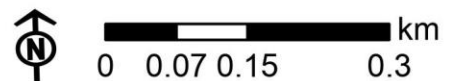
from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be very high.

Very High

# RC8



-  RC8
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



# RC8

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 9.54ha

The parcel is located to the southeast of Cambridge (Red Cross), comprising of Babraham Park and Ride facility. Babraham Road contains the parcel to the south and Cherry Hinton Road contains to the east.

Land has a significant amount of urbanising development within it associated with Babraham Park and Ride.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is located a significant distance from the inset area and is not contained by urban development. The hedgerow and adjacent parcel to the west provide a moderate degree of separation from Cambridge. However, the developed nature of the parcel means that views are dominated by urban development. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from the inset area. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# RC8

## 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: Relatively limited

The parcel has a significant amount of urbanising development within it associated within Babraham Road Park and Ride, and it lies in close proximity to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively limited 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 moderate distinction from the edge of Cambridge (Red Cross), meaning it has some relationship with the urban area. It also contains development (Babraham Road Park and Ride) that weakens its rural character. Overall the parcel makes no 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

The developed nature of the parcel prevents the parcel from making a contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# RC8

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of land within this parcel would increase urbanising containment of land to the northwest. However, the developed nature of the parcel reduces any additional impact on adjacent Green Belt.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release





- Parcel RC8 makes a relatively limited contribution preserving Cambridge's compact character, a limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city, and no 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. However, in order form an expansion of Cambridge the parcel would need to be released in conjunction with intervening land to the northwest, which would result in very high overall harm.

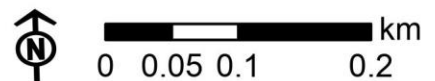
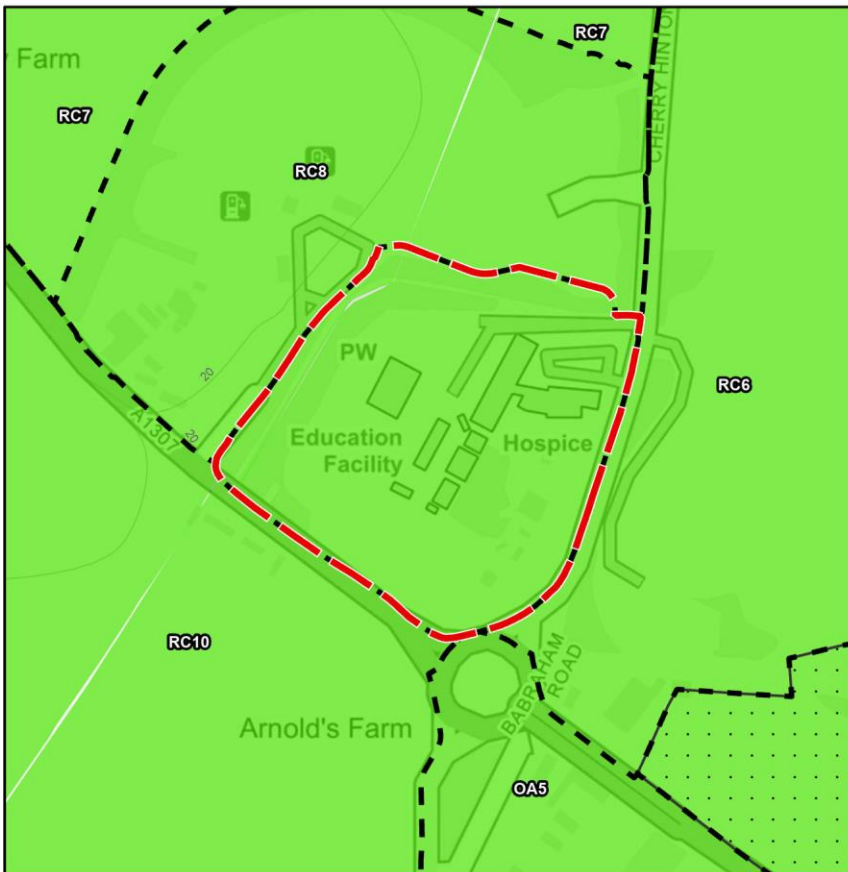
Very High



# RC9



-  RC9
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



# RC9

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 6.17ha

The parcel is located to the southeast of Cambridge (Red Cross), comprising of a business park. Cherry Hinton Road contains the parcel to the east and Babraham Road contains to the south.

Land has a significant amount of urbanising development within it, containing several business use buildings.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The developed nature of the parcel means the views are dominated by urban development. However, the parcel is located a significant distance from the main urban area of Cambridge and the tree cover to the west as well as the adjacent parcels provide a strong degree of boundary separation from the inset area. The parcel is not subject to urban containment. 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 urban area.

# RC9

## 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: Moderate

The parcel contains a business park and lies in close proximity to the main urban area of Cambridge. It was strong distinction from the urban area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate 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 moderate distinction from the edge of Cambridge (Red Cross), meaning it has some relationship with the urban area. It also contains a significant amount of development (including Beechwood School and Arthur Rank Hospice) that weakens its rural character. Overall the parcel makes no 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

The developed nature of the parcel limits any contribution the parcel makes to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# RC9

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Negligible

The partially developed nature of this land and strong vegetated boundaries around the parcel reduces any potential impacts that its release would have on the adjacent Green Belt





## Overall harm of Green Belt release

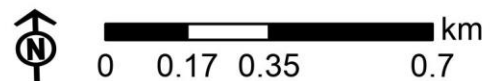
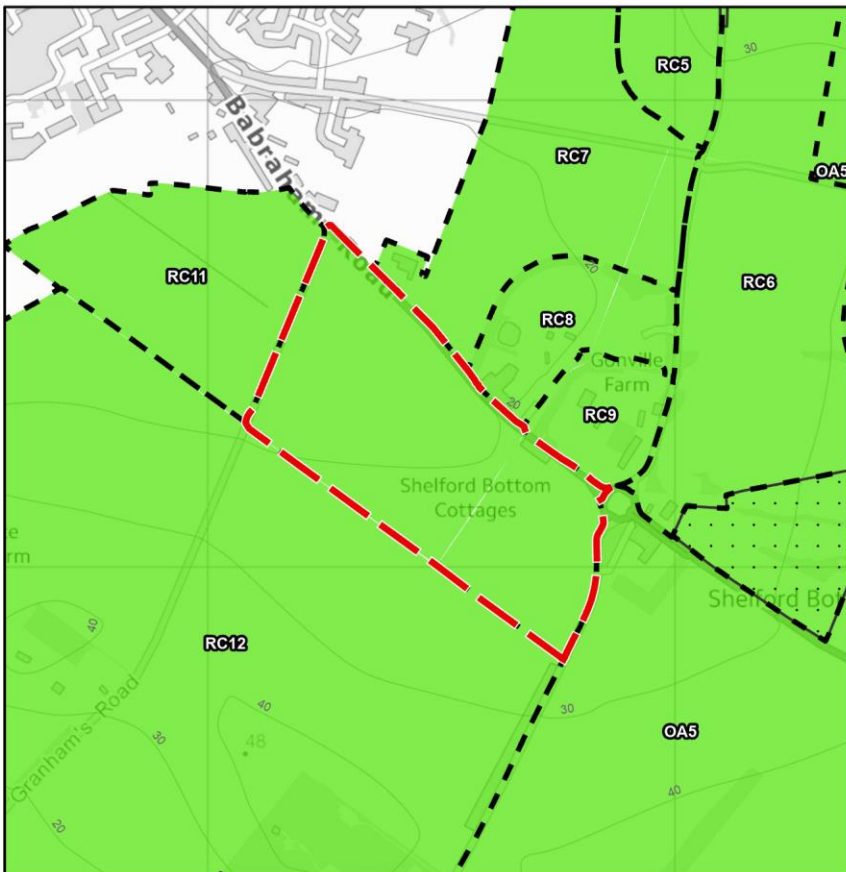
- Parcel RC9 makes a moderate contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city, and no contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be negligible. However, in order form an expansion of Cambridge the parcel would need to be released in conjunction with intervening land to the northwest, which would result in very high overall harm.

Very High

# RC10



-  RC10
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



# RC10

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 31.98ha

The parcel is located to the southeast of Cambridge (Red Cross), comprising a large agricultural field to the east of Granham's Road and south of Babraham Road. There are several dwellings on Babraham Road, opposite the Park and Ride.

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

There is moderate boundary separation between the parcel and the urban area. Granham's Road, Babraham Road, and land in the adjacent parcel to the west separate the parcel from Cambridge. The parcel is not contained by urban development, but views are balanced between the main urban area of Cambridge to the northwest and open countryside on other sides. The parcel extends a significant distance from the inset area. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from the inset area but, overall, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# RC10

## 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: Significant

The parcel is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. It has strong distinction from the urban area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a significant 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 Cambridge (Red Cross), meaning it has a strong rural character which allows an appreciation of the wider rural setting of the city. Although relatively low-lying, its containment by higher ground to the east and south means that it has a strong association with the Gog Magog foothills, and is prominent within key elevated views towards the city from Magog Down and Fox Hill to the south. In these views several landmarks within the historic core of the city (including the University Library, Holy Trinity Church and the Roman Catholic Church spire and St John' Chapel) are visible in the background, although later development in Trumpington and Red Cross on the city edge (including Addenbrooke's Hospital) dominates. Land also contributes to the rural landscape setting experienced on approach to the city along the A1307 (Babraham Road) from the south-east and along the railway line connecting Cambridge with London in the south. 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

The parcel is open and lies in a moderate gap between Cambridge (Red Cross) and Great Shelford. Intervening higher ground adds to perceived separation, and urbanising development between the two (on Babraham Road and Hinton Way) reduces it. There is strong distinction between the

## RC10

parcel and 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.



