

Land at North End, Bassingbourn assessment



A map of Land at North End, Bassingbourn

Site information	-
Site ID	115139
HELAA Site ID	200809
Suitable Site Area (ha)	8.66
Ward/Parish	Bassingbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield
Category of site	Dispersal: Villages
Category of settlement	Within or adjacent to minor rural centre
Current use(s)	Agricultural Land / Building
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	150-175
Suitability	-
Adopted Development Plan Policies RAG 2025	Amber

Adopted Development Plan Policies Comment 2025	Development of the site has some potential policy constraints, but these could be overcome through the planning application process.
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2025	Flood zone: Wholly in Flood Zone 1; Surface water flooding: 1% lies in a 1 in 100 year event and 1% lies in a 1 in 1000 year event
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2023	-
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2023	-
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2021	-
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2021	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Landscape Comment 2025	The site is on Grade 2 Agricultural Land outside the development framework. Though the Vision Document states it is visually contained due to the flat landform, visual impacts are likely to the north-west and from higher ground in the south. The development would extend into the open countryside from the existing, defined, settlement edge, diminishing the gap and views across the countryside between the village and North End. A smaller amount of development than proposed could be accommodated with a robust landscape strategy and retention of views across the countryside.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2023	-
Landscape Comment 2023	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	-
Landscape Comment 2021	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2025	Green
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	A development of the size and scale described would not provide any specific ecological risks to statutory or non-statutory designated sites. However, this does not remove the likelihood of protected and priority species being impacted, nor that a development of the type described would likely be eligible for mandatory biodiversity net gain.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2025	Development of the site would not have a detrimental impact on any designated site, or those with a regional or local protection.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	-

Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2021	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2021	-
Policy RAG Rating 2025	Green
Policy Officer Comment 2025	Site is not on protected open space designation. Any impact of the proposed development could be reasonably mitigated or compensated. Within 50m of an Important Countryside Frontage.
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Historic Environment Comments 2025	Site is within 100m of grade II listed buildings and the Bassingbourn Conservation Area. There are also other grade II listed buildings along North End with intervisibility to the site, and two Scheduled Ancient Monuments in close proximity to the site. The site has historically been agricultural and provided separation between Bassingbourn and the hamlet at North End. Development of the site could have a detrimental impact on a designated or non-designated heritage asset or the setting of a designated or non-designated heritage asset, but the impact could potentially be mitigated by landscape buffering.
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2023	-
Historic Environment Comments 2023	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2021	-
Historic Environment Comments 2021	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2025	Red
Archaeology Officer Comment 2025	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2023	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2023	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	-
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Amber
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-

Accessibility Comment 2025	Inadequate accessibility to key local services, transport, and employment opportunities. Proposed development would not require delivery of accompanying key services
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	The site has been scored as Amber. The site is acceptable in principle, subject to further detail and consultation. A significant level of infrastructure will be required outside the site boundary to encourage more sustainable transport links. It is unclear whether these sustainable transport links can be achieved within the local available constraints.
Site Access RAG Assessment 2023	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2021	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2021	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2025	Any potential impact on the functioning of trunk roads and/or local roads could be reasonably mitigated. The development would need to provide mitigation to reduce the vehicle impact and encourage active travel and public transport use. A Transport Assessment and a Travel Plan will be required.
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2023	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2023	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2021	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2021	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2025	The site is capable of being developed to provide healthy internal and external environments in regard to noise / vibration / odour/ Light Pollution after careful site layout, design and mitigation.
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2023	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2023	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2021	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2021	-

AQMA RAG Assessment 2025	Green
Air Quality Officer Comment 2025	The site has been scored as Green. The site does not lie within an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and therefore will have minimal traffic impact on designated AQMAs.
AQMA RAG Assessment 2023	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2023	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2021	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2021	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2025	Potential for historic contamination. The site is likely to be capable of being developed after appropriate mitigation or remediation of contamination / ground stability issues.
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2023	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2021	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2021	-
Overall Suitability Score	Red
Further constraints	_
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 1	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 2	100
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	0
Source Protection Zone	0
Highways England Zones	South West
Available	-
Is the site controlled by a developer or landowner who has expressed an intention to develop?	The site was submitted by the landowner and/or site promoter who has confirmed that the site is available for development in the timescales indicated.
Are there known legal or ownership impediments to development?	No

Is there planning permission to develop the site?	No relevant recent planning history
When will the site be available for development?	0 to 5 years
Available RAG	Amber
Achievable	-
Is there a reasonable prospect that the site will be developed?	The land has been promoted by the landowner and or developer and is known to be available for development. The site has a low existing use value and development is likely to be economically viable
Achievable RAG	Green
Capacity	-
Prevailing Density (weighted) (dwellings per ha)	30
Residential capacity at prevailing density	182
Estimated employment space (m2)	0
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	40-75
Development completion timescales (years)	6-10 Years



Land north of A505 Baldock Road, Royston assessment



A map of Land north of A505 Baldock Road, Royston

Site information	-
Site ID	115267
HELAA Site ID	47799
Suitable Site Area (ha)	153.85
Ward/Parish	Bassingbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield, Previously developed land
Category of site	New settlement
Category of settlement	Not within or adjacent to an existing settlement
Current use(s)	Agricultural Land / Building
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	4500
Suitability	-
Adopted Development Plan Policies RAG 2025	Amber

