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. A majority of the site is shown as traditional orchard priority habitat with some deciduous woodland in the northern section, ecological compensation for the loss of such habitats may make this an unviable site. There are also buildings, grasslands, woodland areas, hedges, and wooded boundaries on site that are likely to have ecological value. Applications may find provision of a 10% net gain in biodiversity difficult within their red line boundaries and may need to find offsite compensation to comply with up-coming National legislation and developing local policies.
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	-
Policy RAG Rating 2023	-
Policy Officer Comment 2023	-
Policy RAG Rating 2021	Green
Policy Officer Comments 2021	Site is not on protected open space designation. Any impact of the proposed development could be reasonably mitigated or compensated.
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	Excavations on the adjacent development site revealed archaeology of Neplithic, Bronze Age and Roman date. The site plan indicates that features extend into this area.
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Green
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	Good accessibility to key local services, transport, and employment opportunities. Proposed development would not require delivery of accompanying key services
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	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	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	Green

Noise, Vibration, Odour	The site is capable of being developed to provide healthy internal and
and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2021	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	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	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?	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	89
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 Bramley Avenue, Melbourn assessment



A map of Land south of Bramley Avenue, Melbourn

Site information	_
Site ID	115992
HELAA Site ID	59396
Suitable Site Area (ha)	3.84941974149726
Ward/Parish	Melbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Previously Developed Land
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	80-100
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	Amber
Assessment 2025	
Flood Risk Officer	Flood Zone: Wholly in Flood Zone 1. Surface Water Flooding: 2% lies in a
Comment 2025	1 in 100 year event. 8% lies in a 1 in 1000 year event
Flood Risk RAG	Amber
Assessment 2023	
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2023	-
Flood Risk RAG	
Assessment 2021	
Flood Risk Officer	_
Comment 2021	
Landscape RAG	-
Assessment 2025	
Landscape Comment 2025	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2023	Red
Landscape Comment 2023	The site is an enclosed parcel of land comprising an orchard and farmyard with two residential buildings and associated outbuildings which afford a transition between the village and surrounding arable fields. The site is outside of the development framework boundary but abuts it where residential development occurs along Bramley Avenue to the north. The wider landscape setting is largely rural south and west comprising arable parcels of land, north and west bound is the main village. The site is very well contained in its rural location as it has adequate tree cover along all boundaries, screening views into and out of the site. The preservation of the rural countryside character is important and so residential development within this location is inappropriate and clearing of this orchard to facilitate this development is not a sustainable solution. Any development of the site would and cause an irreversible change and irreparable harm to the local character which would not be possible to mitigate.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	-
Landscape Comment 2021	-
Biodiversity and	
Geodiversity RAG	
Assessment 2025	
Biodiversity Officer	-
Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	
Biodiversity and	_
Geodiversity Guideline	
Comments 2025	
Biodiversity and	Amber
Geodiversity RAG	
Assessment 2023	

Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	All new housing developments will require assessment of increased visitor pressure on nearby SSSIs. The majority of the site consists of traditional orchard Priority habitat and it is unlikely that proportionate on-site mitigation will be deliverable.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	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 2021	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2021	-
Policy RAG Rating 2025	-
Policy Officer Comment 2025	-
Policy RAG Rating 2023	Green
Policy Officer Comment 2023	Site is not on protected open space designation. Any impact of the proposed development could be reasonably mitigated or compensated.
Policy RAG Rating 2021	-
Policy Officer Comments 2021	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2025	-
Historic Environment Comments 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2023	Green
Historic Environment Comments 2023	There are no known heritage assets on or adjacent to this site. Therefore 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.
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2021	-
Historic Environment Comments 2021	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2025	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2025	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Archaeology Officer Comment 2023	Located in a landscape of extensive prehistoric activity
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	-

Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Green
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	Good accessibility to key local services, transport, and employment opportunities. Proposed development would not require delivery of accompanying key services
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2023	Red
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	The proposed site is unacceptable as Bramley Ave is not an Adopted Public Highway so there is no link to the Adopted Public Highway from the proposed development
Site Access RAG Assessment 2021	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2021	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2025	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2025	-
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2023	The site is within cycling distance of Meldreth Station. It will need to provide Non-Motorised User links to the Station and links into Cambridge via the Melbourn Greenway. The site will potentially impact on local junctions including the congested A10 and will therefore require a robust Travel Plan.
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2021	-
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2021	-
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	Green
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2023	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 2021	-

Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2021	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2025	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2025	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Air Quality Officer Comment 2023	The site is located outside AQMA but there is potential for an impact on AQMA which will require inherent / intrinsic designed in Air Quality mitigation.
AQMA RAG Assessment 2021	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2021	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2025	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2025	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	This site is adjacent to contaminated land and there is, therefore, the potential for contamination and planning conditions will be required
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	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?	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	92
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 North East of New Road, Melbourn assessment



A map of Land North East of New Road, Melbourn

Site information	-
Site ID	115993
HELAA Site ID	56170
Suitable Site Area (ha)	20.9657500490044
Ward/Parish	Melbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield
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	300
Suitability	-
Adopted Development Plan Policies RAG 2025	Amber

Adopted Development	Development of the site has some notential policy constraints, but these
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	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	The site is a large rectangular field outlying the village of Melbourn. Northern and southern boundaries are largely open with low gappy hedges and very occasional trees. Development upon this site would have a significant adverse harm to the local landscape character. It would be detached the existing settlement framework and appear incongruous with the rural landscape. The development would be an encroachment into the landscape and be permanent. Even with a reduction in residential units the harm would still be adverse and unacceptable.
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 SSSIs, LNRs and CWSs; specifically, the nearby RSPB Fowlmere reserve. Site currently agricultural land and, therefore, minimal on-site habitats or potential to support protected species. However, scarce farmland birds may be present and the boundary hedge may be classed as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations. Potential to impact on hydrology of Fowlmere.
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. GB
Policy RAG Rating 2025	-
Policy Officer Comment 2025	-
Policy RAG Rating 2023	-
Policy Officer Comment 2023	-
Policy RAG Rating 2021	Green
Policy Officer Comments 2021	Site is not on protected open space designation. Any impact of the proposed development could be reasonably mitigated or compensated.
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	Bronze Age ring ditch and enclosures located in the area
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Amber

Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	Adequate accessibility to key local services, transport, and employment opportunities.
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 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	-

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Agricultural Land Classification Grade 1 Agricultural Land Classification Grade 2 Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3 Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4 Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4 Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	Overall Suitability Score	Red
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Classification Non Agricultural		0
Agricultural Land 0	Classification Non	0
Classification Urban	Agricultural Land Classification Urban	0
Source Protection Zone 100	Source Protection Zone	100
Highways England Zones South West	Highways England Zones	South West
Available -	Available	-
	developer or landowner who has expressed an	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?	ownership impediments	No
Is there planning permission to develop the site?	permission to develop the	No relevant recent planning history
When will the site be available for development? 6-10 Years	available for	6-10 Years

Available RAG	Green
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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	314
Estimated employment space (m2)	0
Estimated start date	6-10 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	50
Development completion timescales (years)	11-15 Years



Land between New Road and Water Lane, Melbourn assessment



A map of Land between New Road and Water Lane, Melbourn

Site information	-
Site ID	115994
HELAA Site ID	40500
Suitable Site Area (ha)	4.45710117381256
Ward/Parish	Melbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield
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	90
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. 9% 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	Red
Landscape Comment 2023	New information includes representations and Landscape and Visual Statement. The site is a large open field outside the village framework, visible from surrounding roads and countryside. Any development of the site would have a negative landscape impact because on views from east, south and west, and cause irreparable harm to the local character which would not be possible to mitigate. The RAG rating remains red.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	The site is outside of development framework boundary and creeps south into the countryside. The site is in proximity to Policy NH/11: Protected Village Amenity Areas. Adjacent development sites should aim to protect the character, amenity, tranquillity or function of the village. Preservation of the rural countryside character is important. The site is clearly visible from the adjacent orchard which is on higher ground and open to the countryside in the south. Limited development may be acceptable with 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	Amber

Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal has been submitted to support the application. This identifies the presence of arable field margins and native hedgerow Priority habitat within the site, which could be retained or compensated as part of the site masterplan. A number of further surveys for protected and Priority / notable species have also been recommended. The ecological assessment also proposes that greenspace is required within the development to minimise impacts from visitor pressure on the botanical features of Fowlmere Watercress Beds SSSI and Natural England will need to be consulted. As a result, there is no change to the site assessment scoring.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	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 2021	Amber
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	All new housing developments will require assessment of increased visitor pressure on nearby SSSI. 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. Applications may find provision of a 10% net gain in biodiversity difficult within their red line boundaries and may need to find offsite compensation to comply with up-coming National legislation and developing local policies.
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	-
Policy RAG Rating 2023	-
Policy Officer Comment 2023	-
Policy RAG Rating 2021	Green
Policy Officer Comments 2021	Site is not on protected open space designation. Any impact of the proposed development could be reasonably mitigated or compensated.
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 extensive prehistoric, Roman and Saxon activity, with cropmarks of linear features and Bronze Age funerary monuments recorded in the vicinity.
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Amber
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	Adequate accessibility to key local services, transport, and employment opportunities.
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	Based on the new information provided, the site access assessment has been changed to Amber. The proposed site is acceptable in principle, subject to detailed design at a planning application stage. Discussions with the County Council Public Rights of Way team will be required.
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	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	Green
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	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	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?	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 New Road, Melbourn assessment



A map of Land off New Road, Melbourn

Site information	-
Site ID	115995
HELAA Site ID	40337
Suitable Site Area (ha)	5.89672886230548
Ward/Parish	Melbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield
Category of site	Dispersal: Villages / Transport Corridor
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	140
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	New information provided does not alter the previous assessment of development causing unacceptable and adverse harm.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	The site comprises an orchard to the south of Melbourn, outside the Development Framework Boundary. The wider landscape setting is largely rural to the east, south and west comprising arable parcels of land with farmsteads set amongst the landscape, north bound is the main village itself. The site is located on higher terrain and is prominent in views from lower areas in the west and views outward from the site are extensive. Residential development would be inappropriate in this location and would not preserve or enhance the existing rural countryside character of the area. Even with a reduction in residential units with landscape mitigation works the harm would still be adverse and unacceptable
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	No additional information has been provided in relation to ecology impacts, mitigation or Biodiversity Net Gain. Therefore, there is no change to the site assessment scoring.

Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	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 2021	Amber
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	All new housing developments will require assessment of increased visitor pressure on nearby SSSI, and any residential development above 100 will require consultation with Natural England. Aerial photography from August 2018 show a majority of the area to be orchards with wooded boundaries separating plots. There are no apparent priority habitats within the site; however, there are grasslands, woodland areas (orchards), hedges, and wooded boundaries on site that are likely to have ecological value. Applications may find provision of a 10% net gain in biodiversity difficult within their red line boundaries and may need to find offsite compensation to comply with up-coming National legislation and developing local policies.
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	-
Policy RAG Rating 2023	-
Policy Officer Comment 2023	-
Policy RAG Rating 2021	Green
Policy Officer Comments 2021	Site is not on protected open space designation. Any impact of the proposed development could be reasonably mitigated or compensated.
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2025	-
Historic Environment Comments 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2023	Green
Historic Environment Comments 2023	Additional information has been provided in relation to heritage impacts and mitigation. As per the original assessment, development will not have a detrimental impact on designated or non-designated assets and therefore does not change the assessment score.
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	Amber