# RC10

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Minor-moderate

With regard to Cambridge Purpose 2, the release this land would slightly impact the rural character of key elevated views towards the city from land to the southeast by adding additional peripheral development to the edge of the city.

The release and development of land in this parcel to the east of the existing inset settlement edge at Newbury Farm would reduce the already fragile gap between the urban edge of Cambridge and the Babraham Road Park and Ride. The Park and Ride and adjacent development up to the roundabout would, as a result, lack distinction from the city. This would constitute a more significant perception of urban sprawl, to the detriment of Cambridge Purpose 1, than would be the case if development did not narrow this gap.

The release of this land would have some impact on reducing the settlement gap between Cambridge (Red Cross) and Great Shelford, but intervening higher ground would help to retain a sense of separation.

The release would increase urbanising visual impact on land to the southeast, and would weaken its boundary separation from the urban edge.

The overall impact on adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate for the release of land to the west of Newbury Farm, and moderate for the release of land to the east.

Land to the north, west and 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 RC10 makes a significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city 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 at least minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be

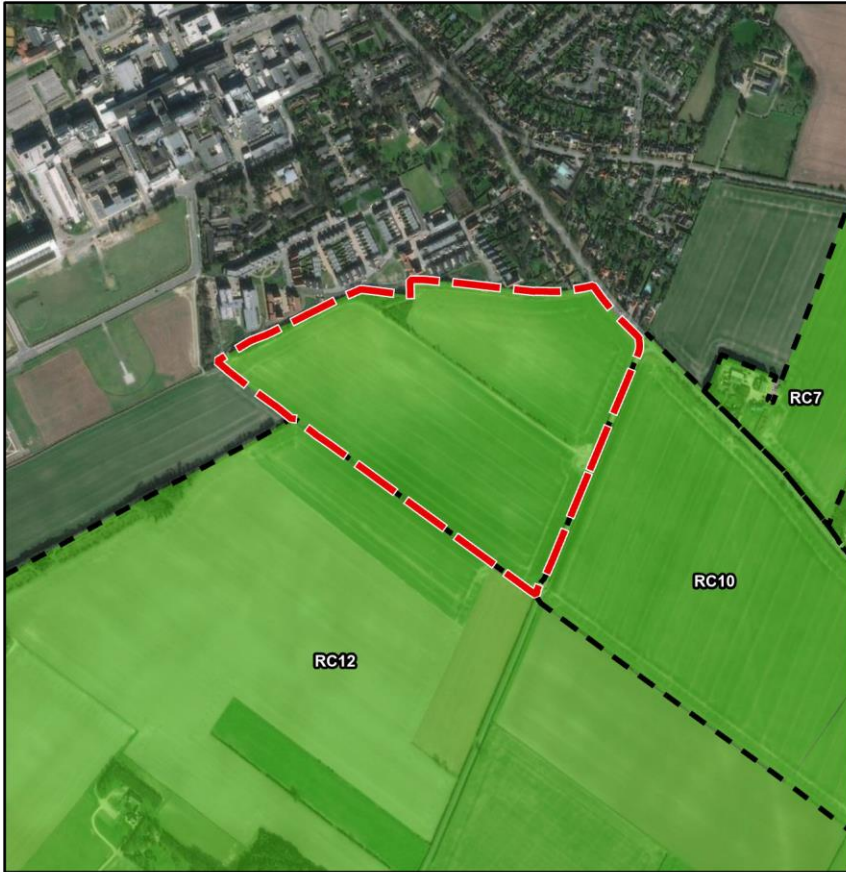
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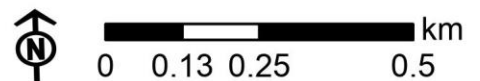
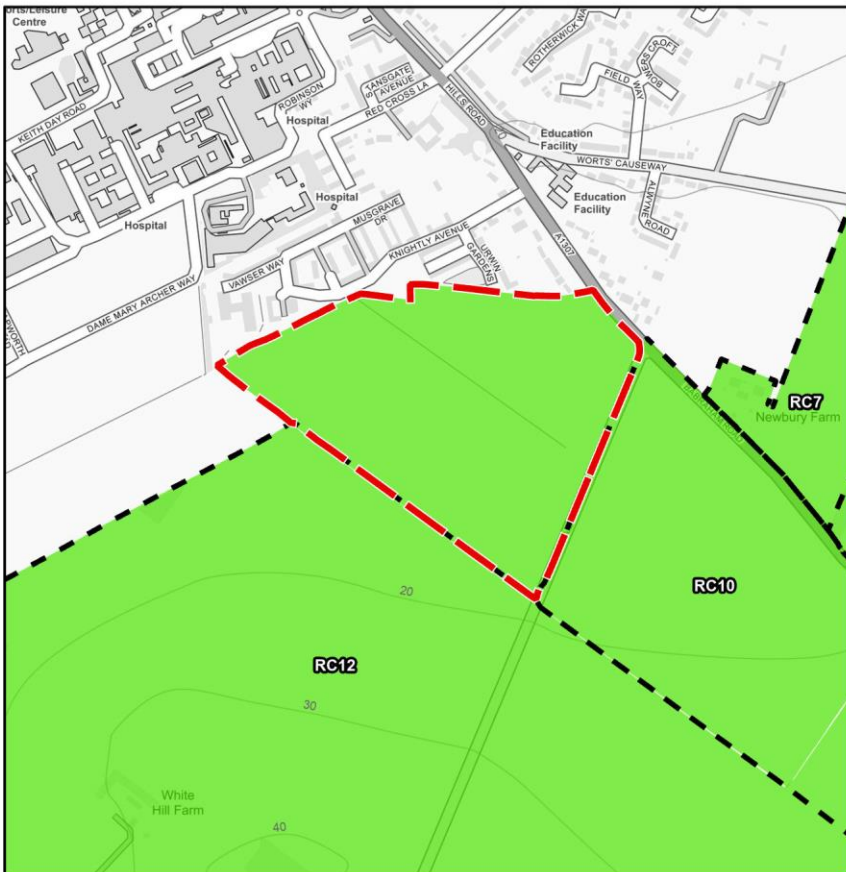


Very High

# RC11



-  RC11
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



# RC11

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 19.53ha

The parcel lies on the southern edge of Cambridge (Red Cross), comprising of an agricultural field. Granham's Road contains the parcel to the east.

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

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is not subject to containment, but views are balanced between the main urban area of Cambridge to the north and open countryside to the south. The tree cover and road to the north of the parcel provide a moderate degree of separation between the parcel and the urban area. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from the inset area. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# RC11

## 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: Relatively significant

The parcel is open and adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Moderate

Land comprises open farmland that has a moderate distinction from the edge of Cambridge (Red Cross), meaning it has some rural character. It is visible on the edge of the city within the middle ground of key elevated views from Magog Down and Fox Hill, which allows some appreciation of the city's wider rural setting. In these views several landmarks within the historic core of the city (including the University Library, Holy Trinity Church and the Roman Catholic Church spire and St John' Chapel) are visible in the background, albeit views are dominated by later development on the city edge in Red Cross (including Addenbrooke's Hospital). Land also contributes to the rural landscape setting experienced when approaching the city from the south along the railway line connecting Cambridge with London. 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 wide gap between Cambridge (Red Cross) and Great Shelford. Urbanising development between the two reduces the perceived separation. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area, but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# RC11

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Minor-moderate

In regard to Cambridge Purpose 2, the release of this land would slightly impact the rural character of key elevated views towards the city from land to the southeast by adding additional peripheral development to the edge of the city. It would also have a minor impact on the strength of the settlement gap between Cambridge (Red Cross) and Great Shelford.

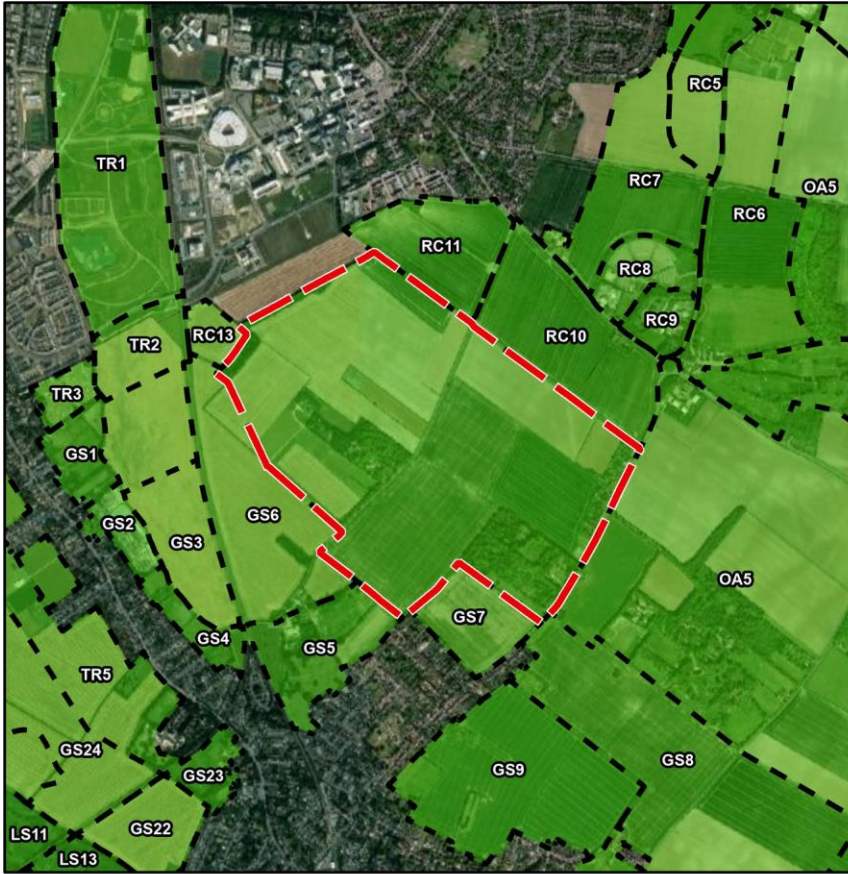
The release would weaken the boundary separation of land to the southwest from Cambridge, and would also increase urbanising containment on land to the east.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