Adopted Development Plan Policies Comment 2025	Development of the site has some potential policy constraints, but these could be overcome through the planning application process.
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2025	Flood zone: Wholly in Flood Zone 1; Surface water flooding: 2% lies in a 1 in 1000 year event
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2023	-
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2023	-
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2021	The site contains areas at high, or medium risk from surface water flooding and/or the site contains some land in Flood Zones 2 and/or 3 but there is sufficient land in Flood Zone 1 to accommodate at least 5 additional dwellings or an increase of 500 square metres of employment floorspace.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2025	Red
Landscape Comment 2025	Having considered the additional information and change in site area, the overall assessment score has not changed. The negative impacts of development on the surrounding landscape remain the same as with the larger site area due to the openness of the existing landscape, its character and its location, separate from other settlements. Development of this scale in this location would likely erode these qualities significantly and further LVIA work would be needed to determine if this can be mitigated.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2023	-
Landscape Comment 2023	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	This is a large area separated into 4no. sites Wide and local views are high due to low lying land and lack of intervening vegetation. Development upon this site would have a significant adverse impact upon the landscape character. It would be an encroachment into the countryside and urbanisation of the rural landscape. Even with a reduction in residential units with landscape mitigation measures the harm would still be unacceptable, adverse and appear incongruous with the local rural landscape character.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	Having considered the updated information and the amendments to the site area, the site has been scored Amber. A development of the size and scale described would likely meet the criteria set out by Natural England that would raise concerns regarding impacts to statutory protected sites. This includes increases in recreational pressure on nearby statutory protected sites. The proposed development lies adjacent to and near to non-statutory designated sites and may require bespoke mitigation or compensation to remove any risk of harm.

Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2025	Development of the site may have a detrimental impact on a designated site, or those with a regional or local protection, but the impact could be reasonably mitigated or compensated.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2021	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	Therfield Heath SSSI lies to south of A505. Recreational impact on SSSI would need to be considered and on-site alternative green space likely to be required. Natural England would need to be consulted on any application for the site. Site includes Royston Road Roadside Verge County Wildlife site and Therfield Heath Local Natural Reserve. Likely to be significant impact on both as a result of proposals, unless site boundary revised. Boundary hedgerows/woodland may qualify as Habitats of Principal Importance/be of high ecological value. Arable habitats likely to be of low ecological value, although may support farmland bird populations. Buildings may support roosting bats (if suitable).
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2021	Development of the site would have a detrimental impact on designated sites, or those with a regional or local protection which cannot be reasonably mitigated or compensated as appropriate.
Policy RAG Rating 2025	Amber
Policy Officer Comment 2025	Site includes protected open space designation (Semi-Natural Green Space). Development of the site may have a detrimental impact on these protected open space designations, but the impact could be reasonably mitigated or compensated. Within 50m of a Semi Natural Green Space.
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Historic Environment Comments 2025	The reduced site area no longer includes the listed building but the development would still greatly impact its setting. The Litlington Conservation area and scheduled monuments would also be affected. Development of the site would have a detrimental impact on these heritage assets, but the impact could be reasonably mitigated, through layout, design and landscaping
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2023	-
Historic Environment Comments 2023	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Historic Environment Comments 2021	Development of the site would cause substantial harm, or severe or significant "less than substantial harm" to a designated heritage asset or the setting of a designated heritage asset which cannot be reasonably mitigated.

Archaeology RAG Assessment 2025	Red
Archaeology Officer Comment 2025	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2023	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2023	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	Located in a landscape of intensive prehistoric activity, including an extensive barrow field of Bronze Age funerary monuments. A rare Roman barrow is also located in the area. The Mile Ditches landscape boundary, of probable Iron Age origin crosses the site from south to north. The southern section of this asset is designated as a Scheduled Monument.
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Red
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	Inadequate accessibility to key local services, transport, and employment opportunities. Proposed development would require accompanying primary school, secondary school, local centre/employment provision, community centre and health centre
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	Red
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	Based on the new information provided, assessment of the site remains unchanged as Red. Consultation with Hertfordshire County Council is required to assess the acceptability of the primary access from the A505. Infrastructure will be required outside the site boundary to encourage more sustainable transport links, and it is unclear if this can be achieved within the local available constraints. Consultation with Cambridgeshire County Council and Network Rail is also required.
Site Access RAG Assessment 2023	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Site Access Officer Comment 2021	The access link to the public highway is unsuitable to serve the number of units that are being proposed.
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2025	Red
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2025	There no public transport links or good sustainable transport links to the site. The junctions near the site will need to be improved to mitigate the impact of this site. This development would require land to be acquired by the owner of the site. The form of junction between the A505 and Royston Road required to mitigate the impact of the vehicular trips without compromising the nearby level crossing requires land outside the site. This would lead to a reliance on shifts towards non-motorised modes, which would likely be very challenging to facilitate due to land constraints.