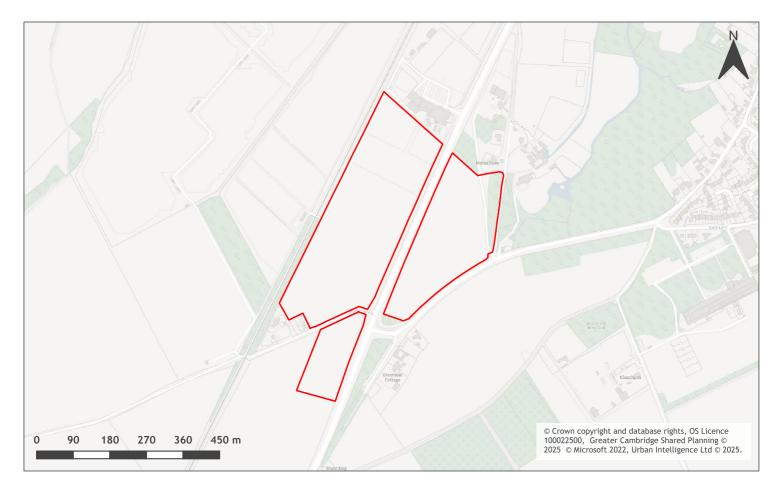
Archaeology Officer	Based on the additional information provided, the assessment for the
Comment 2023	site remains unchanged as Amber as there is evidence of archaeology in the area that will require further investigation.
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	Located in a landscape of extensive prehistoric, Roman and Saxon activity, with cropmarks of linear features and Bronze Age funerary monuments recorded in the vicinity.
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Amber
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	Adequate accessibility to key local services, transport, and employment opportunities.
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	Based on the new information provided, the site access assessment remains unchanged. The proposed site is acceptable in principle, subject to detailed design at a planning application stage.
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	Amber
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2023	Based on the additional information provided the assessment score remains amber. The site is some distance from Meldreth Station therefore enhanced non motorised user routes will be required with potential contribution towards the Melbourn Greenway. Possible mitigation will also be required at local junctions with the A10.
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. 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 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	Green
Air Quality Officer Comment 2023	The additional information provided does not significantly affect air quality issues or mitigation. Therefore the assessment of the site remains unchanged since the original assessment. The site does not lie within an AQMA and there will be minimal impact on AQMA.
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	Green
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	The new information has been reviewed but the assessment of the site remains unchanged. This site is considered suitable as there is no history of development.
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2021	No prior history of development.
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	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?	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	124
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 adjacent to A10 and Royston Road, Melbourn assessment



A map of Land adjacent to A10 and Royston Road, Melbourn

Site information	-
Site ID	115996
HELAA Site ID	40262
Suitable Site Area (ha)	18.2869041784911
Ward/Parish	Melbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield
Category of site	Dispersal: Villages
Category of settlement	Not within or adjacent to an existing settlement
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Mixed use
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	87000
Proposed residential capacity	0
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. 6% 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	Red
Landscape Comment 2023	New information submitted includes further representations and a masterplan. Despite the proposed partial change of use, the submitted information does not address the negative impact of this development which still poses as encroachment into the countryside and a significant step towards development sprawling on an well defined village edge. Therefore the RAG rating remains red.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	The site allows remarkable views across it from both the A10 and Royston Road and allows for a full experience of the NCA87 character type of spacious and strong rural character with rolling hills beyond. Development throughout the site would have a significant adverse impact to the wide and local landscape character. It would be permanent, encroachment into the countryside and removal of the strong open rural landscape. Even with a reduction in both commercial and residential build with landscape mitigation works the harm would still be adverse and unacceptable
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2023	Amber

Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	The Site Promotional Document indicates that a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal has been undertaken. This indicates that site is unlikely result in direct impacts upon adjacent SSSI's, but further information will be required to fully demonstrate no adverse impacts. Therefore, there is no change to the site assessment scoring.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	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 2021	Amber
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	All new housing developments will require assessment of increased visitor pressure on nearby SSSIs. Development resulting in discharge to surface or ground water of more than 20m³ per day or air pollution would require consultation with Natural England. Boundary hedges and woodland to east may qualify as Habitats of Principal Importance/priority habitat and/or be of high ecological value. Arable habitats likely to be of low ecological value. Reptile records nearby and farmland bird populations may be present.
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	-
Policy RAG Rating 2023	-
Policy Officer Comment 2023	-
Policy RAG Rating 2021	Green
Policy Officer Comments 2021	Site is not on protected open space designation. Any impact of the proposed development could be reasonably mitigated or compensated.
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2025	-
Historic Environment Comments 2025	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2023	Green
Historic Environment Comments 2023	The additional information does not relate to heritage issues and the RAG rating remains the same.
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	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	Extensive archaeology of prehistoric/Roman date is located in the area
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Amber
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	Adequate accessibility to key local services, transport, and employment opportunities.
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	-
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	-
Site Access RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	Based on the new information provided, the site access assessment remains unchanged. The proposed site is acceptable in principle, subject to detailed design at a planning application stage.
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	Amber
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2023	Based on the new information provided, the assessment scoring remains Amber as the site will need to provide non-motorised user links to Meldreth Station and links into Cambridge via the Melbourn Greenway. Will have an impact on local junctions and the congested A10 and will require a robust Travel Plan.
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 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. The proposed site will be affected by railway noise (and possibly vibration) but is acceptable in principle subject to appropriate detailed design considerations and mitigation. 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 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. The proposed site will be affected by railway noise (and possibly vibration) but is acceptable in principle subject to appropriate detailed design considerations and mitigation. 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	Green
Air Quality Officer Comment 2023	The additional information provided does not significantly affect air quality issues or mitigation. Therefore the assessment of the site remains unchanged since the original assessment. The site does not lie within an AQMA and there will be minimal traffic impact on AQMA.
AQMA RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Air Quality Officer Comment 2021	Not suggested for residential use therefore likely low traffic impact on AQMA
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2025	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2025	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	The additional information provided does not significantly affect environmental health issues or mitigation. Therefore the assessment of the site remains unchanged since the original assessment as this is a site with the potential for historic contamination and planning conditions will be required.
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	87.78
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?	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 non-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	274
Estimated employment space (m2)	87000
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	-
Development completion timescales (years)	0-5 Years



Land to the east of Old North Road, Kneesworth assessment



A map of Land to the east of Old North Road, Kneesworth

Site information	-
Site ID	116011
HELAA Site ID	40299
Suitable Site Area (ha)	6.3530870266949
Ward/Parish	Melbourn
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield
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	142
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 (6%) Surface Water Flooding: 1% 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 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	This site lies outside the village settlement framework and consists of a large agricultural field with an adjoining woodland and moat. Wide and local views are limited due to topography and mature boundary vegetation. Development upon this site would have a significant adverse impact removing an important woodland and encroaching into the countryside. Limited development with landscape mitigation would be acceptable.
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	Application unlikely to require Natural England consultation for impact to designated site. The eastern boundary of the site lies adjacent to a watercourse and will require survey and probable mitigation. There are deciduous woodlands on site registered on the 2014 Forest Inventory and, therefore, considered priority habitat. There are no other apparent priority habitats within the site; however, there are grasslands, other woodland areas, hedges, and wooded boundaries on site that are likely to have ecological value. Applications may find provision of a 10% net gain in biodiversity difficult within their red line boundaries and may need to find offsite compensation to comply with up-coming National legislation and developing local policies.
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	-
Policy RAG Rating 2023	-
Policy Officer Comment 2023	-
Policy RAG Rating 2021	Green
Policy Officer Comments 2021	Site is not on protected open space designation. Any impact of the proposed development could be reasonably mitigated or compensated.
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	The development of the site is likely to impact the wider setting of the Grade II listed heritage assets. There is a moated site, which is a possible non-designated heritage asset, within the site boundary.
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	Adjacent to the route of the Roman road Ermine Street and site contains a medieval moat
Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Automated	Amber

Accessibility RAG Assessment 2025 - Officer Verified	-
Accessibility Comment 2025	Adequate accessibility to key local services, transport, and employment opportunities.
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 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	-

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Agricultural Land 0 Classification Urban		
Source Protection Zone 0	e Protection Zone 0	
Highways England Zones South West	ays England Zones Sc	outh West
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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 had evelopment in the timescale indicated.	oper or landowner conas expressed an in	·
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Is there planning permission to develop the site?		lo relevant recent planning history
When will the site be available for development? 0-5 Years	able for	-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	133
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