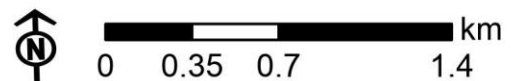
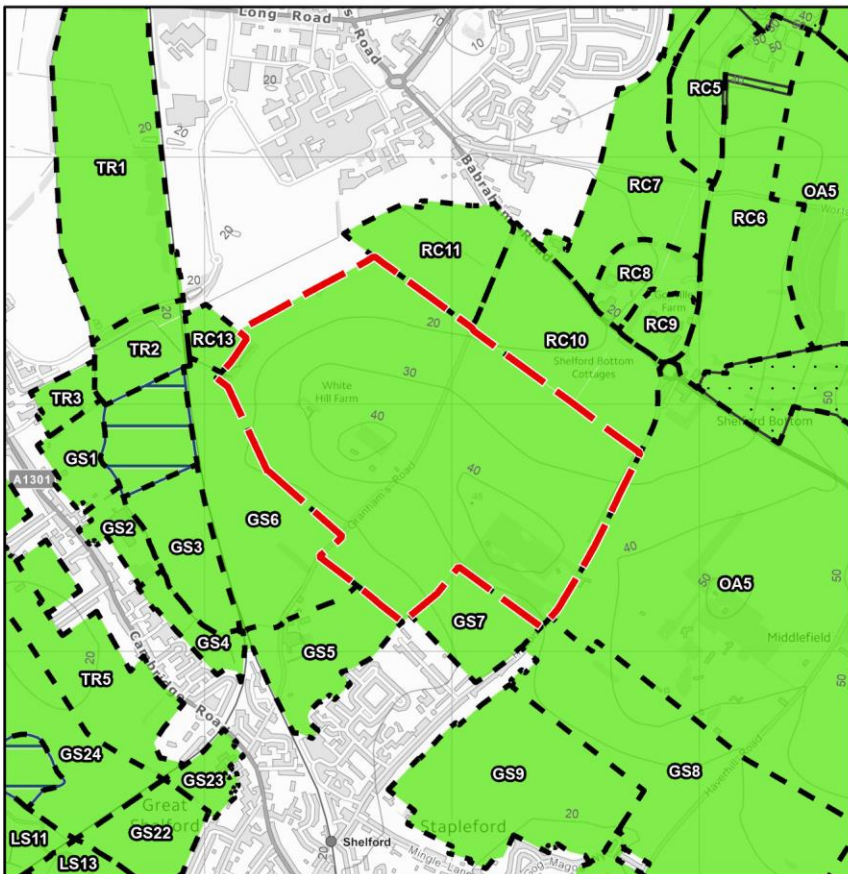
- Parcel RC11 makes a relatively significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. 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 Cambridge, would be high.

High

# RC12



-  RC12
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



# RC12

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 147.49ha

The parcel is centred on White Hill and Clarke's Hill, between the southern edge of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus at Trumpington and the northern edge of Great Shelford. Hinton Way defines its eastern edge and Granham's Road passes through the centre of the parcel. There are small woodlands on the hill tops and also tree cover on the northwestern edge of the parcel at Nine Wells. There are several isolated dwellings in the parcel, and a more substantial line of houses along Hinton Way which, although not of sufficient scale to affect Green Belt openness, does have some urbanising influence locally.

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 wooded land cover and sloping landform in the parcel provides significant physical and visual distinction from the urban edges of both Cambridge and Great Shelford. The parcel extends a significant distance from both urban areas and is not contained by urban development, and well-treed field boundaries add to the distinction from both settlements. Overall, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and both urban areas.



# RC12

## 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: Significant

Land is open and adjacent to Cambridge (Trumpington). It has very strong distinction from the urban area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Relatively significant

The land forms part of a chalk ridge (including Clarke's Hill and White Hill), which is a topographical feature to the south of Cambridge. The raised topography is in marked contrast to the lower lying 'bowl' in which Cambridge lies, and therefore allows an appreciation of the wider topographical framework of Cambridge. Land has some direct visual inter-relationship with the city, forming a rural backdrop in views out of the city to the south as well as forming a wooded ridge to the south of the city in key elevated views from the south-east (including from Magog Down and Babraham Road). The raised topography also affords distant elevated views towards the city, albeit these are dominated by the large-scale development at Addenbrooke's Hospital. 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 Cambridge (Trumpington/Red Cross) and Great Shelford. Although urban development links the settlements to the west of the railway line there is a stronger sense of separation in this area. There is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban 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.

RC12

# RC12

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge or Great Shelford:

Rating: Moderate-major

In regard to Cambridge Purpose 2, the release and development of this land would affect the rural character of key elevated views towards the city from land to the south-east.

In regard to Cambridge Purpose 3, the release of this land would have a significant impact on narrowing the gap between Great Shelford and Cambridge (Trumpington).

The release of any of this elevated ground, either as an expansion of Cambridge or of Great Shelford, would increase urbanising visual impact on remaining open land in this area, and would leave a weaker Green Belt boundary.

Adjacent parcels do 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

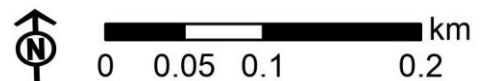
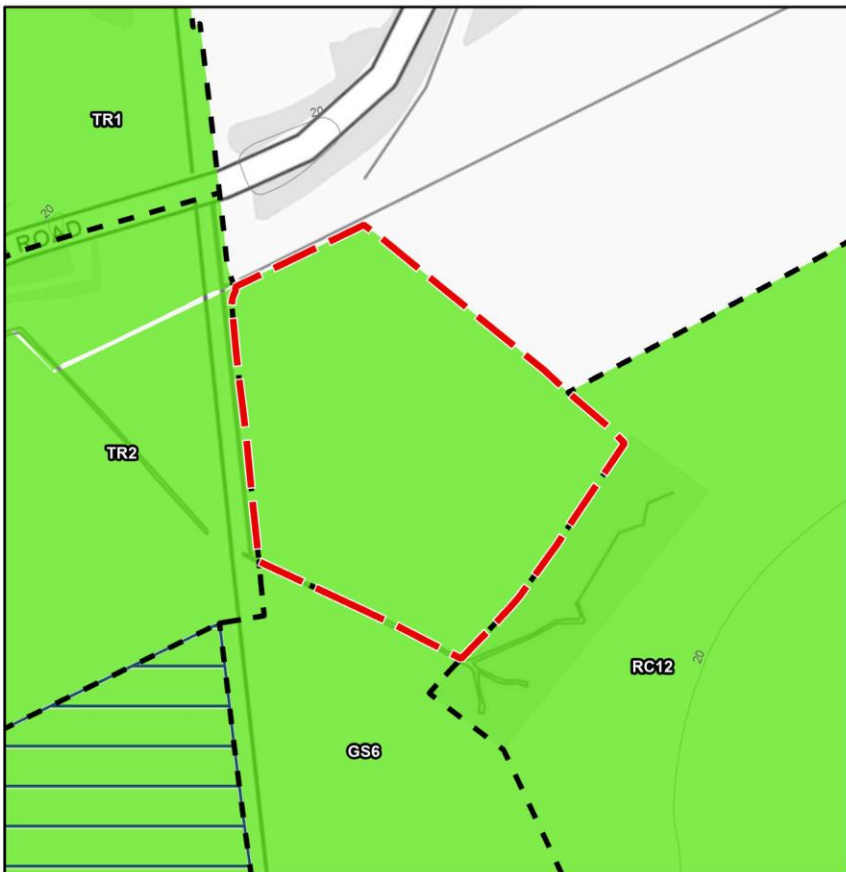
- Parcel RC12 makes a significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city, and a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be moderate-major. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of either Cambridge or Great Shelford, would be very high.

Very High

# RC13



-  RC13
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



# RC13

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.27ha

The parcel is located on the southern edge of Cambridge (Red Cross), comprising of an agricultural field. The railway line lies to the west of the parcel and AddenBrooke's Road lies to the north.

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

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel lies in close proximity to the inset area, but Addenbrooke's Road to the north provides a moderate degree of separation between the parcel and the urban area. The parcel is not contained by urban development. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from the inset area. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# RC13

## 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: Relatively significant

Land is open and is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant 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 Cambridge (Redcross), meaning it has some rural character. It is partially visible within the middle ground of key elevated views towards Cambridge from Magog Down and Babraham Road, which allows some appreciation of the city's wider rural setting. In these views several landmarks within the historic core of the city (including the University Library, Holy Trinity Church and the Roman Catholic Church spire and St John's Chapel) are visible in the background, albeit views are dominated by later development in Red Cross on the city edge (including Addenbrooke's Hospital). Land also contributes to the rural landscape setting experienced on approach to the city along the railway line connecting Cambridge with London in the south. 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 lies in a wide gap between Cambridge (Red Cross) and Great Shelford. Urbanising development between the two reduces the perceived separation. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate distinction to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# RC13

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Minor

In regard to Cambridge Purpose 2, the release of this land would slightly impact the rural character of key elevated views towards the city from land to the southeast by adding additional peripheral development to the edge of the city. There would be a negligible impact on the settlement gap between Cambridge (Red Cross) and Great Shelford.