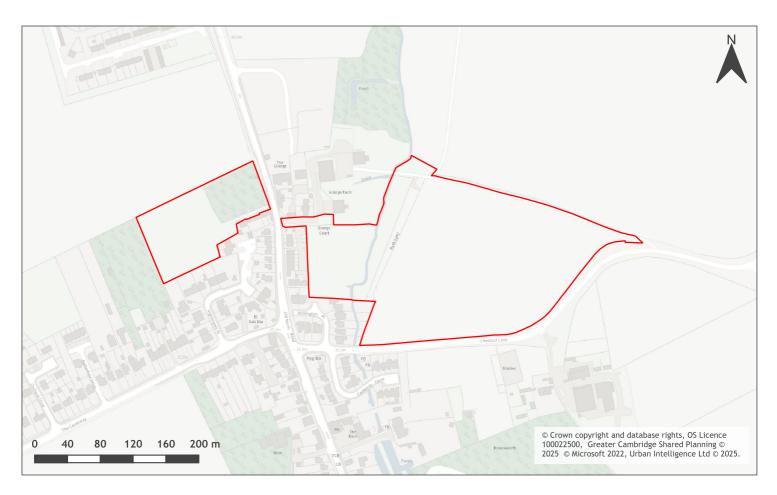
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Amber
Any potential impact on the functioning of trunk roads and/or local roads could be reasonably mitigated.
Amber
The proposed site will be affected by road traffic noise from nearby main roads but is acceptable in principle subject to appropriate detailed design considerations and mitigation.
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Amber
The proposed site will be affected by road traffic noise from nearby main roads but is acceptable in principle subject to appropriate detailed design considerations and mitigation.
Amber
Based on the additional information provided, assessment of the site remains unchanged as Amber. Given the size of the site and the number of units proposed, inherent/intrinsic designed-in air quality mitigation measures may be necessary to offset impacts on designated Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA).
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Amber
Large site and lots of residential units - potential for AQMA traffic impact without mitigation
Amber
The assessment score has not changed and remains amber. Previous agricultural land use on the site means there is the potential for historic contamination and conditions will be required.
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Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2021	Previous agricultural land use. Potential for historic contamination, conditions required.
Overall Suitability Score	Red
Further constraints	-
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 1	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 2	71.61
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	28.39
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	0
Source Protection Zone	100
Highways England Zones	South West
Available	-
Is the site controlled by a developer or landowner who has expressed an intention to develop?	The site was submitted by the landowner and/or site promoter who has confirmed that the site is available for development in the timescales indicated.
Are there known legal or ownership impediments to development?	No
Is there planning permission to develop the site?	Yes, Planning permission granted for construction of a solar project together with all associated works. (23/01317/FUL)
When will the site be available for development?	Unknown
Available RAG	Amber
Achievable	-
Is there a reasonable prospect that the site will be developed?	The land has been promoted by the landowner and or developer and is known to be available for development. The site has a low existing use value and development is likely to be economically viable
Achievable RAG	Green
Capacity	-
Prevailing Density (weighted) (dwellings per ha)	30
Residential capacity at prevailing density	2308
Estimated employment space (m2)	0
Estimated start date	6-10 Years

Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	225-230
Development completion	11-15 years
timescales (years)	



Land north of Chestnut Road, Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth assessment



A map of Land north of Chestnut Road, Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth

Site information	-
Site ID	115997
HELAA Site ID	40463
Suitable Site Area (ha)	6.56
Ward/Parish	Bassingbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield
Category of site	Dispersal: Villages
Category of settlement	Within or adjacent to Infill Village
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	86
Suitability	-
Adopted Development Plan Policies RAG 2025	Amber

Adopted Development Plan Policies Comment 2025	Development of the site has some potential policy constraints, but these could be overcome through the planning application process.
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2025	Flood Zone: Partly in Flood Zone 2 (1%). Partly in Flood Zone 3 (9%) Surface Water Flooding: 1% lies in a 1 in 1000 year event
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2023	-
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2023	-
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2021	The site contains areas at high, or medium risk from surface water flooding and/or the site contains some land in Flood Zones 2 and/or 3 but there is sufficient land in Flood Zone 1 to accommodate at least 5 additional dwellings or an increase of 500 square metres of employment floorspace.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2025	-
Landscape Comment 2025	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2023	-
Landscape Comment 2023	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Landscape Comment 2021	Site A: Whilst not part of the Development Framework is more associated with the village than with the wider countryside beyond. Landscape mitigation needed to enhance boundaries. Site B: Partial development to the west of the site may be possible with landscape mitigation.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2021	Amber

Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	Site unlikely to require consultation with Natural England. Habitats surrounded watercourse towards western area of site including woodland as well as boundary trees and hedgerows may qualify as Habitats of Principal Importance/be of high ecological value and support protected and notable species. Eastern arable habitats likely to be of low ecological value, although may support farmland bird populations. Applications may find provision of a net gain in biodiversity of a minimum of 10% difficult within their red line boundaries and may need to find off-site compensation.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2021	Development of the site would not have a detrimental impact on any designated site, or those with a regional or local protection.
Policy RAG Rating 2025	-
Policy Officer Comment 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2025	-
Historic Environment Comments 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2023	-
Historic Environment Comments 2023	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Historic Environment Comments 2021	Development of the site would have either a neutral or positive impact, but importantly not have a detrimental impact on any designated or non-designated heritage assets.
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2025	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2025	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2023	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2023	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	Located in a landscape of prehistoric and medieval archaeology including a medieval moat to the north
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Amber
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	-

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Amber
The proposed site is acceptable in principle subject to detailed design.
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Amber
Any potential impact on the functioning of trunk roads and/or local roads could be reasonably mitigated.
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Amber
The site is capable of being developed to provide healthy internal and external environments in regard to noise / vibration/ odour/ Light Pollution after careful site layout, design and mitigation.
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Green
Site does not lie within an AQMA. Minimal traffic impact on AQMA.

