

Henry Giles House, 73-79 Chesterton Road, Cambridge assessment



A map of Henry Giles House, 73-79 Chesterton Road, Cambridge

Site information	-
Site ID	115510
HELAA Site ID	40103
Suitable Site Area (ha)	0.63
Ward/Parish	West Chesterton
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Previously Developed Land
Category of site	Densification of existing urban areas
Category of settlement	Cambridge City
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	80
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 100 year event. 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 is within flood zone 2 (taking into account climate change) and/or is within an area at high, medium or low 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 is part of a larger Allocation site within Chesterton. The Allocation site itself is part of a larger Mitcham's Corner Opportunity Area designation. The proposals suggest a unit number higher than the Allocation recommendation. For this reason we recommend a score of Amber with the understanding that adjustments will likely need to be made to accommodate adequate green space.
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 close to River Cam County Wildlife site. No direct impact on riverbank or watercourse envisaged. Potential indirect effect of artificial lighting changes on site. Potential for bat species to be using existing buildings.
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	Any development here would have significant impacts on conservation area, townscape and setting of listed buildings, but impact of existing building is negative, so there is an opportunity for enhancement.
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 an area with potential for Roman and medieval archaeology
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	-
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 road (Chesterton Rd), but is acceptable in principle subject to appropriate detailed design considerations and mitigation. The site is capable of being developed in regard to 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	Will require inherent / intrinsic designed in AQ 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
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2021	Brownfield site, contamination expected and planning conditions required
Overall Suitability Score	Amber
Further constraints	-
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 1	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 2	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	100
Source Protection Zone	0
Highways England Zones	Cambridge
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	18
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

Henry Giles House, 73-79 Chesterton Road (Policy 27 - R4) assessment



A map of Henry Giles House, 73-79 Chesterton Road (Policy 27 - R4)

Site information	-
Site ID	115511
HELAA Site ID	OS038
Suitable Site Area (ha)	0.77
Ward/Parish	West Chesterton
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Previously Developed Land
Category of site	Densification of existing urban areas
Category of settlement	Cambridge City
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	48
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. 3% lies in a 1 in 100 year event. 4% 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	Green
Landscape Comment 2021	The site is a collection of outdated office blocks and car parking located within the Mitcham's Corner Opportunity Area. The landscape impacts are low. Should retain trees where possible. Additional landscape must be included in any proposals. The unit numbers suggest potential for flatted or multi-story development though we foresee it may not exceed the triggers of Policy 60.
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	25m north of River Cam County Wildlife site, designated due to riparian habitat including pollarded willows. No direct impact on riverbank or watercourse envisaged - avoidance measures and habitat enhancements likely to be possible. Potential indirect effect of artificial lighting changes on site. May be potential for bat/nesting bird species to be using existing buildings. Trees may have ecological value in the site context.
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	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 to the east of historic Castle Hill area with potential for archaeology of Roman, Medieval and post medieval date to survive in the area
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	-
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	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	-
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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 lies within an AQMA. Will require inherent / intrinsic designed in AQ mitigation eg EVCP - City
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	Brownfield site, contamination expected, conditions required
Overall Suitability Score	Amber
Further constraints	-
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 1	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 2	0
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Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	100
Source Protection Zone	0
Highways England Zones	Cambridge
Available	-
Is the site controlled by a developer or landowner who has expressed an intention to develop?	The site is an existing Local Plan Allocation and confirmation of its availability has been confirmed in the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five year Housing Land Supply
Are there known legal or ownership impediments to development?	No
Is there planning permission to develop the site?	Yes, Planning permission granted for additional floorspace
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?	Land is known to be available, evidenced through the published housing trajectory. The site has a low existing use value and 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	22
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