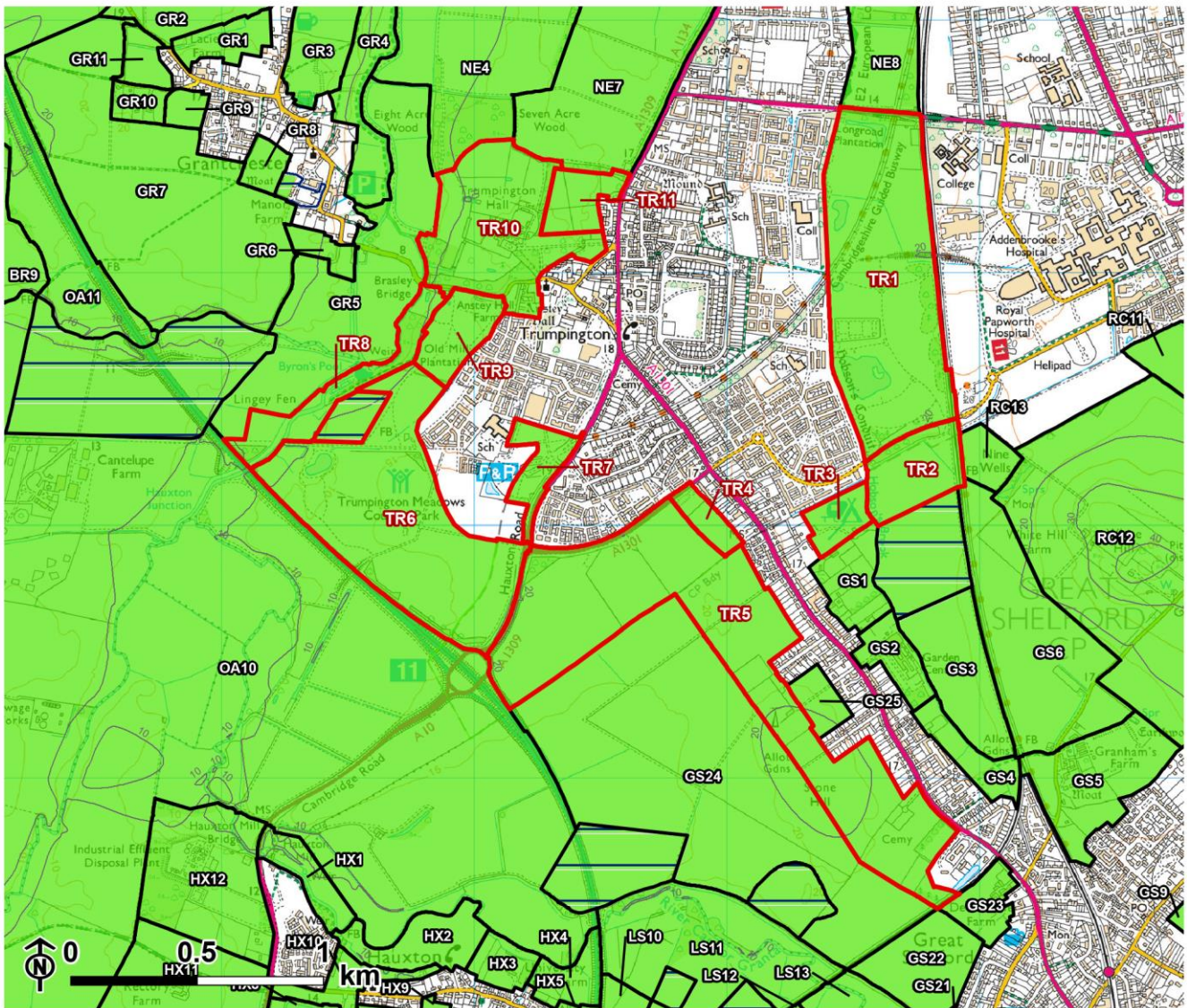
The release would increase urbanising containment of land to the west, but the woodland block to the south forms a relatively strong boundary feature, limiting impact on Green Belt land to the south.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel RC13 makes a relatively significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preventing communities in environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. 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 Cambridge, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

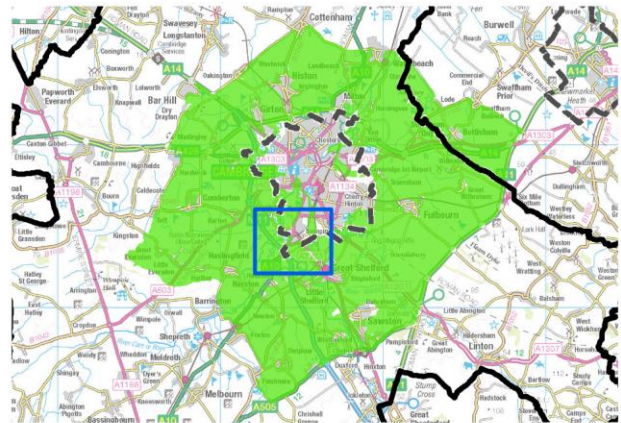
# Cambridge - Trumpington



- - - Local Authority boundary
- Cambridge - Trumpington parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt

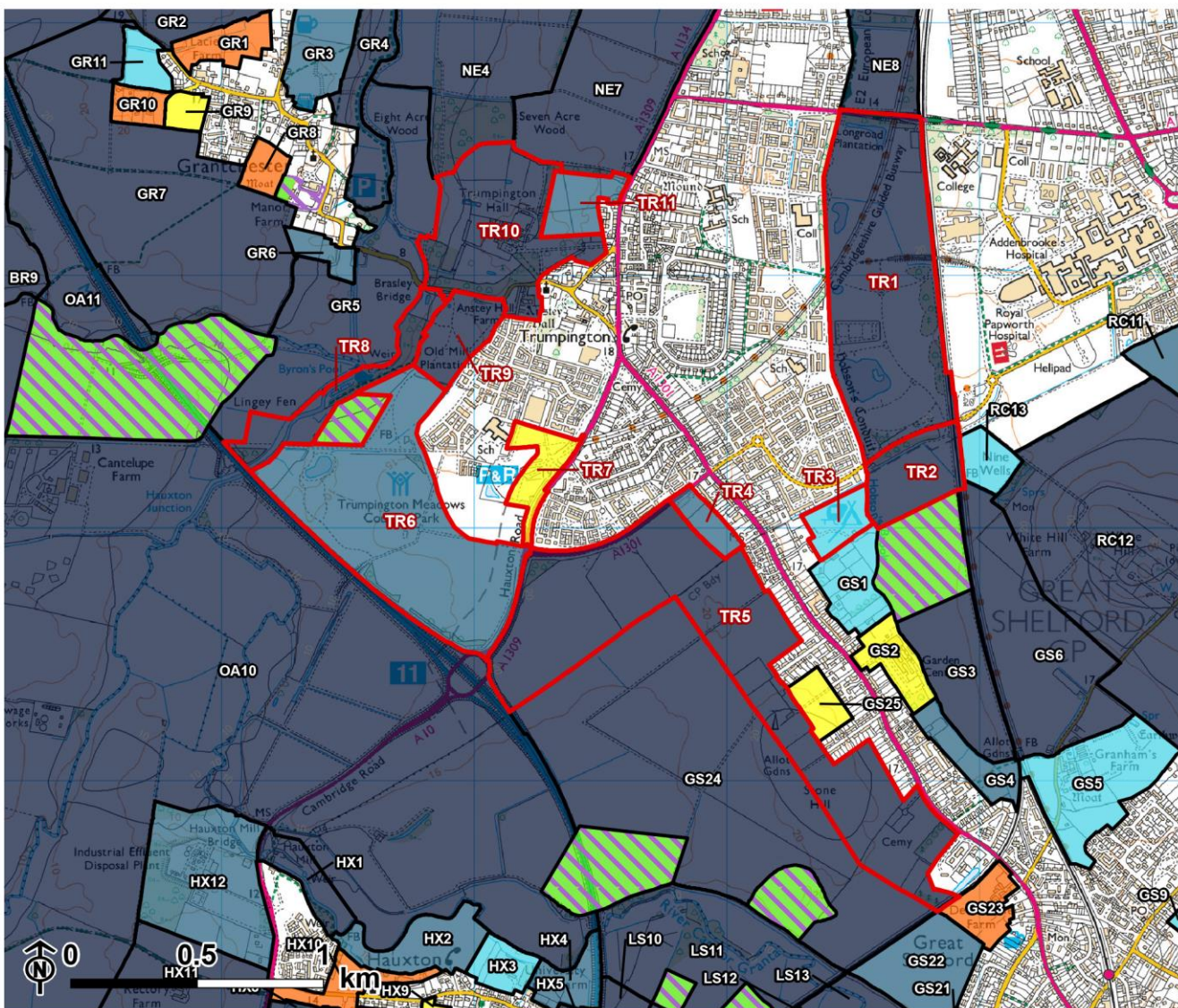
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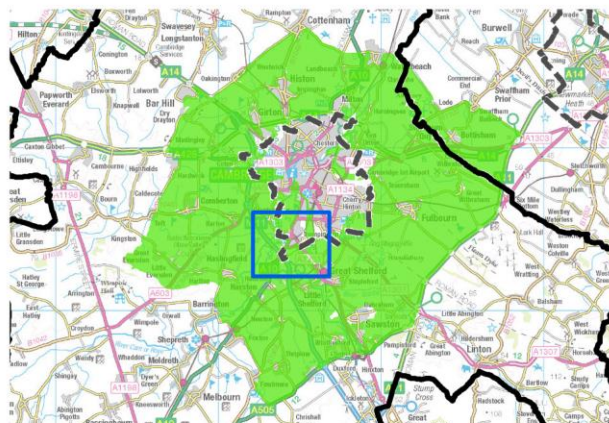




# Cambridge - Trumpington



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



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## 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.