Contaminated Land RAG	
Assessment 2025	
Contaminated Land - Officer Comments 2025	
Contaminated Land RAG - Assessment 2023	
Contaminated Land - Officer Comments 2023	
Contaminated Land RAG Amber Assessment 2021	
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2021 Potential for history	oric contamination, conditions required.
Overall Suitability Score Amber	
Further constraints -	
Agricultural Land 0 Classification Grade 1	
Agricultural Land 98.9 Classification Grade 2	
Agricultural Land 0 Classification Grade 3	
Agricultural Land 0 Classification Grade 4	
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	
Agricultural Land 0 Classification Urban	
Source Protection Zone 0	
Highways England Zones South West	
Available -	
	nitted by the landowner and/or site promoter who has ne site is available for development in the timescales
Are there known legal or ownership impediments to development?	
Is there planning permission to develop the site?	nt planning history
When will the site be available for development?	
Available RAG Green	
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Achievable -	
Is there a reasonable prospect that the site will known to be avail	n promoted by the landowner and or developer and is lable for development. The site has a low existing use stial development is likely to be economically viable at ensity.

Capacity	-
Prevailing Density (weighted) (dwellings per ha)	30
Residential capacity at prevailing density	138
Estimated employment space (m2)	0
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	40-75
Development completion timescales (years)	0-5 Years



Land south of Chestnut Lane, Bassingbourn Cum Kneesworth assessment



A map of Land south of Chestnut Lane, Bassingbourn Cum Kneesworth

Site information	-
Site ID	115998
HELAA Site ID	40073
Suitable Site Area (ha)	1.05
Ward/Parish	Bassingbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield and Previously Developed Land
Category of site	Dispersal: Villages
Category of settlement	Within or adjacent to Infill Village
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	28
Suitability	-
Adopted Development Plan Policies RAG 2025	Amber

Adopted Development Plan Policies Comment 2025	Development of the site has some potential policy constraints, but these could be overcome through the planning application process.
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2025	Green
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2025	Flood Zone: Wholly in Flood Zone 1. Surface Water Flooding: None
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2023	-
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2023	-
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2021	The site is at low risk of flooding (within flood zone 1) and no risk from surface water flooding
Landscape RAG Assessment 2025	-
Landscape Comment 2025	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2023	-
Landscape Comment 2023	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Landscape Comment 2021	The site is a small L shaped field on the Eastern edge of Kneesworth. There are areas of scrub and several mature trees (including boundary TPO trees) in the southern part. There are limited views to and from the site, and it is enclosed by existing development and mature vegetation. It is likely that with suitable landscape mitigation, the site could be developed without significant adverse landscape impacts.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2021	Green

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Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	Application unlikely to require Natural England consultation. There are no apparent priority habitats within the site; however, there are hedges and wooded boundaries on site that are likely to have ecological value.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2021	Development of the site would not have a detrimental impact on any designated site, or those with a regional or local protection.
Policy RAG Rating 2025	-
Policy Officer Comment 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2025	-
Historic Environment Comments 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2023	-
Historic Environment Comments 2023	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Historic Environment Comments 2021	Development of the site would have either a neutral or positive impact, but importantly not have a detrimental impact on any designated or non-designated heritage assets.
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2025	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2025	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2023	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2023	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	Medieval settlement known in the vicinity
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Amber
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2023	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	-

Site Access RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Site Access Officer Comment 2021	The proposed site is acceptable in principle subject to detailed design.
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2025	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2025	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2023	Green
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2023	Based on the nature and scale of the proposed development, there are no substantial roads and transport impacts identified at this stage.
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2021	Any potential impact on the functioning of trunk roads and/or local roads could be reasonably mitigated.
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2025	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2025	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2023	New information provided has not changed the assessment. The site is capable of being developed to provide healthy internal and external environments in regard to noise / vibration/ odour/ Light Pollution after careful site layout, design and mitigation. Detailed site specific assessments will be required for any future planning applications at this location.
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2021	The site is capable of being developed to provide healthy internal and external environments in regard to noise / vibration/ odour/ Light Pollution after careful site layout, design and mitigation.
AQMA RAG Assessment 2025	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2025	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2023	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2023	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Air Quality Officer Comment 2021	Site does not lie within an AQMA. Minimal traffic impact on AQMA.
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2025	-

Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2025	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2023	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2021	Potential for historic contamination, conditions required.
Overall Suitability Score	Amber
Further constraints	-
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 1	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 2	100
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	0
Source Protection Zone	0
Highways England Zones	South West
Available	-
Is the site controlled by a developer or landowner who has expressed an intention to develop?	The site was submitted by the landowner and/or site promoter who has confirmed that the site is available for development in the timescales indicated.
Are there known legal or ownership impediments to development?	No
Is there planning permission to develop the site?	No relevant recent planning history
When will the site be available for development?	0-5 Years
Available RAG	Green
Achievable	-
Is there a reasonable prospect that the site will be developed?	The land has been promoted by the landowner and or developer and is known to be available for development. The site has a low existing use value and residential development is likely to be economically viable at an appropriate density.
Achievable RAG	Green
Capacity	-

Prevailing Density (weighted) (dwellings per ha)	30
Residential capacity at prevailing density	28
Estimated employment space (m2)	0
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	40-75
Development completion timescales (years)	0-5 Years



Land at Wireless Station Park, Chestnut Lane, Kneesworth assessment



A map of Land at Wireless Station Park, Chestnut Lane, Kneesworth

Site information	-
Site ID	115999
HELAA Site ID	40311
Suitable Site Area (ha)	13.78
Ward/Parish	Bassingbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield and Previously Developed Land
Category of site	Dispersal: Villages
Category of settlement	Not within or adjacent to an existing settlement
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	309
Suitability	-
Adopted Development Plan Policies RAG 2025	Amber

Adopted Development Plan Policies Comment 2025	Development of the site has some potential policy constraints, but these could be overcome through the planning application process.
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2025	Flood Zone: Wholly in Flood Zone 1. Surface Water Flooding: 1% lies in a 1 in 30 year event. 2% lies in a 1 in 100 year event. 9% lies in a 1 in 1000 year event
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2023	-
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2023	-
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2021	The site is at low risk of flooding (within flood zone 1) and no risk from surface water flooding
Landscape RAG Assessment 2025	-
Landscape Comment 2025	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2023	-
Landscape Comment 2023	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	The site is open and level and relatively well screened. However wide, open views would be available of the development from Kneesworth Road to the north east, and from the Hamcarlow Way to the west. The site is detached from the village and would appear as a large, isolated island of development in the wider landscape. If the existing industrial units remain, they will form an unattractive entrance and setting for any housing development.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	-

Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	All new housing developments will require assessment of increased visitor pressure on nearby SSSI. Site contains deciduous woodland, a group of ponds with a large reservoir adjacent to the northeast boundary, and hedges bounding the site.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2021	Development of the site may have a detrimental impact on a designated site, or those with a regional or local protection but the impact could be reasonably mitigated or compensated.
Policy RAG Rating 2025	-
Policy Officer Comment 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2025	-
Historic Environment Comments 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2023	-
Historic Environment Comments 2023	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Historic Environment Comments 2021	Depending on location and design of the access, this may have an impact on the neighbouring listed building, but the impact could be reasonably mitigated through design, layout and inclusion of a landscape buffer.
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2025	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2025	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2023	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2023	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	Numerous cropmarks known in the vicinity relating to the late prehistoric and Roman landscape
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Amber
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	-

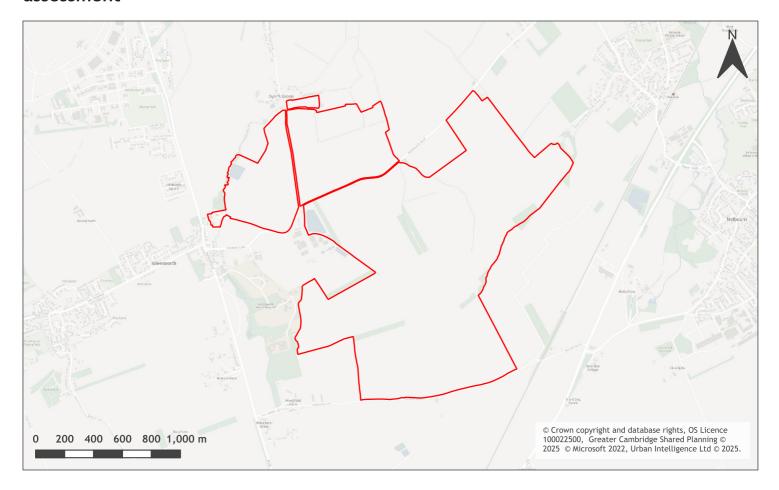
Site Access RAG Assessment 2023	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Site Access Officer Comment 2021	Subject to Detailed Design - Dependant on site 40073 coming forward to provide non motorised facility
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2025	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2025	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2023	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2023	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2021	Any potential impact on the functioning of trunk roads and/or local roads could be reasonably mitigated.
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2025	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2025	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2023	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2023	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2021	The site is capable of being developed to provide healthy internal and external environments in regard to noise / vibration/ odour/ Light Pollution after careful site layout, design and mitigation.
AQMA RAG Assessment 2025	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2025	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2023	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2023	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Air Quality Officer Comment 2021	Reasonably large site and lots of residential units - potential for AQMA traffic impact without mitigation

Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2025	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2025	-
Contaminated Land RAG - Assessment 2023	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
	Previous industrial/agricultural land use. Potential for historic contamination, conditions required.
Overall Suitability Score	Red
Further constraints -	-
Agricultural Land (Classification Grade 1	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 2	100
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land (Classification Urban	0
Source Protection Zone	0
Highways England Zones	South West
Available -	-
developer or landowner	The site was submitted by the landowner and/or site promoter who has confirmed that the site is available for development in the timescales indicated.
Are there known legal or ownership impediments to development?	No
Is there planning permission to develop the site?	No relevant recent planning history
When will the site be available for development?	0-5 Years
Available RAG	Green
Achievable -	-
Is there a reasonable	
prospect that the site will be developed?	The land has been promoted by the landowner and or developer and is known to be available for development. The site has a low existing use value and residential development is likely to be economically viable at an appropriate density.

Capacity	-
Prevailing Density (weighted) (dwellings per ha)	30
Residential capacity at prevailing density	207
Estimated employment space (m2)	0
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	50
Development completion timescales (years)	6-10 Years



Land North and South of Chesnut Lane and Kneesworth Road, Bassingbourn assessment



A map of Land North and South of Chesnut Lane and Kneesworth Road, Bassingbourn

Site information	-
Site ID	116000
HELAA Site ID	40105
Suitable Site Area (ha)	279.63
Ward/Parish	Bassingbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield and Previously Developed Land
Category of site	Dispersal: Villages
Category of settlement	Not within or adjacent to an existing settlement
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	1900
Suitability	-
Adopted Development Plan Policies RAG 2025	Amber

Adopted Development Plan Policies Comment 2025	Development of the site has some potential policy constraints, but these could be overcome through the planning application process.
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2025	Flood Zone: Partly in Flood Zone 2 (1%). Partly in Flood Zone 3 (1%) Surface Water Flooding: 1% lies in a 1 in 100 year event. 2% lies in a 1 in 1000 year event
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2023	-
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2023	-
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2021	The site is within flood zones 3a or 3b.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2025	-
Landscape Comment 2025	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2023	-
Landscape Comment 2023	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	The Site is a very large collection of agricultural fields which extend from Kneesworth to the west to Meldreth to the east. The site, being so large, will have a significant impact on the character of the area. There are potential harmful impacts relating to the potential amalgamation of Meldreth and Kneesworth
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2021	Amber

Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	All new housing developments will require assessment of increased visitor pressure on nearby SSSI. The site contains deciduous woodland priority habitat, as well as grasslands, hedges and wooded boundaries on site that are also likely to have ecological value.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2021	Development of the site may have a detrimental impact on a designated site, or those with a regional or local protection but the impact could be reasonably mitigated or compensated.
Policy RAG Rating 2025	-
Policy Officer Comment 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2025	-
Historic Environment Comments 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2023	-
Historic Environment Comments 2023	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Historic Environment Comments 2021	Scale of development proposed is such that it could have an impact on the setting of all the nearby listed buildings. The extent and significance of this impact would depend on design, layout and landscaping.
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2025	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2025	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2023	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2023	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	Extensive archaeology of prehistoric and Roman date includes Bronze Age barrow fields and areas of settlement.
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Amber
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2023	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	-

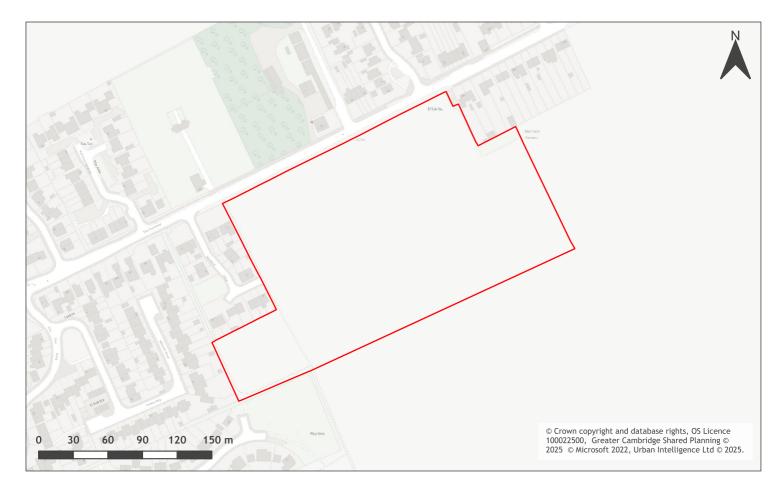
Site Access RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Site Access Officer Comment 2021	The proposed site is acceptable in principle subject to detailed design.
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2025	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2025	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2023	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2023	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2021	Any potential impact on the functioning of trunk roads and/or local roads could be reasonably mitigated.
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2025	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2025	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2023	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2023	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2021	The proposed site will be affected by road traffic noise from nearby main roads and will be affected by railway noise (and possibly vibration) but is acceptable in principle subject to appropriate detailed design considerations and mitigation.
AQMA RAG Assessment 2025	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2025	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2023	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2023	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Air Quality Officer Comment 2021	Large site and lots of residential units - potential for AQMA traffic impact without mitigation. Site does not lie within an AQMA.
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2025	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2025	-