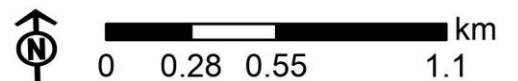
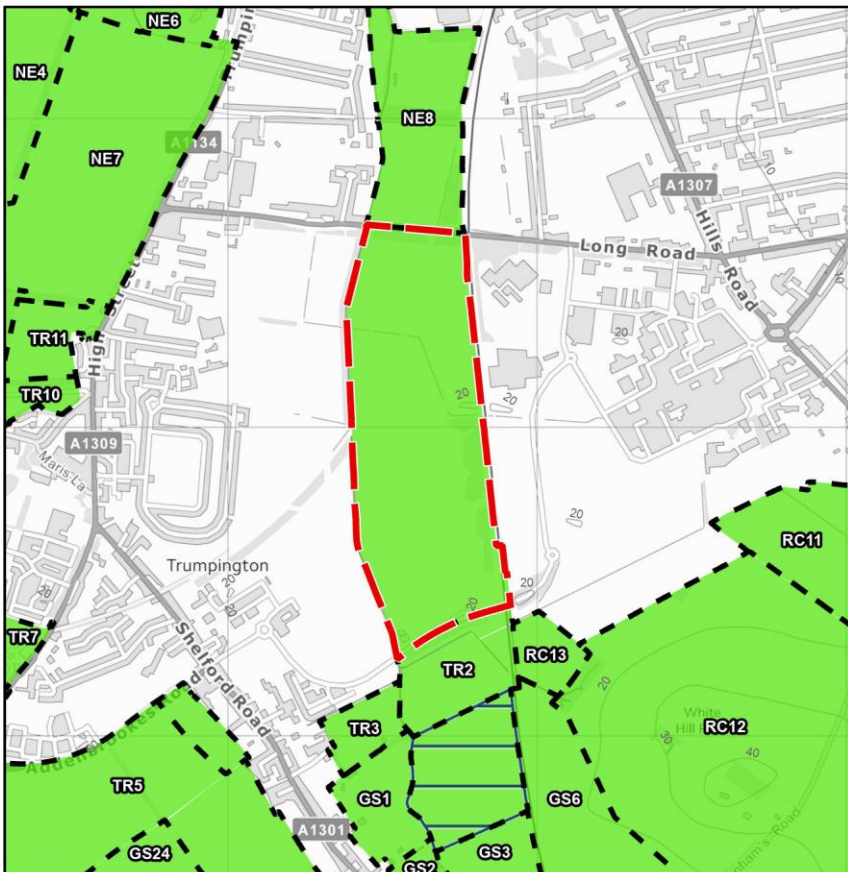
## Overall harm of Green Belt release

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.

# TR1



-  TR1
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



# TR1

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 53.6ha

The parcel is located within a corridor of Green Belt land in the southern part of Cambridge (Trumpington). The parcel contains Hobson's Park, and is crossed by the guided Busway. The railway line forms the eastern edge of the parcel and Hobson's Brook forms the western edge, while Addenbrooke's Road forms the southern edge and Long Road forms the northern edge.

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 urban development, but the size of the area limits the urbanising influence. The railway to the east of the parcel is a strong boundary feature and Hobson's Brook the west is a moderate boundary feature. As such, there is a moderate degree of separation overall between the parcel and the urban area. As the parcel is largely contained, views are dominated by urban development in Cambridge. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# TR1

## 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: Moderate

Land is open. It is perceived as being within the main urban area of Cambridge, but still links to the wider Green Belt. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also has a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Significant

Land forms part of the Vicar's Brook and Hobson's Brook green corridor, a key defining element in the setting of Cambridge to the south, albeit located at a distance from the historic core and separated from it by more modern intervening development. The land also contributes to a characteristic open and green setting as experienced on approach to Cambridge from the south. This includes along the ES European Long Distance Route, Sustrans Route 11, and the railway line connecting Cambridge with London. [The open nature of the land also allows some glimpsed views towards the city centre, with certain landmark towers/spires within the historic core (including the spire of The Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs) visible at distance beyond intervening peripheral development.] Overall, the parcel makes a 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: Limited/No contribution

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



# TR1

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Trumpington):

Rating: Moderate-major

In regard to Cambridge Purpose 2, the release of the parcel would isolate the northern part of the Vicar's Brook and Hobson's Brook green corridor, cutting it off from open countryside to the south. This would negate its function as a green corridor. Any reduced release of land, whilst it might retain some of the corridor function, would weaken its contribution by reducing its width and/or boundary strength. Impacts on the distinction of land to the south of Addenbrooke's Road are limited by the fact this area is already subject to a degree of urbanising visual impact and Addenbrooke's Road maintains a moderate degree of separation.





## Overall harm of Green Belt release

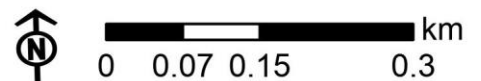
- Parcel TR1 makes a significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preserving the city's compact character. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt would be moderate-major. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be very high.

Very High

# TR2



-  TR2
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



# TR2

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 10.78ha

The parcel is located to the south of Cambridge (Trumpington), with Hobson's Park to the north a Scheduled Monument to the south of the parcel (Site revealed by aerial photography W of White Hill Farm). The parcel is comprised of arable land and is bordered by the railway line to the east and Hobson's Brook 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

Addenbrooke's Road is a moderate boundary feature between the parcel and most of Trumpington, with the railway forming a stronger boundary to the north east. The parcel is not contained by urban development, but tall buildings within the urban area, although they don't dominate, have some urbanising visual impact. Although the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create an additional distinction from Cambridge, there are no significant boundary features beyond the settlement edge to the south, which means that there is a gradual weakening of the influence of the inset settlement with distance. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# TR2

## 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: Significant

Land is open and adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. It has strong distinction from the urban area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Relatively significant

Land lies within the Vicar's Brook and Hobson's Brook green corridor, albeit at some distance from the historic core and separated from it by intervening development. The land is open and has a moderate distinction from the edge of Cambridge (Trumpington and Red Cross), and therefore also contributes to a characteristic rural setting on the edge of the city as experienced on approach from the south, including along the railway line connecting Cambridge with London. Land also forms part of the immediate setting of a Scheduled Monument to the south and therefore makes some positive contribution to the character of the landscape and the quality of Cambridge's setting. 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. It lies in a moderate gap between Cambridge and Great Shelford, but existing inset development already links the settlements. It has strong distinction from the urban 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.

## TR2

### Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Trumpington):

Rating: Moderate-major

The release of land in this parcel would isolate land within the Vicar's Brook and Hobson's Brook green corridor to the north, reducing its physical and visual connection with open countryside to the south. This would negate its function as a green corridor. The release would increase urbanising containment and urbanising visual impact on land to the east. The impacts of the release on land to the southeast are minimised by the presence of the railway tracks which acts as a strong boundary feature.

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





### Overall harm of Green Belt release

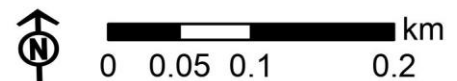
- Parcel TR2 makes a significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, and a relatively significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city and to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be moderate-major. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be very high.

Very High

# TR3



-  TR3
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



# TR3

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.49ha

The parcel is located to the south of Cambridge (Trumpington) and contains the Cambridge Camping and Caravanning Club Site. Hobson's Brook forms the parcel's eastern edge.

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 to the north and west create little separation between the parcel and Cambridge. The parcel lies in close proximity to the urban area and is subject to a degree of containment by it, to the north and to the west, although therefore neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge. Overall, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# TR3

## 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: Moderate

Land is open and adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge, but there is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate 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 Cambridge (Trumpington), meaning it has a strong relationship with the urban area. However, it is open and its land use is predominantly rural. Land contains no features/aspects that contribute specifically 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: Relatively limited

Land is open. It lies in a moderate gap between Cambridge and Great Shelford, but existing inset development already links the settlements. There is weak distinction between the parcel and 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.



# TR3

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Trumpington):

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release of this parcel would slightly increase urbanising containment and urbanising visual impact on land to the south, but would not significantly weaken the gap between Cambridge and Great Shelford.

The release would also increase urbanising containment on land to the east, and would slightly decrease the boundary separation of this land from most of the inset area.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

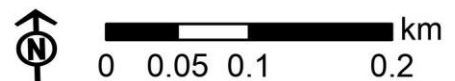
- Parcel TR3 makes a moderate contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character and a relatively limited contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of the city's setting, and to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. The additional impact on 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 Cambridge, would be moderate-high.

Moderate High

# TR4



-  TR4
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



# TR4

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.39ha

The parcel is located to the south of Cambridge (Trumpington) and is comprised of arable land. Residential development is located to the east, with hedgerows forming the eastern, western, and southern edges of the parcel. Addenbrooke's Road borders the parcel to the north.