Contaminated Land RAG	-
Assessment 2023	
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2021	Previous agricultural buildings and land use. Potential for historic contamination, conditions required.
Overall Suitability Score	Red
Further constraints	-
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 1	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 2	100
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	0
Source Protection Zone	22.78
Highways England Zones	South West
Available	-
Is the site controlled by a developer or landowner who has expressed an intention to develop?	The site was submitted by the landowner and/or site promoter who has confirmed that the site is available for development in the timescales indicated.
Are there known legal or ownership impediments to development?	No
Is there planning permission to develop the site?	No relevant recent planning history
When will the site be available for development?	6-10 Years
Available RAG	Green
Achievable	
Is there a reasonable prospect that the site will be developed?	The land has been promoted by the landowner and or developer and is known to be available for development. The site has a low existing use value and residential development is likely to be economically viable at an appropriate density.
Achievable RAG	Green
Capacity	-
Prevailing Density (weighted) (dwellings per ha)	30

Residential capacity at prevailing density	4194
Estimated employment space (m2)	0
Estimated start date	6-10 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	145
Development completion timescales (years)	11-15 Years



Land off The Causeway, Bassingbourn assessment



A map of Land off The Causeway, Bassingbourn

Site information	
Site ID	116001
HELAA Site ID	40228
Suitable Site Area (ha)	4.46
Ward/Parish	Bassingbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield
Category of site	Dispersal: Villages
Category of settlement	Within or adjacent to Infill Village
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	75
Suitability	-
Adopted Development Plan Policies RAG 2025	Amber

Adopted Development Plan Policies Comment 2025	Development of the site has some potential policy constraints, but these could be overcome through the planning application process.
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2025	Green
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2025	Flood Zone: Wholly in Flood Zone 1. Surface Water Flooding: None
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2023	-
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2023	-
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2021	The site is at low risk of flooding (within flood zone 1) and no risk from surface water flooding
Landscape RAG Assessment 2025	-
Landscape Comment 2025	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2023	Red
Landscape Comment 2023	A landscape and visual appraisal has been submitted which sets out the context and character of the site and shows the visibility of the site from 10 locations around the site. Development of the whole site would result in loss of the distinctive open fields and landscape character between Bassingbourn and Kneesworth. Development would only be acceptable with a reduced number of homes, located on the western side of the site where they can be absorbed into the existing settlement, leaving the open landscape to the east unchanged.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	Development on this site will have a significant impact on available views to the south from The Causeway, which is already affected by existing and new encroaching development. The development will also further weaken any remaining separation between Bassingbourn and Kneesworth.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2023	Green

Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	The supporting documents indicate that an ecological consultant have provided initial observations. This concludes that the on-site hedgerow contains limited ecological interest. However, the hedgerow is still likely a Priority habitat and on-site compensation will still be required if this habitat is impacted. No change to the site assessment scoring, as the development will not impact upon any designated sites.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	Development of the site would not have a detrimental impact on any designated site, or those with a regional or local protection.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	Application unlikely to require Natural England Consultation. There are no apparent priority habitats within the site; however there are grasslands, hedges and wooded boundaries on site that are likely to have ecological value.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2021	Development of the site would not have a detrimental impact on any designated site, or those with a regional or local protection.
Policy RAG Rating 2025	-
Policy Officer Comment 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2025	-
Historic Environment Comments 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2023	-
Historic Environment Comments 2023	The additional information submitted agrees that the layout of the site would have to be carefully considered to mitigate the impact on the heritage assets. Until that layout has been seen the RAG rating should remain as amber.
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Historic Environment Comments 2021	Possible impact to wider setting of heritage assets and approach and setting of Bassingbourn Conservation Area. Careful consideration required regarding impact to northern site boundary adjacent to The Causeway. Development of the site could have a detrimental impact on a designated or non-designated heritage asset or the setting of a designated or non-designated heritage asset, but the impact could be reasonably mitigated.
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2025	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2025	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Archaeology Officer Comment 2023	Based on the additional information provided, the assessment for the site remains unchanged as Amber as there is evidence of archaeology in the area that will require further investigation.
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	Amber

Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	The site has potential for archaeology of prehistoric and medieval date with finds of prehistoric pottery recorded to the immediate west
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 -	Amber
Automated	
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2023	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Site Access Officer Comment 2021	The proposed site is acceptable in principle subject to detailed design.
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2025	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2025	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2023	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2023	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2021	This falls below the threshold for a Transport Assessment
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2025	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2025	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2023	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2023	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2021	Amber

Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2021	The site is capable of being developed to provide healthy internal and external environments in regard to noise / vibration/ odour/ Light Pollution after careful site layout, design and mitigation.
AQMA RAG Assessment 2025	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2025	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2023	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2023	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Air Quality Officer Comment 2021	Site does not lie within an AQMA
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2025	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2025	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2023	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2021	Potential for historic contamination, conditions required.
Overall Suitability Score	Red
Further constraints	-
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 1	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 2	100
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	0
Source Protection Zone	0
Highways England Zones	South West
Available	-
Is the site controlled by a developer or landowner who has expressed an intention to develop?	The site was submitted by the landowner and/or site promoter who has confirmed that the site is available for development in the timescales indicated.