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 Addenbrooke's Road to northwest provides strong separation from Cambridge, the northeast of the parcel is only separated from the inset area by garden boundaries. The parcel lies in close proximity to the urban area and is subject to a degree of containment by it. Although adjacent development is relatively large in scale the parcel forms part of a wider area of open farmland, so the urban area doesn't dominate views. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge. Overall, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# TR4

## 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: Moderate

Land is open and adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Relatively limited

Land as a weak distinction from the edge of Cambridge (Trumpington), meaning it has a strong relationship with the urban area. Whilst land is relatively distant from the historic core of Cambridge and has no direct visual inter-relationship with it (due to intervening built development), it forms part of an open agricultural landscape visible on the edge of the city in distant elevated views from the south and south-east (including from St Margaret's Mound and Chapel Hill). 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 moderate gap between Cambridge (Trumpington) and Great Shelford. Existing inset development already links the settlements, but Great Shelford retains a separate character. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap between Cambridge and Great Shelford. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# TR4

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Moderate

The release of the parcel would weaken the boundary separation of land to the west from the settlement, and increase its urban containment. The release would increase urbanising containment on land to the south, and although it would not significantly weaken the gap between Cambridge and Great Shelford it would broaden the connection between the two, increasing the extent to which the latter is perceived as part of the former.





## Overall harm of Green Belt release

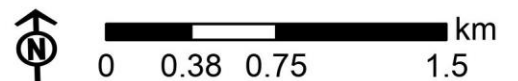
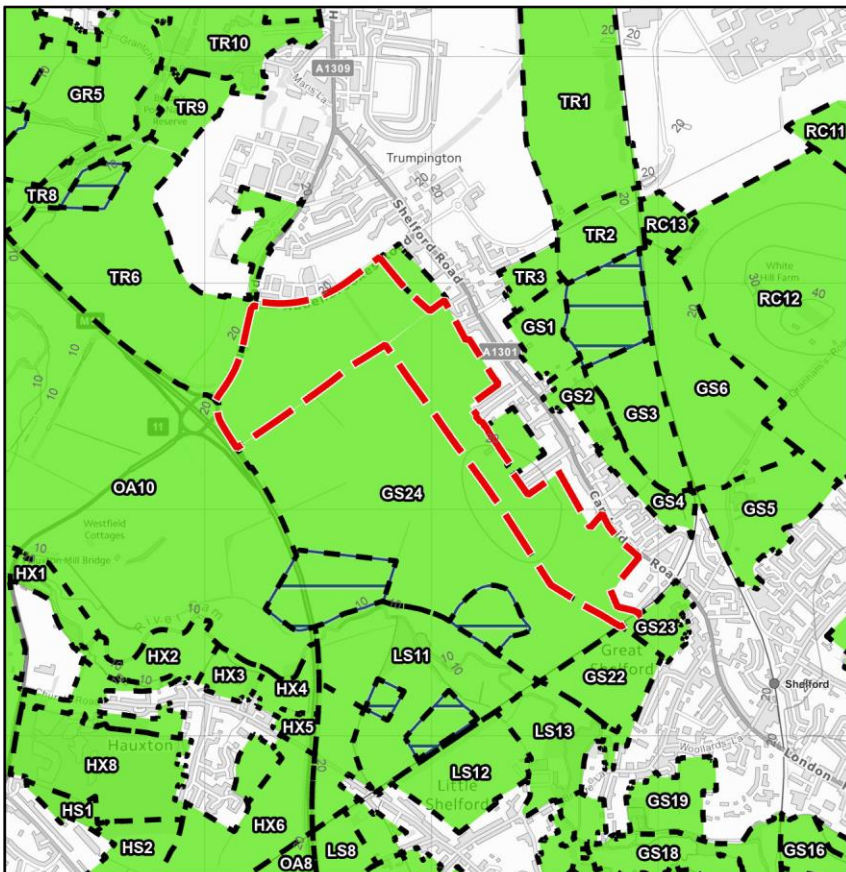
- Parcel TR4 makes a moderate contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a relatively limited contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of its setting, and a relatively limited contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. The 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 Cambridge, would be high.

High

# TR5



-  TR5
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



# TR5

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 73.83ha

The parcel is located to the south of Cambridge (Trumpington), extending east from the M11 junction and down along the western side of development that joins Cambridge and Great Shelford. Although the parcel is dominated by arable land, it contains the Davey Field Rugby Football Ground and Stone Hill 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

Although the urban area to the north is visually prominent the parcel forms part of a larger area of open arable land, so the urban area does not dominate most of the parcel, but at the northern end there is a degree of containment by urban edges and the busy A1309 Hauxton Road. Addenbrooke's Road and its adjacent hedgerow provide a strong boundary to the north, but to the east only hedgerows and garden boundaries provide separation from the urban edge off Shelford Road/Cambridge Road. The open fields in this area are too extensive to be considered partially contained by urban development, and there are only weak field boundaries which means that there is a gradual weakening of the influence of the inset settlement with distance. Landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# TR5

## 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: Relatively significant

Land is open and adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Moderate

Whilst land is relatively distant from the historic core of Cambridge and has no direct visual inter-relationship with it (due to intervening built development), it forms part of an open agricultural landscape visible on the edge of the city in distant elevated views from the south and south-east (including from St Margaret's Mound and Chapel Hill) and experienced for a short distance on approach to Cambridge along Cambridge Road (A1301). 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 Cambridge (Trumpington) and Great Shelford. Existing inset development already links the settlements, but Great Shelford retains a separate character. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.



# TR5

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Moderate

Release of land towards the M11 junction would diminish the perceived gap between Trumpington and Hauxton, although the M11 would remain as a significant separating feature. The absence of any clear boundaries means that release of land in this parcel would weaken the distinction of adjacent farmland from the urban area. Release of land towards Great Shelford would broaden its connection to Cambridge, increasing the extent to which the latter is perceived as sprawl of the former.





## Overall harm of Green Belt release

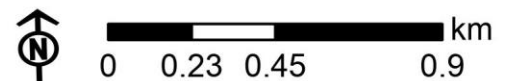
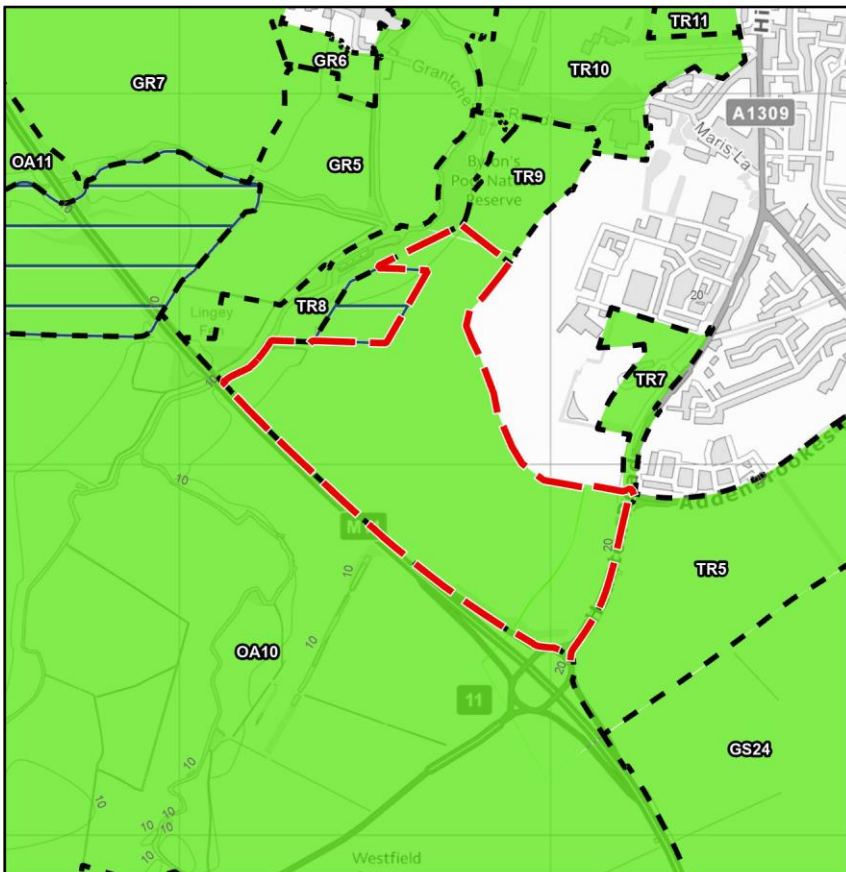
- Parcel TR5 makes a relatively significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of a release that included land between Trumpington and the M11 junction would be moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be very high.

Very High

# TR6



-  TR6
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



# TR6

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 52.68ha

The parcel is located to the south of Cambridge (Trumpington) and to the west of Trumpington Park and Ride. The parcel contains Trumpington Meadows Country Park, and is bordered by Hauxton Road to the southeast, the M11 motorway to the west, and the River Cam to the north. A Scheduled Monument lies to the northwest of the parcel (Romano-British settlement SW of Trumpington).