Are there known legal or ownership impediments to development?	No
Is there planning permission to develop the site?	No relevant recent planning history
When will the site be available for development?	0-5 Years
Available RAG	Green
Achievable	-
Is there a reasonable prospect that the site will be developed?	The land has been promoted by the landowner and or developer and is known to be available for development. The site has a low existing use value and residential development is likely to be economically viable at an appropriate density.
Achievable RAG	Green
Capacity	-
Prevailing Density (weighted) (dwellings per ha)	30
Residential capacity at prevailing density	107
Estimated employment space (m2)	0
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	40-75
Development completion timescales (years)	0-5 Years



Land off Poplar Farm Close, Bassingbourn assessment



A map of Land off Poplar Farm Close, Bassingbourn

Site information	-
Site ID	116002
HELAA Site ID	40230
Suitable Site Area (ha)	0.37
Ward/Parish	Bassingbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield
Category of site	Dispersal: Villages
Category of settlement	Within or adjacent to Minor Rural Centre
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	7
Suitability	-
Adopted Development Plan Policies RAG 2025	Amber

Adopted Development	Development of the site has some potential policy constraints, but these
Plan Policies Comment 2025	could be overcome through the planning application process.
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2025	Flood Zone: Wholly in Flood Zone 1. Surface Water Flooding: 6% lies in a 1 in 1000 year event
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2023	-
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2023	-
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2021	The site is at low risk of flooding (within flood zone 1) and no risk from surface water flooding
Landscape RAG Assessment 2025	-
Landscape Comment 2025	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Landscape Comment 2023	Additional information has been submitted to show Highways access and a more detailed site layout. The new information does not include more detail on landscape and so the RAG assessment remains amber.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Landscape Comment 2021	The Brooks Road boundary has value with a policy designation NH/13 Important Countryside Frontage to the village and the current aspect of hedging and trees should be retained. The site is very contained by the surrounding development and vegetation and views are not easily achieved inwards or outwards. It is expected that the 7 units proposed could be achieved with sympathetic layouts which maintain the existing village character and could potentially reuse or mimic existing farm buildings. Equally boundaries with existing residential developments may need to be strengthened with additional vegetation.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2025	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2023	Green
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	The supporting documents indicate that an ecological consultant have provided initial observations. This indicates that the site is likely to contain relatively low ecological value, but further surveys for protected and Priority species will be required. No change to the site assessment scoring, as the development will not impact upon any designated sites.

Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	Development of the site would not have a detrimental impact on any designated site, or those with a regional or local protection.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	Application unlikely to require Natural England consultation. There are no apparent priority habitats within the site; however, there are grasslands, wooded areas, hedges and wooded boundaries on site that are likely to have ecological value. Applications may find provision of a net gain in biodiversity of a minimum of 10% difficult within their red line boundaries and may need to find offsite compensation.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2021	Development of the site would not have a detrimental impact on any designated site, or those with a regional or local protection.
Policy RAG Rating 2025	-
Policy Officer Comment 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2025	-
Historic Environment Comments 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Historic Environment Comments 2023	The potential layout as submitted has built form very close to the listed building, Poplar Farmhouse, and appears to demolish the end of an existing range of outbuildings. The heritage of those outbuilding would need to be checked so see whether they are of historic interest. Views between the proposed development area and the listed building would need to be assessed to ensure that the setting of the heritage assets is not unduly affected. There are still some concerns, but these could be mitigated with the right number of dwellings carefully placed.
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Historic Environment Comments 2021	Poplar Farm is located within the historic core of the village, with a listed farmhouse and this site forms part of the farmhouse's setting. Development of the site could have a detrimental impact on a designated or non-designated heritage asset or the setting of a designated or non-designated heritage asset, but the impact could be reasonably mitigated.
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2025	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2025	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2023	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2023	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	Located in the historic core of the village

Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Green
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	Based on the information provided, the site access assessment has been changed to Amber as a direct link to the adopted public highway is shown. The proposed site is acceptable in principle, subject to detailed design at a planning application stage.
Site Access RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Site Access Officer Comment 2021	The proposed site does not to have a direct link to the adopted public highway.
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2025	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2025	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2023	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2023	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2021	Development of the site will not have a detrimental impact on the functioning of trunk roads and/or local roads.
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2025	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2025	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2023	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2023	-
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2021	The proposed site will be affected by road traffic noise from nearby main roads but is acceptable in principle subject to appropriate detailed design considerations and mitigation.

AQMA RAG Assessment 2025	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2025	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2023	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2023	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Air Quality Officer Comment 2021	Site does not lie within an AQMA. Minimal traffic impact on AQMA.
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2025	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2025	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2023	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2021	No prior history of development.
Overall Suitability Score	Amber
Further constraints	-
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 1	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 2	100
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	0
Source Protection Zone	0
Highways England Zones	South West
Available	
Is the site controlled by a developer or landowner who has expressed an intention to develop?	The site was submitted by the landowner and/or site promoter who has confirmed that the site is available for development in the timescales indicated.
Are there known legal or ownership impediments to development?	No

Is there planning permission to develop the site?	No relevant recent planning history
When will the site be available for development?	0-5 Years
Available RAG	Green
Achievable	-
Is there a reasonable prospect that the site will be developed?	The land has been promoted by the landowner and or developer and is known to be available for development. The site has a low existing use value and residential development is likely to be economically viable at an appropriate density.
Achievable RAG	Green
Capacity	-
Prevailing Density (weighted) (dwellings per ha)	30
Residential capacity at prevailing density	11
Estimated employment space (m2)	0
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	40-75
Development completion timescales (years)	0-5 Years