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

There is no boundary to create distinction between the parcel and the urban area of Cambridge. However, the parcel extends a significant distance from the inset area and therefore views are dominated by open countryside. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development. Although the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge there is, overall, moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# TR6

## 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: Relatively significant

Land is open and adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Moderate

Land falls within Trumpington Meadows Country Park and forms part of the immediate setting of a Scheduled Monument to the west (Romano-British settlement site SW of Trumpington). It therefore makes some positive contribution to the character of the landscape and the quality of Cambridge's setting. Whilst land is relatively distant from the historic core of Cambridge and has no direct visual inter-relationship with it (due to intervening built development), it forms part of an open landscape visible on the edge of the city in distant elevated views from the south and south-east (including from St Margaret's Mound and Chapel Hill). 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 Hauxton and Cambridge (Trumpington), but there are some significant separating features, including the A10 and wooded areas. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# TR6

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Minor-moderate

Release of land in this parcel would have some limited impact on the perceived gap between Trumpington and Hauxton, although the M11 would remain as a significant separating feature. The parcel is well contained by the M11 to the southwest, and by a shallow wooded valley to the west, but its release would create some urbanising containment of land to the north.

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

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

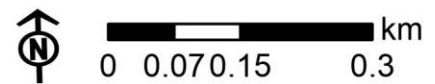
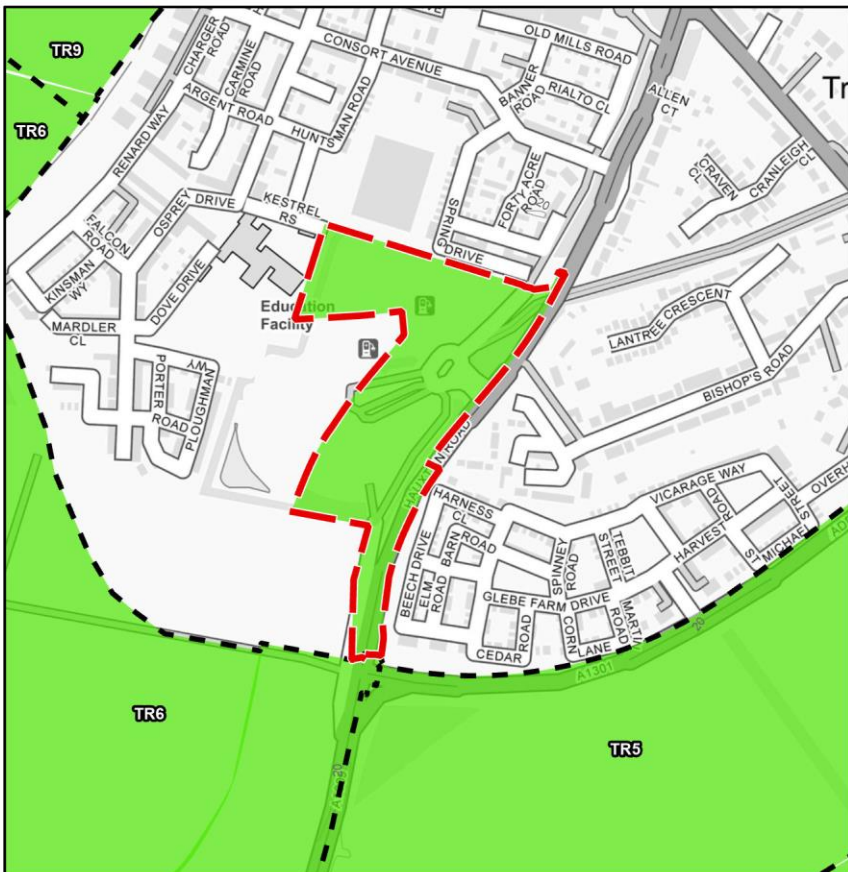
- Parcel TR6 makes a relatively significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting and to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with the city. The additional impact 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 Cambridge, would be high.

High

# TR7



-  TR7
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



# TR7

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.78ha

The parcel is located within the southern part of Cambridge (Trumpington) and to the north/'east of Trumpington Meadows Country Park. It contains an area of Trumpington Park and Ride and is crossed by Hauxton Road to the east.

Land has a significant amount of urbanising development within it, including Trumpington Park and Ride.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land is almost entirely contained by the inset urban area: although there is a narrow link to the wider Green Belt the only 'green' element in this is a narrow strip of grassland running between the A1309 and the park and ride entrance road. All of the parcel is in close proximity to the surrounding inset area, with views dominated by the urban area. There is no boundary feature to create separation between the parcel and Cambridge, and the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge. Overall, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# TR7

## 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 mostly developed and contained within the main urban area of Cambridge. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes only a limited contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is mostly developed, and the development within it (Trumpington Park and Ride) does not contribute to the quality of Cambridge's setting. Overall, the parcel makes only 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: Limited/No contribution

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



# TR7

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Negligible

The parcel is too contained by the urban area for its release to have an impact on the contribution of land to the south.





## Overall harm of Green Belt release

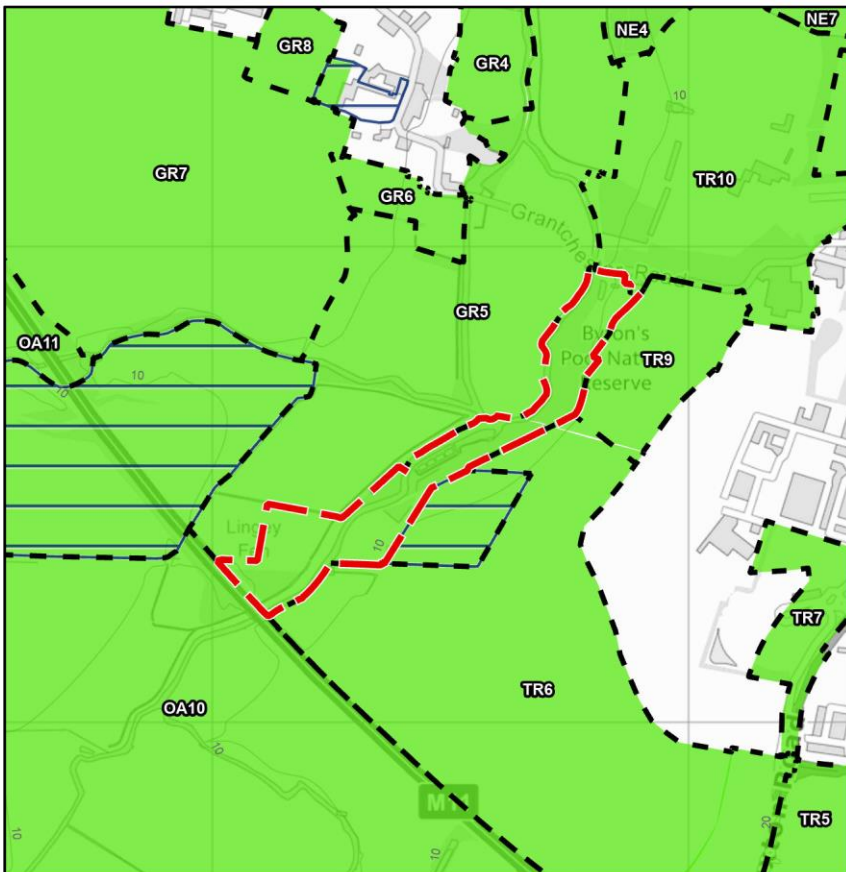
- Parcel TR7 makes a limited/no contribution to all of the Green Belt purposes. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be negligible. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be low.

Low

# TR8



-  TR8
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



# TR8

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 10.93ha

The parcel is located to the south of Cambridge (Trumpington) and comprises a belt of woodland alongside the River Cam (which contains Byron's Pool Local Nature Reserve). Trumpington Meadows Country Park lies to the south of the parcel, while Grantchester Road forms the parcel's northern edge. There are Scheduled Monuments to the southeast (Romano-British settlement site SW of Trumpington) and southwest (Settlement complex NE of Haslingfield) 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 wooded land cover within the parcel is very prominent, creating distinction from the inset area. The wooded land cover is also a strong boundary feature, separating the parcel from the Cambridge and minimising views of urban development. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development. Overall, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# TR8

## 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: Significant

Land is adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. It has very strong distinction from the urban area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Moderate

Whilst land is relatively distant from the historic core of Cambridge and has no direct visual inter-relationship with it (due to intervening built development), it forms part of a wooded agricultural landscape visible on the edge of the city in distant elevated views from the south and south-east (including from St Margaret's Mound and Chapel Hill). It also forms part of the immediate setting of a Scheduled Monument to the east (Romano-British settlement site SW of Trumpington), and therefore makes some positive contribution to the character of the landscape and 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: Significant

Land lies in a gap which is narrow but which maintains clear separation between Cambridge (Trumpington) and Grantchester. The River Cam acts as a significant separating feature. There is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap between Cambridge and Grantchester. Overall, the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# TR8

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Moderate-major

The release of this parcel would result in a significant reduction of the narrow gap between Cambridge and Grantchester, removing woodland that is a key element in the gap. The release would also weaken the strong boundary separation of land to the west and north of this wooded area.

The remaining surrounding land 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

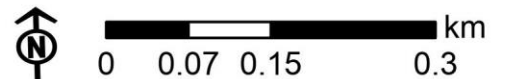
- Parcel TR8 makes a significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into the city, and makes a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be moderate-major. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be very high. Although retaining some of the woodland would reduce this impact, any release would still have sufficient impact to constitute very high harm.

Very High

# TR9



-  TR9
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



# TR9

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 7.77ha

The parcel is located to the south of Cambridge (Trumpington). It forms the northern part of Trumpington Meadows Country Park, and is bordered by the River Cam to the west and the urban area to the east. Grantchester Road and a thick treeline forms the northern edge.

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

There is no boundary to create distinction between the parcel and the urban area of Cambridge. However, the parcel extends a significant distance from the inset area and therefore views are dominated by open countryside.

Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development. Although the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge, overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# TR9

## 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: Relatively significant

Land is open and adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Moderate

Land falls within Trumpington Meadows Country Park and therefore makes some positive contribution to the character of the landscape and the setting of Cambridge and people's experience of it. Whilst land is relatively distant from the historic core of Cambridge and has no direct visual inter-relationship with it (due to intervening built development), it forms part of an open landscape visible on the edge of the city in distant elevated views from the south and south-east (including from St Margaret's Mound and Chapel Hill). 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 narrow gap between Granchester and Cambridge (Trumpington), but there are some significant separating features, including woodland and the River Cam. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.



# TR9

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Moderate

Although woodlands to the west and north form a strong boundary, the release of land in this parcel would result in a narrowing of the settlement gap between Cambridge and Grantchester. It would also create a degree of urbanising containment of land to the north.

The adjoining land to the 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

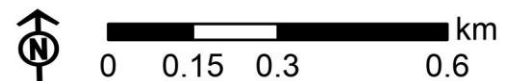
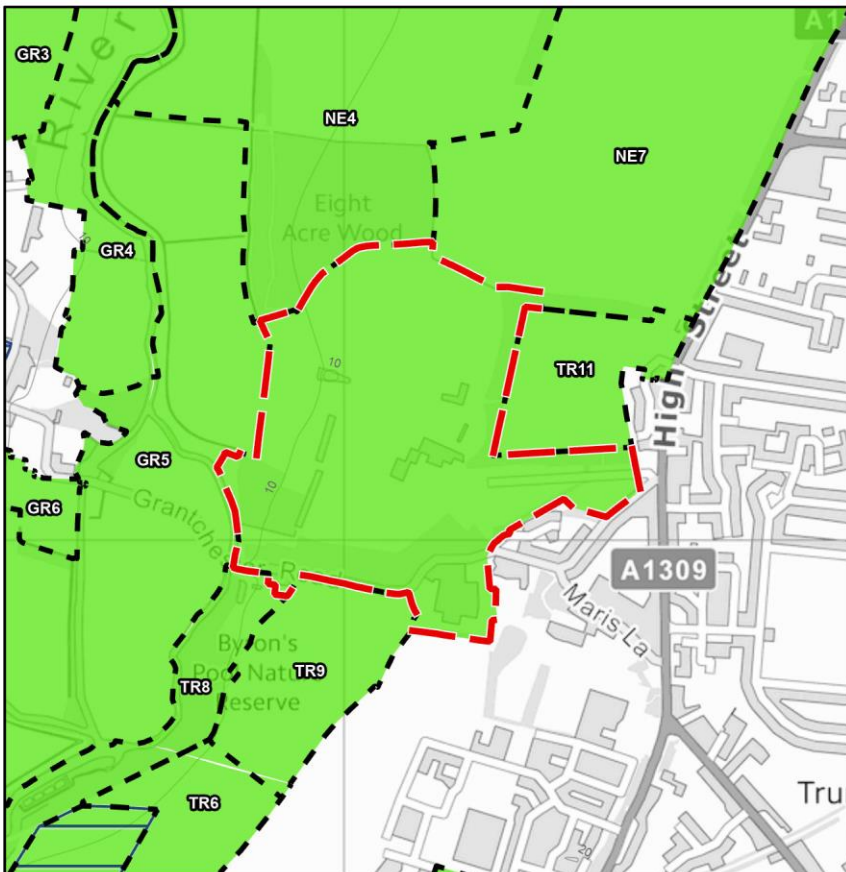
- Parcel TR9 makes a relatively significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character and to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city, and a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be very high.

Very High

# TR10



-  TR10
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



# TR10

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 29.06ha

The parcel is located to the south of Cambridge (Trumpington) and to the north of Trumpington Meadows Country Park. It contains Trumpington Hall and associated woodland, as well as Anstey Hall to the south. The parcel is bordered by Grantchester Road to the south, the River Cam and hedgerows to the west and treelines to the north 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

The tree cover to the east is a moderate boundary feature between the parcel and Cambridge and the parcel extends a significant distance from the inset area. The parcel is not contained by urban development and views of the urban area are obscured by tree cover. The parkland landscape adds some additional distinction from Cambridge, with further distinction in the wooded southern part of the parcel. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area, with very strong distinction in the wooded southern portion.

# TR10

## 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: Significant

Land is open and adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. It has strong distinction from the urban area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Relatively significant

The majority of the land falls within Trumpington Conservation Area, for which it contributes to the character and special qualities. It also forms the immediate parkland setting of Trumpington Hall (Grade II listed building), and contains several characteristic woodland blocks and plantations. Land is also closely associated with the nearby Anstey Hall (Grade I listed building), with three Grade II listed buildings at Anstey Hall Farm located within the parcel to the south. Land therefore contributes positively to the character of the landscape and the setting of Cambridge and people's experience of it. 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 lies in a gap which is narrow but which maintains clear separation between Cambridge (Trumpington) and Grantchester. The woodlands within the parcel are a key separating feature. 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 between Cambridge and Grantchester. Overall, the parcel makes a significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# TR10

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Moderate-major

The release of land in this parcel would weaken the boundary separation of land to the west from the settlement, and would result in a reduction in the narrow gap between Cambridge and Grantchester. Release of all of the southern woodland would constitute moderate-major impact, reducing to moderate for release of open parkland.

Land to the southeast, northeast and east does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not there increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

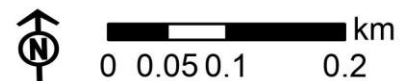
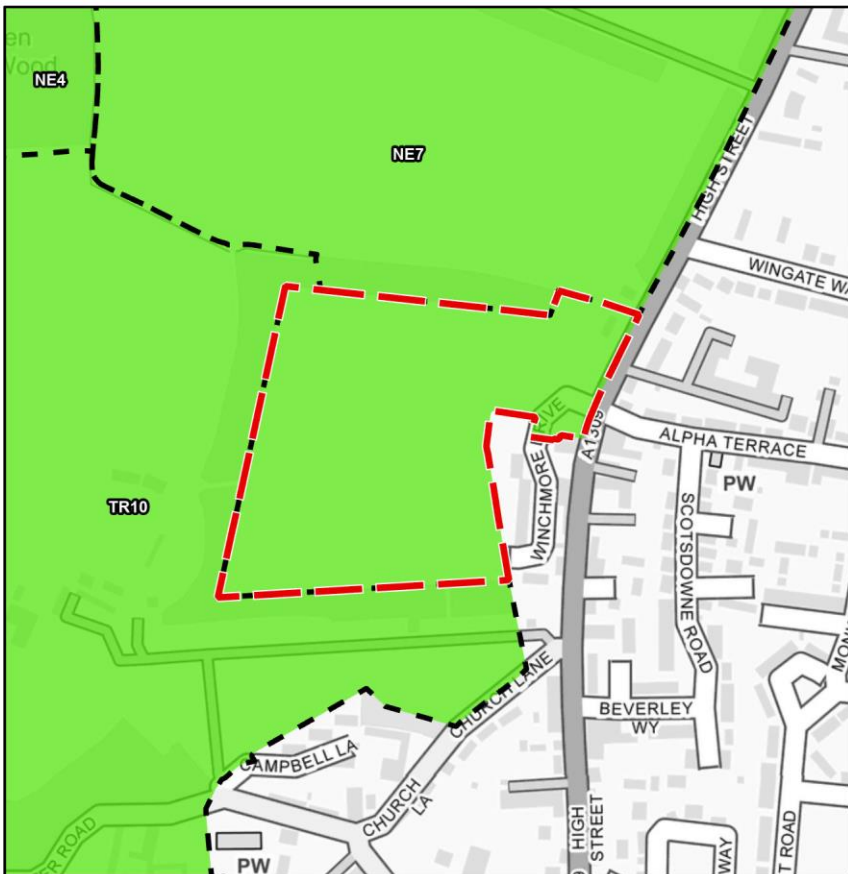
- Parcel TR10 makes a significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a significant contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into the city and a relatively significant contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be moderate-major. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cambridge, would be very high. Although retaining woodland would reduce the impact on adjacent Green Belt to moderate, this would still constitute very high harm.

Very High

# TR11



-  TR11
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



# TR11

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 6.13ha

The parcel is located to the south of Cambridge (Trumpington) and is comprised of arable land that is bordered by thick treelines on all edges.

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

Residential gardens at the inset edge create little separation between the parcel and Cambridge. Enclosure by tree cover to the west, north and south means that views of open countryside are limited and are balanced with those of the urban area to the east. The landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from Cambridge, but the parcel is not contained by urban development. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# TR11

## 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: Relatively significant

Land is open and adjacent to the main urban area of Cambridge. The parcel has some relationship with the urban area but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

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

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and has a moderate distinction from the edge of Cambridge (Trumpington), meaning it has some rural character. It falls within Trumpington Conservation Area, for which it contributes to the character and special qualities. It also forms part of the wider rural/parkland setting to Trumpington Hall (Grade II listed building), and therefore contributes positively to the character of the landscape and the setting of Cambridge and people's experience of it. 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 narrow gap between Grantchester and Cambridge (Trumpington), but there are some significant separating features, including woodland and the River Cam. It parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.



# TR11

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge:

Rating: Minor

The parcel is strongly contained by tree cover, so its release would have only a limited a degree of impact on the strength of the remaining gap between Cambridge and Grantchester, and on the positive contribution that adjacent land to the west makes to the character of the landscape and quality of Cambridge's setting. The parcel's release would create some containment of land to the north, but again the containing tree belts would limit this impact.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel TR11 makes a relatively significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, and to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city, 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 Cambridge, would be high.

High